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BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

3rd. March, 1914.

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I remain,

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K. M. French, Maj.

Stockton-on-Tees.

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National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Stockton-on-Tees.

2nd Mar. 1914.

PRIVATE.

Bedford Pierce, Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 26th January, I shall be much obliged if you will inform me as fully as you can as to the present mental condition of Mr Kingdon.

In your letter of the abovementioned date you rferred to delusions. Are these still maintained?

Generally do you now consider that Mr Kingdon is likely to regain permanently that mental equilibrium which would be necessary to enable him to take up duty in the Bank again?

I may say for your private information that, in the event of Mr Kingdon being unequal to the assuming of active duty again, he would be granted a pension by the Bank.

Yours faithfully,
E H French
Manager.

PRIVATE.

2nd Mar. 1914.

Bedford Place, Esq.,

The Retreat,

York.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 28th January, I shall be much obliged if you will inform me as fully as you can as to the present mental condition of Mr Kingdon.

In your letter of the abovementioned date you referred to delusions. Are these still maintained?

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Yours faithfully,

Manager.

Feb. 27th. 1914.

Dear Mrs. Kingdon,

It will be quite alright for Mr. Kingdon to go to Middleton Hall on Tuesday next, unless perchance Dr. Listen can take him earlier. We are very much pressed for room, and should be glad if an earlier date were possible.

Yours very truly,

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Norton Lodge
Norton-on-Tees

26th Feby 1914

Dear Dr Pierce

I received a letter last night from Dr Liston of Middleton Hall saying that he will be prepared to receive Mr Kingdon on Tuesday next

3rd March - Will it be
convenient for you
to send him then?
I left all the forms
that I received from
the commissioners at
the Retreat yesterday
I mentioned to
Dr Macbrayne about
the means for travelling
to Middleton he thought
that the train might
be the cheapest way
but I will leave it
with you to arrange
as you think best

Yours truly
Emily Kingdon

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Feb. 20th. 1914.

Dear Mrs. Kingdon,

It is quite possible that Mr. Kingdon may benefit from change of surroundings.

He seems to think that the Staff here are accusing him of bad practices, and it is possible that complete change of surroundings may do him good.

Yours very truly,

Norton Lodge
Norton
19th Feb.y 1914 Stockton-on-Tees

Dear Dr Pierce

I received a letter from the Secretary this morning informing me of the result of the committee's consideration of my application — & while I thank them

for endeavouring to
meet me – I am
afraid even now the
terms are more than
I am justified in
paying –

I have to-day
seen Dr Liston of
Micklethwaite Hall & he
is prepared to receive
my husband as soon
as arrangements can
be made – I understand
he has communicated
with you – I have
also to-day written
the Commissioners in
Lunacy – & must now
await their reply

Yours truly
Emily Kingdon

16th. February, 1914.

Dear Dr. Gilmour,

Mr. Kingdon was admitted in November last with a cut throat, wounds on the temple and an unhealed wound after an operation from fistula. All these are now cleared up, but he has not improved mentally, and he is suspicious and apprehensive and thinks that proceedings are being taken against him and his wife, and that he is accused of bad practices and is likely to be sold up. His wife appears to object to his sleeping in association with the other patients, and finds the expenses of special day and night nurses more than she can meet. I hope to see you on Thursday and will tell you more about him. He certainly is not fit to be trusted yet, though the case is not a particularly difficult one from a nursing point of view.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

STATION, DINSDALE N.E.R.

MIDDLETON HALL,
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE,
Co. DURHAM.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE, 7 MIDDLETON-ONE-ROW.

16 February 1914

Dear Lu,

Thank you very much for your letter with Kingdon; it is most helpful.

His people were here on Saturday they do not seem to realise how serious his case is; I think they will transfer him here next month as they want him near home.

Yours pretty fully
L Harris-Nicolson

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Feb. 18, 1914

Dear Madam,

The question of the terms for Mr. Kingdon was considered by the Committee afresh yesterday. I am pequested to say that they are prepared to reduce the terms from seven guineas to six, and we will continue to supply the continuous supervision both day and night.

If the patient can be removed to a dormitory, so that the special night nurse is no longer necessary, this would allow of a further reduction of 1½ guineas; and of course if the case became less anxious, and special care no longer needed, there would be a reduction.

I may point out that under the present arrangement a special male nurse has to be found to attend upon the patient continuously throughout the twenty four hours.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

TELEPHONE No 18, BURLEY.

Scalebor Park.
Burley-in-Wharfedale.

February 15 1911

Dear Peirce

Thanks for your note of 12 Feb
I shall see you at the meeting
there — I admit Petty on
Wednesday — Mrs Tempest I
hear has gone to the House
voluntarily —
& Mr Kingdon has written
he can give me any
information?
With regards

Yours faithfully
J. R. Gilmour

STATION, DINSDALE N.E.R.

