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If you think her quite suitable  
will you kindly let me know when  
Miss Gibbon can accompany <sup>Mr. Hibbs</sup> so  
that I may make arrangements?  
I would like to ask if you think  
it would be better if you saw her  
from time to time, if required, after  
she leaves the Retreat; an oversight  
of her general state of mind for a  
period?

I remain

Yours very Sincerely

H. Hibbs

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Rutland Villas.  
Dauchover.  
June 19. 1912.

Dear W. Pease.

We have thought and  
tacked the matter over very carefully.  
We realise the risk involved & the  
fact that it may be distressing to us  
at times when Mr. Hibbs is worse  
than usual. But we have concluded  
that we will try her at home.

You do not say "don't." You say "it may  
quite possibly be better for her," and  
"the risk involved may turn out quite  
well." My eldest son saw his mother  
on Friday & thinks she ought to try. &  
my eldest daughter has thought for 2 or  
3 months that she ought to come home.  
I myself think that with all the

various influences we can bring to  
bear in cheating her & diverting her  
attention from herself it will be worth  
while trying.

In a few weeks the heat of the summer  
will be over & with it many opportunities  
for outdoor recreation & amusement.  
The younger child's holidays from school  
will quickly be here. & she & her mother  
miss each other very much.

We feel we shall have to go through  
the same thing as to what having a  
nurse for some time in the house. & when  
Mr. Gibbs came home, so taking it  
altogether we conclude, unless you say  
it is foolish, to try it now.

Her appeals to us to let her come  
home are hard to withstand & have  
influenced us to some extent.

I enclose you a note that she wrote  
on Friday in a few minutes whilst my  
son stood at the window. for your  
perusal.



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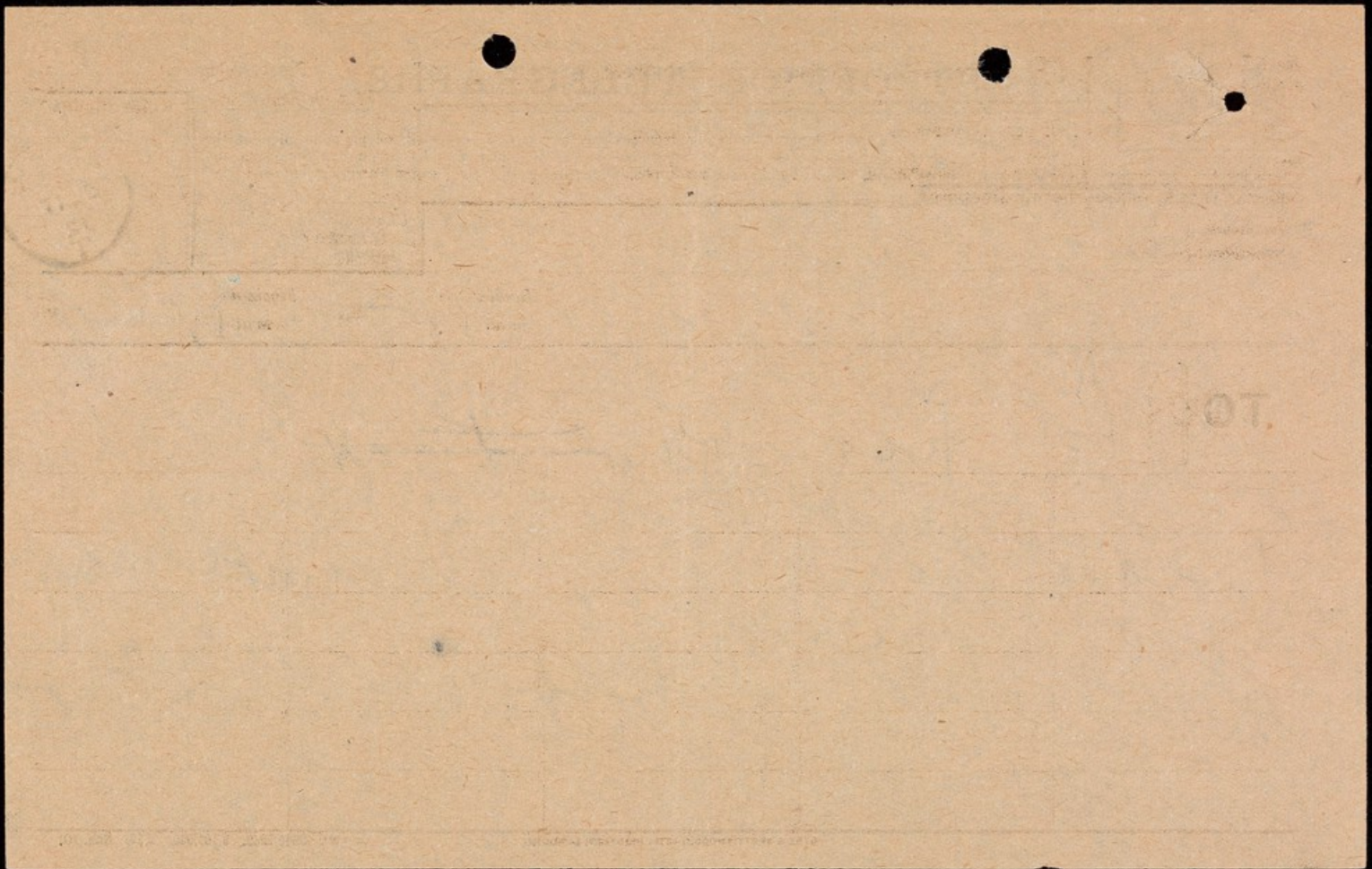
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Reply Paid

Dr Grace Reheat ~~at~~ York

Please how is Patient today  
and generally  
Mabbs





Rutland Villas. 636  
Leicester.

