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J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM EDINBURGH"
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 Lo. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 5th August 1914.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

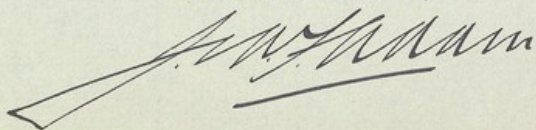
Miss Dodd's Curatory.

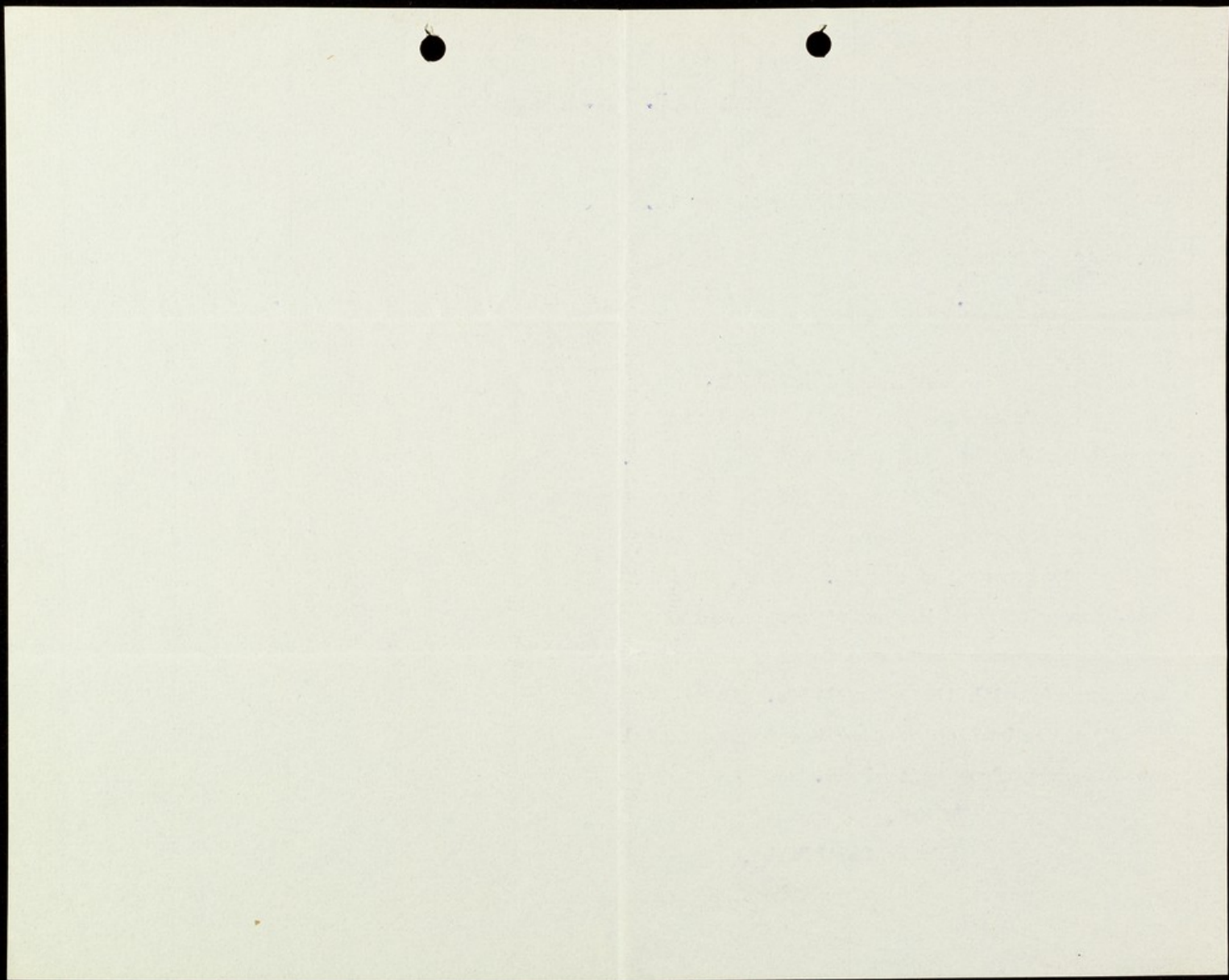
We are favoured with your letter
of yesterday's date and note what you mention.

We regret that you did not inform
us as desired, when you were transferring Miss
Dodd to Craighouse as our Mr. McEwen, Senior,
could have informed her relatives and also
seen her on Sunday and made further definite
arrangements with the Authorities. As it was
the first intimation we received of her removal
was on Monday from Major Dodd.

We are,

Yours faithfully,





4th August, 1914.

Dear Robertson,

I fear your nurses will have had a very troublesome journey with Miss Dodd. I fully intended that someone should have gone to the Station to help them off, but it was not done and I am sorry. I do hope they got along without much difficulty or unpleasantness.

I should have liked to discuss some of the subjects raised in your letter to me, but just at present one feels very unsettled. The political situation and the difficulties in regard to the future make it by no means easy to settle down to work with philosophical calm. In this country we are so used to a settled order of things that we hardly know how to face difficulties. Here in York I think we can keep things going for some time whatever happens, and then one will hope that from over the seas ample food supplies will come, but I must confess that one feels considerable anxiety in relation to the large centres of population, and the possibilities of panic there.

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We read your Annual Report with much interest, and I cannot but feel envious at the amount of clinical research work which you and your staff have managed to get through.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

4th August, 1914.

Dear Major Dodd,

I have not heard how Miss Dodd got to Scotland, but I fear that Dr. Robertson's nurses will have had a very trying journey as the trains were so very crowded. Miss Dodd was quite pleased to go and thoroughly understood where she was going, and though she was excited one could see she was glad to be going to Scotland.

The address you suggest for Sister Gladys is quite correct. Her surname is Jones , and if you wish to be very correct she likes to be given her Welsh name, Gwladys.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

100 August, 1918.

Dear Mr. [Name],

I have not heard from you for some time, but I am sure you are very busy. I will have had a very busy time as the [Name] was very much [Name]. This [Name] was quite pleased to go and I am sure you will be very glad to hear that. I am sure you will be very glad to hear that. I am sure you will be very glad to hear that.

The [Name] was very much [Name] and I am sure you will be very glad to hear that. I am sure you will be very glad to hear that. I am sure you will be very glad to hear that.

Very truly yours,

[Name]

Yours very truly,

4th August, 1914.

Dear Sirs,

You will probably have heard that Miss Dodd was transferred to Craig House on the 31st instant. We could not have foreseen that travelling would be so difficult then, and I am afraid that Dr. Robertson's nurses will have had a trying journey with her. In such cases it is usual to arrange the transfer direct between the Superintendents, so I did not send the forms to you. Besides I was asked to send a Certificate of Emergency, and I could not therefore send the papers back to you.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. J & A. F. Adam.

My dear Niece
Please tell me how
it should be addressed
would "Sister Gladys
The Retreat
York"

be right or not?

Again thanking you
for all your kindness to my
niece & with kind regards
Believe me

Yours Sincerely

S. A. Dodd

I don't know Sister Gladys's Surname

2nd Sept. 1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have today received
your official notice of
discharge from The
Retreat of my niece
Miss Dodd, and I
presume she is now
at Craig House Institution.
Edinburgh.

Had I known this

date of her transfer I
should have endeavoured
to have been in Edinburgh
& seen her after her
arrival at Craig House.

I shall however
arrange to visit her
there within the next
few days.

Perhaps you will
kindly tell me how

the transfer seemed
to affect her at the
time, & whether she
seemed either pleased
or distressed.

My wife & I will
send a small present
to Sister Gladys - nothing
of much value - but
merely as a token
of our appreciation of
her kindness & attention

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J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.

Edinburgh 1st August 1914

Dr Bedford Parri
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir Miss Dodd's Curatory

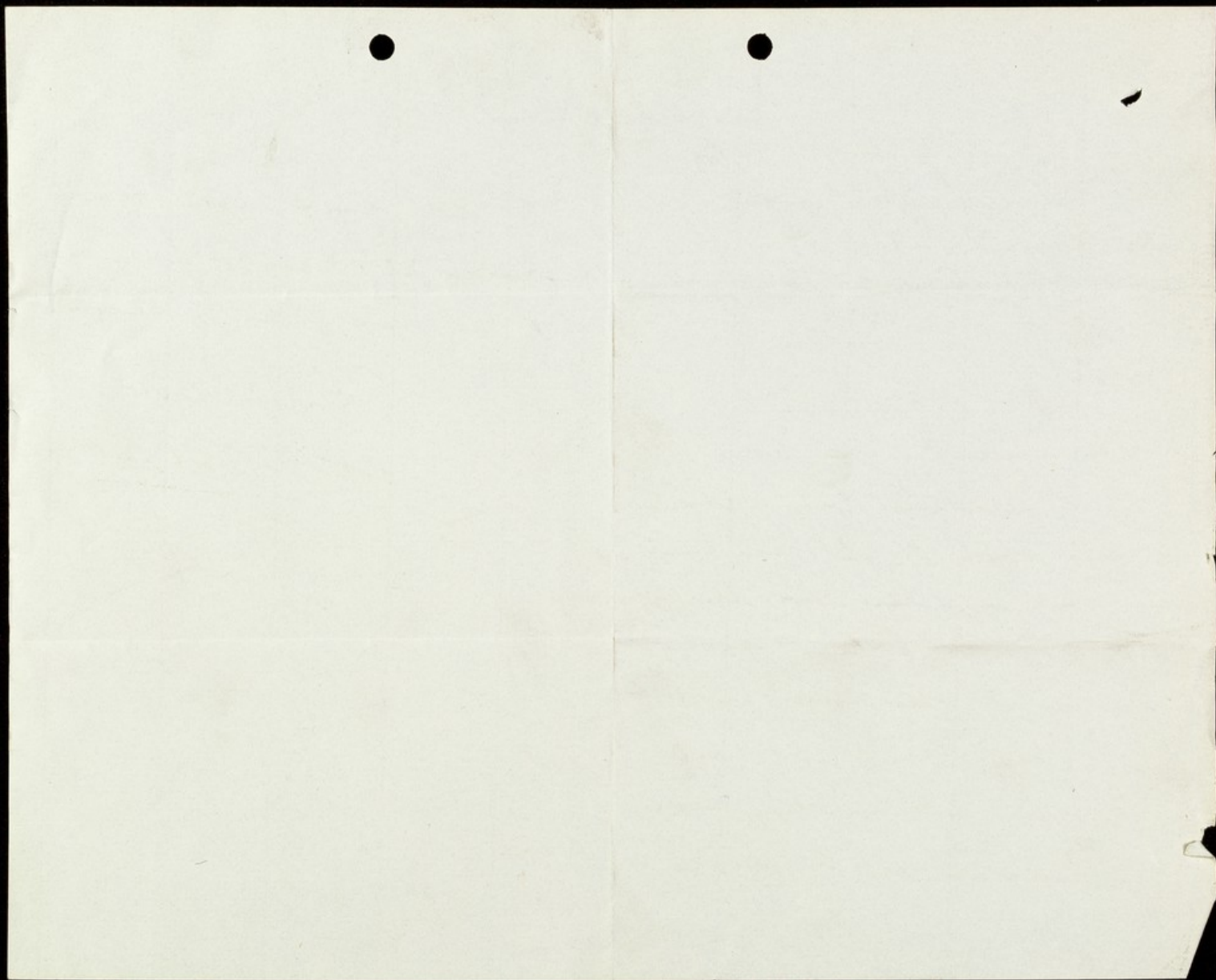
With reference to our letter of
21st ult. sending Form of Admission
of Miss Dodd to the Hayburn
for your signature we shall
now be glad to hear from
you as to when you are to
send Miss Dodd up here
in order that we may inform
her relatives and Dr. Robertson.

