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CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

May 16th 1910

Dear Pierce.

Very many thanks for all the trouble & care you have taken about the care of Miss Douglas. When we have got things ship shape here let me know what we owe you in the matter of fees.

I have sent your letter to Miss Douglas, with conditions clearly put to her as to what we consider necessary. I have told her we have a Companion. I have also insisted that Miss Douglas leave before the Companion arrives.

I went to see Mr George Douglas on Sunday & we arranged I should serve him with copies of your letter & of my letter to Miss Douglas. This I have done also.

I must wait. Douglas will try & do the best. I have declared to undertake any work whatever unless the conditions are as favourable as is possible.

Send me any literature you may have on the
subject of Psychokinesis.

Yours truly
F. C. C. C.

July 31/91

CLIFTON END.

BRADFORD.

Dear Mr. Pierce.

Lever's cannot or will not
take Huntly back. He is
trying, I am told, to get
other work. His brother returns
& lives in the district - he
is a very sensible man.

With regard to Miss Douglas
- I have had a great deal
of trouble.

During the past 2 months
she has gone back. She
is much thinner & a bit

Colman & I was in a good physical
condition. ~~But~~ The same
old ideas make her life
& her status miserable.

I have got her away & I
expect to leave for her.

She is in charge of her
father's children, (the mother
being with her) - Dr. Peters
of Harrogate. I thought
of taking with the young the
best possible time for her,
& also the slight responsibility
good also.

CLIFTON END.

BRADFORD

He evidently feels her mental
 incapacity. He has a real
 dread of returning to York.
 I find it most difficult
 to get George Douglas to
 help me in the right way.
 - He kind of washes his
 hands of the whole affair.
 I don't know what to
 do. I have got my feet
 away & have sent for
 Allen to George Douglas
 James V. Allen
 2 Putnam

CLIFTON END.
BRADFORD
Ripon or Jno Whittle.

21 May. 511, Jun 2.

July 26, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that Miss Douglas is not doing well and that she continues to give her sisters a good deal of anxiety.

It is unfortunate that the certificates must be discharged. I enclose the necessary notice.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

George Douglas Esq.

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again try a fresh certificate
if necessary - If you
have any papers which
will facilitate this I
should be glad to have
them by me but if
I do not hear further
I will conclude there
are none.

With many thanks for
your kind attention

Yours very truly
Georgina Dayles

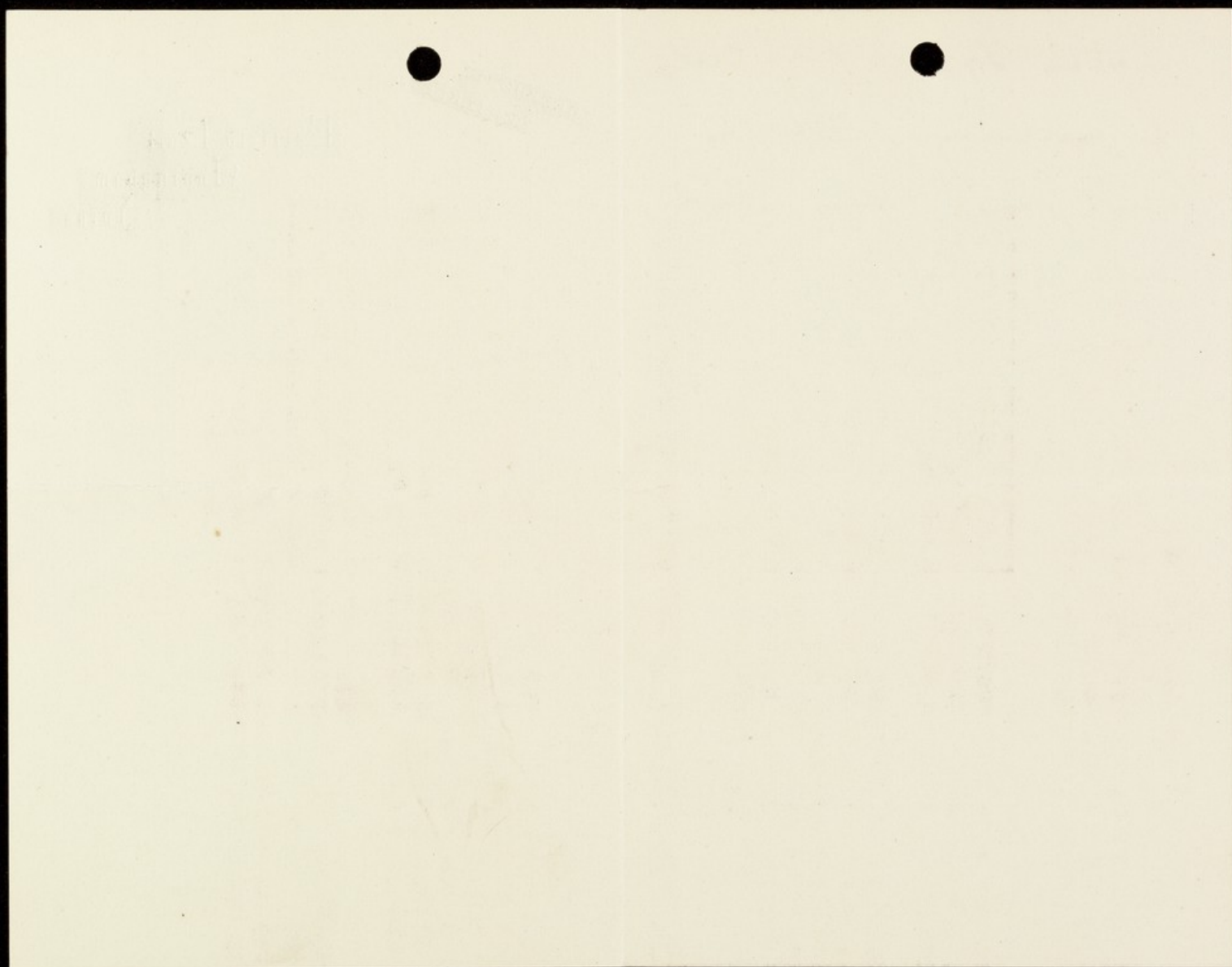
TELEPHONE,
224 ILKLEY.

Farfield Hall,
Haddingham,
Yorks.

July 23. 1911

Dear Mr Pierce

I am afraid
it is not possible to
get my sister to you
by Tuesday so the
certificate will lapse.
I suppose we can go
through the same procedure



July 22, 1911

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Your letter to Dr. Beetham has been forwarded to me, and I fear you have failed to understand that Miss Douglas's certificates will lapse by the operation of the law unless I can see her and sign a certificate of continued insanity not later than Tuesday, the 25th.

There is no difficulty about the continuation of the leave of absence, provided this certificate is sent to the Commissioners in Lunacy. I could see Miss Douglas on that day, at my rooms in Leeds, at about 2.30, or here, at my private house, on my return from Leeds at about 6 p.m. If preferred, an appointment could be made at the York Station Hotel.

It would not seem worth while to give Miss Douglas the trouble of seeing me unless there is a possibility of her returning to us, either at the Retreat or Throxenby Hall, Scarborough.

There is one other alternative. If the certificate were discharged, and it became necessary for Miss Douglas to return, she might possibly come back as a voluntary patient of her own free will. You will, however, understand that in such circumstances we should have no authority whatever for her detention, and she could leave if she wished.

