our holidays were spent here.

Trusting you all keep well, & with very kind remembrances

believe me,

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

P.S. I return home on the 26th, but kindly send receipt here.

Blowick. 798
Patterdale
Nr Penrith.
July 11th 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry this has been left so long unpaid, but it was thought best for me to leave home again for a while, so a nice & I have been here for the last 5 weeks,

& every thing I could leave at home I did, but sent for all accounts the other day, as I feel now anxious to get all settled up, as I've sold the practice & it passes out of our hands next week.

I am keeping on the Catterick house for a while, but fancy I may spend a good deal of time here in future, it is a little cottage just opposite the Ullswater Hotel, on Place Fell, which Dr Fry & I took a fancy to last year, for it is absolutely peaceful & quiet. & here I have only happy memories of him, as most of

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LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.,

29 May 1912

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request you to forward to this Office a formal Notice of the death of Walter L. Fry on the 13th instant. ~~for which purpose I enclose~~ a ~~blank form~~.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Appearce

for the Secretary.

W B & L (x)—31114—250-6-1900

The Medical Officer,
York Retreat.

had had a little time together.

With very sincere thanks & kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

P.S. Willy was over yesterday & is bearing up, but one cannot but be anxious for them all, it has taken the grip out of the brothers badly.

Catterick
Yorkshire
May 20th 1912.

Dear Mr Bedford-Pierce.

You will be wondering what to do with the clothing etc. If you would kindly return the bag & the box empty, I should be obliged. - If there is a Mackintosh short coat, that could be put in, as I want to send a few things

to a Nephew in Canada,
but I cannot remember
if I packed it or not,
but cannot find it
here. All else, will
you kindly give away.
There is a little parcel
I had just that morning
taken over, (addressed
to me) it is the trousers
which went with his
other suit, as he would
not have his better ones
& I wanted him to make
a change for to-day.
they are much repaired
but some poor person
may not mind.
Many thanks for
your kind letters and
for all care & kindness
to my dear one - he
had a great admiration
for you and your work
& I only wish you could
have known him in
his usual life. I was
pleased to hear that
you, Dr Shaw & Mr Secker

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94, WILTON ROAD,
MUSWELL HILL, N.

18: May: 12.

Dear Dr Pierce,

This morning I had a letter from Millie Fry telling of the tragic ending of poor Walter's life.

I feel the deepest sympathy for you, & all who shared the care of him - but it may be a little help

to you to know it was a comfort to his friends when he wished to be with you. Walter & Isabel were very much alike in the intense sweetness of disposition. & both were greatly loved by all who knew them. What a mystery that their ending of this life should be so terrible. Perhaps you can trace the cause.

My love to Mrs. Pierce. & I hope you are all well.

Yours affectionately
Ada Mary Catford.

stances he could only
have dragged out
a sad & weary existence

With very kind regards

Yours sincerely

Sarah Ross

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Catterick
Yorkshire -
May 17th 1912.

Dear Mr Pierce,

Just a line to say
how very pleased we
feel that you so kindly
came over to the funeral
to-day, it was most
good of you and we

fully appreciate your kindness - You have been our true friend through all, and should it ever fall to our lot to have to place our dearest friend under similar treatment, there is no one with whom we could more happily leave them - I am truly sorry for you that these painful circumstances have arisen, but from other points of view it is clearly enough the best thing, as under the happiest circum-

15th. May 1912.

17 Broomhall Road,
Sheffield.

Dear Mr. Price,

Your letter received late last evening, was my first intimation of the sad tragedy at York Station on Monday, and I can readily understand what a shock & anxiety it must have been to yourself especially and also all those who have been associated in the care of Mr. Fry at the Retreat.

I do indeed sympathise with you, in having experienced another anxiety of the same

character, as occurred last November at Shrewsbury.

I have read the account of the inquest in todays York Herald, and it must be a satisfaction to you, although a mournful one, to know that yourself and the Retreat management were entirely exonerated from any blame whatever in the sad affair.

I do hope you will not allow it to weigh too much on your mind, or lead you to have any misgivings on the course you pursued in giving the poor fellow, the liberty you did, because I am perfectly satisfied in my own mind, that the principles you have laid down in the treatment of such cases, when speaking of them in Committee, are sound and most conducive to recovery and you must not allow yourself to be discouraged, because 2 cases so comparatively near to gether, have failed in your expectations.

Hoping to meet on Saturday,

Yours very sincerely,

Charles Worrall

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BROCKSIDE,
CATTERICK,
YORKS.

May 14th 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

Your telegram received this morning & immediately followed by your letter was a great shock to me & indeed I may say to the entire village & surrounding district where Dr. Fry was so deservedly popular. As I have been a personal friend of the family & much attached to Dr. Fry I have been taken into their confidence & the sad event

that not take me so much by surprise knowing the condition he was in & the terrible family history. I can fully sympathize with you as I am sure it must have caused you much grief & disappointment. Mrs Fry bore the news very well considering & I hope you found her as well as could be expected on her arrival at York

Thanking you for your letter

Believe me

Yours sincerely

John H. Hutchinson

~~37 Bruton St~~

14.V.12.

TELEPHONE 130.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"DICKSON: BUXTON."

Aye House, Buxton,
Derbyshire.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

It is with the deepest regret that I read of poor Fry's death in today's paper; poor chap, it is what was almost bound to have happened & though a tremendous grief to his wife, it must be a great relief to him.

But I should like also to express my sympathy with you. "Hand in glove with" I know what it is myself, for it is not quite 12 months since I had a station suicide of a patient who was in touch & who, at the time, was accompanied by my A.M.O. The latter was, fortunately, not to be blamed in the matter. I suppose too, that they was a

funeral friend of yours.

It was only a Saturday that I was saying to the Coroner, who was here, that I wondered how they was going on & thought of writing to ask. They told me they didn't been up to the Retreat lately & didn't know.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Graeme Dickson.

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11. May 1912.

OAKWOOD GRANGE,
ROUNDHAY,
LEEDS.

Dear Sir

I have a letter from Mrs Fry suggesting that I should come over to York on Monday afternoon — I am therefore writing to Mr Fry by this post to ~~ask whether~~ say that I will be outside the Station at 2.45 for a walk and a talk with him until the 4.30 return train, if he would like it — He will no doubt send me a line as to whether this suggestion is agreeable to him: but if you know any

reason why I should not come that day and that time. I hope you will kindly stop me with a post-card.

