1st September, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

You will know that I replied to Miss Ethel Clark's letter, saying that I thought under the circumstances she would do well to take the temporary post which has been offered to her.

I find it difficult to give any very decided advice as I do not know how far she has really regained full steadfastness of purpose, but your report and that of your sonthat she is now quite well is very encouraging, and it is, of course, very desirable that she should be employed, and should feel that she is earning her own living again.

I suggested that she should make a trial of teaching before accepting the proposed new work, but it may be that is not easy to manage. It seems to me exceedingly important that she should not do the work at Sidcot unless she can do it really well. An unfavourable report from Dr. Lean would prejudice her future position greatly. You will, however, be able to judge much better than I can whether it is prudent to begin work quite so soon, though, as I said, it would seem to me just the very opening that is wanted.

I did not thank you for your letter about the Misses Stevens I have not yet written to Emsley Horniman, but will do so directly informing him as to how matters stand. I think that as he is such a good contributor to our fund he ought to have a report.

We have been away in the Lakes lately and have had very bad weather, but have come back very much refreshed nevertheless.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

29 · VIII · 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Enclosed please find cheque for £20 · 6 · 4 for account enclosed.

You will be glad to know that Ethel has continued to make most satisfactory progress ever since her return home and that now she is to all intents and purposes her old self. Wallie has been here for the week-end and he is satisfied that his sister is quite recovered.

We have been anxiously considering what she is to do during the next few months. The "on the land" or gardening does not appeal to her in the least: in fact she is most opposed to it; and an offer to help a lady with her family was not received with any more zest. My wife and I do not feel that to be at home for any great length of time will be helpful to her.

Dr Lean has told me that one of our Music Mistresses will not be able through ill-health to come back next Term. It had occurred to him that perhaps Ethel might take up the violin pupils of this member of our staff: he suggests that:-

i Ethel should take the position of a visiting mistress & live at home
ii The number of pupils should not exceed 16.
iii That there should be practically no duties outside her music.
iv. The post would be temporary; as it is hoped that the mistress in question will be fit for work again after Xmas.

It seems to me there are advantages in this suggestion. One of the principal being that it shows E. that her having been at Throckmorton does not militate against her getting a new position. She will be placed in new surroundings among fresh associates. The position being temporary slight will help her to get into harness more easily. She is quite keen on accepting the position.

Dr. suggested that I should write to you and ask you to give it your consideration and to let us know what you think about it.

We do not reassemble till September the 20th so there is still three weeks holiday before us.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns
Winscombe
Somerset.

Aug. 28th 17

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Dr. Lean has asked me to undertake the violin teaching at the school for next term as one of the music mistresses is ill. It would mean about 15-16 hours a week & I should live at home.

He asked me if I had intended starting work now & I said that I had not thought of starting for a month or two.

However he would be quite glad if I could undertake it provided that you think it advisable.

With kindest regards
Yours sincerely
Ethel M. Clark.

The Times
Winnipeg
Manitoba

Aug. 28th 17

Dear Mr. Howe

Mr. Robson has asked me to
write to the Victoria Teachers on the school
question. We will have as one of the main interests
to tell. We would be very glad to have
a letter, I should say one page.

He asks me to say that we want
work here, I should think, that will interest
of standing for a month or two.

Thanks he would be quite glad if
could write it. Please then upon
Friday if possible.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Ethel M. Chant.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

1. VIII. 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Ethel has now been with us for ten days and has been during that time practically normal. Her appetite is good and she looks so well in herself that people can hardly understand her having been in any sense unwell. Clifford's visit was very much enjoyed by her and the parting was accomplished without any undue display of emotion; it was only on Monday evening when her effects came from Walden that there was any sign of relapse: that however seems to have passed off. To-day she is busy helping with housework & making herself generally useful. Jessie has got her to assist with needlework which she has followed diligently but there has been no signs of a desire to take up her piano or violin.

The post of violin mistress at Bootham (non-resident) is one that would have suited her admirably but I presume you would hardly recommend her taking up professional duties yet even if she was "keen".

