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not be charged after  
the date on which  
she left the Retreat,  
Thursday - 16<sup>th</sup> July.

With renewed  
thanks.

Sincerely yours.  
L. M<sup>r</sup>. Fleming

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St Mungo.  
Lockhart. N.B.  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I must apologise  
for not having written  
sooner to thank you  
for your kindness to  
my wife when under  
your care. I am  
sure all was done for  
her that could be done,  
& I still hope that



it may prove a step  
in the way to recovery.  
We came home here  
straight after leaving  
York, a fortnight  
ago yesterday, Thursday,  
& since then my wife  
has been fairly well.  
I cannot make out  
that she hears any  
voices. She takes her  
food pretty well &  
enjoys going about,  
but I do not yet

know that I can  
continue to keep her  
at home. I may go  
up to London shortly  
& then decide.

You kindly said  
that in refunding  
the quarter's balance  
you would return  
it to my brother in  
London who made  
the payments for me.  
I think I understood  
you to say she would

St. Mungo.  
Lockhart N.B.

Dear Sis.

I am again  
writing to trouble  
you to let me know  
if you will be at  
home next week.  
I am hopeful  
that it will be  
possible for me to



get away, but  
wish to see you  
when I come. I  
will therefore be  
obliged if you can  
Kindly let me hear  
by return post.

Yours Sincerely.

L. M. A. Fleming

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St Mungo.  
Loetkierbie. h.B.  
25<sup>th</sup> June 188.

Dear Sir.

I have to  
thank you for your  
letter but regret I  
can't now get  
away this week. I  
fear I will have  
to postpone my

Visit for a week or  
two when I hope  
to see you.

Yours truly.

Lawrence Heming

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St. Munso.  
Lockhart N.B.  
23rd. June 1908

Dear Dr. Kemp.

On Friday of  
last week I wrote as  
you suggested to Dr.  
Pierce personally stat-  
ing that with his  
approval I should  
like to come this week  
to see my wife. I  
intended to have gone



yesterday or today but  
so far there is no re-  
ply to my letter. Is  
Dr. Purce from home  
at present? I do not  
wish to go & miss  
seeing him as on  
last occasion. I  
will be obliged if  
you will let me hear  
by return if I can  
see the Doctor this  
week or next if I  
go to York.

I wonder does  
my wife show yet  
any signs of improvement?

Sincerely Yours.  
L. M. A. Fleming

Stmungo.  
✓ Lockerbie N.B.  
19<sup>th</sup> June/08.

Dear Sir.

With Your approval I should like to come if possible next week to see my wife. Last time I unfortunately missed seeing you so write now in advance to

enquire if you will  
be at home next  
week. May I trouble  
you to let me know  
at your early conven-  
ience.

yours truly.  
L. M. A. Fleming

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P.S. Will you kindly  
convey enclosed letter  
to my wife.



Aug 23 1908

Dear Sir,

Enclose cheque for £25 on  
account of Mrs Fleming - There will  
probably be some little difference at  
the end of the quarter which can be  
adjusted then - Our accounts come  
in every three months but it is not <sup>always</sup> almost  
easy to exactly balance the accounts  
before the end of the quarter.

Trusting this will be satisfactory  
to you

Yours faithfully

D. E. Waller  
Secy.

J. W. Fleming Esq.



Apr 23 1908

Dear Sir,

I enclose cheque for £100 on  
account of Mrs Fleming - there was  
probably some little difference at  
the end of the quarter but can be  
adjusted here - the account comes  
to say three months but is not closed  
every year as before the account  
before the end of the quarter.  
I trust this will be satisfactory

Yours

John Humphreys

W. E. Black  
Secy.

W. E. Black



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AT HOME DAILY  
FROM 2-3 P.M.  
TELEPH: 965 HAMP: P.O.

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3, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD. N.W.

Apr. 13. 1908.

Dear Sir.  
If it is not giving  
you too much trouble I  
should be glad to know  
what opinion you have  
formed as to my sister-in-law's  
- (Mrs. H.K. Fleming) - condition.  
Does she show any signs of  
improvement, and are you  
hopeful, or the reverse as to  
her ultimate recovery.

