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Sept 23 1911

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that there was oversight the cheque was not enclosed when sending the statements.

I do not think I can give another receipt for the statements as they are to cover ^{the} cheque received July 21. for which a receipt was sent in course - probably the enclosed credit note will be sufficient -

Yours truly

D. E. Waller
Secy.

Sept 20 1911

Dear Sir,

I have been very busy lately and
overlooked the charges for the
other building the statement.
I do not think I can find another
receipt for the statement as they are
the same. I have received July 21. for
which a receipt has been sent in answer -
perhaps the charges were not
the same.

Yours truly
R. B. Walker

Yours very faithfully
Harry Dawson

Bedford Pierce M.A.
The Retreat
York.

Glendonwyn,
Monkseaton,
Northumberland.

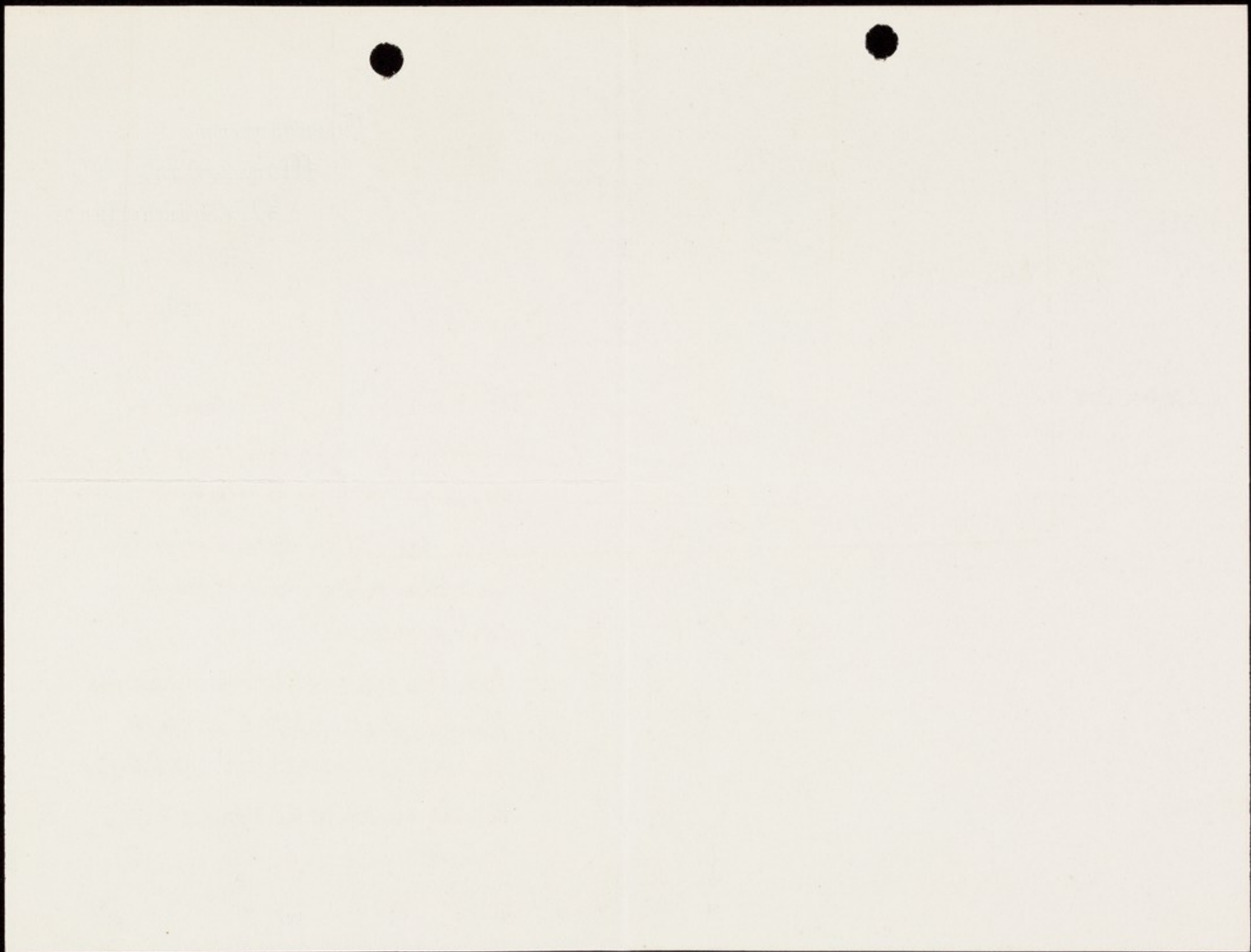
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Dear Mr Pierce

Herewith find receipt for the cheque you
intend sending to me so as to balance the
pre-payment £31. 4. 0 made by me.

Kindly receipt the two separate accounts enclosed
and send them on to me together with your cheque
and I will be obliged.

Permit me once more to express our heartfelt
gratitude for all your skill and attention
bestowed upon my dear son: and likewise
to make mention of the splendid services
of all your subordinate officials in the
Retreat.



Mar. 31 ~~Dist.~~ 1.10.1

June 30 Dist. 1.17.1 ✓

Aug. 3 Bonds 48/- 11.13.0
3rd day 10.0

Dist. Wm. 2.7
Death Carr. 14.2.8

34 12.0.0
7.0
6.10 11.13.0

Dr. Pierce

The Retreat

14.2.8
15.2.9

29.5.5

" Your last payment was YOMK Cash 33.1.1
£32.11, + on charge

do not amount to much more
than £29, so there will be a small amount return
when the cheques are drawn at the next Committee.
H.C.H. 5/9/11



Glendonwyn,
Monkseaton,

Northumberland.

September 4. 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

At your convenience, I will be glad to have a
statement of account re. my late son's expenses.
Any expenses for his internment, kindly to render
separately; as they will be dealt with by his
executors.

