45 Park Grove
Hull Jan 13th 1917

Dear Sir,

I have not yet heard from the secretary as to what is owing by us to your institution. Perhaps a letter has miscarried in the post.

Please let me know to what amount we are indebted. I should have written to enquire before this but have been working late four nights a week since Jan 1st.

Dr. Howard reported recently that our daughter is making some improvement —

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

45 Park Grove
Hull Nov 22/1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am very sorry to have to trouble you again but I have just realised that we have said nothing to our daughter about our proposal to remove her – the fact is we felt so dubious about the achievability but now we have managed it I think she ought to be told and if you also think it desirable please tell her & say we are doing it because of a more bracing atmosphere and she will also feel as if she were one of a family there. Please particularly tell her that her her sister Muriel (the one who is a trained infant nurse at Liverpool will probably meet us at Manchester & see her. She is fond of her sister. It is mutual – We shall hope to leave the Retreat at 11.30 I think I said so –

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

45 Park Grove
Hull Nov 21/1916

Dear Mr. Price,

Thanks for yours of yesterday. I will endeavour to remember that we are to convey one of the two forms to Mr. Mould.

We intend to be at the Retreat on Saturday 25th inst. about ten o'clock and wish to leave for the station at 11.30 to catch 12.13 L&Y for Manchester.

I note you will submit my letter concerning the charge to the committee and shall be pleased if any concession is made.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

The Retreat
York

21st November, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

Just a line to acknowledge the receipt of the forms which are quite in order.

We will arrange that Miss Corlass is ready at any time you mention.

I will submit the question of the terms to the Committee at their next meeting.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Medical Superintendent is glad at any time to answer enquiries as to the health of patients; but unless there is special reason interim reports are not sent.

The Retreat, York.

REPORT

on the health of

Mrs Barker

Mental condition

Bodily condition

BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D.

45 Park Grove, Hull Nov 17th. 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I received from London this morning the forms re removal of my daughter and think my best course is to send them to you including the one for "Everdale" which if we are able to arrange as we hope we can accompany her to that place and take the form with us. We think the 25th inst: will be the more suitable date than the 30th.

I will send Dr: Mould a card. I do hope the change will not excite my daughter or throw her back. I will ask Dr. Mould to let me have the train times from "Everdale" to Manchester as we shall have to get them from York and also for our own return from Manchester to Hull. It has been a terribly trying time for us though I know you have tried to allay our anxieties as far as possible.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Collass.

The Retreat
York

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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.*

16th November 1916

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners of the Board of Control to inform you that their consent to the transfer of Miss Emily V. Borlass from your care to Overdale has been given on condition that the Patient be accompanied, during the removal, by at least two efficient and responsible persons.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Geo Broadbent

For the Secretary.

To The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

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Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Board of Control, to inquire whether ~~Mr~~ Mrs Emily Violet Borlass *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,

Jno Bradbury

for the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

(J 9144—? l.) Wt. 59252—1324. 1000. 3/16. D & S.

45 Park Grove
Hull Nov 10th 1916

Dear Dr. Price,

I have now received a letter from Dr. P. I. Mould of 'Overdale' - Whitefield, nr. Manchester consenting to take my daughter at £2.2.0 per week. I have replied to his letter and said that I would send my daughter. This is of course pending the consent of the Board of Control which I take to be pretty certain. I am writing asking their consent. Please let them know that you do not object.

If you will kindly send me any forms it may be necessary for me to fill up myself I will attend to them.

There remains the question of what sum will be due to the Retreat at the date of my daughter's removal. I have the account for charges to Dec 31st prox:

I wish to ask the committee to make me clear of indebtedness to the institution for the sum calculated at £3.3.0 per week from Oct 1st 1916 to the date of my daughter's removal including incidental expenses also to date of removal. If a separate letter is required for this please tell me.

The difficulty of finding an alternative and suitable place has been very great, chiefly owing to war enhancement of prices; my initial error was that of venturing to hope the necessary period of my daughter's residence would be much shorter than it has proved and I beg to ask the committee to accede to this request, because the whole expense having been borne hitherto

by my sister whose income is small like my own, and who is a spinster, while I am only a shipowners' clerk at a small salary eked by a small private income. My sister's income will not much longer support the incubus a sum considerably over £160 per annum and I have paid very little indeed myself beyond the visiting expenses and a small sum.