Yours very truly.

Alfred J. Fleming.

Would it be advisable for  
her husband to visit her  
during the holidays or not?



1. 24th of May 1871

2. 25th of May 1871

I said ask you to do for  
her what in your judge-  
ment is best. If only  
she could be roused up!

Yours truly.

L. M. A. Fleming

ST. MUNGO  
LOCKERBIE, N.B.

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27<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1908.

Dear Dr. Kemp.

I am very  
grateful for your kind  
letter.

With reference to  
Scarborough I must,  
I feel, leave the matter  
entirely in your hands.  
You will know what



is best to do. There are just two things you will, I know, excuse my mentioning. Expense is a serious consideration for me & I do not know if there would be additional cost. Then, though I have never been in Scarborough we have one or two acquaintances there who know Mrs. Fleming &

who have intimate friends in this Parish. I do not know if your home is in the town itself or only in the vicinity, & if the patients go much about - to Church or elsewhere. No one here knows of Mrs. Fleming's whereabouts since her illness & if possible for reasons you will of course appreciate, we desire that it may continue so. While, however I mention these two points I must as



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St Mungo  
Lockhart h.B.  
2<sup>nd</sup> April 1908.

Dear Sir.

As I desire if  
possible to come to  
see my wife next week  
I write to enquire if  
there is any reason for  
my not doing so. You  
will perhaps at the  
same time say if you

consider there is any  
change for the better in  
his condition.

I enclose another  
note for her.

Yours Sincerely  
L. M. A. Heming

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St. Munfo.  
Lockhart, N.B.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 1908.

Dear Sir,  
I have to thank  
you for your kind  
letter, but am much  
distressed with its  
contents. I was hop-  
ing for a quite differ-  
ent report as I was  
informed from London



that there was improve-  
ment & that my wife  
was reading working &  
taking more interest  
in things. From your  
account I cannot think  
she is any better than  
she was two years ago.  
I trust you do not  
consider the case hopeless.

I do not know  
from your letter if you  
think I should con-

tinue writing to her. or  
if this will only worry  
her. Some time ago  
she was writing to me  
nearly every week.

Perhaps you will let  
me know about this  
at your convenience,  
also if it would save  
any supposition my going  
to see her at present.

Yours truly  
L. M. A. Fleming

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St Mungo.  
Lockhartie. N.B.  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1908.

Dear Sir.

I was sorry I  
could not accompany  
my wife on Saturday.  
My niece & brother  
went with her from  
London to York. I  
am writing to know  
if you could kindly  
let me know how  
she has been since. I



wrote to her a day or  
two before she left  
Down but she has  
not written for some  
time. I hope she  
was none the worse of  
the journey, & that you  
will soon be able to  
send me news of her  
progress.

The sister here  
desires me to say  
that by mistake a  
mauve dress was sent

with her from London.  
Perhaps the Matron would  
have it put aside for  
the present.

I enclose a letter  
for my wife. May I  
trouble you to give it.

Yours truly,

L. M<sup>r</sup>. Fleming

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TELEGRAMS, "NERVIDUCT, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE, 1920 MAYFAIR.

Feb 24.08 <sup>132</sup>  
13, QUEEN ANNE STREET,  
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

Dear Sir, I return paper with answers  
given as far as I can. I shall ask her  
husband to send you date of birth.

He asked me to beg of you if possible  
to get her to write to him or her daughter.  
Sadly she has not done so at all.  
You will however soon find out whether

she can do so or not.

Believe me, Very truly yours,

F.W. Fleming.

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3, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

Feb. 5-1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Enclosed is the paper  
of queries filled up. I also  
enclose for your perusal  
some letters which I had  
from Dr. Clouston at the  
time she came down  
here and which will  
give you particulars  
of her condition in the  
early stages of her illness.  
I have given notice  
of our intention to remove



her from Hendon, and  
will now see the  
Commissioners about  
her papers.

Yours faithfully  
Alex. J. Thuring

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3, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD. N.W.

Jan. - 28. 1908.

