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1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Aug 2nd 1916.

Dear Dr Price

I have your letter of the 1st inst for which I am obliged and send a few lines in return.
With regard to my sister Gertrude both my brother and I are perfectly agreeable for her to have a holiday with Miss Elkins or Mrs Read and think possibly the change may do her good. I will therefore be obliged if you would kindly arrange matters and let her have any funds she may require charging same to her standing account.
Regarding my sister Florence I am pleased to say she is settling down very nicely with Miss Carp and although at times she appears to suffer from a recurrence of morbid ideas, on the whole I am of the opinion she is making continued progress towards complete recovery. I spent a few days with her about 3 weeks ago and although on one or two occasions her morbid ideas got the better of her, on the whole I found her much better than I had ever done previously.
Before I deal with the question of the Certificates I think I had better put before you the future arrangements my brother and I contemplate making with regard to her, so that you may be in a position to give your opinion on their advisability. In the first place it is proposed to dispense with the services of Miss Morris (who is acting as companion) about the 14th of August, this step being taken with the full concurrence of Miss Carp, I having given her an entirely free hand in the matter. My sister is anxious for Miss Morris to leave so that she may have

over.

a very old friend of hers to stay with her at Melbourne and I propose to arrange accordingly. This friend will stay till the end of August & after that my sister will stay on with Miss Earp till the late autumn when I propose bringing her up to Newcastle to spend the winter with her relatives and friends. During part of this time she will live with my brother and after that I hope to get her into the family of some very old friends who live a few miles out of Newcastle as a paying guest.
With regard to the renewal of the Certificates I think that it would be advantageous if her name were still retained on your books, for although I personally would be extremely disappointed if it became necessary for her to return to the Retreat again, it is a contingency that must not be ignored. I of course do not know whether objections would be raised to the carrying out of the arrangements outlined above while her name was still on your books, or to what extent your responsibility for the case would be involved, but possibly you can enlighten me on the matter. The point really is this would you object to her coming to her friends in Newcastle entirely on her own, while her name was still on your books, for otherwise I assume it would mean her staying on with Miss Earp for an indefinite period.
Taking everything into consideration I think it would be advisable for Dr Wilson to examine her and she can then report to you on her present mental condition and both my brother and I will then be perfectly willing to be guided by your decision on the matter.
You mention that it will be necessary for my sister to go

1, HIGHBURY,
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March 5th 1917

Dear Dr Pierce

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd inst enclosing the formal discharge re my sister Florence which is quite in order & for which I am obliged. Now that this is an accomplished fact I wish on behalf of my brother & self to place on record our deep sense of gratitude to yourself and all those at the Retreat who in the smallest degree have contributed to her ultimate Cure. My brother & I have passed through a period of anxiety & stress these past 2 years which neither of us care to look back on, & had it not been for the hope & stimulous you invariably inspired in both of us, I dont really know how we should have got through it at all.

We now look forward with confidence to the cure of our sister Gertrude & although we may have to exercise a large measure of patience before we can claim her discharge, we feel however that things are moving in the right direction

With kindest regards & best wishes from

Yours very truly

Thos. Drysdale

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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through to Leeds to see Dr Wilson & although I have no doubt I could make the necessary arrangements to that end, I would very much prefer if Dr Wilson could spare the time to go through to Melbourne for the purpose of this examination, for by getting the 10-5 A.M train from York she could catch the necessary connections at Derby & return the same day. I will be pleased to hear from you as soon as possible in case it becomes necessary for me to make arrangements for my sister to go through to Leeds. Trusting you are quite well and with kindest regards

Yours very sincerely
Thos Dunford

LIDGET GREEN,
KENTON ROAD,
GOSFORTH.

Sunday.

Dear Mrs Pierce

Ever so many thanks for your kind invitation to Rhuvenby. I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed my visit. Iris Elkins, Sister Hilda were kindness itself, did all in their power to give me a nice time. It is indeed a lovely house to stay in. We had some glorious days on the moors.

Mrs. Fry is staying with me & I am enjoying having her. I told her I was writing to you & asked her if she wanted to send her love to you, but she thought it better to send her kindest regards! Florrie has been staying at Ilkley & Harrogate but expect her back on Tuesday. I thought Iris Elkins & Sister Hilda were looking very well, the latter looked just like her old self again.

With kindest regards & very many thanks for my most enjoyable visit

from
Gertrude J. Thurford.

23rd October, 1917.

Dear Miss Dunford,

I was delighted to get your cheery letter and to hear that your visit to Throxenby was such a success and that you found Miss Elkins and Sister Hilda so nicely. I was sorry not to be able to get over, but I have been very closely occupied lately, in fact business affairs and professional duties seem to be increasingly heavy.

My sister, Miss Hamilton, with Miss Thomasson, is talking of going over to Throxenby to-morrow for a little time, and I may be there on Saturday just for the day.

With kind regards both to your sister and yourself.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

13th September, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I have pleasure in enclosing the formal notice of discharge, and am very glad to hear that your sister is so nicely.

I understand from Throxemby that she is thinking of paying them a little visit there, this will be very acceptable.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Yours faithfully,

June, 1916.

Matron.

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4 Moorside
Newcastle on Tyne
11 Sept 1917

Dear Dr Price,

I regret that owing to absence from home for a few days that I have been unable to reply to your letter of the 4th inst. before. My sister Gertrude I am glad to say is making progress, & although her delusions have not entirely disappeared my brother & I think that with the lapse of time they will entirely disappear, under the circumstances we think the best plan is to discharge her as relieved & we shall therefore be glad if you

will have this suggestion carried into effect.

Very Faithfully Yours

Nancy Dumpson

4th September, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

The time has come round when the question of Miss G. J. Dunford's certificates must be considered, they will lapse in rather less than a fortnight's time.

It will be a pleasure if we can discharge her as recovered before that date. I hear good accounts of her from Miss Elkins, and it seems quite clear that she no longer needs to be under care.

If she cannot correctly be said to be recovered, there will be no difficulty in discharging her as relieved.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

27 Beverley Terrace
Cullercoats
Northumberland
20 July 1907

Dear Madam,

Will you be good enough to let me have <u>by return</u> a detailed account in respect of Miss G.J. Dunford including the charge of 2/6 per week for keeping her name on the books till Sept. 30th. I am most anxious to get Miss Dunford's financial affairs put in order but I cannot do so until you supply the particulars for which I have already made two applications

Yours Faithfully

Henry Dunford

staying at the above address for the next 6 weeks.

Yours Faithfully
Nancy Dunford

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27 Beverley Terrace
Cullercoats
12 July 1917

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me have by return a statement showing the financial position of Miss G. J. Dunford who was until some weeks ago a patient at Throxenby Hall.

Kindly note that I am

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Name & Address

Dear St. G. I am
spending the day
here - I am sure I
have got her home
at last I hope she
will stay awhile.
She looks so well
in spite of smoke
I am glad to see her
Beautiful Arms Snapdragon & Daffodil

Dr Bedford Price.
The Retreat
York.

3rd July, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

We are very glad indeed to hear such a good account of your sister Gertrude. It is very pleasing, and I hope that before the additional three months's leave of absence has expired the last remains of her painful ideas will have disappeared. If anyone should recover she ought to because she has taken so much trouble to help other people.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

4 Moorfield
Newcastle on Tyne
1 July 1917

Dear Dr. Lines,

I am glad to be able to report that my sister Gertrude is going on very well, she has been at Holy Island for 10 days with my sister Florence. My sisters have taken a house quite close to me, & are staying themselves over the furnishing etc of it; Gertrude remarked to my brother the other day that she would never return to Thoresby as a patient, but that she thought she might go as a paying guest sometime, & I am inclined to think she is right. It will be advisable I think

to keep his name on the books
of the Retreat for another 3 months
at the end of which time the
matter can be further considered.
I shall be glad to have as early
as possible an account showing the financial
position up to the end of June.
after the trying time through which
we have passed it is indeed a
great joy to have our visitors restored
to us, & we are deeply grateful to
you & all your staff for all you
have done for them. With kindest
regards in which my brother joins

Sincerely Yours

Nancy Dunford

29th May, 1917.

Dear Miss Elkins,

I am very sorry to hear of Miss Dunford's accident. It may not be altogether a misfortune. Sometimes a jar of this kind alters a person's outlook and tends to clear up the difficulties, and it may help her, but it must have been a shock to her and to Sister Hilda.

With regard to Miss Clark, I have been thinking the position over since I was at Throxenby, and I am not altogether satisfied. One realises that the illness is of an ill-defined nature; perhaps it would be easier to deal with if it were more pronounced. The chance of recovery in a case of this kind, it seems to me, depends much upon whether the person is willing to be patient and let time and favourable conditions heal up what some strain or illness may have produced, and there can, I think, be no doubt that this slow process of repair is much more quickly carried out if the patient is able to co-operate. In the present case I seemed to detect a feeling of, shall I say, resentment, a thought that she had been hardly dealt with in being sent to the Retreat and an unwillingness to be under care and control. To a considerable extent this is easily understood, as I do not think Miss Clark is very bad, and no one likes their liberty of action to be cutailed, but if she looks at the matter carefully and remembers for how many months

she has had individual care and treatment at very considerable expense, and that her relatives did not send her north without long and anxious thought, it seems to me that she will feel differently about it. Moreover a little reflection must show her that she is very much more fortunate than most people who are attacked in the same way, as she has a beautiful place like Throxenby open to her at a nominal fee to that her friends are not put to any undue expense, and she has thecare and attention of skilled people which, whether it helps her or not, is as good as can be provided anywhere in this country.

I have no objection to your showing her this letter, because in the first place I think you would be able to help her if you and she look at the facts together frankly. She would get assistance by giving you her full confidence, and I cannot but think that in this, as in other cases, you will have the satisfaction of seeing her gradually restored to perfect health. One thing seems to me quite clear, giving her her own way and allowing her to do just as she likes, has not been a success in the past and I see no reason why it should be in the future.

I am going away on Thursday for two or three days, so I shall not expect a reply to this letter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Caledonia House
79. Valley Drive
Harrogate

May 9th/17.

Dear Miss Hardcastle,

You will be wondering who is writing you from here I expect? I daresay you may have heard that Miss Dunford & I are staying here, we came last Tuesday week & leave on Tuesday next the end of our fortnight. We are then going on to stay with my brother's family near Kendal for another fortnight, so I am writing to ask you to send me some money, I think you had better send £10. & enter it against Miss Denford's name, & whatever is over we can let her have on her return to Throxenby for her needs when required! She is a perfect terror where money is concerned & it is hard work in a place like this to prevent her spending there are so many lovely shops & tempting things displayed in them, but when we are at my brothers there wont be so many temptations I trust! Would you post it to me on Saturday & then I shall get it on Sunday

there being a delivery that day here, otherwise if you did not send it till Monday, we should hardly get it in time before leaving.

