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45 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,

MOSELEY,

BIRMINGHAM.

21. 1. 13

Dear Mr. Pierce,

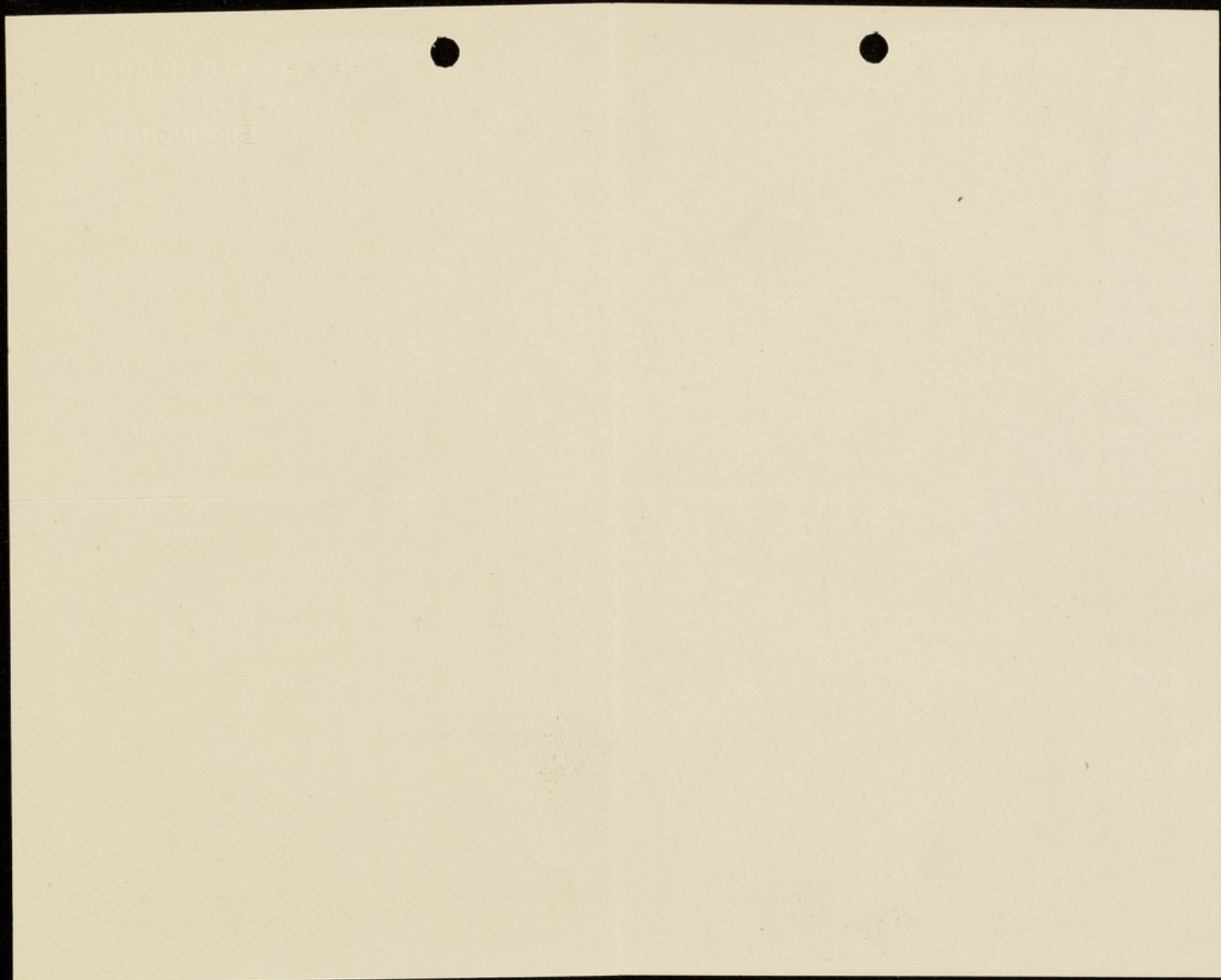
I am enclosing
cheque in payment of
account & would like
a Gravestone placed on
my Father's grave.

The payment for this is
~~included~~ ^{included} I take it.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W. B. Knight.



TELEPHONE—
EAST 3583.

6, CORRINGTONWAY,
GOLDERS GREEN,
N.W.

1251

of Mr. Kiley
I feel bound
to let you know
this as I do
think you
will agree the
letter should
not be seen
by my
aunt.

Dec. 1912
J. H. Maynard

Please return letter
I have written the
young man to-day.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My friend Mr. Rochester rang me
up on telephone stating the enclosed letter
for Mr. Kiley had been received by her.

Feeling sure it was from the son
of Mr. Kiley who has given a deal
of trouble I requested her (in absence
of Mr. Kiley on Continent) to open it &
if she thought I should know contents
to send it to me. — I am glad I took
this course as the letter with the
appeal for money & the offer of
help to get her from York would only
distress my Aunt without doubt.

