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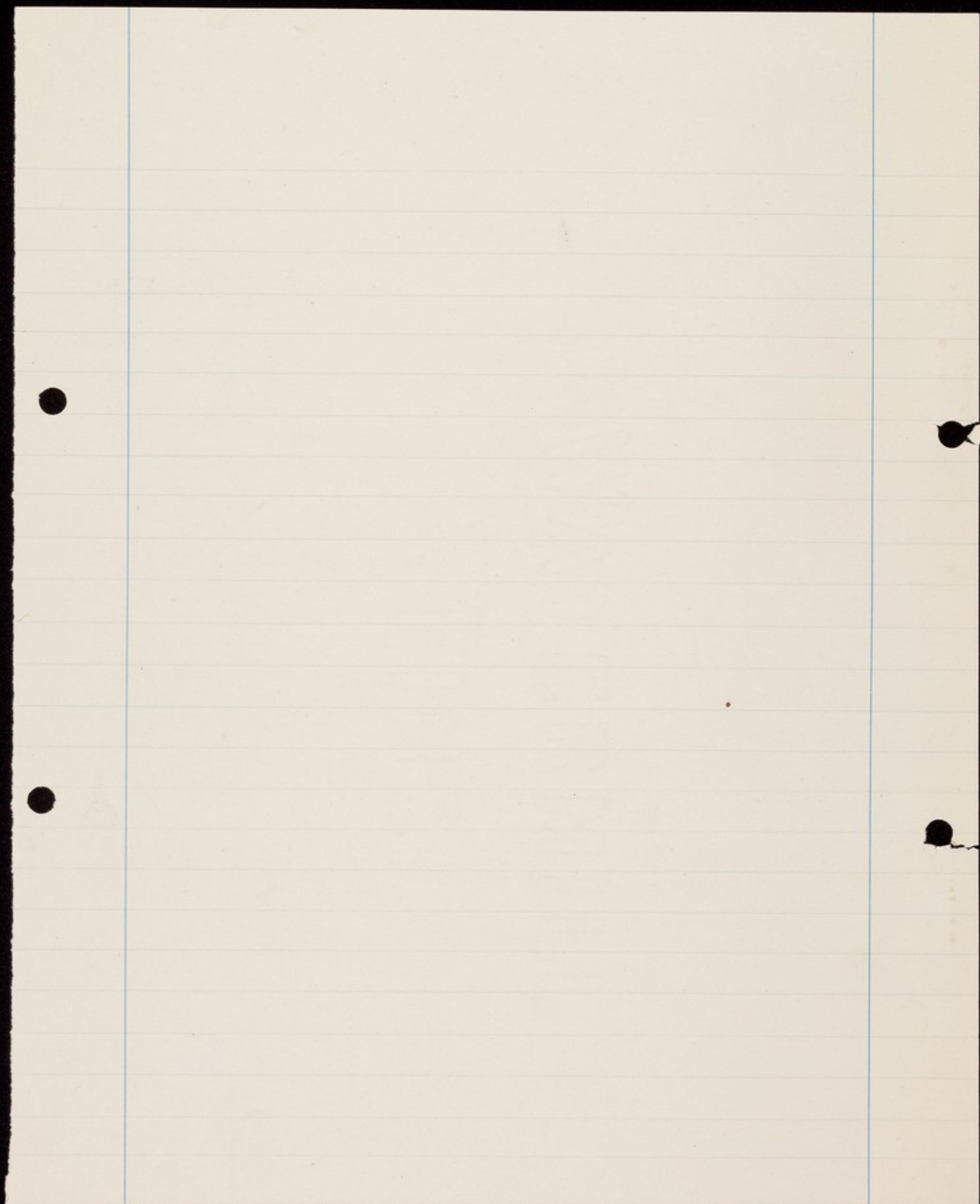
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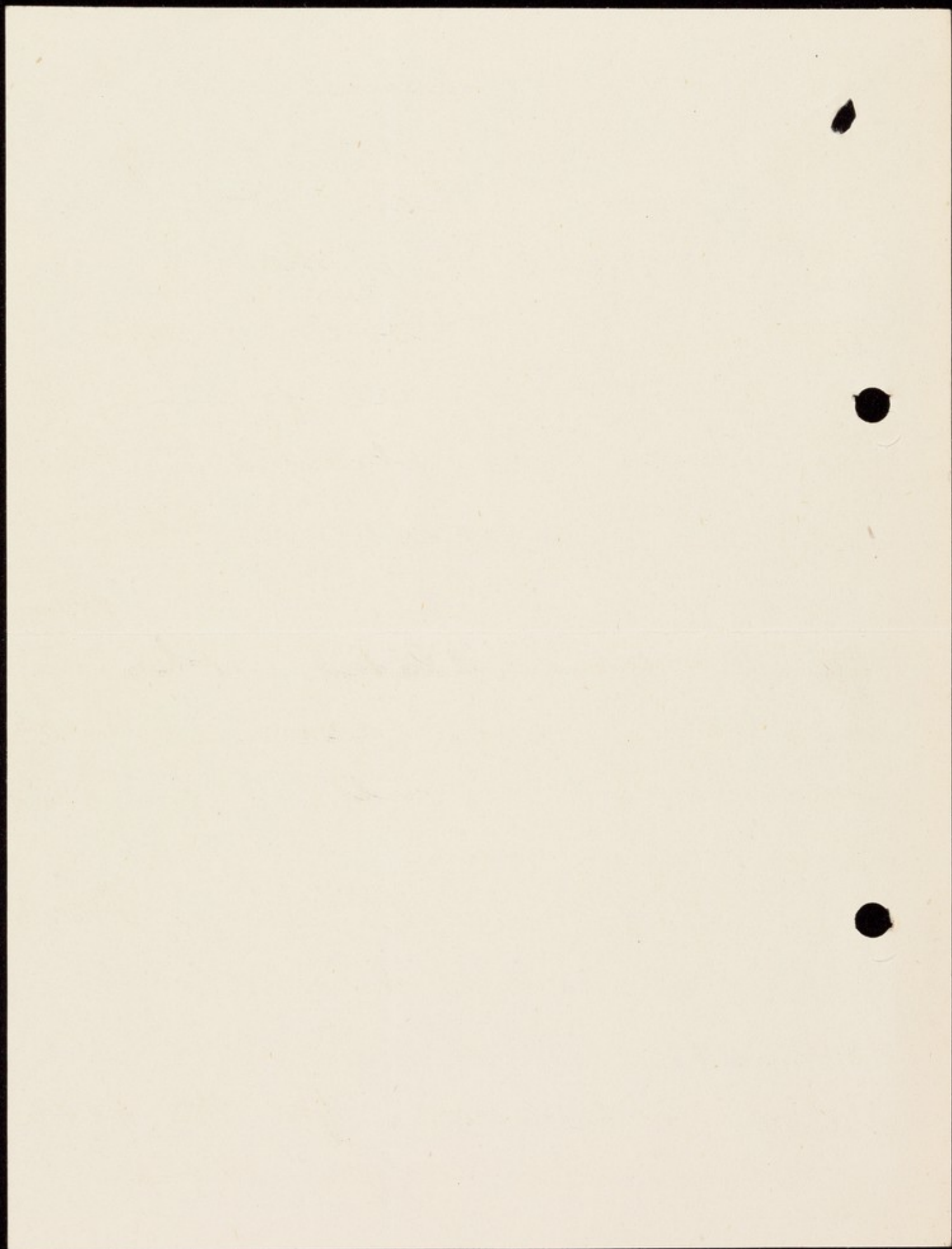
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Dr Bedford Price,