We have been very lucky in our weather, & have had it fine all the time, & last week up till Saturday it was awfully hot, almost overpowering with one's winter clothes on, & then on Saturday it turned so cold but bright. We have been to such a lovely Symphony Concert this aft. at the Kursaal, we went last Wed. also. There are no bands playing out of doors yet. I hope you are feeling quite strong again after the Measles, did you get away for a change at all?

With kind remembrances

Believe me

Yours v. sincerely

Hilda M. Hale

TELEPHONE:-282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

April 29th 1917

Dear D. Price,

I have heard from W. Dunford & it is arranged for Sister & Miss Dunford to go to Harrogate on Tuesday for a fortnight & the brothers will join them the last week end. & the Sister for part of the time. The latter Miss Hale will arrange from Harrogate. Miss Bramley comes on Monday as paying guest.

Now I am wondering when you will be able to come over & give me a little time for a talk about several matters that I particularly wish to discuss with you soon. If you cannot spare the time to pay a visit here, may I come & see you. as I want these matters settled.

At last. I have a Cook, who will do for the time being. &

My New Maid Comes
to Morrow. So we Cook for
Ourselves Tuesday -
I Hope Jim Cold is better
& Miss Lyle No ill effects -
We had a Visit from
Mr. Cris & Mrs Halliday
Last Night -
Resident Regards
Yrs very Sincerely
Edith C. Elkins

39 Hemlock Avenue.
N. C. on Tyne.
April 24th.

I am wondering if
you received the
letter I wrote you
about a month ago.
If you ain't too busy
will you drop me a
line & let me know?
So many letters go
astray here & there.

Sincerely yours.

Florence Dunford.

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Dr Bedford Price.

The Retreat.

York.

to Newcastle - So I am not pressing the matter but just writing to tell her to write the facts -

With Kindest Regards

for Winter

Faith A. Ellis

TELEPHONE:-282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Feb 13th 1917

Dear Dr Price.

I have talked to Mrs Blyford & tried to persuade her to visit her Sister, but she does not feel she can do so, & if she did go it would only mean having a taxi to & from the Station

So that no one could see her, & she could never step outside the door - The thought of it - just calls forth all the old delusions that it is her Sister etc - So I feel that a visit under these circumstances will do her no good, & in fact only harm to force her against her will - As long as she has these delusions, she is happier & feels safer at Pikesburg, but unhappy & agitated if with her own people - She says she would like to go away for a week end, but she cannot go

22nd March, 1917.

Dear Miss Dunford,

I was over at Throxenby yesterday, and I thought your sister was somewhat better, but her ideas were apparently just as fixed as ever. I noticed once that she seemed to hesitate as if she wanted me to contradict her, as though she were not quite so sure of her statements as she pretended to be.

She spoke of Mrs. Fry going to see you, but I did not think it likely that she would wish to go herself. My own impression is really that Mrs. Fry is not a very helpful influence. She is pressing her to go to stay at Hawkshead with her, but I have told your sister that I think this is not wise and that I should not approve of it, and that those who have the first call upon her are her own relatives, and that if she is well enough to pay a visit of this kind she is well enough to meet them.

What I think would be the best plan, would be for one of your brothers to pay a visit to say Whitby or Saltburn, or possibly Harrogate, and for your sister to join him there, and after a little while for you to come and meet the party. I think the primary difficulty in Miss Dunford's mind is a return to Newcastle, where she says she would be lynched, but I fancy she would not decline to meet one of your brothers at some other place.

I am very sorry that her delusions with regard to

yourself appear to be as fixed as ever. She frequently says, however, that she wishes she were wrong and that she would welcome relief from the painful thoughts, and I think that if we are just quiet and haveconfidence these distressing ideas will disappear. For the time being I feel sure that it is best not to hurry, becase your sister feels safe at Throxenby, and she is well employed, and I cannot but think that work and occupation have a healing influence in themselves.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th March. 39 Hamilton Avenue
Jesmond.
N.E. on Tyne.

Dear Dr Price.

Have I your consent for
Mrs Fry to lay a pinnacle
my Sister to come here with
her for a night or two?
Mrs Fry would be delighted
to do so if you are willing.

I do indeed think it might be tried. Let the trial be a success she has only to speak up & go. Her closely "yes"! This my own experiment. Will you let me know soon. As you say how to make some arrangements.

Kindest regards Science yours.

L Dunford.

3rd March, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I have pleasure in enclosing a formal notice of discharge for your sister, as recovered. I am sorry that the matter was not dealt with earlier, but it does not seem to make a serious difference. I ought perhaps to have written to you shortly after the end of the year to know whether the discharge was duly authorised.

I will write to your sister Florence at an early date, and I think I can rightly tell her that her sister is better. We feel encouraged about her.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Retreat,

York,

3rd March, 1917.

Dear Miss Dunford,

I ought to have replied before to your letter, but now that Dr. Wilson has gone to take up War Work in Birmingham we are short-handed.

There is I fear a sad tendency to put off doing anything that is not at the moment imperative.

I can well understand your anxiety about your sister and that you are longing for her recovery so that you can settle down together. Though I think it unwise to try to hurry things up, I have myself no doubt that Miss Gertrude will get better. She is already much better and in a way can laugh at her strange beliefs, yet directly one talks to her seriously about them it is clear that they are present. She somwhow feels safe at Throxenby and she knows that she is useful there and it seems to me decidedly best to leave well alone. The direction I would suggest a move to be in is that you and some of the family should visit some suitable place later in the year and that she should join you there. I do in the slightest think there is any danger of your sister wanting to settle down always at Throxenby, but for the time I think she feels life is easier under the supervision she receivves there.

If the War could only come to an end her difficulties would be likely to vanish. She always says that if the war would cease wihtout the calamity she thinks is impending she

would be convinced she is wrong. But quite apart from her ideas we see a steady general imporovement and I should not be surprised that one day thatWar or no War her delusions will disappear like the Snow man we fashioned this winter in the Lodge Field.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 2nd 1917

Dear Dr Rivers

My brother has forwarded me your letter of the 26th ult which I am pleased to have & am writing you a few lines in reply. With regard to my sister Florence I was under the impression that her name had already been removed from your books at the Retreat on Dec 31. and I am therefore somewhat surprised to hear that this is not so. I have been looking up the correspondence on this point and in my letter to you on Oct 21st last I arranged that all outstanding fees etc on her behalf should be paid up to Dec. 31st and should matters continue satisfactory her name would automatically be withdrawn from your books at that date.

Possibly you may have expected a report from me confirming this arrangement when the time had expired, but being under the impression that the matter was already settled I did not do this. There is no reason at all for her name remaining on the books of the Retreat any longer - in fact it could have been removed at the end of last year, as her mental condition has improved steadily ever since she left Melbourne & I will be obliged if you would kindly have it removed.

She has now entirely lost her delusions & the only thing that depresses her at times is the enforced seperation from her sister which I know she feels acutely.

She told me she had written to you on this subject &

gathered that what disturbs her most is the possibility of her sister developing such a preference for life at Throxenby Hall as to make her ultimate return to Newcastle a matter of extreme difficulty if not an impossibility. I have told her however that under present conditions this no doubt might be so, but that as soon as her sister regained her full mental balance again matters would be very different and her fears on that score quite groundless.
As no doubt you possibly agree with this deduction I think it would help my sister Florence considerably were you to confirm it when you write to her.

Your report on my sister Gertrude is encouraging and could we only see a speedy termination of the war it is possible that we might witness a more rapid recovery. The conclusion of the war however is a question that time alone can settle, but let us hope it will be over this year. With kindest regards to you from

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dumford.

26th February, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I was over in Scarborough last week, and I found Miss Gertrude Dunford cheerful and much relieved that she had not gone to Newcastle to visit her sister. She spoke of the whole subject in a semi-jocular way, as if she was almost able to laugh at her own delusions. She said more than once that if the war were over she would be convinced that she was wrong. At present, however, she seems quite firm in her extraordinary beliefs. My own view is that things are moving slowly in the right direction, and it would be well not to hurry them. She feels safe at Throxenby, and is happy with the household there and also useful, and I cannot but think that one of these days the whole fabric of the delusions will disappear like a pack of cards.

With regard to Miss Florence, has not the time now come when she should be discharged from our books, and can I rightly do so as recovered?

I had a letter from her some days ago, which I must answer some time, but it is a little difficult to know what to say. She is evidently very nicely.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

39. Hamilton Avenue.
Jersey C.
N. C. on Tyne. Feb. 18.

Dear Dr. Price.

I had very much hoped my Sister could have been persuaded to come to stay a day or two with me. especially as I have her friend (Miss Holmboe) with me at present. Will you keep the idea before her

without too much distressing her.
I am busy here, with my hands
tentacles work - I am hoping that
some day my mind, shall will
rest. When rest I mean the
renewed for more work.
but work which brings peace.
restful sleep at night. I wake
so early. & go to bed late. Until
I have rest I feel so helpless
to help my sister. How she longs
all! I shall D. V. [illegible] in
Birmingham. Thanking you for all
you did. Yours sincerely
Florence Dimsdale.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Janry 1th 1917

Dear Dr Pierce

I am deeply obliged by your letter of the 31st ult and although in some respects your report on my sister's mental state is scarcely what I hoped for, apart from this it is satisfactory to know that she is happy & contented where she is, & that there are evidences of slow improvement. Of course much may happen this year which might react favourably upon her, but it is too early to speculate on such possibilities at present. My main object in writing you was simply to satisfy us all that everything possible was being done to expedite her recovery, and now that we have your report we must just exercise that patience which the recovery of nearly all mental cases demand.

Regarding my sister Florence I am afraid she was keenly disappointed in being denied the opportunity of seeing her sister again, as there is no doubt whatever she feels the continued seperation from her exceedingly. Writing strictly from her point of view I may say that she thinks it far from being a good sign that her sister is so happy & contented at Throxenby Hall, as in her opinion this all tends to make her ultimate return to normal life a longer & more difficult matter than it would otherwise might be. This of course is a

matter on which you alone can advise us as I believe she intends writing you on this & other matters. I have no doubt you will be able to re-assure her on the point. In view of your expressed opinion that the 2 sisters should not meet each other for the present, I hesitate to make any suggestions on that subject, but in deference to my sister's wishes I should like to ask you whether it would not be possible for me to bring her over to Scarborough for a week-end when we could have opportunities of all being together for a short time on the Saturday afternoon & Sunday.
Personally I doubt if any satisfactory result would accrue but provided no harm is done I should like to meet my sister's wishes in this matter if possible. In the event of your favourably considering this suggestion I would book rooms at an hotel for the 2 nights & complete the arrangements.
With kindest regards and all good wishes for 1917

Yours very sincerely

Thos. Dumford

4 Moorfields
Newcastle on Tyne
10 Jan 1907

Dear Madam,

I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me have the details of the item "Laundries per Motor" £20-10-11 which appears on Miss G. J. Dunford's account.

yrs faithfully

Nancy Dunford

Enclose account which please return with details

9th January, 1917.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

It is not correct to say that your sister is happy at Throxenby; in fact at times she is quite otherwise. When I was there she had an attack of weeping and was very much distressed at her hopeless position; on the other hand at times she undoubtedly forgets her troubles and when well employed is cheerful , though all the time there is in the back ground this painful state of apprehension.

