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Aunts

25 June / 14

Dear Dr. Pierce

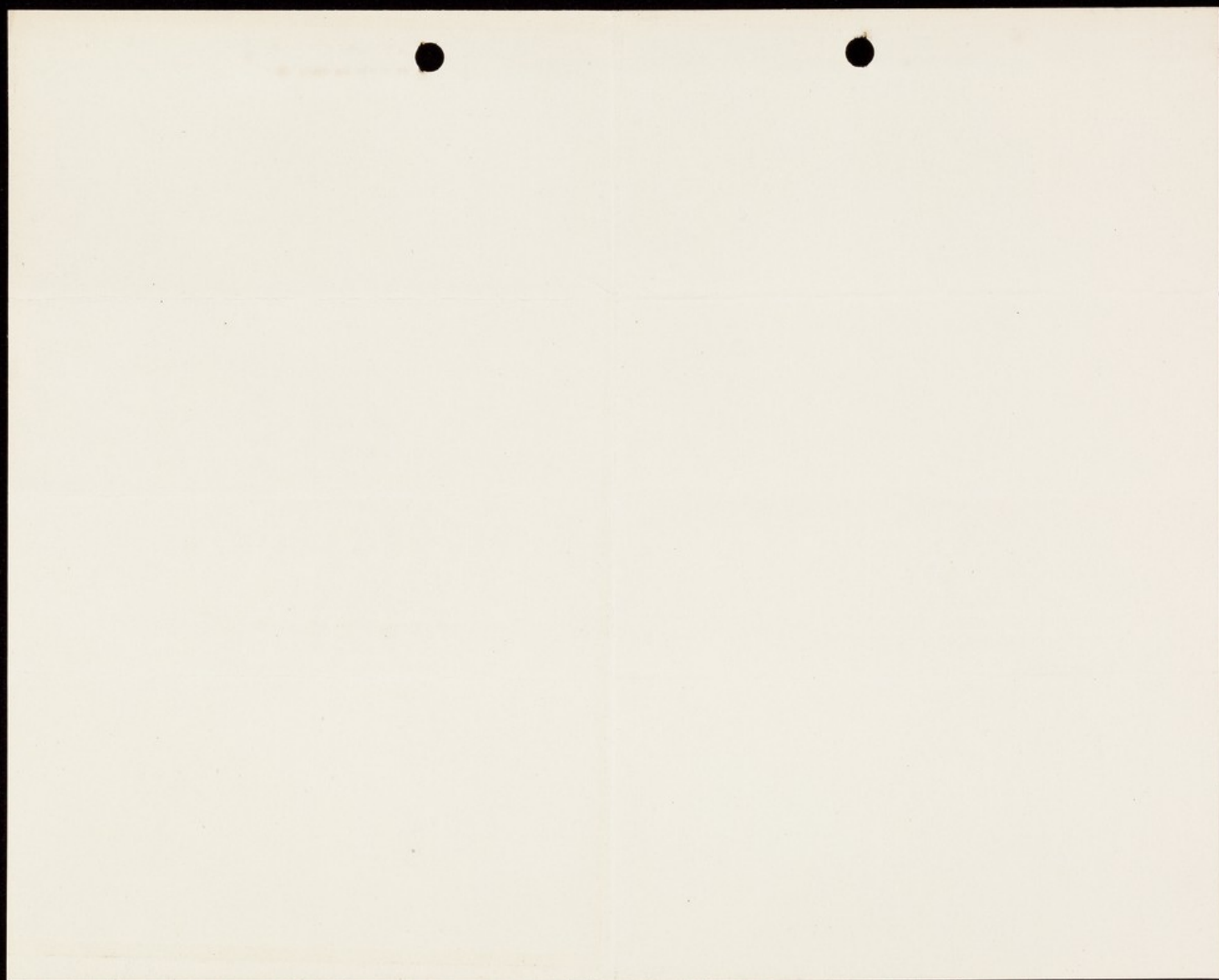
I have been from home
with Mr Curtis for a fortnight
staying at Weston super Mare
with friends - and we have
had a good outing & she
is keeping very well I am
glad to say.

I herewith send receipt
for cheque value £22.3.6.

With many thanks

Sincerely Yours

Wm Curtis



✓ Allon

Hants

22 April / 14

Dear Dr. Pierce

I know you will be glad to hear that Mrs Curtis keeps well - quiet, fairly bright and cheerful - looks better, but still thin. Sleeps well - appetite fair only. Seldom speaks of anything connected with her illness & and gets about as usual -

I have just lost my dear Sister aged 81 - living too long away, which has been a great trouble to us - but my wife has gone through it all beautifully -

I am indeed sorry to hear
to day of Miss Kate Crowley's
death after two operations.
It is very sad altogether -

My wife ever now & then
has alluded to her when at
the Retreat.

She will want to see any
letter that comes from you
with the York post mark,
so you will be careful when
writing.

If you want to say anything
special to me, please

address the letter to Dr. Nevins
10 High St. Alton. & he will
let me have it.

