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Acomb . York .

16th December 1914 .

Dear Dr Pierce

Mrs Garner sent a cheque to us by hand for the remainder of your account against her, and for smoe reason or other she wishes us to deliver it to you by hand, which, I shall be most happy to do as soon ever I can make an opportunity, but in common with all others I am very busy just now, but hope to run up with it in a day or two .

With all good wishes

I remain

Very sincerely yours

F. Fairbairn

EXCISE
SUPPLIES
BRITISH MAKE

TELEPHONE
2372 ROYAL

63, RODNEY STREET,
LIVERPOOL.

May 29th, 1914.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

You are no doubt fully aware of the unfortunate circumstances respecting the illness of Dr Garner now under your care.

I saw Dr Garner when he was at Dr Street's Hospital. It seems to me that it is very important that we should be able to form a prognosis. Mrs Garner came to me the other day and is still employing locum temens, but ^{it} ~~this~~ is very remarkable that she is able so long to keep the practice together. If the patient is not likely to get well within a reasonable period, which appears to be doubtful, other questions about the practice might arise.

Mrs Garner shewed me your note re phylacogen. I have seen this used a good deal, but do not think they can make any claim to any special effects, even in well known infections but perhaps I am not an admirer of the ultra bacteriological therapeutical school. They do not appear to ^{have} ~~be~~ detrimental effects.

This poor Mrs Garner goes from place to place asking advice and one is certainly much concerned as to how far she can hold the work together.

with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Dr Bedford Pierce.
The Retreat.
York.

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well as sad memories -
Someday I should like to
see you again I wish now
to thank you for all your
kindness to my beloved John
My daughter promised
his stick to Godwin, it will
be sent to him shortly -
He was so good to my
son & most useful when
you allowed him to come

Acknowledges.
No hurry about and
for the present

6 WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

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1914

May 15 25th

Dear Mr. Pierce -

I received your
account £48-4-6 last
Friday & feel may I
cannot forward the
amount at present -
It is so absolutely lonely

without my husband & homesick & why should
no prospect of John's return all this have taken place?
I feel in despair & when it is too terrible. So far
thinking of all that has I cannot dispose of the
passed it seems unbearable practice & the house, we
I wonder & wonder had do want to sell & go away
he come home as he although I believe I shall
wished could he have never survive leaving here
recovered, he was so there are so many duties as

6, WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

I help us - Thank you more
Miss Amy Lape was
staying here & has
promised to come again
she & her brother were
real friends - To tell
me if anything different
had been done was there

BRADDOCK STREET
BOSTON

a chance of Colin's recovery
Mr. Street was always
hopeful & I think you
were also - With kind regards

Yours sincerely

A. E. Garner.

ACOMB FATALITY.

PRESTON DOCTOR'S SUICIDE

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Was the cause of death clear?—I had to take what I was told.

HOW THE POISON WAS TAKEN.

George Frederick Goodwin said he was an attendant at the Retreat. He went to live at Acomb with the deceased a fortnight ago. On Tuesday morning they went out for a walk. It was about 10.45. They walked along the Askham Bryan-road, and returned to the village about 11.15. They sat on a seat in the village until about noon, and then started for home. When they got inside they sat in the dining-room for a time. Witness, some time later, left the room. Deceased was still there, along with his sister. Witness was absent for five minutes, and he observed nothing unusual on his return. Deceased got up and said he was going to the lavatory. As witness did not hear his foot fall on the steps he followed the deceased into the surgery, and found him with a medicine glass in his hand. Witness asked deceased what he wanted, and he said he wanted a drink of water. As a matter of fact his hand was on the cold water tap. He let deceased fill the glass with cold water, and he drank it. Deceased stood for a few minutes, and witness asked him to go upstairs, and he did so. After a few seconds had elapsed deceased collapsed and fell on the floor. Witness carried the deceased to the couch in the drawing-room. His shirt and collar were taken off, and witness called for some mustard and water and sent for the doctor. The mustard and water was poured down his throat, but it did not make him vomit. Witness put the deceased on the floor, and did what he could for him. Witness told the maid to get the first doctor she could come across. Dr. Gostling and Dr. Armitage came, but witness thought deceased was dead before they arrived. Deceased only lived eight or nine minutes after he took the fatal dose. When witness looked at the glass in deceased's hand there did not appear to be anything in it.

DECEASED'S CONDITION.

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What was done with the glass when deceased put it down?—I took it up. I smelt it, but there was no smell, and there was no sediment in the glass.

Was the deceased in the habit of going into the surgery?—Yes; he had been in the habit of going into the surgery and other places with the doctor.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce was re-called, and said the clinical symptoms described to him were typical of strychnine poisoning.

The Coroner said it was for the jury to say whether they were satisfied as to how the deceased had come by his death. They would probably come to the decision that the deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind. It was a very pathetic case.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.

One of the jurymen said he did not think any blame attached to the attendant.

The Coroner said no one had suggested that the attendant was to blame.

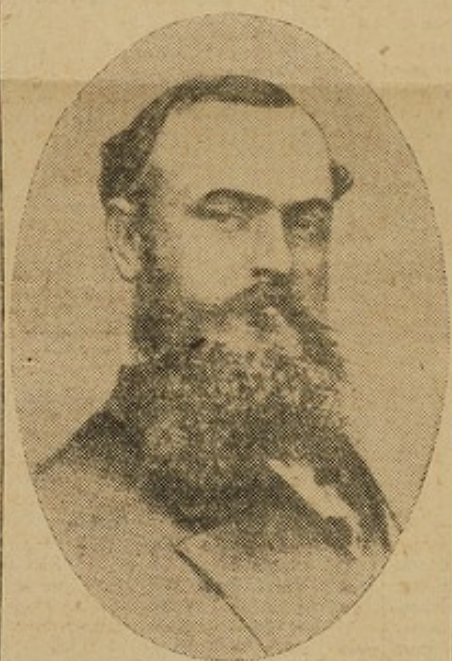
THE FOUNDERS OF PORTLAND, AUSTRALIA

WORK OF YORKSHIRE LADY'S FOREFATHERS.

PIONEERS HONOURED.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION STONE LAID.

