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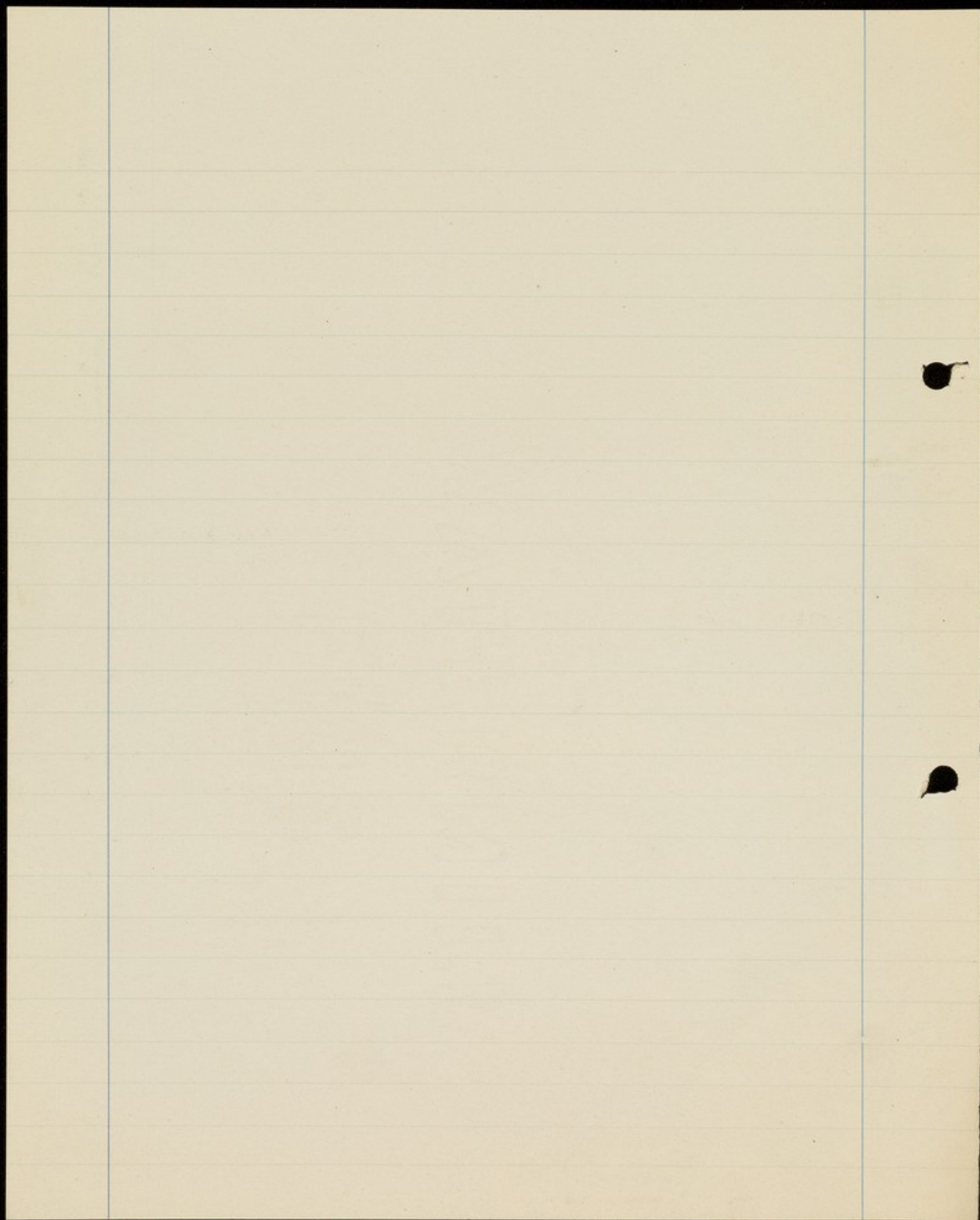
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870.

7, BOLINGTON ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

As it is very evident from  
your letter that you would  
consider it necessary to have  
my father certified I am going  
to make the attempt to nurse  
him at home. Then even if  
I fail I will feel that I have  
done my utmost. I remain  
yours truly  
Amy E. Fell

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5 Estington Road.

Jesmond

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>/16.

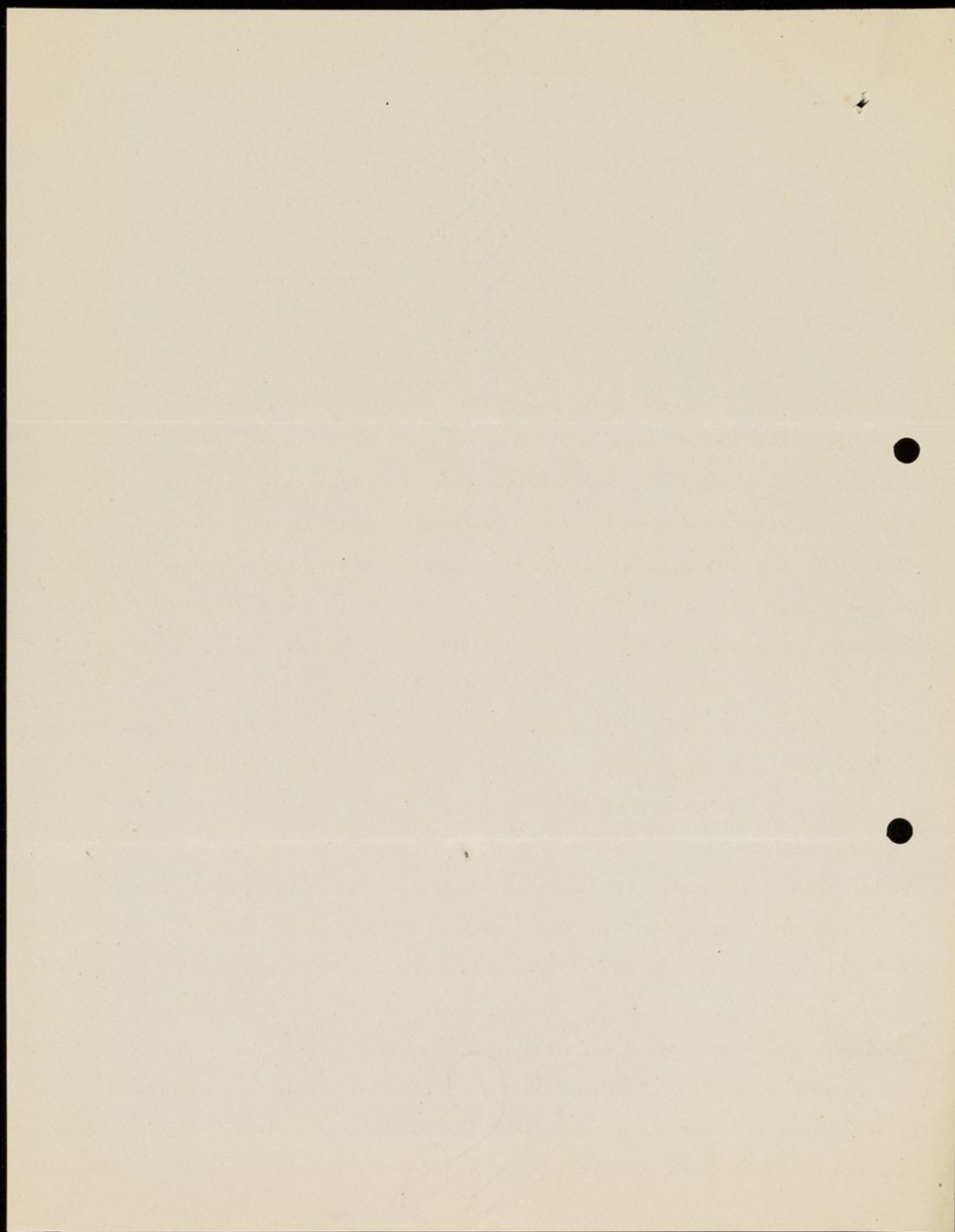
Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir.

As you already know from the telephone inquiry on my behalf I wish if possible to have Father admitted as a Voluntary patient. You will quite understand that no Daughter wishes to have a Father certified unless really necessary for his safeguarding. At the same time I do not want in any way to attempt to infringe the regulations dealing with such a place as the Retreat. Your stipulation that there must be no pretence at being Voluntary is undoubtedly a searching question and in my Father's case a difficult one to answer. Dr Drummond is himself somewhat puzzled as he is certain that Father understood the questions (these I will mention later) which were put to him but the delusions that people were listening to his private affairs, which he naturally resented, & that he had not sufficient money to pay his way made it difficult to get a verbal reply from him.

Between five & six yesterday afternoon Dr Drummond at my request went with me to see Father & I, in his presence. Asked him if he would like to go to a Hospital which had as its Doctor one who was personally known to Dr Drummond.







## II.

himself - Father at once replied what was the use of discussing the matter as he had no money - On our assurance that there was sufficient for his needs he appeared satisfied on that point but told us he did not like people overhearing what we were talking about. Unfortunately Dr Drummond being very busy had to leave Father & I but before he went he gave me the idea of writing questions so as to humour Father's delusion about people listening - I tried him with the following: - As you cannot remain at Dr Drummond's Private Hospital <sup>where</sup> ~~which~~ would you <sup>prefer</sup> ~~like~~ to go to? I used both forms <sup>I am not certain which</sup>

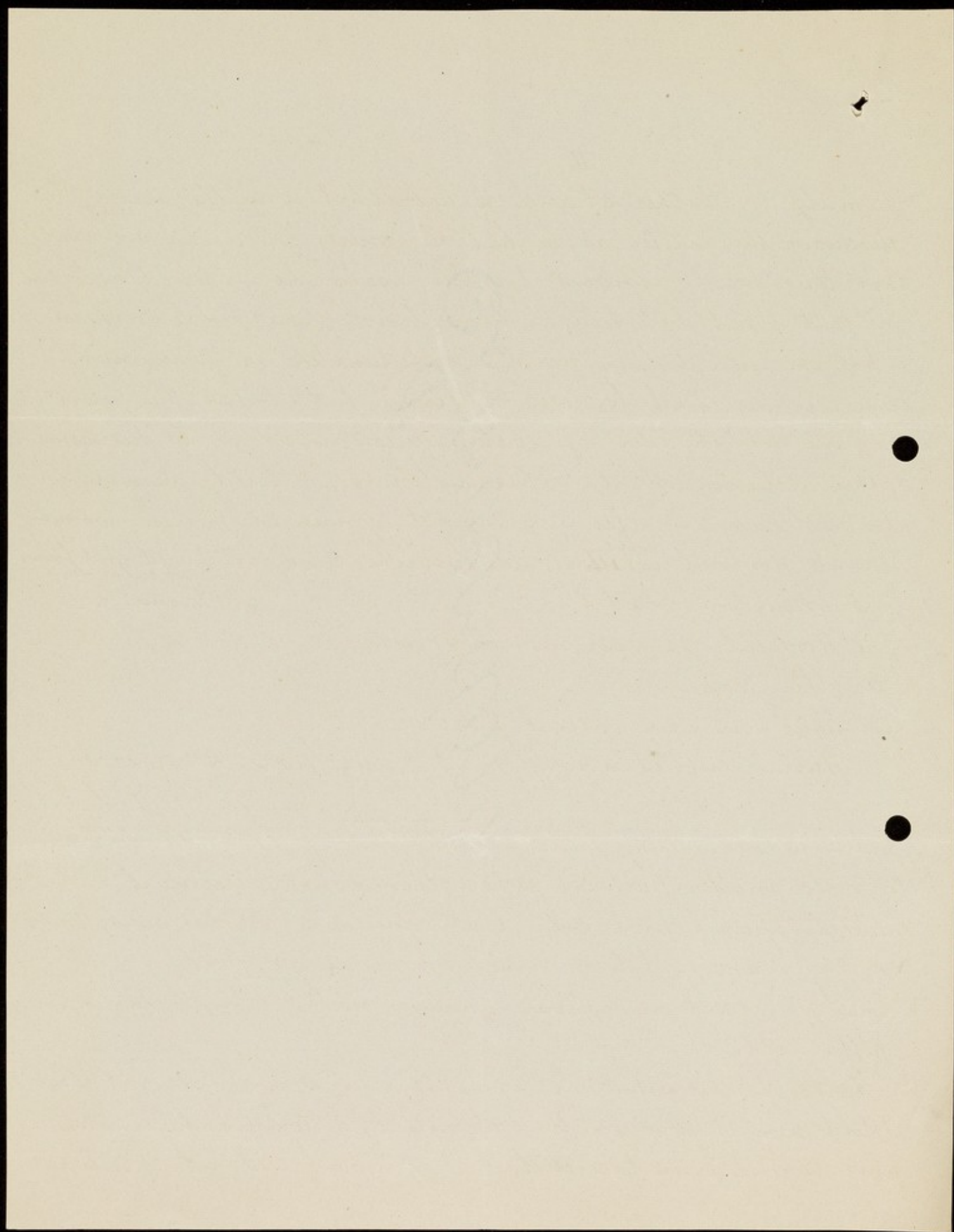
1. 5 Estington Road?
2. The Hospital Dr Drummond suggests?
3. Another House?
4. Or have you any special fancy?

Father scribbled in reply "I prefer No 2." & signed his

Later in the evening I also asked him <sup>in writing</sup> if he would like to go to another Hospital where there was a President Medical Officer who would look after him? His reply was yes. if I am fit to & signed his name J. Tell.

I may say that in no way whatever did I prompt his written replies.

My Father further asked me where the place was, was it far? I told him it was on the outskirts of a town & he would have to go by train to reach it. I purposely did not mention





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the name York as if he were eventually obliged to come to you. Willingly there might be trouble as he knows the way to York by train.

Dr Drummond himself this morning while I was not there tried him with similar question & received the same reply.

yes if I am fit to -

• Is it sufficient for a Voluntary Patient to understand that he is going to a Hospital suitable for his illness where there is a Resident Doctor, or must a Patient be told plainly that it is a Private Asylum & where situated?

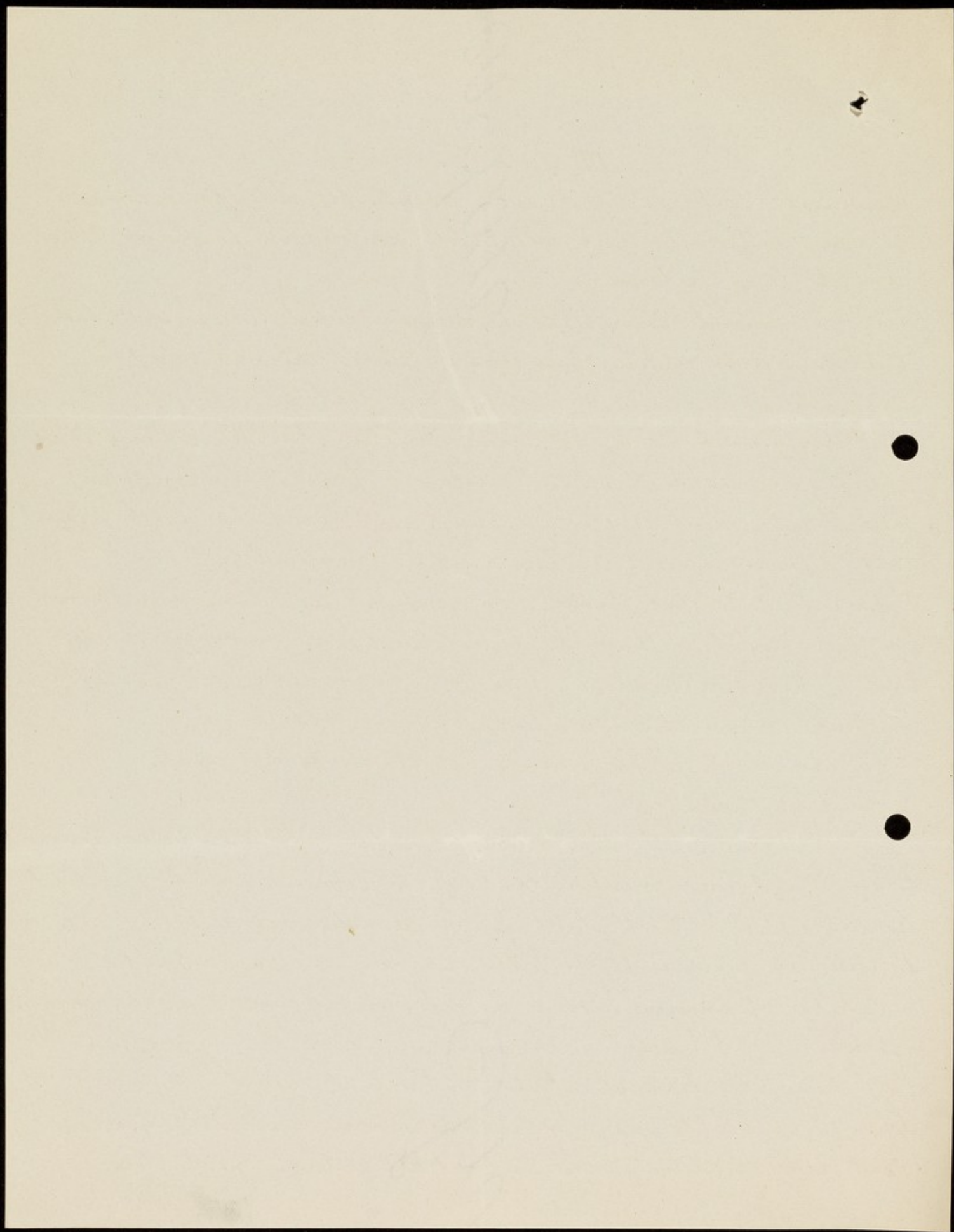
I have tried to put before you as fairly as I can how Father has been tested with regard to his wishes & I have no doubt that if you care to inquire from Dr Drummond either by telephone or otherwise he will confirm what I have told you.

