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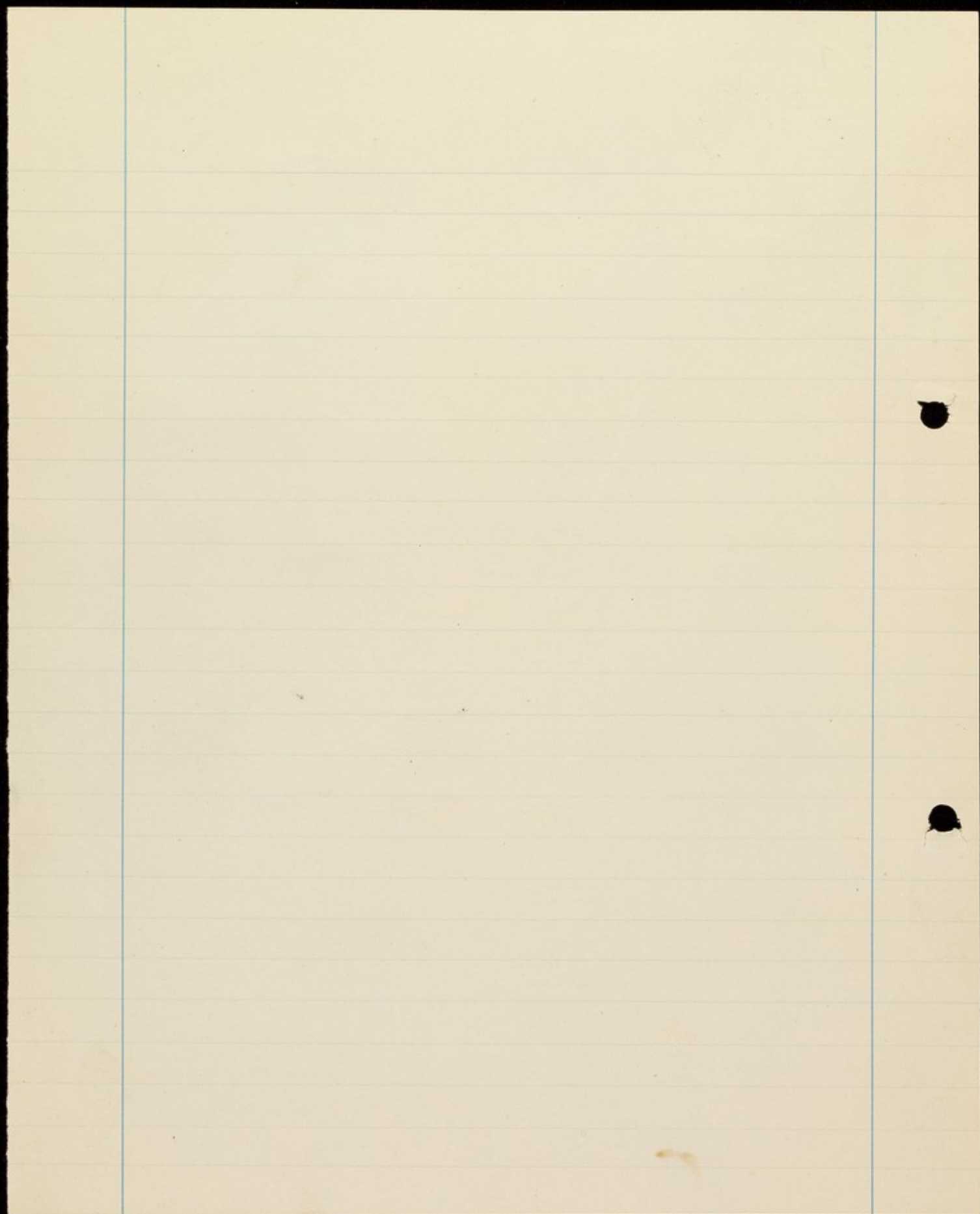
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33 High Street

Stranraer

April 13/16

(28)

Dear Sir

I am suffering from
a small mental breakdown
and would like to
come to your hospital
as a paying patient
I have a Widow's pension
of 25 shillings a week
from the Crown Agents
I will try and make

arrangements for the
payment of money to
you if you can I do
not feel able now to
manage my money I
think there is something
wrong with my brain.

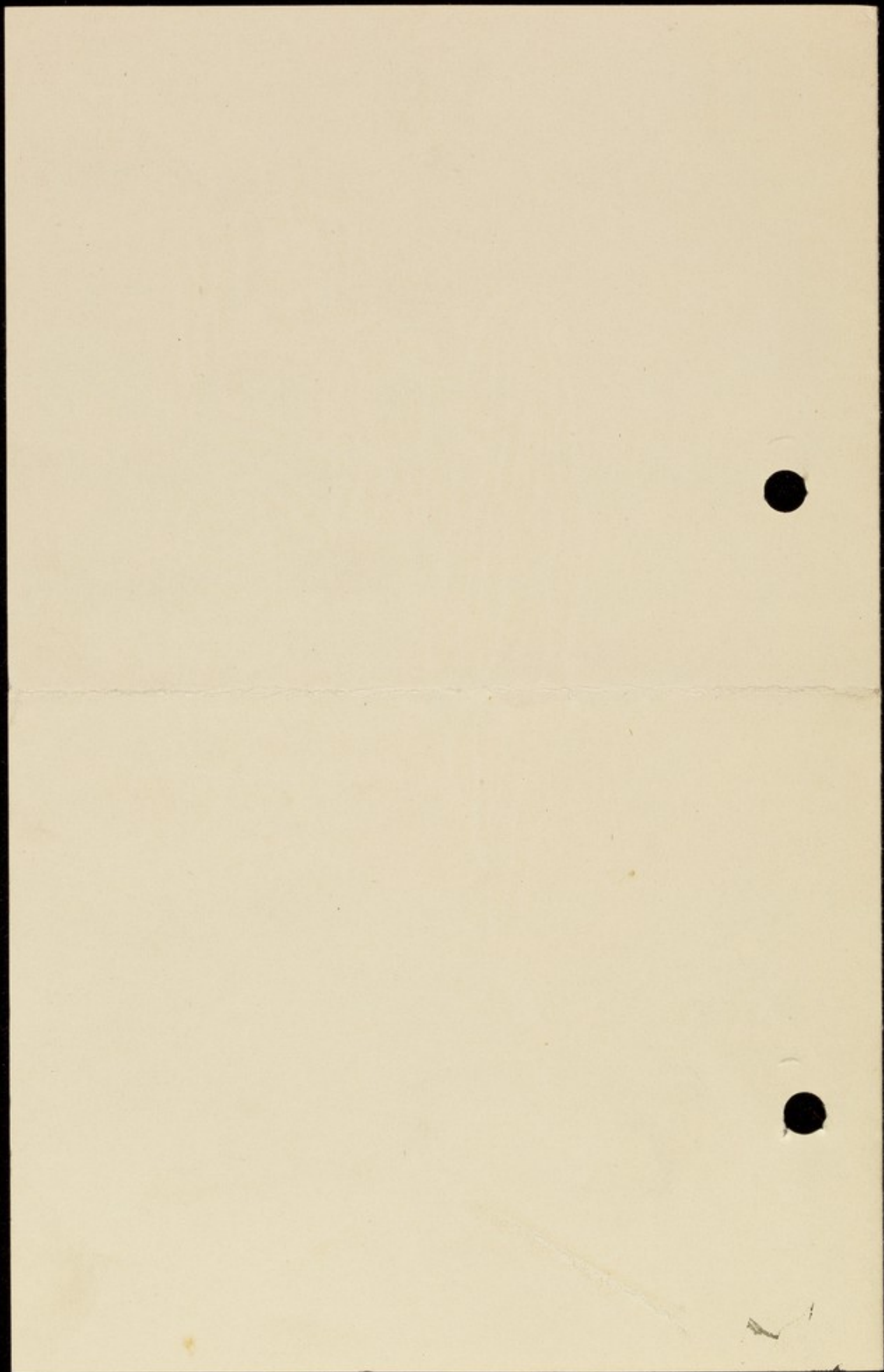
I remain

Your humble Servant
Mrs M. F. Gromitt

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TELEPHONE 224
EASTBOURNE.

March 9th

The Grange 736.
Going-on. Sussex

HOLYWELL MOUNT,
EASTBOURNE.

Dear Sir

I have been advised
by Mr. Fleming of Pirebright
to write to you & ask if you
could receive into your
asylum a lady suffering
from a severe nerve break-
down. Since last July 2

she has been at Cambewell
House, Peckham Road but
the Master in Lunacy has
ordered her removal
to an Asylum where
she can be maintained
better for income which
is about 30 per week. Could

the patient have a private
bed-room for that fee?
The patient is well in
health but in an excited
condition & full of energy.
I need not trouble you
with more details of the
case until I hear further
from you.

Yours faithfully
D^r Bedford Pearce
The Asylum
York
Florence Gold

at her sister's Mr. Karmide
who is very seriously
ill. I spoke to her
about Miss A. Gough
and she advised me
to write to you &
make enquiries.

We have not spoken
to the patient herself about
coming to York yet as we
thought it best to enquire
about it from you first.

I hope you & yours are
well.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Emma Cadbury

20 MAY 1915

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TUDOR HILL HOUSE,
SUTTON COLDFIELD.

64 Wellington Rd
Edgbaston
Birmingham

Dear Bedford Pierce,

There is a member
of the Society of Friends
Annelia Gough by
name, who has been
an earnest worker
in the Adult Schools
until quite recently.

She is a working
woman, but has
about £800. After an

operation at a Home in
Landsworth, mental
weakness developed,
in a marked way
though even before
this she was some-
what depressed.

From this Home she
was transferred to
Barnsley Hall in

Bromsgrove when she
has paid 20/- a week.

Miss King & I went
to see her about 10 days
since & find she is
in a state of much
depression about
herself. We should

much like her to be
under the care of Belids
at York Retreat.

She has an aunt &
some cousins.

Before we speak to
them about her going
there, we should like
to know whether
you have room to
take her in, & what
sum she would have
to pay weekly.

We do want her to
be when she will
be most comfortable

I saw Charlotte
Thomason the other day



Cairnsmure, ✓
Queen's Parade,
Grimsby,

686.

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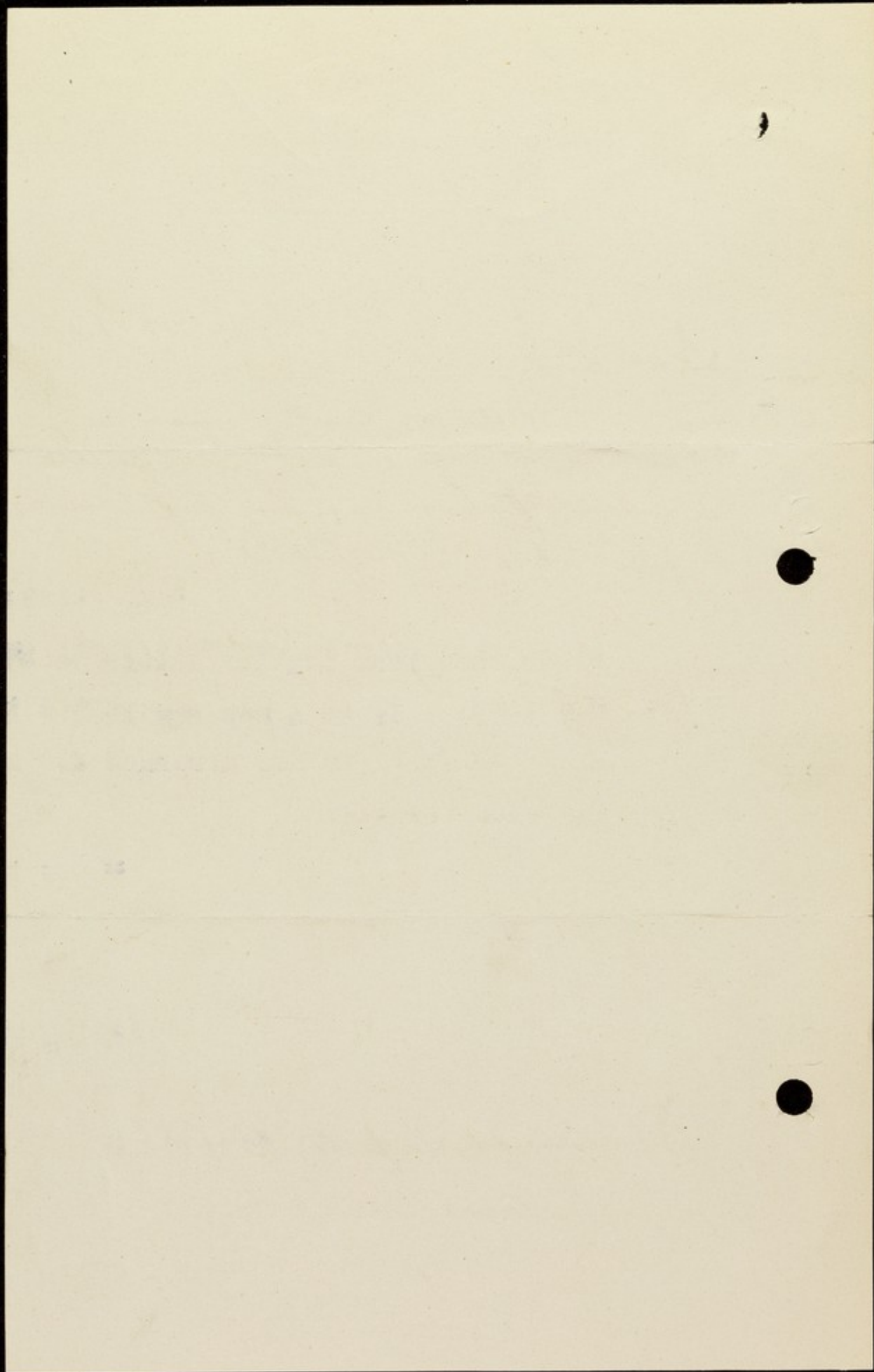
April 25th 1915-

Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me if
you have a vacancy for a private
Female Patient suffering from delusions
if so what are your charges.