June 11. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

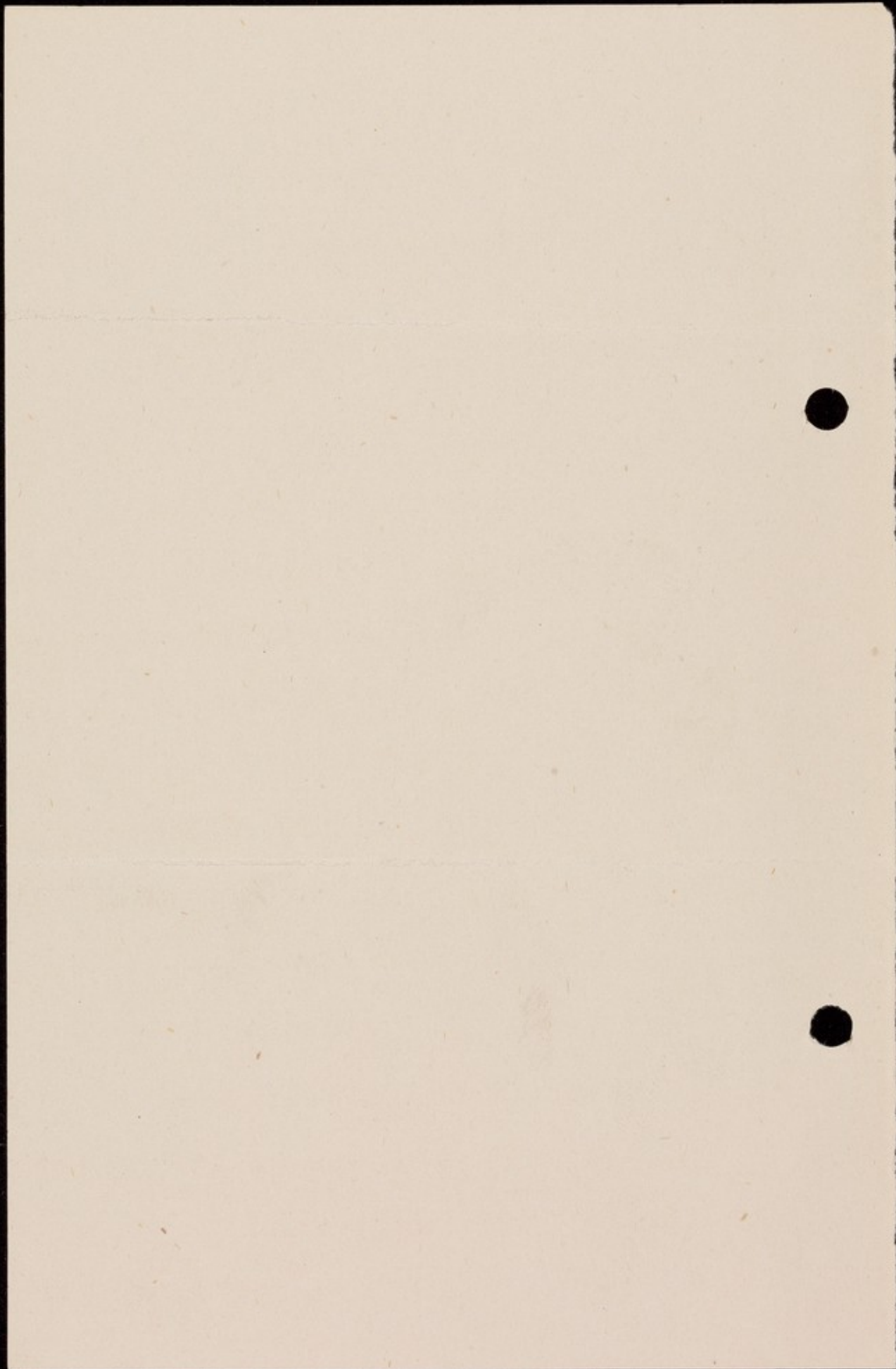
I thank you  
very much for your letter  
recd this morning.

I fear the responsibility is  
heavy for me. I have not had  
the opportunity today to see our  
medical man.

I will think it over & write you  
again in a few days.

I remain  
Yours very Sincerely  
H. Hibbs







June 10, 1912

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

With much of what you say I am quite in agreement. It is quite possible that at home, with normal surroundings and domestic influences, Mrs. Hibbs might be much better than she is here, but on the other hand we cannot but notice that she is not really convalescent. She is dull, gloomy, and depressed almost the whole of the time, frequently never speaks, though when asked she says she is better. She brightens up when she receives visitors, and at other times is for a short time a little brighter.

I, therefore, do not feel justified in advising you to take her home, seeing the undoubted risks of such a course. If, however, you incline to make the trial yourself there will be no difficulty about Mrs. Hibbs being discharged from our books. The risk involved may turn out quite well, but I do not feel justified, under the circumstances, in encouraging you to take it, and would suggest your talking the whole matter over with your doctor.

Yours very truly







our usual mode of life, just as totally  
at variance with her previous experience  
in her own home as night-nursing.

I think Miss Gibbo's place would be  
rather a sinecure, but it is necessary  
for a time at least, as things arise one  
cannot foresee. but Mrs. Hibbs has seen  
her & on asking her how she liked her, after  
hesitation said her voice got on her nerves.  
That would probably wear off. but during  
the 24 hours she was here we thought her  
very nervous & fidgety. But that was  
perhaps owing to being strange here.  
The Underwood had just come from  
an acute case. In any case she could  
be changed if not suitable.

Mrs. Hibbs can be out cycling driving or  
rustling all day if she likes. she can  
be in the garden or out walking or in the  
town. we are as near to the country as  
you are at the Retreat. She would  
never be alone.

I take it the acute phase of her  
illness is past? Do you not think if she

Rutland Villas. <sup>624</sup>  
Duncaster.

June 9. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Do you not think the  
time has arrived when we might  
try Mrs. Hibbs at home? I have been  
wondering to take her for a drive & I think  
her better than she was a month ago  
when you thought she might come this  
winter. While with me the little girl  
she has been perfectly natural ~~and~~ no  
confusion. no stumbling in her speech or  
thought. quite herself in fact except being  
down hearted at having again to come in  
to the Retreat.

The conditions are these: we reside on  
a main road where there is always  
something of interest taking place to  
people passing whom we know. It is  
a pleasant lively situation. We are



were in Green-Cano & fields woods, but little occasions  
& parties, with those she loves, it would be better for her  
than the present mode of life: necessary, but it has been.  
I mean, do you not think she has arrived at that stage when  
those influences would be beneficial for her. There are her  
present surroundings <sup>unpleasant</sup> & disagreeable. I discompose her & perhaps  
renders her demeanour at times trapper desperate.  
Surely when one sees so much wrong in the world & in many  
households, the sweet influence of a home like this. her dear  
children, & especially her little girl of 10. would do something  
to make her feel happier & brighter.

I have written you rather long. But I wanted to put in  
thoughts before you. There may be things I do not know I have  
not taken into consideration. Would you not kindly give me  
your thoughts about her. We can't receive her any more.

I remain yours very truly  
Herst. P. Gibbs

P.S. We liked Miss Gibbon, personally very much.

a cheerful happy family. I am  
myself, or can be, at home entirely.  
except an occasional day I may be  
forced to be away on business matters.  
My daughter, whom I think you have seen,  
is a woman now I have had 2 years hospital  
training, entirely for the love of nursing.  
Therefore she is more interested in it than  
one who takes it up of necessity. Take of  
course can be trusted to look after her mother  
better than any strange nurse. We have not  
room for 2 nurses to give them a bedroom  
each. As to Miss Gibbon, my daughter  
is away until Tuesday. but she told me  
that Miss Gibbon when here had said  
she was not used to night nursing as she  
could not sleep during the day. I do not  
think that would matter as I intend to  
take care of my info myself during the night  
whenever she came home. in a room with  
the door locked outside if necessary, & nothing  
is it suggestive even of harm to herself.  
I think this would be better as she would  
have confidence in me, confide in me.

