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J. L. Hurst

TELEPHONE No. 492.

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OAK HOUSE,
NEW NORTH ROAD,
HUDDERSFIELD.

Aug 14. 91 3

Dear Dr. Peirce

Thank you very much indeed
for so kindly letting me know about
young H. so glad to hear he is
going on so nicely. If I

can manage to get away I
will come over to York sometime
to see him, or it is very likely they

may wish me to go over sometime
and see him. I hope you will
have a good holiday and nice
weather that you really can

Enjoy it-

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Francis H. Knapp

TELEGRAMS:-
STREET,
ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

10th July 1916.

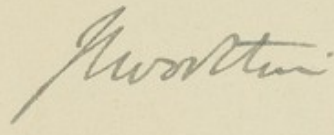
Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Many thanks for your very full information about Mr Hirst. Dr. Street being away in Fifeshire at present, I have not been able to find out very much about him.

Mr Schluter who came to us from you, remains in much the same condition, he is still extremely deluded in every possible way and is evidently extremely hallucinated.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,



The Retreat,
York.

10th July 1915.

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The ...
York.

July 8th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Wootton,

I have been slow in replying to your letter of enquiry respecting Mr. Hirst. Dr. Street came to see him here and got full particulars, but I suppose he has not left them behind.

The parents are first cousins, the mother is of a nervous disposition. He had convulsions when he was an infant.

He had two previous attacks of mental disorder in 1904 and 1906, was treated at home both times and recovered.

He was always somewhat backward and childish and backward in affairs, a born musician, his chief interests are music and fishing. He was admitted on August 4th, 1913 from Meltham Hall, near Huddersfield, and was then thirty-one years of age.

The symptoms lasted a week before admission, he became pre-occupied and violent, and attacked his doctor and attendant, and had both hallucinations and delusions. On admission he was a well built and healthy looking man, he was confused and did not really know what he was doing, no special physical signs were observed, he did not realise where he was and gave the impression of having hallucinations of sight.

His speech was incoherent, he was not actually violent, he wandered about his room and preferred lying on the bare floor to lying on the mattress. On the whole he was fairly quiet after admission; he had a continuous bath for one or

two hours; was confused and incoherent and destructive until August 8th when he showed vast improvement.

On August 11th he realised he had been ill, but appeared to remember little about it.

On September 2nd he went home on leave of absence, was brought back on the 4th; he had illusions almost as soon as he reached home, and stated that King George was at the Retreat.

On September 23rd he had improved to some extent, had no illusions or hallucinations. On October 14th he was restless and confused, and had been occasionally violent and rather difficult to manage.

He was transferred to Haydock Lodge on November 14th improved but not recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

5th July 1916.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I shall be very much obliged if you can give me any information about a patient John Sunderland Hirst. He came here from you in 1913 and I understand you had him during the severe part of his illness and I should be very much obliged if you could tell me his condition while with you.

Yours truly,

The Retreat,
York.

J. Woodthorpe
per C. T. Street

Dear Sir,

Dear Dr. Redford Pierce,

I shall be very much obliged if you

can give me any information about a patient

John Sturtevant first.

1913 and I think you had his name for some

part of his illness and I should be very much obliged

if you could tell me the condition of his wife.

Yours
Yours

Nov. 26, 1913

Dear Mr. Hirst,

Thankyou for your letter of the 23rd. It would have been answered before, but I have been in London. I have asked Mr. Barley to make enquiries about the missing things, and he will let you know about them. With regard to the eau de Cologne, I understand that the bottle was empty and that Mr. Ingleby had the empty bottle, so I fear there is not much hope of returning this.

I am very pleased to hear that you are doing nicely and would like to thank you for your kind remarks about your stay at the Retreat, the more so as I cannot but think you would find the restrictions, which we felt necessary in your interest, to be irksome, if not aggravating.

With regard to your letter, I did deliver it, but I do not think you must expect an answer, as our rules preclude correspondence between members of the staff and former patients.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Nov. 26, 1913

Dear Mr. Hirst,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd. It would

have been answered before, but I have been in London. I have asked Mr. Harley to make enquiries about the missing things, and he will let you know about them. With regard to the eau de Cologne, I understand that the bottle was empty and that Mr. Harley had the empty bottle, so I fear there is not much hope of recovering it.

I am very pleased to hear that you are doing nicely and would like to thank you for your kind remarks about your stay at the hotel, the only one in London but which you would find the most comfortable, with the most necessary in your interest, to be known, if not appreciated. With regard to your letter, I have written it, but I do not think you must expect an answer, as my time and other correspondence has been somewhat limited. I am sorry that I cannot do more for you at present.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Send on to the above address
anything I have left behind;
I fancy there is some washing
to come as I have only one
woollen shirt here & 2 1/2 sets
of pyjamas, the other 1/2 pyjamas
must be at the Retreat.

I had also a bottle of sandalwood
which was left behind.

I wrote a nice little letter
to my dear friend Gladys &
wonder whether she ever received
it. You might be so kind as
to ask her privately, & tell her I

1913
Nov. 23. 4m

Handock 2007³⁹³
Kew North Wilton
Lanes

Dear Dr. Pirie

I must really
write & thank you for all
your thoughtful kindness
during my illness, & all
the trouble you took to make
things comfortable for me.
I feel I ought to have written
before this. Would you kindly

should be so glad of a line
from her. Please give my
kind regards to Dr Mackenzie
& all my friends

Yours very truly

John Smith.