Yours very faithfully

Henry Dawson

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June 2, 1911

Dear Sir,

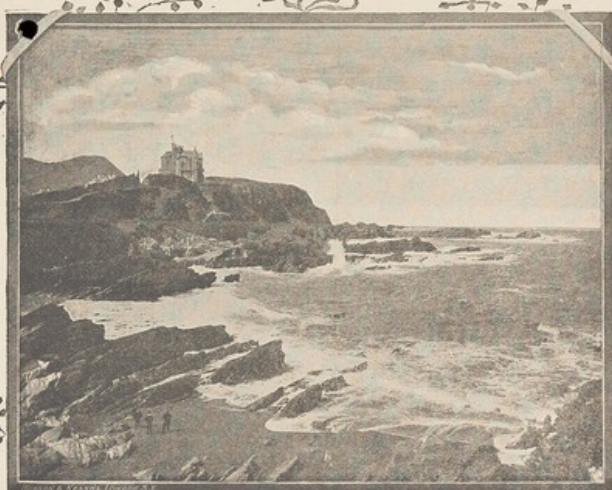
I am much obliged for your letter, and quite appreciate your kind remarks about the care which Mr. Davison receives at the Retreat.

The acute symptoms have, for the present, subsided to some extent, and he is now more conscious, but not able to speak. It is characteristic of his malady that there should be a series of fits of a grave nature, but, after they have passed, the patient recovers to some extent. There is no immediate cause for anxiety, and I quite hope that, when you come next week, he will be able to understand, and appreciate your visit.

Yours very truly,

H. Davison Esq.

MAGNIFICENT SEA AND LAND VIEWS.



The Granville, Ilfracombe.

W. R. FOSTER, Proprietor.

Dr Peerce
The Retreat
York

May 29. 1911

Dear Sir

I have received news from my son Dr. H. Glen Davison, - late of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, London - now of the Fleming Memorial Children's Hospital near castle on Tyne informing me of the sudden seizure, and partial paralysis of my son John, at the Retreat.

Together with my wife, I am having some days of holiday here in Ilfracombe, and had planned to return home by way of York, so that we might call and see John, and we will still do so, unless some sudden, further development should occur in his malady

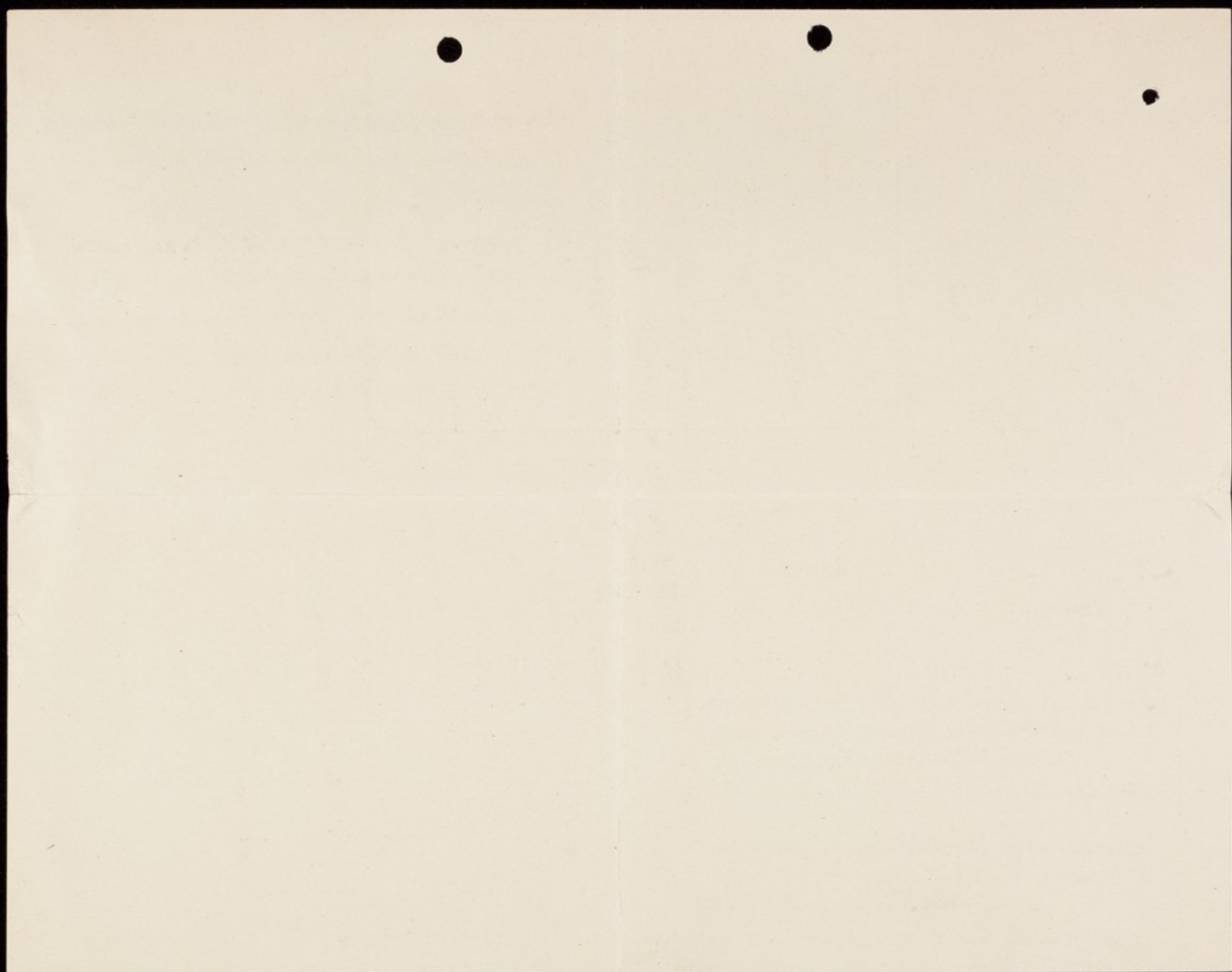
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which would make it desirable for me to come through at an earlier date. According to present plans, my wife and I will be in York on Saturday June 10th.

We know that everything that humanity and kindness can suggest will be done for him, and I very heartily thank you, and your assistants for all your attention and service rendered on his behalf. Since the day he was placed under your care. If you need to communicate with me, a note addressed to this house, up to and including June 9th will find me.

I am Dear Sir

Yours very faithfully
Henry Davison



Glendonwyn,
Monkseaton,
Northumberland.

