splendid time all.
Believe me.
Yr. very truly.
Nellie Wartsbury.

If you reply please address to me at "Wighquier Thornton."
Nale.

21, GRANVILLE ROAD,
SCARBOROUGH.

March 6.
1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce.
I am writing to ask you if you come across any one receiving care & attention to think of Mrs. Beverley. You will know Mrs. Gibb has gone. The flat is chang & never re-turned, no notice

was
given up
this & it has been
agreed for her to re-
main until the
end of the year.
Mrs. Beverley has
had a hard winter
no one in & is most
anxious now to get
some one, & Harry
has been very ill
myself & once again
had her excellent
care & attention &
now how well
she is cut out for
this & the very one
to receive invalids.
Later on the hopes
very much to get
the house if possible
for some months &
so avoid the risk
& strain of the season.
as she is far from
strong in these days.
if you should
come across any one
likely for either I
should be very grate-
-ful if you would
think of her.
She is so brave &

March 23, 1911

Dear Lady Gibb,

Some one has sent me from Scarborough a newspaper saying that Mrs. James Gibb has just passed away. One can hardly be sorry she is now out of temptation, for life must have been very difficult for her for a long time past, and it brought few, if any, pleasures to her.

We have heard how much anxiety you have had in respect to illness, but I hope your son is now on the way to re-established health. We are ourselves going on much as usual, though I am not well satisfies with my wife's general health. She is not exactly ill, and is in no sense laid up; but if I can possibly arrange it I shall try to get her away from this inclement weather next winter.

27 Esplanade Gardens,
Scarborough.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Mrs Gibb came home quite happy from Mrs Sutton. I am to arrange Mrs Gibbs holiday for Aug^st. I had a letter from her son to say it was his wish, I am pleased

To tell you that she is keeping all right as far as we know. I am staying here with friends for a change just to get strong. I was the patient when Miss Worthington told you of I am pleased to say I am getting better.

I think Miss Burton will be going to my home with Mrs S.

I hope they will be all right. I have left a cook housekeeper to look after them.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

E. Beverley

May 12, 1910

Dear Mrs. Beverley,

I have a note from Miss Wurtzburg, saying that Mrs. Gibb has gone to Mrs. Hudson's at Menston. I conclude this is Mrs. Sutton, but really do not know. If so, Mrs. Sutton was Housekeeper here for some time and will certainly look after Mrs. Gibb properly.

Miss Wurtzburg says somebody has been ill with bronchitis and pneumonia, but I do not gather who. If it is yourself I hope you will soon be better again.

Yours very truly,

now pneumonia.
Hard times indeed.
Mrs. G. intends to
return Sat. &
goes to Mrs. to-
-ks at the Retreat
a Sister. is it so?
Hoping hearing to
Mrs. Beverley -
yr. in haste
Annie Lumsden

WRITING AND
TEA ROOM.

1910

May 11.

Dear Dr. Pierce -
Mrs. Giles goes
to-day to Mrs.
Hudson. Isolation
Hospital. Monkton.
Mrs. Beverley says
please communicate
for Mrs. to. She
does consider us in
bed now 3. inches
bad first bronchitis

27 Esplanade Gardens,
Scarborough.

16 Dec 09

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks you for yr. letter.

I am pleased to tell you Mrs. Gibb look better now and as not had any thing since Monday. She was very ill Monday & Tuesday. I felt I might have to send for a Doctor

I kept her in bed and now she will be better for a time. I came down to dinner and was up until 9.30 P.M. Bed.

I will try my best to keep her sober and not worry you or Lady Gibb.

How I can speak to Mrs Gibb about it I hope to help her to keep sober. I did tell her she would have to go to the Retreat if she did not stop drinking.

Sorry to trouble you about it all

Yours truly
E. Beverley

27, Esplanade Gardens,
Scarborough.

Dear L. Pierce

Miss Lillie Worthington told me you might be calling in to see me about my Gibb

I think she is a little better again and does not talk about her son or Lady Gibb now.

So I hope it will be

all right - soon.

She had a bad cold last week & was in her room, and the letter came from Lady Gibb and she faded from then.

She does not look well to night - & a deal of pain in her chest & back.

I hope she will be better in the morning

Yours truly
E. Beverley

P.S

I had a long talk with her to day about drinking and she told me she would not take any more.

E.B

Dec. 15, 1909

Dear Mrs. Beverley,

I was not able to call and see Mrs. Gibb when in Scarborough on Monday. I am glad to hear she is somewhat better. I think it is imperative that the drinking should be stopped completely. You can have no conception what a degraded woman she becomes when she gives way. If you could understand all the trouble that this woman has caused her relatives, her ingratitude and selfishness you would understand why there is no alternative but to be quite strict with her. I fancy the only plan is to tell her that if she takes anything whatever you must decline to keep her and that this will mean her coming back to the Retreat. If you can manage to keep her straight i see no reason why she should not stay on indefinitely, but as is the case constantly with her she is getting discontented, and I fear you will find it a difficult case.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 13. 09

BY CAESAR'S CAMP.
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear Dr. B. P.

Our patients grows grumbly again. The joys of Scarborough wane. The Dinsdales fade. But if she ever consults you please do damp this idea – money

flies in London. I am sure she will soon be into mischief. Mr. Beverley seems a kind soul & does all he can to keep H. J. P. happy but as the patients does ooo for anybody of course she is miserable. My friends have been good & kind

Ther in Scarho - & he aught be
grateful & happy -

She certainly continues to
prick the fat side of her
too comfortable relation = D.L.

