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TO {

Dr. Pierce Retreat York

Letter delay sent yesterday daughter pleads
working you at once

Eagle



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partnerships and no other doctor here knows her. Her own doctor, Dr Macpherson has left the town and she has steadily refused to see another since. As Dr Brownlow says when two go in, she will see through it in a moment and be on her best behaviour, and be careful not to commit herself. Nevertheless if she will not go away I must try it. What I am so afraid of is lest between the times of getting the doctors in and the arrival of the nurses she should do some serious damage either to herself or to the little boy we have taken in. She is much more violent than in 1908

British School,
Henley-on-Thames.
Jan 29 12

Dear Dr Pierce,

I wrote you from Reading last night and sent a telegram this morning.

I felt yesterday, I could not wait any longer, but today my daughter pleaded to have the opportunity of taking her mother to Croydon, where two of my sons live. Also Dr Brownlow says he can foresee great difficulty in obtaining the second medical certificate. He and Dr Smith signed before but since then they have gone into

Dr Brownlow thinks the best thing would be for her to go to Croydon, if she will. He thinks she might be all right if removed from me & that it is worth the attempt but I have been trying for three years to get her to do this.

Will you please send me the proper forms for filling up. I forgot about them last night.

I thought just now of giving her an ultimatum of "Croydon or Separation Order", but I feel I must get all ready, as far as possible, for a removal

to Lork. When you send to me please address: -

British School only.

Yours faithfully,

I Eagle

Whinfell,
Upper Redlands Road,
Reading.

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28.1.1912

Dear Harry.

May I enclose a covering
letter with the one from
Reverend Eyles which he has
written here. He came over from
Hawley this evening to see C.E.
Stansfeld who as you know
is agent for the Retreat for this
month or monthly meeting.
Stansfeld is unfortunately away
& ill in bed with no immediate
prospect of being about again.
May I therefore as far as I am
able ~~from~~ my ignorance of what
is required under the circumstances

write to you on the subject.

Probably F. Eagle's letter will not be a ~~for~~ surprise to you knowing his wife's previous history. So that I need not state more fully the urgent need there is for care of some kind for Edith Eagle. - (though I have no very recent personal knowledge of her condition). - Frederick Eagle is willing to continue the payment he made before - to pay all expenses for her removal to York also other necessary expenses.

It seems wise that Edith Eagle should not have previous knowledge of what is being planned so that the nurse

or nurses should go to the house with plans fully laid for her removal to York. - It is important that this should be done as soon as possible.

F. Eagle's address is the British School Haulay on Thames

With kind regards to
you all

Yours sincerely

Alfred Rawlings

talked about stabbing me,
a few weeks ago she threw
a quart glass jug at me,
striking me on the shoulder.

We have a little adopted
-informally- boy with us whom
she is very fond of. I am in
daily terror lest she should
turn on him & do him some
serious injury.

Can you send two nurses
down to take her to York?

As soon as they come - say
Tuesday morning - please tell
them to call at the British
School so that I can take
them to the Doctor's first &
all go up together. My wife

Whinfell,
Upper Redlands Road,
Reading.

Jan 28 12

Dear Mr Pierce,

I must again
call on you for help
(Edith Eagle York 1908).
My wife has been getting
bad, fast lately & it has
begun to tell on my
daughters, and though I do
not at all mind sacrificing
myself it has dawned on
me today that I shall be
a criminal to let my
daughters have much more.
Last Tuesday my wife

must not know that I am
taking any steps or she
would be doing something
desperate. If you send
to me letter or telegram please
direct to

British School only,
then I shall be sure of getting
it without my wife knowing
I cannot bring her myself
as I did last time, I couldn't
trust myself as I am far
too 'done up'

Yours faithfully
F. Eagle

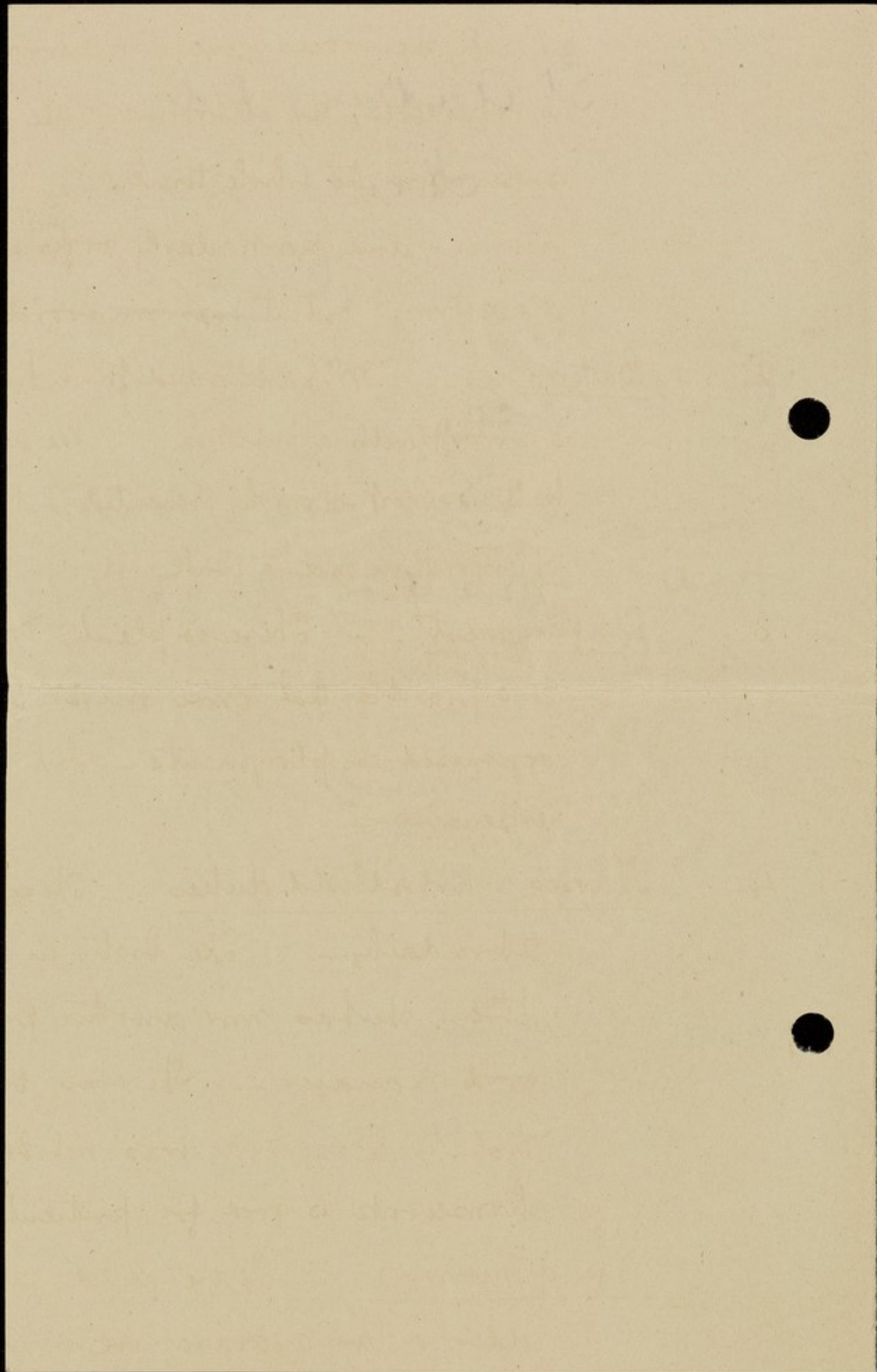
St. Andrews Rd.,
Henley-on-Thames
Dec 2 '08

● Dear Dr Pierce,

Enclosed please
find a five pound bank
note, to discharge bill of
4 - 13 - 6 . Kindly keep the
extra 6/6 towards what
is still owing & which
● does not appear on bill

Yours faithfully,

F Eagle



Comments of Mr. Earle's letter.

1. "Men & women subjected to demoralizing treatment either mentally, or morally."

There is little idea conveyed in the letter as to what is meant. The suggestion is that the treatment is punitive. As Mr. Earle was deemed to be suicidal and until the day she left she would give no assurance whatever that justified me in considering her otherwise, she was under strict ~~continuous~~ supervision the whole time. This is a serious matter for anyone, and particularly so for a patient of her character and disposition: but it was unavoidable.

2. Bathing. Mr. Earle asked for a bath every day - there is no difficulty about this. We have patients ^{by} whom a weekly bath is most strongly resented, but we do not insist on baths oftener than once a week, though anyone have them oftener if they wish.

3. Employment. There is plenty to do, if patients will do it. It is possible that more might be done in the direction of organised employments - but special instructions are expensive -

4. Nurses & household duties. There are supposed to be 2 hrs daily - The Sister in charge when Mr. Earle was there (she has now another post), was perhaps not a very good manager. She was young of age - It is possible that the housework was not done always to time. But housework is good for patients as well as nurses.

5. Age of nurses. If we could get women 2 or 3 years older on an average we would gladly engage them but they are not to be had.

6. Religious companions. No easy matter to find. We have found from experience that ladies' companions as distinct from nurses are not always a success. A lot of friction is only too likely to occur.

7. Letters are regulated by statute. Mr. Earle's letters were never interfered with but she believed they were until the end & would accept no assurance to the contrary.

OVER.

Mr Eagle was deluded in relation to her husband and suspicious in relation to persons at the Retreat; this was or marked as almost to amount to delusions - Almost

Immediately before she left she said I was in a plot to keep her at the Retreat for ever. Her whole attitude was discourteous & hostile to me & the medical officers, she had a prejudicial ~~and~~ influence upon other patients although she meant to befriend them.

I have no doubt she is still insane and will remain so: although she is an intelligent woman able to talk cleverly on almost any subject and taking a close interest in what goes on around her.

It may be noted that after she left she ~~also~~ wrote a letter to Dr Kemp thanking her for her kindness.

Letters.

On enquiry I find that on two or three occasions letters addressed to persons not known to Dr Kemp - (strangers not of relatives) were sent under cover to Mr Eagle for him to forward or not at his discretion.

Dec 1st

^{in the Case-book}
The following note was written three weeks before Mr Eagle left in Dec. 1. Patient is very bitter & suspects us all of Treachery. She won't believe that her letters are not opened & read before being sent away. She makes accusations against her husband and becomes white with passion as she does so. She says we feed up the patients here until they are fat animals and have no brain at all. She puts pernicious ideas like this into the minds of other patients. On the other hand she is always well behaved and comes to the entertainments & parties etc -

1/2 here notes that Mr Eagle (besides any drives in the Retreat carriages) when out beyond the grounds as follows :- Walks with City 12 times, Country Walks 8, Private drives 4, lectures in the city 3, Church or Minister 3 times -

& Dr. Pierce's note. I am completely
satisfied that all possible has been
done for Mrs. Eagle. The other
members of our No. W. Committee
have not seen either your letter
or Dr. Pierce's note, but I will
assure them that I have been
completely satisfied.

I return Dr. Pierce's note, & with
renewed thanks for your courtesy
& consideration

I am

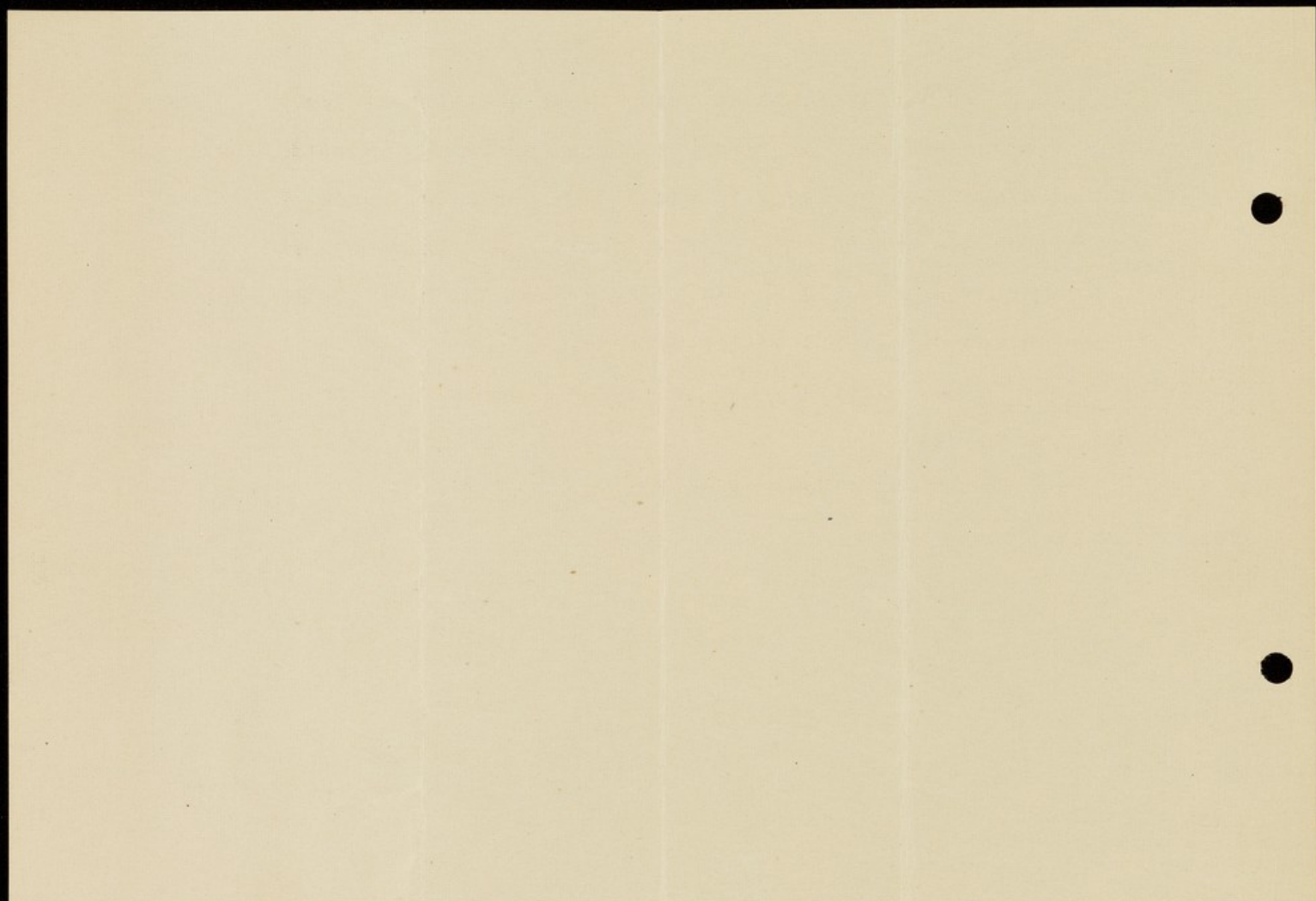
Yours sincerely
C. E. Stansfeld.