You see the young man took the
course of getting someone else to
address the envelope. In the absence

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Nov. 15, 1912

Matthew Knight

Dear Mr. Mennell,

This patient was a poor Friend, admitted to the Retreat at the lowest rate; and I think it is a case in which the fees for interment should be greatly reduced.

We are, therefore, amending the account you sent in, and charging £ : : , which, when received, we will send on to you.

Yours very truly,

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46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

3. XI. 12.

Dear Mr. W. E. Waller,

I thank you
for the suggestion contained
in yours of Nov. 1st.
I would like to point-out
that I paid £2-13-0
to the authorities in
Birmingham for a double
grave in the Friends'
portion of the public
burial ground.

I do not feel I am entitled
to any privilege, but if
fee could be reduced I
should be glad.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Knight.

Date of Birth

ap. 24. 1839.

Nov 1 1912

Dear Mr Knight

We have received the enclosed
from the Board. It has charge of the
Burial fund here. He has asked for
the usual fee for a the case of a friend
who is not a member of this Society
but we think that possibly you may
feel that under all the circumstances
it is better to have charges of 50 we
should be quite prepared to place the
matter before G W Mennell with the object
of getting the fee somewhat reduced.
You would you mind let me know

your feeling to the matter at the same
time returning G W M's statement

Would you also let me know the date
of birth for the provisions. This I have
now contained

Yours truly

Dr. E. Waller

you feeling in the matter, at the same
 time believing in the statement.
 Would you also let me know the date
 of birth for the present time. His name
 has remained

Yours truly
 W. C. Miller

Nov 1. 1912

Dear Mr. Wright

We have received the enclosed
 from the Bureau who has charge of the
 Bureau of Census here - He has indicated
 the reason for it is the case of a friend
 who is not a member of this Society
 but we think that possibly you may
 feel that under all the circumstances
 it is better a small charge of 20 c
 should be quite sufficient to place the
 matter before the Bureau with the hope
 of getting the fee somewhat reduced.
 You should pay nothing but we should

46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

14. X. 12.

Dear Mr Pierce,

I am enclosing
payment of ~~account~~ to hand.
Will you kindly let me
know just how my
father is in health and
mind? also say if
he requires anything in
the way of clothing or
otherwise that I could
send to him. I hope

to come to York early
next month (November)

Yours sincerely,

M. Knight.

Bonus Year 1912.

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Friends' Provident Institution

A Mutual Assurance Association for the Society of Friends & those connected therewith.

Bradford, Yorkshire.

LIFE ASSURANCES,
ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"FRIENDS PROVIDENT BRADFORD"

TELEPHONE N° 1049.

2nd August 1912

Bedford Pierce, M.D.
The Retreat,
York.

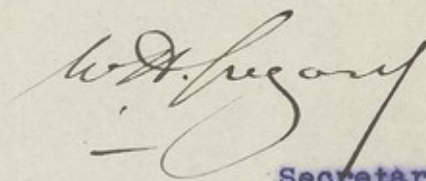
Dear Friend,

re Martha Knight (deceased)

We are in receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and observe what you say as to the state of health of Matthew Knight Senr.

We are in communication with Matthew Knight Jr. with a view to payment of the amount due to the representatives of the late Martha Knight.

Yours faithfully,



Secretary

James H. H. H. H.

2nd August 1912

Bedford Place, N.D.
The Rectory,
York.

Dear Friend,

re Martin Knight (deceased)

We are in receipt of your letter of the 1st

instant, and observe what you say as to the state of

health of Martin Knight senior.

We are in communication with Martin Knight Jr.

with a view to payment of the amount due to the representatives

of the late Martin Knight.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

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BANNISDALE,

MALTON.

Dear Mr. Peice,

in answer

I might have not signed
the statement & I
have therefore done so.
This is, I hope, in
order.

I am at Walton
all Sunday (but out
of town most of the day).
I think, however, that
all is now in order.

Yours truly,

Samuel S. Oyster

4 enclos.

BARNESDALE
MILTON

YORKSHIRE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.
YORKSHIRE 1905 COMMITTEE.

Hon. Secretary
ERNEST E. TAYLOR.

BANNISDALE,
MALTON.

15th July, 1912.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I enclose a letter from Matthew Knight (which please return).
If I can be of any use in the matter, I shall be glad to accede
to the request. I suppose Oscar Rowntree could act as a Magis-
trate, and I see him two or three days a week in York.

I am at the Cocoa Works to-morrow from 11 to 3, if you will
kindly 'phone me.

Yours sincerely,

Ernest E. Taylor

YORKSHIRE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

YORKSHIRE 1908 COMMITTEE.

12th July, 1912.

Dear Mr. Bishop,

I have just received your letter of the 11th inst. (which I enclose).

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend the meeting.

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Yours faithfully,

Wm. H. G. G.

12/7/12

July 12, 1912

Dear Mr. Knight,

I think it is very likely that Ernest Taylor, who is often in York, would be willing to act for you in respect to your father's certificates, and save your coming here.