The actual date of my daughter's removal will be as soon as possible after reply from the Board of Control and from Dr. Mould.

We shall probably come ourselves to undertake the removal.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Goldsmith.

Dr. B. Pierce
The Retreat
York

45 Park Grove
Hull 7th Nov 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have your letter, concerning "Haydock Lodge", to which place I had already written and received reply that there was no vacancy and they were not taking patients at less than three guineas, a week, another disappointment, and I should really fear to ask them to re-consider a lowering of fees.

I have written tonight to Dr. A. G. Mould, of Overdale, and do hope that his reply may prove satisfactory. I had heard of both these places from Dr. Hardy, of Hull, now I regret to say very ill, I fear, on his deathbed, I had had word from Haydock that Dr. Street would write to his brother-in-law but had not yet the reply. Thanking you for your kind attention,

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

P.S. Is there any improvement in our daughter's condition –

Oct. 2. 16

PARCELS TO
GRANGE LANE STATION
(G.C. RAILWAY.)
NATIONAL TELEPHONE NO.
34 ROTHERHAM.

THE GRANGE,
Nr ROTHERHAM.

Dear Prince,

Mr C. F. Corlass has written to ask me to take his daughter near with you. I'm full up. Would she do for my brothers' small place? If you think so, would you write to him. ~~He~~ Mr Corlass wants a reduction on your terms,

which perhaps you would
tell my brother. He has 2
or 3 vacancies. Would any
of the other patients you
said you would like
to meet, do you wish?

Yours sincerely

Gilbert E. Mould

14th November, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I write to say that Miss Emily Violet Corlass is still insane and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer. She is not dangerous nor is she actively suicidal, but she is inclined to be impulsive and to try to rush away.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

The Bo ard of Control.

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK No 112. LEEDS No 3877

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

14th November, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

The question you raise about the fees will be submitted to the Committee when they next meet on November 21st. I will explain that you have had some difficulty in finding another place for your daughter.

I have received the usual enquiry about the transfer from the Board of Control, and conclude it will not be long before the matter is settled.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

6th November, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

I hear from Dr. Gilbert Mould that he has no vacancy for Miss Corlass. He suggests another home, of which I send you a prospectus. Perhaps he has already sent you one. The home is managed by his brother. Dr. Mould, the elder, of Cheadle, was a great authority on mental diseases, and his sons continue in the work. I think you would be well satisfied with Overdale.

Failing this I would suggest your applying to Haydock Lodge, Newton-le-Willows. Dr. Street, the proprietor, is a son-in-law of the late Dr. Mould.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Hull 26/9/1916

Dear Sir,

It is reported here that there is some damage by air-raid at York. Please let me know if this is correct & how my daughter & the patients have fared. & how my daughter is getting on. Yours faithfully,

C. F. Collass.

POST CARD

THE ANNEXED CARD IS INTENDED FOR THE ANSWER

4. — PM

26 SEP 16

½ HALFPENNY POSTAGE ½

Dr. B. Pierce

Principal

The Retreat

York

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45 Park Grove
Hull Sept 8/1916

Dear Dr. Price,

Please let me know how my daughter is getting on by now. I hope that she is making some progress.

Yours faithfully,
C. F. Glass.

The Retreat
York

11th September, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

The report is not very favourable. Miss Corlass has relapsed into a dull, apathetic condition, and sits or lies about in a chair, apparently taking little interest in anything, and she is totally unoccupied. She does not give much trouble, but I am informed that her habits are again bad.

I am sorry that I cannot give a better report.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

2nd August, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

I cannot report much improvement in your daughter, though she is rather better than she was when Dr. Wilson wrote.

During the marked improvement which took place earlier there was no difficulty in respect to the habits, and I think there can be no doubt that these depend upon the disorder, and are, as I explained before, symptomatic rather than the cause of the malady.

I almost think you will find it difficult to secure accommodation at much reduced rates anywhere in the country at the present time. Possibly at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, arrangements could be made.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

45 Park Grove
Hull July 30th. 1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

I regret having delayed my answer to Dr. Wilson's information concerning my daughter.