29 Upper Redlands Rd.,
Reading,
29.5.07.

Richard Thompson,
Dear Friend,

I feel deeply indebted
to you & the Retreat Committee &
Dr. Peice for the kind, considerate
& thorough way you have gone
into the complaints in Mrs. Eagle's
letter.

As I told you at the Yearly
Meeting, after reading your letter.



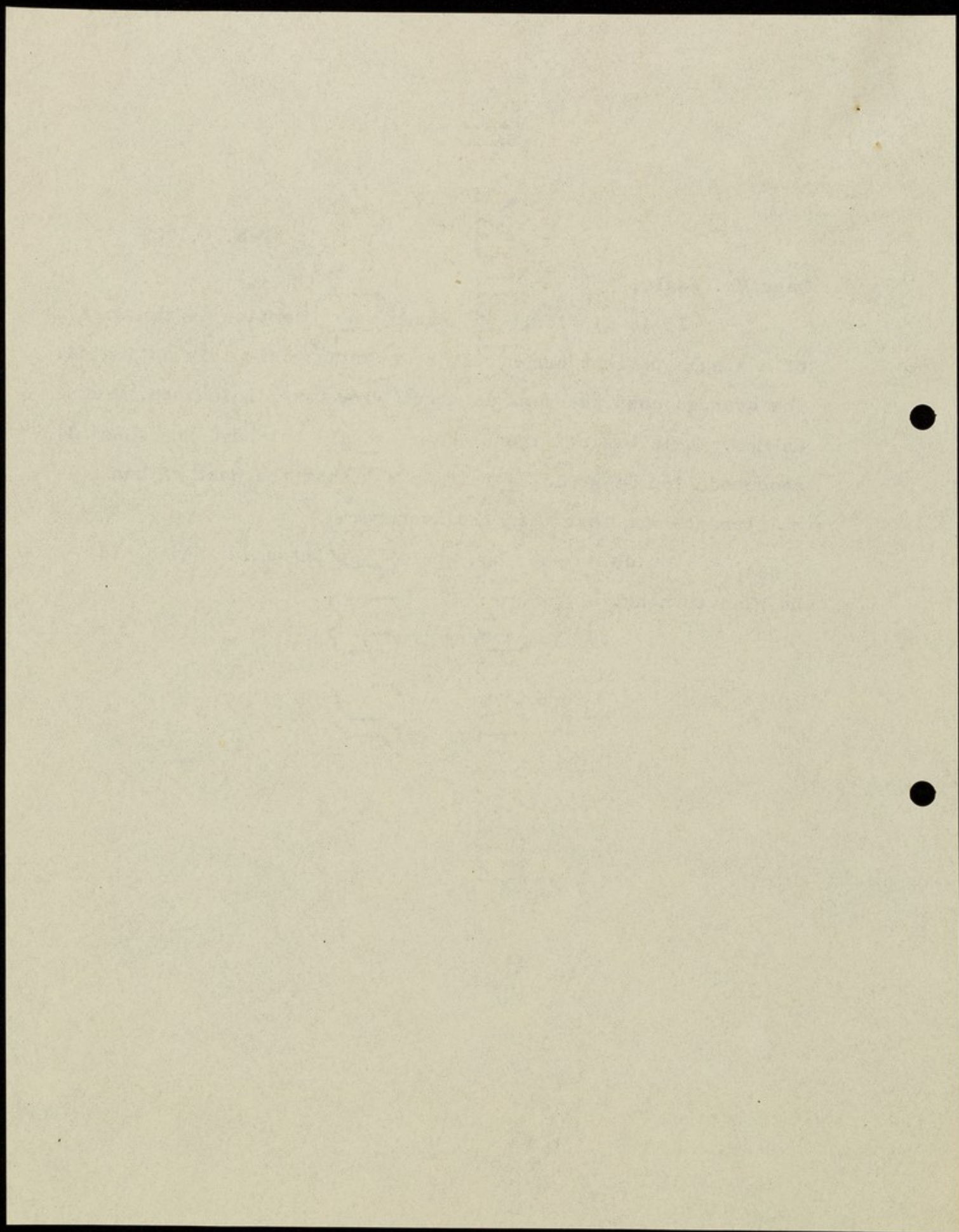
Feb. 8, 1909

Dear Mr. Eagle,

It is difficult to answer your question as the cost of a single patient can hardly be even approximately estimated. The average cost per week is about 50/- for maintenance, but as Mrs. Eagle was not troublesome and did not have any special accommodation it would be fair to say that the cost of her maintenance was less than the average.

You do not say how she is getting on. We should be glad to hear.

Yours very truly,



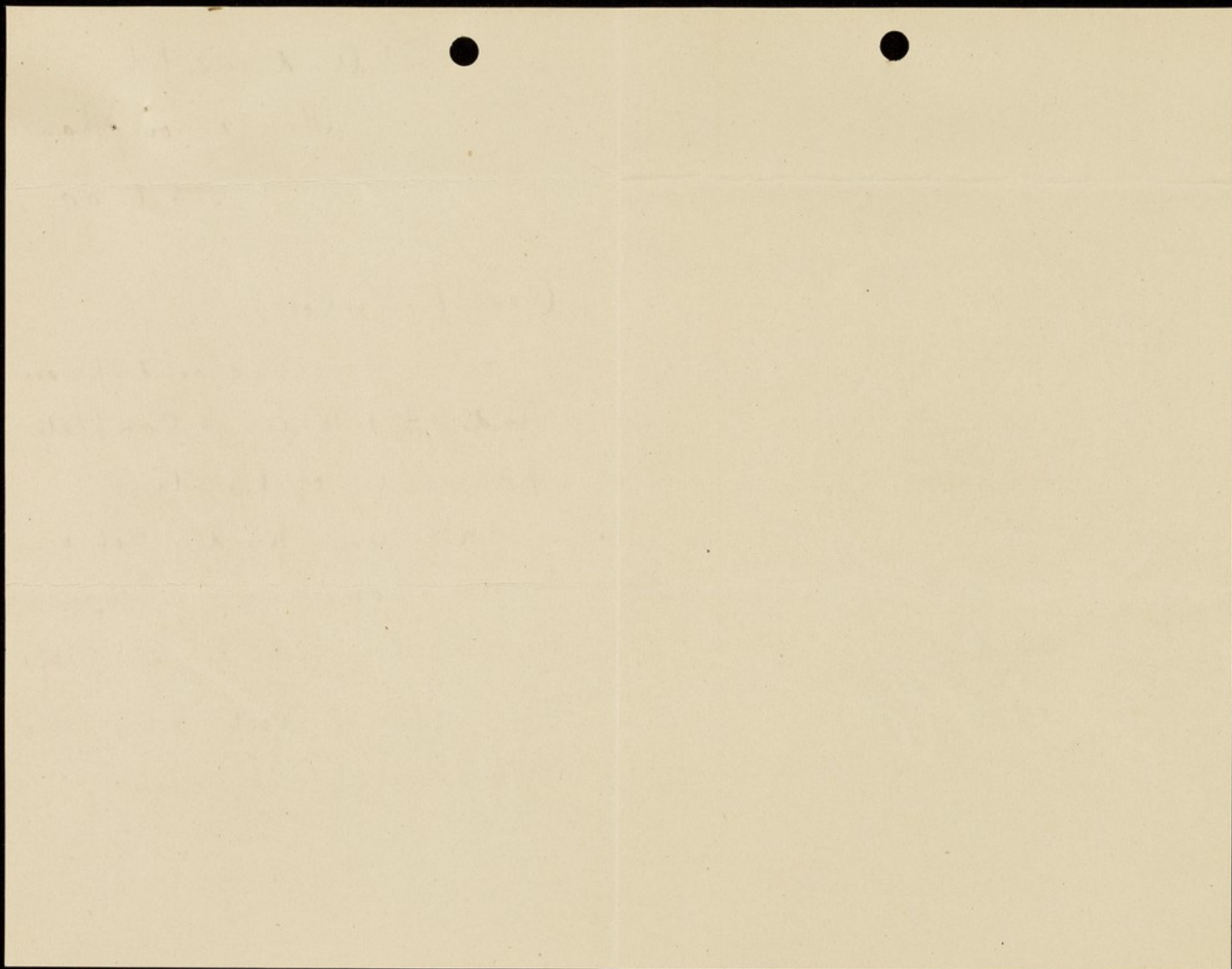
● S. Andrews Rd.,
Henley-on-Thames
✓ Feb 6 '09.

Dear Mr Pierce

Enclosed please
find £1.15.9 to complete
payment of the bill.

Will you kindly let me
know, sometime, by how
much this bill is short of
the actual cost to the Retreat
of my wife's stay there?

I am
Yours sincerely
F. Eagle



READING MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

TREASURER:—SYLVANUS A. REYNOLDS, 62, London Street, Reading.

CLERK:—CHARLES E. STANSFIELD, 29, Upper Redlands Road, Reading. ✓

11/5/89:

Dear Friend,

I have received the enclosed from Edith Eagle who was for some months an inmate of the Retreat last year. It has been sent to Mr. Hawkins & myself because we acted in this matter before she went to the Retreat on behalf of a Monthly Meeting Committee appointed to have care of the case of Mrs. Eagle.

This Committee does not wish to attach undue importance to the allegations which she makes against the management of the Retreat; but they do not care to take the responsibility of withholding her statement from those who are responsible for the conduct of the institution.

They are of course aware that the opinions of patients at the Retreat cannot be accepted as those of ordinary persons; but Mrs. Eagle is we understand perfectly sane on most points, apart from the special suspicions to which she is liable.

In any case you will know what to do with her letter & what weight to attach to it.

on behalf of the Committee, yours sincerely C. E. Stansfield.

REPORTS MONTHLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1841

(Spent this in Providence)

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Private

Address:

Wood River Junction, R. I.

Dec. 1, 1908.

Dr. Pierce, The Retreat, York,

Dear Sir:

May I trouble you for some direct information regarding my sister Edith Eagle? I know that you are busy, that your time is valuable and that you have many other patients to consider. The only information that I have received from any one that Edith is at the Retreat is from her own letter of Sept. 24, to which I replied, and I have not heard since. In this letter to her I asked her if she could give me the address of the Retreat, which I could use without mentioning "The Retreat" - which here always means an Insane Asylum, - and as this is a small, inquisitive little country Post Office, and I am just beginning new work here, it will be better for me to write to the address of the Retreat, - I believe I have heard of it and have forgotten.

My sister has been a splendid mother to her children, has worked very hard, with little rest or recreation, and has carried self-sacrifice to an extreme. No one deserves rest and change more than she does. I wish I could afford to have her here, but at present it would be impossible, - I can only hope for that in a few years' time. I took the place for the sake of wholesome, healthy, out of door work and the chance of helping some members of the family, especially my sister Ethel. But she had lost interest in gardening, and made some mischief with the workmen which caused me loss and trouble. This I have not told to Edith, or to any others in the family. Ethel left of her own accord, but the reason is known only to some friends here on the spot. I have not told Edith because she had her own grievance about Ethel, and I did not want to revive it.