His address is Bannisdale, Middlecave Rd., Malton.

All that is required is that he should come to the Retreat to see your father, and afterwards arrange with the magistrate for the Order. It will be necessary for you to write formally, asking him to act for you.

The Commissioners in Lunacy may be here at any time, and I should not like them to find Mr. Knight here uncertified, and they certainly would take exception to it.

Yours very truly,

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48 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

11. VII. 12.

to Bedford Price,

Dear Friend.

I thank you for
your letter of 9th inst. and
quite see that it is necessary
to have my letter certified.
I have no personal friends
nearer to you than Leeds &
unless you can suggest
someone to act for me I
must ask you to wait until
the 30th of this month.
(I finish school on 29th)

Thanking you for your
kindness in this matter

Yours sincerely

Matthew Knight

when I hope to come to York.
Possibly you could have all
ready by that date & I
could see a Magistrate then.
I have met Ernest Taylor
when I was at Rawdon School
I don't know if he would
care to act for me.

I have two light-summer coats
of my Father's here, would
they be acceptable?

I will write the F. P. Inst.
as to the state of my Father.

I will see to the remittance
of amount due in a
few days.

July 9, 1912

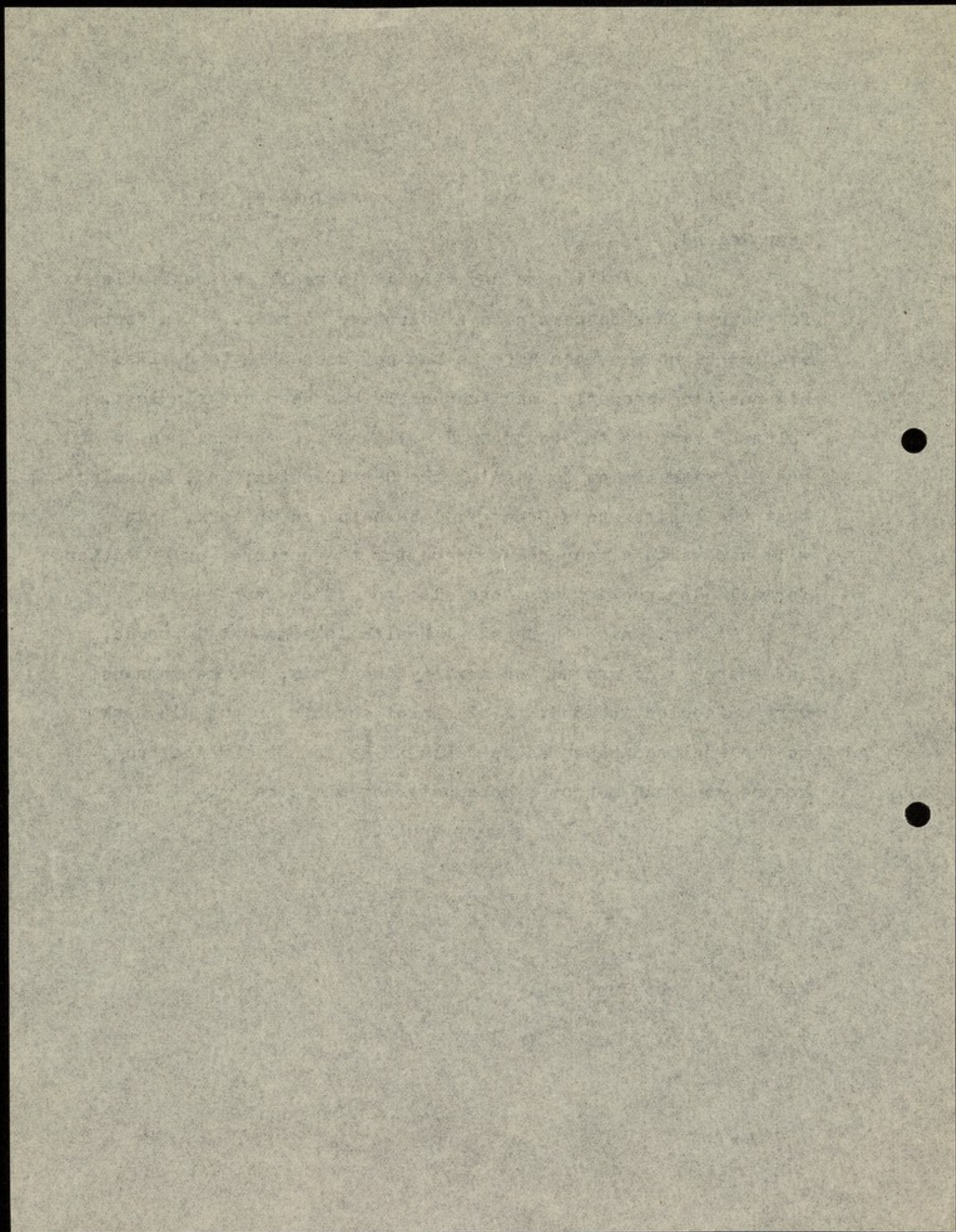
Dear Friend,

I am writing to say that it is really not suitable for your father to remain as a voluntary boarder. In fact, ever since he has been here he has not been able to realise his position properly, and frequently has been utterly lost. Unless I hear to the contrary I will ask two medical men to see him with a view to signing the Certificates; and, assuming that the Magistrate's Order will be obtained in York, this will necessitate your coming here for the purpose, or by letter formally instructing some one else to act on your behalf.

