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29th July, 1916.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I am very pleased to hear that Mrs. Grace arrived home comfortably and that you find her in excellent health. It is rather a plunge for her to leave the sheltered life at the Retreat, but I think she is now quite able to look after things, and it will be an immense pleasure to her to see her boy and all the family.

She will tell you that I advanced £3 to her which will be placed to her account.

Many thanks for your kind reference to our care of her. At one time she was certainly an anxious patient, but for a long time she has given no trouble whatever and in many ways she has been very helpful.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1944, May 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very glad to hear that you

received my letter of the 10th and that you

are interested in the subject of the

letter. I am sure that you will find

the information in the letter of interest.

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Sincerely,

W. H. Hill



18, Lynne Road.  
Bristol.

28. 7. 16.

Dear D. Pierce,

I have pleasure  
in stating that our daughter  
(Mrs. Grace) reached Bristol in  
good health yesterday after-  
-noon. and, while it was  
on my mind to write you  
to this effect, I was glad  
that Mrs. Grace wished me  
to write you informing  
you of her safe arrival.

She speaks in the highest  
terms of your kindness



and of your Assistants,  
especially mentioning  
Sister Catharine,

With a thankful heart

Yours sincerely,

Frederick J. Williams

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↓  
Tyne Road,  
Bristol.

26. 7. '16

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have to thank you for the good news in your letter of yesterday's date, that our daughter, Mrs. Grace, will return home in the company of Mr. & Mrs. Hunt tomorrow (Thursday).

My dear wife & myself are unspeakably thankful for her wonderful recovery under your care & trust she may have many years of useful life & service before her,

Yours sincerely,  
Frederick J. Williams





June 2nd, 1916.

Dear Mr. Grace,

The circular was sent in mistake as there was no thought of Mrs. Grace going to Scarborough this summer.

I am glad to say she is very nicely, getting to be quite plump, with a healthy complexion.

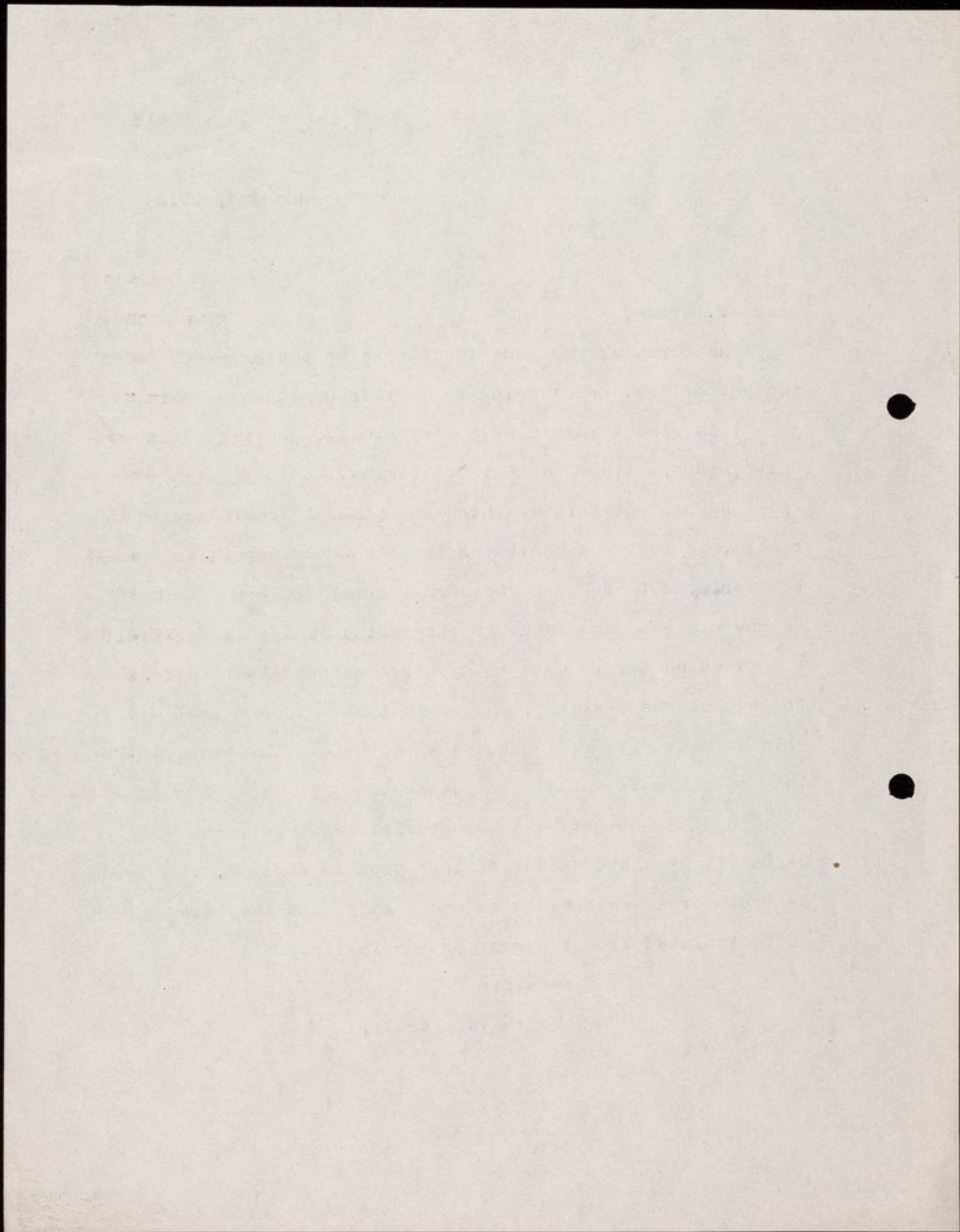
She has not said anything to me about leaving here lately, in fact she hesitates to take the plunge into the world, but she is quite useful here, and goes about as she pleases, and takes an interest in things in general.

I asked her to come to my house with another patient to tea but she declined, saying that she did not feel able to meet anyone. I quite expect she will before long make a move on her own account.

We have not got over our Scarlet Fever yet, but I do not think the question of infection is serious, it is over three weeks since we had a case, and they are quite isolated from the rest of the family.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





16th March, 1916.

Dear Mr. Grace,

I am glad to be able to report a progressive improvement in Mrs. Grace's condition. She cannot be said to be perfectly normal yet, and as she is very shy and retiring and has ill-defined fears she does not feel able to make the plunge into ordinary life, and so far has only managed to write a single letter to her son. She is, however, gradually taking more interest in things, is occupying herself well, and I fully expect that in the course of the summer she will be ready to leave. She tells me that she thinks it will be right for her, when she is better, to return to her father and mother.

If wonder if it would be possible during the Easter holidays for her to meet her boy at some suitable house?

I feel satisfied that it is not desirable to hurry matters seeing that she is progressing all the time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



18th March, 1916.