Yours respectfully
S. Gordon

The Medical Superintendent
Retreat Hospital
York



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"SANATORIUM, STAINES"

RAILWAY STATION—VIRGINIA WATER, S.W.R.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED

TO THE

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM
VIRGINIA WATER

13th June 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter. I conclude that your inquiry refers to Miss Gale, daughter of Mrs. Handford. If so I may say that I have to-day heard from Mrs. Handford that she has arranged for her daughter's transfer to The Lawn, Lincoln.

Yours truly,

Geo. W. Smith

Acting Medical Superintendent

P.S. Dr. Moore returns from his holiday on Monday next.

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM
VIRGINIA WATER

15th June 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Brown,

Many thanks for your letter. I am
glad that your inquiry refers to Miss Gale, daughter of Mr.
Hawthorn. It so I say that I have to-day heard from Mr.
Hawthorn that she has arranged for her daughter's transfer to

The Lawn, Lincoln.

Yours truly,

Acting Medical Superintendent

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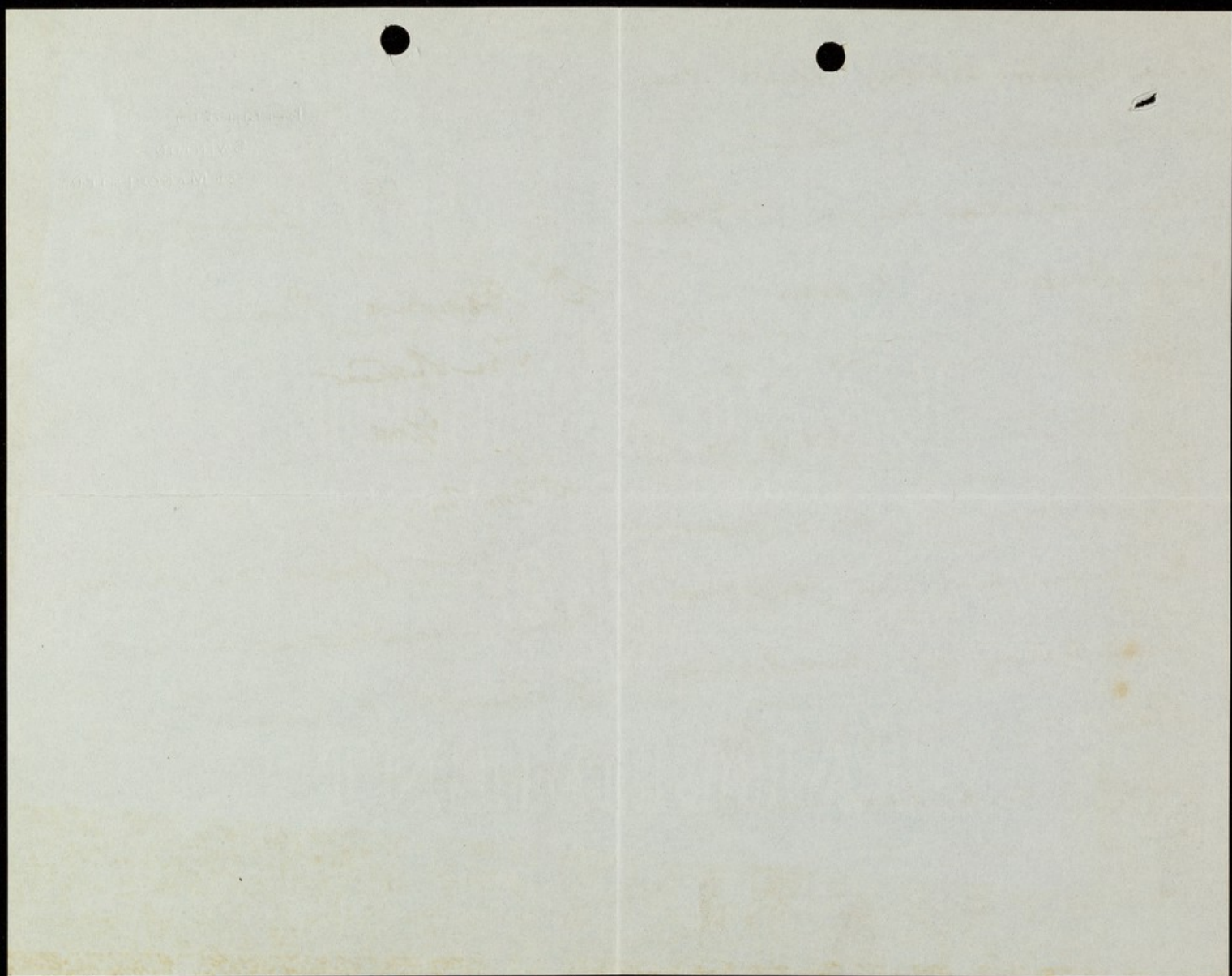
to the same having quite out
 to the same likely to disturb
 others. She has been in a propri-
 etary place which I mention you
 know quite well, ^{by name} she is now
 in charge ^{of the} ~~institution~~ ^{institution}, which is I
 have to say to be a very
 the individual case she requires
 & I am looking out for a smaller
 place, not a proprietary but
 smaller a good deal than where
 she now is. I wish to take an early
 opportunity of coming over to York
 to see the Retreat

Youngs Road
 Epsom to York
 Beechfield,
 Swinton,
 N. Manchester.
 June 9. 1914.
 Dr. Blaylock Prince
 The Retreat
 York.

Dear Sir.
 Please forgive me for not
 having acknowledged your letter
 I am so & thanking you for
 sending me the 1912 Report of
 "The Retreat". The Patients in
 Epsom is already, with some

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Mr. Dantrecker's work
reunion of Patients & Social
Class from which they are drawn
and if you have a
copy of the last Annual
Report

The name of this Institution
was given me, among others,
by Dr. Chambers of Roch-
ampton

Yours truly
Edmund G. Grog

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BEECHFIELD,
SWINTON,
NE MANCHESTER.

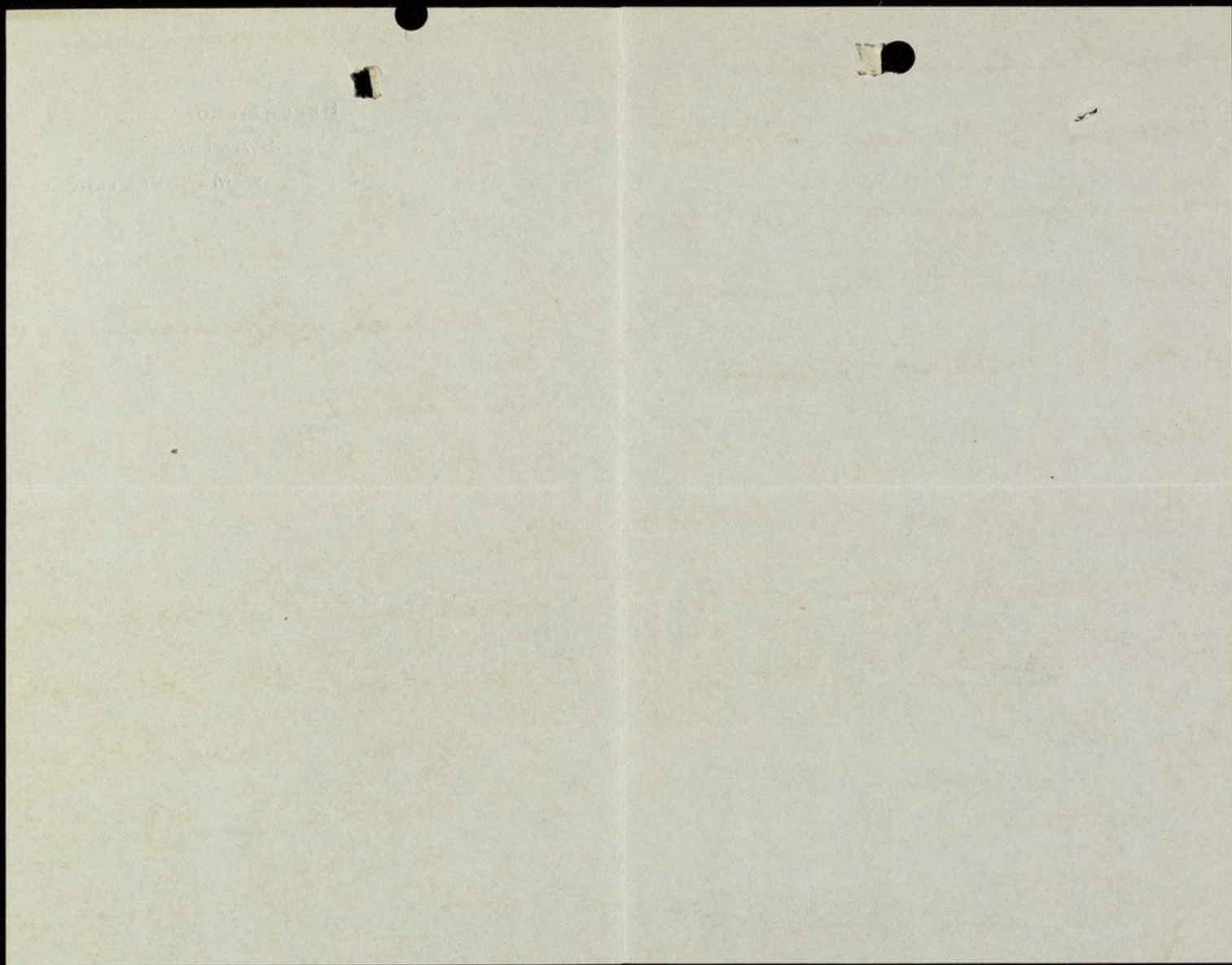
May 31. 14.

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat

York.

Dear Sir.

Will you be so kind as
to send me some particulars
of The Retreat, York, in con-
nection with alms & Patients.
I should like to know the terms



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but he cannot take responsibility
Miss Nigh is getting older -
and says she cannot put
up with the poor things
'tantrums' any longer -

(Can you advise me - or
can you give her work
at the Retreat - if I pay
you £12 per ann - as I have
been doing for Miss Nigh -
The harder Alice worked

74 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea
S. Mary Home } ✓ S.W.
Pamworth
fls.

Dear D. Bedford Pierce -

I have on my hands
again - an afflicted one -
who has been taken care of
by a nice Emily Nigh of the
Adult School at Croydon -
She is called Alice Shimpfen
and she lives with Miss Nigh
at 70 Tamworth Road
West Croydon.

She can wash and do house
work - • help with cooking.

the better she is. She is the sister of
my 2 wards who were with me at
Leam for 10 many years -

My dearest behken has been
killed in France - as well as many
cousins -

When shall we awake -?

I feel the war has come - Justly. We
all prepared for it - w it came -
We cannot put it down to God - as w
many seem to do - We made it - because
we have not understood the laws that
govern man kind - w the arts of righteousness
your many Dorothea Gith

Scaleshor Park.

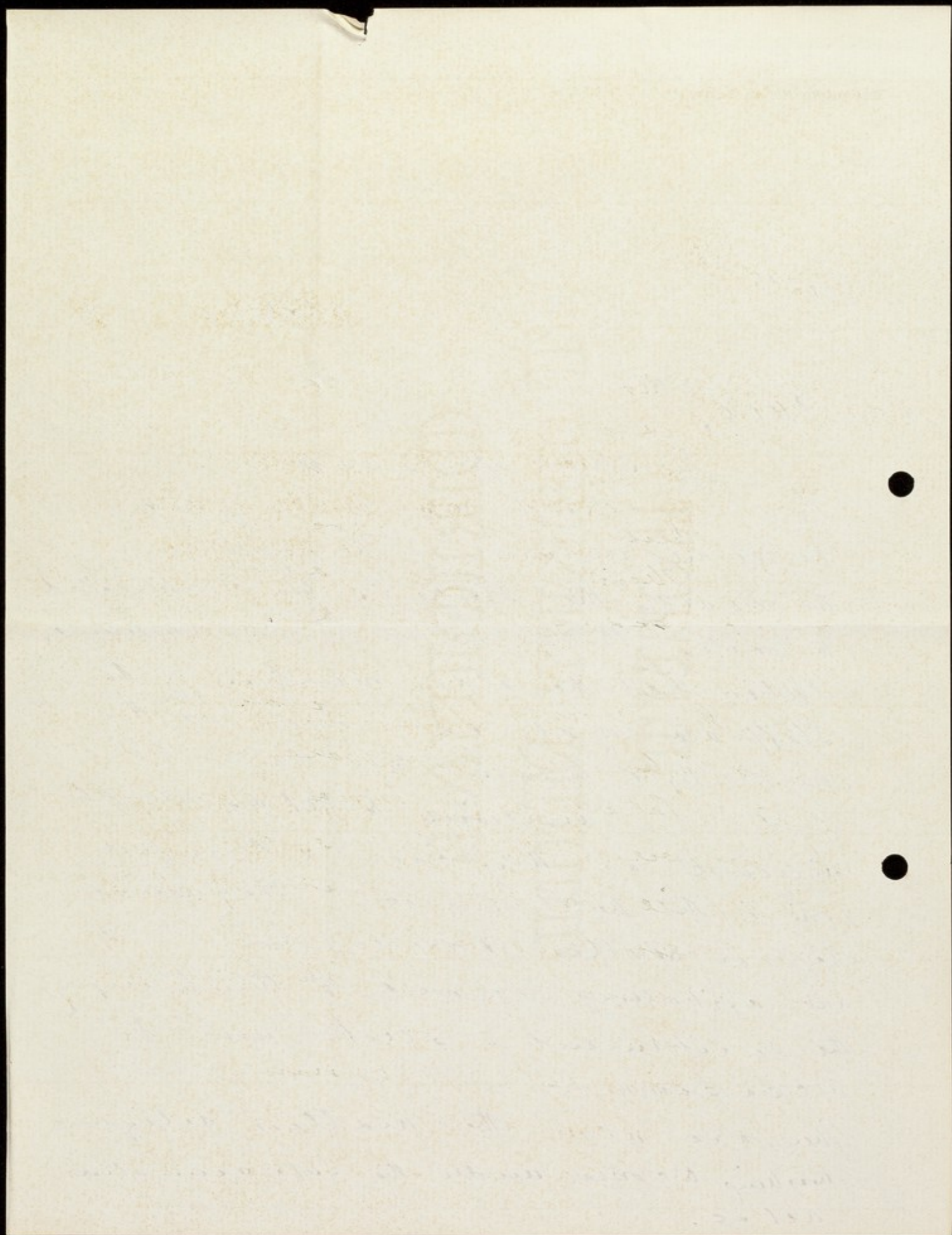
Burley-in-Wharfedale.

