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2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,
GLASGOW.

March 11th 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have just discovered
your letter of the 1st Inst.
unanswered - pray, excuse me.
I inquired for Mr. Chisholm
at once, & I learned that
he was occasionally going
down to his business, but
how much he is doing, I
cannot say. I am trying
to arrange an appointment
with him but so far have

Louis. I shall let you
know how he is, after
seeing him.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

James M. Knudsen

Feb. 19, 1910

Dear Sir,

We have not heard a single word respecting Mr. Chisholm since he left us, and I should be interested to know whether he is any better if you can tell me.

Before he left he spoke most kindly of us here, and he certainly wanted to stay although he had just run away. The poor man could not make up his mind one way or the other.

Any particulars would be very welcome, as we all had quite a liking for John Chisholm.

Yours very truly,
Wm. W. W. W.

Dr. McKendrick

Feb. 19, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear of your anxiety in respect to your boy's accident and trust he is going on well now.

With regard to your brother, you will have heard by now that one day when walking in the town he failed to return and could not be found. He stayed at a temperance hotel in York, told no one where he was, and was accidentally met in the street by his nephew who brought him here.

I told him I thought he should now return to Scotland, and he begged to remain at the Retreat, and did all he could to get me not to insist on his leaving; but I felt that under the circumstances he had been at the Retreat long enough, and he went away with his nephew and we have not heard of him since.

Yours very truly,

Colin Chisholm Esq.

present about him —

I cannot & will not leave the Army at present — my Brother John should Backup & get to his work if there is nothing wrong with him only Indigestion —

It would be better at his business which I understand is sadly in need of his attention.

Of course if he is of unsound mind & unable to do so the Gov. should see him protected & his affairs looked properly ~~looked~~ after. I am

Yours obedt Servt
John B. Chesbrough

Ambalee
India
27/10 10th Jan 1910
Dear Sir

your letter of 11/12/09
Re my brother Mr John Chesbrough duly recd & I thank you for your assurance.

By the same mail I got another letter ^{from} saying "He wanted to leave" Why does he not do so if he wants to, he has only to do so.

Is he of unsound mind? I have a long

letter

a pen picture of his
Supposed Bad Condition
at York, working &
breaking Coals & sticks
etc which is very
depressing - I have
written to my Sister
Mrs McAllister 55 High St.
Glasgow & told her what
you have said in
your letter of 11th Dec 09
My second boy aged
10 has been knocked
down at Sports by a
Swing boat & has his
thigh badly broken
so I am in a distressed
state of mind at

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I have been thinking of
writing to you for some
time but have been so
busy that I could not
find time to do so. I
am now at home & am
feeling much better. I
am writing to you now
as I have some time
to spare. I am hoping
to hear from you soon.
I am your affectionate
son
P. J. McAllister



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Have you any word of Mr

Reply Paid Dr Pearce
Friends Retreat York
Chisholm
James Chisholm 309
Argyle St Glasgow

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



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Jan. 6, 1910

Dear Sir,

I was disappointed at getting your wire saying that Chisholm had not been heard of at Glasgow. He has not so far as I know materially altered of late and has been able to go about alone freely. I last saw him yesterday a little before 12, and he was then out walking. He had frequently been out late before, and we did not feel in any way anxious until after 10 o'clock when he failed to turn up. We hear that he was in York station at 9 o'clock in the evening and it also transpires that he has been talking to some Irish American cattle drovers, but we know nothing further about him. As he was a Voluntary Boarder he was of course free to leave and we have no legal authority over him, but it is disquieting not to hear news of him. If you or any of his friends should hear anything of him we shall be very glad if you will communicate with us. He had money and a cheque book, and it is quite possible that the first news of him may be the cashing of cheques written since he left here. I may add that on New Year's Eve I did my best to encourage him to go to Glasgow and offered to send an attendant with him, to return in a day or two if he wished it. But he said he did not feel equal to the journey. There has been no increase of depression

of late. Hence we do not think he is likely to have come
to any harm.

Yours very truly,

Dr. McKendrick

No. 147

The Retreat,

Work,

June 15

1909

Received from

Mrs. Froehlich

the sum of

Fifty Six

Pounds

Eleven

Shillings and

Two

Pence

on account of

L 56. 11. 2



Received
by E. W. Allen.

Secretary.