You might also kindly
return the Form of Admission
to us duly filled in & signed.

We are

Yours faithfully

J. & A. F. Adam



DR GEORGE M. ROBERTSON.
TELEPHONE NO. 1391 CENTRAL.
AT HOME, 2 P.M.

TIPPERLINN HOUSE,
MORNINGSIDE PLACE,
EDINBURGH.

26th July 1914.

Miss Dodd.

Dear Pierce,

On my return I have received your letter regarding the removal of Miss Dodd. I have spoken to the Lady Superintendent and she will be able to send two nurses on Friday the 31st. They will leave Edinburgh by the train leaving the Waverley Station at 7.45 reaching York at 12.5. They will proceed at once to The Retreat and you will make such arrangements as you think fit for their departure. I believe that they can catch the 1.53 train which reaches Edinburgh shortly after six.

I would be much obliged if you would ask your Matron to hand the two nurses over to a member of your staff to let them see through the ladies' portion of The Retreat as I am very anxious that they should be able to take advantage of such an opportunity of increasing their knowledge and of picking up something for their good which may be introduced here.

Mr. Macewan, the lawyer who acts for Miss Dodd, informed me some time ago that he was beginning to find it irksome to have her cared for in an Institution so far away from him, ~~and~~ as he is now getting an old man and after consultation with Sir Thomas Clouston he decided to bring her nearer his office and his own home. From the account you give of her case I am afraid you are sending us a patient who will give us a good deal of anxiety.

Perhaps you have not noticed that Dr. Neill, my present senior, has been selected Superintendent of The Warneford, Oxford. I thought that Dr. Brown who was appointed to The Murray 9 months ago was a lucky man

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Morningside Place,
Edinburgh.

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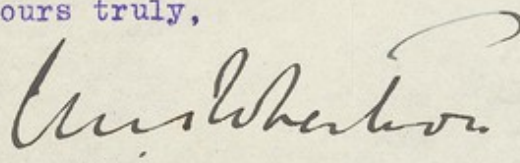
TIPPERLINN HOUSE,
MORNINGSIDE PLACE,
EDINBURGH.

as it was the best appointment that any Assistant had got out of Morningside and he was opposed in it by Medical Superintendents of Asylums. Neill has been still more lucky as the appointment is worth over £1000 a year and the Asylum is not only flourishing as regards patients but has a Capital Account of £35,000. No one could have done less for the appointment than he as he was placed on the short list without having canvassed and I believe that the only letter written on his behalf was one by his wife to a clergyman. He is however a most capable man and I am certain will make an excellent Superintendent.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours truly,



Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Edinburgh.
Morningside Place,
Fife House.

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Morningside and he was opposed in it by Medical Superintendents of
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over £1000 a year and the Asylum is not only flourishing as regards
patients but has a Capital account of £25,000. No one could have done
less for the appointment than he as he was placed on the short list
without having canvassed and I believe that the only letter written on
his behalf was one by his wife. He is however a most
capable man and I am confident will be a most efficient Superintendent.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

James Clerk Maxwell

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

her kindness & attention
- though I am sure that
has been given by every
member of your Staff.

We thought of a bracelet
watch - if she has not
already got one - or something
of that kind - but only
if you see no objection
to presents to the Staff.

With many thanks for all
your goodness & with kind
regards from my wife & myself to
Mrs. Pierce & yourself.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
S. A. Dodd

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22nd July 1914.

Dear Mr. Pierce

I heard from
Mr. M. F. Green this
morning who tells me
he is making with
you final arrangements
for Miss Dodd's transfer
to Craig House - Edinburgh.

There are distinct

advantages of course
in having her within
easy reach of her
friends, & we can only
hope that the transfer
may not in any way
affect her injuriously.

I don't know
whether you would
object to Mrs. Dodd

& myself giving a
small present to
Sister Gladys, who
has been Miss Dodd's
special nurse during
her stay at the Retreat.

I know how good
& kind she has been
to my poor niece, &
we would not like
her to think that we
did not appreciate

1 *Encl.* & Envelope.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"ADAM, EDINBURGH"
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N.
9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 21st July 1914.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

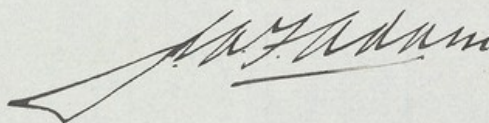
We have seen Dr. Robertson of the Royal Asylum here who informs us that he is now ready to take Miss Dodd into Craighouse. We accordingly enclose herewith the necessary Form of admission to the Asylum which has been signed by her brother, Captain Dodd, and shall be obliged if you will kindly fill in the Statement on the first page thereof and also fill in and sign the Medical Certificate and Certificate of Emergency on pages 2 and 3 respectively where your initials are marked in pencil and return to us in the enclosed envelope. Dr. Robertson informs us that the second /

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second Medical Certificate on page 2 will be filled in and signed by a Doctor at Craighouse after the arrival of Miss Dodd.

We shall be glad if you will kindly inform us as to when you propose to send Miss Dodd up here in order that we may inform Dr. Robertson, ^{*Major Dodgson's Brother Bell.*} We may mention, in this connection that Dr. Robertson informed us that if you were unable to spare a Nurse to accompany Miss Dodd on her journey North, he could send down one of his own Nurses.

We are,

Yours faithfully,



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The Retreat,
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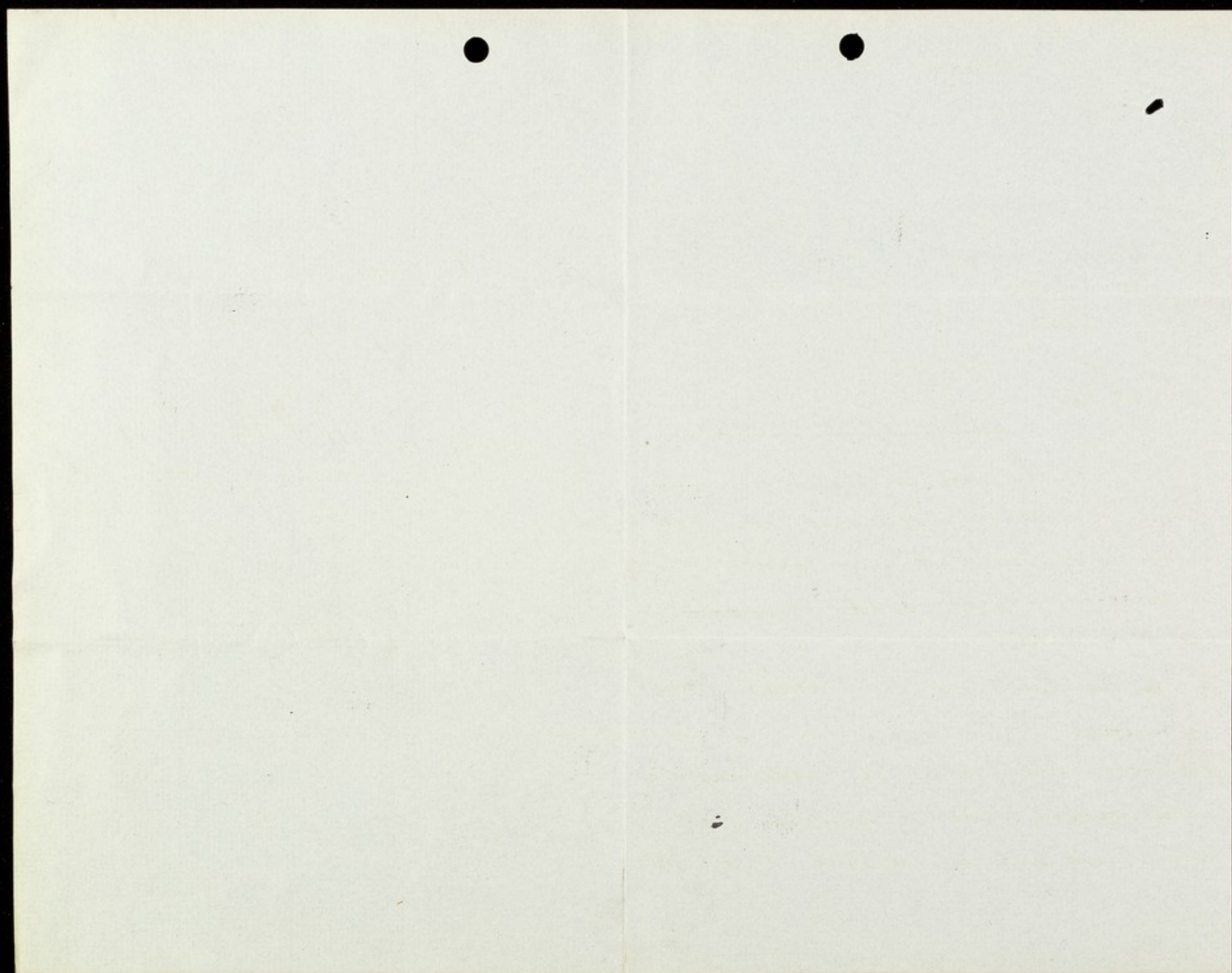
We are,

Yours faithfully

J. & A. F. Adam

Dear Sir, Miss Dodd's Curatory

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, and note that there is no need of any special notice in respect of Miss Dodd's removal and that charges will only be made up to the date that the Patient leaves the Retreat. We shall see Dr. Robertson, and make the necessary arrangements, but of course your convenience will be consulted in every



1st July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter there is no need for any special notice in respect to Miss Dodd's removal, and charges will only be made up to the day on which the patient leaves the Retreat. No doubt ample time will be given to us to arrange the details of the transfer itself.

Yours truly,

Messrs. J. & A. F. Adam,

1st July, 1914.

1st July, 1914.

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst.

For any special notice in regard to this matter

removed, and of your letter of the 28th inst.

on the 28th inst. I have been advised by the

and also that you have been advised by the

of the same matter.

Yours faithfully,

1st July, 1914.

Encl.

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J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH"
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 30th. June, 1914.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

Miss Dodd's Curatory

Major Dodd has communicated to our Mr. McEwen, Senior, as Miss Dodd's Curator, the tenor of your letter of 25th. inst.

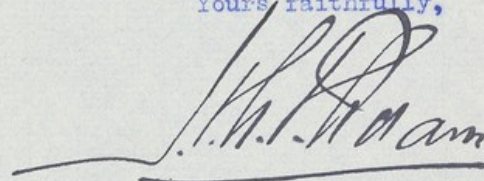
In connection with the proposed change, we shall be glad to know what notice has to be given, as of course it is necessary that Miss Dodd remain with you at the Retreat until the end of the period for which her board is paid.

Our Mr. McEwen desires us to say that he entirely concurs with what Major Dodd has written /

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written you with respect to his Ward, and had it not been for the special reasons given by the Major any change would not in his opinion have been advisable.

We are,

Yours faithfully,



It is your wish to have the
of not being for the benefit of the
the letter was always written to the
relation was a very friendly
to me
Yours faithfully,
John F. Kennedy

14. 1961

Dr. Robert F. Kennedy
The Kennedy
New York

Dear Sir,

John F. Kennedy's Question

John F. Kennedy has requested to see you.
He has been in the Kennedy family, the
father of your father of 1961, and
in connection with the proposed change.
We shall be glad to have that action in the
given, as of course it is necessary that the
John F. Kennedy be at the Kennedy with the
and of the period for which he has been in
the 1961. John F. Kennedy has been in
the Kennedy family with John F. Kennedy has
with you

25th June, 1914.

Dear Major Dodd,

It was unfortunate that I could not see you when you were in York, but I had planned to be from home some time previously to knowing that you were coming.