N.B.!! I could give many details about Edith, but it may not be necessary. I hope that the hernia she has been suffering from will be attended to. It should have been seen to years ago.

I hope my sister will have the chance of sleeping alone. She told me in 1905 when I was over in England, that she had often wanted to, but that Mr. Eagle would not let her. She nursed Mr. Eagle's mother who was dying from cancer and was expected to sleep with Mr's. Eagle. It was absolutely wrong, - but she did sleep with her, even though it is well known that Mrs. Eagle had never treated her properly. After Mrs. Eagle's death, she needed a rest and change, if only to sleep alone, but no arrangement was made by which she could have the much needed rest. Previous to Mrs. Eagle's death, my sister had also nursed her father-in-law through his last illness. She had years of strain and trial, with no chance to recover from one strain before another appeared. She had a very sweet nature and always thought of others first. I am presenting a side that you may not have the chance of knowing about otherwise. I know that good care is taken of all that enter the Retreat.

Yours sincerely,
Lucy Edmunds.

Wood River Junction, N. H.

Dec. 1, 1905.

Dr. Pierce, The Retreat, York,

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May I trouble you for some direct information regarding my sister Edith's case? I know that you are busy, but your time is valuable and that you have many other patients to consider. The only information that I have received from any one that Edith was at the Retreat is from her own letter of Sept. 24, to which I replied and I have not heard since. In this letter to her I asked her if she could give me the address of the Retreat, which I could see without mentioning "The Retreat" - which name always means an insane asylum and as this is a small industrial little country Post Office, and I am just beginning new work here, it will be better for me to write to the address of the Retreat, - I believe I have heard of it and have forgotten.

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Yours sincerely,

1015
Andrew's Road,
Heuley-on-Thames.
Dec 14 '08.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

My wife informs
me that she is not likely
to attempt to take her
own life again as she
has lived beyond that
idea. As that was my
sole reason for putting
her under your care, I
am writing to ask you
if you believe her statement
to be correct. Has she

improved as far as that
or is it another attempt
in her delusions to deceive
me? She is most anxious
to come home & I am more
than anxious to have her
back. I can stand her
suspicious etc., but I cannot
stand any further
attempts at suicide. If
you think it safe I
will come for her, but I
do not want to run
such a terrible risk as
would be involved in
bringing her home uncured

of her self-destructive ideas.

I am

Yours faithfully,

J Eagle.

Dec. 17, 1908

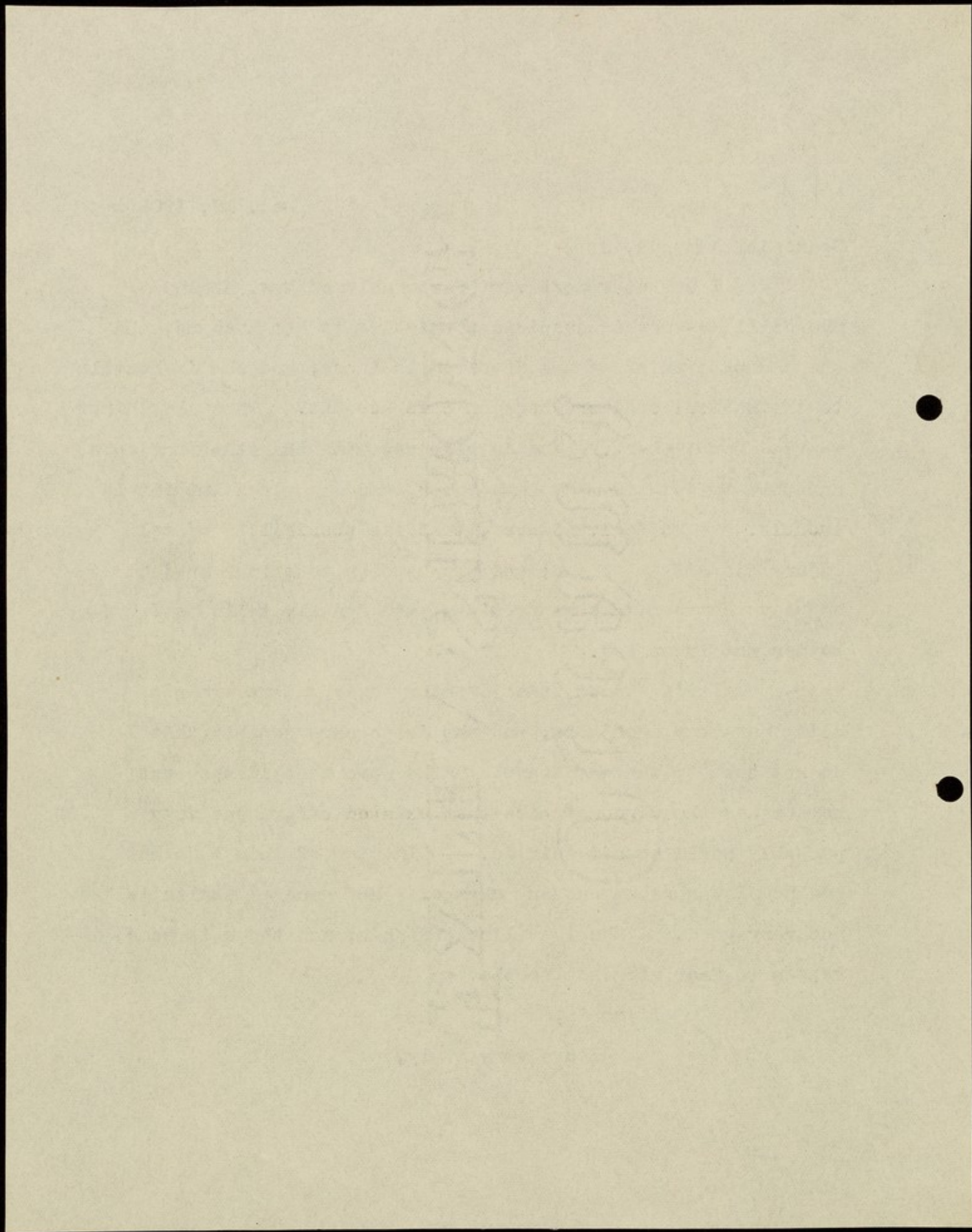
Dear Miss Edmunds,

I cannot report very favourably of Mrs. Eagle. She still has morbid suspicions relating to her husband, and she seems to think we are involved in these, and she is hostile to the medical officers here on this account. Thus she thinks we read her letters. She is pleasant with the other patients and able to join in many amusements, and she gives but little trouble. We feel, however, that the possibility of self injury is not at an end; and when spoken to on the subject she says she can make no promises, and frankly tells me I had better not trust her.

It is a most unsatisfactory case, as we are not doing her very much good, and she is so unreasonable that I do not see how she can leave. She says that if she went home under the circumstances that existed before she very probably would commit suicide. In view of this I do not see how I can recommend any change. Her general health is not very good. She is sallow and thin, and there is some reason to fear uterine trouble.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



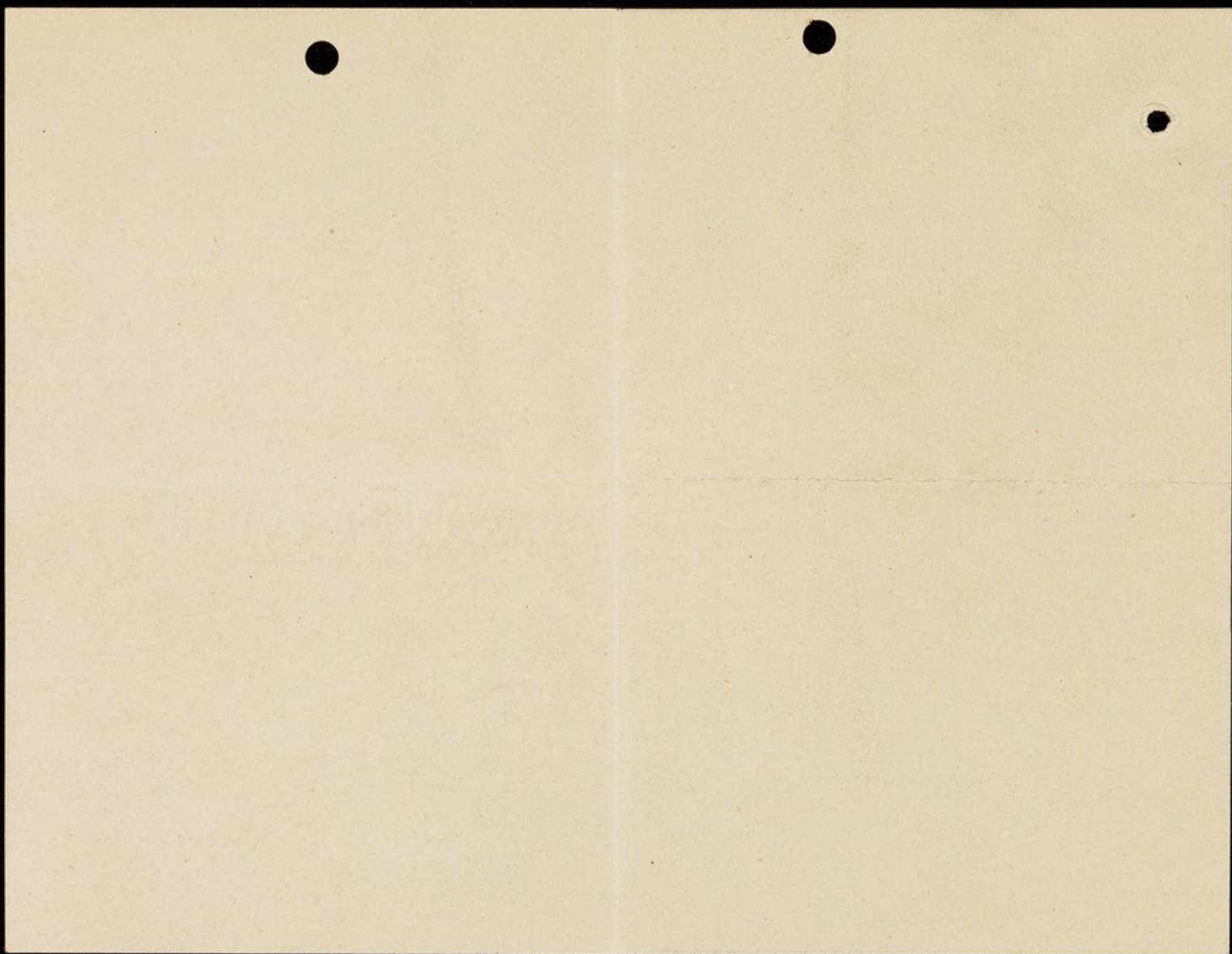
George St.
King's Lynn

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have been considering again & again your query, but can see no way out of the difficulty, & Mrs. Eagle would resent any interference on our part. When I saw her, she had no desire to go back to Stanley, & expressed herself in the same way to her brother. I believe

(914)
you are the best judge as to her fitness whenever that time may come.

I thank you very much for so kindly writing, and
am sincerely
R. Edmunds



George Street, 900
King's Lynn.

6 11 '08

Dear Dr. Pierce,

There is a book
reviewed by you in "The
British Friend" for August.
& Mrs. Eagle expressed a
great desire to see it.

I tho't of getting it for
her, but concluded first
to ask whether you think
it wd be helpful to her?

I was sorry to have
missed seeing you, when
at York a fortnight ago

I hope my visit didn't
prove detrimental.

Waiting your reply.

I am with kind regards

yours truly

R. Edmunds

That being so, I do not see
any use in a small portion
being extracted for microscopical
research, which extraction in
itself would be really of the
nature of an operation. I am
afraid I am as much opposed
to the one as I am to the other.