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter of Jan 25. I must apologise for my delay in acknowledging it. Dr. Rayner who has been advising me as to the special treatment of my sister-in-law, has been abroad, and did not return home till Friday, and I did not think it would be courteous to him to take this step in his absence. He has seen



her today however and  
quite agrees with me  
that she would be the  
better of a change.

If therefore you have  
the vacancy still open  
and can receive Mrs  
Fluning we shall be  
glad to put her under  
your care as soon as  
the necessary formalities  
can be carried through.

I am writing to Mrs  
Hicks tonight to tell  
her we are thinking of

moving the patient, and  
asking her to take a  
week's notice.

I shall be glad to  
hear from you at your  
convenience.

Yours faithfully  
Alon. J. Fluning

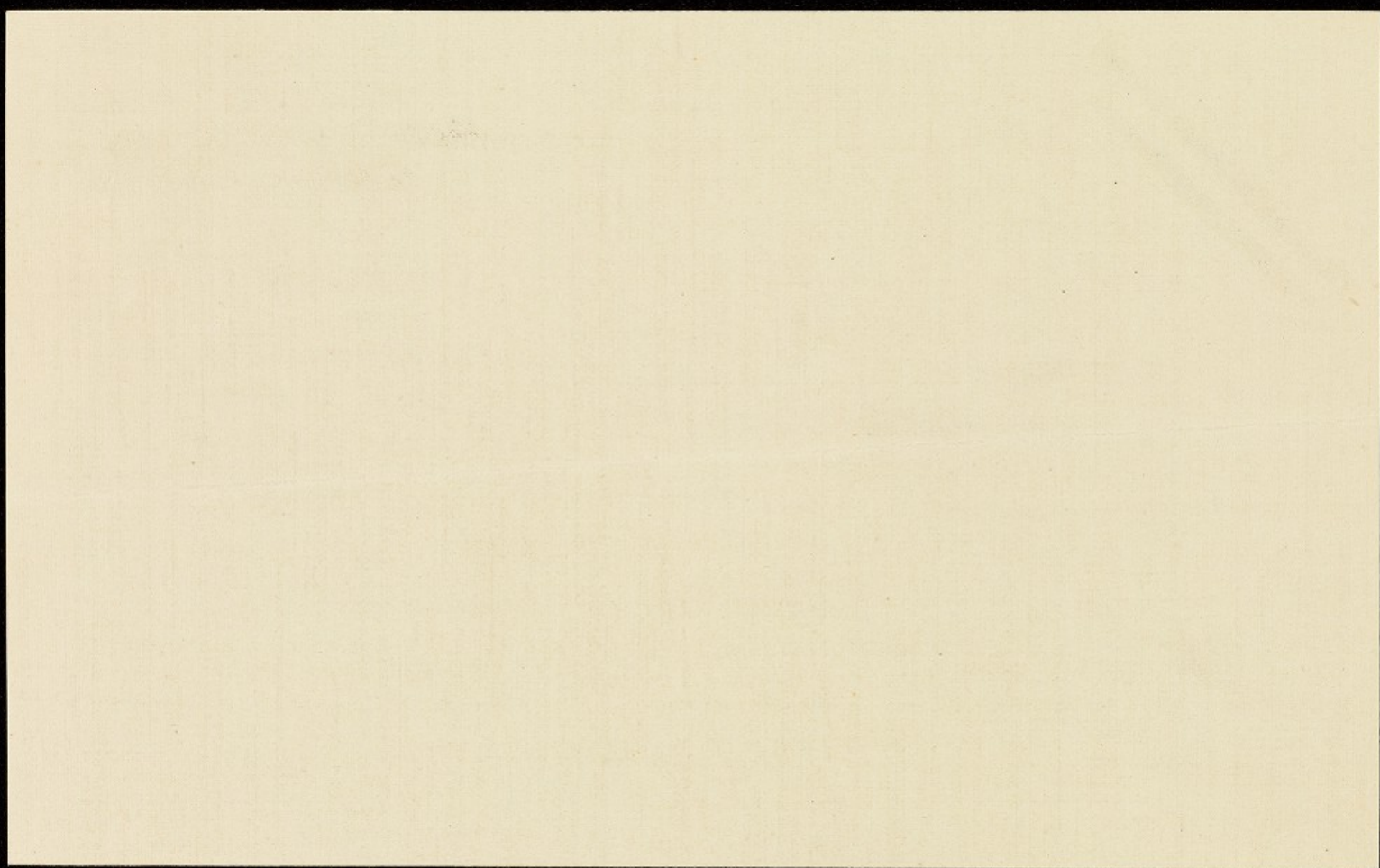
Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York.

