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Ely, New Hampshire,

near Grantham.

17 Feby 1916.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

Thank you very much for your letter this morning. I am indeed sorry to have caused you so much trouble, & that everything has fallen through.

I agree with you that Mr & Mrs Miller are most exacting & difficult to please. I have always found them most unreasonable & have had to fight against their opposition all along the line. However, they have now taken the

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matter into their own hands &  
making their own arrangements,  
which I trust, for Mrs Chambers'  
sake, may be satisfactory. I  
do not yet know where they are  
going to send her.

I have, of course, given  
them ample warning regarding  
the prognosis.

I am sorry you have been  
unwell. I trust it is not  
serious & that you are recovering  
satisfactorily.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours very truly

Marshall Haller.

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16th February, 1916.

Dear Dr. Haver,

I was indisposed on Monday when Mr. Minta was over, but he saw Dr. Wilson, and I gather he was rather exacting, and seemed to want a great deal of special care for Mrs. Chambers. This was reported to the Committee, and I wrote last night to say that individual care with special day and night nurses would cost £9. 9. 0 per week. I am afraid you will think this does not facilitate our receiving the patient, who, no doubt, is an anxiety to you, but I think you will understand that at this time when everyone is so hard worked and we are so short-handed and are also very full, unnecessary care and attention ought to be paid for liberally. This is not a money making Institution, and we do our very best for our patients and I think we ought to be trusted to provide proper treatment without the friends laying down conditions. I have no objection to Mr. Minta seeing this letter.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

P.S. Since dictating the above I have seen Mr. Minta's letter to Miss Head, the Matron. I hope they will be able to make satisfactory arrangements elsewhere, for we are already very full.



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1st February, 1918.

Dear Dr. Wilson,

I was disappointed on Monday when Mr. Winton was over, but he saw Dr. Wilson, and I gather he was rather excited, and seemed to want a great deal of special care for Mrs. Winton. This was referred to the Committee, and I wrote last night to say that individual care with special day and night nurses would cost £20.00 per week. I am afraid you will think this does not justify our receiving the patient, who, no doubt, is an anxiety to you, but I think you will understand that at this time when everyone is so hard worked and we are so short-handed and are also very fully unnecessarily over and attention ought to be paid for carefully. This is not a money making institution, and we do our very best for our patients and I think a nurse to be trusted to provide proper treatment without the friends laying down conditions. I have no objection to Mr. Winton seeing this letter.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

P.S. Since dictating the above I have seen Mr. Winton's letter to Miss Head, the Matron. I hope they will be able to make satisfactory arrangements elsewhere, for we are already very

full.



15th February, 1916.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Retreat Committee this afternoon the question of terms for Mrs. Chambers was discussed. It was understood from Dr. Wilson that you wished Mrs. Chambers to be nursed separately from the other patients in a private room with a special day and night nurse, which, of course, involves relief nurses when those are off duty. The Committee wished me to explain that the fees for individual treatment of this kind should be £9. 9. 0 per week, which includes medical attendance and medicine but not disbursements, such as for washing, clothes, etc. No doubt the Committee would wish the terms to be less if the patients is nursed in association with others.

I was sorry that I was indisposed when you called on Monday.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



15th February, 1918.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Retreat Committee this afternoon the question of terms for Mrs. Chambers was discussed. It was suggested from Dr. Wilson that Mrs. Chambers be allowed to be nursed separately from the other patients in a special room, with a special day and night nurse, which, of course, involves a special charge when those of the day. The Committee decided to explain that the fees for individual treatment of this kind should be £100 per week, which includes medical attendance and medicine but not disbursements such as for washing, clothes, etc. As for the Committee would wish the terms to be less if the patient is nursed in association with others.

I was sorry that I was indisposed when you called on Monday.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

TELEGRAMS:  
CARLTON SCROOP.

NORMANTON HILL,

GRANTHAM.

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Dear Madam,

After seeing your Retrad, &  
talking the matter over with Mrs. Morda upon  
my return, it is not what we require for  
my daughter Mrs. Chambers.

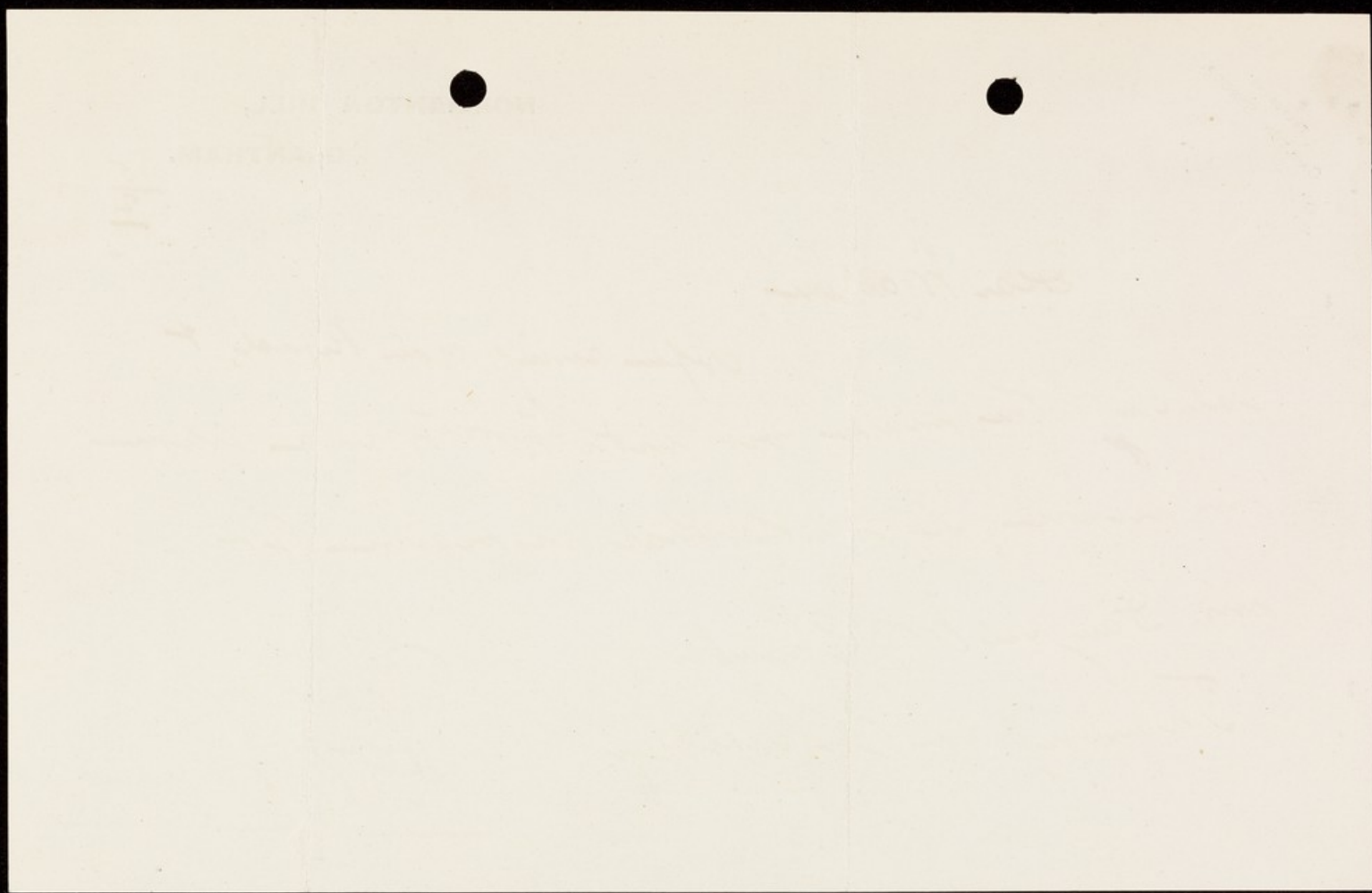
Thanking you for interview.

Yours truly,

W B Morda

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Normanton Hill

Feb 12<sup>th</sup>

To Dr Bedford Pierce  
Sir.

This morning I saw Dr  
Hamer who is attending my  
daughter. Mr Chambers &  
asked him to arrange an  
appointment with you for  
next Wed. for consultation  
is doubtless he will state  
her case fully to you - He  
is perfectly willing to submit  
a ~~home~~ for rest & change  
but we would not have her  
think for a moment:

that it has any connection  
with an Asylum. as  
the is perfectly same; at-  
the same time: if after our  
interview: you should think  
it necessary to leave her  
under your supervision;  
we should like to come  
prepared to leave her  
under your care. providing  
it is a Nurses home  
distinct from the Asylum.

I think I hope you will  
quite understand our

feelings on this matter.  
as I know of the thought  
it was any other than a  
Nurses home. I would  
be a great shock to her.  
Please let me have an  
answer by return.

Yrs truly

Hallie Wendell



# FURTHER STATEMENT.

To be supplied before or immediately after reception at The Retreat, York.

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Patient's Name Gladys Chambers, nee Winter

Occupation Housewife Born the day of 18 Not known

Before treatment is undertaken it is important that a full account of the history and habits of patients be given. All replies to questions are strictly confidential.

Informants are requested to read the suggestions given in the margins, and when information cannot be given they are asked to say so, and to leave no blanks.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.	HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION.
<p><b>Onset.</b></p> <p>What signs were earliest?</p> <p>Was onset gradual or sudden?</p>	<p>1. When did signs of mental disorder first appear? Describe the earliest symptoms.</p> <p>Signs first appeared with menstruation one month after first confinement (Sept 24, 1915). Onset sudden. Complaints of vague feeling of depression, everything seemed a worry &amp; loss. Had feelings of tight bands round body &amp; head.</p>
<p><b>Causation, Physical factors.</b></p> <p>Illness or injury.</p> <p>Intemperance. Bad habits.</p> <p>Privations or insanitary conditions.</p>	<p>2. Was the patient out of health at the time of the onset? Did any bodily disease contribute to the attack?</p> <p>Confinement.</p> <p>Other factors nil.</p>
<p><b>Causation, Mental factors.</b></p> <p>Domestic troubles.</p> <p>Bereavement.</p> <p>Business difficulties.</p> <p>Solitude.</p> <p>Worry or overwork.</p> <p>Love affairs or shock.</p>	<p>3. Was there any mental strain or unfavourable influence affecting the mind that may have contributed to the illness?</p> <p>No. Patient is a farmer's wife &amp; her environment necessarily means a certain degree of solitude, but not more than she has been used to all her life. She is also the daughter of a farmer.</p>
<p><b>Course.</b></p> <p>Improved or not.</p> <p>What special treatment.</p> <p>If away from home.</p>	<p>4. Describe the course of the disease since the onset.</p> <p>Not improved. No special treatment. Not away from home. Periods of depression associated with menstrual periods, have been increasing in length of time. Now begin some days before menstruation begins &amp; last some days afterwards. Has at times exhibited violent temper with her husband on no pretext which she afterwards admits. She worries greatly about inconsequential domestic matters.</p>
<p><b>Present condition of patient.</b></p> <p>State the symptoms that require special care in treatment.</p>	<p>5. What are the present difficulties in respect to management and treatment?</p> <p>Fear that she may be suicidal or homicidal.</p> <p>If thought to be suicidal or homicidal, give reasons.</p> <p>Says she feels like throwing herself out of the window. Feels a fascination for a bottle of carbolic disinfectant. Has threatened to throw her baby out of the window.</p> <p>Are personal habits clean? <u>Yes</u></p> <p>Does patient refuse food? <u>Only so far as there is loss of appetite.</u></p> <p>Is patient sick or infirm? <u>No</u></p> <p>Have there been any seizures or fits? <u>No</u></p> <p>N.B.—Epileptic patients are not admitted into the Retreat.</p> <p>Has there been trouble in respect to correspondence? <u>Not known, but she writes to.</u></p>

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PREVIOUS HISTORY.	SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.
<p>1. What was the state of health during childhood and youth? Was there any delayed development or mental deficiency?</p> <p><i>Not known</i></p>	<p><b>Childhood and Youth.</b></p> <p>Infantile convulsions. Night terrors. St. Vitus's Dance. Nervous complaints.</p>
<p>2. What has been the state of the bodily health during adult life?</p> <p><i>Not known, but her former medical attendant informs me that he has treated her for hysteria. This was at some period before marriage.</i></p>	<p><b>Bodily Health.</b></p> <p>Rheumatic or other fever. Consumption. Intemperance. Nervous disease. Other diseases.</p>
<p>3. What are the mental characteristics and temperament?</p> <p><i>Mental vigour &amp; ability appear good, but temperament rather excitable. Other factors not known.</i></p>	<p><b>Mental State.</b></p> <p>Mental vigour and ability. Industry and perseverance. Favourite pursuits. Eccentricities. Irregular living.</p>
<p>4. Have there been any previous attacks of mental disorder, and, if so, how many?</p> <p><i>Not v. No. 2 above.</i></p> <p>When was the first attack and what was the supposed cause?</p> <p><i>Do not know of any attack.</i></p> <p>When was the last attack and was recovery complete?</p> <p><i>Do not know of any attack.</i></p>	<p><b>Previous Attacks.</b></p> <p>Date and duration. Supposed cause. Where treated. Was recovery complete?</p>