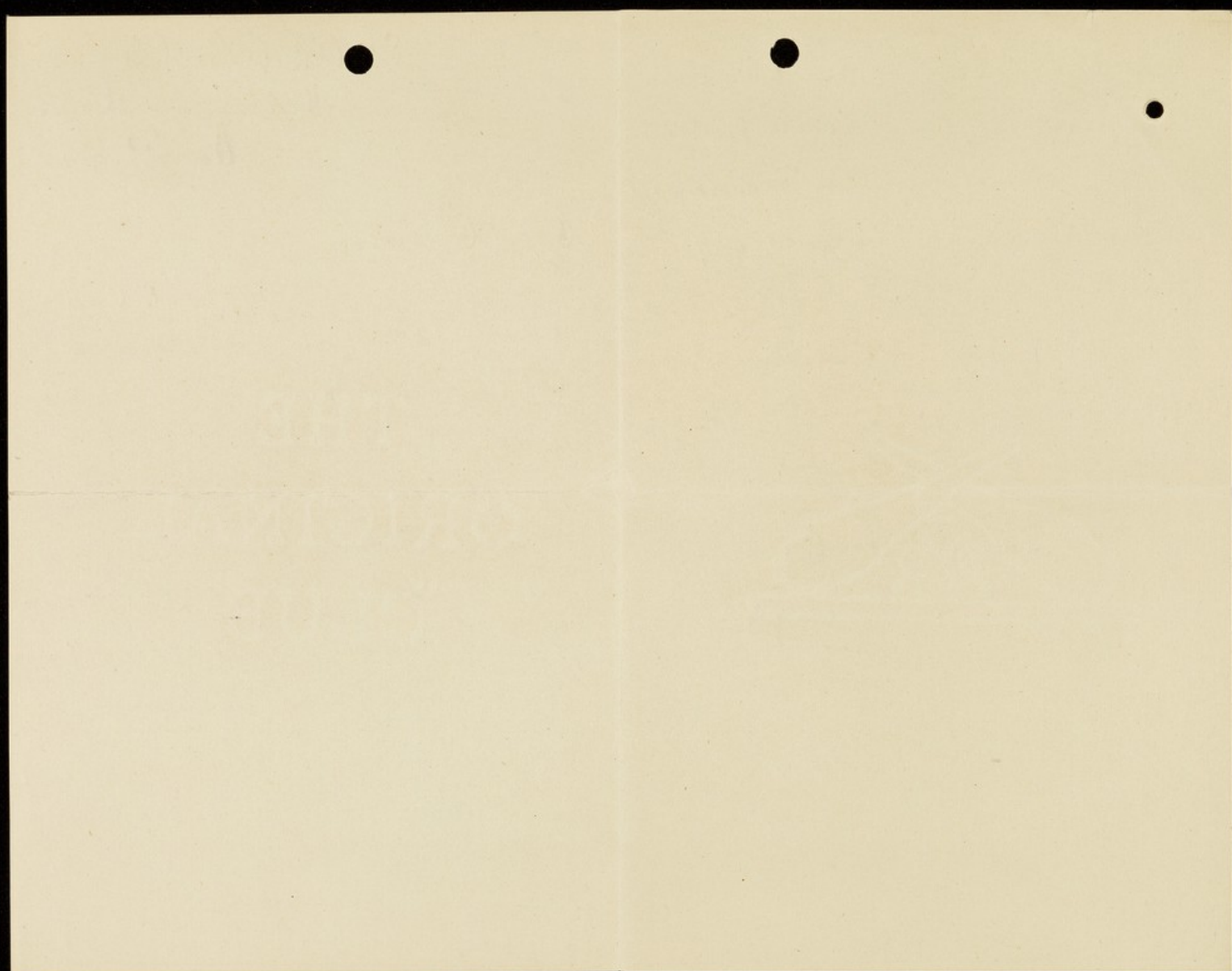
I am
Yours faithfully
J. Eagle.

St Andrews Rd., (891)
Henley-on-Thames
Nov 2nd '08.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I ought to have
answered your enquiry
before, but putting it aside
in the first case & not answering
at once, coupled with a month's
illness & extra pressure of work
has made me forget it. However
I was going through some papers
yesterday & was reminded of
my neglect of duty.

I gave my wife my word
long ago that I would
never consent to an operation
being performed on her

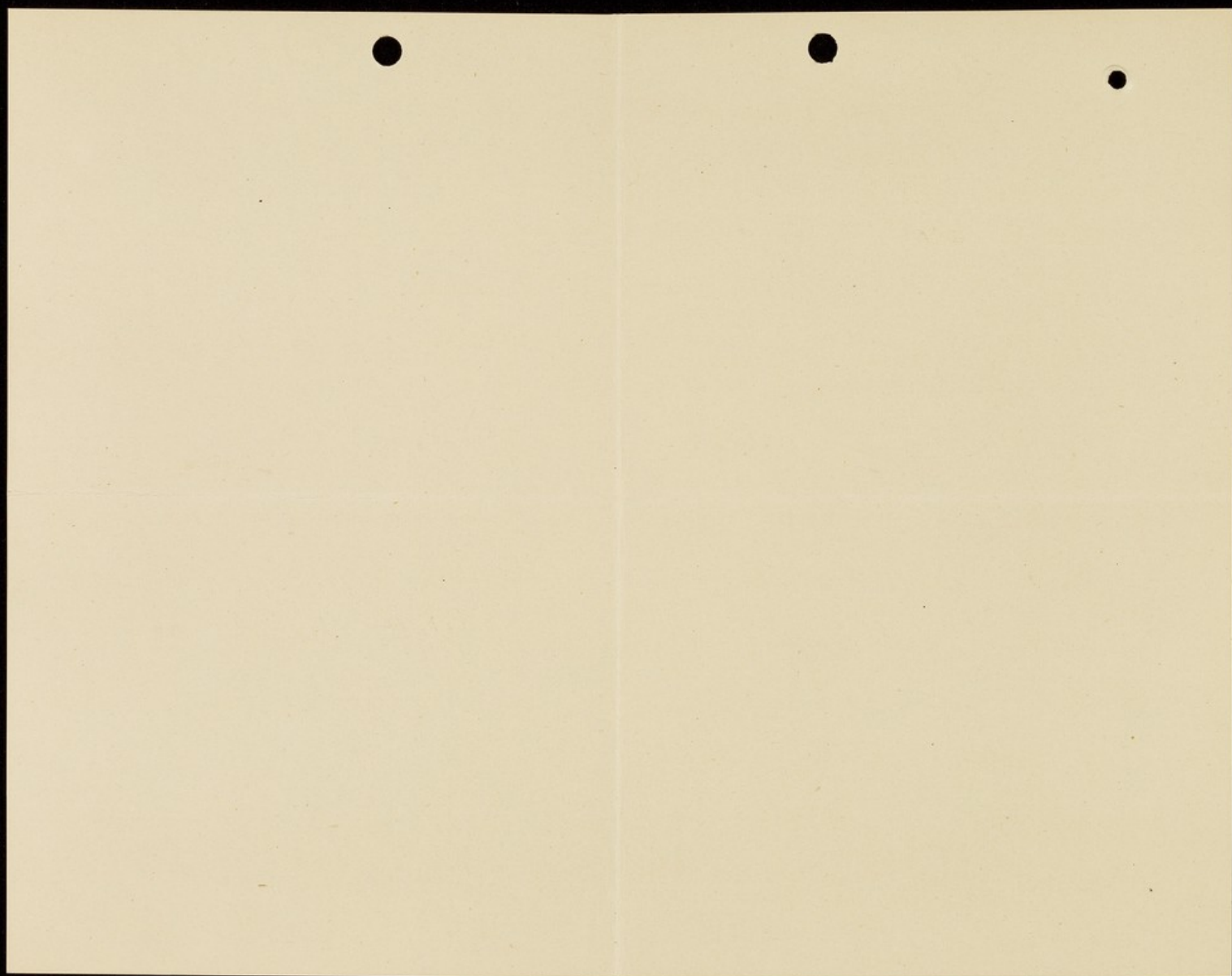


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● 75 Norfolk St
Kings Lynn 764
6. 10. 08

Dear Friend

If convenient
I intend coming to
see my sister Mrs Eagle
on Saturday next the
10th inst returning home
on Monday - I hope
to arrive in York about
5 o'clock & if allowable
will call in the evening

Yours sincerely
T. W. Edmunds,



George St
Kings Lynn
Oct. 2nd 1908

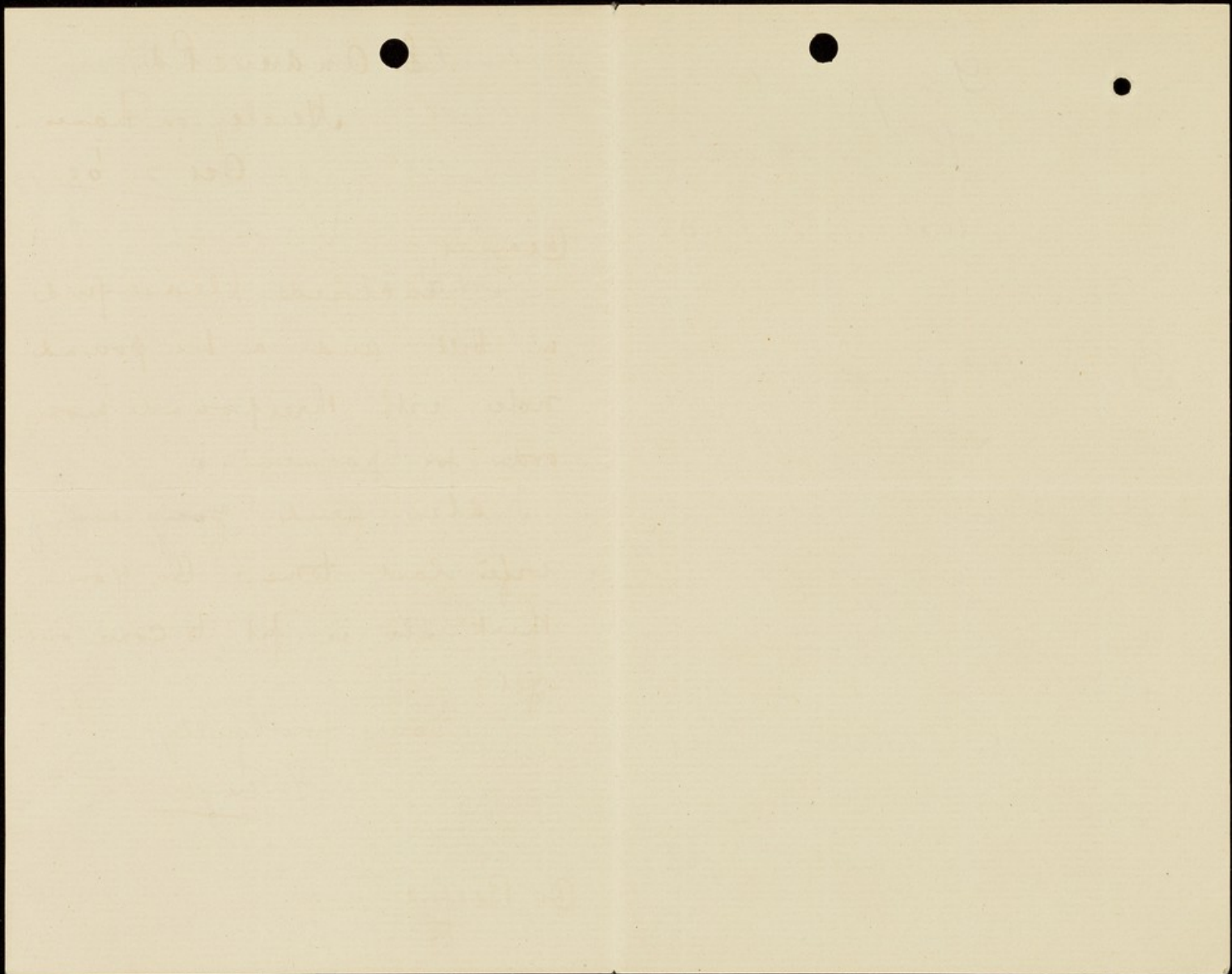
Dear Dr. Pierce

I am glad
to know that my
sister is happy
in any degree, also
that you consider
it advisable that
one of us should
visit her soon. We

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should like to know
which of us it
would be best should
visit her first. My
brother Walter, we
think, as - so far
as we know - she
has had no evil
suspicions regarding
him.

With kind regards,
in which my mother
unites,

Believe me
yours sincerely
Kate & Edmund.