I think you will now realise the situation. If nothing is done, in the ordinary course of the law on Wednesday, the 26th the certificates lapse, and Miss Douglas will be discharged as "relieved".

I am sorry to hear that she is not so well and giving continued anxiety. Her mental condition is certainly very distressing, to her as well as to all who live with her.

Yours very truly,

CLIFTON E.
BRADFORD.

July 21. 1911.

Dear D. Pierce,

My husband has gone
away for the week. And, before
leaving asked me to forward
you any communications which
might arrive with regard to him.

Douglas. The enclosed has
just come, so I send it on
to you at once.

Truly yours

Wm. Brewster.

causing her to make
any effort to control
herself.

I therefore think it
would be well to extend
the period too to
arrange that she should
see Dr. Pierce again.

She is in Daltherm at
present & does not return
till the end of the
month but I will
ask my sister Mrs
Peters with whom she

TELEPHONE,
224 ILKLEY.

Farfield Hall,
Haddingham,
Yorks.

July 21. 1911

Dear Dr. Wetherham,

In reply
to your letter I
am afraid my sister
Amy is retrograding
& I think the fear of
having long back under
control is the most
potent factor in

is staying to see with her
upon Dr Pierce on the way back

Yours very truly

Georgiadopoulos

July 3, 1911

Dear Dr. Beetham,

Miss Douglas's certificates expire in three weeks from today, unless I can sign a special report and certificate that she remains of unsound mind, which report would require a personal interview with her.

If I understand the position rightly, there is no intention of her returning to the Retreat, and there is no advantage in continuing the certificates longer. With the approval of the Petitioner, George Douglas, I propose to discharge her as "Relieved".

A line, in the course of a day or two, saying whether this is all right, would oblige.

With kind regards,

Ever yours truly,

Douglas

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CLIFTON END,

MANNINGHAM,

BRADFORD

May 7th 1911

My dear Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter
with regard to Harry.

A long time ago he came
to me about self abuse. I
then told him there was a
disgusting and dirty habit
but that with control of
himself could be managed.
That if he tried to do his
best & even (for time to
time failed) he would not

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MANNINGHAM
BRADFORD

get Mother's friends about it.
I read Paine's doctrine to
her. I am sure you are
right in considering the condition
as desperate.

As to Mrs Douglass. She
has the same old ideas, but
is more reasonable about them.
She does not refuse her. She does
not cry. She is more
interested in the cause & in
her friends. She looks well &
retains weight.

CLIFTON END,

MANNINGHAM,

BRADFORD

which is the best course to take.
 I am afraid she will always
 love these ideas - our treatment
 on the whole has improved
 matters - she is learning to live
 round her ideas.

M^{rs} Flynn, the Vicars wife
 died a few weeks ago.

She slowly went down hill
 - then became dizzy &
 violent, but had to be
 restrained - wished to walk

CLIFTON END
MANNINGHAM
BRADFORD

Now Harris without clothing.
He had a fit - aprofing
& died in three days.
He had always to be fed.

Jan 13 (am)
2 (Lettam)

I must go
Miss Douglas
of Bradford
to stay in
Seabrook for
a few -
if you think
it reasonable.
Just this
I can not
hold a foot.

Perhaps it could not be so
very unreasonable to allow the
two sisters to meet & make
peace together. Miss Douglas
of Bradford is as I have
told you anything but a
sensible woman. If you did
not think it unwise to send an
attendant to accompany?

Yours sincerely
J. Pettam

AT HOME 2 TO 3
6 TO 7
TELEPHONE No. 2063.

CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

Dear Pearl.

I am always delighted to hear from you.

Do you think that it would be disastrous for Mrs. Dingle to go to Hemsworth with her sister.

I think with you (as all the family agree) that it would be the height of foolishness to allow Mrs. Dingle to return to Bradford as mine with all the foolish friends who have given way to her previously.

TELEPHONE No. 2063.

Dec 5th 1910CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

My dear Preece.

With regard to Miss Douglas. As I told you I had written Mr. Douglas & he had an interview with me yesterday. When you suggest Miss Douglas joining the sister we both think you forget the disastrous effect pronounced by the elder Miss Douglas (if Randolph) upon your father. Your father can scarcely be stable enough yet to stand the strain of such suggestive contacts. Mr. Douglas & all the family think that had Miss Douglas (Annie) been more honest, more helpful, less foolishly ambitious your father would have been where she is.

Mr. Douglas would be delighted for Miss Douglas to go away with a suitable allowance as you suggest & to carry suitable baggage. That seems to me quite desirable & reasonable.

Personally (having had such a troublesome

experience with Miss Ann, (as I mean) I think you had
better be careful and join the two sisters together.
John Douglas would take sides with the father
against the Companions - He always has done
and she always will. She considers it ~~and~~ quite
unnecessary that Mr sister should have been removed
and that all the whole concision was one of 'justice'.

She is a frankness & unassuming woman - a
reader of many novels & an endless hunter for new
burgaries.

As to Sweden. I had a long talk with his father
yesterday & I showed him your letter. as I
inspected the old man did not rise. I told him
that Dr. Puckman should go if he wished - that at
any other time of the year when we were less busy
he should go to York as payment of his expenses
only. but that I could not afford that at the
present time as probable I should have either to

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CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

decline work or get some one else to help
me. (We are so pressed run off our legs - In the
first two days of December we had 92 autisms with
the day book).

The old man said "Well Dr. Pustman, I am very
much obliged to you, but as I am at very considerable
expense at present; & Dr. Pierce does not consider
a visit worth the any work or permanent good;
such as my son is in such a condition that he
requires a day & night attendance & so cannot
possibly be in a state to be influenced by a
normal visit from Dr. Pustman whom he knows
but slightly; - I cannot see that such a
professional visit is necessary & therefore I
cannot afford it." I told the old man
I would let you know. I also said that
I would write myself to Sweden & ask
Pustman to write to him.

Very b trouble for with this long letter.

Benjamin has been much tickled & has
mistaken the old man for anything (I think
he is a bit of an idiot). I have not asked
any questions with regard to family matters at
present. ~~At~~ In fact I have a few
questions & I said I should ask present
for information & possibly block the
future hope of getting information.

Yours very sincerely
J. Deetman

CLIFTON END.
BRADFORD.

Dear Dr. Alfred Russ.

Thank you very much for your
letter with regard to Miss Douglas.
I am exceedingly sorry she is so
dear. What we are to do with
her in the future is a difficulty.
Have you any proposals to make?
Do you think it probable that
she will be able to "take care
of herself" outside the walls
of a care of an asylum or home?

Miss Douglas has written
to me from the Retreat asking
me to see her. I would

Certainly can & will do if you
thought I could do any good.

I naturally do not wish to
throw away a day on a perfectly
useless expedition. If I
thought I could deliver
the message & help you in
the no any small way I
would come.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
J. Beetham

Friday Nov 4th 1910

AT HOME 2 TO 3
6 TO 7
TELEPHONE No. 2063.

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CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

Dear Mr. Puce.

Yes, I'll come to Leeds on
Friday. I'll write to Miss
Douglas tomorrow & tell her that
you will arrange for me to see
her at your rooms in Leeds.

