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6 GROSVENOR TERRACE

YORK

Jan. 14. 1913

Dear D. Pierce

You will, I am sure  
be pleased to hear that  
Mrs. Evans has had  
no return of the mental  
trouble since she left  
you & is on quite friendly  
& affectionate terms  
respecting with her  
neighbours & her

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Companion, whom she  
considers now a very  
satisfactory, nice person.  
Except for continual  
colds she has kept  
very well since the  
summer & enjoyed her  
leaves.

I don't seem to have  
had an account  
from you up to the  
end of her residence

at the Retreat, nothing  
since the receipt of my  
check on April 12.12.  
Perhaps you are sending  
one as to the end of the  
year?

With kindest regards

Yours very truly

J. A. Jones.



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6 GROSVENOR TERRACE  
YORK

July 31. 12.

Dear D. Pierce.

You will be glad  
to hear that the holiday  
in Ireland has been  
most successful. We  
have had a very pleasant  
& happy holiday with  
the result that Mr. Evans  
is now in a better state



of health than I have  
known her for some  
years. She is now at  
home & on happy  
terms with every one  
all the old ideas  
seem to have died  
out. He will come  
up & see you one day  
early in the week. I

think you will agree  
when you see her that  
there is no further  
necessity to keep her  
under certificate.

Thanking you for all  
your care of her.

Yours very truly

A. W. Evans.



6. GROSSENETT TERRACE  
NEW YORK

Briefly Suspicious of

- Lady Hep. } agent for others  
                  } trying to do no harm
- " has Master Reep.
- " Opens & reads letters
- " Communicates with  
                                neighbours  
as Private Enquiry Agents
- " tries to alienate children

Tradesmen } in league to  
                  } ruin her life

Ex-servants } do. do.  
+ charwomen }

Self Always side with  
others against her

Suspicious are unjustifiable  
I am considered to be  
always ready to take  
the part of others against  
her.

It is difficult to make  
these things very clear as  
they are so variable  
& only occur when she  
gets these bad attacks  
& die away when she  
gets better.



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Her attacks appear  
to be brought on by very  
different causes.  
Sometimes coming on  
at other times apparently  
horrendous. But I  
fancy the real cause  
is constitutional.  
The same things occur  
at each attack but

with, possibly, different  
individuals.

I hope this will assist  
you in finding about a cure.

Yours very truly

A. H. Evans.



I think that this is also  
dealing out

(3) Knowing had unfortunately  
in the past, servants who  
had gone wrong, she is  
inclined to believe the  
same of any others. She  
took also options with one  
girl in trying to get the man  
to marry her & has an impression  
that through this, they have  
a prejudice against her & are  
trying to damage her in  
the district

(4) When I try & show her  
that any of the above

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6 GROS VERT TERRACE  
NEW YORK

May. 12. 12. ✓

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I understand your note  
to mean the circumstances  
rather than the dates of  
occasions when Mrs Evans  
has shown suspicion of  
those about her.

They are principally these.

(1) Of the lady keeps whom  
she suspects of being agent  
for others who are attempting  
to ruin the life of the children  
themselves.



SECRET TOWER BOARD ©  
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"That she has master key to all  
her drawers & locked up places.  
"That she opens & is cognizant  
of, all our letters.

"That she is in regular communica-  
-tion with our back door people & knows  
whom she believes to be a private  
sneaking agency.

"That she endeavours to alienate  
the children from her.

This has been the case not only  
with the present help, but also  
with her predecessors.

I hope the fact that she has  
just written to our Miss Wharton  
to do some work for her is

a sign that these suspicions  
are dying away..

(2) She has suspicions of  
the trades people she deals  
with, believing that they are  
all in league against her.

She is in the habit of accepting  
the chance remarks of passers  
by as referring to herself  
& always or often by a  
complete stranger as being  
directed against herself.

I hope that the fact that  
she had 2 boxes happy  
shopping the other day



then how she goes on in  
the next few weeks.

Yours very truly  
J H Evans.

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6, CROSVENOR TERRACE,  
YORK

17 May. 12.

Dear D. Peto.