MIDDLETON HALL,
MIDDLETON ST. GEORGE,
Co. DURHAM.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE, 7 MIDDLETON-ONE-ROW.

14th Feby 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have been approached by the friends of a Mr. Knighton of Norton with a view to taking charge of him, he is, I hear, in your Hospital, can you tell me what sort of case he is — whether he is likely soon to

re cover!

Any information will be gratefully received by

Yours faithfully

L Harris-Liston M.D.

D. Beaford Ousel.

Feb. 13th. 1914.

Dear Mrs. Kingdon,

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tesday next, when your letter of application will come before them.

Yours very truly,

Feb. 13th. 1914.

Dear Mrs. Kingdon,

A meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday next, when your letter of application will come before them.

Yours very truly,

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Horton Lodge
Horton-on-Lee.
12th Feby 1914

The Committee of the Retreat

Gentlemen

I wish to know if you can make a reduction in the terms for Mr Kingdon as his illness is likely to be more prolonged

than we at first hoped
it would be. & I feel
that the charges now
are more than we
can afford

Yours truly
Emily Kingdon

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Norton Lodge
Norton
Stockton-on-Tees

Dear Dr Pierce

I am enclosing a letter to The Committee will you please let me know when the meeting takes place

Yours truly
Emily Kingdon

5th. February, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Kingdon,

I think the proper plan would be for you to make an application to the Committee for a reduction if the expenses here are more than rightly can be afforded. Mr. Kingdon is very much worried about this, and it would be well if possible to try to come to some arrangement, as he seems convinced that unless something is done financial ruin is imminent. Quite apart from this a reduction can be made by making a change in his sleeping arrangements, and he is quite willing to sleep in a small dormitory with others so that a special night attendant is no longer necessary. This will reduce the terms by about 1½ guineas per week. I am arranging to make this change in a day or two.

I am sorry to have missed you the other day. I think you would find Mr. Kingdon a little better. The fistula is certainly healing slowly but surely.

Yours very truly,

J 93.

Norton Lodge
Norton
4th Feb. 1914 Stockton-on-Tees.

Dear Dr Pierce

When calling at the Retreat yesterday I obtained our account for January. — In view of my husbands illness being more prolonged than we at first hoped it

it would be - I wish to know if you can make a reduction in the charges - as I feel the present expenses are much more than our means will justify -

I was sorry not to have been able to see you yesterday as I should like to have heard how you think my husband is progressing -

Yours truly
Emily Huntington

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Private

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Stockton-on-Tees. 24 Jany 1914

Bedford Pierce Esq
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 9th Decr respecting Mr W. S. Kingdon, I shall be very much obliged if you will let me know what is the present condition of his general health and whether you consider he has made real progress as compared with his state at the time of your last report.

I have gathered from Mrs Kingdon that her husband has not maintained the improvement which promised so well a few weeks ago.

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ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE MANAGER."

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Stockton-on-Tees.

Continuation — (Bedford Pierce Eq).

As my Directors are anxious to be advised from time to time, I shall be very glad indeed if any information you may be able to give me as to the prospect of complete recovery or otherwise in Mr Kingdon's case.

Yours faithfully

E H French

Manager.

Norton Lodge
Norton on Tees
13th January 1914

The Secretary,
Friends Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 12th inst. With reference to the agreement referred to, Mrs Kingdon will be in York to see Dr Pierce in the course of the next few days, and will then bring it with her.

In the meantime I enclose cheque £57. 3. 10, being payment for board &c on Mr Kingdon's behalf during the period ending 31st Decr 1913.

Kindly acknowledge receipt to me & oblige.

Yours faithfully,

W. L. Kingdon.

Belle Vue
Southmolton
Devon
Jan 6th 1914

Dear Sir,

Having seen you some weeks ago at the Retreat the last time I visited my dear brother Mr. Kingdon, I venture to address myself to you. Yesterday my dear Father received a letter from him written on Jan 1st saying he was feeling bewildered. On Xmas Day he wrote saying he had difficulty in concentrating his thoughts. The dear has been over anxious & overworked with Bank duties evidently. We have implicit confidence in your opinion & should be most grateful if you will kindly tell us exactly how you think

my dear brother is progressing.
I am sure you will forgive my
venturing to write to you, but
my dear Father, brothers & sisters
are all so ~~desirous~~ distressed about
our dear, he unfortunately is so
far away from us, and we all
<u>love him so much</u>. —

With my further apology
I am
Very Truly Yours
Ida A Kingdon

Jan. 5, 1914

Dear Dr. Blandford,

When I last wrote to you Mr. Kingdon was much better, and we were quite hoping he would be well enough to go away for Christmas. Since then he has slowly and progressively relapsed, and at the present time I fear he is worse than he has been throughout his illness. He is hardly able to complete a sentence, and is full of fears and anxieties of a totally imaginary nature. No sooner is one explained than another arises, and even now he is hardly able to listen to an explanation. Worse than this, he has developed hallucinations of hearing and insists that he hears his wife speaking in the corridor or in the next room and struggles to go out and see her.