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I am glad to be able to report a progressive improvement in Mr. Grace's condition. She cannot be said to be perfectly normal yet, and as she is very shy and retiring and has ill-defined fears she does not feel able to make the plunge into ordinary life, and so far has only managed to write a single letter to her son. She is, however, gradually taking more interest in things, is occupying herself well, and I fully expect that in the course of the summer she will be ready to leave. She tells me that she thinks it will be right for her, when she is better, to return to her father and mother.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

18, Tyne Road: 773.  
Bristol.

20<sup>th</sup> 3. 16

D. T. Bedford Pierce,  
Dear Friend,

James Edward Grace  
Called on me last night re  
your letter to him as to the  
Condition of my daughter  
Alice Grace, a boarder  
at the Retreat and, subject  
to your approval, I  
propose running up to  
see her on Thursday,  
23<sup>rd</sup> inst, when I should  
like an interview with you  
Early Friday morning <sup>(if possible)</sup> as I  
see you are due at Leeds  
that day.

I should be glad of a



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No. 3309.

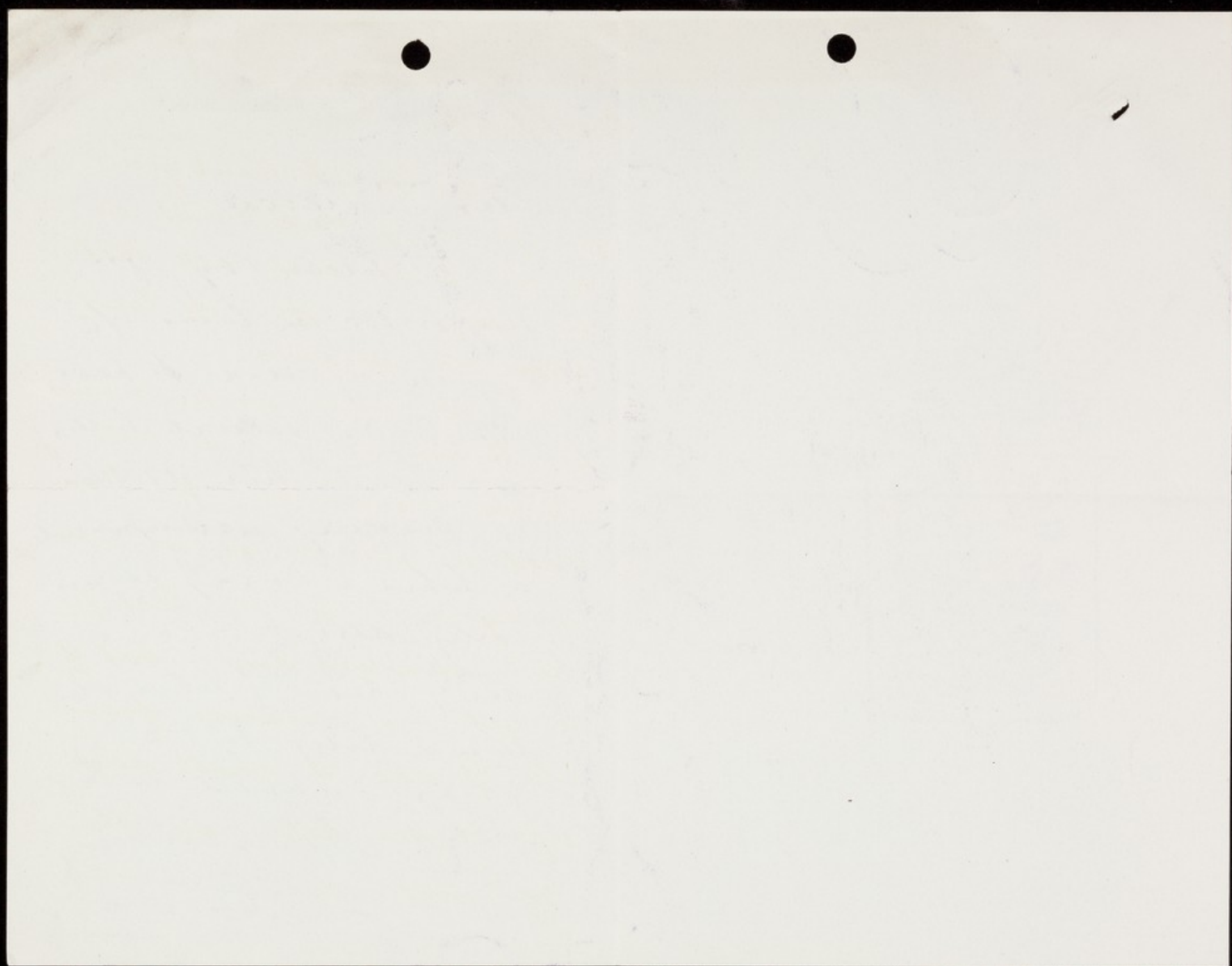
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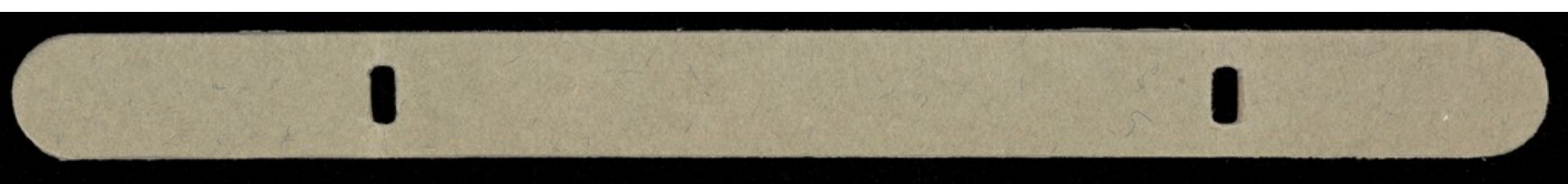
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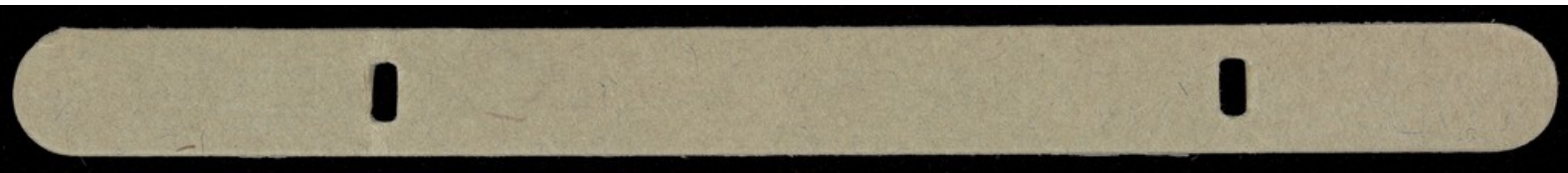
10/3/16 7505  
Dear F. Pierce

I thank you for  
my letter in Lams ofc.  
I am rejoiced to hear  
she is so much better.  
I conclude her Father  
is making arrangements  
as to her leaving at an  
early date. Have you  
any idea of what she  
would like to do?  
& what would be best  
for her? Yours sincerely  
J. Edwards











107, Dyne Road <sup>546</sup>  
Bristol.  
18. 1. 14

Dear Friend,

I have to thank you  
for yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst. as  
to M<sup>rs</sup> Grace, and note that  
she is now free to leave  
when she pleases.