With regard to the question raised in your letter I do not think any harm is likely to happen to Miss Dodd if she is transferred to Morningside. She does not sufficiently appreciate her surroundings to mind where she goes, and it is obviously better for her to be near her relatives so that they can more conveniently visit her.

She has improved in some ways since coming to the Retreat. Physically she is much better, but the mental trouble is more decided.

Many thanks for your kind reference to the staff of the Retreat. I am sure they have done their best for Miss Dodd.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

22nd June, 1951

Dear Mr. Dodd,

It was unfortunate that I could not see you
when you were in town, but I had planned to be there
some time this morning to see you and
confer.

With regard to the question raised in your
letter, I do not think that it is likely to be
settled. It is a matter of fact that the
new house will not be built until the
land has been cleared, and it is not likely
for her to be able to be built as that they can more
conveniently visit her.

The new house is now being built in some ways a new house
to the old one. It is a new house, but
the new house is now being built.

And there is a new house to
the north of the old one. I am sure they have done
quite well for the new house.

With kind regards

I remain,

Yours very truly,

I do not suppose that, in
her condition, she would
realize or be at all affected
by the change; but I should
be glad if you would be
kind enough to tell me
your views on the subject.

Yours Sincerely
S. A. Dodd.

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20th June 1914

Dear D. Pierce

I was sorry to
miss you on Thursday -
Dr. McKeown however
will have told you what
it was I wanted to speak
to you about - viz - the
proposed transfer of my
niece Miss Dodd, to
Craig House - Edinburgh,
& to consult with you
as to the advisability of the
step

slip, so far as she would be affected.

What we feel is that the time has now arrived when we must realise that there is little (if any) hope of her recovery wherever she is placed - and that being so, it would be better to have her located where she would be most accessible to her friends either for ordinary visiting or in case of

Emergency.

Craig House would certainly be much more convenient & accessible to her friends than York, & for that reason only would we desire her transfer there - provided that the change would not affect her injuriously in any way.

That she is well off and well cared for where she is we know well; but I understand that Craig House is an excellent institution too in every way, and

16th June/14.
Dear D-Piece

Thank you for
writing letting me know
that you will
not be at home
tomorrow afternoon.

I shall take
my chance of

Seeing you on Thursday
About 3 or 3.30

P. M. Yours sincerely

S. A. Dodd.

Telegraphic Address:

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Telephone Nos.:

1629 TO 1634 REGENT (6 Lines).

THE BERNERS HOTEL,

BERNERS STREET

LONDON

W.

18th May 1914

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you for

Your note - I am
 sorry that I cannot be in
 York on Thursday afternoon
 - the only day of this week
 that you will be here.

I have a meeting to attend
 in Edinburgh on that day -
 so I must postpone
 my visit for a little while.
 I am not very well

on much travelling. Not that
as I am only now recovering
from a rather long illness
abroad. but hope to be
able to go to York before
long. Yours sincerely

S. A. Wood.

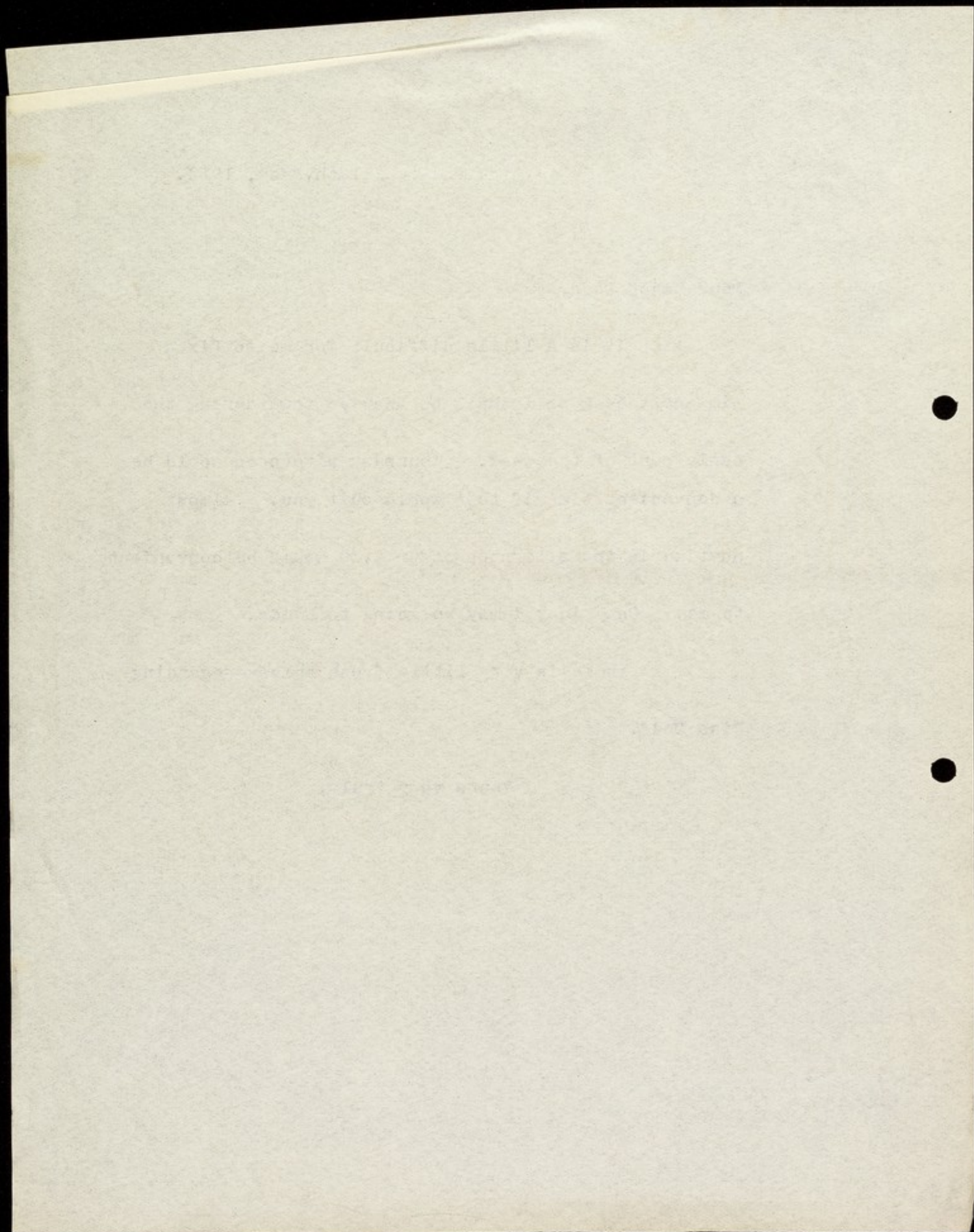
13th. May, 1914.

Dear Major Dodd,

It is a little difficult for me to fix a time next week as I shall be away in town during the early part of the week. Thursday afternoon would be a convenient time if that would suit you. Almost anytime in the afternoon after 2.30 would be convenient to me. On Friday I may be going to Leeds.

There is very little fresh to say regarding Miss Dodd.

Yours very truly,



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Telephone Nos.:
1629 TO 1634 REGENT (6 Lines).

THE BERNERS HOTEL,
BERNERS STREET
LONDON, 12th May 1914
W.

Dear Mr. Purice

I hope to be able
to go to York some day
next week to visit my
niece, Miss Dodd.

I should be glad to see
you, if possible, when I
am there, & forget which
day or days you are always
absent at Leeds. Will

You very kindly send me
a line here to let me
know on what days of
the week (after Monday) I
should be most likely to

See you. I have
been abroad for several months
or should have visited my niece
before now.

Yours Sincerely

S. A. Dodd

H.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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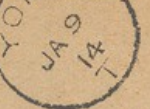
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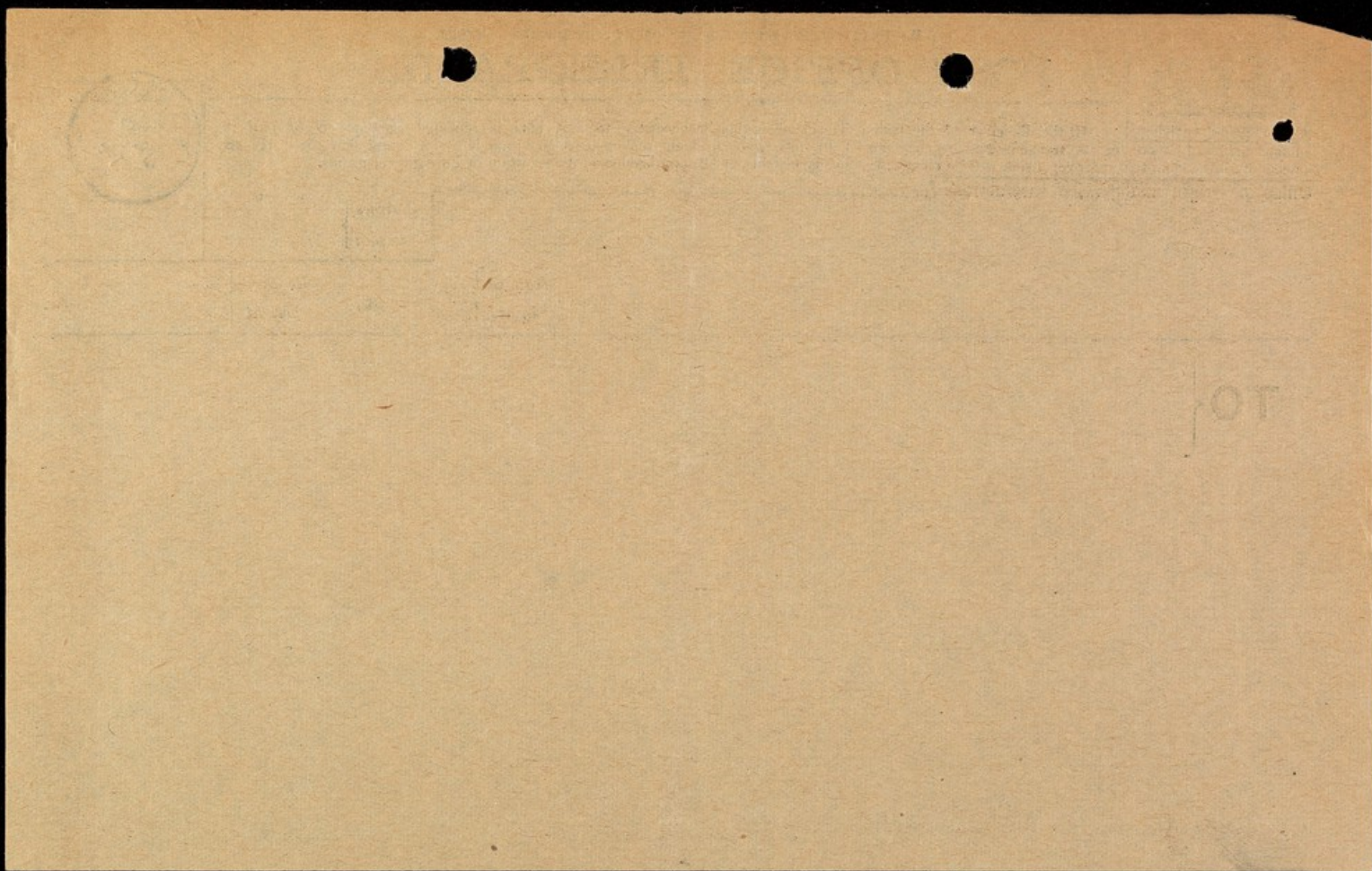
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Reply to Pierce the Reheat
York

Dodd could I see
tomorrow Between 12.30 +
and on route London
McEwen Co Adams
Edinburgh



STATION 245 TELEGRAPH
"HEADS NOOK"

THE HALL
HEADS NOOK
MT. CARLISLE

14th Decr-1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce

We have
arranged 2 of them
hurriedly to go to
Mentone for the
rest of the winter.