I have to ask you a few
questions with regard to another
case - Robert Hartley, who
was with you at York, & is
now at home.

Of course you know my work
- I may possibly be detained
in Bradford. I have a

CLIFTON ENG.
MANNINGHAM
BRADFORD

Large maternity practice & you
know where that means!

I shall be delighted to
have a snack with you &
if possible go to the Greedies-
Chi. Matins. Many thanks
for so kindly thinking of
my inner man

Yours sincerely
J. Pettam,

Nov. 2, 1910

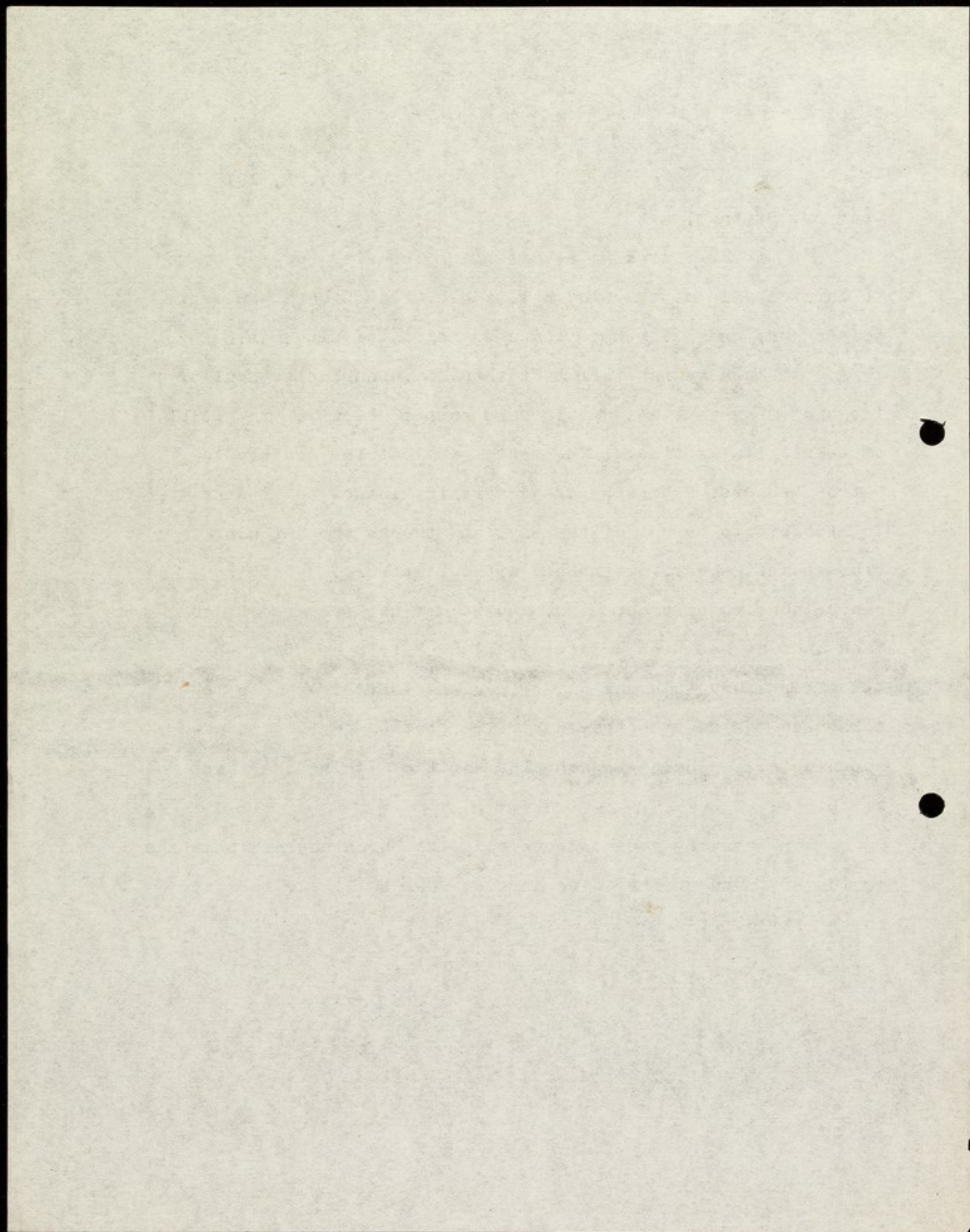
Dear Dr. Beetham,

We are thinking of arranging for Miss Douglas to go to Throxenby in a week from now. Mrs. Peters has been over to see her, and Dr. Kemp discussed the matter with her.

We have run full tilt into Miss Douglas's peculiar ideas and she wept all day in consequence and is on the point of tears all the time. The reason is that the Assistant Matron and Mrs. Peters selected certain clothes to be sent to Bradford to be out of the way, and though she has nine blouses left she is distressed without measure. Nothing can be done to ease her mind, and we are not prepared to go back on what has been arranged. I have told her that she makes more fuss than she ought to even if every article she possesses had been destroyed by fire, but so far she is unconsolable. She has a singular habit of making the worst of things.

She very much objects to go to Throxenby and says she would very much prefer to be here. Poor soul! she is much to be pitied.