The remains of the fistula are not yet completely healed. There is a small place, which appears to be unconnected with any sinus, which, however, does not skin over. He has no pain with it, and the discharge is quite trifling in amount.

Physically, he looks pale and out of condition, but there is no fever or any physical sign of disease. It looks as if he was in for a longish illness, not having recovered straight off, and we are rather concerned about him, as he is getting somewhat difficult to manage.

Yours very truly,

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Dr. M.

Dewes House,
Mere, Wilts:
Dec 15, 1913

Dear Price

I have heard tonight from Mrs Knigdon of Norton about her husband for whom a change is desired.

She gives no particulars, for which she refers me to you.

Our conditions are the same as when I last wrote, – we have the one mental patient, with Nurse Hardwicke, whose time is not fully occupied. If Mr Knigdon requires detailed & constant care we should no doubt have to have another nurse, but I should be glad of information as to his condition & the sort of attention needed – also of the amount of fee likely to be paid.

Many thanks for your recommendation.

Yours sincerely
James B Rutter

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National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Stockton-on-Tees. 10 Dec 1913

Bedford Pierce Esq
York

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter of 9th inst. I am sure my Directors will be pleased to hear such a favorable report of Mr Kempson's health, as I am personally.

Yours faithfully
E H French
Manager

ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE MANAGER."

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Private

Stockton-on-Tees. 8 Dec 1913

Bedford Pierce Esq
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

I am desired by my Directors to report to them from time to time as to the progress of Mr W. S. Kingdon.

The position is that Mr Kingdon is still on sick leave, and it is necessary now to formally extend the period of leave for a further term, the length of which would of course depend upon your report and recommendation.

I shall be very much obliged, therefore, if you will advise me, for the private information of my Board, as to Mr Kingdon's present condition and as to when you consider that a restoration to normal health of mind and body may reasonably be looked for.

It will perhaps hardly be possible for you to express any definite opinion yet as to the advisability of Mr Kingdon's resuming service after a sufficient interval of time. He would not, of course, resume his association with the Bank in this town.

Yours faithfully
E. A. French
Manager

Mr. W.S.Kingdon

I am glad to say that Mr. Kingdon is doing very well. His extreme depression and fears have lafgely vanished and though he is pressing to leave very soon in a somewhat unreasonable way and is still somewhat despondent about himself there seems to be no doubt he is approaching convalescence. The wounds in the face and neck have all healed, and the fistula is reduced to quite a small matter and he is able to walk about the grounds and so forth without any inconvenience. We are beginning to relax the supervision, but I am doing this rather more slowly than he likes, as we wish to run no risks. If he goes on as rapidly as he has done recently, in about a fortnight or so he will be well enough to leave. I am aware that this is full soon, but seeing that Christmas is impending there is something to be said for his leaving before rather than shortly after. I should like to know what you think of this matter; and if you could come over and see him and talk over the situation I should be very glad.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Blandford

Mr. E.A.Kingdon

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ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO "THE MANAGER."

National Provincial Bank of England, Limited.

Stockton-on-Tees. 17th Nov. 1913

Dr Pease
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

As Mr W. S. Kingdon's successor in the management of this Branch of the Bank, I shall be much obliged by your informing me in confidence whether Mr Kingdon is at present capable of signing certain formal letters of resignation relating to Treasurerships which he holds by virtue of his position in

the Bank, and which in the usual course will pass to his successor in office.

I may say that the Treasurerships carry with them no emoluments and are of no personal benefit to Mr Kingdon, so that the signing of papers of resignation would be no matter of worry to him as affecting his position financially in any way.

You will, I trust, understand that the Bank is most anxious to do nothing which might upset Mr Kingdon, but it is advisable on account of the Public Bodies concerned that the transfer of office should be carried through as soon as practicable.