Re M. & A. Stearns who have been with us a fortnight: I did not understand in your letter the reference to the "legacy". They had not written to us or informed us about the £135 received under the "will" of the late Mrs Schardt. It is most difficult to learn

the whole story but I gather that the greater part of it has been disbursed and that soon there will be little remaining to meet "war" expenses. I have advised them to make out a strict account of the whole, so that you & Mr Dodgshun may known that none has been pittered away. Some Lunderstand has gone in house Rent with your & Mr D's knowledge.

I will write to you again in a few days a letter which you might like to send on to Emslie Horniman

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.
20 - VII - 17.

Dear Mr Price

Clifford writes to day saying he has over-sea's leave and will be at home on Monday or Tuesday next. He will be here till the following Saturday the 28th. After that he may be sent abroad at any time.

Could Ethel come on Monday or Tuesday and would it be feasible for her to travel alone if someone met her in Bristol?

I shall not write to her until I hear from you but if you think it well for her to come I should be glad if you can communicate the fact to her. She cannot now have much money with her so I must send her some as soon as I hear what you think best to be done. Would she have any difficulty in getting a cheque cashed at Throxenby?

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

The Fens.
Winscombe
Somerset.
24 - VII. 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Ethel had a very good journey yesterday & I met her in Bristol. It was very kind of Margery to meet her in York & start her on the journey.

We think her looking very well and she is certainly much more herself than she has been at all since her breakdown. Clifford will be home tonight; he has been staying in Gloucester since Saturday: he goes on Saturday next and by that time we shall have seen more of E. to enable us to judge of the substantial improvement which certainly has taken place.

I will write and let you know how she gets on. Mr & Mrs Stevens are here but I have had no opportunity yet to talk with them about their affairs.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

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Winscombe

18. VII. 17

Dear Dr Pierce

The continuing sickness sheet should be forwarded so as to reach London July 21st.

May I trouble you again to sign & pass on to Ethel.

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns,
Winscombe
15 · VII · 17

Dear Dr Pierce

I have had a conversation with Mr Ashby as to the fees and learn from him that the lowest is 15/- a week. I am prepared to pay more than that, but do not feel that I can pay a great deal more. My salary is £260 and this year I have had three of my children dependent upon me with the cost of College Education of my younger daughter. Perhaps with this information your Board will find it possible to make a suggestion as to what I should pay & I will endeavour to meet it.

We hear that Clifford may be coming home shortly for 5 days leave & this may mean that he may soon be sent abroad. If so Ethel would be much upset not to come home & see him. Do you think it would be suitable for her to travel alone & would a telegram to you be the best way of asking her to come? I am hoping however that it will not be necessary to summon her earlier than what has been contemplated viz at the end of Term.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.
11. VII. 17.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. We are glad to know that Ethel is making some progress and hope that she may make more rapid headway now.

Mrs Clark wrote to her and said that an encouraging letter from you had come & we thought that if she continued to make progress the time need not be long before she would be able to come home: and we encouraged her to make every effort.

Would it be wise to look to her staying at Scarborough till the end of the Term? & then if necessary one of us could fetch her & her holidays would begin just as if she was returning from Saffron Walden. If you think it wise for her to come before we will make arrangements to carry it out.

M. & M. Stevens are coming on Tuesday and will be here for 10 or 12 days, when Jessie will return & be with them for a days or two; so our house till near the end of Term will be rather full.

We are getting much more rational communications from Miss Buck so quite hope she is returning to a more normal condition.

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset

8.V.17

Dear Dr Price

We are exceedingly glad to hear that you think Ethel sufficiently improved to move to Throxenby Hall. It was kind of you to let us know.

We hope it may be the beginning of a complete recovery from the nervous derangements of the past months.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

29th. December, 1916.

Dear Dr. Gilford,

I saw yesterday Mr. Clark, the father of Miss Ethel Clark, who was a patient of yours recently at Reading.

She has become depressed, and at the conclusion of her term at school could not even pack her box owing to worry and indecision. She appears to have improved to some extent, but is constantly worrying over her future, saying over and over again "shall I ever be able to go back and will they want me?"

I gather that she can pull herself together quite well in company, and I believe she has improved during the holidays.