On further thoughts I feel quite clear that Miss Dunford's suggestion that she should go away with Mrs. Fry is unwise. I doubt whether Mrs. Fry would have quite a helpful influence, though she is a very nice woman. It seems to me that your sister should have more occupation and as many interests as possible rather than going away with a single person living in lodgings.

With regard to Miss Florence coming over, I would suggest that in the first place some other member of the family should come to stay for a week-end. It might possibly be arranged for them to stay at Throxenby Hall if they would like to do so as I think the Officers are leaving and so there would be room, but I cannot but think that it would seriously hurt Miss Florence to find that she is still repudiated by her sister.

If some of the family come over I would siggest

that practically nothing be said about the delusions, and that general family topics should be talked of in a matter of fact way, and that no attempt should be made to explain away Miss Dunford's extraordinary ideas.

I have just heard from Throxenby that Miss Dunford went over to Bridlington yesterday with Miss Gregson and had quite a successful day helping the latter with her household arrangements.

Miss Elkins tells me that it would be quite convenient for you and Mrs. Dunford to stay at Throxenby Hall for a week-end if you incline to do so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Dec. 9th 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have intended writing you for some time now regarding the progress of my two sisters, but what with one thing & another & being away so much, I never seem to have had an opportunity of doing so till now.

With regard to my sister Florence I am pleased to report that taking everything into consideration she is going on quite well. She has now been with my brother rather more than 2 months & although during this period she has had some attacks of morbid depression she has otherwise been bright & natural and has also gone about quite a lot with her friends. I suppose these attacks of depression are more or less to be expected in a case of this sort, and I must say circumstances have been rather against her this last month, for not only has she lost a cousin who has died of wounds, but the war news & things generally have been far from bright. In my opinion however the greatest factor that is tending to retard her progress is her continued seperation from her sister and which she appears to feel acutely. Both my brother & I feel very helpless in this matter & can only preach the gospel of patience to her but on the whole it is a pretty thankless task.

In view of this I really wanted to ask you whether in your opinion we could take any further steps regarding my sister Gertrude with a view to improving her mental condition. & if so I should like to have your views.
I had an idea of suggesting that my sister Florence might visit Throwenden Hall for say a week to try the effect of bringing them together again but if this proved unsuccessful it might only have the effect of throwing her further back again. I should like to have your opinion on my sister Gertrude's present state and also what you think the prospects are of her recovery in the immediate future.
My sister Florence has expressed a very keen desire to settle down in a house of her own where she could be responsible for its complete management & on the whole I think the idea is a good one as tending to keep her mind occupied. Of course she would not have to be left too much alone but suitable steps could be taken to prevent this. She could of course stay on indefinitely with either my brother or myself if she liked but in view of her expressed wishes I should like to have your views on the matter before my brother & I take any steps.
I trust all is well with you & yours & with kindest regards

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dumford

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Oct 22nd 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

Replying to your letter of the 11th inst I am pleased to say my sister Florence is settling down satisfactorily in Newcastle & although at times she gets somewhat depressed this is really nothing more than what was to be expected. Everybody who has met her so far has commented very favourably on her mental & physical condition, and I can also say as far as the latter state is concerned, that I have certainly not seen her looking better for many years.
In order to give her further confidence in herself my brother and I have decided to let her have control of her financial affairs once more, but hesitate to do this so long as her name is on the books of the Retreat. Our reason for this is that we consider it would be neither satisfactory or advisable for an account to come in to her from the Retreat, and which would of course have to be settled by herself. In view of this I was wondering whether you could arrange to keep her name on your books till say Dec. 31st and let my brother & I have an account at once covering all expenses up to that date so that we can settle same before

handing over her money matters to herself. If matters go satisfactorily up to the end of the year then her name would automatically come off your books.
I understand she still has a suit case containing some things at the Retreat and as I shall be coming up from Birmingham next Friday (Oct 7th) will be pleased to take it on with me to Newcastle. My train is due at York at 12-33 & I believe the Newcastle train leaves No 14 platform at 12-40. If my connection happens to be late & I am not able to get thro train, I think whoever is in charge of the suit case should be instructed to just put it in the van & I will hunt it up later when I get to Newcastle.
I note your remarks re my sister Gertrude & I trust this trouble with her feet will soon be overcome. I agree with you that the continuance of the war is a retarding influence as far as her mental condition is concerned, one can only hope for its speedy termination, although at present it does not look as if that will be much before next Summer at the earliest.
Trusting you are keeping quite well

Yours faithfully
Thos. Dumford.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Oct 5th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce.

My brother & I were over at York a week last Tuesday & spent a very enjoyable afternoon with our sister Gertrude. We are both of the opinion that there has been further improvement since we saw her last April, & although she is still very deluded about her sister & the war, we found that her lucid periods were more frequent & longer than hitherto. By the way she appeared to be walking rather lamely & mentioned that something had happened to her instep & that a doctor had provided her with some supports for it. I dont know whether you think this will put her right again, but often these things develop for want of expert opinion on which case she must see a specialist if necessary.

I brought my sister Florence up from Melbourne yesterday and so far I am pleased to say she has been splendid. It is perhaps somewhat too early to pronounce definitely as to whether she has entirely recovered her mental balance, but from what Miss Earp has told me & from what I have seen of her so far myself, I think we can almost conclude that she has.

With regard to the removal of her name from your

books I have talked this matter over with my brother & we both think it should be retained for say another 2 months in case she finds it harder to settle down here than she expected. In this event she would return to Miss Tarpi for a further period & of course it would no doubt be necessary for her name to remain on your books while she was there.

I will write to you again on this matter in the course of a month or 6 weeks when the question will be finally dealt with.

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Thomas Dimford

25th September, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

Miss Dunford is coming over to see you to-morro but it is doubtful whether I shall be able to see you myself as I may have to go to Leeds, but this is not settled yet.

With regard to your sister Florence, would it not be well now that she should be discharged from our books entirely as she is going home. This, however, is a matter which can be left for the present if desired.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Sept 24th 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

Referring to your letter of the 14th respecting future arrangements for my sister Florence, I have now had the matter fully discussed with my brother and his wife, and as a result of this we have decided to have her up in Newcastle for a change and to also see if she can permanently settle down there.

She will stay with my brother & his wife who will accept full responsibility for her & we expect she will leave Melbourne on Oct 4th. In the event of this arrangement proving unsatisfactory she will promptly return to Miss Earp at Melbourne.

Regarding my sister Gertrude my brother and I are coming through to York on Tuesday for the purpose of spending the afternoon with her and if opportunity serves and you are at home we may call and see you.

Yours very sincerely

Thos. Dumford

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Sept 12th 1916

Dear Dr Pierce.

I was through at Melbourne last Saturday and Sunday and am pleased to say that things are going on satisfactorily with my sister Florence. You will no doubt have heard that we dispensed with Miss Morris about 5 weeks ago and for the last 3 my sister has had a very old freind staying with her.

My purpose in writing you is to find out whether you have any objections to my sister coming up to Newcastle at the end of the present month and staying with my brother and his wife in their home here. I may say that although she admits she is staying with a very nice family under ideal conditions at Melbourne, she has nevertheless an exceedingly strong desire to obliterate the past by not only trying to settle down again amongst her old friends and relations, but also by endeavouring to occupy her time in taking up some useful form of work.

She maintains that as her stay at Melbourne is only of a temporary character she cannot settle down to anything properly and under these circumstances she feels her time is just being wasted.

I have tried very hard to get her to stay on till the middle of October but she is very determined, and in view of this I scarcely think it advisable to attempt to keep her there, as I dont think she would make any

further progress under the circumstances.
She would remain with my brother in Newcastle for a month or so and possibly longer, and if matters progressed satisfactorily we might endeavour to settle her permanently in Newcastle, but failing this she could always return to Miss Earp at Melbourne.
I had intended also writing you regarding my sister Gertrude for although I have written her frequently I have not been able to elicit any reply from her at all. I may say however that I had a letter from Sister Hilda yesterday in which she tells me that although most of her delusions are still very pronounced, she has nevertheless improved considerably in other respects, her weight having gone up 10 lbs since last February. I should like to have the opportunity of seeing her some time but in these strenuous days it is much too far out of my way to attempt to go to Scarborough, so if you would sound her when you see her next, and find out if she would care to stop a night at the Retreat, so that I might have the opportunity of meeting her in York sometime when I am passing through.
Trusting all is well with you & with kindest regards

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dumford.

October 11th, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I was very pleased to receive your letter of October 5th.

I was over at Throxenby last Saturday and it is quite clear that Miss Dunford is slowly and steadily improving, though she is still deluded if one talks to her on any of the old topics.

She developed flat foot after going to Scarborough, due apparently to unsuitable boots and walking too far in them. This is due to weakness of the ligaments supporting the arch of the foot. She is wearing suitable supports with steel springs for the arch. This treatment should be supplemented by exercises, and possibly some massage passive movements. The difficulty has been that she has not been very willing to carry out what is recommended, but I have asked Miss Elkins to find out if there is anyone in Scarborough to help with this.

We are arranging for Miss Florence Dunford's leave of absence to be extended, and I much hope that she is doing well at Newcastle, and that you will soon have the satisfaction of seeing your sister restored to health.

I cannot but think that if the war would come to an end it would much facilitate their recovery.

Yours very truly,

14th September, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I was at Scarborough on Saturday and had several games of tennis with Miss Dunford and she was very bright and cheerful, but when I talked to her by herself it was very clear that she still had some strange ideas, - that she was the cause of the war, that she had killed her sister, and so forth. She told me that she would like to continue to stay at Throxenby and that she was quite comfortable there, but it could not be for long as she would be sent for. Many of these statements were made with a smile on her face as if she did not quite believe them.

I think if you were to write to her and say that you would like to see her and arrange some particular time she would come over to York to see you. We would gladly arrange to put her up if necessary.

There is one very morbid feature, the restless activity; she must always be kept going or she gets moody and depressed. She certainly has improved in health.

With regard to your sister Florence. I am quite sure she should be employed and doing something which she feels to be useful I am quite sure thatit is because there is plenty of employment at Throxenby Hall that your other sister is doing fairly well. I had hoped that there might

have been something at Melbourne which would have answered the purpose, as I almost fear that it may be a mistake for Miss Florence to return to home life when she has such strange ideas. Still I quite agree with you that she is so well now that she must hardly be dictated to.

Would it be possible for your sister-in-law to go to see her at Melbourne and talk things over with her so that she could judge a little as to how well she is. If after such an interview Mrs. Dunford felt quite easy about her returning to Newcastle I should feel quite satisfied.