Mr. Knight's physical health is somewhat improved, and there is no ground for anxiety about him, but he remains very enfeebled in mind. I cannot ask him to put his mark to the enclosed paper as he tells me he is not married and has no son, and moreover does not know where he is.

Yours very truly,

Matthew Knight Jun. Esq.



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46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

3. VII. 12

Dear W Bedford Peice,

I am enclosing a form
which it is necessary
my Father should sign
if I am to draw the
money due from F.P. Inst.
~~due~~ on my Mother's death.

If you think proper to
ask him to sign, please
get the witnesses to initial
the ✓. If my Father can

I am sorry to have to
bother you with this
matter.

I hope to come to York
in about a month's time
if you think it advisable.

Please say how my
Father is keeping

Yours sincerely
Matthew Knight

only make his mark. Kindly
fill in the writing in pencil,
in ink. This is not necessary
if he can write his name.

I must leave it with
you to decide if it is
advisable to get my Father
to do this, as he would
have to realise the fact
of my mother's death.

Should you decide it is
not advisable, I must
arrange to wait until
my Father's death.

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46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

31. V. 12.

Dear Mr Bedford Price,

I am sorry to have
to report - that my Mother
passed away yesterday.
I do not know whether
you will think it
advisable to inform my
Father of this, but I leave
that with you.
I should be pleased to

hear of his condition from
time to time as I
do not see it possible
to get to York before end
of July or early August -
unless you deem it
necessary.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Knight

43 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

12. 8. 12.

Dear Mr. Price,

I expect by this time my father is under your care. I am sending the Guarantee form on to clerk of Cheshire M.M. & you will no doubt receive same duly signed in a day or two. I am sorry that - owing to the somewhat suddenness of my father's departure

I was unable to see
what had been provided
in the way of clothing etc.
for him, but if there is
anything not suitable or
anything wanted please let
me know by return & I
will see he has them.

May I say how thankful
I feel he is under such good
care, where he will have
more of care & comfort
than my mother could
possibly have given him.

Sincerely yours

Matthew Knight.

8:28: Stockton 10:47

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Kralin Moor.

May. 11. 12.

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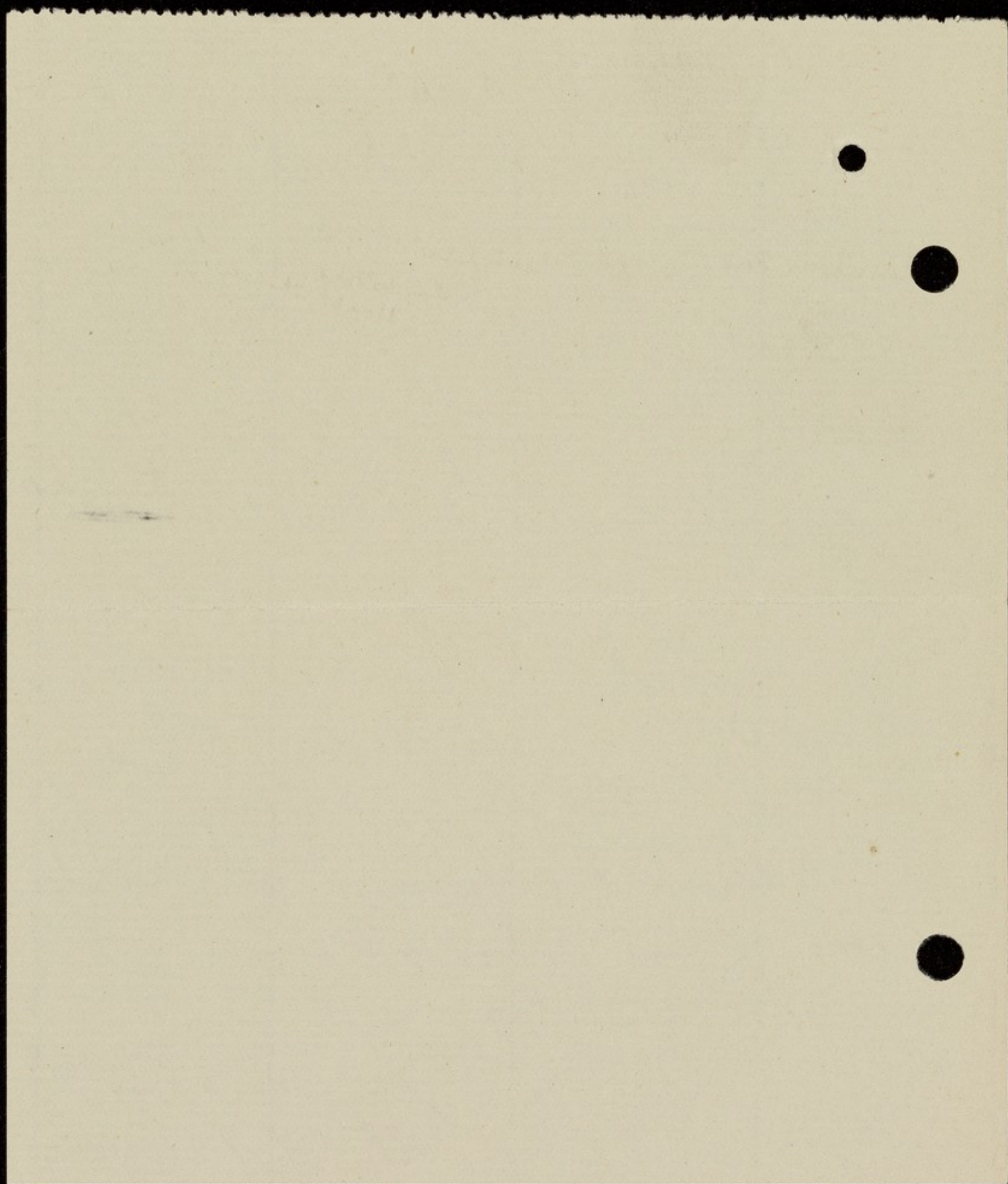
2 Lamb's Fold.
Heath Chapel.

