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Throxenby Hall
Scarborough.

June 8th 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce -

I am writing you just a few lines to say how very much I appreciate your kindness in inviting me here for the week-end. It is a delightful change, Throxenby is looking so pretty, & it is so very nice to see my old friends again -

I am spending the summer with my aunt, Miss Rachel Knight, at Headingley. afterwards I hope to hear of something suitable, & wondered if

you would be likely to hear of any post at home or abroad which I could fill? My aunt thinks I would do well perhaps, ~~to~~ go to Canada -

I could not undertake a very heavy situation - can do housework, teaching (juniors) & have lately added a little Typewriting to my accomplishments & have my own typewriter.

You do not think I could get into some institution to do mending, or secretarial work (not book-keeping)?

Please do not trouble to answer this letter just now; as, I know you will be very busy preparing for Friday but perhaps on your return you would not mind giving me a few ideas about getting employment - you will have seen so many similar cases to mine.

I hope you will have a very pleasant holiday & good weather & feel much refreshed by the change.

Again thanking you for all your kindness,

I remain,

Yours sincerely

Margaret Ellwright

My Leeds address is 5, Glebe Terrace

Far Headingley.

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Telegrams:- "PUMPHREY. THORNABY-ON-TEES."

NAT. TELEPHONE No 91.

THORNABY ON TEES.

Saturday 25 Jany. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have been expecting to receive your account for Margaret Knight for last quarter, and have really neglected the courtesy of writing to assure you of our appreciation of your care of our niece, expecting daily to have the account with which we could add our thanks. Perhaps you will kindly havi the account sent on & then I shall be able to dispose of the money part of the business.

I saw Margaret in Leeds on Thursday. She seems very well, but is worrying somewhat about the future, feeling no one will want to engage her & she is now determined to go to her father. I have been very frank with her & told her clearly that we cannot recommend her to go, but that with the knowledge she has of him if she really thinks it right to go we do not feel justified to say she must not go. She again referred to the possibility of a recurrence of her mental trouble but I think I have your view in having told her that she need not fear this, but that her break down was due to mental strain & worry & not to any hereditary or tendency.

My wife & I feel much indebted to you & your staff for the kind care of the poor girl & I think that she has a very kind feeling towards all at the Retreat & Throxenby where she made some very good friends.

I am yours sincerely,

Walter Pumphrey

13 Feb. 1913

Dear Dr. Kemp

In reply to your letter received this evening there seems no reason why our niece, Miss Knight, should not be formally "discharged" as cured. She spent Jan. with an uncle & Aunt in Leeds & is now with another uncle & Aunt near London. While she was in Leeds I saw her & both from my personal observation & Reports we have from her & her Aunts she seems to be quite Recovered & I hope there is no likelihood of a further breakdown. She has worried somewhat about her future & this is

is really somewhat of a problem. I suppose you cannot suggest any sort of situation for her!!

We feel very grateful to you for your kind care of her while at the Retreat.

With kind regards

I am yours sincerely

Walter Humphrey

NATIONAL TELEPHONE No. 83.
TELEGRAMS: PUMPHREY, STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

1 Feb. 13

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am much obliged for your kind letter of 27 Jan. offering assistance in providing means of advice or help in case Margaret should need it. I hesitate very much to ask friends in Sydney to undertake any such case, as she really has no claim on them! When in London this week I called at the New South Wales Govt. Offices & obtained the name of the Supt. of the Y.W.C.A. in Sydney. The man I saw is from Sydney himself & knows her personally & assured me she would meet the steamers & take an interest in her. This seems the kind of thing we want. Don't you think so? I shall be obliged if you will forward your letter to Miss Pumphrey. I hope you will have a pleasant holiday. Yours sincerely. Ethel Pumphrey

Jan. 27, 1913

Dear Walter Pumphrey,

Many thanks for your kind letter. We will go into the question of the account, but to-day Mr. Waller is away poorly.