This little change has done
me an enormous amount of good,
& I am now perfectly well
again.

Nov. 16. 1880

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Haydock Lodge

Newton Beckholms

Leam -

Dear Sir.

Kindly send

anything left behind

by me to the above

address. One thing I

left was a bottle

of Sander's Lohyan

Yrs. sincerely

Wm. Thwaites

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The Retreat
York

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14 Nov 1913

My dear Pierce

Herst arrived
safely last night, and of
course is pleased with his new
place like a new toy - I hope
it will last!!

Bernstein sent his patient
here, a melancholic who has
not spoken since admission,
I have not met him yet
but I hear he was very nearly

distracted by the patient friend
whom I have not met since,
for now am I looking
forward to doing so.

With kind regards to Mr. Fane

Yours sincerely
Charles Street

Nov. 8, 1913

Dear Dr. Knaggs,

I think I should let you know how the matter stands in respect to Mr. Hirst. I had a letter from his father saying he wished to make a change, and I enclose a copy of my reply. Dr. Street, an old friend of mine, the Superintendent of Haydock Lodge, came over yesterday. He entirely concurred with me as to the gravity of the case, and is willing to receive him at Haydock Lodge for observation, and, if things go well, to arrange private care for him somewhere or other. This seems to me the best course to take. I do not think a change of surroundings will do any harm, and it may do good. As Street is something of a sportsman, and an old friend of a member of the family, there are advantages in his going under his care. Dr. Street is a son-in-law of Dr. Mould, who had Mr. Hirst under care somewhere in Wales.

I am sorry that we are unable to get the patient entirely back to his previous condition, but I hardly expect you will be surprised at our failure to do so within three months.

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE:-
11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

18th November 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Mr Darlington rung me up this morning saying that he had the Consent for the Transfer of Mr Hirst duly signed, and wished to know when it would be carried out. I suggested next Friday which would give you time to get his things together and to get the Reception Order copied.

He wishes me to send an attendant from here and for you to supply one from your end to accompany him on the journey. *if 2 are necessary*

My man will arrive at York at 12.30, the motor car will be there at 2.

If your man does not return with the motor I can keep him here all night.

I am sending my head attendant.

Yours faithfully,

Charles Street

*Leveline - Consent -
rec'd tonight*

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I am sending my best attendants.

Yours faithfully,

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

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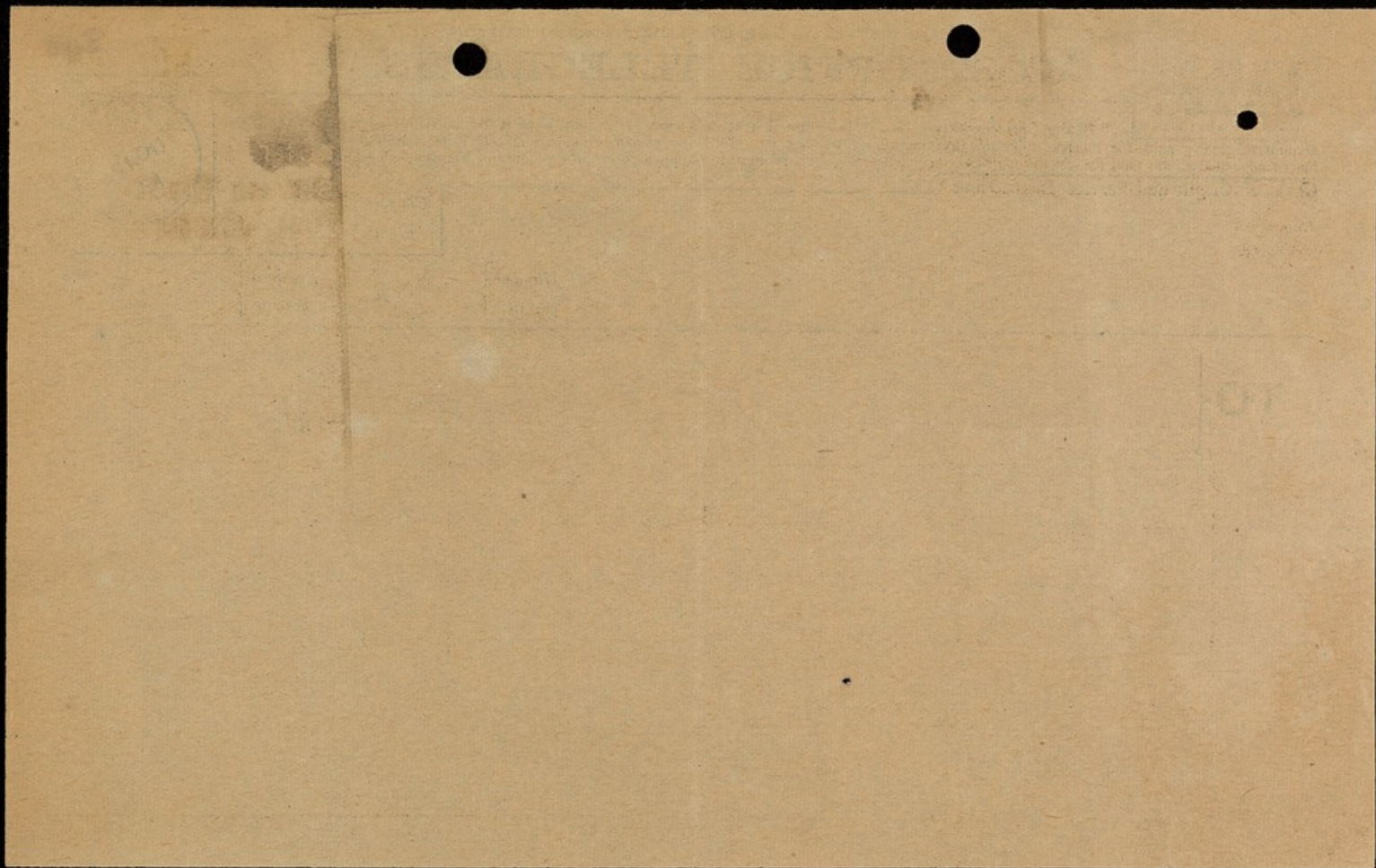
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TO {