Ruthland Villas. <sup>531</sup>  
Dunstable.

May 14. 12

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thank you  
very much for your letter  
received this evening.

But I especially wish to  
thank you for your consideration  
for the safety of my dear wife  
& for the thought you have given  
to her case indeed your kindness  
I shall never forget.

We have thought it best that



My son should come tomorrow <sup>afternoon</sup>  
Please you, to explain fully the  
circumstances here at home and  
gain your further advice.

I remain dear Sir

Yours very truly

Herb. J. Hibbs



Rutland Villas. <sup>525</sup>  
Doncaster,

May 10. 12

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I received your letter this morning with much satisfaction. I feel very grateful to you all for having taken such care of my wife during those long months but especially to you for the skill shown in her treatment & the interest you have taken in her case. I may say now that when she first came to you I did not expect her to recover. she has never

been the same woman since the  
typhoid 5 yrs ago. but I feel  
if it could be done it would be  
at the Retreat.

I will come for Mrs. Hibbs on  
Thursday. and will let you know  
the time later. Miss Gibbon will  
come to us on the Wednesday.  
We hope Mrs. Hibbs will soon be  
brighter & better at home & complete  
the process of recovery you have  
inaugurated. I remain dear Sir

Yours very truly  
Herbert Hibbs



In discharging my wife, Clara Hibbs, from the  
Retreat I release the medical officers from all responsibility,  
and I have been informed that she is still subject to attacks  
of depression, and that as recently as Monday last she said  
she wished some one would shoot her.

Signed

Date



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May 14, 1912

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

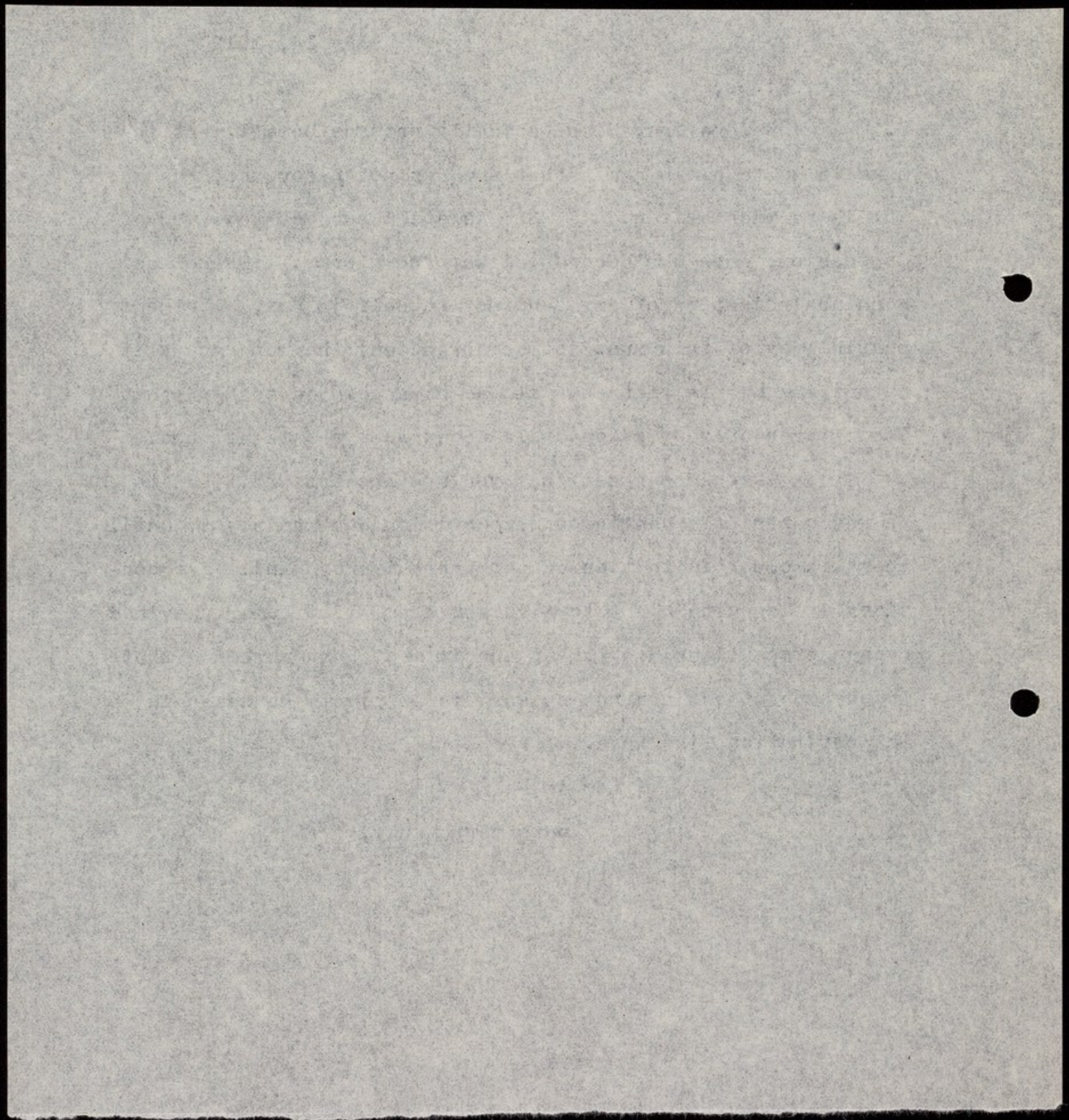
Before Mrs. Hibbs actually returns home I want to make it quite plain again that she has not recovered, though she is so much better. She is still subject to waves of depression, when she becomes silent and gloomy. There has been no indication of any tendency to self injury, but the possibility of this must not be forgotten; the more so as it is not improbable that she will be disappointed to find that these waves of depression still occur when she is at home.