Many Yorkshire people are aware of the fact that Mrs. E. Starkey, of Tang Hall, is a descendant of the Henty Brothers, who founded Portland, Victoria, Australia, and it is of interest to note that the inhabitants of Portland are paying a fitting tribute to the pioneers by erecting a memorial to the intrepid family who, in the early years of last century, went to Western Australia from Sussex. From copies of the Portland newspapers, which have just been received in this country, one is able to gather some idea of the esteem and respect in which the name of Henty is held in Portland at the present time.



MR. RICHMOND HENTY,
Father of Mrs. Edward Starkey.

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"My father, with his two brothers, James and John, were put in charge of the whole, and the vessel sailed from the coast of Sussex in the year 1829. After a long and tedious voyage of nearly seven months they reached Swan River, Western Australia, and after landing the stock, etc., the work of exploration immediately commenced. My father and his brother John, with a party of their men, started for the interior to look for country suitable for stock, James remaining at Perth. After a thorough search the party returned half starved and in such a condition as to be almost unrecognisable by their friends. Convinced that no favourable country could be obtained, and also having lost so many of their valuable stock by a poisonous herb, the brothers determined to quit Western Australia for Tasmania, then known as Van Diemen's land. They had previously advised their father of their intention, and requested him and the rest of the family to sail for Launceston, a township situated 40 miles from the mouth of the broad and beautiful river Tamar in that island. Acting on this advice my grandfather chartered the ship Forth of Alloway (Robertson master), and with my grandfather and the rest of the family, viz., Charles, Edward, Frank, and Jane, together with sheep, cattle, horses, and servants, sailed for the above destination. Here, on arrival, they met with fresh disappointments, as they found it impossible to obtain a grant of land, such grants having just been withdrawn by the home Government. When he applied for a grant to the Government of Tasmania my father boldly rode across the island, from Launceston to Hobart Town, the distance to and fro of 240 miles. When one considers that the country was infested by bushrangers, and that the notorious Brady was "out," the feat was no ordinary one. This Brady was at the head of a gang of escaped convicts, transported for crimes of the deepest dye; they were well mounted and well armed. They took possession of the whole country lying between Launceston and Hobart Town and committed the most atrocious crimes.

SETTLED ON A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

"To return, my grandfather then settled upon a beautiful property, situated on the banks of the River Tamar, starting his sons as follows: James as a merchant in Launceston; William, who followed from England later on, as a solicitor (subsequently elected to the Legislative Assembly, when he became Chief Secretary and Treasurer, a post he held for some years); Charles became manager of the Bank of Australia (afterwards also elected to the Legislative Assembly), while Edward started to explore the south coast of Australia in 1833, and in 1834 the schooner Thistle was despatched by my grandfather to Portland Bay, situated on the south-west coast of Victoria, under the charge of my uncle Edward, who took with him five servants, stock, and all requirements for a settlement. Frank was afterwards despatched by my grandfather with more stock, and arrived at the same destination in December following. My father at this time was at Swan River, where he had been left to wind up affairs after the departure of his brother. He there married my mother, the daughter of Captain Pace, a commander of an armed ship-of-war in the East India Company's service.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

"In June, 1836, my father sailed for Portland Bay and Launceston from King George's Sound, where the captain of the ship (the Sally Ann) was accidentally drowned by the upsetting of a whale boat when coming off to the schooner in Princes Royal Harbour. The navigation of the vessel then devolved on my father, although his knowledge of steamship had only been obtained on his voyage from the old country. Hence either from the set of currents or faulty observations he mistook Cape Otway for Cape Bridgewater, and, sailing down the coast, entered Port Phillip Heads, and sailing up the Bay for 25 miles anchored and sent off a boat for firewood and water. Finding his mistake he put about and took a fresh departure for Portland, where he arrived with my mother on 18th December, 1836. Thus the four first settlers, Edward, Stephen, Frank and John, sons of my grandfather, bringing with them servants, stock and farm implements, etc., were united in the settlement of the first town of the present colony of Victoria, exploring the interior and helping those who subsequently came to share in the Henty's discovery. Denied a title to the lands they had cleared, built upon and cultivated, because they had not distributed tomahawks and blankets amongst the savages, the Home and Colonial Governments, they

Acomb , York .

24th July 1914 .

Dear Pierce

Thanks very much for your letter saying you intend coming out to-morrow, we shall be most pleased to see you, and I think you will also be pleased with the patient .

Beyond the fact of him being very wishful to get back to work we none of us have heard a single word wrong from him since he came, with the exception that, he considers things "mixed up" at the Retreat, and this has only been said once .

Ofcourse he does not realise how bad he has been, but when he talks of getting home again he speaks with such absolute good sense and reason that I am bound to confess to myself that there is no wandering mentally about it .

At present it is arranged that he and Goodwin shall go to Scarbro' by the 1 - 15 train to-morrow, and if you approve, they will do so for the half day.

The time you mention for your visit ought to be suitable for them getting away . I have not told Dr Garner you are coming and will not do so in order that you shall see him exactly as he is here, which is quite a different case to when you saw him last .

Please accept my congratulations upon your newspaper article of yesterday, it is excellent .

With kind regards

Faithfully yours

F. Fairbairn

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Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

to keep Polin an indefinite
time, you can understand
his feelings, he writes to
me almost daily & there
has not been the least
confusion. I hope you
have heard from

Mr. Amytage - Polin says
he has not seen you

Kind regards & more thanks
for all your kindness
Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.

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6 WINDKILLY SQUARE,
PRESTON

July 24th
Dear Mr. Pierce -

I came home a
week ago & left Polin
quite himself & from
what I hear he has
kept well - you can
imagine my feelings
it was most delightful
to talk of everyone &
everything - Now he is

most wishful to come
home again & does not
see how he can stay
longer with Dr. Smythe
particularly as Goodwin
is there also - I am sending Goodwin if necessary &
my elder daughter to -
morrow for the weekend
she is taking her clubs from you - Our good
& hopes to have a some friends are wishful

of golf on some course
near on Monday - Do you
consider John's convalescence
long enough for him to go
to some bracing place
where there is golf, taking
one of the family - I am
not anxious to hear
from you - Our good
friends are wishful

Arrived 7⁵⁷.