May 2. 1911

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

Will you kindly send me a copy of
our account. (My son Dr H. G. D.
to whom it was sent. has mislaid it)

and others

Yours faithfully

Henry Dawson



Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

6 Lynwood Terrace

~~192 WINDROSE AVENUE~~

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Aug. 8th. 1910

To Dr Mackenzie

Dear Sir

As you are probably aware Dr Pierce has written to me saying that he sees no reason why my husband should not come home on short leave of absence. He also says in his letter that my brother in law's sanction should be got to this, but under the circumstances I presume that this is not absolutely necessary, but if so, would you be so good as to get it for us by letting him know that my husband wishes very much to pay this short visit to his own home, and, as is natural is exceedingly anxious to see his child. That, I hope, it has

your approval, & that we have
already got Dr Peirce's consent.
Should you not already have
my brother in law's address
in London my husband will
be able to apply it. I am sorry
I was not able to come last week
for him as I hoped, but
circumstances over which I
had no control prevented me
at the last minute. I will be
able to come shortly, however,
when I hope my husband will
be able to return with me.
Assuring you that he will be
well taken care of, and
accompanied wherever he goes
while he is with us, either by
members of my own family
or myself and thanking you
in anticipation

I am

Yours truly
"E. J. Davison"

38 Torrington Square
London W.C.
Aug 4 1910.

Dear D McKenzie.

I am in receipt of your letter which calls for
one or two comments. In the first place I gathered
from the way you phrased your letter, that you
intended your remarks for a lay mind. In point of fact
I am the doctor who gave me my hospital appointment
to sail to America to bring Mr Davison to England.
Naturally I quite understand the present present
stage of the case; and further, you mention about his brother
being the physician and living in Manchester.
I have my permanent address with the home people but
I am staying in the hospital with the London Hospital.
and I am the physician who put of all got him
admitted to Virginia Water: I think it a pity that
under the circumstances his life should entertain
the idea of getting him home to nurse: I know the
law - and the remark is humorous in the extreme,
further since as you say "If Mr Davison
is able to undertake the case" it is just here that the
matter turns. My father is defraying all expenses,
neither she nor her people have any responsibility
in the matter, and therefore he will ultimately decide
the course of action in the meantime I have acted for
him in the affair.

Be there any possibility of his recovery his removal elsewhere would be quite another matter, but he has not even intelligence enough to recollect where his bedroom was situated, nor to be able to speak coherently. He went running through the hall with his revolver at full cock uttering a terrible rattle, and was only beguiled into leaving him in there after a lot of anxiety:

For the future, and here I write personally to you. The prophylaxis for his case is avoidance of drink, and games, and a quiet supervision. We can never tell when he will again assume the regal dignity of the King of the Belgians which occurred on the American voyage. As I have said my father will settle the matter but my advice to him has been and will be "Let well alone." I should be greatly obliged if you would let me know regularly about his condition. How you were not so far away from London

