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Bramley Meade,  
50, Birdhurst Road,  
South Croydon.

29. 5. 14.

Dear Sir

Re Miss Croxley decd.

I am much obliged for  
your enclosing statement  
of account & if you send a  
cheque in about a fortnight that  
will be all right.

I do not know whether it is  
usual for particulars to be supplied  
from nursing homes as to how  
charges are made up, but they  
appear to be enormous for the  
short time that Miss Croxley was  
there, at any rate may one

Not know what one is being  
charged for. Can you enlighten  
me as to this?

Yours faith,

James C. Brewster.

See.

The Retreat.

York.



Bramley Meade,  
50, Birdhurst Road,  
South Croydon.

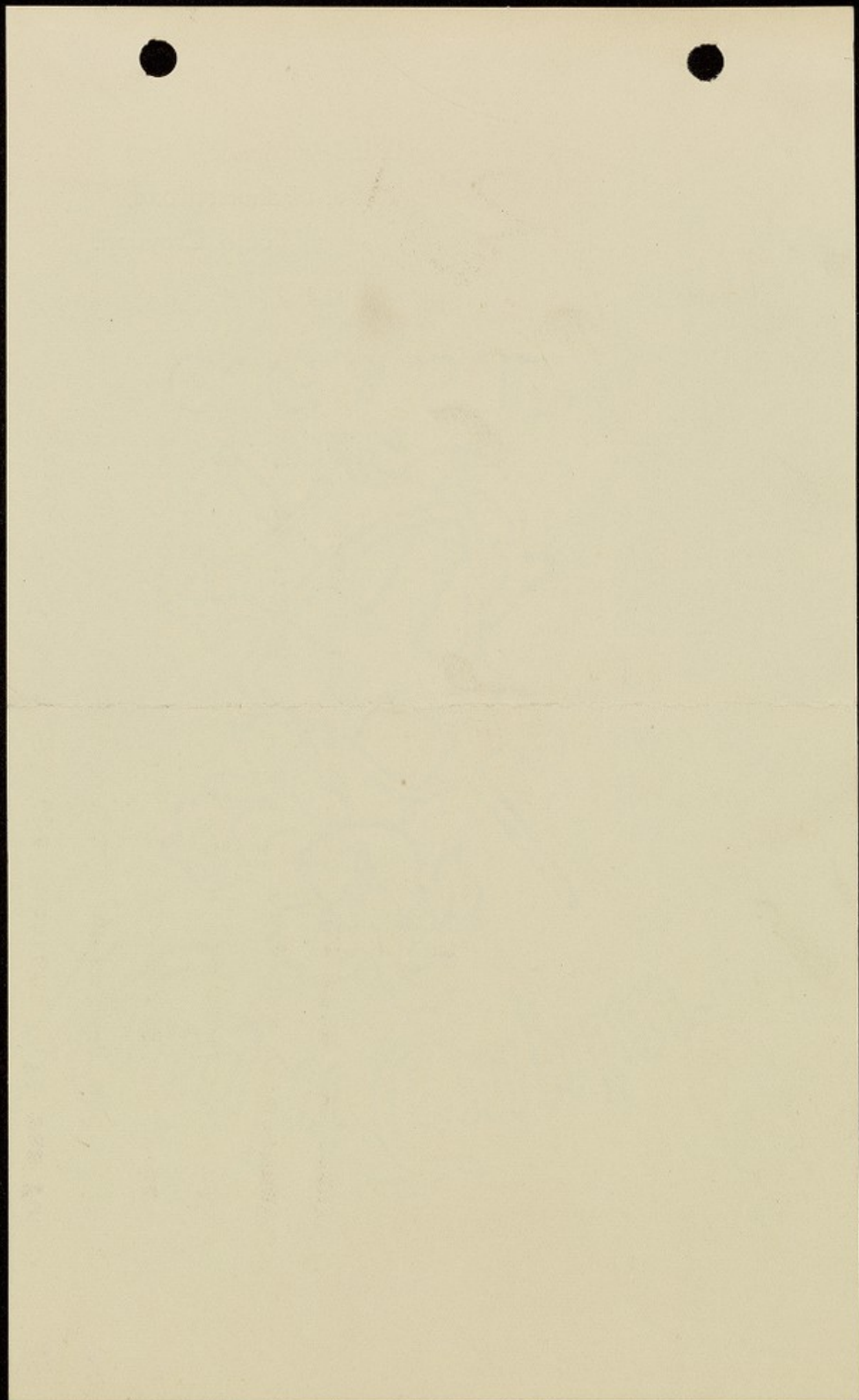
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Dear The Retreat.  
Wm K.

Sir  
Referring to your  
of 13. inst. I should be  
glad if I could now have  
the account from you  
re the late Miss Catherine  
Crosby, as we are anxious  
to prove the will without  
further delay.

Yours faithfully  
H. B. C. Crosby.





21st. May, 1914.

Dear Rowden,

I thought you would have known that Miss Crewley was operated upon, and died after a secondary operation, for intestinal obstruction. It was found at the first operation that the ascending and transverse colons were greatly distended owing to some kind of kink at the splenic flexure. Moynihan removed the dilated parts entirely, but unfortunately further trouble arose from adhesions with the result as stated.

Yours very truly,







Consultation Hours :  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,  
by Appointment.

TELEPHONES : 3666 CENTRAL.  
368 ROUNDHAY.

5 Park Square,  
Leeds.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Many thanks for cheque. I would very much like to know  
how Miss Crowley is.

