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St Pirain
Collings Park
Jan 25th 1911 Plymouth

My dear Friends

I am sending
chg. direct for Mr
Constant's ac - I somehow
had an impression that
all charges had been
included in your last
ac - but I might have
surmised that professional
charges would be likely
to be high in a fashionable

place like Scarborough —
You will be glad to hear
that my daughter is
remarkably well — having
gained in weight since
her return — She is quite
her old self and is
making herself useful
in the home & in other
ways — I feel there is
much cause for thank-
fulness —

Elwan does indeed seem
very busy, too much so

sometimes to write to me!
I wish that he allowed
himself more relaxation
but with him it is ever
duty first.

Please give my kind
love to your wife &
daughter, & believe me
with kind regards &
reciprocated good wishes

Yours sincerely
Martha J. James.

Nov. 4, 1910

Dear Mr. James,

I am glad to hear such a good account of Miss James. It is really most encouraging.

With regard to your question as to whether she should take an permanent position at the Nursing Home, my answer would be and a good deal more, rather I am satisfied that the old delusions connected with this home had entirely disappeared. If there is any trace of morbid tendency in respect to any persons there, it could certainly soon be eradicated that she should stay away from this place.

As, however, she spends a good deal of time there now it may not be very hurtful if she were to spend more. I assume that you can hardly talk to her about this peculiar difficulty, but you might perhaps see the Matron and talk to her frankly about it, saying that the doubtful crisis is now past as to the wisdom of her being there so much or taking regular work, but that you did not in the least wish to request her from going if there is no ground for your anxiety.

The question of whether she stays at home or takes up work outside is really, I think, rather that it might be left to her to decide. That she should, herself, wish to work hard is in itself very satisfactory, and I should not wish to stand in the way.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 4, 1910

Dear Mr. James,

I am glad to hear such a good account of Miss Jane
It is really most encouraging

being equal, to lose her
again from home where
we are enjoying having
her back again so much.
Though her wish to earn
something as compensation
for the expenses she has
been to me is laudable,
I would rather dispense
with this than her company,
and her help has really
always been needed at home.
She left the decision to me
and I am trusting now
(under Divine guidance)
that events will shape
themselves so as to make
the matter easy when the
time for decision comes.

If convenient, I should esteem
it a favour, if you will
kindly say when sending
receipt if you are still
decidedly opposed to the
proposed plan after the
particulars I have sent -
It would help me in com-
ing to a conclusion where
the time arrives to decide.
I hope you are all well,
and send kind regards
to your household as well
as to yourself.

Very sincerely yours
Martha J. James.

The heads of the Nursing Home establishment are very fond of her, and have made it a rule, a standing invitation, for her to come there to spend the day once a week - she likes to go, and I have not seen my way to oppose it - in that case the reasons would have to be definitely stated, which I conclude would be undesirable - It does not seem to do her any harm, but there is really very little difference between this and staying there altogether -

I am still decidedly opposed to this, it would be a great disappointment, other things

St Prain
Nov 2nd 1910 Collings Park
Plymouth.

My dear Friend,

I am sending balance of account, regretting delay - I am thankful to say that Annette has settled down very nicely at home, and has taken up sundry useful duties with exact recollection of every particular, even to the price of articles she used to order in the grocery book -

Places that have been rather that she would not be wanted
passed over during her in the capacity of housekeeper
absence have been overhauled as proposed for three months
and reduced to absolute and that an answer need
order, and as before, every not be given for two months.
thing that she undertakes So the matter has rested, and
is thoroughly and punctually I am hoping that the desire
done - She is cheerful and may die out, as she no doubt
talks more than she used values her liberty at home
to do - The question of and is obviously getting
taking up work at the Nursing more & more interested in
Home, about which I wrote her work here - I allowed
inopportunistly when you her to take up work as she
were just starting for felt inclined without suggesting
Germany, is still in abeyance and I am careful that she
and is to some extent a shall not undertake too
sacred subject; it appeared much, as was formerly the
case, carrying out the work
of at least two people -

It had not occurred to us
for her to take any kind
of situation, being only too
glad to have her with us
again - and I thought she
would wish to stay with us.
I feel suspicious, perhaps
foolishly so, as to the decided
desire to carry this out.
May I ask for an early
reply if I am not too trou-
blesome? as I shall have
to decide quickly -

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Martha J. James.

Go in ahead -
think better not
think some things
to the same place



She is very right, but I feel
anywhere but there! And
is it wise for her to be in
the atmosphere of sick people?
I think in the abstract it is
a good thing for her to have
regular employment, perhaps
better elsewhere than at home
though I could have found
her plenty to do here, without
pressure. I have just left
her to decide what work she
would take up. & she has
done so. She was much
pleased with the new room
which I had taken much
trouble to make attractive,
& it is a real disappointment
to me to think of losing her
again from the household,
but I am willing for any
thing that is really for her
good, & should regret crossing her,
though she is willing for me to decide.

St Piran
Colling Park
Plymouth

Sep. 29th
1910

My dear Friend

I hope you
will excuse my asking
your advice once more
about your late patient,
but I have learned to
lean so much on your
advice that I am going to
trouble you ^{again} ~~once more~~.
Annette came home on
the 16th Sep. travelling from
Limplecombe alone. Collier
saw her as far as this from
Bournemouth on his way
to London.

She has been entirely her old self since her return, and it has been a great joy to us all to have her - She went one day to the Nursing Home from which she came to you being fond of the people in charge there, to renew old acquaintance - They made a very unexpected proposition to her, that she should come there as a kind of sub. matron or housekeeper - to do easy work - and she wants to go - I feel much opposed to it myself but feel I may be quite mistaken - any way I am much perplexed & should be thankful for some reliable advice to turn the scale -

I know my reluctance is partly distress at the idea of parting with her again, when I have suffered so much in the separation.

& the reunion was so very sweet to me - But it is also due to the fear of reviving old associations - It was there that the trouble about the baby began - a child being born in the house - And the little boy is the son of the matron, that she wanted to marry & that she wanted to marry & is still an inmate of the house. My sons point out to me that the attitude of her mind is entirely changed - but should I not be thrusting her into danger? She seems to forget nothing that has happened - she was very helpful while she was there. Lately I say she knows where everything is kept & all the ways of the household - and that it is the one thing she can do to earn a little money, which she feels is due to me after all the expense she has caused me.

31st August, 1910.

Dear Mrs. James,

I am very pleased to hear such a good account of Miss James, it is really most satisfactory and encouraging. I think your decision to give her a different bedroom is quite correct, but I should make no difference whatever to the old room; let it be just as it used to be.

I am so pleased to hear you had a good trip to Switzerland, it is indeed a wonderful experience. We have been away at Harlech for a month, and had an excellent time.

I am glad to hear that the visit to Bournemouth was such a success, and that the Misses Stephens made your daughter quite comfortable.

Yours very truly,

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shall I have that window
nailed down or not?
Will you kindly give an
opinion?

I had a wonderful time
in Switzerland - the memory
of which will last while
memory does -

With kindest regards to
yourself & circle.

Yours very sincerely
Martha J. James.

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Aug 28th 1910

My dear Friends
I feel that I
cannot make the next
move as regards Annette
without asking your kind
advice & sanction -
There seems no reason
now why she should
not return home; I and
other members of the family
who have seen her find
her quite well and naturally
the freedom from restraint
& supervision appears to

have answered quite well
& gives us confidence as to
the future - though of course
we should hold ourselves
alive to any change -
Your good cousins have
been most kind & taken
every care of her - I was
very pleased to make their
acquaintance & could highly
recommend their home
to any one requiring such
accommodation. It was a
good arrangement before
launching Annette into the
busy home circle -

But she says she misses
the cheerful company of
the bright young nurses of
whom she was very fond -
I think now, however, she
has made friends with
some young girls of their
acquaintance.