Yours sincerely
St. John Dawson

38 Torrington Square
London W.C.
Aug 3. 1910

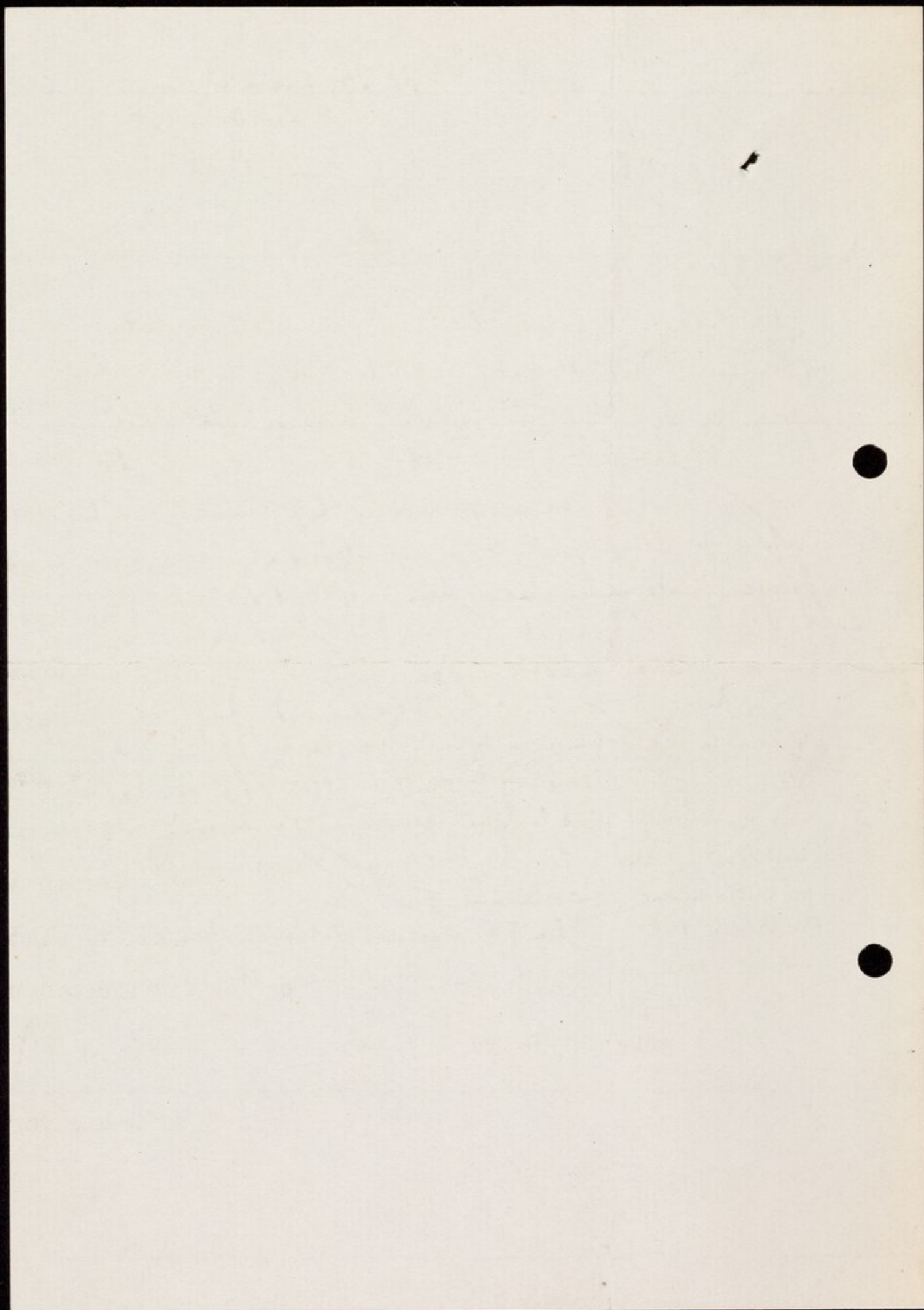
Dear Alice

My brother Mr John Dawson in a letter written to my aunt Miss Moffat Bromby. and to me in London informs me that his wife has arranged to have him in Newcastle for a fortnight to celebrate the occasion of their wedding. Will you be kind enough to confirm or deny the truth of the statement:

I have not definitely heard from my father upon this matter but I will surmise if he has given his consent to such a tragic farce as that of a demented young man to celebrate his wedding day and then return to the asylum. Of this I am certain, that my sister in law will never be content here she has him again and so shall be glad to hear from you concerning his condition: Regret that York is such an expensive place for me to reach from London: shall I know he is more comfortable with you than he was at Virginia Water. although when he was at the latter place I used to see him every fortnight.

Yours sincerely,

John Dawson.



29th July, 1910.

Dear Madam,

Mr. Davison has been doing, on the whole, very well here. He has gained weight, and goes about the garden to a limited extent alone, and gives a minimum of trouble. He is very weak physically, and does not know it, and certainly required a good deal of watchful care. Moreover, he might have a seizure at any time, this being a common complication of his malady. I do not see why he should not go away on leave of absence from here, provided you can arrange for effective supervision. Unfortunately we cannot spare anybody to go with him, being at present very short-handed.

I should add that before the leave of absence is granted, his brother, the petitioner, should sanction what is proposed.

Should you wish to follow the matter up, please write to Dr. Mackenzie, as I shall be from home.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. E.J. Davison,

Newcastle.

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6 Lynwood Terrace

~~NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE~~

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

July 24th 1910

To

Dr. Pierce.

Dear Sir

It is three weeks tomorrow since I visited my husband, and on that occasion you told me to write to you in two or three week's time. Re my husband paying a short visit to his home and to see his child.

Will you be so good as to let me know if you can

recommend this. & so I
will try & arrange to come
for him some day next
week, & will see that he is
accompanied either by
myself or some of my
own people while he is
with us. Thanking
you in anticipation of
an early & I hope
favourable reply

Remain

Yours sincerely
"R. J. Davison."

Glendonwyn,
Monkseaton,
Northumberland.

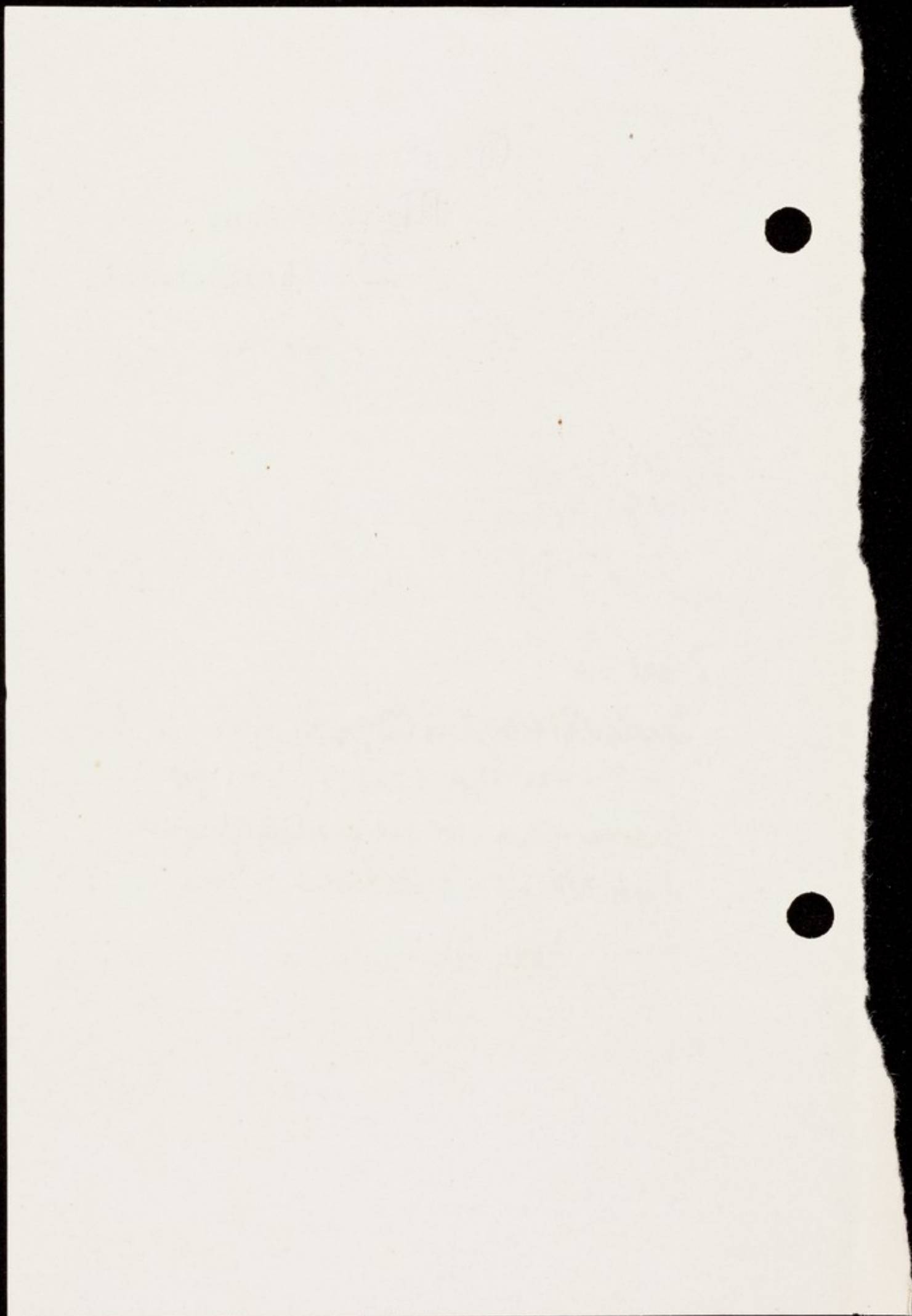
23. 7. 1910

To Mr Pierce
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir

Enclosed herewith is Cheque for £36. 2. 6
for payment of account rendered for
charges incurred for and on behalf of my son
John Davison. at the Retreat. York

