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Royal Bath Hotel,⁷²
Bournemouth,
July 21. 1907

My dear Doctor Pierce,

I enclose my cheque
in settlement of the enclosed
bills, and also another for 40/-
which you will please distribute
amongst the attendants in
any way you think best with
my thanks to them for their
attention to my son.

And I desire you and
your professional colleagues to
accept my sincere thanks for
the care you have bestowed upon
him. I have not seen my son
for two months, for he was so
violent & deliberately offensive

when I last saw him, that it
was deemed advisable that
I should stay away for a time
so as to avoid exciting him.

He looks upon me as his
gaoler, as cruel &c &c, and
acts & speaks accordingly.

I am encouraged to hope
but I find it almost impossible
to hope.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully
John Stepper

I do not remember any charge
being made for sending him
by road to ~~Stoke~~ Barley, and
there is nothing in the enclosed &c

"Achfeld"

October 21st 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce

I heard from Mr. Hepper that my husband left you last Monday. So take this opportunity of thanking you for all your kindness to him.

If at any time you have a temporary nurse for a lady patient I should be so glad to have

her, my home is ⁽⁸⁵⁰⁾ beautiful situated, & Patley a racing place. So I feel as if I wanted to do something, so as not to be a burden on Mr. Hepper. I feel sure you will quite understand the circumstances

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Edith Hepper.

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JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

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Sep 29. 1906

Dear Dr. Pinner,

Many thanks for your letter, which confirms the opinion I have formed of my son's condition.

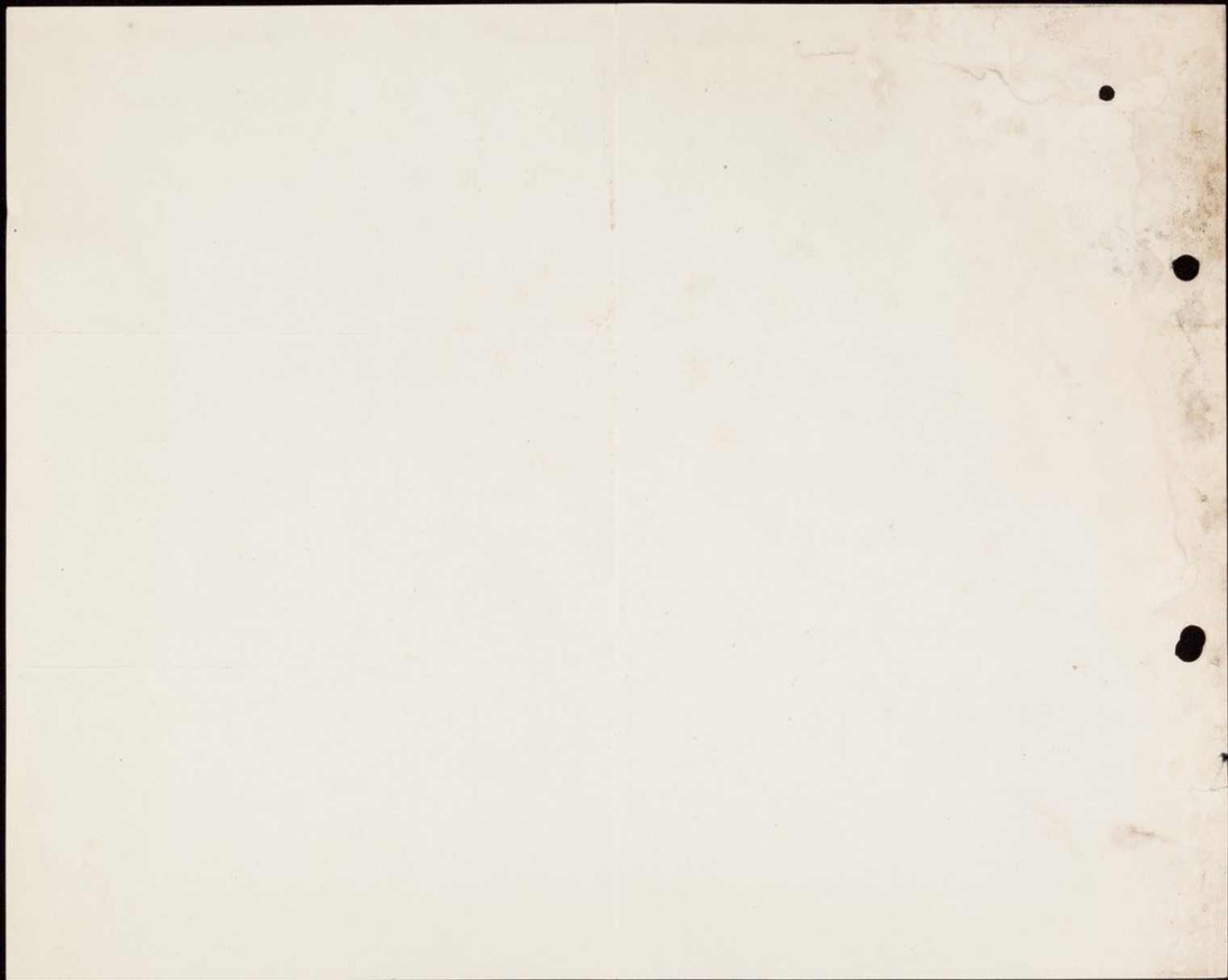
I very much regret that he should have been so troublesome to all who have had the charge of him, & I thank you for the care and attention bestowed upon him.

