LETTER

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Stolzenberg Sundries Index.

TRADE MARK

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CLARENCE HOUSE,
PONTYPOOL.

January 21 1916

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of January 18th I have seen the father of the young lady about whom I wrote you: he is a solicitor and is very anxious not to have the girl "certified".

The illness roughly has lasted about two years and the main idea is that some influence have been brought to bear on her to write a letter which she is ashamed to write and which she regrets to

to write. She should come
in a good family in Germany
and the influences come from
Germany although she can
recognize the person in all
sorts of disguises in the village
in which she lives.

She is quite homeless and
badly entitled

Therefore is anxious to
have the matter settled
as early as possible

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,

Roosevelt

14th January, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I sned you a copy of our Report which will give you particulars respecting terms. (see page 31)

We are very full at the present time, and I do not think that I ought to admit a patient who needs much special care or who is suicidal. If your patient is not a difficult case we have comfortable accommodation both at the Retreat and at Throxenby Hall. I can send you forms if you write or wire.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. R. W. Haslett,
Clarence House,
Pontypool.

CLARENCE HOUSE,
PONTYPOOL.

Tuesday 12 1916

Dear Sir,

Dr Phillips of Abergavenny has asked me to communicate with you in reference to a young lady patient of mine. Will you please let me know if you have a vacancy and again what you mean are I am,

Yours sincerely,

[illegible]

31st December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of the Retreat Report, and also a set of forms, but I should explain that we are exceedingly full and could hardly take a patient who needs to be under supervision at night as there is no room in the observation dormitories. If your patient is well enough to sleep in a room alone or with other patients we can arrange that conveniently.

With regard to the fees, we have been obliged to raise our terms to £3. 3. 0 per week (see page 31). I hope that will be convenient. It is possible that the Committee might agree to a reduction of temms if the case is found to be an easy one to nurse, but you will understand that at this time the expenses of maintenance are exceptionally heavy.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. A Lewis Husband.

TELEPHONE--SHARROW 364.

A. Lewis Husband, M.D.

At Home:
9 to 10 a.m. ~~6 to 7 p.m.~~
2 to 3 p.m.

Arrathorne,
139, Psalter Lane,
Sheffield,

DEc: 30 1915

Dear Sir.

Could you receive a young lady of 23 yrs. suffering from mild delusional mental trouble, physical health fairly good, who can pay about 2½ guineas per week

I am recommended to write you by

Dr W. J. Porter of Sheffield whom you probably will know.

If able, please send me necessary papers — some day early next week to receive.

Yours truly

A Friend & Husband

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To
The Med: Supt.
The Retreat
York

19th November, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I do not think that the Retreat Committee is likely to accept another Belgian patient at reduced terms. The lowest rate at the Retreat for patients under ordinary circumstances is £3. 3. 0 per week, and we have already very heavy claims on our charitable funds.

It is possible that at the Warneford House, Oxford, they might be able to receive a patient at a low rate.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Haslam,
Howe's Close,
Cambridge.

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HOWE'S CLOSE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Nov. 18th 1915.

Dear Sir,

I hope that I am not encroaching too much on your kindness in again approaching you about a Belgian Patient Mrs Dewachter. This time it is for a lady whose husband is able to pay £1-0-0

for her maintenance
It is a mild case,
she is a very nice
woman of the
middle classes, and
her husband has
been doing fine
work for the
Belgian Red +

since the beginning
of the war - If you
could see your
way to taking
her, I should feel
she is in good
hands. Mlle
Goffin is very happy
at the Retreat
Yours truly
(Mrs) Julie Haslam

Town of Cambridge Belgian Hospitality Committee.

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Emmanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.
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Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let me know whether you could receive a middle-class Belgian Refugee as an inmate of your sanatorium. This poor woman is at present in an asylum & her husband who is working in a munition factory at Letchworth is most anxious that she should be removed to a private institution. He would contribute towards her support, & this Committee is ready to consider the question of aiding him in the matter. In more congenial surroundings a decided improvement in the case might be expected. Will you let us know whether you have a vacancy & what your lowest terms would be.

Yours faithfully
F.W.S. Blotham.

OUR MISSIONS.
ORGAN OF THE
FRIENDS' FOREIGN
MISSION ASSOCIATION.

EDITOR:
MARY HODGKIN.

ELM RIDGE,
DARLINGTON.
30. X. 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter received this morning with reference to Miss Nilsson.

I am very grateful to you & to the Chairman of your Committee for all the thought you have given to this case & for the offer of some reduction of the fees. I do quite understand how it is that further reduction is not possible, especially at the present time. But I am afraid £2.12.6 per week is out of the question for my friends & that I am safe in definitely withdrawing their application, even before consulting them.

Had the case been likely to be a short one, I should have tried to make up the deficit by subscriptions, but do not think it wise to help my friends in this way, under the circumstances. They are already applying for particulars to the other Institutions you kindly mentioned & I much hope one of these will prove suitable.

With renewed thanks for all your trouble,

Yrs. sincerely, Mary Hodgkin

Town of Cambridge Belgian Hospitality Committee.

Oct. 2, 1915.

Emmanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the case of Mme Dewachter, I am sorry to say I have not been able to write definitely earlier, because our Committee were for some time in uncertainty as to the precise wishes of her relatives, some of whom have been over here to see her.

It is now clear, however, that they are content that she shpuld remain for the present at Fulbourn Asylum where they know that she will be seen from time to time by a lady who is on our Cambridge Town Council and where there is already a Belgian woman who can keep her company. So that, in view of all these circumstances we have decided to let her remain where she is, although had she not already been sent to this asylum we should have been most grateful to avail ourselves of your kind offer of receiving her.

Please forgive us for giving so much trouble.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Heitland.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Town of Cambridge Belgian Hospitality Committee.

Emmanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.

Sept. 26. 1915.

Dear Sir,

In the absence of Miss Hogg we have left Cambridge altogether. I write to you concerning Mrs Devachier, the Belgian lady whom you kindly said you could receive.

The truth is that I am not yet able to say anything quite definite, as our Committee is still considering what it would be wise or safe to remove her from Fulbourn Asylum, before asking the Board of Control for

leave to do so.

Therefore I merely write now to explain this; & I hope to write again more definitely in a few days.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Hilliard

Town of Cambridge Belgian Hospitality Committee.

Emmanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.

Sept. 23, 1915

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter dated Sept. 22 with its kind offer for Mme Dewachter, which my Committee gladly accepts, as we think she is a suitable patient, and would fit in well with the others.

No form for Voluntary Boarder was enclosed but Madame had to be put under a certificate and sent to the County Asylum here temporarily, owing to the fact that her husband could not get an extension of leave and there was no one suitable in Cambridge who would undertake the responsibility of looking after her.

Madame Dewachter is a charming woman
and understands English also. She cannot
speak it very well. and my Committee is
very much relieved to know that she will
be more suitably housed than she can be
in the Asylum.
We shall let you know when to expect her.
and meanwhile thank you most heartily
for your kind help.
Yours truly,
M. Louisa Hogg

22nd September, 1915.

Dear Madam,

With respect to the application for the admission of a Belgian lady, the Committee are prepared to receive her for a period of three months free, provided that the patient comes from the educated classes and is likely to settle in comfortably with our other patients at the Retreat. We would gladly do our best to make the lady comfortable, but as you will understand, if she is dereived from the artisan classes she would not settle in well here. We are not very strong in French, and there may be some difficulty in getting her to unburden herself quite easily, but my wife will do what she can to help in this way.

I enclose a Voluntary Boarder form, but it should be clearly understood that a lady suffering from distinct delusions ought not to come as a Voluntary Boarder, but should be placed under certificates in the ordinary way.

The Committee are not prepared to make any promises after three months. Much depends on how the lady does here and the requirements of the particular case.

Yours very truly,

Miss M. Quarrier Hogg,
Emanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street, Cambridge.

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Emmanuel Congregational Schoolroom,
Trumpington Street,
Cambridge.

Sept. 18

Dear Sir,

Dr. Stare has asked me to acknowledge your letter re the Belgian woman who is suffering from delusions, for whom we are trying to find a home. My Committee would be very grateful if you would lay the case before your Committee & let us know the earliest possible date on which you could receive her.

Yours very truly,
M. Quarrier Hogg

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17th September, 1915.

Dear Madam,

We would gladly have considered your application respecting the Belgian lady, but at present we are over full, and cannot take in anybody. If the case can wait a little while we will submit the matter to the Committee next Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

Dr. D. C. Hare,
2 Gonville Place,
Cambridge.

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JOHN BELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TELEPHONE 3146 CENTRAL.
AND AT ASHINGTON.

46, Grainger Street West,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sept. 14th 1915.

The Secretary,
" The Retreat ",
YORK.

Dear Sir,

I shall be obliged if you will forward to me particulars o f your Institution.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J Bell

still exercises a strong, if at times very erratic will of her own – besides which they are such an intrusion on the life of a small home.

I shall be very glad to hear if you think you can in any way help me in this trying matter. With kind regards, believe me

Yours faithfully,

S. K. Hollenden

23, Denning Road,
Hampstead, N.W.

22nd August 1915

Dear Dr. Peirce,

You will, I know, be sorry to hear that my dear wife's mental powers have of late sadly failed, & that she is the victim of rather distressing delusions. One is that she must very frequently use the stool – although she will go out with me for an hour or two at a time – or even attend a service without any discomfort. I cannot leave her alone,

every other week I take night work in her room, which as her nights are considerably disturbed sometimes is trying to one in his 77th year -

An attendant who has been with us about four months is leaving on the 31st and I have wondered whether among the servants you have known there is a strong, cheery person who could undertake such a case - Mrs Holmden is a great deal with me, & when her attendant has a night week & is obliged to have rest during the day - a very nice housemaid who has been with us 30 years would relieve her, if I am out of the way. It is more a case of tactful dealing with them & nursing - but it has, as all such cases must have, its difficulties. If you were in London at any near time, I should much like to consult you professionally about her, & for you to see her - Is this at all likely to be the case?

I shrink from a mental nurse not only because of the expense, but because they are often so domineering & my wife

20th August, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I enclose a copy of the Retreat Report and a set of blank forsm for certificates. We are very full just now, and hope it will not be necessary to receive Miss Jones just yet. If she has to come we should like as much notice as possible so that we can make arrangements.

Yours very truly,

Miss H. A. Hattatt,
Sea View,
St. Peter's Road,
St. Leonards-on-Sea.

80, SPRING BANK,
HULL.

24 June 1915

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to find out whether you have accomodation at the Retreat for a lady if it should be necessary to certify her, & also the terms.

I am sorry to say the lady is my wife. I wrote to you once some years ago, but you had no vacancy, & she was obliged to go to Bootham, where she remained for 7 months. She was then suffering from chronic alcoholism & attempts at suicide. She had previously been in Scalebor for 2 months, & had nearly lost her life there, so Dr. Filmore told me. Since her return home her mental life has been more or less marked by marked animus against me & her daughter. The alcoholism has continued in varying degrees. Here has daily cursing & swearing.

The last few weeks she has had what looks very like (alcoholic) hallucinations of the things & life. This week she has developed

hallucinations & delusions. She sees & hears people & their voices in her room, who are always working against her to steal her clothes & keys. This has gone on for five days.

I have described the case to you but fear this is no good, for from what I remember of the correspondence before the terms at the Retreat are quite beyond me, for I think a case of this kind should be treated for some time. Nothing will ever remove the resentment & hatred she feels against me for putting her into Bethlem when she was "quite sane".