I thank you very much  
for your letter giving  
the result of your interview  
with Mr Evans. It is  
disappointing to know what  
he has for the best - it is  
quite clear that she  
does not realize the State



of affairs at present.  
If she continues to improve  
I think it would be best to  
try her at home again  
when you think she is fit  
to come. She would never  
agree to going elsewhere  
unless it would  
be difficult to place her  
unless she were to have  
another bad attack

When the position would  
have to be faced.

I agree that an indefinite  
stay at the Retreat, so near  
home, is inadvisable.  
If she goes on well I could  
take her away for 2 or 3  
weeks before August  
or in September & then  
bring her home, but I  
cannot go in August.  
However we shall have



May 15, 1912

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have had a long talk with Mrs. Evans as arranged, and I am sorry I cannot say the delusional and suspicious state of mind has altogether passed away. Mrs. Evans is pretty cheerful and is much more reasonable in her conversation, and, I think, sees something of the gravity of the case, but she evidently did not understand why you should have written to me as you did giving particulars, somewhat disposed to blame you for doing so, nor did she see any reason why she should not be a voluntary boarder. I told her quite plainly that I should not advise her removal until the tendency to suspicions was very much better, if not entirely eradicated. I fear there is very little hope that the latter will be the case, and if this be so there seem only two alternatives open. One is that you should try her again at home on the old lines, and the other is that she should remain under care somewhere or other. I cannot think staying indefinitely at the Retreat is wise. The proximity of home makes the situation awkward. She cannot freely take walks abroad, and there is a constant possibility of meeting people under uncomfortable circumstances.

I wish I could help you further. It is quite possible that, after the plain talk to-day, things may be better; and I must admit that she took the conversation in very good part on the whole.



I think she is correct in saying that she was brought up in a suspicious atmosphere and that she is constitutionally unable to do justice to the motives of others.

I am sorry to have to give such a poor account.