Does the above allow you to admit my Father as a Voluntary Patient?

• If you can admit him as such when should he come to you? I may mention that if he comes as such I intend to live either in York itself or immediate outskirts so as to keep in touch with my Father as long as ever possible. He is capable of enjoying a joke or playing a game of Backgammon which we do practically every day. Of course he varies some days he is very depressed, others comparatively bright.

When I called to see you I was under the mistaken idea that every patient who entered the Retreat must be





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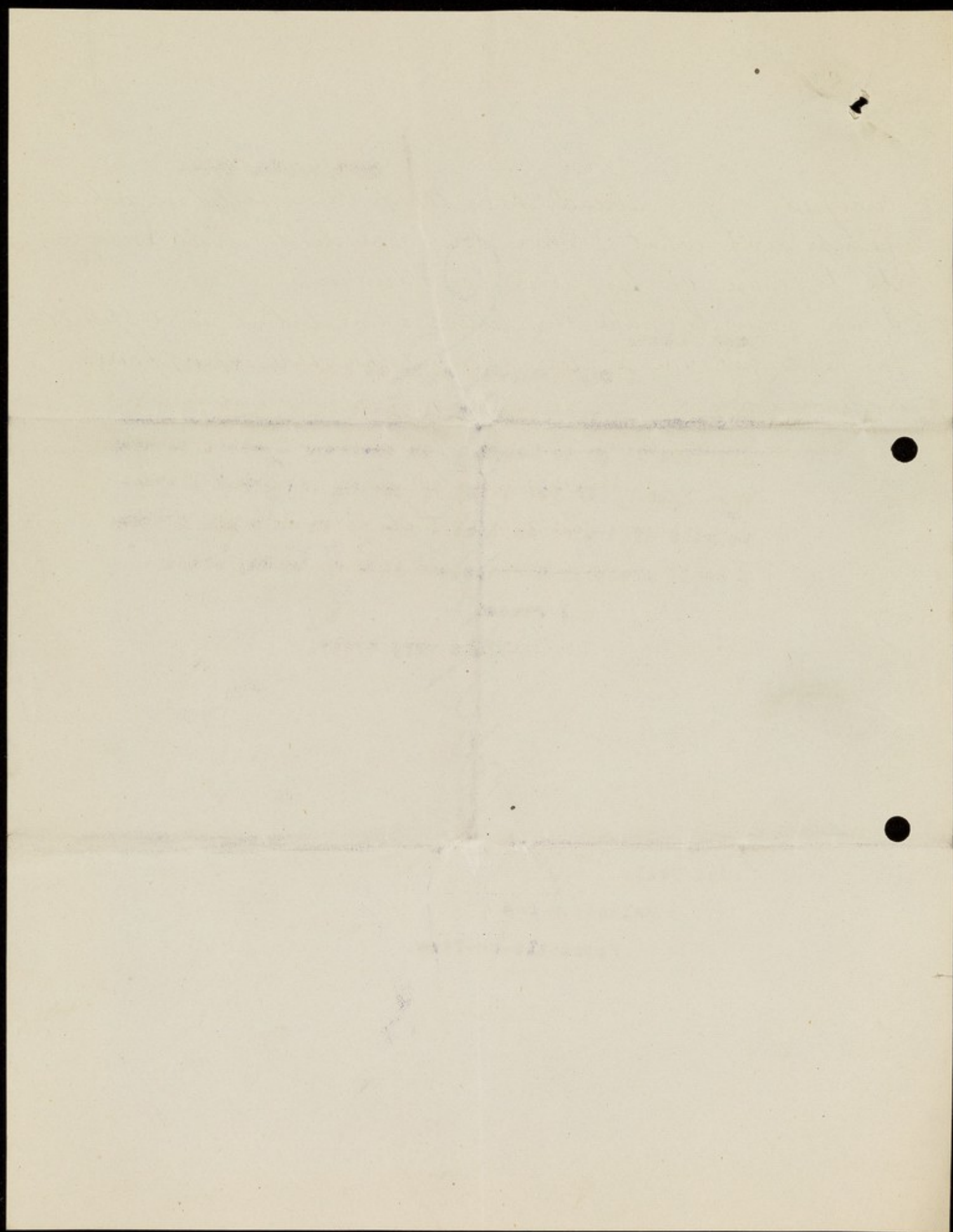
certified. You already have the paper I filled in which perhaps with what I have told you to-day will enable you to judge of his fitness or otherwise.

I am sorry to make the letter so long but it is difficult for me to give you a clear idea of the state of affairs in fewer words.

I am.

Yours truly  
Amy E. Fell.

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29th March, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I fully expect to be at home to-morrow, Thursday, or on Friday until about 12 o'clock when I may have to go to Leeds. On Saturday I shall be away from home. If you think of coming to-morrow I shall be glad of a wire so that I may be in when you arrive. I could probably arrange any time on Monday also.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Fell,

5 Eslington Road,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

29th March, 1916.

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I fully expect to be at home to-morrow,  
Thursday, or on Friday until about 12 o'clock when I  
may have to go to Leeds. On Saturday I shall be away  
from home. If you think of coming to-morrow I shall  
be glad of a wire so that I may be in when you arrive.  
I could probably arrange any time on Monday also.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Felli,

5 Ralington Road,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.



bringing with me the filled up form which you sent as a guide. A personal interview would save a lot of writing & time, and you could obtain a clearer idea of what is really necessary for my Father.

If you think this is the best thing to do will you please let me know what time & day would be convenient.

Personally I should prefer to leave N/c as early as possible so as to return home again before dark.

Can you give me any directions as to reaching the Retreat. I do not know York & am afraid there may be a shortage of vehicles owing to the war. I remain

Yours truly  
Amy E. Fell

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2 ESINGTON ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I have been delaying writing you owing to a doubt having cropped up as to my Father's ability to journey any distance. Now however Dr Drummond tells me he is quite able to travel.

May I suggest the most satisfactory thing for everyone would be for me to come through to York & see both yourself & the accommodation you propose to offer for my Father.

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CHAS. H. HENNINGSEN  
NEW YORK

# FURTHER STATEMENT.

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To be supplied before or immediately after reception at The Retreat, York.

Patient's Name John Zell  
 Occupation None Born the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843  
 8 Colington Road  
 Jesmond

Before treatment is undertaken it is important that a full account of the history and habits of patients be given. All replies to questions are strictly confidential.

Informants are requested to read the suggestions given in the margins, and when information cannot be given they are asked to say so, and to leave no blanks.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.

## HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION.

### Onset.

What signs were earliest?  
 Was onset gradual or sudden?

1. When did signs of mental disorder first appear? Describe the earliest symptoms.

About beginning of November 1915.  
 He worried about state of his health. Imagined he had defrauded Water Co. A day or so later declared absolutely without any foundation suddenly he was ruined, penniless as a sum of money had been stolen.

### Causation, Physical factors.

Illness or injury.  
 Intemperance. Bad habits.  
 Privations or insanitary conditions.

2. Was the patient out of health at the time of the onset? Did any bodily disease contribute to the attack?

He complained for some months of weakness of right arm (neuritis) & had symptoms of kidney trouble.

### Causation, Mental factors.

Domestic troubles.  
 Bereavement.  
 Business difficulties.  
 Solitude.  
 Worry or overwork.  
 Love affairs or shock.

3. Was there any mental strain or unfavourable influence affecting the mind that may have contributed to the illness?

No. nothing unusual.

### Course.

Improved or not.  
 What special treatment.  
 If away from home.

Delusions began suddenly  
 early in November.  
 Weakness of arm began from this.

4. Describe the course of the disease since the onset.

After a week or two of Delusions, he was admitted into a Private Hospital where he has remained until the present. Had an attack of Pneumonia about two months ago. He has become weaker physically. Has had increasing difficulty with the Bladder (Prostate) The Delusions have continued & the mental condition grown worse.

### Present condition of patient.

State the symptoms that  
 require special care in  
 treatment.

Thinks daughter a bad character.  
 This Mr Zell has been married  
 the present one imported but  
 holds the power.  
 Thinks himself not to be safe with  
 her home.

5. What are the present difficulties in respect to management and treatment?

Wetting the bed. And the delusion that he is going to a house of torment where he will be badly treated, starved & prevented from obtaining the necessary services of a Surgeon for stoppage of water.

Are personal habits clean?

Does patient refuse food? No.

Is patient sick or infirm?

Have there been any seizures or fits?

Both.

N.B.—Epileptic patients are not admitted into the Retreat.

No.

Has there been trouble in respect to correspondence?

Only the fear that he will not be allowed to correspond with his Daughter.

[OVER



## PREVIOUS HISTORY.

1. What was the state of health during childhood and youth? Was there any delayed development or mental deficiency?

*A delicate child but stronger as a youth.  
I do not think so. No.*

2. What has been the state of the bodily health during adult life?

*Not a strong man. Has suffered from Bronchitis  
& Eczema. And later from Bronchial Asthma,  
Neuritis, & Rheumatic Gout.*

3. What are the mental characteristics and temperament?

*Slow-thinking but clear-headed. Most industrious  
in mechanical pursuits of which Ornamental turning  
& inventing apparatus for same were the favourites.  
Has never cared for company but would spend his happiest times alone  
working at his lathe.*

4. Have there been any previous attacks of mental disorder, and, if so, how many?

*No.*

When was the first attack and what was the supposed cause?

When was the last attack and was recovery complete?

## SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.

Childhood and Youth.

Infantile convulsions.  
Night terrors.  
St. Vitus's Dance.  
Nervous complaints.

Bodily Health.

Rheumatic or other fever.  
Consumption.  
Intemperance.  
Nervous disease.  
Other diseases.

Mental State.

Mental vigour and ability.  
Industry and perseverance.  
Favourite pursuits.  
Eccentricities.  
Irregular living.

Previous Attacks.

Date and duration.  
Supposed cause.  
Where treated.  
Was recovery complete?

## FAMILY HISTORY.

1. Had the patient's parents good BODILY health? If deceased, give cause of, and age at, death.

Father *Good health apart from blindness (Cataract) at end of  
his life. Died aged 73. Heart.*  
Mother (give maiden name) *Delicate, believed spinal trouble. {Elizabeth  
Died aged 56. {Boardman*  
Was there any blood relationship between them? *No.*

2. Is there any history of MENTAL disease in the family, or any of the other conditions given in the margin? (If not known in any instance say so).

- a Father  
b Paternal grandparents  
c Paternal uncles and aunts  
d Mother  
e Maternal grandparents  
f Maternal uncles and aunts  
g Brothers  
h Sisters

*Not known in any  
instance.  
Believed none.*

3. If the patient has any children, give the number, and ages of eldest and youngest.

Have the children good health? *Three (living) 40 & 35  
Fair.*

Family History.

A careful return as to each of the undermentioned conditions is very important.

1. Mental Disease, including minor forms of mental disorder, undue depression or excitability, weak-mindedness, whether certified or not.
2. Epilepsy.
3. Nervous Diseases, in particular Hysteria, Spasmodic Asthma, Neurasthenia, Chorea.
4. Eccentricity (in a marked degree).
5. Alcoholic intemperance.
6. Deaf-mutism or other congenital defects.

Name of Informant

*Amey E. Fell (Daughter)* [OVER



22nd March, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I think it probable at the end of this month we shall have a vacancy, but it is not likely that by that time there will be a south room vacant at the Gentlemen's Lodge. I should explain that the Lodge is a one storey building sheltered from the north winds by the mainblock of the Retreat, and along the front of it there is a glass verandah so that it is quite possible for the patients to walk out a good deal even in inclement weather.

You ask for particulars as to terms, it much depends upon the amount of attention that Mr. Fell would require. The enclosed form will perhaps assist in giving details of the history of the case. I can send you the forms for certificates at any time but it would be better not to take any steps in relation to them until matters are further advanced.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



2nd March, 1913.

Dear Madam,

I think it probable at the end of this month we shall have a vacancy, but it is not likely that by that time there will be a south room vacant at the Gentlemen's Lodge. I should explain that the Lodge is a one storey building sheltered from the north winds by the wall of the Terrace, and along the front of it there is a glass verandah so that it is quite possible for the patient to walk out a good deal even in inclement weather. You ask for particulars as to terms, it much depends upon the amount of attention that Mr. Hall would require. The enclosed form will perhaps assist in giving details of the history of the case. I can send you the form for certification at any time but it would be better not to take any steps in relation to them until matters are further advanced.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

being a vacancy at the Retreat in  
about a fortnight— As I should  
like my Father to be under your  
care will you please let me have  
fuller particulars.

I remain

Yours truly

Amy E. Fell.

2, ESSLINGTON ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 15<sup>th</sup> 1916.

D<sup>r</sup> Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter  
dated March 1<sup>st</sup> enclosing the Annual  
Report which I have read with interest.

I do not think there is an immediate  
necessity for my Father's removal from  
D<sup>r</sup> Drummond's Hospital though of  
course a case requiring a Certificate  
is unsuitable for such a Nursing  
Home & therefore better removed as  
soon as reasonably possible.

You mention a likelihood of there



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with regard to position of vacant  
rooms & charges for same. —

I understand what would be  
really best for him is a sunny  
room on the ground-floor from  
which he might be able to get  
-out into the grounds without  
much exertion in fine weather.

I remain

yours truly  
Army E. Fell

739.

5, ESINGTON ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 10<sup>th</sup> 1916.

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly forward  
me at your earliest convenience the  
Annual Report of your Hospital  
which I think may possibly be  
suitable for my Father who is  
at present an inmate of

Dr Drummond's Private Hospital

At the same time please give  
me as full particulars as possible

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NEWSPAPER  
PUBLISHED WEEKLY

11th March, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to say that at the present moment the Retreat is quite full on the men's side, and there is not likely to be a vacancy for a fortnight or three weeks. I do not know whether the case is one which can wait so long.

I send you a report of the Retreat in case you would like to have further particulars respecting the Institution.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Fell,

5 Eslington Road,

Newcastle on Tyne.



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I send you a report of the Retreat in case you would like to have further particulars respecting the Institution.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Wolf,

5 Kensington Road,

Newcastle on Tyne.



11th January, 1916.

Dear Dr. Fawcett,

I think we can spare a nurse for your patient, but the fees would have to be £2. 2. 0 per week. It does not look to me a very hopeful case for private nursing; still one can sympathise with people who do not wish to send an elderly lady away from home.

Yes, Miss Latham really did remarkably well. After she had been here a comparatively short time the hallucinations disappeared though she remained feeble physically. We gradually nursed her up and she went to Harrogate in quite good spirits, but she really was rather sorry to leave us having found the life here with the quiet and rest very congenial.

Miss Irving is very irritable, and I doubt whether we shall get her home again just now. Her sisters like her to be with them when possible, but her mental state is very uncertain.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,



11th January, 1913.

Dear Dr. Newcomb,

I think we can afford a nurse for your patient, but the fees would have to be £2.5.0 per week. It does not look as if a very hopeful case for private nursing; still one can sympathise with people who do not wish to send an elderly lady away from home. Yes, Miss Loring really did remarkably well. After she had been a comparatively short time the hallucinations disappeared though she remained feeble physically. We gradually nursed her up and she went to her room in a good spirits, but she really was rather sorry to leave us having found the life here with the quiet and rest very congenial. Miss Loring is very grateful, and I doubt whether we shall get her home again that soon. I am sure a like her to be with them when possible, but her mental state is very uncertain. With kind regards. Yours very truly,



PARK STILE,

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

10/1/16.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have an old lady (70)  
who has been rather troubled <sup>lately</sup> - &  
whose mental condition is not  
satisfactory -

She thinks she is ruined - is  
very troublesome & talks about  
putting an end to things.