I suppose he will be sent to Scalbor Park early next week, and I agree to his conveyance by motor as affording the quickest transfer.

As soon after his arrival at Scalbor Park as I can I will go to see him, and settle any arrangements that may require my attention.

Faithfully yours,

John Hepper



TELEPHONE No. 92, OTLEY.

SCALEBOR PARK,
BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE.

27 September 1906

Dear Dr Pierce

Thanks for the notes
on Hepper's case. If it suits
you Monday Oct 1st would
suit us best for the transfer.
I am afraid he sounds
rather troublesome.

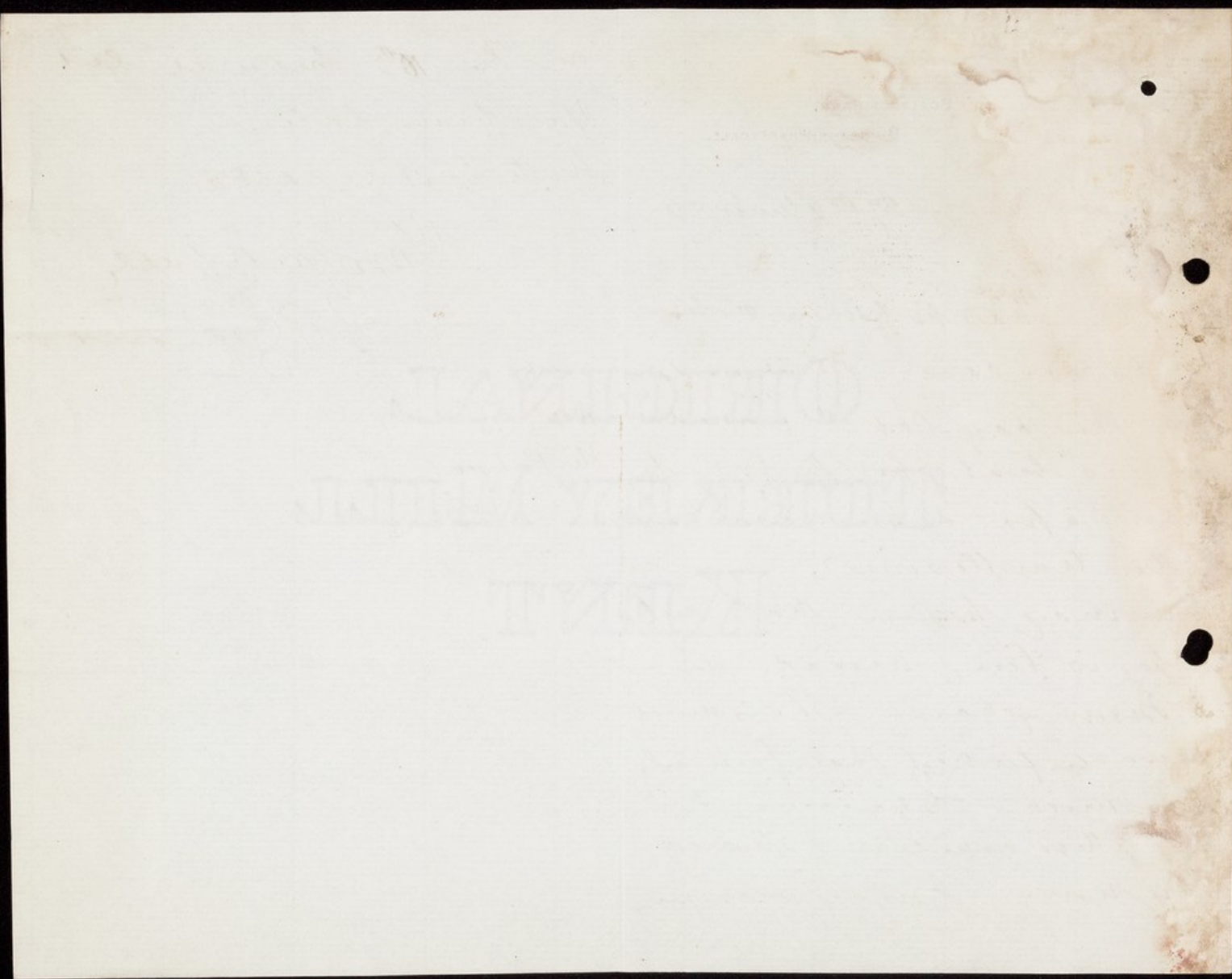
You may hear that Miss
Waber is being moved on
to Birmingham. She is much
more unfitted than formerly
has more delusions & is
altogether hopeless I should
say now. I may see you