You may gather from the above that I a general practitioner in this city.

I am yours faithfully
E. P. Hardey.

Dr. Pierce

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BRECK ROAD
POULTON-LE-FYLDE
PRESTON

12th April 1915.

The Matron
Retreat, York.

Dear Madam.

As a gentleman patient of mine is desirous of entering an Epileptic home I shall be pleased to receive from you full particulars relating to the Retreat.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours Sincerely

R. Henry

MB.

27th March, 1915.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry I have pleasure in enclosing a copy of the Retreat Report, which will give you full particulars respecting the Institution. Information as to terms is given on page 42. I may say that we have no funds available for the reduction of terms for persons who are not members of the Society of Friends.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss G. Holman Hunt,
18 Melbury Road,
Kensington, W.

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Yours very truly,

Miss M. Holman Gunn,
Ingleside House,
Cheltenham, E.

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March 25

13, MELBURY ROAD,
KENSINGTON, W.

Dear Sir,

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly tell me the conditions upon which patients are received at the Retreat? and the fees. I am interested in the case of an acquaintance

health – so I am very anxious to get her if possible, into some really first-rate home, and I should therefore be very glad to know whether you wd. have room for her if her family could afford to send her?

Believe me

Yours truly

G Holman Hunt

Miss

of mine who has had great trouble and who is obliged to be under restraint. She is the daughter of a well known professional man, who has died leaving her very badly provided for and none of her relations are in a position to pay much, and she is at present in a very poor asylum where I have visited her pretty frequently and I feel that the company & surroundings are having a very bad effect upon her general

If you think the case unsuitable could you suggest any place more suitable? His case, I think, does not permit of certification because of the degree. However you will be the best judge as to the proper course to take.

Yours faithfully
C. A. Mallett.

Immediate Vacancy

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BARNSFIELD,
HARROGATE.

31/12/14

Dr Bedford Reece
Dear Sir

I have a patient who has been suffering from melancholia for about two years. It came on after being a student for the ministry. Studied hard & successfully but finally his admittance was deferred, probably because of something which

had come to their knowledge respecting his mental tendencies. He exhibits the usual symptoms pertaining to this condition for days together & then for some time extremely slight so that he can even go into his Father's office or undertake some manual work in the warehouse &c &c. He has never been under treatment by any specialist but I think, notwithstanding the lapse of time, perhaps such treatment might prove eminently successful. Naturally, they are feeling the effects of the constant anxiety & are therefore desirous that something should be done. If you think such a case suitable for the Retreat I should like to arrange it for Saturday, as the parents are coming to see me that day & would be glad to bring him through in the evening, or, any time convenient. as I told them you could receive him as a Voluntary Boarder.

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TELEPHONE 10Y THORNTON.

AT HOME.
9—10
3—4
6-30—8

CRAIG NA HULLIE,
QUEENSBURY,
BRADFORD.

July 14/14.

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your letter enclosing a Report. My patient would like to come as a Voluntary Boarder, & I think he is a suitable case to come as such. He will pay the fee fixed by your Committee, & is anxious to come at once.

Yours truly
H. Wolfe

Mr. E. M. Hardcastle
The Retreat
York

27th June, 1914.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter to Dr. Mackenzie, we should be glad if you would reserve rbomsooms referred to for a fortnight from July 4th. The account will be paid for from here.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Hewitt,
Lytonville,
Pembroke Terrace,
Bridlington.

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ELMFIELD,
SOUTHWELL,
NOTTS.

June 5. 1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your kind reply.

My wife and I expect to call at the Retreat about 2.15 or 2.30 to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Yours very truly

A. Handford.

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At Home, Park Terrace,
9 to 10 A.M.
6-[illegible] to 7-30 P.M.
At Surgery, Borough Road E.
10 to 10-30 A.M.
5-30 to 6-30 P.M.

Nat. Telephone 300.

PARK TERRACE,
MIDDLESBROUGH,

3. 6. 14

Dear Dr Pierce

Very thanks for the wire & offer to take my patients.
She became so violent on Sunday nights I had to have them removed to the Cleveland Asylum on Wed. For the present her husband wishes them to remain there — but later on I may ask you to take them either I don't really

Towards they are in a posi-
-tion to pay a fee of £3.3.0
for any length of time.
With this reason I am very
much obliged for your very
kind offer.
Yours kindest regards

Yours faithfully
J L Rew, Darwen

who is now at Virginia Water being transferred to York; but we should like to see the Retreat first. We should get back to Southwell the same evening.

If you are at home we should much like to see you, if it is convenient.

Believe me

Yours very truly

A. Handford.

Elmfield
Southwell
Notts

June 2nd 1914.

Dear Sir,

Would it be possible for me and my wife to see over the Retreat next Friday or Saturday afternoon?

You will recollect I wrote to you about three weeks ago as to the possibility of my step-daughter

At Home, Park Terrace,
9 to 10 a.m.
6-30 to 7-30 p.m.
At Surgery, Grange Road E.
10 to 10-30 a.m.
5-30 to 6-30 p.m.

Nat. Telephone 300.

PARK TERRACE,
MIDDLESBROUGH,

31. 5. 14

Dear Dr Pierce

I have a case of insanity of pregnancy which I think I should have to send away. She is extravagantly off her head.
I can't venture to risk it. It becomes necessary you should take her in charge. I have told her husband it would cost him £3.3.0 a week
Please let me know by return post (or telephone before 10 A.M.) if you have room. She is very troublesome & has seen several attacks of mania. We have also difficulty in feeding them because [illegible] [illegible] is vomiting to certain [illegible] post.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

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32. West Cliffe Grove
Harrogate.
31. 3. 14.

Dr Bedford.

Dear Sir,

I am advised by Dr Gerrard who is attending a patient at my house to write to you to know if you have room in your institution for a mental case.

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and also the terms & full particulars.

I am informed by Dr. Gerrard & Dr. Rutherford that it is necessary to have the patient in a home as soon as possible.

I may mention that the Lady is entirely without means of her own & therefore the expenses will have to be borne by members of her family.

Trusting to hear from you per return. I am

Yours faithfully
P. Huggins.

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AT HOME { 9 to 10. 5-30 to 7. THURSDAYS 9 to 10 – 2 to 3.

TELEPHONE 483.

178, HORNINGLOW STREET,
BURTON-ON-TRENT.

24. 3. 14

Dear Sir

Do you take patients of ~~any~~ all religious denominations at the Retreat?
I have a woman patient who is suffering from the insanity of the menopause. She is certified & is to be brought home shortly for a trial period but she may have to go into a Home again & I am anxious to make enquiries as to expense etc. of your establishment. Will you please furnish me with these if you allow a Protestant patient to be admitted.
I see you also supply mental nurses. Would you be so good as to send me particulars –

I remain
Yours faithfully
Chas. T. Harford

Jan. 19, 1914

Dear Mr. Hutchinson,

I was very sorry to hear that you have some anxiety respecting Mrs. How. I have often wondered how she was getting on, and am glad to hear that she has been wonderfully well since she was with us. I incline to think that the present attack is quite independent of the ~~xxxxxxx xxxx~~ previous one, and is due chiefly to the time of life, and that it will probably pass away in time.

I do not know how I can help in the matter. We generally find that a direct appeal to patients, with a plain statement of f fact showing the cause for anxiety, cis the best way. Then if Mrs. How realises her nervous state and is anxious for relief, it is possible she might be quite willing to come and see me some time in Leeds or see some other medical man with experience. On the other hand, if she seemed altogether to resent discussion of the matter, I dare say she would also resent any suggestion for treatment.

We have very pleasant recollections of Mrs. How, and I shall be very sorry if she does not keep thoroughly well. It is quite possible the condition of the heart is a contributing factor to the irritability, it being quite usual for patients with heart trouble to be uncertain and difficult to do with.

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

Blurton Vicarage,
Stoke-on-Trent.

Jan. 4 16-14-

Dear Dr. Bedford Pearce

I have been intending writing to you about my sister Mrs. Dow who was with you in the Spring of 1896. She has been on the whole wonderfully well since then, but I feel anxious about her now sometimes. She has such very sudden & unreasonable fits of temper. There is such intence

I have not told anyone I was writing to you.

without any further results.

Still she seems on the whole better for doing work & it interests her. The reason I decided to write was that her daughter has been made really nervous about her fits of temper this last 6 months & I thought it would be better to write & ask you if we could do anything more than is being done. I could come & see you if you think it would be of any use. With kind regards

Yours very truly

A W Hutchinson.

P.S. If it had not been for that bad break down I should not think anything about this for I have often seen people like it

concentration on anything that she is interested in, very great absence of mind which I must add is more or less a family failing – Her age is 52 & her heart is far from strong & when she gets bad colds which she is very liable to they tell very much on the heart – She is very anaemic. Looking at her generally I should say she exaggerates every thing – I am hoping that she will be in a more normal state in a year or two but should be so grateful if you could give us any hints – I remember how very kind you were before –

Her husband has taken the wisest & best care of her always being gentle & calm – & her daughter is splendid & most tactful & guards against her getting overtired – She takes classes & does them well but is often very exhausted after them –

TELEPHONE:-282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

July 22nd 1913

Dear Mr Pierce,

It was most kind of you to give us time before making our final decision, & I trust it has not seemed very ungracious on our part not to have accepted your very generous offer right away.

After all the information gathered from Mr Middlemass & others about "Homes", we feel it would be running rather a risk to start one on our own, & as you & the Committee have been good enough to raise our salaries sufficiently to enable us to save upon, I think we should be most ungrateful if we did not accept your kind offer, & stay on here, while we have always received the greatest kindness from you all, & we are much touched by it, & the way our work has been so fully appreciated.

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It is very comforting to think I have not to leave dear old Throcenby, or to part from Miss Elkins & we both are well aware of our many comforts here.

Would you kindly tell the Committee when next they meet of our decision & how much we appre-ciate all they have done for us.

With grateful thanks & kindest regards

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Hilda M. Hale

10 The Avenue East St Kilda
20/1/12

To Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear sir

For some time past it has been a matter of much interest to me to make enquiries in reference to insanity and Hospitals for the insane. I have read accounts of your time honoured Retreat in York and last year I was led to write Mr Peile of the Friends Society in Russell st Melbourne asking for reports or literature concerning that institution. That gentleman referred me to Mr Isaac Sharp of the headquarters of the Society of Friends London Who has very kindly put me into communication with you and I thank you very much for supplying me with Reports of various years and several lectures by alienists of repute at the York retreat

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I have perused these reports and lectures with interest and enthusiasm and it has occurred to me that a branch of your noble institution would be welcomed here in Australia with Melbourne or Sydney as a centre You have one in Mt. Lebanon and Syria why not here we have in the Commonwealth a population of between four and five millions Our institutions for the insane have not the best of reputations either here or abroad and personally and I may state that I am not by any means alone in holding such an opinion There are reasons which at present I refrain from stating but which you may perhaps infer by recalling the incentive which led to the founding of the York retreat by William Tuke of revered memory I may be slightly in error concerning the latter however It may have been by one or more of his lay brethren at York I am not a friend

but have no little admiration for the noble men and women who have adorned that section of the church universal and may I state that a burning desire possesses me for the welfare in the highest sense of the dear insane the sick in mind or soul Which I consider your sympathy and up-to-date methods are in the highest degree capable of dealing with. Should you be good enough to appreciate a suggestion of mine and able to give me any hope or promise of acquiescence I will be exceedingly pleased to get a reply so favorable I ever remain

With very kindest regards

Yours truly

J Harrop

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TEL: 1047 DIDSBURY.