Dear D. Pever.

I have just heard that
no one has called for Matthew ~~Knights~~ ^{Knight}.
I understood on Friday through the
telephone that you would send an
attendant for him by the early train
from York. ~~But~~ today Saturday.

I should be obliged if you would
let me know when you could
conveniently send for him.

I am yours faithfully -
H. C. Tassart.



requiring certification. Dr.
Vivian Brown saw the patient
with me this morning & he came
to the same conclusion. The
patient certainly requires constant
attention, but most of his erratic
conduct at least from my own
observation is due to want of or
loss of memory. My own idea
was that perhaps he could have
been admitted as a voluntary
patient & if at any time the
dementia increased he could
be certified, but I understood
that you say this is not legal

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BIRCH VILLA,
HEATON MOOR,
STOCKPORT.

May. 8. 12.

Dear Sir,

Re Matthew Knight ^{Senior}

I have lately been
attending Matthew Knight. He is
suffering from a mild form of
Simple Dementia, with loss of
memory & general helplessness.

There are no signs of insanity
beyond foolishness.

Certainly nothing in my opinion

Perhaps my statement of the
case may help you to find
a way out of our difficulty.

I understand that D. Vipond
Brown is also writing you.

With many thanks for the
trouble you have taken in the
matter I remain

Yours faithfully.

Herb Taggart.

The Secretary is instructed to obtain the signature of the Clerks of privileged Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to the annexed form, before the reception of a patient recommended for admission to the Retreat, at the lowest rate of payment. (A privileged Monthly or Quarterly Meeting is a Meeting having the right to recommend patients at the lowest rate).

THE RETREAT, YORK.

(date) 23rd of 5th month, 1912

To the Treasurer of the Friends' Retreat, York.

I, the undersigned

Clerk of Cheshire Monthly Meeting,
hereby recommend Matthew Knight, of Stockport.

for admission to the Retreat, York, at the lowest or "recommended" rate of payment [which is at present twelve shillings per week, but is subject to alteration]; and I hereby undertake on behalf of Cheshire Monthly Meeting, and by its direction, to guarantee that the quarterly payments shall be made as they become due, in accordance with the rules of the Institution.

Widmo Fairlock

Clerk to Cheshire Monthly Meeting.

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

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

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
LIBRARY
1215 EAST 58TH STREET
CHICAGO, ILL. 60637



TO THE
LIBRARY
OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

June 1, 1912

Dear Mr. Knight,

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Knight has passed away. I am not telling your father of this as I really do not think he is able to grasp the situation properly. He quite fails to understand his surroundings and takes little interest in what goes on, but happily is peaceable and gives no trouble. He is really unfit to be a voluntary boarder, as I anticipated, not knowing where he is or knowing about his surroundings. We will, however, wait before taking steps to place him under certificates, a little longer, as this would mean your making a special journey to York, which I gather is not convenient just at present.