I have too, a feeble-minded girl woman
domestic servant aged 33. who also
pricks. The nation does nothing its
protect itself against such as these. nor
does it protect these poor themselves
poor dears - The breeding of the F.M.
that is allowed to go on unchecked seems
true National madness. No one can help
me in a case like this - Guardians have no power - yours. D.L.

Nov. 18, 1909

Dear Lady Gibb,

I fear I shall not be consulted in respect to Mrs. Gibb's movements. I do not think I am in specially great favour, but I would certainly say that she ought not to go to London, but should live in some place or other where there is trustworthy oversight.

It is pleasant to see your handwriting again. I wish circumstances permitted our meeting face to face oftener.

If you think I can do any good in writing to Mrs. Gibb do let me know.

Yours very truly,

21. Granville Road
Aug 29.

Dear Dr. Pierce -
Perhaps you know
Mrs. Siebe is with
Mrs. Beverley for
certain until Thursday
& may make her
home with her -
we hope so -
If you know of

any other lady.
Nursing Dear Mr
Mrs. Beverly would
be very glad to
have some one for
the winter. With
2. or 3. it would
make things so
much better for
her.
Yr. very truly.
Nellie Worthington

24.6.09

Dear Dr. Price

Just to tell you
Mrs. Gibb arrived safely
& had tea & went for
a walk. Supper at 7.30
bed at 9 o'clock.
I hope she will be happy
& better for the change to
the sea.
Thank you if I can

Draw the cheque once
a fortnight.
I will do my best to make
Mrs Gibb happy I think
she will write you herself soon.

Yours Sincerely
E. Beverley

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Dewes House,
Mere, Wilts:

July 18 1909

Dear B Pierce.

Lady Gibb writes about her sister in law now at the Retreat, for whom a place with overnight & sufficient amusement & occupation are needed.

Will you kindly tell me whether it would be a suitable case to have, whilst an elderly man is with us under single care.

We find of course how important the question of occupation is, & have just gone in for a reversible dining & billiard table for the coming winter evenings. Does Mrs Gibb interest herself in things?

Yours sincerely
Francis B Rutter

TELEPHONE No 361.

1, THE GROVE,
WEST HARTLEPOOL.

May 27th 1909.

My dear Aunt Thes,

I enclose Dr. Pierce's letter. I am very much afraid that the craving for sea air is a craving for something stronger and a means of getting away from control in order to break out again. It is an attempt at a repetition of what has been done before with such disasterous results. I do not think that my Mother will ever be safe except under strong and competent control. I agree with you that it is of no use being "wild" although she is a constant nightmare. She does not & cannot see that what is being done for her at such great expense is all for her benefit. She will never be content wherever she is for more than a short period. I see no objection to her going provided she will be under proper control, she will soon tire of it and want to be back at the Retreat; on the other hand if there is no control

I do not think she should be allowed to go. Dr. Pierce appears to have more faith in her keeping alright when out of control than I have.

I had a very encouraging letter from Norman, written immediately after his arrival at his destination. He appears to be satisfied at the first sight of his surroundings and colleagues.

The shipbuilding depression is becoming more & more acute. We have never in the history of the Works had so few employees as we have at present. It has lasted so long now that surely it is time for trade to turn for the better. There are hundreds of unemployed in this town. How they & their dependents live I really do not know.

Many thanks for your invitation which covers such a wide field. I hope that we shall be able to be present on one of the days.

Your loving nephew.

Maurice A. Gibb

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really is more than her daughter can manage. If the desire to be free is a craving for drink ought we to let her go free.? You have no idea of the state she got into in Hanogate & let us in too for large expenses.

May 30. 09

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BY CAESAR'S CAMP.
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Here is the son's letter. He does not believe the poor H. J. P. is safe unless under lock and key. But he does not offer to have her for a bit in his own home. I think the

3/ I wonder if Mr. Albert Stange would take her as a paying guest at £2.2.0 per week & undertake to look after her. If he would. I and feel inclined to refuse teaching unless she went to Mr. Stange.

5 Lansdale Road. West Ulcot.

Will you write & do as you think wisest.

Yours in perplexity

D. Gibb

Her last outbreak was awful & her Mr Norman who manages her best is now in far Malay. I dread letting her out of the Retreat

May 24. 09

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BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear B. P. I am so sorry you are worried again about H. J. P. But you do NOT worry - hence the cheerful spirit -

I have written to her son Maurice Gibb
1 The Grove. Kent Harlesden
& he will reply -

The daughter, he may take her & them for a change - I rather dread the Scarborough adventure. It would be horrid if he was found dead on the sands -

Yours - D.G.

Dear Sr. Pierse -

Mrs. Beverley wants to know if Mrs. Gibb is to have her sea baths, or the Baths which are 1/- after dinner o'clock. She has so much rheumatism at times she seems ever otherwise.

Y. Truly -

Reeni Worthington -

27, Esplanade Gardens,
Scarborough.

July 11-09

Dear Dr. Pierce

I'm my hot to you on Thursday Saying Mrs Gibb had a pail of Sea Water at 4 in my bath room and the hot sea bath can be had after 6 o'clock Sat for 1/- Mrs Gibb seems to have pain in her feet

√ legs at times the
thought- sea water
might do them good..
if you will pleasen say
if I am to pay for them?
√ what am I to spend
a week on fruit?
I dont want to trouble you
about it but think it
better to know..