I have written pressing  
her to express her own wish  
as to residence - for I can  
see that a return to her home  
may not be the best for  
her straight away; but if  
I get no answer from  
M<sup>rs</sup> Grace, I shall run  
up & see her on the  
29<sup>th</sup> inst. when I shall take

the opportunity of calling  
upon you to thank you  
for the wonderful recovery  
that has taken place in  
her condition, I am  
sensible of Divine power  
behind human effort  
but that does not  
obscure the skill & kindness  
of human power,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Frederick J. Williams

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posted  
Saturday 4:30  
p.m.

18, Tyne Road.  
Bristol.

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15.7.16

Dear Friend,

Dr Bedford Pierce.

I am in receipt of  
your letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst &  
it is the only communication  
I have had from you for many  
months.

I may say J.E. Grace  
received a letter from you  
- which he shewed to me -  
containing the welcome news  
of our daughter's (M<sup>rs</sup> Grace's)  
steady improvement & of  
her intended discharge.

J.E.G. will, doubtless have  
written an answer, &er this,



but, failing that, I may  
say we both agree, that  
it would be well to transfer  
her to one of your boarding  
houses while other arrange-  
ments are being made  
for her.

Permit me with a  
grateful heart to thank  
you for the wonderful  
recovery of our daughter  
while under your care,

With kind regards  
Yours sincerely,

Frederick J. Williams



14th January, 1916.

Mr. Williams,  
18 Tyne Rd.,  
Bishopstone,  
Bristol.

Dear Mr. Williams,

I have not received a reply to my letter, but I expect it is delayed on account of the disorganisation of the Post Office. The time is now up for the discharge of Mrs. Grace, and I have therefore sent a notice of her discharge.

I have invited her to remain as a voluntary boarder until something has been arranged for her.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,



14th January, 1951

TELEPHONE  
NO. 3300.

197 Redland Road

~~Downland~~

~~41 BELVEDERE ROAD,~~

REDLAND, BRISTOL.

14/4/16

Dear F. Pierce

Many thanks for  
your letter with the good  
news about my father  
in law. We must now  
consider what is the  
best course to take &  
where we had better  
arrange for him to start  
life again. I was  
wondering whether two  
or three months at  
Mun in Dr. Rott's

household would be  
desirable to begin with.

Suppose she will not  
be equal to much  
responsibility for some  
time. If you can

x suggest any place  
I shall be grateful. x

Yours sincerely

Edward L. C.

+ and as to the sort of  
life most desirable.



11th January, 1916.

Dear Mr. Grace,

You will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Grace is steadily improving, but she does not yet feel equal to facing the world and she shrinks from making any change at present, though I think it is very likely that in a week or two she will be able to leave.

It is not possible to sign the renewal certificate to say that she is of unsound mind. I am, therefore, proposing to discharge her as recovered, and to place her on the list of Voluntary Boarders.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

11th January, 1916.

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is steadily improving, but she does not yet feel equal  
to facing the world and she shrinks from making any  
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certificate to say that she is of unsound mind. I am,

therefore, proposing to discharge her as recovered  
and to place her on the list of Voluntary Boarders.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,  
SCARBOROUGH.

June 4 1915.

Dear D. Price.

We are making no head way with M<sup>r</sup> Grace. & now we have so many convalescents she is rather depressing & a trial because she cannot join in with what the others do - I find her weight is down 7 lbs. This is evidently due to her making herself sick. I told D. MacKenzie

807.  
How June Air covered her behind the bench low the day we took all the ladies & put them down to lunch. I have told her that I cannot let her take walks, & she must stay in the garden. The result is, that every opportunity she goes away behind the trees giving us no end of trouble by always Reaping out of sight.

The new members of our family are settling in nicely & I am



quite charmed with their  
surroundings. I am sorry  
to say P. Hilda is still  
unfit for duty. She was  
up Wed. & Thurs for part of  
the day. but today is not  
so well so I am keeping  
her in bed till F. Taylor  
sees her again.

Yrs Obedtly  
Faith. A. Elkins

19 Northumberland Road,  
Redland.

March 21.

Bristol.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

I am hoping to come to  
York on Wednesday, to see  
my sister-in-law Alice Gace.  
Leave York by train due  
at 3 o'clock, & think I had  
better come straight to  
"The Retreat". I hope it will  
be a convenient time for me  
to see her, & if you can  
spare me a few minutes, I



22nd. October, 1914.

Dear Mr. Grace,

In reply to your letter I certainly think it is possible that an improvement will take place in Mrs. Grace's condition. In fact I shall be disappointed if she does not recover. Since we sent the report Mrs. Grace has done a little in the way of bedmaking for the Belgian refugees, and does not seem quite so obstinately depressed. I cannot say how long it will be necessary for her to remain with us. It sometimes happens that the last stages of convalescence are very rapid. We have had two long standing cases of melancholia suddenly recover within the last fortnight. She is not yet ready to go to Scarborough but we will gladly make a move there as soon as she is a little better.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



1914, October 12th

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am very sorry to hear that you are ill.

It is certainly a pity that you should be ill.

I hope you will get better soon.

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Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

TELEPHONE  
No. 3309.

197 Redland Rd.

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~~Downland~~

~~14 Belvedere Road~~

REDLAND, BRISTOL.

19/10/14

Dear Mr. Pierce

u Mrs. M. Since

Thank you for report -  
It is of course disappointing.  
I am sorry to trouble you  
but we should like to know  
your views on the following  
so as to be guided in  
making the necessary  
arrangements for her boy -

(1) Is it probable that  
improvement will still take

place. (2) It is likely  
that she will be at the  
Retreat for another six  
months or so. I know  
you can only answer in  
a general way, but we would  
hope some idea as to the future  
if possible. The difficulty  
increases as he is getting  
very anxious at not being  
told about his mother and  
being allowed to see her.

Do you think  
a change to Scarborough  
or elsewhere would do  
the patient any good?  
Yours very truly  
J. E. Wardlaw



957.  
18, Tyne Road,  
Bristol.

19. 9. 14.