Yours very truly,

May 14, 1912

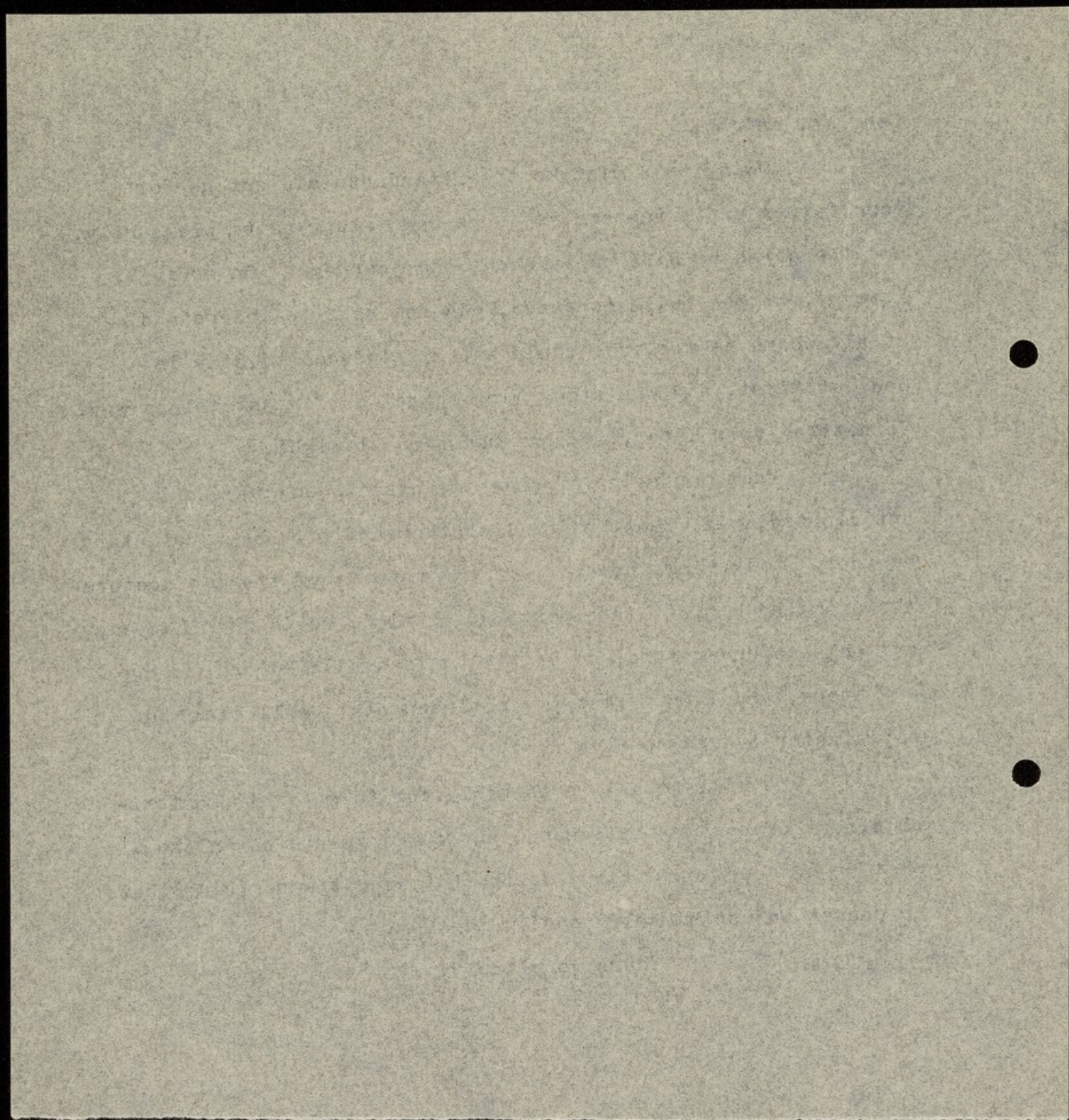
Dear Mr. Knight,

Owing to a mistake the attendants did not go for your father until yesterday. He came along quite pleasantly, and there was no difficulty about the journey. On arrival, however, he was quite confused, did not seem to understand at all where he was, and could not be induced to stay in bed at first, and was struggling to get out in an aimless way. He settled down later, and has had a quiet night.

From our point of view the case is exactly as I anticipated, viz. that he is altogether unfit to be a voluntary boarder. In view, however, of the reports of the two doctors who examined him, it is clear that at times he is much better, and able to understand, so we will wait awhile before taking any steps, and I hope that the confused state will clear up satisfactorily and so save further trouble.

We will do all we possibly can to make him comfortable, but of course the general surroundings are so unlike what he has been accustomed to that it is not surprising that he cannot adjust himself readily to them.

Yours very truly,



May 9, 1912

Matthew Knight

Dear Teddy,

Right you are! We will take your patient as a voluntary boarder, and if he gets worse and out of hand he must be certified. We can take him at any time.

I hope he will settle in pretty comfortably.

I remain,

Ever truly yours

May 1941

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

First you will find that

reference to a volume of 100,000, and it is

quite wrong to say that the amount of

the total is 100,000, as the

total is 100,000, and it is

I am,

Yours faithfully,

SURREY LODGE,
BIRCH LANE, LONGSIGHT,
MANCHESTER.