We have decided to let her remain with you till the end of the current quarter - that will give her two months more. If we could only get her habits correct I think the stability of any improvement which takes place would be much more assured.

By September 16th. we shall be forced to take her to some other place. It is most difficult to find out where as Bootham does* not appear likely to furnish us a sufficient reduction. There is also the matter of the climate which I fear is not sufficiently bracing.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Cadlass.

*that is to begin the arrangements by writing to the commissioners -

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"Highbury"
St George's avenue.
Bridlington June 17/1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We were very pleased to have the letter from Violet yesterday. We propose to come over to York on Wednesday next, when we hope to be able to see you. We shall get to the Retreat about 2 o'clock. We will then decide the question of removal and if necessary there will still be sufficient time to write to the commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

13th June, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

Miss Corlass is beginning to show some signs of improvement, watering the plants and taking a little interest in what goes on, and we think it would be a pity to take any steps in the matter of a transfer for the present.

I shall be glad to Look at your article on Food Reform, as it is a subject in which I am interested.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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June 8/1916

~~45 Park Grove,~~

~~Hull.~~

Dear Sir,

I have today written to the Lawn Lincoln which I had suggested - but it is awkward to get at from here and failing Scalebor I do not yet feel able to decide - Apologizing for the accompanying inflictions,

Yours truly

C. F. Collar

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

HALFPENNY STAMP.

June 1st, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

I cannot report very favourably about your daughter. I enclose an account written by the nurse which describes the condition.

There is no need to write about the transfer until about a fortnight before the time when you should write to the Board of Control, 66 Victoria Street, Westminster, asking for their consent.

With regard to Bootham Park, I feel sure you will be well satisfied with the nursing treatment there. Bootham Park is rather under a mile from York Railway station to the north, anyone will tell you where Bootham is and it lies on the right hand side about a quarter of a mile along.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

"Highbury"
St Georges' Avenue
Bridlington May 30. 1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I was conscious we were probably writing for news about our daughter at too short periods and sincerely regret if our having done so has been at all troublesome. We are however now anxious to know how she is, pending her removal at the end of next month. Will you please tell me if this is sufficient notice and how long before removal is to take place. I ought to write to the commissioners in London? I incline towards Scalebor myself. I wrote to Scalebor but it appears to be very full at present, having "practically no vacancies for cases" outside the West Riding. Can you say the approximate distance of Booth Park Institution from the York railway station?

Fears about our daughter's state continually arise in our minds.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corbass.

We remain here until 30th prox: as not yet let

C.F.C

"Highbury"
St Gedges Avenue
Bridlington May 21st 1915

Dear Dr: Pierce,

Please let me know if our daughter is maintaining the slight improvement mentioned in your last letter but one. Your last letter reminds me of your former expression that the case was unsatisfactory. I do hope she will make a good recovery again but recognize that the impossibility of foreseeing the course of the case is very great.

When replying please say the approximate distance of Bootham from the Railway Station and whether it is North or East of York for though I have Bootham bar I have no idea of the geographical position.

Dr: Gilmour, of Scalebor, writes that they are very full, with practically no vacancies for non-resident of the West Riding.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

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HIGHBURY.
ST. GEORGE'S AVENUE,
BRIDLINGTON.

May 7. 1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

My wife and I were over in York on Saturday. It was two months since I had seen my daughter and I was pleased to think, as did my wife also, that she looked, to our eyes, considerably better. Her face was fuller and her manner was a little more amiable. I have long held a theory that if a person works too hard the trunk and limbs are thinned, but hardened, but that if the overwork is continued beyond a point proportional to their strength, then the face also becomes thinner, owing to the brain or head being deprived of the extra quantity of blood which it always requires. That is also the reason I trouble so much about habits which deple[illegible] the nervous energy. It seems as if one must not expect recovery until the principal factors of the illness are eliminated or subdued. I have always also believed that symptoms

subside in inverse order from their on-coming. I want everyone to live as long as possible - 150 ought to be our quota - and I will do as much as I can, while not forgetting that mere lengthened existence would not be a happy long life.

