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1912

Large book with photographs

Leather dispatch Case ✓

Photo Album ✓

Brass bound writing Case ✓

2 Fns ✓ 2 spms. A Knife

old silver watch ✓

English & French Dictionary

Cinder Concordance

Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome

Paul Tatoff

Mr. & Mrs. Bancroft

The Mystic voices of heaven

Longfellow's poems

Milton " (small)

Morris "

Bible

Dictionary

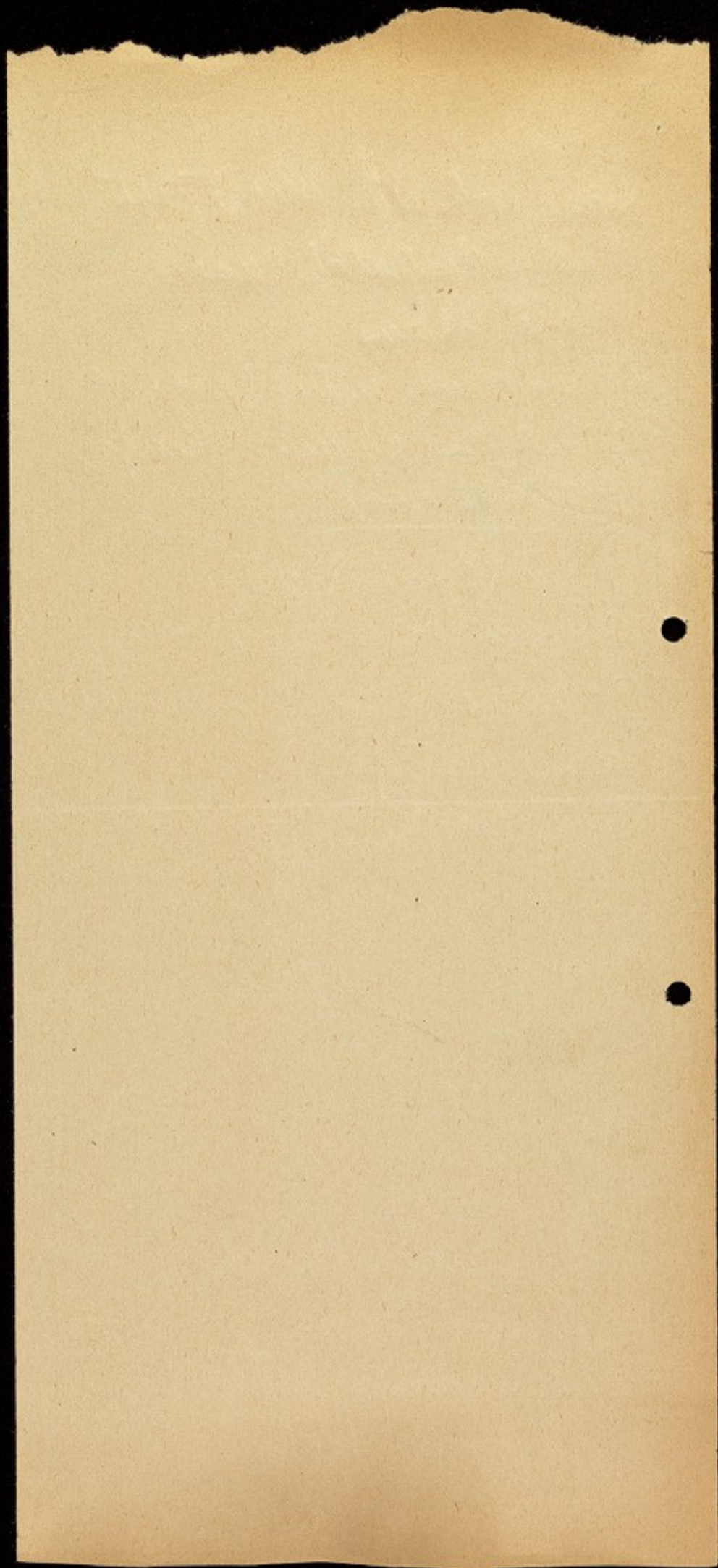
Ollendorf French

Scott's Poems

Longman's atlas

2 prayer books

Mr. Leslie list of possessions



BURGESS' WORKS

THE ROAD,

WILLESDEN LANE, N.W.