I am sorry to think that Margaret Knight still hankers after Australia, but to some extent one can understand this, seeing that she is shaken in respect to her English surroundings, and hopes for new things on the other side. I hope there will be some one to whom she can apply if she finds her father unsatisfactory. It would be disastrous for the poor girl to be unable to apply to any-body if she is unhappy. If she should go, perhaps you will let me know the part she will be visiting, as I may be able to give some addresses. I am myself going away for a holiday, so I should not be able to do anything personally for a few weeks.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 7, 1912

Dear Mr. Pumphrey,

I am glad to hear that you are pleased with Miss Knight. Dr. Mackenzie is going over to-day, and I am hoping to go next week. I see no reason why she should not leave at the end of the month as you suggest.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

5 Dec. 12

Dear Dr. Pierce

I had quite a satisfactory talk with our nurse at Throxenby Hall, & left her quite satisfied to give up all thoughts of going to her father in Australia. She got rather a "shock" she said to find that we had known all along where he was. She wishes to write to him & we have told her although there is not much satisfaction in corresponding. She is at liberty to do so now she knows the circumstances so please do not exercise any further censorship!

About her leaving Scarlio I think you are quite satisfied with her state of health now, & we agree to her going away soon. The account is paid to 31st inst. I think, she has an invitation to spend Jan with an Uncle & Aunt in Leeds & other Relatives

have asked her for later on. Will it be quite Right for us to arrange for this – for her to leave on 1 Jan, or say 2 Jan.

Yours sincerely

Walter Humphrey

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Wednesday 20 Nov. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Unfortunately a letter from Australia has got through to Margaret at Throxenby, who has sent us a copy of it. It is much the same as a letter we had from her father the same day, giving a very tempting account of a cottage by the sea he has taken & pressing for her to go out to him. We are sorry that we cannot rely on him and in view of the information of which I have told you can only conclude that it is untrue, or at any rate that if he has the cottage there is the wife either there or somewhere else. Margaret says "there are fibs somewhere" which is quite so ! We dont want to put anything in writing so I propose to go over to Scarbro on Saturday, & take her more into our confidence than we have done before. I propose to tell her that we have no reliance on her father's word & having made the careful & reliable enquiry we are unable to agree to her going out, but that if she prefers to believe her father & is prepared to take the risk she can go.

I thought you ought to know the situation & if you have anything to object or advise I shall of course value your opinion.

From OUR point of view it would be a solution to a difficult problem if she went out !

Yours sincerely,

W. Pumphrey

Miss Elkins of my intention.

I shall arrive at Scarbro via York at 3-48, and am writing to tell

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

6 Nov 1902

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for yours following your talk with Mrs. Knight. She has not said much in reply to our letter to her, but from the fact that she refers to what she place do, we infer that she has put out of her mind the proposal to go to Australia. We are glad you confirm this.

We are really puzzled about her future! but suppose she is best where she is at any rate for the rest of this year. She seems very strongly opposed to visiting relatives or others. She writes "after what has happened."

My wife is going to write to Miss Elkins re the painting lessons, to which we agree.

Yours sincerely Walter Pumphrey

Nov. 4, 1912

Dear Mr. Pumphrey,

I saw your niece on Saturday and told her just the plain fact of the second unsatisfactory marriage. She seemed quite willing to abandon the idea of going abroad, though naturally she was a good deal distressed.

Is there any objection to her having ~~her~~ some lessons at the Art School in Scarborough? She has a taste that way, and it may help to fill up the time until something can be decided. The fees are I think something like a guinea for a short course.

Yours very truly,

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Friday 1 Nov. 1912.

My dear Daisy,

As you know we have been expecting a letter from Australia to tell us more about your Father & we had hoped that it would have come before we went to see you last week. It has now arrived and we are very sorry indeed to tell you that it is not satisfactory and it is quite clear that we must give up the thought of you going to join him. We are really sorry for this as it seemed as though it might have been the right thing to arrange for you.

I think you know that Auntie & I are wishful to do the right thing for you & we hope you will accept our advice as the wisest for you to follow. For the present we are quite satisfied that you are in the best place to continue a real rest & regain your usual strength. We are willing to leave the future without worrying, believing that all will be ordered for us for the best.

With much love from both of us,

I am your affectionate uncle,

W.P.