Thanks for letter.
All just as well as
yesterday. No hurry or
need for you to come
tomorrow. Anytime
you like will do! but let
us know to be at home.

Many thanks

Yours R
7 Fairbairn Avenue

POST



CARD

12.45 AM

JUL 18 14A



Dr Barford River
Mr Rutland

John

I saw both Mr. Street &
Mr. Harrington last week
both hopeful Mr. Street more
so - The practice is a
great anxiety Mr. Davies
will stay on at the
same terms at present
Forgive me for troubling you
Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.

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6, WINGKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

June 17th
8 a.m.

Dear Mr. Pierce -

May I have a few
lines to say how John is
It has been impossible
for me to go to York
again & you must
know how anxious we are

WINDLEY SQUARE
BOSTON

I have just had a few lines from Miss Armytage. She has not seen Colin very lately - We are without a chauffeur & see some of us - I believe one of my daughters must drive the car until we are settled again - I don't feel equal to going to York alone at present. If my son is keeping better he must wish to see some of us - I believe this weather is not good for such cases -

Acomb , York .

16th July 1914 .

Dear Dr Pierce

I believe you will be home again to-morrow, and am writing to report progress of your patient so that you may know immediately you arrive .

It is with the greatest pleasure that I tell you that Dr Garner has been absolutely himself ever since the moment he came here . he has not shown the least trace of confusion to any of us, he is clear, cheerful, talkative, and enters into conversation with evident enjoyment and lucidity .

I can find only one point which really troubles him, and that is the fear lest he should have to return to the Retreat . He is ofcourse very wishful to get back home, but that he seems more reconciled to wait for until you consider it wise .

Now the change is almost incredible, and I hope when you come to see him on Saturday he will be still as well, and that you will feel able to allow him to remain here indefinitely under your kind care all the same, as it is ofcourse much too early to expect you to pronounce him cured .

He and Goodwin will ofcourse remain as my guests so long as you think it wise .

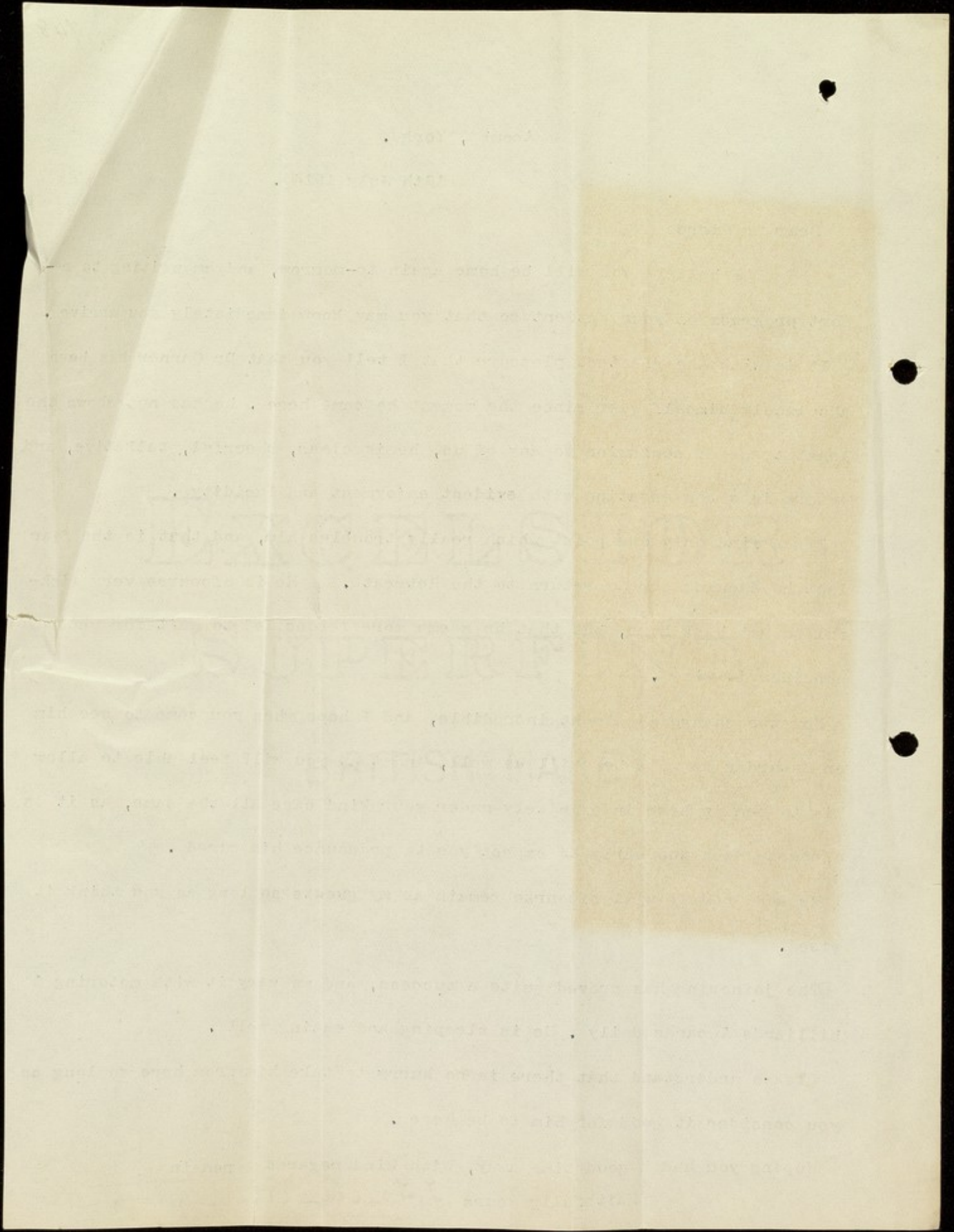
The joinering has proved quite a success, and we vary it with motoring & billiards & cards daily . He is sleeping and eating well .

Please understand that there is no hurry to take him from here so long as you consider it good for him to be here .

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Dr. Bedford Pierce was re-called, and said the clinical symptoms described to him were typical of strychnine poisoning.

The Coroner said it was for the jury to say whether they were satisfied as to how the deceased had come by his death. They would probably come to the decision that the deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind. It was a very pathetic case.