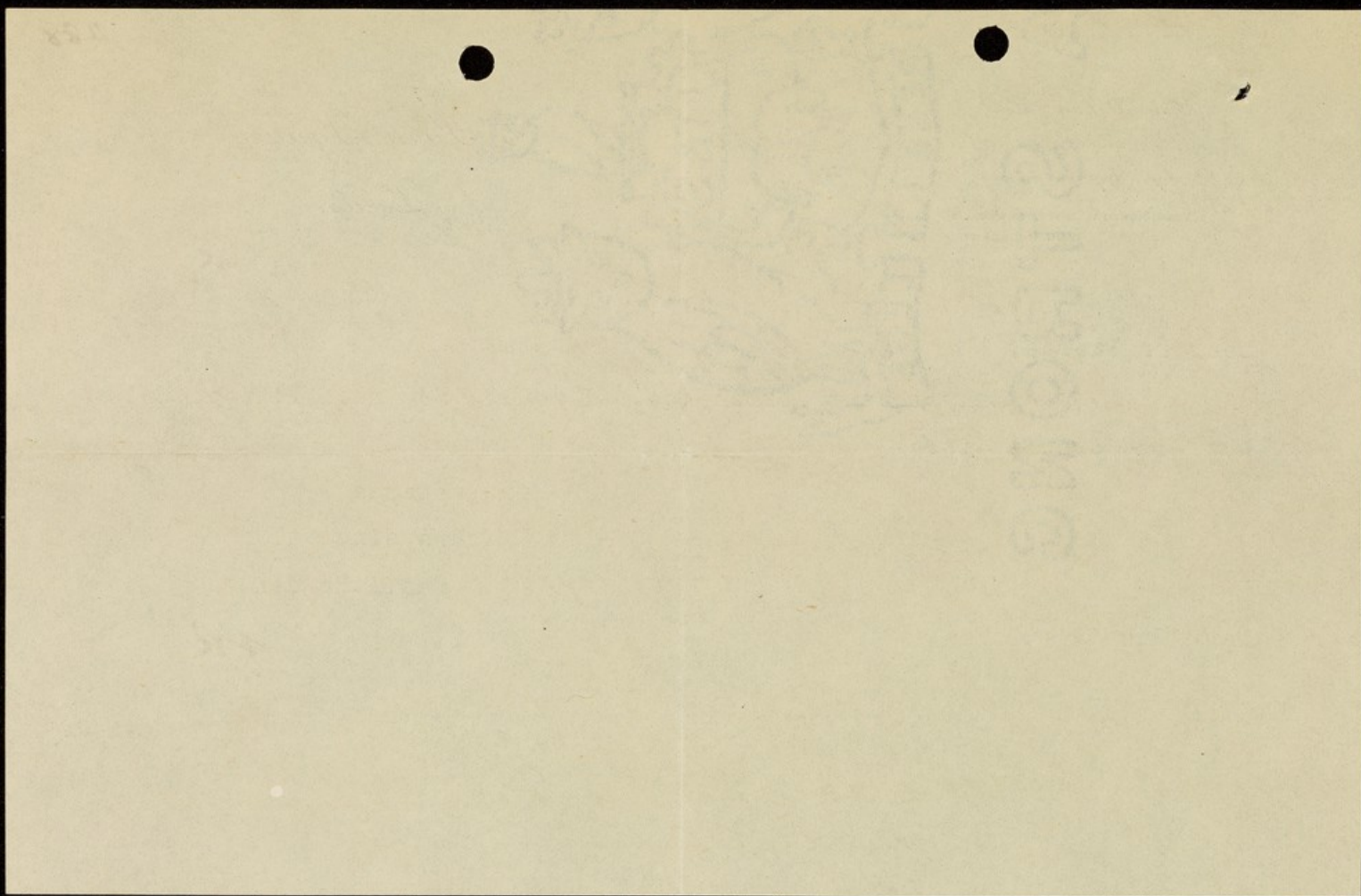
Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Leo: A. Rowden.

May 19th 1914.

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Bramley Meade,  
50, Birdhurst Road,  
South Croydon.

11. 5. 14.

Dear Dr. Perce.

re late Miss Catherine Lester.

I am writing on behalf  
of Co. Treas. & self to ask if  
you can send me the nursing  
home charges account, I  
understand the matter has  
passed through your hands.  
At the same we should be glad  
to know whether, in such a case,  
there is not a return of portion  
of fees paid to you in advance,  
only some two weeks services



having been rendered on account  
of the quarter.

The Specialists fee also does not  
seem to have been paid; can  
you enlighten me as to amount  
or give the gentleman's address.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Cronley

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCHEWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

26 April 1914

Dear Bedford,

Many thanks for your letter. It was indeed an unforeseen occurrence and one against which I imagine no precaution would have availed. It was hard lines on Moy nichan as the operation was so admirably done & the result so far so successful. It is an interesting speculation as to whether it would have had any effect upon the mental condition. That time alone could have settled. Her sister felt that probably she would never have



It was kind of Mrs. Pierce to ask us in after the funeral  
but we caught the 4:10 South & 4:25 to Manchester respectively.

recovered her normal mental condition  
again and feels that it is in fact a  
happy result. My sisters were  
extremely comfortable at Homer Hall. It  
was kind of Mackenzie & Dr. Burnie & the  
nurse to attend the funeral. I was  
glad my sister fancied York: she  
did not want the funeral at  
Alton among a shoal of relatives.

Many thanks for all your care  
and attention & for that of your staff:  
I know what a trying time they  
often had and we are very  
grateful to them.

And thanks for the information  
re labels: they are just what I am  
wanting.

Yours as ever

Ralph H. Crowley -



BOLTON & TABOR,  
SOLICITORS.  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

F. W. C. BOLTON.

R. W. TABOR.

367  
Station Place,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

18th April 1914.

Dr. Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

re Miss. Catherine Crowley.

We thank you for your letter of 17th inst.  
and beg to enclose our cheque for £1:1:0 in  
respect of your fees. Kindly let us have an  
acknowledgment.

Yours faithfully,

*Robert Tabor*





BOLTON & TABOR,  
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COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

F. W. C. BOLTON.  
R. W. TABOR.

356.  
Station Place,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

April 15th 1914.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

re Miss Catherine Crowley

We thank you for your Affirmation  
in this matter duly completed.

Kindly let us know if any fee is  
payable to you in connection with the matter.

Yours faithfully,

*R. W. Tabor*



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TEL. NO 63.

BOLTON & TABOR,  
SOLICITORS.  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS

F. W. C. BOLTON.  
R. W. TABOR.

Station Place,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

8th April 1914.

Dr. Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

re Miss. Catherine Crowley.

We are obliged to you for returning draft Affirmation approved. We now forward the Affirmation for completion.

Please attend before a Solicitor who is a commissioner for oaths and affirm same. We enclose postal order for 1/6 the Commissioner's fee.

Kindly return the Affirmation to us in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

If any fee is payable to you kindly let us have a note of same.

Yours faithfully,

*Bolton & Tabor*



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SOLICITORS,  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.

F. W. C. BOLTON.  
R. W. TABOR.

Station Place,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

3rd April 1914.

The Medical Officer,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

re Miss. Catherine Crowley.

Miss. Crowley, who is now in your care, is one of the Trustees of a trust created for the benefit of the Alton Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The Trust comprises property at Alton and certain trust funds and we are acting in the matter of an application to remove the name of Miss. Catherine Crowley from the trust and place the property in the names of the continuing Trustees.

For this purpose an Affidavit is required from you in the form of the accompanying draft,

Will you kindly complete the draft by filling in the blank spaces and return it to us so that we can have it engrossed for signature and sent to you to be sworn.

Yours faithfully,

*Bolton & Tabor*



Station House  
125  
Boston

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THE BOSTON & TAUNTON  
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My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the Boston & Taunton Railroad. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the plan proposed. I am sure that the Board of Directors will be glad to consider any plan that you may propose. I am sure that the Board will be glad to consider any plan that you may propose. I am sure that the Board will be glad to consider any plan that you may propose.

23rd. April, 1914.

Dear Sirs,

re Miss Catherine Crowley.