P. V. 12

Dear Bedford

I have seen
Matthew Knight & find
him a very difficult case
to certify. All he said
while I was there was
perfectly rational. He has
lapses of memory occasionally
& fails to recognise his wife,
but there was nothing of
that sort when I was
there. He knew who I
was & could tell me

his own age & approximately that of his son. Indeed he answered all my questions perfectly rationally.

He is evidently becoming feeble minded & will ~~eventually~~ no doubt become more & more demented, but on one visit it is difficult to find anything that would satisfy twelve intelligent Englishmen!

Moreover his family doctor says that he can find nothing to state in the certificate beyond an occasional lapse of memory & he has seen him often.

I think myself he would be best admitted

as a voluntary boarder & then certified afterwards with him under constant observation it might be easy enough to find plenty to justify detention. He is facile & there would be no difficulty in getting him to think. I hear that he has already signed a paper to enter as a voluntary boarder & probably knew fairly well what he was doing.

Thence to even

E. J. 1885.

46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

3. 4. 12.

Dear Dr Bedford Price,

I am enclosing
forms which I trust - are
correctly filled up.

I shall be pleased to give
you any further information
you may desire.

I may add the case is
recommended by Cheshire
M.M. who are assisting
me to bear the cost -

Yours sincerely
Matthew Knight

42 SPRINGFIELD ROAD

MOSELBY

BIRMINGHAM

STAMFORD LODGE,
WILMSLOW,
CHESHIRE.

28. 4. 12

Dear Doctor Pierce,

I am very much obliged
for your letter. I sent the
information received from Mr. Waller
to our Monthly Meeting Comm^{ee}
but I have heard nothing from
them since. I do not propose
to take further steps, unless I
hear more, as for the Agents
point of view I do not at
present see that there is any
special claim on the small

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? Hingles

Endowment fund. I feel that
there almost must be cases
of members of the Society who
are not suitable cases
for the Retreat in consequence
of lack of means.

If the Committee come
to me again, I may drop
the question, but as I say I
do not intend to move in it
at present.

Yours sincerely
Wm. Hingles

STANFORD LODGE,
WILMINGTON,
DELAWARE.

POFFTON
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✓ W.E.

46 SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
MOSELEY,
BIRMINGHAM.

28. IV. 12.

Dear to Mackenzie,

I thank you for
letter of 24th. inst., and have
written my parents re same.
I hear this morning that
my father is willing to come
to "The Retreat" as a voluntary
patient, this being so, may
I ask you to let me have
particulars of requirements
as to necessary clothing etc.
also any forms that may

require filling in.

I suppose you could send
someone to Stockport to
travel with my father,
as my mother is unable
to do so, & I can not very
well leave my duties

here.

I will of course arrange
that he be met at Stockport
Station.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly,

M. Knight.

James Fold,
Heaton Norris
Stockport -
22. IV. 12.

Dear Sir,

I have had a talk with
Dr E.V. Brown this afternoon &
he recommends me to lay my
Father's case fully before you, and
I wish to have your opinion
as to the suitability of his
coming to "The Retreat" as a
"voluntary patient"

He is 73 yrs of age & is very
absent minded at times,
frequently not recognising

his own son etc etc.

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The doctor who is attending
my Mother says he will require
to be certified as he gets
weaker, but it is only
feeble-mindedness & not
insanity & he hardly feels
prepared to certify at present.
(It is with a view of saving
my Mother's health that we
think it advisable to get
him to an institution now.)

We are getting my Father to
grant a Power of Attorney
so that we may legally

take charge of his affairs, actually
we have looked after
them for some years past.
I think it is on this account
that the Doctor naturally hesitates.
Please say what is the best-
thing for me to do as I have
to leave home in a day
or two & only my mother
remains with my father.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Knight

Dr. Mackenzie.

2 Lamb ~~old~~.

Heaton Norris

Stockport.

19. IV. 12.

Dear Mr Bedford Pierce,

Mr E. Vipont-Brown
wrote you in connection with
my Father's case & he has
handed me the papers you
sent him.