#### FAMILY HISTORY.

FAMILY HISTORY.	Family History.
<p>1. Had the patient's parents good BODILY health? If deceased, give cause of, and age at, death.</p> <p>Father <i>Not known</i></p> <p>Mother (give maiden name) <i>Not known (Cartwright)</i></p> <p>Was there any blood relationship between them? <i>Not known</i></p>	<p>A careful return as to each of the undermentioned conditions is very important.</p>
<p>2. Is there any history of MENTAL disease in the family, or any of the other conditions given in the margin? (If not known in any instance say so).</p> <p>a Father <i>Not known</i></p> <p>b Paternal grandparents <i>do.</i></p> <p>c Paternal uncles and aunts <i>do.</i></p> <p>d Mother <i>do.</i></p> <p>e Maternal grandparents <i>do.</i></p> <p>f Maternal uncles and aunts <i>do.</i></p> <p>g Brothers } <i>No brothers or sisters</i></p> <p>h Sisters }</p>	<p>1. <b>Mental Disease</b>, including minor forms of mental disorder, undue depression or excitability, weak-mindedness, whether certified or not.</p> <p>2. Epilepsy.</p> <p>3. Nervous Diseases, in particular Hysteria, Spasmodic Asthma, Neurasthenia, Chorea.</p> <p>4. Eccentricity (in a marked degree).</p> <p>5. Alcoholic intemperance.</p> <p>6. Deaf-mutism or other congenital defects.</p>
<p>3. If the patient has any children, give the number, and ages of eldest and youngest.</p> <p><i>One child, 14 months.</i></p> <p>Have the children good health?</p> <p><i>Yes.</i></p>	

Name of Informant *Marshall Haver, M.B. B.S.*

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is unreasonable as, in her lucid intervals she is devoted to her husband & baby. Moreover, she has no worries, domestic, financial, or in any other respect, but has everything that she could reasonably wish for.

Further particulars I am enclosing on the special form you sent me.

I may add that I have been trying to get her under mental treatment since her first attack, but have been unable to do so owing to the opposition of her parents. The husband apparently is a womanizer where they are concerned.

Believe me

Yours truly  
Marshall Haller

652.

Ancaster,

near Grantham.

12 Feb. 1916

Dear Dr. Bedford Price.

Thank you for your letter re my patient Mrs Chambers. I am sorry to say I am having trouble with her parents regarding her coming into the Retreat, as they do not think she is bad enough. I myself, think she should be certified. The best arrangement I have been able to make is that they bring their daughter to you for consultation, & Wednesday next at the Retreat has been suggested. They can get

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to York at 1.20. Will you kindly  
let me know whether this would  
be convenient to you? She will  
come prepared to stay if you think  
this is necessary.

This is a brief history of the  
case. Name, Gladys Chambers, nee  
Mintie, aged 29. Has been married  
I think about 16 or 17 months.  
Four months ago had her first child.  
Confinement normal in every respect.  
One month after confinement, menstruation  
was re-established, & with menstruation  
she became depressed & morose. The  
onset was sudden. At that time I  
do not think there were any other

symptoms besides the depression, & I  
prescribed Valerian & Jellian. The attack  
passed off in a few days & she became  
normal again. Since then she has  
menstruated regularly, but at each  
period she has become progressively  
worse as regards the mental depression,  
whilst more or less normal in the  
intervals between the periods. She  
has just finished her last period &  
I am told that she has been much  
worse, inasmuch as she, at times,  
takes a violent dislike to her husband  
& baby. She has threatened to throw  
her baby out of the window, & also  
asked that the window might be  
closed as she feels like throwing  
herself out. She has also asked that  
a bottle of carbolic disinfectant in  
the bathroom might be removed as it  
had a "fascination" for her. All this

Ancaster,

near Grantham.

February 8. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Can you take into the  
Refect, under your care, a  
patient of mine. - a Mrs. Chambers?  
She is showing mental symptoms  
following her first confinement  
four months ago, & is, I think,  
a borderline case.

If you are able to take  
her, when should she come?  
and what are the fees?  
Her husband & parents are fairly

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well-to-do farmers.

Yours faithfully  
Marshall Haver

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TO {

The Superintendant The Retreat  
Edginton Rd York

Please hand me prospectus and  
say if vacancy for a  
patient W. Coe 78 Cross Latts  
Avenue Beeston Leeds

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TO



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24th November, 1915.

Dear Mr. Gilkes,

I am very sorry, but not surprised, to hear that Miss Cochran is causing anxiety. The case seemed to me a far from hopeful one, and I think it will become imperative to send her away from home either at once or before very long.

I believe she is a member of the Society of Friends, and as such she is able to come here at our lowest rate, 13/- per week, on the recommendation of her Monthly Meeting. If application is made to the Monthly Meeting I quite expect Friends would be willing to pay for her at this rate, as is done in many parts of the country. I conclude that she is no longer within the compass of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, as the Quarterly Meeting's Poor Fund could be used for a case such as this.

I can send you forms for certificates at any time, and I enclose a form of Recommendation such as will be required.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







LYNSIDE  
KENDAL40

Nov. 23 1915

Dr. Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York,

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Alexander Cochran has called to see me about his daughter. He tells me that you very kindly entered into her case sometime ago. You will probably remember her. She is twenty-eight years of age and suffers from some mental trouble. Alexander Cochran and his daughters had charge of the post office at Helsby. Whilst there, this daughter, Jennie, was under your care at the Retreat, and the father was at that time able to contribute from his earnings 12/6 a week. A little later he moved to the country and now lives some four or five miles from Kendal. His object in doing this was to be in some place where he thought the quiet life and surroundings might make it possible for him to have his daughter at home. To do this, A. Cochran gave up his business income, and is now so situated that he cannot possibly pay anything for the care of his daughter. I have known him for 30 years- a hard-working, earnest, patient good fellow, and I believe his word when he says that it is absolutely impossible for him to contribute anything now, and he is getting on in years.

Under the Insurance Act the daughter receives permanent disablement money to the extent of 5/- a week, which of course would be available towards her maintenance, but the trouble now is that







she has developed such violence at times that it will no longer be practical for him to keep her at home.

I have held the quarterly Meeting appointment as Agent for the Retreat for several years, but it was not as Agent that Alexander Cochrane consulted me, for he did not remember that I held that position, but it was in the capacity of an old friend that he told me of his trouble, and I said that I would write to you in the hope that you might tell me of some possible way of helping him. I do not know whether there are endowments or funds of any kind that can be made use of in such cases, and I shall be grateful if you will send me a line as early as convenient touching on the whole question.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

G. Gilkes



CHVLLV-DI-KORLEW

*Chilman*



His persisted for seven  
days & on one occasion  
there was a faecal accident,

On Saturday last  
she left the house with  
her father; then fled from  
him. came to this house  
(where my partner's wife,  
my partner & myself live)  
& has since been  
staying. <sup>Saturday afternoon faecal</sup>  
<sup>contamination of sheets.</sup>

She has delusions  
that Dr. Nicdlet is her  
father, that her name is  
Daisy ~~Green~~ <sup>Nicdlet</sup>; that she is  
the Messiah, that she is  
extremely intellectual, that  
she invented "all raptime".

DERWENT HOUSE,  
FLOVDEN.

Oct 12 1913

Dear Dr. Pease,

I give you a précis  
of the case of whom I  
spoke to you over the  
telephone

Daisy Green, aet. 21.  
Father solicitor, aet. 70,  
has been heavy drinker.  
More remotely there is a  
history of alcoholism in  
both paternal & maternal  
ancestors. Family 11,  
aet. 16-35. Mother in  
every way sensible & charming,  
two of her relatives including

the mother (i.e. Daisy's  
grandmother) have suffered  
from "depression."

Has passed Cambridge  
higher locals in various  
subjects - with a view  
to teaching. Spent 3 or  
4 months in Brussels, returning  
in August. There she  
had a rather uncongenial  
occupation, & whilst there  
she consulted a Swiss,  
Dr. Nicolet, on account of  
"fear of going mad, & morbid

ideas."

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On her return in August,  
she was 'peculiar' & excitable:  
mind a little unbalanced:  
she was taken away to  
relatives, but had to be  
brought back in 2 days.  
Has since spent 1 month at  
Bridlington, where she  
improved, except that she  
occasionally spoke to men,  
& left alone, & on one  
occasion, although a poor  
swimmer, swam out  $\frac{1}{2}$  a  
mile & had to be brought  
back. She said Dr. Nicolet  
had been in the boat.

24 days ago, she  
began to wet the bed:



She believes her mother  
to be an "awful person",  
who follows her + persecutes  
her, and is detested by  
the family. She  
hears guns, & sees an  
awful person dressed like  
mother, drawing her to  
the window & following  
her. Sometimes she says  
that Dr. Nicdet is a  
military man & leads  
armies which "try to kill  
mother." She declares that  
Dr. Nicdet said he loves her  
a fine love flood.  
She is extremely terrified  
at nights.

• Finally, she has  
kissed my partner,  
asked me to fasten  
her dress, asked me  
to marry her. —

We shall arrive —  
my partner's wife, my  
self at the patient  
at 3 pm tomorrow.  
Her mother will  
come later, unknown to  
her & will speak to you.

The parents are  
anxious if possible

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to avoid institutional  
treatment. With  
that hoped we have  
kept her here for 4  
days & I have  
tried psychotherapeutic  
measures to some extent;  
she does not improve  
however.

Believe me

Yours very truly,

W. J. Donnan



4th August, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I should be pleased to see Miss Corner on Saturday afternoon if that would be a convenient time, and I would give you any help I can in relation to her, but with reference to her remaining at the Retreat I do not think it is likely that the Committee would be able to accept her at 30/- per week. I have seen the Chairman of the Committee on the subject and he holds little hope of a reduction beyond £3. 3. 0 per week. There is another Institution in York, Bootham Park, under the care of Dr. Jeffrey. I would suggest that you write there to see if they have a vacancy. It is possible that they might accept the case at a fee within your means. In that case if Miss Corner comes to see me I might be able to sign the necessary certificates for her to go to Booth am Park without delay.

Dr. Harry Corner is an old friend of mine. We worked together for six months in London.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Corner,  
"Crownthorpe,"  
Whithv.







my husband, who  
is a sea captain,  
now on his way to  
the States.

I remain  
yours sincerely  
Jessamine Corner.

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● "Crownthorpe"  
Whitley  
yorks.

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1915.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir.

Dr Cusborne  
Corner has advised  
me to write to you  
about my daughter  
Horah.

I beg to enclose his  
card of introduction,  
I also enclose his  
letter.

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Dr Barnes, my medical  
adviser here, wrote  
you a little while  
ago, and gave particu-  
lars of the case; we  
did not reply at  
once, as I was afraid  
the terms were prohib-  
itive.

I shall be glad to  
bring my daughter  
to see you if you  
can kindly make  
an appointment,  
If we find it

feasible for her, to  
remain would it  
be possible for her  
to do so?

I am afraid I  
cannot afford three  
guineas a week if  
it is for any lengthy  
time, would it be  
possible for her to  
remain say at 30/-.  
I am anxious to get  
her under proper care,  
and am not able  
to consult with



LORNE VILLA,

WHITBY,

YORKS.

July 23, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have a patient - Miss  
Horah ~~Corner~~ <sup>(aet. 21)</sup> Corner - who has  
been eccentric for the past year.  
She has left home in the  
middle of the night in her  
night dress & without shoes &  
walked to a relative in another  
part of the town, in the winter.  
Another time she returned home  
wet through having walked into  
the sea. Six days ago she left

FOR THE VICTIMS  
OF THE  
"WATERS"  
YORK



home & walked all night in <sup>36</sup>  
drenching rain over  
the moors & did  
not reach friends  
at Scarborough

until 48 hours later, having  
walked most of the time.

would you please send  
particulars as to whether you  
could take her as a private  
patient, stating the time you  
think necessary & the cost.  
The father is a Sea Captain  
with a limited income.