8 Andrews Rd., 744

Henley-on-Thames

✓ Oct 2 '08

Dear Sir,

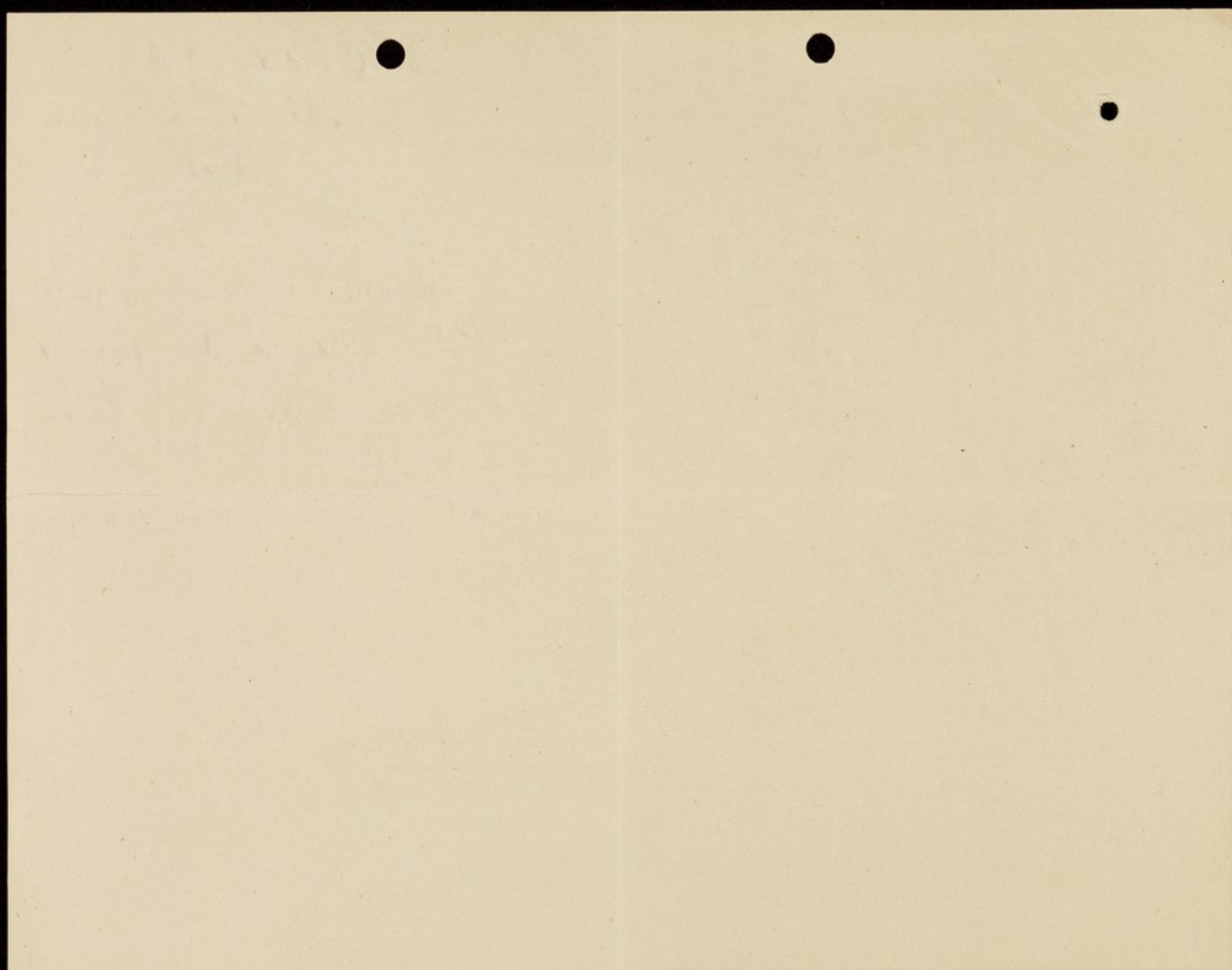
Enclosed please find
my bill and a ten pound
note with three pound money
order for payment.

I also send you my
wife's last time. Do you
think she is fit to come out-
yet?

Yours faithfully,

F. Eagle

Dr Beauford Perce



TREASURER:—SYLVANUS A. REYNOLDS, 62, London Street, Reading. ✕
CLERK:—CHARLES E. STANSFIELD, 29, Upper Redlands Road, Reading.

19. 10. 08.

Dear Pierce,

As our Mo. W. Committee appointed to consider the case of Mrs. Eagle is still in existence & as the members have been consulted at each stage so far, I felt it allowable to show your letter to two of them whom I met at Meeting last night. My wife, who is also a member of the Committee has likewise seen it.

We are disappointed that you have not more improvement to report in Mrs. Eagle, that she still seems hostile towards you & the staff. We had fully hoped that the Retreat was the best place for her & are disposed to ask whether a longer trial may not produce more result.

We are thoroughly in accord with your view that she ought not to go back home; on the other hand we are afraid, on the ground of past experience, that she would not be likely to settle down as paying guest where she had full liberty of action. We think that after a few weeks she would want to go home again, that power to detain her is almost necessary. I suppose this restriction of liberty is only possible in a recognised institution open to government

inspection.

My wife who has seen as much of Mrs. E. as any members of the Committee rather inclines to the view that rooms in London near her Son might be after all the best solution. The others with the Retreat might have a long trial.

But you will see that the Committee which is responsible to the Home. for care of the case has not met & its members have not all been consulted. No one has yet been suggested as likely to receive Mrs. E. as paying guest.

My aim in writing is therefore rather to enquire your view whether power to detain Mrs. E. is not really necessary, as this affects the choice of a place for her to be sent to. Do you think, on the other hand, that anyone who was given this power would at once be treated with the same suspicion & hostility as her husband & the Retreat authorities have been treated?

On hearing from you again, I will summon the Committee who I think ought unitedly to discuss the question. I shall be away till Friday but we could meet on Saturday Sunday or Monday.

Yours sincerely
C. E. Mansfield.

Private and Confidential

Oct. 17, 1908

Dear Stansfield,

I am writing to you in confidence respecting Mrs. Eagle, wanting to know whether you have any suggestion to make: we are at a standstill respecting her. She remains in exactly the same position. She has gained weight since her admission, and to that extent her stay here has been helpful, but otherwise there is no change. She is pleasant and agreeable to the other patients, but unreasonable towards the staff and hostile to myself except for superficial politeness.

It is clear she ought not to go home. She declines point blank to go to her own relations and asks to have £1 a week to go away to London in lodgings near one of her sons. This does not commend itself to me, and I cannot therefore suggest this to Mr. Eagle. Have you any suggestion to make?

Is there any person known to Friends who could receive her as a paying guest at a moderate rate? It seems a pity that such a sensible woman should remain here indefinitely.

You will clearly understand that I have no doubt as to her being of unsound mind. The doubt is rather whether the Retreat is the best place for her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Oct. 5, 1908

Dear Mr. Eagle,

There is no change to report in Mrs. Eagle's condition. She remains unaltered in her general views of life and at times speaks in a very bitter way respecting her stay at the Retreat. She told me yesterday that she did not wish to see her own relatives as they sympathised with her husband and not with her. I find it impossible to influence her as she resents any attempts towards conciliation.

You did not reply to my enquiry respecting the small tumour, but at the time you were ill, and perhaps it has slipped your memory.

Hoping you are now better,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

BRITISH
MUSEUM

Sept. 29, 1908

Dear Miss Edmunds,

I fully realise that Mrs. Eagle's life has not been by any means an easy one and that many adverse circumstances have contributed to her present condition. She is doing quite as well here as one could expect, but there is underlying the cheerful exterior a state of suspicion which is not confined to her husband and matters connected with him. I do not think adverse circumstances alone are sufficient to explain her present trouble, though it is quite possible they contributed to producing it.

I hope that before long some of the family will be able to come and visit her.

Yours very truly,

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JAN 11 1901

George Street
King's Lynn
Sept. 27th 1908
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Dear Dr. Pierce

There are a few details with regard to my sister's case which I feel that I should like to give you.

To begin with, my sister (Mrs. Eagle) has been much overworked,

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both physically & mentally, during most of the years of her married life. Besides doing more than an average woman's work in her house, keeping duties she has also assisted her husband in his work by correcting school exercises etc in her evenings. Also the education of her own children was largely left to her, her husband taking

far less than his share of parental responsibility. My sister is naturally very quick at work & very energetic & her husband is not the type of man who notices when his wife is overworked & persuades her to rest; rather otherwise.

Then again I know that she had not proper care & attention during her confinements,

& think she commenced her duties again each time before she was fit.

Eight years ago she nursed her husband's mother through a long illness (cancer) with practically no help, doing this besides the work of her house & the care of four young children. It would be at about this time that she sustained the internal injury

from which she
still suffers, most
acutely at times.

There is much
more that I could
say - how she was
not allowed to
sing to her little
children (because
she had not the
voice of a prima
donna) & how even
her letters to her own
people were supervised
& corrections inserted.

But I think that⁷²⁹
I have already
trespassed upon your
time.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Kate E. Edmunds.

Dear Sir in a position
I am ~~apprehensive~~
willing to endorse what
my sister has written
above & we thought a
useful purpose would
be served by writing

to you

Believe me

Yours sincerely

T. W. Edmunds

like to know what the Directors
of the Retreat have decided; I think
you said they were to meet last
Tuesday & I suppose they had before
them the proposal which Mr. Eagle
has made & which (as I said)
I think reasonable considering his
present circumstances.

Yours with kind regards

C. E. Stanford.

Whether Eagle's independence
This bitter feeling towards Reading

Ans/

676
29, HEEPER REDLANDS RD.,
READING.

20.9.08.

Dear Pierce,

The Reading Overseers
meet sometime this week They
are anxious to know whether
they are likely to be called on to
do anything with towards the
maintenance of Edith Eagle at
the Retreat. I should therefore

Friends will make it easy for
us to get him to accept our help
(even if it be by a loan) I can-
not say, but if the governors of
the Retreat think Eagle's offer
inadequate it appears as tho he
would at any rate temporarily have
to accept our assistance.

hours in a terrific
respiration on Tuesday night
Wednesday Morning I am now
quite well except the necessary
weakness, but I hope to get to
work on Monday. Mean to go
today but I can't walk, or stand.

In my wife's last letter
to me she said a bank of
laurels took her fancy. I
have recently ^(today) been reading
a novel from her shelves in
which a woman is poisoned
by laurel water. About 12 or 13
years ago you had in the Retreat
a M^{rs} Eric Stevens (Florrie Singer)
who I believe poisoned herself
by eating yew leaves.

St. Andrews Rd. (Hq)
Healy on Thames.
Sept 18 '68

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose
agreement signed. I must
thank the Committee heartily
for their consideration & I
will send £13 after the
first of next month.

I have had an after
collapse since I came home
finishing up with another
attack of rheumatic fever &
bronchitis. After being 7

I wonder if my wife is keeping
quiet so as to quiet your
expectations of any tricks,
with the final intention of doing
anything like these two. You
will forgive my writing so, ^{just necessary} but
I feel I must say my thoughts

she writes very nicely to the
children - fact there is nothing
the matter with her letters.

What steps should I have to
take to release her on an
emergency? She would never
give any trouble if I were
dead & I really feel like

Yours on Tuesday night.

Thanking you for your kindness
Dear

Yours faithfully,

F. R. Page.

Dr B. P. S. 100.

with her at times when I
thought her wicked merely,
but never when I have thought
her insane. I can stand
● anything from her then,
except to have my children's
lives spoiled or to have her
drown herself. These are
the reasons I brought
her to York.

Thanking you for your
kindness

I am,

Yours faithfully.

F Eagle.

P.S. It is scarcely necessary to tell
you that you can make use of
any of my letters when you
talk with my wife. &c.

St Andrew's Rd., (657)
Henley-on-Thames
Sept 11 '08

Dear Mr Pierce,

I thank you for
your communication of yesterday.
A guinea to the Magistrate's
Clerk seems a large amount.
If you think the amount
should be paid, will you
kindly pay it for me?

I do not know if Mr Stansfield
told you all my proposal on
the subject of fees. I have been
very hard hit financially
for some time and cannot
pay more now, but it is my

intention to pay the total cost of my wife to the Retreat as soon as I can with 5% interest on all money due.

I am grateful that my wife has the advantage of being among her own people & I do not desire any final monetary advantage to myself. I told my wife it was my duty and pleasure to pay for her. You will see by enclosed, which please return, how she has taken me. Would you advise me not to write as she says, letting my children do it all, or shall I take no notice but

write as usual? I send her letter of course for your information & opinion.

I would gladly go to the Retreat instead of her, or even take a life sentence in prison if it would do her good to be so relieved of me & to be out free herself. I want & pray for her mental health & I do not in the slightest mind what happens to me as long as she is cured. In any movement I trust she will always be the only one considered.

I have been angry, very angry

George Street, (644)
King's Lynn.

9-9-08

Dear Dr Pierce,

Will you kindly
hand enclosed to my
daughter Edith Eagle,
if you think it well to
do so. It is a relief to
me to know that she is
under your kind treatment,
& trust & hope that it will
prove all that we wish.
I am ready to come & see

her whenever you think
it best, I am with kind
regards

yours Truly
Rebecca Edmunds

year altogether, but he is seriously
burdened with a large, heavily
mortgaged house, so that includ-
ing premium on an insurance
policy of £400 in the F.P.I. his
annual charges are £150, before
the cost of living for himself &
family begins to be met.

He hopes to get rid of this house
& garden, the folly of which he
fully admits & should shortly be in
a better position.

Tho' his sons have done well
they are not yet in a position to
do anything to help their father;

29 Upper Redlands Rd. (Br 2)
Reading
9. 9. 08.

Dear Pierce,

I had a long talk
with Eagle last night with regard
to his wife & the fees he should
pay for her maintenance at the
Retreat.

He was perfectly frank with re-
gard to his affairs, & very anxious
to pay the full cost of his wife's
maintenance. He wishes to know
just what this cost is.

His income is about £300 a

indeed the youngest is still a
cause of some expense.

Under these circumstances he
proposes for the present to pay
1 guinea per week, & I am pre-
pared to recommend the ac-
ceptance of the proposal.

Mr. Eagle says he will let me
know as soon as he is able to
pay more. He proposes to leave
his £400 policy to the Retreat
in case he should not have com-
pleted the payment of full cost
during his life time.

J. L. Hawkins & I were busy at the

M. business when Eagle came in.
Hawkins is assist. clerk to our Mo. M.
& also a member of the Committee
which has had the care of the Eagle's
case. He is a man of sound
judgment & he sat thro' our inter-
view, tho' I wish to take the sole
responsibility for recommending the
authorities of the Retreat to accept
Eagle's offer for the present, I was
glad to find afterwards that
Hawkins fully united with my
view.