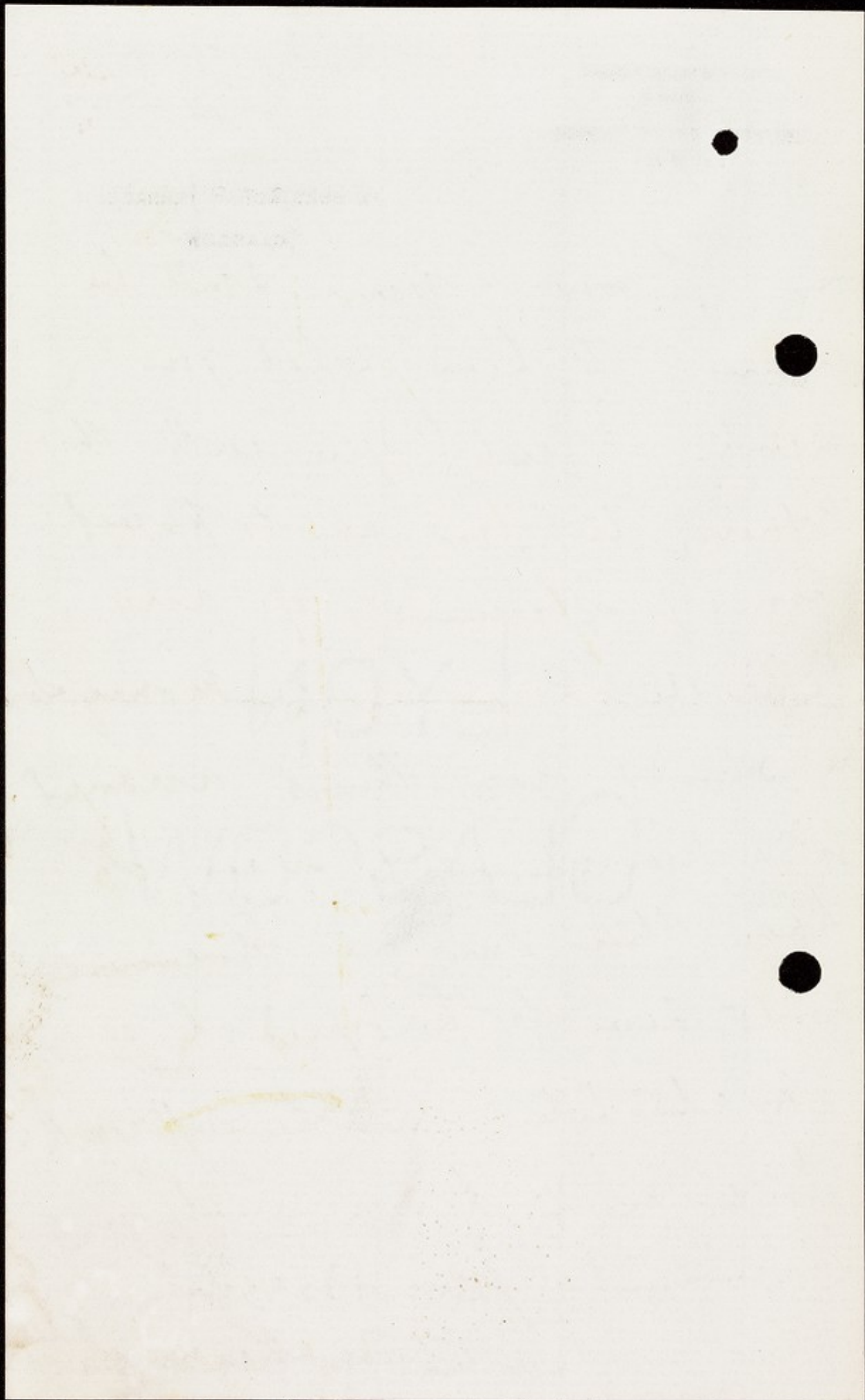
Mr Chisholme.



2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,

GLASGOW.

Having for over a year, I will be
interested to hear what you
think. I think you will be
happy, that is, to protect
himself afterwards, if any
difficulties arise as to money etc.
he should have things arranged
in a business like way. So
have this done, a document
will have to be signed by
Mr. Christie. I am sufficiently
convinced to sign such a
document. Yours sincerely
Duncan Buchanan.



2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,

GLASGOW.

November 3rd 1909.

Dear D. Pearce,

You will perhaps remember that it was through Mr. Yellowhead and myself that Mr. John Christie was sent to your school. My reason for writing you now is to hear from you what you think of him. I have recently been asked by those who are looking after his business in Glasgow whether Mr. Christie is 'compromised'. Is he sufficiently well to give sanction now to those running his business to have some one appointed to look after the books & keep the business in a proper

For this, or is he incapable of
forming any correct opinion
what should be done, In that
case a Censor must have to
be appointed by the Court of Law.
My letter to you is Confidential,
I would rather you would not
mention that I have been writing to
you; but the position is this. —
The nephew to keep matters straight,
wants to appoint a clerk to keep
the books. As this takes up nearly
half his attention to letters, Is
he able to do so? Is he capable?
Is he likely to learn the French or
get better? Should a Censor be
appointed? I have not seen

Nov. 6, 1909

Dear Dr. McKendrick,

I have been rather slow in replying to your letter about Chisholm: please excuse the delay. His mental condition is somewhat peculiar. There is very little intellectual disturbance except that he still is obsessed with ideas connected with the death of his wife. He is moreover very hesitating. I have often recommended him to go to Glasgow and see how things are going on, and he says he will do so; but when the time comes he seems unable to make a start. He has moreover a considerable number of hypochondriacal ideas; queer feelings in his legs or heart or head or eyes, none of which are very persistent, but something of the kind is constantly there. He is also unable to keep himself at anything for long together. Perhaps for an hour or so he will chop wood or work in the garden. Then he says he cannot continue any longer and leaves the work and does nothing. He is not certified and could hardly be certified. He goes in and out as he likes and attends his Roman Catholic Chapel regularly. He is rather untidy in his personal appearance, due to carelessness and inattention. When there is an entertainment he generally forgets himself entirely, and joins in Progressive Whist, for instance, quite eagerly. He is a grateful patient, very appreciative of any attention shown him, and I am sorry he has not made more decided progress.