Yours very faithfully
Henry Davison



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 John Dawson of Newcastle on Tyne

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcliffe, The Rectory, 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 23rd day of July 1910

Name Henry Dawson

Residence Glendonwyn, Monkseaton, Northumbria

Occupation Wholesale Grocer

SIGNED by the said Henry Dawson

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Robt. P. Dawson

Law Student

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

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.



July 20, 1910

Dear Sir,

At the Committee meeting held
yesterday the terms for Mr. Davison
were fixed at 48/- weekly.

I enclose the usual form of agreement.

Yours truly,

Secretary

G.Davison Esq.



38 Torrington Square
 London N.C.
 June 27/90

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your reply received this morning. I wrote you in the first place because in addition to being Mr. Darwin's brother I was also his medical attendant from America to England, and my father expects that I will acquaint him at home with any past developments hence wrote asking for a full & happy report.

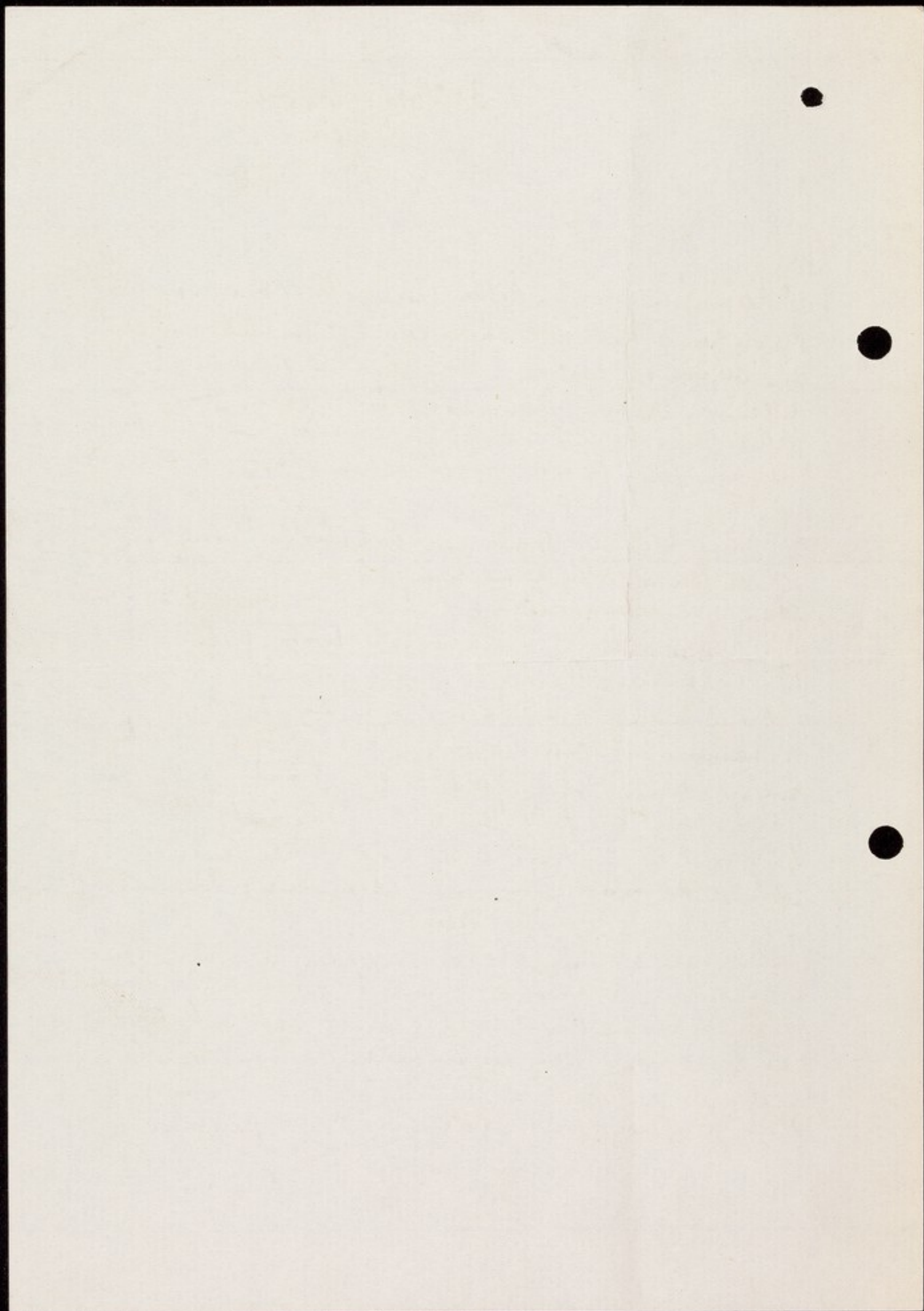
Your plan is to me very satisfactory and I shall leave it in your hands entirely as to when you may write me about his condition. During his stay in Virginia Hall he was in the infirmary attached to the place for a week with an attack of aphasia and complete loss of memory: of course when he was there I visited him regularly every fortnight: I believe that he will be very emphatic in "The Retreat".

As to interest; there is a world of difference between the two places, and I am delighted that he is in the care of "The Friends".

With regard to any clothes or what he may require or anything to smoke I shall be glad if you would let me know and then supply him with whatever he may require. My father and mother hope to see him - with your permission - next Saturday. I therefore forward your letter for their perusal.