On the whole I incline to think that a certain amount of risk must be run, but I should have been glad if Miss Dunford could have been persuaded to remain where she is a bit longer.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

27 Beverley Terrace
Cullercoats
12/8/16

Dear Sir,

I am obliged by your accounts against the Misses Dunford. Being in the interest of my visitors I shall be obliged if you could let me have the details of the item £2-8-1 Expenses to Newcastle & Scotland which appears in Miss F. Dunfords account. I was under the impression that there was only 2 3rd single tickets to Newcastle from York & the same from Scotland to York which would only account for about £1-4-0. I presume the greater part of the £8-0-11 Motors

expenses against Mrs F Dunford is for money advanced to her. I enclose the accounts referred to. I trust you will accept my apologies for troubling you on this matter.

Yours Faithfully

Harvey Dunford

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27 Beverley Terrace
Cullercoats
Northumberland

1 August 1916

Dear Sir,

As I do not appear to have received any account for some time for my two sisters the Misses Dempsey I shall be obliged if you will kindly forward same at an early date. I am staying at the above address till August 16th after which & Moorfield Newcastle as before.

Yours Faithfully
Nancy Dempsey

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1st August, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

Miss Dunford has been invited with Miss Elkins to join Mr. & Mrs. Read somewhere for a holiday in a week or two. Mr. & Mrs. Read live near Throxenby Hall and are frequently there, and they have seen a good deal of Miss Dunford lately. I thought I would let you know of this proposal, and there seems to be no reason why Miss Dunford should not go. She is very pleasant to do with, but I am not sure whether her fundamental ideas have altered.

I hope you have had good reports of her sister. We have not heard anything lately.

I should explain that the certificates for Miss Florence Dunford will lapse unless I or one of the Medical Officers here see her and sign a special report saying that she still needs to be under care. Of course, if she could be discharged as "recovered" the matter would be at an end, but if she remains of unsound mind it would not be proper for her to remain with Miss Harp excepting under certificates. She could be transferred formally to Miss Harp's care if you wish. This could be done by applying to the Board of Control, 66 Victoria Street, Westminster, for their consent to the transfer, and no doubt this could be effected before the certificates lapse

1st August, 1916.

on the 13th instant, but there is not very much time. If, after considering the matter, you think the certificates should remain in force perhaps Miss Dunford could make the journey to Leeds to see Dr. Mackenzie or Dr. Wilson within the stated time. Personally I expect to be away from home after Thursday.

The matter is the more troublesome because it is illegal for anyone to receive a patient for profit if they are of unsound mind, but as Miss Dunford is on leave of absence from the Retreat Miss Harp's position is secure, but it would not be so if Miss Dunford were discharged.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

July 8th 1916.

Dear Dr Reece

I am writing you a few lines to let you know that I got my sister Florence safely installed in her new surroundings at Melbourne last Monday and judging by letters received from her since, I think she is both happy and satisfied with her hosts, their home and its surroundings. It was a beautiful day when we got down there and although she seemed low spirited and depressed when I met her at York she improved considerably as we neared our destination. I am rather afraid the week end spent with her sister had a depressing effect on her, and I agree with you that until there are signs of a more marked improvement in my sister Gertrude it is not desirable for them to see too much of each other for the present. I met Miss Morris at Miss Earps and think she will prove a satisfactory Companion. My sister is very anxious to dispense with her services at the earliest possible moment, in fact she only wanted to engage her for a week or a fortnight, but I have told her she must stay at least a month to 6 weeks and Miss Earp can then settle the question whether she can be dispensed with or not.

I propose keeping my sister down at Melbourne till the end of September or the 2nd week in October & I hope she will then be well enough to come back to Newcastle and settle down amongst her own friends once more.

Regarding my eldest sister I certainly think there are

a number of indications that point to her ultimate recovery although I am afraid the process is going to be slow & will require a lot of patience on our part. I understand there has been some suggestion made by my younger sister for her to go down & stay with her at Melbourne during August, but this is a matter that will have to have careful thought before it can be agreed to and for the present I think we cannot do better than keep her at Shrowenby Hall if you can make arrangements to that end.

I feel I must take this opportunity of expressing both on behalf of myself & my brother our deep sense of gratitude for all you have accomplished for our 2 sisters. The unfailing kindness and sympathy they ever received from yourself, Dr. Wilson, Miss Beadle and all others whom they came in personal contact with, will ever be gratefully remembered by us all. I will therefore be glad if you would convey these sentiments to everyone both at the Retreat and at Shrowenby Hall who have in the smallest degree contributed to their present advanced state of recovery. With kindest regards and renewed thanks from

Yours very sincerely

Thomas Dumford

10th July, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

Many thanks for your very kind letter. I have mentioned to several members of the staff your very kind allusion to their work on behalf of your sisters. For a time certainly both of them were very distressing and painful cases, but afterwards it was a real pleasure to do anything for them, and both of them have been exceedingly willing to help the staff whenever they could.

I saw Miss Gertrude on Saturday at Throxenby, and had some very excellent games of tennis with her. Not a word was said indicating anything amiss. The delusional state of mind continues however.

I quite agree with you that it is desirable that the sisters should not meet under present circumstances.

The week-end here was not a great success, though it went off much better than some of the previous visits. I understand that Miss Florence is writing to her sister, asking her to join her at Melbourne, but I do not think that I should encourage it unless Miss Gertrude has lost her unhappy delusion as to her sister's identity.

Miss Elkins tells me that Miss Gertrude is most useful at Throxenby. Now that the patients there are not the brightest Miss Gertrude has almost all her meals with the officers, and she is quite willing to assist them in any

way she can.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1056.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

June 27th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I have your letter of the 26th inst and from which I am glad to know that you think Miss Morris will prove a suitable companion for my sister Florence. In view of this and providing the arrangements are satisfactory to yourself I propose taking my sister down to Melbourne next Monday July 3rd and will travel by the Midland train from York leaving at 12-22. I expect to get into York about 12-5 and will look out for her in the Booking Hall about that time. I will get her Railway ticket and as there is a restaurant car on the train we will have lunch en route.
With regard to Miss Morris, as I see from your letter you intend letting her know when she will be required I will be obliged if you would write to her & arrange for her to travel direct from Rugeley to Melbourne and to get there about midday next Monday.
I will be glad to have a line from you stating that these arrangements are satisfactory & in order.

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dumford.

P.S. Miss Morris' address is 22 Albion Street Rugeley Staffs.
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22, Albion Street
Rugeley
Staffs

June 22nd 16

Dear Sir

A few days ago I received a letter from Mr T. Dunford of Newcastle-on-Tyne with reference to a lady patient which I understand is at "The Retreat". Mr Dunford wishes me to have an interview with you & see the patient to whom I am to act as companion on her arrival at "Church House" Melbourne Derby. Will it be convenient for me to interview you on Monday next June 26th? I shall endeavour to reach York about mid-day. If the latter is not convenient kindly state when.

Yours Respectfully
Alice Morris

Dr Pierce
"The Retreat"
York.

1002.

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BIRMINGHAM.

TELEPHONES:
2600 MIDLAND (8 LINES).
2604 DO. MANAGER.

June 12th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce.

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th with enclosure which reached me just as I was leaving for here.

I am calling to see Miss Earp on Wednesday morning & later I shall come on to York & will be pleased to see you at 6-15. at the Retreat. I had intended getting the 6-15 back to Newcastle but am making arrangement to get a later train. This will enable me to see you in order to discuss the question of a suitable companion for my sister Florence & I will be about get the latest news of my sister Gertrude since I understand you are going to Scarborough.

The war news is very encouraging this week and after all the depressing events of last week & I trust the Russians will keep things moving. Looking to see you later

Yours very sincerely

Thos. Dunford

10th June, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

Many thanks for your letter.

I may have to go to Scarborough on Wednesday morning, but I shall be back in the afternoon to see you. I wonder if 6.15 would be too late for you?

I send you the enclosed letter from Miss Harp. The Dr. Dougall referred to was a patient I saw at Miss Harp's house in consultation, who afterwards went to America.

I think it would be well to leave the matter until we meet. Something or other may turn up before next Wednesday, but there could be no harm in ascertaining whether this Miss Morris would be at liberty if she is wanted.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

991.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

June 8th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce.

Just a line to let you know that I have had a letter from Miss Earp who is agreeable to accept my sister Florence as a Companion into her home as paying guests & please accept my thanks for moving in this matter. I have arranged with Miss Earp to call & see her on Wednesday morning next & in the afternoon I am coming on to York to see you on various matters & trust it will be convenient for me to call about 3-30. I am very anxious to get the question of a suitable Companion settled up without delay, and am naturally anxious to discuss the matter with you. With kind regards & trusting to see you on Wednesday afternoon

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dempsey

982.

The Church Street
Melbourne
~~Friday~~ June 6

Dear Dr Bickford Pierce

I thank you for your letter. I shall be glad to receive Miss Florence Dupuch & have written direct to her brother today

In haste for the post

Sincerely yours

Margaret B. Carpenter

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LETTER CARD

Dr Bidford-Pierce
The Retreat
York.

5th June, 1916.

Dear Miss Barr,

I have a patient here, a Miss Dunford, who is much better, but who has not recovered, and we think she needs a change of surroundings.

She has delusions of a depressed nature, but she is not now considered dangerous in any way, and she has parole about the Institution and sleeps alone.

It is rather an unusual case, as she and her sister broke down almost simultaneously with very similar ideas, thinking they had sold the country to the Germans and it would not be very long before the whole of English society was broken up and destroyed in consequence.

She is about thirty-four years of age and personally she is very attractive and has been a very pleasant member of the family since she began to improve.

She cannot go to our branch house at Scarborough as her sister is there, and experience shows that one sister does not help the other.

I suggested to her brother that possibly you could receive Miss Florence Dunford together with a companion, and he writes asking me to ascertain whether this is possible

Unfortunately at the moment I have not anyone to suggest as a nurse or companion, and it is exceedingly important to have someone who would be sensible and sympathetic.

I think perhaps you had better write direct to the brother, Mr. T. Dunford, 1 Highbury, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne., telling him what the terms would be for the two. They are in moderate circumstances and would wish to pay what is proper.

Mr. Dunford travels about a good deal, and it is possible that if invited he might come to see you to talk things over.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

June 4th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am deeply obliged by your kind letter of the 1st inst. and for all the trouble you are taking in order to get my sister Florence settled in satisfactory surroundings. I was sorry I was unable to see you when I was at the Retreat last Tuesday but your letter has certainly made the position quite clear. I am somewhat uncertain at present regarding my movements this week but it is quite possible I may have to go down to Birmingham or Sheffield towards the end of the week, and in which case I will certainly advise you later what day to expect me.

Referring to my visit to the Retreat last Tuesday I was somewhat disappointed with my sister Florence's condition and although there was no disposition on her part to delusions her conversation on the whole was inclined to be of a morbid character.

