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as possible thus giving  
us the benefit of time.

Mr Crosby wishes me  
to tell you that my  
daughters' periods have  
come on & were regular  
to the month at their  
second appearance.

Her general health is  
very good. she is gaining  
in weight (now <sup>8 1/2</sup> 8.7) and  
is altogether "Recovered"  
ought to be struck  
off your books.

I am Yours sincerely

Robert W Crosby

Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe,

✓ July 13<sup>th</sup>/09

D<sup>r</sup> Pierce  
Dear Sir

I have been so  
very long in writing to you  
about my daughter that  
I fear you might almost  
think "that now that my  
daughter is recovered I have  
no further thought of you"  
but that is by no means  
the case. I did however  
seek to put off my  
writing to you as long

Shirley  
Kathleen  
Elizabeth

and Susan, etc.

My dear

Thank you for your

letter. It was very pleasant

to hear from you. I am

in good health. I am

very glad to hear of your

letter.

Yours very truly,



24th September, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Many thanks for your letter. We are very pleased indeed to hear that Miss Crosby is now quite well. I enclose a formal notice of discharge.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



24th September, 1912.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Many thanks for your

letter. We are very pleased

indeed to hear that Miss Crosby

is now quite well. I enclose

a formal notice of discharge.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Sept 23/15

D<sup>r</sup> Pierce

Dear Sir

As you suggest  
my daughter is quite recovered.  
She is very well indeed and  
seems to me to be better and  
looking better than she has  
done for some long time.

She has gained a stone in  
weight during the last 5 or 6  
weeks.

I have often thought of  
writing you but ever put  
off. One reason being the  
Cartwright affair. I thank  
you for the copy of letter sent  
to Mr Cartwright.

Possibly I ought to tell  
you he has renewed his  
engagement stating he

was prepared to take all <sup>12.</sup>  
risks. As he knows all details  
about the two illnesses I have  
not interfered. I did not  
see how I could without  
possibly doing more harm  
than good.

Once more allow me  
to thank you for all  
that has been done.

With kind regards

Sincerely Yours

RW Crosby



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6, PARK SQUARE,  
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BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, }  
FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.

TELEPHONE { YORK N<sup>o</sup> 112.  
LEEDS N<sup>o</sup> 3877.

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

20th September, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I conclude that there  
will be no objection to  
Miss Crosby being discharged as  
"recovered". It would seem  
desirable that her name should not  
remain on our books, as I  
suppose she is now quite  
recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th September, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I conclude that there

will be no objection to

Miss Crosby being discharged as

"recovered". It would seem

desirable that her name should not

remain on our books, as I

suppose she is now quite

recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



10, Cleveland Road,  
West Ealing, W.

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17th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you very much for your  
letter of yesterday's date. Although you do not

express a decisive opinion either way, I am  
extremely obliged to you for indicating the general  
trend of specialised medical experience in such  
cases.

With many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

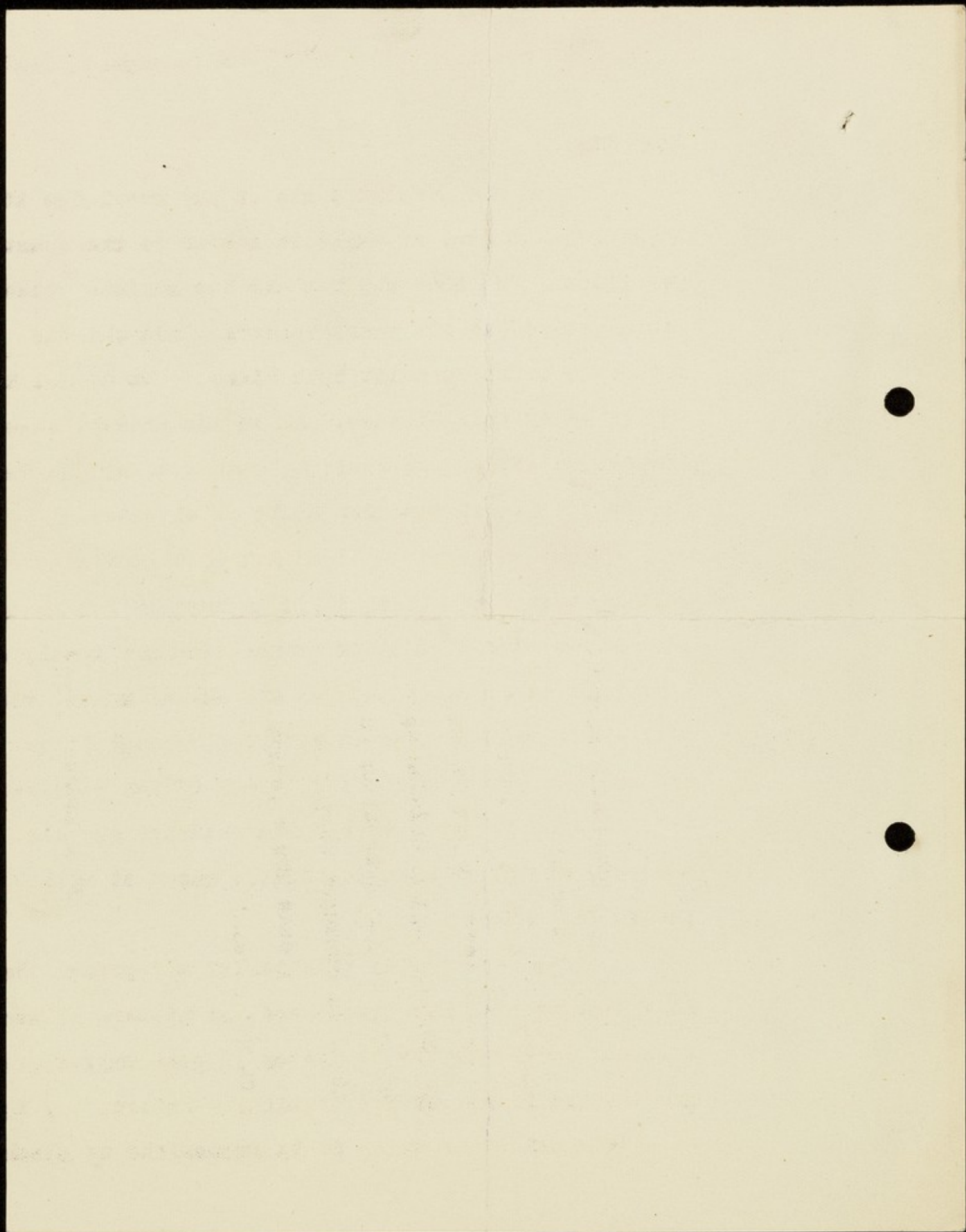
C. Hughes-Farwright.

Dr. Deaford Pierce,

The Retreat,

York.







16th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

In the present state of our knowledge it is impossible to give an explicit answer to the questions you raise. Miss Crosby has had two serious attacks of mental stupor at six years interval, and she has recovered satisfactorily both times. We do not know the cause of this disease, and in the present case no clearly defined cause could be made out, and no family history of mental disorder could be elicited.

As to whether it is likely that Miss Crosby will have another attack it is impossible for me to give any answer. I think authorities are mostly agreed that persons who have had two attacks of mental disorder will run a serious risk in marrying, though I know a medical man, quite in the front rank of the profession, who declines to give any opinion whatever on this subject, saying we know too little about it either to advise for or against.

As regards the question of offspring, the fact that we have not discovered any history of mental disorder in the family so far as it goes suggests that the disease is not of an hereditary nature, but again this is a matter of which it is impossible to speak



with confidence. I am sorry that I must leave the  
question in such an undecided manner.

I remain, Sir, Yours very truly,

C. Hughes Cartwright, Esq.

The Shielin,

10 Cleveland Road,

West Walling

I have had a letter  
from your daughter asking me  
to write to Mr. Cartwright on  
the subject of her engagement  
to be married. I had better  
send you a copy of my reply.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

16th August, 1916.

Dear Mr. Crosby,



13<sup>th</sup> 8. 1915.

Hotham House

Harrowgate.Dear Mr Pierce.

We have just received a letter from

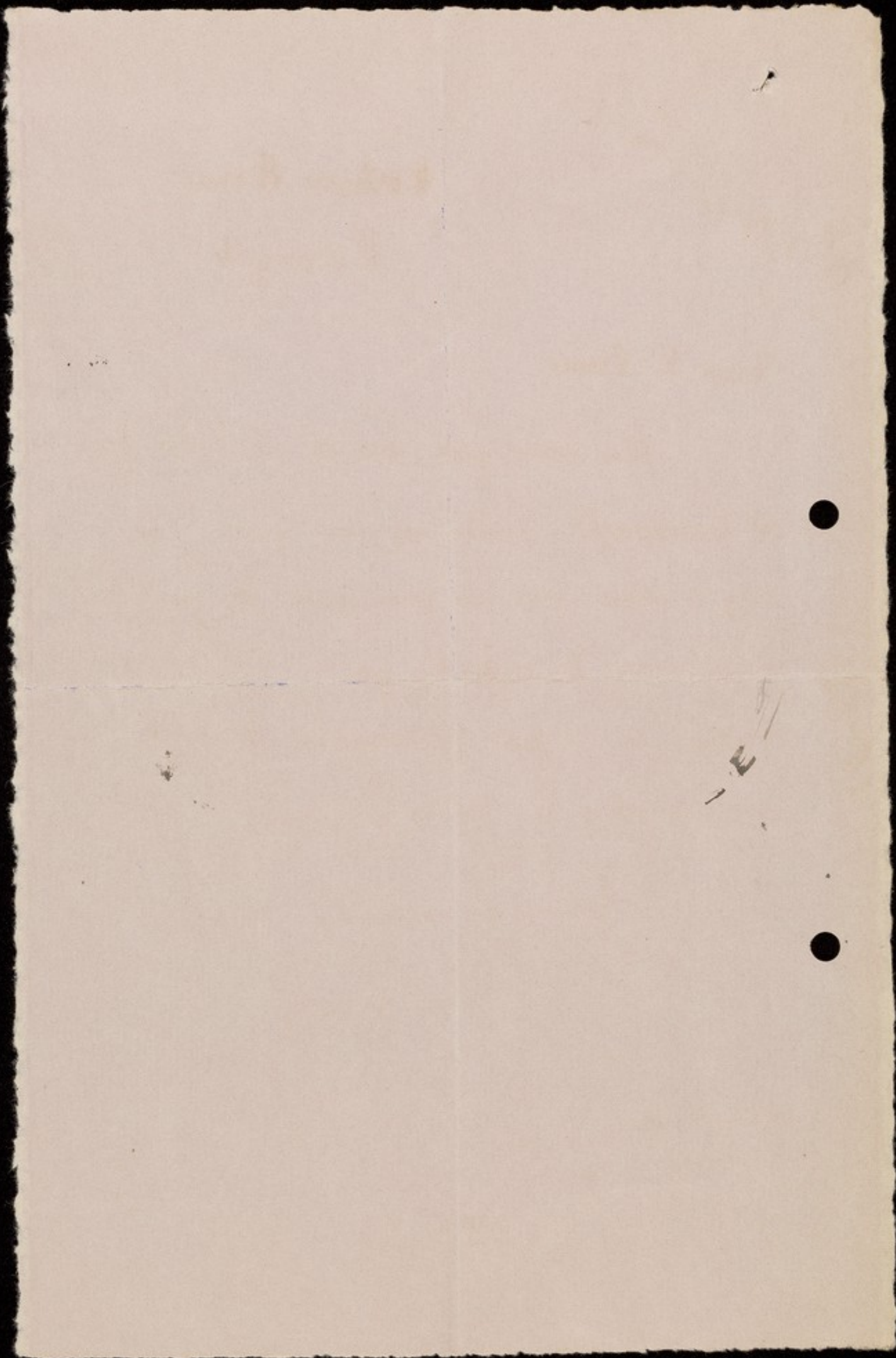
- Mr. Cartwright. enclosing one from you -  
my mother gave me permission to give him  
permission to write to you.

Father gives you permission to write  
unreservedly to Mr. Cartwright.

Yours very sincerely

Flora Crosby.

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THE SHIELIN,  
10 CLEVELAND ROAD,  
WEST EALING.

13. VIII. 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged by your letter of  
yesterday's date. The course you suggest  
would obviously be more satisfactory;  
and I have accordingly asked Miss  
Crosby to send you a line.

Yours faithfully,

C. Hughes Farnworth.

Dr. Deaford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.



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12th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I think it would be better before I reply on the delicate question raised in your letter that I should have a note from either Miss Crosby or her parents asking me to write to you. I do not wish to throw any doubt on their willingness in the matter, but under such circumstances it is better that I should hear direct from the family affected. I would write to them myself, but I think it is perhaps better for me to leave it to you to do so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. Hughes Cartwright, Esq.

The Shielin,

10 Cleveland Road,

West Ealing.



1900-1901

Dear Sir,

I think it would be better to keep  
on the balance question raised in your letter. But  
I should have a note from either Mr. C. or Mr. D.  
before I write to you. I do not want to  
throw any doubt on their will power in the matter,  
but under such circumstances it is impossible to  
agree with them. I am sorry to hear that  
you will not be able to go, but I think it is better  
for me to leave it to you to decide.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. Hughes Cartwright, Esq.

The Editor,

10 Cleveland Road,

West Ealing.

the advantage of your experience.

Yours faithfully,  
C. Hughes Farthwright

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THE SHIELIN,  
10 CLEVELAND ROAD,  
WEST EALING.

11. Nov. 1915.

Dr. Pierce,  
"The Retreat,"  
York.

Dear Sir,

I should like to take the liberty  
of writing to you for medical information  
about Miss Crosby of Harrogate who, I  
understand, has been under your care  
at "The Retreat" from November to May  
last.

Until quite recently I was under  
engagement to be married to Miss Footy,  
and I have her full permission to



write to you. During the early part of Miss Crosby's illness I interviewed her father several times, and he gave me the impression that medical opinion was decidedly against the wisdom of marrying, even if she quickly recovered. Miss Crosby herself, however, informs me that you stated to her personally that there was no reason at all why she should not marry.

I am sorry to encroach upon your time, but will you be so good as to inform me whether

you consider that there is any probability of recurrence of Miss Crosby's illness, and whether marriage is medically advisable?

You may not have been informed that Mr. and Mrs. Crosby are first-cousins, as I have discovered. Rightly or wrongly, I have been in doubt as to whether this may have affected their daughter's health.

I must apologise for troubling you with matters somewhat personal, but I should esteem it the greatest of favours if you could give me

6th July, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Very many thanks for your kind letter. I need hardly say that it is very encouraging to have successful recoveries such as your daughter's, the more so when the value of the work at the Retreat is so greatly appreciated. I will take care that the nurses who looked after Miss Crosby are told of your kind thought about them.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



San Jose, Calif., 1918.

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again,

Yours very truly,

6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
July 5/15

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

Following up your very welcome letter I went to Scarbro on Saturday & brought my daughter Flossie home much to her great delight. I know it may seem common place to tell you how pleased with what you & your staff have accomplished for her. But I cannot allow the opportunity to pass without saying how very grateful we are for what you have done.

No one can talk with you & visit your institution with seeing how much of real interest, skill, & kindness is manifested.

Flossie speaks with the highest praise of every one from Dr Pierce downwards.

I sincerely trust that your pleasure with our own may be further enhanced by Flossie's continued good health.

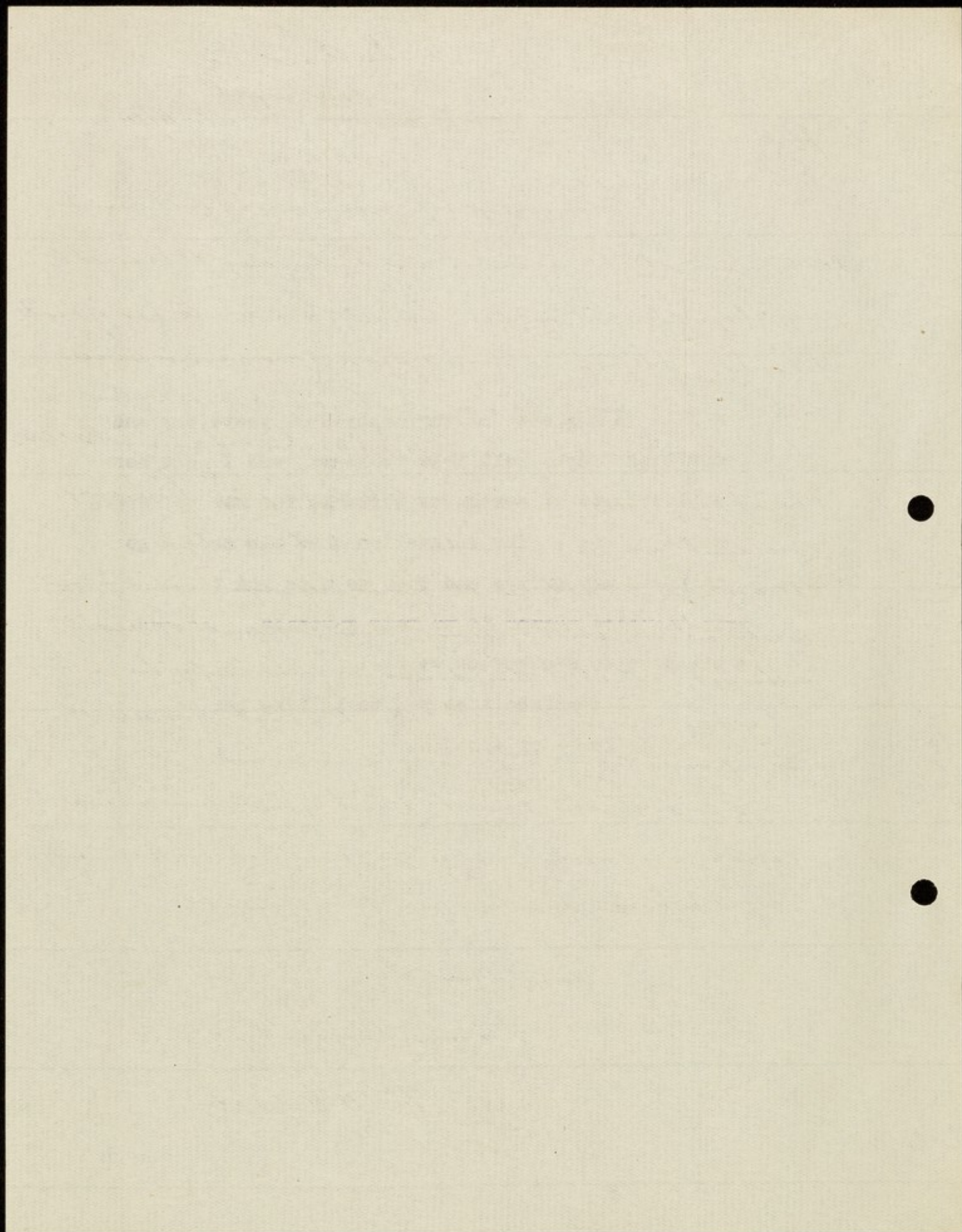
I am Dear Sir

Yours Sincerely

Rev Crosby

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2nd July, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I was over at Throxenby Hall yesterday and found Miss Crosby well able to leave, and I told her that I thought it was quite suitable for her to return home to-morrow. The suggestion that she should go home for a day or two and then go with you to the Lake District seemed to me very suitable. It was a pleasure to see her so well.