I start tomorrow.

I skd. have liked
to have come to York
& seen my niece before
leaving, but that
is not possible now.

W. M. Ewen

Writes me that
he hopes to do
so before long.

My address in
Menton will be
"Hôtel Bristol

Menton
A. M. France

Yours sincerely

S. A. Dodd

Ans. 4/10

STATION AND TELEGRAMS
HEADS NECK

THE HALL
HEADS NECK
NO. CARLISLE

27th Nov-1918

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have not heard
anything of my niece
Miss Dodd for a long
time. Perhaps
you will kindly

Send me a line at
Convenience letting
me know how
she is going on &
Whether there is
any change in her
condition - since
I saw her last

- in August.

I shall try & visit
her soon - though
I see it does no
good -

Yours very truly

J. A. Dodd.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
* * *
The Retreat. York

STATIONER
HEADS NOOK
THE HALL

THE HALL
HEADS NOOK
MR. GARLICK

16th March/13
Dear Dr Pierce -

I hope to get
down to York some
day this week to visit
my niece - Perhaps
I may go tomorrow
if the weather is

fine - If I thought
it gave her any
pleasure I would
gladly so often.
but I see that it
does not.

Yours Sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

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H
Winfrith,
Wellington Road,
Parkstone.

Nov. 24. 1912.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let
me know whether Miss Dodd
is still with you, and if
so whether I may send
her some little present at
Christmas. I should be glad
to know how she is.

Yours Truly

Alice M. Burns

Jr. Bedford Piece



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1000
1000

15th SEPT. 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce —

I have not
heard anything
of my niece, Miss
Dodd. Since I
saw her in May last,
I am wondering
if there is any

Change in her
Condition, for better
or worse, since then.

Perhaps you
will kindly let
me know at 7th
Convenience.

I shall go &

See her again
before long, but
hitherto my visits
have certainly
not appeared to
give her any
pleasure - rather
the reverse.

Believe me.

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

4th May 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Miss Dodd's
Brother - Percy. who
has returned with his
Regt from S. Africa -
is staying here for a
few days, and we

proposed going to York
on Wednesday next
& visiting Miss Dodd
on that afternoon
(the 8th).

I wonder how she
is, & whether she will
know her brother &
Speak to him.

Will he I fear
a trying ordeal for
him for they were
much attached to
each other in old
days. From
what I saw of her
on my last visit I
doubt if she will
speak to him at all.
Yours sincerely

S. A. Dodd.

Encl.
J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

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9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 29th Decr 1911.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

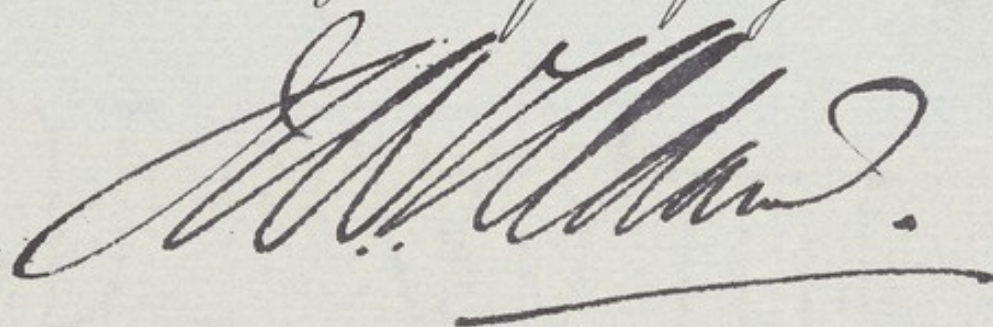
Dear Sir,

Miss S. M. Dodd'sbury

In Mr. McEwen's absence we
have to acknowledge receipt of your letter
of yesterday with regard to the health
of the Ward, and we note with regret
the lack of improvement in her condition.

We are,

Yours faithfully,





End. Private

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.

Edinburgh 27th Dec^r 1911.

J^r. Bedford Price,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

At this time, one naturally thinks of those who are suffering and it has occurred to me to write and ask you as to the present state of health of my Ward, Miss Todd.

I would also like to know whether a gift such as Scotch Short: head, or anything else you might

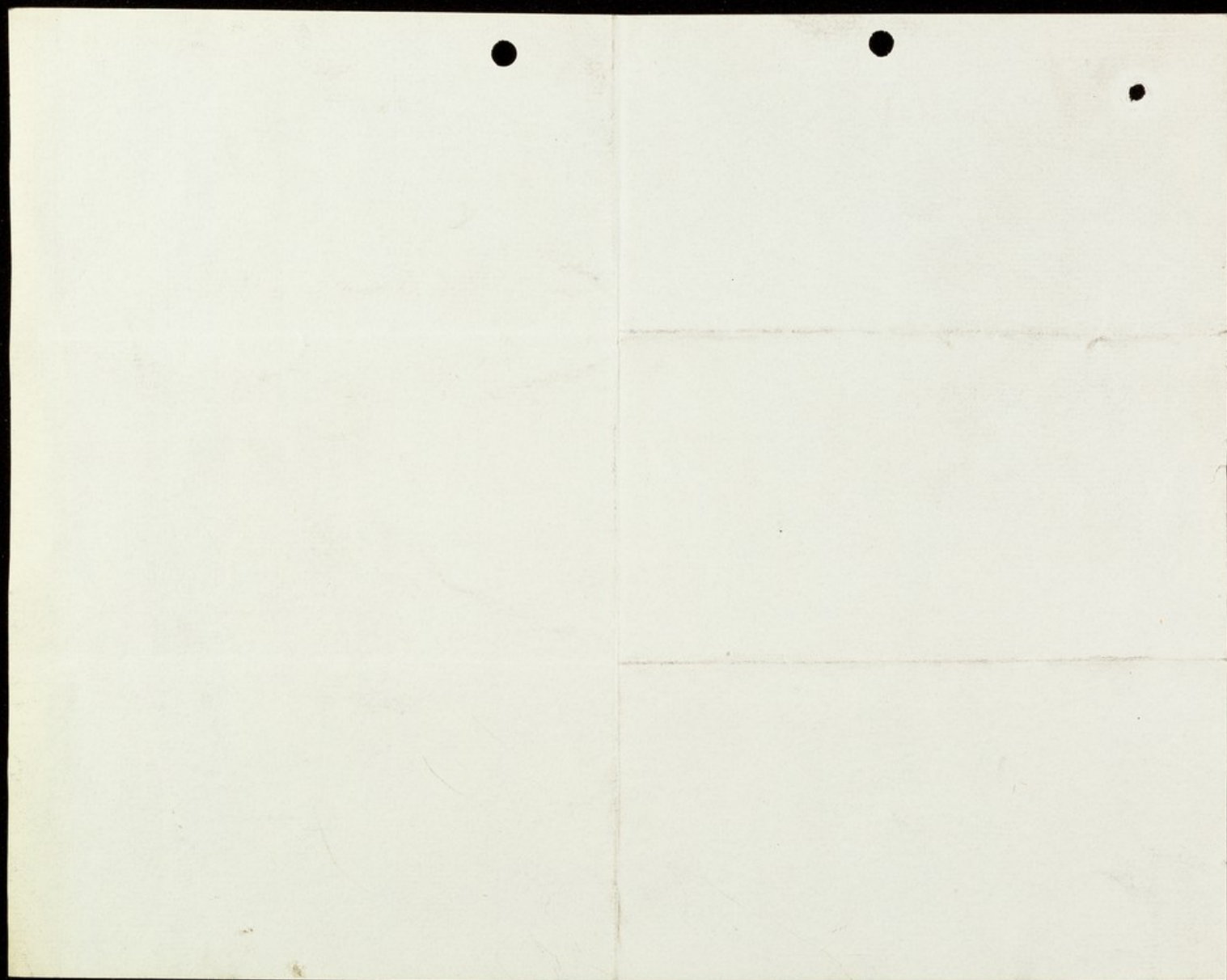
suggest would be acceptable.

I think my Ward is happily placed in your charge and I beg to wish you and your staff all the good wishes of the season.

Believe me,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,
William M. White



Nov. 9, 1911

Dear Madam,

I am afraid Miss Dodd will not be very responsible as she is unable to take interest in what goes on and when visited seems almost indifferent.

By all means send her some Christmas present as you suggest, and it will be quite suitable to write to her, but I think it probable she will not send any reply.

Yours very truly,

Miss A.M.Burn

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Minfrith,
Wellington Road,
Purkstone.

Dorset.

November. 8th 1911.

Dear Sir

I should be so glad
to have news of Miss Dodd.
Dr. Easterbrook told me that
she had come to you.

Will you also tell me whether
I may send her some little

present at Christmas time.
and whether she may
get receive letters.

Yours Truly
Alice M Burn.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Sept. 21, 1911

Dear Major Dodd,

Your niece goes on in very much the same way. She looks decidedly better in the face and has undoubtedly gained ground physically.

She is also less troublesome. Her impulsive acts are not so violent and I do not think there is the same degree of unhappiness, but I cannot report any mental improvement, and I fear the outlook is gloomy in the extreme. The probability is that she will become slowly more enfeebled in mind and the acute distressing state of mind will at the same time slowly subside.

There is not, in my opinion, any advantage to be gained by moving her. Everything possible in the present state of our knowledge has been done for her. It is a sad fact that though we can recognise this form of disease fairly early in its course no special method of treatment is known.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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Tell me your opinion
at your convenience.

I enclose a note
for my niece.
With kind regards
Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

17th Sept 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I wonder how
my niece gets on.
Perhaps you will
at convenience tell me
if there is any change
in her condition, &
what you think should

be done - I mean
whether there wd. be any
hope of improvement
if a change of location
was tried.

I am sure she could
not be better off anywhere
than where she is; but
it seems terrible to

accept as inevitable
life long misery as her
fate, if there was any
chance of averting it.

I don't like the
thought of moving her
at all, & have many
doubts of the wisdom
of it, or whether she
would be happier, or
so happy, as she
is now.

Kindly

a real change for
the better in my
niece's condition.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

S.A. Dodd.

TELEPHONES:-
WESTMINSTER 5707-8910.
TELEGRAMS:-
"ERMINES", LONDON.

ST. ERMINS HOTEL,

ST. JAMES' PARK, S.W.

5th July 1911

Dear Dr. Price

My wife & I are
in London just now
& intend returning to
Cumberland by
York in 2 or 3 days
in order to see our
niece Miss Dodd.

Will you kindly

tell me if it would
be inconvenient for
the establishment if
we came to the Retreat
on Sunday afternoon
& saw our niece there.

I am not sure
what day we shall
be able to get away
from here, but if it
wd. not be an inconvenience

time to go to the Retreat,
we might spend Sunday
in York, & go on to
Larkdale next morn'g.

If however it
wd. in any way inconvenience
you, we shd. make
other arrangements.

I am always
hoping, but I scarcely
dare to expect

Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

C.
2 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 5th. May 19 11.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

The annexed wires have passed
between us.

I am going South tomorrow and I
find I can arrange to go by the train
arriving at York at 12.5, going on to
London where I have business by a later train.
I am desirous of seeing the Retreat and
obtaining such information with regard to my
ward that can better be given viva voce than
otherwise. I am greatly interested in her
case - Miss Dodd being the granddaughter
of one of my oldest and best friends.

I shall drive to the Retreat on
arriving /

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arriving at York, and will see Dr. Mackenzie.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Mackenzie
McEwen

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Annexation

Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Arrive York tomorrow 12.5 Would like see you
soon as possible thereafter Please wire
whether I can do so Going on London later
train.

McEwen C/o Adam, Edinburgh.

McEwen, C/o Adam, Edinburgh.

Have arranged to go away tomorrow but would
abandon this if business urgent would my
colleague Dr. Mackenzie take my place or
would Sunday or Monday do instead.

