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DUNLUCE, Jan 7/12.
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am pleased to state that Miss Hancock has not developed any of her former delusions. They seem to have vanished. Whilst she insists that the 'agitation' as she called it did exist & that there were people watching, she says that she knows that it has passed away & therefore it will not bother her again. On the whole

WEST DIDSURY
MOORFIELD ROAD
DUNLUCE

she works all right - under supervision
- but is not yet quite so systematic
and reliable as she was formerly.
She easily gets confused.

My wife & I thank you very
sincerely for all the trouble
which you took to bring about
her restoration. We trust that she will keep
right.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Swanwick

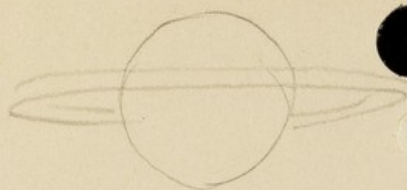
DUNLUCE Dec 7th.
MOORFIELD ROAD
WEST DIDSBURY

Dear D^r. Percey

re M. J. Hancock. 849

I should be glad to hear
whether you think that Miss
Hancock will be fit to return
on Wednesday the 20th inst.

She seemed quite normal, on
Saturday, when she went
with us part way to the
Station at York. We were



very pleased to see that the nest
had done her so much good.

We feel ourselves greatly indebted
to you for all the interest which
you have taken in her somewhat
peculiar case.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully
J. Swarbrick

DUNLUCE Jan 12/12
MOORFIELD ROAD
WEST DIDSBURY

Dear Dr. Pierce,
Mr. J. Hancock.

As requested I have asked
Mrs. Snape the Patient's sister
to communicate with you.

Yours Sincerely
J. Swarbrick

DUNLUCE
MOORFIELD ROAD
WEST DIDSBOURY

Dear Sir,

re Miss M. J. Hancock.

My wife & I hope to be in York
next Saturday & to call at The Retreat about
1 to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In the
meanwhile I should like to know
whether you think that Miss Hancock
will be fit to return on or about
the 20th inst. Have her delusions
vanished? Her sister's report was more
favourable after her recent visit.

D. Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Believe me, Yours faithfully
Joseph Swarbrick

DUNLUCE
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY

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WEST DIDSLEY
MOORFIELD ROAD
DUNLUCE

Nat. Telephone.
Didsbury, No. 113.

Sept 28th/11

DUNLUPE
MOORFIELD ROAD
WEST DIDSBURY

Dear Sir,
re Mr. J. Hancock

I enclose herewith the following
papers in this matter, viz:—

1. The Petition of A. H. Snape.
2. Certificate of W. Crowe.
3. " " D. Macgregor.
4. Justice's Order for Reception.
5. Further Statement.

Arrangements are being made for
the Patient's sister, Mrs. A. H. Snape,
to take her to the 'Retreat at York',
on Thursday afternoon next,
(Sept. 28th)

In the meanwhile I will forward
a remittance for a quarter's fee,
in advance, to the Secretary.

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Thanking you for all the trouble
which you have taken in this
matter

Believe me,

Yours faithfully

J. Swarbrick

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

DUNLOP
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DORSET

Her formal Discharge
from the Retreat.

Yours Truly
A. Snape.

Laving Lane.
West. Didsbury
January 12th 1892

Dear Sirs

re. Miss M. J. Hancock

As the Petitioner, I beg
to inform you that my
sister has recovered so
much that she is now
discharging her duties.