Mrs Fry adds that if she can she will come herself also the same day.

Yours faithfully

W. H. Decker.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

P.S. I should add that I had written to Mrs Fry the substance of your telephone message

Catterick
Yorks
May 10th 1917.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce,

I still hear nothing from you as to arrangements made. But from both Mr Secker & Milly Fry, I hear you are making plans. If I possibly can I may come over on Monday morning but let me hear by letter lest I cannot manage it. Are you arranging for an attendant as you mentioned, or am I to have full responsibility (which I hardly think) Dr McKenzie did not know what arrangements were in mind when I spoke to him, but Mr Fry was there & he perhaps thought it wiser to know nothing.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

I thought Mr Fry had made quite a big step on between my first & second visit. He was much brighter this time, but still finds his mornings crying but I tell him we cannot expect it to get well suddenly. Is that not so?

To Dr. Bedford Pierce
6 Park Sq.
Leeds.

May 7. 1912.

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OAKWOOD GRANGE,
ROUNDHAY,
LEEDS.

Telephone
"60 Roundhay"

Dear Sir

I write from the address of my brother-in-law (Sacker Walker) with whom I am staying until end of next week.

You have at present in your care my old friend W. L. Fry of Catterick. I know pretty fully the facts of his breakdown and am kept informed by Mrs Fry of his progress. She sent a very encouraging account about a week ago, saying that she had just seen her husband and suggesting that if I was in York at any time I should call also: "it would cheer him, though if I asked beforehand whether he would like me to go, he would certainly say 'no' as he had done in her case: the thing to do was just to go: etc"—

Well, such a course for me is out of the question, obviously. I must

Enquire of you beforehand. Nor am I likely to be in York at present. But I will gladly come over on purpose (either from here or from my home at Wakefield) if you feel that a visit would be welcome and really do my friend good. My fear is that knowing that I know (i.e. from himself) the family history and the anxieties that have weighed on him in past years, he might only be upset at seeing me before he is really recovered, more so perhaps than if he felt I knew nothing.

May I then have your frank opinion as to whether a visit is wise: either by post at your convenience to the above address or if it will save you trouble I shall be at ~~45 Park Square~~ in at that address (Secker Walker's ~~house~~ residence) this afternoon ~~from 3.45 to 4.0 pm~~ after 4.30 and could ~~step across for a word with you or~~ hear from you on the telephone.

Yours faithfully

W. H. Secker.

P.S. Is any particular day of the week or hour of the day specially convenient for visitors?

THE RETREAT, YORK.

NOTICE OF DEATH.

Date of Reception Order, the 22nd day of November 1911

I hereby give you Notice, that Walter Llewellyn Fry

a Private Patient, received into this Hospital on the 27th day

of January 1912 died therein on the 13th day

of May 1912

Signed _____

Medical Superintendent.

Dated the day of June 1912

To the Commissioners in Lunacy

STATEMENT RESPECTING THE ABOVE-NAMED PATIENT.

Name	Walter Llewellyn Fry
Sex and age	Male
Married, single, or widowed	Married
Profession or occupation	Medical man
Place of abode immediately before being placed under care and treatment (if known)	Smedley's Hydro. Est., Matlock
Apparent cause of death	"Died from syncope from loss of blood caused by his having severed the blood vessels, artery, and vein in his left groin with a razor in a lavatory in the York Railway Station, and that he committed suicide whilst temporarily insane". Copy of verdict.
Whether or not ascertained by post mortem examination	
Time and any unusual circumstances attending the death; also a description of any injuries known to exist at the time of death or found subsequently on body of deceased	
Duration of disease of which patient died	
Names and description of persons present at the death	
Whether or not mechanical restraint was applied to deceased within seven days previously to death, with its character and duration, if so applied	

Signed _____

Medical Superintendent.

22nd November 911

Walter Llewellyn Fry

27th

January 912 13th

May 12

June 12

Commissioners in Lunacy

Walter Llewellyn Fry

Male

Married

Medical man

Headley's Hydro. Nat.,

Matlock

"Died from syncope from loss of blood caused by his having severed the blood vessels, artery, and vein in his left groin with a razor in a lavatory in the York Railway Station, and that he committed suicide whilst temporarily insane". Copy of verdict.

May 25, 1912

Dear Mrs. Fry,

Strange to say, when in London on Friday I met Miss Fry on the platform at Kings' Cross station. I just had a few words with her, and was pleased to see that she looked fairly well and appeared to be bearing her great trouble bravely.

Mr. Waller will attend to the account and send you a statement very shortly. I hope the clothes and other things have arrived as you wished.

I have only just returned from a visit to London, where I had to give evidence in a will case. Hence the delay in replying.

Yours very truly,

Friday May 16th 1912.

PARKSIDE,
DARLINGTON.

Dear Dr. Price.

I am writing on behalf of my brother Arthur to tell you that he is taking a fortnight's holiday from the 11th & if Walter were at liberty then & you approved of the plan, he would like to say in case so that he could see Walter every day & take him for walks &c. He feels so sorry for Walter's loneliness & homesickness & will be so glad to spend his holiday near him

would you approve. I think Walter would like it too & perhaps it would be better than leaving away with his wife and your relief for her. Perhaps you will kindly let me know what you think of this. I hope that my visit on Saturday did not upset Walter. I was so glad to find him improved rather to go out with me in an ordinary way. I feel very sorry for him as I know so well what suffering depression brings. With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely.

Mary Ly.

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NORTHALLERTON,
YORKS.

May 16. 1912

Dear Dr Price,

I know you will have been greatly distressed by the tragic end of poor Dr Fry, and I feel I must drop you a line to express my sincere sympathy. I am sure you took the right line with him and the position is that of a surgeon who loses a patient in an attempt to restore him to health. Poor Fry! I liked him very much and feel so grieved for him and for all concerned. Do not reply. Yours very truly

J. A. Hutchinson

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Catterick
York.
1912
May 16th

Dear Dr Pierce

Mr Secker tells me you would like to come tomorrow. I shall be very pleased indeed if you feel able & your engagements permit. No ladies are going, & I am

sorry to be too far
away to offer you
hospitality - That
so much trouble
should fall on you
through us, is the
very opposite to
what my dear husband
would have wished
had he been living

and if it is any
comfort please
understand that
not a thought of
a shadow of blame
is in our minds as
far as you are
concerned -
Yours in deep sympathy
Bertha M. Fry.