I conclude that you would like her to go away on leave of absence.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



San Jose, 1910.

Dear Mr. Gorman,

I was over at Thompson's Hall yesterday and found Miss Gorman well able to leave, and I told her that I thought it was quite suitable for her to return home to-morrow. The suggestion that she should go home for a day or two and then go with you to the Lake District seemed to me very suitable. It was a pleasure to see her so well.

I conclude that you would like her to

go away on leave of absence.

Truly,

Yours very truly,



5th June, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I am very glad to hear that you have been able to deal with the broken off engagement. It is certainly right that the question should be faced now. One of us will be over in Scarborough next week and will make a point of seeing how Miss Crosby is doing. I myself think that she will bear the disappointment well. It will be better for her if she can look forward to some regular occupation. There is nothing like work for difficulties of this kind.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



1915, June 15th

Dear Mr. [unclear]

I am very glad to hear that you have been  
able to deal with the [unclear] of [unclear]. It is  
certainly right that the question should be faced  
now. One of us will be over in [unclear] next  
week and will make a point of seeing [unclear]  
[unclear]. I expect [unclear] will hear the  
disappointment well. It will be better for her if  
she can look forward to some [unclear] [unclear].  
There is nothing like [unclear] for [unclear] of this

Kind

I remain,

Yours very truly,



809.  
6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
June 14/15

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

You will be pleased to know how very much pleased we were to find our daughter so much improved. She was remarkably free from any appearance of excitement & was very cheerful & hopeful. I ought to tell you an opportunity offered itself for her Mother to tell her about her engagement to be married to a young minister being broken off. She asked her Mother about the gentleman in question. So she frankly but kindly told her how matters stood. It was of course a shock to her but they talked it out & Flossie agreed to her Mother's proposal that she (her Mother) should burn all letters & return the ring & at the same time asking the gentleman to do the same. Provided she does not fret & brood about this after our coming away we think this is a difficult part got over & will help her recovery rather than otherwise for we found it was constantly on her mind. Miss Crosby advised her to take the Matron (whom every kind & sympathetic) into her confidence & tell her about it. The idea being she would have some one to talk to & thus get more used to the idea than just thinking about it herself. I trust the telling of our new outlook will commend itself to you. If you can bear it in mind when you are in touch with the



But you might enquire whether any harm has  
come of it. But I think none will she bore it  
very bravely.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at any time  
when you think she is ready to come home. But  
do not wish to hurry matters in any way.

What a lovely place you have got in Thropent.  
The view is beautiful & the Garden is charming.

Sincerely Yours

Robt Crosby



May 22, 1915

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Many thanks for your letter. Miss Crosby is steadily improving, and, as you say, there is no indication of restlessness or excitement. I should think that if she goes on like this she will be able to go to Throxenby Hall, probably next week, which would be the first step towards returning home. I told her that I would suggest this to you when I saw her this morning.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



May 22, 1918

Dear Mr. Crosby,

Thank you for your letter. Miss Crosby is exceedingly

interested in the book and has been reading it with great

interest. I am sure it will be of great value to her.

Very truly yours,

I am sure it will be of great value to her.

I am sure it will be of great value to her.

I am sure it will be of great value to her.

Yours very truly,



6 Rutland Rd

Harrogate

May 21/15

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D. Pierce

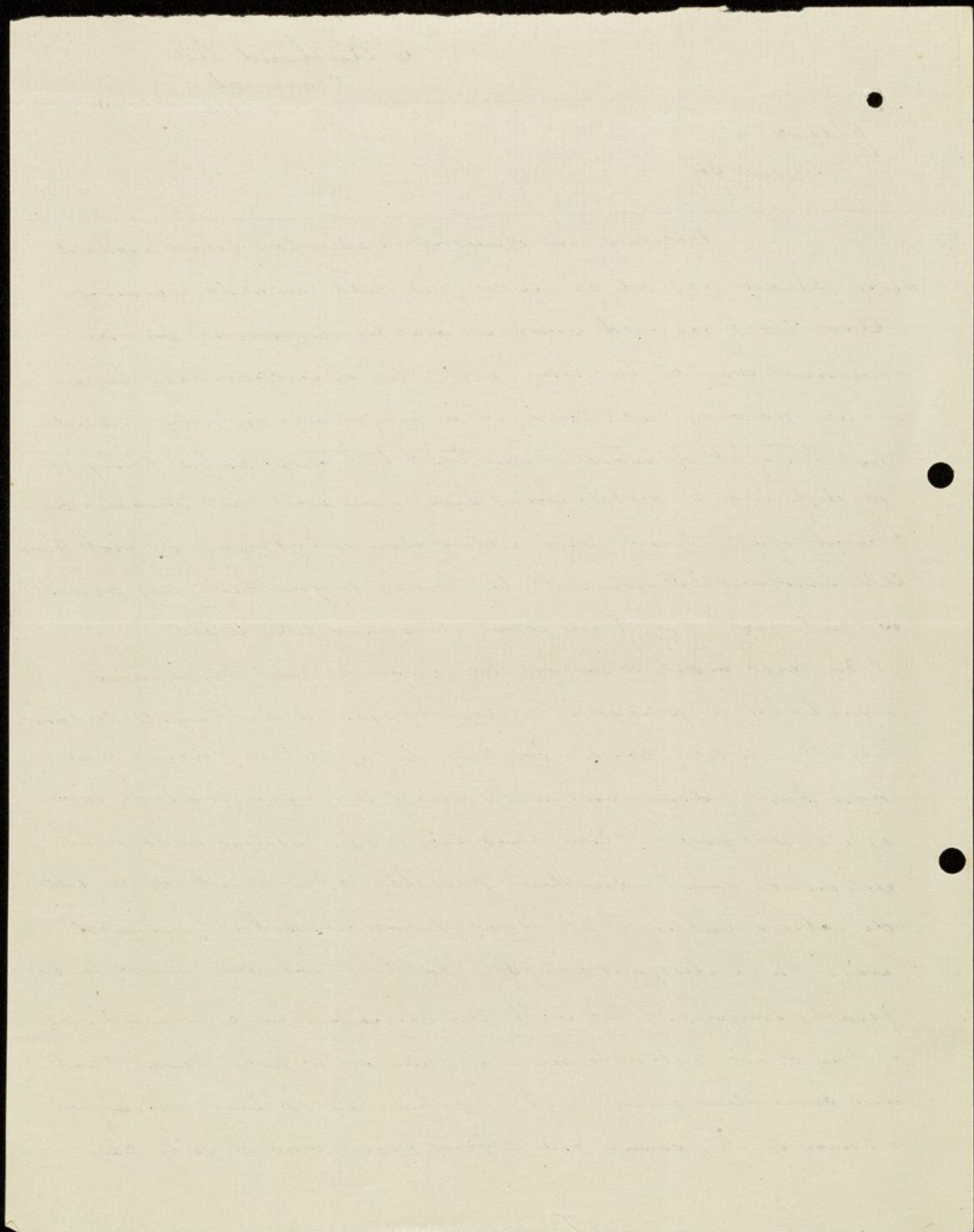
Dear Sir

Visiting my daughter yesterday I was indeed very pleased to find so much progress towards recovery.

And as I noticed such a marked difference in her manner & way of talking from the corresponding time of her recovery last time it is impressed on my mind that I might do worse than try & tell you some thing of the difference I noted. I am sure you will not misunderstand me & think I am telling you what you do not know. All I noticed I know will be known to you but my point is that you may know what she seems like to us.

My first visit to her on her recovery last time was marked by a phase of specially excited talking. A certain high & mighty style. Telling me of little things she had said & done but with such an exaggerated air of importance. Now this time she seems altogether different, quiet & subdued possibly to the point of a little depression but with all that I was remarkably struck with the intelligent way she talked. She did seem to be greatly impressed too with her surroundings. Speaking of the other patients some of them with pity (those that were considered permanent) & generally as being dreadful to think of. Of course one strong point was if only she





Could be nursed at home. To this I pointed out what good progress she was making & it was only a question of time. She said to me "well I'm going to get better" She told me too it was Dr Pierce who first made her walk. This appeared to me to be different too in style & tone and altogether she seemed to me to promise good recovery.

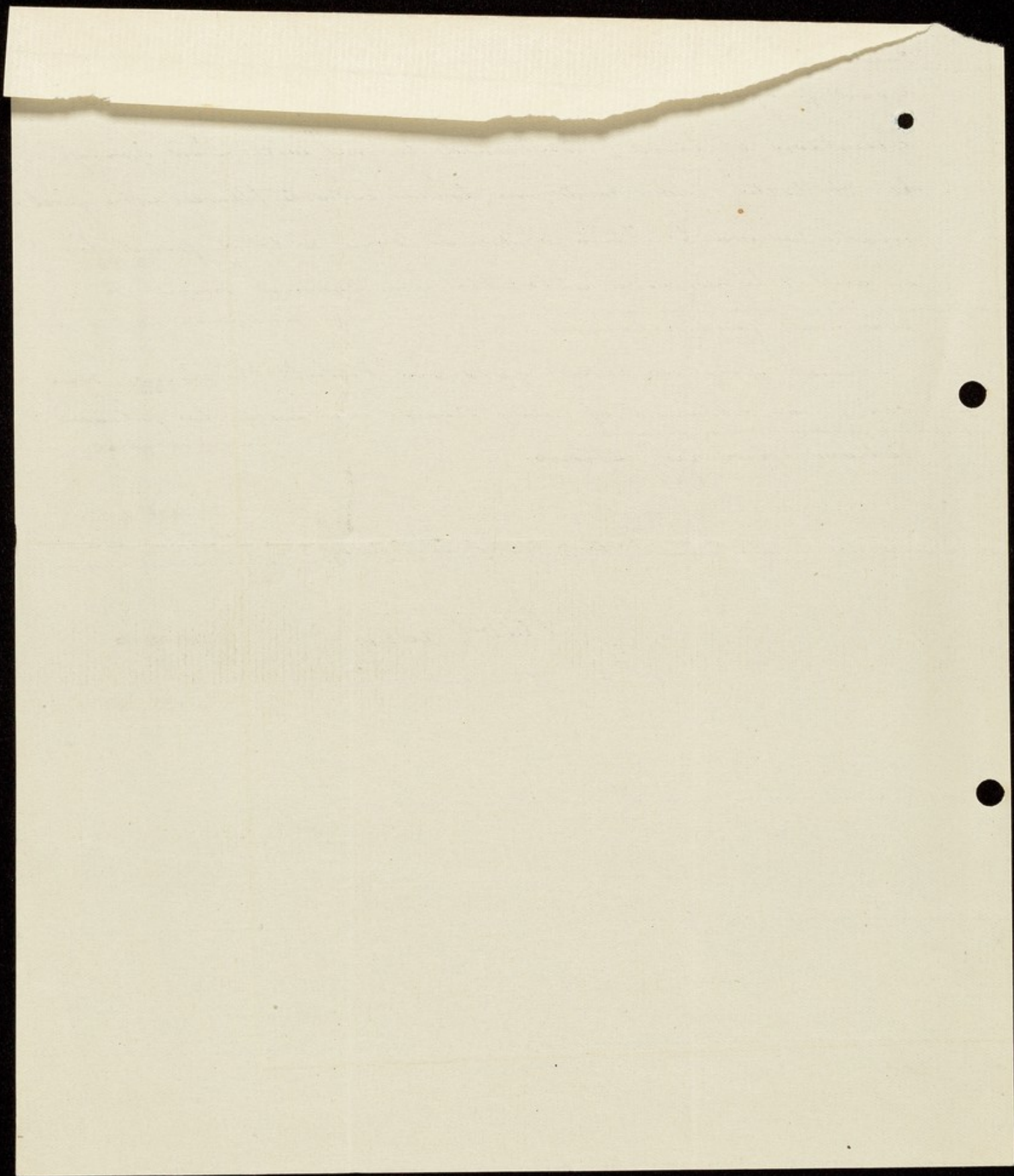
Should you as time goes on think the time has come for change of any kind we will be pleased to have your suggestions.

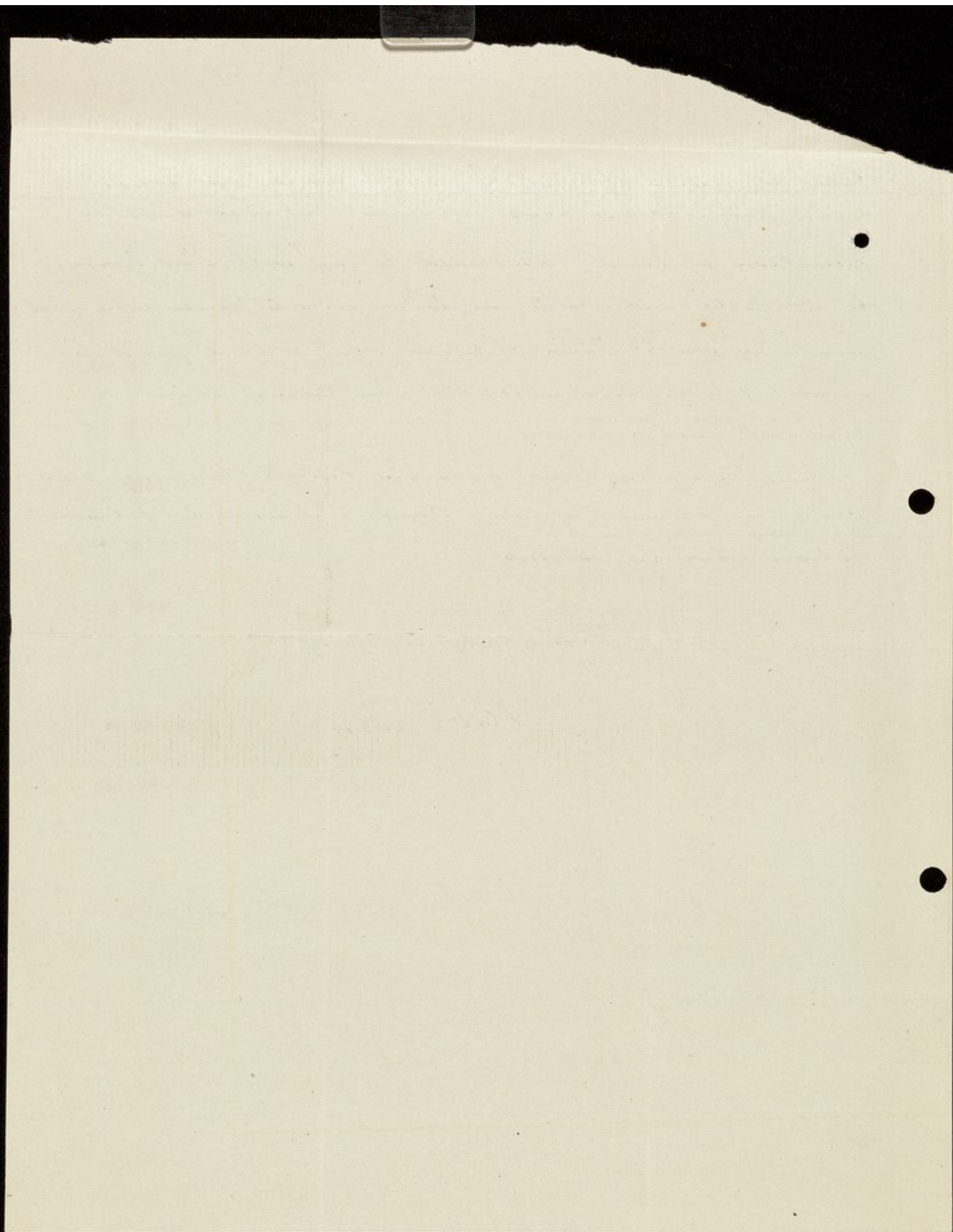
Yours very Sincerely

R W Crosby

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to Kustant Ma<sup>724</sup>  
Harrogate  
Sunday Afternoon

Dear Dr. Keice

As you will know I  
came to see my Daughter yesterday  
and had a great surprise to find her  
(to my mind) so much improved we  
had a really very nice afternoon  
together. The only thing that seemed  
to trouble her was could she not come  
home now as she was sure her mind  
was quite clear of course I told her  
that could not be yet or we should  
only undo all you had done for her  
but she did not get at all excited  
about it only she shed a few tears  
very quietly she seemed to have had  
all thoughts out she said she could have  
a bed downstairs and then she would  
not be any trouble I told her to have a  
talk with you but she said she did not  
know how it was she seemed as if



she could not talk to you yet or both  
nurses but she broke through and spoke  
to one of the nurses a Scotch nurse  
she just came through the room and  
Florence said oh Mother I do like that  
nurse and she called to her and introduced  
her to me and I think the nurse was  
as pleased as I was, well I<sup>2</sup> we are now  
hoping that she has really got on the road  
for recovery she let me give her her  
tea very nicely and she seemed to quite  
enjoy it I hope she told you all about  
her afternoon I told her I would write to  
her and the nurse should read it for her  
but she said oh Mother I can read it for  
myself and it will give me something to  
think about so her Sister is writing to  
her this afternoon she says she gets very  
nervous now of the other Patients but I  
told her she must be only sorry for them  
as they could not have her, I got the letter  
when I got home last night for which I thank  
you it was kind to have the good news sent to us  
that she was taking her food if she keeps better  
we shall come through pretty often now so  
long as we do no harm, she seems to think  
she will never be able to walk but I suppose  
that will pass in time she never mentioned  
being dead this time, Kindest regards  
Yours very truly  
E. Crosby



May 17, 1915

Dear Mrs. Crosby,

I am glad to say that the improvement in your daughter continues. She was able to speak to me to-day, and I took her a little walk round the corridor. She has gone on to the Ladies' Terrace instead of the Balcony, and consequently she will not have anything to do with the troublesome patients.