Yours truly  
E. Haines.

LORNE VILLA,

WHITBY,

YORKS.



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22nd July, 1915.

Dear Miss Clark,

I was very glad to get your letter, and to hear that you are able to do much useful work.

It is, of course, a bit awkward when people talk about the Retreat and mental illness. I think it really depends on what sort of people they are as to how to deal with them. If merely acquaintances I should certainly let them say what they like and give no sign that you know anything about the place, but if they are friends it is, I think, better to be open about it. After a good deal of experience on the subject I am quite sure that it is much happier all round for the attack of melancholia or other mental illness to be frankly spoken of.

They will have been very pleased to have seen you at Reigate. I am glad to say that Gulie is getting on nicely, and is now back at home.

You will have felt it very much seeing your sister off to Madagascar. It will have mixed associations for you, and yet one cannot but feel that the connection of your family with the country has been one of which you can all be proud and thankful. I expect the relations between the missionaries and the French are very much happier than they have been

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,



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You will have felt it your own seeing your sister

John A. Van Vleet



I have heard from her from  
Marseilles but no further  
yet.

I have been in Dublin & Down-  
castle Malton for my holidays;  
my 2 Aunts are still staying  
in Malton the older  
one is very anxious I should  
go back to them. Still her as  
long as they keep fairly well &  
the 2 maids they have <sup>one of</sup> that  
<sup>when</sup> I had trained, so for the best  
better stay where I am earning  
money & am able to send it as  
things financially won't get  
any better probably, I mean

July 18 ● 32 Beauport Road,  
Rivgate.

usual address

C/o J. G. Alexander Esq.  
3 Mayfield Road,

Dear Dr. Pierce. <sup>Leambridge hills</sup>

I have been wanting  
to write to you for sometime to  
say how sorry I was that my  
sister Ethel I never got to  
speak to you at G. M. I would  
have liked Ethel to see you.

Now this afternoon I have been  
to have tea with Nettie's mother  
& sister at Rivgate. I have  
been staying here with Mrs.  
Herbert Crofield (sister in-  
law of the Mrs. Alexander  
I live with) to help her as she  
is ill in bed, & changing

both her maids; in fact one  
day we were left without  
one at all for one hour & I  
had Mrs. C. in bed to look  
after & her boy to see to as  
well. However today things  
were better & I accepted  
the invitation to tea at Mrs.  
Deane's. I had not known  
them previously. They were  
very sociable once talked  
about about Edith & Kettie.

I am sorry they have had such  
trouble over Kettie's affairs.

Mrs. Deane talked to me  
about Julie Deane having

been ill & said how bad it  
was for people to be affected  
mentally. It always makes  
me feel sort of hypocritical  
when people talk like that &  
sympathize, wonder whether  
I ought to tell about my own  
trouble 2 years ago! Do you  
think it is wrong not to?

I sent my sister Ethel off to  
Hedge-sen again a fortnight  
ago; it was hard to let her  
go but other people are in  
such sorrow & suffering that  
that seemed small in comparison.



in their interests or my  
own; but that if they really  
cant get on I will see what  
I can do, but I cant go to work  
as I did before. Only had a  
young maid & General was  
had her both ill in bed to-  
gether & she slept for some  
time with me & then after  
she had had a stroke &  
had no nurse.

I dont want to trouble you  
to write to me as you have  
such a lot of correspondence  
but I dont want you to think

I forget or even shall forget  
your patience & kindness to  
me.

Thinking my Sister's death  
death finally made me  
rouse myself & think I must  
try & help the others instead  
of still being a care to them.

I wish you could see  
Millie's children, they are a  
jolly little crew.

Hope all your family &  
Mrs Hamilton are well.

With kind regards remain

Yrs. Sincerely

Lillie A. Clark.



7 Leighton Road<sup>606.</sup>  
and Brighton  
June 30-15.

Dear Sir -

Will you please send  
the prospectus list  
of subscribers by  
return.

Yours truly.

S. D. Clarry.

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POST OFFICE  
LOCAL  
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ADDRESS ONLY  
S.D.E.



Dr Pearson

The National

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16th June, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that we have no funds at the Retreat available for the reduction of terms excepting for persons who are closely connected with the Society of Friends. Our lowest rate, £3. 3. 0 per week, would, I fear, be too much under the circumstances which you describe. I send you a copy of our Annual Report in case you wish to follow up the matter further.

I should fancy your best chance of getting the patient admitted at a low rate would be to apply to the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, where they may have a vacancy.

Yours very truly,

Rev. J. H. Cain,  
Lezayre Vicarage,  
Ramsey,  
Isle of Man.







Lezayre Vicarage,

Ramsey, Isle of Man.

June 12th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

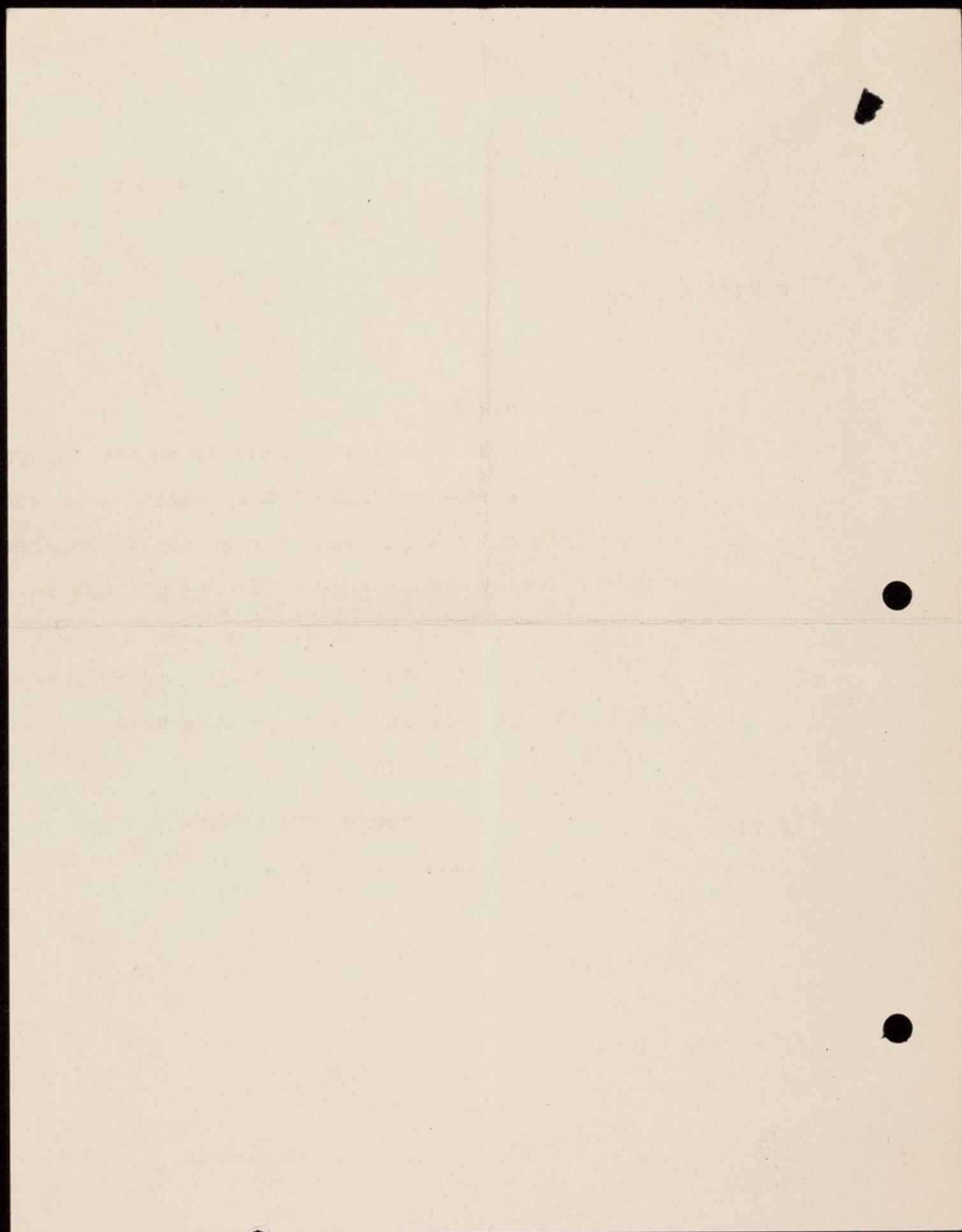
A friend of mine living here, a Surgeon and Physician, aged about 72, has had mental trouble for some eighteen months now, and his daughters, in whose care he is feel that they should like to get him into a n hospital such as yours if possible. He is in no way a difficult case.

His daughters have very limited means, but would be glad to make such provision for him as they are able, although it must necessarily be small.

Could you kindly let me know whether you could take such a patient at the Retreat. and also as to ~~what~~ the total cost per annum.

Yours Faithfully,

*James. H. Carr*





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24th March, 1915.

Dear Miss Cudworth,

I fear that the Retreat is no use for your patient. We have no funds for a reduction of terms below three guineas per week for patients unconnected with the Society of Friends. If the patient is a Yorkshireman they might be able to find a vacancy for him on applying to Bootham Park. I am sorry that we cannot help in a case of this kind.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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Dear Mary, 1913.

Dear Mr. Gurney,  
I am sorry that the retreat is no use for your  
patient. We have no fund for a reduction of terms  
before the business for week for patients unconnected  
with the Society of Friends. If the patient is a  
Yorkshire man they might be able to find a vacancy  
for him on applying to Woodhouse Park. I am sorry  
that we cannot help in a case of this kind.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Butts Close,  
York.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918

Dear Dr. Pierce

A woman asked me today whether there was a cheap rate at the Retreat for poor patients. I said I would ask. Her mother (she is the daughter of Hannam the C.O.S. agent) has lost his reason, owing they say to a sunstroke in India.

aggravated by a rotten wife (this  
is my addition) & they would  
like to have him in York.  
They could afford about £1 a  
week. He is at Chester at  
present & not very happy.  
He was a soldier & had done so  
well.

I am yours sincerely  
Major Andrew



24th Sept. 1914.

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Dear Madam,

I enclose a Report giving full particulars of the Retreat. Information about terms will be found on page 42. Unfortunately the Retreat is very full at present and we have no vacancy.

Dr. Pierce suggests the name of Dr. Luard, Osmotherly, Northallerton, who takes resident patient, though he is not sure that the patient is a suitable case for there.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

Miss E. Christopher,  
St. Hild's College,  
Durham.



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I enclose a report of the

of the meeting. Information was given with

those on page 41. Information was given

and will be given and will be given

the place was the name of the

General, Mr. [Name], who is a resident

of the place. It is not sure that the

of the place is not sure.

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where we could get an authoritative  
opinion as to what kind of institution  
she is best fitted for - ~~even~~ supposing  
that we were unable to keep her for  
long in such an institution as the  
Retreat. I do not suppose that  
finances would allow of the Retreat  
for very long.

I should be most grateful for your  
opinion - and am afraid the affair  
is a little complicated.

You will remember me as having had  
the care of patients of yours here I think  
Yours sincerely  
Marion Cockerell (née Selford)

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PIXMORE FARMHOUSE  
TELEPHONE 21 LETCHWORTH BALDOCK ROAD  
LETCHWORTH HERTS  
TELEGRAMS COCKERELL  
LETCHWORTH

July 2nd 1914.

Dear Mr Pierce,

Can you let me know if you  
have a vacancy for a patient, either as  
a voluntary Boarder or as a certified  
patient?

The patient is an epileptic woman  
about 30 & has been for some years in  
a Nursing Home in Sussex. She now  
has to be moved and an Inspector under

The Board of Control - I suppose under the New Act - declares that she ought to be certified. We do not know & yet whether her doctor is willing to certify or not.

She is an illegitimate daughter of my husband's grandfather, & my husband has £50 a year in trust for her & has more or less drifted into the position of her guardian though I believe he has not legal authority. The £50 a

year can be supplemented to a small extent.

The difficulties of the position are that

① If uncertified it is by no means certain that she will go where we wish her to go.

② It does not seem fair to certify her unnecessarily. Also does the petitioner accept very heavy responsibility or is there a more impersonal way of certifying?

We have been dissatisfied for some time with the Nursing Home arrangement & would much like to put her somewhere



TELEPHONES  
NAT. NOS 2277 & 2278.  
POST OFFICE NO 638.  
REGISTERED TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.  
"INFIRMARY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE"

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ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY,  
QUEEN VICTORIA ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.

26th. June 1914.