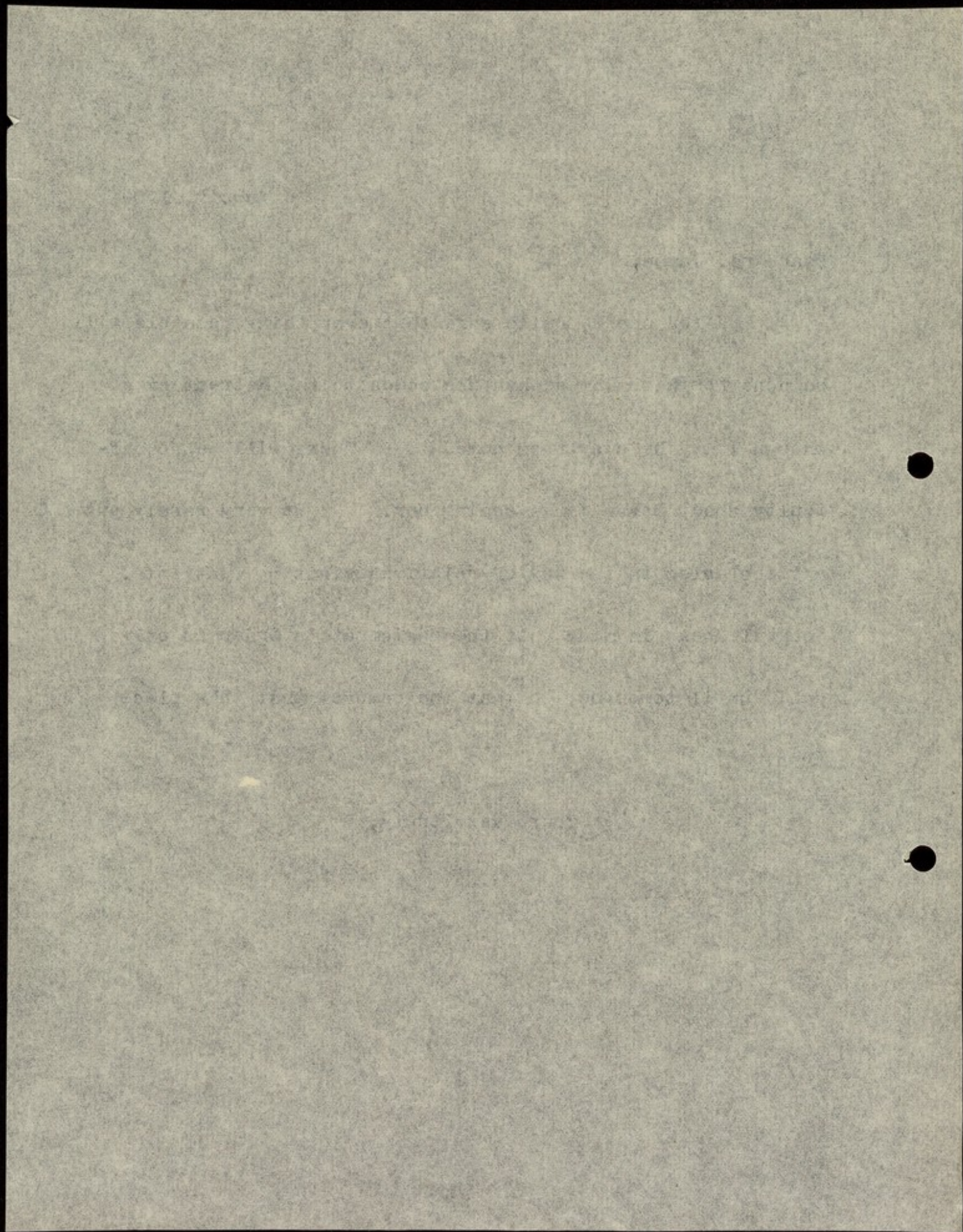
I am not going to give
her the same room that
was formerly hers - but
I shall one next to mine.
Still various things might
take her into that room
on the top story - There
a question discussed among
us with various opinions.

Aug. 2, 1909

Dear Mrs. James,

You can be quite sure that everything possible will be done for Miss James when she comes to the Retreat even though I may be away from home. There will be no difficulty about Bevan James seeing her. We very rarely put any obstacles in the way of relatives visiting patients. You will bear in mind that the Magistrate's Order is only valid until tomorrow, so that the removal must take place then.

Yours very truly,



off somewhere, principally,
I believe, to shake off the
restraint - We took her into
the country on July 1st think-
ing this would quite set
her up - but things got worse
& worse, till there seemed
only one thing to do - take
her back to the Nursing Home
where she had been before.
She is there now, and seems
quite contented & happy -
giving them no trouble, &
no sign of any delusions - but
I believe they still exist -
I do not think there is any desire
for self-destruction now - it
has taken another form - indeed
she told her brother that that
attempt was a mistake -
She is looking well & still
gaining in weight - $7\frac{1}{2}$ stone
now.

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

July 22nd 1909

My dear Friend,
I had been
hoping not to have to trouble
you again about my
daughter - She seemed so
fully restored, that I felt
only joy and thankfulness.
But now the old troubles
have returned in an
aggravated form - and I
feel I must ask your
further advice, with a view
to other steps that may be
necessary -

Though her body and limbs were practically restored the mental condition has become most unsatisfactory and it seems impossible to keep her at home, while if she requires other care it is obviously better for her to be where such cases are habitually dealt with.

While perfectly clear on most points, she has delusions, and those of a most distressing nature - Her great aim is to be married, it does not seem to matter much to whom she has been written to a married man suggesting this, and proposed it to her brother.

Naturally these things would be abhorrent to her, and I am certain there is not even a modesty in it - but on this point she is clearly accountable - We have been afraid of some terrible disgrace. The letter referred to came into safe hands & was returned to me with promise of absolute secrecy, of which I am assured, - But it seems as if we cannot go on longer as we are - as her physical powers have returned, and she feels quite well, requiring supervision & restraint - We have not lost sight of her for a minute, as we were sure if she had the opportunity she would slip

the children having made
an arrangement to leave me
for the present, in view
of the property coming to
them eventually.
I became useless to keep
the attendant I had for
my daughter as she ceased to
have control - It answered
well as long as she
was comparatively helpless,
but the restraint was shaken
off when the walking powers
returned - One knee is not so
good as the other but there
is scarcely a perceptible limp.
Another question - how could
I possibly get her to York? I
do not feel that I could do it,
nor deceive her as to the object
of the journey - she believes there
is nothing the matter with her -
I conclude you have some way of

she will not take meat, but
plenty of eggs & milk - not much
of ^{solid} food -
Some weeks ago we were
glad to find that the period
returned naturally - slightly
at first, and after a short
interval very fully, lasting
a week - again appearing
at a three weeks' interval -
We thought that this indicat-
ed that her health was
being fully restored - but
our difficulties have greatly
increased since - I do not
know whether you would
correct the position - It
seems to me that the con-
stitution might feel the
change after a 12 months
cessation - and it might
ster up and unsettle -

If we had her at home,
we can scarcely see how
we could sustain the con-
stant vigilance necessary,
and it is wearing me out,
and keeping the whole family
on the strain - while if we
did so there would be no
gain to her as regards treat-
ment - and I feel if I longer
delay I may be doing her
a serious injury, and making
her ultimate recovery doubtful
though I am passing through
the greatest distress in the
prospect - but her good is
the main thing to be con-
sidered, and the Lord will
help me -

I am writing to ask what
your terms are for a patient
in her condition - If I send
her away at all I feel it
must be to you -
I am not able to sustain a
large weekly payment - I
am a widow with a strictly
limited income, which will
meet our moderate needs
but allow of ~~no~~ ^{few} unnecessary
expenses - I have eight children
only two of whom are self-
supporting - though two sons
contribute - We are all
Friends - I have now been
obliged, to meet the large
& continuous expenses in-
volved by my daughter's illness,
to touch on my capital,

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

July 31st 1909 ✓

My dear Friend -

I feel it to be of great importance that you should see my daughter - but it is rather difficult to send her at short notice, Sunday & Bank Holiday coming immediately -

I will try to send her on Monday - but the crowded trains & bustle make a difficulty - I hope to wire you on Monday morning to say if she is coming & when.

But she has not yet been
told, & I am sure she will
think the step unnecessary
& perhaps unkind -

The matron at the Nursing
Home is willing to go with
her - Can you put her in
the charge of a kind
motherly woman? she has
been used to much kind-
ness & petting at the Home.
I believe when the step is
once taken that she will
be quite happy with you.
Would she be able to see
her brother? He may be
absent about this time.

