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April 29 1910

Dear Madam,

At a recent meeting of
the Retreat Committee the terms
for Miss Godfrey were reduced
to \$4.00 a week - I therefore now
enclose a corrected statement.

With regard to the charge for washing
I am authorized by the Officers to
remot \$4.00 - It is usual to make
a fixed charge for the quarters per week.

Yours faithfully

D. E. Waller

Miss C. Lawrence.

Secy.

April 24 1910

Dear Mr. [unclear]

At a recent meeting of
the Robert Committee the same
for their report was received
with a check - therefore am
sending a corrected statement
with regard to the check for meeting
some authorities of [unclear]
[unclear] It is much to be
a great check for [unclear]

Yours faithfully
R. [unclear]
[unclear]

Miss [unclear]

like
to get the account
settled. I noticed
the washing came
to 15^s. will you
kindly look into
this. As Miss Gwofrey
tells me, she had
few things &
only flannels washed.
Miss Gwofrey is
looking splendid
& bright - & is
well. Yours truly
G. Constantine

Yff. House
Linthorpe
April 27th 1910

Dear Sir,

May I trouble
you to send me
another account -
for Miss Gwofrey.
Keep at the Retreat -
it has been mis-
laid & I should

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6. 5.

15.0

7. 0

5. 5

1. 15. 0

When she had the
last breakdown,
but she thinks there
is not the slightest
need -

I think there is
nothing further to
say - Yours Truly
J. L. Riley.

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4 Hudson Terrace

N/c - upon - Lyne
April 5th /10

Dear Sir,

In answer to yours
of the 25th of March
respecting Miss Godfrey
I can only say I
find her about
the same as
when she came to

was about a week
ago. She got
out a good deal
but very soon feels
tired & very little
energy. Her appetite is good.
I can see she is
worrying & anxious
to find another pret.
I suggested her
seeing Dr. Clegg,
who attended her

was her own to be left -
with my Mother but -
of course now we
all understand.

We all are very
fond of Miss Wolfrey
but I don't think
it right - that we
should be blamed
for what really is
not the case.
Everybody knows that
old people are
trying to get my

Mother would be waited
upon unless she
can't help herself. - I
asked Miss Wolfrey
that summer to let me
know if she could
not manage. but she
assured me she could.
It is surprising how
we have been able
to do without her &
we have not been in
a hurry to get any
but else. - I am sorry
to trouble you but felt -

must explain after

& is not a confirmed
invalid by any
means. Until lately
she has been a
marvel but now
& again suffers from
flatulence which is
very distressing, but
Mrs. Gelfrey was
so nervous & made
the most of it -
Mr. Sedley could not
understand why she

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had allowed it -
had I been at-
home. In her letter
Miss Gelfrey to
me says she will
have to take a
situation without - high-
work which makes
me afraid she has
not quite recovered.
My mother although
85 years of age always
makes her own bed

Letter book

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YESTER HOUSE,

MIDDLEBOROUGH

Dear Dr. Pearce

I shall esteem
it a favour if you
can tell me something
about Miss Godfrey

She was a lady com-
panion to Mr. Constantine
here and apparently
without any means -

Mr. Constantine is willing
to contribute or rather

to pay the necessary
expenses for six weeks
and she would like
to know whether she
will be fit to leave
the Retreat about that
time. She asks me
this because Miss Jodrey
has written to her
a letter showing no
signs of mental

disturbance.