Yours faithfully
E. A. French
Manager

Nov. 21. 1913

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee the terms for Mr. Wm. S. Kingdon were fixed at £7.7.0 a week to include special day & night nurses whilst necessary –

I enclose the usual form of Guarantee which kindly return to me when completed –

Yours faithfully

Wm. E. Waller
Secy

W. L. Kingdon Esq.

Nov. 21. 1913

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Finance Committee he agreed for the Sir J. Ivey's gift of £1.7.0 a week to include offered day straight across Christ Recreation – Consider the request given of Finance and Social Facility before it was taken complete – Yours faithfully

G. Sutcliffe Secy

W. L. Ivey Esq.

Nov. 19, 1913

Dear Sir,

We are advised that persons under care should not sign any documents. I enclose a quotation from the Commissioners' letter on the subject. Mr. Kingdon, however, is quite well enough to understand a matter of this kind, and I can understand that it would be a pity in an acute case of this kind to apply to the Court for the appointment of a Committee. This matter will illustrate the difficulty which frequently happens to our patients when Bankers and others decline to allow business to be transacted, which is often a very serious matter when an illness is merely temporary.

Yours very truly,

E.A.French Esq.

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Yours very truly,

E.A.French Esq.

Nov. 18, 1913

Dear Madam,

On the enclosed Statement of Particulars you have not filled in the "Duration of existing attack". The Commissioners in Lunacy have returned the papers to have them completed. Will you kindly do this and let us have the form back in the enclosed envelope.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

Mrs. Kingdon

Nov. 18, 1913

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I remain,

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

Mrs. Tingdon

AT HOME,
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NAT. TEL. 4 NORTON.

TELEGRAMS:
NORTON, (DURH.)

Harland House,
Norton-on-Tees,

Nov 11. 14

Dear Dr. Purves.

Yours to hand re Mr. Vinington

They will prefer the magistrate order being obtained in York. I am quite agreeable to the Dr. you name signing the second certificate. Regarding the form you enclose I do not know what you want, I filled in one signed a similar one which I gave to the attendants you sent. If it is a copy of that you require signed it will be necessary for you to send me the particulars on & forget what I stated on it.

Yours faithfully

H H Blanchard

EACH MARGINAL NOTE MUST HAVE STRICT ATTENTION.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

53 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. 2. Form 8.

(a) Patient's name in full.

(b) Insert residence in full.

(c) County, city, or borough, as the case may be.

(d) Insert profession or occupation if any.

(e) Names in full.

In the matter of (a) William Sottridge Kingdon

of (b) Norton Lodge, ~~Stockton-on-Tees~~

in the (c) borough of Stockton-on-Tees

(d) Bank Manager an alleged lunatic.

I, the undersigned (e) Laurence James Blandford

do hereby certify as follows.

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession.

(f) Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number or name, the christian and surname of occupier.

(a) Names in full.

(g) A Lunatic, *or* an Idiot, *or* a person of unsound mind. (One of these terms must be used exactly as given).

2. On the 8th day of November 1913, at (f) Norton Lodge, ~~Stockton-on-Tees~~

in the (c) borough of Stockton-on-Tees

separately from any other practitioner, I personally examined the said (a) William Sottridge Kingdon

and came to the conclusion that he is (g) a person of unsound mind and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

NOTE.—A reception order cannot be made upon a certificate founded only upon facts communicated by others.

If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination, the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz.:—

(1) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination, viz.:

Patient is most excited in manner and attempting to remove dressings from wounds in neck. Has to be held down in bed.

On Oct. 31st he made a deliberate attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Has made attempts since then to do other damage to himself.

(h) The names of informants must be given in full, together with their addresses and descriptions.

(2) Facts communicated by others, viz.:— by (h)

(a) Names in full.

(i) Or not to be, if so.

4. The said (a) William Sottridge Kingdon appeared to me (i) to be in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house.

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

Signed,

(k) Insert full postal address.

of (k) Harland House
Stockton-on-Tees

Dated this day of November 1913

EXTRACT FROM SECTION 317 OF THE LUNACY ACT, 1890.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.

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Persons signing Medical Certificates will not be liable to any civil or criminal proceedings if they act in good faith and with reasonable care.

Two Medical Certificates on separate sheets of paper are required in support of a Petition for an Order for the reception of a Private Patient. One of these Certificates should, whenever practicable, be under the hand of the usual Medical Attendant (if any) of the alleged Lunatic.

Each of the Medical Practitioners who signs a Certificate must personally examine the alleged Lunatic separately from any other Medical Practitioner, and not more than seven days before the presentation of the Petition.

Neither of the certifying Medical Practitioners may be the father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of the other of them.

One Medical Certificate is sufficient in the case of an Urgency Order. In such case the certifying Medical Practitioner must personally examine the alleged Lunatic not more than two days before reception. The Certificate may be signed either before or after the Order.

The following persons are disqualified from signing Certificates:—The Petitioner; the Person signing the Urgency Order; the Superintendent, Proprietor, or Medical Attendant of the Asylum, Hospital, or House to which the patient is to be sent; any person interested in the payments on account of the Lunatic; or the husband or wife, father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of any of the foregoing persons.