I saw Dr. MacKenzie. Who kindly gave me some needed information and I will write to you giving our final decision after a while.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

POST CARD

To be used for written or printed matter.

Only the address to be written here.

Inland

Foreign

1st May, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

I cannot report any improvement I am sorry to say. Miss Corlass is still very dull and unresponsive. It hardly seems likely that she will recover during the next two months, though it is quite conceivable that before the end of that time she might show considerable improvement. It is quite impossible to foresee what will happen.

As I told you the general appearance of the case is unsatisfactory, but she made a good recovery before, and one cannot but hope that the same will happen this time.

With regard to the question of expense, I can quite realise the difficulty of paying these fees during these hard times, and yet on the other hand everything we purchase here is much more costly. I hardly think the Committee would be able to make any reduction in terms, and I do not think you should have much trouble in finding another Institution to which Miss Corlass could be removed, where the expenses would be less than they are here. I might be able to give you assistance in this matter should you wish it.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1st May, 1913.

Dear Mr. Gorham,

I cannot report any improvement I am sorry to say. Mina continues in very dull and unresponsive. It hardly seems likely that she will recover during the next two months, though it is quite conceivable that before the end of that time she might have a sudden sudden improvement. It is quite impossible to foresee what will happen.

I told you in general outlines of the case in Wednesday's letter, and I mentioned it before, and one cannot help thinking that she will die in this time.

Perhaps in the possibility of seeing these doctors in a few days, and on the other hand postponing an operation for some months, I hardly think the difficulties would be at all removed, and I do not think anything would be gained by trying another institution. Perhaps the case could be removed, where the symptoms would be less than they are now. I might be able to give you assistance in this matter although you know it.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

"Highbury"
St George's Avenue
Bridlington Apl 28/1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

I shall be pleased to hear from you how our daughter is going on. I fear that in sending her to you I had somewhat insufficiently considered the cost. I must beg you to attribute that to my own rather nervous condition which renders one's decisions slow, difficult and errant. I was led, indeed I determined to hope, the period of her stay would not be long but now that it appears likely to be a long one I am obliged to say that we cannot afford it and shall be obliged to remove her and seek cheaper quarters at the end of the current three months for which I now enclose cheque value £45.17.6. Would it be well to let Violet have some light physical labour? This might be more effectual in keeping any accumulated nervous energy in right channels instead of its being expended in mere self-indulgent evil habits. I feel no hope of her recovery while still persisting in those wrong courses and I do think they are the real cause of the mental weakness or at least that there is no hope of recovery until they are overcome.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Codlass

"Highbury" St George's Avenue 859.
Bridlington April 6/1916

Dear Sir,

I will attend to the letter from your secretary shortly, during or soon after the holidays. We had a note from Dr. Walton saying there was some slight improvement but we are growing more & more fearful as to the possible length of the illness.

We have sent 2 bonds to the motion fd. my daughter's use

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

POST CARD.

This Space may be used for Printed or Written Matter.

Only the Address to be Written here.

Dr: Bedford Pierce M.D.

The Retreat

York

22nd March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

Just a line to say that we see a glimmer of improvement in Miss Corlass' condition. Yesterday she began to take a little more ~~interest~~ notice of things, and she was not quite so troublesome as she has been. When I asked her to-day whether she did not think it her duty to go home and help her parents, she nodded assent, which is satisfactory so far as it goes.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

"Highbury"
St George's Avenue
Bridlington Apl. 5/1916

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We were pleased that your last letter said that you thought there was a slight improvement in our daughter Violet's condition and we earnestly hope that view has been justified by a further and assured progress.

Now that we have entered upon a further period we are naturally looking at the case from the financial point of view as well, and we think that if you can make it convenient, it would be better to adopt a plan of monthly instead of quarterly payments. Will you please write to me on this subject? This address will find me until further notice. I am sending my daughter a postcard.

With regard,

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

The Retreat
York

45 Park Grove
Hull Mch 20th. 1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

I want to thank you for your kind letter by which I plainly see that you wish to re-assure us as far as you possibly can. I only wish you could be justified in giving us greater assurance. All we can do is to seek to live in hope and trust and I feel that we have our daughter among people now of deeper faith than ourselves. We pray for it.