"JESMOND",
PALATINE ROAD,
WEST DIDSBURY.

March 31:13.

Dear Sir,
I shall be glad if you will kindly send me particulars + charges of the Friend's Retreat. I am a "Friend" wife of the late Dr. Thomas Harris, whom perhaps you may have known. I have a very dear friend, who I am afraid will have to be taken away unless she feels herself to quiet. Her husband + her friends

here all doing all they can. I thought, in case she got worse & Dr. Goodfellow had to order her away, I would like to be able to advise, an asylum where they would be kind to her.

Thanking you for any information

Believe me
gratefully yours
Isabel M. Morris.

Dr. Price.

to Kent
12 Feb. 1913

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NAT. TELEPHONE Nº 112.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

I have known Miss Hardwicke since she began her work in the Retreat in 1901. She came as a probationer, and, since completing her training, has gained experience in sick nursing in the Hospital at Scarborough. She has held the post of Ward Sister at the Retreat, and also that of Assistant Matron, and has therefore had considerable experience in the management and care of patients suffering from mental disease.

Miss Hardwicke has always endeavoured faithfully to fulfil the duties assigned to her and is interested in her work. She is careful of the sick and vigilant in the supervision of the insane. She is musical and has always been willing to assist in entertaining the patients.

NORTH HOUSE.
LOCKWOOD.
HUDDERSFIELD.

26. 6. 12.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thank you for your letter and the report. I have again seen Mr. Heywood and his friends today but they have come to no decision and as I leave for a holiday of three weeks to-morrow I think the matter must lie over. In the meantime I do not think there is any risk to the patient or to any one else.

Go

from him.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
F. L. Macpherson

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NORTH HOUSE,
LOCKWOOD,
HUDDERSFIELD.

19. 6. 12.

Dear Sir

The patient who consulted you on June 11th. Mr Allen Heywood, remains in pretty much the same condition as when you saw him.

I have adopted your suggestions as to purgation etc but the idea of his going into a home here is I think hardly feasible.

I have suggested to his friends and to the patients and all

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are agreeable that he should go as a voluntary patient to the Retreat at York.

I have explained to them that a promise to remain for three months is one of the conditions. They are not people in good position but if my suggestion meets with your approval I think a stay of that duration would be possible.

Would you kindly say upon what terms he would come under your care.

I am

Yours faithfully

J. L. Mackenzie.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

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June 21, 1912

Dear Dr. Mackenzie

I enclose you a copy of the Retreat report and a Voluntary Boarder form. We are rather uncomfortably full, but if Mr. Heywood wishes to come here for treatment we will manage somehow. It would be well to explain to him quite plainly that this is a Hospital for the treatment of mental diseases, and that though he will not be mixed up with the bad cases he cannot help meeting them in the grounds and at associated entertainments.

Perhaps the question of terms should be mentioned. If he is willing to share a room with others the cost would not be more than three guineas a week, but if, on the other hand, he requires continuous supervision at night, with a special attendant to prevent danger of accident, the cost would be much more. However, I should hope this latter will not be necessary. Indeed if he is as bad as that he is hardly fit to come as a voluntary boarder.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Holtham

March 23, 1912

Dear Friend,

I submitted your letter to the Committee at their recent meeting, and they are quite willing to make a considerable reduction of terms on behalf of the patient you mention. It is, however, a little difficult, without knowing something more of the case, to know what responsiblilty we are undertaking. The patient may be very troublesome and incurable. Would it be possible to make a temporary arrangement for six, or even 12, months, to see how we get on? I think the Committee would agree to 30/-, or possibly 25/-, a week, under the circumstances.

I send a copy of the Report, which the relatives may like to see. Our average cost here is 50/- a week, about, so that you see the reduction of terms is considerable.

I should explain that epileptic patients are not admissible.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Wilson Marriage Esq.

I note the Terms, the minimum being £2-8-0 per Week and washing clothes &c extra, this is more than I have paid in the past, but I shall accede to these terms if you are able to take her as a patient, which I trust you will be able to do.

Awaiting Your Reply

I Am Yours Truly

S P B Hunter

THE ANCHORAGE,
WESTOE,
SOUTH SHIELDS.

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Dear Dr Pierce

In reply to your letter of April 1st I beg to say that my Daughter is at present an Inmate of the N.R. Asylum Clifton, she has been there since October last and was for some months at Bootham Park.

My reason for a change is that I should like her in a different home to the one at Clifton.

~~My Daughter~~ She needs to be helped to wash, and dress, and cared for generally as she is not equal to the task of looking after herself.

shall be glad to have your opinion of this place as I know nothing of it; is it quite all right, and can you confidently recommend it? I may say this is in strict confidence between us, and when I am making inquiry I should be glad to know whether the Institution at Dumfries is a good one? I have heard of it: if there is any other decent reliable place that you could suggest I shall be grateful for your kindness

Believe Me
I Am Yours Sincerely
S. B. Auwter

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

THE ANCHORAGE,
WESTOE,
SOUTH SHIELDS.

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Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday and regret to hear of your inability to receive my daughter into your institution; I quite understand your position in regard to chronic cases of illness. I should not like to change her and perhaps at the end of six Months be asked to remove her again. Unfortunately I can only deal with her as she is.

I wish to thank you for mentioning the "Pleasuance" at York and confidentally I

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April 14, 1913

Dear Sir,

I have been somewhat slow in replying to your letter, and even now I fear I cannot promise admission. We are at the present time very full, and there does not seem likely to be any vacancy. Judging from your report I fear the case is not a favourable one, and I am doubtful whether, if she came here, we should be able to keep her very long, as it is impossible for us to undertake all the chronic cases that apply for admission. We are, as a rule, quite willing to see what a change of surroundings will do for a patient, but if this is not decidedly beneficial we have to ask for them to be transferred, or we should never have room for acute cureable people.

I think it is very likely that Dr. Llewellyn Jones, The Pleasaunce, Heworth, York, might be able to take her at two guineas a week or a little more if you apply to him.

Yours very truly,

S.B.Hunter Esq.

HAROLD HORSFIELD

entered as a junior attendant in August 1901, and left in Feb. 1903 at his own request. He passed no examinations, and took no steps towards becoming a qualified attendant. He married shortly after leaving, and, I understand, had no settled employment.

He came back to the Retreat, doing temporary work, in August 1909, and was paid 15/- weekly with board. As we continued shorthanded, he remained, doing night duty.

In March 1910 he was ill for a fortnight, receiving full pay during that time. He was again ill at the end of December 1911, and again received full pay for a fortnight.

In January of this year he was attacked with subacute rheumatism, received full pay for a fortnight and half pay for a month. The matter was then brought before the notice of the Committee, and it was decided that he should not continue in the service of the Retreat, and, pending his finding other employment, £5 was granted, which was distributed over several weeks.

Unfortunately his health remained indifferent. He was seen by Dr. Mackenzie about three weeks ago, who certified that he was unfit for work.

There is nothing against his character. He is trustworthy, if not a brilliant person. He is very quiet, and punctual, but he showed no aptitude for passing examinations and took no interest in the educational side of his work.

June 5, 1912

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Arthur F de Hdilch –
26 –
address – Regent. York.

Committed about 26th June –
for drunkenness – & vagrancy –

Threatened. F. M –
this year & Mr Beale – Sullin – Dermont.
Omner – –
& many others

Sons often attacks – & friends –
Drinks very little.
Fits – occasionally. –

Went to Canada –
deported in 12 mos – as insane –
for Asylum at Hamilton.

Behaviour – strange often –
obviously so in Court before
Ald. Burnell –
Mr C. Kay.

F. M. terrified of him –
cap Lewill summons him.

Discharged – as epileptic – for the army –

James Hdilch

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

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TO { Dr Pierce York

Yes with pleasure and over week end Horniman

Dec. 5, 1911

Dear Mr. Humphries,

I am sorry to trouble you again about the water, but I write to let you know that at a quarter to eight this morning the water failed to fill the upstairs W.C. cistern in my house, and frequently of late the pressure has been insufficient for the greater part of the day. You will readily see how inconvenient this is for the women members of out household.

Our Engineer tells me that at 9 o'clock the pressure in the basement of the Retreat was 9 lbs,, and at the present moment (11 o'clock a.m.) it is 3 lbs. These pressures will not be sufficient to supply the upper floor of my house satisfactorily.

When your representative was here the other day I pointed out to him that on several occasions during the past month the pressure had been 0, so that no water whatever was entering the Retreat basement. I need hardly point out how serious this would be if there were a fire.

Yours very truly,

be lost sight of for a second & in the garden is always trying to secure things to swallow. Keeps on bothering other house asking if they think he will be allowed to go to York etc. He writes lots of letters to his people asking for a change & a revolver or poison &c. The first they think is quite normal - but not the others. Then they replying. He is always much worse on the day he gets his letters & replies to them. I have got them to write so that he gets all the letters in one day & replies to them then - so the other days of the week he is not so upset.

Private

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HEIGHAM HALL.
NORWICH.

10th. Oct: 1911

Dear Sir

In answer to your letter re Mr. Higgins he has been with us about a year. He is acutely suicidal very cunning & determined - His favourite method is to swallow things such as salt - spoons &c

draught & chess men
tea-spoons - pen holders
stones, pieces of coal.
his watch glass (broken
up in pieces) - bricks
nails anything he sees
about: has torn sheets
to strangle himself.
tried to scrape into his
arteries, throws himself
against walls & down
stairs etc. in a run-away
& we have to keep him
in an enclosed garden.
He is very depressed &
restless - constantly wanting
to change. Last winter his
friends moved him to The
Priory Roehampton at his
urgent request, he was no
sooner there than he clamoured
to return here & kept on at it
so that they moved him back
here in 5 weeks. He wants
to go to the Retreat merely
because it is the only
place he knows by name
except Virginia Water where
he says they ill-treat patients.
I have no doubt he would be
a day with you till he
wants to be off somewhere
else - I have not let him
know the names of other
places as they only give
him food for worrying.
He is a great strain to
the attend.ts as he can't

I think there is the
greatest risk his taking
such a long journey
& I must ask you to
send for him as I
do not care to take
the responsibility.
All the way to from
London he was trying
to jump out of the
carriage. I think I
have told you about
all now

Yours faithfully
Alexandra Norwich

TELEPHONE NO.
HEIGHAM HALL,
NORWICH.

These visits are also
bad for him and I
don't let them come
often, say once in
2 months. He also
makes very sly and
plausible complaints
against attend.ts to the
Com.no very artistically
done. He has the delusion
that he is losing
prostatic fluid all
the time - he is a
masturbator - talks
freely of it & attributes

all his troubles to this. He came back in a far worse mental condition from Rochampton than when he went & more suicidal and I am sure this change will do him no good probably make him worse and also it won't satisfy him. Apart from his being a 10 gn: a week case I regret his leaving as it is not for his good. Before he came here he had been in nursing homes, hotel with attendt & with 2 operating doctors who take hold of him & got worse with each change. He is the most anxious case I have ever known as he is so shy – he will appear better and ask for privileges & swear he will behave and of course break his promise at once. When he likes he can be very nice & charming

Oct. 6, 1911

Dear Sir,

I think you will have heard that I had an applicatinn from Mr. D.L.Higgins for the transfer of his nephew to the Retreat. From what he told me I gather the case is not a very hopeful one and that the patient is acutely suicidal and constantly wishing for change and that he is not content to stay anywhere for long.