Yours very sincerely

Wm Darwin



find, I think, on talking the
matter over with my husband,
that he not only perfectly
understands what he is doing
but that he is very anxious
that I get it. Sincerely
hoping that you will be able
to do this for us & thanking
you in anticipation

I am

Yours truly
"E. J. Davison"

6 Lynwood Terrace 379
~~108, WINDSOR GARDENS~~

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

June. 25th. 1910
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To Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

As you will
probably have heard my
father & I visited my husband
on Thursday last, & I am
pleased to say we spent
a most enjoyable day together.
I was very thankful to
find my husband so much
improved in health, & do
most sincerely hope, that
he will continue to do so,
& that I may soon have

him home with me, in his
own home which he has not
seen for three years, & to see
his little one whom he has not
as yet seen at all. He is
very anxious, you will find
to sign a form which I have
sent to him, authorizing me
to draw some money from
The Post Office Savings Bank
for him. To make this Form
of Authority valid his signature
must be witnessed by a doctor,
minister, or some other such
gentleman. My father mentioned
this to Dr. Mackenzie on Thursday
who said he did not think
there would be any objection,
& advised my writing to
you about it. You will

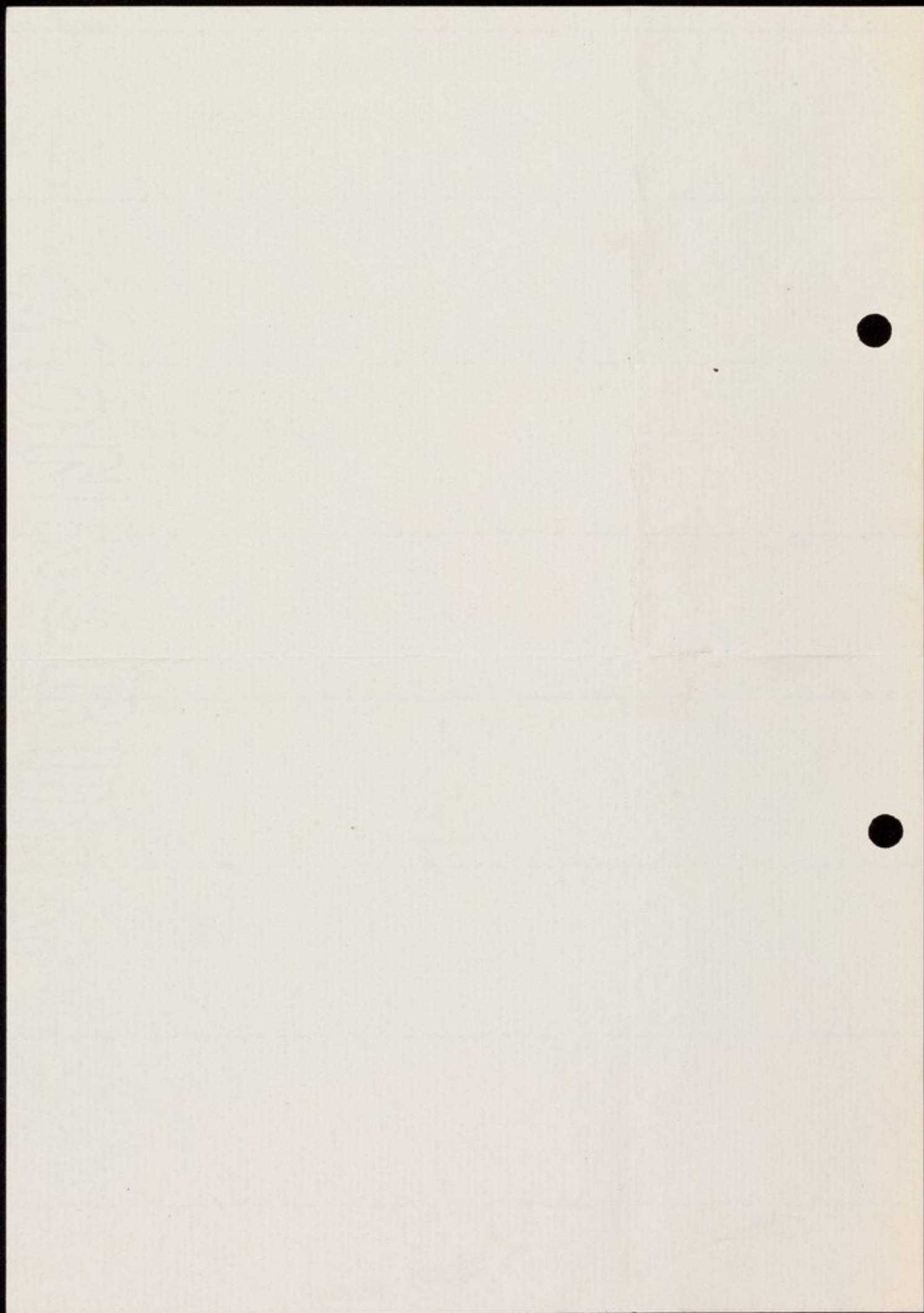
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38 Worthington Square
London WC
June 25 1910

Dear Sir.

Whitelybegood must be send me
a report of Mr John Darwin's' Question
forthrightly: and if any serious
Complication should arise I should like you
to let me know by telegram so that I
could come to York to see him.

Yours sincerely
Helen Darwin



38 Youngin Square
Londn WC
June 2 1910

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Dear Sir.

D^r Moore is making arrangements to transfer Mr John Darwin to The Retreat on Thursday /inst.. Have written his wife to that effect, and would quite good enough write to her informing her when she may call and see her husband; the whole affair since she left so America last October has been a source of great distress and anxiety to her. And it was want of funds which prevented her from coming to London to see him.

Have D^r Moore the addresses of certain people - relations - to whom my brother might write. I did so because I was informed that he was contemplating answering sundry advertisements relating to his calling. The following are the names.