Personal6 October 1913

Dear Alice,

The strike affects us only indirectly though two-thirds of our people are "union". The position as regards the strike is too complicated to write. Briefly, at the present moment, I believe that the older members of the Staff are loyal & unmoved at the publicity & threats but they are naturally anxious to get as much increase as they can & therefore join in the petitions &c. The junior staff is restless & irresponsible & are agitating & I think enjoy the excitement a strike would occasion —

There are also the matter agitators wishing to come under the Superannuation act &c.



Scaleshor Park.

Burley-in-Wharfedale.

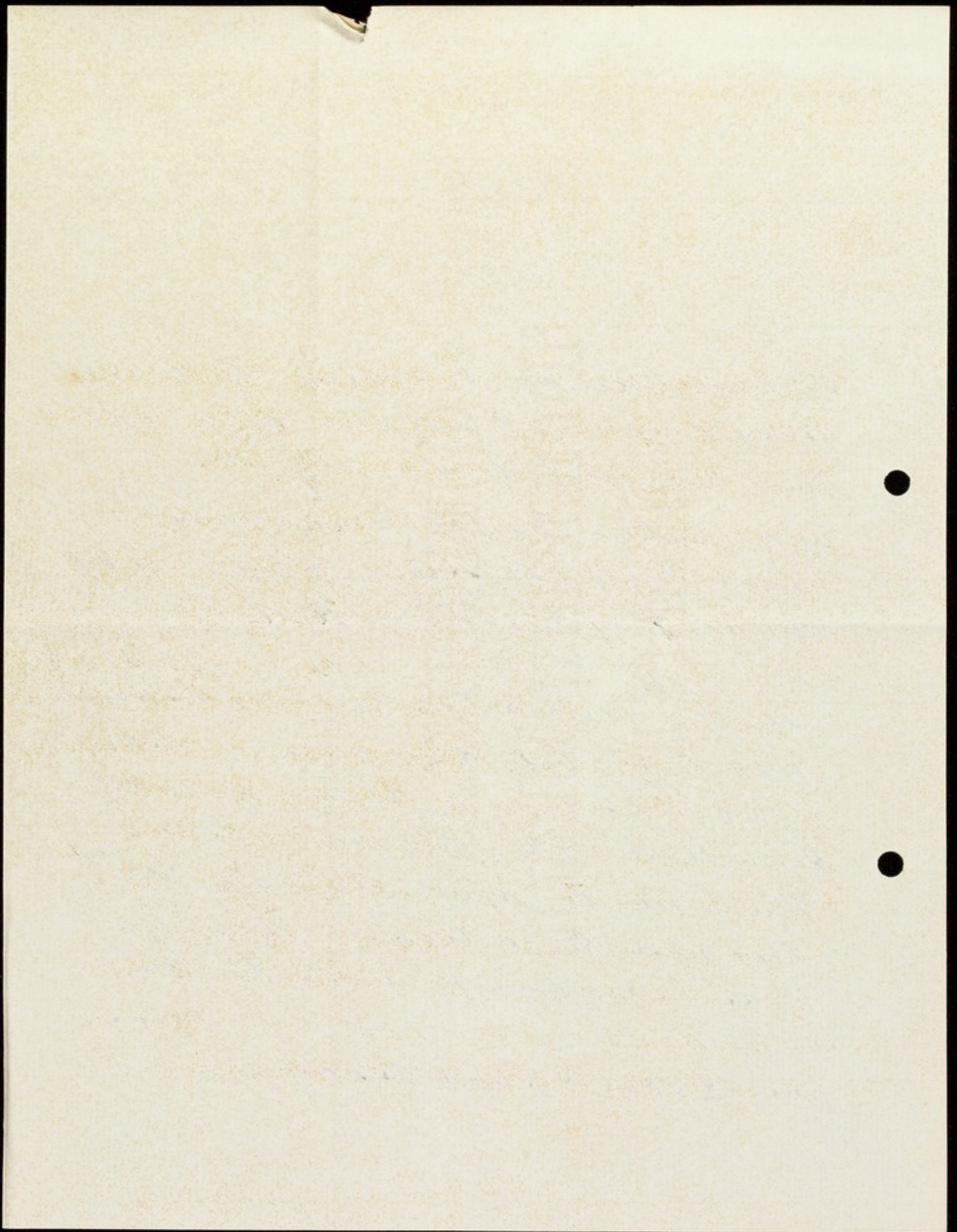
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Six months ago I raised the nurses salaries & about a year ago gave them one day off a week &c.

The Managers Board have now raised their salaries above out of print scale & this has occasioned some unrest here.

a fortnight ago
When the revised scale was passed I was instructed to prepare a statement of the salaries & hours of duty to compare with this new scale.

This will be done during the next month or two. If we go up in accordance with the scale at the same places it will mean from £500 to £600 per annum!



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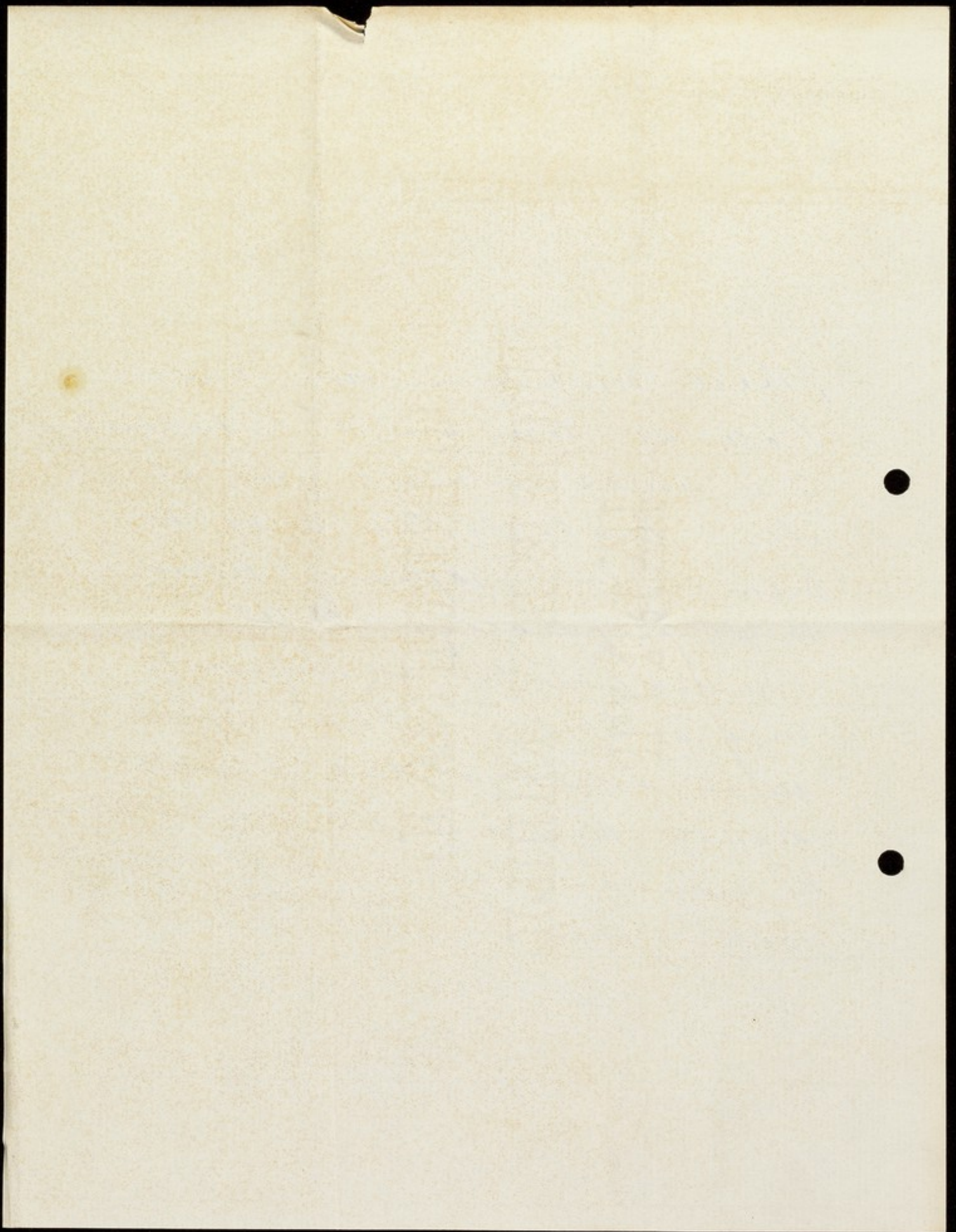
Burley-in-Wharfedale.

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I shall send you our new
Scale as soon as it is prepared
if it would interest you at
all. Probably this will be
December (or February) before
we get it finally settled -

Turned on the whole quite
enjoy a "Strike" - I have considered
all its aspects & think I could
manage through it & it would clear
the ground - I shall see you at some meeting
before long & shall give you
with regards a fuller statement then.

Yours faithfully
J. H. Silvester



TELEPHONE: 43 MEXBORO'

THARRAWADDY,

WEST MELTON,

ROTHERHAM.

AT HOME, 9 A.M.
.. 5 P.M.

AT 4 BEECH ROAD,
12 NOON.
6-30 P.M.

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To The Managers.

Retreat.

Dear Sir

would you

kindly forward me.

Particulars of your

Home

I am

Ever Sincerely

R. H. Erney.

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that she would be admitted
to the retreat without being
certified. I am willing
to be answerable for a
certain amount but you
will understand that
my means are limited
and the only claim she has
upon me is for a year's
service. Her father belongs
to the Society of Friends and
I believe she attends meetings
when in a town where there
is one. I am, very truly,
Yours

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Wellbault
Dorset
Nov 1st 1911

Dear Sir,

I have had a
Miss Gertrude Godfrey in
my employment for a
year. For a few days she
has been peculiar in
her behaviour. I called
in my doctor this
morning and he considers
that she is suffering from
rather bad melancholia.

I have ascertained that
about two years ago she
was for a time in the
Asylum, a very unfortunate
circumstance is that
she is friendless and
without money, I went
to Newcastle today to
consult a lady, Mrs. Widdie,
who in the past has shown
Miss Godfrey great kindness.

and she says that when
Miss Godfrey was under your
charge before, that a very
small charge was made
on account of the patient's
friendless condition.
I would prefer if possible
not to send her to an
ordinary Asylum as that
would spoil her chance
of getting work on
her recovery. I understand

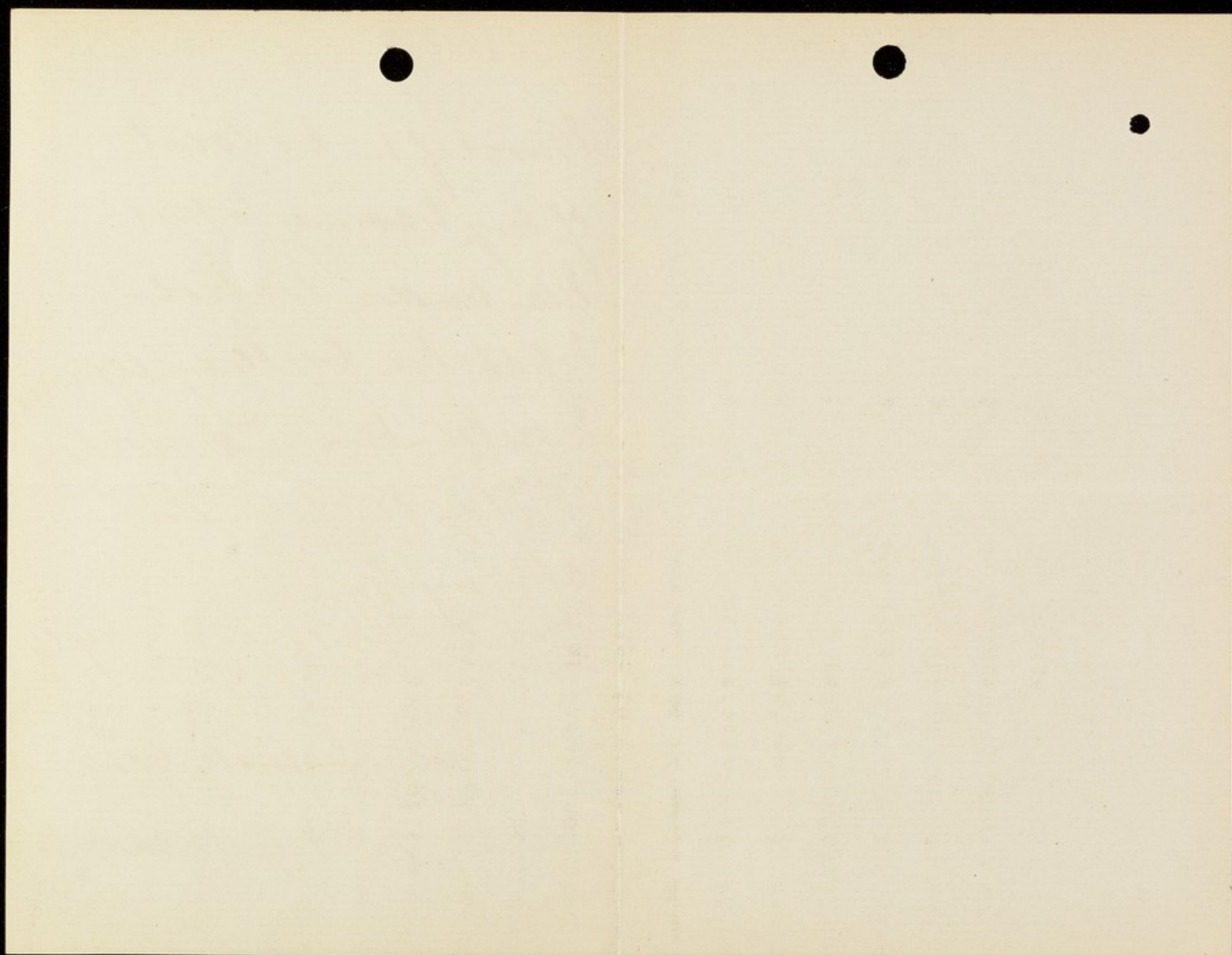
I know if in the event
of my having to put
her under control
what the weekly expenses
would be and if she
could be admitted
at any time.