I should be much obliged if yoy would let me know whether there is any reason why we should not receive him. Any particulars of the case would be very welcome.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Gordon-Munn

Oct. 6, 1911

Dear Mr. Higgins,

I am much obliged for your letter, and we will arrange to have the rooms ready within the time mentioned. I have already put this in hand, and you can be sure that the rooms will be thoroughly bright and comfortable.

I much hope that the transfer to the Retreat will be a success. You can rely on the staff here doing all that is possible to make it so.

Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE 80.

HEIGHAM HALL,
NORWICH

4 Oct: 1911

Dear Sir

I am very much occupied to-day but I will write you fully to-morrow about Mr. Higgins. he is the most anxiety causing case I have had.

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

a vacancy for such a patient I sh.d be obliged if you will name the terms and the accommodation which w.d be at his disposal.

Truly Yours.

Dennis L. Heggins

To The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

ms
on letter bk

3. NORTH GROVE.
HIGHGATE. N.

Sep. 23rd 1911

Dear Sir

A nephew of mine, now at Heigham Hall, Norwich as a first class patient, is very anxious to be transferred to your care at The Retreat. He has strong suicidal tendencies and needs special care. He is not otherwise violent and is possessed of mental powers largely unimpaired. His position is that of a County Magistrate & D.L etc. and he sh.d have every attention & luxury consistent with a care for his bodily safety. Should you have

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5 NORTH GROVE
HIGHGATE N

Oct 5th 1911

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I have today written to give notice of my intention to transfer my nephew Mr. G. F. Higgins to The Retreat from Heigham Hall, Norwich, in a month's time, a month's notice being required by Dr. Gordon-Munn. This will give you ample time to get the rooms you shewed me in good order for his accommodation.

The details as to the day & arrangements for the transfer may be discussed later.

Yours truly

Dennis L. Higgins

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3 NORTH GROVE
HIGHGATE N

Sep. 25th 1911

Dear Sir

I am obliged for yours of yesterday's date, & for the accompanying report. If Friday would be a convenient day I shd. like to pay you a call & inspect the accommodation which would be at my nephew's disposal. If all is satisfactory I shd. have to give a month's notice to Dr. Gordon-Munn before his removal could be effected. I shd. be able to reach York Sta. by 1.36, but I do not know how far The Retreat is from thence. Perhaps you will kindly give me this information

Yrs truly

D. Bedford Pierce

Dennis L. Higgins

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H. A. Bruun
Sheffield
12th July 1911

Dear Dr. Bergstresser
Re Hebd Tech

Thank you for your information re this man who is a borderland case at present. He gives a past asylum history. I have him into my

General Alumni Section
at once on receipt hence as
in previous occasions. He
is very unstable then a very
mad bore. At present
however he is intractable
I can well believe he
is dangerous & I can
certify him I will.

With kind regds
Very truly Yours
J. Benson Cook

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July 19, 1911

Dear Dr. Benson-Cocke,

Many thanks for your report about young Hebditch. I fear he will do no good. Let us hope that he will not do much harm. I quite realise that nothing more can be done at present.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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July 12, 1911

Dear Sir,

James Hebditch, who, for many years, has been the Plumber at the Retreat, has asked me to write respecting his son, Arthur Hebditch, who, I understand, is, at the present time, in prison at Wakefield.

James Hebditch informs me that he and his wife are in fear of serious bodily injury from their son. James Hebditch further states that his son is not properly responsible, has often threatened them and other persons who can be named. He tells me that his son has had fits for many years, from time to time, was discharged from the army for this reason, and that he was deported from Canada as insane, having been in an asylum there.

Without expressing any opinion, seeing that I have not seen the patient, myself, it would seem to me that the case is one that needs enquiry, as the history given suggests epileptic insanity.

I am told that his behaviour when arrested and when in Court was extraordinary.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Chief Constable, York

July 12, 1911

Dear Dr. Benson-Cooke,

I do not know whether you have heard anything of the individual about whom I have written the enclosed letter to the Chief Constable here.

There is no doubt about the genuineness of the father's fear of his son, but, as you will understand, I have heard only an ex parte statement.

Yours very truly,

Williden 130 Chapel St Balaclava
18/4/11
VICTORIA
AUSTRALIA

Mr Sharp

Dear Sir

For some time I have been endeavouring to get some information in addition to what I have already read in connection with the Bank retreat for Friends who have the misfortune to become insane Doubting not that by the humane treatment of its inmates that it is an excellent institution.

I am sorry to state that Victorian institutions of that kind ~~in Victoria~~ bear the worst of characters in our Australian Commonwealth Recently I wrote to Mr Peile for any information which he might be able to obtain and he informs me that there is very little information to be got in Melbourne and has kindly referred me to you My object in to endeavour

to compare results between our institutions and the one at Yarra a little while back I had a lady relative confined in the Yarra Bend Hospital for the insane and though she was not long there she gives us some insight of how the patients are treated. The attendants are mostly Roman Catholics and from various sources I understand they are not too kindly. By far the largest number of patients are also Roman Catholics in proportionately and recoveries do not compare with other States of our Commonwealth. If you can conveniently give me the most up-to-date report of your Asylum I will be much indebted to your kindness. With kindest Christian regards

Yours very respectfully
Job Harrop

Please address as above or thus
"Balaclava" Melbourne Victoria
Australia
Endorsed Note from Mr Peile

Kindness & attention
hoping at some future
time she may be able
to repay you
Nellie was telling us this
morning she would not
mind it again if she
could have the same
Yes thanking you again
for your kindness

Yours Sincerely
William & Mary
Hornby

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Fair Mount
N.W. Dec. January

May 31st
1911

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir
We thought you would
like to know that Nellie
Hornby had arrived home
& pleased we were to see
she looked so well
considering what has taken
place
we don't know how to thank
you & your staff for the

TELEPHONE 138

BOOTHAM PARK,
YORK.

18 Nov 1910

Dear Pierce
the Fire Insurance Mark
I forward you with this will
be of interest to you as I
got it from Lindley Murray's
old home at Acomb -
It bears the number of his
fire Insurance Policy -
It is symptomatic of the
careful character of the
man that he was insured
in two separate offices

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"the Sun" and the (old) Manchester".
At that time one policy was only allowed to cover as much as £500 – the fire mark then formed an essential part of the policy which was not valid until the mark had been affixed to the building by a recognized servant of the company. and was removed when the policy lapsed – about 150 years ago insurances became so numerous that this system fell into disuse, and later fire marks not bearing the number of the policy have been put up more as an advertisement of the insurance company the validity of the policy enduring for the period covered by the premium paid – & 30 days after –

with kind regards
Yours Faithfully
yours by
C K Hitchcock

is able to save very little or nothing, what with clothes, (+boots are a heavy item here) holidays, &c. extras, +one must+ likes to give a small portion away, I dont think even you would expect us to save much, if we dont how when can we? You say in your letter the old Sisters only get £30 to spend, well that is just what I feel

It seems ages since I saw you, I thought you were coming for a week only. With kindest regards from H. Hale

Throxenby Hall.

March 27th /11.

Dear Miss Thomson,

Many thanks for your kind note, which I intended answering yesterday, but did not get it done, going out instead.

I have heard Dr Pierce is expected to lunch today, so hope to get a

talk with him, but as a rule there is so much for him to see & talk about that I have not liked to bother him when only over for a very short time.

It is not only myself but my sisters & friends think I ought to be getting more than I do, after training four years in this work, which I think everyone agrees takes a lot out of you & is supposed to be paying, & I have thought several times lately, & in fact had a long talk to Miss Elkins only last Monday night about it, whether it was right to myself to stay on here at £30 a year, out of which, after paying into the Pension Fund, we

had left the lady she used to live with in Scarbro' quite suddenly, going away & leaving a lot of her luggage behind her. I believe her death was quite sudden but do not know what.
Mrs Woodhouse died quite suddenly on Friday evening I was down there & laid her out with a friend's help, she was the 1st I have ever done, I always told you I knew I should have to do it when away from the Retreat!

2/ about it. When one gets older you cant knock about so well & are glad to settle down in a groove at a smaller salary.
Then when one looks round sees people who have had no training such as Miss Halliday, Miss Masters & Miss Carey getting from £65 to £125 a year, it makes you feel that you're

training has been no good to you & you could have earned more these six years without it.
Of course I should be very sorry to leave here as I am very fond of Miss Elkins & the place also, but have my future to think about.
I gave Miss Elkins & Nurse Hynd your message, & N. Hynd is still wishing to go to Scarboro' hospital in May. I hope to go & see Miss Richardson & the Nurses on Wed. so may hear when she wants N. Hynd to go there.
Mrs Cross told me about Mrs Gibb's death, a week ago, I think she said she was in Ilkley when she died, anyway she

Cornamuckla House
Dungannon
4-7-10

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Dear Dr. Pierce

My daughter tells that The Retreat Committee have, through your influence asked her to stay two mo. longer as a guest at The Retreat so that she may have proper treatment, and at the end of that time they will reconsider the matter. We have been anxiously expecting to hear she was well enough to travel, so that her

brother could have gone for her, at the same time one must acknowledge that at The Retreat under your care she will undoubtedly have advantages which she could not obtain at home. so if she is content to stay we shall be satisfied about her knowing that you will adopt the wisest course.

Her Father & I want to thank the Committee and you for the very kindly care and attention she is receiving.

I remain

Yours truly

Annie Haydock.

July 5, 1910 48

Dear Mrs. Haydock,

I am glad to say that your daughter is improving, and certainly at first sight there is no evidence of anything the matter with her: she looks extremely well as she stays in bed. Her pulse, however, is just a little irregular at times and her temperature rises a little to about 100 degrees at night, and there is just a little cough. An examination of the chest discloses very little that is wrong, but taking the whole case together there is I fear no escape from the conclusion that there is some tubercular trouble in the lungs, but very limited in area. There is no doubt that strictly open air treatment and resting in bed in the open air are absolutely necessary for her, and the Committee are quite willing for her to remain for the present under treatment here where the conditions are quite favourable. I doubt if she will be well even at the end of three months, and I should consider in all probability a further course of open air sanatorium treatment will be prudent, even though she may seem quite well. At least in such a case one ought to run no risks. Of course she is well enough to take a journey, by which I mean that a journey could be accomplished safely enough, but I look upon this as altogether imprudent, and quiet rest is the right line of treatment.

She is a very good patient, giving a minimum of trouble, and she is generally quite cheerful although the continued staying in bed is distasteful. We are moving her from her room to a shelter in the grounds from time to time to make a change of scene, but I am not encouraging anything further than this at present.

Yours very truly,

1st September, 1910.

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Dear Mrs. Haydock,

I cannot report that your daughter has really recovered, although the temperature keeps nearly normal, and there are no fresh developments of symptoms. She looks well, and certainly is stronger. We think the time has come when she is well enough to return home, and I am glad to hear from her that you are proposing to build a shelter in your garden for her. This is exactly the right thing to do, as it is clear that she will require many months careful open-air treatment, indeed she should live in the open all the winter, sleeping out of doors, and ought not to take up any heavy work or responsibility until next year. This may seem a very long time, but as you can readily understand it is most important in the very early stages of this malady to take every precaution to ensure that the recovery is complete.