Reply Pd Dr Pierce York
The Retreat

First transfer papers complete will
two o'clock Friday Be convenient
to Fetch him Street



TELEPHONE No. 492.

OAK HOUSE,
NEW NORTH ROAD,
HUDDERSFIELD.

Nov 10.

1913

Dear Mr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th. & Mr Hirst, also for copy of your letter to Mr Hirst, which I may say I had seen, as he asked me to go out on its receipt, and showed it me. I saw then that they wished to ~~write~~ have a consultation and that it was practically all arranged, and Mr Hirst had an idea that perhaps a change of surroundings might be beneficial. I told Mr Hirst that of course a change might be beneficial, but

He must not be very disappointed
if it did not do so. I am very
glad you think the change may
do good. I can't help feeling dubious
about it, but quite see their view
and, one naturally would wish
to do anything, which might tend
to quieten his brain.

I did not expect any very great
change in the short time you had
him under hand, and wish you

could have had a longer spell

with kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Francis H. Knapp

is completed, which will
probably be next week

Copy

EDENCROFT

CROSBY ON EDEN

CARLISLE

7 Nov 1913

My dear Darlington

I have seen your bro. in law
& have had a very satisfactory &
agreeable interview with him.
He gave me his confidence at once
and we had a long talk, he
said he would like to come &
stay with me if St. Pierre, in
whom he expresses great
confidence & trust, approved.
he did not express any great
anxiety to leave the Retreat
until St. Pierre could arrange

it, & he left all in his hands.

He however exhibited considerable mental confusion & at one time spoke to me as Mr. Darlington & thought I was your father, and suppressed excitement, and he has many mistaken ideas.

I discussed his case thoroughly with Dr. Peirce who recognizes a progressive improvement in his condition, but is quite willing that he should have a change, which might be beneficial.

but both he & I consider that Institution treatment is necessary for the present; I therefore propose that he should in the first instance come to Haydock Lodge to enable me to see more of him, and eventually arrange some other plan of treatment such as suggested by Dr. Peirce in his letter of Nov. 1st but I will discuss this with you more fully when I see you on Tuesday in Wigan; in the mean time will his father apply to the Commission on Tuesday for his transfer, but he need have no undue anxiety to hasten it before the ordinary procedure for such removal

Please give my kin's
regards to Mr. Peirce and
my thanks to your daughter
for taking ^{me} to the dodge &
also to Belle Klein

Yours sincerely
Charles T. Stout

P.S. I send you a copy
of what I wrote to Herb's
brother in law

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EDENCROFT
CROSBY ON EDEN
CARLISLE

Saturday night

My dear Peirce,

I thought of
you last night when I
arrived here safely in
time for dinner and
wondered where you
were & how you had
got through with your
consultations,

I was very much amused
this morning to get a
letter from Haydock
saying that Dr. Bernstein
had rung me up soon
after I had left, wanting
me to see a case with
him in Liverpool!!!

I had a good look
round the male side
with your head attendant

after you left, and I also
had tea with Miss Godson
& was very glad to see her
looking so well, and so
happy in her work.

It was very good of you to devote
so much time to me just
as you had to go away,
and I very much appreciated
what I saw of the Retreat,
and have brought away
with me very pleasant
recollections of my visit,

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

7 November, 1913.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to inquire whether
Mr. John Sutherland Hirst (2568)
is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another
Institution.

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. J. S. Rose

for the Secretary.

The Medical Supt.
The Retreat, York

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am much obliged for your letter, and will do my best to

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HAYDOCK LODGE,
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LANCASHIRE.

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TELEPHONE:-
11, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

4 November 1913

My dear Perce

Mr. H. Darlington, an
old friend of mine in Wigan,
has seen me today respecting
his brother in law (Mr. Hirst)
who is under your care, and
whom he & his father in law Mr.
Hirst of Meltham Hall Huddersfield
wish me to see

With your consent I propose
to do so on Friday next - the 7th,
but if that date is not convenient

To you will you please let
me have a wire & suggest another.