- i. Mrs John Darwin
6 Lynwood Terrace (his wife)
Newcastle on Tyne
 - ii. Mr Henry Darwin
Glendwynn Wynkeaton (7.)
Wilt.
 - iii. Mrs Moffat James Boscombe (aunt)
Gunnsmere
Boscombe
- W. Glen Darwin



June 16, 1910

Dear Madam,

Just a line to say that Mr. Davison arrived to-day from Virginia Water, having had a comfortable journey, so that it will be convenient for you to come over and see him at any time you like.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. E.J.Davison

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he has been placed so far
from home, & also that I have
a baby 4 months old. May
also say that Dr Rutter of
h/cle a gentleman whom I
believe was at one time one of
the medical men ~~at~~ in
attendance at your Sanatorium
is our family doctor.

Thanking you in anticipation
of an early reply by telegram
if tomorrow is the day fixed
thy letter if otherwise

I am

Yours truly

"J. J. Davison"

6 Lynwood Terrace. ³³⁹
~~100, WINDROVE AVENUE,~~

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

June. 13th. 1910

Dear Sir

Would you kindly let
me know if my husband,
Mr. J. Davison, is expected to
arrive at the "Retreat" tomorrow
Tuesday June 14th, or a week
come tomorrow viz: June 21st.
I heard from my brother-in-law
today, but am in some doubt
whether tomorrow or the following
Tuesday is the day fixed for my
husband's journey. I have also
heard from my husband &
find that the impression he
has got from what has been
said to him by the Doctors &
his brother is that he is coming

home to Newcastle to his baby &
I. As I am afraid he will be
woefully disappointed when he
finds that this is not his
destination, I thought it might
be advisable that I take an
early opportunity of coming to
see him. As I can conveniently
do so on Wednesday first &
perhaps not so conveniently
next week, I propose to come on
that day & as the train I will
travel by will leave N/Cle
before the post arrives at our
home I should be grateful if
you would telegraph in reply
to this if he is coming North
tomorrow. If not until next
week, however, a letter to that
effect would suffice. I may
say that I have not seen my
husband since he arrived
in England partly because

6 Lynwood Terrace
~~108, WINDYBROOK AVENUE,~~
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

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June 14th. 1910.

To Dr. Pease

Dear Sir

Allow me to
thank you for the telegram in
reply to my letter of June 13th.
date. I have since heard from
my husband & find that he
has been made aware of the
fact that he is coming some
time this week to a Sanatorium
near York. I have not yet
heard, however, of his arrival
at the Retreat. This morning
I received the enclosed letter
in an envelope addressed
to me. There has evidently been
some mistake & the wrong
letter put into the wrong envelope.

Sincerely hoping that I will
soon hear of my husband's
safe arrival, as I am very
anxious to see him. He is
also anxious to see me. Please
find also enclosed stamp
in payment for the telegram
for which I thank you.

Yours truly
"E. J. Davison."

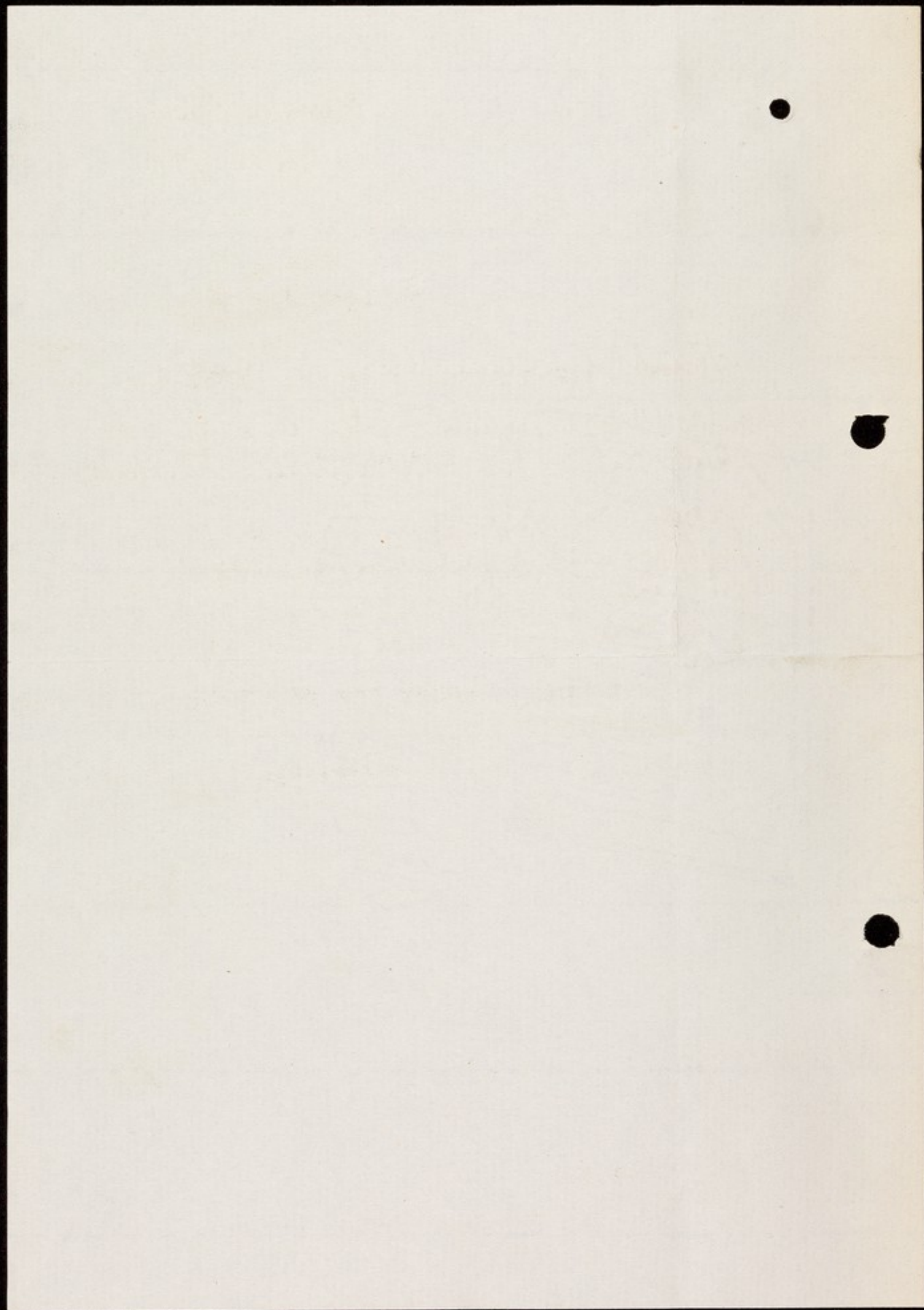
38 Torrington Square
London N.C.
June 2 1910