I am hurried - there are
many things to arrange -
I cannot send all her
clothes &c with her - some
are here & some at the
Home - I will send them
after her - only what she
immediately needs with her

With kindest regards

Martha J. James

And I wish to thank all
who have had the care
of her for their kindness
& patience - she is really
sorry to part with her
friends at Phrosby &
says she misses them ^{greatly}.
With kindest regards to
your wife and sister,
whose acquaintance, with
yours, I should much
like some time to make.
Yours sincerely & gratefully
Martha J. James.

ST. PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

July 19th 1910

My dear Friends,
I am sorry
that a great press of
occupations has prevented
me from writing to express
my deep thankfulness
at the two things have
taken with regard to my
precious child - and to
acknowledge the receipt
of the official discharge
papers, in which you
are able, through the mercy
of God, to insert the word
"Recovered" -

I know that you are unable
to guarantee that there
may not be a return, but
that I am willing to leave
in the Lord's hands - He
will only do what is right,
and it may not be His
plan for me to try me
thus again - At any rate
I can trust Him.

The arrangement at Bourne-
mouth seems to be working
very well, both Elman and
Annette seem to have been
favourably impressed, and
I get satisfactory letters
from her - I hope to see

her in about ten days, en
route for Switzerland -
spending the week-end with
her - the Misses Stevens being
kindly willing to take me
in.

I must take this opportunity
to thank you sincerely
for all your kind care
of her, and judicious
treatment - which, under
the blessing of God, has led
to her restoration - also
for your patient consideration
& prompt replies to my
many anxious inquiries,
giving me so kindly any
encouragement that was possible.

July 13, 1910

Dear Mrs. James,

It is with great pleasure that I send you the
formal notice of discharge.

Bevan gave a very good account on his return from
Bournemouth.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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Villa St. I. Lino
Liddleigh Road
Bournemouth
July 5th 10

Dear Dr. Kew

We are very
sorry to have to ask di-
lute would it be possible
for you to keep Miss
James at Thropeby
just one week more
from today? - Our

moving arrangements
have been somewhat
hindered & by that
time we shall be more
settled in our new
home.

Trusting you may
be able to arrange it
for us.

Sincerely yours

A. J. Stevens

St Merin
College Park
Plymouth
July 5th
1910

My dear Friend
I am sorry
that Miss Stevens wishes
still further to postpone
Annette's arrival - I
think this will harass
her, and I judge that
you were in favour of
her leaving not later
than the 6th. This was
decided on, but Miss

Stevens wrote asking that
her arrival might be
deferred till Friday
because they had work
people still in the house.
I enclose her letter
just received - and
leave the matter in
your hands - but should
myself be in favour
of her going on Friday
even if the house is
not in absolutely apple-
pie order - She would
not mind this -

Besides I do not know
that Reman would be
at liberty a week hence
I have already sent
two wires & three letters
to-day attending the first
arrangement - But in
any case I shall be
satisfied with your
decision -
In haste to same first
post.

Very sincerely
Martha J. James

Villa St. Ives
Ladbroke Rd
Bournemouth
5. 7. 10

Dear Mr James
I am writing
Dr Price by this post
asking if he can make
it convenient to keep
Miss James at Thorpe
Hall just one week more

from today? - I do hope
you will not mind my
having done so - it is
simply this we have.
Very recently moved
house & just at this
time all the trades-
people are very busy
so that our house is
not quite in proper
order but I feel sure
that it will be by
next week - I sincerely
hope

this new arrangement will not
seriously inconvenience you &
if it is inconvenient to ~~particular~~
your daughter coming on Friday
we must ask her kindly to ex-
cuse some things that may not
be quite desirable -

I thought yesterday that all
would be ready ~~by~~ this week,
but I feel sure you will understand

Yr. aff. Servant

Yours sincerely,
A. J. Watson -

Cornwood
Dorset
July 1st 1910

● My dear Friend.
Many thanks for
your letter of June 30th
I shall be only too glad
for Annette to make the
move as soon as may be.
Not in the sense of being
glad to remove her from
her pleasant surroundings
& your kind care, but
recognizing our merciful
deliverance from a great
distress. I have arranged
with Miss Stephens for terms

that seem satisfactory to
us both - and I feel greatly
indebted to your Committee
(probably at your suggestion)
for making this easier.

Besides the expenses involved
by my daughter I have had
great & unusual ones con-
nected with house property.

Miss Stevens says she can
receive her on the 5th or 6th
& I will make all arrange-
ments for that time -

Edward says he will see
her to Haverhamouth -

I remain

Very sincerely

Martha J. James

June 30, 1910

Dear Mrs. James,

We continue to get good accounts of Miss James, and she may now leave at any time. Would Bevan or any one else be able to travel with her to Bournemouth? The sooner she leaves now, the better, as we are sending patients over to ~~Xm~~ Scarborough who will not be so companionable as those who have been there hitherto.

It so happens that not later than the 14th of this month it will be necessary for me to give a certificate to the Commissioners in Lunacy that Miss James remains of unsound mind, if her certificates are to remain in force. This would be distinctly difficult to do now as she is so much better, and I propose to allow the certificates to lapse. This means that on the 28th July she will no longer be legally under care, and if any relapse occurred subsequent to that date, entirely new certificates would be needed. This happens unfortunately just now. Still one cannot but be very glad that her state of mind is so satisfactory that we cannot certify her as decidedly of unsound mind.

I will make a point of seeing Miss James before she leaves, to satisfy myself that she is well enough to go away.

Yours very truly,

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I shall look forward to going to Havermouth at all events for a week-end if all things favour -

When the right time comes for her to return home I shall try to let her take her place in the family and among our friends very quietly - & not let her under- take too much. It is cause for infinite thankfulness that she is so well -

Kenan says he found her exactly like her old self in every respect - I am wondering how the going to meeting went off - I had to discourage it at ^{our time}

With kindest regards

Very sincerely

Martha J. James.

I am here till
Tuesday July 3
H. Hough

Roundell Farm
Cornwood

June 28th 1910 Devon

My dear Friend.

Thank you for your letter received yesterday - By another delivery our came from Miss Stephens with some concession as to terms - she says that they could not possibly say less than 30/- That was the sum I had in my own mind - but I said in reply that I could manage

35/- The kind consideration of your Committee makes this possible - So I hope that after all we may come to terms - I have felt a great desire for Annette to go there and she is very desirous for it herself - The way seems to be opening and I trust it may be the right course to take -

I believe she does not take animal food, though enough of other nourishing things, & with a more varied diet there was formerly the case - Is this so? & are you satisfied that she should continue on these lines? If she is doing well on it I would not disturb it.

I represented to Miss Stevens that meat is not included in her fare which I think may make some difference in her views - I must find out from Miss Lippiatt what she does take - I think she is rather dependent on fruit. I understand that it is your wish for her to be trusted to go out alone - she values this trust exceedingly - perhaps it would be necessary for her to have company at first in a strange place - Kewan tells me that you do not think I need have any misgivings as to self-injury -

Quid f.
miserabilis
off m. t. s. c.

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

June 24th 1910

My dear Friend,

I have heard
to-day from Miss Stevens,
and am rather disappointed
to find that their terms
are $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas per week.
I am afraid I cannot
undertake this. I will
write to them to this effect
If this is final, can you
make another suggestion?

I am so thankful to get
such improved reports.
Revan is here now for
the week-end

I write in great haste.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Martha J. James

the hope that she would do
so willingly & cheerfully, as
it is quite as much a duty
as when she did so at home.
Though I could understand
I would not seem quite
the same. She has replied
to this that she did not
take my remarks amiss "they
were like ^{your} ~~myself~~ very dis-
rough" - and she appreciated
the sentiments expressed -
This seems more hopeful
than not replying, as has
been the case before -

Do you attach any importance
to her statement quoted in
my last letter as regards
not thinking at all of the
distressing delusions unless
some one reminds her of them?
With kindest regards

Very sincerely

Martha J. James.