I do not know whether this can be ascribed to any particular cause or whether she was just inclined that way at the time of my visit, but taking everything into consideration I certainly agree with you that the time has scarcely arrived when she could come and stay with us and start normal life once more. In view of this both my brother and I welcome the suggestion you have made as to the possibility of sending her down to stay with Miss Earp

Near Derby in charge of a suitable companion.
To this end I will therefore be obliged if you would make enquiries of Miss Earp as to whether she is at present in a position to accept my sister and a companion as boarders and what her terms would be.
If we can get this matter satisfactorily settled there only remains the obtaining of a suitable companion and which may present some difficulty. Before taking any action in this latter matter I feel it will be very advisable for me to see you for unless you are able to recommend someone yourself, it will be necessary to advertise for a companion, and before doing this I would like to discuss with you the form of advertisement, the qualifications necessary and the salary that should be paid.

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dumford

June 1st, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I was sorry to miss you when you were over here the other day. I have had a pleasant interview with your sister this afternoon, and she really is better. It is true that the delusions remain but she looks at them so much more reasonably. She is interesting herself in all kinds of things, gardening and needlework, etc, and is so much more willing to be advised what to do that I feel distinctly encouraged about her. It looks, however, as though complete recovery will be a rather slow business. I do not think she is at present well enough to return home to family life at Newcastle, or with other relatives. She herself would evidently like to go to Throxenby for a few weeks, I have my doubts as to the wisdom of this, as the sisters rather aggravate one another's morbid ideas, and argue with one another, whereas it is much better to ignore the delusions. It seems clear that it would be well for Miss Dunford to leave here as arranged, and I think she would be quite well enough to take up family life under favourable conditions. The only thing that has occurred to me is a possibility of her staying with a Miss Earp at Church House, Melbourne, near Derby. This lady I have met and know something about. She lives in an old family house very beautifully situated, and she has been extremely kind to a young lady, a former patient of mine, who still goes down

there for a change to get away from difficulties at home. If a suitable companion could be found, and there were no objections to going to the Midlands, I believe it would be difficult to find a more comfortable house.

I do not at all know how Miss Harp is situated at the present time, and it is quite possible that she could not take in boarders, but if you wished I could enquire.

The reason why I suggest a place so far away is that I should be satisfied that the personal influence would be good, and this means very much in a case of this kind.

If you are passing through York I do not expect to be away from home and should be pleased to talk things over with you.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

25th May, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I am going to London to-day until Tuesday and fear that I shall not be able to see you on that day.

I quite agree that some change must be made for Miss Florence, but I much doubt the wisdom of letting her change with her sister at Throxenby, even for a short time.

On my return from London I will write to you more decidedly in response toyour letter. I am sorry for the delay in writing.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

May 24th 1916

Dear Dr Pearce.

When I was over at York last Saturday my sister Florence asked me about the possibility of her leaving the Retreat at the end of the present month and as I had not an opportunity of discussing matters with you privately I thought it better to write & get an expression of your opinion on the point. It seems to me that the whole question of bringing her out of the Retreat and letting her resume her normal life again without supervision, largely hinges on the question as to whether she still retains any suicidal tendencies. Apart from this I think she would in all probability loose the delusion that occasionally troubles her by coming amongst her friends again and also by keeping her time fully occupied. As far as the tendency to suicide is concerned, I feel that you will be able to speak with very much greater certainty than any one else could on this point, as you have had her constantly under observation. As an expression of my own opinion however I dont think there is very much danger from this, in spite of the fact that she gave evidences of suicide at Goathland & which was no doubt a sudden impulse caused by bitter disappointment at having to return to the Retreat.

I feel however that my brother & I must be guided by you on this point & I should be glad to have your views on the matter. If you consider that 3 or 4 weeks

more supervision are necessary I should like you if possible to arrange for them to be spent at Throxenby Hall as I think the surroundings there would be more conducive to her state of convalescence than at the Retreat.
This of course will entail my sister Gertrude returning to the Retreat for 2 or 3 weeks as I certainly think it inadvisable for them to be there together for any lengthy period under present conditions.
I may say that my sister Florence has sentimental reasons for not going to Throxenby if it thereby entails the return of her sister to York, but as the latter's progress is only slow I don't think the change would have any adverse effect on her.
In view of this I feel that this attitude on my sister Florence's part must not be allowed to interfere with any arrangements you may think desirable to make for her ultimate good.
I anticipate calling at the Retreat next Tuesday afternoon and hope to have the opportunity of seeing you should you not be otherwise engaged.

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dunford.

4 Moorfield
Newcastle on Tyne
9 May 1916

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your of the 3rd inst enclosing account against Mrs G. J Dunford for which I enclose cheque value £46-1-3. I note your remarks re Mrs T Dunfords account with which I am in agreement.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of cheque & oblige

Yours Faithfully

Nancy Dunford

932.

HOURS,
1·30 – 3 P.M.
TEL. Nº 244 JESMOND.

72, OSBORNE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Dear Dr Bedford Pearce.

Many thanks for your letter re. boy. re the Misses Dunford. I wish you could have given more encouraging report. I expect Dr Dunford may call on me soon when I will give you report of the interview we may come to some conclusion as to the subsequent treatment in both cases.

Dear Mr. [illegible]

Yours truly

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May 9-1916.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

May 7th 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

I wish to thank you for your letters of April 29th and May 4th and am deeply grateful to you for going out to Goathland last Wednesday to see my sister Florence. It has naturally been a great disappointment to me that you found it necessary for her to return to the "Retreat" but in view of her breakdown last Monday and succeeding days it was really the only way out of the difficulty pending the settlement of our future course of action. It was no doubt a bitter disappointment to my sister as apparently she made a very real & strenuous attempt to suppress her delusions but the mental effort necessary was evidently too much for her in the end, and resulted in the relapse above referred to. I had quite a sensible letter from her yesterday and although reconciled to remaining in the "Retreat" for the time being, she is most anxious to know what course of action we intend adopting in the future, as she says life at the "Retreat" is intolerable to her. This of course only refers to the associations & environment she has there, and in no sense reflects on the care, attention and food she receives, and which she admits is beyond reproach. In view of this I am naturally

anxious to come to some arrangement concerning her as soon as possible, more especially as it may be prejudicial to her further progress to keep her in the "Retreat" in her present attitude of mind.
I am certainly very favourably disposed to your suggestion about trying to get her into a doctor's home and if there are any enquiries you can put on foot to that end I will be deeply grateful if you would do so without delay.
There are a considerable number of matters I want to talk over with you and which would take altogether too long to write about, so I propose calling at the "Retreat" next Thursday morning and I trust it will be convenient for you to see me then. I will be away from Newcastle during the early part of the week but should you want to communicate with me a letter will find me at the Victoria Station Hotel Sheffield on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Yours very sincerely
Thomas Dumford.

6th May, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

Just a line to say that Miss Dunford has done exceedingly well since she came back to the Retreat, she is quite pleasant and very meet. She apologises for all the trouble she gave the nurse, and generally gives the impression that she is rather glad to be back and safe, and protected from herself.

I have written at considerable length to Dr. Duke on the matter, perhaps you will be able to see me and talk over the situation. It is perplexing to know quite what is the best to do for her as she is at present unfit for ordinary family life.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

May 6th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Duke,

I thought I would like to write you a report about how your two patients the Misses Dunford have been going on. Both of them are very much better, the acute symptoms have passed off, and they are improved physically, and yet I cannot say that either of them is convalescent.
It is very unusual indeed to have two sisters with cases so strikingly similar.

Miss Gertrude Dunford is at Throxenby Hall near Scarborough and seems quite happy there, she joins in the life of the household, is cheerful and even merry, but her delusions are still present. She is satisfied that her sister here is a imitation person introduced by Germans, and that we are just carrying on for a time, and that the end of everything is coming very shortly, and that she has sold the country to the Germans and is responsible for the war. In spite of this she sometimes makes light of these strange beliefs, and we began to hope that these ideas are fading and her general conduct certainly gives ground for hope that this so.

Miss Florence Dunford as you will know had a week on trial at home and a fortnight at Goathland with her relations. I had to bring her back to the Retreat as she went back into her previous unhappy state, and it was clearly not safe for her to continue there without watchful care continually. She is certainly unfit to be anywhere with a

single nurse. She naturally did not want to return to the Retreat and tried to take some ammonia, but I do not think one must put too much weight on this, though before this she had frequently said she wished she had courage to throw herself into the river. Now she is back here she is much betteragain, and is fairly cheerful, and I think it is a relief to her to be safe. She has a delusion that there is a monster inside her which lives on the food she takes. She also is responsible for the war, and has sold her country to the Germans. She is quite good to do with, and the problem to solve is whether anything can be done better for her than remaining here at the Retreat, which has painful memories of the time when she was so terribly bad, and it is quite possible that an entire change would be helpful to her. I am at a loss to know what to suggest. I might find a doctor's house at Harrogate, but this would be very expensive, and one hesitates to recommend in a case of this kind single care. She is quite unfit to go to an ordinary house under the care of a nyrse , and even if there is a possibility of removing her to an entirely new place, such as Craig House, Morningside, or some other institution for the treatment of mental diseases, I feel sure that she would object to this strongly as she likes the staff at the Retreat, and frequently speaks of the kindness she receives.

What she herself wants is to go into some family not far from her own relations so that she could see something of them, and live an ordinary family life. Do you by any chance know of a medical man in the north who receives resident patients who would care to take a case of this kind? Failing this I fancy the best course is to fix a time for Miss Florence to stay here, say one month or two months, to see if she improves again, and if she does not do so to arrange her transfer to some other institution.

Would it be possible for you to come and see the sisters? I think you would be very much pleased to see the progress they have made, and it would be a great pleasure to have the opportunity of talking the matter over with you. I am writing to Mr, Dunford telling him that I Have written to you.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

4th May, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I am exceedingly sorry to say that I had to advise that Miss Dunford should return to the Retreat pending some other arrangements.

On the whole she had done fairly well, and certainly for part of the time she had improved since she left the Retreat, but recently there has been some relapse, and on Tuesday Miss Dunford had a very bad day. The delusions that she had some monster inside her living at her expense, that she was the cause of all the war, and many others which you which you have heard about, were as vivid as ever. She also several times spoke of injuring herself, saying that if she only had the courage she would throw herself into the river. The nurse was naturally very anxious and had hardly any sleep on Tuesday night, being on the look out as to what she was doing, and it was clearly quite impossible for the nurse to remain at Goathland with your sister after the sisters-in-law had left. Any other arrangement clearly would take time to make, and consequently Miss Dunford must return here and I arranged accordingly.

It is not surprising that Miss Dunford is very disappointed, as, of course, the Retreat has many painful associations for her. On the other hand she spoke in the warmest way of the attention she had received here, and, of course, one realises that the malady is something quite

independent of her surroundings.