TELEGRAMS "NERVIDUCT, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE, 1920 MAYFAIR.

May 14.08  
13, QUEEN ANNE STREET,  
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W  
London

Dear Sir, I return form duly signed.  
Please send accounts to me as they fall  
due. Yours faithfully,  
F W Fleming.





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 Emily S. Fleming of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dring St. 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1908

Name L. W. H. Fleming

Residence St. Mungo, Lockersbie R.B.

Occupation Clergyman

SIGNED by the said L. W. H. Fleming

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

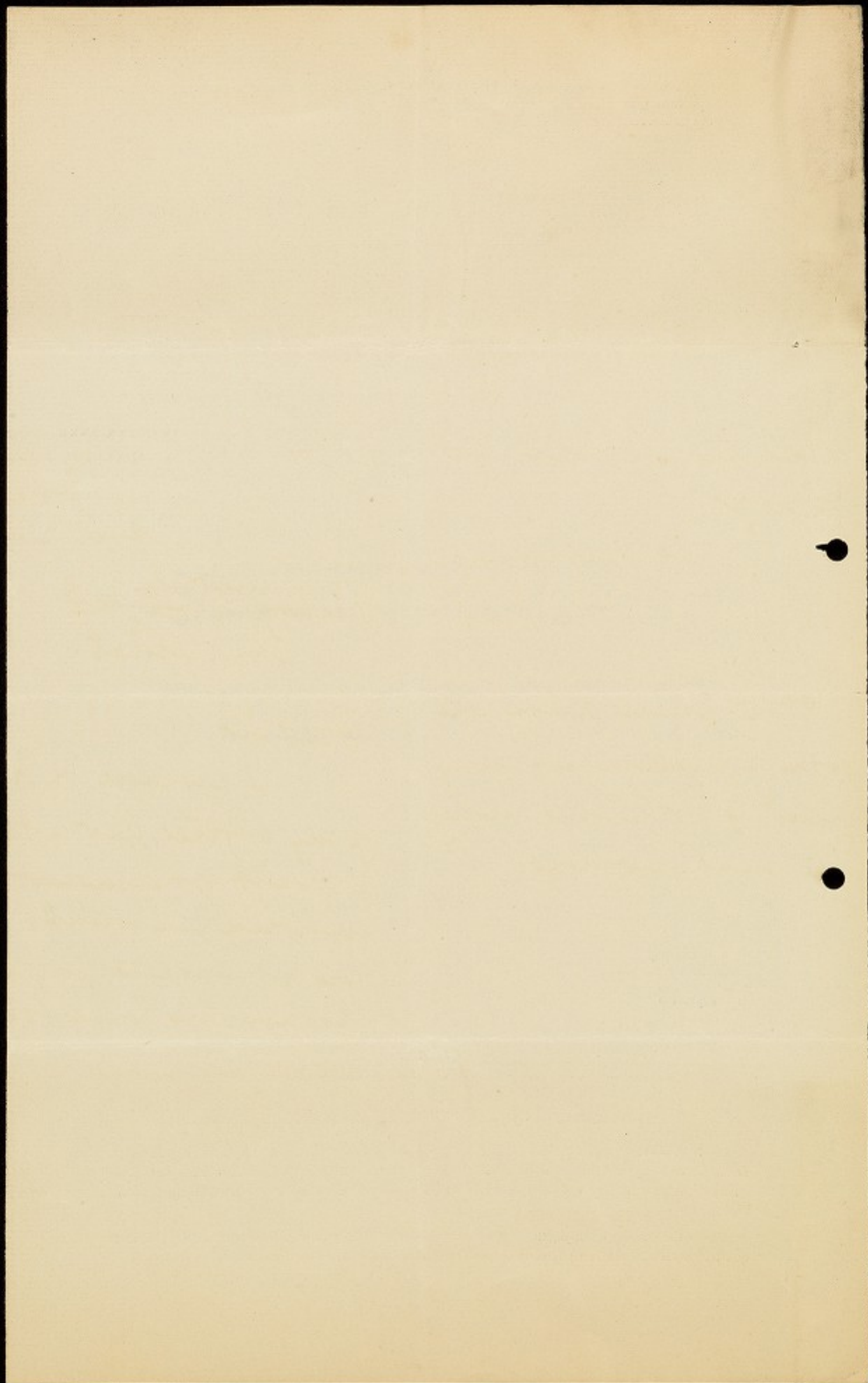
E. M. Fleming

St. Mungo, Lockersbie

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.





has therefore asked me  
to do so.

● Yours faithfully,  
F W Fleming

P.S. I shall have the  
form of agreement duly  
filled up & returned during  
the next few days.

TELEGRAMS "NERVIDUCT, LONDON."  
TELEPHONE, 1920 MAYFAIR.

13, QUEEN ANNE STREET,  
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

London, W.

April 26.08

W. S. Sallet Esq. M.D.,  
~~Bedford Square, W.D.~~  
The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I enclose on behalf  
of my brother Rev. L. Fleming  
a draft for amount of  
enclosed account. He  
does not wish to pay it  
through his local bank



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Case of The Retreat. I  
think that perhaps a change  
of surroundings & associations  
might perhaps draw her  
out, and induce a more  
rapid improvement.

Yours faithfully  
Alm. J. Fleeming.

And. Superintend.  
The Retreat  
York.

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3, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

Dec. 21. 1907

Dear Sir.

Will you kindly send  
me the necessary information  
as to the reception of patients  
at The Retreat.

The following is a sum-  
mary of the case. The patient  
is a sister-in-law of my own  
and wife of a Scotch Chryse.  
She has been ill 30 months.  
Cause - climatic. Was first  
admitted to Morning-side  
suffering with "stupor". After  
12 months sent out on  
probation. Came here on  
visit but relapsed, and