With kind regards
yours sincerely
E. Beverley

July 22. 09

BY CAESAR'S CAMP.
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

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Dear Miss Thomasson.

I know Miss Nellie Wurzburg very well - & if she will keep an eye on H. I. G. at Seaton I think all may be well there throughout the summer & I shall be so grateful -

I have written to Miss Wurzburg direct -

Thanking you all for your never ending kindness I am

Yours sincerely

Dorothea Gibb

July 12, 1909

Dear Mrs. Beverley,

I think there would be no harm in Mrs. Gibb trying a few sea baths of the kind suggested to see whether they do her any good. I hope she is going on nicely.

With regard to fruit I should have thought a modest allowance was quite in order, but you must understand that odds and ends mount up considerably, and when I come to send in an account at the end of the quarter I fear her relations will be rather inclined to grumble. The expenses they have had over her and her family are, and have been, very large.

Yours very truly,

June 19.09

BY CAESAR'S CAMP.
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear B. P. I am content if you are content - only implore the good widow Beverley to keep the best ½ of her eyes on poor Mrs. J. G. for George's sake I do not want her to behave ill in Scarbo -

So you are home - & must be tired - C. B is home I have talked to him on the telephone but have not heard the adventures - I was delighted to get just a glimpse of your wife -

Yours gratefully
Dorothea Gibb

Ans

27, Esplanade Gardens,
Scarborough

18-6-09

Dear Dr. Price

Thanks you for thinking of me
I should be pleased to take the lady as boarder at £2-2 pr week.
I will do my best for her.

Yours Sincerely
E. Beverley

17th June, 1909.

Dear Mrs. Beverley,

Are you able to receive as a Boarder a lady who has been an Alcoholic, and who is asking for a change to the seaside ?

She is a Voluntary Boarder here, and goes about as she likes, and gives no trouble excepting that she is wonderfully indolent. I do not think there would be much likelihood of relapse whilst with you. She takes to drink when she is left to herself, or circumstances are adverse.

I fear her funds do not admit of paying much, only £2. 2. 0. per week, but she would not require any special meals, and I see no reason why she should not board with you if that would be convenient.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

June 1, 1909

Dear Mrs. Strange,

I do not know why I should write to you upon the matter I have in hand, but it has been suggested that possibly you might be disposed to receive Mrs. James Gibb as a paying guest for a week or two.

Mrs. Gibb is quite at her best now, and will really give no trouble, and if you could do with her I do not think she would be a burden. She tells me she is longing to go to the sea-side; and one would be much more satisfied if she could stay in a family rather than be left to her own resources in lodgings.

Lady Gibb tells me that 2 guineas a week could be found for her.

I am just on the eve of going abroad, and if you are not able to write tomorrow, Wednesday, perhaps you had better write to Dr. Norah Kemp who will arrange any thing in my absence.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

May 24, 1909

Dear Lady Gibb,

I ought to have written to you some time ago to say that Mrs. Gibb wants to go to Scarborough for a change and has been corresponding with Bunting's Boarding House which you will remember quite well. I cannot say why she is not content to remain here where the comforts and surroundings are just now so very beautiful. I do not think I can do anything more to make her contented. We have no objection at all to her going to Scarborough, and I should have thought the risks would not be very great whilst there. If you see no objection to this would you arrange directly with E.H.Bunting as to terms. I believe out of the season he will do it for about 25/- or 30/- a week for a stay of some length of time. I am sorry to have to trouble you, but Mrs. Gibb seems unable to write herself.

I hope you are all well. I wish it had been possible to accept your comprehensive invitation, but we are unfortunately unable to do so. My wife will no doubt write to you on the subject.

Yours very truly,

BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear B.P.

I have written to Miss S. M. L. It is a huge thing for me to do but I will tell you just what I truthfully see. I will do my best.

Yours D. G.

Jan 13. 09 74

BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce -

You see the family cannot get on without you. I am very disappointed that Manchester has failed, but not surprised -

I would like you to keep her as long as ever you can - if you will

and send all the expenses
to me every month - when
you think she can again
be trusted & is in need
of change. I will try &
screw myself up & have
her here on a visit.
There are sometimes 10 days
2 week trips up to
London - & when you tell
me. 'Now you had better
do it.' I will do it - but
I would rather wait for
longer days when the
garden can be a pleasure
& my Retreat!
Do not give me too much
warning!
Yours in haste
Dorothea Gibbs

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BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

2 January 1909.

Dear Dr Price.

I have received your letter of 31st inst.

If you could just arrange for a nurse to see Mrs Gill off at the station. I think that should be sufficient.

I have made

arrangements for
her to be met at
Manchester.

Yours sincerely
Norman Grier

4 Holgate Terrace.
York.
29 December. 1908.

Dear Dr. Price,

I understand that my mother leaves for Manchester on 6th prox: as I shall be in London on that date, I am afraid I shall not be able to see her off; but perhaps you will kindly make the necessary arrangements. I have written to her giving the best train, viz the 2.35 p.m. from York.

As she will probably require some money for the journey, will you kindly let her have the necessary, and charge it to the account.

Yours sincerely.

Norman Gibb.

Dec. 31, 1908

Dear Norman Gibb,

I do not quite gather whether you wish a nurse to a accompany Mrs. Gibb on the 6th. It will be rather lonely for her going to Manchester by herself, and if no member of the family can accompany her it will be better I think for a nurse to do so. I am glad to say she is pretty well and has been to the Christmas parties, and I think enjoyed herself.