I shall therefore,
feel obliged if you
please arrange for



Dec. 6, 1911

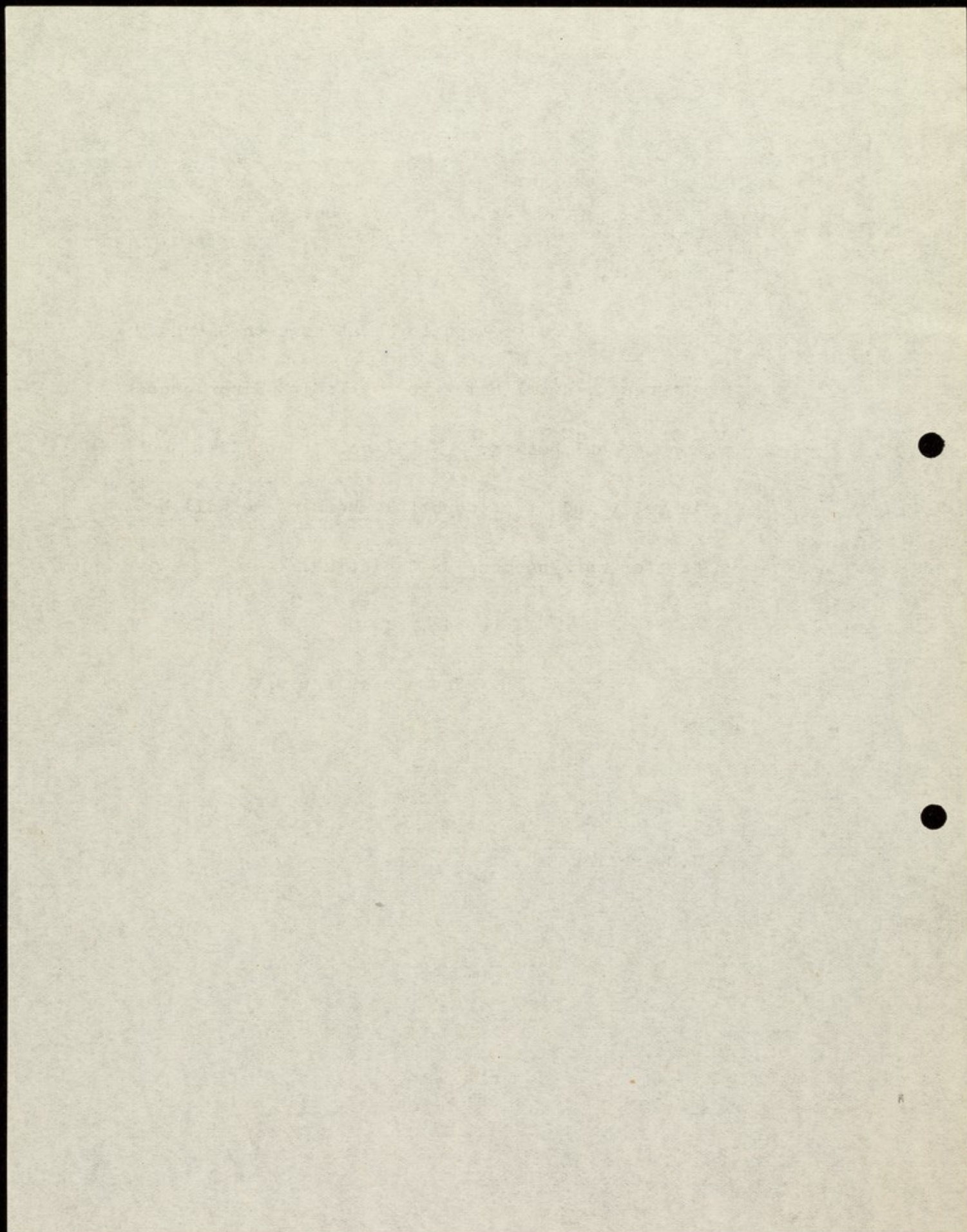
Dear Sir,

I quite hope to be at home on Saturday afternoon, and I think you will find Miss Hancock a good deal better. I do not consider she is well, and it is doubtful whether she will be fit for work so soon as Christmas.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

J.Swarbrick Esq.