I quite expect she will now make rapid progress. She showed me a carnation, and told me you had given it to her.

Yours very truly,



May 17, 1918

Dear Mrs. Crosby,

I am glad to say that the improvement in your  
daughter continued. She was able to stand for a few  
days, and I took her a little walk toward the courtyard.  
She had gone on to the ladies' terrace instead of the  
balcony, and consequently she will not have anything to  
do with the tuberculosis matter.  
I will expect she will now make rapid pro-  
gress. She showed me a consultation, and told me you  
had given it to her.  
Yours very truly,



Throsenby Hall  
Scarborough

Tuesday

My Dear J. Plamp.

I think I am the  
happiest girl in the world. I  
am delighted with Throsenby  
and all who are here. They are all  
exceedingly kind. Yesterday we  
went for a very nice drive to Haskins.  
It was just lovely. Some of the  
stranger ones walked to Forge Valley.  
It was quite delightful to have  
Father and Mother here to  
receive me last Saturday.

They thought they saw a great  
change in me from the last time  
they saw me so I must still

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be improving. Did Sister Gledys  
tell you I have gained (since  
leaving Dr. Drummond) 1 st. 3 lbs. I  
was 6 st. 2 lb. and now 7 st. 5 lb. I think  
it is splendid. Thanks to all the  
care and attention I have had while  
under your care. You know I cannot  
thank you enough for restoring me  
to health and strength and returning  
me by and by to my Mother just at  
the age when I can be a companion  
and help to her.

Dearest Love to you.

Flora Crosby

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6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Apr 13/15

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Herewith I enclose  
cheque value £36.12.0 covering  
the apc for my daughter.

Needless to say we feel  
much disappointed that  
there is no improvement.  
We had our hopes some  
what raised about last  
visit. But we must still  
keep hoping.

Yours sincerely  
R W Crosby

APPLICAP DUPLICATION SYSTEM (L.P.S.) LTD., CANADA



22nd March, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Crosby,

The account given of Miss Crosby certainly indicates some improvement. The catalepsy she refers to is constantly associated with stupor, and they are not necessarily different things. I will write again in a few days.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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6 Rutland Road <sup>J38</sup>  
Harrowale  
March 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Dr Peirce

My Husband and I came yesterday (as you will know) to see our Daughter and were sorry to hear from the Sister that there is no apparent change. But when we were with her she seemed much more sensitive she quite sobbed when I kissed her as soon as we saw her and you could see she made quite an effort to control herself but the tears rolled down her cheeks and she looked at me very pitifully when I told her her brothers and sister sent their love and some flowers and then she said Oh Mother it is no use I am dead then she told me how she



had written, & me and the nurse, had  
held her hand but she said I've not  
been any use since but she said  
"O" says it is not Stupor but  
Cataplexy and I said I thought she  
meant Epilepsy but she said Oh  
no Mother it is Cataplexy. Now O  
I know you will do anything that  
is in your power for my daughter  
if this Cataplexy is a disease is  
there any possible cure for it beyond  
what you are doing for her it is  
really painful & her to say no one  
understands me and don't leave me  
Mother, she seemed to be more like  
what she was about a month  
before we brought her & you she  
only spoke just above a whisper  
her Father could not hear what she  
said, but the look of despair when  
I said we must go was really painful  
she can Mother do tell the Dr what  
I've told you, she seems to know that  
everyone thinks she has just gone



out of her mind which of course I  
suppose in a sense she has and  
yet in some sense ~~as~~ she seems  
just as intelligent as any of us  
she always seemed as if ~~as~~ she wanted  
to explain her feelings & so before  
she got so very bad when she would  
not speak to anyone else

Now Dr. I hope you will excuse my  
troubling you with this letter but you  
know how I am just trying for her  
recovery and of course we are hoping  
it may be soon as it is about the  
time that she recovered before but  
a disease of this kind must run  
her eventually if something is not  
done to prevent it recurring or to  
cure it if that is possible if it  
is not we can only submit and  
try to trust where we cannot see  
we have every confidence in your  
opinion and if you think anyone  
could do anything for Flossie I am  
sure you would advise us



I think my Husband told you that  
Flossie ~~was~~ ~~as~~ was engaged to be  
married well we received a letter from  
him saying the engagement must be  
broken off so he and Flossie could  
never marry now whether he ever  
was soon or late now this is quite  
right only I know Flossie will not  
think it will have cost her so much  
but I want to ask you if Flossie  
ever or not to allow any letters to be  
posted to the Cartwrights from her  
last time she wrote letters that we  
were rather sorry for afterwards that  
she would not ~~if~~ have written if she  
had been quite herself we may have  
to ask you to break this to her at  
sometime but will leave it at  
present

Kindest regards  
Yours very sincerely  
E Crosby



6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Feb 25/15

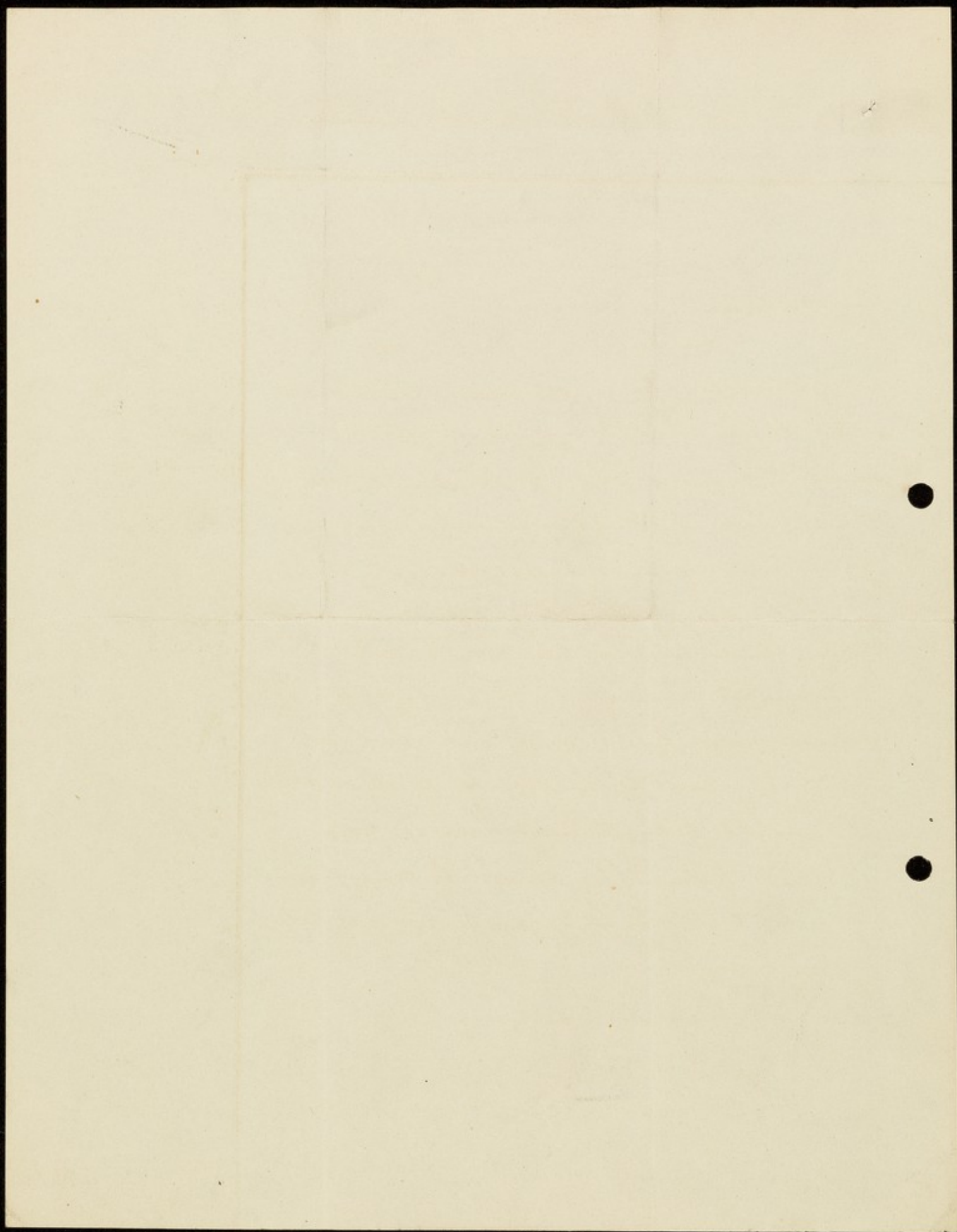
Dr Pierce

Dear Sir Having had an experience we have felt it was not of much use to address many enquiries to you as to the progress of our daughter. But now that about four months have passed by we would like to know whether you have any opinion as to whether there <sup>are</sup> any hopeful signs of recovery. On the occasions of our visits we have thought Flossie seemed more passive than before. Whether such is really so & if so whether it is for better or worse of course we have no idea.

However we shall be very pleased to have a line from you.

Sincerely Yours

R W Crosby





✓  
6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Oct 30/11

Dear Matron

Whilst I am enclosing you this formal notice I am wondering whether you or Dr Pierce recognize that you are sending to your old patient Flossie Crosby late of Middleboro who was so long under your kind & skillful care.

Tell the Doctor it is the same will you; ask him if he would like to see me to know if he could be of any further help. I feel sure he would be only too glad to help if he could and he might like to know how we were placed. I should be pleased to come & have a word with him if he would say when I might come.

Sincerely Yours

R W Crosby

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Nov. 19 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the  
Retreat Comtee the terms for Mrs  
Corrady were fixed at \$3.00 a week  
I enclose the usual form of Agreement  
which please return to me when  
Completed

Yours faithfully  
Wm E. Waller  
Secy.

W. R. Corrady, Eng.



Jan. 19 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the  
Protectants the terms for this  
group were fixed at \$3.00 a week  
for the use of the school for of agreement  
that please return to me when  
convenient.

Yours faithfully  
W. B. Brown

W. B. Brown



AND

6, PARK SQUARE,

LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.  
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.  
LEEDS N° 391X.

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

May 14, 1909

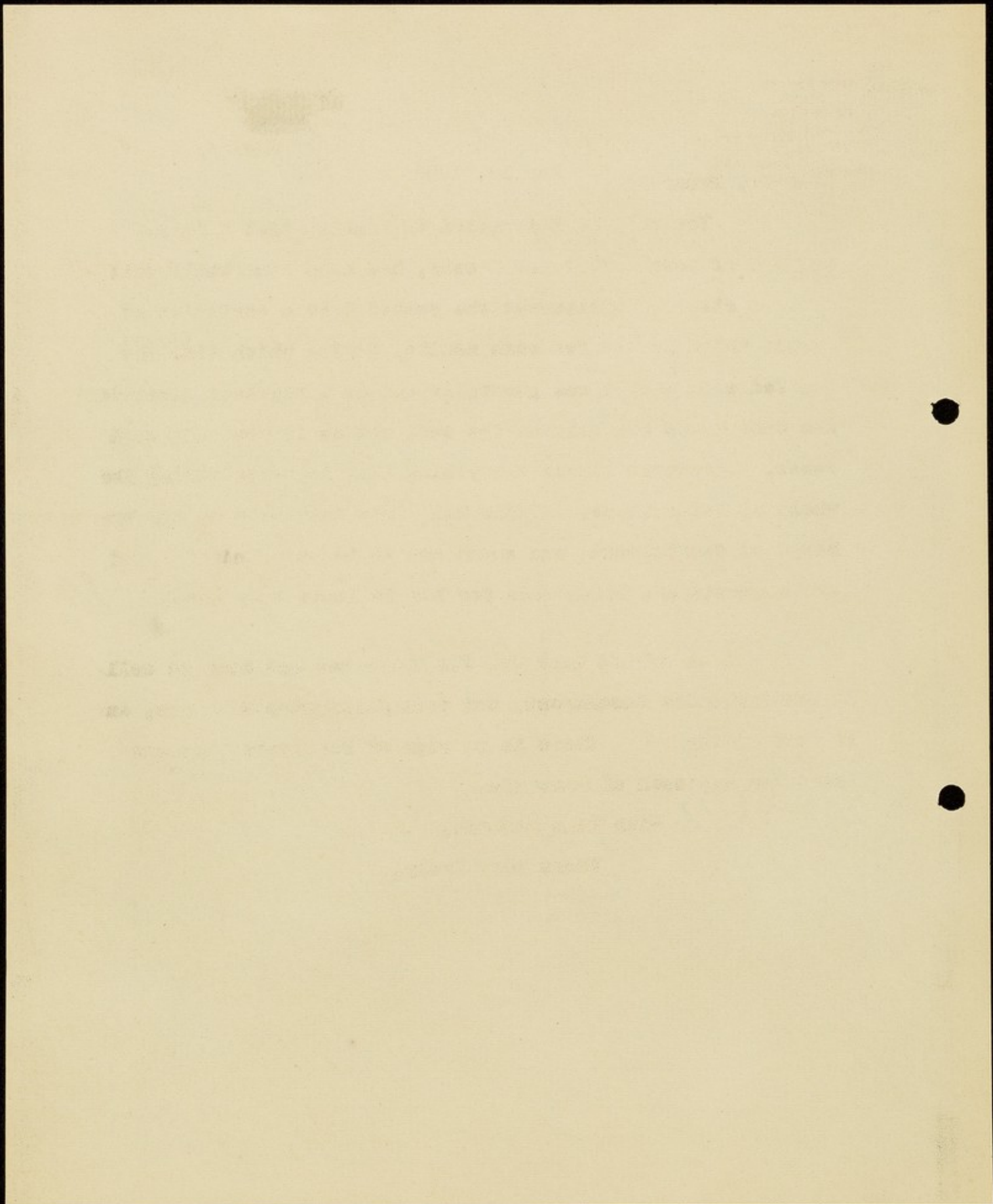
May 14, 1909

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I found Miss Crosby very much better, and I consider she is now well enough to leave. She herself seems to have been very happy at Throxenby and is in no hurry to go, but wishes to fall in with your plans.

It is very pleasant to find her so well, and I see no reason why she should not remain so.

Yours very truly,





May 14, 1909

Dear Dr. Drummond,

You will be interested in hearing that a former patient of yours, Florence Crosby, has done remarkably well here. After a stage of excitement she passed into a condition of stupor which lasted for some months, during which time she was fed with a tube and generally was in a hopeless condition. She came round suddenly at the end, and as is usual in such cases, remembered almost everything that happened during the whole of her illness. She has since then been at our branch house at Scarborough, and seems now to be quite nicely; and arrangements are being made for her to leave very soon.

I am afraid that Mr. J.A.Brown has not done so well. He remains quite incoherent, and does silly stupid things, and is very untidy. There is no sign of Paralysis, but one fears the approach of Dementia.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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May 10, 1909

Dear Mr. Crosby,

I must not attempt to answer your kind letter received this morning except merely to say that the plan you suggest seems to me quite suitable.

I should think a short stay at Scarborough and then a family holiday at some suitable and convenient place would be just the thing.

Please excuse me today as I am very closely occupied, but I shall hope to write again after I have seen Mrs. Crosby next Thursday.

Yours very truly,

SHAW  
160 BLANK  
SQUAD

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is still some thing to be  
desired & I suppose  
that can only be acquired  
by time.

Would you then think  
she would be of us a  
fair way for coming &  
settling down at home?

And of course I have  
no doubt but you  
would kindly call &  
see her at the Co  
Cliff one of the days  
when you were at  
Scrabo.

I shall be pleased  
to have you reply at  
your earliest convenience  
as sundry arrangements  
will have to be made

Sincerely Yours  
Robert W. Crosby

Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

May 9<sup>th</sup>/09

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

I think I  
shall always feel grateful  
to Dr. Black when talking  
with him when my daughter  
was getting worse when he  
said "well you must send  
her to Dr. Pierce I know  
of no man who is so clever  
& has been so successful  
in bringing about  
recoveries as he" You  
will understand Sir this  
is no attempt at flattery  
but is an endorsement  
very heart felt.