I find that the three months' term for which we arranged is nearly up and do not know what fresh arrangements it will be necessary to make.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Collass.

The Retreat
York

11th March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I cannot but think from the tone of your letter that you over estimate the influence of matters of conduct and behaviour both in respect to parents and children. In a case such as your daughter's there can be little doubt that the malady is really something much deeper than this, and that the bad habits, as I explained before, are symptoms rather than causes, and that you have nothing that you can blame yourself for in relation to past history.

I cannot make any promises as regards the future, I can only say that I have had the satisfaction of seeing patients, whose conduct was every bit as bad, if not worse, than your daughter's, make a good recovery without any special treatment directed to their conduct. During waves of depression when the mind is miserable, outrages and errors of conduct are extremely common. A person feels depreaved and acts in a depraved manner, but after a time when the cloud lifts the conduct becomes perfectly normal and proper.

The particular difficulty to which I referred was the question of personal cleanliness and impulsive conduct when the nurses do what is necessary. This, of course, indicates a mental deterioration, which in its turn may be purely temporary.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

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The particular difficulty to which I referred was the question of occasional clannishness and impulsive conduct when the nurses do what is necessary. This, of course, indicates a mental deterioration, which in its turn may be purely temporary.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

7th March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

I am sorry to say that I cannot report any improvement in Miss Corlass's condition. She is dull and unresponsive and lolls about in chairs, taking no interest in anybody. Her habits continue to be bad, and we seem to be able to make no impression on her whatever. She rarely speaks, and she strikes out at the nurses now and then when they want her to do things, and it is difficult to keep her reasonably clean.

She is pale but there is no reason to be anxious about her general health and she takes food fairly well.

It is a most unsatisfactory case, and I do not see what more we can do to help her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

7th March, 1915.

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It is a most unsatisfactory case, and I do not see what more we can do to help her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

45 Park Grove
Hull Oct 9th 1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

I am troubling you yet again about my daughter because I do not want to let a single stone remain unturned the turning of which might be of advantage to her. She appears to be exactly as she was when she first came to you. I know we must be patient but I do not think any time must be lost. I am only sorry she was not treated sooner away from home. I feel it might seem offensive to quote what had been done elsewhere but I think I may rely upon it that you will not be annoyed. I have before alluded to the habits which I consider are the crux of it all. You will know the insidiousness, and the secretiveness of patient, far better than I. At Scalebor we had the same difficulties, at last Dr: Gilmour said he would take means to have her hands out of cover at night and I think that had good effect. She would need extra wraps of some sort for her arms & chest I suppose. When she was young she used to stand and twitch her legs till she wasted in the face. She seemed latterly when sitting alone, if not watched and restrained, (that was angry at interference), to have some way of holding herself tense and also apparently motionless until almost in perspiration. We abandoned shawls because we could not see her hands, still the tensing habit continued. She is naturally

as of course you have noted, very shy, sensitive, reflective, brooding thoughtful, conscientious, probably self-disparaging. Not so enquiring as her mental temperament would make her if she were healthy in mind. I never thought her deficient in brain-qualities so much as deficient in active conditions, resulting from good circulation of blood. I think you have been made aware of the serious depletion she suffered immediately after her birth owing to faulty binding of the umbilicus. That depletion probably favoured her fall under the bane of some natural tendency. I blame myself that I ~~ought~~ had not, as I ought, sought to be sure that depletion was overcome. It is a terrible thing that young lives have to fall out of the ranks and now I can only pray that God may forgive all parents and teachers for all their remissness. I think they used to give her "Sanatogen" at Scalebor. Dr. Murdoch Lee, when I asked if we should give her anything of that sort recommended "Sanaptos" which I procured for her. It is pleasanter to taste and of English make, besides rather cheaper. My wife used to give her bread & milk at night & feed her with it by spoon when she refused it. She would often take all the ~~bread~~ milk, but used to spit if fed quickly. Sometimes my wife mixed the Sanaptos in the milk. When we saw her last month my wife asked if she liked the "Retreat" better than Scalebor and she nodded in acquiescence. She appear to blame her mother most for being away from home she struck out on mention of her mother being at the other end of Europe - saying "you would have us all away next"

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I think brighter weather and the stirring of spring may help him a little. I hope it will be so.