With all good wishes for the new year,

Yours very truly,

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4 Holgate Terrace.
York.
31st October. 1908.

Dear Dr. Price.

I have written to my mother impressing upon her the very great importance of signing the enclosed Post Office Bank warrant for the sum of £7-15s. In her last letter to me she stated that she would not sign this warrant. I am therefore sending this to you with the hope that you may be able to impress upon her the very great importance of signing this document. I have fully explained to her the consequences which will follow in the event of her refusing to sign: but she does not appear to fully realize the seriousness of the whole affair.

I hope to be able to see you very shortly, and to let you know what arrangements have been made for Mrs Gill's future.

I gather from her letters to me that she is under the impression that it is our intention that she should remain with you at the Retreat for an unlimited time. This, as you probably know, is not the intention, but we cannot of course, very well complete any arrangements for her future until you have expressed the opinion that she is in ~~a~~ fit condition to again take care of herself. In fact it will be difficult to find any one who will be willing to undertake the responsibility

I hope it is safe to see you shortly, and to let you know what encouragement has been made to the Girls future.

I gather from her letters it was clear she is under the impression that it is an institution that the church wants with you or the School, for an industrial school. This is the position that we cannot take, you must complete your arrangements for the future under your own responsibility the opinion that she is in as the conduction is confirm the case of Hussey. In fact it was so strongly so that our one note was to warning to manufacture the [illegible]

of taking her without some expression of opinion from you, that she is likely to behave in a rational manner for the future.

Yours faithfully.
Norman Gibb.

Dr Bedford Pierce.
York.

P.S. Kindly return the warrant to me when signed.
N.G.

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BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce -

Will the £2 : 2. 0 per week do -?

I will write & tell Maurice Gibb -

Would you like it sent every month or

how! It might be best if you sent us in the P/c, monthly for everything.

I read your article in the "British Friend" American Retreats - are not "Treats" like yours I guess.

Greetings, gratitude -

from D. P.

G 121.05

Oct. 19. 08. (832

BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear B. P. which being
interpreted - =
"Beloved Physician" -
I hear that we are
again under your
protection - I am more
thankful than you
can believe perhaps -

I am just home from Brandy
in Canada - but most
likely shall have to
start again next Saturday
for Madeira as we have
sad news of our poor father
out there - & I am the one
best able to go - But to start
off again is not easy

My dearest remembrances to
your wife - & the 2 I hope are
well - also Miss Hamilton -
Yours gratefully Arthur Pibb

The sons have told me that their mother was just as bad as she was at Gosforth. Now she has squandered all her Post Office money she may be happier & more content if she is taken care of — —

This has been a costly experiment. You told my men folk it wd. be. I knew it wd. be. But the joys of "I told you so" are small compared to the languors of the misery this break down has been for her children

Oct. 22, 1908

Dear Lady Gibb,

I have no doubt two guineas will be all right. I think Mr. Waller had better send you the account, and he will enclose it.

Excuse brevity, but I am going out of town this morning.

Yours very truly,

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23. Hagon Parade
Harrogate
March 1st/07.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I think you may like to know that Mrs Gibb called here to-day on her way to Ilkley. She seems to wish to arrange for a stay with us, but is anxious for a great reduction in terms in order that she may have more pocket-money — we came

down to 38/- pr week, even
that she thought too much,
finally I suggested 35/-
This will be absolutely
no profit, and I feel we
cannot possibly say less.
She has promised to consider
the matter and will let us
know.

Hoping Mrs Pierce is
better with kind regards
Yours sincerely
S. de P. Peters.

Mrs Pierce

Maurice Gibb goes to Hartlepool I believe in March - where he has a very good appointment - so the house at Gosforth comes to an end - & I do want to get Rene some training in mind & manners. Her sister can do her no good now - it needs a stranger to polish up the girls notes -

Jan 1. 06

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BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce -

Rene Gibb (the $\frac{3}{4}$ one) is very anxious to get trained as a lunacy Nurse - Is there any chance that she might get under you - & what would the cost of her

training be? She can do house work quite well & has some idea of cooking - She might prove as useful as most if not as some - Any way she wants very much to go to the Retreat or to Thursby. I have always given her £12 p.a. for the work she does for her brothers - She is nearly 23 years of age I believe - and as strong as (and as stupid as) an Ox - but she has improved of late & I believe is capable of improvement under Quaker Training -

BY CAESAR'S CAMP,
WIMBLEDON COMMON.

P.o.d. at Ilkley is getting
restive there & demands work
from me – my one aim &
object is to keep her away
from Rene Gilb quite –
it is the girl's only chance –

Do not trouble Bauwer
all this unless you think there
may be a chance of getting

Rene work at the Retreat
in any capacity. As housemaid
first if you need one —

We have been a seedy
household these holidays —
Always a few of us in bed.
so do not feel very happy yourself.
I hope all you are well &
gay at heart. D.G.

place in an ordinary private life & is often too humble in company. Her appearance is a dreadful give-away, that does seem hard lines on her now that she is better.