Yours very truly,



May 10, 1912

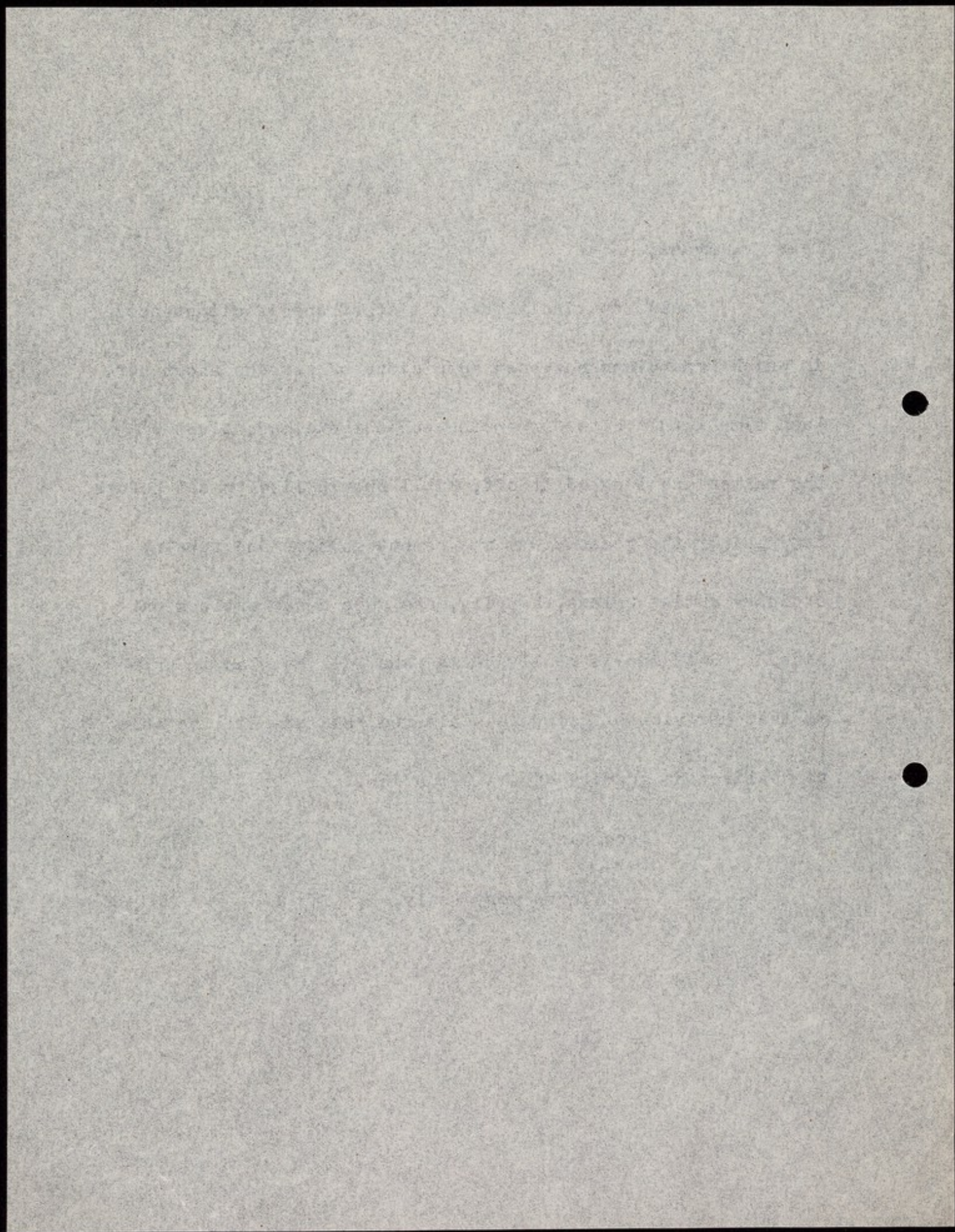
Dear Mr. Evans,

Would you kindly make a list of specific instances in which Mrs. Evans has been suspicious of persons about her. Last time I talked to her on the subject she made light of the matter and laughed it off, but I should like to set before her plainly the reasons why she cannot go home and take up ordinary duties unless, happily, she gets a new outlook on life. If she is really better she will be glad to show me that her view of things has altered, and she will be able to realise the gravity of the situation.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







She does not seem in con-  
-viction to understand the  
reason she cannot come  
home at present, so I am  
putting it in letters to her  
to try bring it more clearly  
to her.

