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Monimail,  
Silloth,  
Cumberland.

July 8/09

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Dear Dr. Peirce, ✓

Thank you for your  
kind letter of July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Yes, we think you may  
discharge Christian as  
"recovered," she really is



now wonderfully well  
and appears quite happy  
and takes an interest in  
anything she does, she  
greatly enjoys toy drives and  
walks in the country.  
Thanking you for all your goodness  
to my child. I am, yours faithfully  
E. Leitch.



arrangement to have  
money to send you  
in payment of last  
account and will  
send travelling expenses  
etc with it.

I am,

yours faithfully,  
C. E. Leitch.

J  
N.R.

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Mormonail.  
Sillatth.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you much  
for your kind letters  
of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

I am most thankful  
that you are able to  
send such a good  
report of Christian  
and I feel grateful for  
all you have done  
for her.



It is very good of you  
to suggest sending a  
Nurse with Christian  
as far as Carlisle  
and I shall be much  
obliged if you will  
do this, as I have  
no one to send, my  
youngest little  
daughter is the only  
one now at home.

Could you send  
Christian on Wednesday  
or Friday this week  
or any day which  
is convenient, only  
let me know at  
what hour the train  
will arrive in Carlisle  
so that she may  
be met there.  
I am making up



Aug 12<sup>th</sup> 1909 Nominal.  
Fellata.  
✓ Cumberland.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Enclosed is £32.2-6  
in Bank of England Ten  
pounds notes and paid,  
in payment of account.



Christie is now wonderfully  
well I am most thankful  
to tell you, and quite happy  
and enjoys herself. She  
is constantly out in the  
country and on the shore.

Christie has had several  
big nose bleedings since she  
came home, two one day last  
week. With kind regards, thanking  
you for all your kind letters to my dear  
family  
Yours sincerely C. C. Leitch



May 11<sup>th</sup> 1909. Mominail  
Sillott.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Would you kindly  
let me know how my  
daughter is and if she  
is fit to come home?

I have had several letters  
from Christie and from



them she must be much  
better and she wants to come  
home. I am anxious to  
have your opinion about it  
and if you consider her  
well enough to leave Throent  
Hall. Enclosed are Christies  
last two letters. I am

yours faithfully  
C. E. Leitch.



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Mouniail.  
Sillotta  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

The account for my  
daughter duly reached  
me and I will send  
you the money as soon



as I am able. we are  
thankful to hear Christian is  
to much better and shall be  
glad when you consider her  
well enough to go to the Hall  
we think she should go there  
for a few weeks before coming  
home if you advise it.

Dr. M.

I am,

yours faithfully  
C. E. Leitch



March 6<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Monmouth  
Sillston  
Cumberland.

✓  
Dear Dr. Pierce,

It is now a month since  
we went to see Christian and  
since then we have heard nothing  
of her. I wrote to her but she  
has not written to me.

Would you be so kind as to  
let me know how she is, and  
if the improvement which began



before we saw her, is maintained.  
Is it likely that Christian  
may be well enough to leave  
the Retreat the end of March  
or shortly after, and go to  
Troxcent Hall for a while,  
before coming home?

I feel sorry to trouble you  
but am anxious to hear if  
Christian is better than she was  
a month ago. I am  
yours faithfully  
J. Leitch.



May 14, 1909

May 14, 1909

Dear Mrs. Leitch,

I was over at Throxenby yesterday, and am glad to say I found Miss Leitch quite nicely, and I think she is quite well enough to go home; and she might therefore leave at any time you like to fix.

Will you send one of the family for her or shall I let a nurse go with her as far as Carlisle. It is very satisfactory to be able to give you such a good account.

Yours very truly,







May 12, 1909

Dear Mrs. Leitch,

I am going to Scarborough  
tomorrow afternoon, and will write  
to you on Friday.

The reports I get are favourable  
and I should think Miss Leitch  
might leave before very long.