May 14, 1912

Dear Mr. Yeomans,

W.L.Fry. You will see from the enclosed cutting that we have had another tragedy here. Dr. Fry was a patient I had deliberately allowed to go out alone, considering that he was better and approaching convalescence. He was to have gone to Throxenby on Monday. You will no doubt see further particulars in the paper after the inquest, which will probably be held to-night.

M.N.D. With regard to the points mentioned in your and Duncan Barber's comments, I concur with practically all of them. The subject of holiday payment is a very difficult one. Mr. Thompson and I discussed this carefully, and came to the conclusion that if extra money was paid for holidays to any substantial extent there would be little incentive to work, as the salary would not be far removed from that at the Retreat doing full time.

I quite realise that Mr. Waller cannot be asked to take on any extra work. "The Secretary", however, was intended to mean the Secretary's Office, and Mr. Hunt would do the whole of this new work should it be started. It seemed better to place it officially in the hands of the Secretary, rather than in the hands of an individual, who may subsequently be changed.

Yours very truly,

May 10, 1912

Dear Mrs. Fry,

I have telephoned to Throxenby Hall and had a further talk with Dr. Fry. Miss Elkins will be pleased to receive you both on Monday the 20th.

Dr. Fry is getting on pretty well and was playing croquet the other day, and did quite nicely.

I am sorry to hear you have other worries. Life is very difficult for you just now. I was very sorry to hear of Mr. Wall's death.

Yours very truly,

Catterick
May 9th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

I was very sorry not to see you but as I heard you were not to be home till evening, & I could not stay another night, I had to come away without hearing of any arrange-ments - & on returning I got a letter from Mr Secker saying you had mentioned Monday the 20th as a date likely for the move. Let me hear what I really am wanted to do, & when, & I will try & fit in - My Sister has to go to Town next week but will be only away a day or two, if there is likelihood of me going to Throxenby.
I thought Mr Fry much better yesterday & got general healthy smiles!!!
I shall have to come round by York I expect & meet there, but perhaps I may get a letter giving me clear instructions
I say <u>clear</u> because my own thinking faculty

at present is far from being in good working order - & I dont want to forget anything. I've got a batch of worries here & hardly know how to settle them satisfactorily, but must just do the best I can, but his interests are difficult to guard - when there's only a woman to deal with.

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

Catterick.
Yorkshire 1912
Sunday May 5th

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce.

I was very thankful to hear you did not think it had done any harm for me to come over. As I want some Income Tax papers signing & over looking, & a parcel sending, I propose coming over on Tuesday Afternoon, but I have told him "towards the end of the week" lest anything should prevent me, on Tuesday, but as Miss Ross wants to go away on Thursday I will try Tuesday & Wednesday. but am not <u>certain</u> I can stay Tuesday night. Let me know if you have reason to think I should not come, otherwise I will conclude it is alright. With kind regards

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

Catterick
Yorkshire
April 28th/1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

I would be very glad to know the result of my visit, before I come again, & if you think it did no harm I will come soon, as I think he is eating out his heart in loneliness at present, but you know best & I will be guided by you, & shall his Sisters or friends come over? a few know where he is & would come & spend an hour or two with him at times, if it would do no harm. I think your suggestion of Throscenby cheered him very much yesterday, as he had got it into his head that you considered him a very bad case, & there was nothing but an indifinite stay at the Retreat for him & he is sure that will be his undoing. I found him very much more improved than I expected, at the times when one

could make him forget himself.
I enclose the account for correction & will settle it as soon as I know the amount, if only we can get him better I will be grateful whatever the sum & if well, we can somehow make it up again.

With very kind regards
from Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
W.
April 21st 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

As you were to be away I stayed on here another week as the house at home was full up, & I thought you would rather I was not at York too long. I am arriving Thursday afternoon, Ks X. 12. or 10-30 at Mrs Thornton's, & would you let me have a note there to say when I could see you, & which time you think best for me to see my husband.

I have had a talk with Sir Victor Horsley about the pain in the head, & he says as far as he can judge without seeing him, there is only the Weir-Mitchell treatment which will relieve him, but he fears no Institution would take him, & he thought I had better first find out if he can have that Treatment properly, at the Retreat, or see if you could in any way arrange it, It ought to have been tried long

ago, when he first began to complain of it & all this might then have been avoided but I did not then know much about it. and Dr Fry himself has not had much leaning to-wards special "Cures".
I hope you have had a nice holiday & had weather like we have been having in Town. With kind regards

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

April 13, 1912

Dear Mrs. Fry,

With regard to my movements, I expect to be back in York in the evening of the 23rd inst and shall be leaving here on Wednesday, the 17th. I have a meeting to attend at Carlisle and am taking a little holiday as well.

Yours very truly,

1 Nottingham Place
W.
April 12th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

Thank you for your letter this morning, & I am greatly relieved to find you do not seem to consider Mr Fry any worse, for it is difficult to tell how much is fancy with him. As you are to be away, I would rather wait until your return, if you would kindly let me know when that is likely to be, so that I can rearrange my arrangements which effect other people.

Yours, with kind regards
Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
London W.
April 10th 1912

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

My husbands letters lately have been so very extra depressed & he has so often said he feels so he growing worse, that I think I had better let you know, of course I know it may only be his fancy, as you have told me you consider him better & please do not let him know I have written to you. Miss Stower advises me to enclose my last letters for you to see so that you can judge.

I am hoping to come up to York on Thursday the 18th & will write to the addresses you give – He knows I am contemplating returning home at the end of the month, but begs me not to call, but unless you wish me not to I shall do so if not the Thursday evening, then whatever time you fix on the Friday. & I leave it to you as to whether he is

told I am coming or not, I shall not tell him & leave him to think I am not leaving town just then. I think it is natural to a certain extent that he should be extra depressed during Easter, & Race Week at home, as it was the one time when he saw many friends, & not professionally, also it is our Wedding time, & it brings back many things more strongly, but I thought I ought to let you know lest he again gave way to weakness, but if possible do not let him think I have told you, Dr Dickson told me, he thought he made worse of his condition to me but that I leave to your judgement. Regretting to give you trouble, but with kind regards.