I should say that he is quite able to understand about his business affairs; though seeing that he does not attend to them properly it would seem desirable he should give a "Power of Attorney", as we call it in England, to keep things going properly. I should not hesitate myself to witness such a document. I have often thought that a course of treatment with hypnotic suggestion would do him good, but I have not attempted this myself, and do not know whether it would be possible to send him to one of the recognised practitioners in this department of treatment.

Yours very truly,

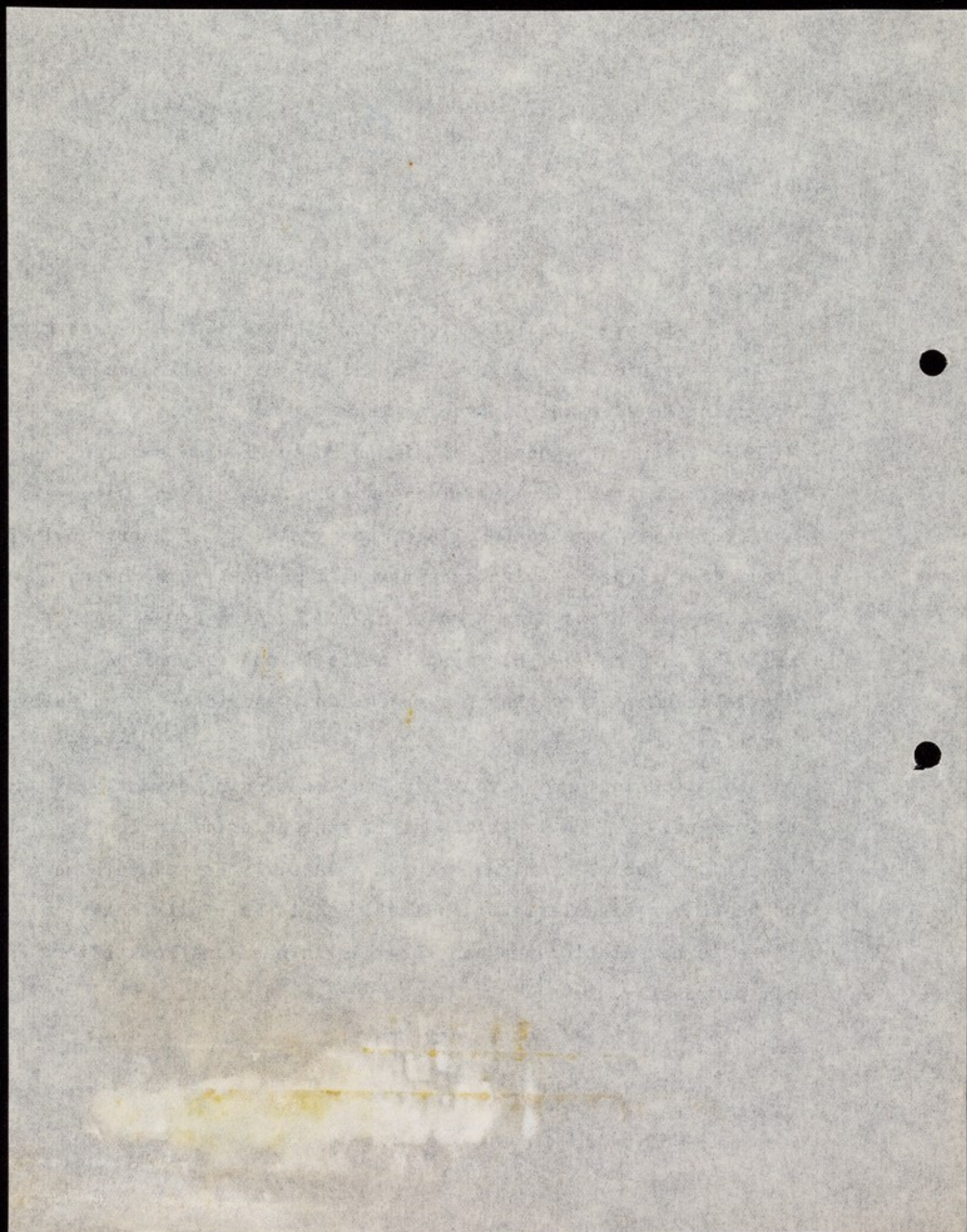
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Sept. 27, 1909