Yours very truly,







March 8, 1909

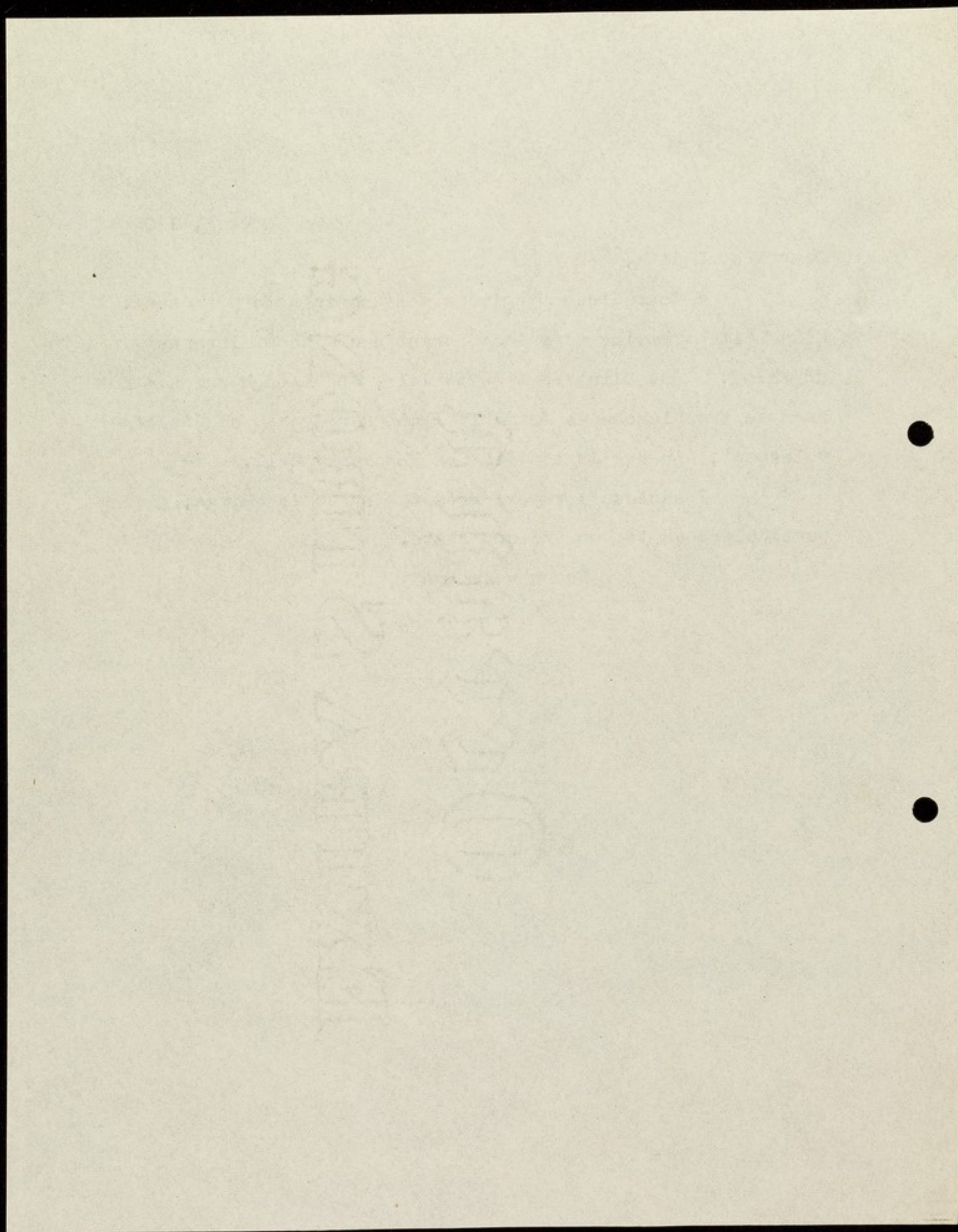
Dear Mrs. Leitch,

I fear I cannot give a very satisfactory account. Miss Leitch remains very indifferent and without interest in anything. She sits about quite idle, and though she has not been so troublesome as formerly I can hardly say she is convalescent, and she is not fit for Throxenby Hall.

I enclose a report from the nurse in charge, giving particulars as to her present state.

Yours very truly,







Jan<sup>ry</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Winnipeg.  
Pillote.  
Cumberland.

Dear Sir,

Today I have  
received an account  
for £48..18..11 for my  
daughter Christian.



I am sorry not to be  
able to send payment  
now, but I will send  
the money before the  
end of this month.

I am,

Yours faithfully

Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat, N. Y.  
York

C. E. Leitch.



Mountainail.  
Sillcloth  
November 21<sup>st</sup> 1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you much for  
your kind letter of the 7<sup>th</sup>  
which would have been  
acknowledged sooner had  
I not been ill and am  
now writing in bed.

I am sorry to say you  
cannot read a better report  
of my daughter but I know



you are doing everything  
you can for her food, we  
hope before long she may  
show some signs of improvement.  
In the meantime my other  
children do not know of Christine's  
state, they are all working at  
various studies to enable them  
to make their own living and  
if <sup>my</sup> father sees them, but if she is  
not soon better I must tell  
them. I received receipt for  
money. A fair thanking. Yrs. & am  
Yours faithfully C. G. Leitch



October 26<sup>th</sup> 1908. Mountrail.  
Dillott.

Dear Sir,

Would you be so kind  
as to let me know how  
my daughter is, and if  
there is any improvement  
in her since your last note.  
I have written to her twice



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But she has not written  
to me. I am sorry to  
trouble you but I feel most  
anxious to hear how she is  
going on.