Although I & the Mo. M. Committee
feel strongly with regard to Eagle's
overbearing even brutal treatment

Reluctant, tho' I cannot help doubting whether she & her husband ought ever to live together.

With kind regards

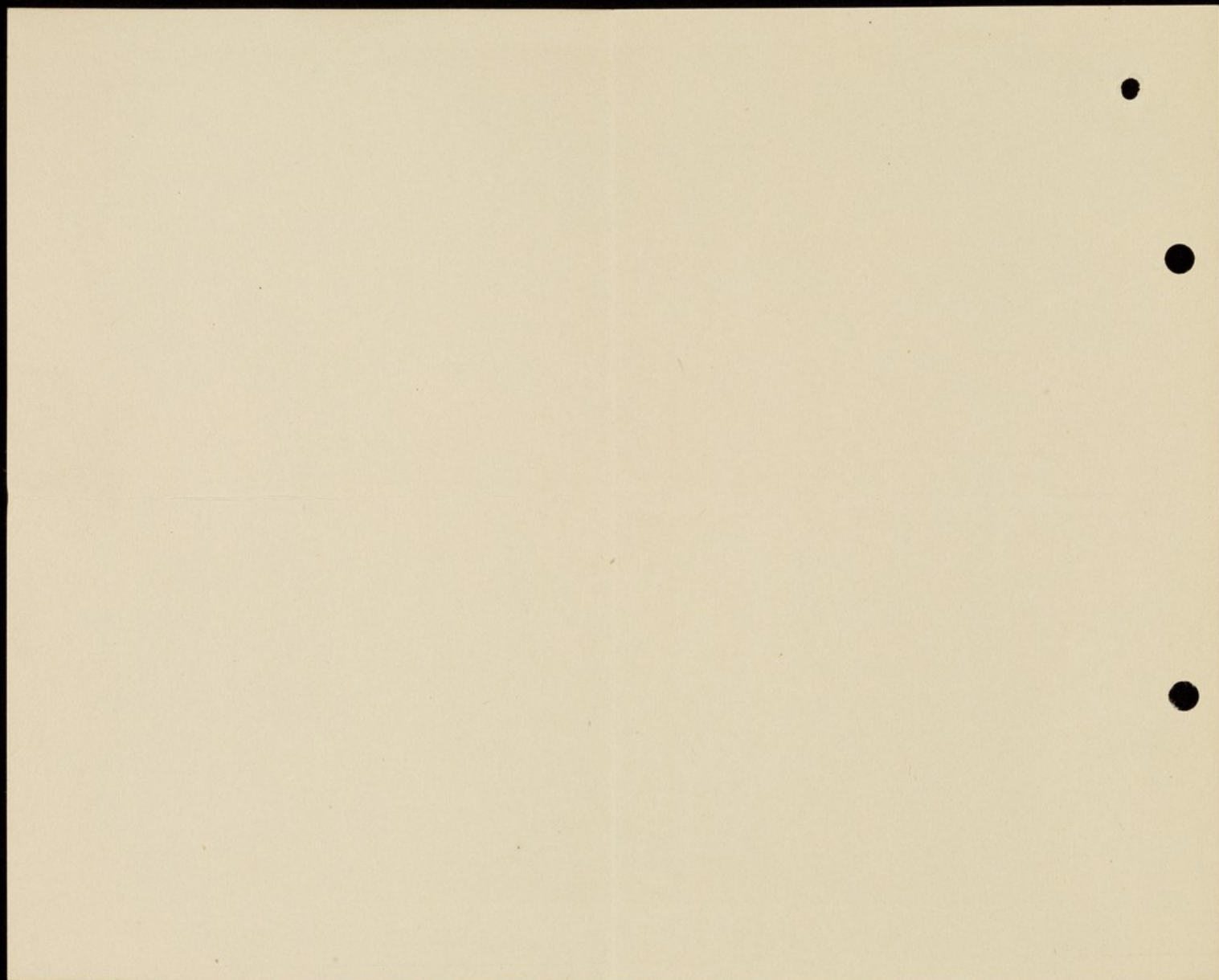
Yours sincerely

C. E. Stanfield.

of his wife - this is due to a violent temper & lack of judgment & self-control. We are agreed that he is thoroughly straight & reliable, & I am convinced that he means to pay the full cost of his wife's support sooner or later, if it can be managed.

I shall keep in touch with him & when he has rid himself of the burden of this house, he knows that I shall recommend a revision of the rate.

I hope Mrs. Eagle will benefit greatly from the treatment at the



one communication I have had from him since I came back.

However I am glad to have the opportunity of writing you with regard to the case, & I only wish I could have talked it over with you fully.

To put it as briefly as possible: the case of Mr. Mrs. E. has often been before our Mo. M. & the Overseers during the last few years, & at the present time we ^(of wh. I am a member) have a Mo. M. Committee to give special care to the case.

Mrs. E. is the only birthright

29 Wpp. Redlands Rd., ⁶²⁵

Reading,

6.9.08.

Dear Pierce,

You will probably have received my wire of last evening, & Mr. Mrs. Eagle have I expect reached you ere this.

I do not quite know why Eagle wished me to wire you unless it be that he wanted my sanction as agent to his bringing his wife to the Retreat. I have been away for a month's holiday & his telegram last night is the

Friend in Henley, her husband
(an Elementary Schoolmaster)
joined the Society some few years
ago: they have had frequent dif-
ferences with Friends in Henley, the
bulk of whom are of the Mission
meeting type. Reading Friends have
repeatedly been called in to settle
quarrels. The Eagles have rather
resented this.

On more than one occasion
they have resigned their member-
ship. I have withdrawn it again.

Some 18 months ago Eagle
wrote me with regard to getting

his wife to Thronerly Hall; my
wife unfortunately got into his
wife's hands, but, according to
what we heard, the shock of this
made her pull herself together.

Recently Mrs. E. resigned her
membership again, without Mr.
E's knowledge. The two Friends
who visited her thought she
seemed quite sane tho' exceedingly
bitter against Friends & against
her husband. She said that
he treated her cruelly & spread
false & slanderous reports about
her. She admitted that she
had run away from home
that had meditated suicide as a

The doctor in Aug did not think Mrs. E. insane, but the state of her health was such that he felt we ought not to accept her resignation as she was not fully responsible at certain times. This advice the Mo. M. has acted on, & our special committee was appointed to keep in touch with Mrs. E. particularly.

What has transpired since Aug I do not know. Mrs. E. was away at Folkestone for some weeks & I did not know she had returned home.

I am sure that our committee

result of his bullying.

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Friends however doubted whether she was really competent to resign & we arranged interviews with her husband & with her doctor.

Eagle of course says that she is under a delusion with regard to him owing to the state of her mental & physical health; but at one interview with him we gathered that he was most unwise & overbearing in his treatment of her. He admitted that he had occasionally used violence & had threatened "to thrash her within an inch of her life", which bears out her account.

and Reading Friends will be greatly relieved that Mrs. E. should be received into the Retreat. her husband is a very domineering masterful person & it seems to us that he must at least have aggravated her mental condition. The only possible thing, we have felt, is to be away from him & in such a place as the Retreat where she will be under skilled observⁿ.

Also we shall be glad to have independent evidence as to the reality of her insanity, as to which we have felt some doubt.

Mrs. E. is headmistress of the

British School at Henley - they have 4 children, all above school age tho not entirely independent. The 3 boys are very clever scientifically & mechanically. They have done well with scholarships. One is a demonstrator at the Royal Coll. of Sci. The daughter, aged 17, lives at home & has been a great help to her mother: they keep no servant.

At our interview, we were struck with the forced expression of the boys in their father's presence.

I need not say that of course
this is entirely confidential,
but as medical adviser to
Mrs. E. we thought you ought
to be in possession of these facts.

With kind regards

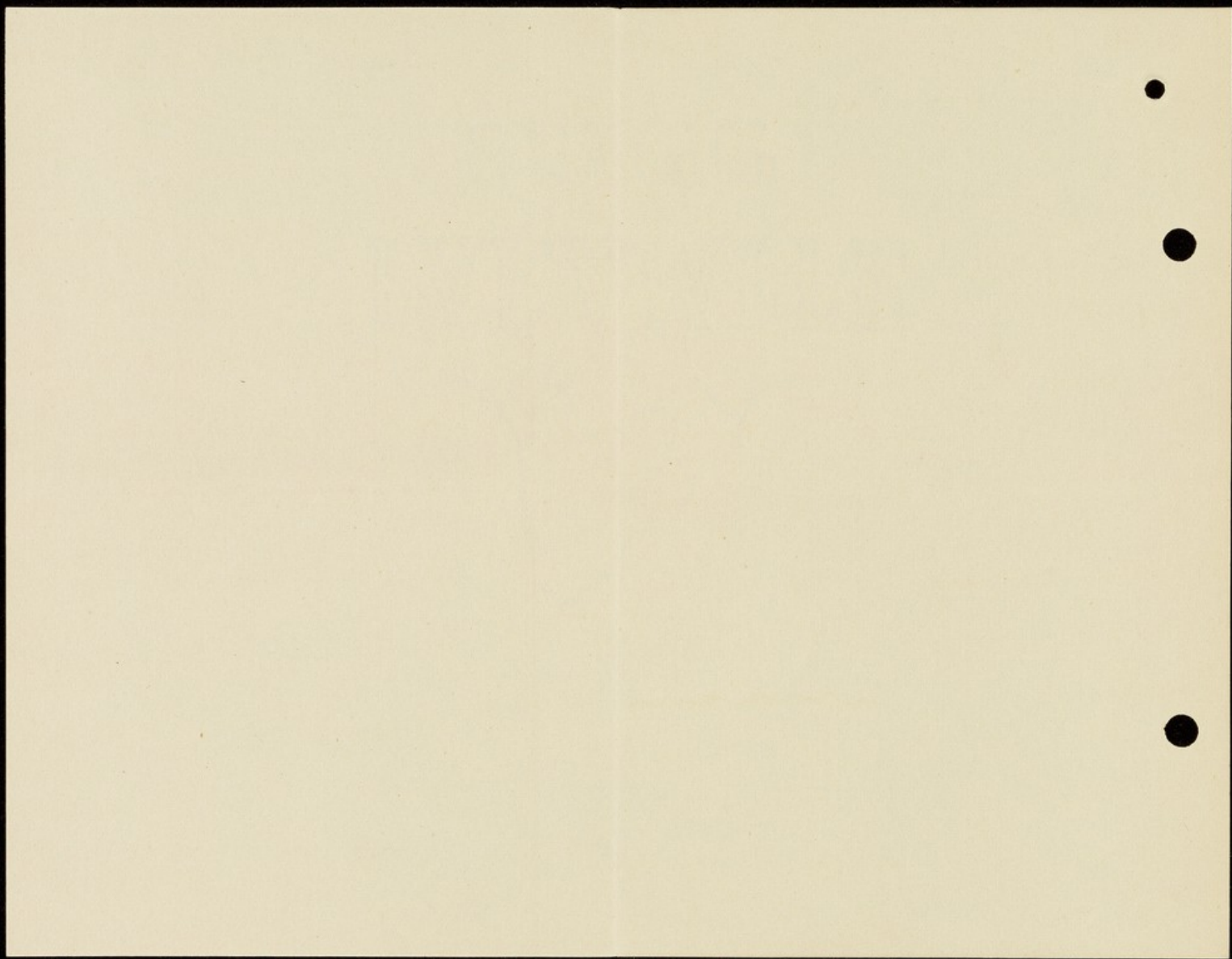
Yours sincerely

C. Estlin

I suppose my sister is about the
same: is there any chance
of further improvement?

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I suppose Mr. E. will have
made some proposal as to
pension for his wife's maintenance
at the Retreat, & I will try to
give a just opinion as to the
suitability of his proposal.

I have left this till to-day, as
I did not think you would
get it before Monday morning
in any case & it has enabled
me to show it to the com-
mittee of the M. M., who
fully approve what I have
written.



She is ~~often~~ mentally unfit
as Dr Macpherson, Henley,
will tell you. I ought to have
sent her away long ago, but
have been hoping against
hope that she will be better.

Her idea is that she has
syphilis & ^{of course} that I have given
it to her. She was a nurse in a
London Hospital years ago &
has a morally a mortal horror
of the doctor's knife. Now she
seeks death - has been out ^{several times} to
drown herself, ~~several times~~ but
winks that to be killed on
the operation table would
entail no sin on her part.
I am sure an operation would
kill her & I will never give

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Henley-on-Thames
Dec 13 '07

Dear Madam

On Wednesday
my wife left home for
London unknown to me.
It appears she went to
the New Hospital for Women
144 Euston Place. They
recommended her to you.
You saw her & promised
to get her a bed in the
hospital when one was vacant.

my consent to her being performed on her.
She does not need hospital treatment -
but to go to a quiet home where she will
be safe to travel & looked after. ~~Can you recommend her~~
^{unless you let her in the hospital} ~~any place?~~ ^{of} ~~she does not get~~
~~better~~ ^{some} must send her to York Retreat
as we are members of the Society of
Friends. My wife does not know that I am sending
If you ^{try you so} reply to me please send to
enclosed address as my wife opens
my letters

Yrs
JH

JH

Maudslayi, M.D.,
93 Gower St,
W.C.