I am glad to think that this
will give me an opportunity of
seeing you & also the Retreat
which I have long wished to see

Yours sincerely
Charles Stewart

TELEGRAMS,
PARCELS (L & Y RAIL) } MELTHAM

MELTHAM HALL,
NE Huddersfield.

3. Nov, 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am much obliged for your letter, and whilst of course your opinion must necessarily carry great weight, I feel that the ultimate responsibility must rest on my shoulders.

I am very anxious about my son's condition and I am sure some radical change is required. As evidently you cannot advise a change from institution treatment at present, I feel that it will be best to remove my son to some place where he can at any rate start with a clean sheet. I have asked my son-in-law, Mr. Darlington, (who saw you in September last, I think) to bring over a Doctor to see my son with a view to his taking up the case, and if matters can be arranged I wish my son to be transferred to his charge.

I am very much obliged for the care and attention you have given to my son's case and only regret that his condition should not have responded better to the treatment.

I am in hopes that for the remainder of his stay at the Retreat my son may come to realise that his treatment is for his own good, as I should like him, in the event of a relapse in future, not to have any reasons for dislike to the Retreat.

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Yours faithfully,

Nov. 1, 1913

Dear Mr. First,

Whilst it is impossible to foresee what may happen

with certainty I cannot but think the present excitement from

which your son suffers will subside in course of time

In reference to the point you raise, as to whether

his present surroundings are best for him, I must confess I

think it will not be easy to make any change for the better,

I have talked to some of our staff, and they think the risk

of the private care of Mr. First would be serious, and one

of the most judicious members of the staff told me that if

he were asked to undertake the case he would feel obliged to

decline. I made no suggestion that he should do so, as I

quite agree with you that if a change is made it would be better

to have persons unconnected with the Retreat in charge.

Two features of the case must not be lost sight of.

One is trouble with the opposite sex, and the other is that

we are satisfied that there are definite homo-sexual tendencies.

I should not think it prudent for him to be sent away anywhere

under the care of a couple of attendants unless at the same time

there was some one trustworthy, and an educated person,

responsible for the oversight of the case. If some friend

or member of the family was available and you engaged two men

sufficiently trained it is conceivable that a change might be

worth while.

Nov 1913

It is quite probable that you may have some place in mind yourself. The only one I know of is a charmingly situated house close to Kirby Moorside, where I have had patients on trial for a time and have had every reason to be satisfied with the household arrangements. The people there, however, will take no responsibility whatever, but merely let rooms and provide board.

Another plan would be to transfer your son to some doctor living in the country who would be responsible for his care and supervision. I may be able to make some suggestions, but there are not many medical men who will care to be troubled with a case of this kind.

A third suggestion is that you should take a furnished house, find a housekeeper, and start an establishment especially for your son. There is much to be said for the last course, but here again the question of trustworthy supervision and effective management is of the first importance.

I must admit that we have not made much headway the last few weeks, and should one of the changes I have suggested be acted upon we should quite approve of his going away on leave of absence on trial for a specified period, say a month, to see how he got on. If at the end of that time

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the new arrangement was promising well I would suggest that his certificates should be transferred to the "single care" of the person who was directing affairs. Not only is this course the only correct legal one, but there are many reasons why it is desirable that he should remain a certified patient.

Yours very truly,

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C O P Y

The Retreat, York
Nov. 1, 1913

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In reference to the point you raise, as to whether his present surroundings are best for him, I must confess I think it will not be easy for him to make any change for the better. I have talked to some of our staff, and they think the risk of the private care of Mr. Hirst would be serious, and one of the most judicious members of the staff told me that if he were asked to undertake the case he would feel obliged to decline. I made no suggestion that he should do so, as I quite agree with you that if a change is made it would be better to have persons unconnected with the Retreat in charge.

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Yours very truly,
BEDFORD PIERCE

Two features of the case must not be lost sight of. One is the fact that the patient is a young man, and the other is that we are dealing with a definite homo-sexual tendency. I should not think it prudent for him to be sent away anywhere under a care of a couple of attendants unless at the same time there was some one trustworthy, and an educated person, responsible for the oversight of the case. If some friend or member of the family was available and you engaged two men sufficiently trained, it is conceivable that a change might be worth while.

It is quite probable that you may have some place in mind yourself. The only one I know of as a country situated house close to Kirby Moxley, where I have had patient on trial for a time and have had every reason to be satisfied with the household arrangements. The people there, however, will take no responsibility whatever, but merely let rooms and provide board.

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MELTHAM HALL,

NE HUDDERSFIELD.

31. 10. 1913.

Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

I was sorry I could not wait to speak to you yesterday after seeing my son.

He certainly is very far from well & I am much ----- disappointed that he should be so much worse than when I saw him on two previous occasions.

He showed considerable irritation with his treatment in various ways & complained of unsatisfactory food.

Of course I take all these things as more or less indicating his mental condition, but I gathered from you that forcible measures have had to be resorted to repeatedly. He has always prided himself on doing the correct thing & he does not in the least realize that he does not do so now, and the interference at the Retreat to which he must necessarily be subjected is doubly irritating in his present mental condition.