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of Sept. 9th and fear I cannot give a very satisfactory reply. Mr. Chisholm is still here as a Voluntary Boarder and is free to leave at any time. We have frequently encouraged him to go to Glasgow and look after his business, but he always puts off going, and when the time comes begs to be allowed to remain. I know nothing about his private affairs except that I understand he hears regularly how his business goes on, and he pays for himself while he is here. His mental state is one of profound unsettlement. He also has obsessions, and ideas principally relating to the death of his wife constantly force themselves on his attention and prevent him from continuing steadily at any employment. He is quite intelligent on ordinary topics and enjoys social evenings and amusements. He seems to me to be rather singularly friendless, and it is a pity that there is no relation who can take him in hand and look after him personally.

Yours very truly,



If you will kindly
satisfy me on the
point, I asked & let me
know how he now
is I will be obliged
I am.

Yours very truly
Colonel Chesbrough

598
28 Race Course Road
Amballa
India
25th Nov 09

Dear Sir

With reference to
yours of 27th Sept 09
I would be glad to
know if you please if
my father is free to leave
as you say whether he
has to give 3 months or
any other notice & the
reason I ask is that
I have a letter from
a friend in which it
suggests that he is not
so free to leave & I
would be glad to be

assured on this point;
I am also informed
that on a recent visit
of a friend of his to whom
he accompanied to the
Station to see off that
He was accompanied
by two keepers & that he
lay down on the platform
& asked his friend to
take him out of the
place that his eyes
were sunk in his head
& his hair white. —

I don't believe this but
it is disturbing & making
me very anxious so
will you please let me

know if there is any
foundation for such
You say he appears to be
Regularly friendly
I always thought he
had plenty.

He has only my
sister Mrs McAlister
55 High St - Glasgow &
myself as Brother & Sister
alive the former would
not be able to look after
him personally & I
would not care to throw
up my Army Career or have
any great inclination to
settle in Scotland if I did
so,

that I am very sad
about him

Please let me have
your definite decision
as early as possible
I oblige

Colin Chisholm
Sub Conductor
Supply & Transport Corps
Amballa
India

28 Race Course Road
Amballa
India

9th Sept 1909

To
The Physician Supt &
The Retreat
York
England

Sir,
I am in receipt of
your letter of 16th Aug 09.
My Brother has now
been under your care
for a year I understand
I should now be able
to get from you a
definite opinion

Will you please
let me know,

If in his present
state he is able to
manage his affairs,

I am very anxious
to have him protected
in every way.

From what I can
gather the business is
not being managed
by him, & I would be
sorry if it was left
to others & no proper
scrutiny. accounts etc.

I notice that in your
letters you say you are
disappointed, I must say

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Jutogh Simla Hills
India

22nd July 1909

to Biarda Pierce

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you from
Cawnpore but having
not recd a reply I
write again.

I got a few
lines from my Brother
d/29 June '09 but
he does not say how
he is or anything only
he was unable to write
owing to his sore head —
Is he still at
the Retreat?

How is he now?
(or if he has left-
when did he leave
& how was he when
he left-)

I am very anxious
about him it is so long
now, I fear very much
about his health he
has been inert- so long
etc Please kindly reply
early

Soblye
Yours Very Truly
Golui Chisholm
Sub Conductor
S. T Cops 38 T. Cadre
Tulok Inara

Could get a letter
from him.

I don't write to any
others so will you
kindly let me know
how he is getting on
a penny stamp helps
a letter to me in India

I will be grateful
if you will mention
this to him it might
rouse him up to do
so