I send you some particulars about the shelters such as are in common use. There is no need whatever for them to be as elaborate as the pictures indicate, the rudest building answers every purpose, provided it is weather-proof, and there is a screen from the cold winds. Willesden canvas roofing would answer every purpose. It is very desirable to have a thoroughly waterproof floor, so that water does not come up to make the place damp, and so that the woodwork does not perish. It is important to secure the maximum amount of sunshine, and consequently largish windows are needed on the east and west sides .

It would be well for her not to come until you have either the shelter ready, or some similar arrangement available. As soon as this is done, perhaps one of her brothers could come over for her. We feel sure she is getting very homesick, and I quite think that the return to Ireland will do much to facilitate her convalescence.

I remain,
With kind regards,
Yours very truly,

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Oct. 17, 1910

Dear Nurse Haydock,

We were very pleased to get your letter and hear details as to how you are going on. The shelter seems to be quite a success, and I think that you will find that the practising of out door treatment will prove an object lesson to the neighbourhood. Nearly every person who has been to an open air sanatorium returns home a missionary and spreads the gospel of fresh air far and wide. There is no doubt that the habits of most of us in being afraid of draughts are most pernicious and do much towards the spread of disease. A more enlightened age will certainly have fewer window panes and will have grown up enjoying rather than dreading cold breezes playing over their faces.

I shall be very glad if you will get your doctor to write me a line some time, saying what he thinks about you. I am interested in hearing of the applications to the skin. This is a very modern method of assisting in diagnosis, and it is clear you are in good hands.

We are all going on much as usual. I do not think the staff is any less busy although when I go round I see large numbers of new faces among the nurses. We are just now commencing the lectures, and tonight I have to deliver the Tuke - Pinel oration which no doubt you remember well!

With kind regards and hoping to hear from you again,
Yours very truly,

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

19th July '10.

Dear Friends,

Your kind invitation to remain at The Retreat for proper treatment during my illness reached me through Dr. Pierce. I cannot say or write how much I appreciate

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your interest in and kindness to me, all I can say is that I thank you with all my heart. I am well aware that being ill here I receive superior treatment under more favourable circumstances than would be obtainable in my own home.

Doctors and Nurses alike are very good to me and I feel a great deal better, however Dr. Pierce will tell you exactly how I am.

Yr. very Sincerely
Annie B. Haydock.

Dec. 3, 1910

Dear Dr. Hall,

I think the alienist most likely to meet your requirements would be either Dr. Percy Smith, 36 Queen Anne St., London or Dr. Maurice Craig, 54 Welbeck St., Cavendish Sq., London W. A general physician who has had some special experience in inebriety is Dr. Harry Campbell, 23 Wimpole St., London W. I dare say you may have seen his book on "Headaches" and another on "Treatment". If it is a question of fits primarily I think Dr. Risien Russell, 44 Wimpole St., would be as good as any one.

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I am interested in hearing of your two patients. It will be a happy release when poor Mrs. Wilkinson reaches the end of her journey. I am sorry Mr. Galloway did not completely recover.

Did you have a good time in Cornwall? I shall be interested in hearing how you liked Polseath and whether you happened to hear of any lodgings that are not too expensive and that would suit a family party. We have drawings that way for next summer, but nothing is settled.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

I have been expecting her death for the last month. Yesterday she suddenly became quite sensible for 10 minutes & said who I was & smiled & nodded & then relapsed into the coma again. This is the only sign of understanding she has given for nearly 2 months.

The other case Mr. Galloway has come out of Scalebor Park improved but not cured. He is still melancholic but recognises better that he is not right in his head.

They have given me up however owing to a misunderstanding about my not seeing the old lady at which she took offence very needlessly

I am sorry to bother you but if you will just put names in enclosed envelope & oblige

Yours v. truly R H Hall

HILLSIDE,
HEADINGLEY LANE,
LEEDS.

2. XII. 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

A patient of mine has a brother in good position in London, who has become an inebriate & has got as far as alcoholic epilepsy.

The doctor attending him appears to be unsatisfactory & my patient wants him to be seen by the best consultant they can get in London for such cases & ~~there~~ they want to get

him into an inebriate home.
The ~~patient~~ inebriate has tried home treatment & now at present is willing to go into a home or do anything.
I thought you would not mind giving me one or two names of ~~as~~ consultants as I expect you will know who is best in ~~about~~ such matters.
Mrs Wilkinson has gradually gone down since you saw her we fed her with the tube for some months & then she suddenly became sensible & fed herself & ate well until about 2 months ago when she became apathetic & half comatose & has had to be fed with tube since. For the last month she lies where she is placed & does not move herself, she retains urine for about 40 hours & then passes it all at once & faces in to the bed. She ~~is~~ reacts to light & stimuli but never speaks or seems to understand anything. Pupils equal & rather dilated & react very slightly to light. She is a perfect skeleton & has got thinner if possible. She has bed sore on back. Her hands & lips go blue & she has a great excess of mucus in trachea & throat.

and grateful message of appreciation and encouragement to yourself and all the members of the staff whose combined efforts have secured such particularly satisfactory results.

I am hoping to have a look at Thoresby Hall before we leave here.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

P. Bourgh Hopkins

Aug 7th. 10

SWISS COTTAGE,
THE BEACH,
FILEY.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

A careful reading of the Retreat Report and tables of details attached prompts this letter.

A general knowledge of the work at the Retreat had caused me to expect a high standard but the more detailed knowledge (though still very elementary) acquired by membership of the Committee confirmed by the

study of the report has enlightened me as to the many-sided features of the operations & the thoroughness with and business like way in which the Institution is conducted to an extent which I never expected

In matters like this there is inevitably a tendency to accept efficiency as almost a matter of course without at any rate any definite expression of appreciation of the watchful and untiring supervision of every detail which must be given by each member of the staff in order to secure it

My object in writing is to express quite informally my deep sense of this feeling and to try to convey a cordial

ROSSLYN,
WESTBOURNE ROAD,
FOREST HILL, S. E.

16th March 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I think I had the pleasure of meeting you on the occasion of a visit from the National Temperance League to Yr. City about 18 months ago. You took the chair at the first conference when Dr. Saleeby gave an address on the Force of Scientific Fact, & I as a V.P. of the League spoke briefly. I think also we exchanged ~~with us~~ a few words with each other at the close. Perhaps however you have forgotten the circumstance.

The other day I wrote to you asking for a copy of the last Report of your institution, & the Secretary has since kindly sent me one, for wh. I have to thank you.

May I trouble you again? The patient referred to in my letter is at present

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in Scotland under the care of Dr. Batty Tuke of New Saughton Hall. He is certificated, & his Curator Bonis was appointed by the Scotch Court last December. It is thought desirable that he sh.d be brought to an Asylum in England to be nearer his friends, & they w.d very much like to place him with you, more especially as you are a convinced abstainer. The cost of his maintenance ought not to exceed £100 per annum, as his income is precarious & not large. Of course his C. B. w.d be the "obligant."

W.d it be possible for you to receive the patient at The Retreat, York, say about the 12th of next month? And if so, could you accept Dr. Tuke's certificate, or w.d it be absolutely necessary to get an English Doctor to certify? The patient is a domiciled Englishman, born in Yorkshire, but has been in Scotland for about 6 months.

Any suggestions or advice in the matter I shall be very grateful for.

Yours sincerely

Robert Harley.

To
Dr. Bevan Pierce, York.

March 17, 1910

Dear Dr. Harley,

Many thanks for your letter. I remember the occasion of which you speak, quite well, though I am not quite sure which of the speakers you were.

I have difficulty in replying to your letter in two directions. In the first place, we are very full at the Retreat, and unless a patient be well enough to go to our branch house at Scarborough, i.e. able to look after himself in large measure, we could not , at the present time, take in another gentleman.

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Secondly, unless special arrangements are made with the Retreat Committee patients cannot be received at less than 48/- weekly, which is the lowest rate, unless a patient has a claim upon the Institution through connection with the Society of Friends. There is, therefore, no alternative but to ask you to wait a little, and I shall be glad to submit a proposal to the Committee for a reduction of terms; but the next meeting is not for nearly five weeks, as there was a meeting only this week. I hope by that time we may have vacancy.

With regard to the other questions, the English law requires certificates signed in England. Consequently the patient must be re-certified on arrival. This is vexatious, but cannot be helped. Yours very truly,

smaller than might have been expected. When his libretto was accepted the agreement entered into, had it been carried out, wd have yielded him a fair share of the profits, but it was found that the thing required alterations to adapt it to the stage, those alterations he was not then in a condition to make, others were brought in to supplement his labours, & a new agreement entered into, by wh the "others" ran away with a large portion of his share as author.

Before his final break-down he had sold all his other plays & used up the proceeds. His debts are considerable, & when they are paid I am afraid there will not be very much left. We have to consider what will happen when "The Arcadians" ceases to attract the public. He has had far more than his

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share of my little estate & we shall not be able to do a great deal for him in the future.

I hope you will forgive me troubling you with all these details as I said in my last, I shall be most grateful for any advice or suggestions you may be pleased to give.

Harold is not well enough to go to Scarborough, but we ought be thankful to see him placed under your care at York.

With many thanks for your obliging letter, I remain,

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Yours very truly

Robert Harley.

P.S. I am not a "Dr.", but have to be content with an honorary degree (M.A.) from Oxford & a Fellowship in the Royal Society. It may interest you to know that at one time I was Professor of Mathematics & Logic in Airedale College (now the United College), Bradford.

R. H.

3. We have, both yr, special objections to Dumfries.

(1). Harold in his early days knew a lady who was sent to Dumfries & died there, tho' she was well healed. Shd he call this to mind it cd not fail to have a prejudicial influence upon him, he wd think he was sent there to die. Another conspiracy!

(2). At the Crichton Institution wines & spirits are supplied to the patients, & this we strongly object to especially in his case. It is only about 18 months ago that he finally conquered the drinking habit, & a relapse, now wd be nothing less than a calamity.

4. If he must come to England in the end we feel that he had better come now: the difficulties wd be faced at once & mastered.

As to my own means: His only source of income is "The Arcadians" wh at present is doing well. But the income is small – much

(Ans)

ROSSLYN,
WESTBOURNE ROAD,
FOREST HILL, S.E.

18th March 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Your very kind letter encourages me to trouble yr again. I want to tell yr in confidence the whole case, as yr will then be better able to advise me.

The patient is my own son, Harold Harley, known in the theatrical world as "Mark Ambient": he is the author of "The Arcadians", a musical comedy wh is now running in London & the Provinces. Six months ago he went to Glasgow during the production of his play there & fell into the hands of the authorities who sent him, under medical advice, to Woodilee. My daughter who lives with me travelled down at once to Glasgow & got him transferred to Gartnavel where he remained for full three months.

He has since been under treatment at New Saughton Hall, but now the Commissioners say he ought to be removed to England & placed in an English asylum. The great difficulty in treating him where he is lies in the fact that he regards himself as a perfectly sane Englishman who is being forcibly detained in Scotch asylums by a conspiracy on the part of Scotch doctors. Dr. Tuke thinks that "perhaps a change to England might help to remove this delusion." My daughter & I readily consented to his being brought to England. But it seems the Commissioners have no power to enforce their recommendation, & there are certain difficulties in the way wh. are not easy to overcome, the principal one being that the patient wd. have to be re-certified in England, & Dr. Tuke in the present state of the patient's health, is afraid of anything happening in England before he could be re-certified, wh. wd. end in his getting into the hands of the civil authorities as at Glasgow. We are told that unless he recovers (& of this there does not seem at present much hope) he will have to be brought to England ultimately. It is proposed however that meanwhile he sh. go to the Crichton Institution at ~~Dundee~~ Dumfries as being nearer England & more suitable than New Saughton Hall. The proposal is approved by the Commissioners & Dr. Tuke, also by the Curator & our legal advisers in Scotland. But we do not feel as if we cd. assent to it, & for the following among other reasons:

1. The transference to ~~Dundee~~ Dumfries cd. not possibly remove the delusion as to a conspiracy of Scotch doctors; it might even confirm it.