I may explain that this patient  
went to Leeds to undergo an operation, which was  
performed by Sir Berkeley Moynihan, and she died  
shortly after it.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Board of Control.



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AND

6, PARK SQUARE,  
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

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

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.  
LEEDS N° 381X.  
3877.

THE RETREAT,

YORK.

17th. April, 1914.

Dear Sirs,

re Miss C. Crowley.

The usual fees

for an affirmation are £2. 2. 0,

but as this was in connection

with a Charity Organisation I

think half fees would be quite

sufficient.

Yours truly,

Messrs. Bolton & Tabor,

Station Place,

Letchworth.



THE PRESS

17th April, 1914.

Dear Sirs,

Re Miss G. Crowley.

The rental fees

for an advertisement are £2.2.0,

but as this was in connection

with a Charity Organisation I

think half fees would be quite

sufficient.

Yours truly,

Messrs. Bolton & Tabor,

Station Place,

Leeds.

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCHWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

11 April 1864

My Dear Bedford,

Thanks for yours.

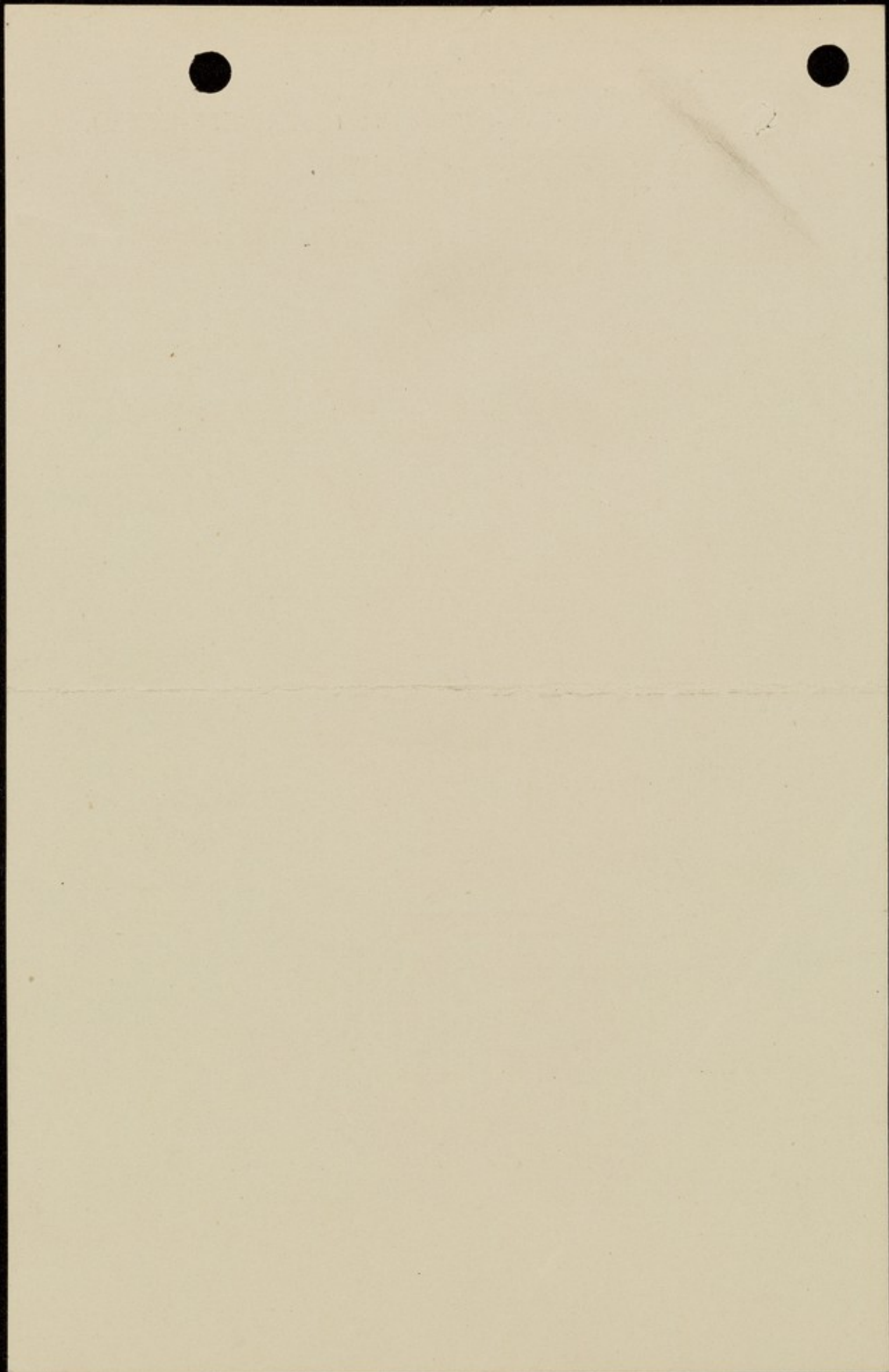
The time is of course all right:

I did not know there was  
any particular time that  
suits Mr. Norton. I shall be  
at the G.N. hotel on Wednesday  
night. Thanks for information  
re "Gomes Hall". Frank Brown  
also was recommending it  
yesterday.

Sincerely

R.





MITRE HOTEL  
OXFORD

8 April 1914

My dear Bedford,

You will have  
got my wire yesterday  
morn. I think Mrs C. V.  
Alton should undoubtedly  
be in Leeds & I have  
suggested that she & my  
sister Mabel should go home  
together. I should of  
course be up too on  
the day of the operation &  
stay over night. By the  
bye I hope the op. will



LETTER FROM  
MILNER HOTEL  
OXFORD

be at such a time as to  
allow of leaving Litchwood  
same mng.  
As you say the op. is a  
serious one but there  
can hardly I think be  
two opinions as to its  
advisability.

Do you know of any  
rooms where my two  
sisters cd. stop should they  
prefer that to a hotel?

I shall be back in  
Litchworth again tonight.  
Yrs R. H. C.

27th, March, 1914.

Dear Miss Crowley,

Dr. Crowley will have told you that Miss Crowley is going to a Leeds Nursing Home to-morrow for a careful X ray examination. Sister Florence Byrne, one of our most trusted nurses will accompany her and help with the nursing.

Miss Crowley is very much as usual but is worrying greatly, as she does when anything is proposed. She has not lost weight lately but appears less able than ever to give her attention to ordinary topics.