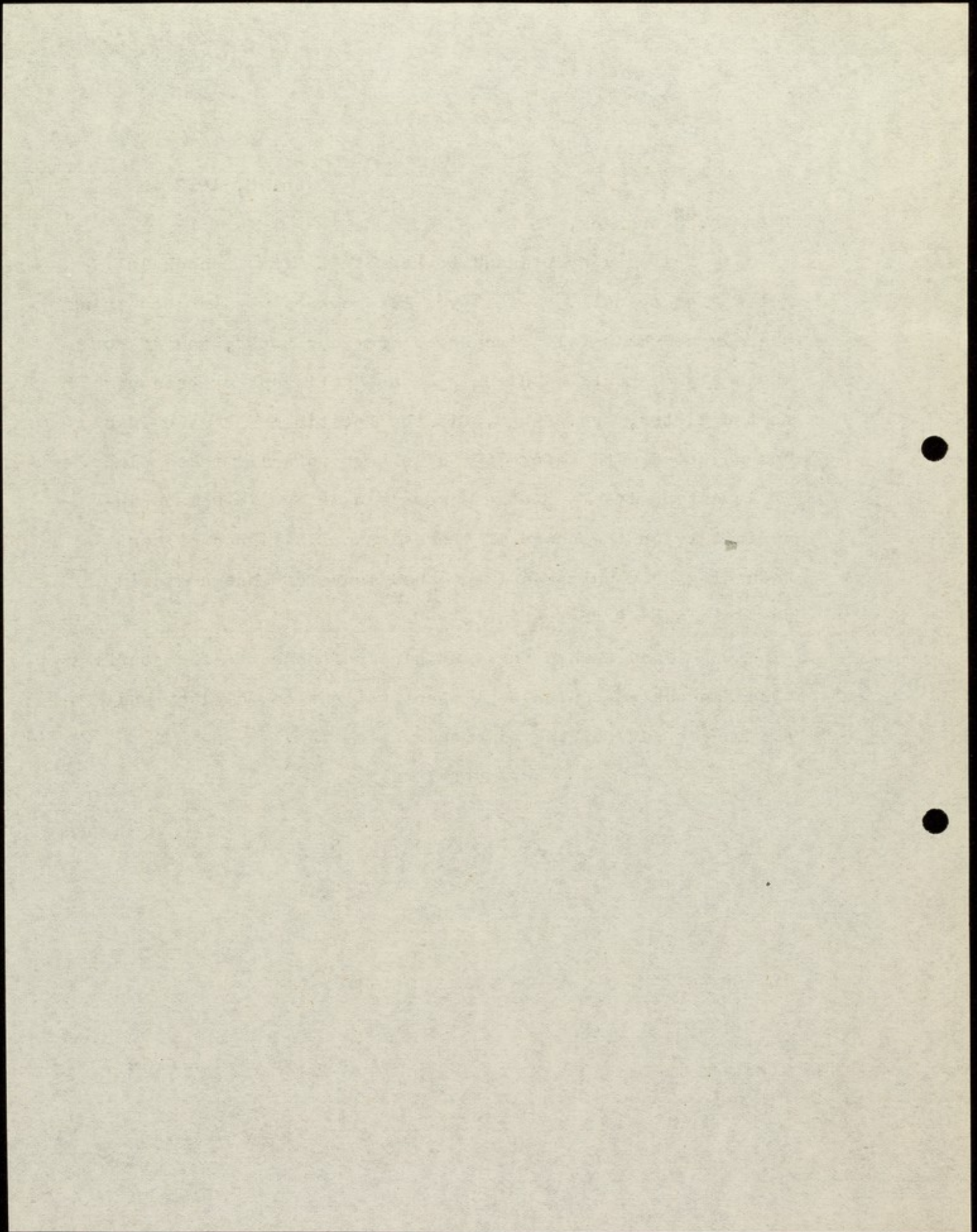
Jan. 8, 1912

Dear Mr. Swarbrick,

I am very pleased to hear that Miss Hancock is getting on so well. Will you let me know whether you think she may now be safely discharged from our books, and if so whether she should be discharged as "relieved" or "recovered"? As the sister, Mrs. Snape, is the Petitioner she should be communicated with before the discharge actually takes place. It is not desirable that a person's name should remain indefinitely on the books if there is no likelihood of her returning here unless a lengthened leave of absence is in the interest of the patient.

Many thanks for your kind reference to the staff. Miss Hancock was quite a pleasant patient to do with, and the latter part of the time she was useful.

Yours very truly,



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Yours truly
Annie. Snape.

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N.Y.