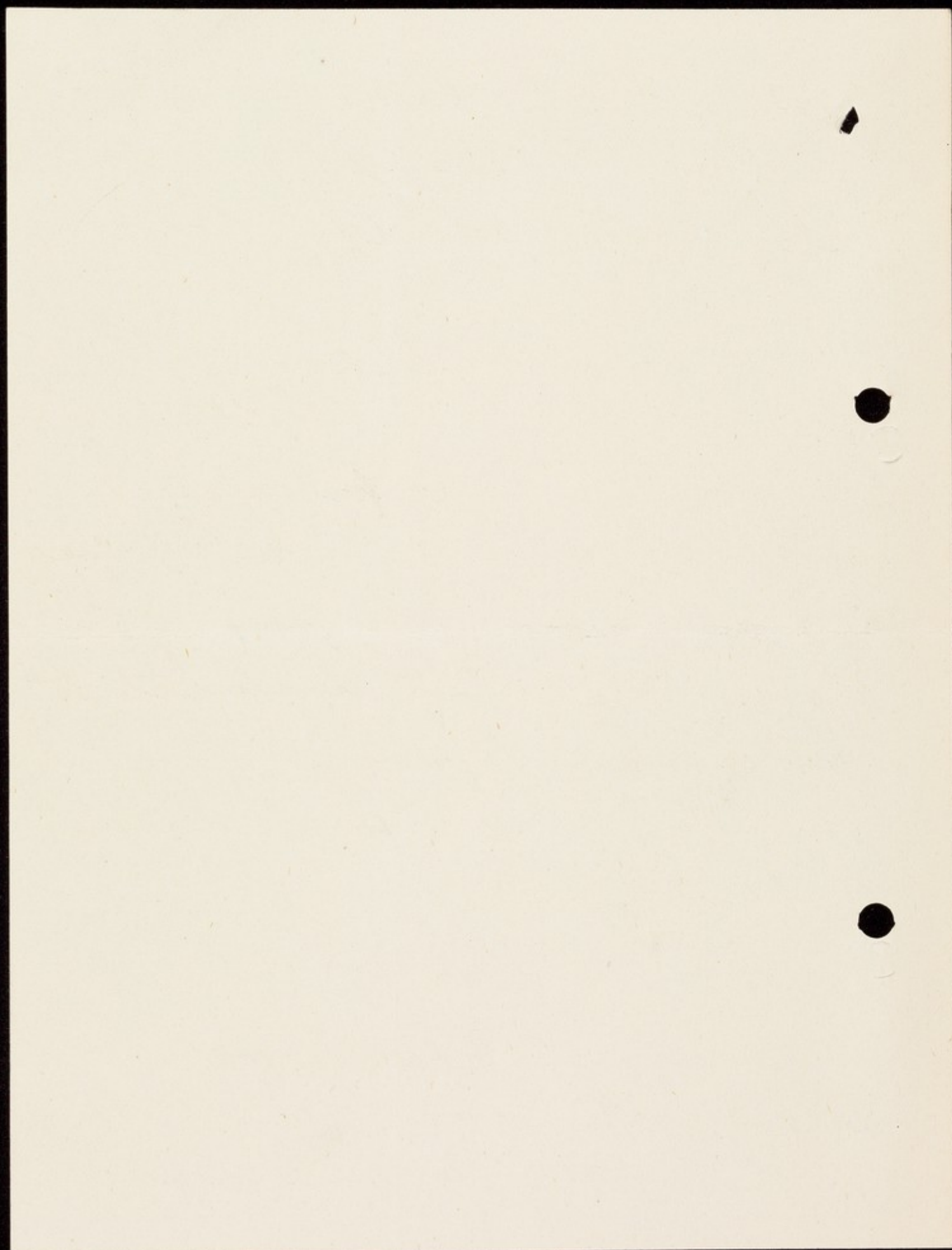
Dear Sir,

In reply to your
letter, received this morning,
I resigned my membership
in the Society of Friends
4 years ago. I retain in
memory no debt of gratitude
for my connection with
them, having found them
heartless & unjust, & much
more concerned to maintain



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their own respectability & 25
that of the 99 who remained
in the fold, than to run the
risk of sullying their
reputation in looking after
the fortunes or misfortunes of
the one who strayed. The
lingering respect I had
from childhood's days was
fairly annihilated when my
husband was received into
membership with a professed
belief in war.

● I hope both he & friends
who admitted him, & all
others who have the same
belief, will soon, for the sake
of those who suffer most

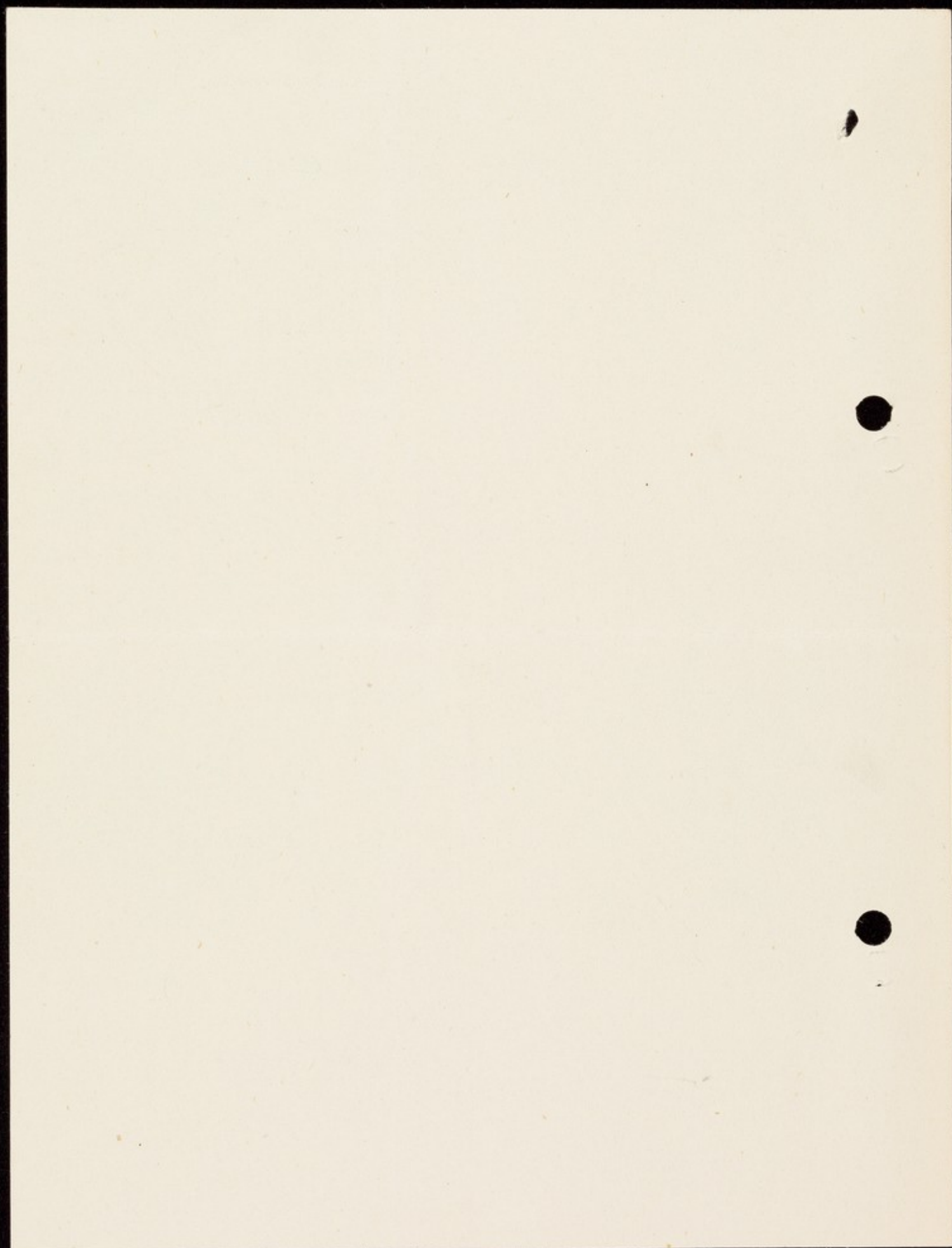


have had enough to
justify, (if possible), or at
any rate satisfy their
belief.

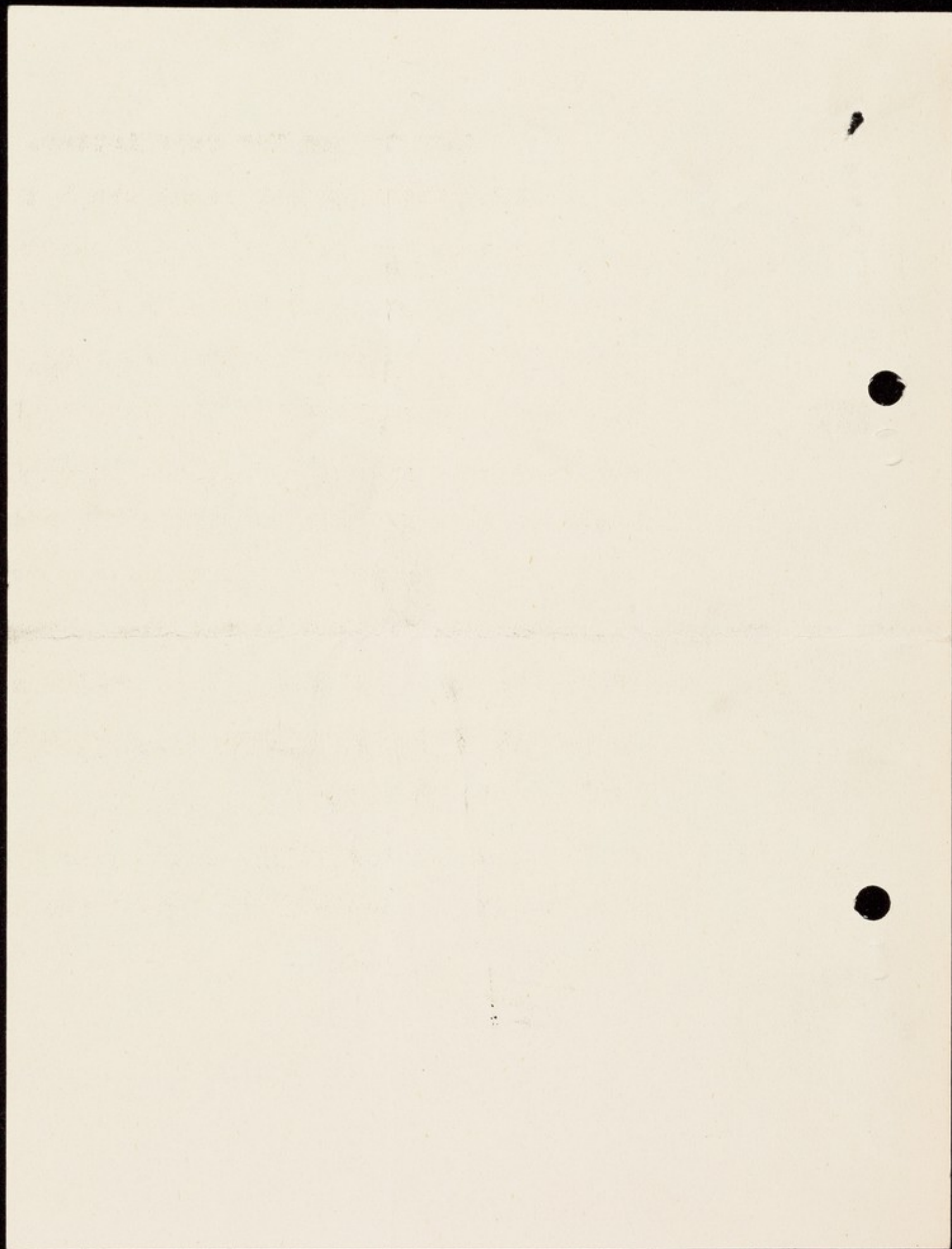
I do not endorse the
latter part of your letter re
my desire for privacy &
solitude when in the Retreat.
I was not in any right
place, & my instincts to
get away from my
surroundings were natural
& correct.