Yours very truly,



WASH. D.C. 20540

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you regarding the matter of the

report of the Committee on the

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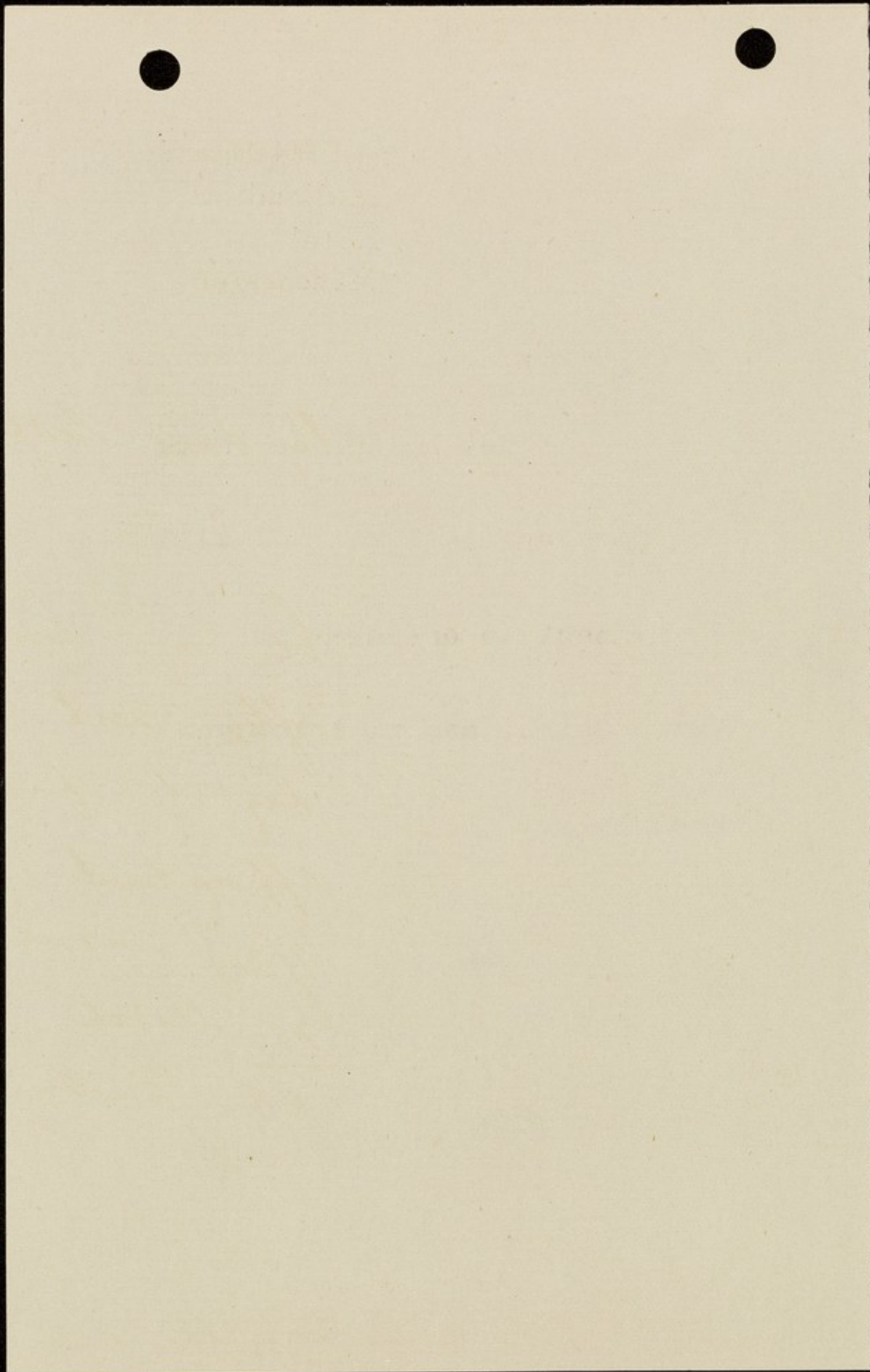
Sincerely,

13th. March, 1914.

Dear Ralph,

Just a line to thank  
you for your letter. I will  
do my best to arrange for  
March 25th., and will let you  
know later.





PHONE 1904 CENTRAL  
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 Hotel.....  
 Manchester.