2. These frequent removals involve serious expense, & the question of expense needs to be carefully considered as I shall shortly show.

ROSSLYN,
WESTBOURNE ROAD,
FOREST HILL, S. E.

21 March 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

What yr say profoundly modifies our views, & we are sure yr are giving us good advice — We intend to act upon it.

My daughter is writing to night to the two places yr name for Prospectuses or Reports, but probably it will be best to let the patient go to Dumfries for a little while before he is brought to England.

The report for last week is that he has been very excited & that his condition has been one of "acute mania" He has been very violent & the delusions have been very prominent. Dr. Tuke thinks this condition will soon pass off, but he is afraid that these attacks will recur from time to

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time. I have reason to know that he regards this as a case of chronic mania.

We thank you much for saying that if you can give any further help we are to let you know. I hope we shall not trespass too much on your goodness.

Yours very gratefully

Robert Harley.

To

Dr. Pierce.

THE GROVE,
ROUNDHAY,
LEEDS.

Dear Mr Pierce June 22nd 09.

I am arranging to send the horses over on Friday next; my man will bring them by road with the carriage I am delivering at Shalfords. Probably they will arrive at The Retreat between 12 & 1 pm.

I have told my man to be prepared to stay part of the afternoon in case your coachman wished to put the horses into

your carpette for a short turn,
tho' of course after the journey
from Ramsbury, they would not
be very fresh.
I find I made a mistake in saying
the horses were a little under
16 hands, as I find they are fully
that height, or a little more; which
is probably more the worse for
your purpose.

Yours sincerely

Cyril Harvey

I believe in horse buying & selling
transactions the coachmen & grooms on
both sides look for a tip.
Will you therefore hand your man 20/.
from me, and if you approve & send me
a p/c I will give my coachman the
same amount from you, so avoiding the
trouble of remitting, and in case you
do not see him.

WH

THE GROVE,
ROUNDHAY,
Nr LEEDS.

17th June 1909

Dear Mr Pierce

I hope you & your party have had a very pleasant trip to Switzerland & been favoured with good weather.

I am writing to enquire whether the Retreat Stables require any re-inforcement. I have been persuaded by my family (perhaps I ought say overpersuaded) to get a motor car, & therefore must to find a nice place for my pair of horses which I have had (by proxy) 6 yrs, & driven them regularly in mostly as a pair. They are brown,

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I think about 15¾ hands high & are good strong horses – one especially is a fine brougham horse.
I may find a customer of the right kind, but if not would the Retreat care to have them as a loan or gift, on condition they were not sold in their old age for Cab purposes.
I asked Arnold if he wanted more horses, but they have no room, & encouraged me to make this enquiry. The Retreat work would I shd think suit them tho' I believe they are quite sound both in body & mind.
I don't think I have spent £5 in vets charges all the time I have had them.
If I am able to be in Hall tomorrow aft. I may call & see you in Park Square between 2 & 3 pm.

Yours sincerely
Wm Harvey

FURTHER STATEMENT.

To be supplied before or immediately after reception at The Retreat, York.

Patient's Name Ann Hodgson. New Shildon.

Occupation _____ *Date of Birth* aged 57.

Before treatment is undertaken it is important that a full account of the history and habits of patients be given. All replies to questions are strictly confidential.

Informants are requested to read the suggestions given in the margins, and when information cannot be given they are asked to say so, and to leave no blanks

SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.	HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION.
Onset. What signs were earliest? Was onset gradual or sudden?	1. When did signs of mental disorder first appear? Describe the onset. Gradual 6 or 7 yrs – Bad for a time then worse – better Worse for 12 mos –
Causation, Physical factors. Illness or injury. Intemperance. Bad habits. Bodily strain. Privations or insanitary conditions.	2. Was the patient out of health at the time of the onset? Did any bodily disease contribute to the attack? no – no –
Causation, Mental factors. Domestic trouble. Bereavement. Business difficulties. Solitude. Worry or overwork. Love affairs or shock.	3. Was there any mental strain or unfavourable influence affecting the mind that may have contributed to the illness? Worry over business –
Course. Improved or no. What special treatment. If away from home.	4. What has been the course of the disease since the onset? Gett. worse for some months. in spite of treatment. Worrying always. Contrary – Thinks she has no brain no money. Unoccupied.
Special Symptoms Affecting Treatment. Homicidal or suicidal impulse. Delusions of suspicion	5. Are there any symptoms present that call for special treatment? If thought to be suicidal or homicidal, give reasons. not. wishes she were dead. no attempt Are personal habits clean? Does patient refuse food? Is patient sick or infirm? Have there been any seizures or fits? never fits

N.B.—Epileptic patients are not admitted into the Retreat.

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PREVIOUS HISTORY.	SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.
1. What was the state of health during childhood and youth? Was there any delayed development or mental deficiency?	**Childhood and Youth.** Infantile convulsions. Night terrors. St. Vitus' Dance. Nervous complaints.
2. What has been the state of the bodily health during adult life? Has been troubled with morning diarrhoea for some years. Headaches.	**Bodily Health.** Rheumatic or other fever. Consumption. Intemperance. Nervous Disease. Other diseases.
3. What are the mental characteristics and temperament? Competent.	**Mental State.** Mental vigour and ability. Industry and perseverance. Favourite pursuits. Eccentricities. Irregular living.
4. Have there been any previous attacks of mental disorder, and if so how many? no. When was the first attack and what was the supposed cause? When was the last attack and was recovery complete?	**Previous Attacks.** Date and duration. Supposed cause. Where treated. Was recovery complete?

FAMILY HISTORY.

1. Had the patient's parents good bodily health? If deceased, give cause of, and age at, death. Father F. d. æt. about 80. Mother (*give maiden name*). M. d. 57.. worked too hard. Was there any blood relationship between them?	**Family History.** **A careful return as to each of the undermentioned conditions is very important.**
2. Is there any history of mental disease in the family, or any of the other conditions given in the margin. (If not known in any instance say so). *a* Father *b* Paternal grandparents *c* Paternal uncles and aunts - none in parents. *d* Mother *e* Maternal grandparents *f* Maternal uncles and aunts M.B. Grother. *g* Brothers - } none. *h* Sisters }	1 **Mental Disease,** including minor forms of mental disorder, undue depression or excitability, weak-mindedness, whether certified or not. 2 Epilepsy. 3 Nervous Diseases, in particular Hysteria, Spasmodic Asthma, Neurasthenia, Chorea. 4 Eccentricity *(in a marked degree)*. 5 Alcoholic intemperance. 6 Deaf-mutism or other congenital defects.
3. If the patient has any children, give the number and ages of eldest and youngest. Have the children good health? 4, 3 daughts 1 son } all well. 1 died - consumption.	

Name of Informant

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AT HOME.

9 TO 10 A.M.
2 TO 3 P.M.
6-30 TO 7-30 P.M.

TELEPHONE 2290.

FERNROYD,
BRUDENELL ROAD.

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Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I thank you for your letter & must say I agree with what you say therein.

I have not seen Miss Campkin for several months & have never seen her people about her — she always comes alone.

If she turns up again — I will see if your suggestions can be carried out & shall be glad for you to sign a certificate for treatment if that course should unfortunately be necessary. Believe me

Yours v. faithfully
Ralph Hopton.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

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Consultation Hours:
9—10 a.m. 6—8 p.m.

Eastfield House,
Withernsea,
Hull.

June 23rd 08

Dear Sir

I have a patient whose relations think of having him placed in your care,

As they are not in a good financial position would you send me scale of charges for consideration & all necessary papers. & would you send an attendant to fetch him on receipt of wire

Yours sincerely
Chas Hutley

at the last there was
no one offered to pay
for anything, it was
left to me, mine is
hard earned money
& this affair makes
me feel very bitter
We had a shocking
year last, & up to
now this promises
no better.
I will send you a

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South View
Ilkley. U.
May 28th 1908

Dr Pierce
Dear Sir
I am in receipt of
your letter, and
thank for same
and suggestion
which I feel inclined
to carry out.

Such abominable treatment makes me resort to extreme measures.
Mr Crowther the permanent gentleman (a Solicitor) who was with us when Mr Sabin died, has very kindly done all he could for us, but there is little or no satisfaction. The last letter he had from Messrs Lee & Pemberton was to the effect the estate had to be realised before debts could be paid.
I consider it a very cruel case. A great deal of our acct is out of pocket money

copy if I decide to
write "Truth" 40
Again thanking
you. I am Sir.
Yrs very respectfy.
Louisa Holmes.

PS
I was very grateful
for your kind rec:
commendation to
Mrs Riley, (Pls lev to

Mr. Albrecht, Seeds,
who was with us a
few weeks.

Simpson & Godlee Limited
8 Minshull Street
Manchester

TELEGRAMS:
"DAMASK, MANCHESTER"

4/5/08

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I received the enclosed letter last month from Grace Witty who is a member of our Society & have been corresponding with the Mr. Dixon he mentions, who has just been here to see me.

Frederick Hodgson is also a friend, he was in our employ here till about 2 years ago afterwards for a short time in business on his own a/c. He has not been certified at all, as I understand, but has been voluntarily for 12 months at Haydock ~~Hall~~ Lodge. I hear this afternoon that Dr. Street there thinks a change in the best thing & I believe says there is nothing organically wrong with him. Mr. Dixon would like if it were possible (not against professional etiquette) for you to see what you think of the case, he has been paying

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1½ guineas a week at Haydock.
there is only a very small income & the capital is being spent. & as Mr Withy says they cannot afford to keep him at present.

Hodgson is a member of our Mo. Hy. & I think I could get them to recommend & guarantee if the case is suitable.

I hear Dr. Street thinks it might do him real good to go home, but the relations do not quite like to take the risk.

I suppose there is not need for Petition or Certificates in such a case, Mr. Dixon thought if you saw Hodgson, you would judge if the Retreat is likely to benefit him. & whether it seemed worth while to have him.

I expect to be away from Manchester from Thursday night till Tuesday morning you probably know the address of Dr. Street. Haydock Lodge Newton-le-Willows. & Mr. Dixon's address appears in the enclosed letter.

Yours sincerely
Ramsay Godlee

Dr Bedford Pierce

9 Margaret's Bldgs
Bath.
Ap. 29th. '08

To
Dr. Bedford Pearse.

Sir,
Many thanks for the report of The Retreat which you so kindly forwarded to me. I passed it on to the young lady's father, but I am afraid that he considers it too far away.
Thank you also for telling me about Miss Hull, but

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I am sorry to hear that she has not improved.

I am
Faithfully Yours
S. Hawkins.

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TELEGRAMS:- STREET, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

TELEPHONE:- 11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

6th May 1908.

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Dear Dr Pierce,

I do not think that there is any intention of transferring Mr Hodgson to another Asylum; in fact he himself does not wish it, and I recommend that he should go home, as he has so far recovered that I think home treatment might now be tried.

He pays 31/6 a week; I suppose you consider that a low rate.. !!

I expect to see his wife in Liverpool to-morrow.

Yours sincerely,

Charles A. Street

The Retreat,
Y O R K.