Re:-

Mary Caird 24, 39, Northbourne Street, Newcastle.

F. David. joiner.  
Sch.

Dear Sir,

I shall be very glad to know if you consider the above patient a suitable case for your Home, and if you could take her in now, also what your charge would be per week.

The girl is suffering from pscasthenia; it appears that her mother died when she was about 14 ~~and she was left~~ and she has kept house for the family ever since and this has apparently got on her nerves to such an extent that she is now quite unable to look after her household duties.

For the last fortnight she has been at the In Memoriam Cottage Home, Wentbridge, but I hear from them this morning that as she is not a fit case for that Home they cannot keep her any longer.

I think I could raise the funds for her to be away about three months, as her brother has been and is willing to pay 10/- a week out of his savings.

As the Wentbridge Home are now only keeping the girl till we hear of another home for her, I should be very glad if you could

ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY  
QUEEN VICTORIA ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

1914.

let me have a reply by return of post.

Believe me, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

N. H. P. Beckett

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Lady Almoner.

Dr. Pearce,

The Retreat,

York.



AT HOME  
8-30 A.M. TO 10 A.M.  
3 TO 5 P.M.

CHAITH, R.S.O. 25  
YORKSHIRE.

14. June 1914

Dear Sir

I regret very much for not thanking  
you for your reply to my letter, referring  
to the admission of a patient.

I have had a most unholly time with  
him and with much difficulty secured  
his acceptance in the County Asylum,  
Wakefield. I have got into hot trouble  
with the relations because he had to  
go as a pauper. Of course I acted as  
I thought for the best and it was full  
time he should be placed under  
proper control.

Yours truly  
Hugh Clark.

D. Bedford Pierce  
The Architect

SHAW-WALKER  
NEW YORK

AT HOME  
8-30 to 10 AM  
9 to 3 PM



AT HOME  
8-5 10 A.M.  
6 TO 8 P.M.

No room

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SMITH, R.S.O.

YORKSHIRE.

9. June 1914.

Dear Sir.

I have a patient, a farmer about 57 years of age, who is suffering Mentally. For about a week he has been very much excited and has been talking almost continuously night & day. At first recalling business & other troubles of past years, and now a stream of disconnected ideas.

He has lost flesh rapidly. Has struck at his sister and once attempted to go through a window. Can you let me know if you can take him in and send me the necessary papers.  
D. Bedford Fines  
Yours sincerely  
Hugh Clark

Учреждение  
Образования

Всего 10 шт.  
10 шт. 10 шт.  
10 шт. 10 шт.



Dec. 13, 1913

Dear Coulter,

~~xxxx xxxxxx~~, Dr. Pierce wishes me to say that it would not be suitable for you to mention his name on the card in the way you suggest. There would be little harm in your saying "References will be given on application" or something of that kind. Dr. Pierce would not object, however, at the outset of your venture to your writing by hand on some of the cards "Dr. Bedford Pierce has consented to allow me to give his name as a feference", but it must not be printed on.

He is glad to hear that Miss Hemmant is getting on so well. He saw Dr. Nimmo Watson yesterday, and he seemed pleased with her progress.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Jan. 17, 1917

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the letter of the 14th inst.

and for the information that you have received from the

in the case of the 14th inst.

your letter "Reference will be given on application" or

reference of the kind. Dr. Watson would not object.

however, at the expense of your venture in your writing.

Had the case of the 14th inst. Dr. Watson would not object.

to allow me to give him as a reference, but it must

not be printed on.

He is glad to hear that Miss Bennett is getting on

so well. He saw Dr. Watson yesterday, and he seemed

pleased with her progress.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



Oct. 25, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am sadly afraid that your letter of Oct. 18th was overlooked. I have been away from home, and the machinery for dealing with correspondence broke down.

I send you a copy of the Retreat Report, which, on p. 36, gives information respecting voluntary boarders. Unfortunately voluntary boarders coming to Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, must in the first place be received at the Retreat, but the stay here need not be long if it be found that the case is a suitable one for care in a country house apart from immediate medical supervision.

You will understand that it is not much use sending a patient as a voluntary boarder unless she is able to understand her position and is willing to remain long enough to give us a chance of successful treatment.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Cort



Oct. 27, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that your letter of Oct. 19th  
was overlooked. I have been very busy, and the  
machinery for dealing with correspondence broke down.  
I send you a copy of the report, which, on  
p. 50, gives information respecting voluntary boarders.  
Unfortunately voluntary boarders coming to Thorpe Hall,  
Georborough, must in the first place be received at  
Ratnest, but the stay here need not be long if it is found  
that the case is a suitable one for care in a country house  
apart from immediate medical attention.  
You will understand that it is not much use sending  
a patient as a voluntary boarder unless one is able to stand  
alone her position and is willing to remain long enough to  
give her a chance of successful treatment.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Giff



Daisy Cottage  
Whitburn

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N. Sunderland

October 18. 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have a patient - a married lady of about 42 years - who I am trying to induce to enter your home as a voluntary <sup>boarder or guest</sup> ~~boarder or guest~~.

Though difficult <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ certify as insane, she is very decidedly on the Borderland.

Would you very kindly let me know terms for such a case - if she can be induced to stay I don't think that she would be a very troublesome patient.

Should she agree to come I will write you further soon. Yours faithfully,

J. G. D. Fort.

The Medical Superintendent  
The Retreat  
York.

P.S. I hear you have a branch at Scarborough, perhaps that would be suitable.



Living Cottage  
Widdowson

W. Widdowson

October 18. 1913

Dear Sir,

I have a patient - a married lady of about  
45 years - who is suffering from a  
very decided on the stomach.  
I have as a result of this  
through different is completely as usual, she is  
very decided on the stomach.

Would you very kindly let me know how  
to treat a case - if she can be induced to stop I don't  
think that she would be a very troublesome patient.  
Should she ever come I will write you  
Yours faithfully  
W. Widdowson

W. Widdowson

The Medical Superintendent  
The General

York

P.S. I fear you have a number of patients with  
this kind of trouble.



may not be in your  
possession —

Did not your father  
once live in Sheet as  
Edmund Pierce? I may  
be wrong but I think  
you must be his son —  
I well remember him  
here —

Please excuse my troubling  
you — Very Sincerely

(Mr. J. Aubree) E. C. Clark  
There are so many Clarks  
in Sheet we have to be  
careful in giving addresses.

The Moorings  
Sheet  
Somerset.  
Sep. 25. '13

Dear Friend

I hesitate very  
much in troubling you  
about what may seem  
a very small matter  
compared to the many  
responsibilities upon you;  
I have been wanting very  
much to get information  
about Katharine Morgan  
who was a great friend  
of my parents (Bishop & Sarah  
Gregory) & who lived

with them for some  
time - also she was  
with Thos: Allis & his wife  
when they were at the  
Retreat & then was the  
Head of some department.  
I have your three very  
interesting books of the  
late Elizabeth Pumphrey  
in which she kept a  
Diary of events? She  
once showed me one  
of these books & I  
have been thinking that  
there would be likely to  
be a reference to this

friend - I cannot give  
any date of the time  
~~she~~ <sup>H.M.</sup> must have lived  
at York but I know she  
that in 1806 <sup>H.M.</sup>  
gave a "Thomas & Kempis"  
to my father's eldest  
sister which has passed  
through several hands  
& is now in possession  
of a Frd. in Bristol  
I should be most  
sorry to give you  
much trouble - it would  
not be fair to do so  
& after all the books



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York  
11<sup>th</sup> July 43

John  
2. 12

Would you  
Kindly furnish me with  
the address of Robt Cameron  
if you possibly can if not  
would you mind giving me  
the names + addresses of some  
who he has previously lived  
with I should esteem it a  
great favour as I wish to



Communicate with his parents  
if he won't marry the  
girl I will make him pay  
I consider a man who is  
ready to ruin a girl & then turn  
his back upon her is a  
coward trusting you will  
give me a favourable reply  
to my wish I am

Your obediently  
Fred Forster



July 11, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that Cameron left no address,  
and we do not appear to have the address of his home.

The following are the addresses of two references which we received when he came to us.

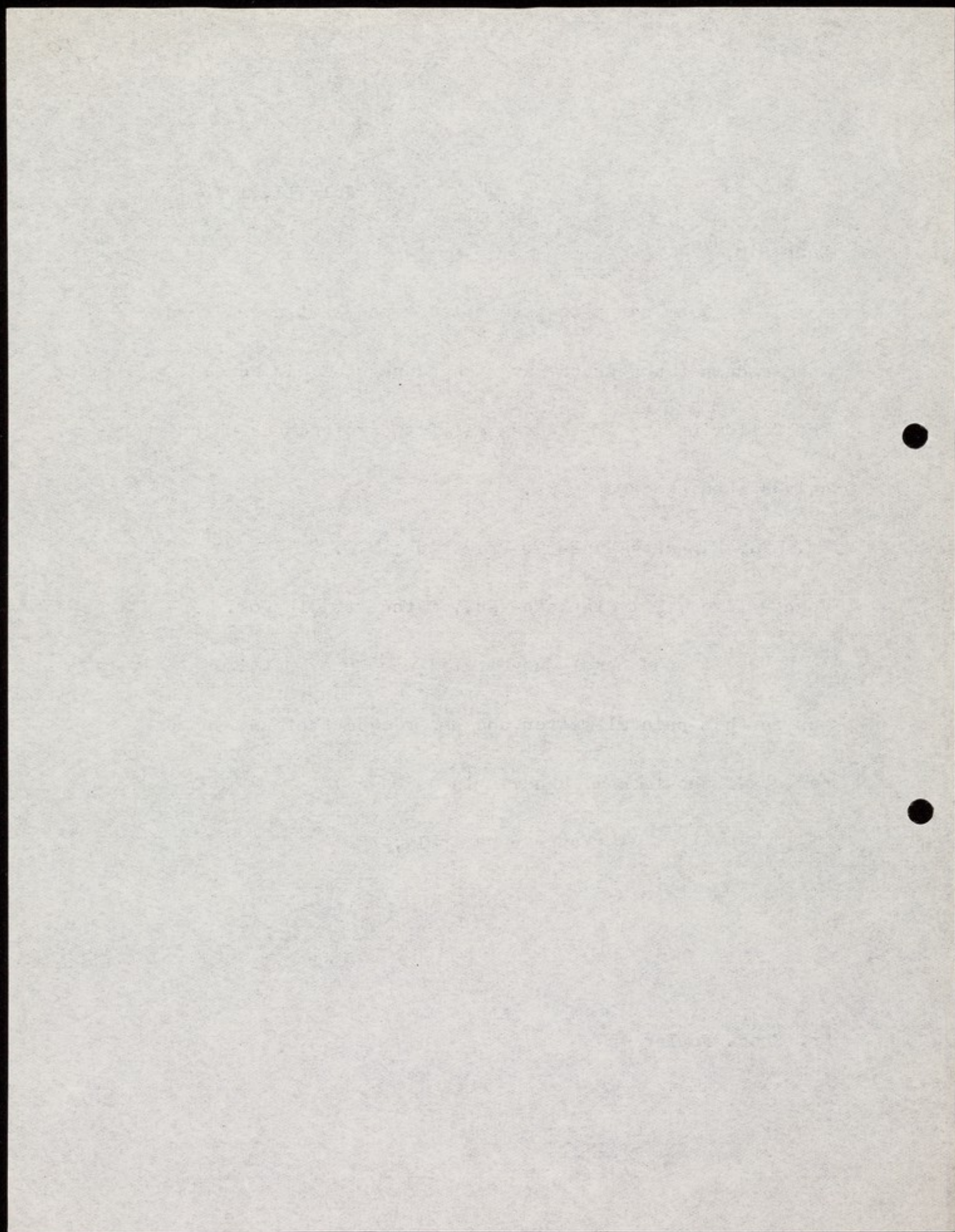
Wm. Rae, Kingcase Nursery, Prestwich, N.B.

John Wallace, 191 Clarkston Rd., Cathcart, Glasgow.