Yr Sincerely

C. J. Grindale

Nov 20th 1906

Dear Dr Pierce

I fear my reference to you in Mrs Thomason's letter was more hurried than clear. This is what happened. — Two or three times, after periods of financial & digestive depression & railing against Fate & lady Gibbs, Mr Gibbs has said "Dr Pierce thought

Miss Peters charged very high & advised me to make a private arrangement with her if I stayed, offered me more plainly & "give me back some of the money." This she naturally has applied to me, but I don't consider myself at all overpaid & I would not do it for less, though I am quite satisfied.

I know my lady hasn't enough mind to be strictly accurate but this would be a sly invention & rather horrid.

Poor thing, she only thinks of the food, so I do seem overpaid to her. It has fallen rather hardly on her too, & on me by rebound, that she has been docked of 2 months' allowance, just when she had been indulging in some fine clothes.

I do wonder how you will find her looking & being. She finds it very difficult to take her

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9 Wells Walk
Ilkley
Oct 1st 1906

Dear Dr Pierce,

I hope you have enjoyed your holiday & feel well & strong, before the winter sets in, as I did not see you before leaving, I wish now to offer you my most heart-felt thanks for all your kindness, & help in every way, during the time whilst under your care, the time with

you I shall always
remember with gratitude
and have memories
of many pleasant
hours & days.
I like Ilkley very well,
but am rather afraid
of the winter here.
Kindly accept of enclosed
as a very small souvenir,
Hoping it will be useful
to you.
With every good wish
& warmest thanks
Yours very sincerely
H. J. Gibb.

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1, Cadogan Court Gardens,
S.W.

Dear Dr Pierce - Please go on with this & fix it all up. The p.o.d. seem quite like Miss Grindale. I want her to stay there as long as possible. I do hope she will be good. I feel <u>anxious</u> now that she has left you.

What terms have you made? The £20 shall be paid in each quarter for dress & pocket money. But @ @ how she does dress. Ought I not to keep the cash & buy the clothes. When I look at her I feel my £20 are being ill spent.

Yours in Friendship
D.P.

July 27.06

Cirrhosis of liver a sign of prolonged alcoholic indulgence

Cirrhosis seem ~~due~~ chr to gastritis

Insomnia –

Tenderness of muscles

Hallucinations – visual – ~~auditory~~ olfactory –

Fixed idea of persecution founded in visual –

July 25

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for your letter, telling me everything I wanted to know.

I have seen Lady Gibb & she was most charming & open & so far as I am concerned it is all settled

for Mrs Gibb to come to us on August 16th. She looks worse but is better than I expected, or was for the short time I saw her. I quite hope we shall get on though Lady Gibb did not seem so much impressed with our natural affinity as I did.

Yrs very truly
C. J. Crandall

Thought Quakers never danced – but the supposed they did when the spirit moved them –

Poor thing – yet you say she has her uses – & she certainly does keep well exercised the 'Use' you gave her. I am at Newcastle on Saturday Scarborough on Monday next – Here again on Wednesday

Yours in Faith. D. G.

Have you read "A Modern Symposium" by Stevenson – If not read it – If he is not a Friend the knows them & understands their views. Greeting from good wife.

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July 20, 1906.

1, CADOGAN COURT GARDENS, S.W.

Dear Friend – (But you were that long before I became a member of the Society). Our P.O.D. has consented to go to Ilkley – so please arrange for me – for her to go there as soon as may be. Lesley's patience

a virtue is already
evaporating - She says
her Aunt is so greedy
rain & selfish. I fear
the child has hit 3
rails bang on the
head. If the ickles
people get dead sick
tired of her she cried
visit London in the winter

for a bit - but I do hope
they will keep her as long
as ever they can - What
IF she goes down on
bended knee before
you & pray that the
Spirit may move you
to dance with her
again - Do you remember
she said true that she

to find that Mrs Gibb would require some supervision but Lady Gibb seems to think I do not need to feel any responsibility in that matter - I can also quite understand that Mrs Gibb requires a good deal of amusement & recreation which I should try to provide to some effect -

I wrote to Lady Gibb at the same time as to you & am now awaiting her decision

Apologizing for troubling you

I am

Yours sincerely

Lucy H. Ecroyd

Ans

4 Westcliffe Road

Shipley 19 July 06.

Dear Friend

Dr Pierce

I am very much obliged for your prompt reply to my letter & the details you have taken so much trouble to go into. I do not know that I can say you have been exactly misinformed in anything you have heard of my circumstances, but certainly not correctly - (There must be some one in your Establishment who takes a kind interest in my private affairs - or the Nurse could know nothing about them. Perhaps I ought to feel grateful, but as it is, I am afraid I am only annoyed.)

Although I have never been very strong & my walking powers are

not good, I have much better health than many younger people, & especially since I came to live here - as I find a little housework very good for me - No doubt it would be also for Mrs L. Gibb & I should accept her offers of help, but without any expectation of their being of use.

I did not offer to take her as you seem to think, but on being asked to do so I consented, thinking it would be a means of usefulness - as well as an addition to my income.

Of course I should not think of taking any one as a Lady Guest without providing efficient help - & I should take care that she should be properly waited on -

With regard to the little incident the other evening, which has been so ridiculously reported, it was not correct to say that I "had to call in help from next door". It was merely a slight attack of indigestion which might affect any one but is very rare with me & as it caused some pain & a little feeling of faintness I thought it wiser to ~~call~~ ask my Kind neighbours to help me to undress but could have managed without their help if I had not known that they would not have retired to rest. Excuse these details - It seems very absurd & annoying to have had the affair reported & in such an exaggerated way

I have been quite prepared

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July 20th 1956

Dear Dr. Pierce

Might I trouble you to send me Mrs. Gibb's address & tele-phone so that I may know that I shall come & see her on Monday? Also if

You would kindly send me Lady Gibb's town address I might write to her & see when she would let her Sister-in-law to leave her house.