I told Miss Dunford that I suggested that she should be removed to private care in some other part of the north of England, and I think this would be the right course to take, provided, of course, that a suitable place could be found.

It is difficult to find a place for a person who has tendencies to self-injury, yet it is possible that a medical man might be able to receive her into his family if suitable companionship could be secured.

I am really at a loss to make any suggestions, but I would make enquiries at Harrogate if you would like me to do so, as a lady doctor there would probably be able to make some recommendation. Miss Dunford herself would prefer to be nearer her relatives, at Stocksfield or Warkworth, but I do not know anyone there.

The painful part of the case is that Miss Dunford has been struggling her utmost to suppress and ignore her delusions, and in this she has been successful up to a certain point, but unfortunately she has not recovered far enough for them to disappear. Though she looks better she has not gained in weight as a convalescent patient ought to do, and she is not taking food very well.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Hillcrest,
Coathland
May 2nd 1916.

Dear Dr Peirce,

I received your note this morning, I am afraid I am unable to report improvement in Miss Dunford.
All last week she kept up very well – wrote letters took an interest in everything in general & was very bright although deluded. She said she felt better & was also sleeping better. However yesterday afternoon she had a relapse & during the evening she was very agitated & wept bitterly. Today she has been very miserable & agitated, and very tiresome to get out of doors.
I think the sooner she returns to The Retreat the better but I'm afraid there will be trouble as she ~~has~~ has made up her mind not to return, however perhaps when you see her she may do so quietly.

Yours very Truly.
Catherine Macdonald.

May 1st, 1916.

Dear Sister Catherine,

I am proposing to come by the morning train on Wednesday to see Miss Dunford and find out how she is going on.

I shall arrive about half past eleven, and will go straight to your lodgings.

I hope you will be able to report further improvement.

Yours very truly,

29th April, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I am certainly somewhat disappointed that you cannot report a more decided improvement in Miss Florence, and that the change of scene to the beautiful country at Goathland has not as yet dispelled her distressing ideas.

I should be glad to go to see her, but I cannot do so until Wednesday next. I have unfortunately an important engagement on Monday and another on Tuesday, neither of which can be altered.

I am writing to Sister Catherine saying when I hope to come.

I can quite understand that she does not want to return to York. She had, of course, a painful and tedious time her. After I have seen her, however, I will write to you respecting the three points you raise.

A telephone message this morning from Scarborough says that Miss Dunford is going on fairly well, but her delusions have not yet gone. She is, however, cheerful and is useful in the house.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

April 27th 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry I was unable to see you yesterday afternoon on my return from Goathland but both my brother and I thought that 6 o PM was rather late for an interview especially as we had to return to Newcastle the same night. In view of this I have decided to write to you regarding the course of action you would recommend concerning my sister Florence as something definite must be settled within the next week. I have no doubt you will have already received some reports from Sister Catherine but I think it would be advisable for you to see my sister again before anything is settled, and if it is not interfering too much with your professional engagements I should like you to visit Goathland early next week and see her. I may say that she is most adverse to returning to the Retreat (which I have no doubt is a state of affairs frequently met with) and if there is a possibility of her not returning, it would be better for you to see her at Goathland.
As far as my own observations go I certainly think there has been some improvement since she left the Retreat a fortnight ago, although there is no disguising the fact that she still suffers from delusions at times On the other hand she certainly takes an interest in many things she did not do at the "Retreat" as she played Bridge with us one night & there are a number of other indications I could mention that point to a return to the normal state. As far as my own inclinations are concerned I should be very disappointed

If it were found necessary to send her back to the "Retreat" but on a question of this sort my brother & I have decided that your decision must be adopted for you alone are able to advise us on this matter. In view of this I should like your opinion on the following points viz.

1. Do you consider that by remaining outside the "Retreat" there would be a possibility of the patient throwing off the delusions she suffers from at times, and if so whether it would be a long process.
2. Failing the above I assume you would ~~would~~ recommend a return to the Retreat for further treatment.
3. In the event of your recommending No 1 course, would you consider it necessary to have a trained nurse or suitable companion for the patient or do you think she has now reached a stage when this could be dispensed with. If you do not think so, could you either arrange for a nurse or recommend a companion.

My brother & I were over at Shroscenley last Saturday and spent the afternoon with our sister Gertrude. We found her physically very well & were not surprised at her desire to remain there, as it is indeed a lovely place. I did not notice much improvement in her mental condition since I saw her about 4 months ago. but no doubt it is a question of time & we must be patient. With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dunford.

P.S. My sister Florence is staying at "Billeres" on the Mill Green at Goudhurst.

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1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

April 7th 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce

With further reference to my visit to you today, I have now had an opportunity of discussing the proposal of removing my sister Florence from the Retreat with my brother, & may say that we can make the necessary arrangements to receive her at the above address next Wednesday provided she is accompanied by a qualified nurse. We would very much like the nurse to stay on till after the Easter Holidays so as to give my sister a proper chance & we trust you will be able to arrange accordingly. My brother & I intend telephoning to you on Sunday afternoon to my sister Florence, between 3-30 & 4-0 o'clock & we should like you to be present if possible at the same time, in case there are any points arising out of this letter you would like to discuss.

Yours very sincerely,
Thos. Dunford
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4th April, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I think you ought to know that we have unfortunately had a small epidemic of Scarlet Fever here, and one lady with whom Miss Dunford has been in contact has been attacked, about a week ago. I fully expect that Miss Dunford will escape. She is certainly at present insomewhat better health, and this morning she has been asking to telephone to her sister on her birthday.

The Scarlet Fever makes it very difficult for us to be sure of a nurse when Miss Dunford goes away. As you will understand it greatly cripples the staff, as no less than five nurses are attacked, and others have to be set aside entirely to deal with the infected cases. I fully hope with this beautiful weather that in the course of a week or two the attack will have entirely subsided, and then we may be able to liberate someone, but I thought I had better let you know how the matter stands.

I remain,

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

22nd March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I think your suggestion of Goathland very good, if only we have rather better weather; just at present with the north wind, snow and sleet it would be very cold. It is, however, a charming neighbourhood, and one can get down into the valley and avoid a good deal of wind, and if the sun comes out you ought to find abundance of daffodils by the river near Beckhole.

I should think you will do well to engage rooms at once. Do you stay at the Hydropathic or the hotel? The last time I was at the Mallyon and Spout the catering was extremely poor, but perhaps that was due to some temporary cause. Friends of ours speak very well of the Hydropathic though I have not stayed there myself.

I find that Miss Florence was quite disappointed at not going to Throxenby when a party of patients went over there the other day. There will be no difficulty about her going there excepting for the fact that neither of the sisters has lost her delusions, and we so far have thought that discussing things together reinforces their respective ideas. There is no doubt that Miss Florence looks very much better, she was out walking yesterday and one was struck by her improved appearance.

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April 2nd 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

I am just writing you a few lines to let you know that I shall be visiting the Retreat next Friday afternoon & as there are one or two matters I want to discuss with you trust I shall have the opportunity of seeing you then.
Regarding the visit to Scotland at Easter arrangements are now more or less completed & although I have been unable to secure rooms at Mrs Adamson's I have fixed up satisfactory accomodation with Mrs Widdowson of "Hill Crest" who was highly recommended.
With regard to a nurse accompanying us I have booked the necessary accomodation for her, for after discussing the matter with my brother we have come to the decision that it is desirable to have one & trust you will arrange accordingly.
I hope that all is well with you & your patients at the Retreat for I heard yesterday that York Station had more or less been destroyed by Zeppelins & if true you have evidently been within the sphere of their operations.

Yours faithfully
Thos. Bamford.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 23rd 1916

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter of the 22nd inst contents of which I note. With regard to the accomodation at Goathland I propose to book rooms with Miss Adamson at "Mill Croft" as this is where my sister & brother stayed a few years ago and which they found excellent both as far as the food and the accomodation was concerned. If I am unable to get the necessary rooms at this establishment I will endeavour to book them at the Hydro which from all accounts is much superior to the Hotel.
You did not mention in your letter whether you thought it would be necessary for a nurse to accompany my sister but in case it becomes necessary I am arranging to book a bedroom with two beds in it for her.
Your remarks regarding my sister Florence are most encouraging and let us hope this little outing at Easter will help to accelerate her progress towards complete recovery. I certainly thought there was considerable improvement in her all round when I saw her last Thursday

With kindest regards from

Yours very sincerely

Thos. Dumford.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 21st 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am returning you herewith the report by Nurse Hutchings on my sister Florence, and which I wish to thank you for. We all think it a most interesting report and its conclusions are certainly hopeful and comforting, and our best thanks are due to Nurse Hutchings for the very careful and thorough manner in which she has dealt with the case.

With regard to your suggestion of a short holiday for my sister Florence at Easter, I have now had an opportunity of discussing this proposal both with my wife and my brother and may say that it meets with their enthusiastic approval, and in view of this we can consider the matter as settled.

Regarding the selection of a suitable place my brother has suggested Goathland which is situated on the Yorkshire moors and is within 6 miles of Whitby. He & my 2 sisters spent a very enjoyable holiday there a few years ago and being within easy reach of Whitby, Scarborough & York it seems to me to be particularly adapted for our purpose, for if a little more life and excitement are required it could be furnished by either of the former places.

I have written to my sister Florence and put this suggestion before her, and as she appears adverse to writing letters to me, I have no doubt she will express her views to you personally. I trust she will approve of

of this suggestion, but if not she should be asked to
give some indication where she would like to go.
I hope however this will not be necessary as we know
Goathland and the accomodation there is excellent.
As it will be necessary to book the rooms in good time
I will be glad to hear from you as soon as possible
that matters are in order. I dont know whether you
consider it necessary for a nurse to accompany the patient
but if so you might let me know so that the necessary
accomodation for her can be secured. In that event I
assume that the nurse would have to sleep in the
same room & in which case I would arrange for a
double-bedded room.
I expect to be in York during the first week in
April and will then take the opportunity of discussing
any further points with you. With kind regards

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
Thos. Dimsdale

No. 222

The Retreat,

York, March 6 1916

Received from Miss G. J. Dunford

the sum of Thirteen Pounds

Six Shillings and Eight Pence

on account of

£ 13. 6. 8

Secretary.

No. 221

The Retreat,

York, March 6 1916

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Secretary.

Post Office Orders (Interest.)
cashed. March. 4. 1916.

8 p.m.

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27th January, 1916.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

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It has been provisionally arranged that Miss Gertrude should go to our branch house at Scarborough for a week with a nurse, and they are thinking of going on Saturday. I thought it would be well for her to have a change of surroundings and be away from her sister for a time.

There is no doubt that both of them are distinctly better than they were, but the delusions are not dispersed yet.