I should like her <sup>to be certified &</sup> to come to  
you, but her son will not hear  
of it & so I am insisting on her  
having a nurse.

They are very decent people -  
her son is a photographer - but



not in a position to pay very  
large fees. Could you let

us have a nurse?

Miss Latham did very well.

Kind regards

Yours faithfully

Richard Dawcitt.

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In vacancy

Briarwood,  
Sedbergh,  
Yorkshire.

1<sup>st</sup> January 1916

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce.

I have a female mental  
patient, who has twice  
attempted drowning & once  
cut her throat.

Can she be admitted to The  
Retreat? & if so what are the  
fees?

Yours very truly  
E. J. Foster.

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Barthelme  
Bodberg  
Bodberg

TELEPHONE NO. 280.

FROM

MEMORANDUM.

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LLOYDS BANK LIMITED.

DARLINGTON.

3 .XII. 1914

To

Deafw Peice by M.D.

The Deafw Peice

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I beg to thank you for letter of yesterday report which I am sending on to a friend whose daughter aged 21 will have to undergo treatment, to whom I had previously mentioned your Institution.

W.D. Foster.

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MEMORANDUM  
LLOYD'S BANK LIMITED

DARLINGTON

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11th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of our last Report, and also a Further Statement which you will find useful in giving particulars as to the history of the case. You do not mention the sex of your patient. I am very doubtful whether we can make room for a woman patient as we are very full on that side of the house. In any case I do not think we could take in another anxious case requiring much nursing, as the staff are very closely pressed with work just at present.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. G. G. Farquhar,  
24 & 26 Stanhope Road,  
Darlington.



11th March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of our last report, and  
also a further statement which you will find useful  
in relation to the history of the case.  
I am sending you the rest of my report. I am  
very sorry that neither we can send you a copy  
of the same nor any other of the kind of the  
case. In any case I do not think it could take in  
about the same time as the last one. As the  
subject is very old, I have not been able to

Yours faithfully,

I remain,

Very truly yours,

Dr. H. A. ...

25, ...

...



HOURS  
2-3 P.M.  
6-7-30 P.M.

24 & 26, Stanhope Road,  
Darlington.

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Aug 10. 1915.

● Dr. Bedford Preece.

Dear Sir

Please send me  
the Annual Report of "The  
Retreat, York" and particulars  
of terms, admission of  
patients &c. I have a  
patient who may have to  
be sent to a Mental Nursing  
Home but the relations  
wish me to get full  
information as to expenses.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Geo. G. Farquhar.



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PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY,  
NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS,  
CAMBRIDGE.

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3, May, 1915.

My dear Bedford Pierce,

I <sup>has just</sup> ~~just~~ received a letter saying that that patient may be taken into an institution at Dorchester but the people are very much obliged for that Northampton address which they intend to apply to should the Dorchester institution not be satisfactory. Thanking you for all the trouble you have taken and with kind regards,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

G. S. Miss Woodhead.



PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY,  
NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL,  
CAMBRIDGE.

PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY,  
NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS,  
CAMBRIDGE.

Enclosure.

27 April, 1915.

My dear Bedford Pierce,

The enclosed has just come and I naturally turn to you. Originally they were Friends and some of the family still remain Friends. Can you do anything in the matter.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*G. S. M. Woodhead.*

Please abstract the letter enclosed herein  
P.S.



PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY  
NEW MEDICAL SCHOOLS  
CAMBRIDGE

RECEIVED

1934

Miss Fox. Age 48.

Has been with Dr. McBryde of Box, Wilts. for 4 yrs.

About 4 years ago she became blind in one eye, & the other was affected. The oculist told her she would become totally blind - and the shock brought on melancholia. She is not quite blind but her sight is very bad.

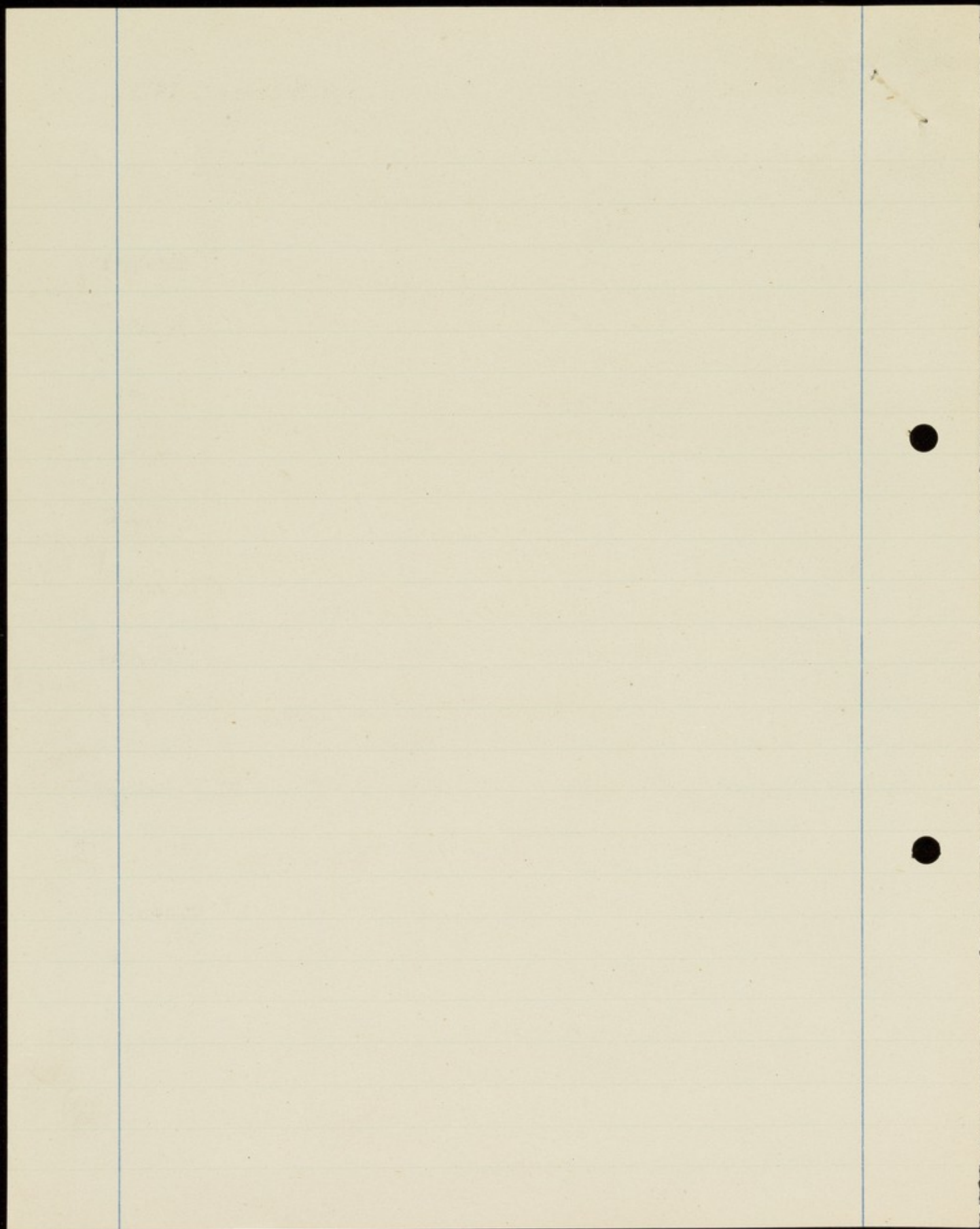
Is in a private house for mental cases, but cannot stay there as she disturbs the other patients by continually crying. Too noisy for a small place.

Cannot pay more than £200 per annum - If possible less.

(Sister.)

Miss Evelyn G. Fox, 66 Whiteford Road, Marnmearad,  
Plymouth.





on several occasions! I think you  
told us as students that the  
Nebent always tried to adapt  
its price to the means of the  
patient.

If you can't undertake the  
girl at the Nebent can you  
let her know of a suitable place;  
as the girl's life will be spoiled  
unless she can get away somewhere

for proper skilled treatment.

If you can't take this patient  
without <sup>her</sup> being certified - Can you do so if  
I sign her up?

Would it be better to try & get the letter  
& take her up to you at York or Leeds for a  
consultation?

Yours faithfully  
H. A. Flint.

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TEL. NO. 2.

Mellon House,  
Mansfield.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have a very hysterical  
girl patient about 23 years of  
age now. She has been under  
treatment for many months &  
doesn't permanently improve.  
If she is to do any good she  
must go away to some place

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for treatment. She has recently been threatening to make way with herself.

Is it possible to get a patient into the York Retreat without having them certified as lunatics? If it is can you take this girl in. The father is at present only earning £2 a week - he has however been

in a better position at one time & the girl is fairly well educated.

The father worked for Messrs Bannister, Walker & Hammers for 13 years - they are all three families of Friends & he says they subscribe to the York Retreat & if it would be any good they would give him a recommendation. He says he can afford £1 a week. I am an old student of yours & have played hockey against you

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2nd December, 1914.

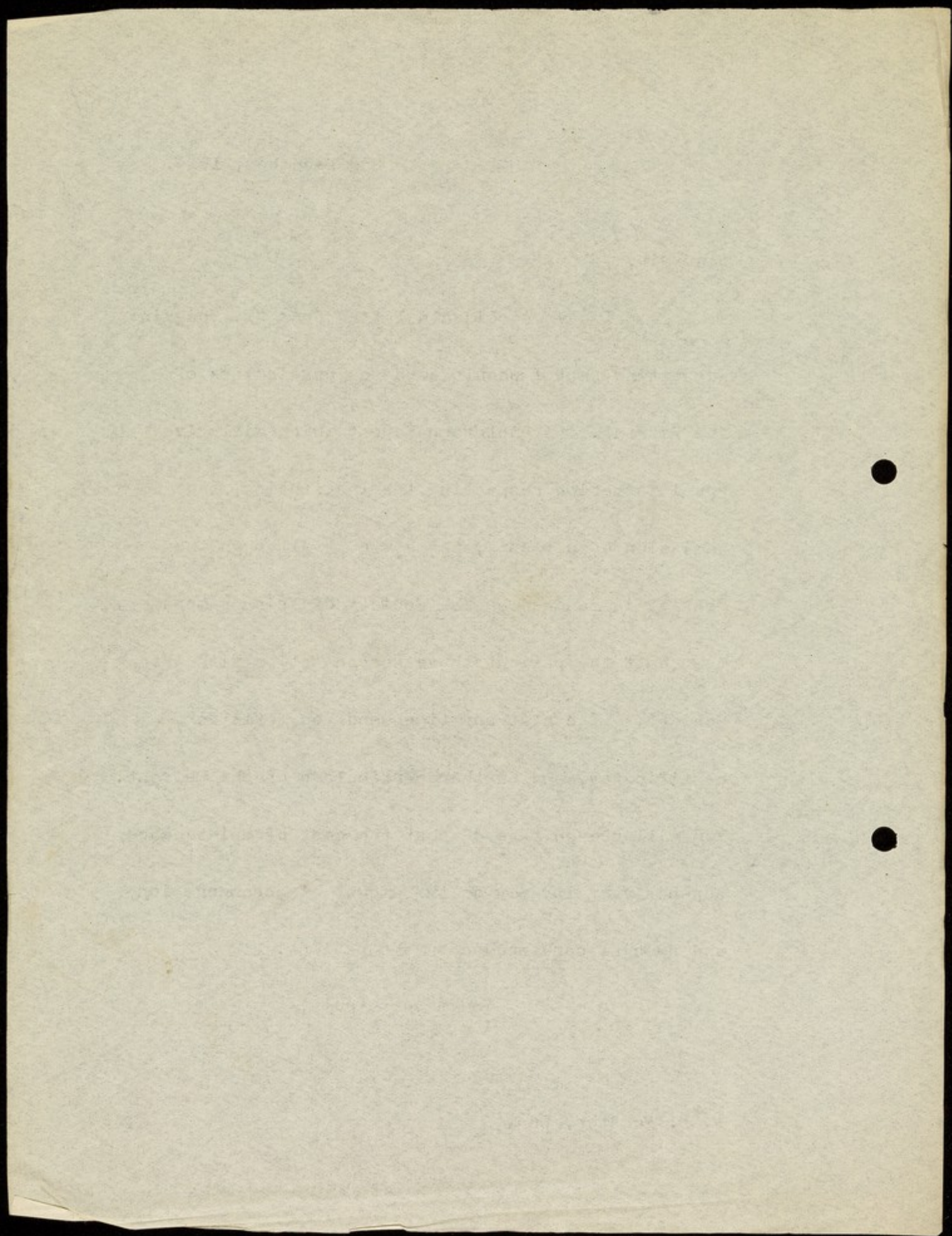
Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from Mr. Hodgkin suggesting that I should send you particulars of the Retreat. I enclose a Report which will give you information respecting the Institution, the admission of patients, terms etc. Although the Retreat is managed by the Society of Friends more than half the patients have no connection with the Society. I can at any time send you forms for certificates, and further particulars of the Retreat. You will see on page 42 that the cost of maintenance depends very largely on the amount of accommodation and special care needed by the patient.

Yours very truly,

W. D. Forster, Esq.





✓  
TEL. ADD. "ENERGY."  
TEL. NO. 2690 (Two Lines).

JEH/DA

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NORTHGATE CHAMBERS,  
CROWN STREET,  
DARLINGTON.

1st, December, 1914.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Friends Retreat, YORK.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

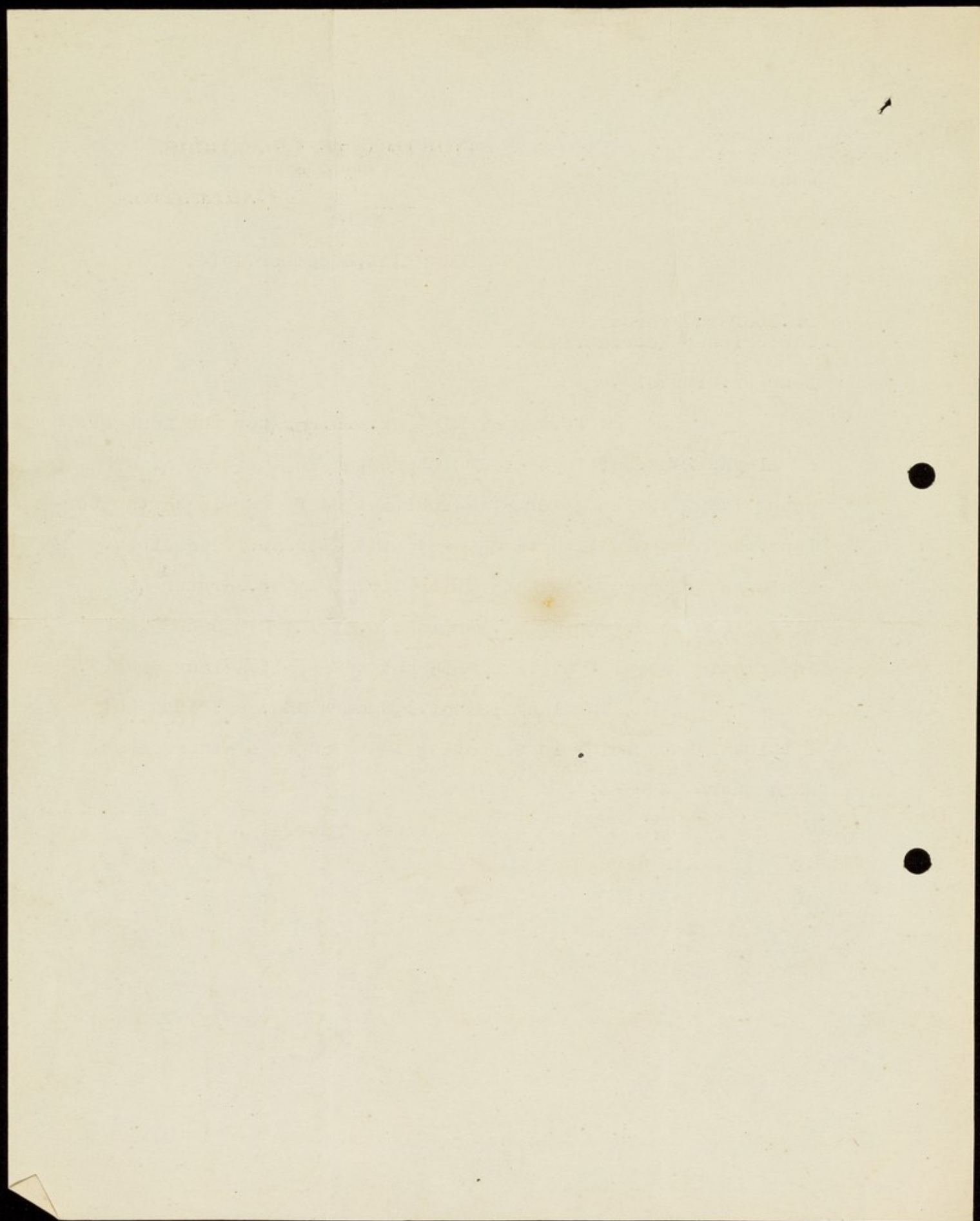
A friend of mine Mr. W. D. Forster the Manager of Lloyds Bank, Darlington, is interested in the case of a young lady, the daughter of a substantial farmer in Northumberland, who he would like to get into the Retreat, if possible. Would you be good enough to write direct to Mr. Forster at Lloyds Bank Ltd, Northgate, Darlington, giving him such information as will allow him to put the application forward.