With kindest regards &
many thanks for all your
kindness

Yours sincerely

Wm Curtis

Alton

29 May / 14

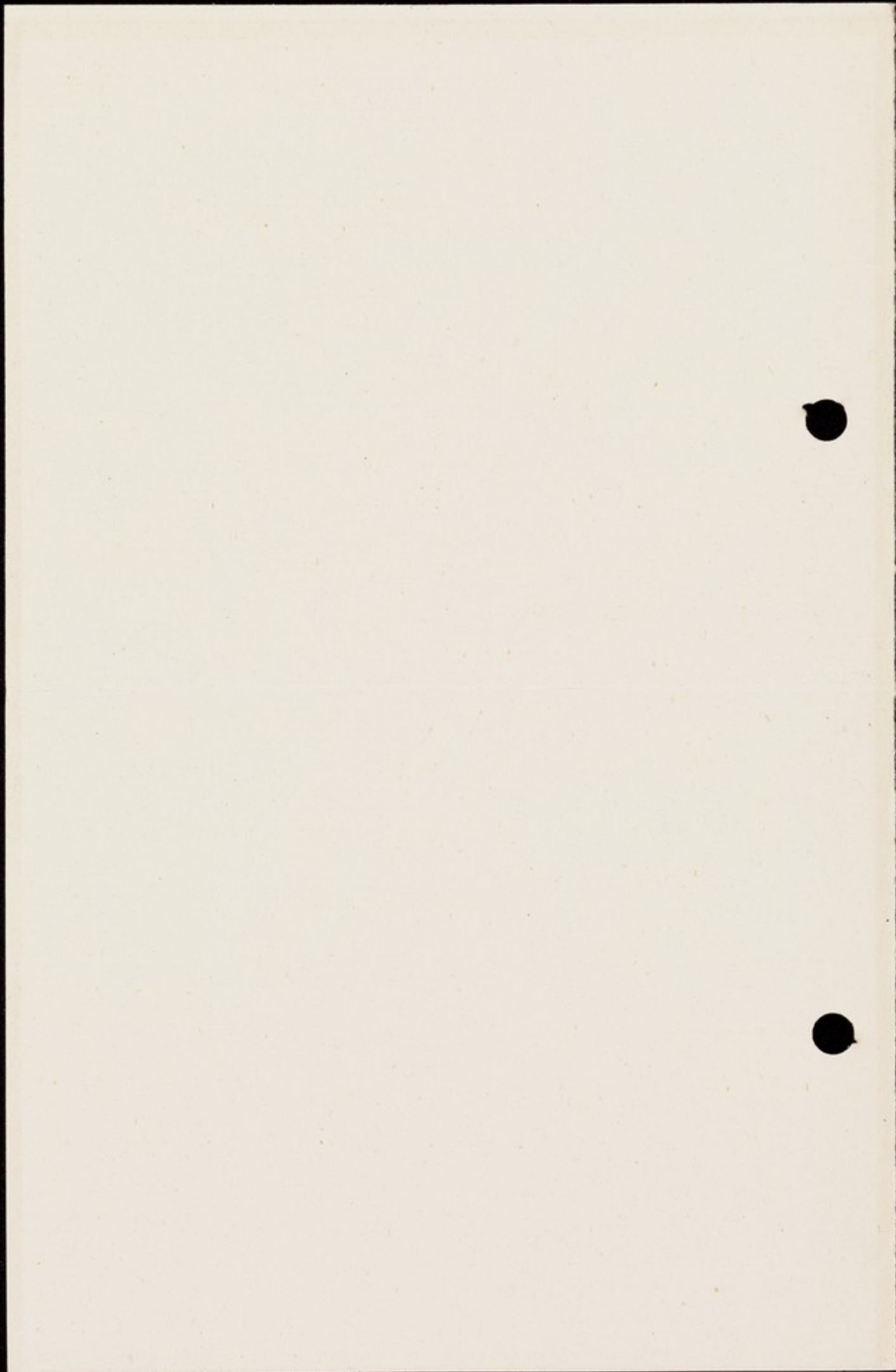
Dear D. Pierce

I am greatly obliged
for your letter and form
of discharge -

I sincerely hope that
all will go well now -

I return you my sincere
thanks for all your kindness
and care of my dear
wife

Yours very truly
Wm Curtis



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Alton

Hants

26 May /14

Dear Dr. Prince

In reply to your letter received this morning, I may say that Mrs ^{Curtis} remains in every way perfectly rational - and has shown no symptoms of relapse - therefore I should suppose she has recovered - I certainly hope so.

She is very nice in every way and does not refer to anything unpleasant.

If my report is satisfactory

to you, I suppose you will
act upon it.

When completed I
suppose there will be some
balance of the account
to return to me

Yours sincerely

Wm Curtis

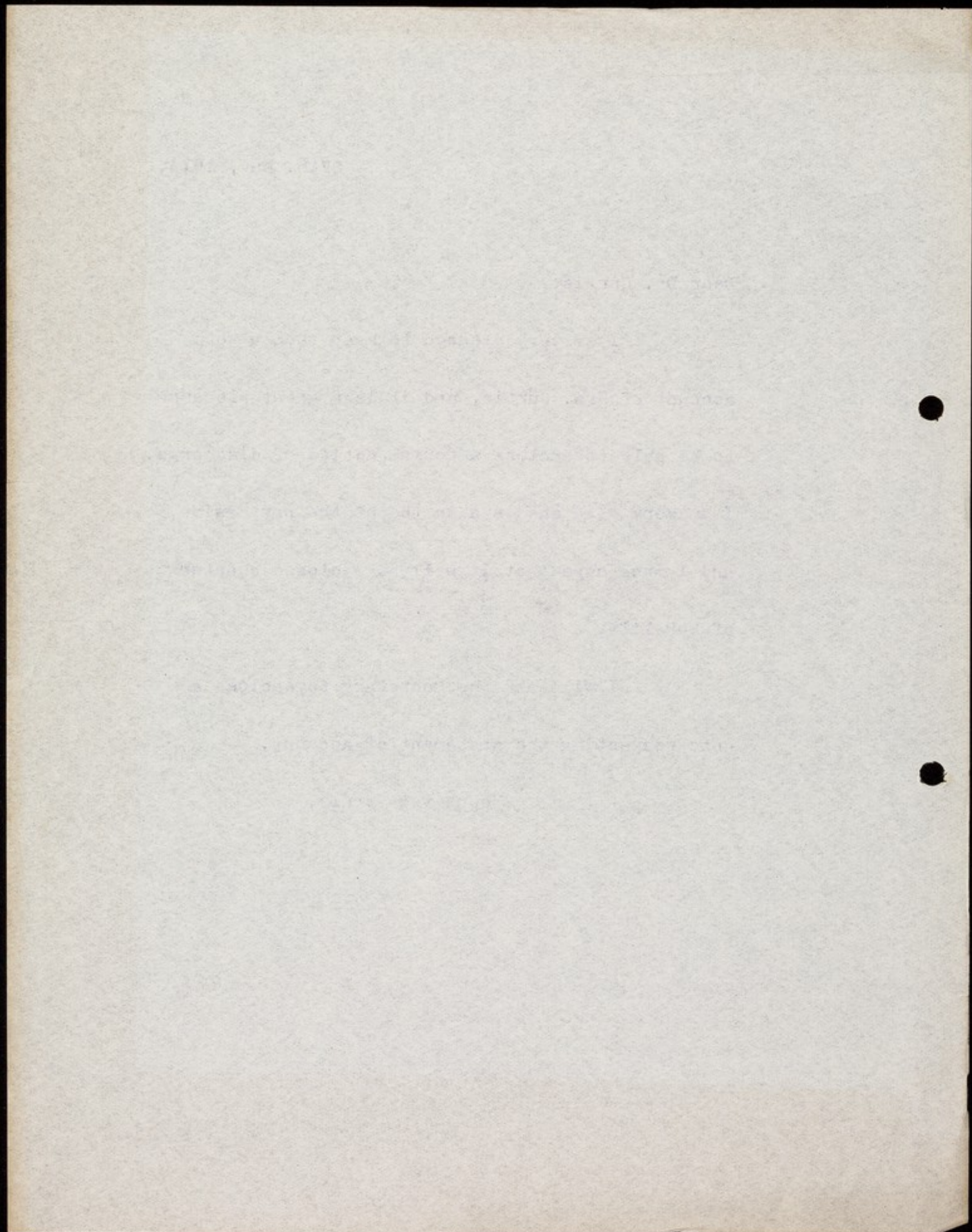
27th. May, 1914.