Yours sincerely,

Edith Eagle.



P. S. You never knew the
real facts of my case, nor
did Reading Friends, who were
more content to take the part
of a strong man who
would fight their battles, (I
presume for I don't know)
rather than that of the weak
& injured.



31st October, 1914.

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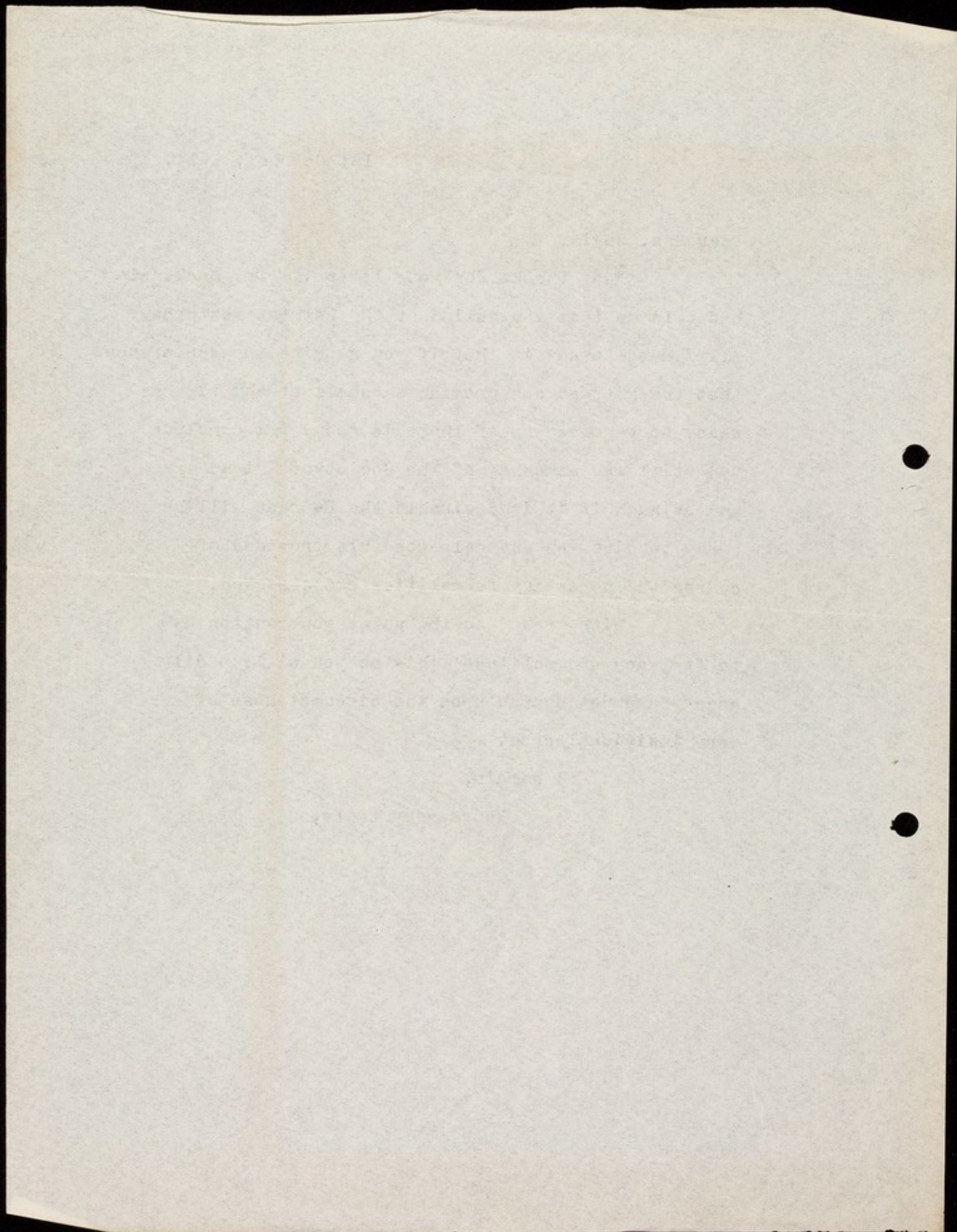
Dear Mrs. Eagle,

Many thanks for your letter. Dr. Mackenzie had told me that you called at the Retreat yesterday. All I need to say is that if you require any assistance that the Retreat can provide we shall at any time be ready to receive you if there is room. I conclude you still are a member of the Society of Friends, and as such if it is desirable the Retreat will be ready to give you any help possible provided of course the necessary formalities are observed.

With regard to the point you mention as to "privacy and solitude" this as you will readily understand must depend upon the circumstances of very individual case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



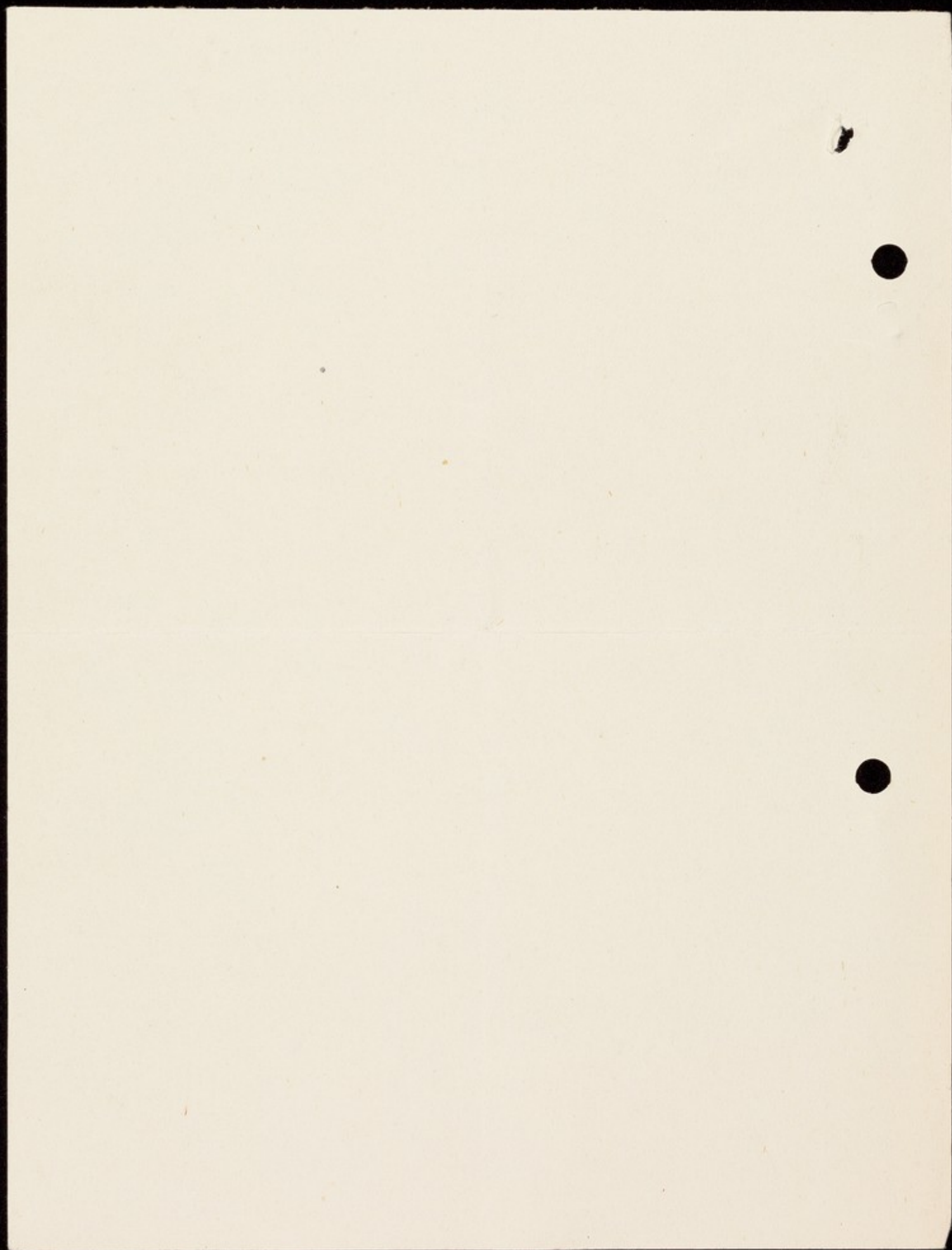
✓ 115, Bury Old Rd,
Prestwich, 23
Lanes.