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
W.
April 2nd 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce

I had just arranged to go & pay a farewell visit to my widow Sister, who is going out to British Columbia to live with her boy out there, & I have been trying to make my plans fit in with hers, so do not like to alter it now, & as I do not think a little delay will do harm I will come up to York about the middle or end of the month, as soon as I can get all settle up here so that I need not return from York but go straight on to Catterick, I will let you know later, as there is also just a possibility that I may have to take home one of our patients who has been in Hospital here, & owing to fits they do not quite like to let her take the

journey quite alone. in which case I should go home first & come to York from there. No, I shall not expect to see Mr Fry except at the Retreat for I think the temptation not to return without me would be too great, & I do not wish to make things more difficult, & if I come from Cat[illegible] I shall not even stay all night - but if from London I will, & thank you for sending me the addresses. With kind regards & for a few days my address will be

c/o Mrs Wilkinson
St Mary's Croft
Elstree, Herts.

but 1 Nottingham Place is still my head quarters & am leaving all belongings here.

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
W.
March 30th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

Thank you for your letter, & I am glad to find you have not thought it necessary to make much alteration as to supervision, as there is a possibility that he is making more of it than necessary, but I am thankful that he told of it, so as to be on the alert. I think the connecting thought would be, that he has always expressed a wish for cremation, not burial when he died, so he may have fancied something of that sort, & felt the temptation in consequence. I have not sent you word before of the way he pleads in every letter almost, for us to be together somewhere, with attendant if necessary, because you must get so tired of such letters, & I feel sure you will tell me as soon as you think any change advisable. But he says, ~~he says~~ it is almost beyond his endurance, what with the sights, & sounds & sadness, & the want of our daily companionship, he says it drives him to despair, & he fears lest he becomes worse owing to it all.

He say so much of how kind you all are to him, but I have wondered if you would think something of a more private nature might suit him better, after giving this a fair trial. You still do not say if you think my coming up would be advisable as in a short time now, I could as easily be in or near York as here, as I am out of the doctors hands now. My Sister does not want me to go home until July, if possible, as everything is so unlike home & there are so many people staying in the house, owing to the sale of practice, that really the rooms are needed, of course if I insist, it would be alright, but I think if I were there, it would make Dr Fry still more anxious to join me there. but there is nothing to prevent me joining him elsewhere if you thought it advisable. He tells me you have advised him to write to Dr Shaw about his head. I confess that pain, worries me, is it usual for oriental cases to have such long continued pain, it is now quite 18 months since he has seriously complained of it, & nothing seems to have relieved it, & we both wanted to see Sir Victor Horsley

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about it last Oct, but Dr Shaw persuaded my husband to see Dr Risien-Russell instead, & I wish now we had done as we wished. I hear he always goes out of town for Easter, but I will try to see him shortly & find out if in the near future he might be up North & would see him, or if that were not possible, is there any possibility of it being safe for Dr Fry to come here? to see him. Miss Stower would, providing he had attendants, put him up for a couple of nights if you thought it advisable presently, & she had free rooms at the time. or you might know of a better place. Let me know what you think.

I am afraid Smedley's is a vain hope, but they knew everything & yet left me alone all the Sunday. & even when I had told the doctor I must not be left alone. Still unless I meant to leave, I fear I could not make them help. & I must not do that for his sake. With kind regards, believe me, Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
W.
March 26th 1912.

Dear Mr Bedford-Pierce

I've had a sad letter from my husband this morning, saying he had had another demonstration, but that he had spoken to you about it & he thought you would be writing to me, perhaps as I have not heard anything you do not attach so much importance to it, as he does, but I should be glad to hear what you think. I wonder if you got my last letter some weeks ago, asking if you thought it would do any good if I came to see him? He asks me not to, but I leave it to you to say if I should disregard that. I have consulted a solicitor as to Smedley & he says if I would go to Court he is sure I should get damages, but that I refuse to do under any considerations as long as my husband lives, but he thinks they might be willing to meet me half way rather than have their negligence exposed, but he would first like if possible a copy

of the first letter you write them, before we went. He says he knows from experience it is difficult to get one medical man to say anything against another, but thinks as my husband is also a medical man, & as I do not intend in this case to go to Court, you may perhaps if possible try to help me, as a small amount of damages now to ease finances is of much more value to me, than claiming a larger amount if anything should later happen to my poor husband – as a very large amount of the present trouble is owing to the tragedy, which they could so easily have prevented – Both my husband & (I myself have stay with a patient 2 nights) when we could not get nurses in time. That it seems incredible with all their staff they would not give me help when they (or Dr McLelland at any rate) knew how urgent it was, & they ought to help. With kind regards & trusting Dr Fry has made more of it to me, than you think of it, believe me

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

March 20th 1912.

Dear F. Pierce.

Thank you so much for kindly sending me word of Dr. Fry. I know so well how his great desire will be to come home, but he is not fit to do the work and the last time he came home he was very much

President McCormick
but it is
yet
Dr. Fry
Mrs. Fry
Dr. Fry
Mrs. Fry
Dr. Fry
Mrs. Fry

worse directly, wanted to do the work & could not & worried dreadfully & simply couldn't stay. Mrs Fry is very anxious of course to do what he wishes but she makes a good suggestion of Oxford for a time, I can only foresee trouble if he comes here under the

March 18, 1912

Dear Miss Ross,

On the whole Dr. Fry is slowly and steadily improving. I think if you could see him now you would find him better than you expected. We are relaxing the amount of supervision considerably. He is, however, very homesick, and though he plays chess and an occasional game of cards and does a little work in the garden, he does not enter into t the social life of the place quite as much as we should like. He still complains of a feeling of pressure on top of his head, and he is undoubtedly depressed. Last night he was having supper with us, and I do not think any one would have detected anything the matter with him.

The difficulty is to see what to do about the future. I fully understand how awkward it would be for him at home, and yet he is very anxious to return.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

his work & he unable
to do it, seems to me
an impossible future
he has no hobby &
every time he went out-
bound he to meet patients
However time will prove
Meantime if I am not-
asking more than I should
I should like to know what
you think of his Condition?
though I know well enough
you won't want to express
too definite an opinion

which is always
difficult & more
so in these cases.
Kindly
Regards
Yours Sincerely
Edith Rees

March 14th 1912.