Yours very truly,

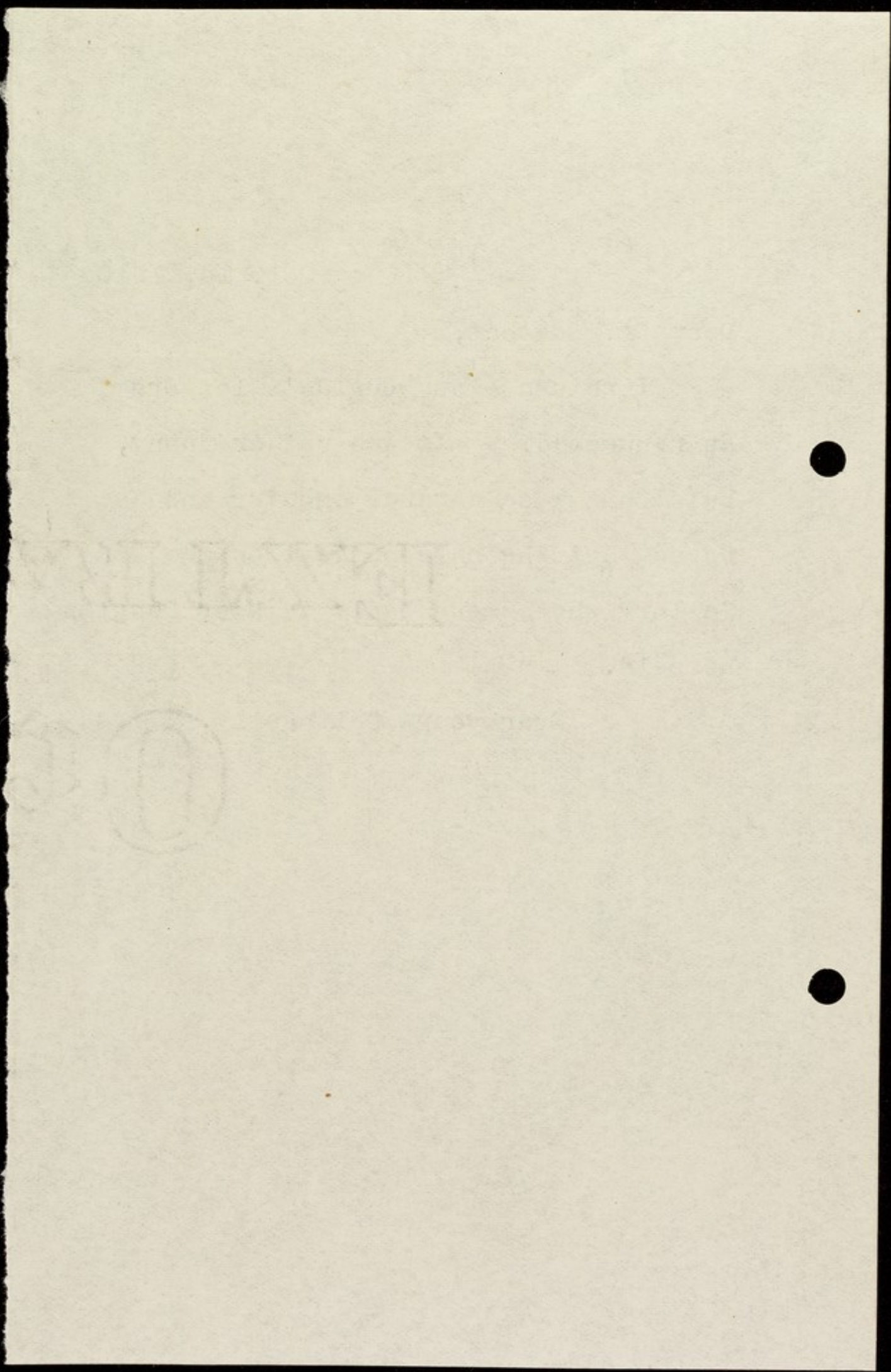


Oct. 14, 1910

Dear Dr. Beetham,

I return Miss Douglas's letters as requested. It was rather funny, but I had made careful enquiry and found that the only patient on the 9th Gallery who swears badly is Miss Douglas herself.

Ever yours faithfully,



Oct 12th 1910

CLIFTON END.

BRADFORD.

Dear Purce.

I have sent your letters along
to Mr. Douglas. I enclose one
in which will assure you
that the Douglases are quite
"with us"

I will do my best with
regard to Mrs. Douglas (outside)

Only return the letters
which I have sent you at
your leisure.

Yours sincerely
H. C. Carter

CLIFTON END.
BRADFORD.

CLIFTON END.

BRADFORD

Sept. 6th 1910

My dear Pierce

Yours letter has been a great
• of great use to me.

Miss Douglas is evidently in
favor of her sister & seems (in
spite of all that has gone before
• & the evident conviction of her sister's
unstable mind) to believe that
it was unnecessary to remove
her to a place where she could
be disciplined - a perfectly
• perfect fact in her own home.

In a kind of way she appears
to believe her sister - or
I should rather say she

seems to feel that Mrs Douglass
will just tell the dies - that
she has no lady & speak to - that
she is seeing it, etc etc //

Some other patients who have
you today seems to write
expressing to Mrs Douglass
her about her work.

Mrs Douglass is going
to Harrogate today &
will see you tomorrow
at York. !!!

Yours ever
J. P. B. L.

CLIFTON-END.

BRADFORD.

Dear Beloved - P. R.

I enclose cuttings which may
interest you. The Miss Dingles
- outside the asylum - is almost
as bad as the Miss Dingles inside.

What do you assume in
a general way.

Is the patient better or
worse, are there any physical
signs of past health - and
Miss Dingles thinks
there is. She told me that
she felt sure her sister would

see if the wire has given
the full liberty

Yours sincerely
J. Peckham

11th October, 1910.

Dear Dr. Beetham,

Dr. Kemp has drafted a reply to the letter you sent on for me to see.

I do not think it is desirable after this to attempt any reply to Miss Douglas's misrepresentations, but perhaps it is worth while once more to explain how untruthful she is. Perhaps you will be good enough to let the family know the facts of the case.

Whether we shall do Miss Douglas very much good is another matter. My impression is that we had better give her a trial after a while at Throxenby Hall, near Scarborough. The difficulties in respect to her toilet and clothing are not materially changed, and she is undoubtedly depressed and unhappy. This depression and unhappiness is, of course, a part of her disease, and does not depend upon her surroundings. It is a difficult case, and unsatisfactory for all parties concerned.

Yours very truly,



The Retreat,
York -

10th Oct: 1910.

Dear Mr. Buttram,

Mr. Pierce has asked me to correct the statements - in Miss M. Douglas' letter to her brother.

1. The people on the gallery with Miss Douglas. They do not sit idle all day long, but do needle work all morning, & some in the afternoon. They are very useful in this way, for they do the mending for the men's side of the house, & one lady is paid for what she does. They go out every day except two of them, one of whom drives twice a week. May I mention that the lady with the peculiar dressing used to attend the University Extension lectures in York, but gave it up on account of the walk, which was too much for her.

2. Here is a list of Miss Douglas' walks for the last six days.

Oct: 5th To Osbaldwick, a village about 1 1/2 miles off.

6th Riverside through Fulford, out to tea & Bridge.

7th To Haslington Village.

8th Through the town & up the riverside terrace with Mr. Kemp, Miss Mercer & outside.

9th In to the city to see the shops.

Excursions

Sept: 17th Walked (at her own special request) with two gentlemen, a lady & a nurse, by the

twice, ferried to Bishopthorpe, saw over the Palace,
& returned home. Miss Douglas very enthus-
iastic over it all.

Sept. 20th To Castle Howard with Sister Mary & a
Scutteman, saw over the Castle, very delighted
with all.

Sept. 22nd Whole day out with Sister Mary,
a nurse & another patient. Train to Helmsley,
walked to Rievaulx Abbey, saw over
Dencombe Park.

Oct. 1st Went with nurse to Scarborough by
10 train - spent the day there, going up to
Thoresby Hall in the afternoon, home by
the 8 o'clock train.

The Empena Mat was started about 3 weeks
ago, but "You can take a horse to water,
but you can't make him drink" —

Miss Douglas goes into the grounds at other times
playing croquet & is always keen to watch Hockey.
During September she gained 4 lbs. in weight.

Dr. Pierce wants me to say that we won't make any
further explanations. If Miss M. Douglas
makes further statements - of the kind contained
in her letter to her brother, he must believe
or disbelieve them as he chooses.

About the depression - this really exists - & is a
factor not to be dealt lightly with.

Poor thing she is very miserable, but it is on
account of ~~her~~ the trouble with her clothes & she
says she would like it all to end, but that
tho' she would be tempted she doubts if she
would have the courage to do anything —

in my sister's case.
I shall concur in any
arrangement which you
jointly may decide upon.

Yours very sincerely
George Douglas

TELEPHONE,
224 ILKLEY.