Dr Bedford Pierce,

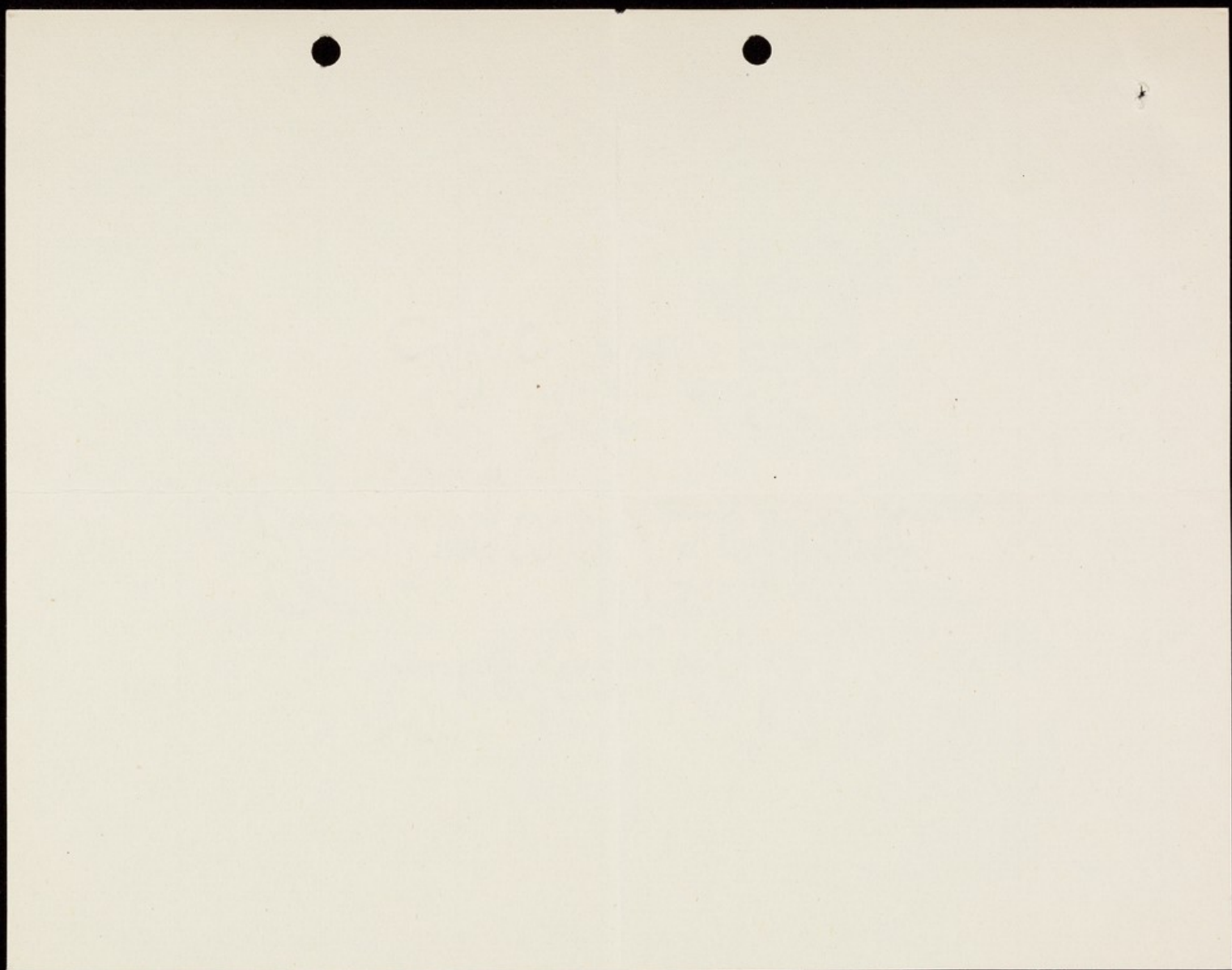
Dear Friend,

The undersigned,  
would esteem it a great  
favour if you would let  
him know the condition  
of Mrs Grace, (under your  
care at the Retreat), and,  
whether, you think a visit  
from me (her father) would  
be agreeable or helpful  
to her,

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frederick J Williams



TELEPHONE  
NO. 3309.

DOWNLANDS

11 BELVEDERE ROAD

REDLAND, BRISTOL.

9/7/14

Dear F. Pierce

Thank you for letter.  
I do not yet know what  
time I shall reach  
you on Saturday - but  
will ring you up on  
my arrival to know  
whether you can see me

Yours sincerely

Edward Pearce

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3rd July, 1914.

Dear Mr. Grace,

I fully expect to be here on July 11th and 12th, but on the 13th I have to go to Norwich to attend some meetings. I should be pleased to see you to talk over the matter you mention. I am glad to say that Mrs. Grace is slowly improving but she says that she does not feel very much better.

Yours very truly,



10th June 1914.

Dear Mr. [Name]

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

I am sorry to hear that you are not well.

Yours truly,

[Signature]



616  
Lyne Road  
Bristol.  
13.6.14

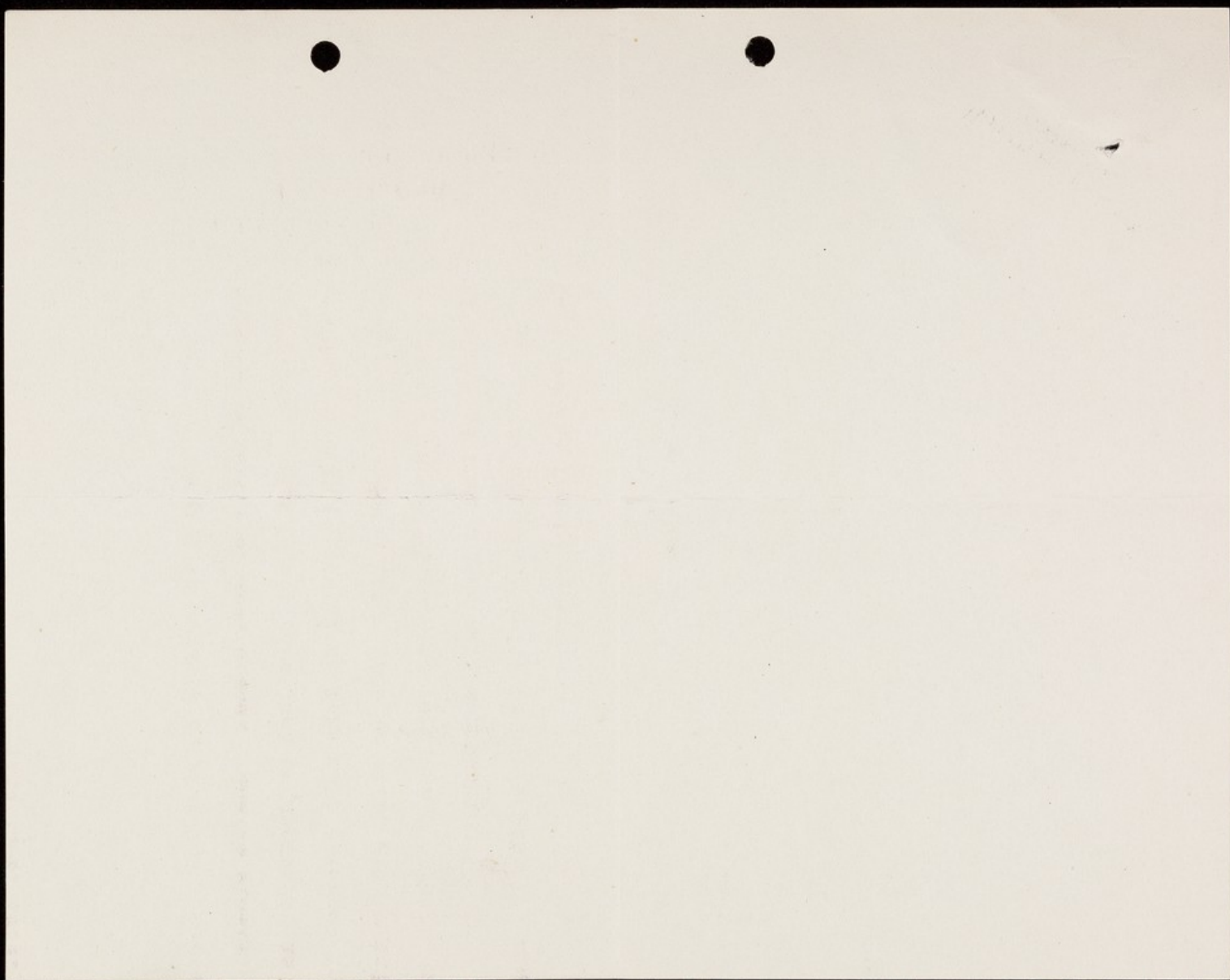
Dear Friend.