on the 18th but will let
you know later.
With best regards

Yours faithfully
J. R. Gilmour

Dr Pierce
The Retreat
York

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HEPPER & SONS,
ESTATE & GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
VALUERS & AGENTS.

Partners,
JOHN HEPPER, F.S.I.F.A.I.
ROBERT LEVITT, F.A.I.
EDWARD HEPPER, F.A.I.

TELEPHONE NO 15.

East Parade.

Leeds, Sept 24 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

H. S. Hepper

I herewith enclose the documents forwarded to me by the Lunacy Commissioners, so that my son may be removed to Skelton Park. If there be any more forms to comply with, kindly let me know.

I think the best course, as soon as you have communicated with Dr. Gilmore as to the date of removal, will be for two of your attendants to take him in a pair-horse landau to Beeston, so as to avoid scenes at the Railway Stations.

You will please let me have

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your views as to the most convenient method of procedure, and as to whether you will wish me to be at the Retreat on his removal, or whether I shall be wanted at Skelton on his arrival.

I have written by this post to my son informing him of the proposed removal, and enclose the letter to you, so that you may hand it over when you think he is most fit to receive it.

I am Yours faithfully

John Hepper

Dr. Beaford Pierce.



Acquiesce Pateley Bridge

29, RIDGETT PARK ROAD
ROUNDBAY

August 28th 1906

Dear Dr. Price.

Will you let me

know how Mr. Hepper is.

The last report was very
sad, & I thought it better
not to come over to see

him until he was quiet.

Mr. Hepper is in Switzerland

so will you let me know

how soon he is home how he

is & whether you think it

advisable for me to come, I

was hoping for his now dear
sake that these winter fits
were over, he seemed so
much happier in his thoughts
when I saw him last.

Yours sincerely

Edith Hepper.

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ROBERT PARK
BOUNDARY

Jas.
 John. 5/- 4/-
 Simpson ~~28/-~~ 10/-
 Vasey ~~28/-~~ 10/-
 Watson. 5/- 4/-
 Kitching. 5/- 4/-
 Duff ~~4/-~~ 4/-
 Richards ~~5/-~~ 4/-

JOHN HEPPER
 CLAREVILLE
 HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

July 29. 1906

Dear Dr. Doolley,

I had not time when I left my son to see you so now I report. He is decidedly worse, and I had not one scolding sentence from him during my visit. He seemed oblivious of family interests, & his whole talk was of delusions.

He suddenly said to me "God is telling me now to write John Hepper" and he repeated it. If I had said anything at the time to provoke him I dare say he would have obeyed the Command.

On leaving he told me not to come any more. He took upon me as his custodian & he is going to free me off when he is ready.