I am

Dear Sir

Yours very truly
Coler Chesholm Condr
S. I. Corps

Amballa
17. 2.09

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 14th
Nov 08

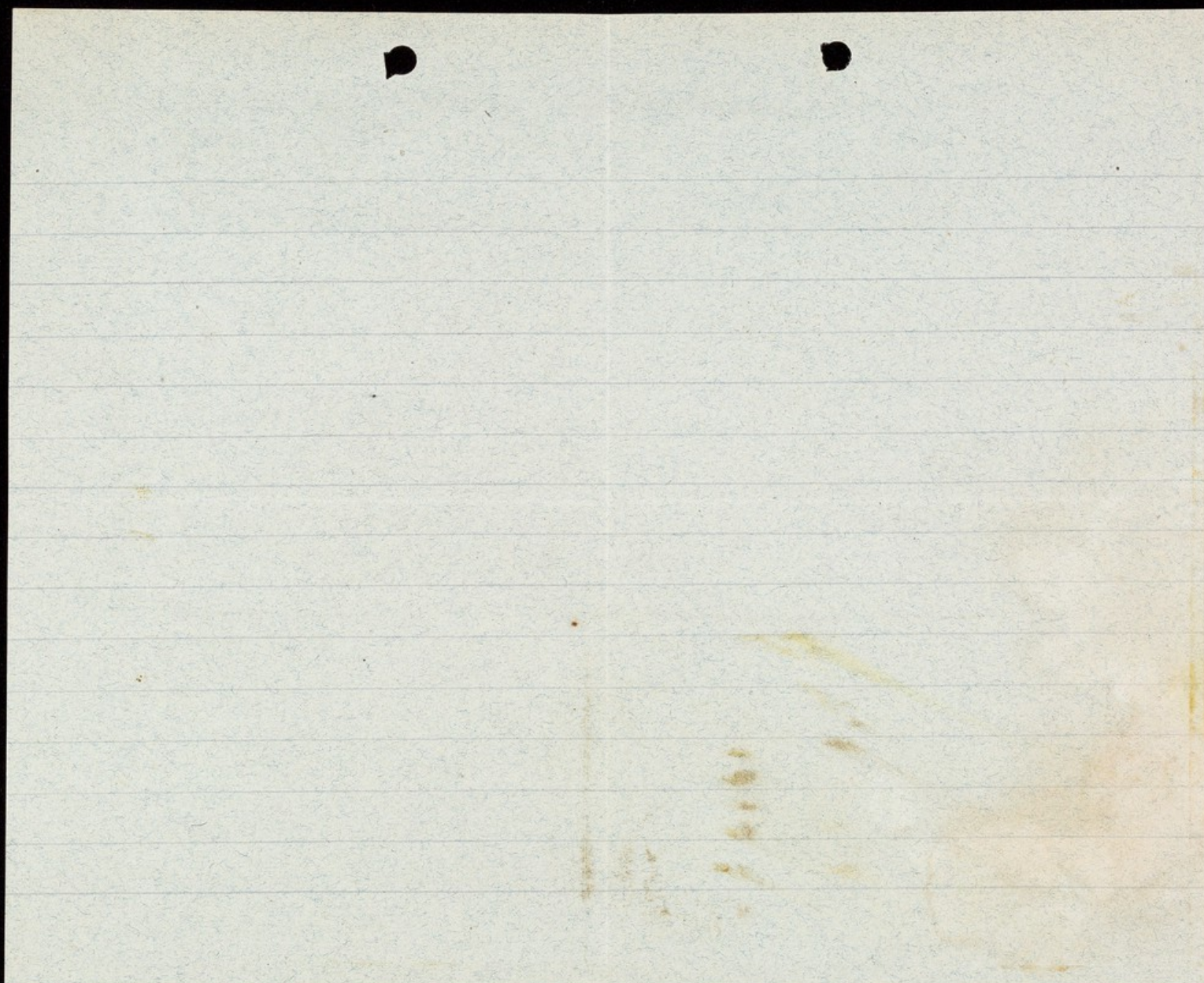
Will you please
let me know how
my brother Mr John
Chesholm is now