I saw Flossie again

yesterday I was able to  
detect a marked im-  
provement in her.

Write now for your  
further opinion and  
guidance for the near  
future. Supposing I  
put it as I think you  
outlined there if it is  
not as you think best  
for any reason you will  
kindly indicate what  
you do propose.

First then Mrs Crosby  
will go to Scarborough  
say next Friday or Saturday  
and take Flossie and  
stay with her for 10 or 14

days at the Esplanade  
Boarding House over the  
South Cliff. The terms  
there for this very early  
season are very moderate  
for even the best rooms.

Then the idea is to go  
(the three of us if we can)  
Mrs C & myself for a nice  
holiday of about a  
fortnight either to the  
South of England, or to  
Wales or a little tour in  
Scotland. say starting  
at Rothesay and making  
a few excursions. This  
would give entertainment  
& change if only it would  
be long enough. The fact  
of seeing improvement in  
her only proves that there



Throesly Hall  
Pembroke  
Tuesday

My Dear Dr Pierce

I do want to see  
you before I leave Throesly.  
I think Mother intends me to  
go with her the end of this week.  
Can you possibly spare a little  
of your valuable time to come and  
see your baby before she goes out-  
into the world once more, and give  
her some good advice. I am very  
very happy here. I could stay  
very well for 3 months, but I  
want to be with my own people  
which I suppose you think is

I had a lovely long letter from  
her last Sunday morning, she  
seems to be exceedingly happy  
now she is with her people once more.

I really cannot thank you enough  
for all the care and attention I  
have had while under the care  
of you and your splendid staff.

Love.

Florence Crosby.

Kind regards to Mr. Purvis and  
Miss Hamilton Dr. Black and  
Dr. Plengri.

only a natural and healthy wish.  
I do not think I have ever  
felt as well in my life as I do  
at the present time. I am as  
brown as a gipsy. Dad said I  
looked the picture of health when he  
was here on Saturday last.

The weather is just perfect.  
Yesterday we had a lovely drive  
through the Forge Valley it was  
glorious. You have a charming  
staff of nurses they are all  
trying their best to spoil me  
I am sure. I miss Miss Dickman  
very much. she is a sweet girl



March 9, 1909

Dear Sir,

I shall be pleased to see you respecting Miss Crosby and shall be at home tomorrow, Thursday, and also on Saturday, and I shall probably be at liberty at almost any time on these days. If you come over to see Miss Crosby no doubt I

can see you either before or after your interview with her.

I fear we cannot report any improvement yet, and she is still quite unable to attend to herself in any way.

Yours very truly,

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DEPARTMENT OF  
THE  
TREASURY  
OFFICE  
OF THE  
COMPTROLLER  
OF THE  
TREASURY



would be helpful to me  
for I find the task a  
very difficult one.

Now I wish you to fit  
the day & time at your  
convenience either this  
or any other week will  
do I know next week  
is your busy week.

In the mean while I  
shall be pleased to have  
a line from you saying  
how Flossie is.

Kind regards

Sincerely Yours

Robert W Crosby

Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

March 8/09

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

I have felt  
for some time now that  
I ought to come & see  
you again to hear from  
you what you now  
think about my daughter  
& what you think the  
future has for her.  
Then if you will I  
would like to talk over  
with you the best means  
of my making provision  
for her. Your experience  
must be such as -





Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

Jan 5/08

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

It is our  
intention to pay you a  
visit tomorrow morning  
(Wednesday) to see & hear  
how Fanny daughter is.

We are so very anxious  
that waiting beyond a  
limited time is very  
difficult. I would like to  
say we will be guided  
entirely by you as to  
whether we see her or not.  
We would not wish to if  
you thought it would tend

to excite her. Tell Dr Kemp  
to try & solace my wife  
a bit as regards the way  
you care & tend to your  
patients. My Wife feels  
terribly her child cut off  
in her affections without  
Motherly love & Sympathy.  
It is a hard case.

Kind regards

Faithfully Yours

Robert W Crosby

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of that time approaching?  
3<sup>rd</sup> Our visit seemed to quite  
her on the last occasion  
should I come to see her or  
wait awhile yet?.

Have you had any reason  
to alter your opinion yet  
that you think it will  
be a very long time before  
there can be any improve-  
ment.

I have misgivings about  
writing to you knowing  
how fully occupied your  
time must be. But I think  
you will excuse when you  
remember the intense  
anxiety we feel.

Sincerely Yours

Robert W. Crosby

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Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

Dec 14/08

9.12.  
Mr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir We thank you  
for your letter (through Dr  
Kemp) of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.

We note you think my  
daughter "just a shade  
better & that she seems to  
notice things around her  
more." There are one or two  
things I fear I did not  
ask you sufficient about.

1<sup>st</sup> If the time should come  
that in your judgment  
she would be better nursed  
alone what would be the cost.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Do you think this taking  
more notice any indication

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impression that Flossie  
was not at all comfortable.  
If she has seemed to you  
to have settled down with  
you mention it in  
your letter without saying  
any thing about my  
reference to it.

My wife wishes me to  
ask if you think it would  
be any use her writing a  
letter to Flossie.

She proposes to send  
her the "Quiver" magazine  
each month if it is of no  
use to her kindly accept  
it for others that may be  
able to read.

Sincerely Yours

Robert W Crosby

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1.12  
Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

9/13  
Middlebrow

Dr Bedford Pearce

Dear Sir

We would very  
much like to hear from you  
how our daughter is getting  
on. Her Mother is intensely  
anxious for she thinks of  
her hourly never seeming  
to have her out of her thoughts.

If therefore there is any  
better news it will be helpful  
indeed. Possibly the  
nurse would tell you our  
sister has seemed to excite  
her a good deal & my wife  
seems to have felt the  
painfulness of it. She  
seems to get the

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Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

Nov 14 / 08

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

We thank you  
for your letter of a week  
ago. We will come to see  
you to hear from your-  
self what you think  
about our daughter.

If quite convenient to  
yourself will come on  
Thursday evening at York  
about 2 P.M.

Should this not be a  
convenient time will  
come any day & time  
you name as I find  
there are no days on  
which cheap fares are  
issued to York.

Sincerely Yours  
Robert W. Crosby

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AT HOME, PARK TERRACE,  
10 A.M.  
6.30 TO 7.30 P.M.  
AT SURGERY, GRANGE ROAD E.  
10 TO 10.30 A.M.  
5.30 TO 6.30 P.M.

PARK TERRACE,  
MIDDLESBROUGH,

NAT. TELEPHONE 300.

2. 11. 08

Dear Dr Peirce

I have certified Miss  
Florence Crosby as insane and  
she is leaving here in the morn-  
ing for the Retreat. She is  
now very bad and has got ra-  
pidly worse - I first saw her in  
July for this illness and thought  
then it was a case of hysteria  
I advised change away & thought  
she would now be all right. She  
went to Saltburn in Aug & was  
under Dr Bramwell's care. The

found that she was getting (889)  
worse & advised removal to a  
nurse & Miss Hutchell treat-  
ment. She afterwards went to  
Hastings & had some massage  
& was under nurses. However  
she became so strange her par-  
ents brought her home. I  
then saw that something more  
drastic ought to be done & sent  
her to Newcastle under Dr  
Drummond. Whilst there she  
got worse & had to be sent home  
on account of annoyance to other  
patients. She came home last Friday &  
has been in a more or less semi-  
conscious state ever since.

She has lost flesh very rapidly during the last 3 wks and is much more insane.

There are long fits of screaming or weeping or laughing and a sort of catatonic state at times. She has only once been really violent & that was this morning when she threw herself on the nurse & tried to bite her.

At times she has had to be fed by the nurse and takes food well that way.

There is no direct family history of insanity - but the Father had to go away for nervous breakdown & depression in Aug.

I should be glad to hear how she goes on.  
Many thanks for taking the case in so promptly.

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully,  
Wm. Maxwell

Dr. Drummond would give a second certificate if you need one. He saw her on Friday last.



AT HOME, PARK TERRACE,  
9.30 TO 10 A.M.  
6.30 TO 7.30 P.M.

AT SURGERY, GRANGE ROAD E.  
10 TO 10.30 A.M.  
5.30 TO 6.30 P.M.

PARK TERRACE,  
MIDDLESBROUGH,

NAT. TELEPHONE 300.

Nov. 1908

Further evidence of Insanity in  
the case of Florence Phoebe Crosby

She will lie for long periods with  
her eyes open & staring in a vacant  
unconscious manner not taking the  
slightest notice if any one approaches  
her or speaks to her.

She is quite unable to feed herself  
and at times will let fluids run  
out of her mouth when being fed.  
During her fits of excitement she  
will pull dreadful grimaces - at  
times seeming to be in abject terror  
so much so that the sweat will  
run off her forehead and she will  
utter piercing shrieks which no  
amount of soothing talk will stop.

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This will go on till she becomes  
exhausted. At other times she  
will try to beat her head against  
the head of the bed or will throw  
her arms about in a meaning-  
less manner. She has never  
spoken to me for 6 or 7 weeks or  
shown any signs of recognition  
altho I have known since she  
was a child.

She has never taken narcotics  
unless ordered by a doctor and that  
only in the last 10 days.

I attribute the condition to her  
age - an adolescent Insanity -  
Menstruation has ceased for the last  
2 or 3 months.

Signed

W. H. Stowell

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I ask you to drop us  
a line saying how she  
has since Tuesday.

Also say whether you  
think I might come to  
see you & hear your  
opinion about her &  
when. I will be only  
too glad to come if you  
desire it.

If nothing much  
can be said about the  
Patient at this stage  
Kindly say some thing  
for the comfort of my  
poor wife about the  
kindly treatment that  
she is likely to receive  
at the "Retreat". For Sir

(899)  
Silverdale,  
Cornfield Road,  
Linthorpe.

Middlesbro  
Nov 6/08

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir I should be  
pleased to know whether  
you could as yet give us  
any report of my daughter's  
condition. I know you  
have been from home &  
it may be that as yet  
you may not have had  
that opportunity of seeing  
her that would justify your  
saying much.

Should this be so may

allow me to say how  
much I was impressed  
by the kindly sympathy  
of the Matron and  
especially your Colleagues  
the Doctor who received  
us especially so when  
the papers were not in  
order.

Yours sincerely

Robert W. Crosby

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Telephones:  
Post Office No 678.  
National No 1181.

Enclosure.

6, SAVILLE PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Nov. 6th, 1908.

Dear Dr. MacKenzie,

I send you herewith Miss Crosby's certificate. Her name was written on a piece of paper and handed to me by the nurse. This I copied, hence the mistake. I have altered the date to the 29th, and hope the certificate will now be found to be in order.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*David Drummond*



G. SAVILE PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Nov. 6th, 1908.

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be found to be in order.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Nov 12 1908.

Miss F.P.Crosby.

Sir,

I send herewith the amended certificate for Miss Crosby  
and also notice of discharge from the invalid Order.  
Copies of the new Order and Cetificates were forwarded  
last Tuesday.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

Lunacy Commission.

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Nov. 7, 1908

Miss F.P.Crosby

Sir,

During my absence this week my colleague, Dr.Mackenzie, admitted this patient in a state of stupor, only one certificate having been provided. We assume that the original Order is invalid, and by Monday I hope to send copies of a new Order and Certificates.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

Lunacy Commission.





Nov. 7, 1908

Dear Sir,

I return you your certificate in the case of Miss Crosby. May I ask you to change the vowels in the name "Phoebe" to make it read "Pheobe", as her father tells us it is spelt that way. You have also omitted the Christian name and the address of Nurse Morton. These must be given in accordance with the marginal note.

May I have them back by return of post, as the time is getting short.

Yours very truly,

Dr. R.E.Howell

Dear Sir,

This is a new kind of carbon

And this is the old



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



## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Florence P. Crosby of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of \_\_\_\_\_ the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or

cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson \_\_\_\_\_

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

WITNESS my hand the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1908

Name Robert W. Crosby

Residence Shurdale Cornfield Rd Linthorpe

Occupation Baker & Confectioner Middlesbrough

SIGNED by the said Robert W. Crosby

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Wm Dale

Acklam, Middlesbrough

Farmer.

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 Florence Phoebe Crosby    Age 25    Admitted Nov. 7. 1914  
Address 6 Rutland Road. Harrogate.  
Description Single. no occupation  
Religious Persuasion Wesleyan Methodist

P. H. Health good as a child. Since then fairly good.  
Highly nervous temperament. One previous attack.

H. P. C. (Imaginary) delusions about her looks and general  
conduct coming on very gradually. No physical cause known  
It is thought that since her last attack there has been a certain  
amount of worry.

F. H.

Father } Cousins.  
Mother }

Abstract of Certificate. Use incoherent language. Says her body is too  
big for <sup>her</sup> that she has to think about her feet and mouth when she is talking.  
Lies in bed apparently unconscious, then suddenly rouses up & throws herself  
out of bed. Refuses food. At times excitable & violent. Says she is dead  
has other delusions.