11. 6. 1912

W. G. Waller Esq

Dear Sir
re yours of 30th ult & Mr.
Leslie's property.

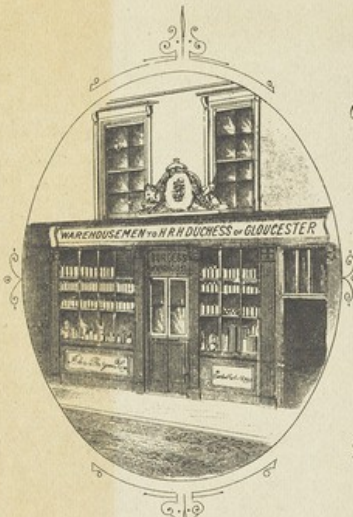
I must apologise for delay
in writing you but have
been waiting a reply from
one of her execs. I think
the best thing to do would
be for you to forward the
things to me here, &
the others can then
inspect them.

Yours truly
J. M. Birch.

SUCCESS WORKS

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M^r Wm E. Waller

26.6.1912

ALF COOKE LTD LEEDS

Dear Sir

*I thank you for sending the trunk containing
Mrs Leslie's property, which arrived this morning,
but I have not had time yet to examine
it.*

*Yrs truly
Wm Burgess*



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May 30, 1912

Dear sir,

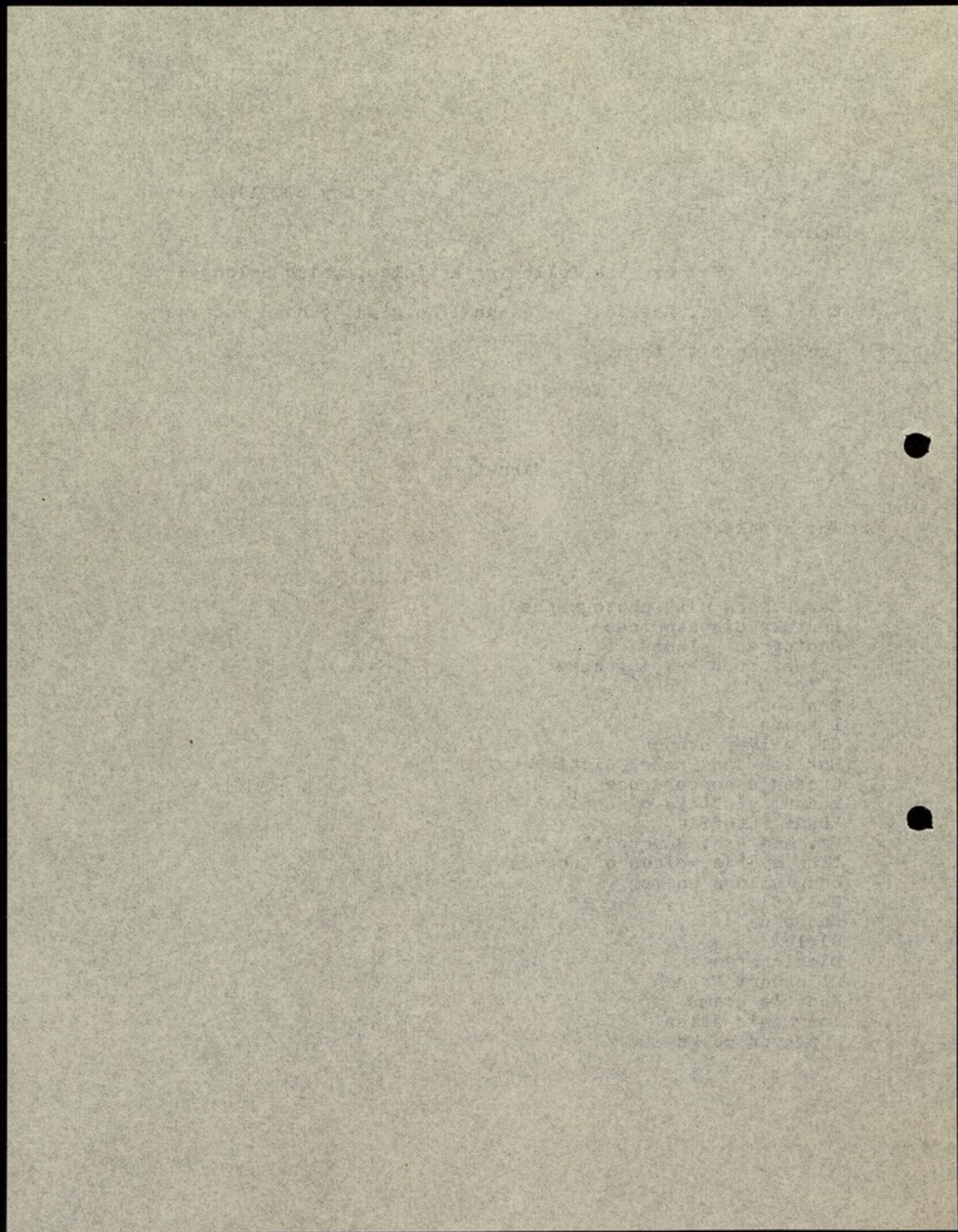
We have the following articles, which belonged to the late Mrs. Leslie. We shall be glad to hear what we are to do with them.