Dear Dr. Curtis,

I am very pleased to hear such a good account of Mrs. Curtis, and it is a great pleasure to be able to enclose a formal notice of discharge. I am very glad she is able to put the past aside, and I much hope that it will be a closed chapter of her life.

I will ask the Secretary to enclose a note respecting the statement of account.

Yours very truly,



✓
Alton

29 Jan'y / 14

Dear G. Pierce

I am sending you a few lines to say that so far we have been getting on very well. Mrs Curtis managed her journey to Croydon well and I think enjoyed it.

She had a very nice visit - and I joined her there on Monday the 19th, and we returned home on the Friday.

So far we have had no trouble at all, and she

is settling in nicely, and
I trust it may continue,
although I know how uncer-
tain it is.

If at any time you should
wish to write me, the vis
be sure to want to see it,
so if there is anything particular
you wish to say, perhaps—
you would send the letter
addressed ^{Mr. Curtis} to J. Ellis Curtis,
8 High Street, Alton—might
be advisable & I shall get
it there.

~~Her~~ My wife looks much
better, and eats her food better
and often fairly bright.

With kind regards
and best thanks

Yours sincerely
W. Curtis

Alton

16 Jan'y / 14

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you very much
for your letter and advice, in
regard to my wife -

My wife and son had a very
good journey to London, and
were met at Kings X by Mr
Sharp who took her to Croydon.
She seems to be enjoying her
freedom I think. Mr Sharp in
a letter to day "says to my mind
it is of no earthly use trying to
argue or remonstrate with her, &
one thing I feel convinced

She will not be coerced into anything - she needs the most careful treatment - let her feel that she is free."

This is pretty much the same advice as you have given me. We shall endeavour to carry it out as far as possible, but no doubt we may have as you say, some difficulties to contend with.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for all your kind care and skill you have bestowed on my dear wife during her

residence with you, as well as Dr Burnie and all those who have administered to her wants.

With kindest regards
very sincerely Yours

Wm Curtis.

I am going to Mr Sharps on Monday for a day or two and bring Mr Curtis home.

ALTON HANTS.

1 Jan'y 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

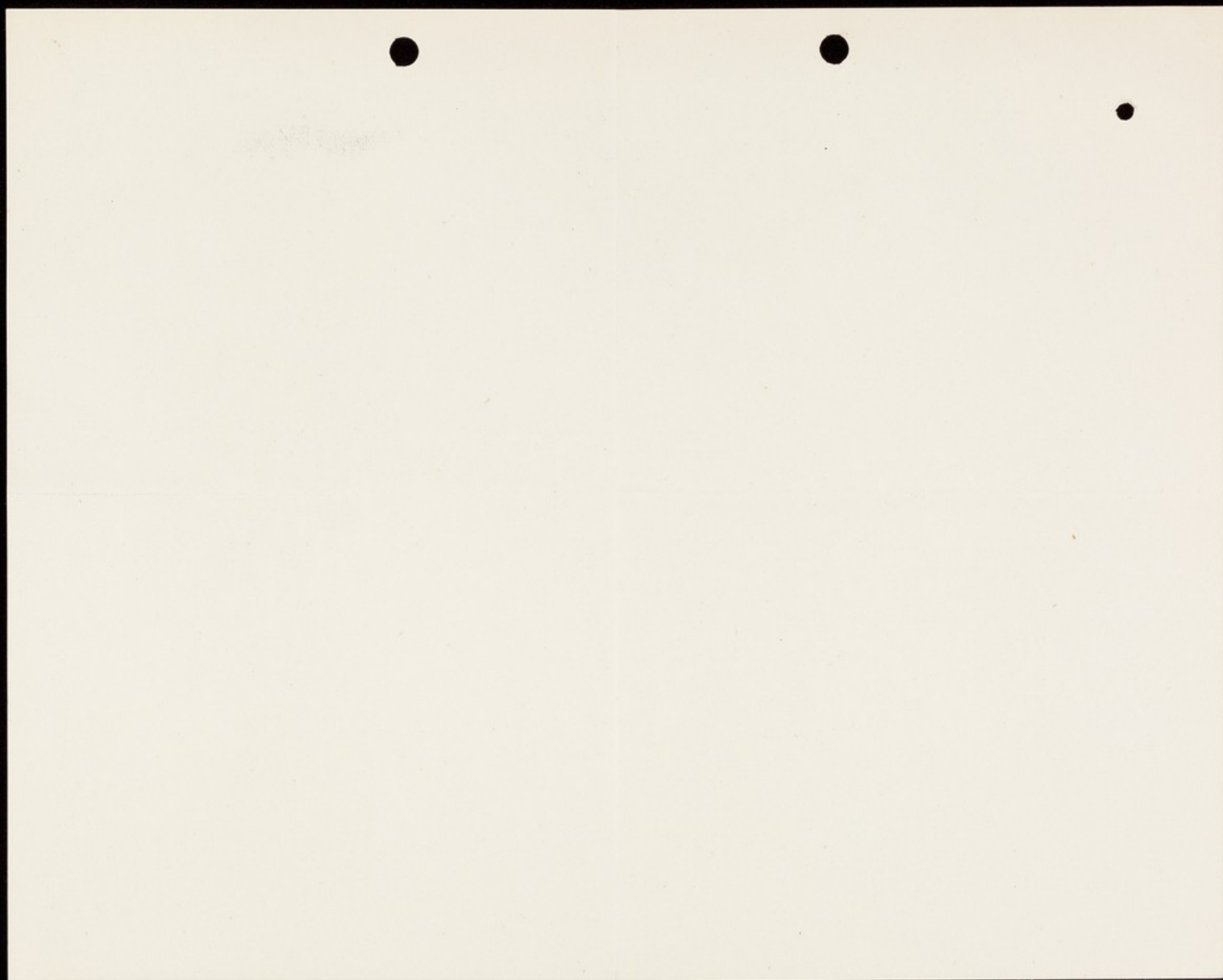
We have all had a further consultation in regard to my wife's travelling home, and have come to the conclusion that my son should go up to Scarborough and fetch her.

We think it best for him to do so, and he will write and tell her he is coming.

I trust you will approve

Yours sincerely

Wm Curtis.



Since writing this letter, I have seen
a letter from my wife to Mr ~~Hester~~
Sharp in which she evidently is expecting
to travel alone to London - What do
you think. If someone could go
with her, ^{from Scarborough} and see to her changing at
York for London, and she could have
some sandwiches & Coke given her to
have during the journey, as she would
not wish to get any in the train I know,
would it do for her then to travel to
King's Cross alone. We should like to
do what is best - but I don't think she
would like any of us to come so far
north as York.

ALTON. HANTS.

30 Dec-1913

Dear Dr. Pierce

I wish you a Bright New
Year.

