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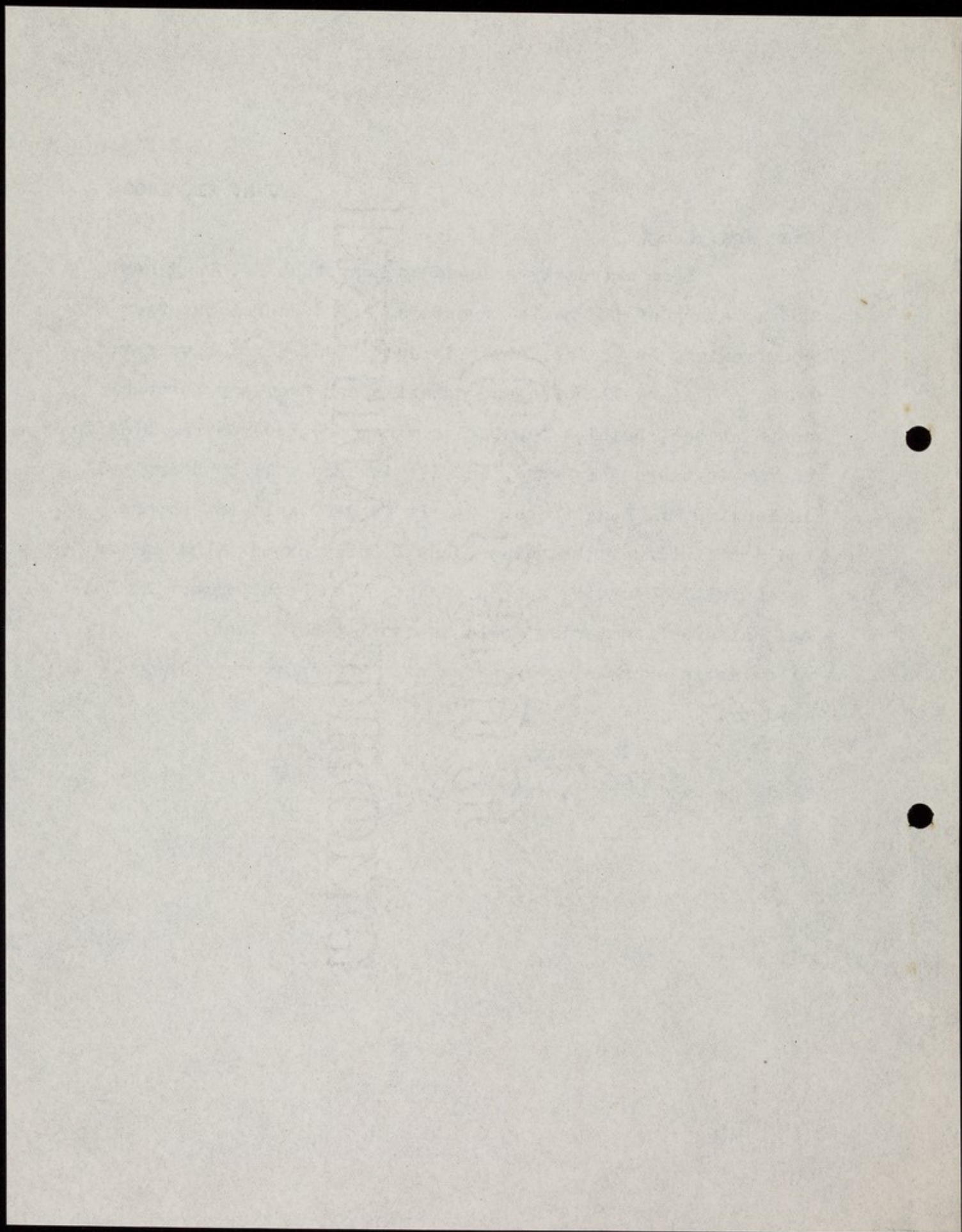
Jan. 21, 1909