Yours very truly,

A. Howard.

6 Grosvenor Ter.

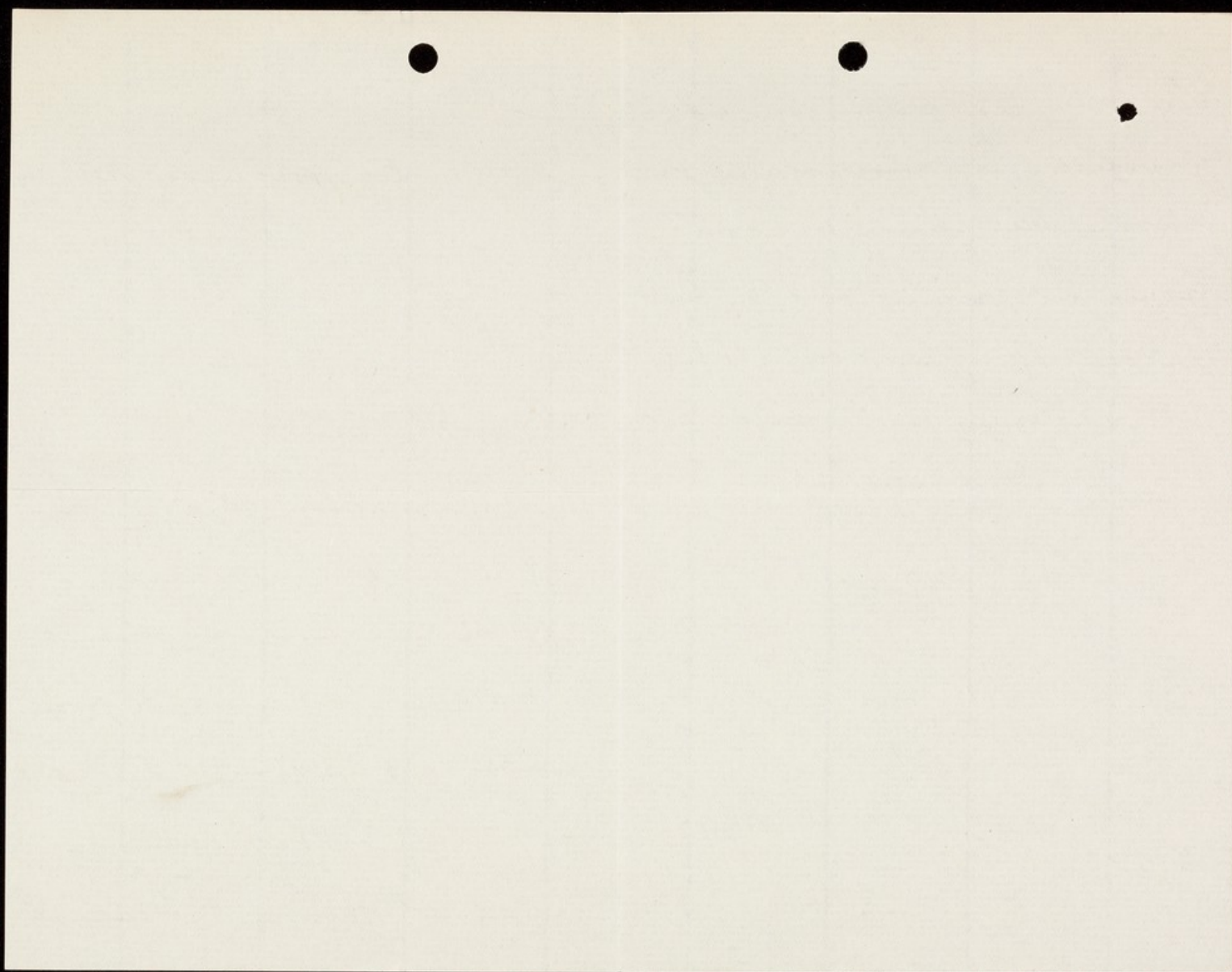
York.

Apr 12 - 12.

Dear Dr. Purce

I enclose cheque for  
£36.15.10 in payment  
of the enclosed account.  
I note from your certificate  
as well as from her own  
letter that Dr. Evans is  
still difficult to deal with.







D. Kempe, with regard  
to any articles of dress  
that Mrs Evans may  
require.

Wishing you the  
Comps of the season

Yours truly  
H Evans.

Jan. 9. 1912.

Dear D. Pierce.

I am very glad  
to note from your  
report a slight im-  
provement in Mrs Evans  
condition. I thought  
when I saw her  
on Wednesday last



That she was a  
little less self-centred  
I am not sure that  
my visits do her any  
good, as she spends  
all the time I am  
with her & begging me  
"to see the Dr. & make  
proper arrangements"

Which I can only  
take to mean, to arrange  
to bring her home, which  
is I take her out of the  
question at present.  
I enclose cheque in  
payment of the account  
& shall be glad of an  
opportunity next time  
I come up to speak  
to someone, probably



CHURCH GREEN HOUSE,  
REDDITCH.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Dear Dr. Belford Pierce

I received a letter this  
morning from Mr. Evans whose  
wife I believe is under your care -  
He asks me to come over to York  
to see her. She is a very old  
friend of mine as well as an  
old patient & I have attended



CHURCH GREEN HOUSE  
RENNETT

Many of the members of her  
family & know their history

I told him that I would write  
to you tonight on the matter.