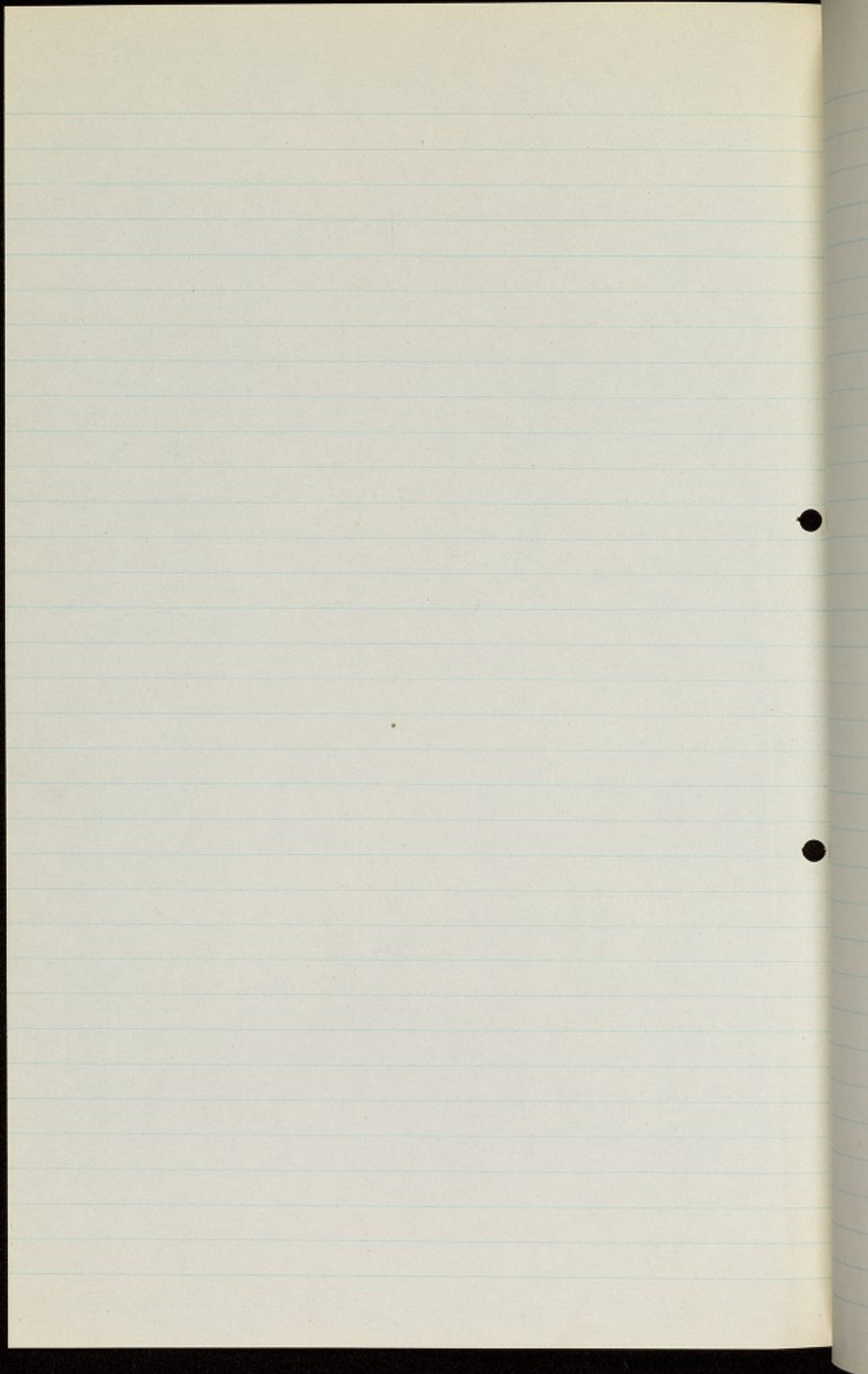
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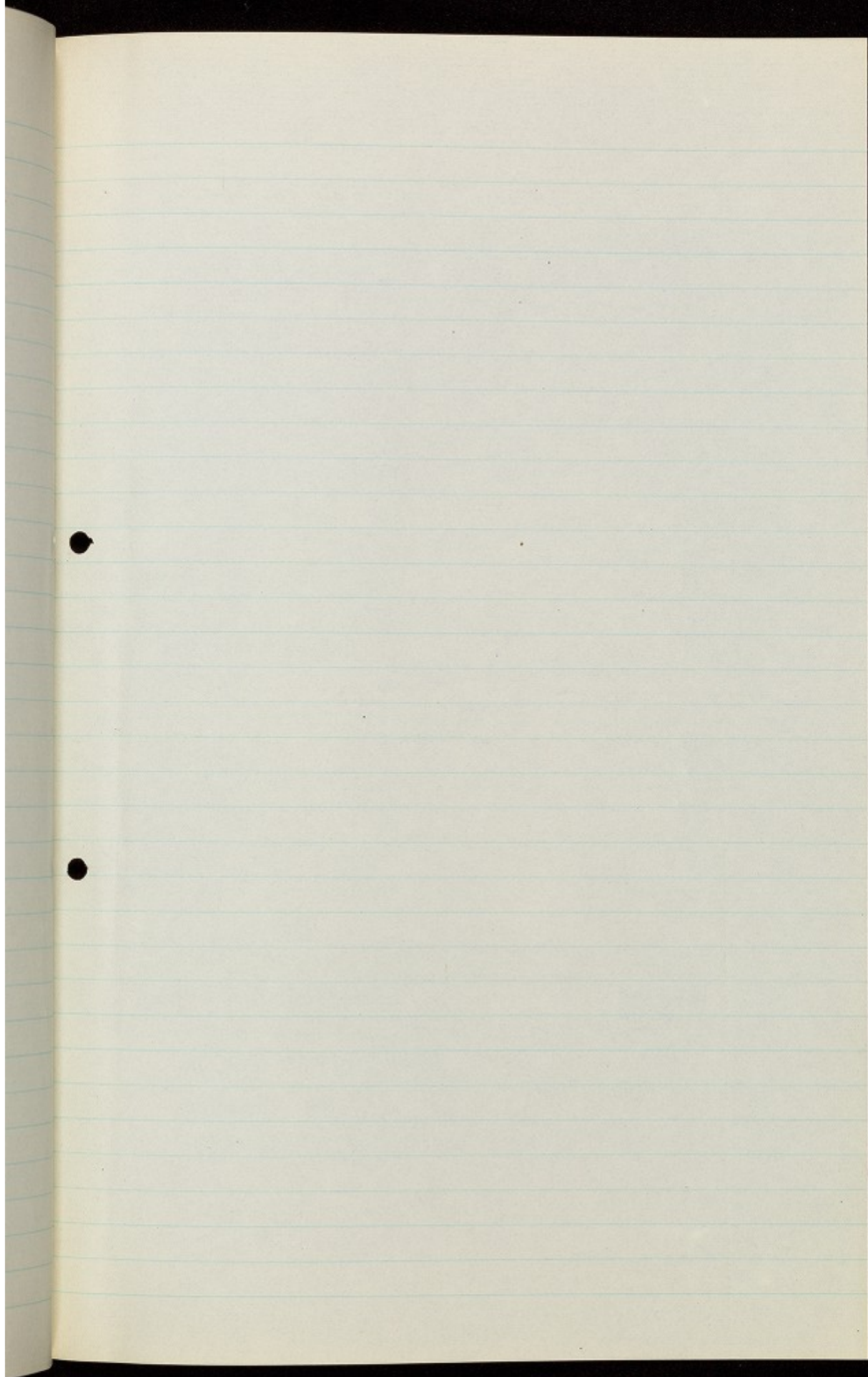
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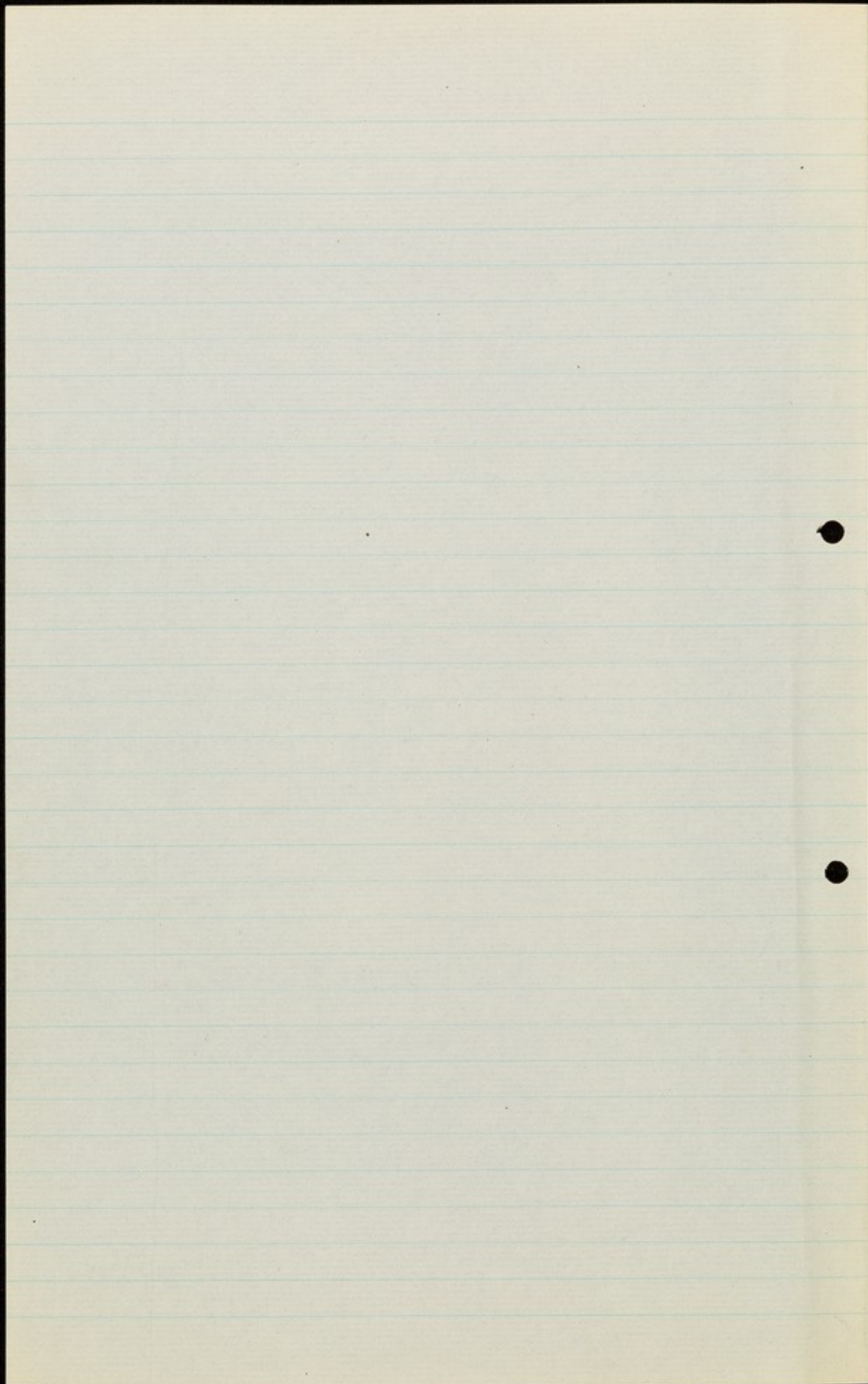
Suicidal

Homicidal.











Name Miss Crosby.

Ward Centre.

Date of Exam<sup>n</sup> Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1914

General Bodily Condition.

Height.

Weight (without clothes)

Nutrition Good.

Complexion

Injuries (if any)

Deformities

Head & Neck

Teeth Good.

Hair Very sandy & greasy.

Arms & Legs

Skin

Tongue

Respiration 98

Pulse 98

Temperature 99<sup>6</sup>

General Health

Mental Condition

Appearance Lies in bed & appears unconscious.

Clearness of Conversation. Refuses to speak.

Orientation } For a few hours on Nov: 8<sup>th</sup>, she seemed

Memory } quite normal, knew where she was & talked

Coherence } coherently, then relapsed into state of stupor.

This sudden change was immediately after an Enema was given.

Delusions Says her limbs are quite dead.

Halls: Once or twice has suddenly sat up in bed and appeared to be listening to voices

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>

Emotional State

Complaints

Conduct & Behaviour. Lies in bed quite rigid & refuses to speak.



- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> Admitted in the afternoon, very resistive & listless. Refuses to speak. Has taken liquid foods but no solids.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> Enema 30% given. very good result. Became quite sensible for a few hours. Relapsed about 8 p.m. became very resistive, struggling violent; trying to fall out of bed.
- " 9<sup>th</sup> Lying quite rigid all day, only taken 0.1 milk P.M. once in 24 hrs.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> Impulsive until 9-30 a.m. Quiet & very rigid all day, taken liquid food better.
- " 12<sup>th</sup> Very troublesome with food; bowel washed out daily with good results (constipated.)
- " 13<sup>th</sup> Tube fed 3 times.
- " 14<sup>th</sup> Taken food herself not quite so resistive.
- " 15<sup>th</sup> Taken food fairly well.
- " 16-18<sup>th</sup> Tube fed 3 times daily. Bowel washed out daily result still constipated.
- " 28<sup>th</sup> Condition continues the same.

G. Jones.

- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> No change till today, when she sat up in bed quite suddenly, looked very frightened, & made peculiar faces, but did not speak. Daily wash out discontinued. Soap Enema given every 3<sup>rd</sup> day, with good result. Has refused food & been tube fed 3 times a day.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> No change. Visited by her mother, took no notice of her.
- " 14<sup>th</sup> Continues much the same. Impulsive at times & throwing herself about. Has a burn on her leg. (right)
- " 18<sup>th</sup> Vomited a little after the morning feed. Seems about the same.
- " 28<sup>th</sup> Sat up in bed & began to talk this afternoon. Said we all thought she was ill, but were mistaken, as she was quite dead.
- " 29<sup>th</sup> Looking very frightened at times & kept saying "A. Expire"
- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> No change.
- " 6 Visited by her Father. Did not take any notice of him.
- " 10 Condition much the same. Very rigid & back rather braced.
- " 17<sup>th</sup> Much the same during the day. Restless & struggling at times during the night. Very resistive. Tube fed daily.



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Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 15

" 31<sup>st</sup>

Condition much the same. Temp. slightly raised this a.m.  
Lying rigid most of the time & very resistive. Tube fed  
in daily. Is very constipated. Apt given two or three times a week  
with very occasional result. S. Enema every 3<sup>rd</sup> day with  
good result.

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>

It struggling & very restless on Tuesday a.m. Quiet since  
until today. Restless & moaning, & seems very distressed.

" 16<sup>th</sup>

Paralyzed today. Took 3x egg & milk by cup. Also B.M. but  
rigid again at night & very resistive.

" 22<sup>nd</sup>

Quiet. Crying at times. Tube fed as usual.

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>

No change

" 21<sup>st</sup>

Vomited last night after the evening feed & twice during  
the night. Visited by her Parents. Spoke a few words  
to them & said she was dead. Very distressed & crying  
after they left.

Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>

Sat in a chair for a couple of days. Very limp.

Rigid since & impossible to bend in to a chair.

" 18<sup>th</sup>

Rigid & very resistive.

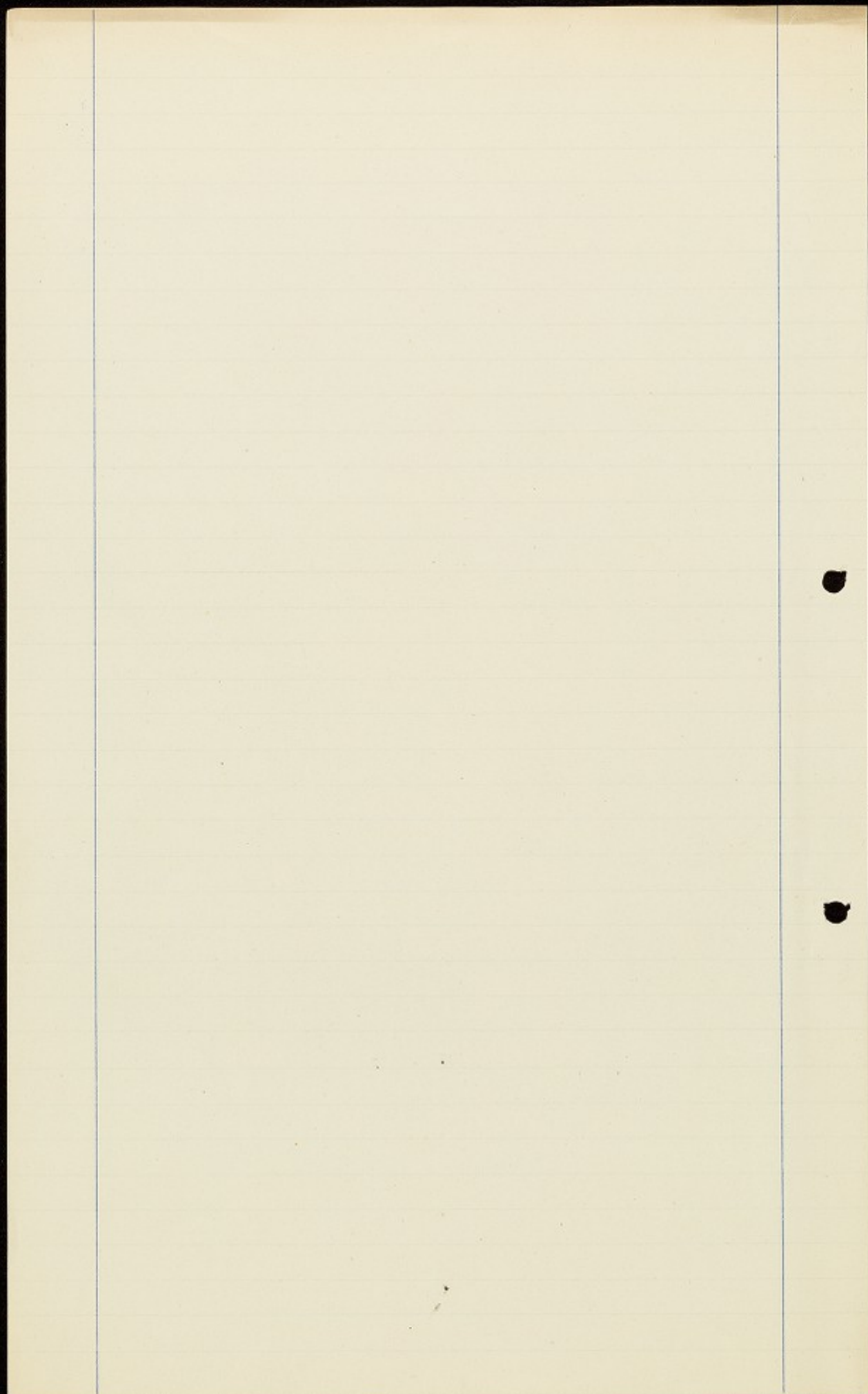
" 23<sup>rd</sup>

No change. In bed on the Balcony. Perfectly rigid  
when carried down.

" 27<sup>th</sup>

Transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Gall.

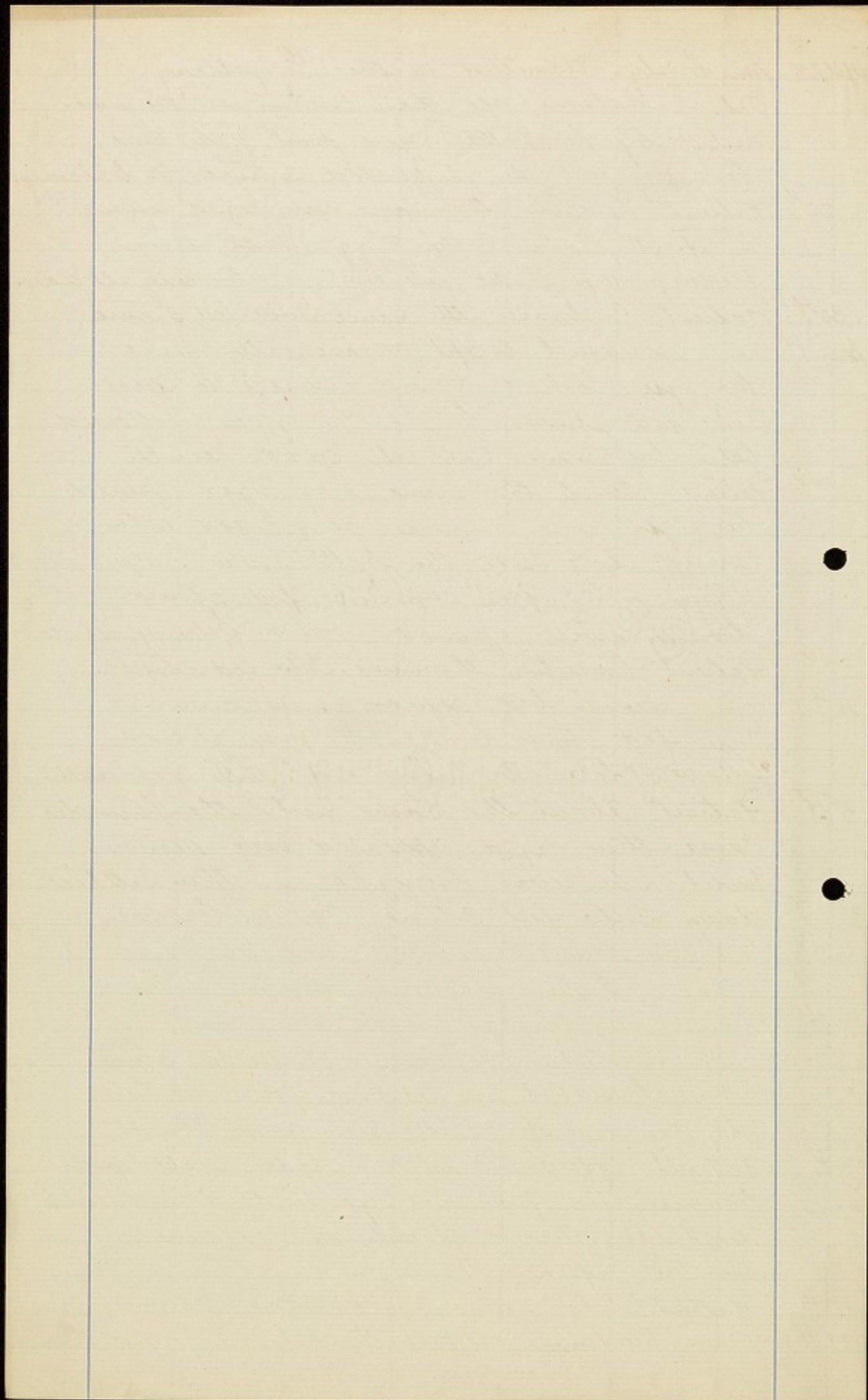
F. M. Payne





- 4<sup>th</sup>  
 April 28. Miss Crosby. Admitted on the 6<sup>th</sup> Gallery.  
 Out on balcony all day. Continues the same.  
 Irritated by her father. Cried part of the time.  
 he was with her. Tube fed 3 times. On balcony.
- " 29<sup>th</sup> Patient. Remains the same. Very rigid. Refuses  
 to speak. Taken 6 oz of Egg & Milk from  
 feeding cup. Tube fed twice. On balcony all day.
- " 30<sup>th</sup> Patient. Continues the same. Tube fed 3 times.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> " As usual. Except occasionally opened  
 her eyes & looked round. Refused to speak.  
 Tube fed 3 times. C- Oil 3<sup>iii</sup> given. Followed  
 later by Enema Sap: with good result.
- " 2<sup>nd</sup> Patient. Much the same. Very rigid. Opened  
 her eyes once, or twice. Very rigid when  
 carried to & from the bath. Taken 6 oz  
 of Egg & Milk from Cup. Tube fed 3 times.  
 bowels well opened. Out on balcony all day.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Patient. Condition the same. Tube fed 3 times.
- 4<sup>th</sup> " Lies in bed appear unconscious.  
 Tube fed 3 times. C- Oil 3<sup>iii</sup> given at noon.  
 followed later by Enema Sap: with good result.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Patient. About the same until the Thunder  
 came, then cried. appeared very nervous  
 until she was brought in. Then settled  
 down. Tube fed 3 times. Out on balcony.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Patient. Continues the same. Very rigid.
- " Tube fed 3 times.
- 7<sup>th</sup> " No change. Tube fed 3 times.
- 8<sup>th</sup> " Condition as usual. Tube fed 3 times.  
 Had Castor Oil 3<sup>iii</sup> at noon. followed later  
 by Enema Sap: with very good result.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Patient. Appears a little brighter. Still rigid  
 occasionally opens her eyes. Looks round and  
 watches other patients on balcony.  
 Has not spoken. Tube fed 3 times.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Patient. The same, Tube fed 3 times.
- 11<sup>th</sup> " Continues about the same. Tube fed 3 times.







