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23 Westbourne Park
Scarb'ro'

8th Mch 1909

To Dr. Peirce

Dear Sir,

I am very grieved
to read your letter this
morning, it is quite
impossible for me to
keep my daughter at
"the Retreat" another month.
I have had to apply to a

friend to help me as it
is. Besides her Father is
seriously ill & it is very
doubtful if he lasts many
more weeks, & I am quite
alone, so that her help
& company, if possible
would assist me - And
I fear if she is denied
coming home next Sat-
urday that she will
be so upset, it would
do her more harm than
good. Mrs Fletcher will

come & see her & you this
week, & please if possible
see her & she will explain
our very unfortunate
circumstances at this
time. It is most kind
of you offering to see
the Committee again on
my behalf. I am very
grateful to them & you
for what you have done,
but please if not dangerous
let her come home.

Yours very truly
Elizabeth Smith

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23 Westbourne Park
Scarbro'
3rd March 1909

To Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I am writing
to you respecting my
daughter Mrs Elvidge,
now under your care.
She is very anxious
to come home as her
father is very ill & I shd

be glad to have her as I
am quite alone, provided
you consider her in a
proper condition to come,
as expense has certainly
to be considered in the
case but if you are at all
afraid of her having
a relapse & that another
week would certainly
prevent that, well she
had better remain, but,
please not any longer.
Will you kindly let me

know, as soon as you can
when I may expect her as
I shall have some ar-
rangements to make.
Thanking you all for
all your kindness to her
I remain

Yours obediently
E. Smurthwaite

2, ST. JAMES TERRACE
YORK

18th Feb. 1909

To Dr. Pierce,

Dear Sir,

I must write &
thank you & the
Committee for your
great kindness to
my daughter in so
kindly lessening the
fees, under the painful

2 ST JAMES TERRACE
YORK

Circumstances & can
assure^{you} that we shall
ever be thankful to
such a beneficent
Institution & trust
sincerely that ere the
6 weeks is ended
she will be well enough
to return to Scarboroughth
& able to live with me
while she lets her small

house for the season
She expresses herself
deeply indebted to
the whole staff for
their great kindness
to her throughout
the house, with much
gratitude.

I remain
Yours obediently
J. Smithwaite

Scarbro'
29th April 1909

To Dr Pierce,
Dr. Sir.

I have received
a line from Dr. Kemp.
inquiring after my
daughter, M^{rs} Elbridge
I am glad to tell you
that she seems quite
herself again, & has
a better appetite, she

has gone to her own
home now which is
not far from mine,
she only saw her poor
father two days before
he died, but I am glad
she got home in time
& was a help to me at
the time, her little
daughter is not very
well, but I quite think
you may give her
her discharge, & thank
you very much for all.
Your kindness & con-

sideration to both her
& myself. With kind
regards, I remain
Yours sincerely
E. Smithwhite

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2, ST JAMES TERRACE,

YORK. Clifton Green

To Dr Pierce

Dr Sir

I regret very much
that I am compelled to
write to you respecting
my daughter Mrs Elvidge,
to say that the expenses of
the Retreat are far beyond
our means, & as you are
aware that her small Pension
does not enable her to help
much, so that under these
circumstances, I wish to
ask you, if you can help us

By kindly assisting us to
send her to the Bootham
Park Asylum while the
present certificates would
admit her there, & so save
all the worry & expense
of getting fresh ones,
I am very sorry to remove
her from your kind care
but, had I known at the
first, that it was less ex-
pensive, I would not have
given you the trouble, but
at the time of the break
out, I knew not what to do

I took the first advice I
could get, which was to send
her to you. for she was very
wild. & Dr. Wilkinson would
to you. Thanking you for
your kindness to her & me
with you please tell me
what is the best to do under
these distressing circum-
stances, & also let me have
your candid opinion
as to how long it is
probable my daughter
will be, before she is better
or if she will quite re-
cover in time -
With kind regards

I remain
Yours obediently
E. Smurthwaite