Yours truly,

Secretary

Wm. Brooks Esq.

Large book with photographs
Leather dispatch case
Photograph album
Brass bound writing case
2 forks
2 spoons
1 knife
Old silver brooch
English and French dictionary
Cruden's concordance
Macaulay's "Lays of ancient Rome"
"Paul Patoff"
"Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft"
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Longfellow's poems
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2 prayer books



29, FREDERICK ROAD,

EDGBASTON.

Feb 9. 1911

Bedford Pierce Esq

Dear Sir

I am obliged
by your letter of
yesterday re Mrs
Leslie. I do not
think you need
trouble to send
the balance of money
in hand out of
Miss Walker's gift
to Mrs Leslie.

I Enclose a cheque
for 19/10 which
settles the two
accounts for
Board and General
Expenses

Yours very truly

PER PRO WILLIAM A. ALBRIGHT.

C. J. J. Traut

Feb. 8, 1912

Dear Mr. Albright,

Mr. Waller has now completed the accounts for Mrs. Leslie.

You will observe that the £15 she gave us for her funeral expenses has been expended, the cost of such arrangements in York Cemetery being considerable.

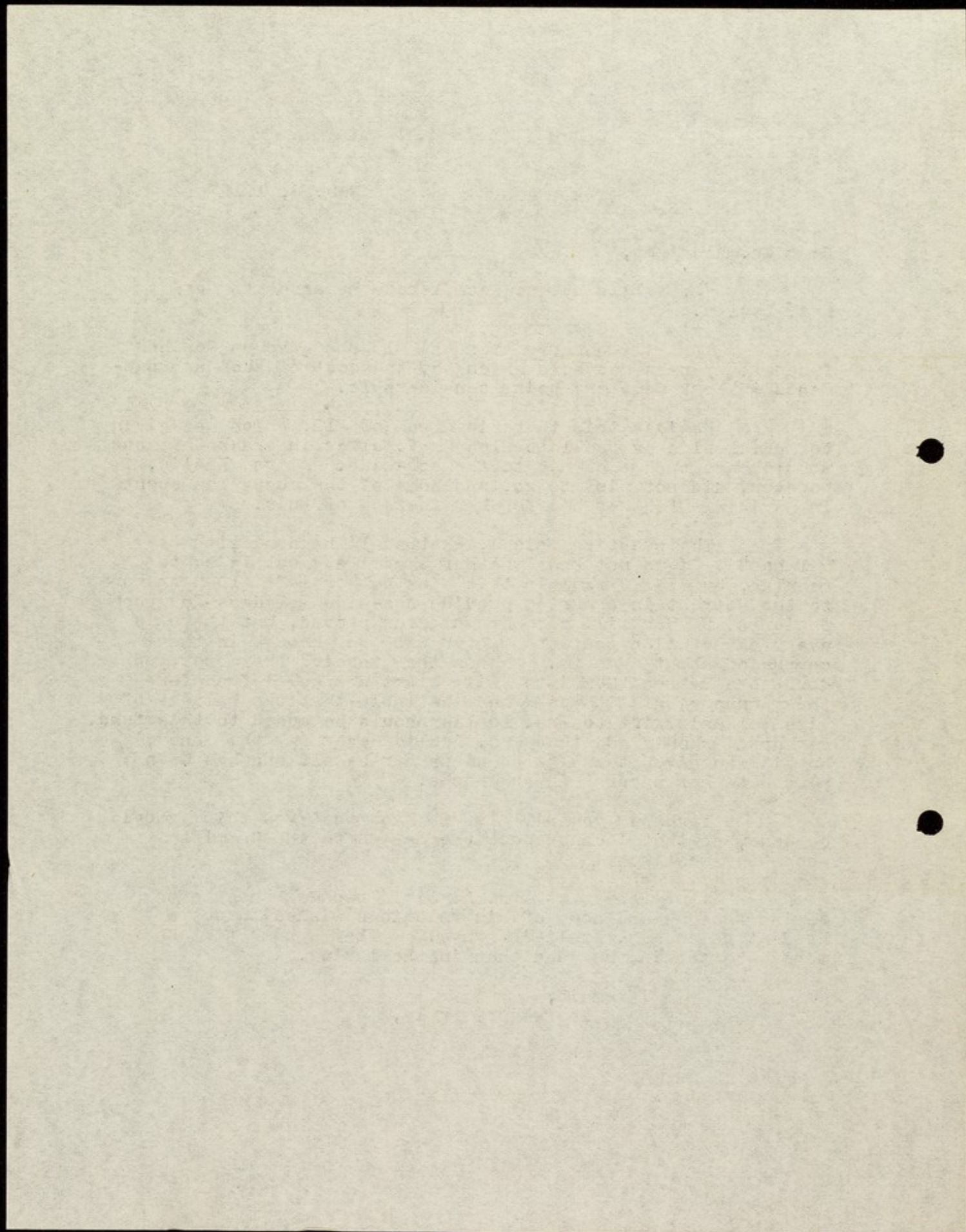
Besides this there is a sum of £12, which was given to Mrs. Leslie by the late Eleanor V. Walker in order that she should have change of air to the sea-side. Mrs. Leslie, however, did not wish to go, and some of the money was spent in buying a feather bed for her instead of this.

The question arises, what shall be done with the balance? I do not know whether what I suggest is quite regular, but I may explain that Miss Walker left £1000 or more to the Retreat in order to provide sea-side holidays for poor patients. Her will has not yet been proved, but there is every expectation that the matter will go through in the course of about a month. When they receive the money, no doubt the Retreat Committee will start a special fund for this purpose, and it would seem suitable that the balance of Miss Walker's gift to Mrs. Leslie should be added to this fund. Perhaps I should add that Mrs. Leslie never had the money, but it was given to me to spend on her behalf and has been placed to her account in our books.

Perhaps you will let me know what you think should be done, so that I can report the matter to the Committee when they next meet.

I may say that Mrs. Leslie's nephew wrote to me saying that he and some of his relations wished to put a head-stone on Mrs. Leslie's grave. They appear to take more interest in the dead than in the living.