Many thanks for the cheques, receipts for which are enclosed.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

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4, MOORFIELD,
HIGH WEST JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

25 Jan 1916

Dear Dr Price,

I enclose cheques in payment of my sisters board to March 31st next. If which kindly acknowledge. As nearly a month has elapsed since my visit to York I shall be glad to know if you consider there has been any improvement made in my sisters condition. With kind regards

Faithfully Yours
Nancy Dunford

4, Moorfield,
High West Jesmond,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

26 December 1905

Dear Sir,

I am obliged by your letter of the 23rd inst. re terms for my sisters, & am glad to note the reduction to £4-4-0 per week each. As my brother & myself intend visiting the Retreat on Thursday next we will discuss the matter further with Dr Pierce then.

Yours Faithfully

Harvey Dunford

23rd December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Committee the question of the terms for the Misses Dunford was under condideration. In view of the fact that special night nurses are no longer provided and that the amount of nursing is considerably lessened, the Committee decided to reduce the terms from the date when the change in nursing was made to £4. 4. 0 per week in each case. I hope this arrangement will be satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

Harvey Dunford, Esq.
4 Moorfield,
High West Jesmond,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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I hope this arrangement will be satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

Percy Dunford, Esq.

Hartfield,

High West Jesmond,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

8th November, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Miss Florence Dunford is in a distressing condition. She accuses herself of crimes and wishes to give herself up to the Police; she is also in a very agitated state. I think it would be a very distressing interview for any old friend, and in view of what you say, I think Mrs. Sanderson had better defer coming for the present. There would be no objection to her writing a letter to Miss Dunford, assuring her of her sympathy in her illness.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. Waite Sanderson, Esq.
Kenton Hall,
Kenton,
Northumberland.

KENTON HALL,
KENTON,
NORTHUMBERLAND.

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Dear Sir,

My wife is one of the oldest & closest friends of Mrs Florence Bamford who is in your Home.

I understand that Mrs F. Bamford has written my wife asking her to go and see her as she imagines she has some confession to make & my wife which of course is just part of the disease.

I therefore wish to know 1st would it be likely to relieve Mrs F. Bamford's mind if my wife visited her.

2nd Would it be likely to have a bad effect upon my wife who is of a somewhat nervous disposition.

Of course my wife is anxious to see Mrs F. Bamford if she can do any good

Yours truly
W. Waite Sanderson

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dear Joan

Please start to
get me out of
this place as soon
as possible. alone
I must go to Rouen
do not delay

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1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

October 16th 1916.

Dear Dr Pierce

Regarding my visit to the "Retreat" last Wednesday as the time at our disposal did not permit us to discuss financial matters concerning my sisters at any length, I have considered it advisable to write so as to put the whole position before you. I may say that prior to the war each of my sisters enjoyed an income of about £315 per annum but what with increased taxation & reduced dividends since, I dont think we can rely on much more than about £280 to £290 each. Both my brother & myself are therefore anxious to keep the expenditure on each of them within the limits of this sum, otherwise it will entail drawing on their capital which you will agree with me is a matter to be avoided if possible. In view of this if the expenditure on each of them for board & medical attendance can be reduced to say £65 per quarter without unduly interfering with their comfort, it would be desirable and it would leave a small margin for dress, laundry and other incidental expenses.

On the other hand however, we are determined that no expense must be spared to ensure their ultimate recovery and we therefore give you an absolutely free hand in this matter. Any reduction in the

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Nursing staff etc. must only be done when in your considered opinion it can be carried out without detriment to either of your two patients. As far as I remember we agreed to let the present expenditure go on for a few weeks longer and when you think the time has arrived when a reduction can be effected you will no doubt let me know. I spent quite a long time with my sister Florence last Wednesday afternoon and on the whole I certainly think she is improving although it was quite apparent at times that she was suffering from delusions. I did not see my other sister as I was afraid it might upset her but hope to do so when I am next at the Retreat.

Yours faithfully
Thos. Dumford.

9th October, 1915.

Dear Mr. Dunford,

I am not able to report much improvement. Miss Dunford is sleeping much better the last three nights without sedatives, but she remains in a very painful, distressed condition, and she still believes her sister is dead and the one we have here is an imitation. She is still picking her face, and continuous supervision day and night is necessary.

Miss Florence is up and about in the grounds daily. She does not get rid of her delusions, but she looks better, and is better able to sustain a conversation. We have not taken her to see her sister, as we fdar that Miss Dunford's distressing condition would have a bad influence on her.

We find that in the elder sister there is a slight indication of kidney disease, but this may only be a temporary matter.

It will be quite all right if you send the luggage up in a taxi on Monday.

In about a week I should like to hear from you about the question of expense, as, if I understand rightly, the cost of nursing for the two sisters, which practically means five nurses between them, is really more than you are justified in spending. Perhaps you will be able to call on your return from Birmingham, and we can then talk over the situation.

1, HIGHBURY,
JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Oct 7th 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce

I duly received a report from the Matron this morning and from which I was sorry to see that my sister Gertrude had not been so well these last few days & had in fact been trying to injure herself. I may say that I received a communication from her last Tuesday which I enclose, and which speaks for itself. It is still very evident that she possesses in a marked degree, the desire to give herself up to the police & which deserved her for some weeks before going into the "Retreat". I was glad to have more comforting news regarding my sister Florence and I trust her improvement may be maintained. I think it possible that when the two are eventually brought together it may have a beneficial effect on them both. I am bringing their heavy luggage over next Monday as I intend going to Birmingham on business. I am afraid I could not have time to bring the luggage up to the "Retreat" but will see it on to a taxi at York station & you might kindly arrange to settle up with the man when he delivers it, as I think it better to be paid for on delivery rather than before.

I may possibly call at the "Retreat" on my return journey next Wednesday & trust to have an opportunity

of having a few words with you.
With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely
Thos. Dimpod.

P.S. You will of course just charge one of my sisters accounts for the amount of the taxi that will bring the luggage up.
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sister from whom we found it very difficult to get away, my brother was naturally a little disappointed in her after his visit of some three weeks ago, personally I noticed some improvement from the time when I brought her over to the Retreat, for a time she discussed the episode which has caused all the trouble in a rational & sensible way which I

MOORFIELD,
HIGH WEST JESMOND,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

27 September 1905

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for your kind letter from which I was glad to learn of the safe arrival of my sister. I regret we did not leave ourselves sufficient time on Thursday to have a word with you after our talk with our

kind sympathy, & we can assure you that it is a great relief to us both to know that our sisters hands are in such capable, & that everything possible is being done to bring about their speedy & complete recovery.

Faithfully Yours
Nancy Dunfoss

thought was hopeless. I am glad you consider there seems nothing unfavourable about my elder sisters case, it is also quite possible that when they are brought in contact with each other some of the illusions which they seem to have in common may be dispelled. My brother & myself duely appreciate your

you mention I understand from Dr Duke whom I went in to Newcastle to see that they were posted on to you yesterday, he also states that as emergency certificates have been asked for by Dr Drummond that the details would be completed at York. I enclose form of guarantee duly signed & witnessed as desired,

Cottage Hotel
Wooler
Northumberland
20 August 1915

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The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir, I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst which I only received late last night as I am away from home & the letter in consequence had to be forwarded on to me here. With regard to the certificates

also Cheque for £95-11-0
for one quarters board
in advance your
receipt for which will
be esteemed a favour.
As I am returning to
Newcastle on Tuesday
morning kindly forward
receipt to 4 Moorfield
Newcastle on Tyne

from Harvey Stafford

578.

N.B.—This Form must accompany any Inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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TO Mackensie Retreat York

Your Wire to Hand Harvey Dunford is away and cannot reach York tonight understand from Dr Drummond that patient was admitted under Emergency order and that all other formalities were to be completed at York

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TO { 12 Mackenzie.

by yourself or Duke forwarded additional papers Last wednesday which I can consider Completed matters I Brothers come York tomorrow instead were but if necessary please 1 Highbury Newcastleon Tyne tonight Thomas Dunford

TELEPHONE,
No 244, JESMOND.

72, OSBORNE ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Dear Mr Pierce.

I am enclosing a further statement in the case of Miss Florence Dunford. Kindly let me know if the emergency papers have been rec'd & that all details have been supplied by you & that anything is now in order.

I will be glad to hear from you as to her progress & that I can inform her relatives.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Ogmund Duke

Aug. 18. 1915.

880.

Telephone,
National No 1181.

6, SAVILLE PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

August 17th, 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am much obliged for your letter, with particulars of Miss Dunford's case, and hope she will make satisfactory progress under your care.

She was admitted to my Private Hospital before I had the opportunity of seeing her. Otherwise, I should not have taken her in. She has gradually become worse during the few weeks we have had her, and my nurses have had a good deal of anxiety on account of her restlessness and refusal to remain in one room. She has wandered about at night, and in other ways shown that she is not responsible for her actions. Her delusions have been most marked, but still I hope she will do well. I shall be glad to hear how she progresses.

I note what you say about Mrs. Allden: It was indeed a sad case.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours very truly,

David Drummond

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TO { Reply paid Superintendent Retreat York

Please send to day female attendant with Papers for Lady Patient by the 1.52 train if possible

Drummond Saville Place Newcastle

4, Moorfield,
High West Jesmond,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

25 October 1915

The Secretary
Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

I now return agreement duly signed & witnessed as requested, cheque for Mrs Dunford's board to December 31st will follow in the course of a post or two.

Yours faithfully,

Nancy Dunford

Oct 4. 1915

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Relief Committee the terms for Miss Gertrude S. Dumford were fixed at 7 guineas a week whilst two nurses are required —

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

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Waller

Sec.

A. Dumford Esq.

Berlin, den 21. April 1915

Auf Ihr freund liches Schreiben vom 7. April d. J. teilen wir Ihnen ergebenst mit, daß wir Ihnen gern die gewünschte Auskunft über unsere Firma erteilen werden.

Unsere Firma besteht nun 11 Jahre und hat sich in dieser Zeit einen guten Ruf erworben.

Wir empfehlen uns Ihnen bestens.

Hochachtungsvoll

—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 Gertrude Jane Dunford of ..... as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcote, The Mount, York, the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessaries, 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 Twenty Fifth day of October 1915

Name Nanny Dunford

Residence 4 Norfolk Newcastle on Tyne

Occupation Wholesale Ironmonger

SIGNED by the said Nanny Dunford

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Thomas Andrew Middlemiss

Address, and 15 Chester Crescent, N/C

Profession. Clerk.

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Aug. 27, 1915

Florence Dunford

Sir,

In reply to your enquiry as to the grounds on which I gave the certificate as to personal interview, I beg to say they were as follows.

The patient is in a depressed delusional state a and fears she has committed some crime. The visit of a Magistrate seemed to me likely to distress her and do her harm.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

Board of Control

Aug. 27, 1915

Albert Brittain

Sir,

In reply to your enquiry as to the grounds on which I gave the certificate as to personal interview, I beg to say they were as follows.