I need hardly say that I deeply sympathise with ~~this~~  
you in this painful matter and am grieved that any one on  
our staff should have behaved in this way.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Fred. Fowler





Nov. 2, 1911

Dear Sir,

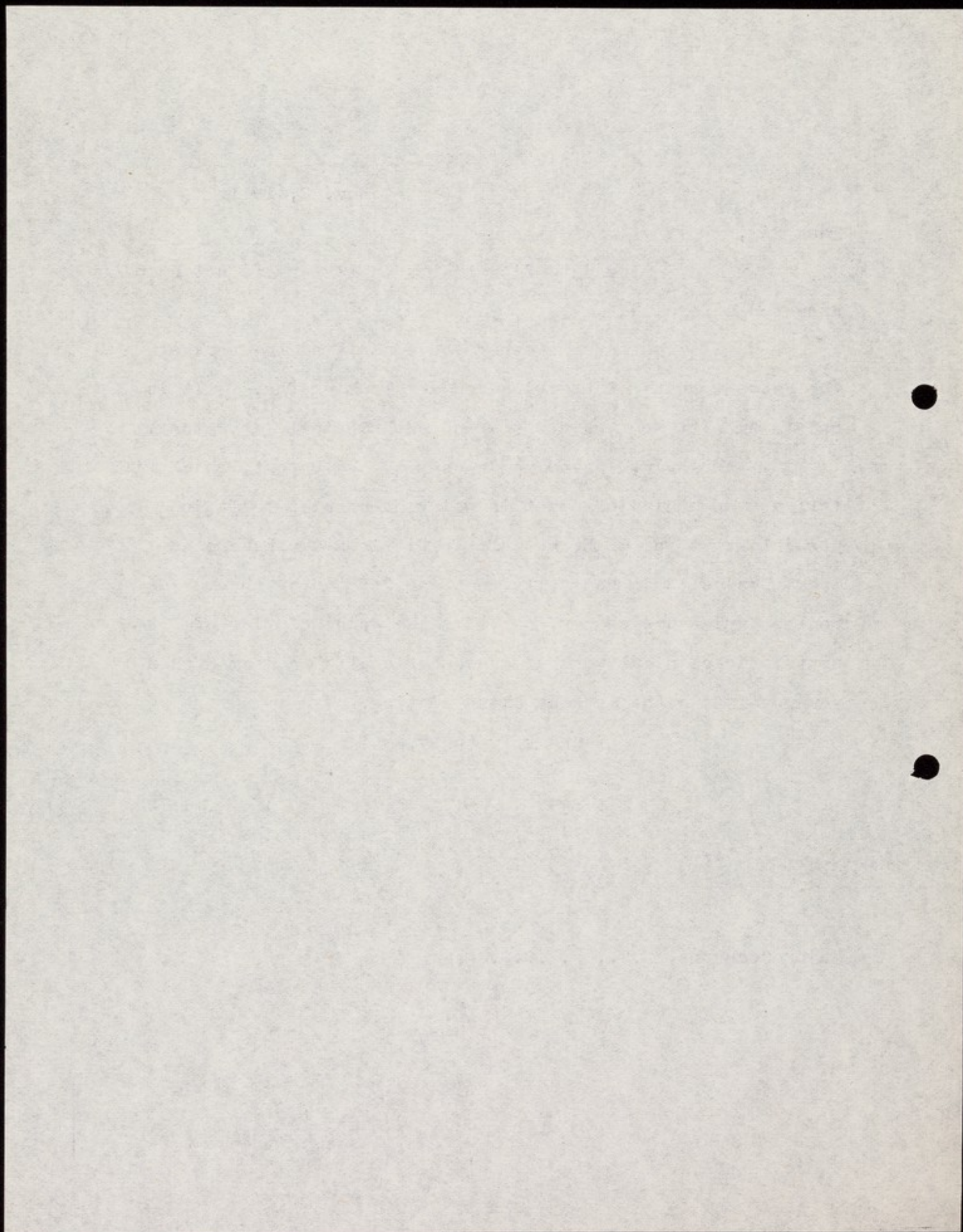
I am grieved to find that your letter has not been answered before.

I am not sure whether you would find the work at the Retreat quite of the kind you are looking for. It is only a small place and there is no pathological laboratory.

However, I send you a copy of the Report, which will tell you something of what is going on here. It is possible that you might be able to fit in a month here as Locum Tenens as we generally want one for two or three months during the summer, but from the point of view of systematic clinical work of an educational kind I am afraid you would find the Retreat disappointing.

Yours very truly,

Major Cochrane, M.B., F.R.C.S.





The Asylum  
Agra  
U.P.  
India

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Sir

I hope to be Home on study leave next year & would like to spend a month at your Hospital if possible. The Superintendent, Morungpore, has offered me two months work here as Extra Assistant Physician.

I would give my whole time to the duties you may assign me, & on return should ask for your board & lodging & a certificate of attendance for my Government. I have been Superintendent of the Asylum here for the last 6 1/2 years. Two years ago while on leave I acted as locum at the Stork's Hall Asylum, at Huddersfield for two months.

Yr truly  
A. Cochrane Major  
(M.B. F.R.C.S.)

To the Res. Med. Supdt.  
The Retreat, York

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The Adel-  
W.P.  
H.P.

Sept. 11

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I hope to be home a short time  
and give accounts to the Board a week  
of your trip to the hospital - the  
hospital has been a great success  
and a lot of money has been raised  
I would like to see you at the  
office and see how you are  
getting on - I hope you are  
better than you were when you  
left - I hope you are well -  
I hope you are well - I hope  
you are well - I hope you are well

Yours

Wm. W. Phelps



Nov. 22, 1911

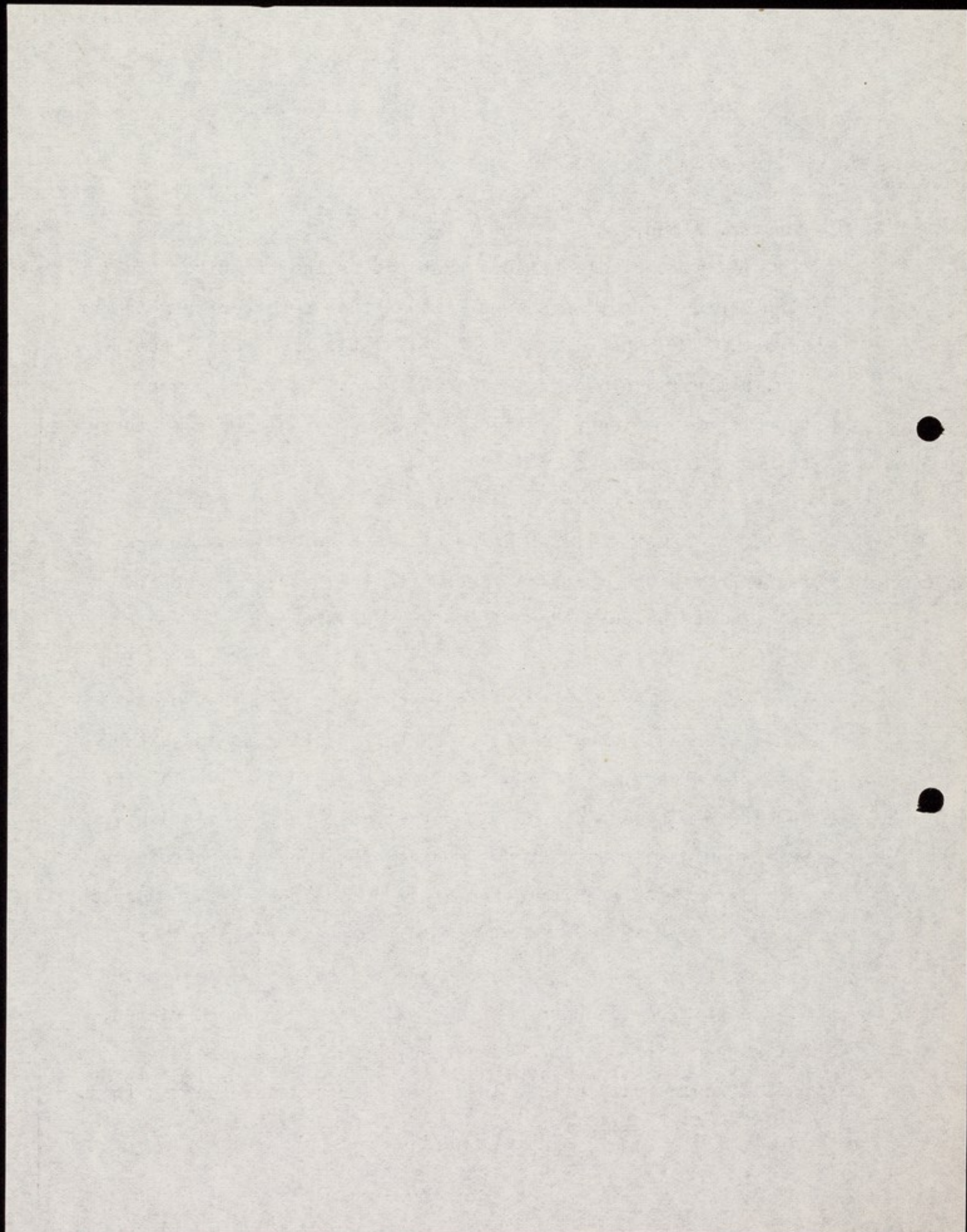
Dear Mr. Allen,

I can well believe that Mr. Calhoun requires to be placed under care. He was removed from here contrary to our advice. We thought the step was distinctly unwise, but Mrs. Calhoun decided to try him at home. He was a very troublesome patient, destructive, and we should be very sorry to have him back.

Just at the present time we are quite full and could not admit him, but no doubt if London Friends thought the case was one that should come to the Retreat we should be able to make room for him before very long.

There are no free patients at the Retreat, and the lowest rate, 12/- a week, is only obtained upon the recommendation and guarantee of the Monthly Meeting to which the patient belongs. Of course if the Monthly Meeting like to pay for him he would come without expense to the relatives, but I would suggest that the merits of the case be carefully considered, as to whether the claim on the Society of Friends is sufficient to justify his coming to the Retreat rather than to be sent as a patient to one of the London Asylums. We do not wish to shirk our responsibility for poor Friends, but as you will readily understand, now and then there are patients who would do just as well, if not better, in a large public Asylum rather than in a small Institution such as this.

With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,





AT HOME

9 TO 10

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NAT. TELEPHONE NO 796

22 NEWPORT ROAD,

CARDIFF.

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Mo: 7: 1911

Dear Pierce,

I am in want of a Nurse  
to take charge of a lady with  
mental disturbance: Goodall,  
Superintendent of our local mental  
Hospital who has seen the case with  
me, has recommended me to apply  
to you. He has already sent you  
a note.

The lady is a stout, obese  
woman of 63. She has twice been  
retired under certificates, & has also  
been a voluntary boarder on two



on three occasions. The last time she went away was fourteen years ago, when she was absent from home for 6 months.

Her ailment takes the form of a mild maniacal excitement without delusions; her mental processes become quickened eventually leading to capriciousness in expression. She has never been violent, though she gets quarrelsome.

At the present time she is in what I call a brisant stage; rather volatile & restless, sleeping badly & not taking food well.

Goodall considers that she



AT HOME  
9 TO 10  
2 TO 3  
NAT. TELEPHONE NO 796

22 NEWPORT ROAD,  
CARDIFF.

Could be well be looked after at home provided a well & specially trained Nurse is obtained.

The address is

M<sup>rs</sup> E. B. Reece -  
180 Newport Road .  
Cardiff .

There are two grown up daughters in the house who are capable of rendering assistance & taking charge when the Nurse has to be out or is off duty.

I don't suppose you have



absolutely forgotten me, as you &  
William & I were contemporaries at  
Bart's. Curiously enough I met  
Elliott of Chester yesterday, who was  
Langton's H.S. when I was a dresser.  
He was down here with a deputation to  
study our Infirmary which has just  
had a new wing built, with a view  
to getting ideas for the Chester  
Infirmary.

It is very pleasant to meet old  
acquaintances, or even to get into  
casual correspondence with them as  
in this case. Kind regards &  
remembrances. Yours sincerely  
Herbert S. Cook.



Dec. 30, 1911.

Dear Cross,

I am very glad to hear that you are taking up the question of Psycho-therapeutics. There is undoubtedly a large field of work, and very few people are willing to give the necessary time and trouble to make it a success. I know of no one in the North of England, except Devine at Wakefield, who has seriously attempted Psycho-analysis.

With regard to Miss Campkin, I thought myself that she would be a suitable case for Freud's analysis; and I had some preliminary interviews with her in Leeds and took a careful history of the case, but the difficulty of finding time, the irregularity of her coming, the infrequency of my visits to Leeds, and opposition from her parents, prevented the matter from being continued.

She is of course quite without means, and unless some one would take her in for nothing I do not see how she could stay at Harrogate and give you a chance of treatment.

There is, however, some element of doubt as to whether the case is a suitable one. The mental dissociation has gone rather far. She cannot apply herself to anything for long, and her mind wanders off into reveries dealing with her past troubles.