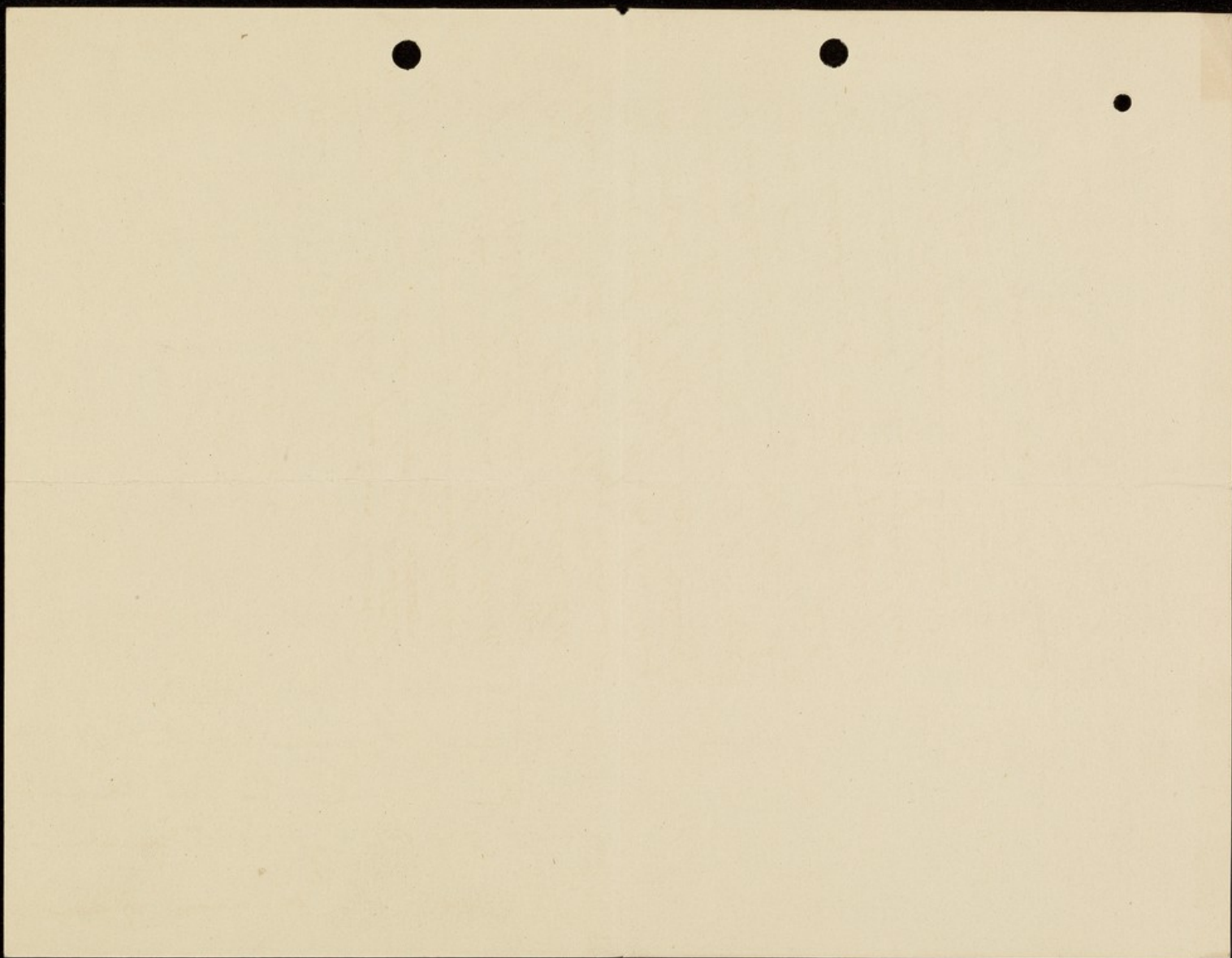
I have thought since
that his case is possibly
more suited to the conditions
prevailing at Throsenly Hall

That is ~~as~~ far as I can judge⁴²²
as the doctor says he is only
suffering from brain softening
consequent on his advancing
age.

Will you kindly tell me
if the terms you mentioned
to Mr Brown apply to
Throsenly Hall,? i.e. the
12/- per week rate.

Thanking you in anticipation
yours sincerely.

Matthew Knight Esq.



STAMFORD LODGE,
WILMSLOW,
CHESHIRE.

19-4-12

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I believe you have heard from
Mr. Viscount Brown, about a case of ^{Matthew} ~~William~~
Knight a member of this hire no. 10.
I have been called upon by the clerk
of our Relief Committee, who says
one member of that Committee tells
them that with such large endowments
as the Retreat has, he thinks there must
be some free list for poor friends.
Can you send me a copy of a card
I once had from you refuting the
assertion that there is large fund
for endowment & taking present
minimum rate, the Knights I hear
(husband & wife) have an income of
about £30 per annum, & have one
son who is recently married & cannot
do very much help, he will do
something. our monthly meeting has

Not much to draw upon for the purpose..

I shall be very much obliged if
you can post me the information
on Saturday, so that I may see
it on both Committee, which is to
meet again, for this case, on Monday.

I am sorry to trouble you, it is very
awkward when a member of a Committee
blocks proceedings, by such assertions
without taking any steps to find out
the facts.

Yours sincerely

Harriet Golden

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✓
SURREY LODGE,
BIRCH LANE, LONGSIGHT,
MANCHESTER.

16. IV. 12

Dear Bedford

Matthew Knight-
June. has come to consult
me about his father
who seems to be suffering
from senile dementia
& difficult to manage
at home. He is
far from well off &
his son is a teacher
at King Edwards
Schools & also far

from affluent. I have
advised him to get his
father into the Retreat
through the Overseers
of Cheshire Monthly
Meeting who I imagine
could help to pay
for the old man.
But he would like
to know the lowest
terms at the Retreat.

Please send
word to

Yours affec

E. M.