Pierce
I have refrained
from troubling you with
any correspondence, as
I know so well what
a busy hard life you
lead - but if not asking
too much I should
so like to have some
idea of your opinion

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of poor Dr. Fry. It is so awfully sad to see a fine life like his gone poor chap. and I cannot but regret for his own sake that he recovered - You are all so good to him at the Retreat and there is no place where he could feel happier about him under the circumstances. What troubles me most of all is the thought of him coming back here, of course I do not consider myself able to judge but with his sensitive nature to determine to come back here & see another doing

March 9, 1912

Dear Miss Fry,

I am glad to be able to say that your brother has, on the whole, done very well since he has been here. You will be pleased to hear that we have felt justified in relaxing the close supervision in the day time, so he has now a much more comfortable time than at first. He reads a great deal, and plays chess, and takes an interest in all that goes on. Occasionally he plays bridge in the evenings and generally is able to enter into the social life of the place.

Of course he feels being away from home very much. This is only natural, and he is at times rather depressed, especially in the mornings. Nevertheless he has done quite as well as , if not better than I expected.

The position of affairs is complicated by the difficulty of knowing what he is to do when he is better, and this produces a depressing uncertainty which cannot be helped. He does not feel able to write letters to any of the family other than Mrs. Fry, and I do not think he wants to be visited, though I have not definitely asked him. You will understand that he feels shy and that it will take some time for him to re-establish his confidence in himself.

Do not hesitate to write again: we are always glad to reply to letters of enquiry. With kind regards,

Yours very truly.

Friday March 5th. 1912.

PARKSIDE,
DARLINGTON.

Dear Mr. Pereira.

As it is some little time since we had any news of my brother Walter I am writing to ask how he is. His wife doesn't write to us very often but then she is not well herself & doing a bit of rest cure in London. We are so glad to know that Walter is under your care & hope that he is making satisfactory progress. We have all felt

his breakdown so much I would do anything in my possibly could to help him. I must apologize for troubling you as I know how busy you always are but Mrs. Hall & I are so anxious to know what you think of Walter's progress.

With kind regards to Mrs. Pierce and yourself.

Yours very sincerely.

Nina Jay.

1 Nottingham Place.
W.
Feb. 28th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce,

My husband sends me word this morning, that he has been allowed a short time without attendance.- & he will be I know very grateful.- I had a sad letter from him yesterday, saying he thought that he had made you think worse of him than he was, but he felt he must tell you the truth.- & it is always difficult to him to speak favourably of himself. So I know how much your confidence in him will have cheered him. I have advised him to let you know when the strain is upon him, as he evidently finds he varies, & thinks himself that early morning is his worst time.- He says he is "desperately lonely & home sick" & I know all his life it has been the same.- But until July I cannot take him home, even if you thought it advisable (do not let him know this please) He says he misses at every turn the constant companionship, you see we were rarely apart.

so I thought perhaps if I told you this you would hold out the hope to him of being able to return to Catherick before very long, even if I have one or two attendants, but I cannot do it till I get the doctors out of the house, & the surgery safely off the premises, it would be too great a risk & also the house would be too restless, until they are away, in the meantime with you I know he is safe, but at the same time I know the hold loneliness takes of him, & there is a certain risk there - So I am telling him as soon as ever you think it may be done it shall. He is the most complex of natures, & so difficult, but good - & so grateful for all the kindness you all show him. I want him to let his people, or my sister come over & see him but he wont hear of it, & says he could not bear the parting. I told Milly either you or I would let them know when they could go. I am unfortunately fixed up here myself at present & the doctor only allows me 2 hour up & then only providing my temperature was not up the night before.

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I'm allowed to do as I like that 2 hours but there is not time to reach York!! or I would have been up long since, tho' he begs me not to come. If you think it would do any real good to see friends will you please let me know, but he has such a morbid turn of mind naturally, & dreads things so in anticipation, that sometimes it is best not to heed them. I am writing this on my back & nurse keeps on talking, so that I may not be making my meaning very clear, but I hope I do - and if you think I ought to run up for a day or two (I know of a Boarding House in York) I am sure Dr Shaw will let me, providing I return & continue treatment afterwards, & it might do him good, but I will be guided by you - He says the effort to appear cheerful is at times almost beyond him. When next in town I would like to see you as the telephone here is in the passage where everyone hears all I say, & the street noises are around. With kind regards & very many thanks from Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

1 Nottingham Place
W.
Feb. 12th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce.

Thank you so much for your very cheering report of Dr Fry. I knew from his letters that he was very much happier, & he says you are all so very kind to him, & so encouraging. He is most grateful for the kindness & I need not add, so am I, for it was terrible to see him so unhappy & be unable to do anything for him. I will certainly let you know at once if anything makes me the least bit more uneasy - he says it is a great effort to keep cheerful, & he does not speak well of his head - but adds generally that "we must have patience & hope". He certainly has much more hope than before, of taking up ordinary life again, but he says in the middle of a cheerful conversation when feeling quite merely, the horror of the whole scene comes over him, & is overwhelming at times. Which is only natural I suppose, for it is the same with myself, & I can hardly believe it really

happened. but poor fellow it is much worse for him to bear, as he brought it on himself & he reproaches himself so much. But time is the only thing to help him there I suppose. I am pleased to hear he is learning Chess as it is one of the few games I used to play with my Father, so I can keep that up for him in the future. With kind regards and very many thanks for all you are doing for him, believe me

Yours Sincerely
Bertha W. Fry.

Feb. 9, 1912

Dear Mrs. Fry,

Whilst my sympathies are much with you in the matter of the treatment at Matlock, I doubt very much whether it is wise to raise the question. I do not think it would do Dr. Fry any good. In fact any additional publicity would be decidedly hurtful; so I should think that it would better to allow the matter to drop.

I have answered in advance most of your queries, in my letter of yesterday.

Yours very truly,

1 Nottingham Place.
London W.
Feb. 6th 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am so pleased with the improvement in my husband's condition, & feel very grateful for the different treatment he is receiving, for he feels now he is being helped. And when you have leisure, I will be pleased to hear your report.

In reply to a letter to Smedley's saying that on my return home I should place the same facts (as I sent to them) in the hands of Dr Fry Solicitor, they say that you had written saying "I certainly was not aware that Dr Fry had repeatedly contemplated Suicide". You could have no such idea for it is absolutely untrue. & I would like to know who told you so. For I certainly my self never thought he would do such a thing until after we went to Smedleys & wrote to you. I told Dr Harbinson afterwards that I had often been uneasy, but they can hardly construe a wife's uneasiness into "attempted Suicide on the part of the husband". and

they are trying to make out now that they did not know the history of his case till afterwards, when I told Dr McClelland all on the Sunday morning myself. But please do not believe that Dr Fry had ever attempted such a thing before. He had had every opportunity right up to going to Smedley & never attempted any such thing. but they know they are to blame for leaving me alone on the Sunday & for sending him out of the house in an almost dying condition & without giving the sick proper attention. What they wanted was to avoid an inquest. I feel it has ruined Mr Fry's life & they are in great measure to blame & if possible they shall pay damages. I want to wait till I can see our own Solicitor as I do not know of a reliable one here - or I would loose no time. But I felt I must put you right on the point they has misrepresented.