I would suggest that you arrange for Mrs. Hibbs to be under strictly continuous supervision day and night, until there is clear indication of permanent improvement. I consider it is quite right to give her a trial at home, provided proper precautions are taken; and it must be remembered that these precautions are not so easy in a private house as in an institution like this.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







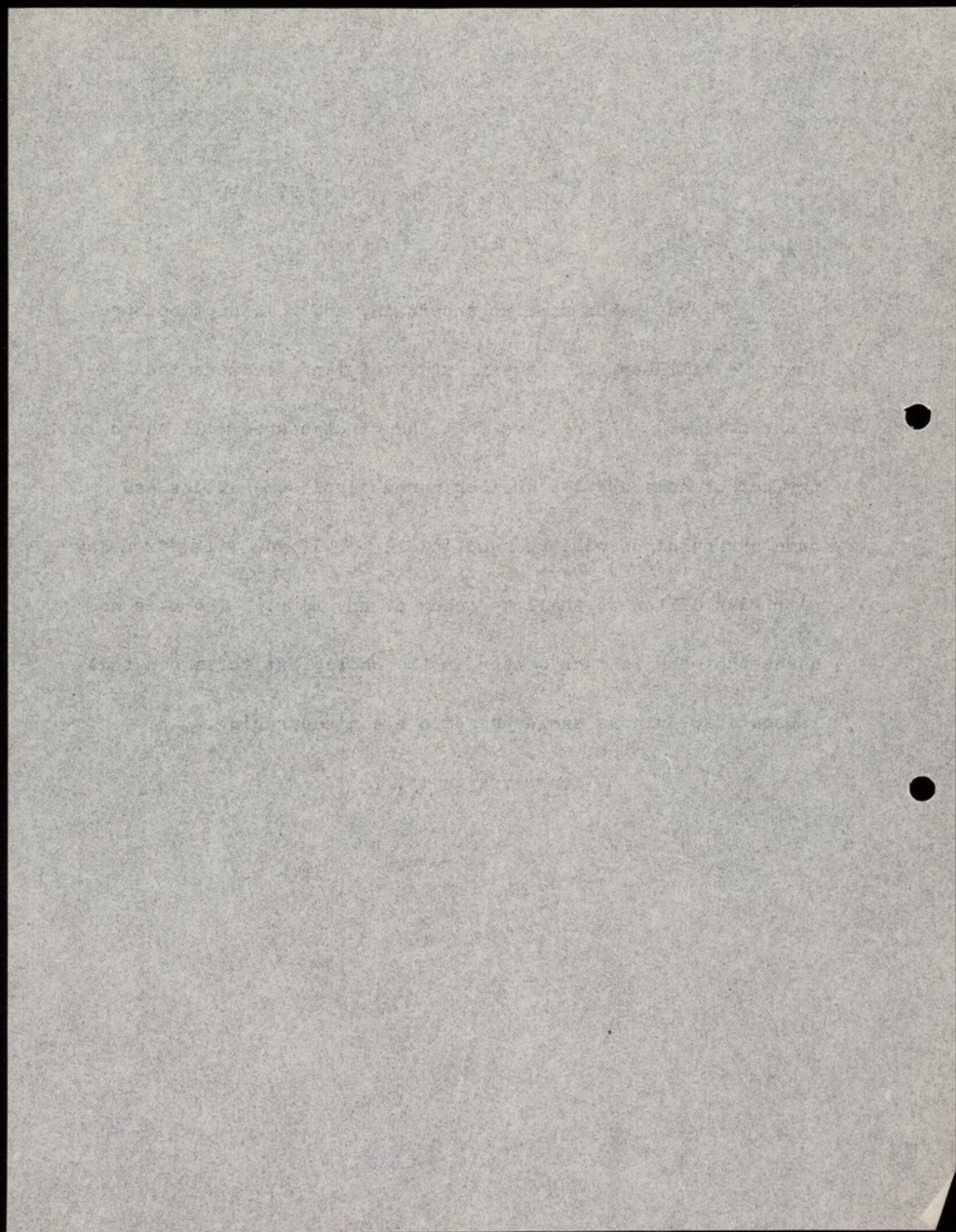
May 9, 1912

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

Mrs. Hibbs remains uncertain, and we cannot be sure that she will keep in the same state of mind for more than a short time. I believe that the right course will be to try her at home and see whether normal wholesome duties and home surroundings will be beneficial. If you will fix a day with Miss Gibbon we shall be ready at any time. There is no doubt that she is much better on the whole, but these constant lapses into dulness and depression are discouraging.

Yours very truly,







Rutland Villas.  
 Doncaster.

May 7. 1912.

Dear D. Pierce.

I have arranged with Miss Gibbon, the nurse whom Miss Thomason wrote me you think suitable for Mr. Hibbs, & she can come in a week after receiving notice of requirement.

I should therefore be glad, as soon as you think I am justified in trying my wife at home. if you will let me know when I may come for her?

My daughter saw her mother on Thursday last and thought her much better. Now she had not seen her for a month, I hope the improvement continues?  
 With compliments Believe me

Yours very truly  
 Herbert J. Hibbs



Wm. L. Garrison  
Boston

May 7 1871

Dear Mr. Garrison

I have corresponded with this Boston  
the nurse whom this Committee sent me for this  
suitable for the children. There can come no more  
of the nursing children of the same  
I believe the report to be true as far as I know  
and perhaps in giving my wife of the fact  
it was true. I was sure for her  
My daughter was in the hands of the nursing children  
I hope the nursing children will be  
with confidence. I believe in the  
I am very truly  
Wm. L. Garrison

Littleton Hall  
Brentwood  
Essex

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1912

Dear Miss Thomasson  
Many thanks for your letter.  
I am so vexed it has not  
been answered before, but it  
has been much delayed in  
reaching me & this is my first  
opportunity of answering it.  
I have a case here at present  
in connection with a nurses'  
Co-Op. in London which I  
joined last March, but I  
think I can easily give it



up, as I should like to oblige  
you & Dr Peice. I have just  
heard from Mr Hibbs giving  
me particulars & asking me  
my terms. My fees at present  
are 3 guineas - of course my  
patient is very wealthy &  
also a very acute case & there  
are three other nurses.

However I will ask Mr Hibbs  
2 guineas, do you think this  
too much? . Thanking you &  
Dr Peice for so kindly giving  
me the chance of the case,  
With very kind regards.

Believe me

Sincerely yours  
Mayt. Gibson

me of her ultimate ~~complete~~ recovery?  
You mentioned Thoreau to me  
on Thursday last. Do you think  
it would benefit her going there?

I do not know the conditions of that  
place but I am ready to fall in  
with anything you suggest that will  
enable her speedily to recover.

I think, if you would let me know  
directly you had a good nurse  
at liberty, I would by having her  
home say between now & Whitman.  
Do you think being so much with  
Miss Baraboo's, mixing with the  
others, has, at her present stage, any  
detrimental effect? She talks much  
about it. I remain Sir

Yours very truly  
Herb. J. Hibbs

● Rutland Villas. <sup>442</sup>  
Dorchester.

Apr 29. 12

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your letter and to  
thank you for the same.

I had earnestly hoped, indeed  
so had we all, that my wife  
would be coming home perhaps  
this week. She is certainly better  
than she has recently been. I  
think her much improved since  
being on the Centre. but I must  
say, after seeing her 3 times



during the past fortnight. That  
<sup>do not</sup> I think he quite ready to try  
coming home. I quite agree with  
every detail of your letter. I  
know that having her here would  
enormously increase the opportunity  
your responsibility would be great.  
At the same time I believe being  
here would do her much good &  
might cure her, but I think it  
better to see if she cannot improve  
further shortly before trying.  
Tho' the fact of being away from  
us & the trouble she has given us by  
her illness is a great cause of her  
present depression.

Can you still hold out hope to

50 Thorne Rd. 428  
Doncaster.

Apr 26. 12.