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of June 1st -
I have written to Virginia Bates and am
making arrangements to have him transferred
under your care at York:

I appreciate the fact, that you will
recommend your Committee to accept him
for two and a half guineas per week:

Yours sincerely
Helen Jarvis



June 1, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter, and it is clear that the circumstances of the patient do not justify your paying more than the sum named. I shall be glad to recommend the Committee to accept this, which will I hope just cover cost. We shall have a vacancy about the end of next week, so it will be in order for you to apply at once to the Commissioners for their permission to transfer the patient.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Davison

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38 Torrington Square
London WC
May 31/1910

Dear Sir

I am glad to know that you are likely to have
a vacancy in a fortnight. May I ask if you will
reserve it for my patient.

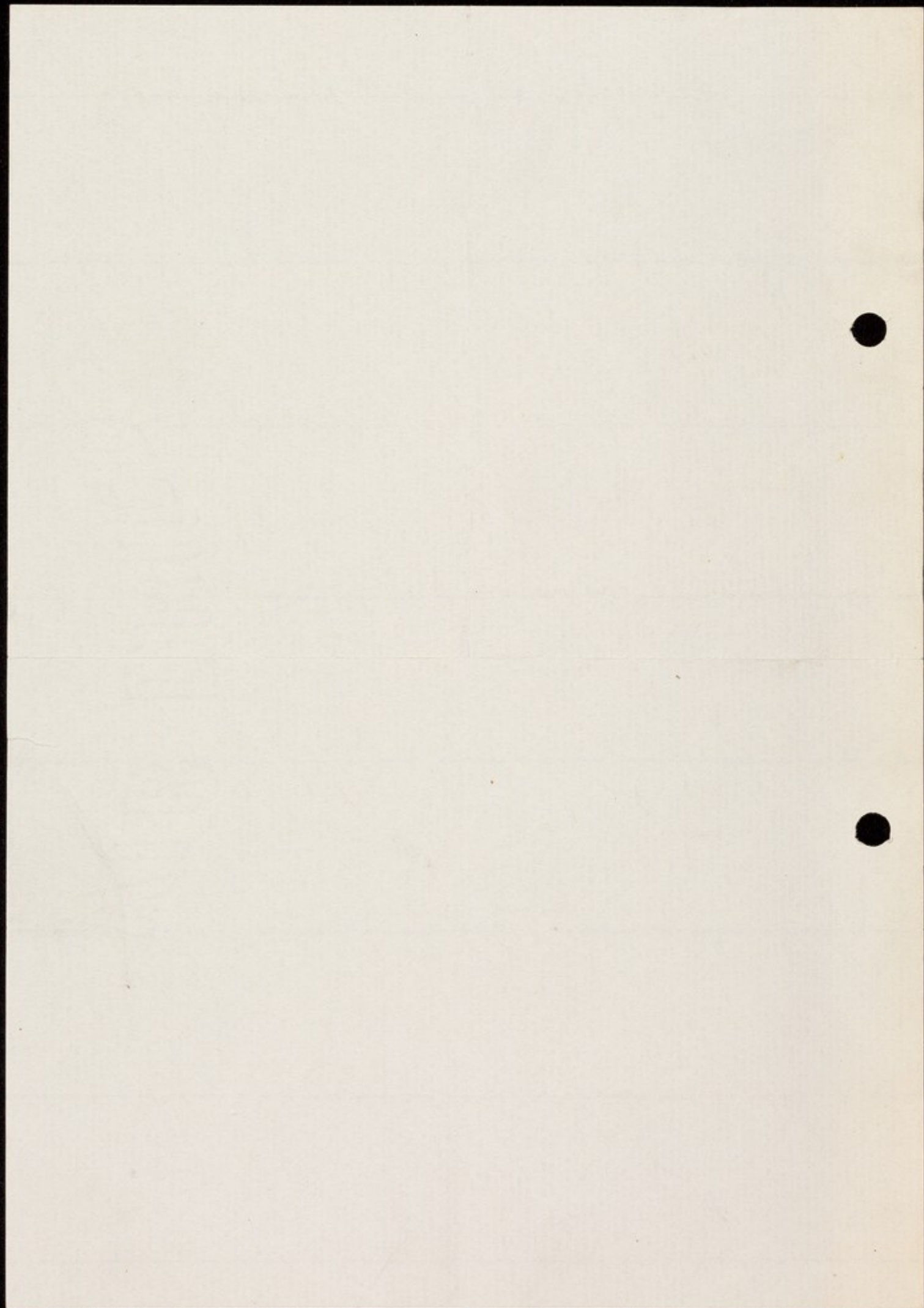
Monetary Consideration and some importance
has not got aselling to his name. He was an
Engineer in the Argentine and the first news my
people had of his Condition was to the effect that
he has spent all his savings & was taken to an
institution. His wife has previously come home to
England and was captured during the time that
was passing for to America. I thought him home as a
passenger and the burden of keeping not only him
but his wife who has to be passed by my father.

His present Condition calls for no special
supervision but as you suggest ultimately
they do require careful nursing.

Under the Circumstances which I have briefly
outlined above would you Committee be willing
to accept two and a half guineas per week
in the meanwhile. (£2.11.6).

I shall be glad to hear from you as soon as
possible

Yours sincerely
H. Glen Davis.



38 Torrington Square
London W.C.

May 27 1910.

Dear Dr. Kemp.

With reference to our conversation last
Wednesday. Will you let me know the earliest
possible day when I may transfer Mr John
Darrin from Virginia Water to The Retreat:

I will require a few clear days in order to
make application to the Commissioners in London
for a licence to transfer

I wish him moved as soon as possible and
would ask you to reserve for my patient the
next vacancy. Am I correct in concluding
that the terms are £2.8. per week?

Yours sincerely
H. Glen Darrin.