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

June 6th 1910

My dear Friend,
With regard to
your suggestion that it
might be a good plan
for Annette to be placed
in some suitable Friend's
family when the time
comes for her to leave
Phroquerly Hall, - I have
been wondering whether
you have any place in
view that you would
consider suitable. I cannot
personally think of any
place that would meet

the requirements - but thought it possible that similar cases might have arisen that you have been able to place satisfactorily.

Of course I do not know that the time has come for making any change. I am leaving that entirely to you - trusting that we shall be rightly guided, so much may depend.

The letters that I get from her now are much improved in tone; she makes little facetious remarks & remarks & well applies little house jokes & expressions - Also asking for little additions

to her wardrobe, which is preferable to indifference - though she says sometimes that she does not want any of clothes sent as if she were likely to stay a long time. She has also asked for more work (needle) & has sent home something finished telling me that another piece has been finished & taken into use - but I do not know how recently - I wrote exhaustively to her about the necessity & duty of helping in the household work - saying that she would not be considered really recovered till she did more in this way - & expressing

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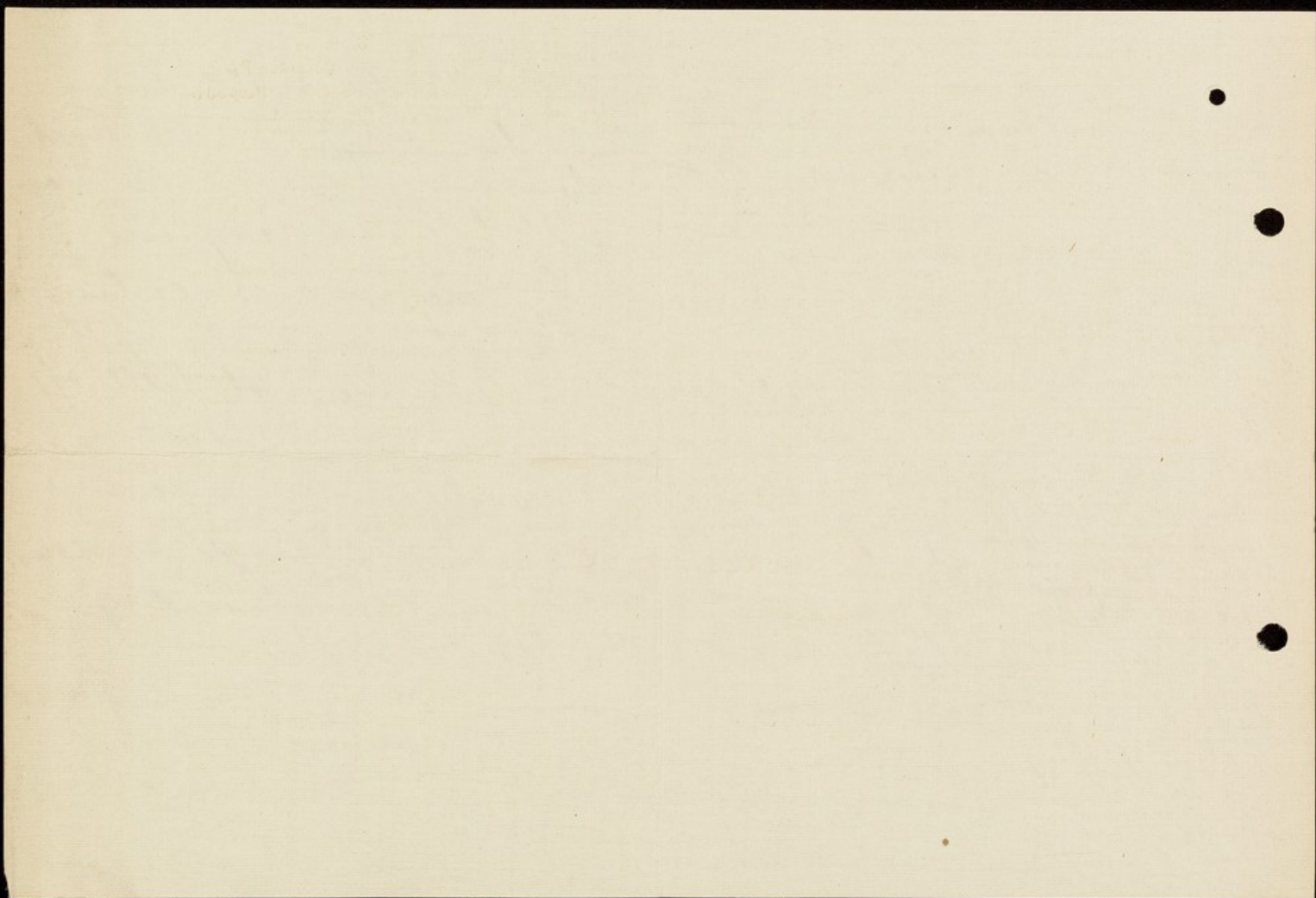
Dear D^r Friend

In reply to
your letter received yester-
day I write to say that
we shall be glad to re-
ceive the Friend you
name, if she can wait
for a fortnight from the
21st. Circumstances over
which we had no control

351
have prevented our moving
until early in next week.
The house we chose hav-
ing been occupied. -

I note you mention
that the friends of this
patient are not well off.
Would you be kind
enough in this case to
fix the charge previous
to our corresponding
with them. -

Thanking you very much
for interest of us
With kind regards
Yours very truly
- A. L. Stevens -



though this seems like a step forward in the course of recovery - I suppose your cousin would be fully informed of all the circumstances. Would you mind telling me when you write again exactly what you mean when you say that she does not realize her position? I shall be only too glad for her to forget her delusions - when I asked the question I wanted to know whether you considered her statement on this head as a distinct evidence of recovery as far as it goes - that these things are fading away -
Thanking you for all care of this precious child, & with kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Martha T. James.

ST. PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

June 13th 1910

My dear Friend,

I thank you for your letter of June 9th and have been trying to consider your suggestion. I do not know the Messrs Stevens of Bourneville - but your recommendation would be more to the purpose. I was staying there two years ago and thought there was much to enjoy in the district. If these ladies are Friends, I probably

met them at meetings, without knowing their name.

The principal points to be considered are whether they would fully realize the nature of the case, & would be prepared to exercise such supervision as may still be necessary with judicious management & tact. But I feel assured that you are satisfied on these points or you would not make the suggestion. I am not afraid that she would not be comfortable. I hardly know whether I could arrange for any member of the family to join her though this would

be a very pleasant arrangement possibly for a week-end visit.

There is another point that disturbs me a little - the proximity of the high cliffs & the sea - need I feel anxiety on this score? There would be dangers anywhere - & I suppose she would not be expected to go out alone.

It is important for me to know the charge - and I shall be glad if you will kindly open the subject with your cousins, and find out whether the plan is workable. Perhaps the change would not be made till a little later in the year - I should regret taking anything from your care.

June 15, 1910

Dear Miss Stevens,

I write to ask whether you could receive, some time before long, a patient who is convalescent. I should say that several months ago she threw herself out of a window and gave considerable anxiety at that time on account of mental depression, but these tendencies have long since passed and she goes about as she pleases, and certainly is not depressed or likely to cause anxiety. It is thought desirable that she should stay in ordinary family life for a few weeks before actually returning home. She is a Friend, not at all difficult to get on with, accustomed to a quiet life, and with many interests. She is now at our convalescent place at Throxenby and has done very well there. Her relatives aren't very well off, but I see no reason why you should not charge sufficient to make it worth your while to take her, especially as a certain amount of companionship will be required. She could come in about ten days or a fortnight if you can take her. Should you be able to do so I will send on your reply to the relatives and let them make arrangements themselves.

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO



June 15, 1910

Dear Miss Lippiatt,

Mr. Bridgford is to return to the Retreat on Friday. If Wilson comes over with him we will look out some bedding plants for him to take back.

There would be no harm is Wilson going to the Gala with him on Friday morning if he likes. He may get some gardening ideas.

Does Miss James go about alone? If you see no reason to the contrary I should like her to do so before any arrangements are made for her leaving.

Probably Dr. Mackenzie will be going over tomorrow. Will you get the refusal of Mrs. Laidley's rooms bear by, and then he can settle the matter.

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

CHICAGO, ILL.