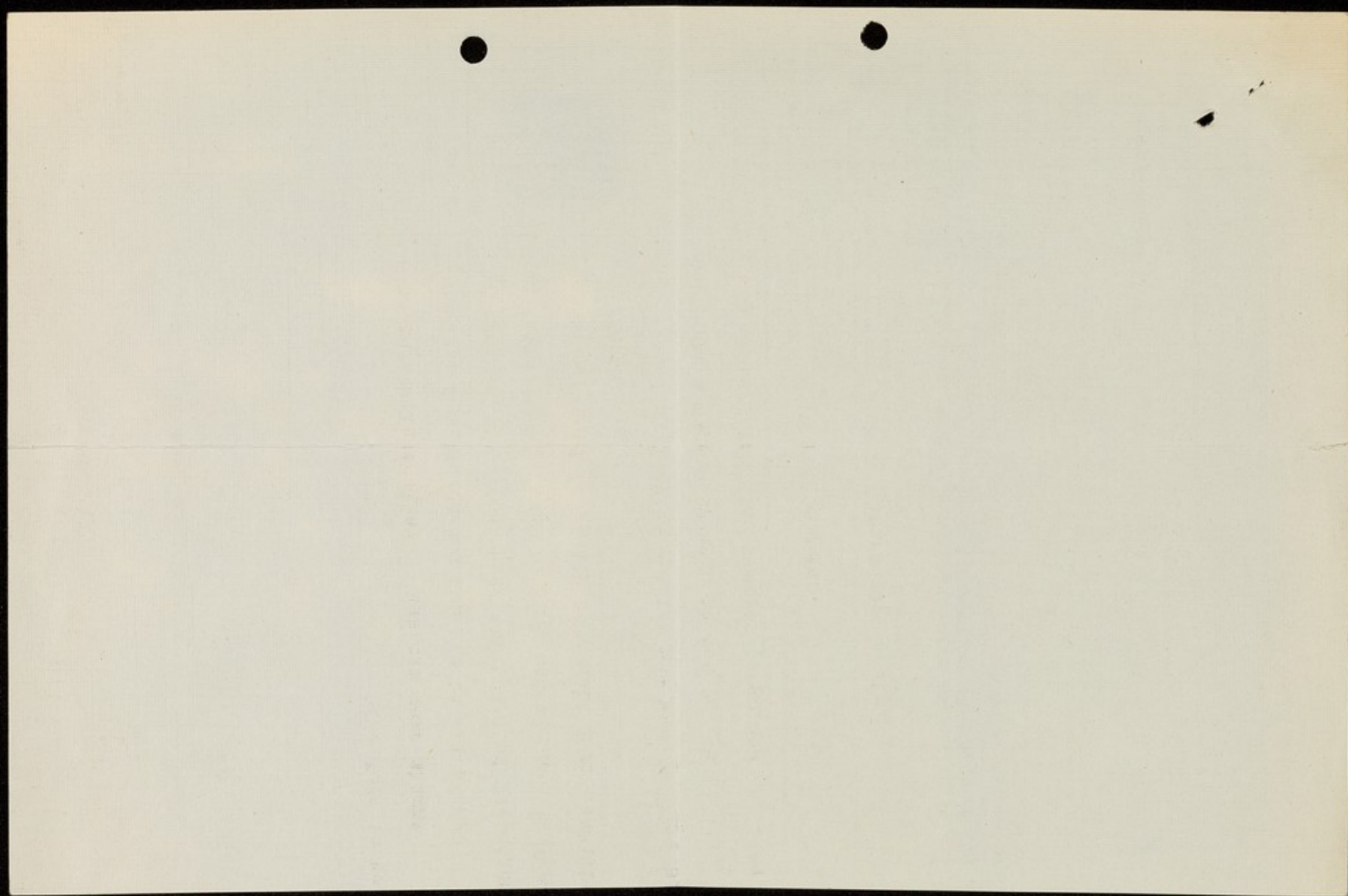
10 March 1914

My dear Bedford,

I expect to  
 be in Leeds the week  
 after next. The safest  
 day to fix up an  
 appointment (any time after  
 4/30) would be wednesday  
25 March should that suit  
 other parties concerned.

Yrs  
 N H C.





9th. March, 1914.

Dear Moynihan,

The patient in question bids fair to be a chronic Melancholiac. She has some slight abdominal distension and has had it all along. Her brother, Dr. Crowley of the Board of Education, has talked things over with me and we have wondered whether any good is likely to result from operative interference.

I will write and let him know you are back and perhaps he can arrange to see you about it. I can arrange for Miss Crowley to go now any time.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,



9th. March, 1914.

Dear Ralph,

Moynihan is now back from his holidays.  
What do you think about the consultation? Your  
sister is no better and we think the mental state  
is if anything worse.

Is there any chance of your coming this  
way? I am going to town for a couple of days,  
staying to-morrow at the Kingsley Hotel.



SIR BERKELEY MOYNIHAN'S HOURS,  
11 TO 1.

TELEPHONE { PARK SQUARE 2251.  
CLARENDON ROAD 1466.

33, PARK SQUARE,  
LEEDS.

4th March 1914

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat, York.

My dear Bedford Pierce,

I shall be glad now to see your patient any  
day this week, except Thursday, between 11 and 1 o'clock,  
or on some other day by special arrangement.

With kind regards.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

*Berkeley Moynihan.*





2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

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1 February 1914

My dear Bedford,

I am expecting  
to call at York  
tomorrow evening en  
route further north. I  
propose to call in to  
see my sister at  
about 6.30. This will  
give me an hour  
with her & allow me time  
to catch the 8.0 to  
Sunderland. I shall be



getting a meal in the  
train. I gather from a  
letter from my sister  
Emma that there is  
little change.

Yours ever

D. H. C.

Tel. 4426.

31, Wilmer Drive,  
Bradford.

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Dear Bedford

Will you be in  
tomorrow, Monday, between  
6 & 8 in the evg! I can  
arrive from Doncaster at 5.40  
at 5.40 & must go on to  
Hall by the 8.05. This  
would give me time  
to have a chat with  
my sister & with you.



Perhaps you would be  
so good as to send me  
a wire

% Dr. Anderson  
Health Officer  
Doncaster

W.  
R. H. C.

Shall be D. to see you this  
evening.

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SUNNYSIDE,

ANSTEY ROAD,

ALTON, HANTS.

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>  
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Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am sending  
you a few lines as  
I should like to  
know how my sister  
is going on; it is  
now nearly 3 weeks



since I had the last  
report of her; I  
conclude she is much  
the same as she was.  
I wonder whether she  
takes more interest  
in anything, & whether  
she ever does  
any work or reading.

It makes me so sad  
to think of her,  
but I know that  
all that is possible  
is being done for her.  
I only hope she is not  
very depressed &  
unhappy. -

With kind regards,  
Yrs. sincerely

Emma S. Perdue.

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCHWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

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24 Oct 1963

My Dear Bedford,

Many thanks  
for report. Even tho' it  
only confirms what seemed  
already certain it is sat. to  
have it & I know my  
sister will feel relieved.  
Our first post this morn.  
saw the remaining boy will  
have departed, I fear.

Yrs

Rose H. Crowley

It was jolly to see you again. I  
was delighted to find my sister so  
comfortable, more herself & so much less  
agitated -



THE BUREAU OF THE  
SIXTH LANE LIGHT  
MAINTENANCE

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SURREY LODGE,  
BIRCH LANE, LONGSIGHT,  
MANCHESTER.

(2) Crowley

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Dear Dr. Perce-

I think I shall  
be in York on Saturday-  
If I am, will it be quite  
allright if I come up to  
the Retreat to see my  
sister, early in the afternoon?

I am a little uncertain  
as Elsie is not very  
well, but if she continues



to improve, I hope to come.

Our united kindest regards -

Yours very sincerely -

Dorothy Brown.

Oct. 22, 1913

Dear Mrs. Brown,

We shall be delighted to see you, and I fully expect to be at home on Saturday. I hope Elsie will be all right and not prevent your coming.

Miss Crowley has just been over to Leeds for "X rays" The report is that there is no sign of oesophageal obstruction and that the Bismuth meal entered the stomach freely. The stomach appeared normal except for some want of tone.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 22, 1911

Dear Mr. Brown,

We have just received your letter of the 19th inst.

and are sorry to hear that you are feeling ill.

We hope you will soon be well.

Very truly yours,

The President of the Board of Directors

of the American Red Cross

Washington, D. C.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 22, 1913

Dear Ralph,

I send you the report about  
your sister. I should say that the  
visceral sensations are dependent upon  
deficient peristalsis, but how to remedy  
this we do not know.

Yours very truly,





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15 October 1913

My dear Bedford,

I am due up  
north next week & I am  
proposing to call in at  
the Retreat on Sunday after-  
noon at about 4.15 to see  
my sister. The train I am  
taking in to work fast before  
4.0. I shall be going on  
to Darlington the same way,  
enabling <sup>me</sup> to fulfil an  
appointment there first thing  
Monday morn.

I hope you may happen to be at  
home as I should like to  
see you.

Yours as ever  
D. H. C.





I am so glad he is  
back from America  
& has had such a  
nice time there.--

With kind regards  
I am

Yrs. sincerely

Emma L. Crowley

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SUNNYSIDE

ANSTEY ROAD

ALTON, HANTS.