23 Lapwing Lane
West. Didsbury
Manchester

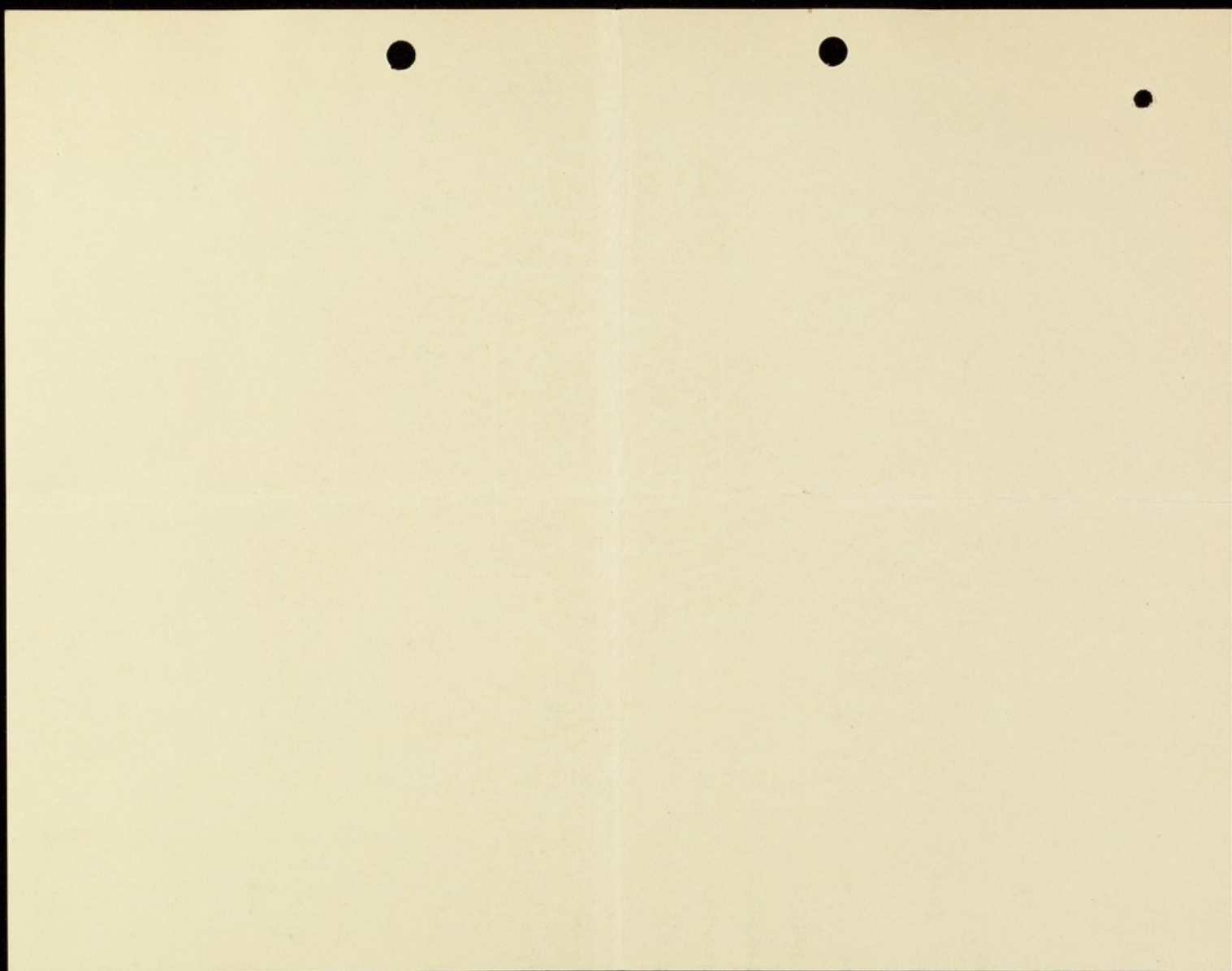
Nov-14-1911

To Dr. Pierces

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I am writing to know if
you will please send me
all particulars about my
sister Mary-Jane.

Hancock, if you think
that she is improving
and is well enough to
come home, at the
end of the three



Moorfield Road
West Didsbury
Nov. 12/11.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your letter regarding the case of Miss M. J. Hancock, dated the 7th inst. We are pleased to know that her delusions are less insistent. We do hope that she will improve.

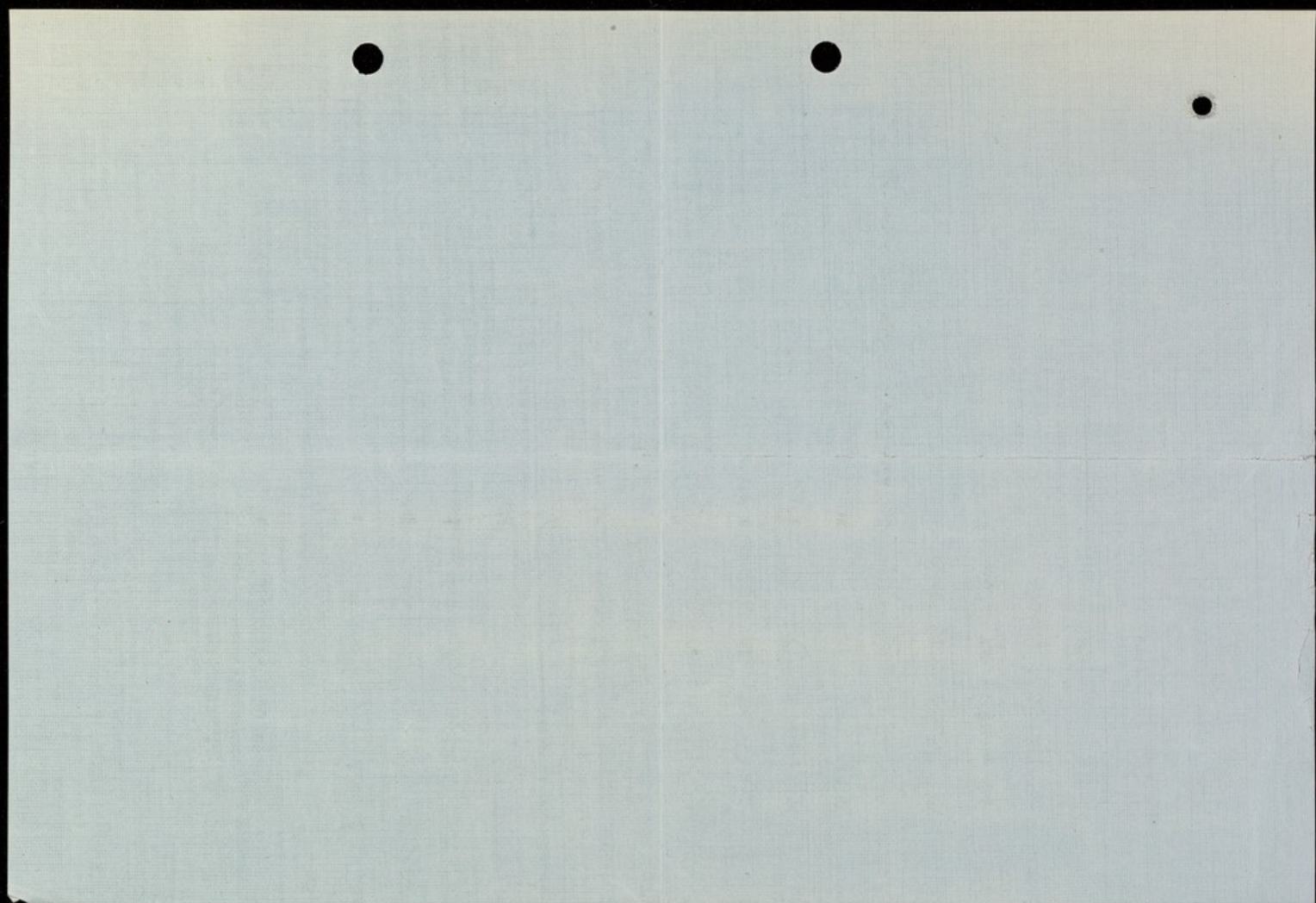
From what we have now ascertained there does appear to have been a primary cause, in this way. She does appear, in her indiscretion, to have made certain statements, which probably did cause some one to say something which gave her ground for fearing that some one might seek to punish her.