June 9, 1910

Dear Mrs. James,

Do you by any chance know the Misses Stevens at Bournemouth? They are distant relatives of mine; second cousins once removed or something of that kind. They take paying guests into their house, and can be trusted to make any one who stays with them quite comfortable. I have been to their house, and so has an aunt of mine, and I think it would be the sort of place Miss James would like.

If you think well of this I would write to Miss Stevens and ask whether she is able to receive her, and I should think it very likely that one of the family could stay there at the same time, so that Miss James would have the pleasure of meeting relations.

I was at Throxenby last Monday, and the report continues to be favourable. I do not think it is unreasonable that Miss James should wish to forget the delusions of the past.

Yours very truly,

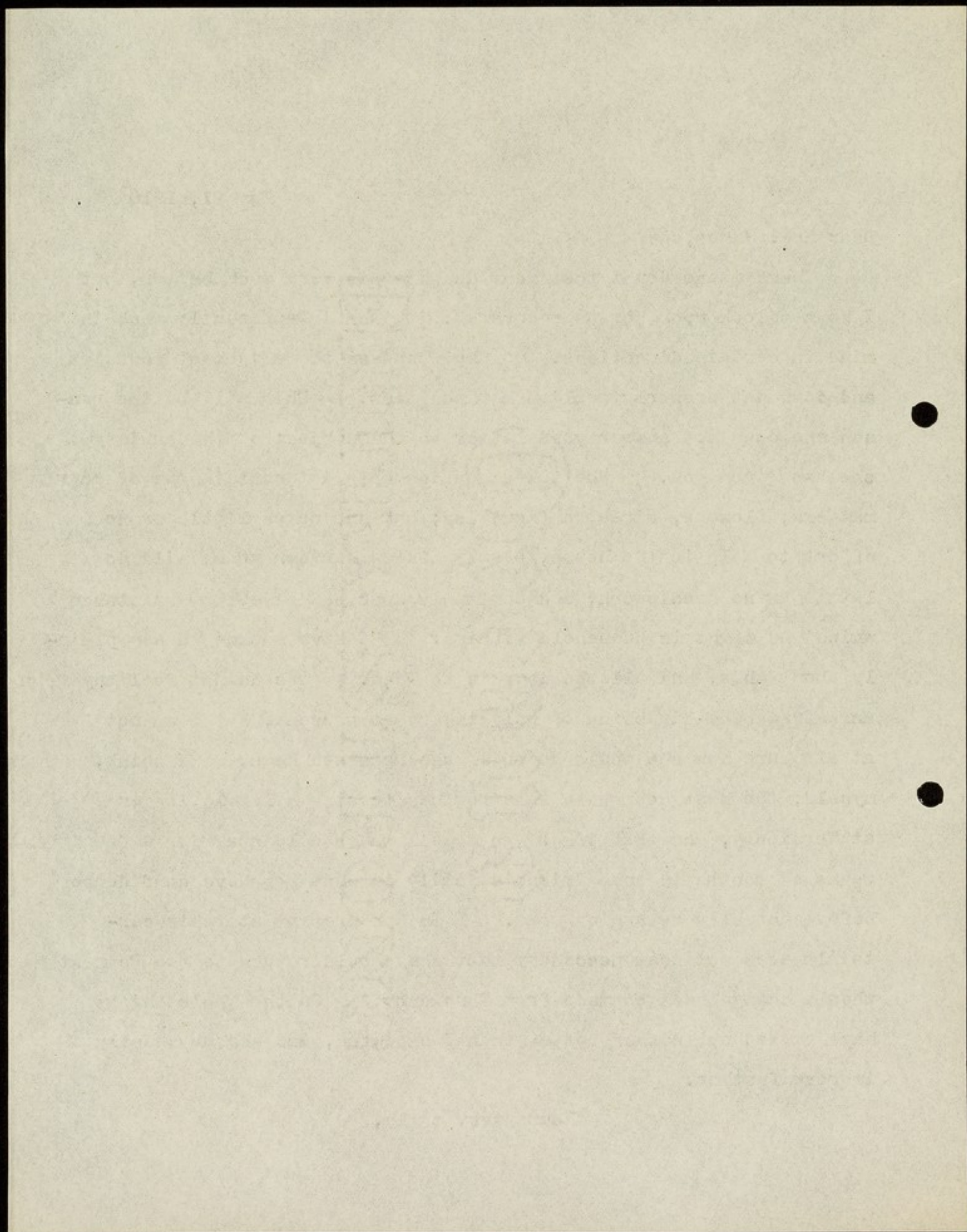
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
PRESS

May 21, 1910

Dear Mrs. Janes,

There is no doubt that your daughter is very much better, but I do not look upon her as recovered. She is apparently weak in mind in certain directions. She weeps on the slightest occasion and does not properly realise her position. This will be the reason she does not answer your letter on the subject of the anxiety she has given you. She takes considerable interest in out of door matters; flowers, birds, antiquities; but she makes little or no effort to help in the house, barely tidies her own room, will do little or no needlework, and certainly does not give the assistance which she might in household affairs. I have spoken to her plainly about this, and all she does is to weep. We do not feel any anxiety in the direction of self injury at present, but I am not at all sure how she would go on if she returned home. I think, myself, the best course to take for her to stay a little longer at Throxenby, and then if all goes well she should stay for a few weeks or months in some friend's family in whom you have confidence before actually returning home. In her present state it certainly does not seem necessary that she should return to the Retreat when a change must be made from Throxenby. On the whole things have turned out rather better than I expected, and she may easily improve further.

Yours very truly,



a few days ago she says
it is probable that a change
will be made & other pa-
tients have their turn there
she would "exceedingly
dread" going back to York.
could she not "come home
instead"? I said I would
write to you about it, &
of course I should entirely
rely on your judgment
& do nothing without your
advice & sanction.

The young man of whom we
have spoken was married
a week or two ago - but I
have made no allusion to this.
I am very glad she has got
through her teeth troubles -
With kindest regards - also
to your wife & sister
Yours very sincerely
Martha P. James.

ST. PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

May 19th 1910

My dear Friend,
I am writing
to ask you for your
definite opinion as to the
prospect of Annette's return
home - It is not that I
wish to hurry the matter,
I dread her return as
much as I desire it - but
I must write something
to her in reply to her
decidedly expressed wish
to come home -

She evidently feels there is no need for her to remain with you longer, but how can I know? If she still holds the views that she did when she came to you it would be useless to consider it. I have stated this to her in writing at the time you advised me to do so - but she has never replied to this, though writing frequently, in good spirits & naturally. One is divided between the desire to have these points cleared up & reluctance to revive the old sores which might possibly be fading from her mind.

I feel as if our position would be extremely difficult if she came home - I should be afraid to have her out of my sight, or to let her go out alone - and yet I feel as if she would not be prepared to consent to this kind of life - she wd want to take it up on the old terms, when she was accustomed to go her own way. We should, I suppose, have to come to an understanding on these points, & get a promise if possible -

She has resigned her life at Phoebe's Hall, but in a letter I had from her

"With regard to your questions I don't think about these things at all unless the question is brought up."

Perhaps the knowledge of this will satisfy you.

I do not think I should disappoint you in any way at home." (shall I let the matter drop now?)

What do you think of this?

It is the first time she has replied at all on the subject.

I think I will tell her that the question of coming home largely depends on her willingness to make herself really useful in her present position which is right & due from her - and as her physical health is restored there is no reason why she should not do so -

ST. PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

May 27th 1910

My dear Friend.

Thank you for your report of May 21st which is not in itself very encouraging - I was not prepared to find that my daughter is so freely moved to tears, as she writes bright sensible letters, & seems to find a good deal to enjoy in her present life.