With kind regards and many thanks

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

Telephone
486 Buxton

Limehurst
Buxton.
Jan. 25th

Dear Mr Bedford-Pierce,

Mr Dickson has made all arrangements, weather permitting, for Mr Fry to come to you on Saturday & I hope to go to London on Monday evening if I can be ready - I hear you also may be in town, so if it were possible for you to see me, I should be very glad of a little talk with you -

My address will be -

at "Miss Stower's Nursing Home"
1 Nottingham Place - W.

Telephone 1028 Paddington.

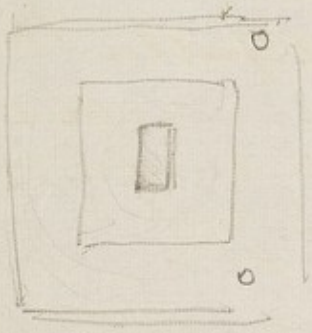
I have been in bed 10 days with a slight touch of Influenza & Miss Stower is a freind, & I was with her when ill myself - so for a while I will be with her, until I see what else to do, as they do not want me at home just yet. I would like to know your rules for visiting & writing, as I have been rather

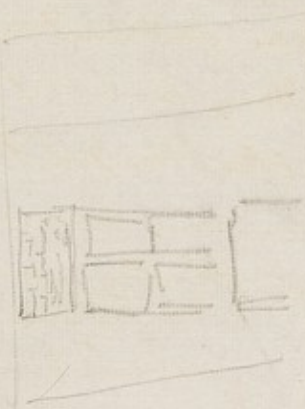
spoilt here, owing to him being ill also. But for 2 or 3 weeks at any rate, unless you should wish it, I will not be in York. I very much regret you will not be there when he goes, as it is so much you he wants to be near, & for the first little while he will feel amongst strangers again, but I would rather not wait for your return now he knows he is to come, as he finds the thought of moving very disturbing, so I would rather it was over as soon as possible.

I could meet you any where if that would be more convenient to you, otherwise I shall not be out until after you leave town. With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.





April 8th 1916
Sat.

Darling – My Beloved

Your long loving letter with all its tender thoughts did cheer me. Nothing seems long for you & I do bless you in my weakness. Then on the ground of all for you I do humbly claim as your love does everything lovingly & tenderly & I thank you from my heart in spite of sorrow for my own blindness & folly. I feel I am a wreck & from the lead point of view. Part of the days awful & I must face it patiently. I do not see how I can get away from here for an indefinite time yet I do not know how I get along without further & deeper sleep down. The pressure has suffered in my folly & the suffering. It seems as though I cannot rest until I have fought & worked & fought & I feel I can't. Naturally the BP seems to be very depressed with me & I hope he will not lose altogether. I am to have a round with a other Cos & Laughton for a fortnight day in addition to the work. Not so heavy as yesterday & I feel I can't do justice to it in this way. However I must try & I do pray for victory without & in my weakness. I am so thankful in little myself. I feel such an outcast. If I mean a little do not wonder but I hope they will be all right. I can know what I say to you darling but that I am so & I feel I have failed you & have shown such weakness & wickedness in affection. God forgive. I can be a great blessing – a rather heavy burden in partnership. You have never failed & I pray to God that I may.

Your Own Darling – God bless you W.F.

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13.4.16

Thank you dearest for your completely lovely birthday card & little book & for all the sweet thoughts you have expressed in them. Yesterday was a very quiet day – other days seem to be the same. I think you have got rather tired. I think Ulrich better for his little change. I am just dragging on from day to night & night to day. They are making some repairs in a room in the house for some lodgers – I think I could not stand it now. And I am not quite fit for hard work. Apparently I feel as if I had lost my health somewhere. Now a terrible thought I have arrived at & I question daily for you & all – that I shall be more or less helpless & so difficult for you to make arrangements to do anything. Oh how sweet if I could be near you with a happy happy heart. Oh I am not for anything here. Perhaps I feel I could just get strong at home for a few days I am different. How my memory [illegible] is at times with details – O my blessed love – we will be happy when we are there. God bless you. I am left here to rot with all I have in vain.

Just then you have come. Your own

W. F.

Mind your health & don't worry. Remember I am

O I love you & I shall.

If I go now I may be helpless for days and
let you come to my aid. As I am it is out of the
question for me to undertake him. I feel I say

If I go now the most I can do will be
to return, and confess — I feel they know a
great deal for it seems that right to
have for them about the consequences. After
what has been written to the L[ord] Chancellor on Friday
to let me resign & I feel he would send
for me on Sat. — & on the Commission
of Dis. — but Chancery Commission is left to
Sir J. C. Bacon. Now I would be relieved on both
that to leave for my office. Must I say
I am not going to do it.
If I feel that my resignation would have most serious
effect upon my health. If I can do it I
believe it is that more bravely to accept of all
the chances. I am matter of this a determination
to do it in the end to stay.

Pinehurst
Buxton.

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Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce,

I have sent off a box for Mr Fry, & it struck me afterwards I ought to let you know what is in it - only cigars & cigarettes & the case - so give him a welcome on arrival.

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

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Limehurst
Buxton
Jan. 7th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce,

Thank you for your letter.
As far as companionable patients go, you could not possibly be worse than here, but it is kind of you to mention it.
I am at present paying £5. a week, & he is being nursed in his own room, but I believe now, is supposed to go down amongst the others in the day time. I do not know <u>how</u> he would bear sleeping in a dormitory, & if possible would rather not try it, until you have had him in hand a while & see what <u>you</u> think of him. If he sleeps, he sleeps <u>very lightly</u> as a rule, but he is often thought to be asleep when he is not.
Our joint income is about £300. but as I am hoping to sell the Practice & let the house, I can manage on very little until we see how he progresses. I want to be as careful as I can, yet I want him to be sufficiently comfortable, to make him <u>content</u> to stay with you, until it is safe for him to be

with me — with trustees. I feel sure I may leave it in your hands to make what terms you think fair to all — I have not my books here, but last year Mr Fry's private income did not quite reach £200, & this year it will be a little less, but I can make it up to about £300. As I still have to run the Practice till the end of June, & pay at the rate of £300 p.a. to the doctor who is working it, I cannot count on much help there, in fact I will be thankful if it pays its way, as already it is slipping away with this unsettled 12 months. I am willing for a while, till you see for yourself what is really required, to do as I am doing here, & you will I know arrange differently when you see fit. As he has so longed to come to you, I hope he may soon improve when he finds he has been able to come, for he is so determined to get away from here, & I am sure is at present not to be trusted.