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We therefore infer that the fright that resulted was the primary cause of her delusions.

I thought it well to state the foregoing fact as it might assist you in understanding her case somewhat better.

Believe me, yours sincerely

J. Swarbrick



Nov. 7, 1911

Dear Sir,

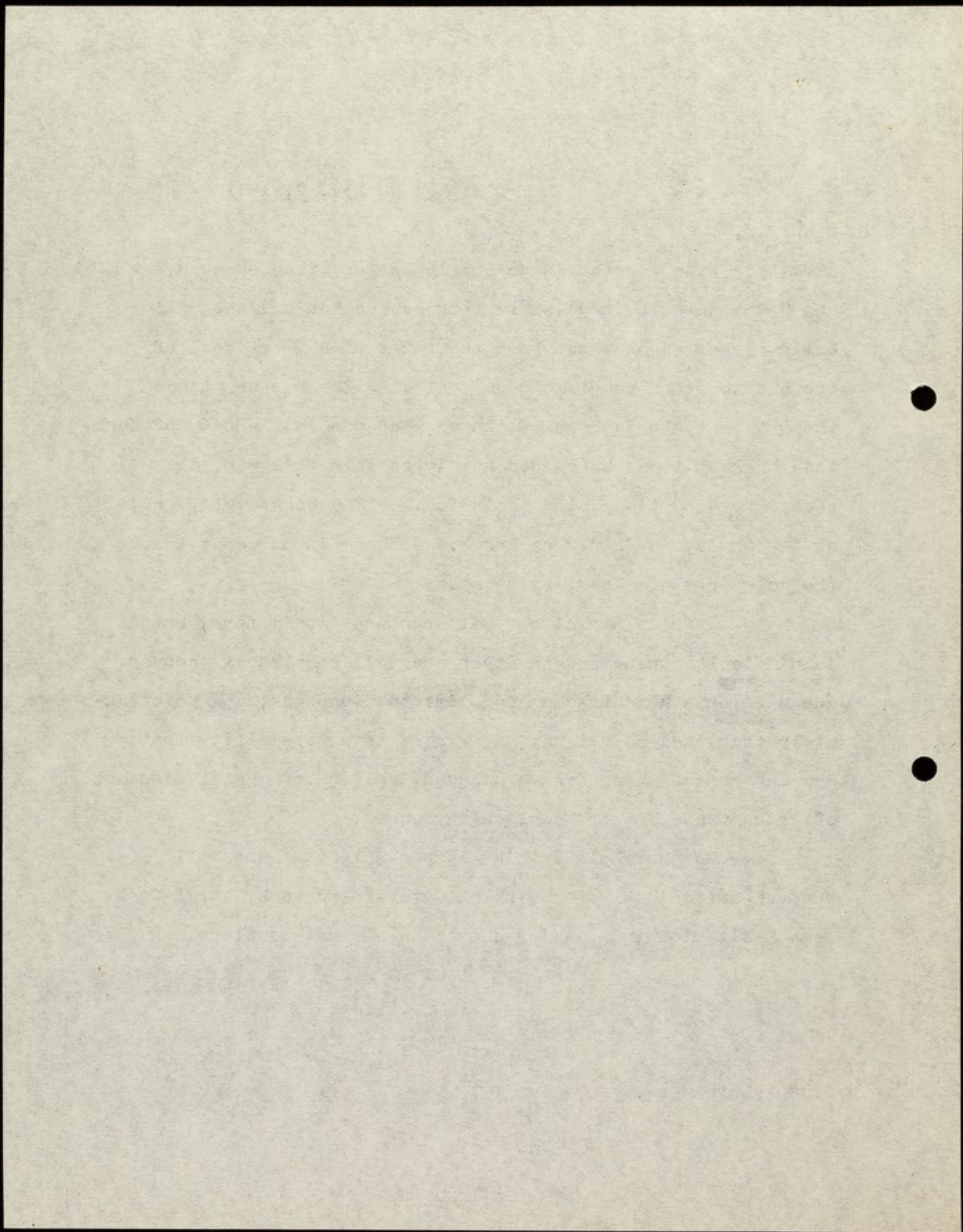
Miss Hancock is certainly better than she was, and for a time it is possible to reassure her and she will believe that she has not been the cause of a great deal of trouble to other people and so forth. She has sometimes thought that she is being followed when out in the City of York, though when it was explained how impossible this was, she seemed for the time being satisfied. She works well, and, on the whole, is fairly cheerful. There is no doubt that the delusions are less insistent.