30/10/14.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir,

You will have heard that I called yesterday at The Reheat. I regret that I did not write you beforehand & make an appointment to see you. It has been on my mind to do so for a week or more, but I have put off, & finally

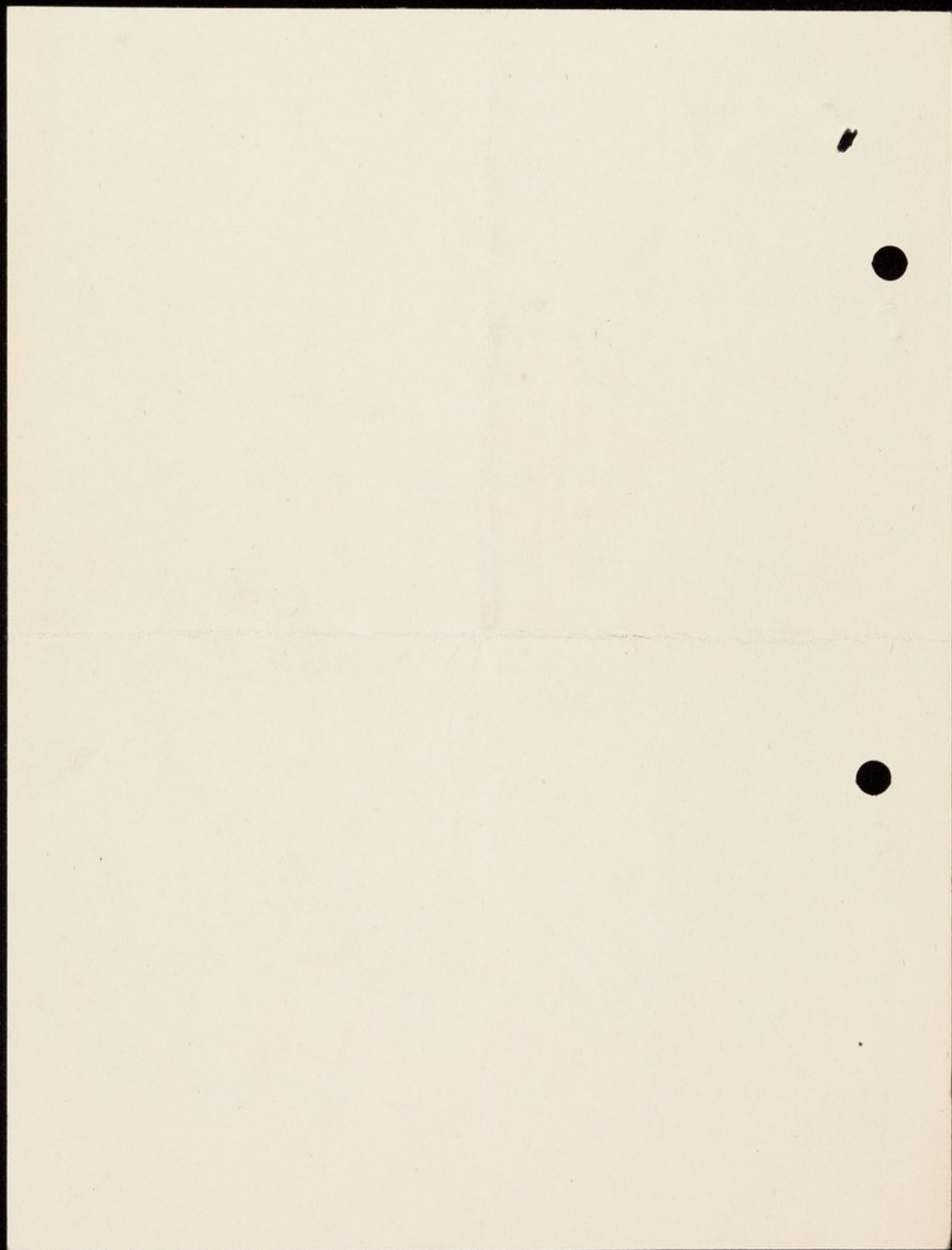


came to see you on a 23
sudden impulse -

Both Miss Thomassen &
Dr MacKenzie thought it would
be best for me to stay, &
when I left home I had
every intention to do so if
given an opportunity - I failed
at the last minute however;
a sudden memory of what
I suffered before from the
lack of privacy, solitude
proved too much, & I refused.

I write you now in
explanation of my visit.

Yours sincerely,
Edith Eagle.



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to pay

s. d.

Handed
in at

11-21-
M

Received
here at

11-36-
M.

TO {

St Johns Rd Waterloo
Reply Paid The Retreat York

No papers arrived please state
terms for Dipsomania treatment Ellison
Harcourt Avenue Waterloo

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POST OFFICE TELEGRAPH

TO

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John R. D. Waterlos
Liverpool

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Handed
in at

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Received
here at

12.19.1

TO { reply paid Medical Officer The Retreat
York

Can you take patient tomorrow
Saturday dipsonama our wish send
papers if necessary writing tonight

Ellison /
Liverpool

Hougement Avenue Waterlos

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"Can receive women but not men.
Return!"

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St Johns Rd Waterloo
Liverpool

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Received }
here at } 3.50 M.

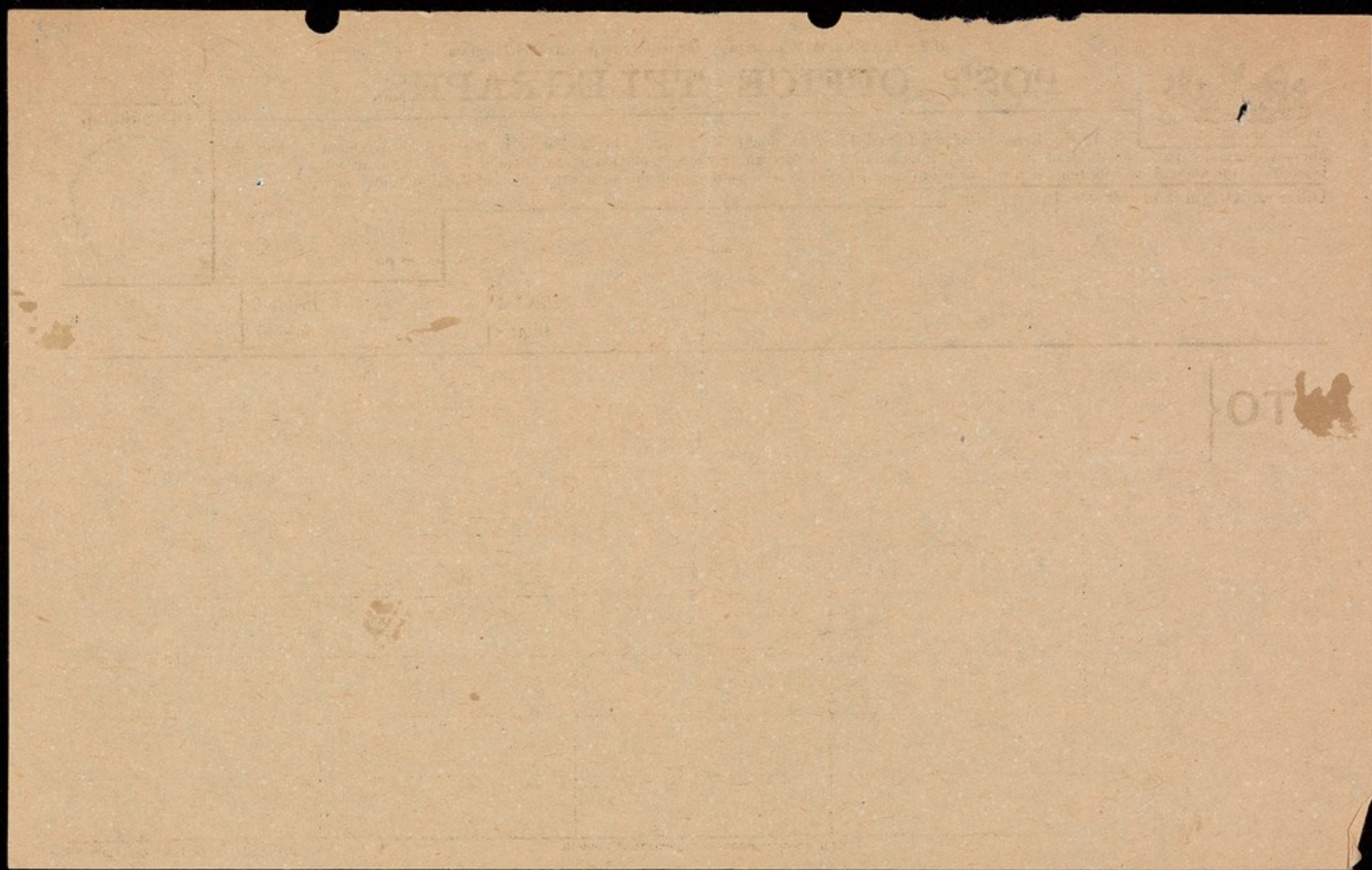
TO {

The Retreat

York

patient woman send papers today
to arrive 9 am post
probably come York 5 pm
Saturday
Ellison

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The Commission recommended your hospital
to us, and said you took a certain number
of patients at a given per week.