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8, Minshull St. Manchester.

6/5/00

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. I am sending it on to Mr Dixon, as I think it will be best for him to make arrangements direct. I am just beginning 4 days a week on the Clyde which means that I have practically no address for Thursday

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night till Tuesday
morning, & this might cause
delay.

Yours very truly
Francis Galton

Dr Redford Pearce

28 Addingham Road,
Mossley Hill,
Liverpool
May 5th 08.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Sir,

Mr Francis Godlee of Wilmslow has given me your address. I suggested I should write you direct on behalf of my brother-in-law Frederick Hodgson, who is a member of the Society of Friends & at present an inmate of Haydock Lodge Institution where he has been for the past 12 months suffering from melancholia but is undoubtedly much improved. It is found impossible to keep him there longer & I should be glad if arrangements could be made to bring him to York Retreat with the aid of the

Society & Dr Street says a change would do him good & even suggests his coming home for a time but this can not be done at present.

What would your fee be to visit him at Haydock & give me your opinion as to his mental state & probable recovery which would be a source of satisfaction to his family.

I am

Your faithfully

Isaac Dixon

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TO Peirse The Retreat York

Kindly make necessary arrangements
interment York writing

Henderson

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

to be present at the funeral.

Yours truly

H. N. Henderson

Dr Bedford Pierce

155 Fenchurch Street
London
E.C.
17 March 1908

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your notice of the death of Miss Mary Henderson on the 15th inst. I understand that my sister Miss Henderson has already given instructions for the interment to be at York. I shall not be able

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Dr. Bedford Price
The Retreat
York

Thompson Road
Claremont
West Australia
8th March 08.

Sir

My brother in law Mr R. W. Stan of Bradford on sent your address & also states that by writing you direct I shall be informed exactly the condition of my sister Miss Florence Hetherington now I believe under your care. My relatives at home appears to dislike giving any information about my sister & you will know sure understand my anxiety as to her illness & the nature of it. I shall be grateful if you will be good enough to supply the particulars. Some time prior to her going to your home, I was about to suggest a visit to Australia but until I know better informed of her condition it must rest in abeyance. Trusting to hear from you shortly

I remain dear Sir

Yours faithfully

John C. Hetherington

crochet — —
reads. spasmodically.
— rude - offensive -
— suspicious -
think nurses stolen his things
accuses the nurses of ill treatment -
& of calling them names.
— laughs without cause
unfit to ~~and~~ dance
gives entertainments -
— was. drunk & destructive
out now -
— little interest in anything.
— Rude to other patients.
Quarrels over cards.
says nasty things.

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9. Margaret's Bdgs
Bath.
April 24th. '98

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The Medical Supt.
The Retreat. York.

Sir,

Would you be so good as to send particulars of accommodation for patients at The Retreat. I know of a young lady, with a suicidal tendency, whose friends are undecided where to place her, and

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I wondered whether you would take her at your place. I am a nurse, and accompanied a lady from Tunbridge Wells to the Retreat last year, and I thought how delightful the place was, as well as hearing it so highly spoken of at different times.

Her father is a retired colonel, and I believe has no means except his pension. As she is an only daughter, and her mother not living,

I thought I may help him a little in getting particulars.

I should feel grateful for an early reply as some arrangements must be made very soon.

I am

Faithfully Yours,

S. Hawkins.

P.S.

The patient is 23 years old of a gentle disposition, and not at all melancholy.

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Lymakow
Somerset
21st Oct. 1907.

Dr Pearce,

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Dear Sir,

I have been asked to have Mrs Pinch here for a dinner before she returns home. Will you kindly tell me what attention she will require; will it necessitate someone being with her constantly

will there be any
fear of her being permanently
ill on any day, how
long do you think
it will be before she
will be able to go home.
Is there any particular
thing to be attended
on each or on any
day or any other
special requirements.
With your kindly say
how Mrs Lyttelton Thomson
is when you reply.
I would not trouble
you but before taking
anyone on, her thought
it best to know a
few particulars.

I remain
Yours sincerely
S W Steel
Beach Street
Somerton
Somerset

(872)

at Mrs. Raymond's
The White House
Virginia Water
Surrey
Oct. 22nd 07.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter, and for your having brought my sister's case before the Committee. I am grateful for their reply, that they could receive my sister for 25 guineas weekly.

She does not require individual attention, though just lately she is not taking her food well, but a change I believe would alter this. We should expect that she would share rooms with others, and companionship is good for her.

I shall send your letter to my Father & Mother by this mail, and will let you know as soon as we are able to decide on what is best to be done for my sister.

She was put under certificates when first taken ill. Will you kindly send me another copy of the Report.

May God's aid attend your efforts for the help of suffering ones.

I am, dear Sir
Yours truly Stella Haskins.

to give her a certificate.

I am

Yours Gratefully

Thos. Harris.

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U. F. Manse

Maryculter

By Milltimber

Aberdeen

Nov. 8th 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We received your welcome letter which we forwarded at once to ~~her~~ Jessie's Uncle Dr. Bayes, for we had had a nervous letter from him a day or two before informing us of her bad condition & asking me to go & bring her home as she was too bad to travel alone. I am hopeful

Her yours kind letter will relieve her mind somewhat & trust she will come all right.

So I have told you every letter she sent home until recently left us with the impression that she was happy & cheerful & able for all her duties. When she was home for holiday however she complained of having been for a trunk she said three months on night duty & of not being able to sleep during the day; & it is possibly the effect of the want of sleep that has weakened her nerves.

We shall get her home immediately & do all in our power for her recovery.

We are very grateful to you & Miss Thomasson for all kind consideration & thought. Jessie seems to have acted strongly at the time of leaving. I hope you will attribute it to her weakly condition & should she come all right again & be able for another situation that Miss Thomasson will be able to recall something commendable about Jessie

sincerely apologise to Miss Thomasson yourself & the Committee on Jessie's behalf because of her leaving so hastily. However if you deal with Jessie I don't think there will be much difficulty in proving that her nervous system is far out of order, & that might somewhat complicate matters. It would greatly relieve our minds & help us in bringing Jessie round again if you would kindly consent to let the matter drop & take no further action. Jessie has no doubt learned a lesson that will prevent her acting so again.

Hoping you will kindly comply. ~~I am~~ Yours Gratefully

Thomas Harre

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N. J. Manse
Maryculter
By Milltimber
Aberdeen
Nov. 4th 1907.

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Dear Dr. Pierce,

I read with fatherly interest your kind letter & that of Miss Thomasson sent to Mrs Harre concerning our daughter Jessie. Mrs Harre takes it for granted that you will have seen the answer she sent Miss Thomasson & therefore she has not written you direct. Mrs Harre wrote Jessie who is at present with her uncle Dr Ryres, Tennoxtown, Glasgow.

& enclosed both letters received from the Retreat. She expressed our regret at Jessie's hasty conduct & advised her to write & apologize & submit to whatever the Committee might wish & thus leave the Retreat honourably.

The enclosed is Jessie's answer just received. Obviously Jessie is in a bad condition & for the time being unfit for duty at the Retreat or anywhere else. I am writing her Uncle to do his best to bring her round a little & send her home. It is a pity Jessie was not more frank when Miss Thomasson took her before you, & that she did not wait till the Committee gave her permission to leave honourably; for I note that you say in your letter that "the Committee would certainly never wish any one to stay if it was not in their interest to do so", & I note also from Jessie's scribble that the paper she signed said she could leave if her health broke down. Now judging from what her Uncle the Doctor says & from her petulant scribble it seems quite clear that there is something going wrong.

We always till very recently understood that Jessie was contented & happy at the Retreat & from the way in which she spoke of the kind treatment of Miss Thomasson & yourself we thought she must be giving satisfaction.

All things considered I don't see what can be further done in the matter. We as parents

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31, Talbot Road
S. Tottenham
26 Aug 1907 M

Dear Friend
Bedford Pierce, M.D.

We have an urgent case in this Meeting of a poor old man aged 94, whose mind I fear is rapidly getting more & more feeble, and is beyond the control of his married daughter with whom he is living.

He is a member of our Society admitted about 15 years ago. His family are not friends. Their circumstances will not admit of their paying more than the lowest rate at York Retreat, but they earnestly wish that he should be placed under your

case. His name is James Stanley, and his daughters name and address (where the old man is now living) is

Mrs. Gear
14 Lordship Lane
Wood Green N.

If you will kindly send me the needful papers as quickly as possible, I will see to their being properly filled in and returned to you.

The case is urgent, and they wish him to be removed as soon as possible. Also it will be necessary for you to send an attendant to convey him to York – the expense of this will of course be paid for by his family.

I suppose the forms when completed might be returned to you by the hands of the attendant whom you send.

Hoping to hear from you by return of post, I am

Yours Sincerely
M Harrison
Clerk of Tottenham
Monthly Meeting

Private

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July 21. 07

124, OTLEY ROAD,
LEEDS.

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Dear Dr Pierce,

When I saw you about Miss Hargrove I told you that I had come to have a good deal of influence with her and her parents in the way of advising them. Miss Hargrove is, I think, doing very well. She has been for the last two months at a place near Malvern where young ladies go for training in domestic arts - a beautiful place

Miss Dunn
Hanover
Barnsley

and plenty of bright people about –

There is one matter that arises on Miss Hargrove's recovery & that requires consideration. Do you think it would be right for her to get married? The question I suppose is twofold – affecting herself and possible offspring.

Her parents are just the sort of people to neglect all such consideration, and might let their daughter drift into an engagement without thinking of the consequences either of its ratification or interruption.

If you would be so kind as to let me have your views of the matter would you also say whether you think Miss Hargrove might be told what it is.

I may not be dealing with this matter in the proper way, but really the parents are so indifferent that I do not care to act through them and yet I do not want to see the girl left without some guidance.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Mitchell.

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Shaftesbury House,
Calverley,
nr Leeds.

July 17/07.

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Dear Sir,

I have a male patient who is an inebriate who wishes to place himself in a retreat. I should be much obliged if you would let me have full particulars re admission. I cannot certify him as insane, if you are unable to take him in, would you kindly let me know where I could get him admitted on his own signing the entrance form.

Yours faithfully

(Dr) Norman Hughes.

hand over her.

Her friends are not prepared to pay a large sum for her board but would be glad to hear the lowest terms at "Throxenby Hall".

Yours truly

Miss/ M. M. Harris.

P.S.

Or if you should know of any other home more suitable for the case I should be exceedingly grateful for the address.

Ulgham Park,
Morpeth.

Dr Bedford Pierce

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Sir

Will you kindly tell me if "Throxenby Hall" would be a suitable place for a young lady (30) who is mentally weak. She does not require medical treatment

There seem to be no homes for feeble-minded

in the north & her friends are anxious to find a home where supervision could be given & where, if possible light household duties could be given.

She belongs to the middle Class & has always lived a quiet country life, she is quite capable of all household duties, but requires a firm, kind,

Green Hile House
Derby
May 24th 1907.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have just left Heap and know you will be interested to hear something about him.

At the end of last summer he was so very much worse that the question of his going to the retreat was raised - we were in London at the time and some great friends of the family were anxious that he should see Savage who gave a very bad prognosis and advised his going to an asylum - I told him that I should take it to the retreat if he went anywhere - however Mr Heap wished a further trial and we went to Blackpool and afterwards to the Lakes where he improved a little - but the great advance commenced at Nice

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where we found ample opportunity for keeping his body and mind fully and congenially occupied. We returned by way of Constantinople Greece and Italy and when I left him the other day he was to all appearances quite well and for the first time says he feels "quite all right" and is very hopeful for the future

He has made plans to go North and take some interest in a business there also to continue his golf at which he is quite a proficient now. He is. He won 2 medals and a fine silver flask when at Nice.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
A. F. Flower.