Will you please place the enclosed postal order in the hands

of her attendants in such a manner
as you think best, with my thanks
for their attention. Perhaps on the
ground of discipline it is better to
give a little acknowledgment in this
way rather than in half ceases when
I visit, as that encourages expectation,
& disappointment does not improve
temper.

Yours faithfully

John Stepper

JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

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June 27. 1868

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter. I had not hoped much from the change & am not surprised, but am much disappointed.

A letter come from Will the same day, shewing much temper and more incoherence than any I have yet had.

I would come over to see him if it were prudent, but must wait a little till he calms down, for if I were to refuse what he would be sure to ask, we should have one of those painful scenes which affect me very much & do him harm.

Yours faithfully
John Hepper



Miss Ellerby
Barnoor Lodge
Kirbymoorside.

JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

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May 6. 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

The weather is now becoming warmer and more suitable for a change for my son, I propose, therefore, that you make arrangements for a fortnight or three weeks stay in the Country as you suggested & provide for him such attendance as you think he requires, for we have no one to send with him. My eldest son intends to see him this week, for I told him that Will would not go before next week, when I hope the weather will be more settled.

I have written to him saying that I am writing to you by this post on the subject.

Faithfully yours
John Hepper



JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

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June 23. 1906

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your
letter of the 20th inst.

I received a letter from
Will yesterday giving me his ad-
dress & saying that "Whisley is
quite a small village and the
country is flat, but the land is
evidently in good cultivation.

"They are willing to do all the work
for us and the meals are good homely
ones". So far satisfactory, and I
hope the change will do him good.

Faithfully yours

John Hepper

Dr. Dooley



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Clareville,
Headingley,
Leeds.

July 7. 1906

Dear Dr. Pierson,

I have been spending several weeks at Mentone and on my return I find the enclosed etc and now enclose my cheque for the amt. £49.12.3.

I should like now to hear how my poor son is. From what I hear from members of my family he is getting worse. I am, therefore, very anxious to hear about him & hope you will let me have your opinion. I was hoping coming to see him next week, unless there is a good reason why I should not.

I would have come this week
had I learn that his wife has
arranged to pay him a visit.

I hope you are quite well
again.

Yours faithfully
John Stepper

JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS

June 10, 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am hoping that by this time you will have been able to arrange to give my son the contemplated change of scene & air. In his last letter he seemed to be longing for it, and there were indications of some return of irritation at the powers that be.

He has written more lately & generally very shortly but correctly; but his last letter betrayed his illusions more than any former one, because it was much longer and his mind wandered again & again before he finished.

I am Yours faithfully
John Hepper



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influence; but it
promotes

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Clareville.
Readingley.
October 27th 1905.

Dear Sir,

I should like to
come over on Monday ^{afternoon}
to see my brother as I
hear he has been allow-
-ed to see his wife and
Mrs. J. S. Kepper.

I have not seen him
since he has been in
York, so am anxious to

Come over unless Dr. Pierce
really thinks that a visit
may do him harm.

If he is too loose for the
visit of my sisters-in-law
I do not think he would
be for seeing me, for I shall
take care not to talk on
irritating subjects.

Some time ago my mother
wondered when his sisters
were coming to see him.

I am
Yours truly
Emily C. Peppers.

along with them I ~~had~~ should
like as definite an opinion as
possible of the peculiar nature of
his disease, whether curable or
otherwise, and advice as to
visits & anything else necessary
for him.

If Dr. Pierson has returned
perhaps you will show him this.

Yours faithfully

John Stepper

G. G. Dudley Esq

The Retreat of
York.

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Clareville,
Headingley,
Leeds.

Sep 24. 1905.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st
was forwarded to me in London
whence I came home yesterday.

I am sorry to hear of my
son's relapse as, taken in
connection with his excited con-
duct when I last saw him about
a month ago, it gives me very
little encouragement.

My eldest daughter has
been expressing a wish to see
him, but I should not be disposed
to allow her which he is in an excitable
state, as I think it best that she

and her sisters should not be brought in contact with the darker side of his condition.

I do not wish him to think that we neglect him, and at the same time visits do not appear to do him any real good.

When I saw him he was very unsatisfactory and his conduct was very distressing & gave me a severe shock. But I wrote him urging him to refrain from his rebellious attitude and go to Sherbrooke for a change, which he had refused to do when I saw him.