THE VERDICT.

The jury returned a verdict that deceased committed suicide while of unsound mind.

One of the jurymen said he did not think any blame attached to the attendant.

The Coroner said no one had suggested that the attendant was to blame.

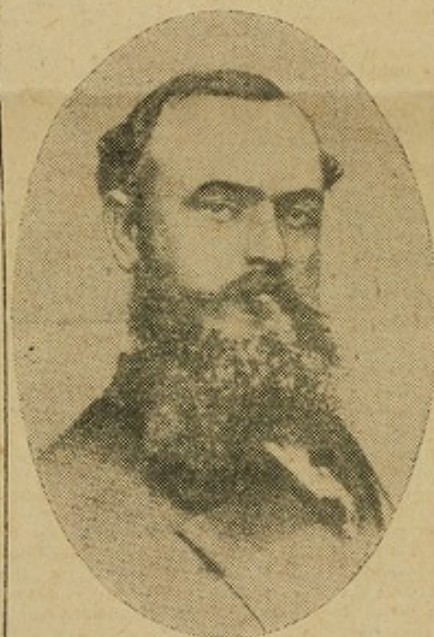
THE FOUNDERS OF PORTLAND, AUSTRALIA

WORK OF YORKSHIRE LADY'S FOREFATHERS.

PIONEERS HONOURED.

MEMORIAL FOUNDATION STONE LAID

Many Yorkshire people are aware of the fact that Mrs. E. Starkey, of Tang Hall, is a descendant of the Henty Brothers, who founded Portland, Victoria, Australia, and it is of interest to note that the inhabitants of Portland are paying a fitting tribute to the pioneers by erecting a memorial to the intrepid family who, in the early years of last century, went to Western Australia from Sussex. From copies of the Portland newspapers, which have just been received in this country, one is able to gather some idea of the esteem and respect in which the name of Henty is held in Portland at the present time.



MR. RICHMOND HENTY,
Father of Mrs. Edward Starkey.

Before dealing in detail with the proceedings which took place on April 30th it will be interesting to give some details of how Mrs. Starkey's forebears came to settle in Western Australia. According to a booklet entitled "Australiana," published by Mr. Richmond Henty (Mrs. Starkey's father) in 1885, he was the son of Mr. Stephen George Henty, and was born at Portland on August 3rd, 1837, and was the first white child born in the first settlement in Victoria. Proceeding, the narrative says: "My grandfather, Thomas Henty, was the owner of the freehold of West Tarring, and proprietor of Henty's Bank at Worthing, Sussex. Having a large family he was tempted by the large grants of land offered by the British Government to those disposed to settle in Western Australia to send some of his sons to that colony. He accordingly chartered the barque Caroline (Tewson, master), which he freighted with a quantity of farm implements, draught, and pure horses (some of the latter from the stud of the Earl of Egremont), pure Merino sheep, originally from the flock of George III., pure cattle, a plentiful supply of stores of all kinds, and also many farm labourers.

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My father, with his two brothers, James and John, were put in charge of the whole, and the vessel sailed from the coast of Sussex in the year 1829. After a long and tedious voyage of nearly seven months they reached Swan River, Western Australia, and after landing the stock, etc., the work of exploration immediately commenced. My father and his brother John, with a party of their men, started into the interior to look for country suitable for stock, James remaining at Perth. After a thorough search the party returned half starved and in such a condition as to be almost unrecognisable by their friends. Convinced that no favourable country could be obtained, and also having lost so many of their valuable stock by a poisonous herb, the brothers determined to quit Western Australia for Tasmania, then known as Van Diemen's land. They had previously advised their father of their intention and requested him and the rest of the family to sail for Launceston, a township situated 150 miles from the mouth of the broad and beautiful river Tamar in that island. Acting on this advice my grandfather chartered the ship Fort of Alloway (Robertson master), and with my grandfather and the rest of the family, viz. Charles, Edward, Frank, and Jane, together with sheep, cattle, horses, and servants, sailed for the above destination. Here, on arrival, they met with fresh disappointments, as they found it impossible to obtain a grant of land, such grants having just been withdrawn by the home Government. When he applied for a grant to the Government of Tasmania, my father boldly rode across the island from Launceston to Hobart Town, the distance then and now of 240 miles. When one considers that the country was infested by bushrangers, and that the notorious Brady was "out," the feat was no ordinary one. This Brady was at the head of a gang of escaped convicts, transported for crimes of the deepest dye; they were well mounted and well armed. They took possession of the whole country lying between Launceston and Hobart Town and committed the most atrocious crimes.

SETTLED ON A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY

To return, my grandfather then settled upon a beautiful property, situated on the banks of the River Tamar, starting his sons as follows: James as a merchant in Launceston; William, who followed from England later on, as a solicitor (subsequently elected to the Legislative Assembly, when he became Chief Secretary and Treasurer, a post he held for some years); Charles became manager of the Bank of Australia (afterwards also elected to the Legislative Assembly), while Edward started to explore the south coast of Australia in 1833, and in 1835 the schooner Thistle was despatched by my grandfather to Portland Bay, situated on the south-west coast of Victoria, under the charge of my uncle Edward, who took with him five servants, stock, and all requirements for settlement. Frank was afterwards despatched by my grandfather with more stock, and arrived at the same destination in December following. My father at this time was at Swan River where he had been left to wind up affairs after the departure of his brother. He there married my mother, the daughter of Captain Pace, commander of an armed sloop-of-war in the East India Company's service.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME.