I am,  
yours faithfully  
C. E. Leitch.

Bedford Pierce Esq.  
The Retreat  
York.



887  
Houma, La.  
Dillotte  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908

Dear Dr. Pierce,

You must have  
thought it strange  
that I have been  
so long in sending  
the money in payment  
of enclosed account.

I am sorry not to  
have been able to  
send it sooner, but  
I had not the money  
and have had some



Difficulty in getting  
it. I was afraid I  
might have to ask  
you to take half now  
and the rest in a  
fortnight, but I enclose  
£ 34-15-6.

When Chrissie left  
home we hoped she  
might be fit to return  
in a month or six  
weeks, as she was the  
last time she was

ill, but we conclude  
you think she must  
remain until the  
end of the year.

Would you kindly  
post the enclosed P.C.  
to the Matron.

I am.

yours faithfully.

C. E. Leitch.



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Moumal.  
Sillott.  
October 8<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for  
your kind letter received  
to-day. I am always  
anxious to hear of  
my daughter and  
it is very good of you  
to often to send me  
a report.

I have written to  
Christie and am  
taking the liberty



of enclosing it in  
this to you as no  
one here knows where  
she is. You will  
understand this is  
a small nursing  
place.

Chrissie's nose  
frequently bled the  
last time she was  
ill, and after one  
lif bleeding she was

very much better  
in every way, her  
brain seemed to  
become clear and she  
was bright and  
happy and slept  
for hours at a time.  
When she is well she  
is a great sleeper.

Thanking you for  
your kindness.

I am,

yours faithfully,

C. E. Leitch.

Bradford, Ontario, N. S.



Monimail,  
Silloth,  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1908. Cumberland.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for  
your kind letter  
received this evening.  
I am glad to hear  
a better account of  
my daughter's condition  
and trust she may  
continue to improve.

Yes, we would much  
rather not yet - the



Magistrates order here,  
and I am writing  
to Messrs Bindoall  
and Cross, as you so  
kindly suggest to  
ask them again to  
act for me in this  
matter.

Enclosed are two  
£5.0-0 Bank of  
England notes,

which I hope will  
reach you safely, there  
is not time to repeat  
this letter to night.

In haste for to night  
lost, again thanking  
you. I am.

yours faithfully  
C. E. Leitch.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.



She soon recovered.  
Christian has always  
been very different from  
my other six children  
being excitable and  
rather erratic, although  
a bright girl and general  
favorite.

I return the Forms  
with my part filled in.  
Could you kindly get  
a Dr. in York to fill  
in the other Medical  
Certificate? Dr. Crear  
would rather not do  
it as Christian was  
not certifiable when

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Monimail,  
Silloth,  
Cumberland.  
October 14/1900

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your  
wire received yesterday  
and kind letter and  
enclosures received  
this evening.

I am very sorry  
my daughter caused  
so much trouble at  
Throxbury Hall, we  
quite understand  
it was necessary to



Remove her to the  
Retreat, where we trust  
she may soon improve.

Christian must have  
become rapidly worse  
as she was frailer  
when she left home  
and able to look after  
herself, on Monday  
morning she played  
a round of golf and  
practised her music  
in the afternoon, she

seemed quite pleased  
to leave home with  
her sister on Tuesday.  
If we had known she  
would become so  
troublesome we should  
not have asked her  
to take her in at the  
Hall. After Christian  
had Influenza in 1907  
she became very  
depressed and sleepless,  
but she was never noisy.  
We sent her away  
with a nurse and



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she left home and  
we quite hoped she  
might do well at  
Stroxembury Hall

Will you be so kind  
as to let me know  
when I must send  
you some money  
for Christian and  
removing her to  
York etc. etc.?

My husband was  
a Dr. here for 25 years,  
he died 12 years ago



leaving me with  
seven young children  
Christian wished  
to be trained as a  
sick nurse, she  
was two months  
early this year  
a Probationer in  
the Sick Children's  
Hospital, Nottingham  
there her health  
broke down and  
the Drs were afraid

of tubercle and  
advised rest and  
open air for two years  
before thinking of  
trying nursing again.

Again thanking  
you for all your  
kindness. I am,  
yours faithfully  
C. E. Leitch.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M. D.



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TELEPHONE N° 69.

TELEGRAMS:-  
BIRDSALLS, SCARBOROUGH.

BIRDSALL & CROSS,  
SOLICITORS.

EDGAR J. BIRDSALL,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

E. RICHARD CROSS,  
CLERK TO THE MAGISTRATES.

G. BARNARD BLACK.

BANK CHAMBERS,  
SCARBOROUGH.

1st October 1908.

Dear Sir,

Miss Leitch.