Yours sincerely

Wm Kebley

longer at the Retreat -
show necessary. I am
anxious for the terms
to be low as in that-
case we can give
her all the more.
Several members of
the family have
given me £1 each
for her. - You have
got quite a wrong
impression that -
Miss Godfrey has done

Ans

Top House
Linthorpe
March 24th 1910

Dear Sir,

Thank you for
your letter received.
I am glad Miss
Godfrey is better &
able to leave. I
certainly did not
want her to stay any

night-work, my mother
always came to me
when she wanted any-
thing & lately I had
a bell put into my
room. I can only
remember Miss Goffey
getting up once
since Christmas for
the hour during the
night - & two or three
times the whole
18 months she has
been here. - The night-

I left home, I understood
she had been up for
an hour & the following
sat up for some relatives
who were staying for
a dance which evidently
was the climax as
the maids say she
seemed to have no
energy & did nothing
after until she broke
down. I felt very
pained when I heard
she had sat up
& never chanced



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The Retreat York

Will meet Miss Godfrey at
2-45
Ridley

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



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March 21, 1910

Dear Madam,

Miss Godfrey is now quite nicely, and I think the time has come for her to leave. She will be ready by the end of the present week.

I should be glad to know what she is to do. There is a Society which gives holiday assistance for the establishment of the recovery of persons placed as she is. It would seem to me very important that she should not be left without some oversight, of unfriendly character, before being landed in the world of service again. Of course, if you are able to give this supervision, yourself, all will be well.

I am glad to say she is very nicely, and seems quite to have recovered from the attack of depression.

Yours very truly,

Miss Ridley

March 21, 1910

Dear Miss Constantine,

I am sorry that the fee charged by the Committee is more than you were led to expect. If you will leave the matter for the present I shall be glad to re-open the question with a view to obtaining some reduction. If I am rightly informed the patient's illness was due to night and day work in nursing an invalid under trying circumstances. It does not seem to me as if a month's rest and treatment is a large amount for recuperation under such circumstances. I understand that you do not wish to be responsible for Miss Godfrey after the end of the present week. I am glad to say that she is very nicely, and I think she will be able to leave by then.

Yours very truly,

when telephoning to you
before sending Miss
Godfrey to the Retreat -
that the cost should not
be any more than from
12s to £1 at the
most for a month.
My Mother is a widow
& does not feel in
a position to do any
more. I shall be
very much obliged &
am sorry to trouble
you, if you will

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Top House
Rutwape
March 17th 1910

Dear Sir,
Your letter of the
17th to hand. I very
much regret that
the Committee have
not been able to keep
to the terms as
regards Miss Godfrey's
Keep as arranged.

Kindly inform ³ Mrs Ridley
4 Hutton Terrace Jesmond
Newcastle W. Tyne to exped.
or send for Miss Godfrey
on Saturday next - unless
they wish her to stay
longer at their own
expense at the Retreat.
It was through Mrs
Ridley objecting for Miss
Godfrey to go to the
sanatorium here that I
tried to return home to
get her in at the
Retreat - in spite of my
people's objections. I

feel exceedingly sorry for
Miss Godfrey & only wish
we could have taken her
back. My Mother-in-law
has been quite unkind
with the shock of Miss
Godfrey wanting to do
away with herself &
she will never be the
same again, being 85
years old. No blame
Mrs Ridley for not inform-
ing us of Miss Godfrey's
weakness as it might
have been still more serious
had our doctor not

Come in time & do
the very best he
could to save my
brother.

Yours truly
B. Constantine



See her but I have
not heard whether they
have done so. It is
very important to know
what to do for
the rest.

Yours truly
Olla T. Constantine

Yor. House
Linthorpe
March 18th / 1910

Dear Sir,

I should be glad
to know if Mrs. Goffey
will be ready to
leave on Saturday
her friends to dis-
want her unless
she is better, they
promised to go &

March 16, 1910

Dear Madam,

Miss Godfrey is getting on very nicely, but I think it is premature for her to leave so soon as next Saturday. She does not yet realise that she has been so poorly, and I think it would be prudent to let her remain a week or two longer.

The Committee, at their meeting yesterday, fixed the terms at 25/- a week, which, I hope, will be agreeable.

Yours very truly,

Miss Constantine

mental state until
a week since when
I find she had a
similar attack 5 years
since, when living
with Mrs Ridley a
Companion, address 4 Hudson
Terrace Leonard Newcastle
W. Tyne, the latter would
be able to give information
if required. I have
known the patient
for many years.
Mrs Ridley is not in
a position to help
but will give her a
sign if she recovers
for a time.