I oblige
Yours V Truly

John Chesholm

Sub Conductor

Supply & Transport Corps
Amballa
India



Amballa (919)

India

29th October 1908

Dear Sir

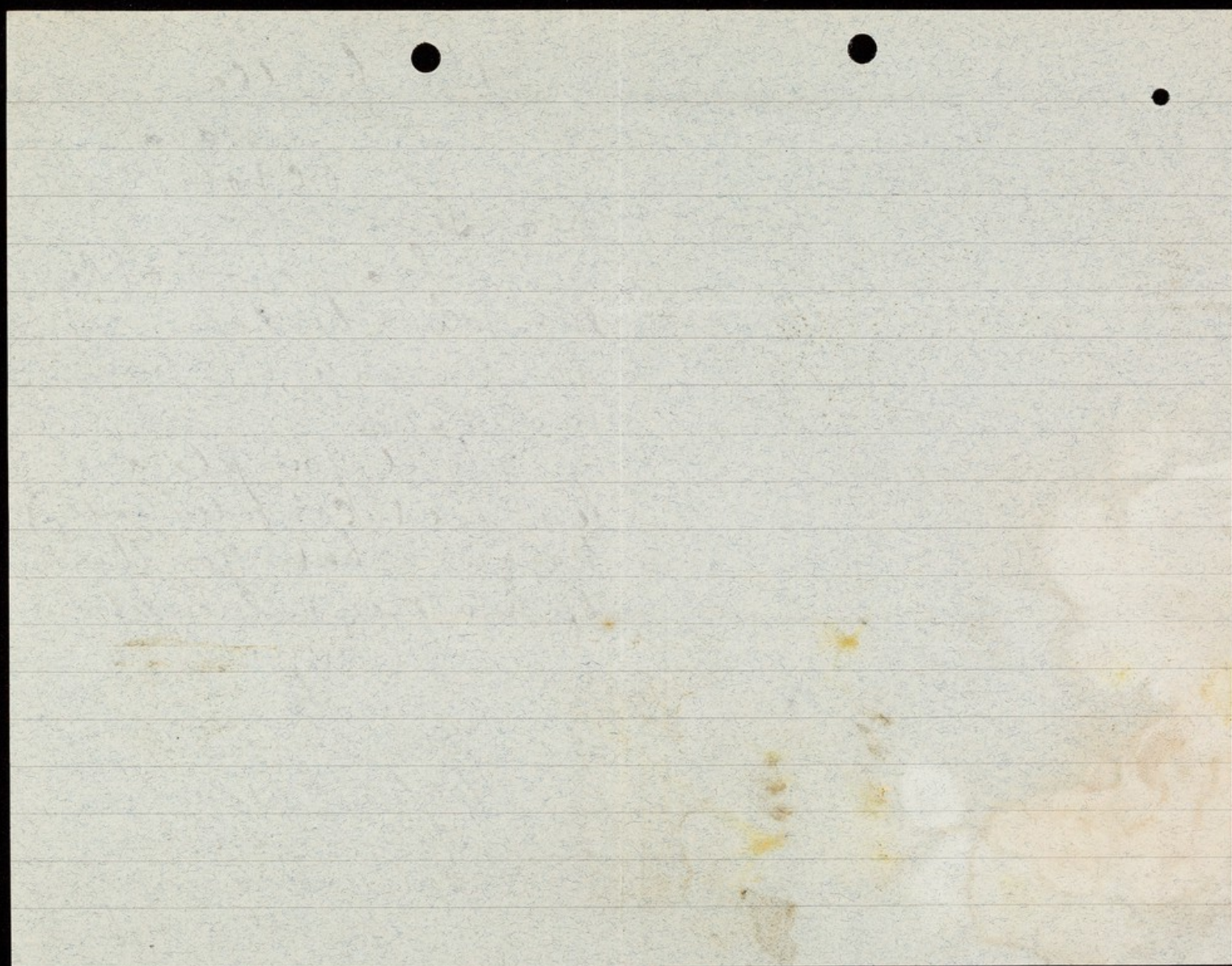
I hear my brother
Mr John Chestholm is
an inmate of your
institution.