I should like you to consider whether it would not be practicable & desirable to send him, say with two

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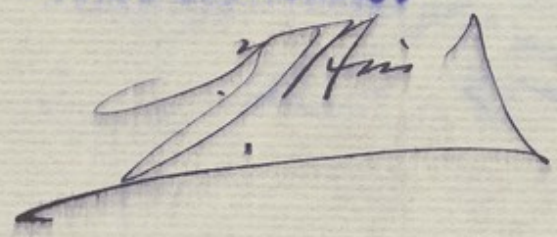
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TELEGRAMS,
PARCELS (L & Y RAIL) } MELTHAM.

T. J. Hirst.

MELTHAM HALL,
NO HUDDERSFIELD.

27. 10. 1913.

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SLAIDBURN.

TOWNHEAD,
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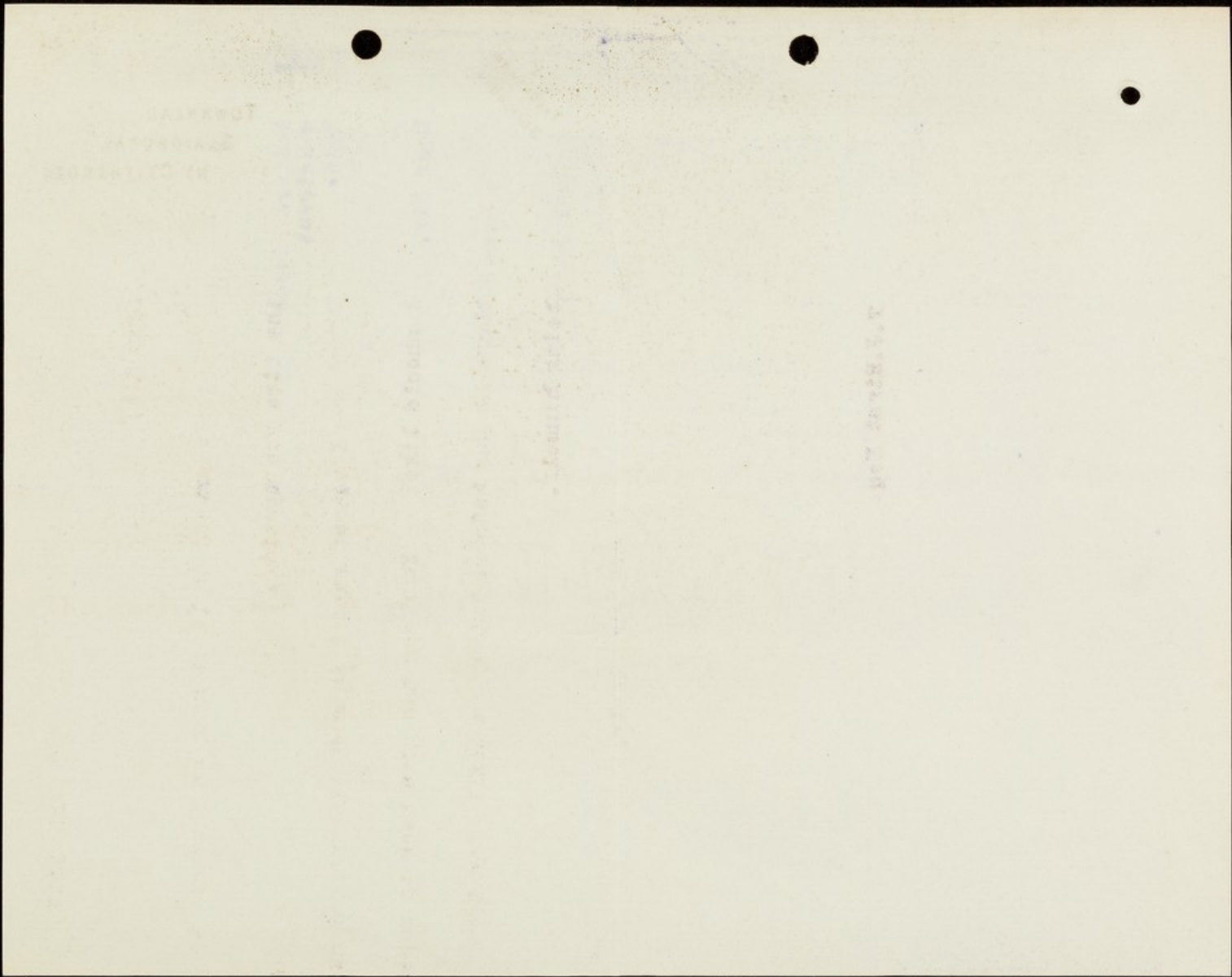
12/10/13

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry indeed to receive such bad reports of my son's condition, & shall hope to hear frequently from you.

I remain

Yours faithfully
J. Harris



Oct. 28, 1913

Dear Sir,

I expect to be at home on Thursday at
the time you mention.

I cannot report as much improvement as
I should like. Your son has gone back to about
where he was before, but he is still far from
being himself.

Yours very truly,

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TELEGRAMS,
SLAIDBURN.