I am very sorry she is not willing to assist in household matters, as she certainly ought to do when

the terms have been made over well-borne, besides the
so easy for her residence with you - But this she
knows nothing about, and I think it will be advisable
for me to explain matters to her more fully - She
seems to have a rooted idea that although she was
entirely willing & anxious to make herself useful
at home, she does not feel the necessity for doing so
when absent - and this is the cause of some of the
weeping - I have always felt most anxious for her
to be employed, and I am sure you consider this point
an important one for her

fact that it is right for her to do so - She has written to me about it asking if I think it is required of her, & I have written most fully, encouraging her to do all that is suggested, & begging her to take up these little matters as duties & do them cheerfully - This was about a fortnight ago - I wonder if what I said has had any effect - In that letter I reminded her that she had not replied to the questions I had asked her as to whether she had become convinced that certain things were mistakes & delusions - and now she does reply as follows

It is so unlike her to be idle, that I cannot look upon her as recovered while there, is this reluctance to help - though probably we should find it would not exist at home - She has as you say a mistaken idea as to her position - & feeling sure now that she can understand an explanation I think it will be best to speak plainly when I write next - She says she has lost weight since going to Throokly Hall - 6 lbs - probably this is partly owing to the trouble about the teeth, but she thinks some change in her diet is responsible - I should be glad however to have it more varied -

I must leave you to decide
as to her stay at Throssby;
I thought from what she
said that some change was
imminent, which she dreaded
and that shortly only gentle-
men would be there -

this would not be desirable
for her if any of the old
notions remained - but I
am sure you will do what
is right about it - I think
the idea of boarding in some
suitable family is a good
one - but much would de-
pend on the selection - I at
present I see no light on
this - But I feel sure my
way will be made plain -
Thanking you for all care
& kindness

Yours very sincerely
Martha J. James

affected six years ago - she
came back after a fortnight
completely restored - this was
after improvement has set
in under medical care -
I write in haste to catch
post -

Yours very sincerely
Martha J. James

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St Piran
Collings Park.

Ap. 11th 1910 Plymouth.

My dear Friend.
Annette writes
me that she has a very
considerable swollen face
one eye being closed - she
thinks she may have taken
cold in the train, both
windows of the carriage
being open - She also says
that she has two decayed
double teeth, & asks if I
will consent to having

them taken out - she says
she gets neuralgia at night
which prevents her from
sleeping - I told her that
nothing of course would
be done without the consent
of the doctor - she thought
it possible that the teeth
could be stopped.

You will of course decide
as to what can be done
& whether, in case of extraction
she ought to have an
anesthetic - She took chloro-
form very well ^{once} when she
had a number of teeth

taken out - & when ^{one of} her legs
was set - If the teeth are
taken out I am afraid
it may upset the arrange-
ment of the plates she is
now wearing -

She seems much pleased to
get the change to Scarborough
as she feels it a promotion
but adds "I wonder when
I shall be free of the society
of ~~these~~ "mentals" - I am very
tired of it"

I have known great things
effected by going away
for a change, when she was
more or less mentally

the interview, ^{as formerly} was distressed
when he left - But I should
be very glad if she employed
herself more - I have just
sent her some ~~servants~~ to
her, for me, saying that
I want them down at once,
we are very busy here, &
would be glad of her help -
I thought it might be an
incentive to industry - In
time past she was never
idle - & generally usefully
employed for the good of
the household, or helping
somebody.

I am sorry too for Revue
to leave all his kind friends
at York. With very kind
regards to you & your household,
Sincerely yours M. J. James.

✓ H.R.
Feb 13th 1910
St Piran
Colliers Park
Plymouth

My dear Friend

We have had
two nice letters from
Annette lately - I asked her
to write a little oftener as
I had not heard since
a little while before Stuart
and she says she does
not get writing paper as
often as she would like
to write, & asks me to
send her some - I do
not know if this would

be considered allowable.
But I conclude no letters
go out of your establishment
without some supervision
of the addresses - It would
not, or might not answer
to allow a free hand in
this respect for her, and
she is only supposed to
write home - Will you kindly
let me know if I shall
send her a stock of writing
materials or not?

Her tone of her letters is
improved, more cheerful
& in better style - reproducing
little familiar home expressions

She thanks me for my letter
in which I wrote plainly
as advised by you, but
makes no further comment.
It is a matter of regret to
me on her account that
Kewan has left York, at
any rate for the time; it
was a comfort to me for
him to visit her and to
report to me, as he knows
so well how she ought
to be & what is natural
for her - He has found
her very much improved
of late, looking better &
in better spirits, & there
has been no weeping during

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Jan 27th 1910

My dear Friend,
I have written
a letter to Annette which
she would receive yesterday
in which I have tried to
set on your hints as to
her inability to discount
all her delusions, which
may possibly be still
resting on her mind -
I have set out as kindly
as possible that these
delusions were the occasion
of her going to you, and

that it would be necessary
for her to feel they were
delusions before she could
come home - at the same
time saying that we knew
she could not help having
them at the time, but
that we quite hoped they
would all disappear as
her general health improved.
I also said how glad we
should be to see her at
home again when the right
time came - and as you
suggested that neither you
nor I wish to keep her
there longer than necessary.

But I have not couched
the letter in such strong
terms as I proposed at
first - In haste

Yours very sincerely
Martha J. James.

and entirely at variance with
womanly modesty - and with
the laws of God and man -
And being quite foreign to
your natural temperament
& conduct must have origin-
ated in a diseased imagination
and disordered health -

Amazingly that you now see
things in this light - and
are prepared to renounce
these ideas for the future -
make a fresh start, & devote
yourself to the happy & useful
life of the past - in the home
that always misses you -

Please correct or improve to any
extent, or discourage altogether -
Of course I would do nothing without
your sanction - I trust the New Year
may be opening more brightly for her
& for us - With desires that you & yours
may experience the same & kind regards
to your household, Yours sincerely M. P. James

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ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Jan 3rd 1910

My dear Friend

I am sending by
~~the~~^{next} post a letter to Amette
in which I have mentioned,
as you advised, the engagement
of the young man of whom
we have spoken before -
With your kindly note the effect
on her, if, indeed, such is
perceptible? I know that
latterly the fancy was by no
means confined to him, but
it was a leading feature in
the original trouble six years
ago - & was, to us, the first
symptom of the return -

There are a few questions I want to ask as to her habits and physical condition, I will write to Dr Kemp - I need not trouble you with these -

But I am anxious to get your view on this point - Would you advise me to set out in plain words the hindrances that probably still exist more or less to her complete recovery?

For instance, in reply to her requests to come home ought I to say now or perhaps later, when you think best - something like this -

"I am afraid you will not be able to come home until you are quite convinced,

^{a reply to your doctor} and can honestly admit that the things that you had on your mind when you went away were really only delusions, consequent on your state of health - First, that the idea that you had had a baby was absolutely untrue and never had any foundation in fact - Secondly that the idea of getting married to various people, including your brother, married men or children, was both impossible and highly undesirable besides being ridiculous in the extreme -

Thirdly - that all these ideas were mistaken and untrue

Keweenaw says he expects to be
in York again shortly & to
call to see her - and that
if you kindly give the
letter to the care of W. C. Waller
he can ask for it.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Martha J. James.

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ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Nov 16th
" 1909

My dear Friend,

It occurred to
me that you might like
to see the enclosed letter
that I received from Annette
some weeks ago, and Keweenaw,
in a recent visit, encouraged
me to send it to you -
It appears to me to indicate
a good degree of improve-
ment in the expression
of interest in all that is
going on around her -

It is also natural, just as
she might have written
under ordinary circumstances.
And the desire to come home
is only incidentally alluded to,
instead of being insistently
urged as in a former letter,
which contained little else.
I was also pleased to hear
from Miss Thomasson that
she wished to choose a winter
hat for herself instead of
my sending one from here.
I catch at every crumb of
comfort & hope - it has

been a time of sore distress
& proving - but I have felt
sure the step was a right
one, and the Lord will
carry out His plan concern-
ing her & me - and the
issue will be right.
Of course I am prepared
for rather slow progress, if
it should be so at all -
I do not ask you to write
in reply to this, but as she
is so reserved & self-contained
I thought you might gain
a little knowledge of her
states by seeing the letter.