If you could undertake the case I should be very glad, and would send you my notes so far as they go. There are indications of the usual sexual complex, but I did not get at the fundamental difficulty in my preliminary enquiry.

Have you settled down to work at Harrogate, and if so are you intending to follow this line of practice? Because if so, I may be able to send you a patient occasionally, as I have seen several in consultation and not known what to do with them.

I am just now writing a review on this subject for the "Medical Annual". There is a very good case reported in full by Bingswanger, in which an obsession connected with heels of boots was successfully treated. There were, I think, 183 days of treatment involved, which is an appalling matter.

Yours very truly,



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Lunacy Commission,

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LONDON, S.W.

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LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

25th October, 1911.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th inst.,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to authorise  
you to amend the mistakes to which you refer in their  
entry of that date in the Patients' Book.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*B. J. Hodgson*

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat, York.





Oct. 18, 1911

Leave of Absence and absence on Trial  
outside England and Wales

To the Secretary of the  
Lunacy Commission.

Sir,

I am requested by the Visiting Commissioners to write respecting the absence from England recently of two patients.

Thomas Ashburner, Junior

This gentleman has, for a long time, been troubled with delusions of suspicion, and on one occasion was discharged and had almost immediately to be re-certified. He is an intelligent patient, a solicitor, and a member of Barrow Town Council.

Having again improved it was thought that a lengthened holiday might benefit him, and he went, on May 13, 1911, to America for three months with an attendant as a companion. Whilst away he paid his own expenses and did what he liked. We heard that when abroad the old ideas had troubled him again for a short time. On his return he went back to business, but, knowing the tendency toward relapse, we have not yet discharged him.

Mr. Norman M. Hart

is a chronic case of Dementia Praecox, but he does not exhibit many troublesome symptoms. He has relations in Scotland and has several times gone away on leave of absence with an attendant to stay with his parents for a few weeks near Glasgow. The last visit was during this Autumn.

Besides these, other patients on the books of the Retreat have gone abroad for temporary changes. In the case of one lady, Mrs. M.C. Smith, the fact that she was under certification was of great value, as she relapsed and had to be brought back hurriedly, and the trouble of re-certification was avoided. This occurred some years ago.



I was not aware that there were any objections to patients going out of England, though of course it was obvious that whilst they were abroad we had no legal authority to control them. I assumed that on their return to England the Reception Order was still in force. I cannot find any thing in the Act to show that this view of the matter is incorrect, nor do I see anything bearing upon the matter in the Commissioners' Rules.

It will be generally recognised that holidays and changes of scene of the kind indicated are of great value to patients in the intervals between attacks and as a test of convalescence in certain protracted cases.

In not a few instances the discharge of such patients would place the relatives in a very difficult position if there were a relapse or if the trial were a failure; it is expensive, it may mean a long journey at a very inconvenient time, and, moreover, the lack of legal control on return may be extremely awkward. In the case of Scotch patients under care in England it is obviously a hardship if any obstacles are placed in the way of their going to see their relatives.

I would venture to submit that, as the Act does not expressly state that going outside the jurisdiction of the English Lunacy Commission discharges a Reception Order, it is legitimate to assume that the Order is still in force on the patient's return to England or Wales.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,



Oct. 16, 1911

Gentlemen,

In the report made by the Visiting Commissioners yesterday, a copy of which is enclosed, there are one or two slight errors.

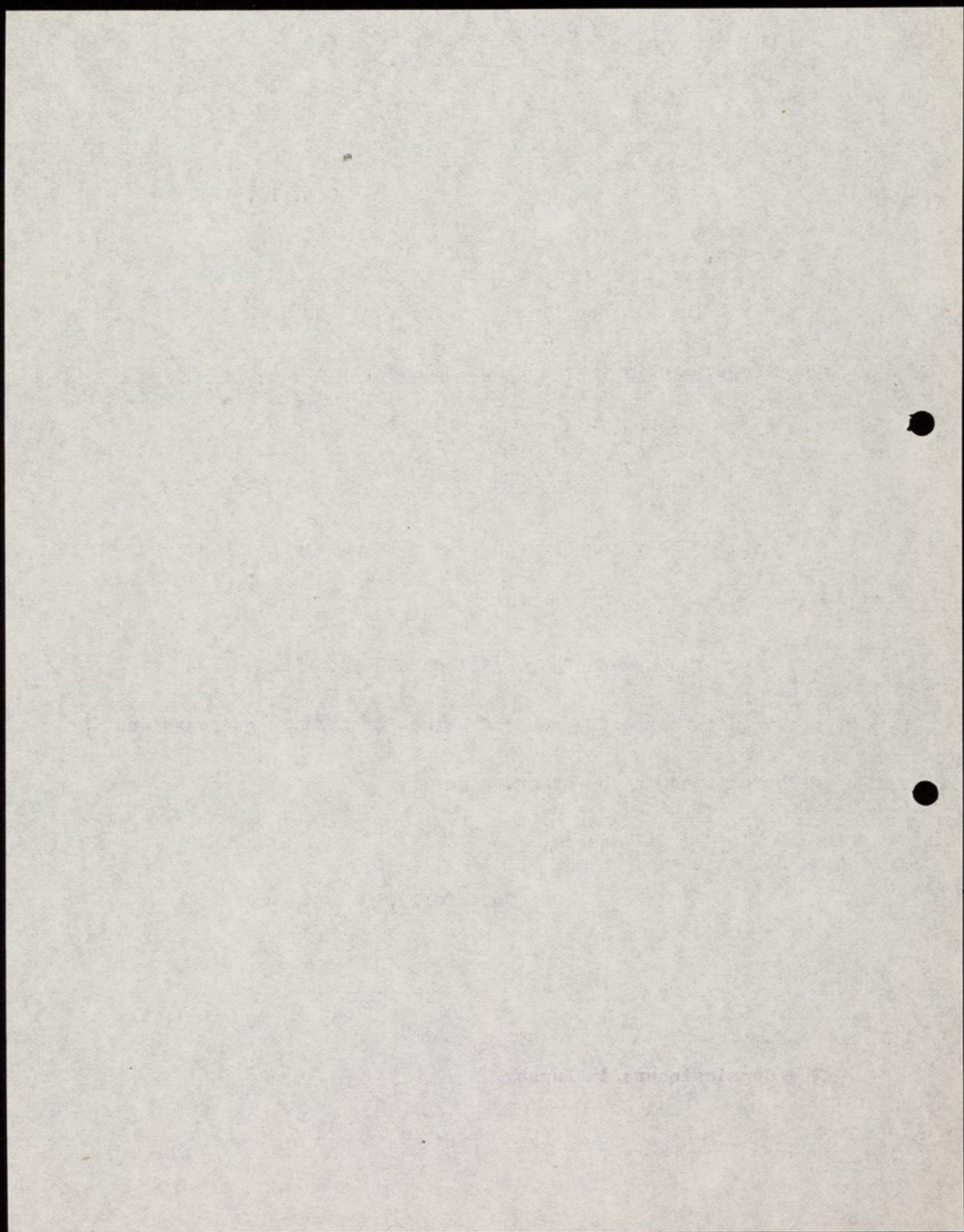
Miss Haigh is not away on leave, but is at the Retreat. Mrs. Hayllar's name should be substituted, as there was evidently some confusion of the names.

The names of Mr. Allison and Mr. Pickard are not spelt quite correctly, an "n" being inserted in one case and a "k" omitted in the other.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Commissioners in Lunacy





July 19, 1911

Gentlemen,

I am requested by the Committee to submit for your consideration, plans for an open air verandah and shelter which it is proposed to erect on the South side of the Sixth Gallery at the Retreat.

It is proposed that the verandah shall be on the same level as the floor of the Sixth Gallery, so that patients in bed can easily be carried out.

Only seven feet of the verandah is to be roofed over permanently, as it is desired that the light and ventilation of the rooms behind shall be interfered with as little as possible. The remainder is to be covered in on occasion by means of canvas awnings on rollers.

Underneath, it is proposed to construct an open air play room with access from the garden, so that in wet weather the patients may be able to play games under cover. The existing Painters' shop behind this will become a store room. It is, however, proposed to preserve an access from the Basement through the play room, for use in case of emergency.

The structure will be made of brick and ferro-concrete with iron supports for the awnings.

At the same time it is proposed to make a door in the position of a window in the bedroom behind the verandah to facilitate the removal of patients.

If the plans are approved, the Committee hopes to proceed with the work at once.

I remain,  
Yours faithfully,

The Commissioners in Lunacy



July 10, 1944

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to hear that you are well and hope that you are enjoying the summer months. I am well and hope that you are enjoying the summer months.

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Yours faithfully,  
John Doe

Very truly yours,  
John Doe



Charlotte House  
Tenby.  
S.W.

6.4.11

Dear Mr. Waller.

Thanks you very much  
for reply of this morning  
the reason I sent for a  
Prospectus. was because the  
St. here whose case I am  
nursing said he had often  
thought he would like to  
see one. but although the  
stems are very nice they  
scarcely do the Retreat  
justice. may I still further  
trouble you to send me  
a Handbook for which.

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I enclose. Postal order and  
stamps.

With kind regards and  
Thanks

I am.

yours faithfully  
Peter Crossley

W. B. Jones

11.4.2



July 17, 1911

Dear Sir,

Our Secretary has handed ~~me~~ me your enquiry respecting the salaries of some of our staff. I do not usually supply information of this kind, except at the request of the Committee of Medical superintendent of another institution, and there does not appear to be any reason why I should depart from this rule.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Castle,

Wonford House







a skill on her side.

I hope that if you  
or your wife are  
in Bristol you will  
give me the great  
pleasure of looking me  
up. After the summer  
I shall be at the  
University Settlement  
Barton Hill.

I am  
yours truly

Hilda Cashmore.  
In writing please  
give my initial as well.

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HOMEFIELD,

BARROW GURNEY,

NE BRISTOL.

9.2.11

Dear Dr Bedford Price,

Thank you very much  
indeed for your letter.  
I am very glad to have  
your opinion & your  
help. I too share your  
anxiety for the future.  
I do not believe it  
when I am with her,  
but I cannot help =

HOMEFIELD,  
BARROW GURNEY,  
N.B. BRISTOL.

a very grave doubt  
when I am away from  
her about the losses in  
summer term. If they  
were due to her, then  
I feel she is much  
less responsible for her  
actions than she  
herself knows. That  
is what I always fear.

I will always do  
my best for her -  
& I shall be very  
grateful if you will  
communicate with me  
if such developments  
arise. It is much  
that she has now  
got your experience



Glasgow Parish Council.

Eastern District Hospital,  
Duke Street,

Glasgow, 20 Dec. 1910

NAT. TELEPHONE N° 2626 BRIDGETON.  
P.O. TELEPHONE N° Y857.

JOHN McC. JOHNSTON, M.A., M.D.,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The bearer Mr.

Mr. Sutherland of Dotsforth,  
Dollan, A.B. desires to see  
you with reference to  
possibly placing his son  
under your care. I have  
suggested either the Brighton  
or your place as suitable,

but Mr. Sutherland desires  
to see both places before  
deciding. The young man  
is now on his way home  
from British Columbia,  
and Mr. Sutherland will  
explain the nature of the case.  
He is not an imbecile.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely  
Harmill

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Persons known -

Ben in his time - for British Columbia -

once in SA. ) T.D. - Remembrance man -  
 Chaudhary - visited and saw (small) pattern.

Grandmother's name - weak

Habit - Prostitution - }  
 Women.

Spots affective -

Application

Lot of control

Widd M. M. - got into trouble  
 as a result of bad character

A. Curiously disinterested -

Disagreeable

Deliberate affairs -  
 to get to know -  
 no sense of shame.

2nd of the family -

3rd daughter -

Impassible of him.





41 LAWRENCE BUILDINGS,

MILLBANK, S.W.

28.1.11.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much  
for your kind note. I am  
writing by this post to  
Miss Hawkins' parents saying  
that you will see her  
at 3.15 <sup>on Thursday 2nd.</sup>. Her train arrives  
at York at 2.35, & I  
will drive straight up  
to your house. I shall  
come up from Bristol  
the night before. If you  
think it will be wise I



can see you any time in  
the morning before that  
suits you. You will be  
able to judge better than I  
whether more detail  
may be useful. I have  
known her very intimately  
for these last two years.

I am

Yours very truly

Hilda Cashmore

I shall be at Barnow Surney  
on Bristol after this afternoon.