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

30 Oct. 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter of y'day. I hardly knew if you are often at Scarbro. As you think of going on Saturday I shall do as you suggest & write to Margaret for her Receipt that morning, merely telling her that we have Recd. the letter she knows we were expecting & that the Report is unfavourable & she must give up the thought of going out to her father. If you will follow this by telling her that we have told you he is married again & the account of his wife is bad, I think she will give up the thought, unwillingly. If this much information will secure this result she need know no more. A brief Report of your interview will be welcome, with your opinion of her state. We hardly follow your PS in which you say there is "weakness of mind present". Do you mean chronic weakness, or that she has not recovered so far as you expected her to? Yours

W. Pumphrey

31 Oct.

I wrote the letter as on other side last night. This morning I have written to M.S.K. so as to enclose a copy for you to know just what I have said. This will not be posted until tomorrow for delivery on Saturday morning. Should you think it desirable for one of us to follow your visit please let us know & we shall try & arrange to go over. I told your Matron at Throxenby (I forget her name for the moment) about the prospect of her going to Autralia & so am going to let her know I am telling Dairy that it is now off so that she may understand any gloom which may follow the receipt of the news.

Hal

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Monday 28 Oct. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My wife & I were at Scarbro on Friday last to see our niece & we were pleased to find her so well both mentally & physically.

By an unfortunate bit of bad luck a letter I have been expecting for some little time, from the Friend I wrote to in Australia, came the day after our visit instead of before so that we were not able to discuss the question of her going out to join her father. She has been looking forward to going & we have been more disposed to think that it would be right for her to go, having had favourable letters from him. It is therefore disappointing to learn through this very reliable source that his character is such that we cannot think of her going . I need not detail what the information states- let it suffice to quote the phrase that he is "utterly unscrupulous". It is quite clear that he has ~~been~~ entirely mislead us.

Under these circumstances we must think no more of the idea of Margaret going out to him. We think it best that she should not have a letter to tell her about him which she could read over & over & dwell upon & wonder if you would incline to tell her yourself or would prefer me to go over again. We shall be glad of your guidance in this respect. It is sure to be a shock to her. There is no need to tell her all details, but the fact that he has been married for six years & that his wife is a heavy drinker is sufficient reason to stop the matter.

Then the question must be decided what she shall do. She seems really well now although not thoroughly strong & we do not think she is fit for a situation. Probably she is best where she is for a little longer but we must look to the future & shall value any opinion you may care to offer.

It is probable that her father will write to her again at the Retreat. Will you please send any Australian letters to us as it is clearly best that he should NOT correspond with her any more.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Humphrey

with the one exception
of her father in Australia,
& we feel it is best to
exercise a censorship
over these if you are
able to send them to
us without her knowing.
We did not forward
the 1st one you sent
us but the 2nd one
we did – I posted it in
York as I happened
to pass through the
day following day, so
it would bear York post
mark – We gather that

11 Oct. 12.

Dear Dr Kemp

In reply to your
enquiry it is quite right
for Miss Knight to
write to Mrs Newman
& Mrs Lawson who are
her Aunts – I think
there is no Reason
why she should not
write to whom to she
likes – as she likes –

She has considerable freedom at Scarboro so can very likely post letters without them passing official sorting — Is this so?

We are glad she is so much better. We intended to go & see her last week but could not do so at the time, but are hoping to have another chance soon. We suppose it will be all right for us to go, without much notice, but would let the Matron know ~~first~~ we were intending to go.

Yours sincerely

F. Walter Pumphrey

This letter refers to Miss Knight. Does she post letters herself?

A.R.

Please return A.R.

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Monday 16 Sept. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We are much obliged to you for your letter of 11th. inst. re M.S.Knight. It is gratifying to hear from you that she is really about convalescent & we approve of your having sent her on to Throxenby Hall. She wrote to say she was going & apparently she was pleased at the prospect, except that it would bring her among entire strangers again.

What you said to her regarding going to Australia was just the position we wish assumed for the present.

We greatly appreciate your good care of our neice and are pleased that it has been so successful.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Pumphrey

Is the fee the same at Throxenby as the Retreat?