Hoping for an early reply

I am

Very Sincerely Yours

(W^m) Dr. J. Cotton



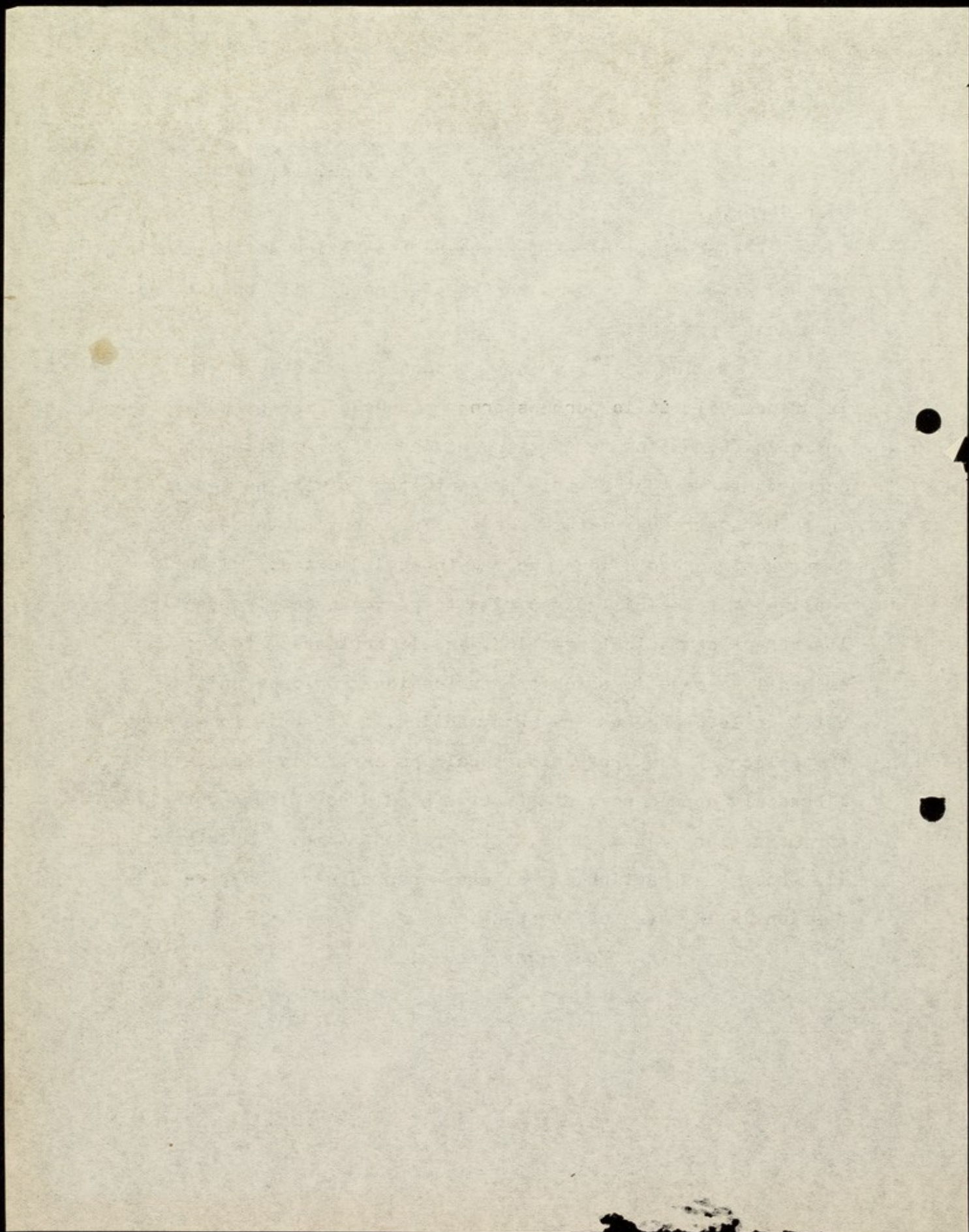
Dec. 14, 1911

Dear Goode,

Late last night I received the notice of the meeting, and engagements in Leeds tomorrow afternoon will prevent me from being present.

Seeing that I am not personally affected by the Insurance Bill it is perhaps presumptuous of me to express any opinion, but on reading the notice of the meeting it occurred to me that at this present stage of the matter it would be a serious mistake for the York doctors to pass any far-reaching resolutions such as those indicated. I fully realise that the bill gives rise to grave anxiety respecting its effect on medical practice, and it would seem to be eminently a case in which the profession should be united, but I would deprecate any hasty action. It seems to me that the policy of the profession should be carefully and deliberately considered, and that we should not pledge ourselves any more than we have done, at the present time. Hasty and ill thought out action may altogether prejudice the profession in the eyes of the public.

Yours very truly,



Nov. 16, 1911

Dear Sir,

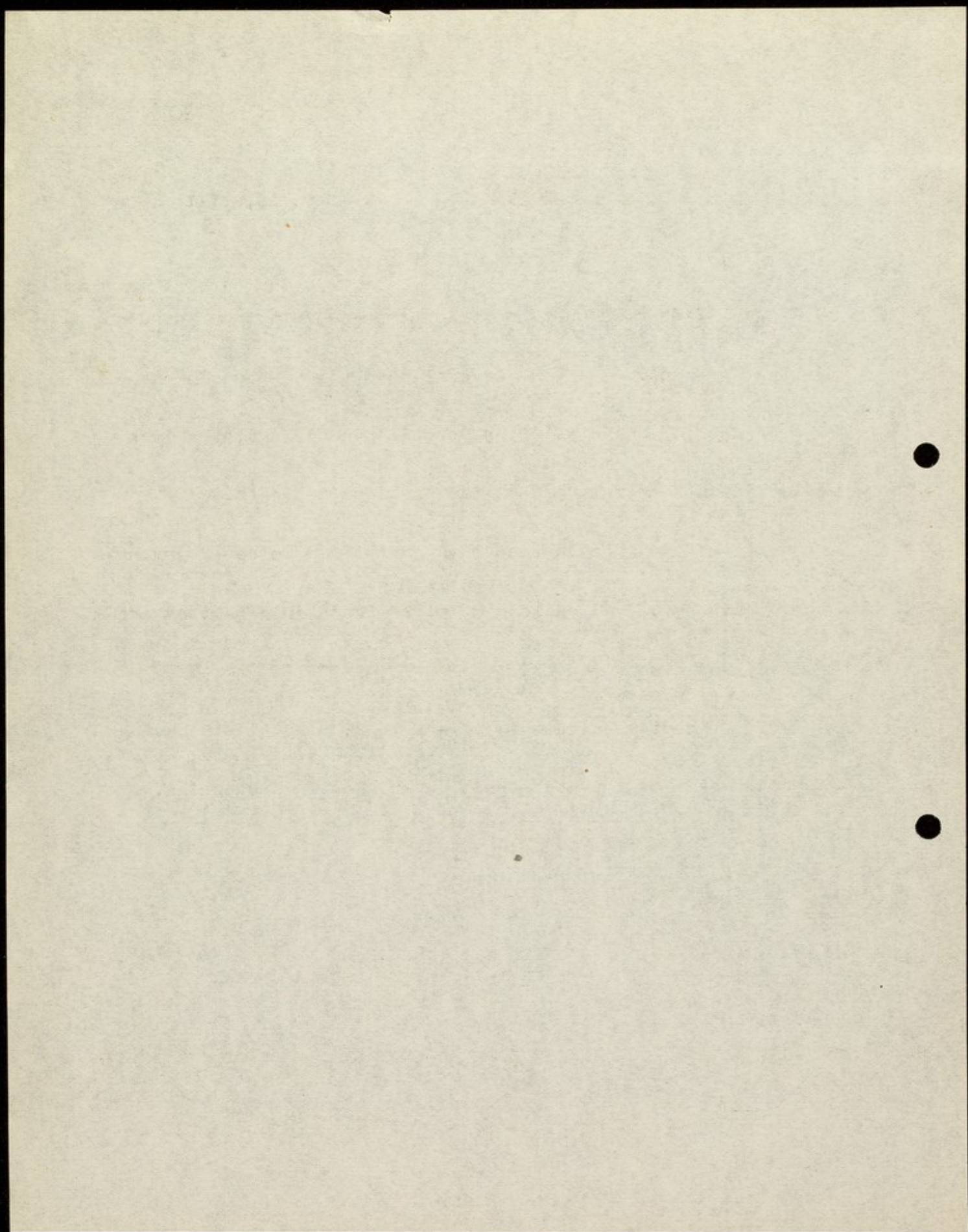
I fear we must not take any more Voluntary Boarders just at present. We have several, and they are giving us a good deal of anxiety. As you will understand, the lack of efficient control renders them anxious patients.

If your patient could be certified we could arrange to receive her. I enclose a set of forms in case they are wanted, and also a Report.

The lowest rate is 48/- a week. Patients having special rooms or private nurses pay higher in proportion.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Gill



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PARK ROAD,

HALIFAX.

Nov. 15th 1911

Dr. Bedford Perce,
Dear Sir,

I have a patient, a middle-aged spinster of somewhat limited means, who would I think benefit by a period of residence in such an institution as the Retreat. She is scarcely certifiable, at any rate judging from what I have seen of her, but I think she will consent to retire for a while.

The chief subject on which she seems to be irrational is Religion. She belongs to "The Brethren".

I should be much obliged if you could let me know whether it is possible to take her at

the Retreat, & if so, on what
terms she could be admitted.

Yours sincerely

J. H. Gill

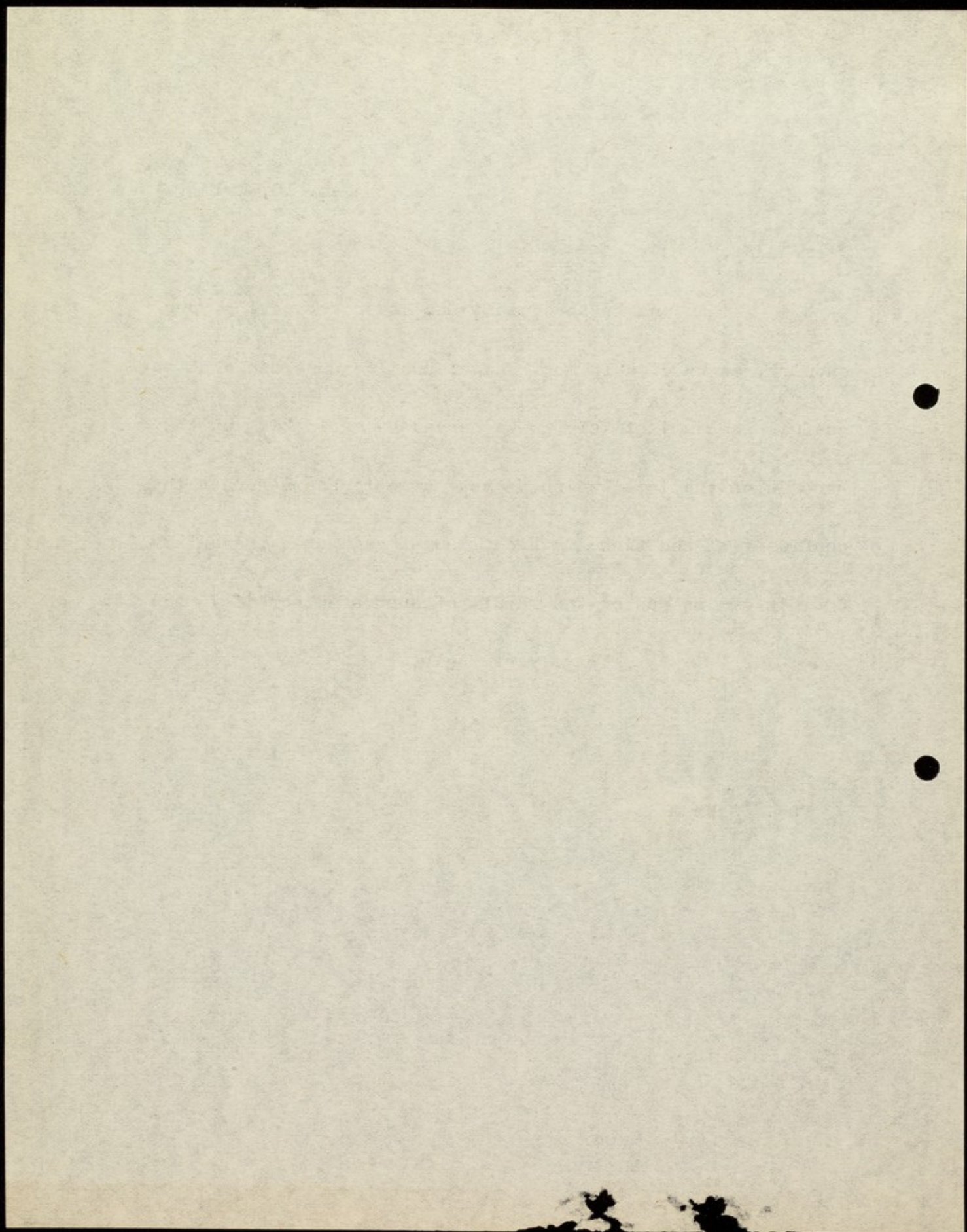
Jan. 10, 1912

Dear Madam,

I am unable to consult Dr. Baker respecting your enquiry, as he died 18 months ago; and I cannot see that any useful purpose is likely to be served by my looking up the records of the Institution as you suggest; and moreover the confidential position in which I am placed would prevent me from informing you of the result of such a search if I made it.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Grabham



7 Boston -

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Grantham
In Dedham

Jan: 8th 1912

Sir -

Strictly Personal

My husband -
Osley Grantham, who de-
serted me 10. years ago -
I ^{has} ~~was~~ with his family,
told many persons
intruders about me. -

I have today heard
that it has been asserted
that he was never
in the "Retreat" - but

that after our marriage
"I led him such a life,
that he went to a Home
of Rest to escape me". -

He was a Patient
of Dr. Baber's, 2. years,
before our terrible (or me)
marriage. It is said
he never was in an
Asylum at all. -

Will you state

to me the year he was
at the "Retreat" getting
from the Asylum
Board? - If necessary
I will pay a fee for
the certificate. -

I was married
1/92. My husband was
at the "Retreat" about
2. years before -

Faithfully yours,
Meth M. Graham
D. Pease
The Retreat - York.