In June, 1836, my father sailed for Portland Bay and Launceston from King George Sound, where the captain of the ship (the *Salmon Ann*) was accidentally drowned by the upsetting of a whale boat when coming off to the schooner in Princes Royal Harbour. The navigation of the vessel then devolved on my father, although his knowledge of steamship had only been obtained on his voyage from the old country. Hence either from the set of current or faulty observations he mistook Cape Otway for Cape Bridgewater, and, sailing down the coast, entered Port Phillip Heads, and sailing up the Bay for 25 miles anchored and sent a boat for firewood and water. Finding his mistake he put about and took a fresh departure for Portland, where he arrived with my mother on 18th December, 1836. Thus the four first settlers, Edward, Stephen, Frank and John, sons of my grandfather, bringing with them servants, stock and farm implements, etc., were united in the settlement of the first town of the present colony of Victoria, exploring the interior and helping those who subsequently came to share in the Henty's discovery. Denied a title to the lands they had cleared, built upon and cultivated, because they had not distributed tomahawks and blankets amongst the savages by the Home and Colonial Governments, they

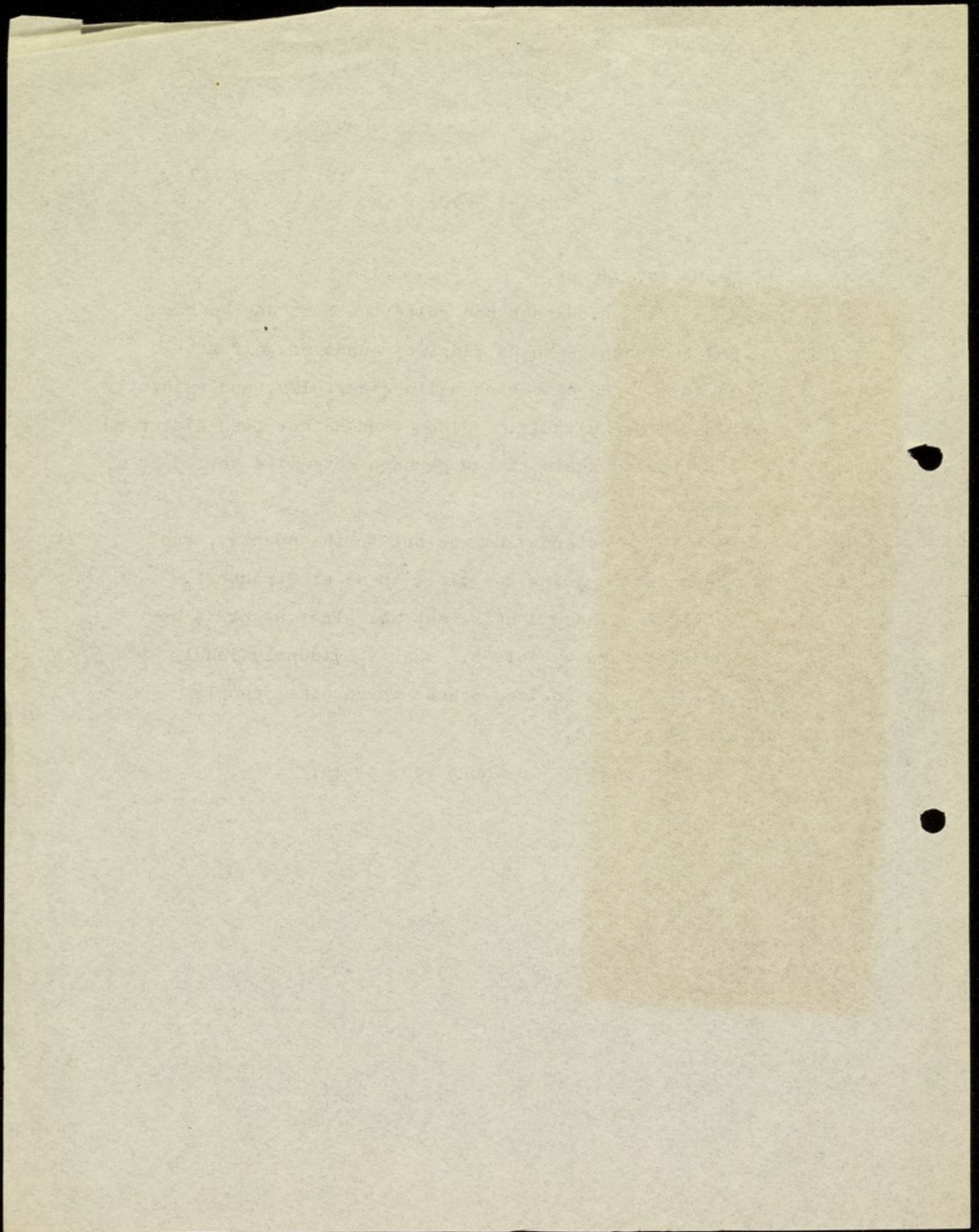
18th June, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Garner,

Dr. Garner had quite the best day he has had on Monday when he did two rounds of golf at Fulford. He came back quite cheerfully, and evidently had enjoyed himself. Since then he has been disturbed and muddled again though perhaps not quite so bad as usual.

Yesterday he was out in the country, and to-day he is going to golf with me at Strensall. He tells me he did not sleep well last night as he was disturbed by noises. He is evidently induly sensitive and notices sounds which other people would not heed.

Yours very truly,



June 6th 1914

SWINCKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON

Dear Mr. Pierce

I have had some letters from Polia this week each one better than the last.