I remain,
Yours very truly,



FROM W. A. ALBRIGHT, 29, FREDERICK ROAD, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

9/18/12

Reggie

With the nephew had
passed his attachments in
some practical way during
his lifetime but I think he
should be written to & his wishes
probably acceded to -



W. S. Waller
The Retreat
York

pressing the button into
the board. I am at a
loss to know what
being under observation
means, but you may
have observed that
I am still behaving
honorably to you
refusing to speak with
Mr. Pickard unless
in your presence.

I am assured you
are weary of all this
and intend in so far
as in me lies to become
a silent sister.

J. R. - Sister

The Retreat

21 August

Dr. Pinner I beg to remind you
with all cordiality, that I have
since I have been here, borne
severe blows and vile in-
sults, with calmness and
fortitude. Such things having
been dealt out to me a measure
beyond your cognizance
cold and faintness also
with many other evils. I
have many reasons for being
patient, and now what I
think you has been added
since the last week in
March. If there is reason
for this it is beyond my
understanding, but if
there is cause for

My being taken from one
corner of the house to the
other will you be kind
enough to request that it
be done without rough
treatment such as I
yesterday received.
Doubtless you will be told
that I resisted. Thus far,
I did so. I just asked if
it was by your orders that
it was to be done, and if
so would you be as kind
to come and speak
with me. I was then told
you were gone away!
Seeing they were determined
to carry out their project
I requested to be allowed

to gather up my work which
I had tried to occupy myself
with when I was seized
in the most violent
manner. I don't think
I should have troubled
you with this but the
wrench to the shoulder
has considerably dis-
tressed the nerves of
the wound and that
is sufficient to disturb
me remembering
what I suffered.
You may be told I kick
I certainly wish to stop
their progress, to keep
of her to remove her
wound from my
wish as she was

BURGESS' WORKS.

HYTHE ROAD,

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

12. 1. 12

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

I thank you for yours
of 6th which I would
have answered before,
only I have been away
from home. I thank you
for the information re
Tomb-stone & also about
Leremoaks. I am trying
to find her other relatives
before deciding on inscription.

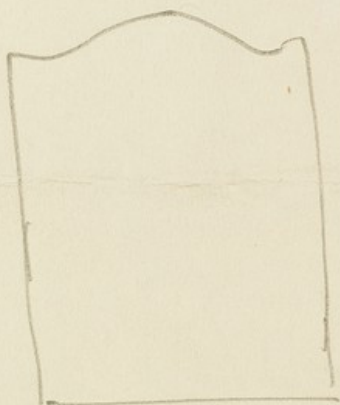
Yrs faithfully

Tom Brooks

WILSON, J. W.
MYTHE ROAD,
BORGESS, WORKS.

from you I would send
on the wedding.

Yours truly
Wm Brooks



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Fz

BURGESS' WORKS,
HYTHE ROAD,
WILLESDEN LANC. N.W.

4.1.1912

Dr Bedford Pierce
Dear Sir
re Mrs Leslie.

I have seen my mother &
we both agreed that we
should like a plain
headstone put on Mrs Leslie's
grave. We only want one
at a moderate cost, & I
am writing to ask you
if you know of anyone
in York who would
do it for us: on hearing

WILFRED JOHN H.W.
HYTHE ROAD,
BURGESS, WORKS.

Dec. 29, 1911

Dear Mr. Albright,

The interment took place this morning, and there were only present myself and four others of the staff.

I enclose a copy of a letter I had from the nephew of whom I spoke, which you may like to see.

Mrs. Leslie was admitted to the Retreat in Dec. 1895.

As soon as Mr. Waller can manage it we will send you a statement of account dealing with the monies we had in hand for special purposes. The patient of whom I spoke gave Mrs. Leslie a sum of money for a summer holiday some years ago, which was never spent. Some consideration will have to be given as to the best method of dealing with these small balances.

There are no articles of any value here, and I conclude you would like the clothing to be given to some of the poorer patients so far as it can be made useful.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 29, 1911

Dear Sir,

The interment took place this morning, and was only attended by myself and four others of the staff. One of the patients sent a wreath. A grave was purchased in the York Cemetery. The service was conducted by the Rev. E.C. Smith.