With very kind regards & thanks.

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

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Limehurst
Buxton.
Jan. 4th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce,

Thank you for your letter & very kind message - and I certainly hope you may find 1912 holds better things than 1911, for you have had a worrying time, & I hope we are not going to give you more trouble. I hear from Mrs Wall that they all think the change would be advisable, as he seems so determined to get away from here. I think the first associations have helped towards the dislike & I believe a change anywhere would be good, but for months past I believe Mr Fry has felt the Retreat was to be his Haven, & the only place where he would secure rest & peace. So I hope the change may do a great deal of good, & I know he will give you his confidence more than here - and will I feel sure submit much more readily to what you advise. I certainly agree with Dr Dickson, & that is why I dare not urge his release from supervision, & will leave it in your hands to say when you

feel it could safely be done. He talks of after a time settling quietly somewhere together, but he himself says it is too great a responsibility for me at present. I trust he will try & bear what cannot be avoided & I've told him it cannot, but at any rate he is greatly relieved to find you will take him, he was afraid it was you did not want him." He says he will give you as little trouble as he possibly can. His idea is, that he will be such a burden to me in the future that he must not live, then when he gets the better of that thought come the awful feel of how much worse his own action has made things, & that he cannot face life again – & if he gets both those ideas fought out, then the pain in his head drives him distracted – I think that is all I can tell you. I will ask Dr Blickman to be arranging for the transfer & be ready to come as soon as ever you can take him.

With kind regards & many thanks

Yours very sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

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Wye House, Buxton,
Derbyshire.

W. L. Fry.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I have had a conversation with Mr. Fry this morning & there appears to be no doubt that they want to shift Fry to the Retreat, provided it is not to his disadvantage. The idea is – not that he would be freedom control to an extent greater than then has – but that he has said from the very first that if he had to be detained anywhere, let it be at the Retreat, amongst his own people. I myself am inclined to look on this, not as the morbid utterance of the melancholiac, but as a genuine craving to be where he, being in, is more likely to feel at home. I know that, were I to be suddenly placed in an asylum near London & were I to be there as clear headed as he is now, I should express a desire wish to be transferred to my own country, the home of England or Scotland, & would probably back up this expression by an appeal to the C in L.

There is another question to be considered, that of £.s.d. The Frys are far from well off & though I am doing things as reasonably as I can for them, the patient being a medical man, it stands to reason that he will probably obtain the same care & comfort for a less sum at a place which, I suppose, is more a less endowed, than at a private unendowed establishment like this. Mr. Fry is rather inclined to say "Pay the expense, so long as he gets better" ; not now, but I have told him that, when his means were limited, it is very unwise not to economise the money from the very first, lest the illness should prove longer than was anticipated, or lest the patient, when better able to enjoy the results of a little extra expenditure, should not be able to afford it.

As I am writing in reply to your letter to me, Mr. Fry wishes me to say that she will not trouble you with a reply to your letter to her. She is communicating with the rest of the family & in the meantime, would be glad if you would not fill any vacancy which

may occur without first letting him know & giving him the refusal of it.

Do not think that I am trying to thrust upon you a patient who is — as they undoubtedly is — a source of great anxiety to those who have to care for him. I am very sorry for the boy & want to do my best for him; for though I think it likely that this time they will return to — not worse, but what has proved with him far worse — yet I foresee a very black future for both of them.

With kind regards & reciprocating your good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Graeme. Dickson.

P.S. He is still actively suicidal, requiring all our attention to anticipate his plots. & will require night & day supervision for some time

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Lime hurst
Buxton -
Dec. 28th 1911

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce.

Thank you for your kind letter - I am very sorry to find you have been having such a worrying time, but your life must be an exceedingly anxious one, & we all put our troubles on your shoulders. And you seem such a tower of strength to so many. My good man still clings to the hope of coming to you, now that he finds I cannot take him home, and as I'm hoping to sell the practice it is the one place I cannot take him to. So kindly let me know when you have a vacancy & I will talk it over with Dr Dickson, we have had several talks on the subject, but I think he hopes before long that he will be well enough to have only attendants, but I am not feeling like taking too much responsibility again, & I do not want to leave him here - if he must be anywhere of the sort; if it is possible, both he & I would much prefer him to be with you. He seems so to want to be able

now & again to have a talk to you. He will "consume his own smoke" here. So, if you will kindly let us know when you have a vacancy, I shall hope to be able to say we need not trouble you, but I should not like to miss an opportunity if one arose, as I cannot help feeling he would be more likely to recover quickly with you. Dr Dickson has been kindness itself, both to Dr Fry & myself, but the very circumstances of his entrance here, make me feel the associations here are detrimental, if likely to continue, & this morning Dr Dickson says he does not think he could let him outside till the end of Jan. & I do not want to run any unnecessary risks, by urging to have him under my own care before Dr Dickson thinks it wise. I hope the next week or two may show more improvement; this season has been a great trial to him, & also he is suffering from a nasty carbuncle. With very kind regards, believe me,

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

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We both thank you so much for all your kindness & sympathy & Mr Fry does so long to be with you instead of here, but Mr Dickson has comforted him very much by saying he does not think it will be necessary for him to be long anywhere. but I'm quite sure he will have to have care for a very long time, & I'm afraid I've lost faith in my own power of taking care of him.
With very kind regards & many thanks believe me,

Yours very sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

Lime hurst
Buxton.
Dec. 17th 1911.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

I would like just to send you word that we think Dr Fry is doing as well as possible. I had my first half hour alone with him yesterday, & of course his depression is more real than it was before, as he has a much worse future to face, but I hope in time he will see there is much good waiting for him. I think he is making up his mind to try & stay where he is until Dr Dickson thinks him able to go away with nurses at anyrate that is the hope we put before him. Later my widow Sister at Elstree, Herts. I think would be willing to take him & his nurses while under Certificate essen, so Dr Dickson seems to agree that presently that might be carried out. I very much want to keep him from his own neighbourhood. but he thinks nothing ~~but~~ "Home" will put him right. However a few more weeks may show a clearer path.