As we feel we have taken upon ourselves  
a certain amount of responsibility in this matter, may  
we ask you to let us hear of any developments that take  
place within the next few days. We shall also be glad  
to hear who is to be petitioner, and when the petition  
is completed.

Yours faithfully,

*Birdsall & Cross*

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Dr Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.



Dear Sir,

**Notes:**

As we feel we have taken upon ourselves a certain amount of responsibility in this matter, we ask you to let us hear of any developments that take place within the next few days. We shall also be glad to hear who is to be positioned, and when the position

designated as

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,  
The Raritan,  
York.



Catherine E L Leitch

Oct 26

08

Monday Dec. 31 @ York 41 8

Sept 30 2 6 6

Medical Certificate D. Jones 1 1

44 15 6

Less Cash. Oct 5 10

£ 34. 15. 6



Richard L. Smith

Oct 26

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Richard L. Smith  
Sept 26  
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44 12 6

For Cal. Oct 26 10  
\$ 31.12.6



Oct 26 1908

Dear Madame,

At the recent meeting of the  
Retreat Committee the terms for Miss Leitch  
have fixed at £3. 3.00 a week, & one  
guinea a week as long as specified  
housing is required. I understand  
that charge will probably be <sup>for</sup> temporary,  
the enclosed account is  
therefore made out at 3 guineas a  
week, the extra housing will be charged  
at the end of the quarter.

Yours faithfully,

B. G. Waller Secy

Mr Leitch.



Oct 26 1908

Dear Madam  
At the recent meeting of the  
Robert Committee the sum for the  
year ended Oct 31 was about four  
hundred and a half pounds  
The above is a rough estimate  
and the actual sum will be  
known when the accounts are  
settled. The sum for the year  
ended Oct 31 was about four  
hundred and a half pounds  
The above is a rough estimate  
and the actual sum will be  
known when the accounts are  
settled.

Yours faithfully  
Mr. Smith



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Monimail,  
Silloth,  
Cumberland.

27 Sept '08

✓  
Dear Sir

Will you kindly  
send me particulars as to the  
admission of voluntary  
patients to the Retreat  
& also to Thrayk Hall.  
My patient is a girl - <sup>now 20.</sup> the  
daughter of a doctor widow -  
she has a second attack of  
adolescent insanity beginning  
she is rather excitable & at  
times seems to have delusions.  
Two years ago she was melancholic  
& was away with a nurse for 6 weeks.



The people do want to have  
certified if they can avoid it.  
at present I think the world  
will be different to know.

Yours faithfully  
Crever

Wm. J. Pierce

Crever



688  
Moumuk.  
Sillott.

✓ September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1908.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
letter to Dr. Crevar  
received to-day I will send  
my daughter Christian  
<sup>about</sup> whom we wrote to you.



To Throxbury Hall  
Scarborough on Friday  
for a month, one of her  
sisters will take her.  
I enclose her application.

Thanking you for the  
information. I am  
yours faithfully  
Bedford Pierce & C. E. Leitch.  
The City of  
York.



707  
Mominail.  
Sillott.  
Sept<sup>ber</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for  
your <sup>wine and</sup> letter of the 26<sup>th</sup>  
enclosing Form, which  
I now return.

I shall feel much  
obliged if you could  
kindly arrange to  
take my daughter  
in at Throxentz Hall



on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup>  
for a month, she  
will arrive in the  
evening. A younger  
sister who is returning  
to College will take  
Christian to Scarborough  
on her way to London.

I am,

yours faithfully,

C. E. Leitch.

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



Oct 5 1908

Dear Madame,

Enclose receipt for  
the £10 forwarded to Dr Pierce.  
Kindly sign the accompanying  
agreement form & return to me  
when completed -

Yours faithfully

Dr. El Waller Sack

Mrs Leitch.



Oct 2 1908

Dear Madam,  
I enclose receipts for  
the 10 pounds to the  
trust for the accompanying  
agreement from the same  
when completed -  
Yours faithfully  
W. E. Allen Esq

W. E. Allen



Leitch

Sept. 22, 1908

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry I send you a copy of the last report of the Retreat and a Voluntary Boarder form. We should be very glad to give the patient a trial at Throxenby/ if you think she does not require very close supervision. Throxenby Hall is not adapted for patients who are very troublesome or who might attempt to escape. The account you give is not very encouraging, but I hope the case turn out better than it seems as first sight. At the Retreat we are at present very full, and I hardly think we could receive the patient just now.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Crerar



БЕЛЫЕ  
ОБЛАКА





N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Catherine E. Leitch of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Mungret, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1908.

Name C. E. Leitch

Residence Mounail, Silloth

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said C. E. Leitch

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

C. C. C. C. C.

Mounail Silloth

Retreat

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care 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. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

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.