The question was whether she should go to stay at our branch house, Throxenby Hall, near Scarborough, but it did not seem to me that this was necessary and I think some intermediate course would be better. I gathered from Mr. Clark that possibly you could arrange to receive her at Reading for a few weeks' care and supervision.

I found it difficult from the account given me to make a diagnosis. It does not seem to be an ordinary case of melancholia, but something rather neurasthenic in type, though it appears that she had a previous attack some years ago.

The line of treatment which I suggested is purely a tentative way was that she should rest in bed for half the day and for the other half of the day have some definite out-door occupation, physical exercise of some kind. Of course if you are able to have her at Reading you will be able to judge what is the best course.

I expect that you will be hearing from the family very shortly.

There are two other patients whom you know about. I hear indirectly that Mrs. Scarborough is not doing any good. It is a very sad case. I should be glad to know what you think about her.

A patient of yours, Mr. Knowles, has arrived here from Caterham, and his condition is perplexing. He is not now depressed, though he made a suicidal attempt immediately before admission. He is rather restless and talkative, intrusive in conversation, and worrying the other people by his inability to leave them alone.

He is only a Voluntary Boarder here, and of course he can leave at any time if he wishes, but I have not felt justified in giving him parole in the gardens and he is much distressed at this, but my reasons are that I did not feel justified in doing it, and if he were allowed to go about as he pleases his capacity for worrying others would be greatly increased.

I should like to know if you have noticed any signs of physical disease. His pupils are rather small though they re-act to light very well. There is a fine tremor of the hands and his gait does not seem to me to be quite right and he brings his feet down rather heavily.. He can play a fairly good game of billiards and there is no want of co-ordination. He hesitates a little in speech but there is no evidence of slurring. We are intending to have a specimen of blood examined for the Wassermann reaction.

If you can give me any assistance in the case I shall be very glad.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

TELEPHONE,
39 SAFFRON WALDEN.

Friends' School,
Saffron Walden.

Dec 20. 1916.

Dear Henry,

I hope Ethel arrived safely and was none the worse for the journey. I am afraid she is not at all well still - and that she has felt unequal to living in the School. She is at times very despondent & worries about herself and her future. She has so fretted about 'whether she would be allowed' to come back in Jany. I have hardly dared to allude to it to her. She seems afraid to be left alone - It looks to me a case for a specialist to advise. Unless she becomes very much different in the holidays it would be unwise for her own sake, as well as for ours,

for her to attempt it for the present. I know she has set her mind on coming back, however, & it is of course possible she might suddenly be herself again – tho' it hardly looks like it. Her brain apparently refused to work. The effort of packing was too much for her for instance & it had to be done for her, & yet on the other hand she actually accompanied songs in the entertainment last night!

We are very grieved to hear to be in such a poorly way & feel much for her.

Let me know what you think – I can wait a week or so.

With my kind regards

Yours J. C. Walker.

13th July, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

I did not think that your daughter should return until the holidays, an extra week or two at Throxenby will I am quite sure be well worth while.

I do not think anything has been settled about terms for Miss Clark and as our Committee meets on Tuesday next it is necessary to make a proposal. I conclude that you will not wish her to come here as a patient recommended by the Monthly Meeting, but that you would be able to pay something more than the lowest rate. I have no doubt that the Committee would be glad to meet you on the question of fees. Perhaps you would write and say how much you are able to pay. If you have an opportunity of discussing that matter with Mr. Ashby he knows about what is paid in other cases, and I expect the Committee would be likely to concur with anything he might recommend as he is our agent.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

10th July, 1917.

Dear Miss Clark,

On the whole Miss Clark is better, but she is not really well. There is stil a certain amount of dreaminess and apparent lack of attention shown by delays in replying to questions as if the mind is wandering, but she is certainly more natural.

I have had some long talks to her endeavouring to ascertain the underlying difficulties, and she has spoken to me quite frankly and I hope I have helped in clearing up some of these.

I do not think there will be much gain by her staying at Throxenby Hall very much longer. I would suggest that she joins some of the family during the holidays. You will then see how she gets on. I should not advise any attempt at teaching for some months, yet in the interval she should be doing something useful. If she would do gardening, steady work in a market garden would be wise. Thenafter a time she might resume musical study. It is of little use attempting to make far reaching plans, but I should quite hope that if she does regular work not involving responsibility for six months or so she should be ready for professional work afterwards.