After that I heard that he was there and that his wife had visited him & seemed highly pleased with his improvement. After that comes the relapse.

I should like to have some definite information as to what is

best for him as regards visits, viz. whether it is best for him to be seen weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on special intimation from the retreat.

If it should be periodical, instead of occasional or irregular, I will arrange that it shall be in terms, so that, while we may be in touch with him, it will not be more than is good for him.

He unfortunately regards me in a sense as his godfather, for he wants my authority for his release, and last time was very violent in his language because I would not bring him away. I am, therefore, disposed to think that my visits in his case, as in that of my late sister, are not very beneficial.

I shall be having the quarterly bill shortly, and probably an official report on his condition, and

about 2.45, and will bring a
carriage with me, so that he may,
if you approve, have a drive out
with me. It will be a change for
him and better for me.

I am Yours faithfully
John Stepper

Dr. Mackenzie.

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Clareville,
Headingley,
Leeds.

Aug. 19. 1905

Dear Sir.

I am much obliged for
your frank letter, but I am
sorry to find so little en-
couragement in it. It is best
that I should know the truth
as far as it is understood,
for I neither wish myself nor
those dear to him to be buoyed
up with groundless hopes.

I have no opportunity of
seeing him on business days so
will come over to-morrow (Sunday)
and see him & will take the
opportunity of seeing you if you
be in the house. I intend to come



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"HOSTELRY, LONDON."

NAT. TELEPHONE NO. 70 WESTMINSTER.
P.O. " " NO. 482 VICTORIA.

The
Westminster Palace Hotel,
London, S.W.

Aug 13 1905



My dear J. Pierce.

I expect to be at home
again next Wednesday evening,
and after being there 3 or 4 days
I hope to get away to Switzerland
for a month's much-needed rest.

Before going I want to make all
necessary arrangements for my son
Will, which may be required of me.

I should, therefore, like to have a
report from you as to Will's condition,
& as far as you can gauge them, his
prospects. I could not leave comfortably
without having done all I ought for
him & his family. Without asking you

to turn photos promptly I should like ⁶⁷⁵
to have some idea whether it is likely
that he will be able to enter business
in a few weeks, or months, or at all.
If the first we must wait, if the 2^d
his family must be as less expense,
if the 3^d, totally different arrange-
ments must be made without delay.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
John Stepper

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter, re Hepper. I am very glad

to hear as favourable an account and quite think a third month

before coming to beds is short enough. The last case of the kind

which I can recollect pursued very much the same course, and

with hardly any noticeable muscular disarrangement, and returned

on being brought into contact with the every day world

The other patient to whom you refer, I have

to be sure, but I have not

TELEPHONE—
LEEDS 153.
HEADINGLEY 75.

CONSULTATION HOURS—
11 TO 2.

18 JUL 1905

35, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.

18/7/05.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter, re Hepper. I am very glad to hear so favourable an account and quite think a three months probation before coming to Leeds is short enough. The last case of the kind which I can recollect pursued very much the same course, was discharged with hardly any noticeable muscular disablement, but relapsed very soon on being brought into contact with the every day world.

The other patient to whom you refer. Might one ask if he came from the Long Preston district?

Yours faithfully



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ST. PARRISH
LEEDS

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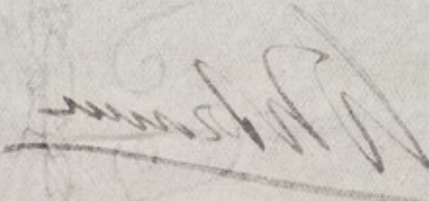
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Yours faithfully



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JOHN S. HEPPER.
Stock & Share Broker.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"OPTION LEEDS"
TELEPHONE No 851.

25, Bond Street.

Leeds 19 JUL 1905 19

G. G. Doolley Esq.

Dear Mr. Doolley,

I am much obliged for yours of today's date just to hand.

I am not quite sure whether I shall be able to get away before Saturday but will have a try for Friday. Any how I will write a line tomorrow.

Whichever day it is we shall have to leave Leeds by the 12.10 train & that would necessitate his leaving York by the 10.12

which is due in Leeds at 10.49. If as I judge it is right for him to travel by himself to Leeds either my Brother Edward or I will meet him at the Leeds Station.

I would like to know whether I am to buy tickets altogether or let him have a glass of beer with his meals.