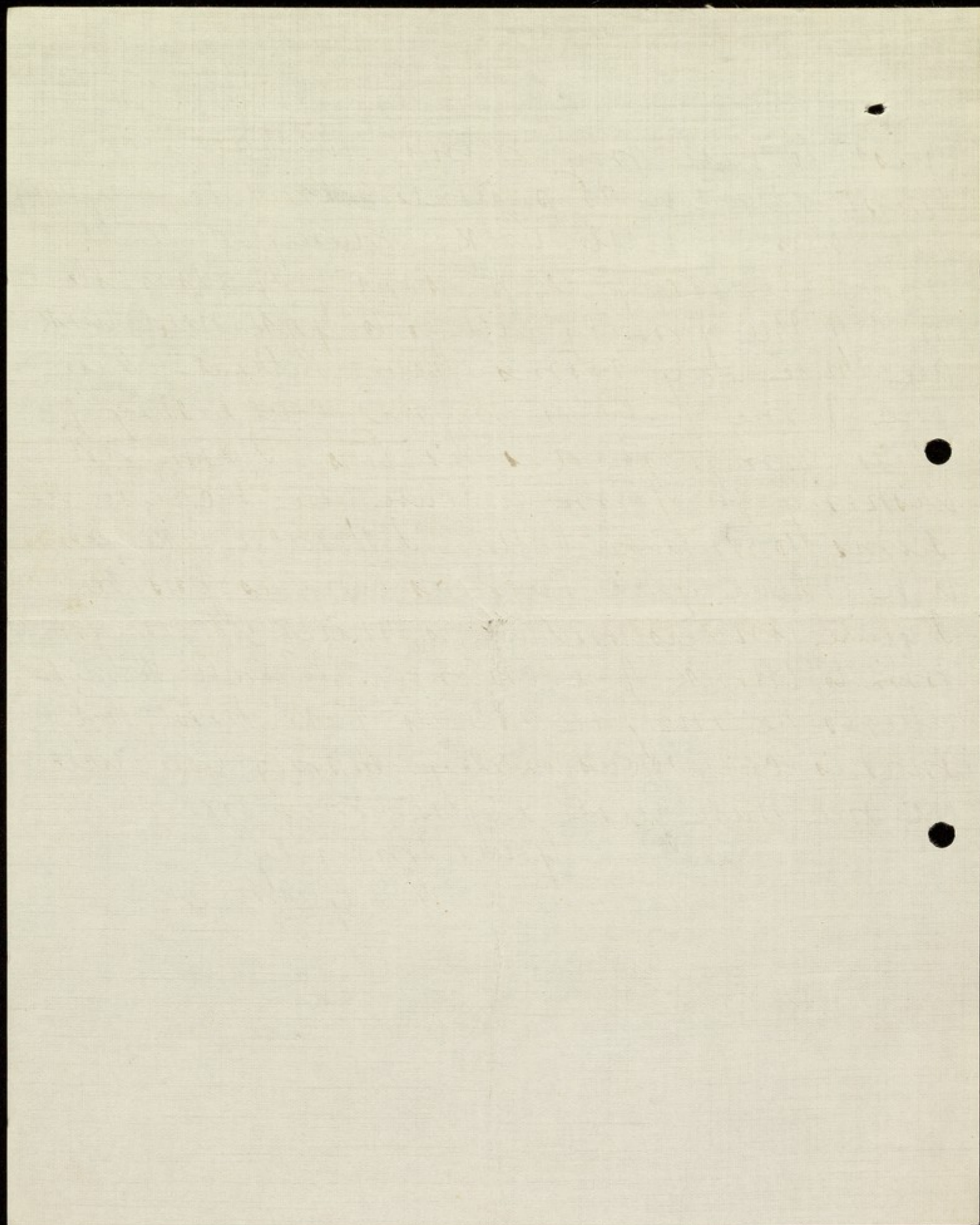
From the one received this morning he might be perfectly himself, the only thing he wishes is to get out of the corridor to where there is not so much rushing about.

You said sometime ago you would remove him to a pleasant room & he was not well enough. Polia seems now to have got to just the same stage as when he left Haydock if he is so well as he seems from his letter.

You know how very anxious we are & I can quite understand it is premature for my son to think of a change. You have such different surroundings, at Haydock Polia was obliged after his convalescence to see & mix with patients worse than himself & the fear was of him becoming melancholy. I hope you will not mind my writing this letter

just to ease my mind - Dr. Davis is
most attentive to patients & kind in every way
but there is little work & many medical
men are away at present - If advisable
one of the family will go to York next week.
Are there any rooms near Retreat where
one of my girls or myself could stay if
Miss Armytage has visitors - I am not
wishing for John to leave you because he
seems so much better - I should like him
to be under your care as long as possible.
I quite understand it is much too soon for
him to think of a change. When Dr. Armytage
returns he may be able to take him out
in his car occasionally. Hoping you will
let me have just a few lines soon

Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.



8th. June, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Garner,

I am only writing just a few words to say that on the whole your son is improving, but only slowly. His mental state is much the same as when you were here. He does not understand his surroundings, and seems to think the ordinary household movements are directed towards him.

We are giving him more liberty, and he has no night attendant.

I am hoping to arrange for some golf soon.

Yours very truly,

6. WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce

I am hoping to go
to Acomb to-morrow &
am anxious to know
when it will be convenient
for me to see you?

I hope Colin is improving

it will be a dreadful
blow to me if not.

Will you kindly write
to me at Dr. Armytage's.
We leave by the 10-42
to-morrow, my youngest
daughter is going with
me - I am hoping to

see my son sometime
on Saturday -

Yours sincerely
A. C. Garner.

May 21st/₁₁

TELEGRAMS:-
STREET 1
ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

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TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

17th April 1914.

My dear Pinner

Many thanks for your letter
of the 13th.

I am sorry you cannot give a
better account of Dr Garner. He certainly
has some symptoms which make one concerned
about his future, but as he may be
considered to be still in the "acute stage,"
I think we must wait for that to pass
off before giving up hope.

Yours sincerely
Charles Street

Harbor Lodge,

Newton & Wilbur,

Lawrence,

17th April 1914.

Many thanks for your letter

of the 15th.

I am sorry you cannot give a

better account of Dr. Garner. He certainly

has some symptoms which make one concerned

about his future, but as he may be

considered to be still in the early stage,

I think we must wait for that to pass

off before giving up hope.

TELEGRAMS:-
STREET,
ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

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TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

12 April 1914

My dear Pierce

Mr Garner has
Corresponded with me about her
son ever since I first saw him,
and now writes to me in
distress having heard that he
is worse, I however hope & trust
that ^{no} symptoms have arisen which
lead you to take a more serious
view of his case,

With apologies for troubling you &
with kind regards

Yours sincerely
Charles Street



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6 WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

March 30th

Dear Mr. Pierce -

Thanks for your letter
you say there is only a
slight improvement in my
son. I am thankful he
recovers even if slowly -

Mr. Armytage wrote me an
encouraging letter to-day
I hope when John is well
enough you will allow
him to take a motor run.

Miss Armytage returns home in a few days she will take an installment towards the account & I will remit the rest as soon as I can arrange it. I think my son Harry to buy his fathers practice worried him very much my husband never intended him to do so but not

Harry altered his will as was his intention has made more difficulties than I can explain to you - Will you kindly see the enclosed note to join it may cheer him a little - With kind regards & thanks Yours sincerely
A. L. Garner.