I wish I could report a more complete recovery, but she is clearly progressing.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

The Ferns.
Winscombe
3 · VII · 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. We are glad to hear you feel some encouragement about Ethel. Her last communication though not cheerful seemed written in a more composed state of mind and we hope she will continue to make improvement.

"The Cousins" are coming to us on the 17th so until then I cannot send you any information about them of value. I have no doubt they find it difficult to make ends meet under present circumstances. I have generally found it very difficult to get from them what one wants to know.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

The Fons.
Minsomble
Somerset.

28.VI.17.

Dear Dr. Pierce

May I again trouble you to sign the enclosed form and send it to Ethel, who will forward it to London.

We have heard twice from her during the week and on the whole her letters have a more cheerful tone though she still harps on the great desire to come home as soon as possible.

In her last she said you were expected over at Shropenby: I am writing to her this evening and will do my best to encourage her to make the best of conditions tho' try to be helpful in her present surroundings.

We are expecting M. & H. Stevens in about a week's time to pay us a short visit.

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

23rd June, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

It is very unfortunate that Miss Clark does not settle down pleasantly and make the best of things. I will try to go over to Scarborough next week, but I have not been able to be there just recently.

In the meantime, I would suggest that you tell her that you cannot come to see her just at once, but you will try to do so soon when you will talk matters over carefully with her and hope the right thing may be decided. She should understand that just at the end of the term it is very difficult for you to get away.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Ferns.
Wincombe
22. VI. 17

Dear Dr Pierce

We had a letter from Ethel this morning written in a very different tone to that we got yesterday & explaining how she felt when writing the latter.

I have sent letting her to take things quietly and not force anything.

Clifford leaves for Tonbridge on Tuesday & will doubtless be in England for some time & they will be able to meet right enough if she will do all in her power to get well.

I am sorry to bother you with this but thought I had better send a line to supplement yesterdays.

In great haste

Yours sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns
Winscombe
Somerset.
21 · VI · 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

To-day we had a most pitiable letter from Ethel begging us to have her home. It has greatly distressed us for it is as bad as any we got when she was in Reading.

If you advised it of course we should feel it the right thing but as far as I am able to form a judgment it would not be wise.

I cannot get away this week-end for it is our General Meeting but if you still consider it the best thing to do I will try to make arrangements to see Ethel during the week-end June 29th to July 1st. It is difficult to get away as other members of the staff have already lost time this Term.

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

PS. Our boy Clifford was Gazetted last Saturday He is 2nd Lieut. in the R. F. A.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

17. VI. 17.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. On Friday we had one from Ethel which quite brightened us up as it was written much in her old style. It made us think she was much better. When in Reading her great desire was to come home but the realization of her wish was far from being a success. It has been all along the difficulty of really getting at the root cause of her distress but I think there is some disappointment the survey of which at different times seems to overwhelm her. Perhaps there is more than one; but I am only reading as it were between the lines.

Clifford has not yet received his commission and so there is no likelihood of his going out of England for sometime though Walter has been given G. S. again, we have ~~heard~~ not heard that there is immediate prospect of his going out. It would be difficult for any of us to get away just now but of course we would do so if necessity arose.

I am writing to her by this post & will put before her the fact that it is evidently the best thing for her to remain at present at Throxenby. I do not think she will take the matter in her own hands. We asked Walter to come to our General Meeting next week but in a letter on Thursday he says he will not be able to get away.

I shall impress upon her the fact that it would give us

all the greatest happiness to have her home and that it is only her good that leads us to wish her to remain at Scarborough.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

14th June, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

Just a line to say that Miss Clark seems to be rather better, but she does not make as much headway as one would like. She says she is always longing to return home.

I had a talk with her yesterday which perhaps was a little more satisfactory. She says she is extremely vexed with herself, because it is all her own fault and she is not really resentful at being placed under care. It is really difficult to get at her state of mind, and perhaps it is this inaccessability which is the least satisfactory feature of the case. I do not think it is that she is concealing things so much as that she has no clear ideas at all on the matters raised.