If you think it advisable &  
it is quite satisfactory to you

I would come to York any  
day convenient to you. It

is of course a long way and  
a wish of more satisfaction to

Mr. Brown with a possible hope  
of being able to see her  
mind somewhat -

I should like to leave the matter  
to your hands

Yours very sincerely  
C. C. Smith



Nov. 2, 1911

Dear Sir,

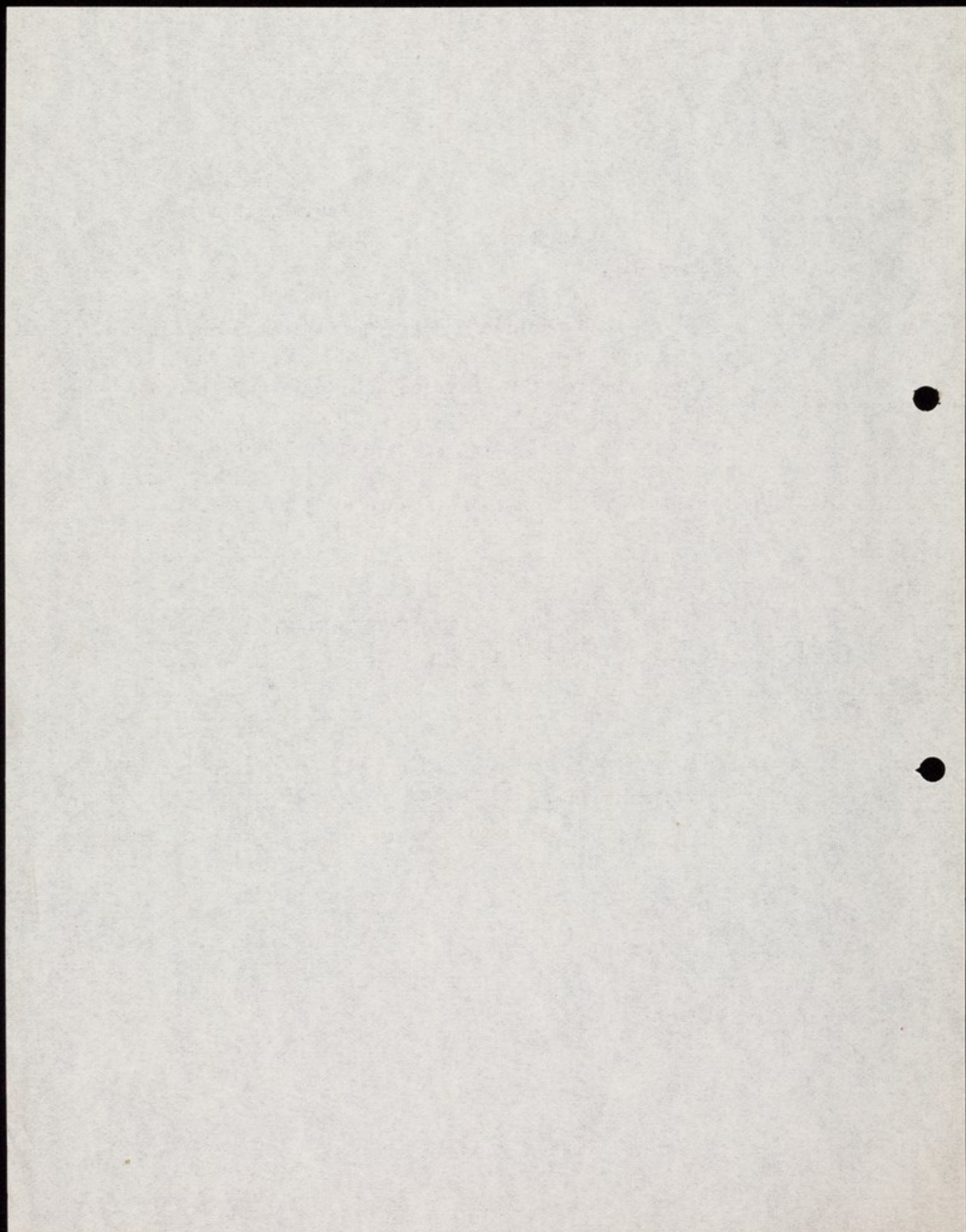
I enclose the two Certificates and also  
the forms for the Petition and Magistrate's Order  
which are required. The marginal notes will  
explain how the blanks are to be filled in.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

H.A.Evans Esq.