Dear Dr. Purce.

I was sorry I could not see you again last afternoon when we returned, as you were engaged on enquiry.

I hope you received my letter of Thursday in last week? I may ask if you would kindly reply to that at your convenience, as I cannot decide until I know what you think my wife begs of me to have her home.

I have thought since yesterday that if you could supply me a



thoroughly capable nurse, or if  
you could recommend one. I  
would try having her home one  
day next week. but as my  
last letter covers all this I think,  
I will not impose further on your  
time.

Yours very truly

Herbert H. Hibbs

I have written her saying I had seen Dr. Pierce & that if she would try the light & cheerful te, we said she might try in 2 or 3 weeks.

I thought perhaps it would be better to give her this hope & I or my daughters to come frequently & talk her out either driving or walking. To see, in 2 or 3 weeks, if it has any effect.

Will you kindly say if this quite meets your approval?

She does not seem to me to be wise as she has an excellent memory & can talk about anything if she will. But she is possessed of certain ideas she cannot get rid of. tho these ideas have changed from time to time since she became ill. first one thing and then another.

Rural Villa<sup>417</sup>  
Daucastr.

Apr 19. 12.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I fear I caused you some trouble on Tuesday by an inopportune visit. I must thank you for the few minutes you gave me when you appeared so much occupied. I did not like to come away without seeing you. after your saying you wished to see me —

I was very pleased to hear you thought I might now see how my wife got on at home.



Do you still think she will  
recover, & that her illness is due  
to her period of life?

In the event of her coming home in  
a short time I suppose she would  
come on probation, but would not  
the having to go back to the Retreat,  
in that event happening, might it not  
be disastrous to her?

If you think I ought to have Mrs  
Hibbs at home now I will of course  
do so. I must be guided entirely  
by your opinion.

I remain Sir,

Yours very truly,

Herb. J. Hibbs

I found her still very depressed,  
& I could scarcely rouse her  
from it, & I think it scarcely  
time for her to come home. and  
quite safe yet. altho she is certainly  
better than she was.

On the other hand she presses me  
to ask you to let her come & says  
she shall never be any better at the  
Retreat. She seems troubled by the  
sight of other patients. by the noise  
made by other patients when she is in  
the grounds & seems much oppressed  
by the sense of being constantly watched.  
Still she said you had yourself done  
all you could for her. & that everyone  
was very kind & considerate for her.



March 7, 1912

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

I am much obliged for your letter the other day, and am glad to think there has been merely a misunderstanding. Knowing, as well as I do, how much suffering mental illness produces in a family, I can well understand how anxious you must be that nothing should be left undone that might contribute to Mrs. Hibbs's recovery.

I fear I cannot report much change yet. She is very silent and depressed, and only does a very little needlework. She went to an entertainment last night, and she goes out every day. We are proposing that she should have a Turkish Bath on Monday, and we are also giving her some fresh medicinal treatment.

Yours very truly,



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The first of the two is a very small one.

The second is a very large one.

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The fourth is a very large one.

The fifth is a very small one.

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The twenty-seventh is a very small one.

The twenty-eighth is a very large one.



Rhodes Villas <sup>250</sup>  
Daucaster.

Dec 2. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

A meaning has been  
read into my letters which was  
never intended.

I could not find fault with an  
Institution which brought my wife  
so splendidly through so severe an  
illness & gave me her companionship  
thru a further  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years. I should  
have lost her had it not been for you.

I cannot yield to anyone in my  
admiration & respect for the Retreat  
since I have been compelled to know it  
I have always thought it a great blessing  
to poor suffering humanity.



I have made the mistake of  
thinking that outside appearance  
& dress could have any beneficial  
effect upon the mind of my poor  
wife, & perhaps of letting my anxiety  
run away with my discretion.

Yours very Sincerely  
H. J. Hibbs

March 1, 1912

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

I find it difficult to answer your letter. If a nurse who has been here six years, and has passed through a course of training for four, and is 26 years of age; and if her deputy, who is 28 years of age, and has had four years training, and is certificated; if these two are not considered to be sufficiently experienced to look after Mrs. Hibbs, I feel strongly tempted to ask you to find some other institution where the staff is better qualified.

But I remember how great your anxiety must be respecting Mrs. Hibbs, and that you fail to understand that her present pathetic condition does not depend upon external circumstances, but upon internal disturbance affecting her nervous system.

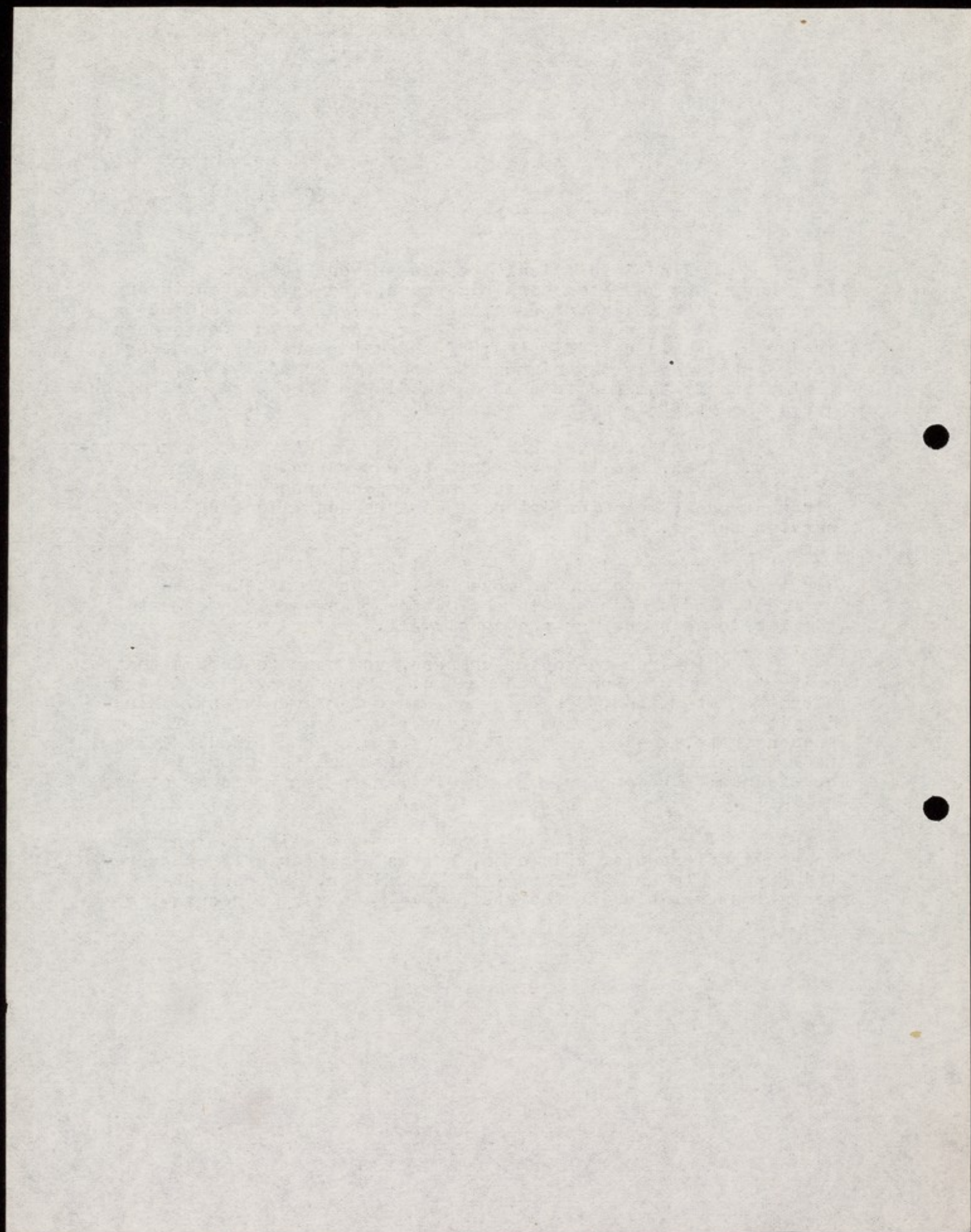
Your previous letter to Sister Sarah has so upset her that I have decided to move Mrs. Hibbs to another department, and she is now in the Centre, the same department she was in when she was previously ill.