Dear Mrs. Lang,

I am extremely grieved to hear that Mr. Lang has had a return of the mental symptoms, and I cannot but fear your anxiety as to the future is justified. I have never been to Camberwell House and cannot speak from any personal acquaintance, but its reputation since Dr. Edwards has been in charge is thoroughly good, and I think you will be doing well in leaving Mr. Lang there. It is difficult to compare one institution with another, but I fully expect that in the essentials of nursing a case of this kind both Camberwell Ho. and Holloway Sanatorium would be equally efficient. Allow me to express my sympathy with you in your prolonged anxiety.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



good as to give me your
 opinion as to whether you
 consider my husband would be
 better looked after at the Hollwas
 or whether you know Cambwell House?
 If Cambwell House is as good
 as the Hollwas I should not
 want any change but I am
 so anxious that my husband
 should be really comfortable.
 I leave my answer to you
 at your leisure and forgive me for
 troubling you. I like what I hear
 of Cambwell House, it is
 seen of I should value your opinion
 with kind regards to you and
 M^r. Bedford Pierce Believe me

Very truly yours
 Lillian Lang
 P.S. our doctor at Blackheath
 was Dr. R. S. De la Motte
 who says the man
 is dead
 Lansdown Road
 Bromley Kent.
 10 Jan. 1909.
 Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,
 You are always
 such a busy man that
 I must begin by asking
 your forgiveness for bothering
 you but I should so much
 value your advice. You
 will remember that my
 husband (M^r. Lang) was

with you four years ago,
I know you will be sorry to
hear that he was taken ill
again last August and since
then has been at Cambuswell
House, Peebles Road -
we did try to get him into the
Holloway Sanatorium, where
he was before you remember,
but they had no vacancy -
the doctors all tell me that
there is no hope of my husband's
recovery as they say he has
general paralysis - I know

that is always what you
feared for him. Dr. Harris of
Harley St and Dr. Cole of
Wimpole St were consulted
before my husband went away,
they all agreed with Dr.
Edwards of Cambuswell House
about my husband's case, so
I suppose there is no loophole
of escape. As far as I can
see he is being well looked
after at Cambuswell House
but it is so difficult for me
to judge; will you be so

the day I left there I steadily improved - But there! I am off again about myself.

We have very jolly apartments at Blackheath, & have found several friends in the neighbourhood.

Curiously our next door neighbours are a Capt. & Mrs. Collard whom we knew & were friendly with at Capetown -

We do a good deal of biking, & hope to have lots of golf, cricket & tennis in summer.

We are leaving tomorrow for Woodchurch, a small village near Ashford, Kent, to spend a few days of Easter with some aunts of my wife -

41 St John's Park ²⁸²
Blackheath.
April 11th
1906 -

Dear Doctor,

I should have written to you long ago -

I am quite fit again, & need say no more about my mental & bodily condition.

I have carried out all the instructions I received, chiefly from you & some from Dr. Moore - I find teetotalism agrees with me so have stuck to it, not rigidly of course -

I am rather naughty as

to smoking, make good resolutions & break them, pity my weak nature! —

My Company have been awfully good to me, and I have you to thank a great deal for their kindness —

They kept me on light work in the London office for four months — I was then anxious to resume my former position, but they thought it was rather soon, and I think they were right — So I have been given a job of superintending the making of a long cable for our Company at the "Construction Telegraph & Maintenance Co's

works" at Enderby's wharf East Greenwich — The work is new to me & very interesting.

I am almost on my former salary, and in the autumn or winter I shall probably take up the equivalent

of my previous standing in the Company —

I think that is enough about myself —

You know how my wife behaved during my illness; and but for her I might not be better now — She almost forced me to leave "Virginia Water", after living near me there for six weeks — From

I was sorry to hear
that you have been ill
and I hope you have
quite picked up again, &
have given yourself a good
rest - I know what a
busy life you lead - Your
crown will not be startless.
"It is a true saying: -
Every cloud has a silver
lining" -

Please give my kind
regards ~~from~~ to Doctor
Mackenzie and MacLvor.

I am afraid I used to
make rather unkind remarks
to Doctor Mac, but he

will forgive me -

I should like to know if the dramatic author, I forget his name, has recovered.

We should like very much to see you again, but naturally Yorkshire is the very last county we are likely to visit -

My sister I am sorry to say is still very unwell, though the last accounts were more favourable -

My wife joins me in very kind regards to Mrs Pierce & yourself,

Yours very truly
Walter Lang

P.S. - My wife thinks the "Starless Crown" needs explanation.

It was a pretty little anecdote. I once heard of two people going to heaven - One had led a good respectable life without trying to help lame dogs over stiles - The other had done as much as possible to do good in the world -

The first received a plain gold crown - The second the same crown blazing with stars, each star representing a soul saved.