W<sup>m</sup> Bedford Pierce.

I have to thank  
you for information as to  
our daughter - W<sup>m</sup> Grace - &  
are glad to note that she is  
slowly improving -

Yours sincerely,  
Frederick Williams.

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12th June, 1914.

Dear Friend,

I am glad to be able to give you a somewhat favourable report of Mrs. Grace. She is slowly improving. She is not so silent or depressed as she was, and is beginning to take more interest in what goes on around her. She is still gloomy and frequently unresponsive, and very far from well, but it looks as if a change were approaching.

By all means write to her regularly, and tell her any family news.

Yours very truly,

Frederick J. Williams.



1914, June 12

Dear Sir,  
I am glad to hear that you are  
interested in the subject of the  
newly discovered fossils. The  
fossils are of great interest  
and are of a very rare  
kind. They are of a very  
rare kind and are of a  
very rare kind. They are  
of a very rare kind and  
are of a very rare kind.  
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kind and are of a very  
rare kind. They are of a  
very rare kind and are  
of a very rare kind.

Yours faithfully,  
Frederick J. Williams

Grace 18, Tyne Road.  
Bristol.

22. 5. 14.

Dear Harold C. Hunt,

I do not like  
bothering you, but I thought  
you might, privately, let  
me, or, J.C.H., know how our  
dear Alice is. We have  
not heard a word as to  
her condition since I saw  
her at York on April 11<sup>th</sup>  
last.

My wife, Gertrude & Arthur  
were much pleased to hear  
of your dear wife & the chicks  
as, also, yourself, and send  
their kind regards.

Yours sincerely:

Frederick J. Williams





20 Montrose Rd ✓  
Sheffield  
3. 1. 14

Dear Dr. Pierce

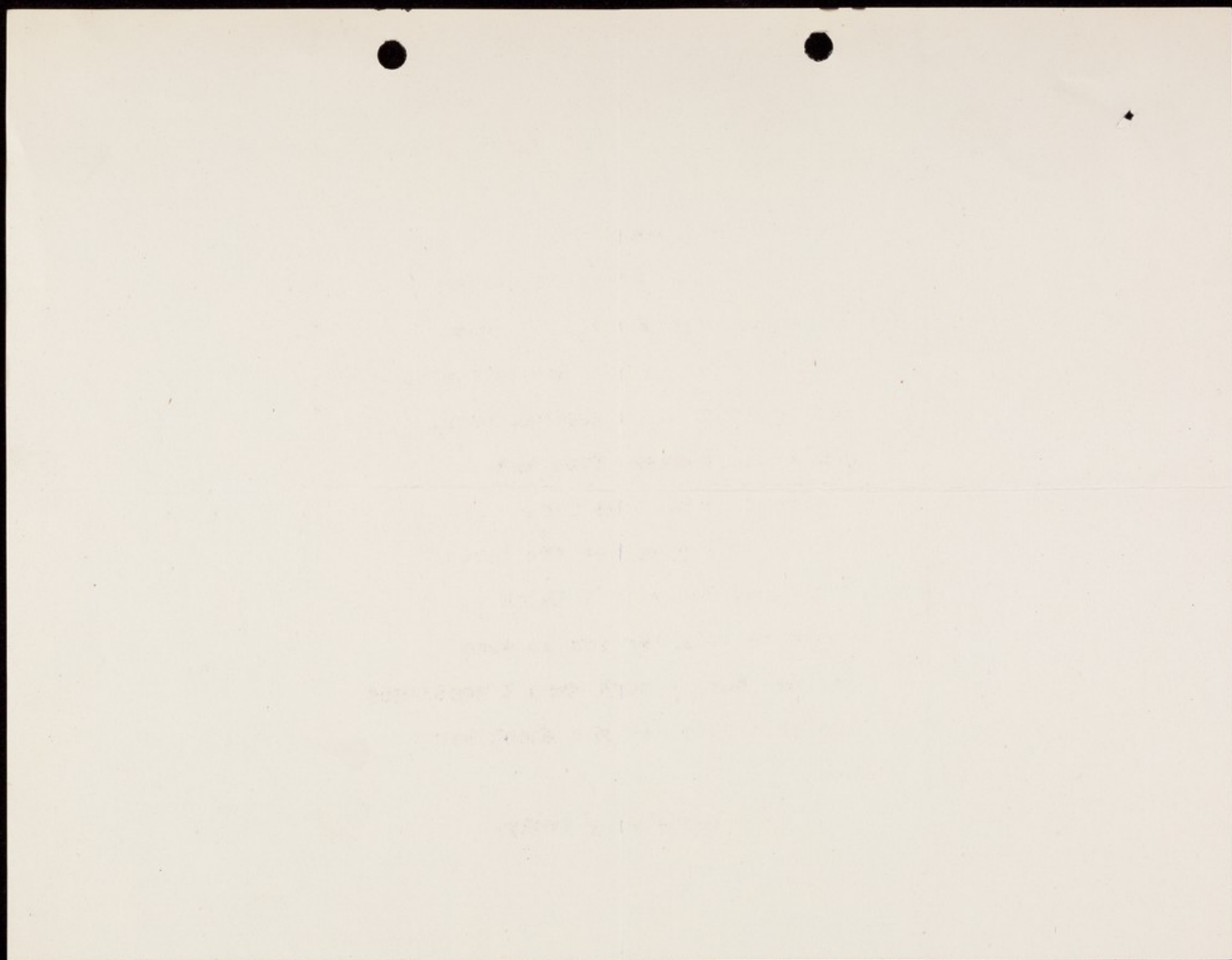
I should be very much  
obliged to you if you could  
give me any information  
respecting the condition of  
(Mrs.) Alice Grace  
of Bristol  
who I believe has been for  
some time an inmate  
of the Retreat.