I think, from our point of view it is worth while, for £2 a week & personally I take much more interest in the case now I know she has relations that make her worth saving.

I am not going to see Mrs Street about her.

Yr truly
C. J. Grundale

I will call on Mrs Gibb about 3.

6 Holbeck Hill
Scarborough.

26.7.06.

Dear Dr Pierce. Thanks for your communication; I will do my level best to show the Old woman-daddy-lunatic-at-large off to her best advantage when Miss Grisdale comes, but must confess I rather dread a "personal interview"! Your quondam Patient is gradually being jumped out of her – weak legs; weaker head – nervous twitchings (I give her symptoms as detailed by herself at every meal – of which she partakes more than heartily) & am rejoiced to say that she no more exhibits all the symptoms of alcoholic poisoning. As to Sister M. she's becoming so fat & hearty that H.J. seems a sylph in comparison. I trust you are content with my "hydra" stepping

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treatment? Sister M. I
stuff with solids, H.J.
with solids or slabs of spiced
~~of~~ flattery which she
swallows whole. Most
people would have
indigestion after such
treatment, but "she" is
proof against all attacks.
With many thanks –
Yours very sincerely &
Quite cheerfully
Lesley Gibb.

she very much approves of Mrs Gibb coming to me. I have promised to take every possible care of her & to try to make her comfortable & happy & Lady Gibb assures me that I need not fear the responsibility of having her.

I shall be much obliged for a line from thee with some explanation of Mrs Thomasson's letter.

Thine sincerely

Lucy H. Ecroyd

4 Westcliffe Road

Shipley. 17.7.06

Dear Friend

Dr. Pierce

On returning home after a few days absence I am much surprised to find a letter from the Matron of the Retreat, which she says was written at thy request, to say that thou does not think it very suitable for Mrs Gibb to come and live with me & she therefore declines on Mrs Gibbs' behalf. I have been in communication with ~~Mrs~~ Lady Gibb through a mutual friend and

ing the Oxford Exam - & I could perhaps come & see you on Friday if you care for a personal interview, & have time.

Yr truly
C. J. Grindale

wished her to call at Leeds - next Friday afternoon.

July 13th 1906

Dear Sir

Canon Smith has suggested to us & also to you that my brother & I should take in the lady, "formerly alcoholic" that you wrote to him about. I should very

Much like to see the
lady before going any
further so as to have
some idea if we were
likely to get on together.
If she does one of
course I will do my
level best to keep her
happy & amused.
The Canon seems to
think us capable of the
charge & he has known
us for eleven years.
Perhaps a trial month
would be wise, dating,
if possible, from the
middle of August, as
I have promised my
servant a holiday before
that.
I shall be in Leeds all
next week superintend-

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1, Cadogan Court Gardens,
S.W.

Yours D.G.

July 17. 06

Dear Dr Pierce -

I have had this letter from the daughter of an old governess of my own. 'Grannie' would keep H. J. G. company - & at least she might be tried there when the

winter comes on -

I have told Mrs Capstick to do nothing till she hears again -

They live <u>in</u> the Finchley Road - a buss gay street - lots of shops & things to see going on -

I think it might do very well - <u>for a time</u> - but I expect I shall ever have to keep changing her scenes for her -

Shall we ask her which she likes best Ilkley or London - after Scarborough -

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1, Cadogan Court Gardens,
S.W.

Be good & kind - & carry it through yourself - so the .p.o.d. charmed at the idea of Ukley - I think Flaxton wd. never do -

Lorley seems quite successfully Fine

cheering up her
blue spirits into the
brightest pink at
5 Holbeck Hill. I
do not expect to
go North till Bonthan
school breaks up.
Yours gratefully
D.L.

Where is the type-writer
?

July 17. 06

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5, Holbeck Hill,
Scarborough.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce.

G. S. S. had this letter. I really think it might do — if the P. O. d — goes willingly — I should let her go. The trains & journeys are excellent. She may like to go to Scarb first — but I dare rather she went direct here I think — but I do not really mind —

Plan just as you think best. This sounds a kind woman —

Yours D. S.

P.S. I think of calling at Newark on my way North next Friday — my address next is. C/o E. W. Smithson Esq Hitchin —

5, Holbeck Hill,
SCARBOROUGH.

EAST MARKHAM VICARAGE,
NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

June 18th 1896.

Madam.

I have heard from Mr. Bedford Rice this morning, & from all he tells me I think we could make Mrs. Gibb happy here, & that I could manage the responsibility. If the arrangement does not

was meant for those who would not require the looking after Mrs. Gibb will need. May I ask in what form her weakness manifests itself so that I may be on my guard if such a sad occurrence happened.
My husband has two churches & two parishes & the additional help he often requires & expenses attached thereto makes us seek means of increasing our income. Believe me
To Lady Gibb Yrs. faithfully
Sibrian A. Bonger

prove suitable perhaps
she can return to York,
but of course we shall do
our best to make her happy.
Also if she is contented
with us would you wish
her to remain after the
summer is over, as I am
anxious for a permanent
guest. With regard to the
payment I hope you may
find the two guineas will
repay me for the time
I shall have to give to
Mrs Gibb besides the trouble
such a case must necessarily
be in a private house where
we often entertain, at
the same time we are
most willing to do all
in our power for Mrs
Gibb & not to increase
any expence or trouble
for you. Our address: Ofcome

P.S. Our home faces South & East & we get plenty of sunshine so it is very bright. We can see the trains pass at the end of some fields so we do not feel or seem very quiet. The home is furnished artistically & comfortably.