Pierce.

Pierce, The Retreat, York.

No urgency Doctor Mackenzie quite sufficient
as merely desired to have interview generally
with regard Ward.

McEwen.

Sup^r. Dr. H. Jeffery. was
a personal friend of hers in
the past; but we cannot
disguise from ourselves that
she is not recovering, and
before it is too late. we
desire to try what a change
may effect - especially as
she herself earnestly desires
it.

What makes
her case more anxious is
the fact that her mother is
also mentally afflicted.
She has been so for many
years - She was in charge
of a

The Hall
Heads north
w. Carlisle.

15th May 1910

Dear Sir

Will you very
kindly send me a Prospectus
of "The Retreat"?

My niece, a young lady
29 years of age - and formerly
a very bright & intelligent one -
is now an inmate of the
"Crichton" Institution at
Dumfries. & has been so

for about 75 months.

At that time she had a severe nervous breakdown, which culminated in the necessity of placing her in an Institution.

She is not recovering. & it is considered desirable to try a change of surroundings in a smaller Institution.

In this the Doctors of the "Crichton" - Doctors Eastbrook & S. Jeffery - fully agree. &

My dear Sister "The Retreat".

I shall therefore be greatly obliged if you will let me have a prospectus of the Institution, letting me at same time if you could receive my niece at once if we decide to send her there.

She has received the greatest kindness and attention at the Crichton, where it so happens that the Asst. Med.

available from her Mother's
estate are not great, but
they have been hitherto sufficient
to keep her at the Crickton.
where I think she pays
£100 a year.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly

J. A. Dodd (major)

Dr. Bedwys Pierce

Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York.

of a Doctor in Devonshire
(Dr. Drummond) & is now in
charge of his Widow.

There is one thing I shd. like
to consult you about - which
in my niece's case is I think
of importance.

I understand that "The
Retreat" was founded by, &
is now under the management
of the Society of Friends.

Could that in any possible
way militate against a
Patient who was always
a most ardent Churchwoman?

I do not mean that I
think it at all desirable
that religious zeal shd. be
encouraged - quite the reverse -
because I think it quite
probable that her break down
was attributable to that,
& to her association with
Convent-life at Glastonbury.

I feel however that
it is not wise to break off
altogether from what has
so vital to her before - nor
even to place her in an

atmosphere which is not
in sympathy with that
of her own Church.

Excuse my writing all
this, but I feel that the
only hope of my niece's
recovery rests on the
suitability of the Institution
to which she is removed.

I have said nothing
about the terms on which
patients are received. That
will no doubt appear in
the prospectus. The funds

for removal to a
private house.

If you will very kindly
tell me what you
think of her condition
& whether I should
visit her again now
I shall be greatly obliged.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
S. A. Dodd.

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11th Dec 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I wonder if you
have any better news
to give me of my
niece Miss Dodd's
condition.

She never writes now.

as she used to do
occasionally, & probably
it is as well not to
induce her to do so
if she is disinclined
for it.

If it was of any
use whatever I

should be only too
glad to visit her
again, but the last
time I went seemed
merely to upset her,
& make her miserable
& angry because I
could not fall
in with her wishes

less of a Prisoner than
than she does now.

If she is to be in an
institution at all.
I am quite sure she
could not be better
placed than where she
is. Yours sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

W. M. Swen will now be able
to pay at a somewhat higher
rate for my niece (since her mother's
death) & he will no doubt write
to you on the subject when he gets
things settled.

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2nd Oct. 1910

Dear Dr. Price

Thank you for
your note. I was
sorry to miss you on
Wednesday as I just
wished to satisfy myself
that we were doing the
right thing with my
niece in keeping her

in an institution,
Seeing that she shows
no signs of improvement
there. I do not
myself see how she
could be anywhere else
in her present condition.
i.e. if she is really
suicidal & requires
constant watching
by night as well as

by day.

The kind of treatment
Dr. Kemp referred to has
reference only to that
question.

To place her in private
care with such re-
quirements would be no
doubt very expensive
indeed, & I agree with
Dr. Kemp in thinking
that she would not feel

Sunday D.

Ans
yes.

Dear Sei

(Can I be allowed
to see Mrs. Sybil Dodd
(or Dodd. I never rec-
tified this) ? a friend
of her & mine. Mrs.
Rayson, has asked
me to see her, if it is
suitable - if so I can
call between 11 & 12.

on Tuesday. or Wednesday.
Will you very kindly let
me have a reply -

Yours truly

Ellen E. Waite

I am staying with my
brother - in Bloom.

Oct. 21, 1910

Dear Sir,

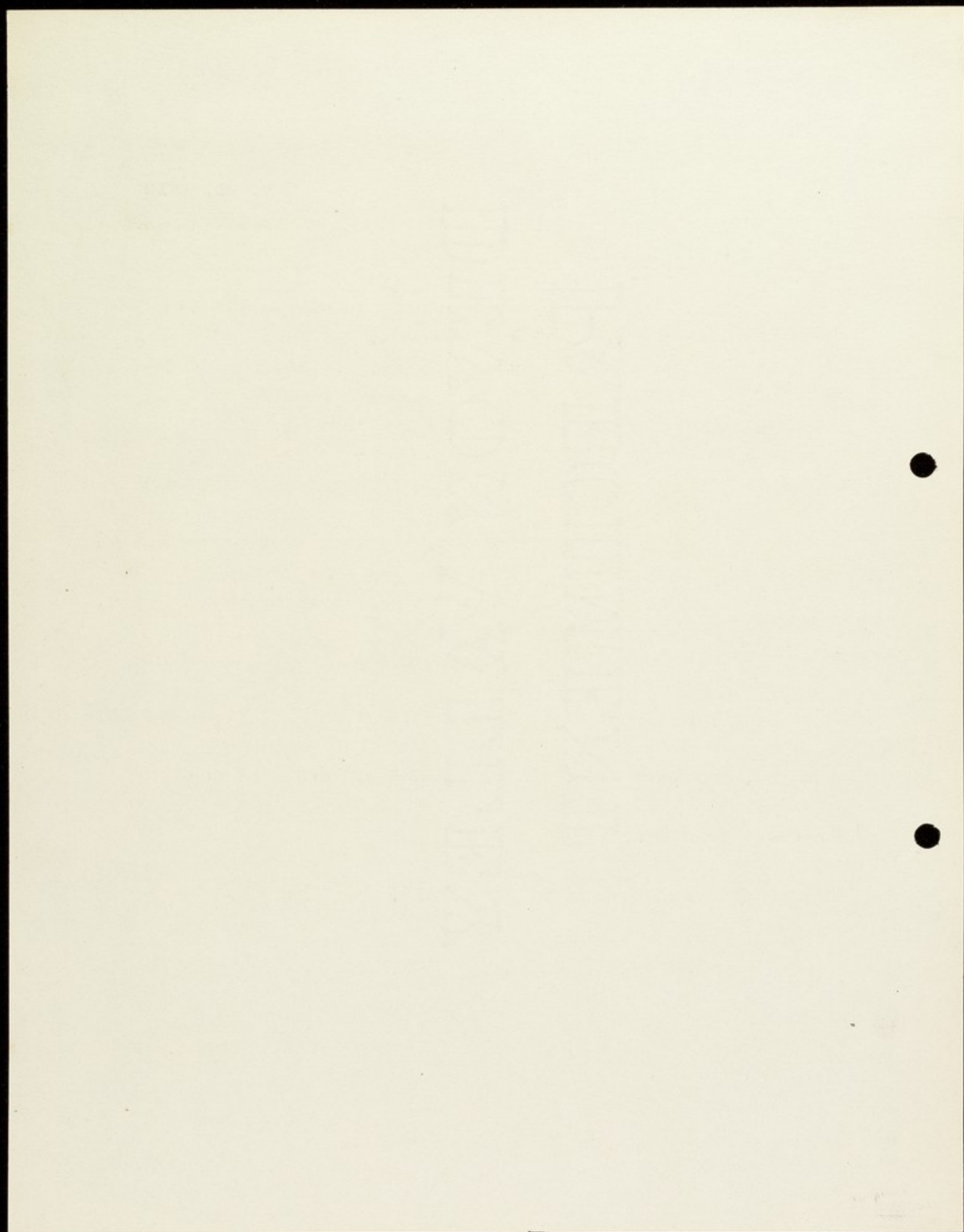
At the recent meeting of the Committee the terms for Miss Dodd were under consideration, it being understood that circumstances now permit a higher payment.

As you are probably aware the case is one involving a good deal of anxiety and she requires continuous supervision day and night. Hitherto she has been maintained at a loss.

In future the Committee think the terms should be not less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ guineas a week, which I hope will be agreeable to you, the increase to date from the beginning of the present quarter.

Yours very truly,

Wm. McEwan Esq.



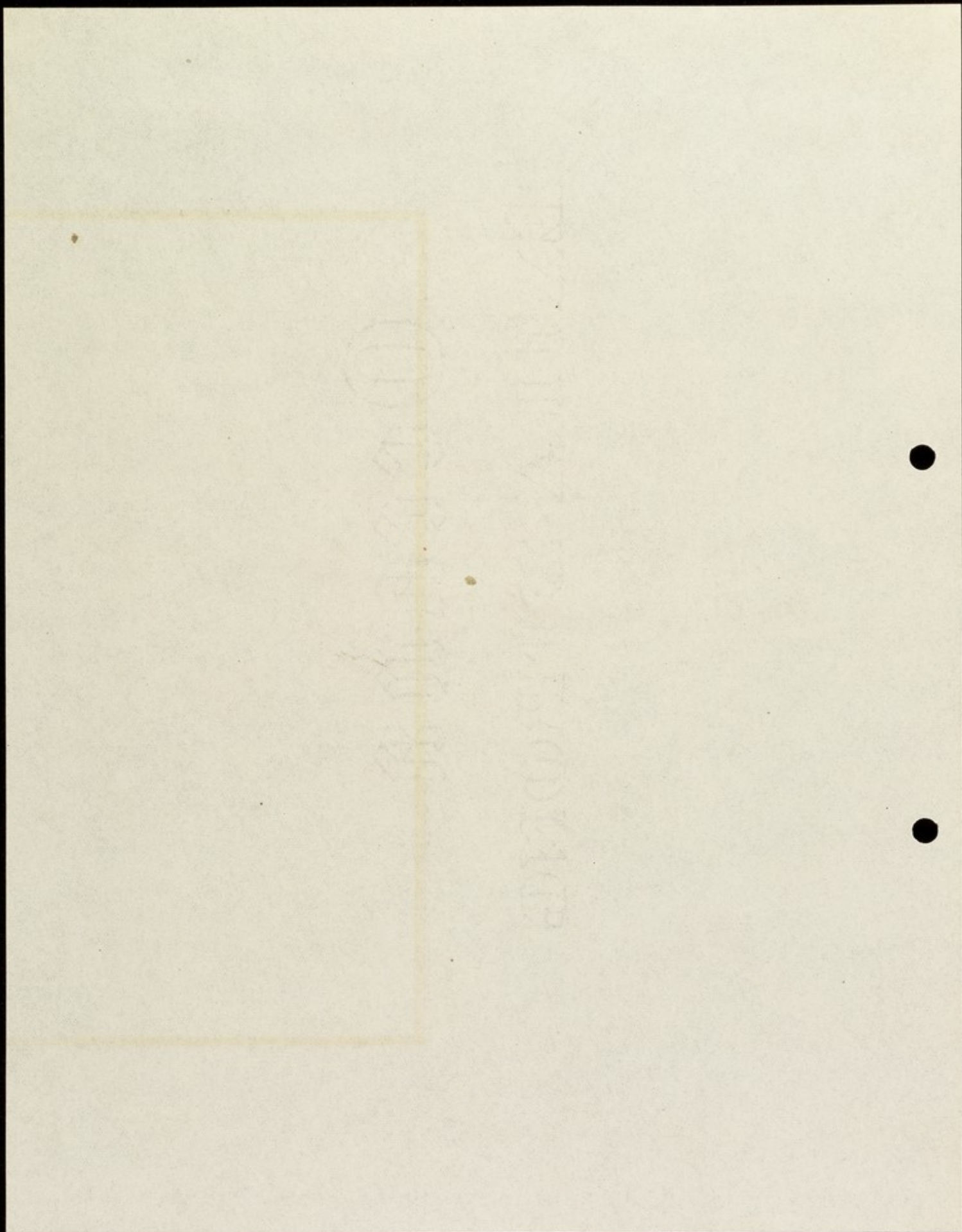
Sept. 23, 1910

Dear Major Dodd,

I am afraid Miss Dodd is not any better. She is still thin, and does not seem to benefit by the care and attention she receives.