I may say that my  
wife & I are very much  
interested in her, for as  
a child she repeatedly

413  
stayed with us for lengthy  
periods; & we have been  
distressed to know of her  
break down. . . Beyond the  
fact of her removal to York  
we have little information.

Apologising for  
troubling you, & thank-  
ing you in anticipation,  
I am, Yours sincerely,  
Alfred Lucas.

Dr. Boring - please answer



7th. March, 1914.

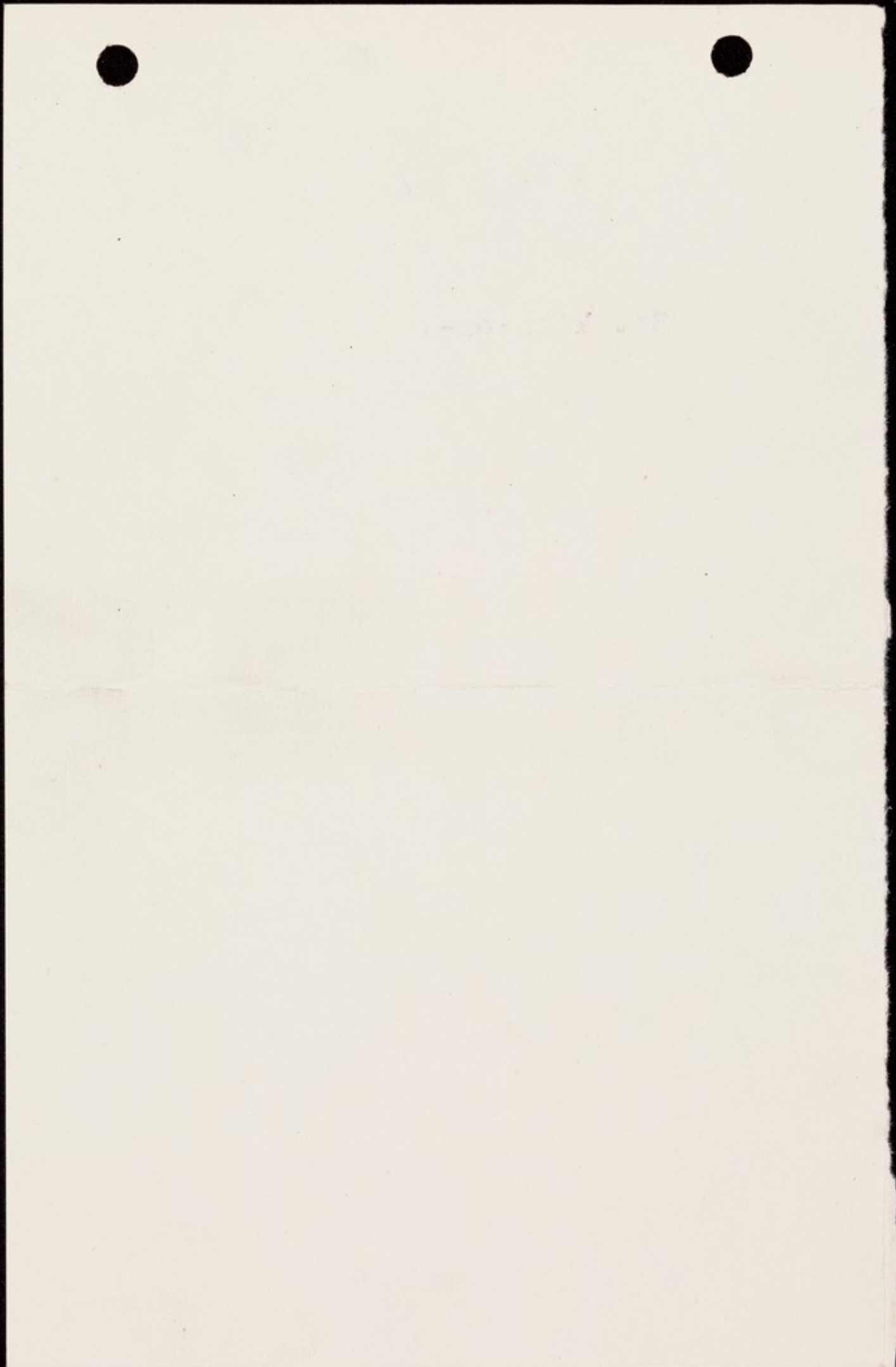
Dear Mr. Williams,

Mrs. Grace is making slow progress physically, and mentally she is not as distressed and and depressed as she has been. She still refuses food and requires to be tube fed.

I gave her the letter from Mrs. Jones. I think it would be well for you to come and see her, though when I mentioned the matter to her she shook her head.

Yours very truly,





18 Tyne Road.  
Bristol.

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6.3.1914.

Dear Friend  
Bedford Pierce.

I am father to  
M<sup>rs</sup> Alice Grace, who is under  
your care at the Reheat, York,  
Enclosed herewith is a letter  
which, if you think it wise,  
might be handed to our  
daughter, as it concerns  
her only child, a boy,  
at school. If you think  
M<sup>rs</sup> Grace would not be  
helped by the letter please  
destroy it.

One other favour, would  
a visit from me at Easter  
time be likely to retard  
her progress?

Yours sincerely,  
Frederick J Williams.





Nov 24 1914

Dear Friend  
Jas. E. Grace

We do not seem to have sent  
the usual form of agreement when  
Alice Grace was admitted into the  
Retreat. I was away all just  
about that time & the matter  
was overlooked.

Yours truly

W. E. Waller  
Secy.



Nov 2 1914

Dear Sir  
Mr. E. Jones

We do not seem to have had  
the usual form of agreement when  
your name was submitted but the  
Referee. I was away at first  
about that time & the matter  
was neglected -

Yours truly  
W. E. Johnson



• please let me know.

I think we have  
only met once since  
the days at Septimus  
Martin's Highbury  
New Park - I hope  
that you & yours are  
well. Yours sincerely

Edward Leach

16/2/14 145

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "GLENELSEE, WHITALL, LONDON."

TELEPHONE NO.  
3700 VICTORIA.  
4 LINES.

NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB,  
WHITEHALL PLACE, S.W.

Dear S. Pierce

Your letter has  
followed me - I am  
very sorry you cannot  
yet report much  
improvement in my  
poor sister in law's  
condition -

I quite understand  
that she requires a deal  
of nursing & that the  
expense is therefore  
heavy. Her income



is quite small under  
£40 pa. & with a  
son at school it is  
already necessary to  
augment her income  
considerably. I shall  
therefore be glad if the  
Club will put the  
terms as low as they  
fairly can. You  
are doubtless aware  
that she is a  
birthright member.  
If you require  
further information





Feb. 14, 1914

Dear Friend,

The question of the terms for Mrs. Grace will be considered by the Committee on Tuesday next, and I should be glad to hear from you as to what can be rightly afforded in this case. Mrs. Grace requires a good deal of nursing and personal attention, the cost of which will be considerable, but I am sure the Committee would wish to adjust the terms to meet the necessities of the case. The lowest rate for persons who are not Friends is 48/- weekly, and when reductions are necessary the Committee ask for particulars.