Will you please
let me (Confidentially)
know what you think
of his mental condition

I am

Sir

Yours Sincerely
Colue Chestholm
Sub Conductor
Supply & Transport Corps
Amballa India



Nov. 14, 1908

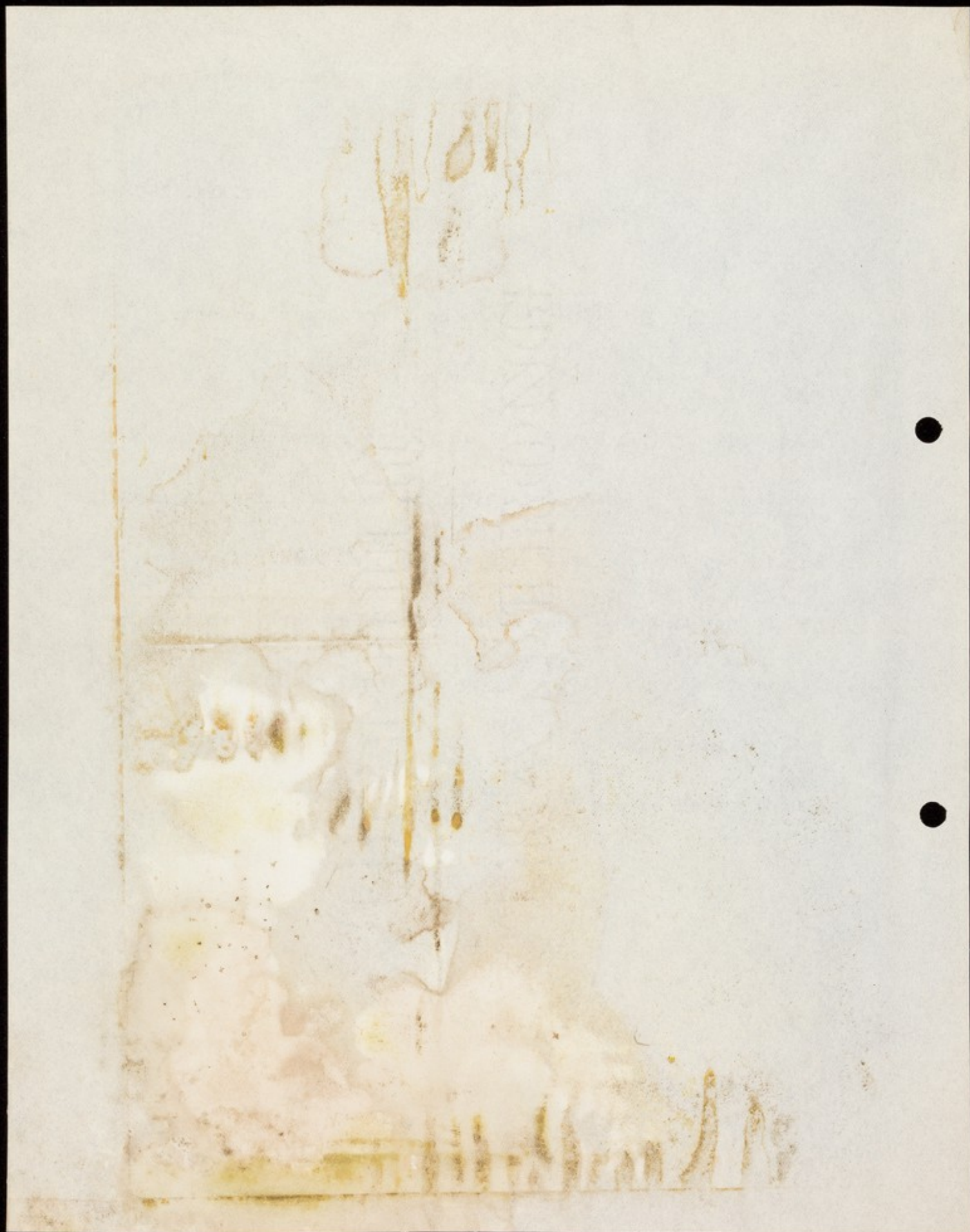
Dear Sir,

Mr. Chisholm is here as a voluntary patient.

He is depressed and unhappy, worrying about the death of his wife, and haunted by painful ideas and scenes in relation to her decease. He cannot settle to any regular employment, but is restless, complaining of his head and indigestion. He has not improved very much since being here, and he continues to sleep badly. I do not consider his condition by any means hopeless, but we are disappointed that he has not improved before this.

Yours very truly,

Colin Chisholm Esq.



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6 ALBERT GATE
GLASGOW. 6th.Oct.1908.

My dear Dr. Pearce,

You will care to read the enclosed about our friend Tuckett. I had a similar letter from Dr.T. some weeks ago. It will be a misfortune if he returns to England so soon.

How is Mr.Chisholm doing with you? I seem to send you only troublesome patients.

Kindest regards to all the circle,

Yours very truly,

D. Chisholm



Præ for Christholme

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Oct. 7, 1908

Dear Dr. Yellowlees,

The report from Mrs. Tuckett is certainly satisfactory; quite as satisfactory as one could expect. If they must leave New Zealand would it not be prudent for them to cross over to California or British Columbia and see if there is not a possible opening there. I believe I am right in saying that in California there is a great deal of scientific fruit culture practised, where an immense number of experiments are made with the view of improving the breed of apples, pears, plums and so forth; and I have read of some extraordinarily successful hybrids produced there; one called a "plumcot", something between a plum and an apricot which was supposed to be exquisitely delicious. It struck me that this is the sort of thing our friend could take up, and possibly if you wrote to Mrs. Tuckett you might suggest that before returning to this country they have a look round on the Pacific Slope.

I am afraid we shall not make very much of Mr. Chisholm. He is a restless creature. At one minute he promises well, / seems cheerful, sets to work in a vigorously energetic way, and next minute is depressed, his hands fall to his sides, says he feels bad, and that he cannot stay. I think on the whole he is a little better, but it is a pity he was not

certified and obliged to stay, so that this constant thought that the treatment is doing him no good and he had better leave would not be constantly before him. Still I can quite see that he was not altogether certifiable. He is still with us, and I hope will stay longer, as he is clearly unfit for his business life.

I hope you and yours are all well. I am glad to say we are nicely. Polly would send her love if she knew I was writing. Jock has had a serious illness, but is recovering on raw meat, brandy and milk and most careful nursing.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,
GLASGOW.