The lady is not, I understand, a Friend but I think I am <sup>right</sup> ~~writing~~ in supposing that you take other cases when there is room.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. H. / cm





TELEPHONE 76.

SURGERY HOURS:—

9—10-30 a.m.

6— 7-30 p.m.

LAURISTON.

DARLINGTON.

26. 8. 14.

The Superintendent

Dear Sir.

I have at present a patient under my care, a chronic alcoholic, who has expressed to me his great desire to stifle the craving for alcohol. I have therefore determined to send him out into the country away from his present surroundings, as he is a publican + is thus exposed to constant temptation. Dr Pearson of Darlington has recommended your institution to me as a suitable



one from which to obtain a  
male nurse to take care of  
my patient. He particularly  
mentioned one, Fulton by name,  
as an ideal nurse for this  
case, + if Fulton is free I  
would prefer him. If not  
however, please send me as  
good a nurse as you can.

The patient is not a D.T.  
or anything like that. He is  
merely an ordinary normal  
individual possessed of an  
inordinate craving for alcohol.  
I have obtained rooms for him  
+ his nurse at Gainford with

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LAURISTON,

DARLINGTON.

a family whom we have already employed, + your man would be required to be constantly with the patient to eat, sleep + go out walking with him, + above all of course to see that he obtained no alcohol of any kind. The treatment would last for a month at least, longer if necessary but at least for one month.

Please let me know your terms + also state if Fulton is free as I would much rather have him after Dr Pearson's



testimonial. The nurse would  
be required to take up his  
duties about next Monday  
or Tuesday.

Yours truly.

pro D. C. Fisher.

C. J. Kirk M.B.

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TELEPHONE NO 42.

LAURISTON,

6, KNIGHTSTONE ROAD,

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

2 March 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I was much obliged for yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> ulto and fully expected that Miss Farthing would take advantage of the chance she had of getting into Shrotonby Hall but after she had decided to do so her relatives objected that they thought it wouldn't be fair to Mr. Curtis and so she has given

up the idea.

I am sorry that I have given you some trouble in this matter but of course you know as well as I do how unreasonable relatives can be over anything of this kind.

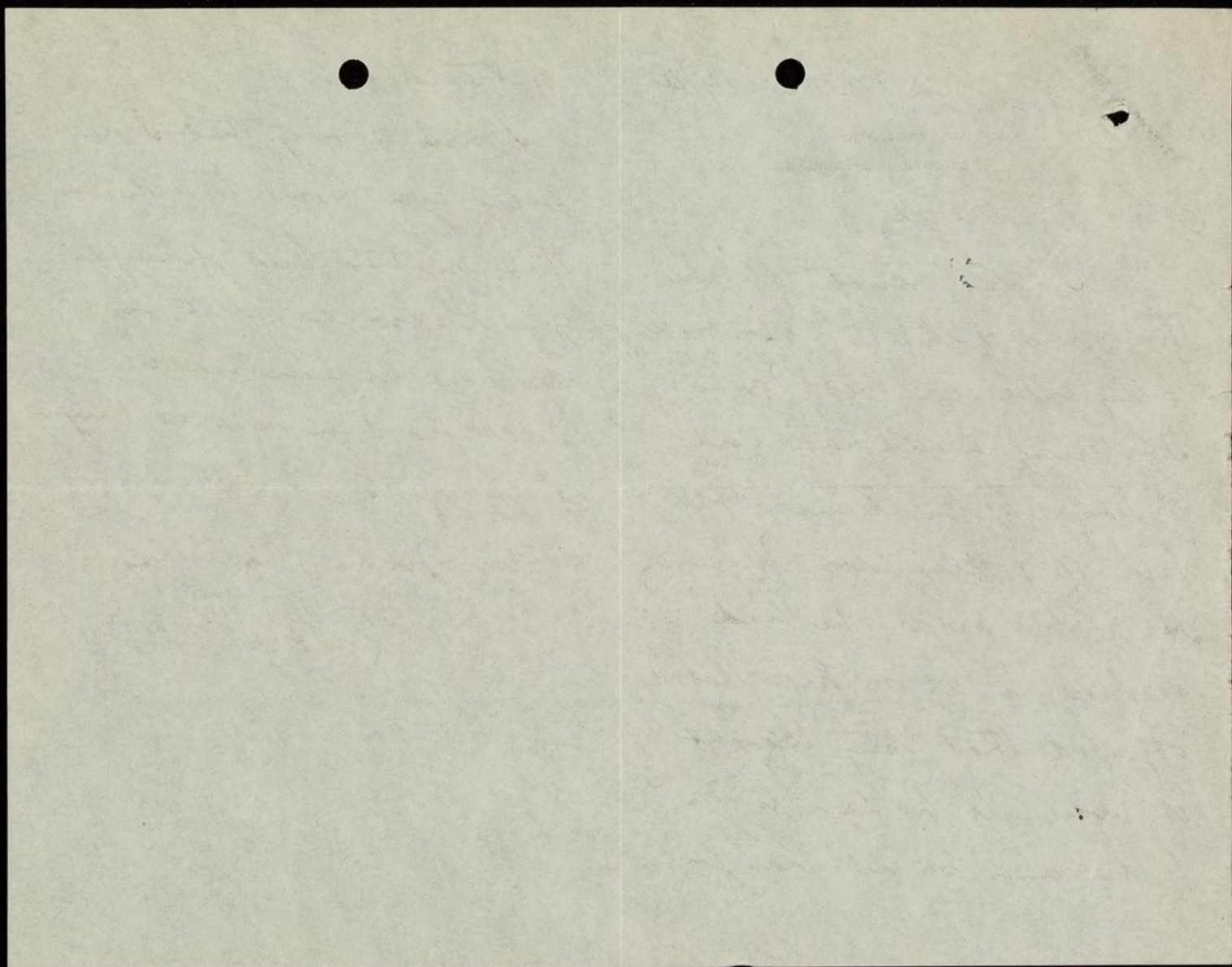
Yours sincerely,

Arthur Wallace

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LAURISTON,  
6, KNIGHTSTONE ROAD,  
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

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15, Feby., 1914.

Dear Dr. Bedford Price,

Mr. Curtis's sister Miss Farthing is a patient of mine and since Mr. Curtis has returned home she has repeatedly expressed a desire to know whether she could go to Throxenby as a patient.

I have known & attended her for a dozen years - she has always been depressed but never certifiable. The depression, however, grows upon her and she finds it very trying in the morning and it worries her more now as she has difficulty in walking and her sight is very bad.

I promised I would write you & I shall be glad to know if you could do anything - even a change for a few months would be useful.

Yours sincerely

Thos. Waller



WESTERN UNION



Feb. 3, 1914

Dear Sirs,

I am sorry to say, in reply to your enquiry, that at the moment there is no vacancy at the Retreat, and the Gentlemen's Lodge is quite full. I do not expect there will be a vacancy at a very early date.

It occurs to me that the gentleman about whom you write might like to go to Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, a branch house connected with the Retreat, where there is comfortable accommodation. I should explain, however, that Throxenby Hall is not suitable for troublesome patients, those likely to escape from control or who are noisy or difficult to manage. We would supply such male nurses as may be required, but there is no resident medical officer, and the patients are usually attended in case of illness by Dr. Everley Taylor of Scarborough.

I enclose you a report of the Retreat, on page 38 of which you will find information respecting Throxenby Hall. A gentleman of means can be provided with private rooms.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Branson & Son



Feb. 5, 1914

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I am sorry to say, in reply to your enquiry, that

at the moment there is no vacancy at the Retreat, and the  
Gentleman's Lodge is quite full. I do not expect there will  
be a vacancy at a very early date.

It occurs to me that the gentleman about whom you

wrote might like to go to Throxbury Hall, Southampton,

branch house connected with the Retreat, where there is com-

fortable accommodation. I should explain, however, that

Throxbury Hall is not suitable for troublesome patients, those  
likely to escape from control or who are noisy or difficult to

manage. We could supply such male nurses as may be re-

quired, but there is no resident medical officer, and the

patients are usually attended in case of illness by Dr. Every

Taylor of Southampton.

I enclose you a report of the Retreat, on page 38

of which you will find information respecting Throxbury Hall.

A gentleman of means can be provided with private rooms.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. Harrison & Son



DPM.

BRANSON & SON,  
SOLICITORS.  
G. ERNEST BRANSON.  
J. H. DAVIDSON.  
TELEPHONE 333.

9, BANK STREET,  
SHEFFIELD.

2nd February 1914.

Dear Sir,

We have been consulted by the friends of one F a lunatic who is at present confined in a private asylum south of London with a view to securing his removal to an asylum in the north. F who is a man of about 50 is most anxious to have a change. He says that his present surroundings have become very distasteful, that he is weary of them and that he thinks a change to his own County (Yorkshire) would probably be beneficial, and his sisters are strongly of the same opinion. He was shut up on the Petition of his wife or daughter who appear to be indifferent as to his place of residence but we understand that they can be induced to apply for a change.

F generally talks and behaves like a sane man but "hears noises" and under the influences of these noises he has tried to commit suicide by starvation and has been forcibly fed, and the Superintendent of his present asylum states that he could not certify him to be free from homicidal tendencies though we cannot learn that he has ever done anything more violent than to shake and smack the head of an attendant. He is fairly well off and could afford perhaps £10 per week for good accommodation and attendance.

Will you kindly let us know if you have a vacancy for such a patient and if so we will endeavour to get the necessary Order for his removal.

Yours truly,

Dr Pearce,  
The Retreat, York.

*Ernest Branson*



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COPY TELEPHONE

61 Wellesley

~~WELLESLEY~~ AVENUE,

HULL.

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> '15.

Dear Sir: I should be obliged  
if you would forward me Papers  
necessary for Removal of Patient,  
also your Terms, M<sup>r</sup> Cooper, my  
Father, is in bed and will have  
to remain in bed.

Yours Faithfully.

M<sup>rs</sup> A. Cooper.

D<sup>r</sup> Bedford Place.

Reply by return for me  
to receive Saturday night  
would be a favour  
M.



13 BERRARD AVENUE

HULL

income, & should be glad to know if it is possible for us to entertain thoughts of fleeing our son with you. We feel

that it is very desirable that he should shortly have a change of scene & treatment, if only for a limited period. Dr. Auden

thinks that this would be good for him, & so does our own Doctor. We may be a (our neighbourhood) to meet after next

J: Bid for Pierce

Yours very truly  
W. K. Coler

Stromy Chasly Vicargo  
Nr Stafford

November 11. 1914

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of a few days ago, and also for the Retreat Report, which is very interesting reading. I understand

(not say that there are



no vacancies at the  
present time. We should  
like, if possible, to run  
over & see the Retreat,  
& make our acquaintance.

But we should like to know  
whether any special terms  
can be given us, as being  
a clergyman & the son

of a medical man - the  
late H.P. Chas., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.

The terms we are paying  
now are one & a half  
guineas a week. This

does not cover a separate  
bedroom, which is not  
recommended for our son.  
I have only a very limited

treatment would be likely to  
be beneficial to him, we  
would forego that. I should  
be much obliged if you would  
kindly give us particulars  
about your Institution - terms &c,  
& anything you might think be  
helpful to us in forming an  
opinion as to the right course  
to be taken. I am

Yours very faithfully  
W. H. Coler  
J. Bedford Pierce  
The Rectory  
York

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Stonely Charley Vicarage  
Nr. Stafford

Nov 2. 1914

Dear Sir

You may possibly  
have heard from our  
friend Dr. George A. Auden,  
with regard to our wish  
to have some particulars

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about your Institution for  
mental diseases. Dr Auden  
tells us that he lived with  
you some time ago for study,  
& he strongly advises us  
to write to you. our elder  
son - Rev H. Q. C. M. - Had a  
severe mental breakdown

last year. We had hoped  
by now that he might have  
recovered his mental balance.  
But he does not seem to have  
made any material progress.  
It is of course nice to feel that  
he is close at hand at Storrord.  
But if a change of scene and

3rd Novmeber, 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry I send a copy of the Retreat Report which will give you particulars of the Institution, terms, etc. Dr. Auden is an old friend of mine, and besides living for many years in York he also stayed a short time with us studying mental disorders, and consequently knows the Institution well. Just at the moment the Retreat is very full on the men's side, but I fully expect that after a time there will be vacancies.

Yours very truly,



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12th November, 1914.

Dear Sir,

We have no funds available for the reduction of terms for persons unconnected with the Society of Friends. By constitution we receive members of the Society of Friends at low rates from all parts of the kingdom, but it is not possible to reduce the terms for other persons. I only wish some benevolent person would give us money for this purpose as the necessity for assistance for educated persons is very great.

We shall of course be glad for you to see the Retreat at any time, but I do not like to suggest that you should pay more than you can rightly afford, and think that if you made enquiries you would be able to get admission at lower rates elsewhere. I remain,

Yours very truly,

W. K. Coles, Esq.

Stowe-by-Chartley Vicarage,  
near Stafford.





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*11 a.m. to 3 p.m.,*  
*by Appointment.*

TELEPHONES : 3666 CENTRAL.  
368 ROUNDHAY.

*5 Park Square,*  
*Leeds.*

Dear Dr Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter. I located the mischief at the splenic flexure. Am sorry to hear the fatal result. It is one of the drawbacks to my work that it is so Difficult to follow up the after history in so many cases.

Kind regards

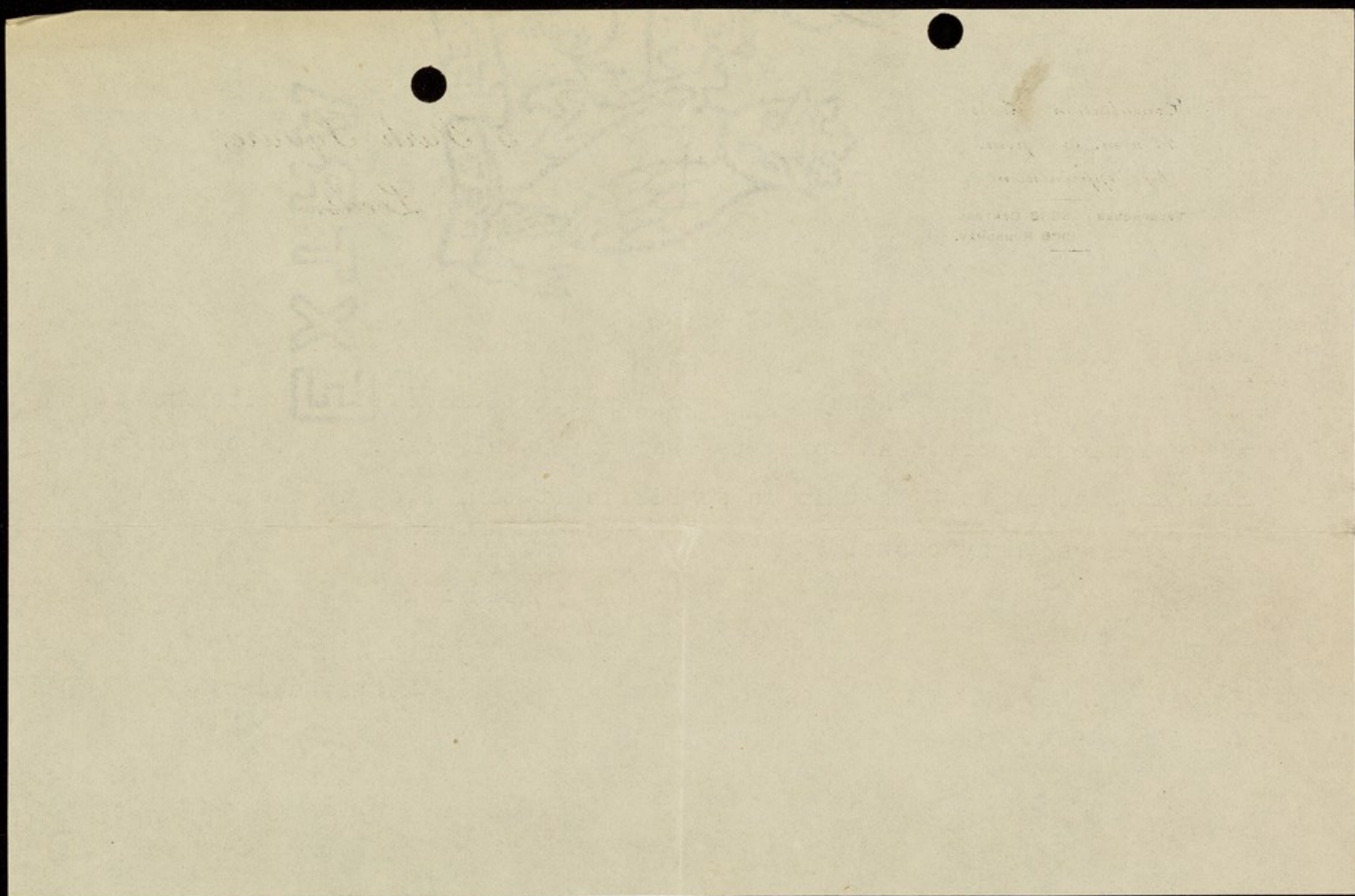
Yours sincerely.