With regard to the charges, you seem to forget that owing to a sudden acute illness Mrs. Hibbs received an immense amount of attention, for which we asked for no payment, thinking it would be more than you could rightly afford. The present rate, seeing that Mrs. Hibbs has a good sized private room and a special night nurse, is only what the Committee considered to be proper, and is similar to that paid by other patients.

I am sorry if this letter gives the impression that we are intolerant of criticism, but as a matter of fact every thing possible has been done for Mrs. Hibbs, and your observations relative to the staff have been very discouraging to them.

Yours very truly,





Nor do I wish even to appear to  
find any fault with anything or  
anyone, my wife's restoration to her  
home & her children is my great  
concern.

I am  
Yours very truly  
H. H. Hibbs

Rutland Villas, 212  
Doncaster.  
Feb 27. 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I thank you for  
your letter received this morning.  
It is very distressing to hear the  
bald statement that my poor wife  
sits with her hands before her doing  
nothing! Can nothing be done for her  
beyond what is being done? I fear  
those young nurses have not much  
influence over her. She has always  
been a strongminded decided woman  
before this illness & I fear they appear  
but as girls to her.

During her former illness when with  
you she had Nurse Baylies during the  
daytime & I believe her influence over  
Mr. Hibbs was great & beneficial



Could she be moved by an older  
more experienced woman, a good  
kind Christian one if possible, who  
could lead & guide her?

I am already being charged more than  
I was for this service on the last occasion,  
and she had a room to herself during  
the whole period.

It may be that under present conditions  
in God's good time she may be restored  
to health. But she appears to me to  
require taking in hand during the day  
time by a thoroughly capable woman &  
bringing back to reason & health.

I feel I cannot let my dear wife sink  
into utter despondency without doing  
everything I can for her that occurs to  
me. In making these suggestions I  
beg you not to think I have lost any  
faith in your skill or in my hope that  
you will ultimately be able to save her.

Feb. 26, 1912

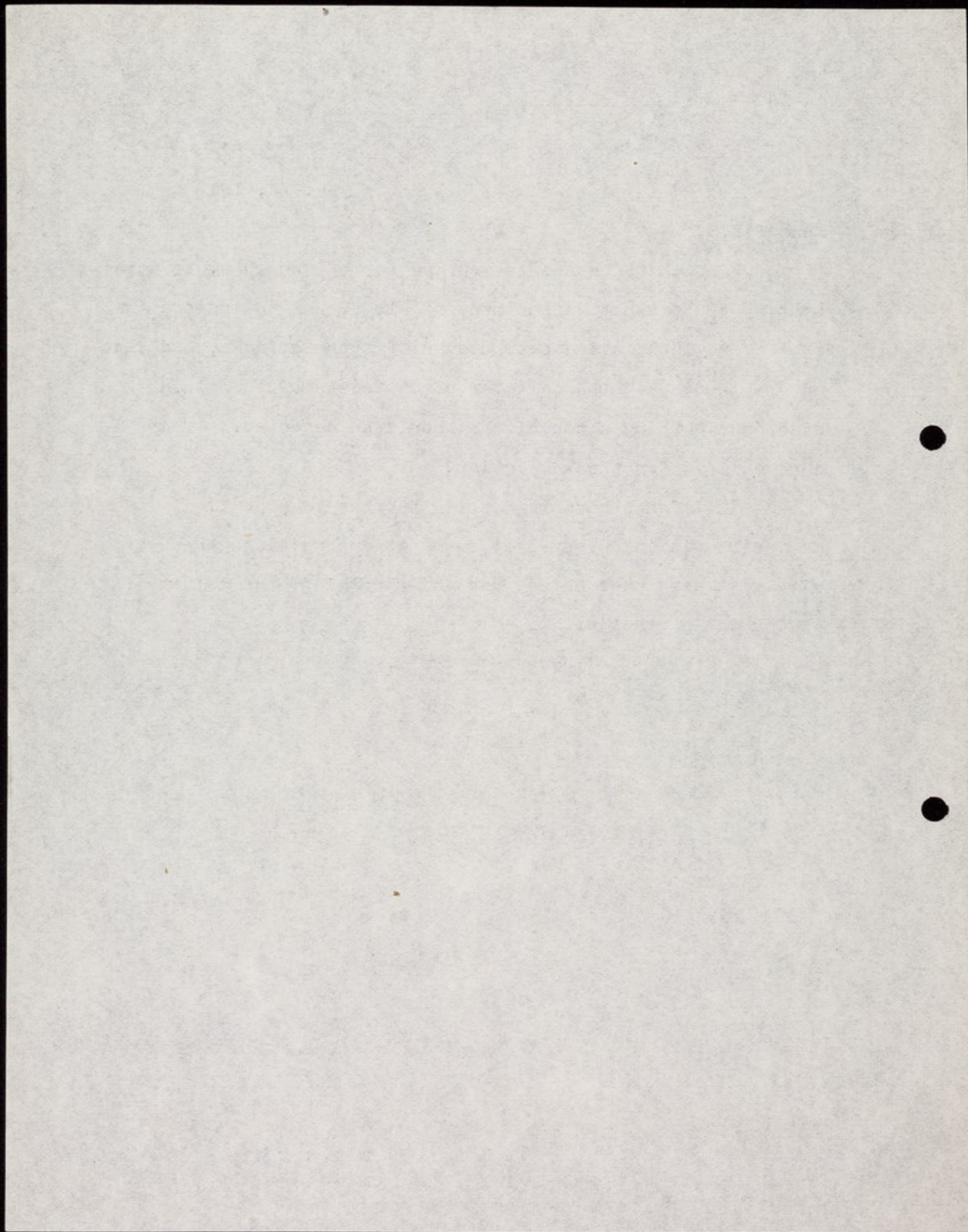
Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th, we have sent up to London two specimens of blood, and the report is that there is no evidence whatever of typhoid fever, and also an examination of the cellular constituents of the blood discloses nothing abnormal that could be detected. We are charged 14/6 for the examination.