Sept. 18th 1908

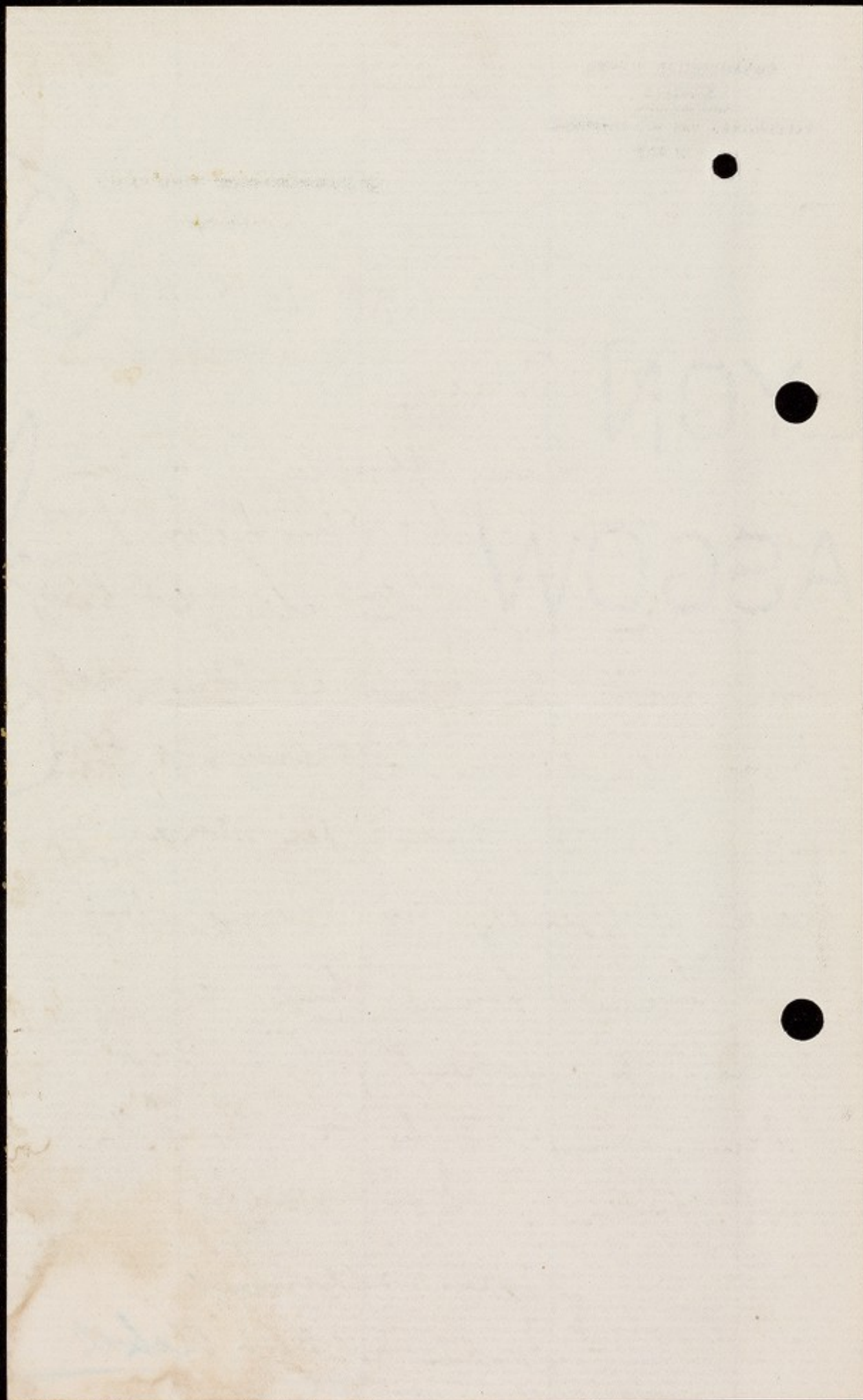
Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your
letter about Mr. Christie.

I hope Mr. Christie will be able to keep
him with me for a little, as
I am quite sure it will do him
good, but I fear I may
have difficulty in doing this.

We have found him a
different patient, but I think
I know him to be a decent
good fellow - I am sorry for him.

Yours sincerely,
Denton H. Chisholm



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2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,

GLASGOW.

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Reasoning with him that I
could. He seemed to improve,
but lately he has become
more downcast, rather stupid
fanciful & delirious. I have written
up some. I & the ladies & I
do not want to certify him;
for we feel that this would
not be to ~~his~~ ^{his} advantage,
he could be honestly. So, so,
for we feel that he is a
highly sensitive nervous
man who has grieved
much over his wife's death.

but has never shown any
absolutely insane symptoms.
He acts much, but we
do not think he is as bad
as he appears to be. He has
never shown any kindness
to himself or any one else
any more. Please let me
know what you think.

I think no complete change,
& the regular mode of living
under your care may do
much to help him.

Yours very truly,
Dorothy M. Kendrick.

CONSULTATION HOURS

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TELEPHONES, NAT. 477 HILLHEAD.

CY. W. 103.

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2 BUCKINGHAM TERRACE,

GLASGOW.

Sept. 12th 1908

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I hope you were able
to take Mr. Christman into your
home for a little. I'm well
remember that Dr. Yellow has wrote
to you about him some weeks ago.
As you will see Mr. Christman
is highly excited, & requires
supervision. We advise him to
be in some time ago, but he
always put off, & went off
on holidays on his own account
with friends, who did him little

Mr. He is a very clever
man who has always worked
hard, & put his energy & that
of his late wife, manager to
form into a sort business in
Glasgow. He depended much
however on his wife, & when
she died, somewhat tragically
determined about a year ago,
he got it into his head that
he was partly the cause of her
death, & this has remained
constantly in his mind ever since.
I had been under strict
super vision in a home for
some time, & was all the

Sept. 16, 1908

Dear Dr. McKendrick,

We are doing our best with Mr. Chisholm, and he is staying for the present. He is a poor nervous man just now, always doubting whether he has done the right thing, and he gets very tearful and depressed at times. I have told him it is useless his coming here unless he makes up his mind to stay for two or three months, and I think he intends to go through with it. Last night he slept rather better, and I think he is doing his best to carry out instructions. I incline to think that if we can persuade him to remain he ought to improve considerably. At any rate we have been successful with cases not unlike his which promised distinctly worse.

With many thanks for your letter,

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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