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86 Kingsdown Parade,

Bristol.

May 25.1911

Dear Sir,

I am afraid I made a mistake in my reference to Sir Robert Ball. The nearest approach I can find is in his chapter on "Minor Planets" ("Popular Astronomy") as follows:-

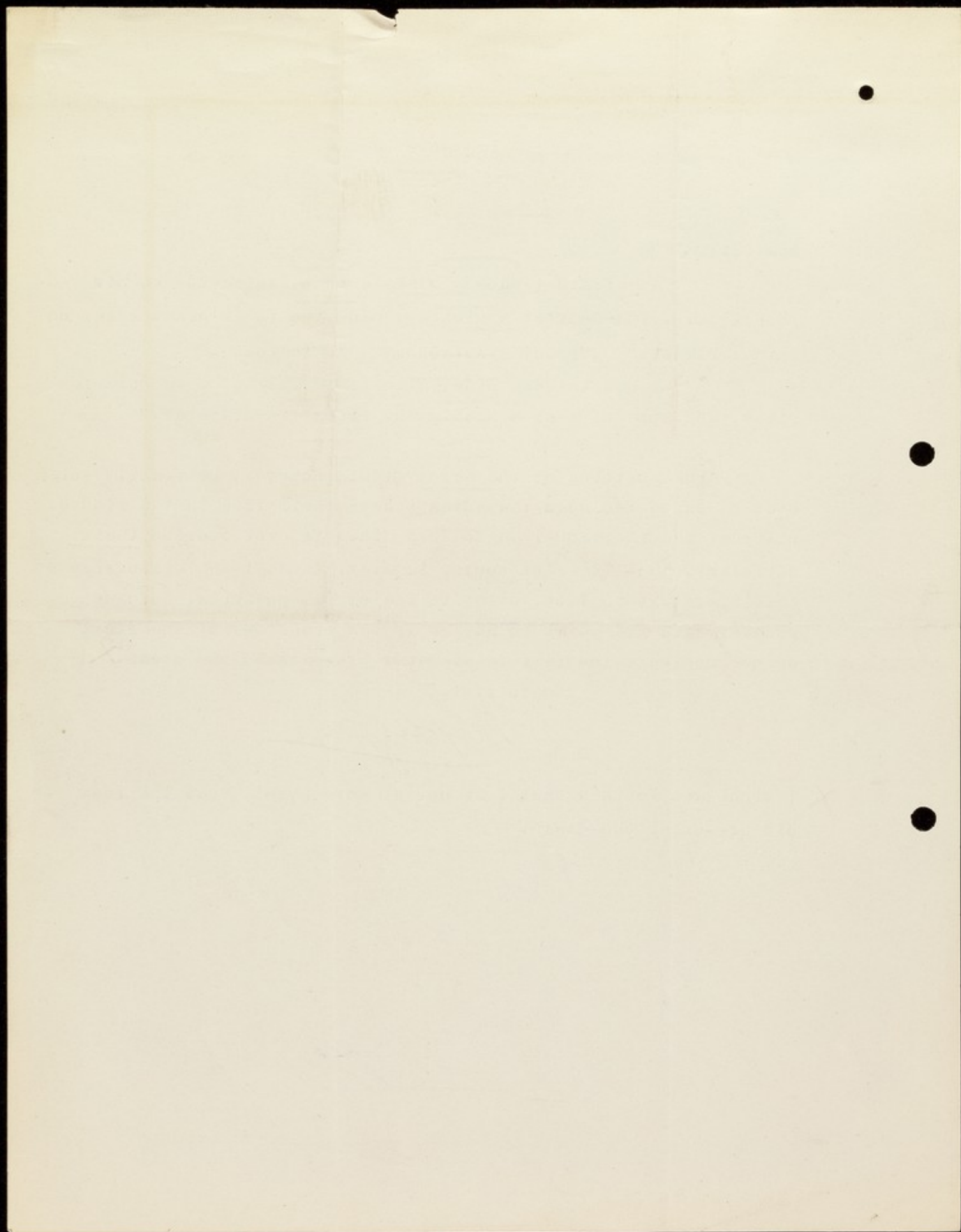
"No doubt these minor planets are all of them some few miles, and some of them a great many miles, in diameter."

The position of the error might, however, be readily got over by those who hold that dreams have their rise in the mind or brain of the individual as follows (that is, got over to their satisfaction):- It is of course immaterial under the circumstances that there was in fact, owing to the error, no actual ^{exact} mundane counterpart; the point to notice is that the idea of spherical opaque bodies a few feet in diameter pre-existed the dream. X

Yours truly,

W. Gregory

X I might add to this that I am not so sure myself that the idea did pre-exist the dream.



17 Scarcroft Hill,

July 15th 1911

Dear Sir,

Thank you sincerely for your kind interest and practical work in connection with my son, Arthur Grest. I am glad to say that he went to Telford yesterday after giving us a most anxious time since you saw him. I may say that Dr Sanderson Long and Dr Kempe signed the medical certificate.

Again thanking you for your extreme kindness,

Yours respectfully

Dr Bedford Piers.

J. East Kent.

Feb. 17, 1911

Dear Mr. Gent,

I am much obliged for your letter
and am glad to hear that you have
succeeded in making arrangements for
Fulford Asylum. I am sure it is
the right course to take.

Yours very truly,

B. S.

I hope you will not
mind my asking you.

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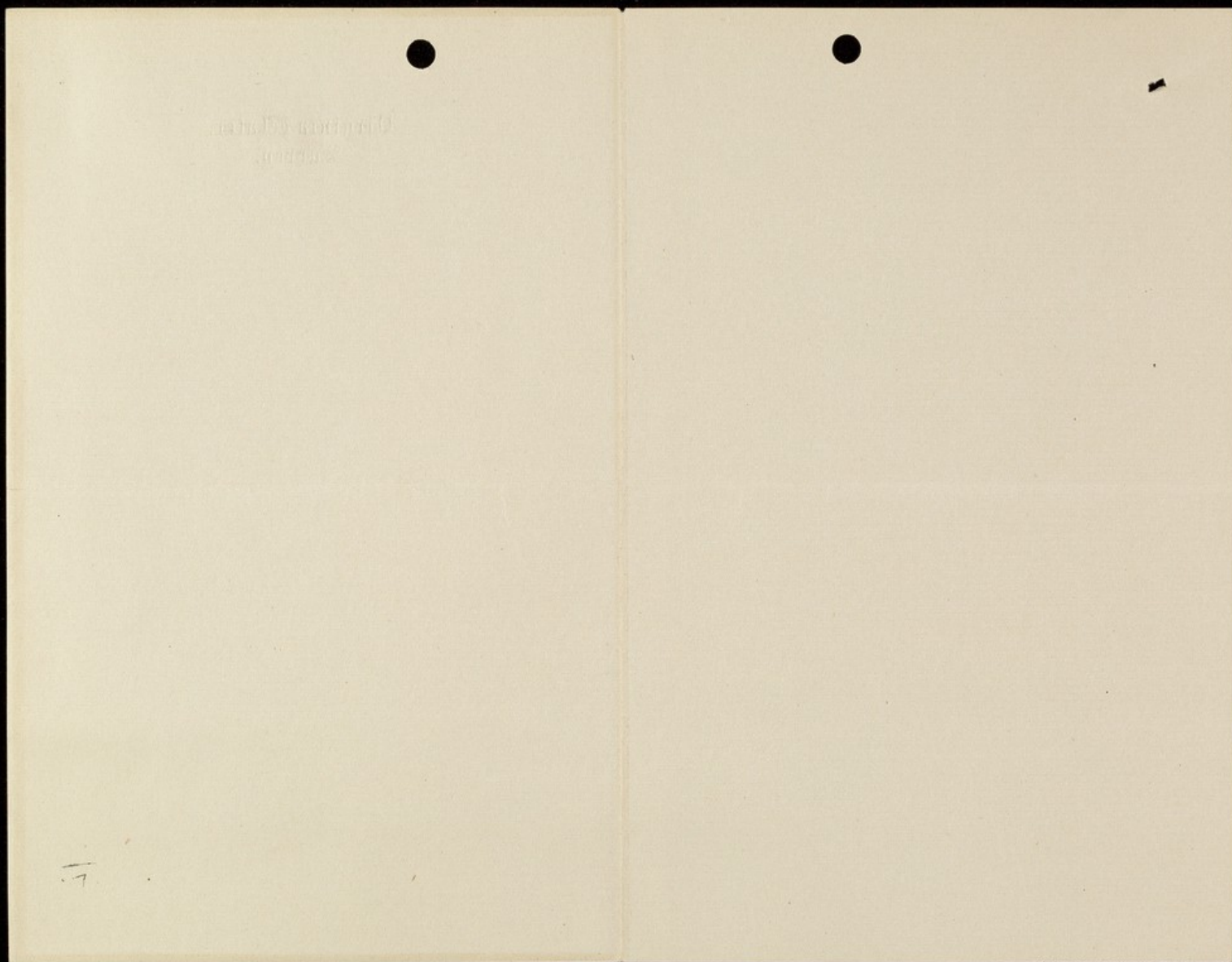
Virginia Water,
Surrey.

My class here ends at
beginning of April. & we
are to have an exhibition
of all the work done.

I shall be very glad to
fall in with any thing
you care to suggest.

I remain dear Sir

Yr. very truly
(Mr. Godfrey Gibson) Daisy Gibson



to start an embroidery
class among his female
patients - during the
winter. & I have been
living down here in room
to be near my husband, &
also to give her classes.
I think they have been
a tremendous success - &
help to the patients. It
is such soothing work for
the mind. The Commission

visited her this week, & were
most complimentary. I am
writing to ask if you think
you could arrange a class
like this for me at the
Reheat among your patients?
I would send a letter from
Dr. Moore, & also another
testimonial I have from a
school where I taught. I
think I was saying that the
patients like me, & they
certainly take the keenest
interest & work so hard -

Dear Doctor

Walton Hall
W. Preston
18 Feb 1911.

I wonder if your attention has been called to the two Reports of the Poor Law Commission? I have been going into the matter lately, and I am convinced that the proposals of the Minority Report furnish a wise and practical solution for the pressing problems of destitution and the treatment of the Unemployed.

I enclose some literature that will give you some idea of the Minority scheme.

It appears, from Ministers' public statements, as if the Cabinet would, at no distant date, have to come to a decision between the different plans of Poor Law Reform. The Government will necessarily be guided, to some extent, by what seems to be the public opinion on the subject. The existing Poor Law Authorities are actively engaged in persuading the Local Government Board to continue the status quo. On the other hand, the National Committee, which has been formed to bring together those who, without committing themselves to details, believe that the time has come to break up the existing Poor Law, has secured widespread support. It seeks to transfer the Unemployed to a National Authority, the Children to the Local Education Authority, the Sick to the Local Health Authority, and so on, generally along the lines laid down by the Minority Report.

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I have myself joined that National Committee. You may become a member without subscribing; or a contributing member (amount optional). Funds, however, are urgently needed for literature, lectures, and meetings. You may even become a subscriber without being a member, and you will then receive literature as issued without committing yourself to our views.

Would you let me know whether you will let me send in your name as a member?

I am yours sincerely
C. J. Piercy

P.S.--We have an illustrated monthly Journal, "The Crusade," of which I send particulars. Contributing members of 5/- and upwards receive, post free, all the current publications, including the Journal monthly.

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Feb. 20, 1911

member (amount optional). Funds, however, are urgently needed

Dear Mr. Grierson,

You may even become

for literature, lectures, and meetings.

I am pleased to hear from you, and much interested in

a subscriber without being a member, and you will then

your views in respect to the Minority Report. I much hope

the Government will take up the subject before long. I had

hoped that in the present session they might tackle it, as

the House of Lords question cannot occupy the whole time of

Parliament; but I suppose the Government have not prepared a

bill yet, and it must necessarily take a long time for them

to do so. I fear I am not able to express any judgment

on the two Reports, not having gone into the matter, though

the whole of my sympathies are with the minority.

I do not think I must join a Committee when I really cannot

give proper attention to the matter in hand.

Yours very truly,

10
86 Kingsdown Parade,

Bristol.

February 12.1911

Dear Sir,

May it not be possible that the scientific mind may in some instances come to conclusions on insufficient premises? May not the following case, probably similar to many others, be a case in point. It is quoted by Lord Montboddo (whoever he is) in his "Ancient Metaphysics", and quoted by T.J.Hudson in his "Psychic Phenomena". It appears that the Comtesse de Laval spoke in her sleep in language unknown to those present. A nurse from the province of Brittany attended her, and it was discovered that Breton was the language so spoken. Now the Comtesse "was born in that provinceso that in her first infancy she had known it, and no other; then when she returned to her parents, she had no opportunity of keeping up the use of it, and did not understand a word of Breton when awake, though she spoke it in her sleep."

There appears in this case to have been no intelligent enquiry in the matter, whilst Hudson assumes it is an instance of the ineffaceable memory of the subjective mind. But, after all, what is the good of guessings at truth. Undoubtedly, the correct course was to have made enquiry of the one that spoke, and endeavour to find out the actual personality of that one, whether for instance, it was the Comtesse de Laval, or an entity that knew her in her childhood speaking through her.