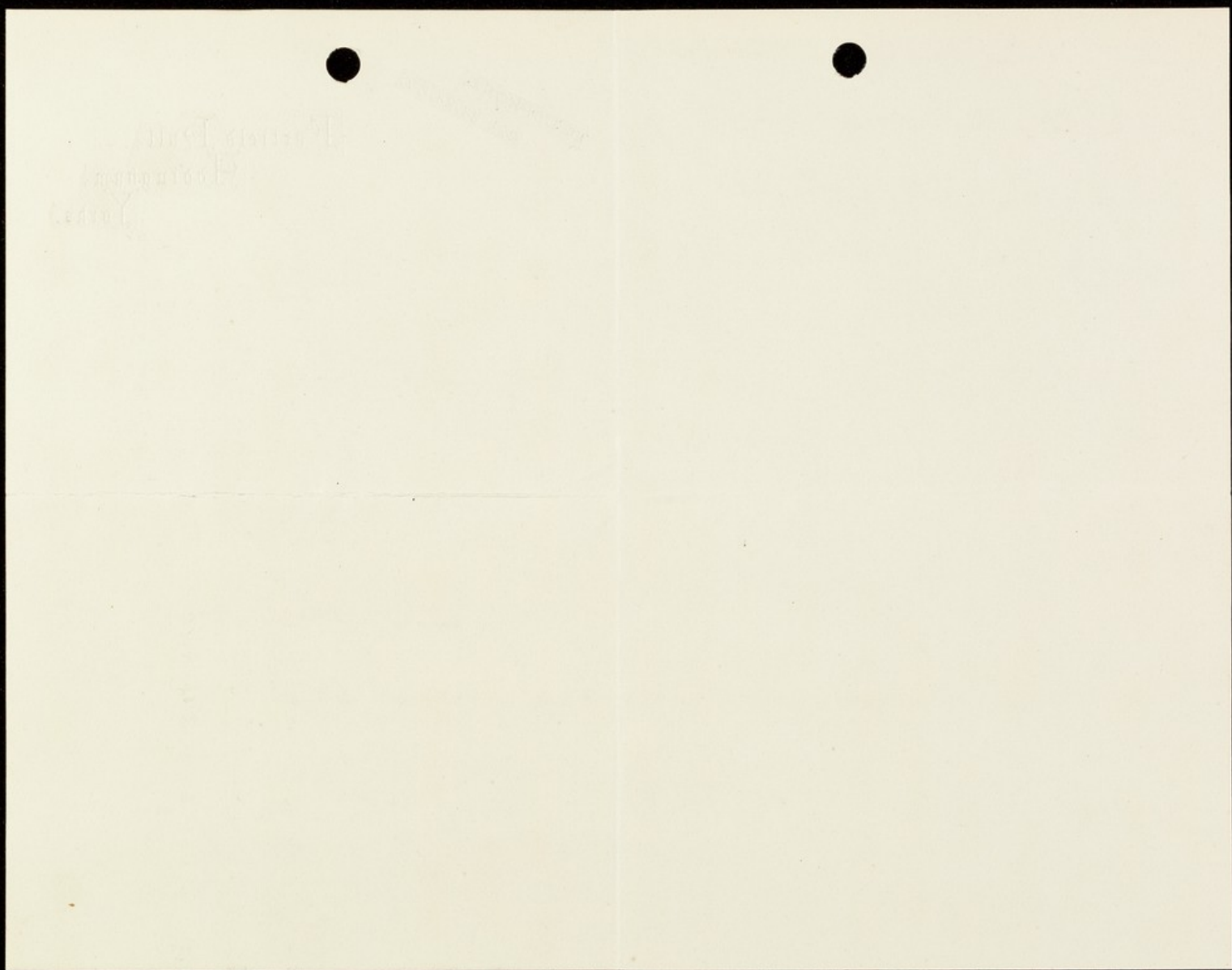
Farfield Hall,
Addingham,
Yorks.

Sept-17. 1910

Dear Mr Pierce

Thanks for

your letter of Sept 7th
I have been away and
could have replied sooner.
We are all much indebted
for the trouble you &
Mr Beetham are taking



21st Sept. 1910.

Dear Mr. Douglas,

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th.

I think I can report a decided improvement in Miss Douglas. Her days are now very full of occupations of one kind and another, and she certainly seems better, and I have heard fewer complaints. Yesterday she and a gentleman patient, with a nurse, went to Castle Howard, and thoroughly enjoyed it. They are proposing to go very shortly to Rievaulx.

I remain,

Yours very truly, .

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7th September, 1910.

Dear Sir,

There was a meeting of the Retreat Committee yesterday, when the question of terms for Miss Douglas was considered. It was decided that the terms for the present should be at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ guineas per week, to be raised to 5 guineas when she has a special companion.

Since I returned from my holiday, I have given a good deal of thought to what is best to be done for your sister, and think it desirable that she should have a special nurse, so that she may have a larger amount of individual attention, and be encouraged to follow out a routine method of life.

She talks to me very much more sensibly than she writes, and frankly admits that her statements respecting her position here are altogether untrue. She seems ashamed that she should have spoken of those in her department as being idiots, and when asked what she means, tells us that many of them are very pleasant and charming people, and volunteered the remark that they were better than she was.

The root of the difficulty appears to be a certain amount of enfeebled mind, with lack of interest in life, and an inability to properly occupy herself. She is disappointed and dissatisfied with herself and everything else. I am proposing to arrange that she shall have a regular course of Swedish gymnastics, and I have suggested that for an occupation she should take up leather work, the ornamentation of leather for book bindings, and so forth, and I can arrange, should it be thought desirable, that a lady comes to give her instruction in this.

I have explained to her that ~~as~~ an indefinite stay here is not desirable, but I am satisfied that she should remain here for some weeks, if not months, if she is to receive any benefit, and so far as I can judge she is settling down much better.

I was interested in hearing this morning that a lady patient who is convalescent, gave her a thoroughly good talking to, and told her that she ought to know quite well that everybody here

is doing the best ~~they~~ can, and she should herself assist the nurses as far as she possibly can do so.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

G. Douglas Esq.,
Addingham, Yorks.

AT HOME 2 TO 3
6 TO 7
TELEPHONE No. 2063.

CLIFTON END,
MANNINGHAM,
BRADFORD.

Dear Mr Purce.

Many thanks. I enclose a recent
letter to Mrs Douglas.

I saw Miss Douglas yesterday
& she was very evidently distressed
by the letters she had had from
her sister & inclined to think
that her sister must have
something to complain of.

I explained to her fully that
the statements were not truthful

that the dispute would
ultimately, I thought & hoped,
prove a very good thing - and
the only thing.

After a course at the Retreat
would be transfer her to

Thursdays Hall.

Mrs Douglas writes to know
if you would think it desirable
for her to go to Harrogate &
come to York daily & see
her sister. Would you just
drop a line to her at

7 Park View Rd
Mansfield
Grangefield

Yours &c
J. P. [unclear]

I shall let Mrs Douglas &
Mr Douglas see your letter.

5th Sept. 1910.

Dear Dr. Beetham,

I read to Miss Douglas her letter to her sister, which you kindly sent on to me, and I think I made her thoroughly ashamed of it. I pointed out how untruthful much of it was, and how it misrepresented the case, and she frankly admitted that things were quite different to what she had stated, and said that she was depressed herself, and looked at things from a miserable point of view. I also explained how unkind it was for her to give her sister such an untrue description of her life here. There is, however, a need for more proper organization of her time, and I am proposing to arrange for a regular course of Swedish exercises. We are setting apart a special companion to be with her, and take her on expeditions, and join with her in the daily routine. I have encouraged her to try a course of leather work, but as this would involve a good deal of expense, I am waiting a little until I can be sure that she will be willing to take it up thoroughly. The extra nurse will involve some additional expense, and also the gymnastics, but I gather that Mr. Douglas will not object to this. If I can get his sister to undertake the leather work, do you think he will mind the cost of instruction? The materials, moreover, are not very cheap, I believe.