I fear there is nothing further to report. Mrs. Hibbs is in a very dull, apathetic condition generally, sits with her hands before her doing nothing, and is very gloomy and apathetic.

Yours very truly,





carry the disease about in  
them for years till he struck  
me, since you mentioned "poison  
in the blood," that this may  
be possible in my wife's case  
& the poison may have reached  
a kind of accession, causing  
this present illness?

I would therefore like to  
suggest that another analysis  
of blood be made. it might  
lead to treatment which would  
cure her.

I found my wife better than  
I expected. She is oppressed  
with the sense of being watched



Whom are under promise of  
marriage, indeed my son is to  
be married shortly. I have in  
both cases <sup>repeatedly</sup> asked them to consider  
well what they are doing in view  
of their Mothers illness 5 years ago.  
and they are both since her present  
illness commenced willing to give  
up the thought in view of the consequences.  
Might I ask. when you have time,  
if you will send me a line to say  
if you really think their Mothers illness  
& condition ought to be a bar to their  
marriage?

Please excuse the length of my letter &  
any trouble I may have given you. and  
accept my warmest thanks for your  
kindness to my wife. I remain

Yours very sincerely  
H. J. Hibbs

to be at home providing she  
had every care & attention?

Wishing you the compliments  
of the season

I am  
Yours very truly

Herb. J. Hibbs

Holland Villas,  
Thorne Road,  
Doncaster.

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30 Dec 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have been three  
times to see my wife. I have  
asked for you but have not been  
fortunate in finding you at home  
on each occasion. This I have  
seen Dr. Kemp 3 weeks or so ago.  
I have not heard from yourself  
since Nov 9. When you wrote  
to me with regard to my wife's  
letter. and I enclose for you  
to see the only letter I have had



from her since that time.  
I send this so that you may  
have an insight to the working  
of her mind that you might not  
otherwise gain. I should be  
glad if you will return it to me.

Will you be so good now as to  
tell me your candid opinion of  
her state, if all is being done that  
can be done, or if I personally  
can do anything more for her?

I am so afraid of her condition  
becoming permanent as it seems  
to continue longer than I had  
thought it might.

Would you think it wise for her



Dec. 22 1911

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the  
Retreat Committee the terms for  
Mrs Hibbs maintenance was again  
under consideration & it was decided  
that the fee for the private room & special  
nurse should be £3 guineas a week -

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Waller  
Secy

Edward A Hibbs Esq.



Dec. 22 1911

Dear Sir,  
At the recent meeting of the  
Robert Committee the same for  
the White Mountaineers have again  
under consideration & it has been  
that the fee for the private room & service  
house should be 25 guineas a week -

Yours faithfully  
W. B. Walter  
Secy

Edward M. White Esq.



Outland Villas,  
Thorne Road,  
Doncaster.

Dec 30. 1911.

Dear Sir/ I am in receipt  
of your letter to my son. &  
notice the increased charges.  
in the care & maintenance  
of my wife.

I should be glad to know  
particulars of how these  
greatly increased charges arise?  
as when I called to see my  
wife, on Wednesday last, at  
4 o'clock in the afternoon. There



was no fire. nor any fire  
laid. in what was called  
her private room? thus  
showing it had not been  
in use at least that day.

Yours very truly  
Herb. H. Hibbs

The Secretary.  
The Retreat.

the extra expense. If you  
think a sojourn at your home  
near Scarborough (which I understand  
you have) would do her good, for  
change of air & scenery, I should  
be quite agreeable to her going.  
I am extremely anxious to do  
all I can to hasten her recovery  
& I am more than thankful to  
have your most able assistance  
in this object.

I think I ought to mention that  
during our visit to Fife in August  
she indulged in horseback riding,  
one day toward the end of the  
month, she rolled off. I was  
not with her, but she told me

Rutland Villas,  
Thorne Road,  
Doncaster.

✓  
H.K.  
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29 Nov 1911.

Dear Dr. Peirce.

I duly received your  
letter of the 9 Nov. and quite  
agree with all you said.

It is true, I did not realize  
how severe were the attacks to  
which my wife was subjected,  
but of course she was not  
responsible for either her words  
or her actions.

At the same time she does not  
say she was unkindly treated,  
only that it all seemed so



she was not hurt at all. & she  
rode for several days subsequently.  
We returned early in Sept. & in  
reviewing recent events it has  
occurred to me she possibly  
might have received injury to  
her head without knowing it. as  
she began to show a change in  
her manner soon after we got  
home. I merely mention this  
I do not attach any importance  
to it at all.

Please forgive me for the length  
of this letter & believe me

Yours very Sincerely  
Herbert H. Hibbs

different when she was with  
you before.

There cannot be any question  
in my mind as to her proper  
treatment whilst in your care.  
Both she & I held a very high  
opinion of the Retreat since our  
experience of nearly 5 yrs ago.  
& on this occasion as soon as  
she began to feel seriously unwell  
she begged of me to send her to  
you. She went without giving the  
least trouble. Knowing where she  
was going —

And now if you think a room  
entirely to herself would be  
beneficial please do not mind



Edward A. Hobbs }

Nov 27 1911

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of  
the Retiree Committee the terms for  
E. Hobbs were fixed at \$3 per week a  
week.

Enclosed the usual form of  
agreement which kindly return to  
me when completed -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller  
Secy.



Jan 27 1911

Edward A. Holt

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of  
the Robert Committee the letter for  
E. Holt was put at 2 p.m.

last.

Enclosed the usual form of  
agreement which might be used to  
the other companies.

Yours faithfully  
W. E. Walker  
Secy.



Nov. 9, 1911

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

I hardly think you can have realised the severity of the attacks of confusion and delirium through which Mrs. Hibbs has passed. She is now a good deal better, but only yesterday morning there was some return of confusion, and to-day she is in a somewhat dreamy, uncertain state.

In her states of depression she has had all kinds of painful and queer ideas, and no doubt she has distorted memories as to what happened when she had to be under control, but there is certainly no ground for her saying that she has been unkindly treated. She told the particular night nurse of whom she had spoken that she was very pleased to see her again as it was so much of a comfort to have her present.