In Hudson's book there is an interesting reference to Hack Tuke in which he refers certain effects to "imagination". Undoubtedly if dreams were the outcome of the mind or brain of the individual (being "imaged" by that individual) then there is a basis for Hack Tuke's position, but if, on the other hand, dreams are spiritual phenomena (as they undoubtedly are, of which there is internal evidence), then the only reasonable

position is a reservation of judgment as to the actual cause of the effects, though undoubtedly, either indirectly or directly, the dream is related to the effect.

Yours truly,

W. Gregory

Feb. 17, 1911

Dear Mr. Gregory,

Just a line in acknowledgment of your letter of the 12th. I may say I entirely agree with you as to the importance of our suspending judgment and not jumping to conclusions when strange things happen which we do not understand. If the causes of certain phenomena cannot be demonstrated, then surely it is prudent not to speak positively, but to keep an open mind. For this reason I think we ought not to jump to the conclusion that things are due to transcendental causes when they can be equally well explained in a more materialistic way.

With regard to your interesting story about the lady who spoke Breton in her sleep but could not when awake, is not the explanation that the experiences of childhood had been stored up?

Hoping you are getting on well,

I remain,

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Scaletor Park.

Burley-in-Wharfedale.

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3 February 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce,

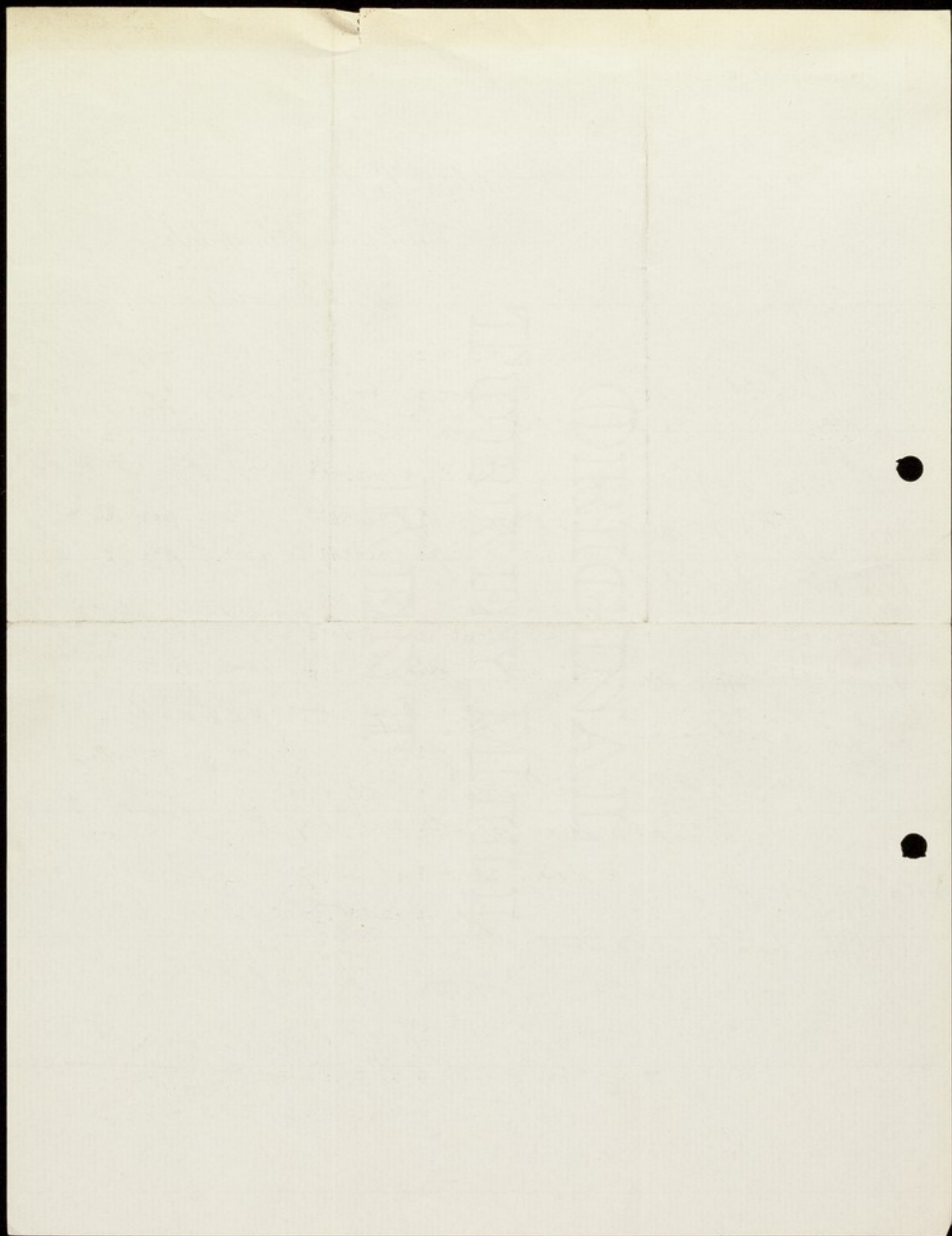
I am going into a "Family History".
I believe a member of the family Sarah Sheard
(née Ward) was at one time in The York
Retreat. She died in 1881. Can you trace
her for me? If so was any bereavement then
given? Her Aunt Elizabeth Sheard, ^(née Ward) was also
in an asylum. Was this at 'The Retreat'.

I shall give this 'History' at one of the
Lunch meetings & wish to verify the facts I
have got if possible.

With best regards

Yours faithfully

J. R. Gilman



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Feb. 5, 1910

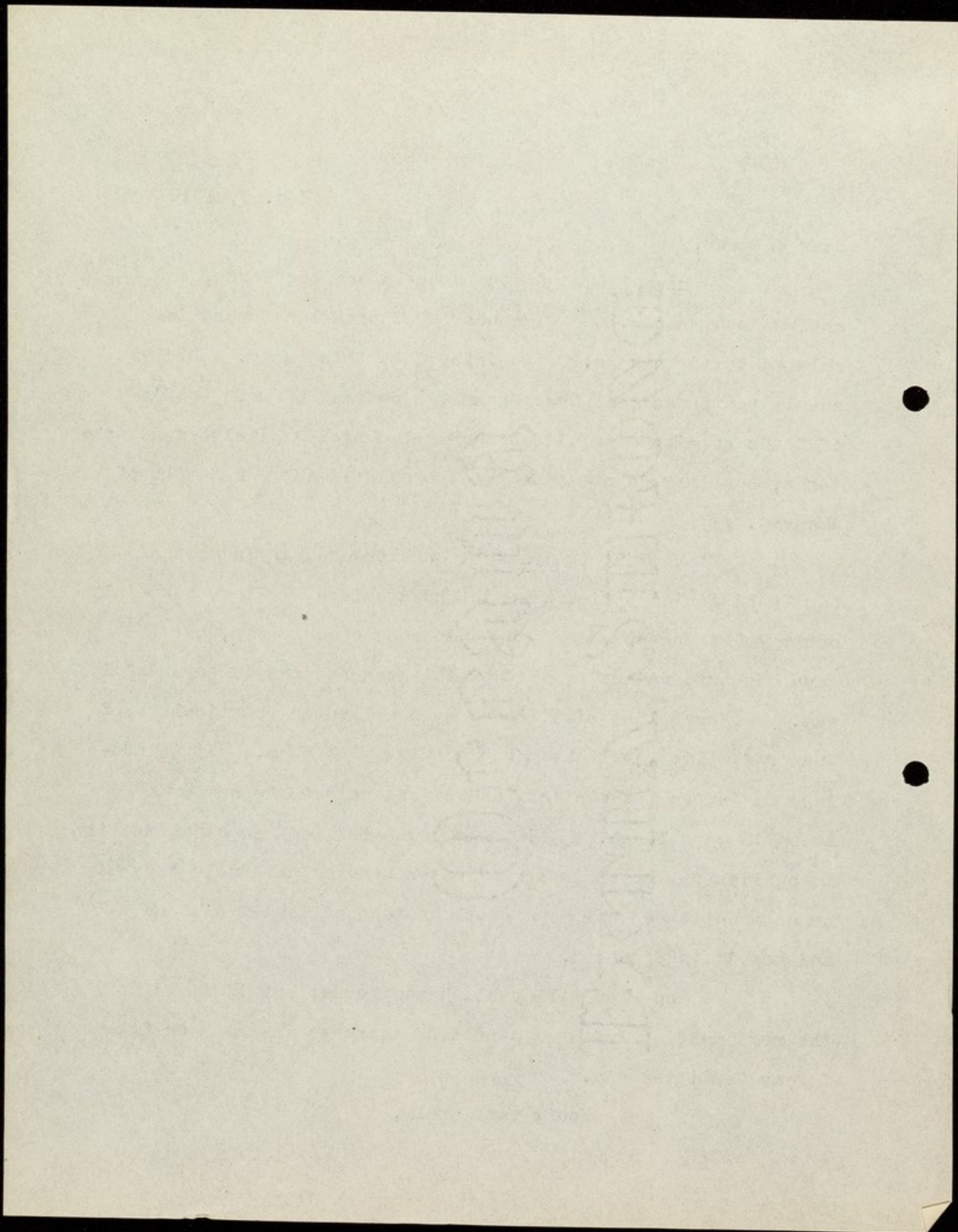
Dear Gilmour,

We have looked up the Sheards and the Wards, and I enclose some notes. I wonder whether Ellen Sheard is related to the others. We infer that this is so. Did you see in the paper that Mrs. Sheard, a patient of Dr. Stott's of Leeds committed suicide a day or two ago? I also send some Wards, but they do not appear to be related to your family of Sheards.

We have at the Retreat an extraordinary number of family histories buried away in the archives. They certainly ought to be dug up and arranged in some orderly way, but I have hitherto failed to see how this can be done in any useful way. For a long time I have been collecting particulars of Quaker families, but have done nothing with them. It is useless making any statistical deductions unless the number of cases is very large. It also seems to me of doubtful utility to publish a limited number of cases however carefully they may be done until we know more of the nature of mental disease and how it is produced.

I hope you will publish your case; but if it is at the next meeting I fear I cannot be there as it has been fixed for my Committee day.

Yours very truly,



CITY OF YORK.



A. E. DRUMMOND, A. R. SAN. I.

CHIEF INSPECTOR.
TELEPHONE 7.

NUISANCE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE,

GUILDHALL,

YORK.

December 12th 1910.

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Dear Sir,

I should be glad if you would let me know whether you have had any cause for complaint respecting the escape of effluvia from the Yorkshire Bone Products Company premises, Hull Road, since the Medical Officer of Health asked you by telephone on the 15th October.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Drummond'.

Chief Inspector.

Dr Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Heslington Road,

YORK.

Dec. 13, 1910

Dear Sir,

In respect to your enquiry, I am pleased to say

we have had no complaint of smells from the Bone Factory of

late, and I saw Miss Barstow last night, and she informs me
that there has been no nuisance of any kind for some weeks.

I do not think we have had much North wind of late, and con-

sequently from this side we may not be able to give you a

trustworthy opinion as to the present state of affairs.

Yours very truly,

A.E.Drummond Esq.

Hull Road
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To Miss Baston
Madame

In reply to your note
of this morning. Respect-
ing your complaint of a
smell from the Bone works
yesterday afternoon - I am
sure if you had any smell
in your garden. it did not
arise from the Bone works
as they were not in
working as we had the
mechanics doing some

Sept
Hammocky (7)
Piscine -

repairs to the Machinery rely on my every attention
This is not the first to this - & trust you
since the Bone works will not have cause
have had credit - for to complain of these
what it was not responsible at any time
little for. But which I
suppose arose from the
Auctioneer - The Products
from these works works
are for Edible purposes
& as of necessity need
to be quite sanitary it
is my every endeavor to
the firms interests that
this is done & you may

I am
Yrs Respectfully
W Green

Garrowsville Sept 8th 94

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I think you will be
amused by Mr Green's
reply to my notes —

We had to shut all our
windows against the
subtle invader & my

Sister found it impossi-
ble to remain in the
garden -

Yours sincerely
Eli Barstow

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

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April 29, 1910

To the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and ~~Councillors~~ *Citizens*
of the City of York.