I am expecting to be at home next Wednesday and on Tuesday forenoon, but I fear I shall be away almost every other day. I go abroad on Friday.

Yours very truly,



on what days of the
week you are likely
to be at home.

• Believe me
Yours Sincerely
J. A. Dodd.

The Hall
Heads Hook
W. Carlisle.
22nd Sept-1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce

We had rather
a sad letter this morn^g
from my niece, Miss
Dodd, now in your
Care. Judging
by it. She is certainly

to better mentally -
Apparently rather worse

I think it is time

I went to see her
again - not that
my visits to her hitherto
have been at all
pleasant or satis-
-factory, or have
tended in any way

to make her more
happy or contented -
but merely to let her
see that she is
not forgotten.

When I do so, I
should like if
possible to see you
in a few minutes.

Will you therefore
kindly tell me

Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.

Edinburgh 2nd Nov. 1910.

Mr. E. Waller Esq.

Secretary,

The Retreat, York

Dear Sir,

Miss Todd's Curator

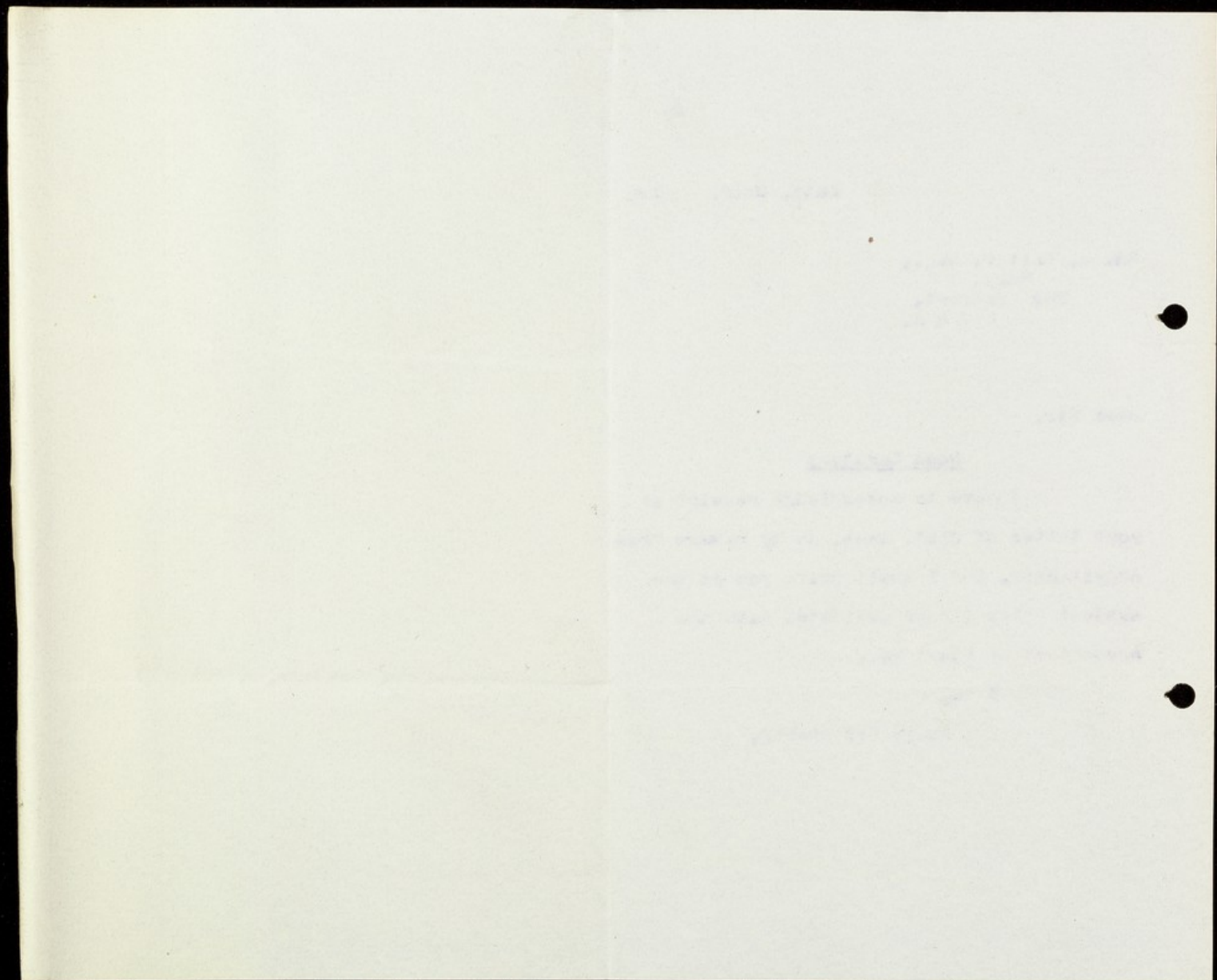
With reference to your letter of 21st ult. and our Mr. McEwen's reply on 25th ult. with regard to the increase of terms for Miss Todd, Mr. McEwen has now seen the Accountant of Court on the subject, and he has agreed to the increase. We accordingly enclose cheque

for £16:10:6 in terms of enclosed Account, which kindly return discharged.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

J. & A. F. Adam.



Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

C.

9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 25th. Octr. 1910.

Wm. E. Waller, Esq.,
Secy.
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

Dodd Curatory

I have to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of 21st. inst. on my return from
Argyllshire, and I shall write you on the
subject after I have consulted with the
Accountant of Court &c.,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Wm. M. Swan

RECEIVED
24 JUN 1910

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 Sybil M. Dodd of _____

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Bromley, The Kent, 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 June 1910

Name William B. McGowan

Residence 9 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh

Occupation Writer to the Signet

SIGNED by the said William B. McGowan

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

C. Walker

9 South Charlotte Street, Edinburgh,
Law Clerk

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.



She is herself &
whether I see
any signs of improvement
in her condition.

Believe me
Yours Sincerely
S. A. Dodd.

STATION AND TELEGRAMS
"HEADS NOOK."

A.H. ✓

THE HALL,
HEADS NOOK,
NR. CARLISLE.

26th Augt 1910

Dear D. Pierce -

I have just
had wire from
Mr. McEwen
informing me of
the death in Denmark
of Miss Dodd's Mother

I have written a few
lines to Sybil telling
her of it. I enclose
them herewith.

You will judge
as to whether it
is wise to tell her

a note.

She must be told
some time or other. I
think there is good
reason for withholding
the intelligence now
it is no longer best
to let her know
at once.

I wonder how

Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 29th June 1910.

W^m E. Waller Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

Miss S. M. Dodd's Curatory.

I have to thank you for your
letter of 27th inst, sending us copy
of Agreement with reference to Miss
Dodd's board &c.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
William A. M. White



1 Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 St. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 24th June 1910.

The Secretary,

The Retreat,

York.

Dear Sir,

Miss Dodd's curators.

I am in receipt of your letter of
yesterday,

I have to inform you that the
Court of Session have appointed me to
be curator bonis to Miss Dodd, and
accordingly as her curator I have signed

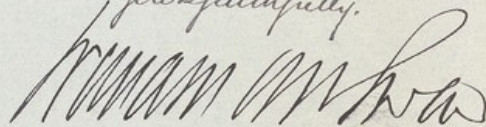
the form of Agreement which you send,
and which I return herewith.

Will you please send me a print
of the completed Agreement to put up
with the papers?

I note that the Retreat
Committee have fixed the terms for
Miss Dodd at 48/- per week.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



William McEwen



TELEPHONES:-
WESTMINSTER 5707 B. 9-10.
TELEGRAMS:-
"ERMINES LONDON."

ST. ERMINS HOTEL.

ST. JAMES' PARK, S.W.

21st June / 10

Dear Dr. Pierce

I got the Enclaw
from my niece yesterday
on my return here. & if
you have not already
seen it - I think you
should do so. As
it shows what is
going on in her mind

003. The thought that
in the matter of expense
she is a burden to others.

I have written her
a few lines assuring her
that it is not so,
& that her own funds
are sufficient to
maintain her.

I explain to her
what her circumstances

are, & how it is
possible that in the
future she may be able
to pay at a somewhat
higher rate than she
does now, & she survives
her mother.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

S. A. Dodd.

Please read what I
have written to my niece.

about, & that there is a sort
of element of unrest always
wherever I am! Oh - how I long
for peace somewhere alone with
one nurse, & a chance of being
out of other people's way.

With best love ^{to} Aunt
Bessie & yourself.

Ever your affectionate niece

Sybil M. Dodd.

P.S. I never hear from Percy.

P.P.S. You know what
some of my disagreeable
impressions are.

I feel I am a source of great annoyance
to the patients here. I wish.

The Retreat
York

16. June 1910

My dear Uncle Simon,

Thank you very much for
your letter. I am trying my
best to profit by the new
place of 'retreat' - but am
making little headway, I fear.
The Commissioner called today
& in his presence, Dr. Pearce
said that (as one could see
by the document given to me
a few days ago) my income
was not sufficient to keep me
here. I am very sorry, for I
feel it is a shame that I

Should be dependent on my
relations, & not getting well
at the same time. Is it
usual to have an English
~~lawyer~~ called bit of "law"
started instead of having the
document sent by Mr. M^cSwen
himself. I do feel it a wee
bit hard that my correspondence
music & all my small
not to say big belongings are
taken from me, & I am thrown
entirely upon strangers whom of
course I know nothing about.
I do hope from the bottom of my
soul that you will let the

small legacy be used instead
of letting my relations make up
the sum. You always say that
I am not to worry about money
matters, but I can't help it
after today. I had a letter
from May Craske this
morning - it was lovely to feel
she was still living!
I hope you will enjoy yourselves
in London, & that you will
be able to visit me on your
way back. Thank you for
writing to my friends. Please
tell me why it is that all
one's possessions are scattered

5 Encl.

J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 9th. June, 19 10.

C.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

Miss S. M. Dodd

In connection with this patient presently under your charge it has been necessary to present a Petition to the Court of Session here for appointment of a Curator Bonis or Guardian to look after her material interests. The Petition has been presented by her two uncles, Mr. James Dodd and Major Dodd.

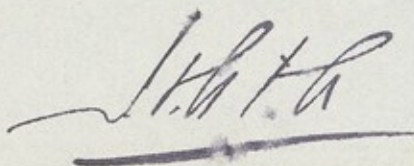
We enclose two Prints of the Petition, one having appended a copy of the Order certified by the Clerk of Court, and another uncertified copy with a Warrant written thereon.

Will you please ask a Clergyman or outside Doctor to hand the uncertified copy to Miss Dodd personally, having previously filled in at the places indicated the information required as marked in pencil.

After this has been done the person serving the Petition will require to write on to the certified copy, in his own handwriting, a Certificate of Execution in the terms enclosed, and he will require to sign this in presence of two witnesses.