She very much wants to see you or some of the family, and she says that if she does not go home she will probably not see her brother again, and she is urging to return within a week or thereabouts. Of course, as she is a Voluntary Boarder, she is free to do so if she really insists upon it.

She has had a great deal of tennis and quite a good time at Throxenby. She looks quite well.

I think perhaps her unsettlement is partly due to the fact that Miss Willmore and several other patients are leaving and she seems to think that she ought to be going too.

Would it be possible for her brother or some member

of the family to come to see her, when perhaps she might settle down for a bit longer.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Thorenby Hall
Nr. Scarborough

June 13th '17

Dear Dr Pierce,

I heard from Mother this morning that you think it would be wise for me to remain here longer. I feel that the longer I have to wait the more difficult it becomes.

Would it not be possible for me to go quite soon to see how I get on.

I am convinced I should be able to do well. My mind is not in the confused state it was in when I left Reading.

It would be a great relief to feel that I was considered well enough to be with them at home again.

I should be so glad to make a fresh start feel quite equal to beginning soon.

With kind regards

Yrs. sincerely

Ethel M. Blake.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.
29 - V - 17.

Dear Dr Prince

May I trouble you to again sign the enclosed for June 2 and send it on to Ethel for her signature for her to forward it to London in due course.

I have made arrangements whereby once a month in future may be sufficient.

We hope she is making satisfactory progress: we have not heard from her now for a week.

Yours sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

Throxenby Hall
Nr. Scarborough.

May. 28th '17

Dear Dr Pierce,

Would you be kind enough to sign the enclosed form for me & forwarding it. I am feeling much better now – We have had quite a lot of tennis this week.

With kind regards
Yrs. sincerely
Esther R. Clark.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

17. V. 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have sent Ethel a "Continuing Sickness Sheet" for signature which I have asked her to forward to you for yours also. It is necessary to secure the payment of her "Insurance Benefit" which though not great is worth keeping. It should be signed & forwarded to London by the 19th if possible and will require to be repeated once a fortnight. I am sorry to trouble you but I suppose the only other way would be to get a Doctor on the Panel at Scarboro' to call occasionally & give the ordinary medical certificate.

We had a letter from her to-day which seems to give a more cheerful note: we hope she is really improving.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

12th May, 1917.

Sir,

re Miss E. M. Clark.

This patient is at Throxenby Hall as a Voluntary Boarder and is doing very well. Her reception at the Retreat as a Voluntary Baorder was sent to your Office in due course.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
The Board of Control,
66 Victoria Street,
London, S.W.1.

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All communications should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

The Board of Control,

66, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W. 1.

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In reply please quote No.

Telegrams:
"AVICENNA, SOWEST, LONDON."

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, *Victoria Street*, *S.W.* 1.

11th May, 1917.

Sir,

Miss Ethel M.Clark.

I am directed by the Board of Control to say that they observe that the above-named patient who was discharged as "relieved" on the 5th instant is to be sent to Throxenby Hall, and I am to enquire on what footing she is to reside there and whether she is going as a Voluntary Boarder.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. C. Erkinson

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat,

York.

The Firs.
Winscombe
Somerset.

7-V-17.

Dear Dr Pierce

The returned documents came to hand this morning and we are glad you persuaded Ethel to remain as a "Voluntary Patient".

Indeed if she is willing to stay on that footing we should greatly prefer it provided you are of opinion that it is the wise course to follow. It will also be of importance that she remains until you think she is sufficiently recovered to come home or go elsewhere

In case she is unwilling to fall in with this or you do not think it the best thing to do please instruct us how to proceed: we are sorry that the error occurred.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

The Fons.
Winscombe
Somerset.

30·IV·17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. The phases which you depict are just those which have been in evidence on and off since the commencement of her break-down.

I sent Ethel a cheque from her Insurance which needed her signature & must be signed within a fortnight of issue; perhaps the matron would give it her attention as E. is very apt in her present condition to overlook or neglect such things. To-day I have sent another form to claim benefit which she should sign & forward to London.