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EAST MARKHAM VICARAGE,
NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

A short distance from here to York. So Mrs Gibb might come & we could see how the arrangement answered mutually - Will Mrs Gibb be content with plain country fare, we live well but we cannot manage many courses at dinner &c - & can Mrs Gibb sew would she be happy

serving with me. my husband & I are both busy with parochial work but I often go out driving & walking &c. It is a sweet spot here & all our visitors enjoy their stay here much. The drive through the Dukeries is beautiful we can go for miles through the private estates of Clumber, Welbeck, Thoresby & Rufford. If I can answer any other question I shall be pleased to do so -

breakfast at	9. A.M.
lunch	1-15
Tea	4. 30
dinner	7. 30.

Yours Madam
yr. faithfully
Eleanor A. Bonfys.

July 2. 06

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1, CADOGAN COURT GARDENS,
S.W.

It gives me pains — when you write to me yourself — type makes me feel easier — as I know in part what your work is —

On Monday next — July 9 — as far as I

Our new house has not begun — but at last we have fitted plans & prices together — Prices are large & plans small — but it was ever thus — our desires out run our pockets — Our new address will be

1 Caesar's Camp
Wimbledon Common
Surrey.

Come & see us there — in October —

can see - 5 H.H. <u>and</u>
one of her daughters
will be ready to welcome
H. J. G. & after Jan
no longer take her
in, perhaps the
lost passmage will
be found & found

willing to try & keep her
well & happy, till she
has the fidgets again.

Do not write - but
send P.C. to Scalo &
next Monday if
P. O. D. consents to
arrive & all shall be
ready.

<u>D. Gibb</u>

June 28. 06
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1, CADOGAN COURT GARDENS,
S.W.

Given you are about as weary as I am of P.O.D. I have just missed seeing her on which is a pity. I did not hear from the person in the Bakeries. I told them

The future looks very long before me in my walk with this stout but disquiet spirit –

~~Your~~ Her not so very too comfortable Relation. D.G.

to write direct to you.
If you thought the
letter hopeful & the
person willing I would
go & inspect if you
can send me name
& address of parson.
I offered Scarborough
for as long as I can
spare the rooms & by
now all is prepared
for P.O.D so get
her off there if you
can – There are still
2 clear weeks –
So sorry for you –
so sorry for myself –
not a bit sorry for
P.O.D.

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1, Cadogan Court Gardens,
S.W.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce.

If the P.O.d has not yet gone to Scarborough - please do not send her till after next week end - not till July 9. as my husband has just

expressed a desire
to go to Scarborough
next Saturday - I
do not wish to have
the p.o.d. there for his
2 days at home -
as he never adds to
his pleasure -

but on the monday she
could come & yet have
2 clear weeks by
the sea -

Yours in haste

D. Gibb

June 30. 06

June 22. 06

1, CADOGAN COURT GARDENS,
S.W.

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Dear Dr Pierce.

My P. O. D. wants sea air - I can take her in at Scarborough 5 H. H. if she goes at once for about 2 weeks. I have written to my maids to get a room ready for her - I wonder

I hope you are taking every care of yourself Dr.

and at the same time - George says I must buy, I spend only £52 a year on her - which now that my own people are so poor I feel much inclined to do - but know we must not attempt it - for the poor woman wants taking care of - though now, then I feel it might be a tonic to her morals to

if you have a nurse too who would be the better of 2 weeks by the sea - If you have do let her go ~~too~~ to 5 Holbeck Hill - I will not be gay there - but the servants & the house are doing nothing so both would be better for me to do now -

I am in Paris now - but by the time you have time to send me word what you decide - I shall be at the above address in London -

Mrs James Gill - proposed that I should send her to a Hydro in Scotland! for 3 months!

"rough it" a bit – Still –
as it was in the beginning
is now – & ever shall
be – it is & shall be
for this poor woman –
& I do feel we must
protect her always
from herself – & her
children from her –
however long her years
may last –

Don't you think Mrs Price
would enjoy 2 weeks
at Scarborough with
H. J. G. ?! and the boy
too + Auntie. I have
only 2 servants there -
but they could wait a
good deal on themselves -
After you get this please
write to Mary Skrimpton
5 H. A. - and give
her all needed instructions
Yours D. Gibb

She does happen to give
way to drink at any
time? & must there be
no stimulants at table
as my husband is ordered
whisky. Lady Gibb says
Mrs Gibb is not an attrac-
-tive woman, does this
mean she looks strange
& I could not introduce
her to our friends. Excuse
these questions but I shall
be glad to know more fully
about Mrs Gibb before
undertaking such a
responsibility. It is quite

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EAST MARKHAM VICARAGE,
NEWARK-ON-TRENT.

June 7th

Dear Madam.