Leo: A. Rowden.

*L.R.*

May 21st 1914.





Dec. 12, 1912

Dear Hingston Fox,

I do not think our Committee could agree to accept W.A.Maw as a recommended patient at 12/-, seeing that he is not a member of the Society of Friends, but under the circumstances I think it not unlikely that they would admit him at a rate very close to that, if his late Monthly Meeting urged the course. Of course if the Friends would re-instate him as a member they could recommend him at the lowest rate. You no doubt understand that if a patient is admitted at a low rate a guarantee is required from some responsible person or from the Monthly Meeting, as it is in just these cases that there is frequently inability to pay. I enclose you a set of certificates, in case they should be wanted.

Yours very truly,







55 WIMPOLE STREET,  
W.

(TEL: 1349 MAYFAIR.)

10 Dec 1912

Dear Bedford Perce

The case of W. A. Maw,  
of which I spoke to you when  
I was down, seems maturing  
for proper care & treatment,  
& may do so within a few days.  
He is the man with obsession  
of duty not to earn to support  
family, to expect a miraculous  
supply of new teeth, & to give  
away his scanty remaining  
money - I find that he has  
resigned his membership as a

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Friend: this he did after his  
mind had begun to be disordered,  
& the Country monthly meeting  
(Woodbridge, Suffolk) seems to have  
inconsiderately accepted it at  
once; but he attends meeting  
regularly, & has always been a  
Friend. As he has no means,  
do you think we could get the  
monthly meeting to take some  
action which would justify  
you in taking him on low  
terms? Is there anything short  
of a statement?

With kind regards  
yours sincerely  
R. Hington Fox

Very sorry about the last Lebanon  
trouble! How the unexpected happens!





July 14, 1913

Dear Sir,

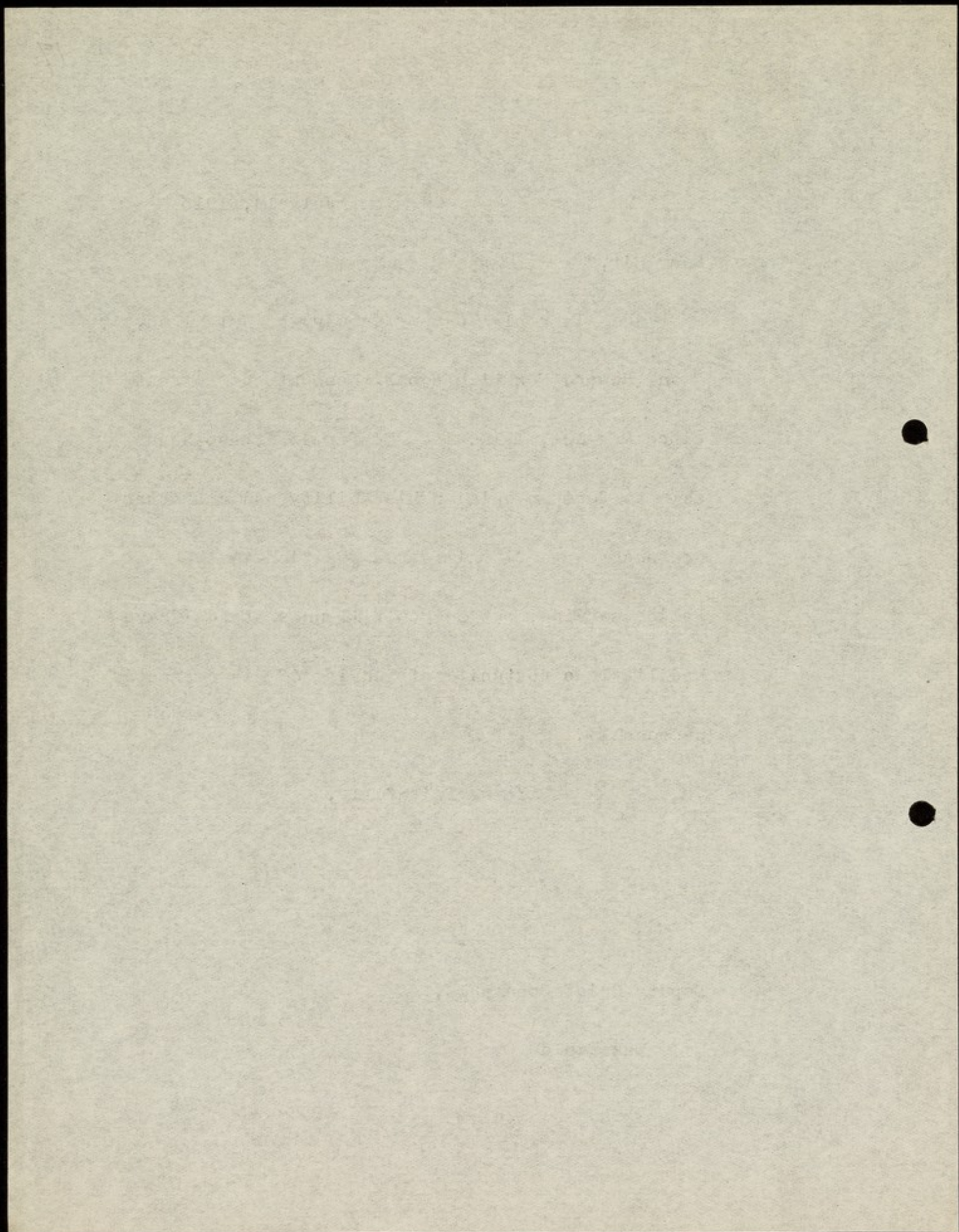
In reply to your enquiry of July 11th,  
Frank Howard Foxall has only been at the Retreat  
since May 1st, 1913. So far as I have been  
able to form an opinion his ability and character  
are such as to fit him for a position in the  
Police service, but as you will understand I have  
had little opportunity of judging of his character  
personally.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Chief Constable,

Wakefield









# *Friends Asylum for the Insane,*

*Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.*

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*Bedford Pierce, M.D.  
Supt. York Retreat*

*My dear Doctor,*

We are entering our centennial year and planning to celebrate the event here at the Asylum on the 4th of June next. We shall invite our friends to come, listen to some addresses, inspect the buildings and grounds and indulge in social intercourse.

It would afford us great pleasure to have the honor of thy presence on this occasion as a representative of the Retreat. On a celebrated occasion, La Fayette said: "all through that period (referring to the French Revolution) Bunker Hill has been my polar star". Through the past century, it may be said, the York Retreat has been not only the pattern or model of Friends Asylum, but its polar star. Hence, thou can understand how welcome thou would be, if thou art able to accept our invitation, which is most cordially extended.

Should it not be possible for thee to be with us in June, I hope thou may find time to send a few lines which may be read at the meeting.

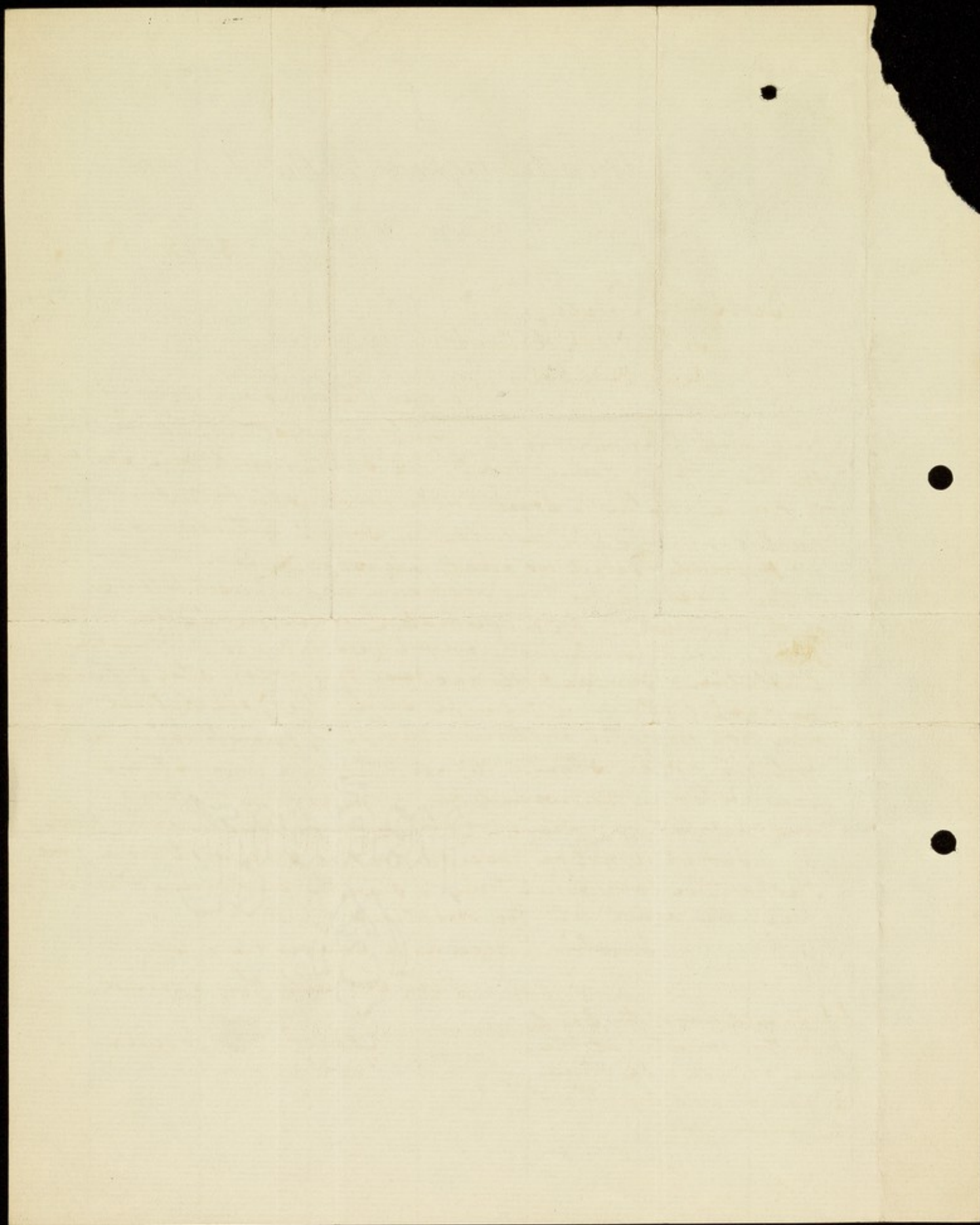
Trusting to receive a favorable reply,

*Very sincerely thy friend*

*Robert H. Chase*

P.S. Should any of thy Board be in this country at the time please ask them to favor us by attending the celebration.





May 27, 1913

Dear Dr. Chase,

I write to express the good wishes of all at York Retreat on the occasion of the Centenary of The Friends' Asylum for the Insane in Philadelphia.

The interesting book you sent has enabled me to picture its buildings and surroundings, whilst the text provides a panoramic survey of its history. I congratulate you heartily on the splendid traditions, the beautiful premises, and the excellent modern equipment of your Institution. It is pleasing to see how the younger sister of the English Retreat has grown so remarkably in beauty, and the elder sister on this side rejoices at the way in which a reasonable antiquity is combined with youth and vigour.

One thing certain is that in these days there is no standing still, and it is interesting to note that the development of the two Institutions has been on parallel lines, and that many of the problems connected with the nursing of the insane have been met in the same spirit in both places. The progressive increase of personal comfort in asylums is noteworthy, and the external conditions of life have greatly altered. There is a danger that as



institutions grow in size and complexity, and as the facilities for recreation and amusement multiply, and luxuries increase, the personal element which so conspicuously distinguished the administration of the Friends of a hundred years ago may become relatively less important. It does us good to read of the labours of those who worked for these institutions at their inception, and they inspire us; for, though knowledge increases, it is doubtful whether there has been great advance in true fellow-feeling and sympathy, which mean so much in the treatment of the insane.

I wonder if it has occurred to you that it is not unlikely that American influence had much to do with the foundation of the Retreat in York. Twenty years before the meeting of Friends in York was held, at which William Tuke pleaded for the insane and proposed "a retired habitation" for members of the Society afflicted in mind, his son Henry Tuke, then a young man, had walked out of the city to meet on the road from London an American Friend travelling in the Ministry. The expected visitor was John Woolman, whose conscience would not allow him to travel by stage coach on account of the cruelty to horses and post-boys involved in this express mode of travelling. John Woolman came to York only to



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fall a victim to small-pox. He was devotedly nursed by the Tuke family, and in Esther Tuke's account we have a touching record of his last hours; the same Esther Tuke who afterwards gave the Retreat its name. It is not, I think, far-fetched to assume that William and Henry Tuke were profoundly influenced by John Woolman, whose spirit of loving-kindness to all lived after his death in the hearts of the York Friends, and led them later on to take up the cause of the mentally afflicted in a way that became an example to the civilized world.







*Friends Asylum for the Insane,**Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.* 6 mo. 1913

Dr. Bedford Pierce, Superintendent,  
The Retreat,  
York, England.

Dear Friend:-

Thy interesting letter to our Superintendent, Dr. Robert H. Chase, was duly received, and read and appreciated by our Board of Managers at our meeting on the 9th inst. We regretted that it did not reach here in time to be presented at the Anniversary Meeting on the 4th inst., at which we had over 700 people. It would have been particularly pleasant could we have had the presence of thyself, or some representative of "The Retreat", which we feel to be a mother institution to ours, with us. I notice with much interest thy remarks as to the influence of John Woolman and Lindley Murray in turning the minds of Friends toward founding The Retreat.

I was much interested in visiting your institution in the summer of 1909, to find it in so many ways like ours, particularly in the spirit which seems to pervade both hospitals. It was cause for regret not to meet thee, who, I am informed, was in Switzerland at the time.



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*Friends Asylum for the Insane,*

*Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa.*

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It is my hope and expectation that marked advance will be made in the treatment of mental disease in the near future.

An annex to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore has just been established especially for the scientific study and treatment of mental troubles which promises results.

In the event of thy being in this country I hope to have the pleasure of seeing thee and showing our hospital.