Mr Sharp will be able to receive
Mr Curtis any day after the 10th,
so my wife has written to propose
Tuesday the 13th. Of course this
must depend upon your decision.

I expect you will be seeing
her before leaving, and may I
ask you if you see well, to tell
her she should have a younger
companion with her at home,
to go out with her, read to her and
work. I think it is a necessity.

Also to listen to advice from
Dr. Reven from time to time, and
we think she ought not to
attend Church more than once
a day for the present -

I am telling you what we think,
but at the same time, we wish
it to come from yourself entirely
and not from our prompting.
Another thing that strikes us
is whether as the distance is so
great, it would be feasible for
you to send her with a Nurse
to King's Cross, where she could
be met, by one of us and

taken to Croydon.

Will you kindly think it over
and let me know when con-
venient - It would be a great
help to us, as I do not feel
quite up to doing it myself - and
my Son is a little uncertain as
to his movements.

I am sorry to trouble you so
much - I can only say how
greatly I appreciate your kindness.

Yours sincerely

Wm. Curtis.

What a cold spell of weather we
are having - I expect my dear Wife
feels it.

Jan. 2, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

Very many thanks for your good wishes for the new year. I hope to go over to Scarborough to see Mrs. Curtis tomorrow.

I am very glad to hear that Mr. Curtis is coming to meet his mother, as I think that, this very cold weather, it will be much more satisfactory for some one to travel with her.

With regard to the companionship, I will do what I can, but I fear it will not be very easy to get her cordial acquiescence. She has frequently spoken to me of her dislike of having nurses in the house, though it is clear that she should have some companion or other. Perhaps you could find some one who is not very young and would be more congenial than quite a young woman.

Yours very truly,

Jan. 2, 1913

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Very much obliged for your good letter of the 11th

inst. I have been so busy that I have not been able to

reply sooner.

I am very glad to hear that you are in good health

and that you are still in the same position.

With kind regards to your family, I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

[illegible signature]

[illegible text]

[illegible text]

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Dec. 20, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

I saw Mrs. Curtis the other day, and she seemed pretty nicely. I think she is quite prepared to settle down nicely at Throxenby for Christmas, and if all goes well I quite concur in your proposal for her leaving afterwards.

Yours very truly,

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17 Dec^r/13

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I was so glad that you were able to see my Son, and have a little talk with him. He was very pleased with his visit to his Mother - and he took her to Scarborough where they had lunch and drove all about the place before returning - he stayed tea with her, and then walked back -

It is now pretty much decided that she should leave about the middle of Jan, and go to Mr. Sharp, who lives in Croydon, for 10 days before returning home - Of course

This all depends entirely upon your approval.
We do feel thankful that she seems so well -
We cannot but feel greatly indebted to you for all
the kind care and careful treatment she has
received at your hands.

With kind regards
I am Yours sincerely
Wm Curtis.

ALTON HANTS.

6 Dec^r/13

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you very much
for your letter.

We think with you that it
would be perhaps better for Mr
Curtis to remain till after Xmas.
where she is. It would hardly
do for her to be at home at
that time.

I think it would be well for
my Son to go and see her, and
he would like to do so, when
you think best.

We think that he should

Stop at York and see you,
so as to talk over matters
before seeing his mother.
It will be more satisfactory to
us that my son should have
a personal interview with
you.

Could you arrange a day
and hour that would suit
you. My son could catch the
10.10 train at King's and
arrive at York soon after 2 o'clock.

We are so glad to think
she is going on nicely.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mr. Curtis.

to write extra letters -
I am not telling my brother
about this letter - as Frederick
doubts its being worth con-
sidering - but of course you
should feel quite at liberty to
mention it to him; you
think but, for any reason, I
can easily explain it to him.
He is an old man & one who
does know he will bear up; the
strain lasts much longer - it
is most particular & furious -
Sincerely yours M. H. Green

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ALTON HOUSE,
REDHILL, SURREY. ✓

TELEPHONE 173. 2 Dec: 13

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce:

I have received this
sad letter today from my
sister-in-law, Mrs. Curtis.
And my son-in-law - Frederick
Curtis - whom you know - & his
young daughter - I live -
has advised me to send it
straight to you.
Can she possibly go home

While she puts like this? and
yet - will she ever get over this
delusion? - For delusion - pure
& simple - I need hardly say that
it is - My poor brother is
absolutely devoted to her - &
often - now - looks like a broken
hearted old man - I am
wondering what to say to her
in reply - whether it - will be
any use to ~~for~~ tell her of

his sorrow & distress at having
to send her away - & how
it has broken him? -
I will not - in any case
write to her, I think before
Thursday night - in case
you have any advice or
suggestion to make - but
please don't trouble to reply
to this - } you have not -
as I am sure it must be
highly difficult to you

Dec. 8, 1913

Dear Br. Curtis,

So far as I can see I shall be at home
on Wednesday or Thursday next at the time you
mention and could arrange to be at home on the
17th or 18th similarly.

If your son should come on one of the
earlier days mentioned, perhaps he would wire, so
that I may know he is coming.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 8, 1913

Dear Mr. Gifford,

So far as I can see I shall be at home

on Wednesday or Thursday next at the time you

mention and could arrange to be at home on the

17th or 18th alternatively.

If your son should come on one of the

earlier days mentioned, perhaps he would write so

that I may know as to coming.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 2, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

I saw Mrs. Curtis on Saturday, and she was pretty nicely, and though she still thinks she ought not to have been sent away from home, and is inclined to think herself badly treated, on the whole she is somewhat more reasonable on the matter. She is also a little hurt at the suggestion that she is apt to do too much at Christmas and that she had better stay at Throxenby during the Christmas holidays. Perhaps you would be able to arrange for some member of the family to call and see her before very long and discuss the next move. I fear it will not be very easy to decide what to do, as there is no doubt the mental recovery is not fully complete. Nevertheless I should expect it would not be desirable for Mr. Curtis to remain with us very much longer, as she is really very nicely.