I am wishful to give her a full day, so that she is doing something from morning till night, and I have told her that unless

she does fill up her time satisfactorily, I shall hardly be able to recommend her to leave.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

condition sh^d be most
 favorable to her recovery.
 I enclose one of her
 letters which is similar
 to others written to my
 wife & my sister which
 may be of some guidance
 to you - Unfortunately
 Dr Beetham & Miss Vowler
 are both away at the same
 time as myself so I
 have not been able to see
 anyone who knows all
 about the case

I shall be away for
 a fortnight so
 I shall be away for
 a fortnight so

TELEPHONE,
 224 ILKLEY

Fairfield Hall,
 Addingham,
 Yorks.

Aug 26. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce.

During your
 absence my sister has
 come into the Retreat.
 I left all arrangements
 to Dr Beetham who
 has taken an immensity
 of pains with her case
 who knows best what

I have written G. Dr Beecham to ask
him to go over there on his
return & to make any necessary
arrangements. He thinks most favourable & I have
told him I think the constant influence
of a companion is her best chance.

Unfortunately my sister looks through
the blackest spectacles & fights against
everything that is done but there is
I suppose part of her malady & making
treatment so difficult.

If Dr Beecham is away longer than
I expect & you consider any change
in her surroundings or companionship
is necessary please make it. I have
told Dr Beecham that he is not to
be hampered by the cost.

We know that these letters are unbalanced
& hysterical but we are naturally much
troubled about her. Yours very sincerely
George Douglas

9th Gallery

Dearest George

② I believe you are
going away on Friday for your
holiday - I do not know it
to be unpleasant, & I know you thought
this was a very different place
to what it is - but - I do help &
pray & entreat you not to let me
be here any longer - let me go home
I was doing a thousand times
better at home both on the
day of work & everything else -
(I hope I know I could not manage
it - very well) ^{but I can't say best} than I am ~~here~~ ^{there}
I spent my time in my bedroom
from 8 o'clock till about 12-30
the gallery morning & have simply
done nothing, no one can help
but played a few games of

v Louis Tenney

croquet had been brought
away like this, not having
before I was coming to or then
where Mrs. Arnold came from
as she never came at all she
went away for her holidays today
After lunch George has to go to
the Asylum - there are 120 women
patients, there are a lot of very
poor quakers that are kept
here for almost nothing I believe
If you were only here for a day
or a night you would see for yourself
a wonderful people here I think
it, but you see poor women
& virtuous & dirty people
nothing else but few exceptions
all day long & at meals & then
can you want to eat? School is
very different. The place ^{all in} ^{more} ^{much}
is very quiet the grounds are

not to let one remain here -

I believe Merriam is home.

Again & the house is again again

I know I have looked on a

most ungrateful & ungrateful welcome

but I know how what I should

be saying for if I was to be here

much longer, I never sleep above

on floor & cannot take the good

either & the more miserable you

are the longer they keep you, as it

is just hopeless if you don't promise

I can return ^{very soon} home. I feel free

more miserable than when I

came in, but I see how they all

work with little Miss hands & how

people are here for love & love -

and it is a living death to be like

these people, with not a single

object in life, & any thought of anything

I never saw a less decent
people like I see I have here all
the time, no one can speak to
each other. There are only these things
the that are ^{less bad & not chronic} coming in ^{morally} ^{mentally}
the ~~two~~ that are at all rational —
the cause of the poor account (being
exhaustion) if they had not been here —
I think I should be quite off it soon by now
& they will both tell you that I ought
not to be here at all.

If I ever get home again explain
this terrible experience, before it is
too late, you will then hear me
complaining at least it is only against
myself, but single accident you must
one to become an absolute idiot
& dead to the world and all of you
don't let me be here, I honestly am
doing far better at home —
& I will not bother other people
I think I should say self & quiet

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things. As I'm usually, collector of
crime I know now very simple
things is repeated, and I did not
mean what I sometimes said in the
very least. Even I thought I could not
as necessary things like these people.
I will stay by myself if you like at
home, but in judge's case let me get
away from these dreadfully people
of this terrible objectionable life.
Oh George I shall never be able
to tell you all, - but in judge's case let
me try & start a fresh one here it is
impossible to be anything but a momentary one
when I talked. Is by your feet of 23 as if you were
an infant or idiot -

I know you have done a very big
great deal for me - more than I can
be up to. But believe me George if I
when I shall come was not strictly true
I might not be here -

The last three weeks have been like
a thousand years & I feel as if I should
never forget them as long as I live

I heard I ~~tried~~ my life has been away
miles for many years & I see now
that I must get back & try & do things
I don't mention my dressy clothes
though have not the ordinary thing & coming
like skin, having sent me most ridiculous
things, not having any idea about things at all
so am simply more handicapped than ever
now & have just built in the things I came in
morning, noon & night & have only one bathroom
bath & a shower, I am allowed to go
in the garden now by myself, only it is very
depressing seeing the poor things about, and
they never speak to me & understand
best if you do - so I have given up trying -
I do hope you will have a nice holiday
I shall wait for the steamer -
Will you please please get B & R
Mum & Dad only for me to come at -
I know you think I am obstinate & fighting
against myself but truly if I never spoke
again - I cannot join anything but being shut off
there there is absolutely no treatment
as you are for working like the last I
feel so desperate & hopeless at being put on here
if you are very kindly they put you on the home
landings & you cannot call your son your son
must be / your loving sister
Amy

they once, but that does not
make up for the dreadful
awful miserable life, doing
absolutely nothing & having
no treatment whatever, and
seeing people by the ^{people} people
all day long being taken ^{in & taken}
in little caskets by nurses &
then ~~they~~ I should think
that never go at all, but are
locked up - I hear the awful
shouts & screaming - it is just
terrible to see the sad sight
all the time & is most depressing
most of the gallery are dreadful
& they are all kept under lock
& key, the girls in the ^{best} ~~most~~ ^{old} ~~many~~
there are 8 dirty old women here
& about two others ~~about~~ are
leaving this next week, all the

Then an argument is made
 that it will be simply un-
 derstanding to see the
 can the only way to
 save the world is to
 play a game of cards
 but if you understand
 money, I admit that
 the only way to
 understand the world
 is to understand the
 game of cards.