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J. J. Hurst.

TOWNHEAD,
SLAIDBURN,
NR CLITHEROE.

8. X. 1913.

Dear Sir,

The unfortunate manner to which you refer is, I think, due to my son's illness & to an overpowering desire to prove that he is better & able to understand things going on.

I have noticed when he is less well he is apt to join in conversation on subjects he does not in the least understand. Perhaps as he gets rather more liberty, the phase you mention will pass away.

If you do not think him well
enough to go to Throxenby, it
might be better to send him with
an attendant to a quiet Hotel
in Scarborough or Whitby.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Murray

Oct. 7, 1913

Dear Sir,

I am glad to be able to report progress with regard to your son. I quite hope that he will be able to go to Scarborough shortly. It is a little difficult to explain my hesitation in arranging the matter at once. Mr. Hirst is always quite courteous and does not in the least wish to annoy any one, but his manner is unfortunate at present. He walks right into the middle of a conversation and ~~interru~~ interrupts with some inoffensive but irrelevant remark, which remark he repeats frequently. This makes it a little difficult for him to associate on easy terms with the staff and others, more especially lady patients and nurses. However, this difficulty is certainly less than it was, and I quite hope that we may be able to arrange the change very soon. You will understand that in a comparatively small household such as there is at Throxenby, where there are both ladies and gentlemen, questions of the kind I mentioned are much more noticeable than here. We will arrange as far as possible that your son has plenty of variety while he is here.

I remain,

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

to break before long, it
would be well to let him
go as soon as he is fit.

He is also a golfer.

If an attendant whom he likes,
or who would not be conspicuous
could go with him, I should
be glad.

Believe me

Z. Millard
J. H. Hirst

Bedford Place E. C. D.

TELEGRAMS,
SLAIDBURN.

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SLAIDBURN,
NR CLITHEROE.

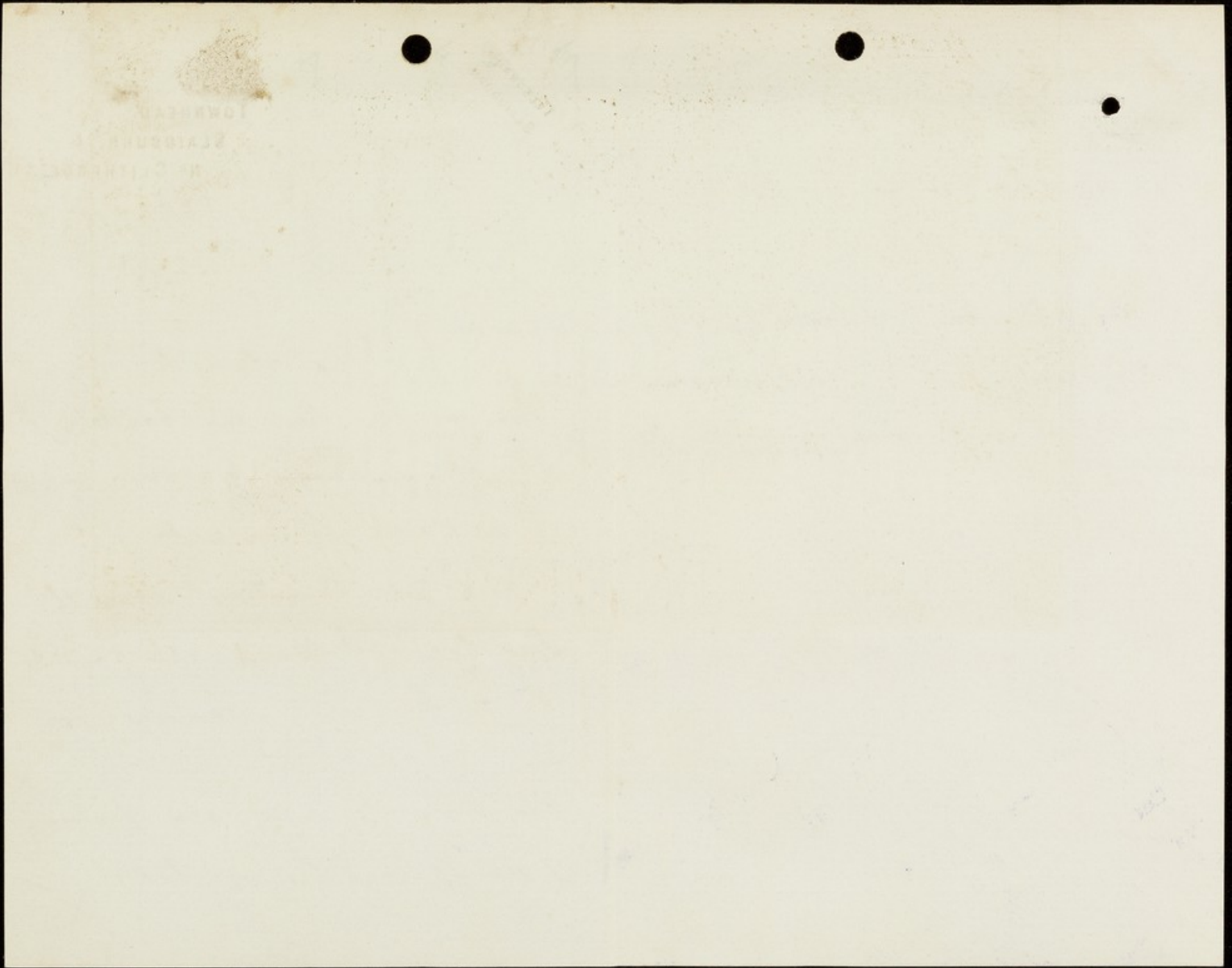
6/10/13

Dear Sir

I was glad to hear
from my son, that his brother
is making steady progress.