I cannot report much improvement in Mrs. Grace. She still refuses food, and has to be tube fed, but she has improved in appearance and looks much better, though I am afraid the distressing ideas continue.

Yours very truly,

James Edward Grace Esq.







Jan. 30th. 1914.

Dear Mr. Grace,

The Commissioners in Lunacy have returned the copies of the papers in order that certain corrections may be made. You did not reply to the question in Form 2 as to whether Mrs. Grace is dangerous, and seeing that one of the Medical Certificates states that "she threatens to kill others" it should be filled up. Probably it would be sufficient to say "has threatened to injure others." The Magistrate has made out the order to the "Resident Licensee;" this should be changed to "Medical Superintendent." As is usual in such legal documents, corrections should be initialled by the persons signing the papers in questions.

I am able to report a little improvement in Mrs. Grace's condition. She is not so worn and the degree of excitement is not so intense. She has had to be forcibly fed, or the improvement in her physical condition could not have taken place. We are nursing her almost entirely in bed except when in her restless condition she insists upon getting up and wandering about.

Yours very truly,





give her to recover. I hope  
the quiet - well ordered  
discipline may restore  
her mental balance.  
She got <sup>comparatively</sup> quite sane towards  
evening - and then I  
managed to feed her the  
last - two or three days - up  
to that - she was taking  
food well -

If the Certificates turn up  
will you kindly wire - &  
will you let me know  
how Mr. Grace progresses?  
Yours faithfully,  
Annie F. McCall

✓ 84.  
44 Arden Hill

Jan 24. 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am very glad my patient  
reached the Retreat - safely -  
but - sorry that - in the  
confusion at - Normanton  
the Certificates were either  
lost - or stolen. If they fell  
under the train I fancy  
they would have been restored  
by you before this. I am inclined  
to think they were stolen  
as they were in Anne's  
outside pocket - and  
being found of no value



were thrown away -  
nurse has been to see the  
Midland Supt. this morning  
she has tried to Normanton.  
If they are not forthcoming  
during the next week I  
expect you will get another  
Certificate locally - Dr.  
Blackford the head of  
Fishponds Asylum was  
the one who gave the second  
Certificate - We are willing  
to remit our fees if they  
are not forthcoming as  
the patient is not well off.

I am extremely sorry as  
they were all in order -  
& I had the Magistrate  
here & a good deal of com-  
pulsion for a private home.

With you thank Dr.

Binnie for her kind letter.  
I was sure Mr. Grace  
would be difficult to feed  
& manage - as she became  
so rapidly worse. Had I  
known the full family  
history I do not think I  
should have taken her.  
But she had every chance



to have 2 nurses for him -

I am glad to know of the recovery of the documents - Some of us thought that the nurse ought to have put them in a safer place than her pocket & also given them to Arthur to take care of -

Marshall & Geraldine are well, they have one of Baron Lansdowne's children living with them - a little girl 6 years old - the father is in British Columbia & there are no educational facilities where they live, so the parents are glad for M. C. to have her educate her -

Ada & H. & Lillian are pretty

262 High Street

Wincanton

29. July 1914

Dear Harold -

When I opened your letter this morning - I could not think who had written it - at first I thought it must be Mrs. Pierce, she is our cousin & then on further perusing it I found it was from you - Somehow it never dawned on me you might be the writer -

Many thanks for it, it's some years since I last spoke to you & I did not even know you



were the happy possessors of  
children - I know Ernest had  
a child born about the same  
date that Fred's little girl  
came & born - but don't know  
if he has more than one -

Not living in Bristol for so  
many years, I have not kept  
up with the doings of many  
of my relations -

I am not quite sure as  
to the date of Alice's birth,  
so have written to the bank  
her son soon as I receive a  
reply will send the particulars  
with this letter - I left Bristol  
on Monday, & probably I go into

Exmouth next week - but letters  
addressed to

The Times

Here - Will's

will always reach me -

Alice's illness - at least in the  
form it has taken - has been  
a great surprise to all her  
relations & friends as she had  
seemed better in health &  
spirits this autumn than for  
many years past - I do hope  
she will soon be better as  
her parents have had so  
much illness to contend with  
of late - Arthur was ill with  
Typhoid for 15 months past  
of the times they were & they



I have now entered date  
of birth June 14<sup>th</sup> 1875.

well, but I am almost afraid  
Ho. will have a breakdown, if  
Alice does not improve, they  
are so attached to me and then  
Ho. feels Alice's condition  
very keenly -

My Father keeps wonderfully  
well - the last account I had,  
was that he had spent an  
afternoon working in the garden -

Saw Gertrude Salisbury last  
Thursday, she & her husband  
came up from Weston for the  
day. They were both well -  
the former looks very bonny -  
married life seems to suit her -

Arthur told me most of the  
time he had in York was



taken up with her if I go -  
get another Dr. to see Alice,  
owing to the loss of the papers -  
I see that Dr. Cornall has  
not filled up about insanity -  
being in the family - My  
Mrs Williams both assured  
me that they knew of no  
case of insanity on either  
side - But he got very  
run down before she went to  
York has been quite well  
ever since - The loss of  
Mrs Jas Grace & Mrs J. E. Grace  
seems to have preyed on Alice's  
mind - one death coming  
so soon after the other then

she had some unexpected  
financial difficulty, but the  
letter was cleared up before  
she was taken ill -

If you should be writing - I  
should be glad to know how Eliza  
Beacher is - I expect you know  
her personally - she is my niece  
by marriage -

If I do come to York, I shall  
try to look you up & shall be  
very pleased to make the acquaint-  
ance of your wife & children -

With kind regards

I am

Yours affectionately

Ellen M. Beacher



2 Victoria Road West  
Westbury Park  
Bristol  
25. Jan 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I thank you for your letter -  
I am sorry you were not able to give  
a better report of Mrs. Grace. - but I  
hope, as you say, that before long  
under the skilled care & treatment  
at The Retreat she may soon  
improve. - Her parents do not  
know how ill she is, if I may be  
allowed to suggest such a course.  
I think it would be better in case  
she should feel worse not to write  
direct to them -

If you think later on a visit  
from a relative or friend would



prove beneficial - My parents would  
like me to come & see her -

I hope E. Lewis Preacher is  
improving -

I am very much better for the  
stay in Switzerland & am now able  
to take up the ordinary duties of life,  
again -

Yours very sincerely

E. Lewis Preacher

AT HOME

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Ingleby,

44, Arley Hill,  
Bristol.

Jan 22. 1914

Dear Sir.

The patient - W. Grace  
who is to be under your  
care came to me with  
what at first seemed to  
be neurasthenia. The  
first week she took her  
food fairly well - even  
getting down as much as  
11 glasses of milk & per-  
son 5½ lbs. The melancholia  
however - became more  
pronounced & resistive



in character, and latterly  
she has passed at times  
into acute mania. As long  
as she would take her  
food. I was willing to keep  
her here. But now it is  
only in the evenings when  
she has lucid intervals  
that I have been able  
to get her to take food.  
According to her own version  
she is homicidal & <sup>not</sup> sui-  
cidal but I have seen  
nor has the Nurse. any  
determined attempts that-  
way. She has had Paral.