May  
12<sup>th</sup>

Miss Crosby appeared brighter. Seemed to take more interest in what was going on. Was seen to smile at other patients. Though refused to speak. Nurse fed her with Tea & B. & B. for supper. B. & Milk Tube fed twice. Castor Oil 3<sup>iii</sup> given followed by Enema Tap. with good result. ii

13<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Much brighter. Smiled each time Nurse spoke to her. Was fed with all food.

14<sup>th</sup>

Patient. About the same. Brighter occasionally opened her eyes. & Smiled at other patients. Nurse fed her with all food.

15<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Brighter. Taken food (spoon fed.) was visited by her Mother. & Chatted most of the time. and took Tea with her.

16<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Still improving. Speaking quite sensibly. Taken food well. Took dinner. Tea, & Supper, herself.

17<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Had a much better day. Brighter. Talked a little during the day.

Walked to & from dressing to bathroom. Out on the Terrace twice. in bath chair.

Taken food well. (Fed her self.)

18<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Had a good day. Brighter. Talked a little to the Nurses. Taken food well. Out on the Terrace. Once.

19<sup>th</sup>

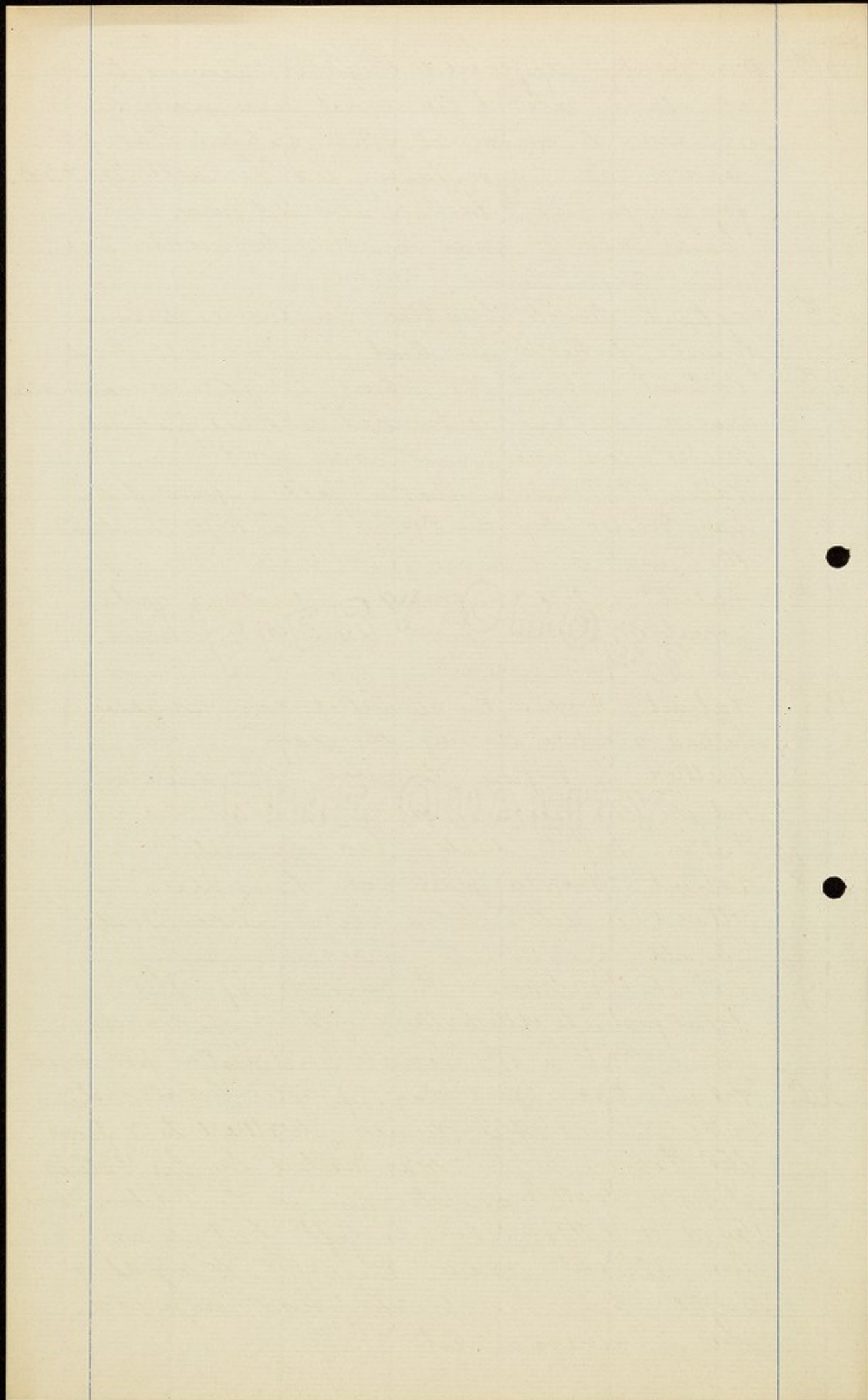
Patient. Continues to improve. Up after breakfast. Walked the length of the corridor, twice. Out on the Terrace twice. Taken food well.

20<sup>th</sup>

Patient. Had a good day. Up after breakfast. Fully dressed after dinner. Walked to & from the Terrace twice. Was visited by her Father at noon. Took Tea with him in the visitors room. Cried a little when he left. but was soon alright again. Cheerful to night. & said how much she had enjoyed her Father's visit.

J. M. Doern







Miss Crosby had a good day. Out on the terrace part of the day. White mixture given. Good result.

May  
21<sup>st</sup>

Patient had a good day. On terrace most of day. Wrote her first letter.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Patient had a good day on the terrace, walked once round the garden. Crying this evening she said some music had upset her. Better again later.

23<sup>rd</sup>

Patient on the terrace all day. Had meals in D. Hall.

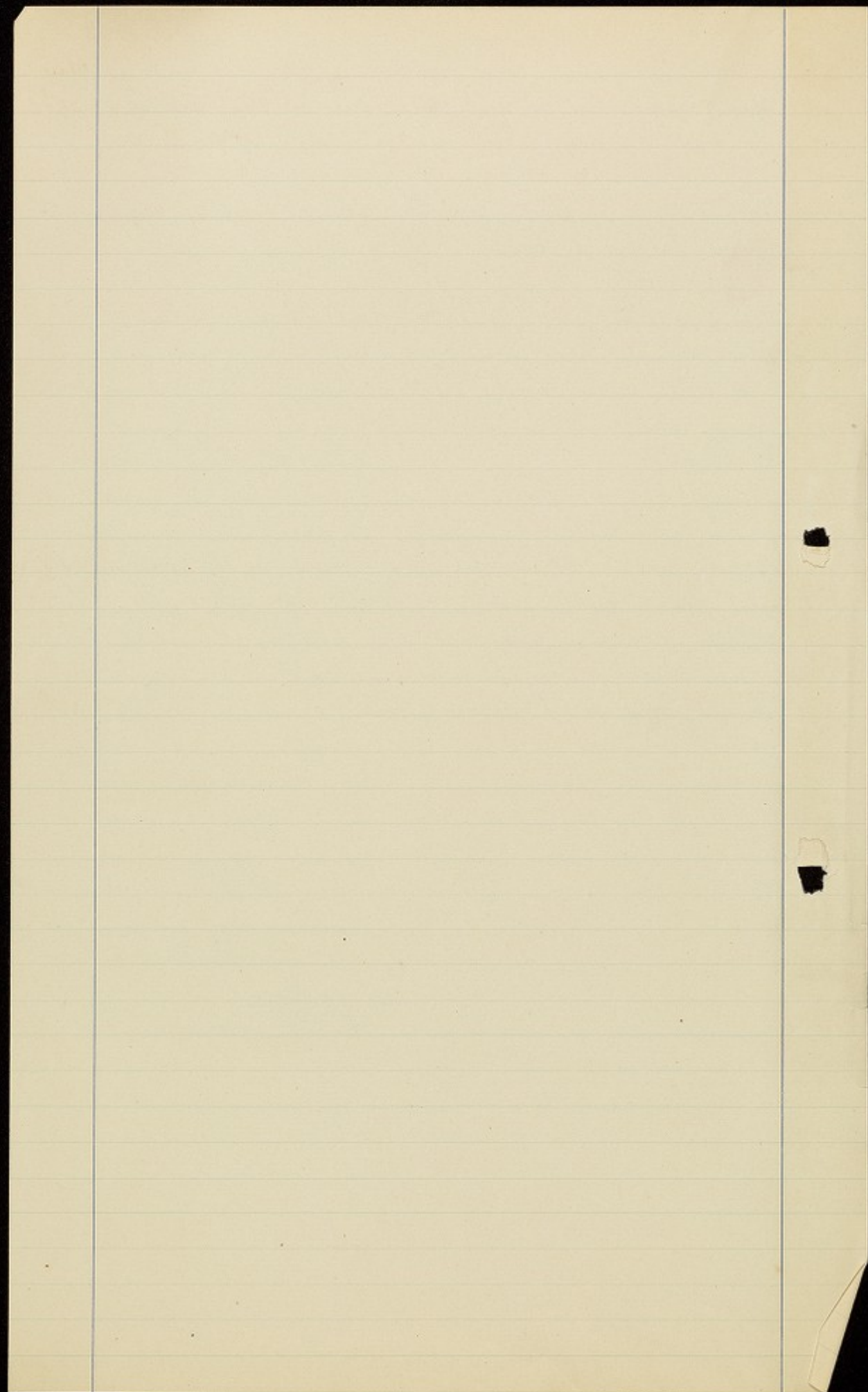
24<sup>th</sup>

Patient on the terrace all day. Visited by her mother, had tea together, crying a little. Left ankle rather swollen, compress applied.

25<sup>th</sup>

Patient went to Throscuby Hall.

26<sup>th</sup>





26th February, 1915.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

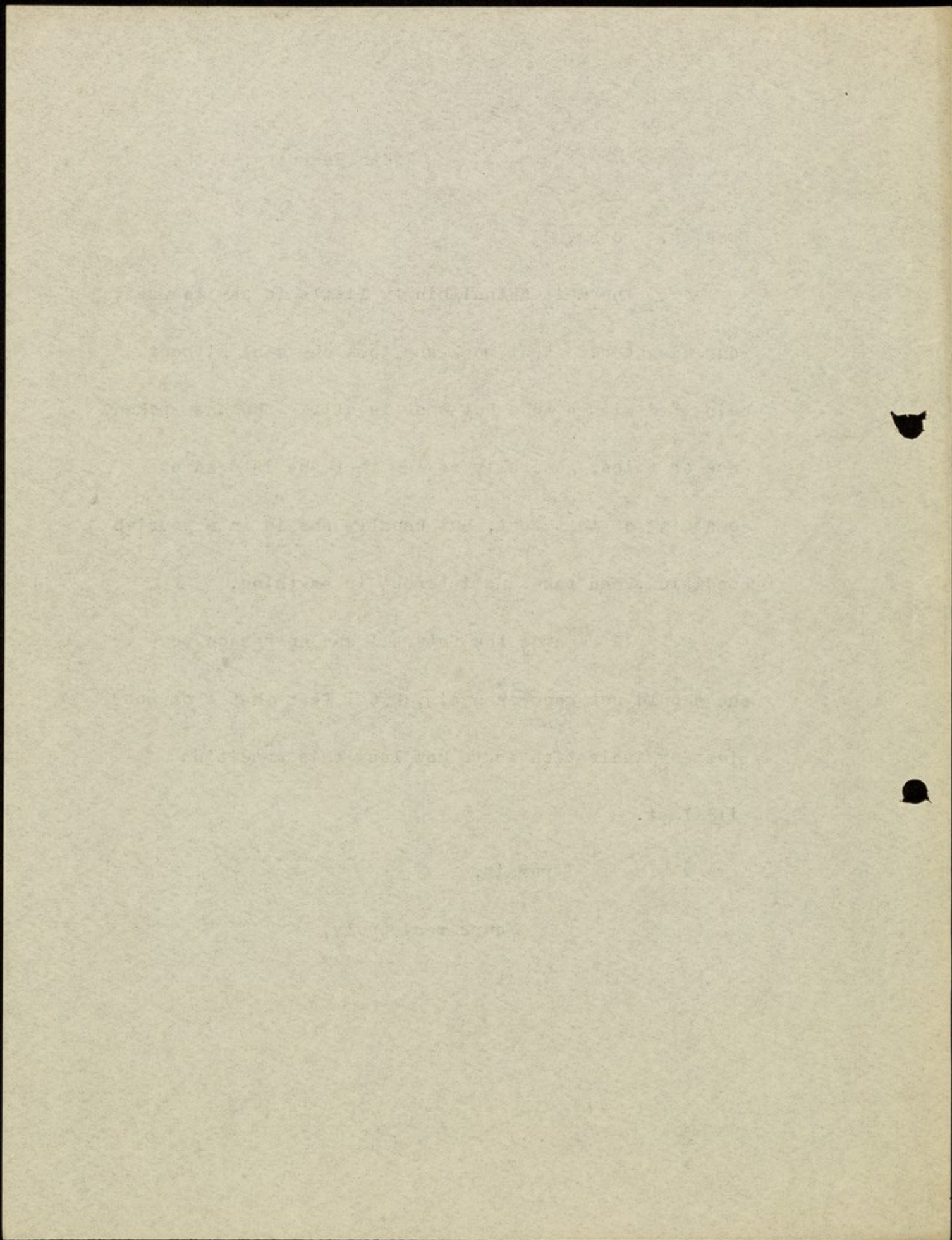
There is astonishingly little to say respecting your daughter. Last week she took one meal without being fed with a tube but that is all. She has spoken once or twice, generally saying that she is dead or something of that sort, but usually she is in a passive condition, and takes no interest in anything.

As regards the future I see no reason why she should not recover again, but I fear that I cannot give any indication as to how long this condition will last.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> /15

W<sup>th</sup> Pierce  
Dear Sir

The letter from your Secretary intimating  
the reduced terms for my daughter duly to hand.