TELEPHONE NO
8356 CENTRAL.

93, COWER STREET,

W.C.

Dec. 14. 1907.

Dear Sir

I regret very much that your
wife consulted me without your
consent.

She said so with the idea that
I could not judge of her mental
condition from the one interview,
although I am quite of opinion that
a major operation does not determine
the nervous system. —

At the same time I should be failing
in my duty if I omitted to tell
you that she has a large mass
filling up the os uteri, and a

second much larger mass in
the upper broad ligament.
If her mental condition will
allow it, undoubtedly the
upper tracture will be
operative. —

D. Helen Boyle

3 Palmera Terrace

Brighton

has a home for cases such as
your wife's, & you might
communicate with her, if you
thought well. —

Yours faithfully

Lydia Lacey.

George Street,

King's Lynn.

May 5 '83

My dear Fred,

I don't remember saying the words imputed to me, & am thankful to say never had such thoughts or doubts about thee in that way — I'm grieved for you both, very, surprised at this fresh burst, for of late I had hoped all was going on right. I remember very well when Edie came home from the

to Clavering
Meth., telling her I tho-
you were engaged - I
had no warrant - for say I
so, except seeing a letter
posted to a lady friend
& that you explained later,
was perfectly satisfactory.
And I remember telling her
that, think she wd be
more at her ease.

I most emphatically
deny any such knowledge
as mentioned in yours.

Dear Fred, I'm sure
you believe me & I will
come & see you ^{both}, but am

very much out of health, &
if I come, what can I do?
I've been looking for a few
lines from Edie with
Fred's photo, wh. Lillie
& Martin are wanting to see.
L. wrote to her some time
ago, but have had no reply
— its difficult to know
~~or~~ how to act then.

I won't tell Walter at present
— 'tis Market-day, & he has
not been quite well lately —
troubled with teeth, & the
dentist is taking out the
last for him on Thursday,
& when he gets the new ones,
we hope he'll be better.

With love to both
from mother.

Would think this was sent but
a very much stronger one was
F Eagle

Dear Dr Macpherson,

My husband
was angry with me for
calling you in & strongly
objects to my going to
Scarboro'. I have no
doubt he is right & I
~~have~~ think I should be
better among quite strangers.
I wish too I could be
somewhere without his
knowledge as I have
felt he influenced people
against me & also that

in consequence
~~that~~ I have been regarded
with suspicion. It is
these feelings, ~~and~~ not having
been able to overcome
them that makes me
break out. My own
people too know a great
deal more about me
than they get from my
letters. And as I know
my husband does not
understand me, his
interpretations of me are
not always fair.

I come to you because

once I saw you felt
for me, your soul
came into your face for
a moment & I cannot
forget. Forgive me for
having troubled you so
much, but I have been
so weak & you seemed
so strong & self-controlled.

I feel drawn to women
only & have more
than once thought of
asking the mind to take
me with them for a time.
I like their faces & have
no religious scruples to

Come in the way - I
attended a French class
there for 2 months when
they lived nearer. Do
you think they would
have me?

Please don't think I
have any drawing to
Dr. Pierce or any man.
I have not. My ac-
quaintance with men
has always been limited,
my husband has satisfied
till recent years, it has
been my fault entirely -
as I had put him in

the place of God
without knowing it.

A quiet & ordered life
in a controlled atmosphere
would I think put me
right, but not a solitary
one nor a worldly one.

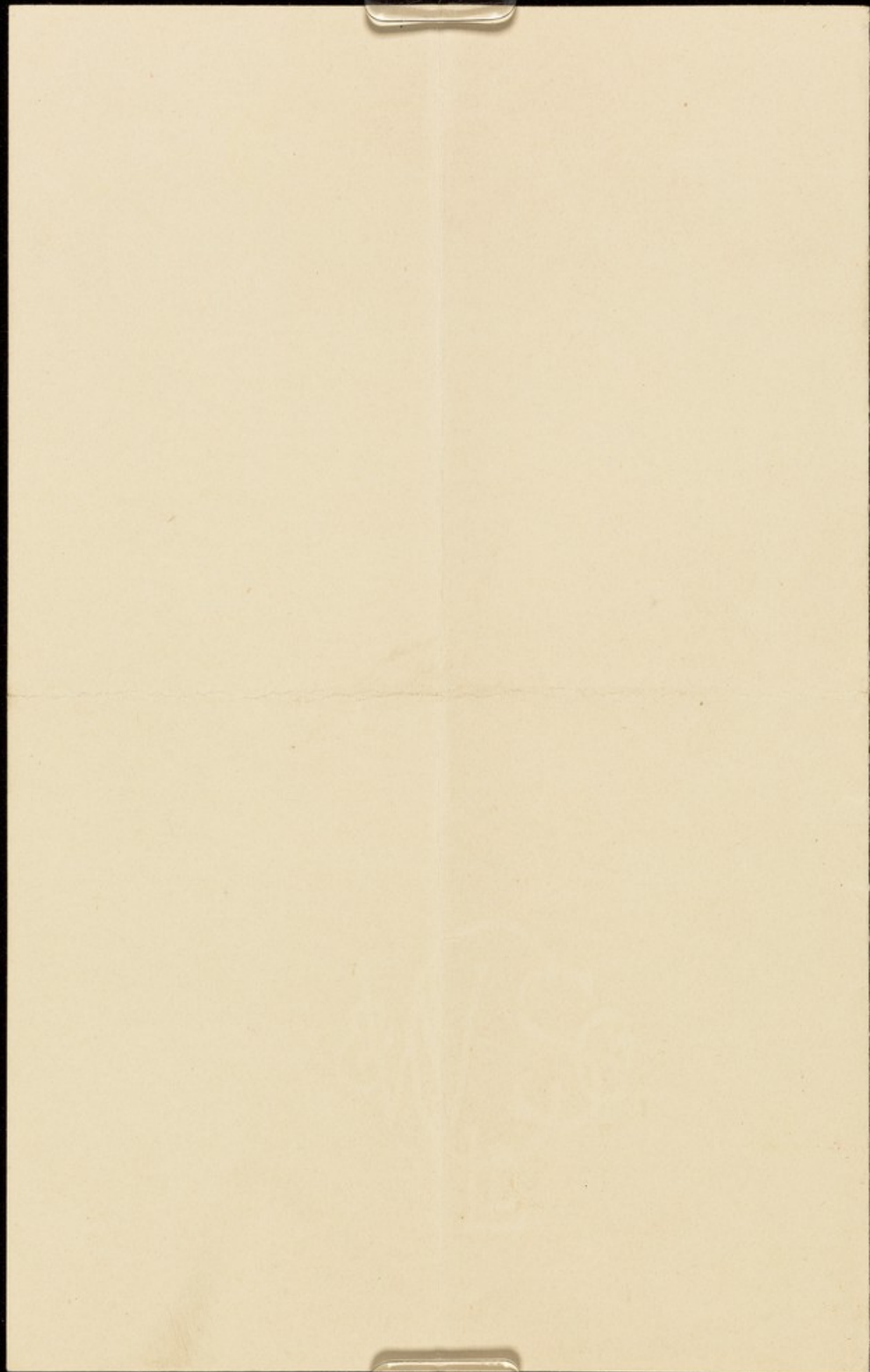
I have felt for some
time that I stand in
my children's way &
that they would be
much better without me.
They have too much
consideration for me
for their good, & my
presence takes too much

out of them, especially
my daughter. I feel sure
it would be for her
good for me to be away.
Their education is very
deficient too & their
father would shoulder
the responsibility much
better if I were not
here. & they themselves
would soon gain heart
& throw themselves into
study.

I have written this
as I find I can

Say what I want to
better than in speaking.
I wish I had been
more open when I have
seen you in the past
but I find it so
difficult, & have felt
so afraid of saying
what I should afterwards
regret. You have been
most kind & sympathetic
too so that I ought
to have broken through
the reserve that has
grown up round me.

Yours sincerely,
E. Eagle.



Private
for Mrs Wallace
& please destroy

St. Andrews Rd,
Blenley-on-Thames.

2/9/07.

Dear Mrs Wallace,

Thank you very
much for instructions
received yesterday. The
delay did not matter
at all. I profited from
our interview, & feel I
have to thank you for
seeing me during your
holidays.

There were one or two
things I felt I should
like to have said after
we had parted.

My father's death was
certified as "Cardiac
Thrombosis" due as I
told you to the breaking
of bad varicose veins,
aggravated no doubt by
his disregard of orders
to rest. He persisted in
getting about to within
two days of his death,
even resorting to the use

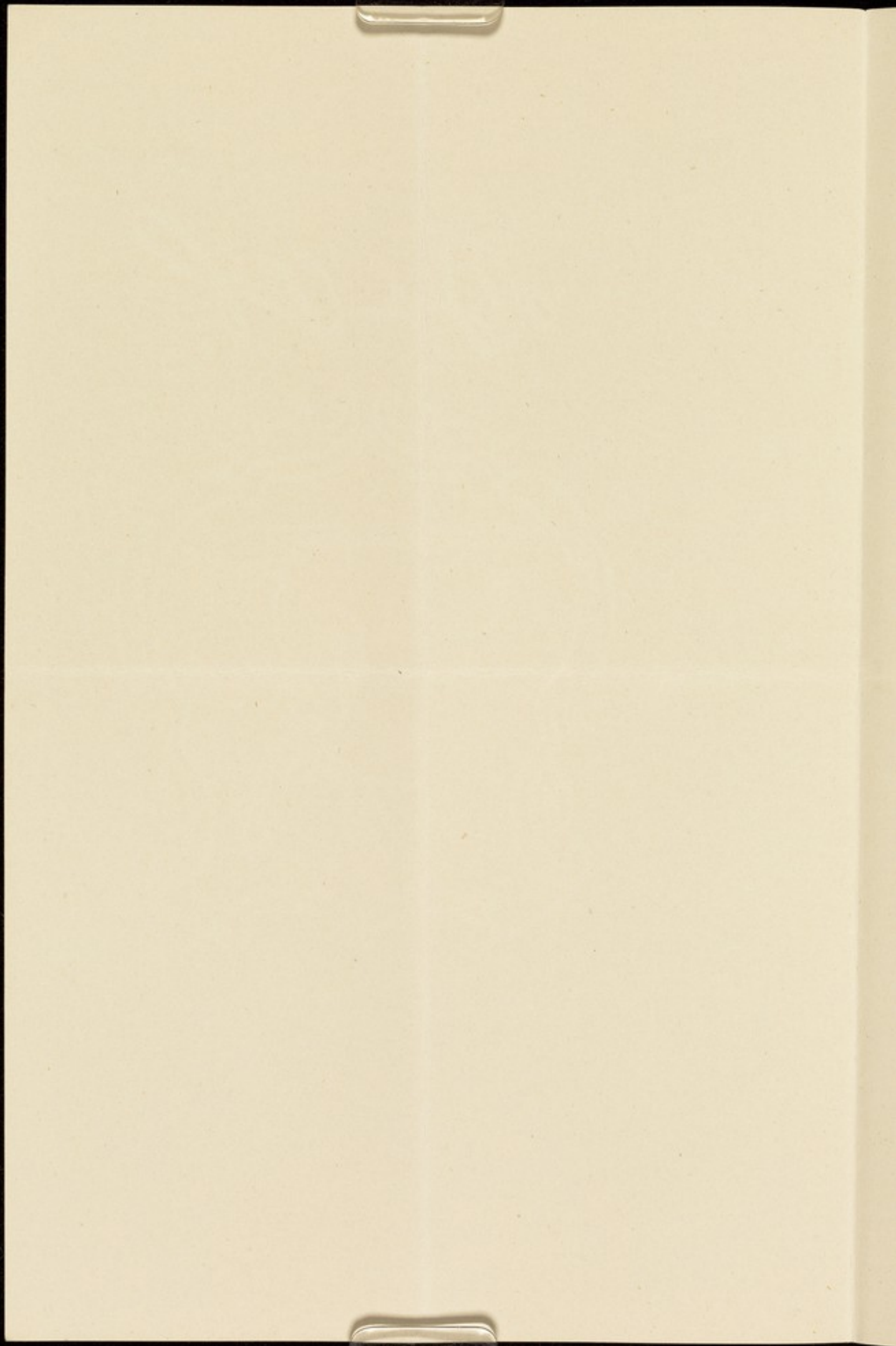
of a couple of brooms as
crutches. He took no food
at all during the last
2 days. There was a
post-mortem held for
doctor's satisfaction. The
brain was examined
& weighed. found perfectly
healthy & of rather more
than average size. weighing
3 1/4 lbs. My eldest brother
& sister (to the was one) &
myself had some con-
versation with the doctor
after the funeral. I felt
you knew where my

father died, but could not
bring myself to speak of
it unless asked - I find
it easier to write - I think
he may be forgiven for
not taking more care of
himself.