Sept. 11, 1912

Dear Mr. Pumphrey,

Miss Knight really appears to be convalescent. She talks quite reasonably respecting her illness. The extreme excitability has gone, and she has discussed with me this proposal to go to Australia. She takes a reasonable view of things, and is quite willing to let the matter remain undecided for the present until she herself feels stronger and is more self reliant, and until she hears more about her father's position. I explained to her that much depended on this, and that unless he was able to provide a home for her she might be very unfortunately placed so far away from her relatives.

We are arranging for her to go to Throxenby Hall on Friday next, and I hope she will enjoy the change.

Yours very truly,

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

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Tuesday 10 Sept. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I believe you are at home again, having I hope, had a very good holiday with finer weather than has been here lately.

I called at the Retreat during your absence, especially to see Margaret Knight because she wrote to say she had received a letter from her Father & we hardly knew what she would think or do. I had told him that she had gone off her balance & we had to place her in an Asylum, & he had evidently assumed she would be in the Retreat & so has got into communication. At first she said she thought she would not write in response, but afterwards told us by post she had written. As a matter of fact Dr. Kemp sent us the letter to do what we thought best with & as it was not altogether a suitable letter we have not forwarded it, but have sent on a second letter she has written. She wishes to goe out to join her father in Australia, which is what he now wants her to do. Some weeks since I wrote to a Friend in Sydney to ask if he could obtain some information as to the manner of life her father is nnw living & pending the reply which may not be here for another month or so, we are not discussing the matter much with her, although we have said that it may be arranged.

We would now like to know from you what you think of Margaret's state on your return home, & if possibly the time may have come when she may with advantage go to Scarbrough, as I remember you suggested, as a intermediate step to leaving your care altogether. Our position with regard to her is not an easy one and if from all points of view it seems best for her to go to Australia we would like her to go almost, if not quite, direct from the Retreat. It would hardly do for her to go without some kind of guardianship, Would it ? She mentioned the other day in a letter that one of your Nurses is going to Australia in October & it ocurred to us that possibly we might arrange with her to keep an eye on her. Do you know anything about this.? Your guidance will help us very much.

With kind regards,

Walter Pumphrey

did "happen" to her & I would reproach ourselves if we had not let you know. I have told her that the Rate charged is much less than £3. but have not told her what it is, as no doubt she would still think 25/- a serious charge & continue to worry. which I have assured her she must try & not do. The References in the letter are all same :- I have her Post Office Bank Book. (which I am not sending her).

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1 Sept. 1912

Dear Dr. Kemp.

We received the enclosed letter from Marg't. tonight yesterday & it occurs to us that it is best to let you see it owing to its tone of discouragement. We hope there is really no serious thought in her mind but the letter suggests suicidal inclinations! & if anything

"Uncle Arthur" is her mother's brother & "Flossie" is his child. It is the desires as to the disposition of her things & the desire for money on the top of her worrying about the ~~money~~ cost that gives us the impression. I understood that Dr. Pierce was not expected back until early in September & so address this to you.

Kindly return the letter at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

F. Walter Humphrey

Would you recommend us to send her some money, & if so how much?

28 July 12

Dear Dr. Price

We have a letter today from our niece Mr. Knight, indicating considerable progress towards Recovery, It is Really very rare & We would be glad if you would let us know your present

ideas for her future:
She probably varies from day to day & this letter may have been written on one of her better days. We wonder if you would approve of her having her paint box & sketching things sent, as although not not very expert she is fond of painting & would find it a congenial way of spending

her time. One of us would go over & see her this week if you thought it desirable. She asks how long she is to stay at the Retreat. Days letters are comforting, rather indicating she feels banished away.

With kind regards.

I am

Yours sincerely

Walter Humphrey

other attention will
aid progress. We
thought her decidedly
better when we called
3 weeks since.

Yours sincerely
Walter Humphrey

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11 July 12

Dear Dr. Pierce

We are pleased to
have the improved age
of our niece, which
has come to hand
with the age.