I am enclosing a letter from John E. Loeker relating to the filling of Ethel's position. Dr Leiche thinks it would be wisest for you to express an opinion as to the possibility or otherwise of her resuming her duties within reasonable time. It has been one of her "nightmares" the thought of having to leave Walden. I am writing to J.E.L. myself.

We are very glad Ethel has been given a

separate bedrooms; we had a short note from her in which she tells us Mrs Pierce took her round the garden. We much appreciate the Kindness.

With Kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

5th May, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I return the certificates you sent for Miss Clark which are invalid because the Magistrate's Order is dated before one of the medical certificates on which it is founded. By the time we received the papers it was too late to get a new Order, even if we could have got over the difficulty of the date on your Petition, as Dr. Leche's certificate was signed more then seven days ago, and was, therefore, of no use, and one certificate must be signed by the usual medical attendant or else the form, explaining why it cannot be obtained, must be signed by you.

An Urgency Order is only valid for seven days, and, therefore, there seemed to be no other course but to discharge Miss Clark from certificates and to admit her as a Voluntary Boarder.

Yours faithfully,

5th May, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

I am very much pressed for time this morning, and I have asked Miss Hardcastle to explain to you the reason why the certificates you send are entirely invalid and could not be used.

Under the circumstances I thought it was better to admit your daughter as a Voluntary Boarder, the Urgency Order having lapsed. This, of course, gives us no legal control over her, but she is willing to stay for a while. Sanight explained the situation to her, and she has signed the paper, a copy of which I enclose.

On the whole we think she is a little better.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

4. V. 17.

Dear Dr Pierce

I got Mr Clark to take the Order to Mr Ashby yesterday afternoon as I was closely occupied at the School. You will see he has dated it to coincide with "Petition" 28th of April, although he had your letter to guide him. I hope this will not put things out of order.

We are glad to learn how Ethel is getting on & hope she will make progress towards recovery. Can you say how she will be placed now as to her "Insurance"; are any of your staff on the "Panel"?

We shall hope to have a long letter from Ethel in a few days: she promised in her last note to "write at length".

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Henry R. Clark.

1st May, 1917.

Dear Mr. Clark,

There is nothing fresh to say except that Miss Clark has been doing nicely. We tried her gardening yesterday, but she could not keep her mind to it for long, kept wandering off, and worrying about various matters.

Dr. Morah Kemp, who signed the second certificate, had some difficulty in doing so, though it is clear that Miss Clark is of unsound mind.

I enclose the two certificates, the Petition, and the form for the Order. The dateon the Petition should be the same as that on the Order; this will consequently require alteration, and the alteration must be initialled.

I also enclose the Further Statement, which I should be glad if you would fill up.

I return Mr. Walker's letter. I incline to think that Miss Clark had better definitely give up the Saffron Walden appointment. Even if she recovers speedily, I think a start in a new place would probably be desirable.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Ferns.
Wincanton
Somerset.

28. 11. 17

Dear Dr Pierce

I thought I should like to explain that though Ethel is described as "suicidal" she has never made any attempt at carrying it out. She has used such expressions as "I will do away with myself".

Some 3 or 4 years ago Ethel had a gathering in her ear & we have wondered whether that has had anything to do with her present condition.

She left home without any trouble and though not perfectly happy in herself we were thankful that all passed off as it did. I think during the journey she gave the nurse no cause for anxiety & that she will soon be happy in her new surroundings. All day yesterday she was fairly normal & gave no trouble.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

The Ferns.
Winscombe
Somerset.

26.IV.17.

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for telegram. Ours was sent off by Dr. Leche this morning from Ashbridge to avoid publicity here: I am sorry it was not clear.

Yesterday Ethel was to have returned to Saffron Walden and got up early to make preparation to depart. At breakfast she became irresolute and talkative and when it was within 10 minutes time to leave the house was about as unprepared to start as possible. When it became plain she could not catch the train she returned to bed and said she would go tomorrow. I went to Ashbridge to see Dr Leche & telegraphed to Walden. All the morning she was very troublesome, talked gibberish & would not submit to reasonable suggestions. Dr L. came in the evening and dictated my note. This morning from 6 am to 9 am she was very troublesome again but since then she has been most rational & amenable. Dr L. has just been in & thinks her better. We shall be glad to see the nurse tomorrow afternoon & hope she (Ethel) may be willing to acquiesce in our

arrangements & get off quietly and quickly. We shall of course be gentle with her and be guided by the opinion of Dr L. & the nurse as to when she is to travel.