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Jan. 30, 1911

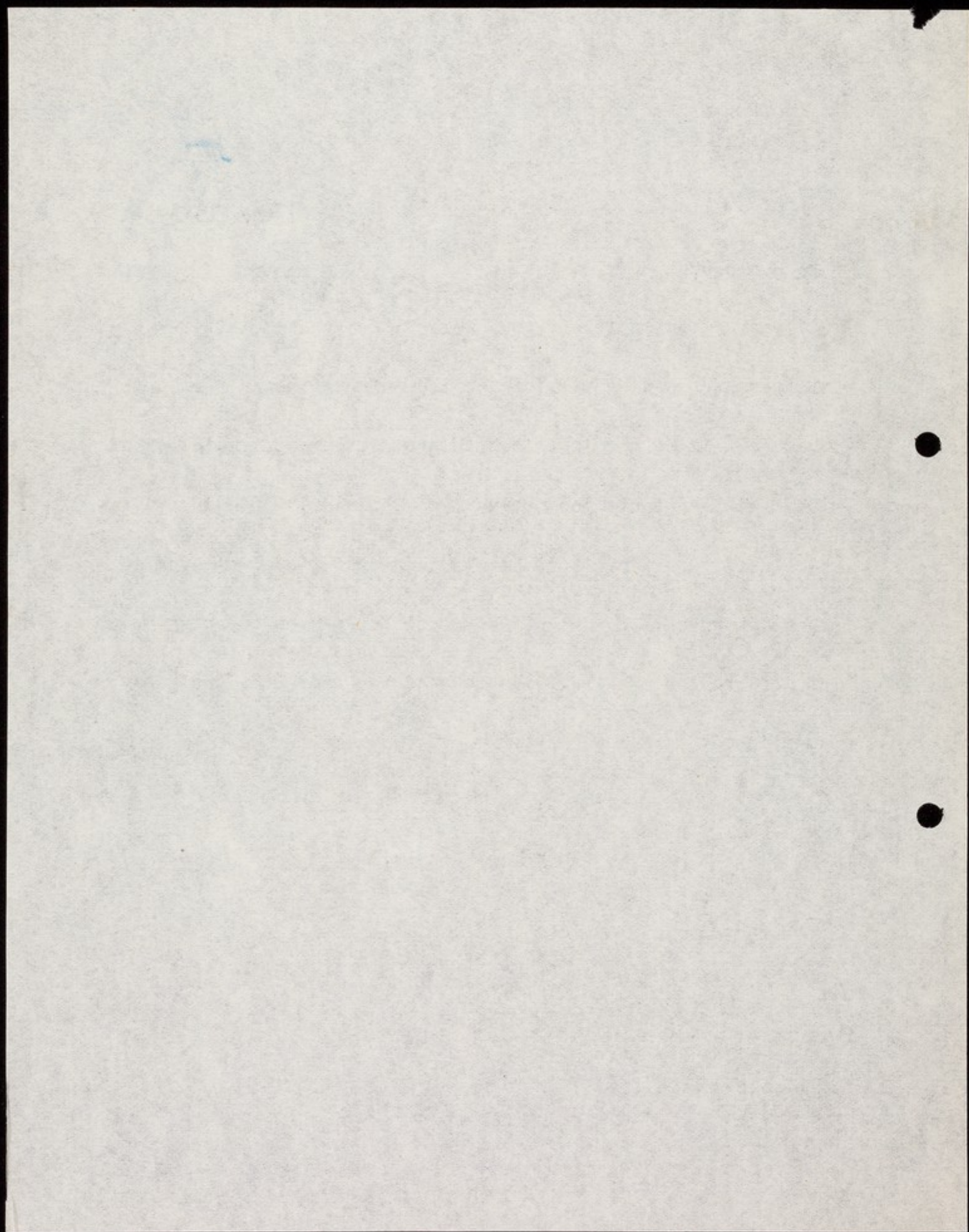
Dear Madam,

Just a line to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and to say that I think it would be better for me to have a talk to you first in the morning, say at 12 o'clock if that will be convenient to you, on Thursday. Since I wrote to you a Committee has been arranged for 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Would it be possible for you to bring your friend to see me at 4.30 instead of the time previously mentioned?

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Hilda Cashmore





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May 20, 1909

Gentlemen,

I regret to have to inform you that Nurse Amy A. Phebey was reported by the Sister in charge of the ward for forcibly feeding a patient contrary to the rules of the Hospital. The circumstances were investigated by me and the matter was dealt with by the Committee at their last meeting, and it was decided that the nurse in question should be asked to resign forthwith. She has now left the service of the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

The Commissioners in Lunacy



May 20, 1902

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

in relation to the matter of the estate of the late John A. Smith.

I have been very busy lately and have not had time to write you more fully.

The enclosed papers will show you the progress of the matter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

J. H. Smith

Very truly yours,  
J. H. Smith

John A. Smith

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE



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LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

21st May, 1909.

Sir,

Nurse Amy A. Phebey

The Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to ask you  
to be good enough to give them particulars as to the  
forcible feeding of the patient referred to in your letter  
of the 20th instant, and to state the name of the patient.

I am,

Sir,

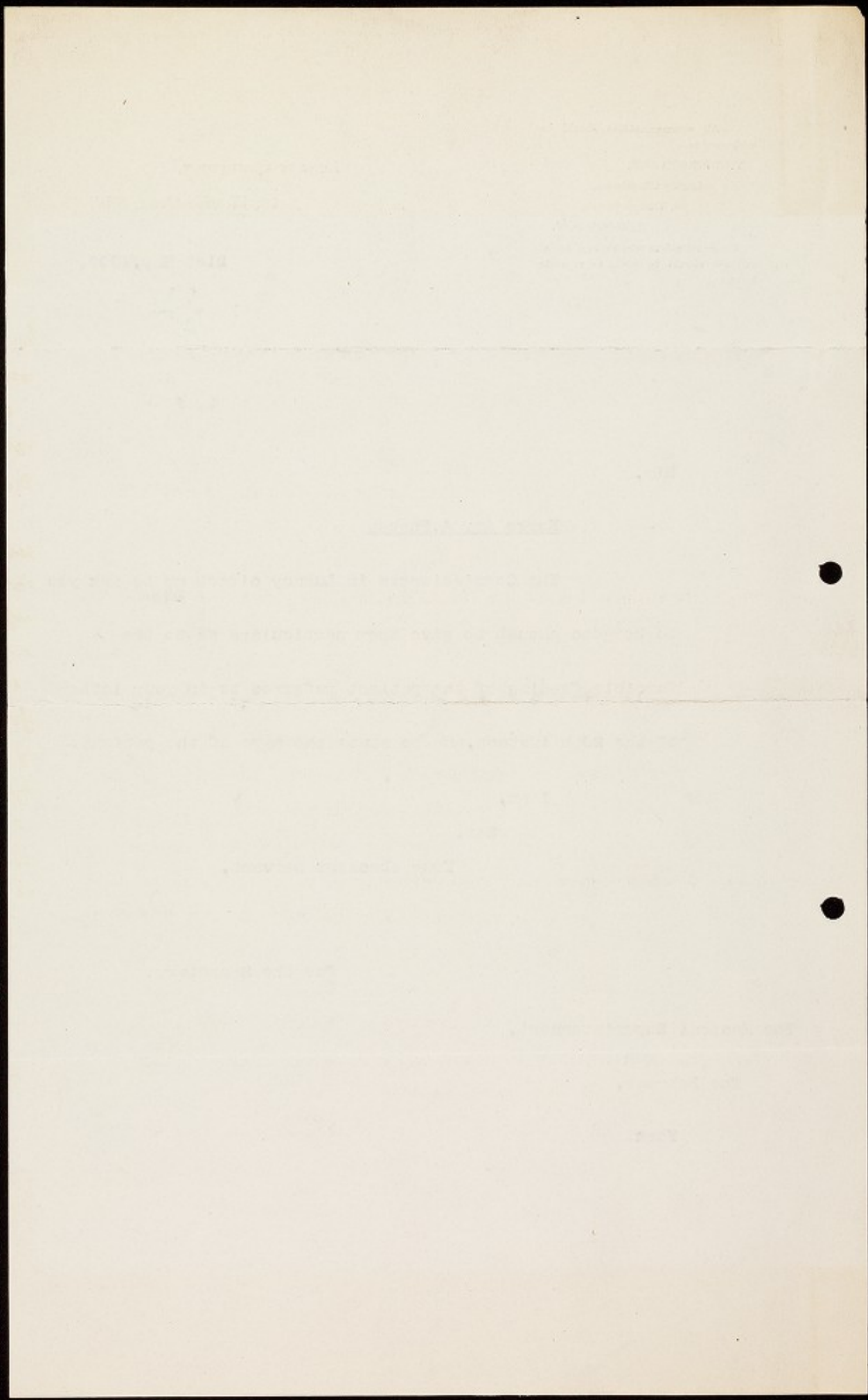
Your obedient Servant,

for the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat,

York.





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May 22, 1909

Gentlemen,

In reply to your enquiry respecting Nurse Amy A. Phebey I furnish the following particulars.

The Sister in charge of the ward, Margaret Helen Carter, reported that she found Nurse Phebey feeding Miss E.G. Taylor with bread and milk assisted by 4 nurses, the patient being on the floor.

On making enquiries I found that the patient had refused to take her bread and milk, saying that she could not swallow anything. On Nurse Phebey trying to induce her to do so she kicked and struggled, and Nurse Phebey thereupon sent for assistance, and four nurses were summoned, all of whom I interviewed. The patient was conveyed from the corridor into the dormitory and she continued to struggle and was placed upon the floor with her head in a nurse's lap, and Nurse Phebey fed her with a spoon. The patient did not further resist, and her mouth was not forced open in any way and she took a basin of bread and milk under these circumstances.

Miss Taylor is an intelligent woman, but has delusions that she cannot swallow. She herself made no complaint whatever as to the conduct of the nurse.



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Nurse Phebey was for the time being in charge of the ward, and though strictly speaking she cannot be said to have forcibly fed the patient, it was in my judgment, and in the judgment of the Committee altogether contrary to the spirit of the rules which are as follows:- "Struggles with patients

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~~must be avoided where possible. Force must not be used single-handed, unless absolutely needful, or in self defence. In all cases where force is used, the fact must be reported to the Charge Attendant, or Charge Nurse, who shall inform the Head Attendant, or Head Nurse respectively, of the same".~~

Nurse Phebey expressed regret to the Committee at her conduct, said that it ought not to have happened; and after careful consideration the Committee decided that the case did not deserve dismissal, but that it was not desirable that she should continue in the employ of the Retreat. She was consequently asked to resign.

Yours very truly,



# 3 Wintendale Street  
York

Dr. Jones

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Dear Sir you wished me to  
let you know how much  
I could not expect to pay  
2 shillings a week for my room  
and my food in all I  
could take upon 11/7 and 6.  
I seek by being very  
carefully 11/2 shillings for my  
room 4/3-6 for food and  
washing

thinking you and Mrs  
Jesse and Mr Hamallan  
for your kindness

of yours greatly

Ellen Cleyton



The North Wales Counties Lunatic Asylum,



Denbigh.

18 Feb. 1908.

Dear Mr Redford Peire,

I am much obliged to you for so fully informing me how my niece is progressing and I am pleased to learn that in some respects she is able to carry out her duties in a satisfactory manner.

It is unfortunate, however, that her eyesight is in defect and I can quite understand your difficulty in giving her the charge of troublesome and acute cases.

I very much appreciate the kindness and consideration you have shown her, under the circumstances.

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She appears to be much attached to her work, and I hope she will get on better at Scarborough, where you kindly propose sending her.