9th Gallery

My dearest Minnie

Miss Kemp said she had a letter from you, but you know I have never been able to write letters for so long and they are so much worse, and it is so dreadful being here in an asylum with nothing but mad and uneducated people, all the time -

I simply do nothing all day, get up sometimes before dinner, there is absolutely no treatment at all, you are fed (far away worse than any school) thrown & that is all - if you are dangerous you are shut up -

There are about 120 uneducated & mad women here and they are mostly poor and old women - I don't think there is ^{not} a single lady in the place - The Quakers are kept here for nothing almost & most of them are here for ever -

The Minnie it is truly dreadful - no one could possibly come if they felt

Depressed, as it is a very heavy
make in me. The my love
can only quite embrace a government and
bring this work - I cannot expect a
policy with nothing but interests
green and green to it - but, day in
always - as we often say, and we
anything is obtained as individuals
with a great success in per. things, you are
at least and to say, as last, it is
practice to say there is the place
the more all these things - you occur
can have a tall story without special
personnel, I cannot say with it -
I am sure you will be very in the
of you can find a good one in every
to come with a couple of things
accuracy - the capital of things
that economy has had an effect
economy, I think over the capital
of the red line - but I only see
an it can see and a day in the
time - 2 1/2 years ago, I was in the
would have felt very nervous and
I have had a very pleasant
my letter - It must be a very
of the way you are going to be
of the way you are going to be

specimens of humanity. The
lady, Mrs. Johns spends a
great deal of time washing
out her bed-room, she dresses
in an extraordinary manner
& loops up her dress with
safety pins; her hair she
piles up nearly over her brow
& generally brings down her
towel to spread over her
knees during meals. Also
she ties her chair with a
serge skirt & wears old
stocking tops over her arms
to the elbow. Another lady is
nearly blind & is always
muttering "What shall I do"

This is written by a Mrs. Jackson
from Leicester who is going home and
wishes she had said she would be glad
to take me with her away from here

As the hours wait it is - you see
nearly beg me to be permanently

In factness ask come me & see
in person - I don't leave me like
this - I will now happen
if you ever see at home and as
soon I was struggling hard at home
but here I can't struggle -

It is no use - help me later

As

please let me get home for as long
I will be different - I shall be
run away with me
My dearest - Mamma

I have been trying to
write to you for so long and
I cannot - I will not send you all the
papers I have written but - for
God's sake I cannot leave to be
here any longer - there is no
treatment - Inhalation, and it is
nothing but an Asylum - I am only
in London that we are at all able to speak
or do anything and being the

beginning of the week - Mamma
I will send you rather a
home but for God's sake
let me come home again & I
promise you I will never say the
silly foolish things I have done
the longer I am here the more they
be the future, as there is no treatment
or to see & be with mad people all
day long - oh I cannot stand
it any longer -

I consider Fanny Douglas is quite
normal, she plays a very
good & careful game of croquet
& amuses us with conundrums
without-end. She plays Bridge
well & dress & behaves in a
most orderly manner. I
think she is not at all in the
right place here - Mrs. Martin

Oh Mother-in-law Ash Dr. Beallan
If you like to come & see me -
they won't let me telephone & I
play with each other & then
but and please let George
If he is so fond of I cannot bear him
any longer - I will scrub floors
rather, but if you were here for a
day you would know - but you come
on the first day you can as Dr.
Henry says you may meet Dr.
John or just Dr. Martin

The only one who
begins to get out of the gallery landing
up it, - & not guided by the man

My dearest Mamma

I really must return now
I cannot write to you though I have
great heaps & heaps of love. There
is no treatment whatever, in fact you
are just left to do as you like pretty
much as long as you are on your
own meals, though I cannot tell you
all the details of everything -

The only ones who are splashing are
leaving this week. ~~It is~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
Of the family one to be kept
in hospital, well this is the place
to send them - I will scrub a floor
or do anything, but I beg to say I'm
now to come. If you like you can
ask Dr. Beaman, to come then
Miss Kemp says any of my relations
or friends can come
to see me at once & tell
George that when he writes

be Sister to be come a
helpless useless indecisive
which she is not as yet -

I must get away before it is

too late any one will tell

you that there is nothing wrong

with me if you saw the poor
thing there, who never felt as you
you would see, as there is no chance
of you acting on your own account

in fact you are powerless -

In the sake of the family & all for
sake & the life that has to be

lived & make the best of it

we come back again & I promise

you I will try my very utmost
after this terrible experience

must love

Your terribly distressed Sister

May

awake since 7 o'clock morning Bed 10 o'clock 1

I cannot write & tell you the half of
what I ~~am~~ ^{want} to say.

Very sincerely - I remain

Please do come up for
one now surely I have been
promised enough, and it is not
the least bit of good being here.

It is only existing from one day to the
other. There is no treatment whatever
in fact you do not see the doctor, at
all, not even once a week; his house
is a little way off - Dr. Reynolds is
away ^{for a month} & his house is in the grounds
but he does not see ^{people} there only

when specially required or when
they come on ^{to} the fact that you only
see the lady ^{or} ~~the~~ ^{thing} - who is a
very ordinary little Scotch lady
for a few minutes, she comes into your
room for a few minutes. Until a

month or two ago there is only
^{one} nurse (paid 20) on the landing
& she has the work to do as well
& about 12 ~~old~~ women (patients) who hardly

And goes into the garden if you are
not allowed alone, but has charge of
several - and is only sent to get at stated
times, otherwise you are left to yourself
to do as best you can, there is no
nursing what else - you are in
an asylum with a lot of people

who are hopelessly mad & you
must know you are not ^{or my right to be taken} Muriel do come
& let us be at home now, I will not
say much more, things which I have
never meant to discuss, I am getting
sicker & sicker here & every day is worse
than the last - you would select the
only for me if you saw the people
(angels) that are simply drugged about
most of them hopelessly mad & no one
can seem to speak a word any conversation
is enough to depress a sane person
to such an extent the nurses of course are
so used to it & then they always get their
hands out & away & don't care a bit - or are
such a lot of them - If you saw the boxes of
rubbish that Beethoven has sent me, you would
understand I know how difficult it is to be
in decent town here, I have to live in that
nasty black striped street all the
time she has not been sent my light
grey, or any light blue or white dress

as only the nurses have keys that open the
doors ^{any} can come wherever you are certainly
no privacy anywhere, day or night, you don't
even know your clothes, at home they have
much easier & I was doing a good more
in fact, there is simply nothing —, the two
young nurses who are on this landing
(where the work is done) ^{of duty the day}
there are ^{an} ~~about 8~~ ^{old women} ~~people~~ on this landing
one who never speaks but walks up
& down the corridor all the time —
takes a book up & walks about with it
another very little old woman who sits
& never lifts her head or speaks either —
another curious old party ^{who} ^{always}
draped in shawls & hats & ^{seems} ^{her}
keeping all round her & is washing
things out all day long they hardly
ever seem to go out — & no one bothers with
them,
There is one person here who is
not quite so bad & came on her own
account just for a rest for a month
& the only one that can speak really

but they are left to do as they like.
I have never seen the Conation since
I came - I think she is ill -
It seems no use getting up at all
now, as there is nothing at all
to do to live for, & coming away
as I have done & not having anything
ordinary thing - I shall never see
all I get home again, there is no
such thing as changing things here
Even look as if they had workhouse
clothes on, & you never see any one who
can speak. You only pass them in the
change of ~~door~~ steam going to the room
where you have meals - Mamma
I beseech you to come up and
let us go home & I will not say
the totally wicked thing I have done
whatever I feel about things I have
beent to hold my tongue as
this is when it has brought me to
I simply cannot do without the
ordinary necessary things of

Life & it is utter misery & might
be away like this, my preddy, for
each day to pass away quickly
& getting up about 12 o'clock, as there is
nothing on earth to do - & I have no
account-thing to put on, I never sleep
a minute till about 4 o'clock till 5 o'clock
this morning - & say you are coming
up - I am so glad you never
is better, George has got my cheque
& bank book & I have not a penny
or not the necessary things with me
but the most ridiculous thing -
you would say so if you saw what
came & how they came I am perfectly
sure - my life is a perfect misery
here, & if I see much more of these
anyone people shall be as bees
in my ear, I do hope you have
supposed your visits - you are now
for my life at home, are you

and - but that you are common -
 I shall not know you - that
 I am very pleased to be at
 home that is all I can