He will do whatever he promises I am sure I am sure I shall not have a few words with you when I am on on Sunday as my brother does not of you.

Yours sincerely
John S. Hepper

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JOHN S. HEPPER,
Stock & Share Broker.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"OPTION LEEDS"
TELEPHONE NO 851

25, Bond Street.

Leeds 18 JUL 1905 19

Bedford Pierce Esq.

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased indeed to find my brother so much better and must thank you for your kindness towards him.

Since I saw him it has occurred to me that it would perhaps do him good to have a week end off & if you agree with me I will take him over to the Isle of Man from say

Friday or Saturday until Sunday.

It is not often I can get away from business myself but I think I can manage the week end & should be delighted to take him.

He told me on Sunday that he longs to be on the water & I think the trip would do him good.

If you agree with me I will ask you to get Dr. Dooly to take him to Jersey that he will do as I ask him & also that he will not have anything to drink except perhaps a glass of beer to himself

and are for dinner.

I mention this because
of course it is impossible
to know who he may meet
what he is doing.

My reason for asking
you to get Dr. Wooty to obtain
the license is that ^{my brother} he
likes him very much &
it will abstain a little
less formal than if you
did it yourself.

Shaw has mentioned
the matter to my Brother
but has talked it over with
his wife who takes the
idea of his going with me.

My Father is away from
home at present & will
not be back until Thursday.

so Shaw had no oppor-
tunity of talking to him.

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Yours faithfully,
John V. Wheeler

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JOHN HEPPER,
CLAREVILLE,
HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

Ans^d 570
July 9. 1905

My dear Doctor

I asked for you before I
came away but you had gone out.

My son is better and we had
a fairly pleasant time.

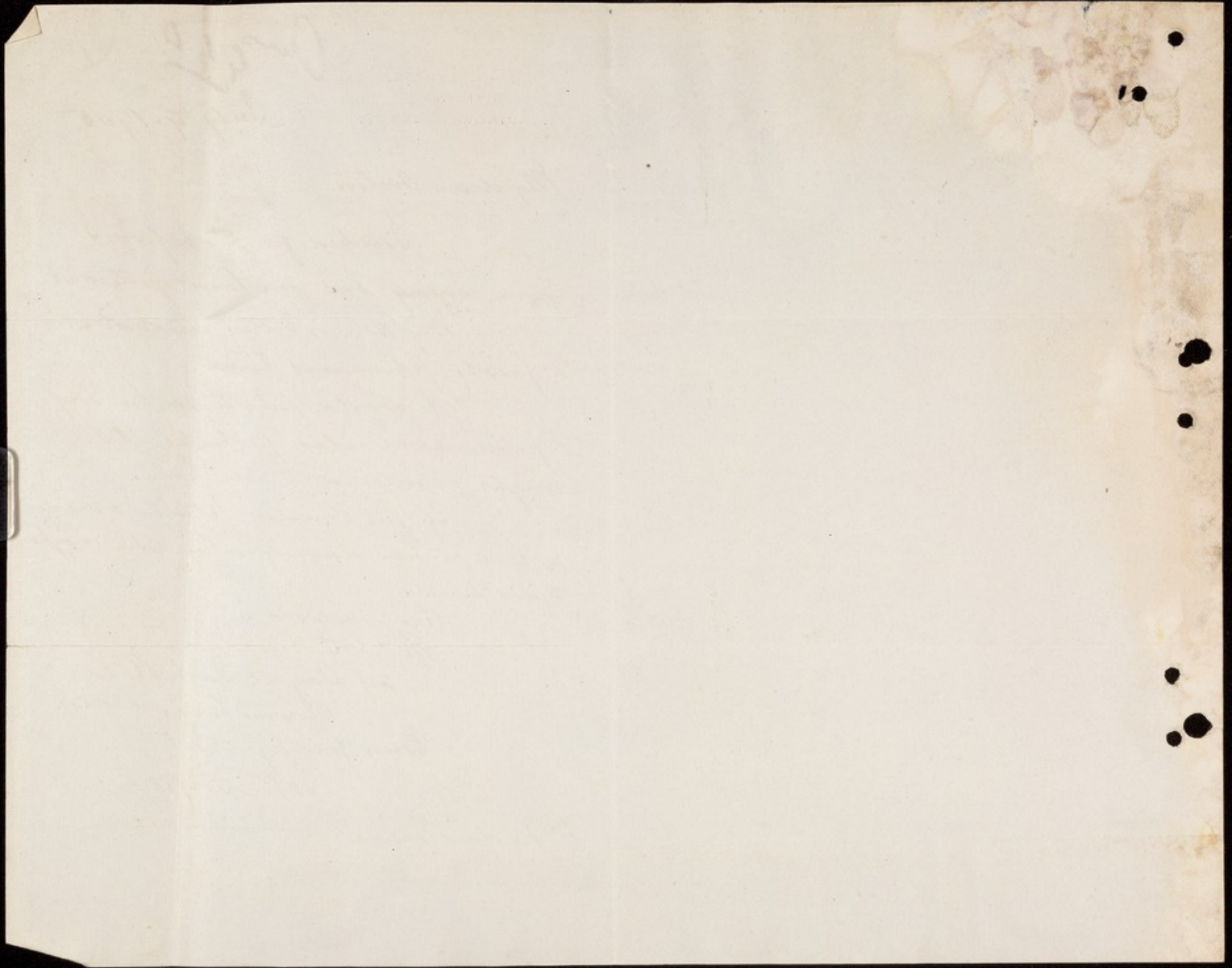
He would like to see his wife
& for her sake also perhaps she
might be allowed to see him.