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delude 30 every night -  
which has given her good  
sleep & when we have  
been able to get it down  
Bromide Sulphonal -  
She has had money trouble  
& has confessed to mastur-  
bation - and I believe  
there are no delusions -  
You had her sister M<sup>r</sup>.  
Wheeler at one time -  
She has not been dirty  
or degraded in habits



but I think the discipline  
of an aerium life is what  
she needs. The nurse  
who brings this can give  
you any other information.  
I shall be glad to hear  
from you how she pro-  
gresses.

Yours very truly,

Annie F. McConall.

at 2 Victoria Road - West<sup>72</sup>  
Westbury Park  
Beistef  
22. Jan'y 1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am writing at the request  
of Mr. & Mrs. Williams with regard  
to their daughter, Alice Grace of 18 Lyme  
Rd. Beistef. who by the time you  
receive this, will I hope be safely  
lodged at The Retreat - & tho'  
doubtless her brother will be able  
to give you any information you require,  
it seemed quite a relief & comfort  
to her Parents to think I was going  
to write as well.

Her sister Bertha Wheeler was  
under treatment at my house at



Myer, Wilts, some 9 years ago - but  
as she did not improve much  
& he also went to York - I am glad  
today in her case, there has been a  
permanent recovery -

Alice Grace is younger & until  
the death of her husband, was well  
strong, since his decease, about  
8 years ago, & he has never been the  
same physically, & during her  
widowhood she has had many  
difficulties as well as financial  
anxieties. The latter have evidently  
preyed upon her mind with the  
decease of her mother-in-law & also  
a sister-in-law this autumn have  
ended in this complete breakdown -

Her father particularly wished  
to know that she has always  
been interested in Christian work

is naturally of a cheerful & happy  
disposition -

She has only one child, a boy  
of 9  $\frac{1}{2}$  years, he goes to Boarding  
School, where he is very happy -

The financial worries are now  
much lessened, but the relief from  
these seems to have come too late -

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Ellen M. Bracher

NOTE.—Each query must be answered.

## Statement of Particulars referred to in the annexed Petition.

[Form 2.]

If any particulars are not known, the fact must be so stated. [Where the patient is described as an idiot, omit those marked\*.]

The following is a Statement of Particulars relating to the said Alice Grace.  
Name of Patient with Christian Name at length - Alice Grace  
Sex and Age - Female Age 38  
\*Married, Single, or Widowed - Widow  
\*Rank, Profession, or previous Occupation (if any) - Widow  
\*Religious Persuasion - Society of Friends  
Residence at or immediately previous to the date hereof - 18 Tyne Road  
\*Whether First Attack - ?  
Age on First Attack - ?  
When and where previously under care and treatment as a Lunatic, Idiot, or Person of Unsound Mind } When -  
Where -  
\*Duration of existing Attack - Fortnight  
Supposed Cause - Financial worries  
Whether subject to Epilepsy - No  
Whether Suicidal - Yes  
Whether dangerous to Others and in what way - Yes where well is crossed  
Whether any near Relative has been afflicted with Insanity - Yes sister  
Names, Christian Names, and full Postal Addresses of one or more Relatives of the Patient - Mr. Frederick John Williams, 18 Tyne Rd.  
Name of the Person to whom Notice of Death to be sent, and full Postal Address, if not already given - Same  
Name and full Postal Address of the usual Medical Attendant of the Patient - Dr. Annie Cornall, 44 Arley Hill  
Signed, Annie Florence Mary Cornall

When the Petitioner is not the person who signs the Statement, add the following particulars concerning person who signs the Statement.

Name with Christian Name at length  
Rank, Profession or Occupation (if any)  
How related to or otherwise connected with the Patient

53 Vict. c. 5. s. 31. When neither Certificate is signed by the usual Medical Attendant.

3, the undersigned, hereby state that it is not practicable to obtain a Certificate from the usual Medical Attendant of (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for the following reason, viz:—

(Signed), (b) \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

53 Vict. c. 5. s. 7 (4).

When a Previous Petition has been dismissed.

3, the undersigned, hereby state that a former Petition for the Reception of (a) \_\_\_\_\_ into (c) \_\_\_\_\_ was presented to \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_, and dismissed.

Herewith is a copy (furnished by the Commissioners in Lunacy) of the Statement sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal.

Signed, (b) \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Names of Patient in full.

(b) To be signed by the Petitioner.

(c) Name of asylum, hospital, licensed house, or single charge.

(d) Justice of the Peace for \_\_\_\_\_, or Judge of County Court of \_\_\_\_\_, or Stipendiary Magistrate for \_\_\_\_\_.



EACH FOOT NOTE MUST HAVE STRICT ATTENTION.

Omissions or mistakes may cause serious trouble subsequently.

53 Vict. c. 5. - Sched. 2, Form 1.

## Petition for an Order for Reception of a Private Patient.

IN THE MATTER OF

a person alleged to be of unsound mind.

To (a)

The Petition of

of (b)

in the County of

(c)

1. I am (d) years of age.

2. I desire to obtain an Order for the Reception of

as (e) a person of unsound mind in the Hospital called the Retreat, situate at York.

3. I last saw the said

at (f)

on the (f)

day of

19

4. I am the (g)

of the said

(or if the petitioner is not connected with or related to the patient, state as follows:) (h)

I am not related to or connected with the said

The reasons why this Petition is not presented by a relation or connection are as follows: (state them.)

The circumstances under which this petition is presented by me are as follows:—(state them.)

5. I am not related to or connected with either of the persons signing the Certificates which accompany this Petition as (where the petitioner is a man) husband, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, partner, or assistant, (or where the petitioner is a woman) wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, partner, or assistant.

6. I undertake to visit the said

personally or by some one specially appointed by me at least once in every six months while under care and treatment under the Order to be made on this Petition.

7. A statement of particulars relating to the said

accompanies this Petition.

If it is the fact, add: 8. The said

has been received in the said Hospital under an Urgency Order dated the day of 19

The Petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be made in accordance with the foregoing statement.

Signed, (i)

Date of Presentation of the Petition

day of

19

(a) —a Justice of the Peace for —, or His Honour the Judge of the County Court of — or — Stipendiary Magistrate for —

(b) Full Postal address.

(c) Rank, profession or occupation.

(d) At least twenty-one.

(e) A Lunatic, or an idiot, or a person of unsound mind. (One of these terms must be used exactly as given).

(f) Some day within 14 days before the date of the presentation of the Petition.

(g) Here state the connection or relationship with the patient.

(h) If a near relative is the Petitioner, there is no necessity for filling in the remainder of paragraph 4.

(i) Full Christian and surname.



N.B.—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 Alfred Grace of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcliffe, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1914

Name

Residence

Occupation

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



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