With regard,

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

45 Park Grove

Hull Mch 2nd. 1916

Dear Dr. Wilson,

You will be aware that we visited York on the 22nd. of last month to see our daughter. We thought it inadvisable to trouble you by asking you to see us at the time. I am sorry to say my wife and I were both severely disappointed to find her looking no better. My wife fancied her face was slightly more fleshy but I felt aghast at her appearance. Of course we know that time and patience must be given and we fully conscious that your institution is not at fault. I am glad she gets plenty of fresh air, as she had a pernicious habit of sleeping with her head under the bed clothes.

I do hope that you are now able to give us a somewhat better report.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Cordass.

24th January, 1916.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Retreat Committee the terms for Miss E. V. Corlass were fixed at £3. 3. 0 per week.

I enclose the usual form of Agreement, which please return to me when signed.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass, Esq.
45 Park Grove,
Kingston-upon-Hull.

York, 13th July, 1896.

The Committee of the Retreat avail themselves of this opportunity to give additional publicity to the reduction in the terms for "recommended" patients, which came into force on the 1st inst., in accordance with the 4th minute of the Meeting of the Directors of the Retreat, held 29th April, 1896, a copy of which is annexed.

The following minute of the Retreat Committee, held 21st April, 1896, has been read:—

> *"In view of the improving financial position of the Retreat, and the "kind response given by Friends in different parts of the country to "the appeals which have been made on behalf of the Institution, the "Committee are of opinion that a reduction in the terms of recommended "patients from 14/- to 12/- per week may be made. It is proposed that "the reduction shall date from the 1st of July next. The sanction of the "Directors' Meeting is to be asked for the proposed reduction."*

After careful consideration, this meeting decides to adopt the recommendation of the Committee.

45 Park Grove

Hull Jan 1916

Dear Dr: Pierce,

I was glad to have the letter from Dr: Wilson concerning my daughter Violet, followed by that from yourself. Thank you for the kind attention.

It is indeed unfortunate that at least the most highly-strung, capable of becoming the best, are so liable to mental disease. Students of health appear to think less of positive inheritance of diseases now and that only the tendencies and liabilities to special diseases are inherited. That seems to me to be a reasonable opinion. My daughter's mind did not seem to have any eccentricity beyond abnormal shyness and later too great a tendency to self-examination with self-disapproval. I cannot consider anything now but this - why has she failed to rule herself and recover her health? The key must be the bad habit. If she is to have secure mental health for her future life that habit must be over-come. The immediate step must be its prevention now. As soon as Dr: Gilmore made this made sure she began to recover. Can it be done now? When the mind has become stronger can any form of hypnotism, or of mental suggestion be made use

of. How many wasted lives exist? I do not want my daughter's to be one of those wasted lives. She does not suffer much physically or mentally now but she will. "Hopeless". Hope, brightness, work for others, self-sacrifice growing on, that is what I know that you will put before all your patients. Please help her all you can. I am very glad that you have a lady-doctor for the female patients and sincerely hope my daughter will take to her.

I hope to write to enquire about once a week. I will not send a note to Violet until you think it permissible and then it shall be open for your examination.

I am of course anxious to have her well as soon as possible on account of the cost but I fully see that first cost may be least cost. I am hoping for assured recovery by the end of the three months.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

Dr. Murdoch – Miss Stacy's partner –
said stirring up was necessary.
C.F.C.

Our other daughter who accompanied us is a trained infant's nurse and has now returned to her situation at Norwich.

3rd January, 1916.

Dear Mr. Corlass,

In reply to your letter, I cannot report very favourably repsecting Miss Corlass. She is dull and unresponsive, gives little trouble, and takes very little interest in what goes on. There is a little trouble with her food, but no serious opposition. She does not appear to me to be suffering very much, but rather to be in an apathetic condition.

You must, I think, clearly realise that this is a disease which distorts the patients' outlook on life and shakes their confidence and faith and makes everything look hopeless. Unfortunately we are accustomed to find that the very best and most upright people are not rarely attacked with melancholia; in fact I rather incline to think that it is a disease affecting those who are naturally conscientious and thoughtful in preference to others.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

45 Park Grove
Hull Jan 1. 1916

Dear Sir,

Please let us know whether our daughter Violet is settling down nicely to being out of her own home. We always use her second name Violet – not Emily. We are anxious to know if she rebelled and gave much trouble to you.