Very Sincerely,

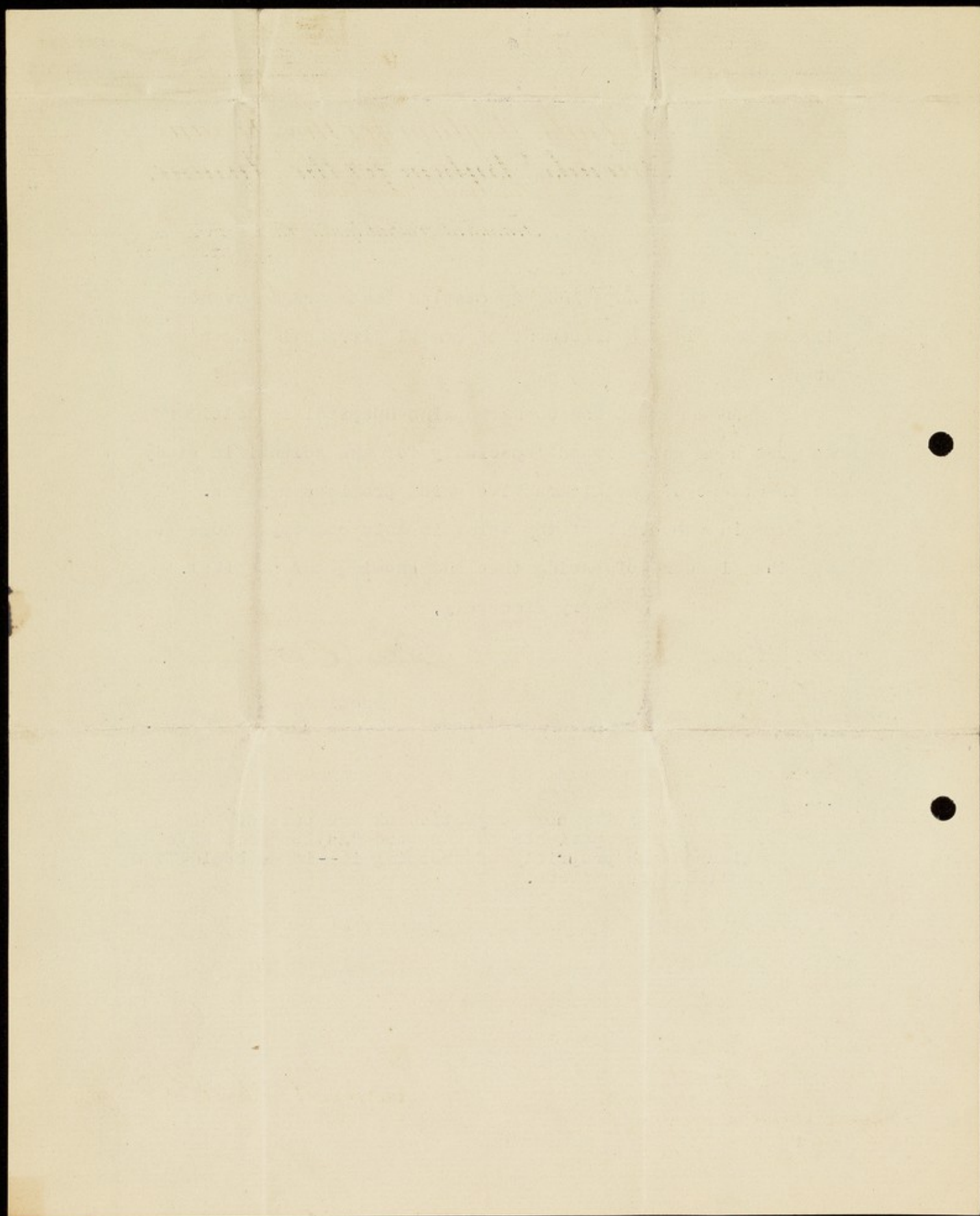
*Alva C. Moody*

President of  
FRIENDS ASYLUM.

P.S.

We find still some objection on the part of the friends of some patients to the word "Asylum" and have considered the propriety of dropping it--if we could find a suitable substitute.





LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE

ROBERT H. CHASE, M.D., Superintendent.

HENRY HALL, Steward.



## *Friends Asylum for the Insane.*

*Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. 6, 11, 1913*

Dr. Bedford Pierce, Supt.,  
The Retreat,  
York, England.

Dear Doctor:-

Your two letters were duly received, and we are much indebted to you for them.

Our celebration passed off well. We had a large assemblage, besides many warm greetings from friends in distant parts. Your second letter, and the one from Charles Yeomans did not reach us until a few days after the occasion, but we had the pleasure of presenting the cablegram to the audience, which was warmly greeted. This message from the mother institution, and a similar one from the Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, the youngest institution, made, when read at the meeting, a decided hit.

Our managers were greatly interested in the reference in your letter, to the reciprocal influence that John Woolman and Lindley Murray exerted upon the benevolent work with the insane in England.

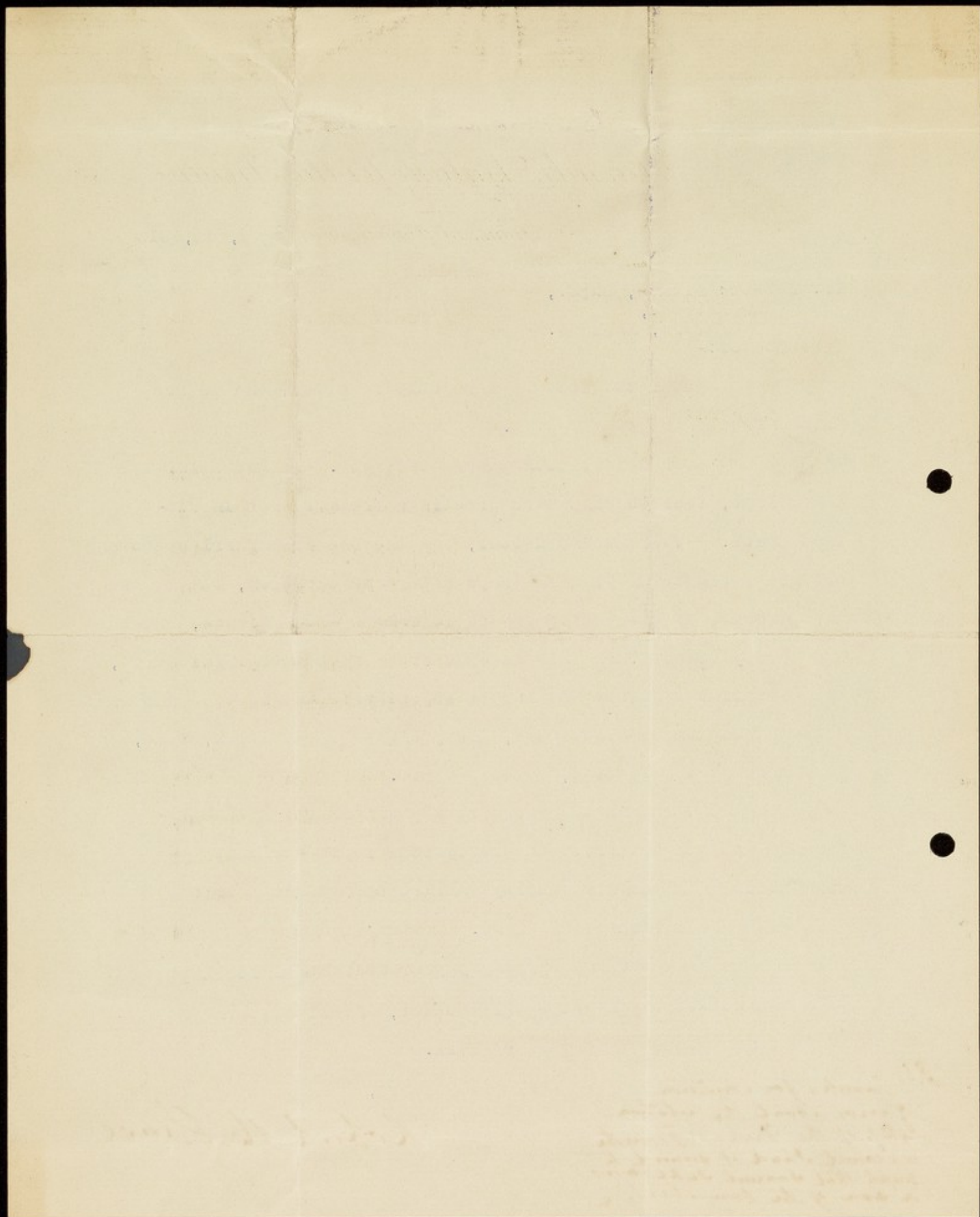
I trust you may enjoy your delightful holiday with the nurses in the Alps this summer, and all return freshened to renew your humane work at York.

Very truly yours,

*Robert H. Chase*

*P.S. Thanks for correction of error about the relationship of the Furies. From the account I had it seemed to imply that Samuel Fiske was a son of the founder. c*





55, WIMPOLE STREET,

W.

(TEL: 1349 MAYFAIR.)

25 Nov 1911

Dear Pierce

Thanks for your reply  
to my telegram. It concerned  
Dr. Whitney, <sup>a friend &</sup> long a medical  
missionary in Japan, his wife  
a Brethrenite - ; who has  
become depressed, with delusions  
that his life is a failure, his  
diplomas acquired by fraud &  
that it is his duty to give  
himself up to justice. I think  
Certificates will be required.

I am sorry that you have  
no vacancy - Perhaps if  
the case lasts, you may be



able to take him in later.  
I expect to have to put  
him somewhere near Lord  
tomorrow. (Of course I  
mention his name in confidence)

Believe me

Yours very truly  
R. Brighton Fox

14  
45 Chandos St.

Hereford.

Nov. 2. 11.

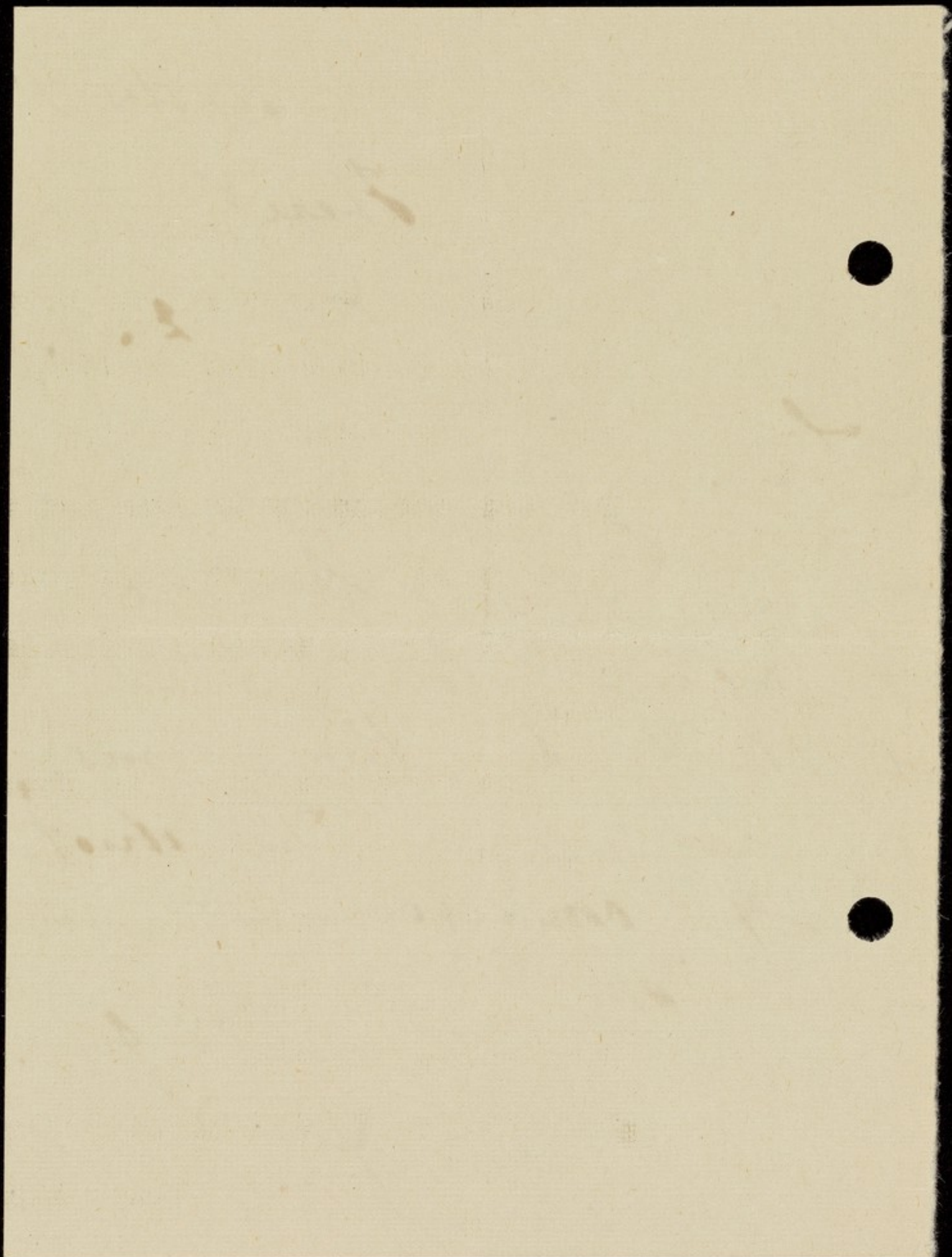
Sir.

I should be much  
obliged if you would  
write & state the terms  
for patients in "The Retreat"  
& the conditions for ad-  
mission.

Yours faithfully.

John M. Fowler.





Dec.7 1911.

Dear Madam,

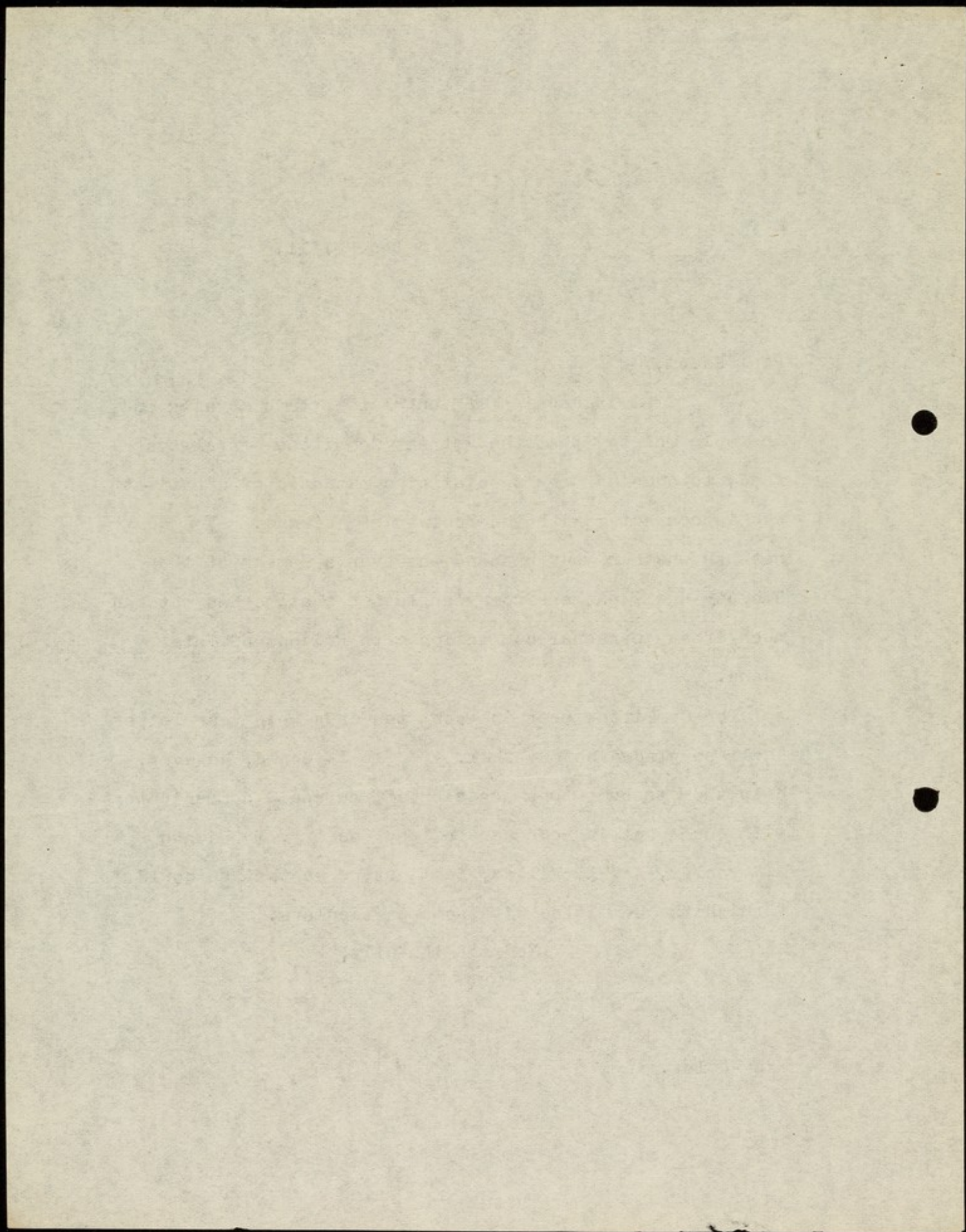
I am in receipt of your letter this morning and in reply may say that the Retreat Committee are always ready to consider any special circumstances of a patient who is connected with the Society of Friends. You do not say whether your husband was ever a member of the Society but I gather from your letter that he has not had much, if any, personal connection with Friends of late years.

The Committee meet in about ten days when your letter shall be placed before them. It would, however, help them to come to a decision if you would communicate with our Agent in your part of the Country, Mr Edward B.Reynolds, Argyll Villas, Leominster, so that he could furnish the Committee with some particulars.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Fowler.





difference could be  
made to meet this  
very unusual case.  
My husband was  
brought up as a Friend  
& his relations are friends  
he was at Achworth  
School for some years  
so that he would feel  
more at home in the  
Society. His mind  
has been sadly damaged  
for the last five years

40. Chandas Lt  
Hereford  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1911

To the Secretary  
Sir/

I am much obliged  
for your note & took  
note that the actual  
charges are much higher  
than they are at other  
establishments & shall  
be obliged if you will  
say whether a considerable



when he had a deep <sup>severe</sup>  
illness & swellings of a blood  
vessel in his head, has caused  
him much suffering.