Yours faithfully
Terry Ellison Ellison?
A.E..

To The Medical Superintendent

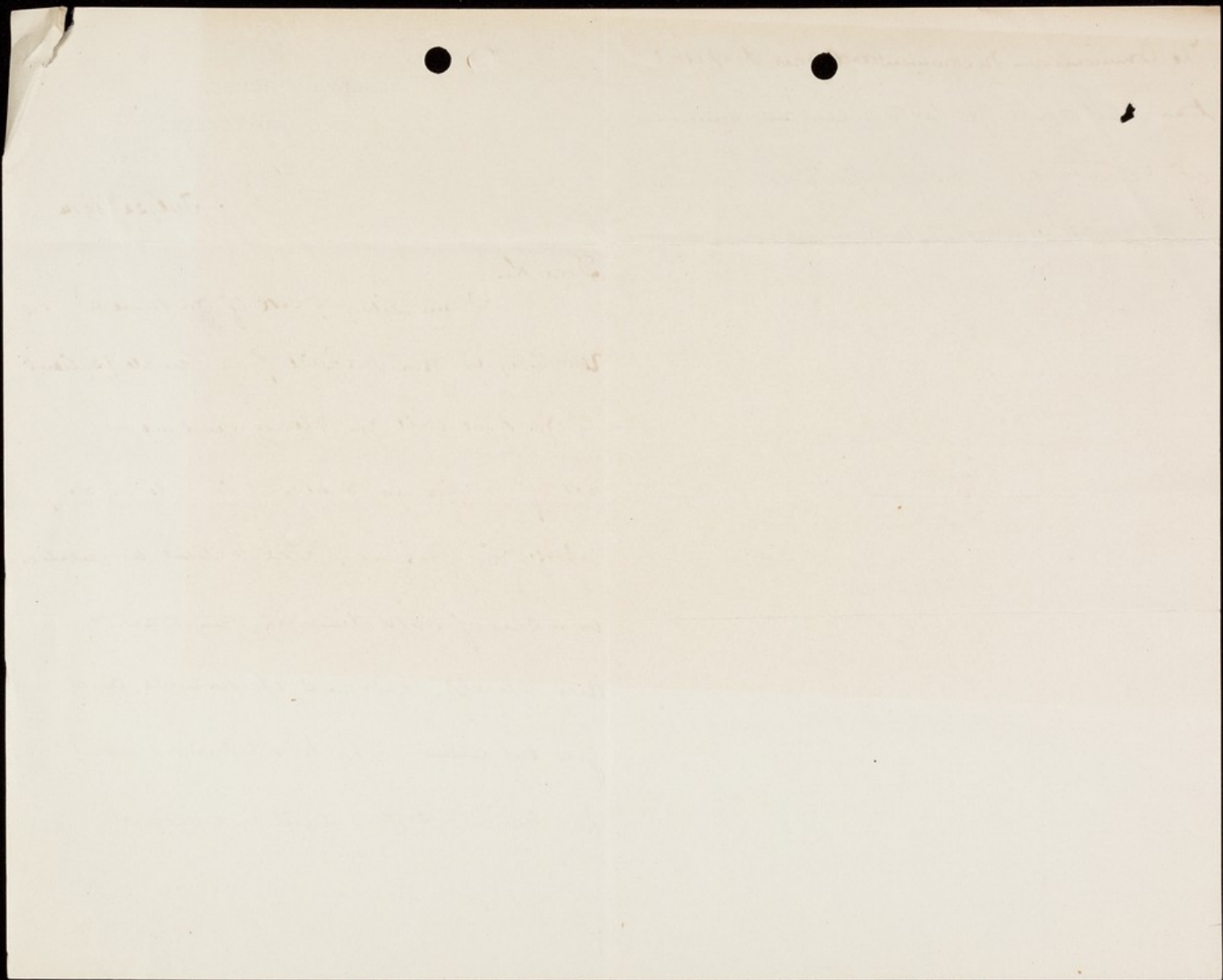
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RESERVOIR HOUSE,
BUTTERLEY,
DERBY.

July 24th 1914

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask if you have a
vacancy in your hospital for a female patient.
If you have will you please send me a
set of admission papers, also please say
what your fees are. The patient in question
is a case of mild dementia, can walk &
dress herself, eats and sleeps well, and
goes out alone. She has delusions about
her Father & sister, and is extremely
disagreeable at home.

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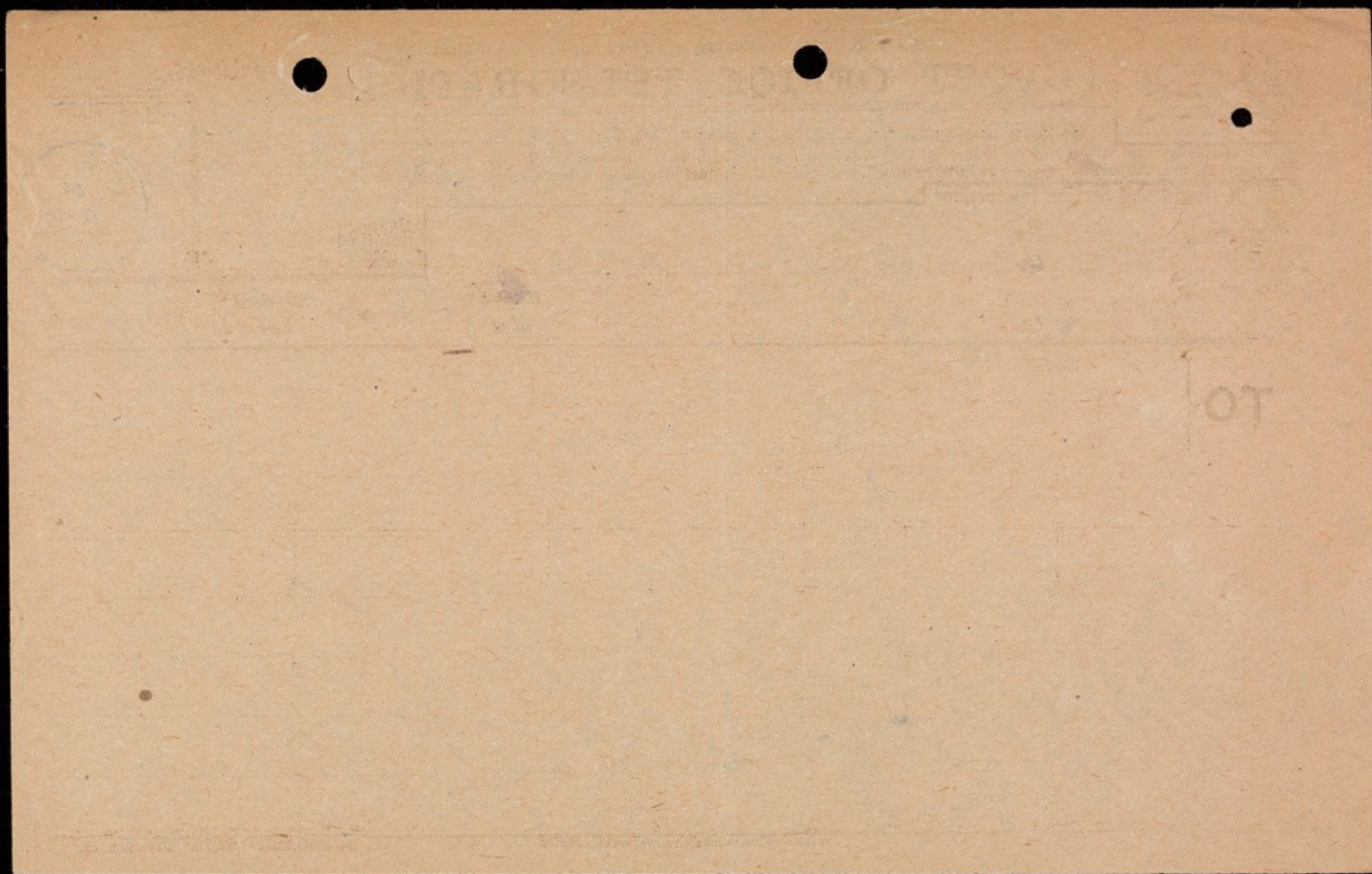
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here at } *7/0 P.M.*

TO { *Reply Paid Pierce The Retreat York*

*Away from home miss further
news sister coming tomorrow
Egerton Handilloynichos*



TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

July 22nd 1913
Dear D. Price.