27th. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Garner,

I can well understand your anxieties and fully realise the financial difficulty. Whenever a Doctor in general practice breaks down in health, the question of expense is most serious. The Committee at their recent Meeting wished you to understand that the fees, substantial though they are, really do not more than cover the cost of maintenance when the patient has a separate day and night nurse. Dr. Garner is sleeping better and we may be able to do with out the night attendant, but he does not like to be alone, as he seems to fear something is going wrong, and I doubt whether he would sleep so well if the attendant were withdrawn, and I conclude you would not like him to sleep with other patients.

He is not making much progress the last few days, and I do not see what can be done to clear up the confusion. He thinks people read his thoughts, and that strange things are going on, and I fear he has some hallucinations of hearing. The ordinary sounds of the house are misunderstood. He is out of doors a great deal every day, and he looks well.

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I am sorry that the improvement is not progressing rapidly.

With regard to the account, we quite understand that it may not be possible to pay at the moment for the whole three months in advance. The fees will be reduced by two guineas per week immediately the night attendant is withdrawn.

Yours very truly,

letters & seems to remember
what should be going on
at home. I sent a letter
to him last night under
cover to Dr Mackenzie &
remembered I had closed it
which was a mistake -
If he writes to John or I do
I hope you will let me
know - it seems to be some
thing for John to do -
Your secretary said in
his letter he enclosed the

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6 WINGLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I have been thinking
of writing to you for
several days as I received
the Retreat account last
Saturday £95 for three
months payable in advance
I had quite a shock as
we thought for a medical
man the terms would be

less. It is most inconvenient
for me to pay such a
large amount at present
will you kindly advise
me what to do? I do hope
my son will not require
the services of two nurses
long & that he is as well
now or even better than
when you wrote to me
I have been paying a
locum seven guineas

weekly since Nov^r I am
also worrying about the
Income Tax for last year
which is not paid, it is
most difficult to arrange
these things without failing
I would not on any account
you should make any
change with him he
must have the best
treatment possible in
every way - It was very
good news you sent -
My son writes wonderful

6, WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

usual agreement would
I return it signed &
witnessed. There was no
enclosure except the bill
& his note. Dr. Robinson is
seeing patients in consultation
with our locum Dr. Davies,
the doctors here all offer to
do what they can but it is
my son the patients want
& say "tell us a date when

he will return"
With an apology for again
troubling you.

Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.

March 26th

must be splendid as
my son is so much
better already, he ^{has} read
several of his letters &
one to himself which
he prefers not to answer
until after hearing from
you - With more thanks
for your kindness.

Yours faithfully
A. L. Garner

March 20th

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G. WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I have had several
letters from my son
who must be much
better. He asks so many
questions about home
& our friends, his memory
seems to have improved
wonderfully - Will you
let me know if it is wise
to answer his questions
except about the practice

BRANDS YELKOW
WINCKLEY SQUARE
FRESTON

I am most anxious to do everything you think best - John says he is to be removed to a quiet place next week if that be so. I trust you think the improvement will continue - Miss Armytage was here this afternoon she told me much I did not know about my son although it was sad it was comforting to be able to speak to one who had been with me recently more than myself. May I reply to Dr. Mackenzie's letters or not - I am so anxious not to give you unnecessary trouble. My brother (the doctor) was in town to-day he says your treatment

March 14th6, WINDLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Dear Mr Pierce -

I was indeed delighted to receive a letter from my son this morning, he must be much better & I hope you still think favourably of his recovery. I have written to him & if you think it alright will you

Kindly close the letter & talk with you about my
give it to him. He says dear son & our affairs -
his confusion continues & The patients are getting
he wishes he could get most impatient for his
alright - how insensible he return & many times it
seems I yet has relapses. is difficult to know what
are you likely to pass to say to them, we can
through Preston as Dr. Street only wait & hope -
does often - I feel I should With more thanks for your
much like to have a kindness. Yours sincerely
A. E. Garneir

nation except the idea
of being watched.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

A. E. Garber.

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6, WICKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

March 15th

Dear Mr. Pierce.

It is a relief to hear
your rather better news
of my son. I am longing
to have a few lines
from him & waiting
for your permission to
write to him. Mr. Armytage
wrote to me after his visit

4. was pleased to see the improvement since the previous week. I hope you will arrange terms for us as reasonable as you can. Dear old Mr Brown was here to-day I said he was sure you would make concessions on account of John being a doctor & our present difficulties with the practice

We wish to have everything possible done for his comfort. Dr. Armytage says how kind you have been. Is it when my son is quite himself he cannot realise his position? I used to wonder if his longing to come home & not being allowed to do so was the cause of his relapse, he has recovered from every halluci-

9th. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Garner,

The confusion of mind continues; Dr. Garner seems quite lost as to his surroundings at times, thus he says he is on board ship and is expecting shipwrck, and that his room is changed. He cannot converse and can hardly answer any questions; he said he was not a doctor. He takes liquid food fairly well, but not solid food other than bread and milk.

We see no reason why he should not perfectly recover, though in this kind of illness it is difficult to give a prognosis with any certainty.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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yesterday I spent an hour
with me, he says I am
mistaken in calling this
"a relapse" it is the disease
continuing its course & he
seems quite as hopeful,
in fact said "John will
be quite himself again
in time" - I wish I could
hear the same from you.

Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.

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6, WINKLEY SQUARE
PRESTON.

March 5th

Dear Dr. Peirce -

I am most anxious to
hear from you again how
my poor dear John is? I
do not wish to trouble
you will you allow
Dr. MacKenzie to let me
know as often as you can.

BRUNNEN
WINCKLEY SQUARE
PRESTON

Our Work Manager who is a great friend & a patient of my sons is taking charge of some cheques & we hope in ten days or a fortnight John will be able to sign them as usual. We trust this is nothing more serious than his previous attacks. which left him almost himself but depressed about his condition. St. Street was passing through Preston

TELEGRAMS:-
STREET.
ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

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PHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

6 March 1914

My dear Percie

I am very sorry indeed
to hear about Farmer, I did hope
that he would have gone on to
complete recovery, but I fear it is
another case of injudicious
interference by relatives, I do not
think his brother ever appreciated
the seriousness of his condition,
and he was too apt to treat my
opinion and advice lightly &
to encourage his mother, who
would otherwise have been

guided by me, to do so too.