TOFT HOUSE,
LINTHWAITE,
MIDDLESEX.

Feb. 21st 1910

Dear Doctor Lister,

I enclose Statement
as regards Miss
Godfrey. - Miss Godfrey
I have known for
nearly 2 years being
Companion to my
Mother. I had no
idea of a previous
break down of a

Mrs Ridley informs
me this morning that
a Friend at Newcastle
is trying to interest
himself & is going
to have a meeting of
Friends to see if
they can do anything
for her. This Godfrey
is an orphan & has
known what to do.

It is my intention
of letting her be at my
expense for a month

at the Retreat - & should
you think that the
Case will be a long
one unless Friends
come forward I am
glad she will have
to go as a pauper
system. - I shall
be glad if you can
lay it before the
Committee to let the
charge for her keep
be as low as possible
as I have been to no
kind of expense, the
account of the home
where she been for 8 days
being £7. I shall
esteem it a great favour
if you will kindly let
me know your opinion &

JOSEPH H. TAYLOR

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NAT. TELEPHONE 161.

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Dear Dr. Pearce.

S. Lithgow your agent here asked

me to drop you a line regarding Godfrey.

Miss Constantine (with whose mother G. G. has
lived for sometime as companion & nurse)

called on me today & told me what a sad mental

she has broken down Miss Godfrey had had

she handed me a letter from Dr. Hedley asking

me if we Friends could do anything for her -

I referred her to S. Lithgow as he acts for the

Retreat here -

Both Godfrey's parents are dead

she seems to have no relative living

she was educated at the school

she has friends in Newcastle - (notably David Richardson) I believe

she is not a member

she has attended meeting here in the morning

she has I understand had a deadly dull & most depressing &
dispiriting time with Old Mrs Constantine aged over 80 -

Her age is about 30.

Those who know her more intimately than I speak of her as "as
caring a girl as you need wish to meet".