It seems most ungracious
to be so long before replying
to the very kind offer the
Committee has made to
S. Willa & myself - but as
you know I was waiting to
hear from D. Macpherson as
well as others -

We felt quite overwhelmed
by the generosity & kindness

shown to us by the
Committee, & their appreciation
of our efforts. After such
a consideration towards the
welfare of our future, we
should both feel it extremely
ungrateful if we left - & I
think you, as well as the
Committee, quite understand
that the suggested move
was purely a matter of
looking to the future, & the
fact that S. Willa & I do
not want to part - we
are happy together in our

look at Throesby & fully
Appreciate all our Comforts
& privileges - we hope
that you will convey this
impression to the Committee
& thank them for their
great kindness -

With kindest regards

Yours very sincerely

Edith A. Perkins

April 26, 1913

Dear Friend,

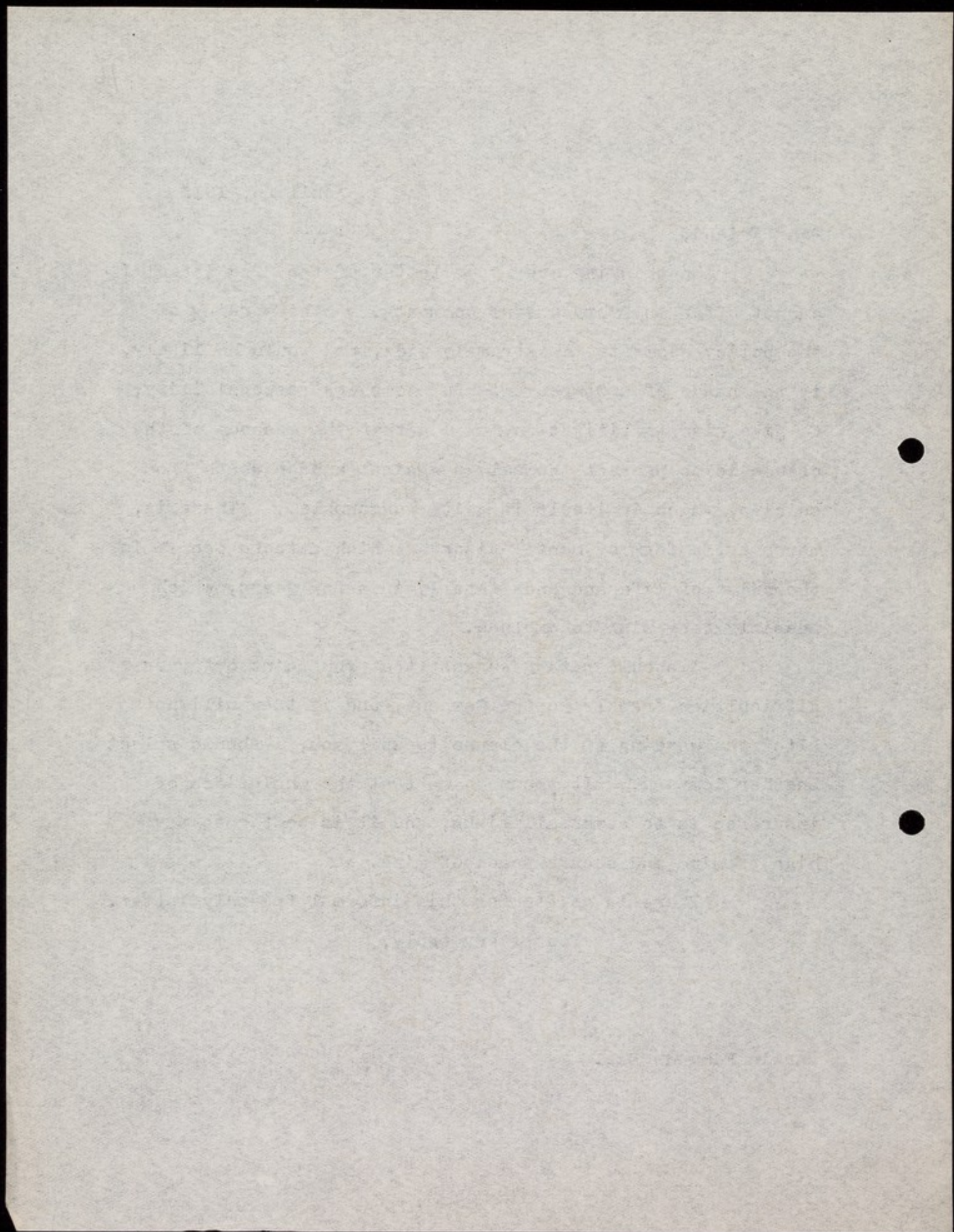
On thinking over your letter of the 22nd I feel I cannot offer any very useful comments. The wording of the policy seems to me extremely wide, and would be likely, in the hands of a Company wishful to shirk responsibility, to give rise to litigation. I gather the essence of the clause is to protect themselves against sudden death from suicide, which in itself is quite reasonable. There is, moreover, a form of mental disorder which attacks people in the prime of life and ends fatally in a few years, which possibly they wish to exclude.

I should rather suggest that you point out your difficulties frankly to the Company, and if they will not alter the wording of the clause to suit you, I should select another Company. It seems to me that the whole idea of insurance is to cover all risks, and it is better to pay a high premium and secure peace of mind.

There is no fee for this informal friendly letter.

Yours very truly,

Martin Edmunds Esq.



42 West Caffe Row

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Haugali.

Oct. 19th 1944.

Dear Sei

Through D.

Sister of Haugali

I am writing back

if you need send
tell me, the Cat

per Annuum for
my Mother. It is a
Case of Inting for
Memory etc. Not
in the least Unusual.
Is there any Reduction
in the Case of a
Country Clergyman's

widow? If Yes
could tell me the
exact Cost. Can
Yes kindly give me
Some idea of
what it would be?

Yours faithfully
B. Ladd.

Jan. 25, 1912

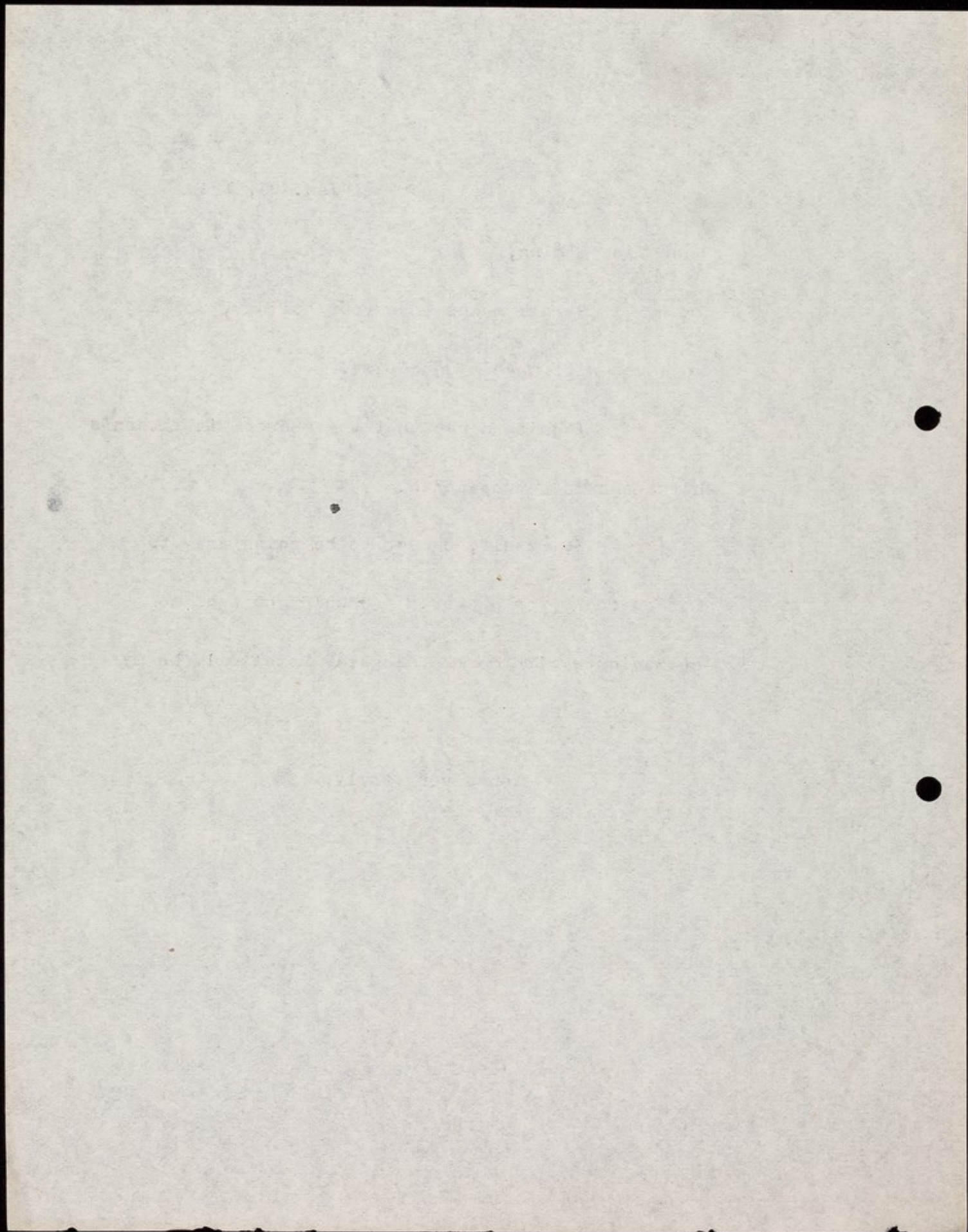
Dear Miss Elkins,

By all means take your holiday, and I hope you will have a good time.