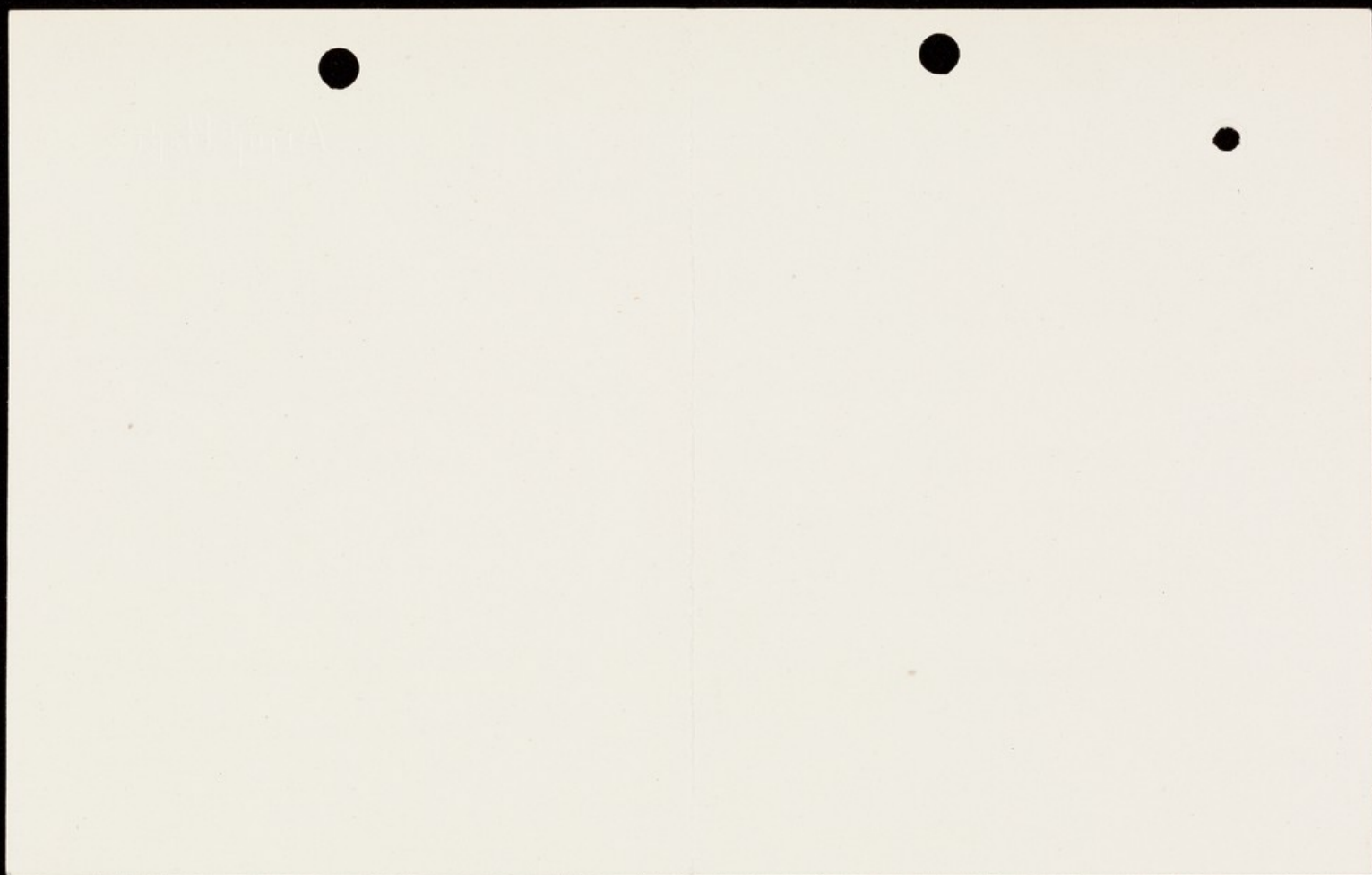
Yours very truly,

29 Nov^r/13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am just sending you a line to tell you that I received a very nice letter from Mrs Curtis yesterday, and Mr Harvey has had a pleasant friendly one from her this morning. Strange that there was such a relapse in the last two before, it was like a sort of wave. I thought you would like to know.

Yours very truly
Wm Curtis



ALTON. HANTS.

Cousin's 398
Cumb
Nov 26th

25 Nov^r/13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I wonder whether you
have seen Mr Curtis lately -
Yesterday week I had a very
nice letter from her - but since
then we heard through my Sister
in Law at Weston-Super-Mare, that
her letter to her was not quite
natural or rational.

Mrs Sharp sent me a letter
she had from her
last evening, some of it quite
natural, but the old idea of
our wrong treatment of her ^{is} strongly
marked. It is very sad, but

perhaps these relapses are
more or less usual -

It is quite evident that she
is not well enough to come
away at present

May I just ask the question
whether the boarding at the Hall
is additional to what I am
already paying at the Retreat.

I am a little anxious in regard
to the expenses -

I should be very glad to
have your candid opinion
of her condition some day
when convenient -

I had been in hopes of a
better state of things, but this
relapse has tried me -

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Wm Curtis

Nov. 19, 1913

Dear Sir,

With this I send a copy of the Retreat Report.

We have a branch at Throxenby where we receive borderland cases, but it is not possible to receive patients there in the first place. They must first be received at the Retreat for examination. If found suitable there is no objection to a patient going on to Throxenby Hall the same day.

It is very quiet there at this time of year, and there is more going on at the Retreat. Just at the present time we are very full here, and it is hardly possible to take in another male patient, but there is room at Rhroxenby.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Cunliffe

Nov. 1, 1913

Dear Sir,

With this I send a copy of the latest report.

We have a branch at Throokney where we receive bordering cases, but it is not possible to receive patients there in the first place. They must first be received at the nearest to examination. If found suitable there is no objection to a patient being on to Throokney Hall the same day.

It is very quiet there at this time of year, and there is more going on at the hospital. Just at the present time we are very full here, and it is hardly possible to take in another male patient, but there is room at Throokney.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. G. H. G. G.

Nov. 13. 1913.

Dear Dr. Curtis,

One of us will
be going to Throxbury
Hall shortly to see
Mr. Curtis, and will
discuss the question
with her if it seems
suitable, and let you
know later.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Nov. 13. 1913.

Dear Mr. Burkis,
One of us will
be going to the
Hall shortly to see
Mr. Burkis, and will
discuss the question
with her if it seems
suitable, and let you
know later.

Yours very truly,
Lynn.

Jeff

ALTON HANTS.

12 Nov^r 13

Dear Mr. Pierce

We are all so pleased to get such good accounts of Mr. Curtis, and we feel that this change at Troxentz Hall must be very beneficial.

Can you give me some idea as to how long you think she will have to remain where she is, before coming home, or whether she should have further change when she leaves.

Perhaps you may think she

Could decide that point
herself.

Yours sincerely

Wm Curtis.

ALTON HOUSE,
REDHILL, SURREY.

TELEPHONE 173.

31 Oct-13

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for your letter which was forwarded me from home - I am staying here for a few days with my Cousin Frederick Curtis.

I do hope those letters you showed my dear wife, will be favourably received, and do good.

I think Dr. Payne rescued my lifes wedding ring which

ALTON HOUSE
REDFIELD, SURREY
TELEPHONE 1133

She took off in the railway
journey to York. He handed
it to Dr. Birnie I think. Does
she wear it now. Another ring
she wore, he saved as well, but
put it on his watch chain at
the time & forgot. I have it now,
I wonder whether she wants it.
She has not mentioned them
in writing.