I fully expect she will continue to improve, but it is difficult to be sure whether she will completely recover. Ideas of this kind take a long time to disappear, and unfortunately they tend to return. There is a possibility that she may be suffering from a progressive form of mental disease, of which these are the earliest symptoms.

On the whole I think it probable that she will recover sufficiently to be able to return to work, but I feel some hesitation in speaking about the ultimate outlook.

Yours very truly,

J. Swarbrick Esq.



DUNLUCE Nov. 57
MOORFIELD ROAD
WEST DIDSBURY

Dear Sir,

Miss M. J. Hancock. 672

I shall be glad to learn whether you are able now to form any idea of when the above Patient is likely to be able to return.

My wife received a letter from her to-day which, so far as we can judge, indicates that an improvement has taken place in her mental

again. She seems to be taking great
interest in what she is doing and
seeing & has less to say about
herself. You may, however, discern
what we cannot, from her letters.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully

D. Bedford Pierce.

Swanwick

Hancock

Sept. 13, 1911

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to submit your letter to the meeting of the Committee which will be held on Tuesday next.

We frequently receive patients who are connected with Friends, or who are attenders at Friends' meetings, at reduced rates.

It may perhaps facilitate the matter if Mr. John Collinson could write to me on the subject to supplement your letter, as he is one of the Agents for East Hardshaw Monthly Meeting.

Our lowest rate for members of the Society of Friends is 12/- a week, but the patient could not be admitted on that footing, not being in membership; but it is quite possible that if a guinea or 25/- a week was forthcoming for a period of, say six months, the Committee would be willing to take the case, and we would gladly do all we could to promote her recovery.

Yours very truly,

1. The first part of the report is a general
description of the project and its objectives.
2. The second part is a detailed description of
the methods used in the study.
3. The third part is a description of the results
of the study.
4. The fourth part is a discussion of the results
and their implications.
5. The fifth part is a conclusion and a list of
references.

M. Hancock
Dr. Pearce,
The Retreat,
York.

Sept. 14th 1911.

DUNLUCE
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY

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Dear Sir, I write to enquire, on behalf of our Maid, aged about 35, what would be the lowest terms upon which she could be admitted, for a short time, to the 'Friends' Retreat at York. She is not a Friend but for upwards of a dozen years she has been an attendant at the 'Ivy Cottage' Mission, at Didsbury, established by Mr. Oliver Brockbank.

I have been discussing this matter with Mr. John Ashworth, whom doubtless you know, he has told me that if I were to write to you, stating the circumstances

of the case, you may be able to admit her, on terms commensurate with her limited means.

She is absolutely sane upon every subject but one the state of mind upon that seems to suggest a touch of religious mania. We have tried to deal with her at home but the local medical adviser who has seen her seems to think that the only thing likely to drive from her mind the false idea which haunts her, will be to get her away to new surroundings. She is able & willing to work & is happiest when she is doing so, but at intervals she fancies that certain people are watching for her - which, of course, is quite untrue.

We do not like the idea of her going to the public institutions which are open to her, & what we are anxious for is to see her restored.

John Ashworth has told me that he thinks that the lowest rate charged for Friends is £1.1.0 per week. If she could be admitted at that rate we must try to help her, in order to give her a chance of regaining her mental balance.

A reply at yr. early convenience will oblige.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully

J. Swarbrick

TELEPHONE No 2886

Also

Didsbury Ct. 113.

Dunluce, 24, Moorfield Road,
~~30, St. Ann Street,~~ West Widsbury.

Manchester Sept. 27th 1911.