P.

Limehurst
Buxton.
Dec. 8th 1911

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce,

Thank you so much for your kind letter, which has made me able to lift a great weight off Dr Fry's mind, & in that way off mine also. I have told him you will let us know when you have a vacancy, but that we hope by that time no institution may be necessary, so I trust for a while at any rate he will rest on that. Dr Dickson knows that from the first he has wanted to come to you, & he knows we should all like it, if this is to go on long - but from a business point of view the longer we can keep away from our own neighbourhood the better, as once at York people will much sooner hear of his collapse - We are trying to sell the Practice to the young man who is now doing Mr Fry's work & knows all about this illness, and for his sake, as he is young, we do not want people to think Dr Fry is not returning until he has established himself - So that

if the vacancy does not occur for a while it will be alright, providing he knows you do not refuse to have him - that is his great dread - I've had a letter tonight all on that subject, so was very glad to be able to say I had heard from you, & you would take him later. I have been laying all my plans so that he should not go back to Catterick, but he seems determined at present to go back there when he leaves you! But I put him off, by saying we can none of us yet make any plans, & that he must be quick & get well, then we will see. When you are likely to have a vacancy, if you would kindly let me know, then I will speak to Dr Dickson & see if then he thinks it still necessary, or if he could be anywhere with attendants. somewhere south is what I would think best. but that can be seen to later. Again thanking you very much for coming to the rescue - Dr Fry says you are his only hope of help.

Yours Sincerely

Bertha M. Fry.

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Linehurst
Buxton.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

Thank you for your kind letter, & sympathy with my husband - I have told him you have no vacancy, & that you had told me of a place in Gloucester, but he thinks he would rather stay where he is, & try to bear it, than go anywhere but to you, in fact I will enclose his letter & you will see it is not that he objects to being looked after but he looks upon you, so much as a freind, And our Friend Dr Batty-Shaw has written urging me to try & get him to you, as he knows what a high opinion Walter has of you. But as he thinks he will try & stay here till you have a vacancy, perhaps by that time he will not need to be in any Institution, but only require nurses & could be in rooms, but I do not want him to go home as he seems to wish, & am trying to let the house furnished for a year at least. With kind regards & trusting things are a little easier for you by now.

believe me, Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.

Journey to J.
Since much attended
has taken 1/1.
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Catterick
Yorkshire
May 24th/1912

Dear Mr Bedford-Pierce

Mr Hett asks me to get in all debts as soon as possible, as I am trying to go away soon, for a little time, so can you arrange for me to have the account as soon as possible, or must it wait for a Board Meeting? if so

perhaps some idea
could be given me of
the amount, just so
that I can say something
for Probate, which Mr Kell
is trying to put through
as quickly as he can.
Will you kindly also
let Mr Darley know
the goods have arrived
safely.
If you are passing
through the Village
at any time we shall
always be pleased to
see you & Mrs Price
& the kettle is always
ready to make tea.
For the present we are
making no change.
& either I or my Sister
will always be here.
Yours, with kind remembrances
Bertha M. Fly.

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

ORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Wallis L. Fry of Catterick Yorkshire as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcote, 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 necessaries, 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 9th day of March 1912

Name Bertha M. Fry

Residence Catterick

Occupation Yorkshire

SIGNED by the said Bertha M. Fry.

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Lilechway Stower

Address, and 1 Nottingham Place London Middlesex

Profession. Intin of Nursing

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.

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, *Victoria Street, S.W.*

30 January, 1912.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that Mr. Walter L. Fry who is about to be transferred from Voye Stone, Buxton to your care, is reported to be Suicidal.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

W. H. S. Rose

for the Secretary.

To The Medical Supt.
The Retreat,
York

(42,659). Wt.9290—856. 500. 6/11. A.&E.W.

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TELEPHONE 130.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"DICKSON: BUXTON".

Wye House, Buxton,
Derbyshire.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Order of Transfer, valid to July 20th, has come for Dr. Fry & the hills are now clear of snow. So I can send him over to Hale whenever you are ready to receive him.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Graeme Dickson.

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Wye House, Buxton,
Derbyshire.

W. L. Fry.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter; I had not time to answer it yesterday.

Mr. Fry has applied for an Order of Transfer & when the time comes to effect the transfer I propose to motor him to York (W.P.!) accompanied by two of my men. I think motoring is safer than train & it will be safer to send two of my men for a journey than two of your men. Not that I want to disparage yours, but mine know him & are up to his little ways.

I think he is the most dangerous suicidal case I ever came across; I asked my head-attendant, who has been with us 30 years, what he thought, & he thought the same. And we get a disproportionate number of melancholic cases because, being high up, we do very well with them. Fry not only is impulsively suicidal, but he plays with the thought in his mind, & plots suicide. Broken glass appears to be his great idea. He is foxy to a degree &, the worst of it is, he appears to the initiate & professors to be as sane as you or I.

Knowing he had to take a journey & might leave us any day, I have not pursued the question of associating him with others, & living his life; had he remained longer I would have pursued it & he knows you will do so. I think he has quite persuaded himself for even more restriction than he suffers here. His feeling is that he wants to be in Yorkshire, but the great determining factor in his mind is that he feels more confidence in your ability than in mine. Possibly there is an underlying hope that, having failed to get round me he may get round you. I understand that he is a man that until he met us has always had his own way & I know that he considers I have an obstinacy of not less than forty mule power.

With kind regards,

Yours very sincerely,

Graeme Dickson.

Linehurst
Buxton.
Jan 18th 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford-Pierce

Thank you for your letter this morning, as I am fixed in my room just at present with cold, Dr Dickson very kindly came to see me, & by tonight's post we are applying for the Transfer & we shall hope to be ready by the time you send us word. The weather has taken an unfortunate turn as we hoped for the journey being taken by motor, but a week or 10 days may see a great change again.

As to terms, I will leave matters in your hands, you know what I have, & you will gradually see what he requires, & I do trust he may not give you great trouble. With kind regards

Yours Sincerely
Bertha M. Fry.