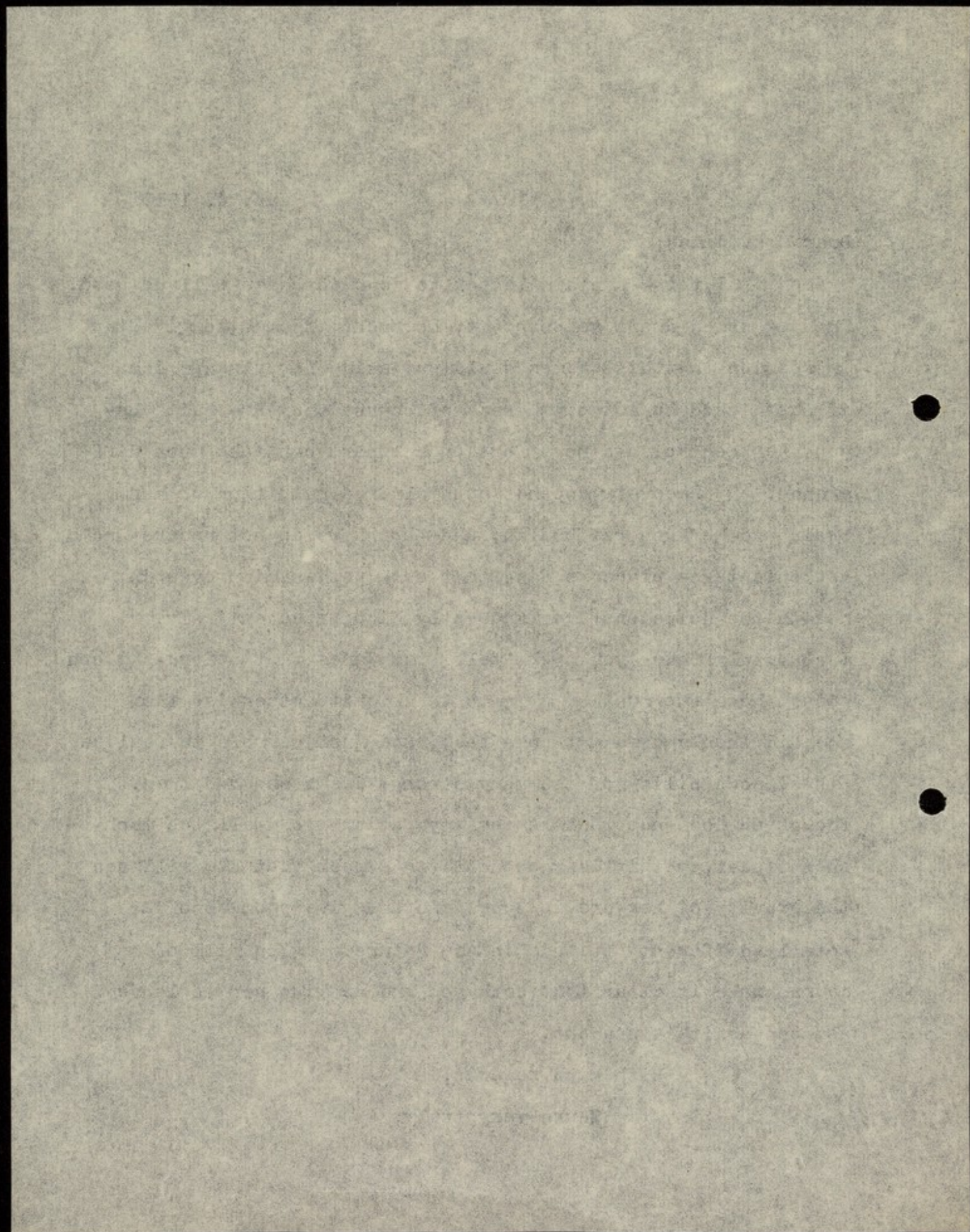
Jan. 4, 1920

Dear Mrs. James,

I think a plain letter to your daughter will do good. The suggested draft you sent me, however, seemed to give the impression that Miss James could put aside her strange ideas if she wished to do so; whereas of course they are quite beyond her control and no effort on her part can make much difference. Recovery depends upon altered nutrition of her brain and her general health; and though we do not understand how this takes place we find that as a patient improves in health the delusions are frequently dissipated entirely. I certainly think you might tell Miss James that before she can return home she must be able to think quite otherwise than she did when she was at home last, and must be able to realise the impossibility of the many strange ideas she had then. Though one does not want her or any patient to dwell too much on the past, yet it is reasonable to expect that she will see the gravity of her previous beliefs and give promise of a totally different attitude in the future. You will of course make it clear that both you and we wish her to leave as soon as it is prudent.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



to say that I would draw
the line at the Theatre - I do
not know whether your people
would ever be likely to go there
but we do not - and I would
rather for her not to acquire
a taste for it -

I have been intending to ask
your advice about telling
her that the young man who
has appeared to be the origin
of the mischief, though entirely
unconsciously himself - is now
engaged, & going to be married
in the summer - Would it be
likely to have a beneficial effect
to thus try to stamp out the thing
or would it be unadvisable to
revive the subject? Of course
it would only be a statement of
the fact, as a piece of news - with
no reference personally - With
kind regards to your household & all
seasonable good wishes,
Yours sincerely
Martha J. Fowler

ST. PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Dec 21st 1909

Dear Dr. Pierie,

I have had an
urgent letter from Annette
as to coming home for Christmas.
Of course I do not advocate
this, but said I would write
to you about it - I told her
I thought you would consider
it unwise to do this pre-
maturely as you would like
to see her completely restored
first - She says if Kevan is
not coming down, & if no
one can come & fetch her

(She says she is rested enough now)

she could come down by herself - I do not think this means that she is unhappy with you, indeed Kevin is quite convinced of the contrary & thinks her wonderfully improved in every respect - she is so cheerful now when he sees her, & prepared to take interest in everything - no tears when he leaves - Of course we cannot tell whether the delusions are passing from her mind & these things are always, in her case, most difficult to find out - she keeps her guard so successfully - We must be patient, & the way will open for us - But it is very hard

to me to refuse her, yearning as I do myself to have her with us again - However, I am convinced that to precipitate matters would be a fatal mistake, & would only mean a repetition of troubles - I think the season is bringing the desire to be at home, she has never been away before at this time - but I believe it will pass over quite happily with you, as I am sure every thing will be done to make it so -

I am wondering if she takes ordinary food now - I am very glad for her to have the variety of going to concerts the Park &c - but permit me

Dec. 23, 1909

Dear Mrs. James,

There is no doubt that Miss James is a good deal better. She takes more interest in things than she did, is much more cheerful, is able to occupy herself rather better; but I do not think she can be said to be by any means quite well. It is difficult to find out whether she remembers or wishes to forget incidents in her past illness. She certainly does not seem to realise its gravity and all the trouble and anxiety which the family have had on her account. She does not seem to understand why she went to the Nursing Home. When I spoke to her about the extraordinary delusions she had on coming to the Retreat she whispered in reply to a leading question that she has changed her mind or that she does not think so now, but there is certainly no air of conviction and no frank outspoken repudiation of such ideas which would certainly be the case if she had in reality recovered. I have explained to her that if she was really convalescent, instead of insistently begging to go home she would go to one of the medical officers here and request help, and ask whether they could not do something to assist her to do better in future. She would certainly show more consideration for you and her relatives than she appears to do in so constantly begging to go home.

I am proposing to show her this letter; and in concluding must repeat that she is really wonderfully better, and I hope a fuller realisation of her illness will come to her soon. In the mean-time I think she is better here, and we will do what we can to make her as happy as possible. No patients go to the theatre in the City unless they wish to. There are plenty of entertainments at the Retreat at this season of the year to satisfy all reasonable wants.

With all good wishes for the new year,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

St Piran
Oct. 16th Collings Park
1909 Plymouth.

Dear Friends,

I enclose cheque
for my daughter's account.
I am very thankful to
receive a somewhat better
report of her - We have
found before that when
improvement once sets in
it is steady - until something
seems to upset things again.
I trust your judicious treat-
ment may, under God's

blessing prevent any retro-
grade condition - Things
will not be right until these
delusions are admitted to
be such and are dismissed.
I am rejoiced to hear of
the resumption of needlework;
I note that you consider it
a good sign, and I believe
it may be even more so
than you think - it is so
entirely her nature to be
happily & usefully employed.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely
Martha J. James.

whereas I did not feel sure
that she valued them or read
them - also expressing pleasure
at receiving a box of flowers -
And the letter was expressed
affectionately while I was ima-
gining there might be a sore-
ness in her mind on account
of my action in sending her
to you - But the burden of
the letter was entreating me
to fetch her away, she is
quite tired of being there - &
wants to come home as soon
as possible - She speaks with
regret of not having been to
Meeting - I do not know whether
she means your own meeting
or whether she expected to go
to Clifford St - but she seems
to miss it.