I have forgotten to ask whether
the enlarged gland in the neck
or rather throat, is less in size.

I am wondering whether she is
going to Scarborough this week.

Yours sincerely
Wm. Carter

ALTON. HANTS.

26 Oct- / 13

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you very much
for your letter. I was rather glad
to hear that Dr. Cook had seen
my life.

I have been looking over the letters
she wrote, and have selected 3
which I enclose for you to show
her, if you really think advisable.

I leave it entirely to your
discretion.

A Change to Throxbury Hall

might be good for her for a
short time.

Yours sincerely
Wm. Curtis.

My Son had a very nice letter
from his Mother - perfectly clean,
and the best we have received.

ALTON HANTS.

19 Oct-13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have seen Mr. Sharp who has given us an account of her visit to Mr. Curtis. She seems to think her mind quite clear as far as she could judge in the short time she was there, only the one trouble of her having been sent away from home wrongfully.

Do you think this condition will pass off in time or can anything be said or done to help convince her that she has been very ill - We have some ^{rambling} letters she wrote when delirious, which were stopped

from being posted, would the
sight of one of these convince
her -

Do you think she should remain
with you much longer, I am
asking because I am afraid
there will be some trouble in
knowing where to go with her
for change, before returning home.
and, who to go with her -

I shall be writing her again
in a day or two.

Please pardon my troubling
you so much.

Yours very truly

Wm Carter

Oct. 28, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

I saw Mrs. Curtis and had a long talk with her and gave her the three letters. I thought it was better that she should see for herself what she had been like. I told her that the letters had better be destroyed and forgotten.

I suggested her going to Throxenby towards the end of the week.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 28, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

I saw Mrs. Curtis and had a long talk

with her and gave her the three letters. I thought

it was better if she should see for herself what

she had been like. I told her that the letters

had better be destroyed and forgotten.

I suggested her going to Throxyby towards

the end of the week.

Yours very truly,

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ALTON. HANTS.

13 Oct- /13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have pleasure in
Sending you my Cheque, value
£23.15.6 - and to hear a
much better report of my dear
life -

I have to day received a
letter from her, which is very
encouraging - She writes in
a much more friendly ^{and loving} frame
of mind - It has greatly
cheered me -

Mr. Sharp will call to see

Join on Thursday soon
after 1:20 I think, and
is looking forward to seeing
Mrs Curtis with pleasure.

With kindest regards and
best thanks

Yours most truly

Wm Curtis.

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Alton. 4 Oct: 13

Thanks for letter. sorry for mistake.

Thursday 16th is the day Mrs. Sharp
intends to call -

Wm Curtis

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CARD



J. Pierce

The Retreat

York

Oct. 3, 1913

Dear Mr. Curtis,

It will be quite suitable for the lady of whom you speak to call to see Mrs. Curtis at any time.

You speak of coming on Tuesday, the 16th. I conclude you mean the 14th if it is a Tuesday. I am generally in Leeds on Tuesday afternoons, and therefore may be away, but this need not interfere with the visit.

I would strongly recommend you to continue to write to Mrs. Curtis in quite an ordinary way, not attempting to explain away her wrong ideas, but rather ignoring them. She certainly speaks much as she has written, and it is very painful that she cannot understand things better.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 2, 1913

Dear Mr. Curtis,

It will be quite suitable for the lady of whom

you speak to call to see Mrs. Curtis at any time.

You speak of coming on Tuesday, the 12th. I should like you to an-

swer it if it is a Tuesday. I am generally in Leeds on Tues-

day afternoons, and therefore may be away, but this need not

interfere with the visit.

I would strongly recommend you to continue to

write to Mrs. Curtis in quite an ordinary way, not attempting

to explain away her wrong ideas, but rather ignoring them.

She certainly speaks much as she has written, and it is very

difficult that she cannot understand what is being

said to her.

ALTON HANTS. ✓

2 Oct: 13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing to ask you whether there would be any objection to a very intimate lady friend of ours to call and see Mrs Curtis, She is a person of keen judgement, discretion and tact.

If you think a visit might be allowed, she would like very much to see you also, and she would call anytime between 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday the 16th.

I have received a very distressing letter from my wife, blaming me for such treatment, and sending

her from home - shewing the
condition of her brain - but
we must expect this for the
present I suppose.

Under these circumstances,
is it advisable for me to write
occasionally or not for a time,
or would it be better for my
son or her sister Mrs Harvey to
write instead.

Yours very truly

Wm Curtis.

90 C. E. Curtis Esq
Reynolds Cottage
Beckenhurst
Hants

14 Sept: 13

Dear Dr. Peirce

Your letter was forwarded to me at this address, where I am staying for a week or ten days -

I am indeed glad to hear from you such an improved account of my dear wife - ~~and~~ ^{but} I am afraid it will be somewhat difficult to get her to realize the severe illness through which she has passed - and the reason which caused us to act

as we have done, in sending
her away from home -
We have unfortunately gone through
the trouble before - but I hope in
time that you may be able to
convince her that our action was
necessary -

I am sending her a short letter
as you kindly suggest, and hope
she may be pleased to receive
it.

With my gratefull thanks

I am

Yours sincerely

Wm Curtis

ALTON HANTS.

6 Sept: 13

Dear Mr. Pierce

I should esteem it
a great kindness, if you would
send me a few lines to let me
know how my dear wife is
getting on, and whether there
is any improvement -

Is there any difference in the
enlarged gland?

Of course we feel very anxious
as to how matters are going on,
or I should not trouble you

Yours most truly

Wm. Curtis



ALTON. HANTS.

Ans
CmB.
Aug 20th 13.

19 August 1913

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter and inclosures, which I have duly signed, and enclose cheque for £29-5-0.

I trust you will find it correct.

Will you be good enough to express to your Committee my very sincere thanks for their kindness in reducing the fee to 45/- a week. I am grateful.

Yours faithfully
Wm Curtis.

W. E. Waller Esq.

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I should be glad to have
a report of my Wifes present
condition

Wm. C.

28th July, 1913.

Dear Dr. Curtis,

Thank you for your letter. On the whole Mrs Curtis has done quite as well as we can expect. She occasionally has a wakeful night, and then the next night she sleeps well and seems nicely. There is no return in intelligence except that the nurses report that for a few minutes one day she was comparatively clear. We always are pleased to see these intervals of lucidity, as they not unfrequently are the first signs of an improved state of affairs.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr W. Curtis,
c/o Miss Curtis,
Lingmoor,
HINDHEAD,
Surrey.

Sept 21, 1918

Dear Dr. Curtis,

Thank you for your letter.

Curtis has done quite an amount of work. He occasionally has a violent headache, but the rest of the night she sleeps well and seems healthy. Her mind is intelligent enough to understand the situation for a few minutes one day and then forgets it. We always are pleased to see her. She is now very happy and is very much improved. I hope to see her again.