He is depressed and agitated. He is apprehensive and accuses himself of wrong doing. In my opinion the visit of a Magistrate would be likely to affect him injuriously.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary,

Board of Control

All communications should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,
The Board of Control,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different subjects should be made in separate letters.

In reply please quote

No.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, *Victoria Street, S.W.*

26th August, 1915.

Sir,

Florence Dunford.

I have to request you to be so good as to inform the Board of Control on what grounds your certificate of the 21st instant, as to personal interview after reception, was based in this case.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. S. Wild

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

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18th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

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Yours very truly,

Harvey Dunford, Esq.
4 Moorfield,
High West Jesmond,
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High Post Yarnam,

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WITNESS my hand the Twentieth day of August 1915

Name Harvey Dunford

Residence 4 Moorfield Newcastle on Tyne

Occupation Wholesale Ironmonger

SIGNED by the said Harvey Dunford

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Maud M. Carter.

Address, and 26 Sanderson Road. Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Profession. Teacher of Languages.

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Aug. 18 1915

Harvey Binford Esq

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Retreat Committee held yesterday the terms for Florence Binford were under consideration. As this patient is a private having a special room also a special day & special night nurse they the Committee suggested a fee of 7 Guineas a week. If she goes right into the dormitory with them the fee would of course be considerably less. I enclose the usual form of agreement which please return to me when completed

Yours faithfully
Sec. E. Waller Secr

Name Miss G Dunford. Age Ward Centre Admitted Sept 25th 15 Weight on Admission 5st 7. Hs 10

DATE Oct. 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st Nov 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th

FOOD.
- Quantity Taken
- Very Good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Very Poor
- If Spoon fed No. of times.
- If Tube fed No. of times.

Bowels.

Weight. 1st 12st 8 lbs. 1st 12st 9 lbs. 8-11

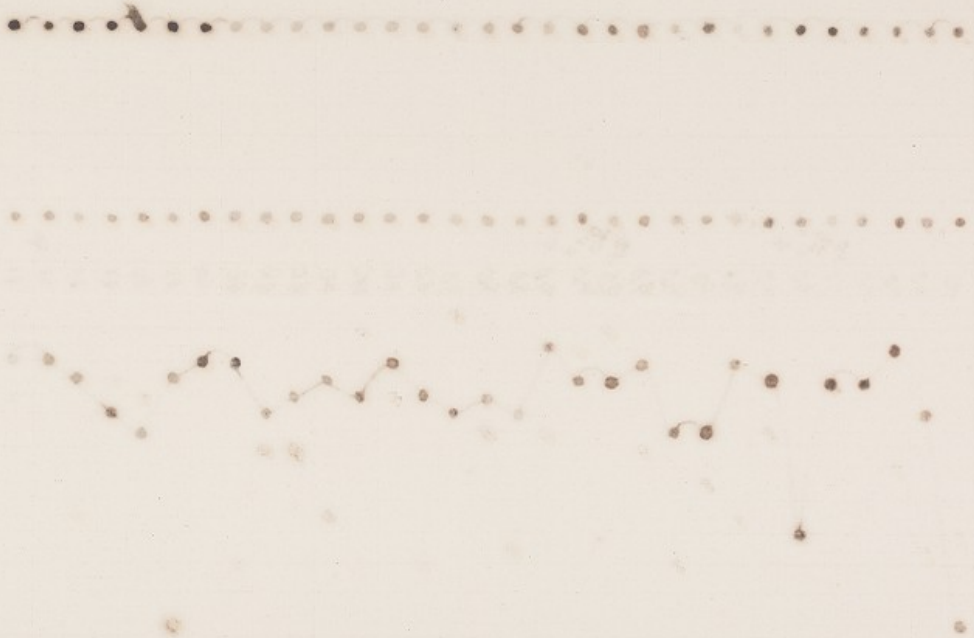
SLEEP. Hours each night. 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

SEDATIVES.
- Drug
- Quantity
- Time given

Diet and Treatment Ordered.

S. Enema. Daily
Oct 28th Salts a.m
Nov 4th " "

A vertical line should be drawn at the end of each week.



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Good Day

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- Drug
- Quantity
- Time given

Diet and Treatment Ordered.
Sept 26th 5 grs Cascara Good R.
" 29th 2 Cascara Tab
" 30th Salts a m
Oct 1st Salts "
" — 1 Cascara Tab
" 2nd S. Enema. Good R.
To be given daily
" 3rd 1 Cascara Tab
" 4th Continuous Bath
" 5th 1 Cascara Tab
" 6th Continuous Bath a.m. 1½ hours
" Wet Pack ½ hour
" 8th 1 Cascara Tab
" 12th Salts a.m
" 19th salts a.m
" 21st salts a.m.
" 24th " "

A vertical line should be drawn at the end of each week.

Name, Gertrude Jane Drumford. Age. 42. Date of Adm. Sept 25/15.
Address. 1 Highbury, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne.
Description. Single. Of no occupation
Religious Persuasion. Congregationalist.

H.P.C.

Attack commenced about seven weeks ago. Very anxious about her sister. Thought she had lost all her money. Has been in the country about a fortnight under care of a nurse, but was difficult to manage.

P.H.

Health good. Keen on sports. read a fair amount. Has taken great care of her sister.

F.H.

FATHER. died of cancer of prostate. aet. 64.
MOTHER. died of pernicious anaemia aet. 64.
No family history of mental disorder.

Abstract of Certificates.

Patient says she is the victim of a German plot; that she killed her sister Florence and must go to prison and be punished. She also thinks says she is responsible for the war. States that Dr. Duke is not Dr. Duke, but a German spy impersonating Dr. Duke.

Name Gertrude Jane Dumford. Ward. Centre. Date of Exam.
General Bodily condition Thin 8 Sept 26th 1915
Height 5 Ft. 5½ ins Weight (without clothes)
Nutrition poor. 7 sts 10 lbs
Injuries (if any) Face badly picked and body bruised.
Deformities none.

Head & Neck Eye brows and eye lashes pulled out
Teeth Fairly good. some artificial Hair very thin
Trunk Bruised
Arms & Legs Bruised and Picked
Skin Sallow

Complexion Sallow Colour Pale
Tongue White Respiration 16
Pulse 80 Temperature 97.6

Mental condition Bad.
General Appearance Bright at times. Others confused and adgitated
Conversation good, but very deluded
Clearness Very clear
Orientation Good
Memory Bad
Coherence Good
Delusions & Halls. Very deluded. Thinks she has killed ys sister. Thinks she is a spy.
Emotional State. Excited
Complaints. Says she should not be here, but in prison.

Conduct & Behaviour. Throws herself about. Pulls out her hair, Habits bad.

Sept 26th Pt very restless, throwing herself about, and trying to pick her face and pull out her hair. Takes food well, but needs persuading. Very deluded, says she killed her sister 7 weeks ago, also that she goes out at night to steal. Thinks she is connected with the war, and is spying for Germany. Habits bad and abusives herself Does not sleep well. (See Chart)

Sept 27th Pt very excited, saying she must go to prison. Got up and dressed 5 p.m. Was taken to the Recreation room where music was played for her. She would take no notice, and got extremily agitated. When in her room, she tried to put her hands into the fire, and get through the window.

Sept 28th Pt in bed all day. Restless and agitated at times. Tried to swallow her teeth.

Sept 29th Pt restless in the a.m. Slept for 2 hours after dinner. Sat in her dressing gown, and music was played in the room below, she took notice, was also interested in the papers.

Sept 30th Pt extremly restless and agitated all day Rather resistive with food.

Oct 1st Much better day, sitting up in dressing gown all the afternoon

Oct 2nd Very agitated and excited all day.

Oct 3rd Pt very excited all day, throwing herself about and trying to pull out her hair. Habits very bad.

Oct 4th Pt Pt very agitated all day, and very deluded, saying she had been out during the night. Had Physical Drill three times for ¼ hour. Continuous bath from 3 p m to 4.30.

Oct 5th Good day, quiet but still very deluded.

Oct 6th Pt very excited from 9. a. m. struggling and trying to injure herself. tried to bite the nurses. Continuous bath in the a.m.

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for 1½ hours. Wet Pack in afternoon for ¾ hours Pat. Draught given at 6.p.m. Slept 9 hours.

Oct 4th Drowsy and slept part of the day. After 6 p.m. restless and adgitated. Still very deluded. Spoon fed with breakfast.

Oct 8th Pt had much better day. Slept short intervals. Quiet when awake. In the evening more sensible, took at interest in her surroundings and read the paper. Took food well.

Oct 11th Pt started being very adgitated and restless about 9 a.m. Was taken for outdoor treatment on the 6th Hall Balcony Continuous bath from 3 to 4 p.m. Very adgitated after. Pat Draught given 4.15 Slept 10½ hours.

Oct 12th Quiet part of day and in bed in West Villa Shelter. Continuous bath at 5. p.m Struggling and trying to injure herself. Sulphonal and Draught given 6.30 Quiet since 7.30.

Oct 13th Quiet day in W. V. Shelter till 5.30 p.m Sensible in the evening, reading books. Habits still very bad.

Oct 15th Better day, takes more interest in her surrounding and does a little reading

Oct 17th Quiet day, in shelter till 5. p.m, habits very faulty, had to have her hands held most of the day.

" 24th Restless & agitated & constantly picking herself. Struggling at times & trying to knock herself about Sulphonal given on thursday.

" 31st much better during the week. Fairly sensible at times. Drill given twice daily.

Nov 7th Fairly good during the week. Went for a Country walk yesterday with R. Hayton. Inclined to be agitated & picking herself today.

Nov 14th Fairly good during the week. Has a walk in the Country each day with Nurse. Cards each evening which she takes an interest in. Visited by her brother on Friday, fairly bright after he left.

" 21st Condition much the same. Still very deluded.

" 28th No change. Has had tea with her Sister several times. Refuses to believe she is her Sister, but admits she is very like her.
Says all her fancies about Killing her Sister goes, when she is with her, but is very reluctant to be with her.

Dec 5th Seems more cheerful & takes an interest in whatever goes on. Is taking food & sleeping well. Has a country walk each day.
Still deluded about her Sister.
Visited by her Brother & Sister in law, on Friday. Had tea together.

F. M. Byrne

Dec. 27th Pt. still very good & no trouble, but very depressed & worried since her sister came on the Centre.
Talks of her delusions, etc much more, & is continually crying. Has not been sleeping at all well. Employs herself through the day, & is very helpful.
Goes out walking. Daily. Town & Country.

F. H. Millard.

Jan 2nd Condition much the same, Still very deluded.
Jan 9th No Change. Does not sleep as well.
Jan 23rd Pt still very deluded & depressed, Does not seem nearly as well. Sleeping very little & does not want food.
Does not give any trouble but seems utterly miserable.

F. H. Millard.

Jan: 29th Patient continues deluded & depressed, but sleeps fairly well, is very undecided; Went to Throx: today with N. Millard for a few days, says she will be taken

up before she gets there.