Dr. Hedley has put her into a private nursing home at Lintthorpe

but I feel that she is a fit & proper case for your care - I hope

you will get into touch with Dr. Hedley - if possible - if

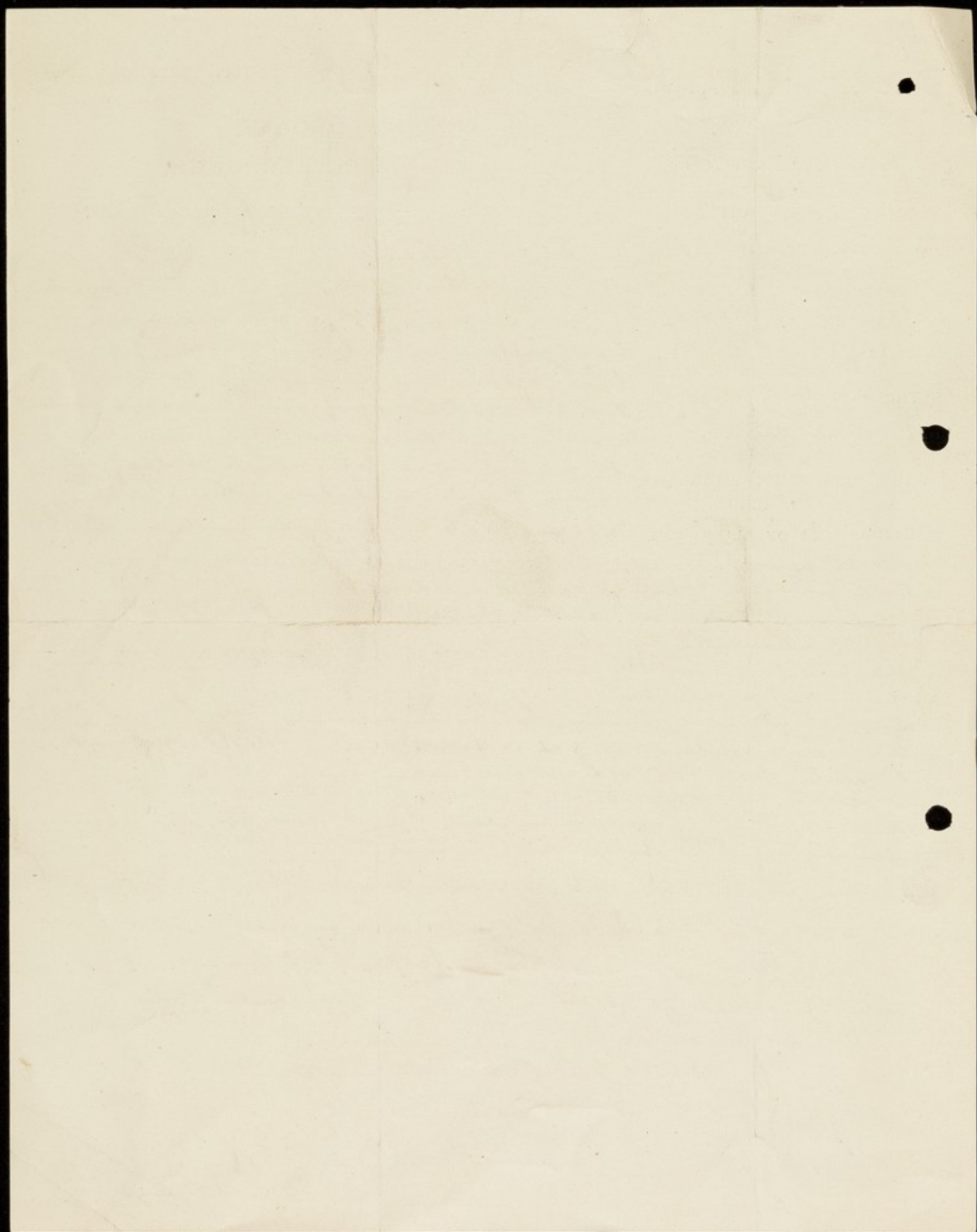
after what he says it seems right - take her into the

Retreat for a while -

With kind remembrances

Yours sincerely

Joseph H. Taylor.





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February 18th. 1910.

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

Dear Sir,

In confirmation of my Telephone message of this morning, Mrs Grace Constantine, of Toft House, Middlesboro, will be responsible for the Retreat Charges of Miss Gertrude Godfrey, aged about 30 years, & an old Scholar of the Friends School, Great Ayton.

The patient is a servant of Mrs Constantine, who would not care for her to go into the Workhouse, for if the trouble were only temporary, Mrs Constantine would have her back again.

Miss Godfrey will be brought to York sometime tomorrow, & we understand that Dr Hedley of Middlesboro will have all the papers in order.

As per your message per Phone, we have informed Mrs Constantine that the cost of Maintenance will be about £1 per week.

Mr J.H. Taylor will write you further particulars. as miss

Yours faithfully,

Godfrey.

Samuel Lithgow

February 18th, 1950.

Dr. Herbert H. H. H.
Medical Superintendent,
The Hospital,
York.

Dear Sir,

In connection of my letter of the morning,

Mrs. Grace Constantine, of 1011 Avenue, Manhattan, will be responsible
for the recent charges of Miss Gertrude Coffey, aged about 30 years,
an old scholar of the Friends School, Great Ayton.

The patient is a nervous of Mrs. Constantine, who would not
allow her to go into the workhouse, for all the trouble were only
concerning, Mrs. Constantine would have her back again.

Miss Coffey will be brought to York tomorrow morning.

We understand that Dr. H. H. H. of Manhattan will have all the papers
in order.

As per your message per phone, I have informed Mrs.
Constantine that the cost of maintenance will be about \$1 per week.
Mr. S. H. Taylor will write you further particulars.
Yours faithfully,