We have been much worried but it would be impossible for her to remain at home if we are to be subjected to the experiences of yesterday and this morning.

We hope you have good accounts of Edmund. Our elder son Wallie is at Weymouth & at the last medical board was declared fit for general service again: Clifford is at Topsham Barracks Exeter training in the R.F.A. Cadet School from which he hopes to obtain a commission in due course.

We heard some weeks ago that Miss Hamilton was seriously ill; we hope she is better. With love from Mr Clark & kind regards from myself to you all

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Henry R. Clark.

Name Ethel Mary Clark Age 30 Date of Adm. April 28. 1917
Address The Ferns, Winscombe, Somerset
Description Single. Music Mistress
Religious Persuasion Society of Friends

H.P.C. Onset last September. Sudden. Grave anxiety as to the future: Inability to tackle her work: an impression that her work had been neglected & that she was to blame for not striving to overcome her difficulties. Causation – some anxiety as to domestic arrangements. Worry about her brother & other friends at the "front". Zeppelin scares. Some complications in love affairs. Under Dr. Leche's care Sept. to Nov. 1916 & Mar. to May 1917. Under Dr. Gilford Jan. to March.

P.H. Health in childhood & youth excellent.
Good in adult life. About 4 yrs. ago had gathering in her ear.
Patient was bright in character & manner. Good intellectual & musical ability. Industrious & persevering. Fond of outdoor games, especially golf.
One slight attack of mental disorder when patient was about 22.

F.H.
One Aunt suffers from chronic Hysteria.

Abstract of Certificates
Patient fears that some evil is going to happen to her.
Though agreeing to return to her post, she refuses at the last moment. Prefers to stay in bed all day, though hitherto has been most orthodox.
Has threatened to commit suicide. Alters her mind continually.

Name Miss Clark. Ward Centre. Date of Exam.

General Bodily Condition Good.

Height 5 ft. 1 inch. Weight (without clothes)

Nutrition Good. 4 St. 9 lbs.

Injuries (if any)

Deformities

Head & Neck

Teeth Good. Hair Dark brown.

Trunk

Arms & Legs

Skin Clear.

Complexion Fair. Colour Medium.

Tongue Clean. Respiration 16.

Pulse 96. Temperature 99.

Mental Condition

General Appearance. Neat.

Conversation. Good.

Clearness. Rather confused.

Orientation Good.

Memory.

Coherence.

Delusions & Halls. No evidence.

Emotional State. Rather impulsive.

Complaints. Ought never to have been brought here.

Conduct & Behaviour. Good.

Miss Clark. Admitted to Centre. April 28th. 1914.

April 28th. Patient depressed & rather confused on admission, impulsive in her movements.
Rather confused in conversation, appears to forget what she was talking about.
Sleeping in single room.
Rather wakeful night.
" 29 Fairly bright day, says it's dreadful to be here with such peculiar people.
confused in her conversation at times. To meeting this evening.
food taken well.
Slept fairly well.
" 30 Bright day. gardening. patient appears unable to decide definitely what she wants to do. when she does settle, she wishes she had done differently.
Better night. slept well.
May 1st. Bright, restless, impulsive in her movements.
gardening. food taken well.
Slept fairly well.
" 2 Better day, less restless. gardening.
Fairly good night.
" 3 Bright day. rather confused at times in her conversation.
Gardening.
Fairly good night.
" 4 Bright day. gardening.
Slept well during night.
" 5 Bright day. gardening.
Slept well during night.
" 6 Bright day. To supper with Mrs Pierce & to meeting.
Fairly good night.
" 7 Bright day, wished she was not going to Scarborough.
Fairly good night.) (Country walk with Miss Dean.
" 8 To Thoxenby Hall. Scarborough.

G. Lindsay