If you concur please address
a line to her saying when she might
visit him.

Her address is
Mrs WJ Stepper
29 Liagett Park Road
Roundhay, Leeds.

Yours faithfully
John Stepper

Dr. Bedford Pierce



MS 4

Clareville,
Headingley,
Leeds.

July 5. 1905

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am anxious to see my son, and I propose to call in next Sunday afternoon if you will allow me, for I am so exceedingly busy that it seems impossible for me to get over on week days.

I have been expecting your bill up to June 30. Please let me have it. I hope he is still progressing but none of us having heard from him for some days I am doubtful.

I cannot call upon you on Friday as I shall be ⁱⁿ Bradford when you are in Leeds.

Yours faithfully,
John Stepper



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29, HIGGETT PARK ROAD,
ROUNDMAY.

June 5th 1905.

Dear Sir.

In writing to my husband
will you be ever know if
there are any subjects I
ought to avoid.

It is a great comfort
for me to know that he has
settled down, & gives so little
trouble.

Yours Truly,

Edith Hepper.

D. Bedford Price.

BOUNDARY
25. RIDGETT PARK ROAD

HEPPER & SONS,
ESTATE & GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
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TELEPHONE NO 15.

East Parade.

Leeds, June 2 1905

Dear Sir,

W. S. Hepper

I thank you for your letter of the
first inst.

I have filled up the petition

and have lodged it with Mr. C. M. Atkinson.

Mr. Caplan Johnson has undertaken to
fill up the Certificate this afternoon.

This will at once be sent on to Mr.
Thornton, Magistrates Clerk, who has kindly
undertaken to see the papers completed
& forwarded to you in time.

I enclose herewith all the information
I can for you. I am going to London with
my wife this afternoon to help her to shake
off the effects of the strain, and to attend
to some business myself. I return on
Monday night.