Q. D. 11 <sup>25</sup>/<sub>11</sub>

Dear Dr. Pierce

As I do not know  
whether Dr. Birnie  
is still away, I write  
to you to say that I  
shld. like to have a  
fortnightly account  
of my sister as was



arranged at the first.  
I have only as yet  
had 2 such accounts  
as I thought. Perhaps  
Dr. Birnie's absence  
might be the reason.  
I should like to hear  
of my sister regularly  
even though the ac-  
counts may be much

the same from time  
to time. I was glad  
to hear from a letter  
from our friend  
Miss Bleche who  
is just now staying  
in the North. Thus  
she had called, &  
had a nice time  
with my sister;  
I hope my brother  
Kalph will be  
seeing her soon,



Oct. 10, 1913

Miss C. Crowley

Dear Sirs,

I regret to say there is no material improvement in Miss Crowley's condition and that the description of her malady given by Dr. Bernard Hart in his affidavit, a copy of which has been submitted to me, describes her present condition, and she remains of unsound mind and unable to transact business or manage her affairs.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Bolton & Tabor



Oct. 30, 1913

Miss G. Browley

Dear Sirs,

I regret to say that I am unable to improve  
in Miss Browley's condition and the description of her  
in Lady Kivon's letter. I have been told that she is  
which has been mentioned to me. I have been told that she  
dillon, and the matter of unusual mind and health to present  
business of money and estate.

Yours very truly,

Wesley, Bolton & Co.



BOLTON & TABOR,  
SOLICITORS.  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.  
F.W.C. BOLTON.  
R.W. TABOR.

171  
Station Place,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

8th October 1913.

The Medical Officer,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir, re Miss. Catherine Crowley.

As you may be aware, an application is being made on behalf of Miss. Catherine Crowley who is now a patient in your care for the appointment of her sister Miss. E.S. Crowley as Receiver of her estate.

Owing to the Long Vacation the necessary application has been somewhat delayed but is to be heard on 16th inst.

As you know, in this case medical evidence has to be filed as to the condition of the patient. For this purpose we obtained an Affidavit from Dr. Hart of Northumberland House, Finsbury Park, N. where Miss. Crowley formerly lived.

We send you a rough copy of Dr. Hart's affidavit and shall be much obliged if you will send us a letter that the condition of Miss. Crowley remains the same, if this is the case.

On the hearing of the application it is possible that we may be asked to put this letter in as evidence in view of the fact that it is some time since Dr. Hart's affidavit was made.

Please return the copy of Dr. Hart's affidavit when you write.

Yours faithfully,

*Bolton & Tabor*



Station 1455  
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8th October 1913.

BOLTON & TABOR  
SOLICITORS  
COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS  
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The Medical Officer,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

As you may be aware, an application is being made on behalf of Miss Catherine Grovley who is now a patient in your care for the appointment of a medical officer. A.S. Grovley as Receiver of the estate.

Owing to the fact that the necessary application has been submitted, but it is to be made in the first.

As you know, in this case medical evidence has to be filed as to the condition of the patient. For this purpose we obtained an affidavit from Dr. Hart of Northumberland House, Kingsbury Park, W. where Miss Grovley formerly lived.

We send you a rough copy of Dr. Hart's affidavit and shall be much obliged if you will send us a letter that the condition of Miss Grovley remains the same, if this is the case.

On the making of the application it is possible that we may be asked to put this letter in as evidence in view of the fact that it is some time since Dr. Hart's affidavit was made.

Please return the copy of Dr. Hart's affidavit when you

Yours faithfully,

Robert Tabor

TELEPHONE 888 NORTH.  
TELEGRAMS: "SUBSIDIARY, LONDON."

Northumberland House,  
Green Lanes,  
Hinsbury Park, N.

August 15th 1913

Dear Bedford Pierce,

I am enclosing a short history of Miss Crowley's case since her admission here. I have not said anything about her former history as I believe you are well acquainted with it.

Yours very truly,

Bernard Hart



August 12th 1913

Dear Bedford Pierce,

I am enclosing a short history of the Crowley's case since her admission here. I have not said anything about her former history as I believe you are well acquainted with it.

Yours very truly,

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2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

15 Aug 1913

My Dear Bedford,

Many thanks  
for your received  
this evening.

I am afraid I did  
not realise your  
assistant's name was  
St Bionie. I sort of  
for the idea that the  
Miss Bionie who wrote  
me was the matron.

We start 7.30  
tomorrow morning -



I am expecting a fine  
breeze to a very full one  
he sail by the White Star  
Laurentie in Quebec.

I sincerely hope the  
weather will not break  
just when you go to  
the Lake District - It has  
been a very pretty summer  
down here.

Yours as ever

Russell H. Browley

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

12 Aug 1913

My dear Bedford,

A hitch occurred in the serving of the summons for the appointment of Receiver & it was necessary that this should be done before my sister left Donnington House - I suppose Miss Bernie will have arranged for the two nurses to stop a night extra in London & train will charge up whatever is necessary.

My dear sister Miss Emma Cowley is very anxious about certain points

① She wants to receive regularly every week & every fortnight a note stating how her sister gets on & will willingly pay extra for this if necessary.

② She is anxious about that religious exercises should not be disregarded.



I imagine there has been nothing at  
Northumberland House - my sister is Church  
of England: perhaps you have a parson  
visiting?

③ My sister says her eyes are so  
red & sore that she could get nothing  
done at Northumberland House - not that  
she uses them I am afraid even  
if she has them.

④ Presumably you have some  
arrangement whereby all matters of  
clothing can be arranged on the  
spot.

⑤ All accounts & communications  
should be made to Miss Crowley,  
Sunnyside, Anster Road, Acton Hants.

I am hoping my sister Dorothy  
Brown will visit shortly: she expects  
Helmi to be home for a few days  
on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> Aug.

We are off on Saturday - shall be away  
probably 2 mos.

Yours as ever

Russell H. Crowley

(B. 11)  
2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCHWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

2 Aug 1913

My dear Bedford,

Many thanks for  
your two letters. I have  
written S. Hart. He knows  
of course my relationship with  
you and I feel sure will  
appreciate the point that  
my <sup>elder</sup> sister was anxious  
for her sister to be somewhere  
near when there seemed  
a prospect of reasonably  
early recovery. I have  
communicated with the  
Commission of Lunacy.  
It will be best I  
expect for you to send  
a nurse (or two if



must may keep same.

over years

Raymond H. Crowley

you think necessary) at  
the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> as convenient  
to you.

As to accommodation &  
consequent expense you will  
be able to judge best when  
you have seen my sister. The  
expense probably need not  
exceed £4.400 a week  
for what is necessary must  
of course be done - her  
income is about £300  
p.a. The legal

arrangements are about  
complete making her elder  
sister administratrix, or whatever  
the technical term is, of her  
affairs.