Must be
 you long back
 on your studies -
 very

5. The corner was in the
 day - day in even 1944
 in that part in ground 1944
 I shall be very glad about
 everything, I am sure
 friends at the same time
 remain at 1 and 13 of the
 I shall be very glad to see
 all the time the people are

It is perfectly miserable & I am
ashamed to be seen, so I am doubly
handicapped. I am certainly quite a good
trump player, but have only played ~~there~~ as there
is nobody at large, it is only for Dr. Thompson (Ledyard)
& her friends when she asks me now & again.
She is only a mediocre player, I have won my
share over a week but shall have to leave it
again ^{as it is} only decent they go tonight, as am
obliged to play tonight, ^{Ledyard} she has sent me my
red blue debarre but I cannot play in that, ^{as it is}
so long - so it is watched - I stay in bed till
breakfast & get up sometime during the morning
when I like - am allowed to go in the
garden now without the nurse who has to
ask me a few more about that is their only
duty, besides their work on the ^{one to be} bed at
8-10 o'clock & I never sleep here above 1 hour
so it is a long weary night, there are
about 120 ^{& all foreign} persons I suppose & 60 or 70 nurses
but-keeps are shut up entirely & quite mad
& then are simply dropped out & guarded
by nurses, it is no more ~~there~~ here
but they sleep away - I mean in my bed
imagined or saw the things since I came to
there are no other people at all (except about 2
fish that are hopelessly dotty) (one feller -
& the other won't walk, I have no special
nurse at all, there is just one on this landing

Please thank Mr. G. for his very kind 3
letter, I am sorry I cannot reply to it -
as my scribbles are not fit to be seen -

They have another home in Asylum
near Scarsbro & they all send a good
many there from here, some more are
going & some returning. To day, you see
I cannot work or read or sew - I am not
quite sure if I could & you are ^{no} at all
sensible in the place - the nurses loose their
liberty if a pair are found anywhere -
you see there are such a lot of dangerously
unstable about, it would not be safe.

If only you were here for a day or two
you would see and understand.

I am perfectly certain if George &
Sydney do know or saw, they would
never have forced me to come here.

Without any warning or at least killing
me, it is absolutely cruel, you hear the
most awful shrieks sometimes of murder
& shouting, it is terrifying.

I have played croquet a few times
& that is about all, my waiting for the day

to pass & one ^{person} ~~person~~ ^{perfectly} here who has been
brought here but is better now, & I feel
puzzled & riddle it. - She is the only one I think
you can speak to - wonder why on earth I
am here - says I might not - is quite sorry
for me - well I have been brought against
my will but if I had only him where I am
coming to, nothing on earth would have made
me come & then it is cruel to have been made
to come without any ordinary thing, I just ^{hurry} ^{hurry}
you could see the names are only about 20 ^{years old} in
this landing & she can't help it, if you have not
got ordinary things, everything has to be made
in fact, even to a lace handkerchief the things
are of course very badly for up, not like a secondary
at home, the older nurse that says I saw her left
nurse looks away, but the my are around after 5 days
4 old dressing jacket, 2 dressing gowns - my left
silk dress, but I have no petticoats except 1 little red
one, & my stock green & old black skirt, not one sample
belt of any description - 9 nightdresses, flannel & cotton
I can do come up for me please dear, I am
here without a penny in my pocket, I feel large
my clothes look without thinking & indeed I was
dying & mawing far better at home with the
housework etc - Can you make this out or
not - much love in great distress
am going to play on old black skirt, old dark skirt
must have your long skirt in great distress
coming

would have put in, no plain
handkerchiefs, or a simple thing
that I want, not even a new ^{clothes} brush
or am ~~not~~ ^{no one} even allowed a pair of new
scales or fancy work in fact no one is
able to work or do anything they are all
almost too bad, & no one seems to be
able to speak - If you were not tired &
would soon ^{and} drive you to it, my only prayer
is come & see, - There are only about
two people (elderly) who are not
quite incapable to read & ~~write~~ to
speak & they are going home in a few
days I think, if you are not ^{travelling} ~~travelling~~ it
dangerous you are left to yourself as there
is only one nurse on this ~~lady~~ ^{lady} but she has
nothing to do with you ^{or} ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} at all
if you are allowed to be at large as
only to see that you go into the garden & that
you go down to coriols (there are a dotty old
women (but harmless) on this ~~lady~~ ^{lady} & there
are the only ones I see, they don't go at much
the Patients are taken in dress ~~made~~ ^{made} a
week - I ~~have not~~ ^{have not} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~well~~ ^{well} be too
dreadful

I feel I must send this scribble
to you - You would indeed pity
me. If you only saw the stuff
that Beermann has sent after
me. If ^{you} ~~Beermann~~ had been
at home this disaster they would
never have happened.

She has just got a crowd of all
the most lovely things you ever
saw, not one ^{left} thing that I want
I left everything about, have ~~just~~ ^{just} her
single brooch with one left my
bracelets & ring all on the dressing
table & she has not sent even a
pair of the plain stockings all those
Czech ribbed ^{winter} things out of the box
my ^{little room} I should think that have been
put away ^{of new ones} all flannel ^{10 pair of Hd} ^{trousers}
& the ^{silly} ~~old~~ ^{things} ~~ones~~, not one thing that you

Have no note paper, there is none if you ask for
it, I believe,
but the Bathroom comes next & I will talk to
him - but the Grand Master at once
There is another villa in the ground
where they are two or three more
ordinarily ladies who live there, & have
not the same rules or restrictions I think
but they keep entirely to themselves, one
is an artist, they have ordinary big windows
not like these little long ones, that only open
at the top - I was asked in there to yesterday
by a ~~house~~ nurse to see the pretty sitting
room & I saw a photo of Mrs. Hardy
Behren in evening dress - I am
perfectly well, as anyone here will
tell you - if you will only write and
ask them, either Dr. Kemp - or
Miss Lamb (who has come because of her
in accident for a long fortnight, she suffers with
bad heads, but this is not doing her any good
as is going, or even Mrs. Morton, the only other
~~sensible~~ lady in the place (who is better)
I am sure there is not a single gardener in any don
even the bathroom, you cannot have a bath alone
in any one place

When does Ethel return?

Can not write to anyone now, not even
Sylvia, though she has written nice letters
twice - she says they are going away to
Scotland, & if she could only let us
for them while they are away, but please
do not leave me ^{here} any longer, but do come up
home they go away - it is too dreadful to
think of being left here like this, not doing
a single thing, but on bed most of the time
in the garden a little, but ashamed of myself
all the time & so terribly handicapped by my
things, I don't know how to manage with them at
all - I am just keeping to two little handkerchiefs even
how different if only you had been at home?

I do hope your rheumatism is better -

I feel inclined to write to Dr. Beetham but don't
like to disturb him just what to say, only I don't
not ~~understand~~ ^{mean} anything I said, & now I see
what people can come to & are, which I certainly
am not. Don't let the remainder of life be spent
but please say when you will come do do
you see I am longing to take up things again but
it is perfectly impossible to leave.

Do - much love dear to you all
your miserable sister
Amy