There are no papers here relating to her past life, and Mrs. Leslie was extremely reticent on the subject. Until you came to see her I did not know the name or address of any living relative. I enclose all the letters that can be found.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Brooks Esq.

interment & regret that
neither my elder brother
nor myself can get to
you in time.

I should be glad to know
if Mrs Leslie left behind
any documents relating to
the past; & if you think fit
I will endeavour to find
her brothers children, who
I fancy are at Guildford.
Whilst Mrs Leslie was
alive I did not do so, as
she hoped they would never
know she had been in
a Retreat in the Asylum.

Yours faithfully
Geo. Brooks.

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BURGESS' WORKS,
117 THE ROAD,
WILLOUGHBY, N.W.

28. 12. 11

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir,

As I have left Glenmore
Road, your letter did not
find me as quickly as
usual. I am sorry to hear
of the death of Mrs. Leslie,
but after all perhaps it
is for the best: & I hope she
did not suffer during her
last hours.

I thank you for letting
me know of the time of

BURGESS, WORKS
HYTHE ROAD,
WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX

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27. XII. 11
29, FREDERICK ROAD,
EDGBASTON.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am glad to

hear of ~~my~~ her ~~her~~ her's
release - it is interesting

to know of her attachment
to another patient &

the particulars of her
illness - I do not

Thank you very much
for your letter of the 11th inst.

Remember hearing about
the £15 nor the
name of Mr. Wm. Hunt
before - tho' you told
me of a mysterious Relation
turning up & going off
without giving you his
name or address - perhaps
you haven't more afterwards

I should like to know his
Age & also to have the final
Account
W. A. Albright

Dec. 26, 1911

Dear Mr. Albright,

I write to let you know that Mrs. Leslie died this morning about 9.30.

She had been ill for a short time, having had a sore throat. On Christmas Eve she was evidently worse, and, on examination, was found to have a patch of pneumonia on the right lung, although the temperature was not greatly raised. Since then she was decidedly ill, but last night expressed herself as better, and at half past seven this morning was talking to the nurses upon general topics, taking an interest in several of them going to an early service.