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SOMERSTOWN HOUSE,
HOLDERNESS ROAD,
HULL.

May 5th/907.

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Dear Sir

I have a patient suffering from slight mental derangement. Most of his time he is quite compos but here the idea at one time that his head is greasy at another time that it is dry & shrivelled. He is young about 30 years of age. He has been at work in a large drapery establishment up to about two months ago. I have advised that he be got away from home influences

& treated by competent & experienced persons & as I see you have Throckenly Hall near Scarboro advertized where I expect he would not be associated with confirmed lunatics I have advised he be sent there if the terms are suitable. He is sensible on all points but these. I have reasons to believe that his case has originated & probably is sustained by self-abuse. I thought I might mention this to you as it might enable you to treat him, if he comes to your place, more efficiently — Will you please let me know what your terms are? His mother has married again & so not

quite her own master but is willing to pay for his maintenance & careful treatment for as all recent & previous

Yours truly
[illegible]

P.S. Please promptly reply will oblige.
My telephone No is 411. Corporation.
The case is quiet-lovely at times frightened & nervous rather than imitative.

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Dr from. WRAYCROFT
REIGATE

20. March 1907.

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Dear Dr Pierce

You will remember that we had some correspondence about Dominie Gibson last Summer. She was then at Carlisle Asylum but was soon afterwards discharged. She is living in the Friend Almshouses at Ellerby, nr Maryport. I heard from a neighbour of hers yesterday that she is in rather an unsatisfactory state mentally, and I have advised that if she has to be sent away from home that her Doctor should write or telegraph to you to send someone to fetch her to York.

Miss Wilson herself wishes to come to you should she ever need the under care again. Last year it all had to be arranged so suddenly that they decided to take her to Carlisle. I thought I could send you this note to prepare you for the possibility of a telegram and I hope you would be able to arrange to take her at once if necessary. There would be no doubt I could get subscriptions from a few friends if she had to be with you any length of time, and I would undertake the responsible in an emergency rather than that there should be any delay about getting her in.

She does not of course know that I am writing to you.

Yours truly

A. M. Hodgkin.

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WRAYCROFT
REIGATE

23. March 1907.

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Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for your letter. I gather from it that Donald Lipscombe Brine Lobson has another mental breakdown, & need be under care, it would be necessary for his neighbours to send for his sister – Sophia Sophia at Highly Stephen – and get her back as "Petitioner". I had hoped that perhaps the local Doctor, or the Agent Sophia at the Blackmoors for Stephen Sue is an inmate, or the Clerk of the Peace or monthly meeting could

have acted as "Petitioner" on an emergency, but I gather from your letter that this would not be legal.

I am glad to say she has not actually broken down this time & I hear she is better. You will of course treat this as confidential as Lip Labour would much object to the sitters knowing she had been ill.

Yours truly
A. M. Stoughton.

(959)

THE GROVE,
ROUNDHAY,
Nr LEEDS.

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Nov 13th 1906

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose a letter from Dr Woodcock, whom I meet from time to time in connexion with the Leeds Tuberculosis Assocn.

Can you kindly supply any figures in response to his enquiry as to Bunker Cumny Rate, or are such not available, or desirable to send.

It seems to me impossible to give particulars or some of

the points he names, such as illness rates, or consumption rates, as there will be no data available.

Yours sincerely

W. Harvey

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AT HOME
FROM 3 TO 6 P.M.
TELEPHONE 11.

SHEEN HOUSE,
HARROGATE.

Dear Dr Bradford Rose

Miss Hodgson who brings this letter is anxious to have a nurse to nurse her old father. He is a man of 87 years of age – very active in body but now suffering from cerebral softening due to age partly, & partly to alcoholism – They wanted like a nurse of a certain age – whom they could trust

& when they c^d. leave in charge of two Indian .. we have tried male attendants but they are worse than useless as unfaithful & one man being in the house upsets me –

I want this boy on & do not want your have. Manager & the money dept –

Yrs Sincl

Inc – L. Ozanne

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The Beeches
2 Lancaster Road
Harrogate.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I have just telephoned to the Matron, "Miss Thomasson" but find she is away, so I am writing to explain to you what I fear I could not make quite clear

through the telephone.
Father is very ill with
pneumonia, & we now
require a second Nurse
to take night-duty.
We should be so much
obliged if you would
kindly undertake to
send a suitable Nurse
tomorrow (Wednesday)
Evening. We greatly
appreciate having
Sister Margaret. She

so kind & helpful.
With many apologies for thus
troubling you,
Yours truly
Edith Hodgson

Wed. 30th/06.

75 Finsbury Park Rd.
N.

Nov. 23rd

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Sir,

Would you kindly send by return full particulars of your Asylum for the treatment of Mental Cases. These are wanted for a young lady who has to be put under proper care & a treatment with a view to cure is much wanted.

Unfortunately I cannot remember the name of the present Director but formerly I believe the asylum was under the direction of Dr Tuke. I trust this will be delivered correctly.

Faithfully yours,

A. S. Hoe.

(Mrs)

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43 Heatlergate Bradford
Yorks
Oct 11th/06

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Sir

I should be much obliged if you would kindly forward me by return post prospectus shewing terms & blank forms which you would require to be filled up for the admission of patient

Yours respectfully
Geo Horner

The Superintendent

3 to 4 gns.

Market-Place
Wednesbury.
Aug 14/06.

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Dear Sir.

I am writing to ask what your terms would be. For a Lady whose has lately been taken with Lucidalis Mania. & we are afraid if she continues to get worse she will have to be sent away. And should therefore be glad to be in possession of terms & a suitable place to send her. A reply at your earliest convenience will oblige

Yours Sincerely.
J. M. Hitchings

To Superintendant
York Retreat

The Retreat
16.6.06.

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To
The Retreat Committee.

For the last few months I have not felt equil to performing my duties here, or to give to them the attention they require.
As well as being physically run down I have also been suffering from fits of depression.

I take this opportunity
of offering you my
resignation, and
trust you will consider
the above reasons
suitable for doing so

Yours Resp.

Burga Hally.

2 Airlie Rd. ~~555~~ 554

July 30th 1906. Hayslake.

Dear Dr Price,

Thank you for your letter. I have practically decided to stay on here the first week of my holiday, so you will know where to send for me, if by any chance you should require me. I hope this weather

will prove satisfactory.
I still sometimes think I
ought to have accepted the
post.
My next sister & I hope
to come to York about
August 27th for a short
time.
With kind regards
I remain
Yours truly
M. Hale.

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At Home.
11-1.
Telephone 0260.

WELL BANK,
30, SWAN ROAD,
HARROGATE.

July 15. 06.

Dear Pierce

Shall be glad if you
will go and see
Mrs Barnwell, & meet
her emergency. I hope
you may find a suitable
successor when she may
have to leave as there
seems likely to be
next. She will know

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from her knowledge of the case, who will best get the case, among some of your staff you may be available. With best regards Yours very truly

L. T. Hobson.

75 Finsbury Park Road
10.2.06

Dear Dr Luke

I have not got at hand any prospectus of your homes for the insane but have read about them so present you a case which I hope you may be able to give some assistance

Two young ladies have lost both parents and the elder has lost her balance through the bereavement and has developed a suicidal mania. They each have a small income so to that amount payment could be made.

Can you let me know if such a case

could be placed in your care. I have personally a conviction that proper treatment by skillful Christian attendants may work amelioration if not cure.

An early answer will oblige

~~I am~~

Yours faithfully
Charles Hve

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who pay us a visit. I have not yet met Dr. Kith or Dr. Olive but when I do I will certainly deliver your message.

With mine & kindest regards to Mrs. Pierce & yourself

Believe me
Yours very truly
J. Kegelles Kingston

(387)

Redcliffe
St. Marks Road
Leamington

11/6/06

Dear Dr. Pierce (4a)

Thank you very much for cheque just received for which I enclose formal receipt. I am glad to hear you have had such a splendid outing it must have been

very enjoyable. We had hoped to have done some foreign travels before settling down but after knocking about in Devon and Bournemouth, I felt I wanted rest as I was very seedy in the latter place having frequent attacks of Vertigo followed by sickness. I am happy to say I have been very free from all this since coming here and my deafness is not so acute and altogether I feel that the quietude here is suiting us both. If you should be coming in this direction at any time I hope you

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TELEPHONE 153.

BOOTHAM PARK,
YORK.

8 June 1906

(4)

Dear Pearce

I am very ~~much~~ obliged for the signatures in Mr Walker's case and I enclose formal receipt.

All the members of my (Committee) are so full of their private business that I do not think they will be able to arrange another day to come & look round the Retreat

They cannot even get

Ans

through what I consider
urgent business here!

Miss Lucy Miller

the consideration of whether
we could accept this patient
at 1 guinea was deferred for
me to obtain further information
as to her means.
what struck in my committee
throat was that they understood
the lady was paying the Retreat
3 guineas a week.
If you know enough of the
means & circumstances of this
lady to help me in
my enquiry I shall be
greatly obliged if you
can write me a letter
which will help to clear
up the circumstances.

With kind regards
faithfully yours
C N Hitchcock

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BURFORD HOUSE,
CAVERSHAM.

11.5.06.

Dear Friend

I shall be obliged if you will let me have particulars & terms for Folk Retreat - for members of the Society and non members.

With your reply I should value a line as to how Stanley Barrett is progressing - Please give my kind regards to him if suitable -

Yours very truly
Mabel Emil.

Dr Bedford Pearce.

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ELMWOOD,

KENLEY, SURREY.

2 March 1906

Dr Bedford Pierce York

dear Sir

A young friend of mine – West Indian by birth, has been for about two years mentally deranged; his parents placed him rather more than a year ago in S. Luke's Hospital London –; but he does not seem to improve. They would like to try a change of treatment. Mr Frank Preston of the New Colonial Coy – 20 Eastcheap – London has given me the name of your Retreat. A Mr Scard – employé in the same Company – has been recently under your care.

Would you kindly tell me what formalities would be necessary & what the annual cost would be? His parents tho' of good birth & education are not very well off & are of the Roman Catholic persuasion.

If you could favor me with these particulars I would write to the parents in St Lucia – B. West Indies & propose to send him to your care

Yours sincerely

H. Hale

ans 31.12.

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11. Ratcliffe Place
Keswick.
24. July 1906.

Dear Dr. Pearce

I write to ask a few preliminary questions about admission to the Retreat. It is for a friend who is now in Carlisle Asylum but is likely to be discharged in about three weeks' time as sufficiently recovered for ordinary life. I feel that it would be very much better for her to be under care for a time, especially if she could be at the Retreat.

As I am in the neighbourhood, I hope to go over to Carlisle and see her on Friday or Saturday, and also to see the Doctor there. But before I go it

would be a great help if you will kindly let me know, first, whether you could take one who is being discharged as recovered, and secondly, what is the lowest rate at which you could receive a friend. I do not know if Cumberland Q.M. has any special privileges of reduced rates at the Retreat.

I feel sure that this friend is not in a fit state to live by herself as she has done in the past and that it would be a real benefit to her to under your care for a time at least.

Yours sincerely A. M. Hodgkin.

My home address is –
Mrs A. M. Hodgkin
Wraycroft
Reigate.