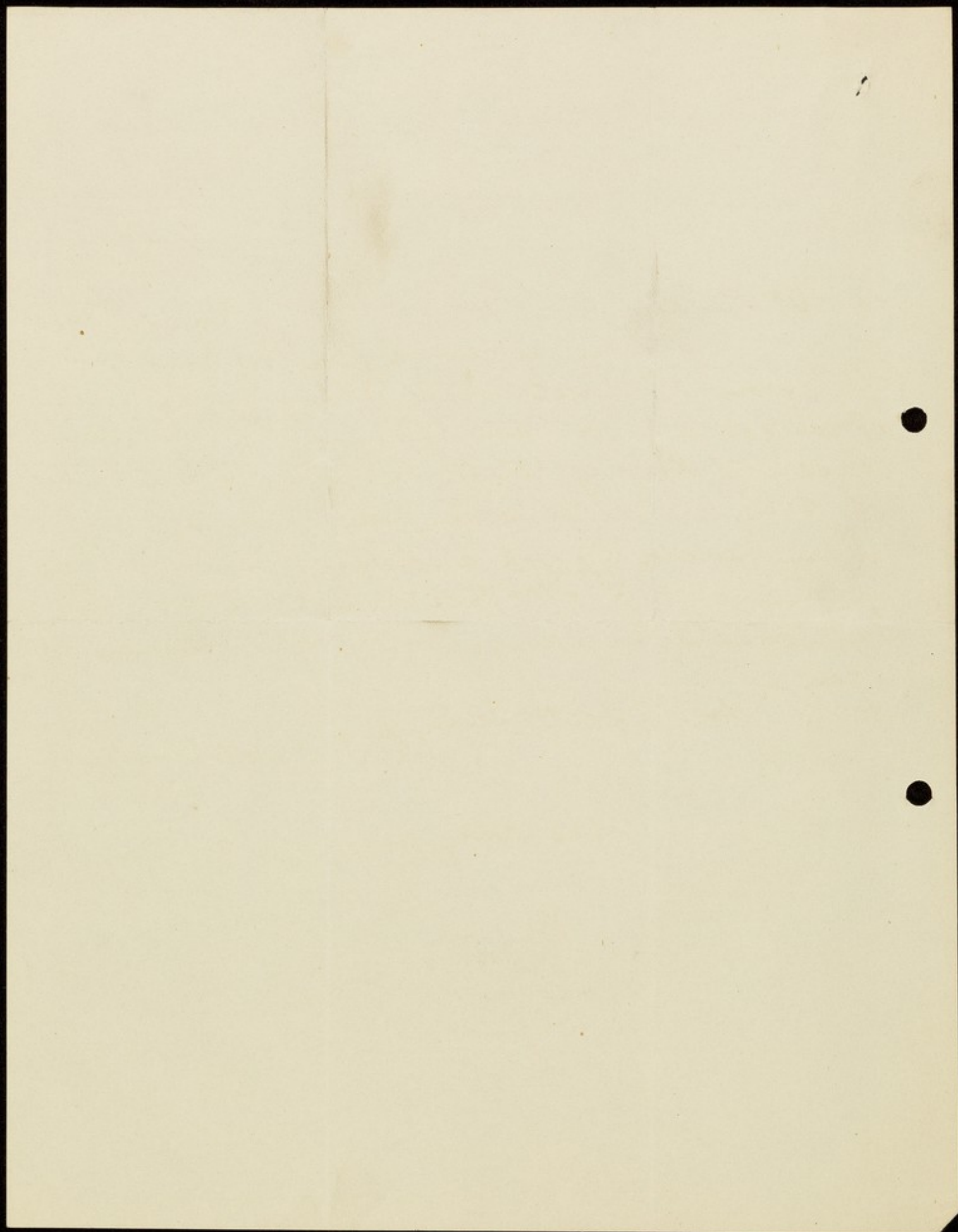
We desire to thank you personally and your  
Committee for your kindly consideration.

We note with regret there is as yet no change  
in our daughter.

We can only hope that in the near future  
you may be able to give us better news.

Sincerely Yours

R. W. Crosby

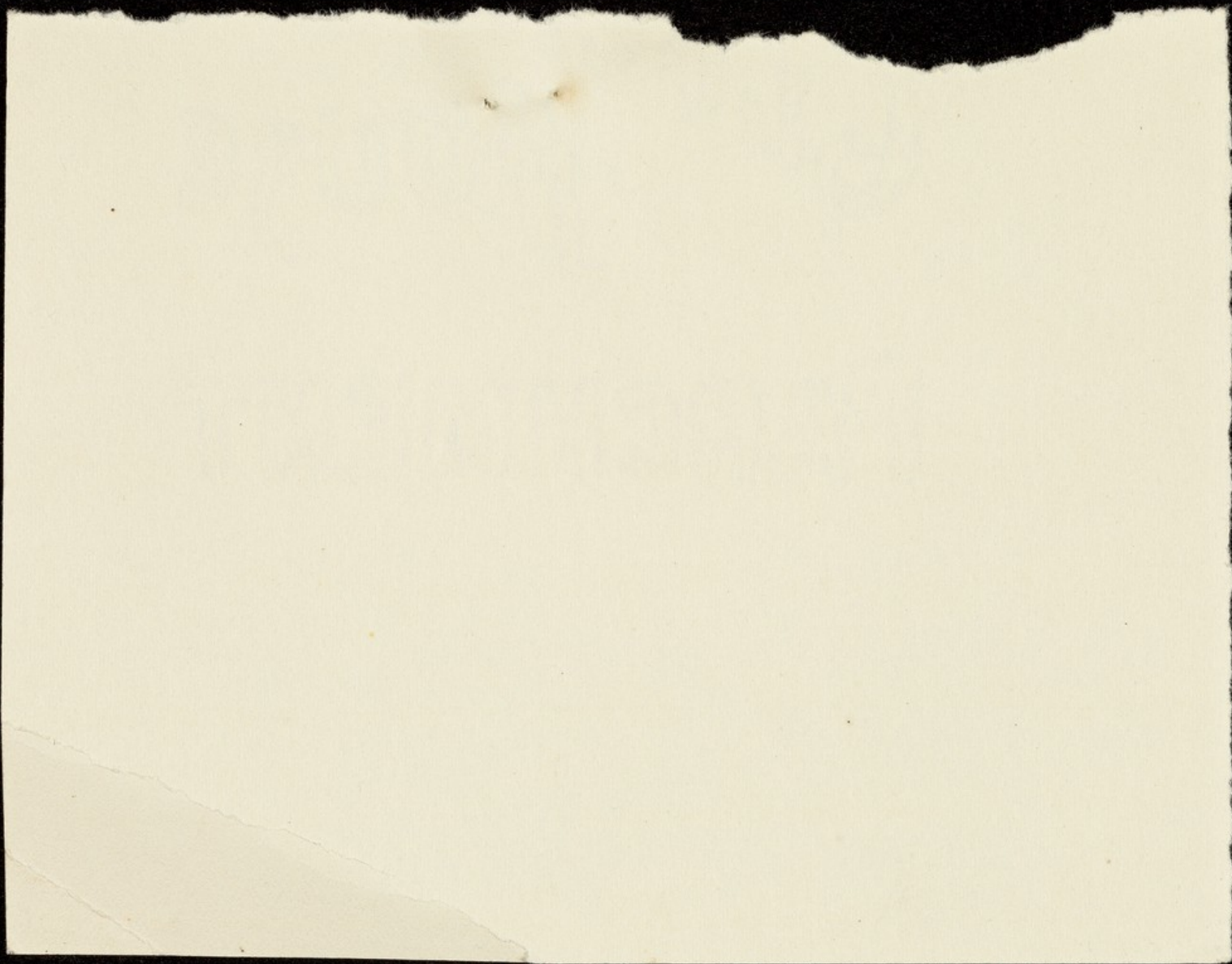




F. P. Crosby

entered Nov 7. 1914

Term.  $\frac{3}{4}$  - a week.





6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Jan 12/15

Dr. Pearce  
Bridgford  
Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of Nov 21<sup>st</sup>/14 in which  
you kindly promised to refer my letter re charges to  
your Committee Sir which you expressed the  
possibility of this reducing the charge under the  
circumstances possibly you have not had an  
opportunity of doing this as yet. As I have got  
a further apc this morning would you like me  
to send a cheque say £50 on account pending  
the decision of your committee.

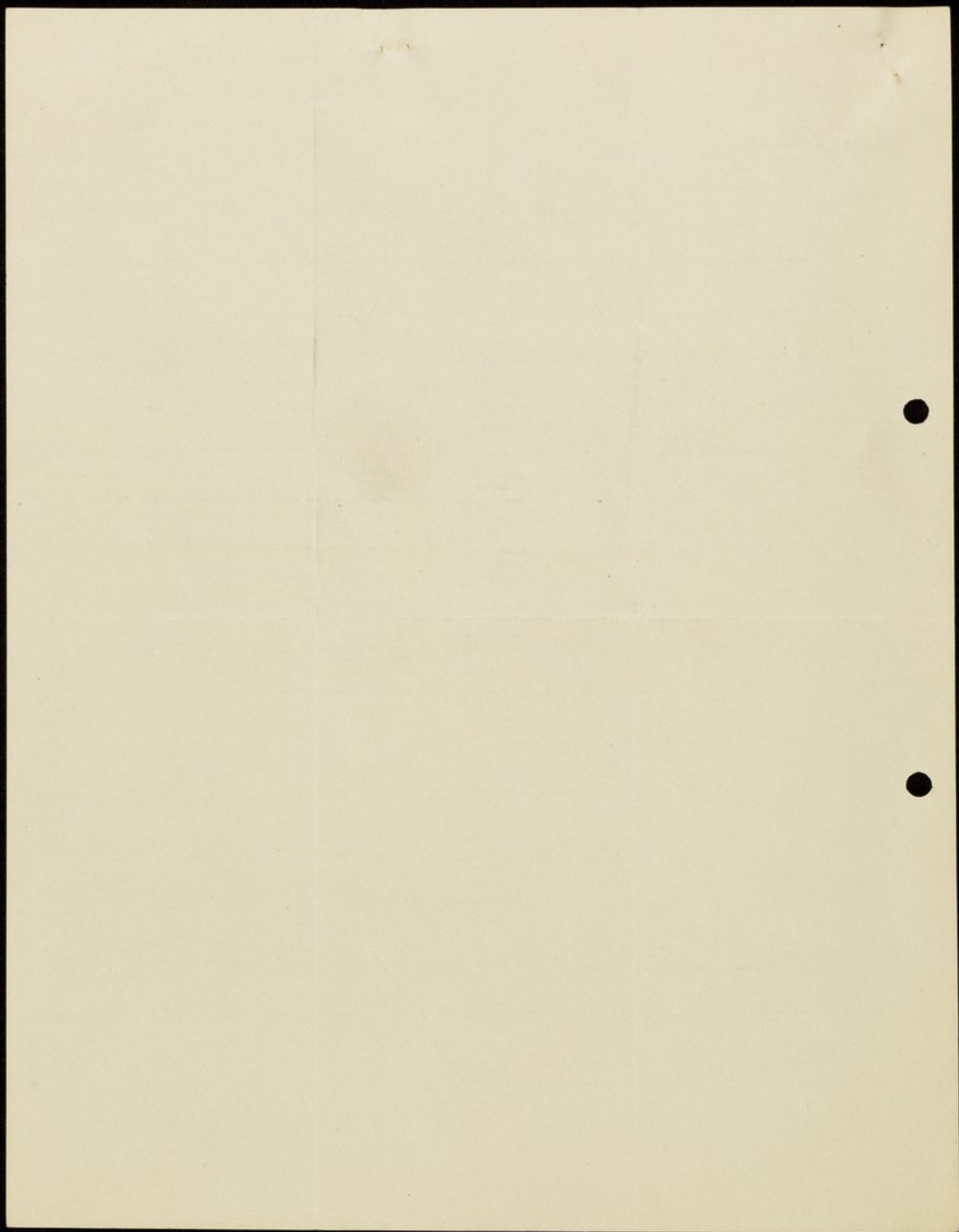
Sorry I had not an opportunity of seeing  
you when I was over last week.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

R. W. Crosby

P.S. I am sending the cheque as above but if  
you wish me to send the full I will do so on  
hearing from you. R.W.C.





J. H. Crosby

6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
1<sup>st</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> / 11

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Dr Pearce

Dear Sir By this morning post I received the ap<sup>t</sup> for my daughter which is at the rate of £3.3.0 per week. Last time it was I think about £2.8.0.

I am loath to plead inability to pay but may I put my circumstances before you frankly.

In the mean while I have retired from Business on account of ill-health. Then after six months rest I felt better and again went into business. Again after twelve months I had another breakdown & was compelled again to give up.

At the moment my total income is less than £400 per year. With two children still at school we were still able with economy to live comfortably. But when disaster like the present occurs we are faced with difficulties.

Sacrifices we are prepared to make for the support & for a limited time are prepared to pay anything to have the loved one under your care but you will see there is a limit to our ability.

Will you kindly undertake my case with your Committee & if possible have the terms made as before. If you would

wish to discuss the matter with you I will be  
pleased to come & see you.

I do not forget you told me before if the case  
should promise to be long there were cheaper  
places but it is our only little comfort to  
know she is where she is under such kindly  
care.

Kindly let us know how our daughter is.

Yours Sincerely

Robt Crosby



5th December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Pierce wishes me to say that your daughter remains much the same. She pays no heed to anything. Her bodily condition keeps good.

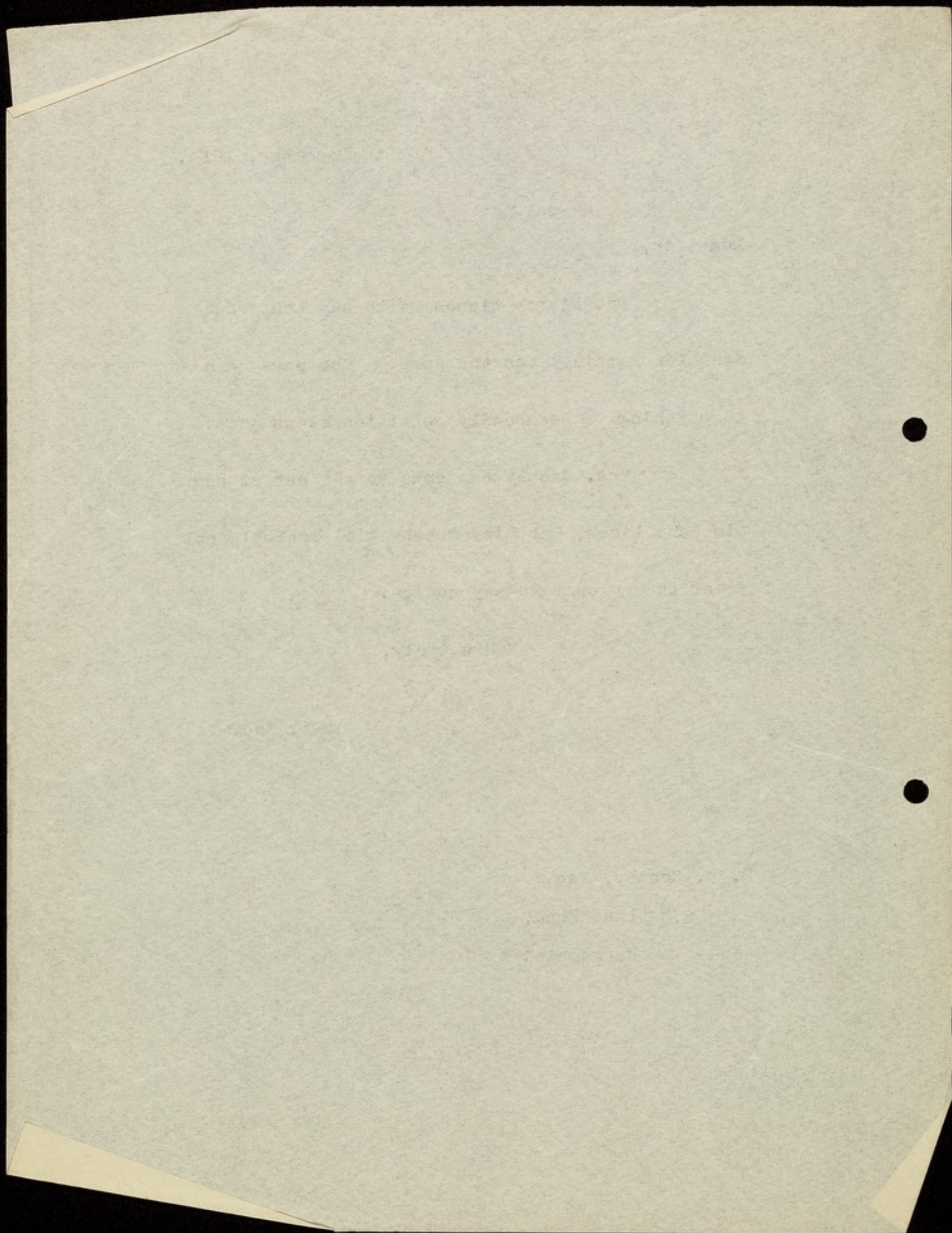
Mrs. Crosby can come to see her at any time she likes, but Miss Crosby will probably not speak to her or take any notice.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

R. W. Crosby, Esq.  
6 Rutland Road,  
Harrogate.







6 Rutland Ave  
Harrogate  
Dec 5/11

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Dr Pierce

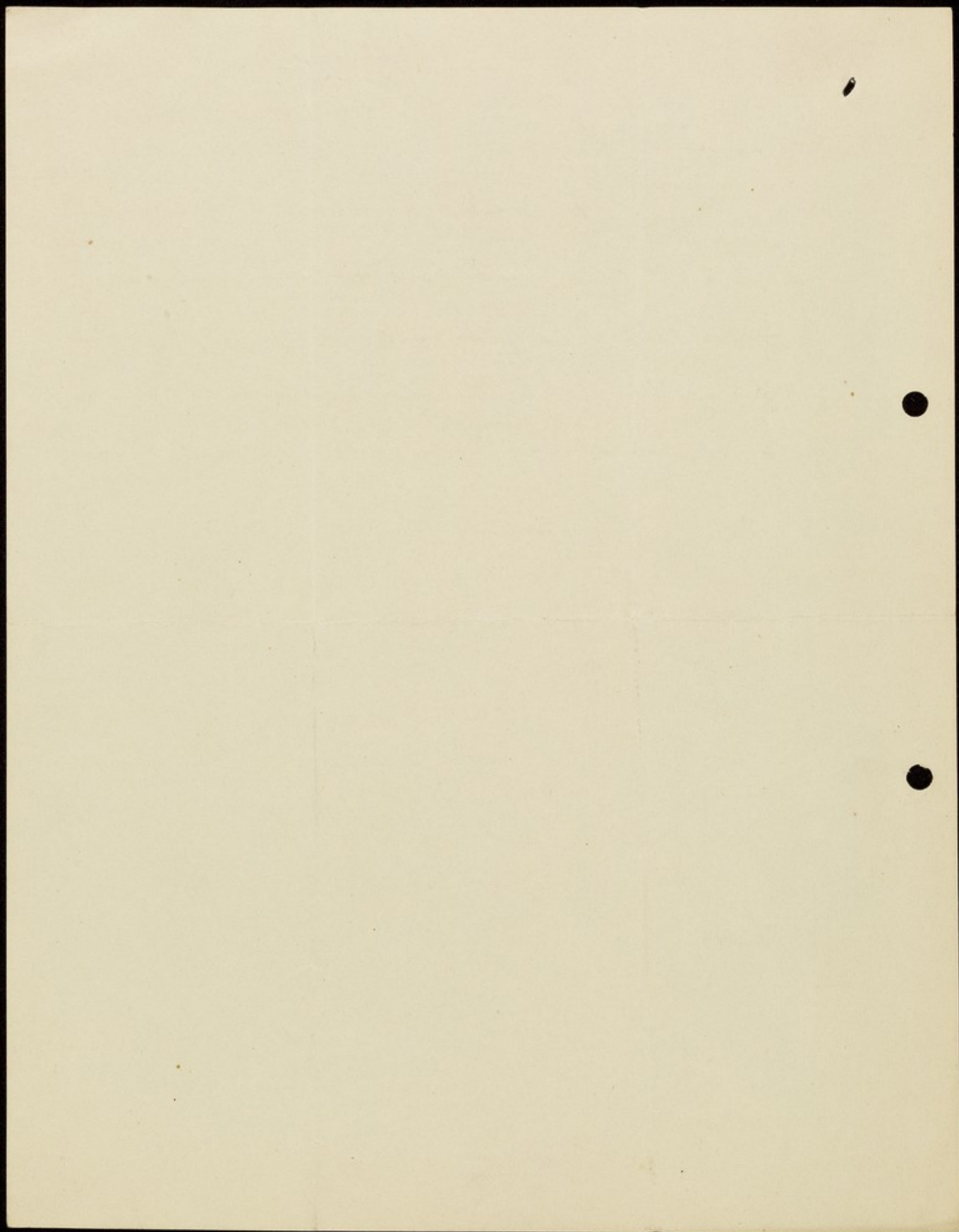
Dear Sir

We should be pleased to have a line  
from you telling us how our daughter is.