A.V.

St Piran
Colliers Park
Plymouth.
Oct 4th 1909

My dear Friend,

Your report of
Sept. 13th distressed me very
much, but of course I
always wish to hear exactly
how things are -
I do not know whether it
is favourable or not, but
the state you describe is a
repetition in almost every
particular of what existed
at one period of my daughter's
stay at the Nursing Home.

From this she emerged by degrees, but steadily - and then it was arranged for her to return home, when the improvement became more marked - and in the course of a few weeks she seemed entirely herself - very busily & usefully occupied, & taking an interest in every thing. We thought she was entirely restored - but it is probable some of these delusions were present in her own mind even at that time - subsequently becoming more developed - I was much in hopes that your judicious treatment might have had more effect, but

as you say it is too soon to form a decided opinion. However, I gather that you are not so hopeful about the prospects of recovery as when I corresponded with you before -

But I cannot help being cheered by a letter I have just had from her after an interval of six or eight weeks - I had only received before a tiny scrap, written a few days after her arrival, just saying "Please to come & see me" - This ^{last} was a much more extended letter, quite natural & coherent - thanking me for my letters,

Sept 23 1909

Dear Mr James,

At the Committee meeting last
Tuesday the terms for your daughter
Kathleen James were fixed at 257 -
a week - Please let me know
whether this will be about what
you consider suitable, the Committee
would be glad to meet your views
as far as possible -

With kind regards

Yours truly

W. E. Waller.

Sept 23 1907

Dear Mr. Jones,

At the Committee meeting last
Thursday the time for your daughter's
brother's funeral was fixed at 2:30
a week - please let her know.
Whether this will be about what
you consider suitable, the Committee
woud be glad to meet your views
as far as possible.

With kinest regards

Very truly
yours
W. B. Collier.

ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Sep. 24th 1909

Dear Friend,

In reply to
yours of the 23rd I may
say that the terms proposed
for my daughter appear
to me to be very reasonable
and I thank the Committee
for their kind consideration.
I hope to be able to arrange
this for the present -

Will you kindly send me
an account, and let me
know at what intervals

the accounts are usually
paid. With kind regards,
Yours sincerely
Martha J. James

W. C. Waller
The Retreat
York.

Of course you would be
the best judge as to whether
this would be desirable. I
wrote explaining that very
much lies in her own power
as regards her complete res-
toration - and if ~~the~~ she does
not conform to the treatment
that is considered necessary
for her it would indicate
that she is not yet recovered
& her return to ordinary life
might be indefinitely deferred.
I said I was sure nothing
was arranged for her except
with the kindest & best in-
tentions, and she would be
much happier if she did
not resist what is considered
for her good -

W. W. W. your
meeting.

I also urged her to employ herself, as I did not wonder she found her life monotonous without occupation - reminding her how great a change this is for her who has been accustomed to be so usefully busy in caring for others - she would get interested if she once made a start - I said when all these difficulties were overcome I should be only too delighted to fetch her home, hoping that this might be an inspiration to personal effort. I am still hoping that the time may come when there will be an awakening -

It may be unreasonable to extract comfort from her letter, which appears to have been written spontaneously - but nevertheless I do - at any rate the hunger for direct communication is appeased - God knows what the end will be, and in any case, I am persuaded that His will is right, and His dealings, however painful, are entirely in love -

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely
Martha J. James.

eggs & milk ^{taken} with pretty
much fruit. I am wondering
whether this has been overcome,
which was not the case when
Dr Kemp kindly answered
my enquiries a few weeks
ago. I should also be so
glad to hear she is less
obstructive. Her naturally
strong will, which when she
is well is under control
from principle, is operating
against her recovery now.
She does not recognise the
necessity for being sent to
you, therefore is opposed to
everything connected -

I am sure you can realize
what all this has cost me
& will kindly let me know
if there is any improvement
& hope for the future. With
kindest regards, in which Kenan unites
Yours sincerely Martha J. James.

2 Dart Cottage
Post Bridge
Sep. 11th 1909 Princeton
S.O.
Delaware.

My dear Friend,

Kenan and I are
spending a few days here,
as he will gain more in
the week we propose to spend
here than he might expect
to do during a month in
Plymouth. We intend to stay
here till the 17th at any
rate - possibly longer if
weather favours - which is
far from being the case at
present.

I have been anxiously waiting
for your return to hear

a report of my dear daughter. I should so value your opinion of her state - I am afraid she has been giving a great deal of trouble, by making difficulties in what she was expected to do - This is a phase that we have had before - and I hope it will pass, as on former occasions. At the Nursing Home they had considerable trouble sometimes, she was unwilling to get up in the morning, & would address herself repeatedly, and give trouble in other ways - but this state of things passed, though renewed on her return home -

Then after a week or two all the clouds seemed to vanish, she became quite like herself, and we thought her completely restored - Till one day we found that the old delusions remained, & since then others appeared more distressing in their nature - though on nearly every other point she was perfectly clear and sensible. The difficulty about the food, however, continued - When she first came back from the Nursing Home she would eat anything, & that in large quantities - but quite suddenly this was abandoned, & only

I have gone through so much in coming to this decision, that I feel little able to bear an added weight - She has always been the darling of the household, and spent her life before her illness in unceasing ^{devotion} to the family - a life of duty conscientiously carried out, & of great usefulness - essentially my companion & helper - If it is not asking too much I would beg for a report at fairly short intervals, especially at first.

Yours sincerely,
Martha J. James.

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ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

Aug 15th 1909

Dear Friend,

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I am very anxious to get a report of my dear daughter's condition, (Annette James,) and I should esteem it a great kindness if you will send me this at your early convenience. I find that I ought to apply to you, and you will, I have no doubt, be able to satisfy me -

I should much value your impressions of her state. Though her brothers have seen her, and found her fairly cheerful, & they thought looking well. But I heard last of these interviews were than a week ago.

Is she settling down as well as could be expected considering that she was very unwilling to go, & did not see the necessity?

Is she cheerful or at least apparently contented, and does she sleep and

eat well? There has been great difficulty about the feeding, especially about animal & other solid food. The diet being composed almost entirely of milk & eggs. Does she employ herself in any way?

I have been hoping to receive a letter from herself but have not done so, and the thought that there may be some foreboding in her mind as regards my action in sending her to you, weighs on my mind and distresses me -

She is a judicious person
fully alive to the position.
I do not know whether it
would be necessary for
one of my sons to go as well.
I should propose that she
would drive straight from
the station to The Retreat -
I do not want to involve
Kewan in the matter -
You will of course use your
judgment as to his seeing
her occasionally - I believe
it would be a great help in
settling her -

Again thanking you for
all your kindness in this
close trial -

Yours very sincerely
Martha J. James.

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ST PIRAN,
COLLINGS PARK,
PLYMOUTH.

July 27th 1909

My dear Friend,
Thank you for
your letter and enclosures -
The matter is now fully
in train, and we are prepared
to carry it out as soon
as possible -
I should not like to make
an application to the Monthly
Meeting - but I am
relying on your assurance
that the Committee will
be inclined to receive my
daughter on very moderate
terms -

I do not know whether I must make a formal statement to the Committee that I am unable to pay a considerable weekly sum. As I stated to you previously I am a widow with a strictly limited income, sufficient, with the most careful attention to ^{avoid} needless expenses, for our ordinary necessities but with no margin for a heavy continuous strain. I have eight grown-up children, only two of whom are self-supporting - two contribute towards their own maintenance -

I think I understood you to say that in no case the names of those who are under treatment are disclosed by the Committee or officials. I must thank you for offering to send a nurse. I do not feel quite clear as yet what course to pursue, but think it may be the best plan, if she is willing to undertake the office for the housekeeping Matron of the Nursing Home to accompany my daughter. She is very fond of the Matron, and will do as she tells her - I think would go willingly with her.