With respect to the
doctor I have been under,
I have always considered
him to be a man of the
strictest honour - one to
who knows what he
does & why he does it -
I have been in need of
a kind & sympathising
man friend & he has been

that to me - I have no
father you know, & my
two brothers in England
are too many years my
junior to have made
confidence possible. My
only tie to life has been
my daughter's love &
dependence on me, & I
think even that would
have broken through if
Dr Macpherson had
not appeared on the
scene when he did.

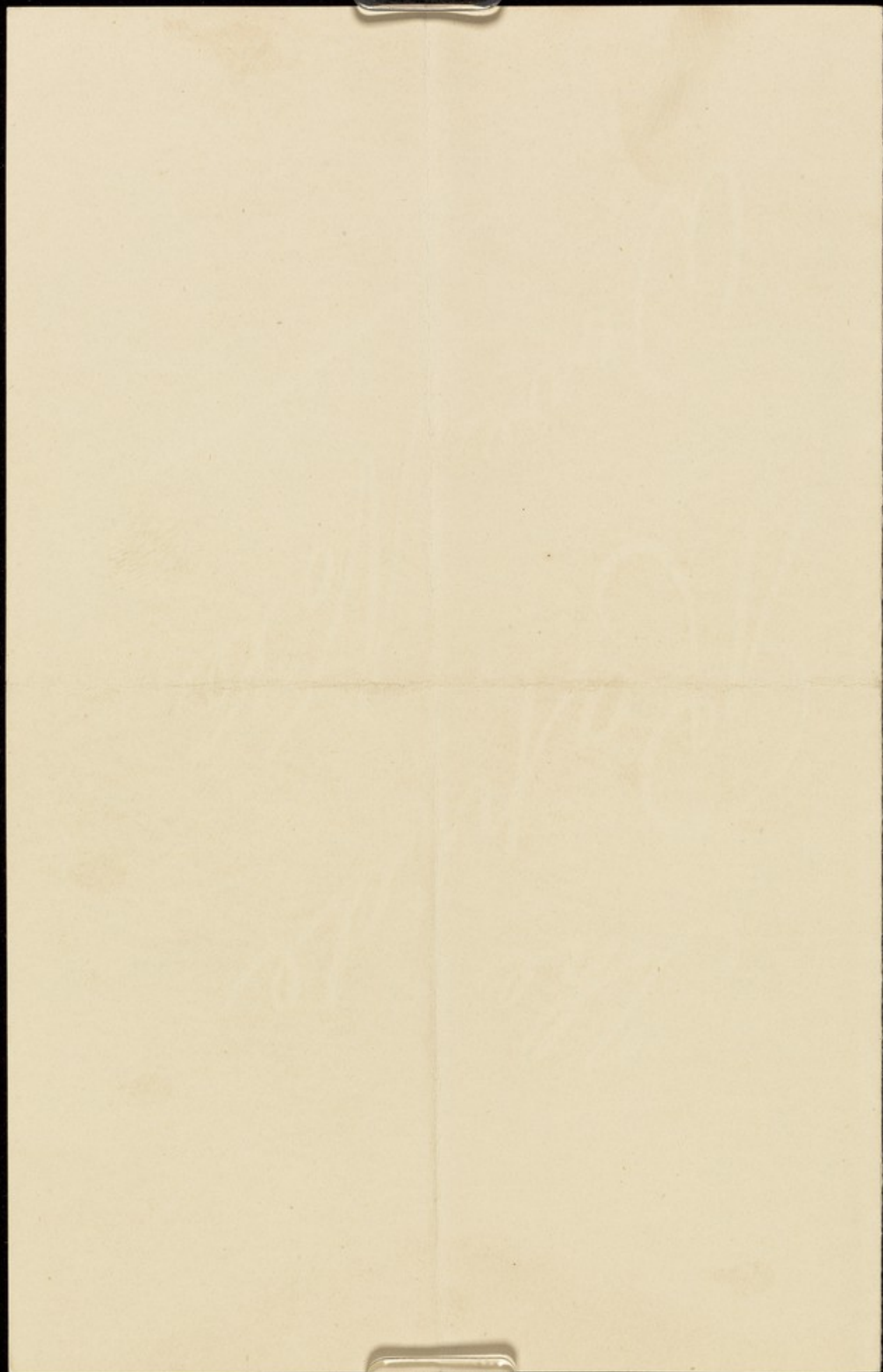
With kind regards &
many thanks, & trusting



the
remainder of your holiday
will make up for the
lost, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

Edith Seagle.



St. Andrews Road,

May 4 '08

Dear Mother,

When Edie & I paid you
our last visit, you during 'the
scene' used an expression which
has been used against me ever
since.

When she charged me with
immorality in Clavering, you said,
"Well if it were so, it was forgiven
long ago!" or words to that effect.

She takes that as a proof that
you knew I had immoral
dealings with another woman.

If you knew or heard about it,
will you please say with whom?

Or will you kindly explain
what you meant.

There is a married woman in

a good word for me. I want
nobody's sympathy. She is
quite sure I have set you all
against her & that I am
constantly writing first to one
& then to another - She doesn't
blame you for this but me.

May I be damned to the
lowest hell if I have ever
wilfully injured her - up to
the present - or done anything
against her, or not tried to
protect her all I could

Please reply soon

Malaple.

it. She is constantly asking me what you
heard of for the life of me! I cannot
tell how you should know that I
had anything to do with any other
woman in Claverney. Seeing I never
knew about it myself.

Henley who has, a she^(c²) declares, had
a child by me. She knows it is
true, as her infallible intuition
teaches her

I have told her many times that if
she can prove only one of her many
charges I will either take myself
off or drown myself whichever
she prefers.

Failing this I have threatened that
if she repeats another worse
charge I will half kill her &
then clear off, for I am at last
after 7 years of this sort of
thing getting as mad as she is.

Why ever don't her people come to her
more & show her more sympathy?
She doesn't want their peckings &
chidings. I am sure not one of
them ever need stand up & say

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Tell just

Dear D. Carey,

Inclosed please
find other letters &c
which may help you to
form a more complete
idea of my wife's condition

She further thanks!

Went her operated on &
drugged so as to reduce her
to such a low plane
physically & morally, that
she will become a willing
harlot too sink her to my
level. She would drown
herself to prevent herself
being so drugged down.

She told me on Sunday
that she dare not let Dr
Naeplman help her more
because she loved him so!

These notes omitted in
Teel: But: at very last
moment. Will you please
excuse? Yours faithfully
F. C. Engle

CONFIDENTIAL

Sept. 8, 1908

Dear Stansfield,

I am very much obliged for your letter about Mrs. Eagle and can well understand the perplexity of Reading Friends. It would seem to me that as in so many other cases both sides of the question are in part right; yet as you ask me, I have no doubt that Mrs. Eagle is of unsound mind at the present time. Altogether apart from the accusations she makes against her husband, which are in themselves outrageous and unsupported by facts, she has a generally suspicious outlook on the world and doubts almost everybody she comes across. Thus, because she slept well the second night she was here she accused me of secretly drugging her, and in many other ways it is obvious that her reasoning powers are defective although it is quite true that she is an intelligent woman and talks sensibly on most topics.

Mr. Eagle made no proposal as regards payments, and we should like to know what is to be paid. There is a meeting of the Committee next Tuesday, and if it be possible for you to make some suggestions before then I shall be glad to submit them to the meeting.

There is reason to think that Mrs. Eagle's bodily condition is distinctly bad, but I am not able to speak definitely on this point at present.

The letter also gives the very full and
complete description of the building and its
location.

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

AND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 391X.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

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The information given in your letter is valuable to us as it assists me to understand the peculiar difficulties of the case.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Sept. 10, 1908

Dear Mr. Eagle,

I cannot as yet report much change in Mrs. Eagle's condition. She is quiet and collected, and gives us no trouble.

The mental symptoms remain unaltered. She exercised her right to see a magistrate yesterday and has now received an account for one guinea, due to the Magistrate's clerk. Do you wish me to pay this?

I have heard from Mr. Stansfield on the subject of fees, and he says it is suggested that I shall submit to the Committee a proposal of a rate of a guinea a week. This I will do at their meeting on Tuesday next.

Yours very truly,

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N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Edith Eagle of St Andrew's Road
Heuley-on-Thames as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Brigate, 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 necessities, or
extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of
the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in
the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay
or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said
Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said
Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any
accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days
from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital.
AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the
said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary
or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 18th day of September 1908.

Name Frederick Eagle
Residence St Andrew Road, Heuley-on-Thames
Occupation Schoolmaster

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

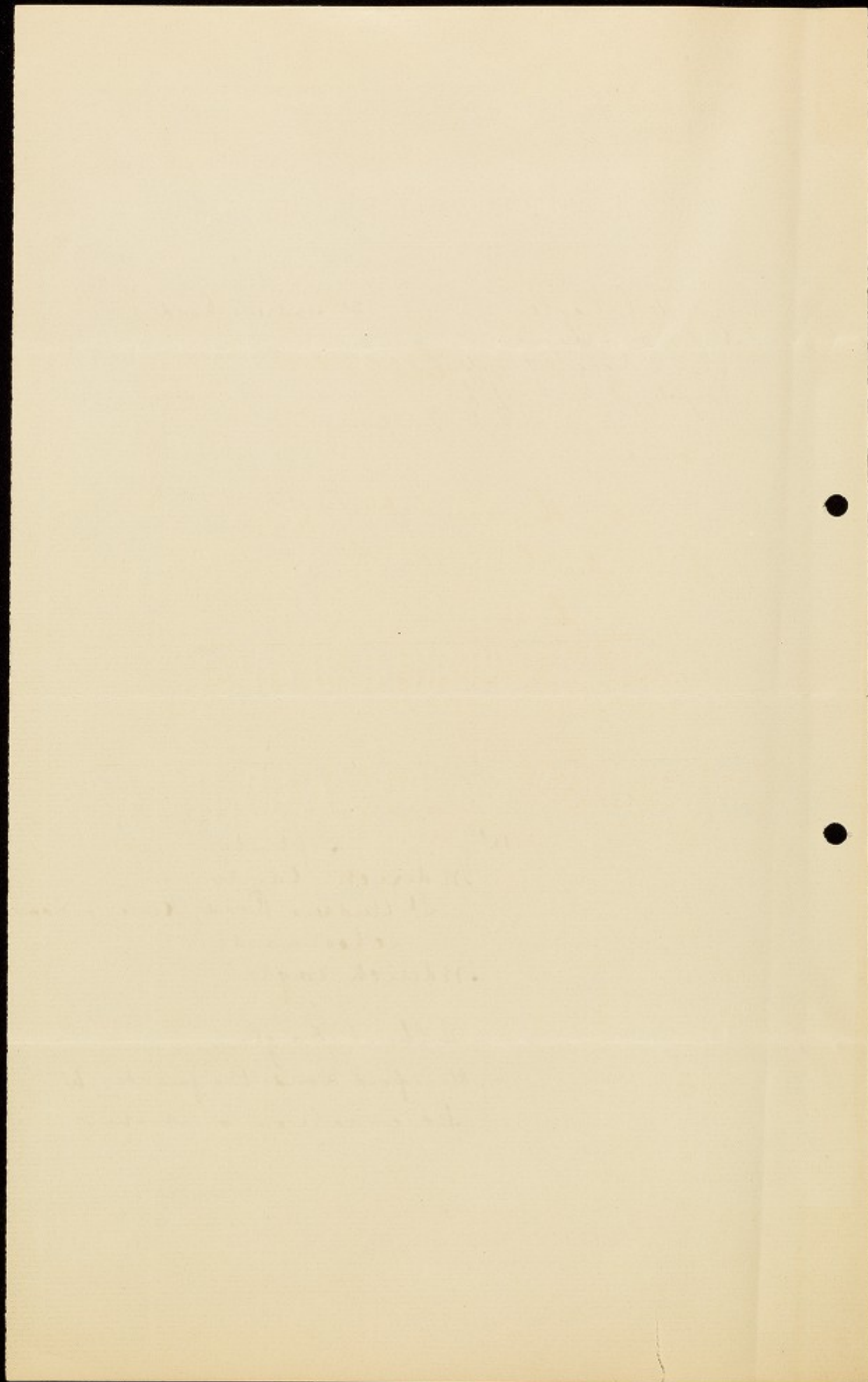
Albert Eagle

63 Hereford Road Baywater W

Science Demonstrator

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance.
Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are
charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a
month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the
quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



Sept 17 1908

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting
of the Relief Committee the terms
for Mrs Eagle were fixed at $20\frac{1}{2}$ a
week—

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Secy.

Please return the agreement form
to me when completed—

F. Eagle Esq

Sept 17 1908

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting
of the Robert Committee the term
for the 3rd year fixed at 1st &

last -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Secy.

Please return the agreement form
from when completed -

F. C. G. G.