If next week he should be fit
to go to your Convalescent Home at
Scarbro' I think it would
be a beneficial change for
him.

He is very fond of sea fishing
as the weather is likely
to be



TELEPHONE No. 492.

OAK HOUSE,
NEW NORTH ROAD,
HUDDERSFIELD.

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Sept. 23/1913.

Dear Dr. Whitty.

Thanks for your note re.

Mr. Jack Heist. I trust the
Eruption will soon disappear.

Please tell Dr. Pierce that I

wrote Mr Heist & told him of

our conversation. Mr Heist seems

to feel that Jack will really be

more comfortable where he is

than travelling about at present

anyhow, and I am rather

inclined to agree with him.
he has all the amusements & keeps
him happy at the Retreat, till
such time as ~~you~~ Dr. Pierce. really
feels comfortable about him.

Thanking you very much

I am yrs truly

F. Knapp

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That an important personage
was staying at The Retreat under
an assumed name. He would
not say who it was as he
didn't think it fair to give
him away. Of course it never
occurred to anyone that he could
possibly mean the King.

Apart from the delusions from
which he was suffering, we all
felt that a stay here could
only do him harm as he
was obviously not in a condition
to bear the strain of a large
party.

TELEGRAMS,
SLAIDBURN.

I am writing to you
I think I'll write a reply for him

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TOWNHEAD,
SLAIDBURN,
NR CLITHEROE.

8/9/1915

Dear Sir

I was very disappointed
indeed that my son, who seemed
quite well when I saw him
on August 25th, should have
proved a good deal worse when
he came here on September 2nd.

My children have since
remembered that during our
visit on August 25th he hinted

I should like to hear from you after
 you have observed him for a week
 or ten days, that you know of his
 condition, & whether perhaps a stay
 at your Scarborough Convalescent Home
 would not be good for him. —

I hear from Dr Mackenzie that you
 are in fact reconciled to his return to
 York, & as it was a very bitter
 disappointment to him to have it so
 back, it seems to me a good symptom
 that he did not have a complete
 break down — consequence.

I should like to hear frequent how he
 is doing, please. *Yours truly J. J. J.*

you ---

13th. August, 1913.

Dear Mrs Hirst,

On returning home from visiting the Congress in London I was very pleased indeed to see such a marked improvement in Mr. Hirst. The acute symptoms of delirium have largely subsided, and, though he is still somewhat excitable and uncertain and cannot properly realise his position, he is so decidedly better that we are proposing to move him to another department of the Institution. I was pleased to find he was accompanying a gentleman playing the violin today. I find he has a very shadowy memory, and the disturbances at home, and it is well that he remembers little of these.

It will be quite suitable for you to write him on ordinary topics, keeping him fully informed as to what goes on, and I hope that he will continue to improve and that the excitement will pass off altogether.

I am myself going away for a holiday for three weeks, and Dr. Mackenzie or Dr. Whitby will gladly keep you informed as to how Mr. Hirst goes on.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hirst,
Meltham Hall,
nr. Huddersfield.

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Dear Mrs Hirst,

On returning here from visiting the Congress in London I was very pleased indeed to see such a marked improvement in Mr. Hirst. The whole system of his mind have largely subsided, and though he is still somewhat excitable and uncertain and cannot properly say his position, he is no longer better than we are prepared to move him to another department of the Institute. I was pleased to find he was accompanying a gentleman who was in today. I find he has a very shabby memory, but the distinction at home, and it is well that he should be able to do so. It will be quite possible for you to visit him on ordinary topics, keeping his mind informed as to what sees on, and I hope that he will continue to improve and that the excitement will pass off altogether.

I am sorry to hear that you will be away for three weeks, and Dr. Woodhouse or Dr. Wither will gladly keep you informed as to how Mr. Hirst goes on.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hirst,
 10, St. James's Place,
 London W. 1.

The second time but I have
not written to him since
his second letter - If
you could tell us the
effect of letters from home
we should know whether to
write frequently & also if
news of our sport and
family matters should
be kept from Mr. Nest for
the present. We thank
you for the accounts you have
sent & hope to hear again
a favourable report. Our
address will be Meltham
Hall in Huddersfield on Thursday
& after 7 o'clock Estey, Hirst

TELEGRAMS,
SLAIDBURN.

Aug 12. 13.

TOWNHEAD,
SLAIDBURN,
N^o CLITHEROE.