The pencil jottings we think will give all information necessary.

Will /



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Dr. Bedford Pierce - Contd

9th. June, 1910.

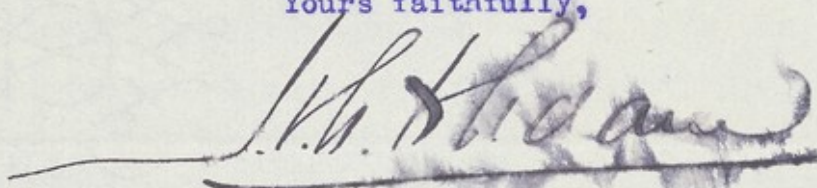
Will you kindly then return the certified copy with Certificate of Execution thereon to us in the accompanying envelope.

If personal service of this Petition on Miss Dodd would be injurious to her health please let us know before doing anything.

Any additional information or explanations of course we shall be very glad to furnish.

We are,

Yours faithfully,



P.S., We take this opportunity of enclosing Cheque in your favour for £4:4/- in payment of the Fees incurred to the Doctors for certifying Miss Dodd which you will perhaps be kind enough to pay to them.



Wm. L. Jones, 1912

Mr. Richard E. Jones - 1912

Will you kindly send return the enclosed copy with
of Executive Order to me in the accompanying envelope.
The personal service of this letter to the addressee
inquiries to the health officer for the health officer
any additional information on application of service as well
be very glad to furnish.

Yours,

Wm. L. Jones

[Handwritten signature]

I, W. L. Jones, do hereby certify that the enclosed
copy is a true and correct copy of the original
and which you will return to the health officer for the health officer

[Handwritten signature]

TELEPHONES--
WESTMINSTER 5707-8-9-10.
TELEGRAMS--
"ERMINES, London."

ST. ERMINS HOTEL,

ST. JAMES' PARK, S.W.

14th June 1910.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I have been
wondering how my niece
Miss Dodd is accommodating
herself to her new surroundings
& whether the change
has ^{had} any good effect on
her. Perhaps when
you have time, you will

be kind enough to let
me know what you
think of her now that
you can had time to
see more of her symptoms
& general behaviour.

I do hope she is
taking her food better
than she did at
the Brighton.

(my wife & myself)
We are up in town
for a week or two, but
propose going home by
York, in order to see
my niece, if you think
a visit will not be
injurious to her then.

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

S. A. Dodd.

by you in dealing with
her. My sole purpose in
staying in York is to see
her. I am well-known to
W^m Waite, the sister of W^m
Fielden Thorp, & she suggested
I might use his name as
an introduction. Will you
let me know what arrange-
ments can be made for me
to visit Miss Dodd, hours etc.
& if the enclosed letter is in
any way unsuitable, please
make suggestions & I will
write another. Sincerely yours
A. P. Rayson

A.P.

32 HILDARS,
LITTLEHAMPTON

June 19th 1910

Dear Sir,

Colonel Dodd tells
me it is advisable to
send letters to Miss Dodd
through you, & I hope you
will find nothing likely
to excite her in the
enclosed. It is rather
difficult to know how
it is best to write to her,
as I have not seen her

since this
illness began, & we were
before, ever since she was
12 years old, on terms of
the closest intimacy.

I have not mentioned date,
as I must leave you to judge
whether looking forward
to a special day is likely
to be an incentive to doing
what you wish, as it will
give her hope, or whether
it may be too long before,

& so be a strain. But I
expect to be in York on
the evening of Aug^t 3rd & to
stay till the 5^m or 6th, in
the hope of seeing as much
of her as possible, if, as I
hope, my coming may
soothe her, & improve
her state. The pitiful longing
for me, expressed in her
letters, makes me think
seeing me may be really
beneficial; & I should like
to see you first, to be guided

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UNITED SERVICE CLUB.

PALL MALL, S.W.

17th June /10

Dear Mr. Pierce

Thank you

for your note -

I was very sorry to
hear that the change
to the Retreat had not
made any real im-
provement in my

Niece's Condition -
but am not without
hope that a change
for the better may
yet come.

I shall let you
know later when
we shall be passing
through York.

Write not the

in 10 days yet
any way.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

June 23 1910

Wm. C. Ewen Esq

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting
of the Retreat Committee the terms
for this bond were fixed at \$87-
a week -

Enclose the usual form of
agreement which kindly return to
me when completed -

Yours faithfully

W. C. Ewen

Secy.

June 23 1910

W. C. Cullen Esq
Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting
of the Patent Commission the
for this bill was filed at
a week -

enclosed the same form of
agreement which I have
the other conference -

Yours faithfully
W. C. Cullen
Esq.

(Form of Certificate of Execution, to be written, in the handwriting of the person serving the Petition, on the back of the certified copy, where marked with an X in pencil)

+ Date of serving

Upon the _____ day of June Nineteen hundred and ten by virtue of the foregoing Deliverance dated the eighth day of June Nineteen hundred and ten pronounced by Lord Dewar Junior Lord Ordinary upon the foregoing Petition given in and presented for and in name of the therein designated James Dodd and Simon Anthony Dodd, I *

+ Full name occupation & address of person serving

passed and in His Majesty's name and authority and in name and authority of the said Lord Dewar lawfully served a copy of the said Petition and Deliverance upon Miss Sybil Maynard Dodd also designated in the said Petition that she might not pretend ignorance of the same, and delivered and required her to lodge Answer to said Petition if so advised within eight days from the date of my said service in terms of said Deliverance. A full copy of said Petition and Deliverance having a just copy of service and requisition to the effect foresaid I delivered to her personally, which copy of service and requisition were signed by me, did bear the date hereof and contained the date of said

Here insert full names only of the two witnesses

N.B. The witnesses must be present when service is made.

Deliverance with the names and designations of

Witnesses to the premises and hereto with me subscribing.

Signature of first witness
Occupation
Address

X (Signature of person serving)

Signature of second witness
Occupation
Address

Note Any person male or female above 14 years can act as a witness.

Form of
Certificate of
Execution

Statement of Capital

\$230 - 4th Div.
Brit. Inv. Trust.

\$71 - Irving & Co.
New York.

\$100 - 4th Div. Assets
Trust

\$100 - 4th Div. do.

\$200 - 4th Div.
Oregon Trust Co.

From redemptions
in Nat. Bank.

\$296 prof. - See above.

Small Business Statement

June 15, 1910

Dear Major Dodd,

Since being here Miss Dodd has been somewhat variable. She has at times had to be fed, and at other times has taken her food well. She went once to our Sunday evening service here, but declined to go the following Sunday. She attended a second service at St. Lawrence Church last Sunday, but she will not tell me whether she would like to see a clergyman or not. She has many strange delusions, and I cannot but think the outlook of the case is unfavourable..

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

9 So. Charlotte Street,
Edinburgh 11th. Jun. 1910.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K .

Dear Sir,

Miss Dodd

We have to thank you for your letter of yesterday and for all the trouble you have so kindly taken in this matter.

We are also much obliged to Dr. Gayner.

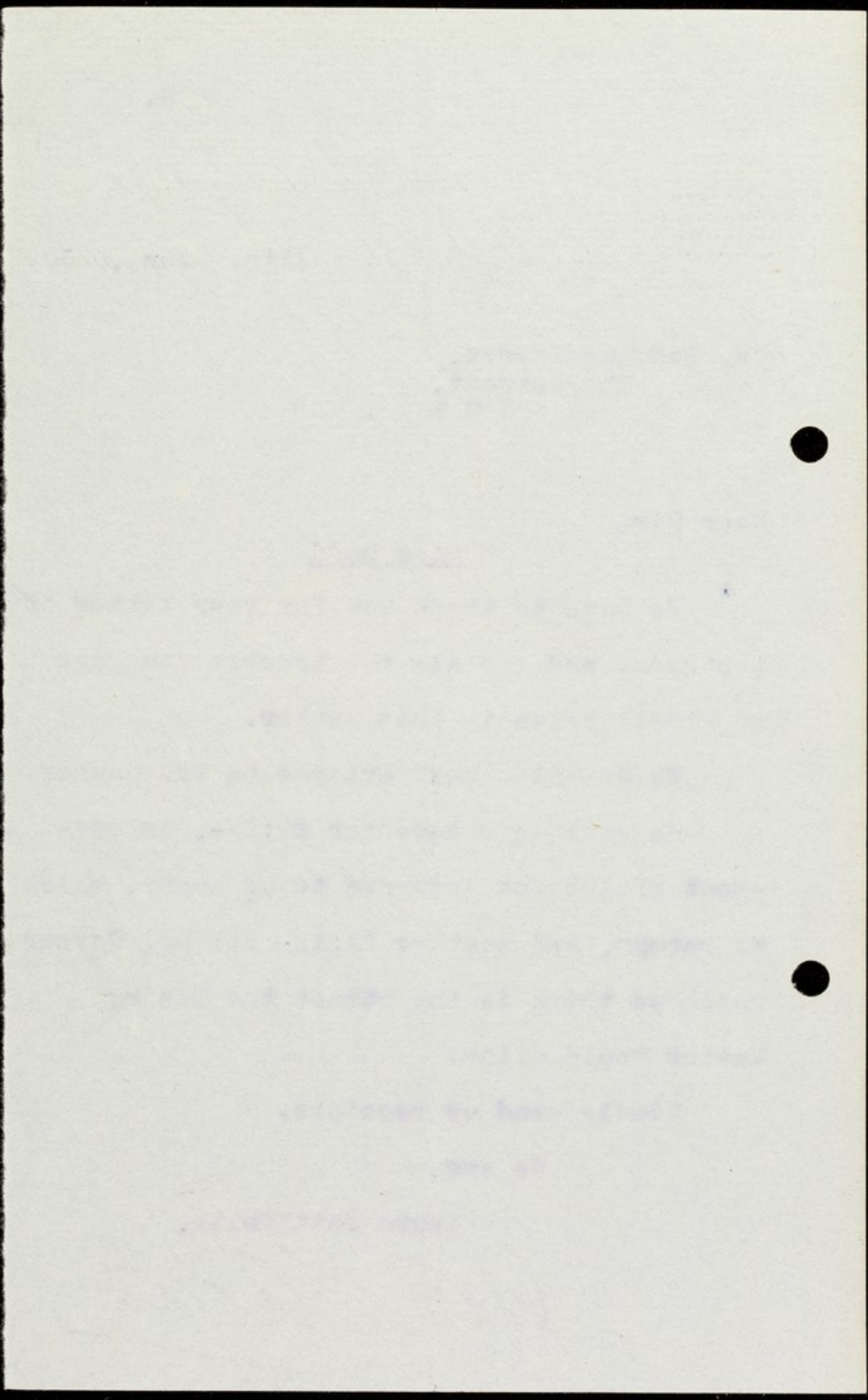
We enclose cheque for £2:2/-, in payment of Account incurred to Mr Munby, which we return, and another £1:1/- for Dr. Gayner which we think is the utmost the Taxing Master would allow.

Kindly send us receipts.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

J. A. F. Adam.



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J. & A. F. ADAM.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"ADAM, EDINBURGH."
TELEPHONE 2450.

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9 So. Charlotte Street.
Edinburgh 2nd. June, 1910.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
Superintendent,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

As desired by Major Dodd I beg to
enclose my Firm's London Cheque for £20 being
a payment in advance on account of Board &c.,
of Miss Sybil M. Dodd presently a patient in
your Institution. Kindly acknowledge receipt
Please note to send all Accounts &c., in
connection with Miss Dodd's board &c., to me.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

William M. Swan

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100-200-1000
100-200-1000

Dear Sir,

As requested by letter dated 10/10/50

of 10/10/50, I have the honor to advise you that

a request is being made for a copy of the

report of the Committee on the

Investigation of the

Allegation of the

Committee on the

Yours

Very truly,
[Signature]

In the Retreat, I
feel sure that if she
does not recover there
she will not do so
anywhere else -

Believe me
Yours sincerely

J. A. Dodd.

STATION AND TELEGRAMS,
"HEADS NOOK."