With love,

I remain,

Yours truly,

Dr. W. Curtis,
c/o Miss Curtis,
Hindhead,
B. 1. 1. 1.

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To Miss Curtis
Lingmoor

Kindred
Surrey.

26 July 13.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Your letter was sent on
to me here, where I am staying
with my niece for a short time,
as I felt I needed a change -

Thank you so much for your
kind letter, which gives as satisfactory
a report as could be expected
for the time - in fact better than
I thought possible -

I do feel most thankful to you

for admitting her under
your care, and I trust that
we may hear of continued
improvement.

Yours very truly
Wm. Curtis.

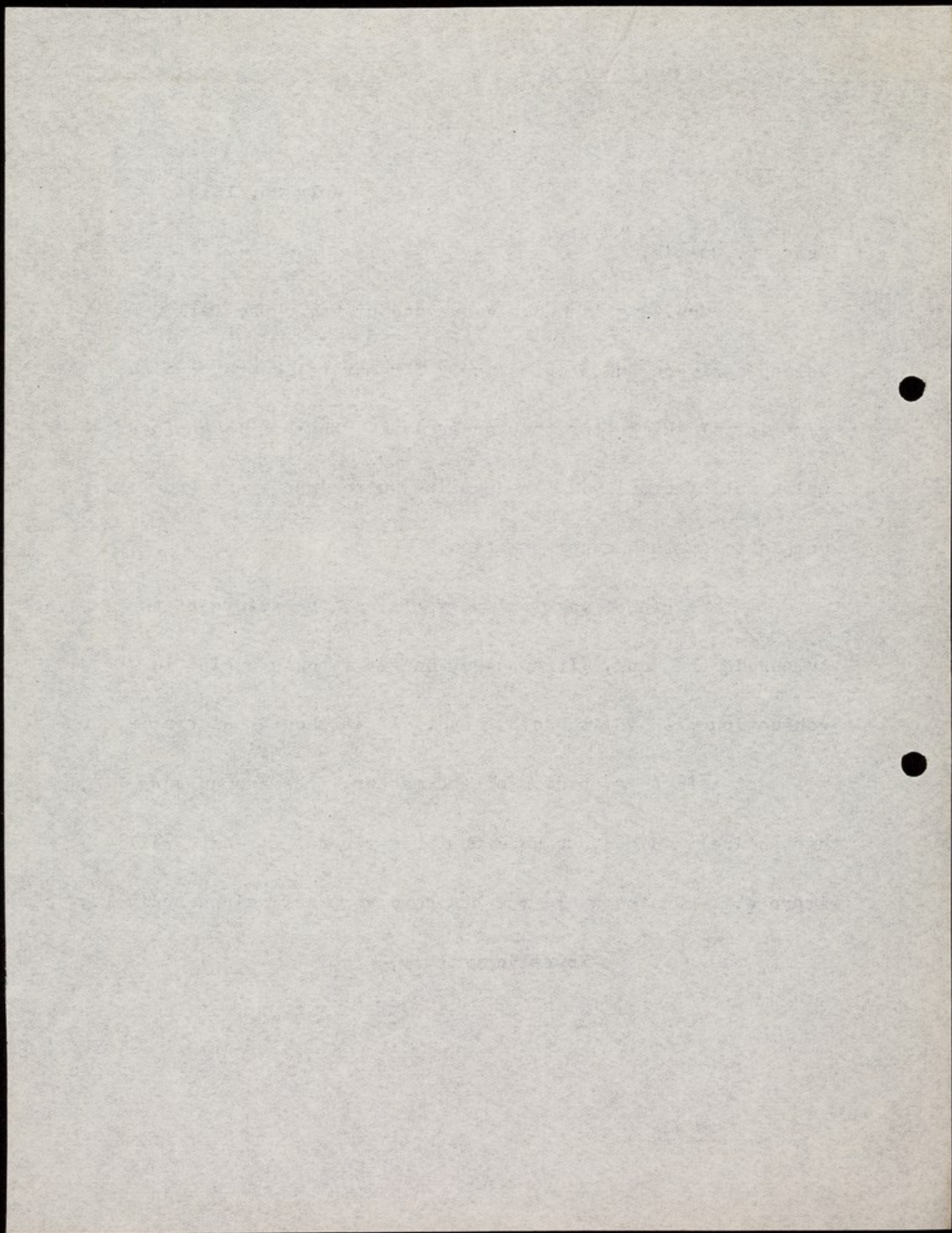
July 23, 1913

Dear Dr. Curtis,

Mrs. Curtis had a very good night. She fell asleep early on and slept soundly for several hours, and she certainly looks better than on arrival. She has taken food quite satisfactorily. She remains quite incoherent and unable to sustain a conversation.

We cannot make out very plainly the nature of the tumour in the neck. It appears, however, to be a cyst in connection with the thyroid gland. If it should enlarge I will get a further opinion on the matter. We are nursing her entirely in bed, and hope that her general strength will improve. On the whole she has done very well since arrival.

Yours very truly,



ALTON. HANTS.

20 July 13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have all my papers filled up I am glad to say - and I hope they will prove correct -

We intend to send my patient off with two Nurses and Dr. Payne the junior Partner in my firm. on Tuesday morning by motor to King Cross - catch the 10.10 train for York, arriving at 2.4.

Would it be too much, to ask if someone could meet them and direct them how to reach

the Retreat, as we have no idea where the place is situated.

Ms Curtis seems to run in cycles, often towards the end of the week, she gets a more excited attack, more talkative and extremely noisy & shouting. In a day or two, it gradually quiets down, and she is more calm and sleeps more.

It is a very stormy day with her today - may it quiet down by Tuesday.

About a month ago, Nurse told me that there was a

Small swelling in the neck, and Dr. Nevan saw it. it soon disappeared. a fortnight ago, the swelling appeared again much larger, and hard. It seems to be the Thyroid gland. Dr. Nevan & Payne wonder whether there is any ^{connection} ~~connection~~ between it and her illness - perhaps you will take notice of it.

With grateful thanks

I am
Yours very truly

Wm Curtis.

ALTON. HANTS.

20 July 13

Dear Mr. Pirce

Thank you for your very
kind letter received this morning.
As it is very necessary for my
life to be under special care
and treatment as soon as
possible, I should be glad if you
could receive her within a few
days. I should have said in my
letter that both myself and
my wife are members of the
Church of England.

I hope to send my wife

on Tuesday next, under
Dr. Payne's care, and trust
that your committee will be
able to accept a payment of
42/- or, per week.

In sending her to you, I feel
that my wife could not be
under better hands, and it
is a great satisfaction to the
members of my family to know
that you can have her.

Yours most truly
Wm Curtis

ALTON. HANTS.