I quite agree that the bedroom in Watson's house should be repapered.

I, myself, expect to be going away to London today for a week. Should you want to communicate with me the Kingsley Hotel will be my address.

Yours very truly,



TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Jan 24th 1912

Dear J. Price.

I am writing to ask you
if I may take a week
end holiday on Feb 2nd?

I wanted to go to Ryhope.

At last Committee meeting.
I did not mention that
Watson would like a bedroom
papered in his home - it
is the room the Wilsons used

& it certainly requires doing.
Watson has not put up the
bed or made the room ready
for use, because he would
like a clean paper -

I suppose this may be done
without waiting for another
meeting - The members were
in such a hurry to leave the
last meeting -

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Edith A. Perkins

WROXENBY HALL
SOXBOURGH

TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Oct. 26th 1911

Dear D. Peirce,

You would hear that I
returned to Throxenby last
Mon. after a very good holiday.

If you are coming down
on Monday. I wonder if
it would bother you to call
& see "Badger". He is still
with Mr. Good, 1 Westfield Terrace,

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it is that I live just opposite
the station - poor Dottie his
ear has been very bad - & I
feel very lonely without him.
I do miss him so very much -
The other question I want to
ask is, What is to be done
with D. Best? He is
quite unmanageable - so far
he is good friends with me,
& does not wish to blame me
for doing my duty - all the
same if I refuse him permission
to do certain things, he says

I shall do it & you must
report me! - It is almost
impossible to shake him
off in this home, as I am
always at hand -

How is poor W. Boddyton?

Kind love to Mr. Peice

Yrs very sincerely

Edith. A. Elkins

P.S. I saw Sir Thomas Clouston
in P. de la Baye. Looking very brisk.

Oct. 21, 1910

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Dear Nurse Elsmere,

I do not think I can give you a special testimonial as you request. It is not our practice to do this, but I will gladly write to any one about you and have already written two or three letter in response to enquiries. You have two certificates and this is quite sufficient testimony that you are a qualified nurse.

Yours very truly,

The Times

Lydney

Oct 19th 10

Dear Dr. Pinner

Your letter of the 15th
to hand for which I thank you.
I was in London a little time
ago & called on Miss Hasting, but
she only states Kew is who have
had at least six months private
experience.

I find it inconvenient having no
reference from the Retreat to send, when
applying for a post, as most people
pay for it, so sending for one.

I am, Yours truly
E. M. E. Lander.

WREA HEAD,
SCALBY,
YORKS.

1 Sept. 1910

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Dear De Piero

Many thanks
for your kind note -

I think you will quite
understand that the
letter signed by my cousin
and myself after our
visit to Thoreby was
dictated from a feeling
of sympathy for a new

Matron who wanted to have
everything in neat & orderly
(or clean) condition but was
not empowered to get the
necessary help. He liked

Miss Elkins very much &
our object in writing was to
draw the attention of the
Shrotonly Com^{ee} to the three
main issues

- 1 That the Matron was quite
new to the place.
- 2 That she was left without
any nurse to help or to consult.
- 3 That owing to recent lack of

attention many small repairs
were needed.

But as you are going over
yourself I need say nothing
more. as I know that you
include all con^{ees}!

Believe me

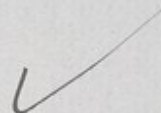
Yours sincerely
W^m Elms.

AT HOME { 9-10 A.M.
2-3 P.M.
7-8 P.M.
NAT. TELEPHONE 0184.

50, BURLINGTON CRESCENT,
GOOLE.

October 20/08.

Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D.,
The Retreat, York.



Dear Dr Pierce,

I have often wondered how Herbert Allison, whom I brought to you several years ago, is getting on. I hope he is better, and I should like to know.

And now I have another patient that I want to speak to you about; a chronic alcoholic of some years standing, whom Dr Barrs saw here in the spring of last year (1907), and then offered to certify at once, saying the patient could not live more than another two years going on as he was. Since then things have gone from bad to worse, the "sober" intervals being shorter every time. The other organs shew a marvellous resisting power but the poison is telling on the brain, and there are now hallucinations and delusions. He has been in bed nearly all the time for the last 3 weeks, and has had a couple of definite attacks of D.T., the first a week ago and a second last night. The question arises whether he will get any better, and his Wife wants to make sure if possible that he will not, before deciding to send him away. He has had no alcohol now for more than a week and very little for a fortnight,

20. BOSTON, MASS. 1907

1907

October 20/07.

Bedford Place East, N.Y.

The Retreat, York.

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I have often wondered how Herbert Allison, whom I brought to you several years ago, is getting on. I hope he is better, and I should like to know.

And now I have another patient that I want to speak to you about: a chronic alcoholic of some years standing, whom Dr. Barris saw here in the spring of last year (1907) and then offered to certify at once, saying the patient could not live more than another two years going on as he was. Since then things have gone from bad to worse, the "sober" intervals being shorter every time. The other organs show a marvellous resisting power but the poison is telling on the brain, and there are now hallucinations and delusions. He has been in bed nearly all the time for the last 3 weeks, and has had a couple of definite attacks of D.T., the first a week ago and a second last night. The question arises whether he will get any better, and his wife wants to make sure if possible that he will not, before deciding to send him away. He has had no alcohol now for more than a week and very little for a fortnight.

but a good deal previously, though he cannot take more than a few glasses lately without getting drunk and violent. If he is no better in 2 or 3 days I expect they will call you in for a consultation if you will come. May I ask whether you would come over for a fee of, say, 10 guineas?

With kind regards,

I am, Yours faithfully,

William Eardley

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few glasses lately without getting drunk and violent. If he is
no better in 2 or 3 days I expect they will call you in for a
consultation if you will come. May I ask whether you would come
over for a fee of, say, 10 guineas?

With kind regards,

I am, Yours faithfully,

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Oct. 26, 1908

Dear Dr. Eardley,

It is very good of you to suggest my joining the Winter Sports Club, but my work here altogether prevents my going away on holiday in the winter time. There are so many duties at this season of the year that I could not very well take any holiday. I am therefore returning you the form. I should immensely like to go to Switzerland in the winter. Every one says how delightful it is then.

With reference to your patient it certainly seems to be a difficult case to nurse at home, and must cause you and his wife considerable anxiety. What a pity it is that the law does not enable such a patient to be efficiently treated in the early stages of illness, but one has to wait until the case becomes almost incurable.

Yours very truly,

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JAN 10 1961

I am not asking too much
of you - in your busy life
you will frankly tell me
if it is not possible for you
to give the help - in which
case I should ask if you
could direct us to anyone
else. The ordinary needed
man is of course of no use.
Now the husband got the
best advice he knew of in
London. This was before the
mind was so obviously affected

WREA HEAD,
SCALBY, R.S.O.
YORKS.

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4. August. 1908

Dear Dr Pierce

I am writing
to ask whether there
is any likelihood of your
being at Throxbury before
long & if so whether you
would be able to give some
help in another direction
The wife of our coachman

Believe me
very sincerely yours
Marion Ellis

who for years has had nervous
Symptoms (travis in the
head numbness in the feet -
being frequently complained
of.) has now shrank into
a mere scrap of a woman
from the wasting of her body
has come the loss of mental
faculties & she is now subject
to illusions thinks people
are coming to take her away
&c. I feel as if I hardly ought
to trouble you but. Her
man has been with us

more than 20 years. & if
anything can be done to
keep him we should be
so glad. We could send
her to Shroton - if that
would suit you best. - or
if you could spare the
time the motor should
bring you here & take you
back. as I fancy you
would see her to more
advantage in her own
surroundings. I hope

I first read Sewall's History because
Charles Lamb speaks highly of it in
an Essay called "A Quaker's Meeting".
I am very fond of Lamb's Essays &
last winter I read most of them
again because I was reading his life
by E. V. Lucas. It is such a nice book, only
Nathaniel had about him and his sister.

I hope I shall be able to come
and see you again some day, I should
like to very much, but I am
afraid my typing would not be
much better!

Again thanking you very much,
and with kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Helen M. Ellis.

I don't cry now
as I used to.
At least I don't
think I have
since about last
September.

South Cliff
Roker
Sunderland

Feb: 4th

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you very much indeed
for the nice long list of books
which you sent me. I am quite
ashamed of having given you
so much trouble, but I am very
glad to have them. Thank you
so much too, for telling me
about the Friends Library

R

here. If I have difficulty in getting the books otherwise I will ask Mr Herbert Corder about borrowing them from it. I feel sure that he would be ready to help, particularly as he has always had a good deal to do with the management of the Sunderland Subscription Library, of which my father has been a member for

a long time. So you must not trouble to write, but thank you very much for thinking of it. I think the books you marked are just the kind I wanted to know of. The "Tales of Swarthmore Hall", and "Peas & Peningtons" sound particularly interesting. It is so curious to read the details of any ones every day life so long ago and under such different circumstances and yet they seem so like the people of the present day.

ing as the other books.