was sent to private Asylum at  
Hendon where she has been  
since. Has been seen several  
times by Dr. Henry Rayner and  
Dr. Theo. Hyalop, both of whom  
have given hopeful opinions.

A considerable amount of  
improvement has taken  
place, but she seems to  
have come to somewhat  
of a stand still of late, and  
it appears as if a change  
might be helpful.

Present condition - general  
health good. Bright increasing  
Functions all normal. ~~Keep~~  
Some difficulty about food at  
times, - especially dinner &  
flesh meat. These attacks  
appear to have some periodicity.

She ~~at~~ some times hears  
voices of relatives and  
thinks they are in the house  
when they are not there.  
These symptoms are not  
nearly as prominent as  
when she came here first.  
Beyond this it is difficult  
to describe - There is very  
considerable want of initiative.  
She has been reading and  
working a little of late, but  
cannot be got to visit  
home or take up her  
sewing of which she was  
very fond.

I hope I have given  
you some idea as to her  
condition, and as to whether  
she would be a suitable

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3, ARKWRIGHT ROAD,  
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

Dec. 31. 1907

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your letter  
of Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, and for the  
"Report" received at the same  
time. We should like  
to place my sister-in-law  
under your care if we can  
arrange the fees.

It will be best to be  
perfectly frank with you  
and then you will kindly  
let me know what are the  
best terms you can give us.  
My brother is a clergyman in  
the Church of Scotland, holding



a small country parish.  
The 3 guineas a week which  
he is paying at present  
represents just the half of  
his income, and he writes  
me that he does not feel  
he can continue to pay this  
as he has the utmost struggle  
to live and educate his  
young daughter on the balance.

Will you be good enough  
to let me know what is the  
lowest figure at which you  
can see your way to take  
this patient, and what  
accommodation she would  
have? Do you place a  
number in wards together?

I remain

Yours very truly,

Alex. J. Fleming.