You will doubtless
let us know if
a visit or any

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19 June 12

Dear Dr Price

You may have heard that we called at the Retreat today & saw our niece. We thought her very distinctly better - while Alice very muddle headed she talked a good deal of sense, & we feel quite encouraged about her.

Yours sincerely

Walter Humphrey

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

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15 May 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

As it is a few weeks since we heard of our niece Margaret Knight may I ask for a line to let us know her present state of mind. As soon as she is at all sane enough to receive letters will you let us know, as we would be sorry for her to feel she is forsaken by her friends. A letter about home affairs & other trivialities may please her.

We shall be in York at Whitsuntide & at any rate I shall wish to see her then if convenient to you. My wife may not incline to do so as it is a painful kind of visit to make.

With kind regards,

I am yours sincerely,

Walter Pumphrey

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May 16, 1912

Dear Mr. Pumphrey,

There is little change to report in respect to Miss Knight. She is noisy, excitable, rushing about in an uncontrolled way, but she is quite happy, and I do not think you need be at all anxious about her. I do not think she finds life difficult. In fact I have heard of patients who have said that they did not know what happiness was until the excitement of mania produced exaltation.

Yours very truly,

an opinion of the probable course of her mental state, we shall be glad to hear. Do not however trouble to reply unless you are in a position to do so.

Yours sincerely

T. Walter Pringsheim

12 Apr. 12

Dear Dr. B. Pierce

Herwick

Enclose Chq. to cover your a/c. From the Report accompanying the a/c be gather that Mr. Knight is actually a little better than at first. If from the longer knowledge of her you have now had, you can give

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Tuesday 2 April 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We have rather expected to hear from you of the condition Margaret Knight is now in, when your Committee had decided the terms on which they will accept her at the Retreat, but as you have not yet written about this I feel anxious to know how she is & shall be glad of a note to say if she has at all improved or altered.

You kindly said we were not to hesitate to enquire, but we do not want to add to your correspondence unduly.

Yours sincerely,

F. Walter Pumphrey

Would Mr E Waller. and write a note about the terms - with D Kemp whether any more particulars should be added.

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✓ A.R

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

8 March 1912.

Dear Dr. Peirce,

Thanks for yours of yesterday with forms which I have had completed & return herewith. I hope you will find them all in order. We are sorry to learn by Dr. Fraser's report that Margaret is in more or less the same state.

I had not heard before the statement of the Harrogate Nurse which Dr. Ozanne repeats in his certificate that Margaret had said to her "that a certain young man had caused her to sin". This coupled with Dr. Ozanne's other reference to "when the child was born" & references in her recent letters to my wife rather suggest the desirability of asking you to ascertain if at any time she has given birth to a child. In speaking to Dr. Ozanne about this I queried if she intended to mean HER child, & he was quite satisfied in his mind that this is what she meant. My idea at the time was rather that it was a religious reference to the birth of Christ. In some of her recent letters she has appeared to have something on her mind & after telling her aunt that she had at times had very unkind feelings towards her which she now confessed & was sorry for she said that there was something else which she could not write but which she would tell when she returned home (which she was going to do next week). In another letter she said she had learnt a lesson in the past by a "fall" which she would not tell about in writing. Her last letter to us was more natural & satisfactory, for as she said she had cleared her mind by telling us about these things. If any use you can see these letters, which after this week's experience we read in a rather different light to what we did when received. Until her mother died she lived in the south & from 18 years of age until 24 she was in Bath, so that we have not seen much of her although she spent a holiday with us & I have seen her in Bath 2 or 3 times. We have however been in constant correspondence with her & have known always what situations she has been in & unless there has been gross deception we feel satisfied that she has not had a child since she was 18 years old. Dr. Ozanne did not for a moment believe she had but said he wished he had examined her to satisfy himself & us.

I think possibly my wife, & possibly I, shall go over to see her next week, subject to your approval at the time. It did not appear desirable to do so this week in view of your opinion as expressed in yours of 6th. inst., but my wife wishes me to thank you for making the way to easy to visit Margaret & she will always be glad to do so when any advantage is likely to follow.