My Lord Mayor

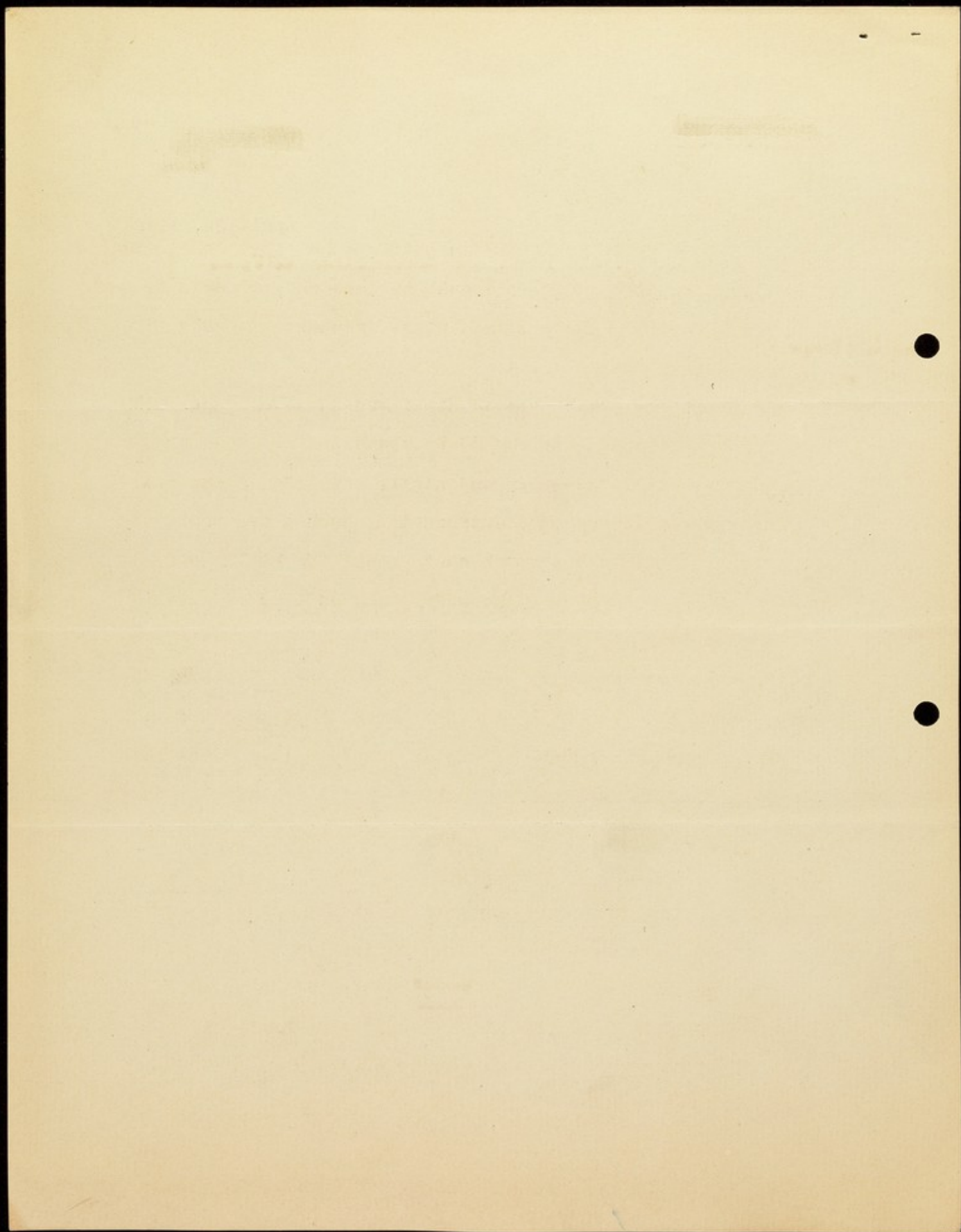
& Gentlemen,

With reference to the proposal to establish a factory dealing with offal, near the Retreat premises, you are probably aware that a deputation from the Committee of the Retreat were kindly given an opportunity of meeting your Health Committee upon the subject.

Without attempting to review the serious grounds for anxiety which the Retreat Committee feel, should a factory of this kind be started, we venture in a few words to place before you one or two of the reasons why we fear that an establishment of this kind would prejudicially affect the interest of the Retreat.

1. The very existence of the Retreat depends upon our retaining the confidence of the friends and medical attendants of our patients, and this would be endangered if there was any doubt as to the purity of the air and the healthiness of its surroundings.

At the ^{present} ~~same~~ time there are upwards of 170 patients and voluntary boarders under care who come from all parts of the country. If it became known that a factory, such as is proposed, existed within 160 yards of the



gates of the Institution there is little doubt that the number of applications for admission would be lessened, especially on behalf of high class patients whose friends are able to pick and choose their location.

2. In the treatment of mental disorders it is now generally understood that much time should be spent in the fresh air, with windows widely open day and night. We cannot but fear that in spite of every care exercised at such a factory it is not unlikely that with a north east breeze the health and comfort of the patients and household may suffer, especially in hot weather.

3. We would respectfully submit that the special legislation under which the consent of the City Council is required to the establishment of such a trade is intended to protect cases in which injury might be done without a real technical nuisance, because it is obvious that if a nuisance could be proved the general law would suffice to provide a remedy.

We need scarcely say that we should be very sorry to interfere with the trade of this particular firm or with the industrial development of York, but in the interest of the Retreat, which is in itself an important industrial institution, and of the other residential property in the neighbourhood we submit that this is exactly one of the cases which the special law was designed to meet.

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We therefore appeal with confidence for the protection of the Council, and hope that the suggested site will not be sanctioned, but that the firm will be asked to find a more suitable position where their business can be established without injury to others.

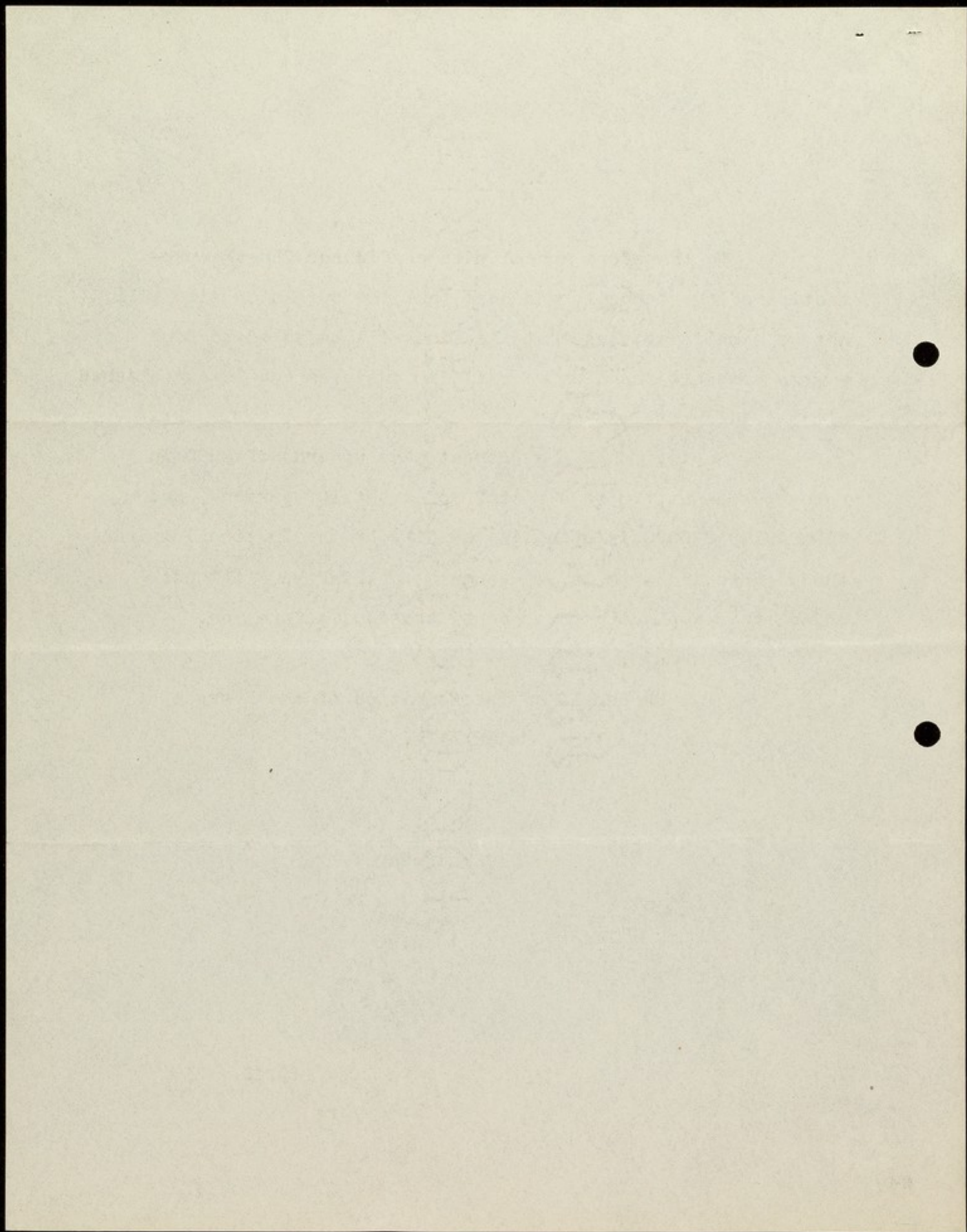
Seeing that the Retreat pays upwards of £600 in rates per annum, employs a staff of about 180 persons, and that fully £20000 is spent in the City by the Institution and those connected with it, we venture to think you will not object to our placing these considerations before you.

I remain,

On behalf of the Committee of the Retreat

Yours faithfully,

Chairman



THE RETREAT,

YORK.

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Aug 11:1910

Dear Mr. Germans

The plumber has floated out the gutter on the north side of the Recreation Room. The media suggestion which I am afraid may be the true explanation of the bad smell we found on Monday, viz. that it comes from the recently established bone crushing factory on the Mill Road. The smell was there a Monday or Tuesday or both days. The wind was from the N.E. the direction of the factory: on Wednesday the wind had changed & the smell was gone. I have not been able to find any other cause of the smell. I have asked the men who work in the rooms on the hotel me how if they

notice the smell again so that we may be able to trace it.

Yours sincerely

Henry J. Mackenzie

THE RETIRED

JOHN

PROTESTANT

ATTEMPTED

ATTEMPTED

22nd August 1934

W. Green

Bone Works Hull Road

York

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Dear Sirs,

When recently paying an unexpected afternoon visit to the York Retreat, I was on the roof garden at the north-east corner of the main building facing Haslington Rd. I there noticed an offensive, and most objectionable smell, which caused me to make enquiries as to its origin.

I find on investigation the source can only be attributed to some process in the manufacture you carry on at your adjacent factory.

I need hardly say I regard the nuisance as a most serious one to the interests of the health & comfort of the inmates of the institution, and it is certain the committee management will feel it their duty, if not abated, to take steps to have it remedied. I cannot believe, however, once your attention is called to the difficulty, that you will not be willing to take steps to promptly remove it.

Although chairman of the committee, I prefer to write you unofficially in the first instance calling your attention to the serious nuisance it is creating, and shall be glad to hear from you in reply.

Yours faithfully,
Chairman of the Committee of the York Retreat

22nd August

Dear Sir,

When recently paying a visit to the York Hotel, I was on the roof garden at the

north-east corner of the main building facing Hastings Rd.

I there noticed an offensive, and most objectionable smell, which caused me to make enquiries as to its origin. I find on investigation the source can only be

attributed to some process in the manufacture of bricks at your adjacent factory.

I need hardly say I regard the nuisance as a most serious one, in the interests of the health & comfort of the inmates of the institution, and it is certain the committee

management will feel it their duty to take steps to have it removed. I must believe, however, that

attention is called to the situation, and you will be willing to take steps to promptly remove it.

Although chairman of the committee, I prefer to write you unofficially in the first instance, calling your attention to the serious nuisance at the factory, and shall be glad to hear from you in reply.

Yours faithfully,
GUY V. JACKSON

Bone . works

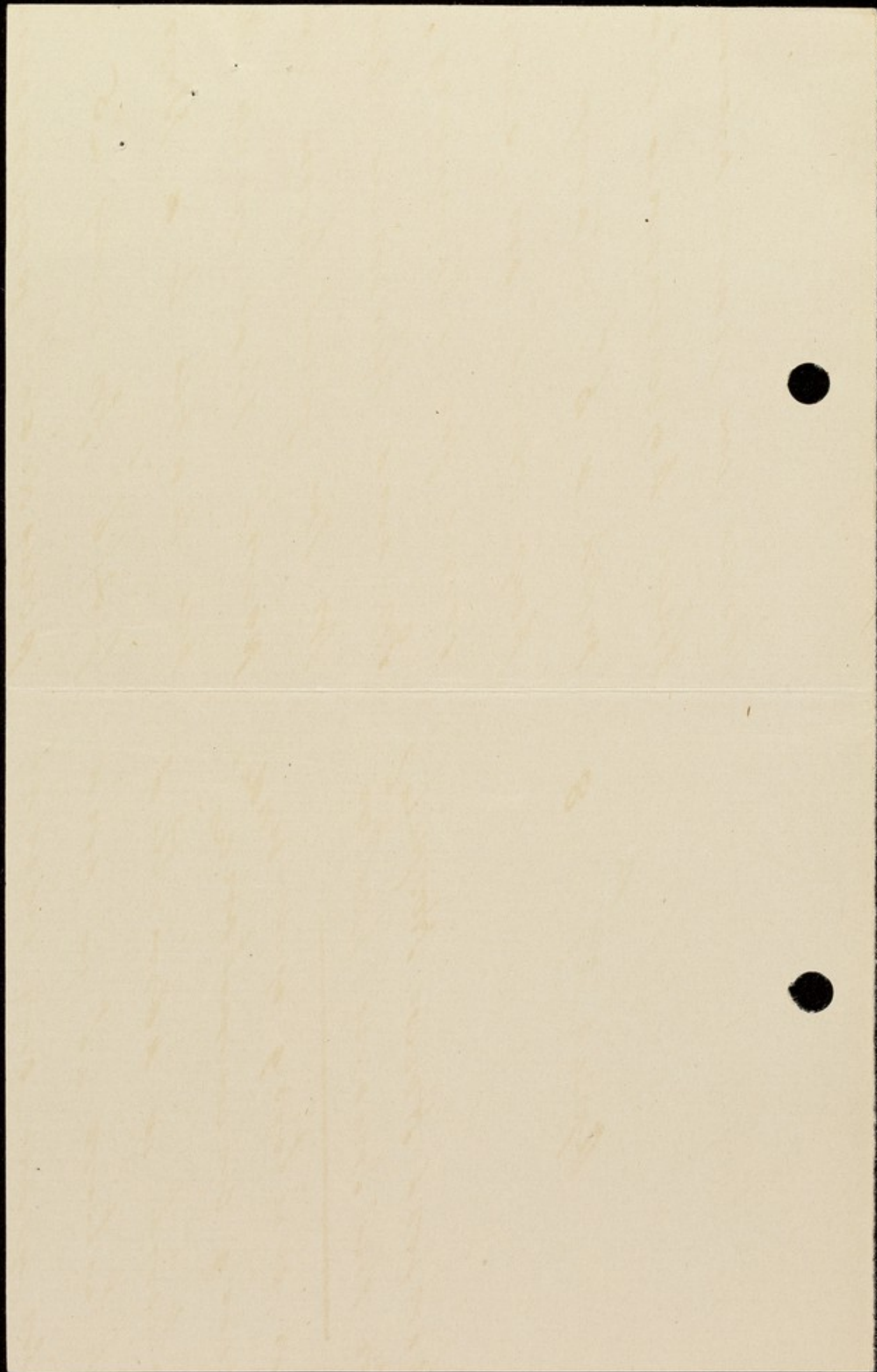
Hull Road

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To. W. E. Waller Esq.