As some of the Asylum they  
take people for what their  
friends can afford to pay, I <sup>thought</sup>  
be much obliged if you will  
let me know if friends will  
kindly take my husband's  
case into consideration, as  
I find it quite beyond my  
strength to manage him &  
my health has given way  
& I am sure he needs <sup>great</sup>  
care than we can possibly  
give him. In haste

Yours faithfully  
M. Fowler.

Falconer House  
Leominster  
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Mr Waller  
Levy Repeat  
Dear friend

re C. J. Fowler, the friend

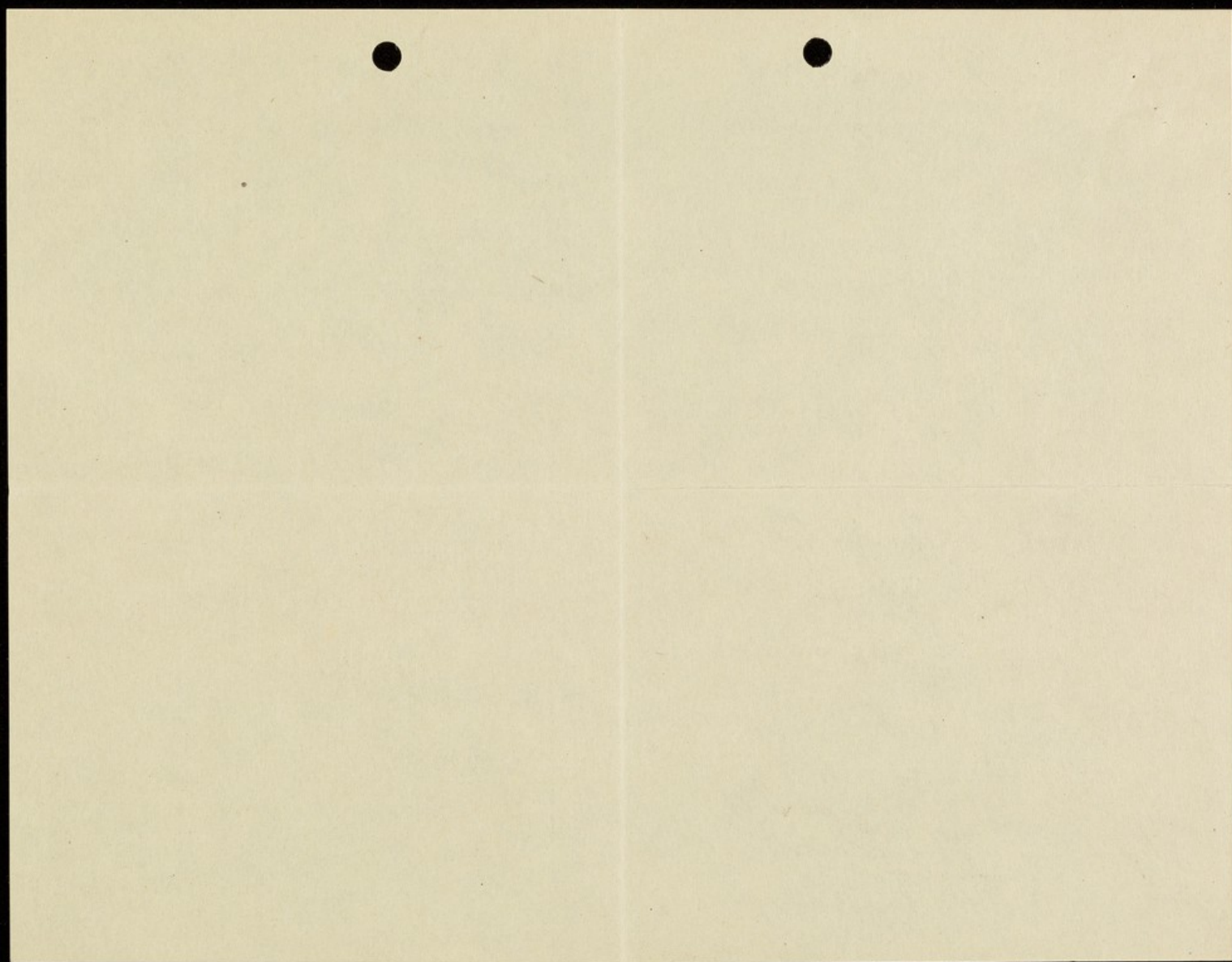
Referring to your inquiry  
of 8th inst, I do not think, from  
what I learn, that you are  
likely to have a definite opinion.

C. J. F. is a brother of your  
agent in the adjoining N.H.  
Hillsborough & Hailworth. A  
friend in the referred express,

the opinion that C. J. F. would  
not be likely to be certified as  
liable to asylum treatment;  
I hear from his brother that  
the financial difficulties would  
belong to be a further barrier.  
C. J. F. is not now a friend.

Yours truly  
E. B. Reynolds





May 26, 1911

Dear Nurse Forbes,

The certificates have not yet received all their signatures, but as soon as they are completed I will send yours along.

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee you were not awarded the William Tuke medal, and, consequently, I shall not be able to send this.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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— of one.

R. B.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Dr. to view.

Dear Sir.

I have heard

that the Kumaon have received

their full quota of British

and we are glad if you would

forward mine to the above

address, as we have recently

received.

I am writing you in anticipation

of some.

I am.

Yours truly.

Quail — of one.

June 1, 1911

Dear Miss Forbes,

I shall be glad to submit to the Committee any representations you may wish to make respecting the William Tuke medal. The date of the next Committee meeting is June 27th; or, if you wish, you might write, direct, to the Chairman, Mr. Charles Yeomans, 17 Broomhall Rd., Sheffield. I am quite sure the Committee will give careful attention to anything you have to say.

Yours very truly,



1. The first part of the report is a general  
description of the project and its objectives.  
2. The second part is a detailed description of the  
methodology used in the study.  
3. The third part is a description of the results  
of the study.  
4. The fourth part is a discussion of the results  
and their implications.  
5. The fifth part is a conclusion and a list of  
references.

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J. am.

H. B.

May 30<sup>th</sup> 11.

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours.

I cannot understand the attitude  
of the Royal Commission in with-  
drawing the William Luke Medal.  
I send you an explanation of  
why I am not to receive same.

I regret my father will not let  
the matter rest where it is, - as

I finished my four years  
training at the Royal, under the  
impression that I was entitled  
to some - sort of medal or medal.

I enclose stamped envelope for 194

reply.

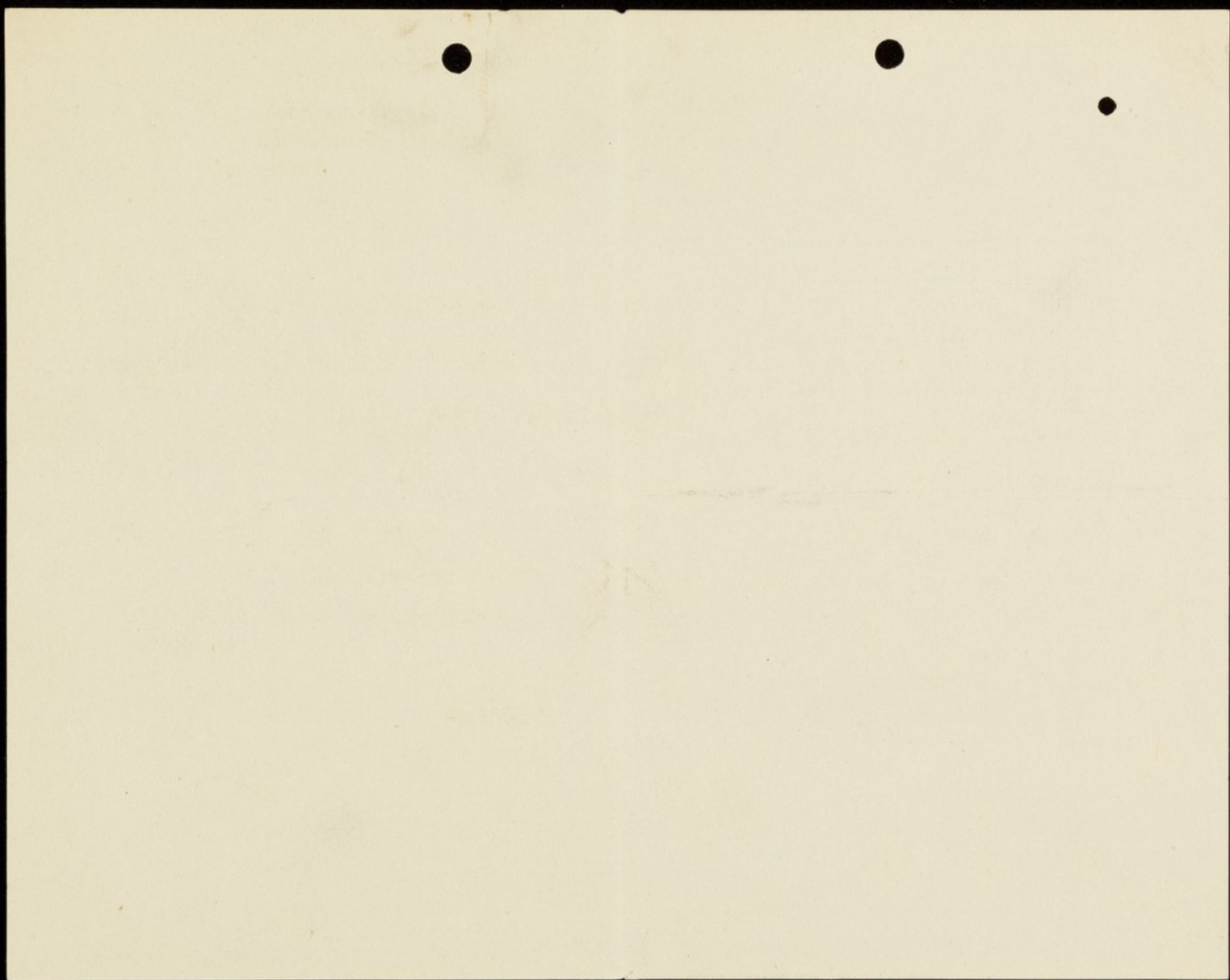
I am.

Yours truly.

Anna J. Jones

Forbes





TELEPHONE NO 2128.

43  
January 21/96.

BRUNSWICK HOUSE,  
GLOSSOP ROAD,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear D. Pierce

I am writing to ask  
you about Thoresby  
Hall; as you know  
Nurse Joy is at Greenwood  
with her daughter, her  
father is willing for her  
to go into a "house", but  
he does not wish it to  
be a certified place.  
If she went to Thoresby  
Hall: could she be under



Your special care, and  
could she have special  
rooms, and be treated  
as a special patient -  
and not mix with the  
other patients, and  
could she have the nurse  
she has with her at present  
to have charge of her then  
I am seeing her father  
on Monday morning  
and he would like to  
know from me then  
the information you  
could give me  
If you would like to

Speak to me I shall be  
in all tomorrow afternoon  
from 2 to 6 o'clock or  
anytime after eight in  
the morning, if you would  
like to telephone me.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Richard F. J. J.

Or if you wish it early  
on Monday morning  
as I see her father at  
10 o'clock on Tuesday

TELEPHONE 1357.

117  
EAST GATE,  
BARNSELY.

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Dear Dr. Preece

I am sorry to say  
the friends of my patient  
are dissatisfied with nurse  
& she is to return on Tuesday

I think she has managed a  
very troublesome patient as well  
as could be expected. He is  
in no way violent but  
incessantly resistant to feeding  
& anything else that has to  
be done. She has perhaps  
something to learn in the  
very difficult art of managing



a patient's friends but in  
this case they are certainly  
most unreasonable, attributing  
the effects of the insanity to  
incapacity in the nurse,  
although the poor chap was  
quite unfed before she came &  
~~that~~ has taken fairly since.

He ought to be in an asylum  
at least  
or, to have a male nurse  
but the two sisters will not  
hear of either & are going to  
find some paragon of their

own I am very sorry but nurse  
is not to be considered to have  
failed yet sincerely  
J. H. Ryce

TELEPHONE NO.1391 CENTRAL.

TIPPERLINN HOUSE,  
MORNINGSIDE PLACE,  
EDINBURGH.

12th July 1906.

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Dear Dr. Fleming,

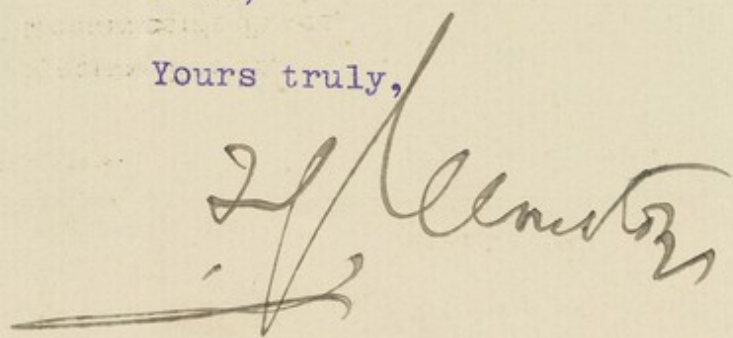
Mrs. Fleming's was a case that needed a great deal of continuous and vigorous attention on the part of her nurses and also, I may say, of her doctor. At one time I was a little anxious as to whether she would recover or not, but latterly I had no doubt she ought to recover. It would certainly be well for her doctors to go minutely into the case of how much trouble is taken with her as to eating, employment, recreation and outdoor exercise. Stimulating tonics had also done well with her. We had great difficulty in putting on flesh on account, first, of her refusal of food, and secondly, of her digestion.

I always keenly sympathize with all professional people in mental trouble and therefore you will excuse those suggestions. Would you or Dr. Rayner like a boiling down of her case from our Case book?

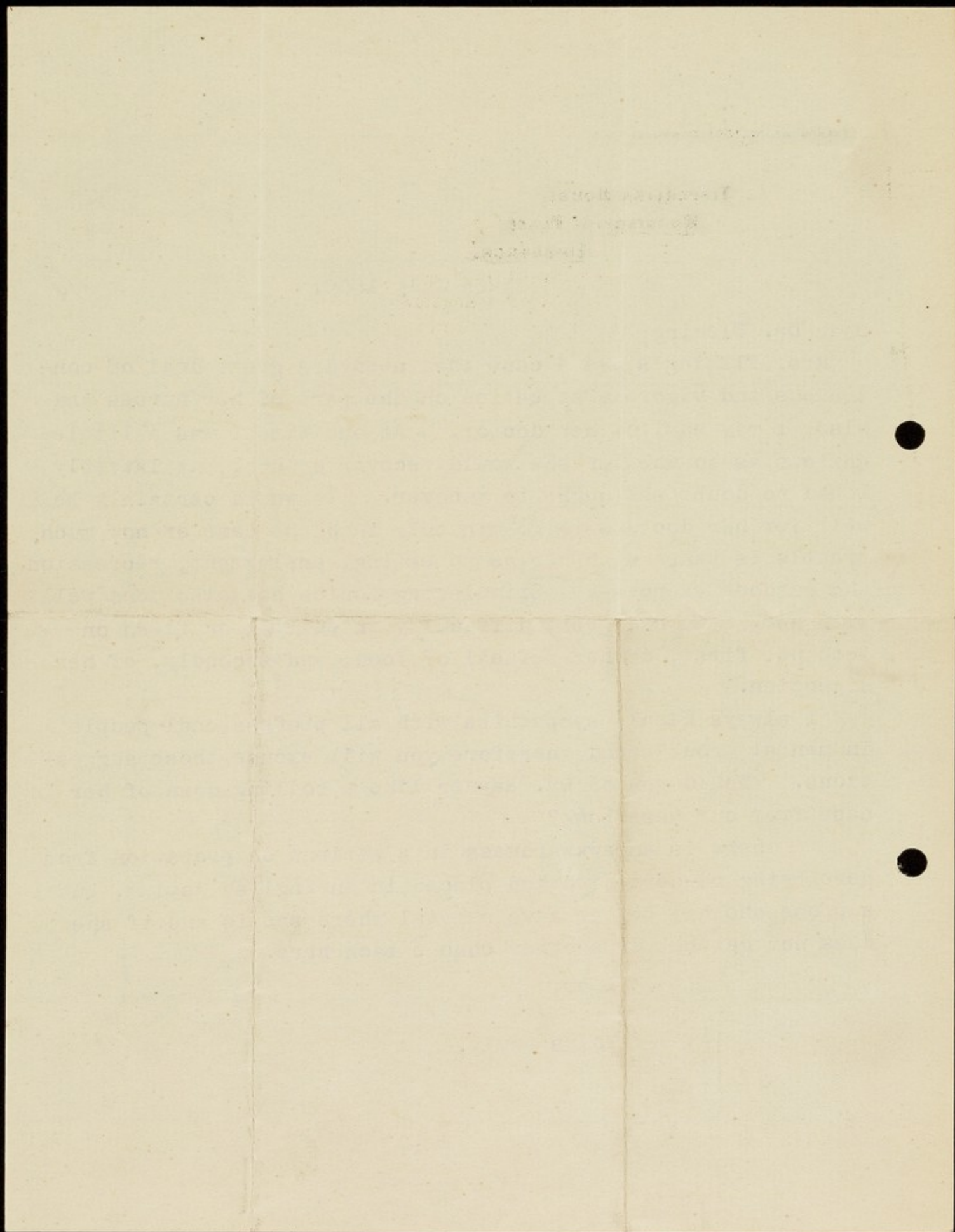
There is an awkwardness in a patient on probation from here being re-certified and placed in an English Asylum, but I suppose she had better have a trial where she is and if she does not get better another change back here.