Dear Sir

We are sending our
son a brace of grouse
I hope it will give him
pleasure, and I shall
be much obliged if you
will tell us whether it
does him good or harm
to receive letters and
parcels from home -
He writes more naturally

LOWHEAD
ST. ALBANS

I have had a talk with
Mr. Darley - The quite thinks a
woman nurse would do for Mr
Hill; & a trained nurse would
know at once: when necessary
for a male attendant - would
she not? so that: when Mr.
Darley has returned: could
we not have one of your
nurses (woman) instead of
a man.

a nurse who can be
"one of us" & enter into our
family life. My husband
has been so good. The chief
difficulty being that the
Sergeant told him he would

ASHTREE
DEWSBURY.

1913
July 18 R ✓

Dear Dr. Peice.

"My people" are going into
the country today: with Mr.
Darley. I shall join them
in a few days. after my
little boy returns from school.
The address is as follows.

C/o J. C. Mitchell Esq.
Borton - Hill
Hebden - Pudge.

he a poor man - in such a case "a hint" -
he has not forgotten that - will make him
he does not know who to believe. I suppose
they thought he would forget by now;
but he repeated word for word (in German)
what the D. wrote.

Should be so glad if you think we may
have one of your (women) nurses. - would
rather she did not wear a soldier
uniform.

We shall be very glad Mr. Dickey, - but
of course you told me at the first, he
could not be spared for long

Sincerely yours
Maud Will.

She at York - it troubles him
very much mixing - as he
puts it "with insane people" he
is able to realize that. Could it
be arranged that he could
be with Brooke (I think that is
the name you mentioned - &
Mrs Hill seems to like him) on
a farm outside "The Retreat"
& where I could be with him
now & then - where he could
wain over the country &
drive out: I feel the freedom
more than at York. I have
hesitated about sending you
the enclosed - but perhaps
it is best - he got the letter
posted - & got it back
from the General Post Office.

ASHTREE
DEWSBURY.

July 13¹³

Dear Dr Fierce.

I doubt if we shall be able
to keep my husband at home very
long, he knows so many people,
& know that he has had this little
bit of freedom - naturally he
is fighting for all he is worth - to
be quite a free man again.
It is all very perplexing what
to do for the best. In some
ways he is not bad enough

Perhaps Mr. Tully will write you, &
see what is best to arrange -
I don't think my husband would mind
going on a farm - I should feel he was
perhaps happier than at home - Anyway
I shall be glad of any suggestion -
but I do think this is not the
place for him for long.

Sincerely yours

Maud Hill.

W. & A. G. B. & Co.
LONDON

ASHTREE
DEWSBURY.

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July 15 1913

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Mrs. Hill is rather concerned
about her husband's condition. So I thought I had
better let you know how he is doing.
In the first place he is known by nearly everybody
in Dewsbury and when out walking is constantly meeting
people and whatever they start to talk about it ends
with Money Making and Cricket. He rarely talks of
anything else. At times he is very restless & inclined
to be irritable. He has some scheme for obtaining

He is talking good well and says he slaps well.
but I think he is not sleeping well as I slap
next-door and often hear him during the night
talking and moving about.

Mrs. Hill is going to write to you soon.

Hoping all is well at the Retreat

I remain Your Respectful

Thomas Darley

Two discharge that he will not mention
to me. He told his brother last Sunday that
he was not to tell me that they had been
talking about, as he did not want me to know.
This morning I noticed at breakfast that
he was rather unsteady in his movements.
Mrs. Hill thinks he would be better in
the County and away from his many
acquaintances.
We take long walks and visit drives which
he enjoys.

Answered. 10.7.13

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ASHTREE

DEWSBURY.

July 9th / 13

Dear D^r Grace

I have arranged for a
Car - & come to fork on
Friday afternoon: I think
I won't come with it - but
wait here for my husband -
unless there is anything
you wish to see me about.
We have "fixed up"

the dressing room. as
you suggested for M^r

Warley; & turned the
children's little "toy room"
into a sitting room for
him; & any other
arrangements we can
easily make - if necessary,
after their arrival.

My husband's letter of
this morning was much
more readable - not
nearly so "muddled"
as the others - so I do
hope he will settle.

That we can manage
with him at home, - we
sets so tired of moving from
one furnished house to
another, - but then the
whole thing is too
sad for words.

Many thanks for
your helpful kindness.

Sincerely yours
Maud Hill.

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 John Lundlaud Hirst 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 _____

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 19th day of August 1913

Name J. J. Ham
Residence Meltham Hall
Occupation J.P. West Riding Yorks

SIGNED by the said J. J. Hirst
in the presence of

Witness's Signature, } James L. Baker
Address, and } Spring Place Meltham
Profession. } Private Secretary.

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

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

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Aug. 18 1913.

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Retreat
Committee the terms for Mr Jos S. Hunt
was fixed at 8 guineas a week so
long as he occupies his present rooms &
10 guineas when he moves into the
new bedroom - I enclose the usual
form of agreement which kindly return
to me when completed -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Secy.

Thos. J. Hunt Esq.

Aug. 18 1913

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Board
I committed the error for Mr. J. H. Smith
was first of opinion a week or
long as he occupies his present room &
I believe when he moves into the
new building - I believe the usual
form of agreement that kind of
room when completed -

Yours faithfully
W. B. Walker
Supt.

Wm. J. Smith