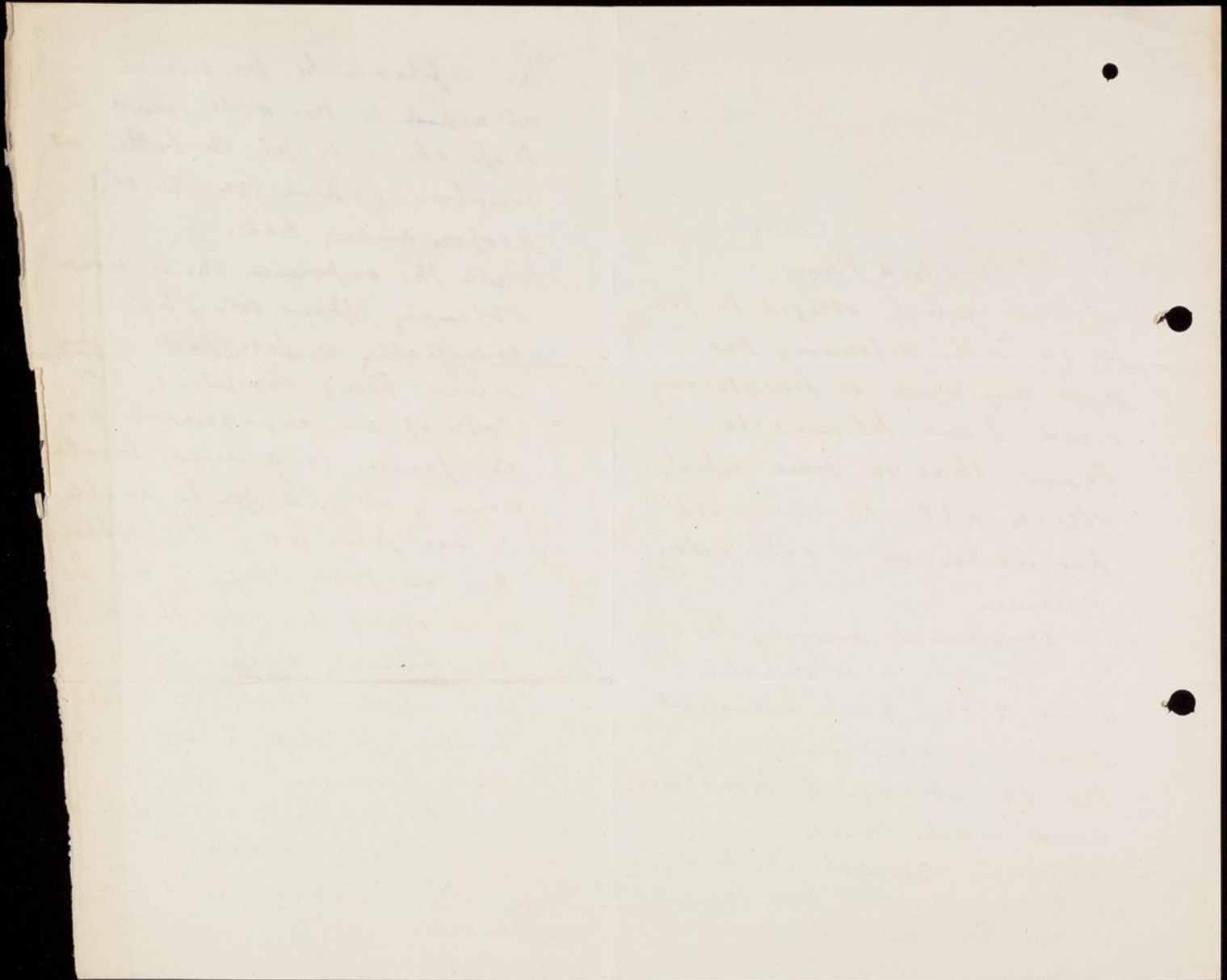
With this experience she is now obtaining there may be eventually a prospect of my niece being competent to take up an engagement as companion to a mild mental case, should you be unable in due time to retain her on your staff, as I am sorry to say that her family circumstances are such that she will have to depend upon her own resources.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mr Redford Peire  
The Retreat  
York

25/2/08





✓ 5 45, Park Grove,  
Hull.

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Feb 31/1908

Dear Sir,

Our eldest daughter  
has been ill since last September  
from a mental attack. We  
had a nurse seven weeks and  
then tried ourselves but our  
doctor and a physician say  
that she would have a better  
chance of permanent re-  
covery in an institution  
like yours.

Please send us scale

of charges and any particulars  
you may think advisable.

I must explain that I  
am not in a position to pay  
heavy sums for any lengthened  
period. Our regular doctor  
is Mr. G. F. Briggs, of Spring  
Bank here, and the physician  
we called in Dr. Daly of  
Allison Street.

Our daughter is 21 years  
of age in July. This is the  
second attack. The first was  
five years ago and she had  
recovered in a fortnight.

This attack has lasted the

better part of six months and  
she is practically no better  
than at first.

Please let me have your  
early reply.

Yours faithfully,

G. F. Borlass.

Dr. Bedford Place

The Retreat

York



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24, WOODBINE AVENUE,

GOSFORTH,

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE.

April 22 -/08

Dear Sir

I understand that  
you take some patients  
into the Retreat as  
voluntary boarders.  
Will you kindly inform  
me on what terms  
and conditions they  
are received

24 WOODBINE AVENUE  
COSTMOUTH  
NEWCASTLE ON TYNE

and others

Yours sincerely

(Wm) A. E. Coates



grievous trouble, & for  
can give it to us.

I simply cannot pay  
more than £2.2.0. 9  
pence. I have not  
the power of doing so.

It would be a great  
act of charity if you  
could take over this  
case, with the hope  
that with your careful  
treatment he may be

Austen.

Cockham Lane.

Berth.

August 2.

Dear Sir,

Since writing you in  
June, my son has had  
an epileptic attack,  
and the Authorities  
at Virginia Water  
tell us we must  
remove him,  
because he is terrible



difficultly, for which at  
present we have been  
able to find no solution  
we were recommended  
to Swell and also  
to Woodford, but both  
places seem most  
unsuitable to a man  
brought up as he has  
been. I have all along  
thought a great deal,

of you Robert and  
of Mr. Tuke has  
led me about it. But  
I longed to see him  
within visiting distance  
which it seemed possible.  
I chiefly for this reason  
have clung to S. A. Aun.  
Now I must again  
appeal to you & beg  
your kind help in our



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could sufficiently & come  
back to his home.

The train at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
expries on August 11.

I have such an intense  
longing to have my  
dear son with people  
who are viewing the  
such work in a  
higher light. It  
seems to me so  
absolutely necessary

that this should be the  
case - and yet - how  
hard to find.

May I beg of you  
to give the case your  
kind consideration  
from my

Isabel Carter.

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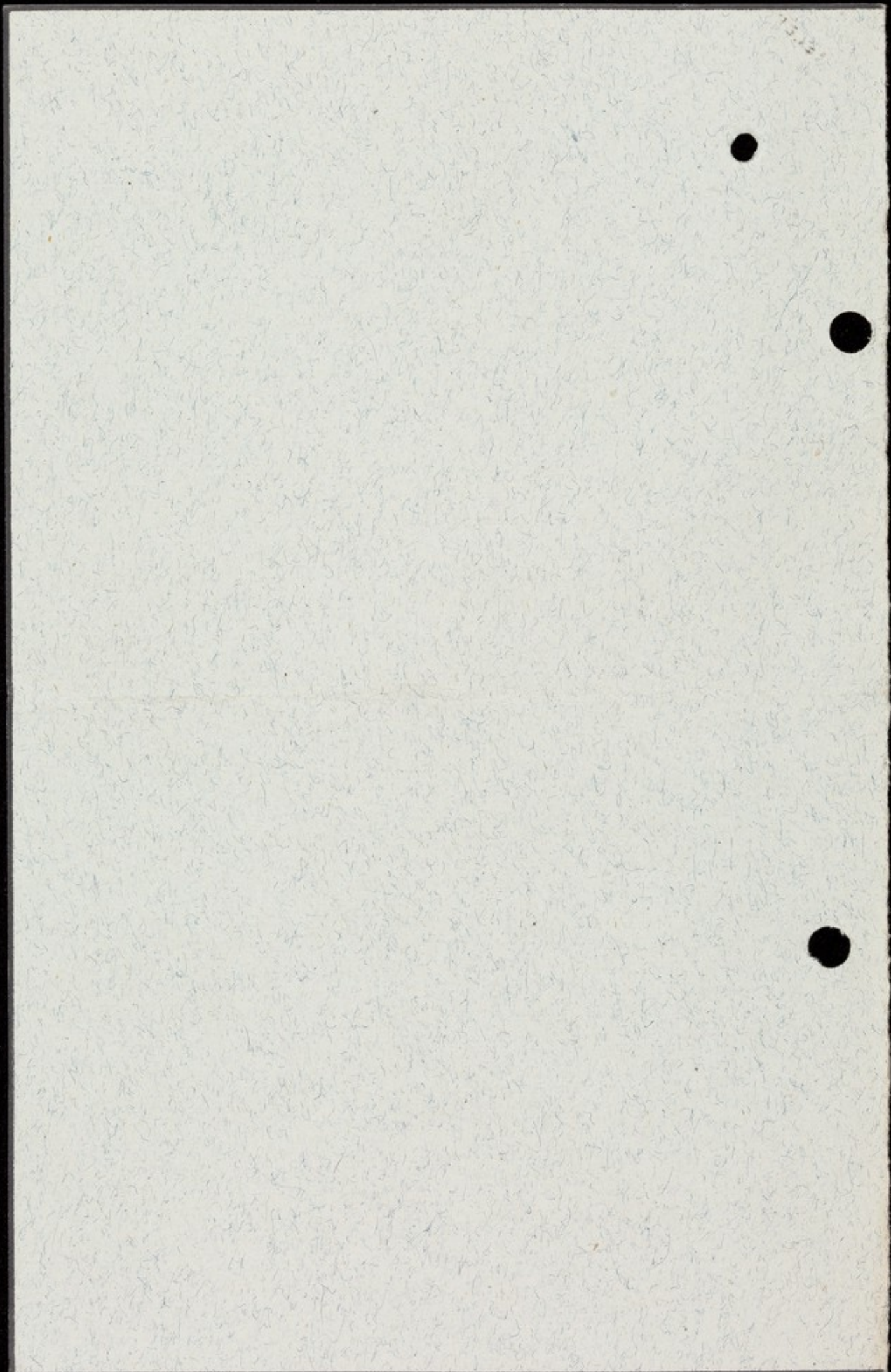
I would make such  
efforts to pay 3 times  
for, say, 6 months,  
if I thought a cure or  
reduction could be  
looked forward to.



Perhaps it is as  
well to mention  
that my husband  
(who died in 1899)  
was a porter at  
Eton College.

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TELEPHONE 1853.

79, HANOVER STREET,  
SHEFFIELD.April 1<sup>st</sup> 1907.

Bedford Pierce Esq. F.R.C.P.

Dear Sir

<sup>widow</sup>  
A lady-patient of mine

who is "non compos mentis" through  
intemperance is becoming more boisterous  
& uncontrollable & I have been asked  
by her Daughter & Lawyer to write  
& ask if you can receive her. She was  
taken to Bath by her Dgter two years  
ago with the hope that she might  
improve but the case has progressed.

She is not Certified as insane &  
I am anxious that she should be  
Certified on her arrival at the Retreat  
& not before. Her two Boys are at school



28. HANOVER STREET.  
SHEFFIELD.

in Bath & nothing of it is known  
there, as I have had to visit her  
periodically - Personally I shall be  
glad to be out of it as she is one  
of the few private patients left of my  
medical practice which I have abandoned  
for surgery -

Thanking you in anticipation

I am, dear Sir

Yours truly

Arthur Connell



TELEPHONE No.1391 CENTRAL.

TIPPERLINN HOUSE,  
MORNINGSIDE PLACE,  
EDINBURGH.

23rd January 1907.

My dear Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter. It is a hard thing to follow Yellowlees and Bevan Lewis, but as you have been good enough to ask me, I shall with pleasure give the address to your Staff in the autumn. You will, of course, let me know later on the most suitable time. You don't say anything about how I could get the hundred re-prints of Bevan Lewis' address.

I am sorry you cannot help us in the matter of a Lady Companion just now.

At present, it seems to me that the subject of my address will be "Why Brain and Conduct go together." I should try to popularise, as well as I could, the scientific aspect of mental disease and to place the nurses' conception of it on scientific lines. Many of the more intelligent among the nurses are very keen on this aspect of their work, and even if they all cannot take it up, yet, in the case of the few who do so, it means a higher interest in their work.

With kindest regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,

P.S. As you will see from the enclosed circular we are now admitting patients at £45 and £32.10 as many as are sent to us.

TIPPERBURY HOUSE,  
MORNINGSIDGE PLACE,  
EDINBURGH.

23rd January 1871.

My dear Sir,  
I have the pleasure to inform you that the  
first volume of the "History of the County of  
Tipperary" has been published, and is now  
for sale at the price of 10s. 6d. per volume.  
The work is published by Messrs. James  
Thomson & Co., 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Yours very truly,  
James Thomson & Co.

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Paston

Peterborough

(Telegrams 'Cheese, Warrington')

Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir,

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I have been consulting  
Dr. Savage about my elder  
daughter, and amongst other  
places he recommended The  
Retreat at York. Can I see  
you personally on Friday next  
about 2.30 or 3.0 o'clock?

Please let me have a  
reply by first post on  
Friday, or else a telegram  
tomorrow afternoon.

Yours truly

Emily Cheeze

Dr Pierce