Sir / Your note reached
me duly. I am sorry
that - any smell should
come from the works. We
are taking every precaution
to avoid this - The works
are arranged on a most-
sanitary & modern principle
we deal with the bones immediately on receiving them &
the products are in edible
purposes. so that - it is to the
firm's interest - to have the
premises as sanitary as
possible - You may rely on my
very attention in this
Yr truly
W Green
Manager



GRAY & JACKSON,
SOLICITORS.

15, Bedford Circus,
Exeter.

April 29th 1908

Dear Sir

Worsfold House Hospital
for the Incurable Insane.

I am writing you under the following circumstances. When a Patient is admitted to our Institution it is, and has been for years, our usual custom to have a printed form of Agreement (not under seal) signed by two of the Directors or persons making themselves responsible for the Patient's maintenance at a fixed sum per quarter whilst such Patient remains at the Institution. Until the present

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time we have always had these Agreements stamped with a 6^d stamp, but a few days since, on presenting some for stamping, the Inland Revenue authorities for the first time raised the point that such Agreements are liable to a Bond duty of 2/6^d for every £5 of the periodical payment.

If you use any particulars from of Agreement for the same purpose at your own Institution I should esteem it a personal favor if you would kindly at your early convenience send me one of your forms and at

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The same time inform
me with what amount
of duty you usually get
it stamped?

I am, dear Sir,
yours faithfully
William Ed. Gray.
Enclosed.

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
near York

GREENWAY & SONS.

SOLICITORS.

JOHN GREENWAY.
HENRY GREENWAY.
JOHN B. GREENWAY.

Telegraphic Address,
GREENWAYS, SOLICITORS, PLYMOUTH.

2 Wedgwood Villas
Ford Park

~~10, ATHENEUM TERRACE~~

PLYMOUTH.

30th March 1906

Dear Sir,

I send cheque for £2.2.0
in settlement of enclosed
account.

Will you kindly ask the
Nurse who went with
Miss Greenway to Norwich,
if she remembers what
jewellery (rings, bangles
or chain) my daughter was
wearing - She has written
requesting me to get for
her the jewellery she left
with the landlady - Any

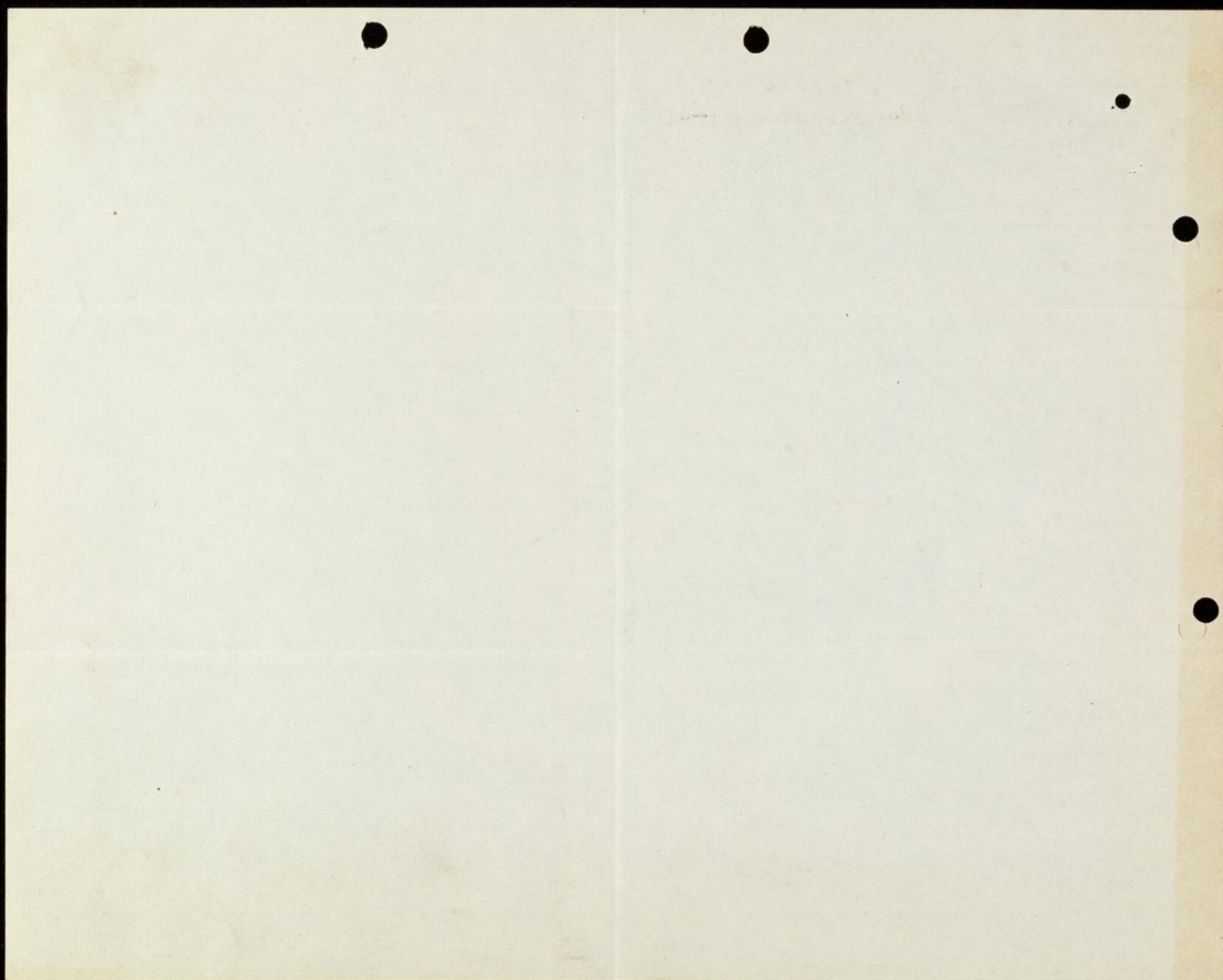
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information the Nurse can
give I shall be glad to
receive -

Yours faithfully
John Greenway

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

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Handing watch & bangles
bracelet - gold
2 or 3 rings



STAMFORD LODGE,
WILMSLOW,
CHESHIRE.

30/5/07

Dear Mr. Pierce

Thanks for the paper.

I have not heard again
from Mr. Crossland, he was
inquiring about his sister-
in-law Mrs. Charles (Crossland).
& said their brother was
not then prepared to say
it was a fit case for you
yet she wished to leave
it a day or two.

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I told Mr. Crossland that I
did not know what my duties
were but I expected that the
question of rate of payment
would be a matter I should
be asked about. This reply
was that he did not think
there would be difficulty
about that.

I am leaving home
tomorrow & mean to be back
early Tuesday morning
(to go to the Monthly Comm.
at Lichworth later that day)
I think we can do nothing

in the mean time
Yours sincerely

Harriet Goddard

STAMFORD LODGE
WIMBORNE
CHESHIRE

TELEPHONE No. 43.

NORTH BAR WITHOUT,
BEVERLEY.

15.7.1907.

Dear Sir,

Will you please send me
the necessary forms for certifying a
private patient for your institution.

They will probably be used certifying within
the next week or two, but I wish to have
the papers by me in case of emergencies.

In the case of their not being used I
should of course return them

You might at the same time give
me an idea of your terms & charges

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Kindly if you will send female attendants
over for the patient on receipt of a writ.

Yours truly
W. Herbert DeJoy

The Medical Supt.
The Retreat

GRAY & JACKSON,
SOLICITORS.

15, Bedford Circus,
Exeter.

6 Sept. 1906

Dear Sir

Wonford House Hospital Exeter.

We believe that your Institution is on a similar footing to the above Hospital, that is to say it is maintained almost entirely by the payments made on behalf of Patients and possesses no endowment strictly so called? This being so we shall be glad if you will inform us whether you are subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners & if not whether they have ever claimed to have such jurisdiction?

We have recently had occasion to present to the High Court a Petition under Lord Romilly's Act asking for certain powers of dealing with the Hospital lands and this

Petition having, by advice of Counsel, been first submitted to the Charity Commissioners for their consent the latter assert that the Hospital is subject to their jurisdiction on the ground that it is not maintained by voluntary contributions.

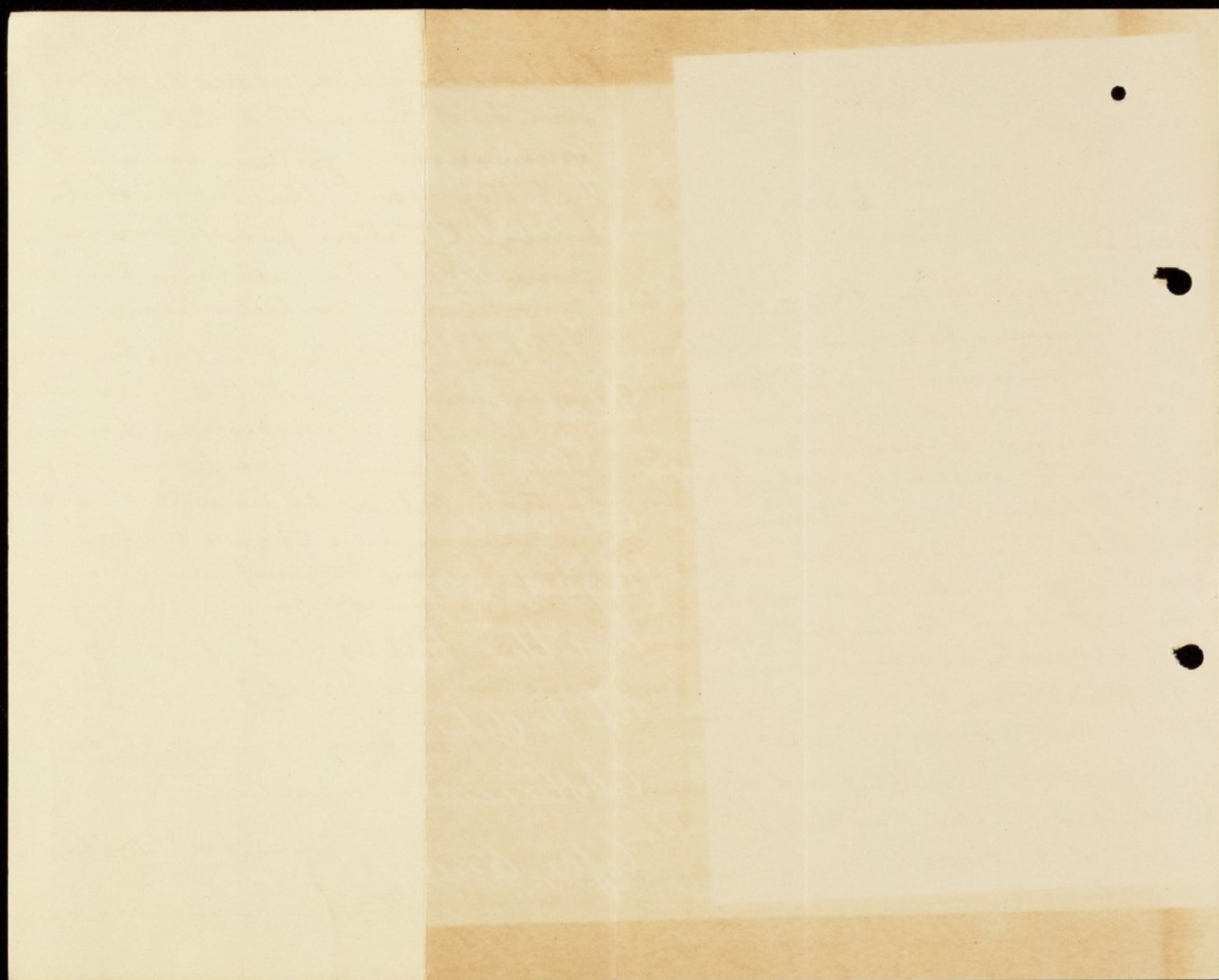
The Committee feel that as they have never been subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commissioners they would prefer to remain free from their control but would like to know the experiences of similar institutions before deciding to resist the claims of the Commissioners.

We shall be glad if you can give us an early reply.

We enclose a copy of our last annual report.

Yours faithfully

The Medical Superintendent Gray & Jackson
The Retreat
near York.



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BY.

WESTCLIFF,
50, COLD BATH ROAD,
HARROGATE.

(961)

AT HOME, 2 TO 4 P.M.,
EXCEPT TUESDAY.

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1. Oct. 06

Dear Sir

I am much obliged to
you for your letter of yesterday.
I will see what I can do in the
matter. I find that Miss Scott
is likely to be moved elsewhere in
about a week's time, but I am
hoping to be able to see one of

her relatives before then.

I remain

Yours sincerely

F. W. Garad

D. Bedford Pierce.

Your letter to me has been
burned.

if you could arrange
to receive him,
He is now at Carlisle
but only the something
definite is fixed —
I am afraid he cannot
afford to pay much —
and as he is so near
York, perhaps you
could just receive him
even for a very short time
to help his recovery
He has been all round

4 South Terrace
Surbiton Hill (1)
London

28th August 1906

Dear Dr. Pearce

Can you receive
at once a clergyman
(aged 50) who for some
months has no sleep
at night = a total
abstainer all his
life, and a most

Earnest Missionary.
He has just returned
from St. Petersburg
where he has been for
some months holding
wonderful meetings =
all classes flocking
to hear him, and
Orthodox Russian
Priests = This has
told upon his health

as well as a marriage
engagement (he has
never been married)
He is well known at
Theswick = His
parents, Grd parents,
& Generations back
were all members
Friends =
It would be
exceedingly kind.

the world holding
missions in Australia
& Canada & Elsewhere
& has visited the
F. F. M. C. at Ashkangah
His life is very
Valuable = I know
you will help him
if you can —
Will you be so very
kind to send me
a reply as soon

as possible, as he
is suffering so from
want of sleep,

Yours truly
Miss) E. L. W. Grebb