Also Mr Crosby is getting anxious to visit  
but you might kindly say whether a visit  
next week would be advisable or otherwise.

Sincerely Yours

W Crosby





21st November, 1914.

Dear Mr. Crosby,

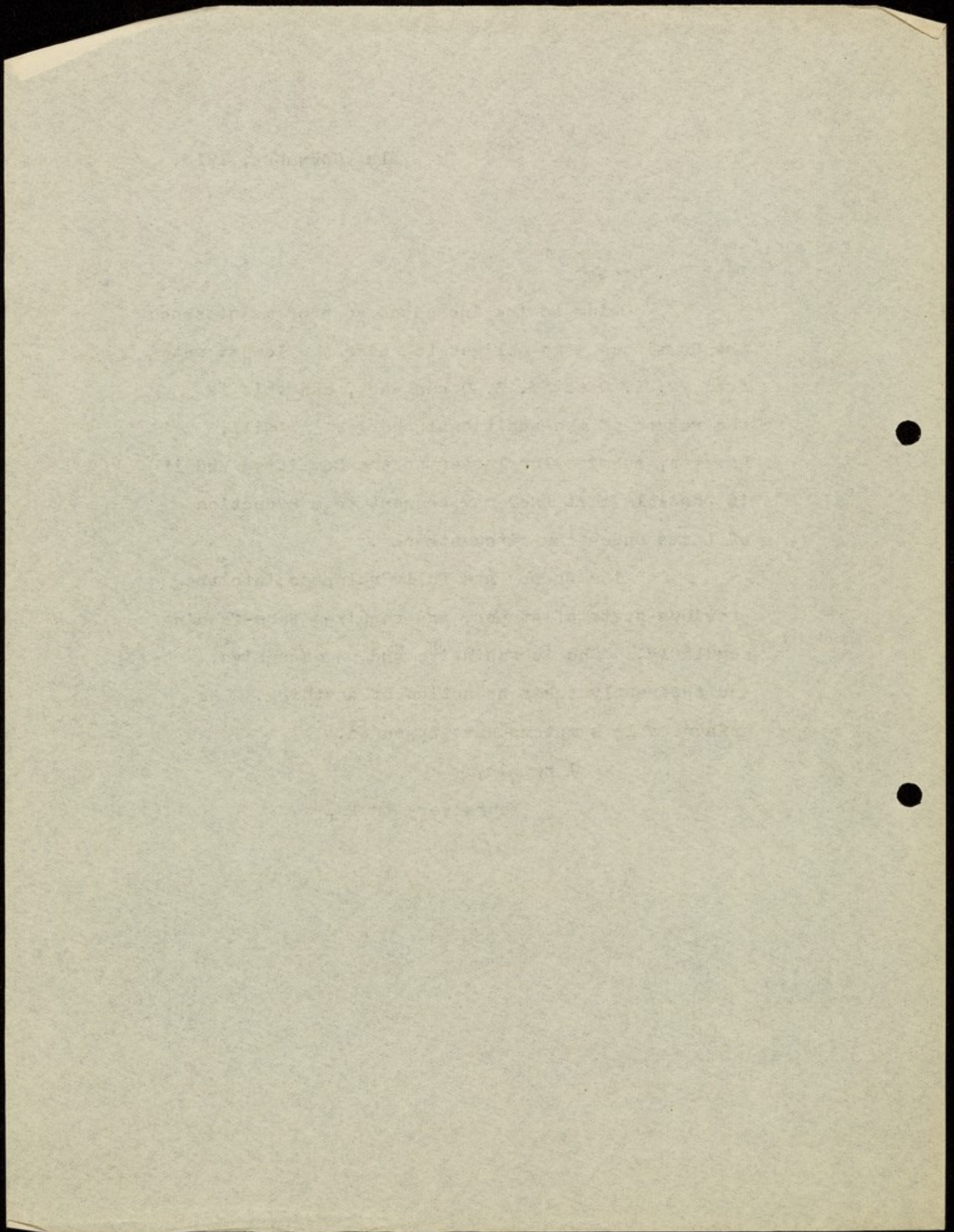
Owing to the increased cost of maintenance the Committee were obliged to raise the lowest rate from £2. 8. 0 to £3. 3. 0 per week, and this is the reason of the additional charge. I will, however, submit your letter to the Committee and it is possible that they may consent to a reduction of terms under the circumstances.

Miss Crosby has fully relapsed into the previous state of stupor, and requires tube-feeding regularly. She is resistive and unresponsive, and apparently takes no notice of anything. No unfavourable symptoms have appeared.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







12th November, 1914.

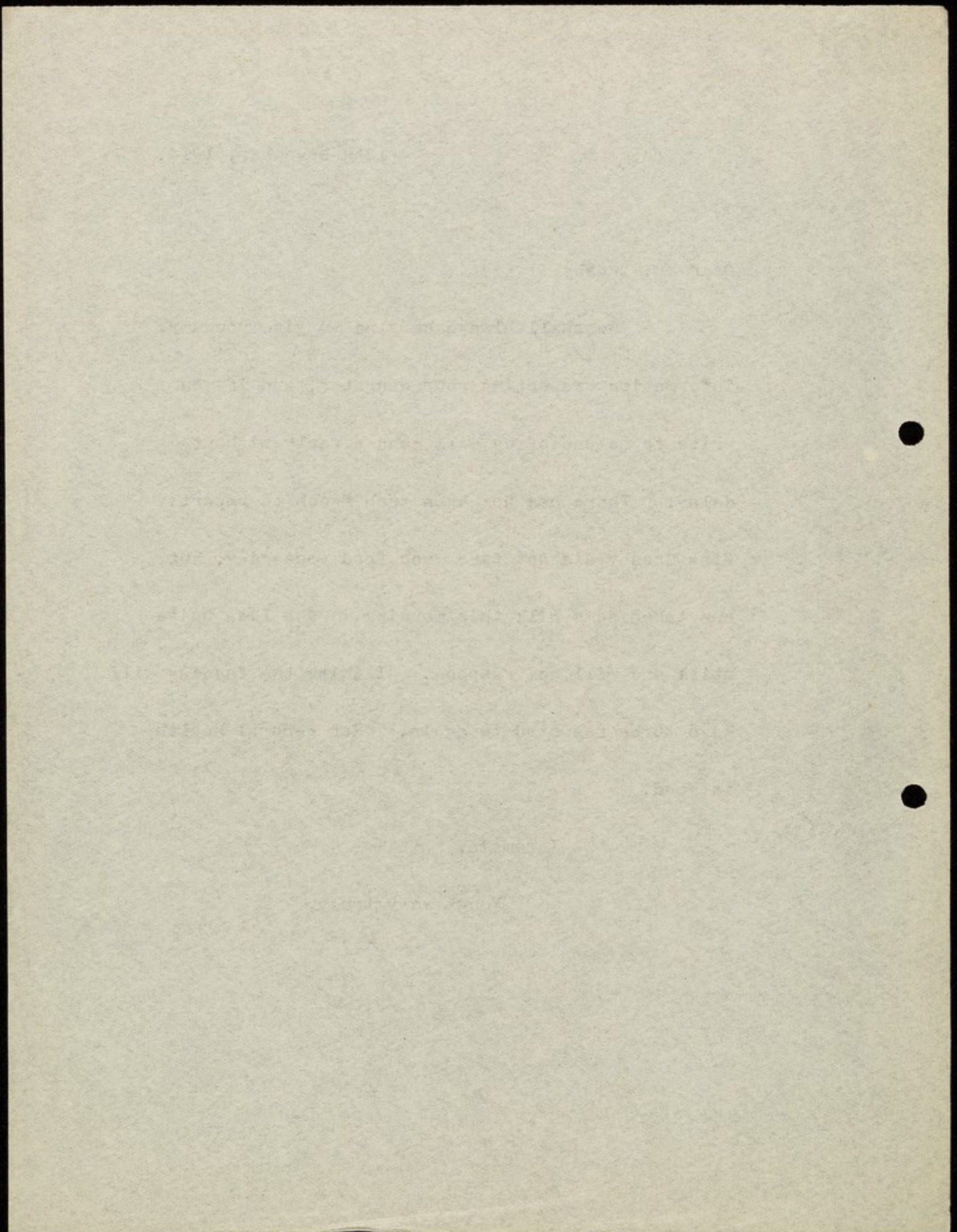
Dear Mr. Crosby,

We shall always be glad to give you any information respecting your daughter, and if you write to me one of us will send a reply without delay. There has not been much fresh to report. Miss Crosby did not take much food yesterday, but has taken some milk this morning. She lies quite still and will not respond. I think the feeding will have to be resorted to again. Her general health is good.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Nov 11/14

D<sup>r</sup> Pierce

Dear Sir

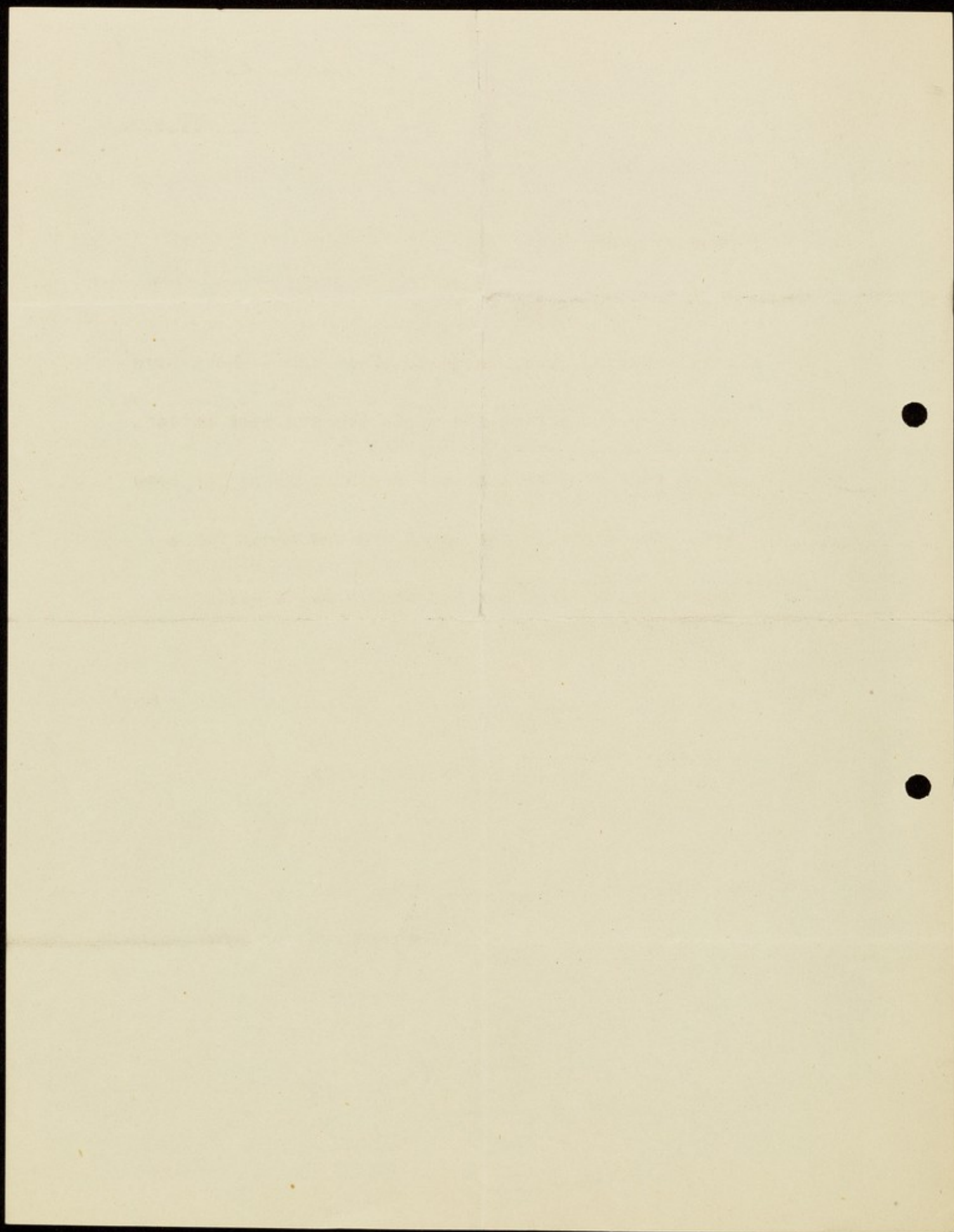
We thank you for your letter and for the one from Flossie. We are very anxious to have as often as we may any news as to Flossie's condition but we are diffident about calling upon your time. On the occasion of her last illness Dr Kemp kindly told Mrs Crosby she would drop her a line any time in reply to her own (Mrs C's)

Could any such arrangement be repeated either through Dr Kemp or the Matron.

Mrs Crosby would also like to know whether you think it would serve any purpose if she were to write to Flossie the letter to be given to her at your discretion. Of course under cover to you.

Yours very Sincerely

Rw Crosby





9th November, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Crosby,

Yesterday afternoon Miss Crosby was a little better, and was quite clear for a short time, and at my suggestion she wrote the enclosed letter.

After this she was confused and struggling for some time, but again in the night she was clear for a short time. This morning she is quite resistive and will not speak.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



9th November, 1914.

Dear Dr. Wesley-Smith,

Your patient, Miss Crosby, had a short lucid interval yesterday afternoon, and again during the night, but she is confused and resistive this morning. It is a strange case and one really cannot see what is going to happen, whether or no she will have another long attack of stupor. She was able to write a short letter to her mother yesterday.

Yours very truly,



6 Rutland Rd

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Harrogate

Nov<sup>r</sup> 6/14

Dear Dr Pierce, I am grieved to tell you  
that if I can get the necessary  
arrangements made I will bring  
my Daughters to you tomorrow  
Saturday.

We will not get away until  
the afternoon & I think it will  
be best to come right through  
with a tape

In great grief

Yours sincerely

Rev Crosby

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6 Rutland Rd  
Harrogate  
Nov 1<sup>st</sup> / 11

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

Last night when I got your letter I was so pleased to think I could come & see you on Monday for whilst we had been very poorly & day had seemed to be a good day. To day has been the worst we have had & I feel as though all hope of being able to nurse her to recovery has gone.

However I must not be beyond call of Nurse just now.

It is six weeks since we called in the Dr & she has been receiving the best of attention during this time. Medicine Food, & kind nursing from her Mother and at times we have been very hopeful that she would not get worse. For she has taken her food splendidly & plenty of it. But the fears of what she might be coming to and the imaginary & fanciful troubles have been most painful to witness.

Only on one or two previous occasions has she got excited & that for a short time.

But this morning the excitement



lasted from about 7 to 8.30. Then she  
quieted down & slept or appeared to. till  
nearly 11 o'clock when there was another bad  
attack. She is now sleeping again.

What I would like to ask you at the  
moment is what perhaps I have no right  
to ask you. It is this so far as your  
judgment goes do you think we are  
wise or not in still continuing to  
nurse her at home? If we have many  
days such as to day I fear the question  
would answer itself.

Allow me to say Doctor that this letter  
& my proposed visit to you is absolutely  
Confidential to yourself. You were  
to be the judge as to what I was to  
say or do next.

Sincerely Yours  
R W Crosby

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