I am asked by Lady
Gibb to write to you and
give the particulars of
our advent; our Vicarage
& garden are old fashioned
& very pretty, we have
tennis & croquet on one
lawn. The house is
very comfortable & there
is a large bathroom

with hot & cold water.
Our church is very beauti-
-ful & close to Vicarage -
we are twenty minutes
walk or drive from
Tuxford Station on the
main line G. N. R. Our
village is very large
& we have always
plenty going on in a
parochial way, & we
also have some very
nice neighbours. The
roads about here are
excellent & our carriage
is very easy & comfortable.
I should be glad to
know if Mrs Gibb will
always require to be
looked after or whether
she will be willing to
go about with me when
I have to do parish
work & if she can be
a little alone every day.
Also is she violent if

uncertain as to length of visit.
If you wish her to prolong it
perhaps you will write to
her. She went to a Concert
at the Kursaal on Saturday,
and was very pleased –
Hoping you are all well
with very kind regards
Yours sincerely
S. de D. Peters.

Dr. Wedford Pierce

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23. Dragon Parade
Harrogate
March 27th/06

Dear Dr. Pierce,
Mrs Gibb has
brightened wonderfully, we
thought her rather depressed
when she came on Saturday –
She seems comfortable and
happy – has been out twice
to day, we should be quite

willing for her to remain
as long as you wish —
it is rather too to say
if she will be inclined
to stay; she has seen so
little of the place yet;
we find her pleasant and
good company.
She has only brought a few
things with her, as she was

so much so that I should almost welcome a definite illness, like yours, which would force him into bed for several weeks.

Yours with affection

D.G.

March 26.06 (234

5, Holbeck Hill,
Scarborough.

Dear Dr. Pierce. I think you have done the best that could be done – and the longer the P.O.D. stays in Harrogate. The better. Do ask Miss Peters to go on keeping her. & let me have notice a week or two before she must leave and I will try

& fix up another series of visits for her after Harrogate.

Sally Cross warned me that she was being a bit naughty & sulky.

Roger wants to see dear old Miss Latchmere before he sails for Canada on Apl 19.

If she has a very good day soon I wish you wd. telephone over at my charge & let Roger go there, then to see her - It would so distress him to see her as I saw her -

Glad you are all so well. My man is very run down

Feb: 27. 06

QUEEN ANNE'S MANSIONS,
ST. JAMES' PARK,
LONDON. S.W.

Dear B.P. The P.O.D may go to Harrogate as soon as, & whenever you think she is on the verge of a — — — nervous breakdown! Change - change - change - & a long fight against 'ennui' is the battle of life the p.o.d. fights in —

I think Norman Gibb will write to his mother - He is more patient with her than Maurice -

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Please dont speak of 'hindrances' of mine again - You have pleasant memories of us - we of you - ∴ all is most well - Please I want one of your sketches in watercolour!

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I hope the sneezes are drying up & noses fading paler. Colds pull one down horridly.

My poor man is like you – He lives in a whirl-pool of things that want doing NOW –

Greetings – to you all –

– Yours. D.G.

I am so thankful about Miss Halliday – The dummy is most lucky to get her so is Sir Joseph.

Feb. 20. 06

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5 Holbeck Hill
Scarborough.

Dear Dr. B.P.

Please dont do it on Wednesday <u>till the evening</u>. I am in York all the day & do not depart till 6.50 pm – & she might catch me alive after –

the changes I can – but not if she grumbles me sick – after all we have done for her & hers –

Dear good-man –

I am yours gratefully

DL.

Thank you ever so much for doing this thing – it is so very needed – For at her age she ought, after her stormy life to look at what she has – & what she has escaped –

As for work – there must be heaps to do – if she would do it – but then she cannot – And that "cannot" I do want her to realize – George will go on being good to her as long as he is pleased with her – & I will give her all

being more industrious at the Retreat -

Her son Norman was talking with me this morning. He says firmly she must not be given her liberty again - She has before times - been just as now - good for 2 years - & then allowed to be a responsible person again - & with again the same same same - sad results - So it wd - be again. It would be well for her in the future - to turn her mind every day towards

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Dear Dr. Pierce - On going away the p.o.d. = Poor old Dear - shivering with excitement said - "You'll do something nice for me wont you?" - & I replied "I'll do the best for you Dear" - I know this best is NOT her heart's desire! -

By now you may have heard from George that he will not give me 1d towards her scheme - indeed I feel he may say that he will not give

one 1d. towards her expenses
anywhere else except
at the Retreat – but will as
usual give her occasional
changes – & holidays – now
& then with us – now & then
with her sons – & now &
then with any kind soul that
invites her. That she has
work that she can do at
the Retreat – if she will
do it – (paid at a generous
rate we think) – That she
has no cause for any
grumbling – but only for
thankfulness that she is in
such a Home – we & all her
children feel most keenly.
That she needs a point-blank
talk from you – we & all
her children feel too. She
over rates her own powers
& we & they know she
is quite incapable of
earning any living – or of
undertaking any work on
her own hook, but we
should be glad to hear & her

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all she has — & give
up grumbling — but
rather to rejoice in
the much she has
& be glad & grateful
for. These are the
sentiments of her
children

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S. Holbeck Hall
Scarborough

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce.

Here is the cheque - with the £5 added for H. J. G. dress allowance.

Please add on the shillings now that you so kindly took off the a/c - when you heard of my loss in ~~December~~ October.

we lost in October - but we gained in January - so please make us pay in full again -

I hear you have my poor old friend - Miss Latchmore of Hitchin in the Retreat now - When she is well enough I should like much to go & see her -

Hoping that you are going to be my patient on Saturday next for 2 weeks -

I am - yours sincerely

Dorothea Gibb

Jan 10. 06