I have thought much of your suggestion that the evil habit should be looked upon as a symptom and not the primary cause of her present condition. The smallness of my knowledge and experience prevents my being able to pronounce decisively. Selfish considerations lead me to hope that her condition is a functional rather than an organical result but facts must be faced.

I feel deeply concerned. The wreck of happiness at the portal of life is no light matter. I know that when she recovers her mental suffering will be great. I know that her mind could not have been entirely vicious, because on the Saturday in August '15, on which she broke out, she stood up in a tram-car and said "Violet Corlass is a hypocrite" that was enough indication. Her will has broken down

and that demon rules her. Only God can enable her to overcome. He will if she will yield to Him & obey Him. Please forgive so long a letter.

Yours faithfully,

C. F. Corlass.

Dr: Bedford Pierce

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To Secretary

Dear Sir -

Thank you for your reply.

I should like to send my patient -
Miss Violet Corless
of 45, Park Grove
Hull,
to the Retreat on Thursday,
if you could take her.
She is the patient about

whom I wrote to you, who is suffering from melancholia & masturbation.

Will you kindly reply at once if this arrangement is convenient to you?

Yrs faithfully,

J. Stacey.

Will you kindly send forms for the two doctors & the magistrates certificates?

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 Emily Violet Corlass of 45 Park Grove, Hull as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Drugcote, 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 26th day of January 1916

Name C. F. Corlass. (Charles Frederick Corlass)

Residence 45 Park Grove, Hull

Occupation Ship-owner's Clerk

SIGNED by the said C. F. Corlass

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, R. W. Ruddick,

Address, and 57 Blenheim St., Hull,

~~Profession.~~ Clerk

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.

Name, Emily Violet Cortlass. Age 28. Date of Adm. Dec. 30. 1915.
Address. 45 Park Grove, Kingston upon Hull.
Description. Single. of no occupation
Religious Persuasion. Congregationalist

H. P. C.

Attack began in August, 1915. Patient kept away from the family, and would not take her food. Masturbation. Supposed cause of attack the war and enlistment of brother.

P. H.

Patients' health good. had an attack of brain fever when 15. Previous attack of mental disorder in 1907. Too much work at school. recovery complete.

F. H.

Father suffers from neurasthenia. No history of mental disorder in family.

Abstract of Certificate.

Takes no interest in her surroundings. refuses to answer the simplest questions. does not know her name, where she lives or how old she is. Is restless and rushes about the room without any apparent object. refuses to take her food. Will not go out of doors. is often dirty in her habits. strikes her relatives.

Name. Emily Violet Corless. Ward. Date of Examn.

General Bodily Condition

Height 5 ft. 1 inch Weight (without clothes) 6 st. 9 lbs.

Nutrition Poor.

Injuries (if any.) None.

Deformities None.

Head & Neck

Teeth good condition Hair good condition

Trunk

Arms & Legs

Skin

Complexion Sallow Colour Fair

Tongue Clean Respiration 20

Pulse 60 Temperature 98.

Mental Condition.

General Appearance Neat.

Conversation None

Clearness

Orientation Good

Memory

Coherence

Delusions & Halls. No evidence

Emotional State

Complaints None

Conduct & Behaviour. So far quiet & well behaved.