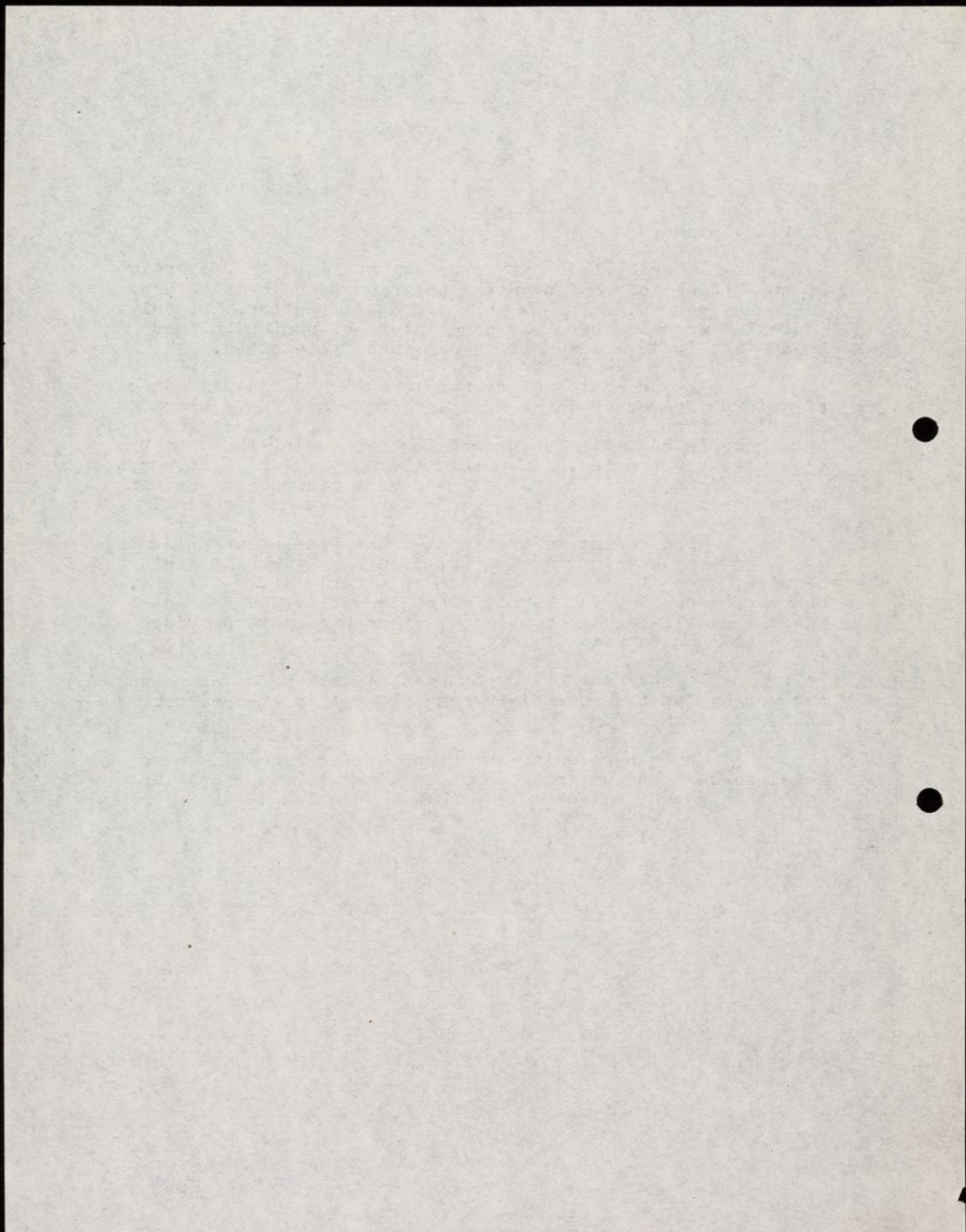
With regard to treatment apart from other patients, which you suggest in your letter, I doubt whether it would be wise, even if it were possible to arrange it. We are, however, arranging for her to sleep in another department where she will not be troubled by other patients, provided she continues to keep better.

It must not be forgotten that only a few days ago she was by far the most disturbing element in the bedroom which she occupied.

You can be quite sure that she is receiving every possible care and attention, and I think it very probable that the present attack will not last very long.

I remain,  
Yours very truly,





Doucastes 8/11/11.

Dear Dr. Pierce or Dr. Kemp. 687

My daughter will show you a letter rec<sup>d</sup> from my wife this morning. You will see she does not like the night nurses & would like another one she names.

I quite realise she may be worse at night. I should expect that. But I also realised from the first that the fact of her being in a room with several others would be very detrimental to her. it is a thing of course she is quite unused to. & I am sure it is not good for her & may retard her recovery



As I said in my previous letter  
I would like my wife to have  
every care & attention in private  
room if in your discretion it is  
better for her. What she means  
by going somewhere she does not  
need I do not know. I do  
not suppose the nurses are  
likely to be rough with her are  
they? I should be glad to  
have your view of the whole  
matter & your conclusions up  
to her or her care.

Yours very truly

H. H. Hibbs

Oct. 23, 1911

Dear Mr. Hibbs,

Mrs. Hibbs's attack is proving to be a very serious one, and she is utterly confused, restless, aimlessly struggling to do something which she does not know what to express. She has had very little sleep since she has been at the Retreat. It is quite impossible to discuss anything with her as she cannot understand.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 25, 1911

Dear Mr. [Name]

I have just received your letter of the 20th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well.

I am sure you will find the enclosed of interest.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
[Signature]

[Name]

[Address]

[City]

[State]

If you think that now, or at  
some subsequent time, she  
would be better in a room to  
herself she must please have  
that. she is used to nice  
people & I would not like her  
to see or hear anything to upset  
her. I leave her with every  
confidence in your hands.  
With compliments

Believe me  
Yours very truly  
H. J. Hibbs

57 Thorne Rd. 586  
Doncaster.

Oct 19. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am grieved  
that I have had to again send  
my dear wife to your charge.  
but I am possessed with the hope  
that as you pulled her through  
so serious an illness as her last  
that you will be able to do so  
again. I should be grateful  
to hear from you in a short  
time. Your opinion about her?  
She has not come under any  
religious influence further than  
attending a place of worship in



the ordinary way. yet she is  
impressed with the idea she is  
a very wicked woman. she also  
thinks we are all too kind to her.  
I think myself she is much run  
down physically. I have known  
some time how thin & weak she  
was getting. but anything I could  
get for her seemed to do her no  
real good.

My daughter has been to see her  
today & finds her in a dormitory  
with 4 other beds.

I would like to say that I wish  
her to have every reasonable care  
& comfort. anything she desires  
I would like her to have & she is  
very fond of a drive.

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 Clara Hibbs 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

28

day of

Nov<sup>r</sup>

1911

Name

Residence

Occupation



Edw. A. Hibbs  
50 Thorne Rd. Doncaster

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Edward Arthur Hibbs.

28 Baxtergate Doncaster

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.