Oct. 31. 11.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have heard from Dr. Smith today & he says that on thinking over Mrs. Evans case he has come to the conclusion that for entirely sentimental reasons he would rather not sign the certificate. He is as I told you a very old fellow



friend as well as doctor  
of my wife's family. He  
says however that he  
believes that the only  
thing to be done is for  
her to be certified & the  
best course to take for  
her recovery. I saw Dr.  
Raines last night & he  
promised to see her  
tomorrow & I think you  
mentioned Dr. Sidney Smith

who lives near whom  
I should like to see the  
other as Mrs Evans  
would not be likely to  
meet him afterwards.  
I wish to see Dr. Raines  
afterwards & arrange  
for the form to be sent  
you.

Yours truly  
M. Evans.



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6, GROSVENOR TERRACE  
NEW YORK

Oct. 26. 11

Dear D. Pierce.

I hear from D. Smith  
today that he was  
unfortunately not well  
enough to come to  
York today, but will  
come on Monday  
by train arriving at  
2.27 pm. He is



obliged to return at  
4:40 p.m. Sunday  
so if this will suit  
you I will bring him  
upon his arrival.  
Perhaps you will  
kindly say.

Yours very truly  
J. H. Evans



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6 GROS VOR TERRACE  
YORK

Oct. 21. 11.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I received your  
letter & note the opinion  
of the Commissioners. I  
must say it is what I  
anticipated would have  
to be the case. I hear  
from Dr. Smith that he  
cannot come to see Mr  
Evans before Wednesday



on Thursday next owing  
to severe cold.

Perhaps we can discuss  
the whole matter when  
he comes up.

In the meantime I will  
send you the signed  
agreement as soon as  
I can fit my signature  
thereon. I hope to come  
over Nov. Evans tomorrow

Yours very truly

H. A. Evans.



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 Constance E. Evans of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dring etc 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 1911

Name Henry A. Evans.

Residence 6 Grosvenor Terrace, York.

Occupation Engineer.

SIGNED by the said Henry A. Evans.

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Robert Hoy.  
Glencoe, Carr. Lane, Acomb, York.  
Clerk

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

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





*[Faint, illegible text or signature]*



Oct 19 1911

Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Retreat  
Committee on Tuesday the terms  
for C.E. Evans were fixed at  
22 pounds a week -

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

Yours faithfully

G. E. Waller Secy.

A. A. Evans Esq.



Oct 19 1911

Dear Sir,  
At the meeting of the Board  
of Directors a resolution was passed  
for D.C. Brown to be paid at  
the same rate as  
the other members of the  
Board. The usual form  
of agreement which I have  
been asked to complete -  
I am forwarding  
to you for  
W. C. Brown Sec.

W. C. Brown Jr.



Oct. 17, 1911

Dear Mr. Evans,

I have heard from Dr. Smith and enclose you a  
copy of my reply. The Commissioners decided that  
Mrs. Evans could not stay as a Voluntary Boarder.  
So long as the matter is not lost sight of there is no  
need to do anything immediately.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Dec 17, 1917

Post

I have been thinking of you a great deal lately.

The weather is so cold here that I am

glad to hear that you are all well.

I hope you will have a very happy

Christmas and New Year.

Yours truly,  
John Doe



Oct. 17, 1911

Dear Sir,

We shall be most pleased for you to come and see Mrs. Evans. Any time will suit as far as she is concerned, but unfortunately I have to be away until next Saturday, having to attend some meetings in Wrensbury.

She is here in the capacity of Voluntary Boarder, but yesterday the Commissioners in Lunacy came and decided that she was no longer fit to remain in that capacity, and that if she is to stay she must be certified as of unsound mind. Consequently, when you come to see her, what is to be done must be carefully considered, and if you see your way, perhaps you would write a certificate. There is no doubt in my own mind that she is not of sound mind and should remain under care, either here or somewhere else.

I am writing to Mr. Evans to explain the situation.

Yours very truly,

Dr. C.C. Smith