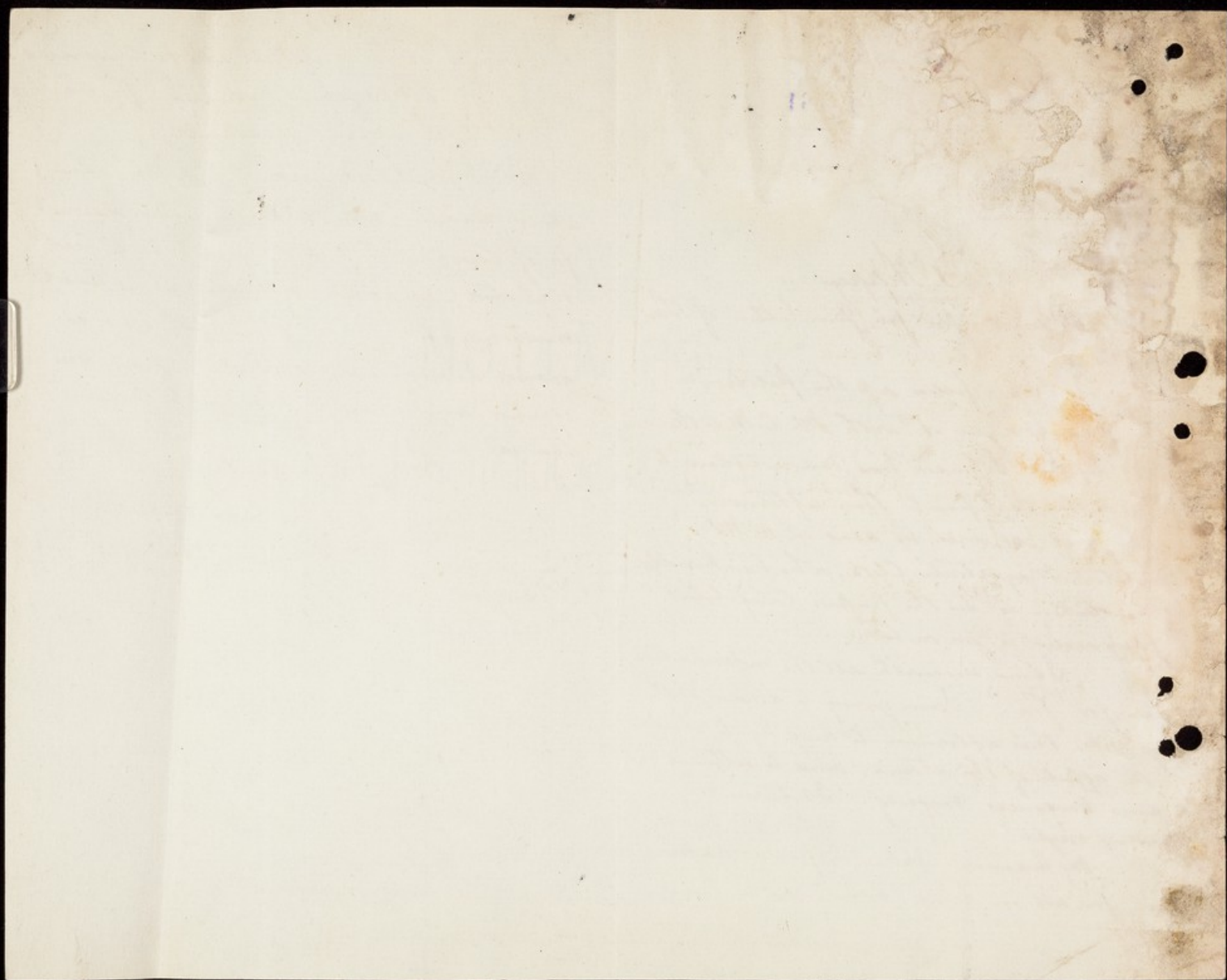
On Tuesday I shall be fully occupied
when you are in Leeds, but could see you

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on Friday at 3.30 if that will be convenient
to you to settle about expenses, for which
I should hold myself responsible.

It will be necessary to settle also
about visiting my son, correspondence &c.
for of course I did not wish him to feel
neglected, in case he thinks about such
matters. We are all thankful that no
serious difficulty as the removal was
effected under such favourable circum-
stances.

Yours faithfully,
John Hepper

D. Beaford Pierce,
The Retreat, York.



J. S. HEPPER,
Stock & Share Broker.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"OPTION LEEDS"

TELEPHONE NO 851

25 Bond Street.

9 AUG 1905

G. G. Dooley Esq.

Dear Mr. Dooley,

Will you as a kindness
let me know how my
Brother is going on?

I have heard nothing
since his return from
the Isle of Man except
what you said when
I telephoned you.

His wife is very
anxious about him &
I telephoned on her
behalf today but your
telephone was out of

order.

My father is away in
London & not expected
back for a week or more
& I have advised my sister
in Law to write to Mr.
Price direct.

I shall be very grate-
ful for any information
you can send me.

Yours sincerely
John Hepper

2 AUG 1902

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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 Wm S Kepper 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 necessaries, 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 21st day of July 1905

Name John Kepper

Residence Claxwite, Headingley, Leeds

Occupation Auctioneer

SIGNED by the said John Kepper

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Joseph Benson

13 Pearson Terrace Leeds

Cashier to Kepper & Sons Leeds.

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.