I am interested to see what  
you had to say about Wilketon.  
I will do all I can to follow  
out your ideas which I  
trust he may adopt. He is  
a delightful soul. Sincerely



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2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

28 July 1913

My dear Bedford,

Very many thanks  
for yours. I feel I would rather  
have my sister at York. D. Hart  
undoubtedly takes an unfavourable view  
of her state and I do not want  
her at Northumberland House for any  
great length of time. Then I go to  
America 16 Aug. & shall be away  
approximately two months. If you  
could arrange it I should like  
my sister to go to York before I go  
away. I do not think D. Hart  
will think it unreasonable on my  
part. I think he appreciates that  
my sister has been in London  
rather than with you on account



up, not thought of scholars, but they could not speak it. He has  
I take from Mr W. great enthusiasm of his own powers & a belief  
that he has a great measure to give the world - which may be quite true but  
I should imagine the idea has taken an exaggerated form in his mind -  
Allan Cunningham R. 1844.

of ease of visiting & her sisters  
feeling that she would so resent the  
idea of the Retreat.

I had a long talk last evening with  
Mr J. Wickstead. He was a Robinson &  
Lewistown, a friend & married a son  
of "Danke" Wickstead - you know whom I  
mean. Joe Wickstead is a most  
awfully good sort but hopelessly  
liberal! He has had reason to be  
somewhat anxious about him & moreover  
there is a bad family history & I  
have & advised Mr. Wickstead to have  
a word talk with you about him.  
Joe Wickstead is away at present & ~~the~~  
Mr. W. proposes running up to Leeds to  
consult you on Tuesday. He was  
formerly a Unitarian minister & then  
came down here & did some teaching  
at the Stephenson's school & library  
work. A year ago he & his wife  
started a school "Westernman" near  
Guilford - an impossible proposition as  
it turned to me. That has been given



Oct. 26, 1912

Dear Ralph,

I do not quite remember whether your sister is under certificates or not, but if so it is desirable to act carefully in respect to the signing of papers. There is no reason why she should not do so in strict law, as the certificates refer only to her personal welfare and have nothing to do with her property, but Banks and other authorities generally decline to accept the signature of persons under certificates on the assumption that they are unable to manage their affairs. If you and Dr. Gilford are satisfied that she is capable of managing her affairs, then I should let her transact business. The Commissioners in Lunacy have advised us against patients transacting business, but this is merely advice, and I have had patients transacting business for many years although under certificates.

I am very pleased the nurses are doing well, and that your sister is progressing favourably.

I had a very pleasant afternoon in Manchester the other day. They all seemed very well.

Yours very truly,







as I expected that she should  
be removed from where she  
is at once & thinks that  
under suitable care she  
ought to recover in a matter  
of months. She is coming  
to Delford on Sat. & Dr.  
Jelford has I believe already  
wired to Sam asking Sam  
to secure a couple of nurses.  
I do hope Sam have a couple  
to hand -

Further expect Sam are away -  
I hope Sam all flourish - we  
do I am glad to say. So  
thankful Nora Rowntree keeps  
so well. Trust it may  
last.

Affectionately yours

Ralph H. Crowley,

883  
Letchworth

14 Aug 1892

My Dear Bedford,

My half sister,  
Kate, has developed a  
unlucky end. During  
the last few months she  
has been in a Nursing  
Home in Locksme under  
a private practitioner in  
whom she & my elder  
sister have had in the  
past much confidence. She  
has had somewhat similar  
attacks to what you called  
a character, before. When



seeing her I did not  
feel that the treatment  
was of a satisfactory  
character or becoming a  
good report of from the  
local man in respect  
of Dr. Tall of Canterbury  
Asylum I put him over  
to see my sister & to  
advise as to the  
appropriateness of her being  
placed under single care,  
as I was anxious for  
her to be under Dr. Morison.

Jefford. He wrote to me  
expressing the opinion that  
she is in a condition  
of marked melancholia  
associated with delusions  
in particular in regard to  
money (She has an idea  
that all the expense incurred  
in her treatment will end  
in bankruptcy &c), religious  
difficulties as we would  
expect, and that he finds  
no indication whatever of  
revival tendency. She sleeps  
only moderately well & does  
not take her food so well  
as she should. He thinks



29th July, 1913.

Dear Bernard Hart,

I do not know whether you are still away, but I expect you will have heard from Crowley that the family are wishful after all, for his sister to come to the Retreat. It seems to merather soon to make the change, but as they are all members of the Society of Friends we must take her if they wish it. I am afraid the outlook is not very hopeful. Any information about the case will be welcome.

I shall be away during August, but as soon as I come back we must set to work and do some preparatory thinking about the Status Committee. I think we might send a circular round to all Assistant Medical Officers, asking particularly for suggestions, and gently intimating that unless they take mare interest than they appear to do in the matter, it is not much good troubling further.

I hope you have had a thoroughly good holiday.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Bernard Hart, Esq.,  
Northumberland House,  
Finsbury Park.



20th July, 1913.

Dear Bernard Hart,

I do not know whether you are still away, but I expect you will have heard from Crowley that the family are wishful after all, for his sister to come to the Retreat. It seems to me rather soon to make the change, but as they are all members of the Society of Friends we must take her if they wish it. I am afraid the outlook is not very hopeful. Any information about the case will be welcome. I shall be away during August, but as soon as I come back we must set to work and do some preparatory thinking about the Status Committee. I think we might send a circular round to all Assistant Medical Officers, asking particularly for suggestions, and gently intimating that unless they take more interest than they appear to do in the matter, it is not much good troubling further. I hope you have had a thoroughly good holiday.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Bernard Hart, M.D.,  
Northumberland House,  
Windsor Park.



29th July, 1913.

My dear Ralph,

We will certainly arrange to take your sister, and you will no doubt write to Dr. Hart explaining the circumstances. I think you know the necessary formalities. You must ask the Commission of Lunacy for their consent to the removal and they supply the necessary papers. If it could be conveniently arranged so that Miss Crowley comes about the 11th or 12th, I shall be here and shall be able to see her settled in.

I am hoping to see Mrs Wickstead this afternoon. Many thanks for giving me the particulars; it is convenient to have independent information.

We have Auden staying here for 2 or 3 days. It is pleasant to see him again and hearing something of the Medical care for 152,000 children.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



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With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,

Aug 13. 1912

Dear Dr. Gilford,

I wrote Dr. Crowley last night giving him my opinion as to his Sister - Mrs. Crowley.

I think that if taken in hand at once she might be treated & materially benefited if placed in single care with someone

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familiar with mental cases; but  
under certificates & with the approval  
of the Lunacy Commissioners.

She is at present a mild case  
of melancholia, & so far has  
shown no suicidal tendencies;  
but she requires the constant  
attention of a nurse trained  
in mental work. I do not consider  
her a troublesome case to manage.

Yours very truly  
Ernest F. Hall.

care of some medical men familiar  
with the treatment of such  
cases.

If this suggestion is adopted  
I should expect to see marked  
improvement in the course of  
two or three months.

Yours very truly  
Ernest F. Sall.

August 12. 1912

Dear Dr. Crowley,

I saw your Sister-in-law Crowley  
this morning at 15 Manor Road  
Folkestone in consultation with  
Dr. Murray, and I have no  
hesitation in advising you to  
have her certified, as I think  
this would give her the best  
chance of recovery.



she is going.