17 July 13

Dear Sir

My Sister in law, Mrs Harvey
has shown me your letters in
regard to my wife, Mrs Wm Curtis.

I may say that my ancestors
were all Friends, and lived here
as Doctors - My Sister, a friend,
lives here still, and Frederick
Curtis of Redhill, a Surgeon,
married a niece of mine, and
I think is well known to Dr Bedford
Pierce - Dr Ralph Crowley is also
my Cousin -

I have been in practise here

over 50 years -

My life now needs special
care and treatment, but the
question of expense is my
great trouble - I should there-
fore be glad to know what
the lowest charge would be
under these circumstances.

My Cousin Frederick Curtis
has I know the very highest
opinion of your Institution.

An early answer would
greatly oblige.

Yours faithfully

Wm Curtis.

WINSTEY ROAD

ALTON HANTS

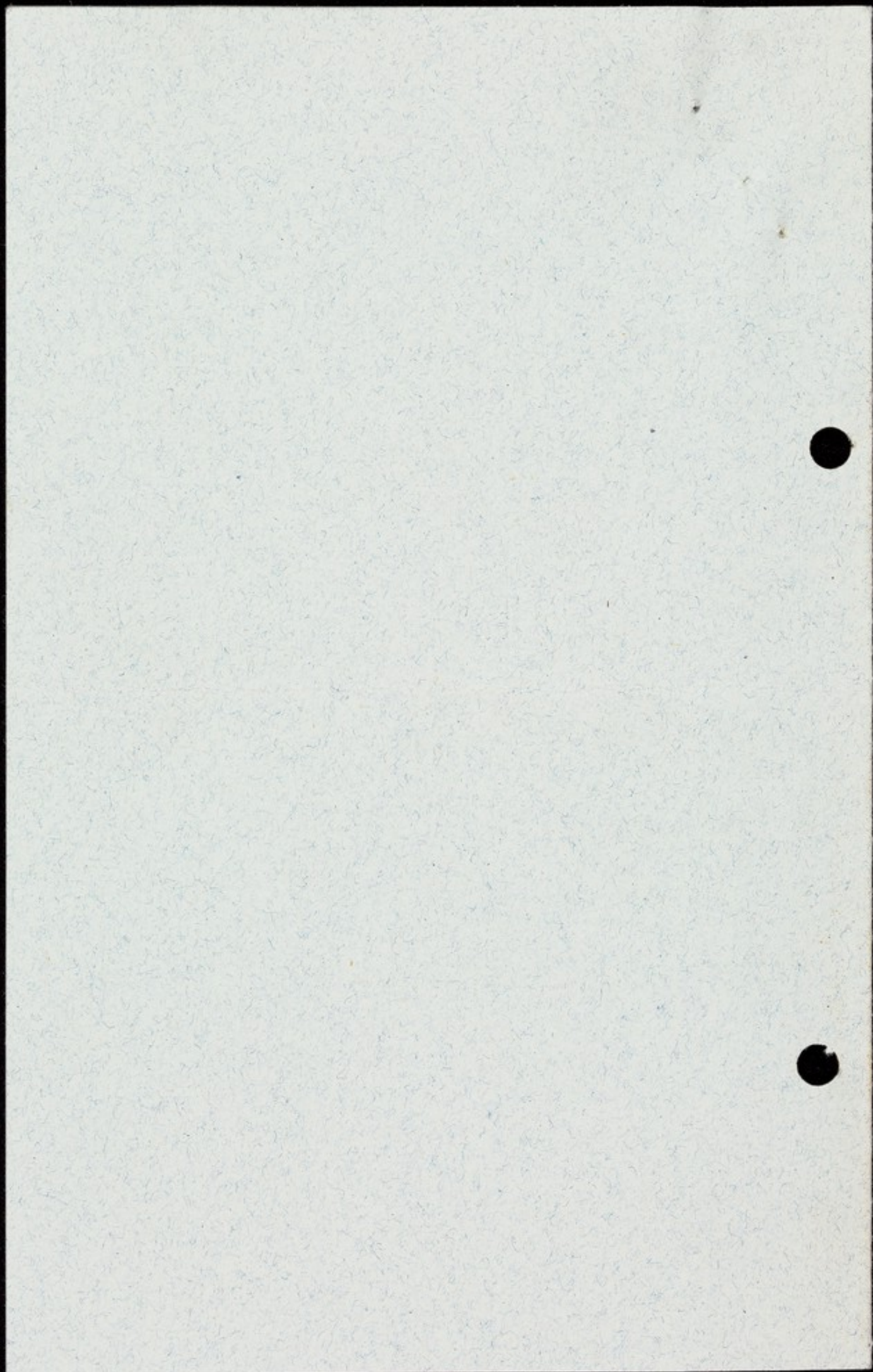
July 15. 13.

Dear Sir! I write to thank
you for your letter and
Prospectus received yesterday.
-I fear the long distance
of York from Alton makes
a difficulty. I think
I ought to have said in
my previous letter that
my friend is not only
a member of the medical
profession but belongs
also

to a family well known as
as members of the Society
of Friends. Curtis is the
name - I am wondering
what reduction in charges
for Dr. Curtis would
be allowed on that
ground - I have not
told Dr. Curtis that I
am writing to ask this,
but I should be very
glad to know if it would
be a reduction on 48/- a
week, which you mentioned

as the lowest rate - he is
not young, & retired from
the practice 27 years ago,
so that his income is a
fixed one, & by no means
large, and this sad
& unexpected illness
of Mr. Curtis is a serious
extra expense - he
naturally would wish
her to have the best care
& comfort -

Yrs. truly
J. Harvey



July 16 1913

Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter to
Mr Charlotte Bionie, as the lady mentioned
closely connected with the Society of
Friends, if not actually a member, the
Society Committee would doubtless be
willing to make some reduction in the
fee if the circumstances of the case
justified it. Several members
of the Curtis family are well known
to Mary D. Pierce but he is not
known that he is acquainted with

July 16 1913

Dear Madam,

Referring to your letter of

the 14th inst., in the last paragraph

of which you mention that the

Government of the United States

is not prepared to make a

concession to the United States

in the matter of the

United States.

The United States

is not prepared to

make a concession

The late George Jones and family
 of the State of Tennessee

Wm. C. Brown
Jas. C. Brown

the B. Carlos mentioned.

We will gladly send any further
particulars required —

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Sect.

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 Anne Wilbycombe Curtis of 4 High Street
Alton, Hants as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Dringate, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital,
to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other 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 19 day of August 1913

Name M. Curtis

Residence 4 High Street, Alton, Hants

Occupation Medical Practitioner, retired

SIGNED by the said M. Curtis

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

W. L. P. Beward M.D.
10 High Street Alton Hants
Medical Practitioner

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.