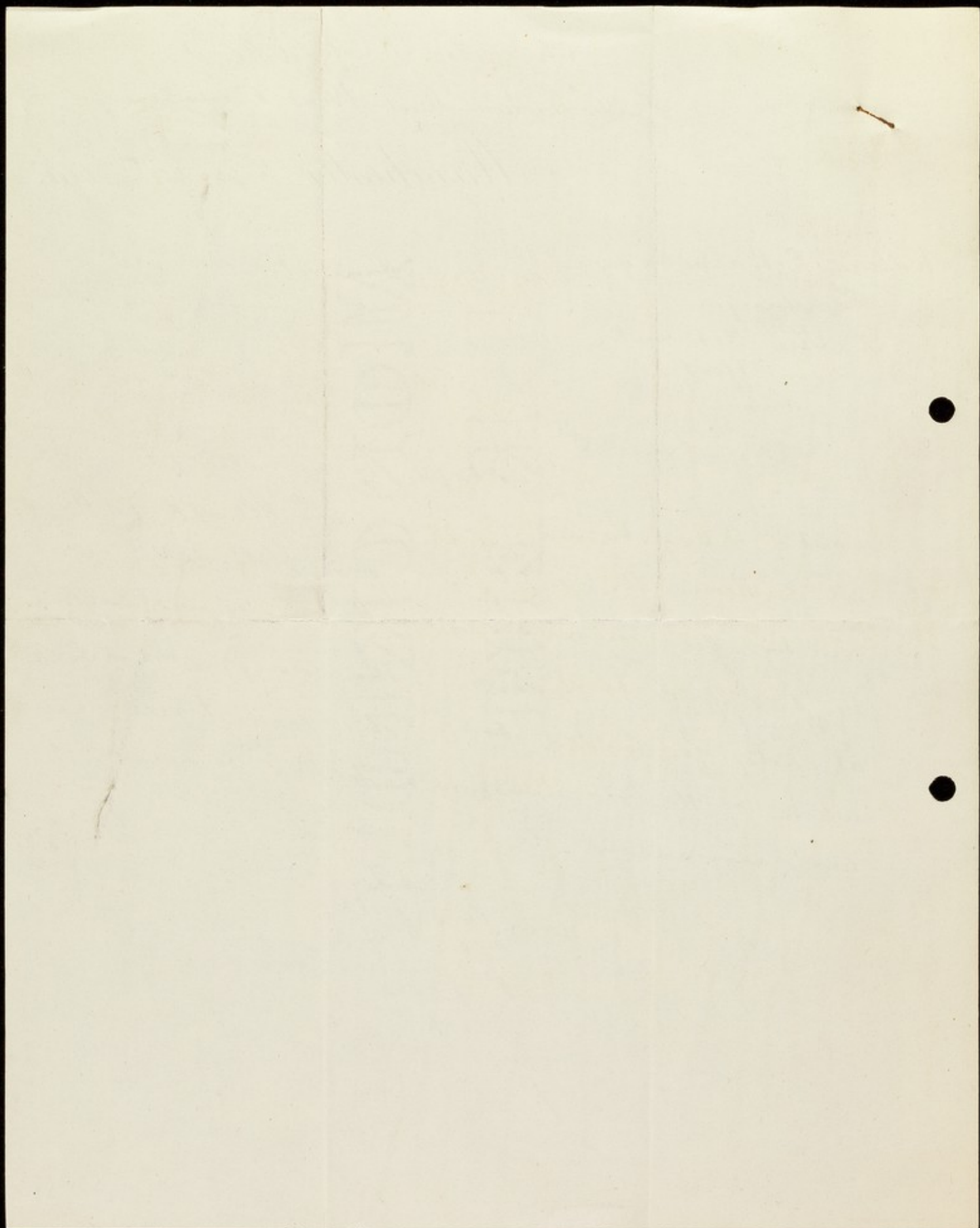
William E. Waller, Esq.,
Secretary,
The Retreat,
York.

re M. J. Hancock

Dear Sir,

In reply to yr. note of the 23rd inst., I beg to hand you, on behalf of Miss M. J. Hancock, a cheque for £13.13.0 a quarter's fee in advance. Her sisters will accompany her to York to-morrow (Thursday). I have already forwarded to W. Bedford Pierce the whole of the documents required to secure her admission.

Yours faithfully
Joseph Swarbrick



Oct 19 1911

Dear Sir,

Re. M. J. Hancock

The Retreat Committee at their
meeting on Tuesday fixed the terms
for M. J. Hancock at $\frac{24}{-}$ a week -
The terms to be reconsidered in time.

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Waller Secy.

Starbuck &

Enclose the usual form of
Agreement which please return to
me when completed -

Oct 19 1911

E. H. / Hancock

Dear Sir,

The Robert Committee at their
meeting & meeting for the same
for H. Hancock at 20/- a week -
The same to be considered & done.

Yours faithfully
W. E. Hancock

Hancock

Enclosed the report from the
Agreement which please return to
me when completed -

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DUNLUCE
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY.

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Dear Sir/

Miss M. J. Hancock.

Now that the patient has been
at York nearly a fortnight we
should like to know what you
think as to the course the case
will take.

Yours faithfully
Swaibred

Oct 8/11.

WENT DIBSBURY
MOORFIELD ROAD
DUNLUCE

Sept. 21st 1911.

DUNLUCE,
MOORFIELD ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for
your letter of the 20th inst., informing
me that the Committee of the Retreat
decided to admit Miss M. J. Hancock
at the rate of a guinea a week for
a period not exceeding six months
in consideration of her being an
attender at Friends' mission meetings.

I will now explain the matter
and consult the Medical Attendant
as to the filling in of the forms.

In the meanwhile I should
be obliged for a note informing
me how the charge should be
paid.

I remain,

Yours faithfully

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

J. Swarbrick

WEST DIDSLEY
MOORFIELD ROAD
DUNLUCE

Sept. 20, 1911

Dear Sir,

The Committee of the Retreat yesterday decided to admit Miss M.J.Hancock at the rate of a guinea a week for a period not exceeding six months in consideration of her being an attender at Friends' mission meetings.

I enclose a set of forms for use if you decide to send her to the Retreat, and we can receive her at any time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

J.Swarbrick Esq.

Sept. 20, 1911

Dear Friend,

Many thanks for your letter. The Committee at their meeting yesterday decided to admit Miss M.J.Hancock for a period not exceeding six months at a rate of one guinea a week, on account of her being an attender at Friends' mission meetings.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Collinson Esq.