Jan 4th Pt. since admission has been quiet & given no trouble
Is very indolent & takes no interest in her surroundings
Takes food fairly well, & sleeps well, never makes
any conversation, but answers sensibly when spoken to. J. Phillips
Jan. 9th Pt. continues dull, & indolent. Has been impulsive when
roused to do anything & struck nurse. Is very troublesome
when taking food. Will not masticate properly, & crams
her mouth full. Has been wet, & dirty, & habits dirty. J. Phillips
Jan. 23rd Condition much the same. Has a slight rash on her
chest, & back, & complained of pains in her knees. J. Phillips
" 28th Patient continues to take no interest in her
surroundings; when given a book, she looks at it but
does not appear to read; occasionally replies when
questioned; sometimes she picks her fingers.
When visited by her mother – 25th Jan: she struck her
but afterwards she behaved herself until her mother left.
Has a few small bruises on left leg, also some spots
on her chest & legs. Sleeps well 6½ hrs average.
Jan 29th Patient transferred to 4th G. dormitory.
" 30th " in bed all day. quiet but reported to have
been a little faint in the night. Temp 99°.
" 31st Slept 3½ hrs. very restless. quiet during the day.
Feb 1st 1914 Quiet day. temp 99 in the evening.
" 2nd " " " " 98° a.m + p.m.
" 3 " " " " 98⅔ " " 98⅔ p.m.
" 4 " Very restless " 98⅔ " " 99 " "
" 5 " Quiet day. " 98° " " 99 " "
" 13th Patient has been in bed all the week very restless
never speaks. or reads but takes notice of all she goes
on in the dormitory. Has a red patch on the right
hip.
" 21st No change in this Cordass condition. Temperature
still rises a little in the evening.
Hip much better, patients gets up a little every day
& sits on the balcony

1916. Miss Collass.

Feb 24th Pt has been getting up when weather permitted her to sit on the balcony. Very troublesome & violent at times when she was to get up. Rather troublesome with food & habits bad.
Visited by her Father & Mother on Feb 22nd. but she would not speak to them.

Feb 28th Transferred to Centre.

A. E. Naylor.

March 4th Patient has been up & going out in the garden daily - at times she is troublesome over meals - bolts her food - habits bad.

" 19th Patient is very dull & stupid, if asked to put her coat or her shoes on, she will take those nearest to her whether they are hers or not. She bolts her food & has not improved in her habits - will occasionally answer when spoken to. Sleeps fairly well.

" 26th Patient continues the same - no improvement.

" 29th Pt was visited by her mother & sister this afternoon but did not appear to take any interest in them or in what they said - giggled most of the time - struck her mother once in the face. Habits still bad.

April 8th No apparent improvement - dull & stupid.

" 14th Patient in bed. Temp 100.2 Pulse 100.

" 21st " got up after breakfast - better - very restless & impulsive, trying to run away.

" 29th Patient continues the same - dull & stupid.

May 4th " " impulsive - bolts her food - habits bad, visited by father & mother - took no notice of them.

June 4th Patient has showed signs of improvement during the last two days, she answers when spoken to & offers to help to do little things like setting the table etc.

" 21st Patient continues to improve, talks intelligently, does little housework & gardening, goes out country walking along with nurse, is inclined to be silly at times, habits very much better, goes to Dining-hall for meals.

Patient has not been quite so well during the past ten days, she is very silly at times & sits playing with her fingers. — 2nd July.

Patient is a little brighter — 9th.

Very dull unresponsive. — 16th.

Patient very drowsy all day, depressed this evening, fed with meals. — 18th.

Patient very dull & stupid, fed with meals. — 19th.

Patient in bed all day, quite helpless until this evening, habits dreadful. — 20th.

In bed all day, helpless, habits the same. — 21st.

Patient a little better, has taken food well. — 22nd.

Patient has got up again, sitting in the Queen's Gardens, has taken food well. — 23rd.

Patient has been up & going out in the garden when weather permitted during the last two weeks, she is stupid unresponsive, habits not improved. Sleeps well at night. — 6th Aug:

Patient visited by her mother & friend, had tea with them but hardly answered when spoken to, a little brighter. — 22nd.

Patient very dull & stupid. takes no interest in anything, sits playing with her fingers, giggling at times. habits still very bad, out in grounds when weather permits. — 10th Sept:

Patient continues about the same, does not appear to take any interest in anything, is very stupid & rarely answers when spoken to. Occasionally she does a little sewing but as a rule when she is indoors she sits playing with her fingers — 29th Oct:

Patient continues much the same - no improvement dull & stupid. never reads or speaks. habits still very bad at nights. — 19th Nov:

1916. Patient has taken her food better to-day the last few days - quite so silly - sits playing with her fingers. Nov: 24th.
no improvement in habits.
sleeping on the whole very good.
Walking in grounds when weather permits.
Miss Bolass left the Retreat to-day - Saturday. " 25th.

G. Lindsay.