Could you tell me the names of other journals, or histories of Quaker families which are published? I should like to read more about Penn and the settlement of Pennsylvania. In Sewel I liked best the part about James Hayler.

I hope you won't think me troublesome in writing about it.

Yours very sincerely

H. H. Ellis.

Rufus Jones "Geo Fox"
Caroline Johnson's "Quaker Struggles"
James's Penn

Fed. Harpers Rise of the Quaker
Pennine Pennington
Tells of Swarthmore Hall
Quaker Invasion
& Mass. 18
SOUTH CLIFF,
ROKER.

Bessie's Sufferings. Sunderland
John W. Runtus
Essay - addresses - Jan. 25th.
Clarkson's Portrait
Dear Dr. Pease,

I must apologise for troubling you by writing, but I want to ask you something about the names of some books.

During the last year I have been reading some-

thing of the ^{history} lives to ask for -
of the early Quakers -

I found some books on read are -

the subject in the Sunderland Library, but I have no doubt there are many other books of the kind which I should find interesting, and might try to get from other sources if I knew exactly what

The chief books I have

Sewell's History
Thomas Ellwood's Journal
Two lives of Penn; one
by Clarkson.

John Woolman's Journal
The Gurneys of Earlham
by Augustus Hare
a life of Elizabeth Fry
(I think by her daughter.)

I also read part of George Fox's Journal, but did not think it nearly so interest-

Mr Bedford Pierce

1086

Shaftesbury Place,
Prince Consort Road,
Gateshead-on-Tyne.

31.12.04
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Dear Mr Pierce

May I again
trespass on your kindness
to ask someone to
tell me how my
dear sister is? Excuse
pencil as I am on
a bed of sickness—
Wishing you & yours
the happiest of New Years
I am
Yrs sincerely
Gertrude Edmunds



8
7, LINDUM TERRACE,

BRADFORD.

Jan. 2. 1904.

Dear D. Pierce

I have been asked by D. Craig, of
Bingley to write to you, & to ask you
to kindly send him the necessary
forms for the admission of a voluntary
patient to your institution, should you
have room for one (lady). I saw her
in consultation with D. Craig a day or
two ago, & found her a little depressed.
She has been in the 'Retreat' once before
- some 6 or 7 years ago. I am told, &
a few days ago herself expressed the
wish to return to the 'Retreat'. ~~She~~ She
is not suicidal. Hoping you can find
room for such a case, I write best wishes
for her to you - Yours sincerely
H. E. Currier

V. LINDUM TERRACE

BRADFORD

have to spend two nights on the way, as the trains
run so awkward, and that is rather too long
a time. Crewe is my nearest point, but the first
train that I can get with does not reach there until
12-45 too late for connection with Chester & if
I go by Manchester I can get to Ashley Lodge Station
at 12.50 or 1.6 and then what about a trap to take
me to the Abbey?

I shall have another look at "Bradshaw," but
I am afraid not!

With kind regards, believe me

Yours very truly

Alfred Ewan

Dear Pierce

I have your note this morning reminding
me of my promise to act as assessor at the
examination of your museum, and bar accidents
I hope to get to you on 5th November. I
have however to be in Scotland at that time as
my sister is to be married on the 31st inst. so
if I can manage it I should not leave until
the morning of the examination (arriving in the
afternoon at York) otherwise I should have to get
to York late on the Sunday night. In any case
as I say bar accidents I shall be there, but you
might let me know before then how late I can
turn up on the 5th -

I should have liked to go to the meeting on
Thursday, but I am afraid that I would

4. C. to Lincoln
and then to Manchester.

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Dr. Kilgough ✓
Hull

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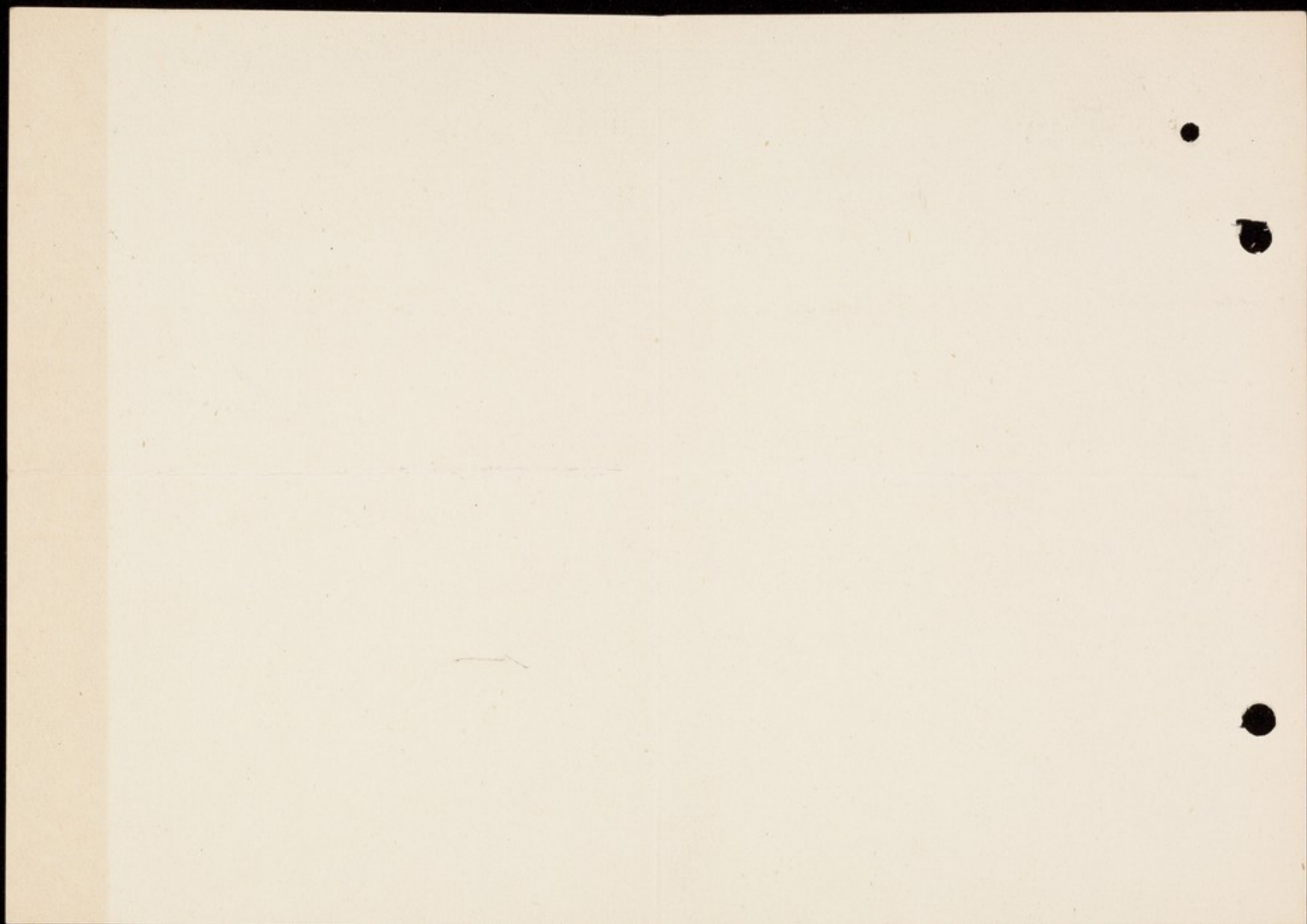
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To the Med. Superintendent
Will you oblige me
with prospectus and terms
for the admission of patients
to your home, as I am very
much afraid I may have
some one requiring such a
home waiting your reply

I am

Yours Sincerely

Henry Elvay



perience but that
phrase is rather mislead-
ing. During the 4½
years I have been
here we have had
patients from all parts
of Barnwood House &
with the exception of
those requiring daily
medical attention —
of all kinds.

Dr. Soutar before he

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31. 3. 06.

Dear Sir

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Thank you for
your reply to my letter
In regard to the case
you refer to as one of
"peculiar difficulty" I

should like to know chronics.
what kind of attention the patient requires,
as, though I have had no experience
with patients requiring to be fed etc. I have
dealt with several who were violent, dirty
& suicidal, as well as

Dr. Soutar is away for six months rest & change that is why he gave me a testimonial. Doubtless that part of it which says I have dealt truly with cases of the "milder types" has made you think I have not had sufficient ex-

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The Wilderness
Mitcheldean.

Glos!

27. 3. 06.

Dear Sir,

Are you likely
to have a vacancy
on your staff for a
Companion, as I am

looking for a post a testimonial from
of that description. Dr. Soutar.

I have been here I am a good walker,
for over four years. strong + healthy, musical
(The same situation 30 years of age; about
held by Miss Gibbon 5 ft 5 in. in height
who I believe is with
you still.)

I enclose a copy of

Believe me

Yours truly.

A. Ennals.