Miss Crowley has naturally a horror of being sent to an asylum among insane people, and I think that, if taken in hand at once, she should do very well in single care under certificate. This of course with the Lunacy Commissioners' consent.

She needs constant supervision & guidance by a trained mental nurse, and to be under the

She is suffering from melancholia, & has definite ideas of suspicion with delusions as to her financial position, spiritual state, &c.

She is confused, says her head is no use to her, & she has but little power of concentration.

She sleeps badly, & it is difficult to persuade her to take her food & medicine properly.

I can find no evidence of suicidal tendencies at present, but these are likely to develop if she is allowed to go on as

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
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HERTFORDSHIRE.

22 July 1913

My dear Bedford,

My sister remains in practically the same state the refusal to take food properly being still the most prominent symptom - Could you take her at the Retreat? I of course wanted her to go there from the first but her sisters did not like the idea & moreover wanted her to be somewhere where she could be more easily visited. However they are quite willing now for the change. I can't say I care

about Northumberland House particularly. It is an uninspiring place! I am not much impressed by what I have seen of the nurses. How does



not seem much attempt to get  
a patient like my sister to do or to  
take an interest in the very little  
she is able to interest herself in.  
of course I know its all very  
difficult. Still I should personally  
feel more satisfied to have her at  
the Retreat.

Yours

David H. Crowlley

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

26/11/13

My Dear Bedford.

Many thanks for yours:

I too prize much that I cannot  
possibly be in Letchworth on Tuesday.  
My sister's present illness dates from  
about March of last year. There appears  
to have been no sudden onset. The  
symptoms I gather from my sister  
Emma with whom she lives were  
in the main an aggravation of  
usual characteristics. She worried untidily  
about small things & found it increasingly  
difficult to concentrate her mind. Clothes  
have always been a source of worry  
& all the fuss attendant upon getting  
a rig out for the summer & winter



as the case might be is an old standing family feud. She became too worried over money matters & lost interest in what formerly occupied a good deal of her attention. For example she ceased to care about religious tracts: she & my sister have always been pronounced evangelicals.

When I saw her at Lollstone she was in an agitated condition & spoke dispiritedly. She was sure there was no money to pay for her treatment & that she would be proceeded against. She worried about her appearance & could with difficulty be got to go outside. She did that time looked to herself not only at night but also at meals. To do anything e.g. to sign a cheque & write a letter was almost an impossibility. Her practising she was then under did not seem to me to mask the significance of her mental condition & I got Dr. Soll of Canterbury to see her as he was a friend of the practitioners & was often in Lollstone.



2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

St. John's letter to St. Jelford & myself respectively  
I enclosed for your personal. . .  
When seen by the Commissioner in Lunacy  
my sister was at her worst: she had  
not effected his visit. As a matter of  
fact it was an oversight that she was  
not warned. He took I think a serious  
view from the point of view of possible  
suicide & emphasised the fact that we  
must keep two nurses. There has  
been in fact no suicidal  
tendency.  
Her condition has changed since being  
here & St. Jelford will tell you all about  
that. Clothes & money do not worry  
her any more than  
normally. She is <sup>(usually)</sup> excited now  
when I see her but simply quiet. She  
takes a considerable interest in things  
but thinks she is 'of no good'. She had  
a fresh nurse for a day a short time



ago & as I prefer says she taught her  
to play patience & that quite naturally. She  
does not feel able to write - not even  
to her own sister.

Now there is the abdominal condition.  
Some two years ago I suppose now -  
it was long - a swelling was found  
on the right side of the abd. but was  
I believe supposed to be benign. There  
is considerable difficulty with the food  
& bowels & some pain but I prefer  
cannot satisfy himself as to anything  
wrong especially w. new growth.

My sister was very depressed when a  
friend 2/20 & so: his was bound up  
with a love affair & she was away  
at Boston for many weeks - I think  
under whom case she was at Fiddletown,  
told me he had seen her before in  
some what the same kind of condition  
but less approved. I remember  
some such occasion when she was  
unable to concentrate on her accounts



2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
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HERTFORDSHIRE.

about what in the ordinary way she  
was very punctious -  
There is I have always understood an  
unsatisfactory history on her mother's  
side but more I believe of eccentricity  
than actual insanity. There is nothing  
so far as I know on the Crowley side.  
Naturally we should like to  
know now what can be said in  
the way of prognosis and what  
changes in treatment, if any, we  
should look to. My sister Emma  
has a real aversion to an institution  
for her unless we are driven to it.  
Then there is the question of change,  
of trying some case under another  
doctor or so.  
It is, I need not tell you, an  
immense satisfaction to me to  
feel you are coming to see her: we  
feel we have got rather to the end



of our father.

Yours as ever

Daph H. Crowley

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

18 Jan 1813

My dear Bedford,

Are you likely to be  
in London in the near future? & if  
so what would you charge for  
coming down to see my sister?  
We are stuck in the mud somewhat.  
My sister seems to have settled down  
somewhat into a quiet sort of  
melancholic condition; apparently happy  
in spite of her complainings. She takes  
an interest in things & sees often the  
humorous side of things. She has  
much trouble with the bowels &  
is frequently in considerable discomfort.  
We have had our suspicions as to  
malignant disease but she really  
seems so satisfactory indeed. She  
has long ceased to worry as formerly  
over money & clothes but she feels the



is "no good" & that she will  
never get back to her former state  
again.

I feel we want now further opinion  
in respect of prognosis & treatment.

Very sincerely yours

Ralph H. Crowley

2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
LETCHWORTH (GARDEN CITY),  
HERTFORDSHIRE.

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4 April 1913

My Dear Bedford,

Very many  
thanks for your kind  
information: I am  
now acting upon it  
& hope we may soon  
get something satisfactorily  
settled up.

I think my older sister  
will now be applicable  
to Institution care: it  
seems to me decidedly  
the best.

Again many thanks.

Yours as ever  
A. H. C.



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2, SOLLERSHOTT,  
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30 March 1813

My Dear Bedford,

My sister seems to make  
no progress & Dr. Bedford feels she can  
keep her no longer. Her sister Emma

has been extremely averse to her going  
to an Institution but Dr. Bedford from  
what she has seen of my sister  
feels she might do better in an  
Institution than under private care.

My sister Emma seems averse  
also to her sister going to the Retreat  
for which I am sorry. She fancied,  
if to an asylum she must go, some  
place near London so that I cd.  
look in readily from time to time.  
Can you advise me of a suitable  
place & can you also tell me of



any suitable doctor in these parts  
who would take my sister under  
surgical care?

I must really apologise for thus  
troubling you but I do not know  
to whom else to turn. If you are  
likely to be dropping me a line  
early in the week I shall be at  
Alderley & Dea Hotel, Alderley W or  
on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday nights.

Yrs. always & sincerely,

Ralph H. Browlee