I am,

Yours truly,









Royal Asylum  
Morningside  
Edinburgh

Emily Yeats or Fleming.

admitted 24 July 1905.

Illness dates from less than 14 days ago. was  
shepherd took little interest in her  
child: has lost her memory & made  
frequent irrelevant remarks.

Was brought to Edinburgh from her home.  
• Gibson was placed in a home.

There she developed delusions of suspicion.  
She became violent.

Not suicidal or dangerous? 10

Medic. Cert. - dull, lethargic full of  
suspicions, suspects her husband of  
unfaithfulness. fears she is going to be poisoned.  
shepherd & confuses.



On admission <sup>2</sup> was considerable depression  
was restless & moaning continually.

Refused her food & was sleepless. Had  
hallucinations of hearing & of smell.  
Was very confused & resistive.

This condition continued until about  
the end of August. There was  
marked tremulousness of the muscles  
of the arms & legs. A peculiar  
jerky movement of the facial  
muscles when she spoke.

She continued to improve, was  
out a good deal, although still  
the hallucinations were still present.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October became untidy &  
destructive, tearing her dress & handkerchiefs  
from the middle of her bosom. She  
improved slowly, sleeping better.  
Was tried in a villa early in December  
but had to be taken back to a  
ward in 4 days - excited & confused.



Steel had marked hallucinations.  
 On 5<sup>th</sup> Febr. 1906 was visited by her  
 husband to whom she talked  
 readily. After the visit was brief  
 & talkative.

- Was again sent to a villa where  
 she remained for the winter. Took her  
 food to the.

This betterment passed off. She  
 became dirty in her habits &  
 so she remained for some  
 time.

- She was better & more until  
 May, when she was allowed  
 out in park, having improved  
 of late.



Treatment

was treated early by means of  
Paraldehyde (3 ii) at night as required.  
The tonic was given early and fed  
as liberally as possible, with  
attention to bowels etc.  
out in fresh air as much as  
possible, without fatiguing her

Weight on admission

10 - 10 1/2

on 10<sup>th</sup> November 1905

10 - 4

8<sup>th</sup> Dec.

9 - 10

Southampton St. ✓  
Leicester 13<sup>th</sup> July 1908

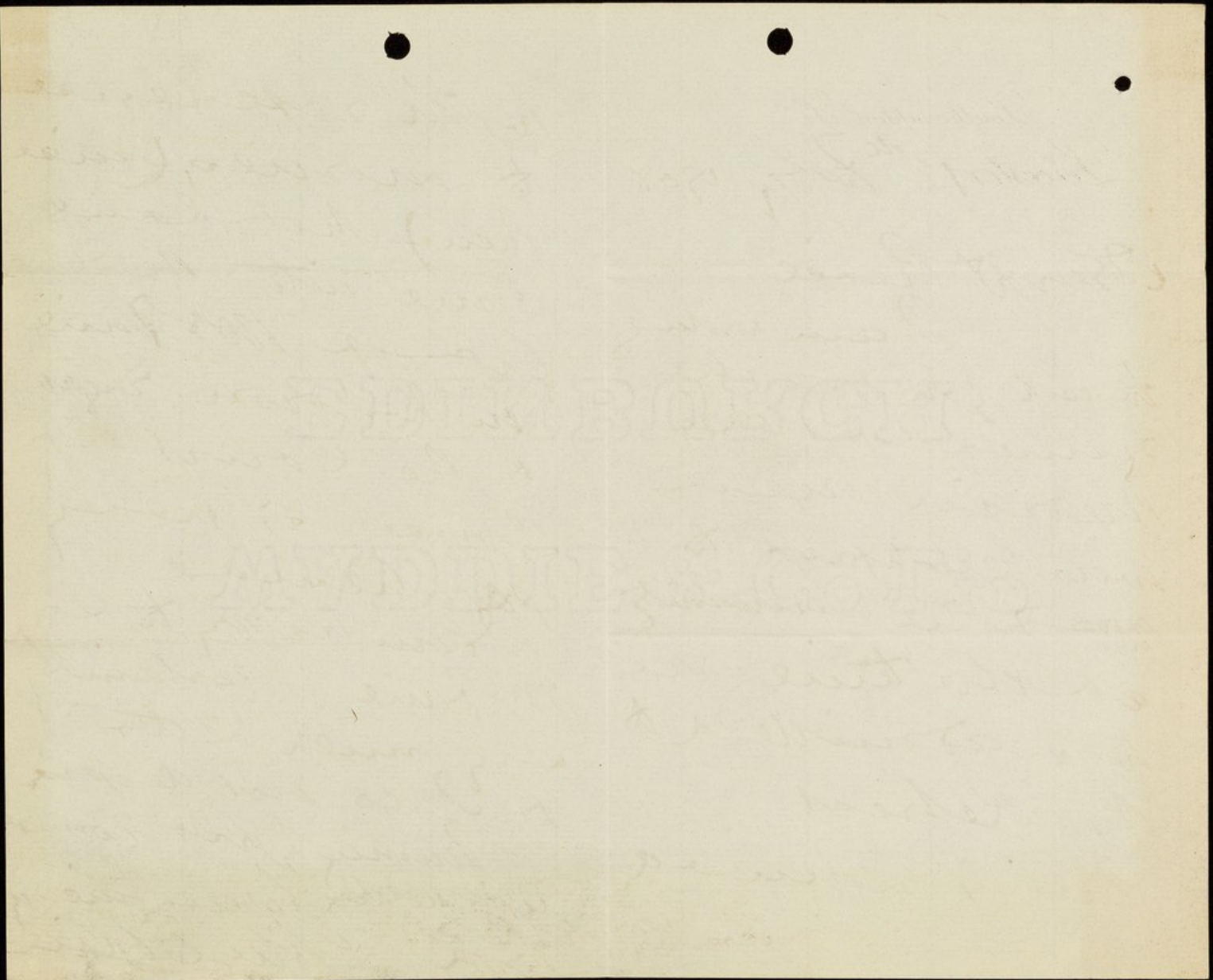
Dear Mr. Pierce

I am writing  
to ask you for the  
names of the  
Medical men  
who certified to  
Mrs Fairie's insanity  
at the time she  
was admitted to  
the Retreat

This is required

(109)  
with reference  
to morris, (Miss  
then) that have  
come into the  
lap of Mrs Fairie  
in her own right  
to the Court - of  
Course - is very  
particular  
I am happy to say  
Mrs Fairie is certainly  
very much better  
& I do not despair  
Hoping your sons  
are well  
Yours sincerely  
The Retreat Blue Fairie





✓ (129)  
"Ferndale." London Road  
Deal. Kent. 20.2.1908.

Dr. Pierce. —

Dr. Sir. —

Will you be good  
enough to send Annual  
Report, Prospectus, & all  
needful information  
relating to "The Retreat  
York"? as we fear it  
may be necessary to  
place a dear daughter  
who is of a highly nervous  
temperament & at times  
very troublesome under  
control more than our  
Home can furnish. —

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we will pay for  
Report & information  
if not required as un-  
satisfactory. —

Yours Truly -  
for self & Husband  
(S.M.) A. C. Fearnley

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✓  
Ferndale, London Road  
Peel. Feb 25. 1908.

W Waller Esq. -

Dear Sir. -

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We are very pleased  
with the Report kindly sent,  
& the Institution being  
conducted on Christian lines  
should prefer it to any  
other Home for our dis-  
abled one, & should  
like you to please send  
the papers necessary for  
filling in, for tho we are  
not quite decided in  
the matter. The distance  
being great & the Terms



high for our limited  
income we w<sup>d</sup> like to  
have them in readiness  
in case of being required.

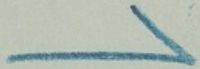
Yours Truly  
(Mrs.) A. L. Fearnley;

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months with a good lady,  
taking her from place to place  
in France, Switzerland &  
Italy, returning her to her  
people perfectly well.

I think I have stayed at  
most of the principal, health  
& pleasure resorts in these  
countries & know the best  
Hotels for all included; & I  
should very much like to  
take another for the coming  
winter. Should you hear  
of one, I should be very  
grateful if you will remember  
me.

I am  
Yours faithfully  
Charlotte & Hotel.



Filed

7. Packville Rd. (95)  
Brighton Above. Sussex  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Doctor Medford Price

I hope you will  
not think me intrusive in  
writing to tell you that I  
am again discharged & at  
liberty to take charge of a  
patient, either in my own  
house or abroad.

You so kindly said you  
would be in my mind  
should you know of a  
suitable case.

For the last two years I  
have been travelling with  
patients on the Continent &  
was this winter past, eight



Please send Miss Charlotte Field  
address to ~~DD~~ Joseph Aldie  
3 Esplanade Road Scarborough  
and say if she could take  
charge single patient near  
Scarborough

Prince Albert.

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R.P.



TELEPHONE No 139.  
AT HOME 9 to 10 & 2 to 3-30.

587  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1907  
5, Queen Street,  
Scarborough.

✓ (6)  
Dear Dr

A patient of mine  
Mrs James has gone  
to 31 Dove Street  
Hammers Lane York  
for change and  
advice as to her  
Mental condition  
About two months  
ago she had an  
attack of Influenza  
followed by



of debility and  
Melancholia in  
addition to Nervous.  
If late she had an  
idea that someone  
was constantly flash-  
-ing the word Suicide  
across her brain  
which was followed  
by weeping. I  
should be pleased  
if you could keep her  
under observation.  
She will explain  
her means and  
circumstances

In haste

Yours truly  
Mr C Foley



Ans/

25 Brooklands Rd  
Burnley (304)

14<sup>th</sup> April 1907

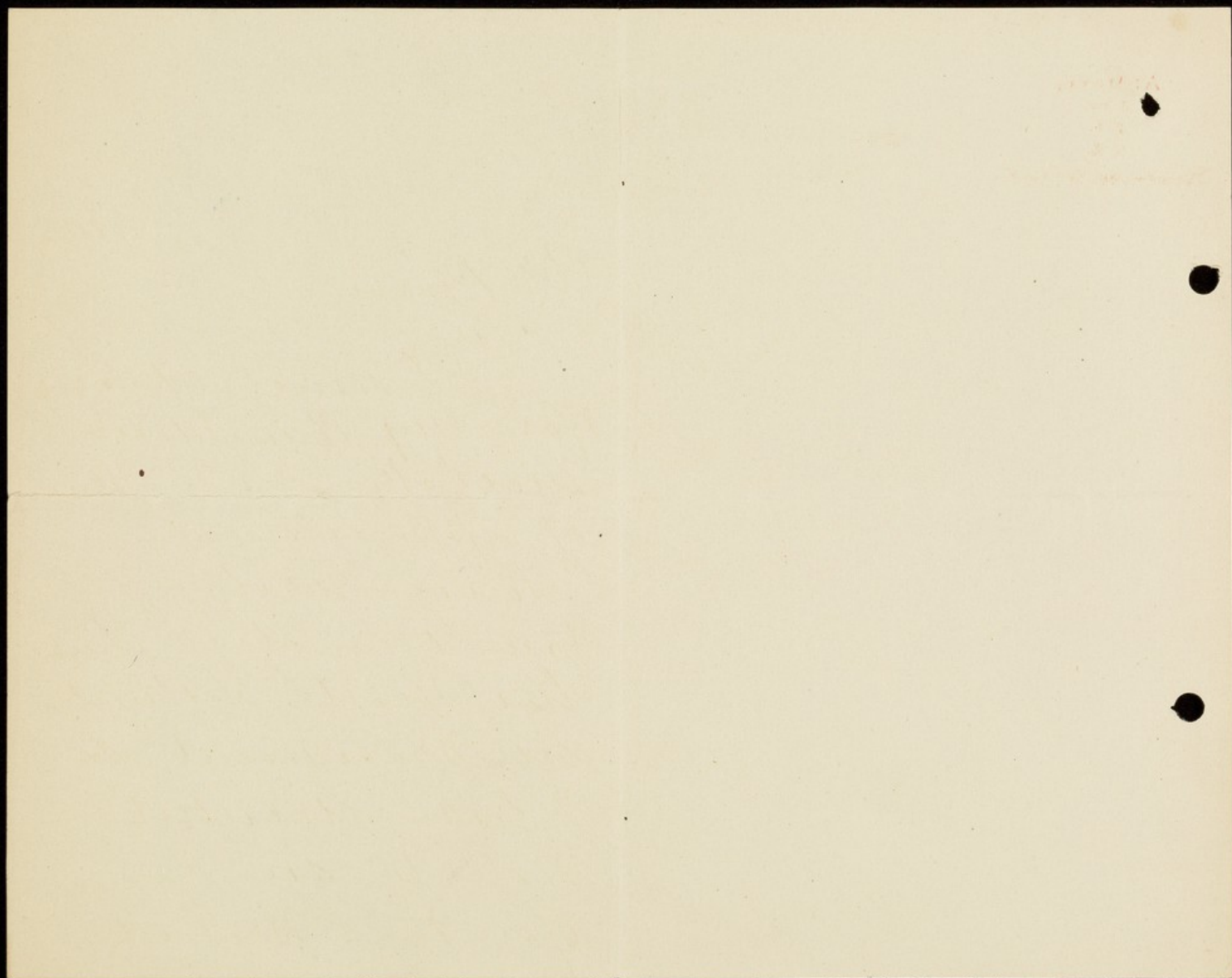
Dear Sir,

I have a patient who  
might be classed as a mild  
mentat case with a tendency  
to Melancholia. He is quite  
willing to try a Home for  
some time. Please send me  
particulars of Terms etc.

Yours very truly

Wm R Forbes





STONELEIGH,  
WHITCHURCH,  
SALOP.

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Dr Pierce

No 28<sup>th</sup>

Sir I must apologise  
for my daughter's  
mistake as to place  
of appointment.

Since writing to  
you our dear daughter  
has made distinct  
improvement, so  
I have decided  
not to see you  
for the present.



but will write  
again should it  
become necessary

Thanking you for  
your courtesy  
Yours truly  
S A Fisher

Enclose price  
of wire.

P.S. Your note  
just-<sup>to</sup> hand.

The mistake is  
entirely on our  
side.

Many thanks.

Can see B. at rooms in Leeds  
at 2 p.m. Tuesday & come  
on Wednesday -

Answered M.R.

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Stimley  
Whitcliffe  
Sole No 25

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

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Having heard  
your institution from  
Miss Grey (who was  
one of your helpers)  
and her sister Mr.  
Moore, I am anxious  
to consult you on  
account of my  
daughter. I  
can be with you on  
Wednesday or Saturday  
next week, and



should be glad if  
you could see me  
between 1.0 P.M. and  
4.0 P.M.

If you  
should be in Manchester  
any day next week  
I would meet you  
you will favour  
me with an  
appointment.

Yours Truly  
J A Furler

TELEPHONE N. 020.

BEECH HOUSE,  
KNARESBOROUGH.

(591)

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Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1906.

Dear Sir

Kindly let me know  
the terms of admission into  
"The Retreat," York. A patient  
of mine says he cannot afford  
to pay 25/- per week for his  
wife (that is what he paid  
before for her) but can pay  
20/- per week. I shall be



obliged if you will let me  
know if she can be admitted  
at that rate.

Yours faithfully

W. J. Forbes

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

The Rectory

York.

14<sup>th</sup> June  
✓ New

St Mungo House  
Lockhartie,  
R.B.  
To  
The Matron  
of The Retreat - York.

Dear Madam

Having heard  
from a friend of your  
home, I should feel much  
obliged if you would let  
me have terms for a mid-  
dle class patient, & let me  
know if one could be re-  
ceived at once, and any

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particulars as to manage-  
ment which you could let  
me have; also name of  
medical officer.

The patient concerning  
whom I write, is the wife of  
my son, a country Minister,  
whose mind I am sorry  
to say has become unbalance-  
d; ~~as we are told~~, in consequence  
we are told, with the time  
of life.

An answer by return  
will oblige.

Yours faithfully  
(Dus) E. M. Fleming