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THE HALL,
HEADS NOOK,
NR. CARLISLE.

1st June /10.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I regret before leaving
this morn. to get
Mr. Hamilton Johnston's
address filled in ⁱⁿ the
Petition Form I signed.

It is 17 Basil Street
Knightsbridge
London.

My niece told me that
yesterday, & I have
verified it on my
return here today.

I have written
to Mr. M. C. Swen, &
you will I am sure

learn from him
in due course.

Thank you for
all your kindness &
attention to my niece
yesterday - and to
myself too.

I feel very glad
to know that she
is now safely settled

June 1, 1910

Dear Dr. Jeffrey,

I am very much obliged for the particulars you have sent me respecting Miss Dodd. The notes of the case will be extremely useful. At first sight one cannot but agree with you that the future looks distinctly gloomy. Still we will gladly do all we can, and it may be that even if she does not really recover she may improve. She has so far settled in very well, has had a good night, taken breakfast this morning well, and says that she is very comfortable.

Her uncle has asked me whether she may suitable take communion. I myself see no reason why she should not do so, and I shall arrange shortly for a clergyman to see her; and I must leave the matter in his hands.

It is particularly painful when ones personal friends break down in this way, and I can sympathise with you from my own experience. I hope if ever you are in York you will not hesitate to come and see us and Miss Dodd. You will find the Retreat a small place compared with yours. I was very much impressed with the Orlington when I stayed a few days there some few years ago. I am afraid when you come you will not learn much. Nevertheless it may interest you to see how old buildings can be adapted to modern requirements.

Yours very truly,

EXTRA STATION

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(Strictly Confidential)

Crichton Royal Institution

Dumfries

30th May 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am enclosing a few notes on Miss Dodd's case, which I hope you will find satisfactory and useful. I may say that I have known Miss Dodd intimately since her childhood, and therefore know well both about her and her relations. She was always a girl with a remarkably sweet and loving disposition, but has always been distinctly eccentric. She was always ultra-religious, and after she left school became much more so, and gradually developed a strong tendency towards the Catholic Faith, chiefly I think because she was very much under the influence of some priest. Her illness therefore cannot be said to be a recent one, and indeed to me who knows Miss Dodd so well seems to be a profound exaggeration of her normal character, dating back almost to her childhood. She comes from a very unhealthy stock, many of her relations having been insane or distinctly neurotic. Her father died of cancer of the throat, and she was brought up by an uncle who was my father's most intimate friend. He died of cancer of the throat, and it was after her home with him was broken up that she took seriously to religious matters. I think her chances of recovery are extremely bad; in fact I would say almost hopeless, but as she had become very restless and discontented here, we thought that at all events the effects of a change might be tried, and I recommended her uncle, Major Dodd, to send her to you. I trust that you will do what you can for her, and if you wish it I will be glad to give you any information about her that I can. Would you please treat this letter as confidential? I have taken the liberty

of writing it, as Miss Dodd is an intimate friend of our family, and we are all very interested in her. I may say moreover that my father is one of her guardians. With kind regards,

Yours truly,

George R. Jeffry

Union Assistant Physician

me (Report of "Retreat" 1909) to
Mr. W. M. Ewen W. S.

9 South Charlotte Street - Edinburgh.
who is about to be appointed Curator
for my niece, & who will make all
payments on her behalf.

Meanwhile of course I guarantee
them.

Dr. George Jeffrey,
who has had my niece under his
Special Care at the (Nichton). Goes
on leave I think on June 1st.

He wd. have liked my niece's move
to take place before he left if that
could be arranged.

Dr. Eastbrook has told me that
he knows you personally & also
knows the Retreat.

Believe me

Yours very truly

S. A. Dodd.

Dr. Bedford Price

to the Retreat York.

STATION AND TELEGRAMS,
"HEADS NOOK."

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THE HALL,
HEADS NOOK,
NR. CARLISLE.

26th May 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have now heard
that all the relatives of my
niece - Miss Dodd - approve of
her going to the Retreat; and
if you can receive her now,
it is advisable that the move
shd. be carried out as soon
as possible.

In view that there shd. be

no unnecessary delay. I
yesterday filled up the form
and sent me to accompany
patients (as far as I was able
to do so). & sent it to the
Crichton Institution.

The Doctors there will give
the special information as
to treatment & points to be noted.

She will of course
have an escort from the
Crichton when she travels.

As soon being certified again -

I fear it wd. not be good for
her to have that done in
Carlisle. In route.

Mrs. Seem to me better that
she shd. go to her new quarters
as quickly as possible.

She is looking forward to
the change with great pleasure.
I shd. be a pity to frighten her
in any way while it is being
made. However -

The Crichton Doctors & myself
are better able than I am
to judge as to this.

The terms will be I understand

48/- per week at present.

I have sent the book you sent

Perhaps I might myself
run over & see you myself
one day & see "Retreat" &
no. with in advance if I do so

Believe me

Yours very truly

S. J. Dodd.

S. J. Briggs Pierce
The Retreat
York

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The Hall
Head North
in Carlisle
23rd May /10

Dear Sir

I am delighted
in yr. letter of 17th inst
& in copy of Report of
"The Retreat".

Since receipt of these
I have been in correspondence
with other members

of my niece's family but
can not yet recd. replies
from all.

My niece's name is
Miss Sybil Maynard Dodd,
as I told you, she is now
in the Vichon Institution
at Humphries.

I am obliged for what
you tell me as to the
Religious tone of the "Retreat".

What I felt was that

it wd. be unfortunate
if my niece was repelled
by anything connected with
her new surroundings
- Now I must say
her religious enthusiasm
seems to have ^{waned} ~~disappeared~~
since her collapse.

I hope to get replies
from her friends within
a day or two & shall be
no time in letting you
know the result

May 19, 1910

Dear Easterbrook,

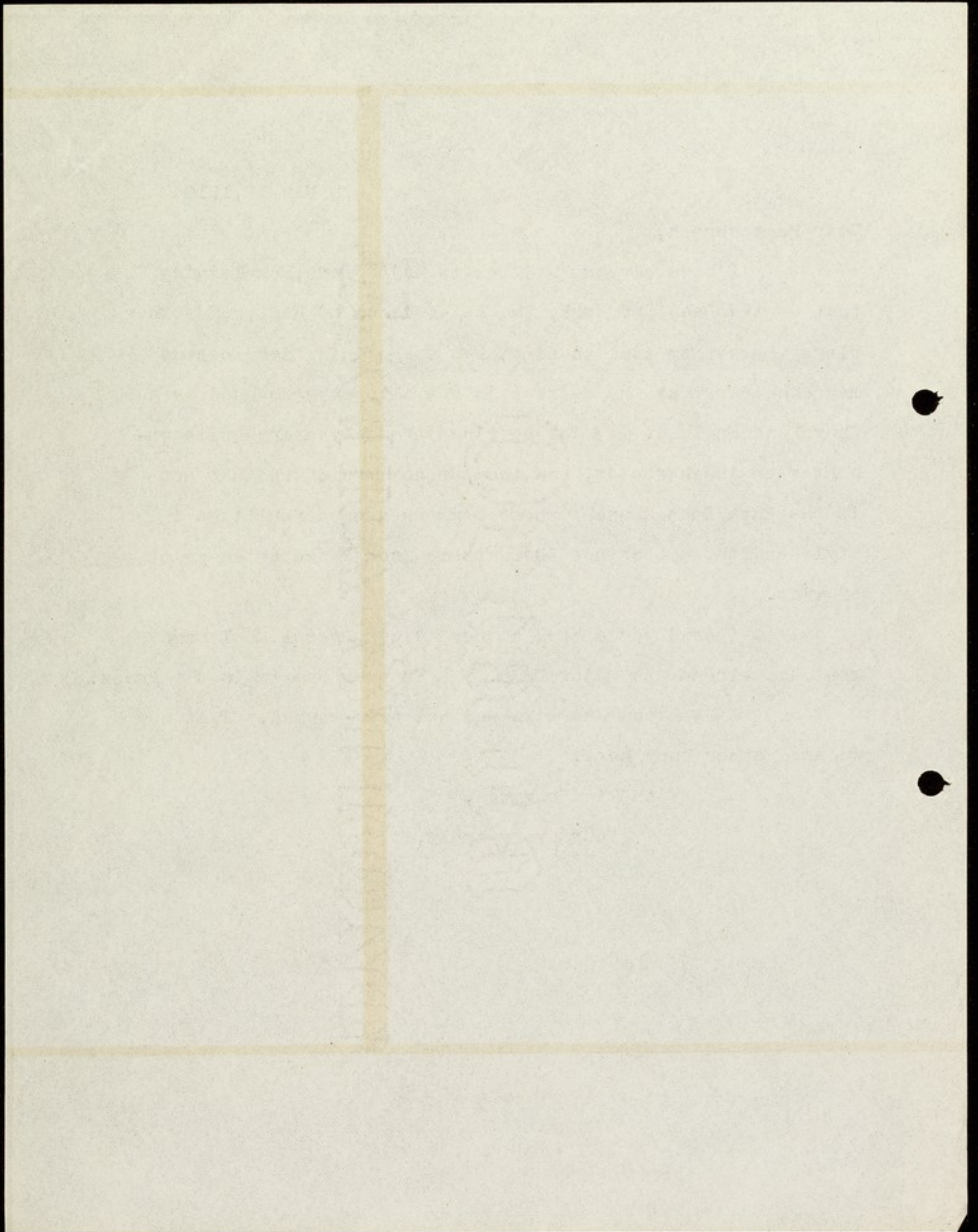
I have already written to Major Dodd, explaining that as the Dean of York, the late Bishop of Hull, and other clergy have from time to time taken our evening services we may consider that the Retreat is not altogether banned by the Church of England. The services themselves are quite unsectarian in character, and the parson more often than not is the late Dean Church, whose sermons are so faultless in style and the matter not too extreme from a sectarian point of view.

I send you a back number of our Report. I have sent one already to Major Dodd. The new one is in the press.

I hope you are well and not over-worked. Just now we are rather busy here.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



a copy of your prospectus and any necessary information for intending patients, and a note which I could forward to the uncle and which would relieve the minds of the relatives of their curious fancy. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. E. Ashurst

Crichton Royal Institution
Dumfries

18th May 1910.

My Dear Pierce,

We have a lady here, a Miss Dodd, who is not making much progress with us, and I have suggested to her relatives that they should send her to you. Possibly her uncle has already been in communication with you. As there are special religious features in the case, and the lady is a member of the Church of England, her uncle would like to feel assured that there are no special features in the religious observances and treatment at the Retreat which might produce any unfavourable impression on a rather sensitive lady of the Anglican persuasion. Could you please send me

May 17, 1910

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of a recent report of the Retreat. The new one is not yet ready, but in the appendix to this you will find particulars as to the admission of patients. We have a vacancy on the women's side, and can arrange to receive the patient on whose behalf you write, at short notice. It is necessary that patients coming from Scotland should be certified afresh on coming to England, and this must be done in England. Carlisle would be a convenient place, or I can arrange for it in York if you prefer.

About half our patients are in no way connected with the Society of Friends, and a large number of them regularly attend the services of the Church of England in the City. We have had, and still have, many relatives of clergymen here, and I do not think there can be said to be any difficulty on account of religious prejudice. The Dean of York, the late Bishop of Hull and other clergy have often been good enough to come and take our services from time to time.

You will see that our lowest rate is 48/- a week. You do not give me any particulars as to the nature of the case. If you should decide to let the patient come here will you kindly fill in the enclosed statement.

Yours very truly,

Major Dodd