H. Hancock
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"PENSION," LLANDRILLO-YN-RHOS.
TELEPHONE NO COLWYN BAY 228.
COLWYN BAY STATION.

Sept. 16th 1911
24, Clloofield Rd
ST. WINIFRED'S, *West Didsbury*
RHOS,
COLWYN BAY.

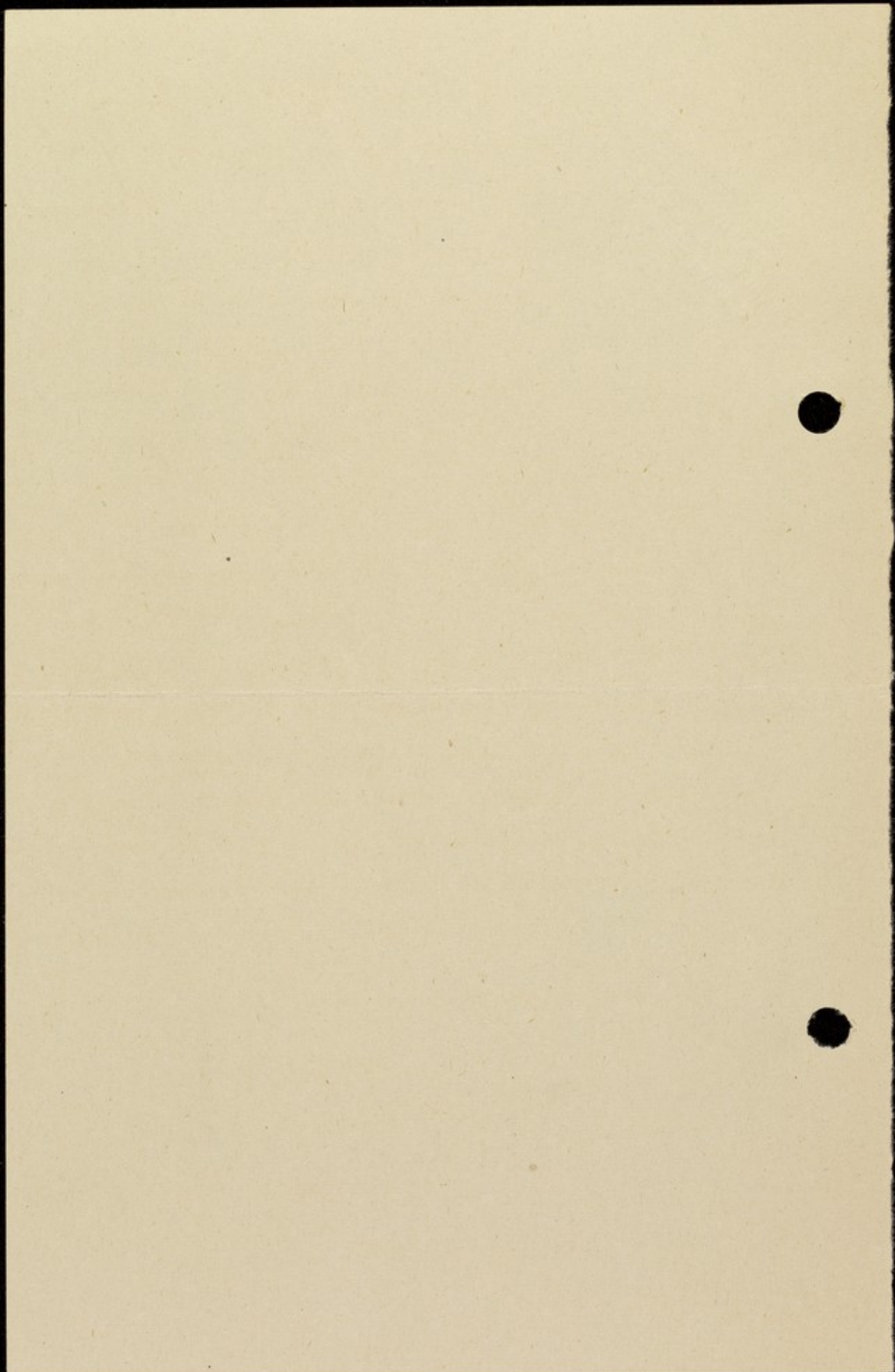
Dear Sir,
I am much obliged for
your letter of the 15th inst.

I have written to Mr. John Collinson
to place the matter before him. I
hope that he will get my letter
in time to enable him to write to
you for Tuesday's meeting.

From the idea the Local Doctor
gave us we were not quite
prepared for the case lasting so
long as 6 months to treat.

Yours faithfully
Swarbrick

21/-



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 Mary Jane Hancock of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringate, 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 _____ day of _____ 19____

Name Ann Hulme Snape
Residence 23, Lapping Lane, W. Didsbury
Occupation Shop Keeper

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, }

Address, and }

Profession. }

J. I. Snape
Address as above

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.