Yours sincerely,

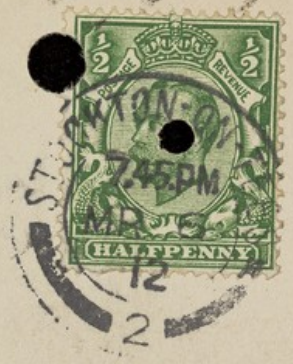
Walter Pumphrey

T. WALTER PUMPHREY, RICHMOND HOUSE, STOCKTON-ON-TEES. Nat. Tel. No. 83.

Thanks for your letter with yr3 information.

I shall have no difficulty in obtaining a J.P.'s signature, Wm Dodsworth J.P. (Resident at Harrogate but here daily for business) Bros are about here & would do the needful. So please send me the needful form.

T. W. Pumphrey.



Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

March 6, 1912

Dear Dr. Ozanne,

Your patient promises to be pretty troublesome. She is restless, noisy, and excitable, throwing herself about in an aimless way. I send you a form for certificate, and should be obliged if you will return it as soon as possible, so that we may get the Magistrate's Order completed. The words of the certificate may be the same as inthe previous one.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

March 6, 1912

Dear Walter Pumphrey,

Many thanks for your letter. I cannot report any improvement yet in Miss Knight's condition. She is extremely restless and noisy at times, in and out of bed, and difficult to manage. She, however, had three hours sleep last night. It will be quite suitable for Mrs. Pumphrey to come and see her, but I fear her mind is too much disorganized for her to influence her for more than a moment or two.

We are arranging for a second medical certificate to be signed in York, and it will be ready tomorrow, and I am writing to Dr. Ozanne to get his certificate sent here. When these are ready you must fill up and present a petition ot a Magistrate for a reception order. This must be done before the 10th inst. Do you think that you could get the order in Stockton, if I send you the papers. The Magistrate is not obliged to see the patient. Failing this it would be necessary for you to come to York again to see the Magistrate, unless you can arrange by correspondence with one of the York Friends whom you know; for instance, J.W.Procter, B.S.Rowntree, or S.W.Meyer.

I will submit the question of terms to the Committee at their next meeting.

Yours very truly,

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STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

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5 March 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My wife wishes me to add to what I have said in the enclosed letter, to say that if you think a visit from her would have a calming influence in Margaret, she will gladly go over to see her. She looks upon her aunt as her best & dearsest friend, and yesterday spoke a good deal of her. She thought both the nurse at Harrogate & Sister May were "Auntie Emmie". It might be a painful visit & my wife would not desire to undertake it unless you think there would be a useful influence.

Also I did not ascertain if I shall be required to sign or in any way be responsible for the permanent certificate. I think I am right in understanding that the one I signed & left with you was only good for one week. You will doubtless let me know if you wish me to do anything further in this way.

I am yours sincerely,

Walter Pumphrey

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RICHMOND HOUSE,
STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

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5 March 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Referring to my conversation with you yesterday when I left our neice, Margaret S. Knight, in your care I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know in due course the terms on which your Committee can accept her as a patient.

I understand that as she is not actually a member of the Society she is not entitled to the lowest fees but as she is closely connected by relationship I hope that you will be able to make a favourable rate. Her father Frederick H. Knight late of Leeds, was a birthright member, but her mother had no connection with Friends. Her mother died more than two years ago leaving her entirely dependent on relatives & she has since made ours her home & we look upon ourselves as her guardians & are responsible to you. We made her a monthly allowance & while she has been in Harrogate for the last about four months she has received a small salary, but has no independent means. I may perhaps mention that she has recently had a strong desire to apply for membership in our Society, & went so far as to write an application to York Monthly Meeting while resident at Harrogate, & sent it to us for approval. She however acted on our advice to wait awhile as we did not feel that her convictions were sufficiently settled or matured. This fact may possibly influence your Committee in arranging the rate.

I omitted to enquire from you what arrangement you have for informing the friends of patients of their progress, but hope that it will be convenient to let us know from time to time how she is & at any rate we would like to have a line soon to inform us if she has settled in to your arrangements happily & to your satisfaction.

I am yours sincerely,

Walter Pumphrey