I hope however you will get him under your care & cure him if it is still possible.

Herb's normal condition is one of comparative weakness & a few more acute attacks are sure to bring on ~~weather~~ dementia.

Newton Willows. Yorks is somewhere between Ripon & Masham I believe. I have never been there myself but my luggage has!!

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Charles T. Street

6, WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Dear Mr. Preece

I do not wish to trouble you often with letters. If my son has sufficiently recovered from his attack will you close the short note I give it to him - I shall take your advice in everything & be most grateful for news of John - We are all most dreadfully upset

Yours sincerely

A. E. Garner.
March 4th

WINDLEY SQUARE
BOSTON

5th. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Garner,

Dr. Garner has been exceedingly confused and excited since being at the Retreat, but I am glad to say he is a little clearer to-day and seems to remember a good deal that has happened.

Mr. Jalland, one of our York surgeons, has been to see him and has signed the second certificate.

I really do not know what you can do with respect to business matters, as Dr. Garner is quite unable to transact business or even to sign cheques. Perhaps you could arrange with the Bank to allow you to draw upon a loan account to cover immediate needs.

I fear I cannot give you much idea as to how long the attack of confusion will last. We expect post febrile cases to do well and I do not see why this should be any exception to the rule.

Yours very truly,

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are the only trustees under
my husbands will & there
are many things yet to
settle - John has only
had mild attacks lately
& I am hoping under
your care he will recover.
Kenneth says you are
quite hopeful & have been

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6, WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

March 3rd

Dear Mr Pierce -

I feel sure you will
understand how distressed
I am to find it is necessary
for my son to be certified.
Will you kindly let me
know very soon how he is?
My son Kenneth tells me
his brother became much

BRANDS VERNON W. B.
MOT 22879

more confused the last
few days - I do hope the
attack will soon pass off
& you will see Polin himself
again shortly - you will
scarcely realise that he
has written to me almost
daily the last two months
& the greater part of his

letters have been quite sensible
I don't know how I am going
to manage if Polin cannot
sign his name to some
cheques, he has always
done so at intervals, I used
to send them to V. Street
when Polin was at Haydock
& he returned them to
me signed. My son & myself

6. WINCKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Most Kind & Sympathetic
Accept my most
grateful thanks -

Yours sincerely
A. E. Garner.

6, WINCKLEY SQUARE
PRESTON

Thank Min - I have just
heard again that John is
better still he has the
same hallucinations -
He is with Mr. Stephen an
old friend - My daughter
is staying at Westcliff to
be near him - the responsibility
is too much for her & me

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6 WINKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Feb 7 25th

Dear Mr. Pierce -

I have a letter from
Mr. Mytoge saying he
has seen you & told you
of my sons trouble & you
would undertake his
case at Throby Hall
I shall feel most

thankful to make
arrangements with you
but how to get John to
York & then there I am
at a loss to know. The
remembrance of being at
Haydock when he was
himself is pitiful -

Mr Brown - Robinson &
Turnbull Smith assure
me my son will be quite
alright again in time
under proper treatment &
away from such nervous
nips as those at Haydock.
Dr Street was most kind
I can never sufficiently

6, WINCKLEY SQUARE,
PRESTON.

Must make some
change soon - My son
being a medical man
himself is a great draw
back - I hear one of the
Late Mr. Mone's daughters
is with you I hope
now at Throby as

FRANCIS YELDONIAN
WINCKLEY SQUARE
PRESTON

My sons illness is known
only to our immediate
medical friends here.

With thanks for your
kind message through
Mr Armytage -

Yours sincerely
A. E. Gardner.

TELEGRAMS:-
STREET,
ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

28th February 1914.

My dear Pierce,

Dr Garner's mental attack followed a sharp attack of Scarlet Fever. I saw him in consultation. He was suffering acutely from hallucinations of hearing and attacked his brother and the nurse in a very violent manner. I had him under two nurses at home until the infection was passed, and then I got him to come here as a Voluntary Boarder and he did very well, and I think in another week or two he would have entirely recovered, but he complained, not of his dislike of seeing other patients, but of the watching and mysterious behaviour of everybody he met outside. He had delusions that they were waiting for him to take him away somewhere, and he showed me lots of pictures in the Daily Sketch and other papers which he said referred to him. He also thought that the letterpress in places referred to him.

This however was all fading away when his friends took him away to single care, against my advice, and everything that happened afterwards seemed to have upset him.

He was in no way violent towards the latter part of his stay here, and was easily managed, but he is not the sort of case that ought to be in a place without a Medical Officer.

I am very sorry to hear that it is necessary for him to go anywhere as I gave a very good prognosis which I am sure would have had a satisfactory result if they had left him alone here.

I believe Hirst is living his ordinary life down in Wales. We had a letter from him the other day.

I am expecting to go up to London next week to

28th January 1914.

My dear Pierce,

Dr. Gurney's mental attack followed a

give evidence in an annuity of marriage case.

Please put Lancs or Lancashire on your letters.

Your letter went to your local Newton-le-Willows between

York and Ripon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Charles Street

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.



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

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive D. Glen Gomer of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dring Gate The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 8th day of April 1914

Name Amie E. Garner

Residence 6 Winkley Square

Occupation None Preston

SIGNED by the said _____

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Thomas Sharple

Handley, Looch Hall.

Physician & Surgeon

NB.—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.



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Nov 20 1914

Dear Mr. Jones,

At the Relief Committee
meeting on Tuesday the terms for
Mr. John Jones were fixed at
\$7.00 a week so long as he
requires the services of two attendants.
I enclose the usual agreement
from which kindly return to me
when signed & witnessed.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Secy.

Mr. Jones

Mar 20 1914

Dear Mr. [unclear]

At the [unclear] Committee
Meeting on [unclear] the [unclear] for
Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] at
[unclear] 7.0 a [unclear] to [unclear] as [unclear]
regarding the [unclear] of the [unclear]
[unclear] the [unclear] [unclear]
from which [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] & [unclear]

Yours faithfully
W. C. [unclear]

Mr. [unclear]