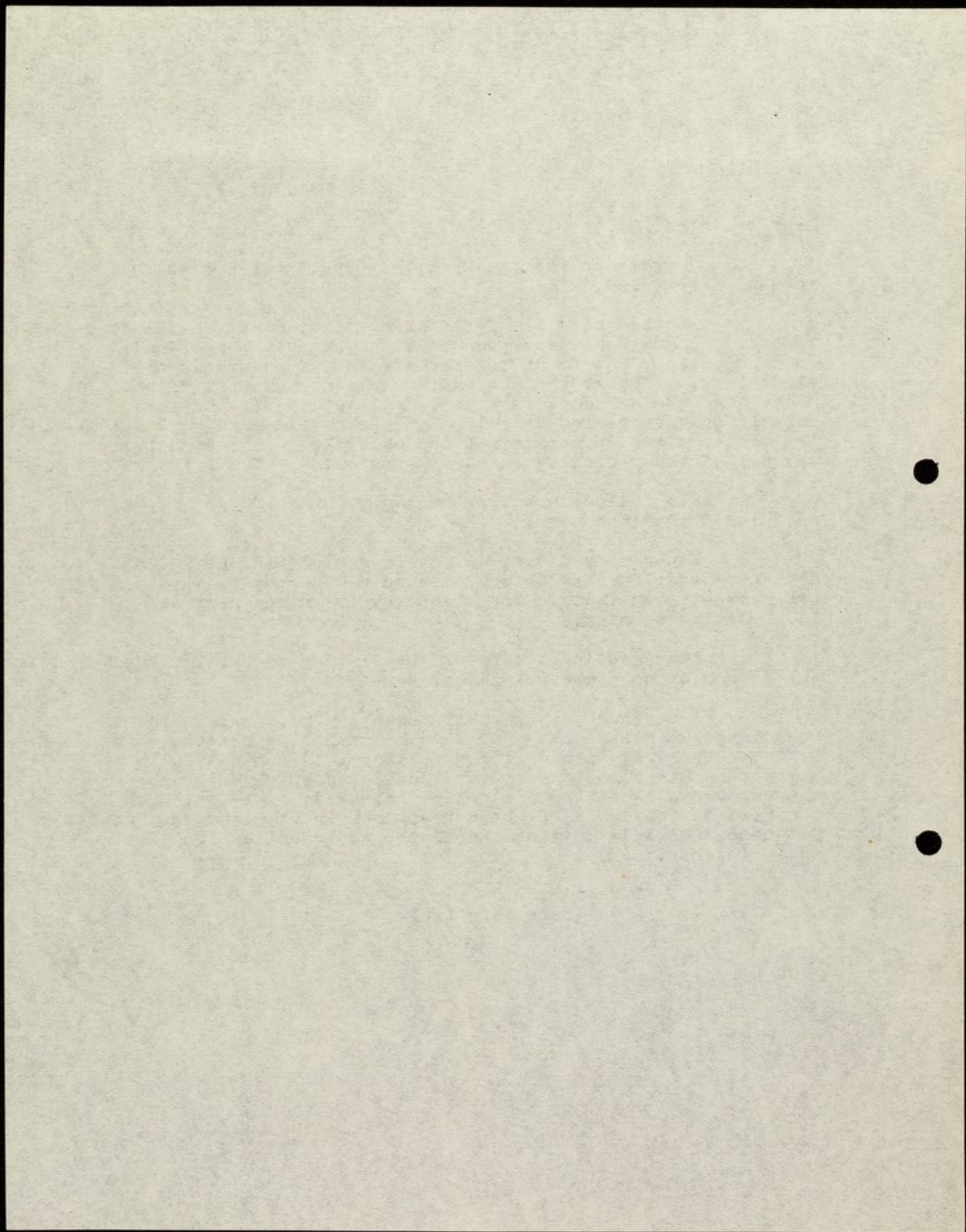
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You remember that we have a sum of £15 put aside at her request for her interment, and we propose to make arrangements for this in York Cemetery on Friday next at 10.30 in the morning.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Wm. Brooks, but I know of no other relatives.

I may add perhaps that recently Mrs. Leslie had been less distressed than usual with her hallucinations, and had been much more pleasant and sociable. She was fully aware that her condition was critical, and only yesterday expressed a wish that she might be released. She was much troubled at the death of another patient to whom she was much attached, and said that she hoped she would not be long in following her.

I remain,
Yours very truly,



Dec. 26, 1911

Dear Sir,

A lady patient, Mrs. Jennie Leslie, has died here this morning. She is a member of the Church of England and left instructions for her interment in the York Cemetery.

I hardly expect any relations will attend the funeral.

We should be much obliged if you could arrange to conduct the service at the Cemetery on Friday morning next at 10.30 if that time be convenient to you. I have ascertained from the Cemetery Co. that this time will be convenient for them.

Yours very truly,

Rev. E.C.Smith

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I remain,
Yours very truly,

Dec. 26, 1911

Dear Madam,

Knowing that you have been interested
in poor Mrs. Leslie for a long time, I am sending
you a copy of a letter relating to her last illness.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Burn Murdoch

Dec. 26, 1911

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of a letter I am sending to Mr. Albright, which will give you particulars of Mrs. Leslie's last illness.

We are arranging for the interment in York Cemetery at 10.30 in the morning, on Friday next. The remains will be leaving the Retreat at about 10 o'clock.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Brooks Esq.

Mr Leslie

178 QUEEN'S GATE,

LONDON, S.W.

.....7 Feb.....1910

Dear Sir,

Herewith I have the pleasure to hand you

a Cheque £ 21/- = in payment of ~~A£~~.

Subscription to the

York Retreat

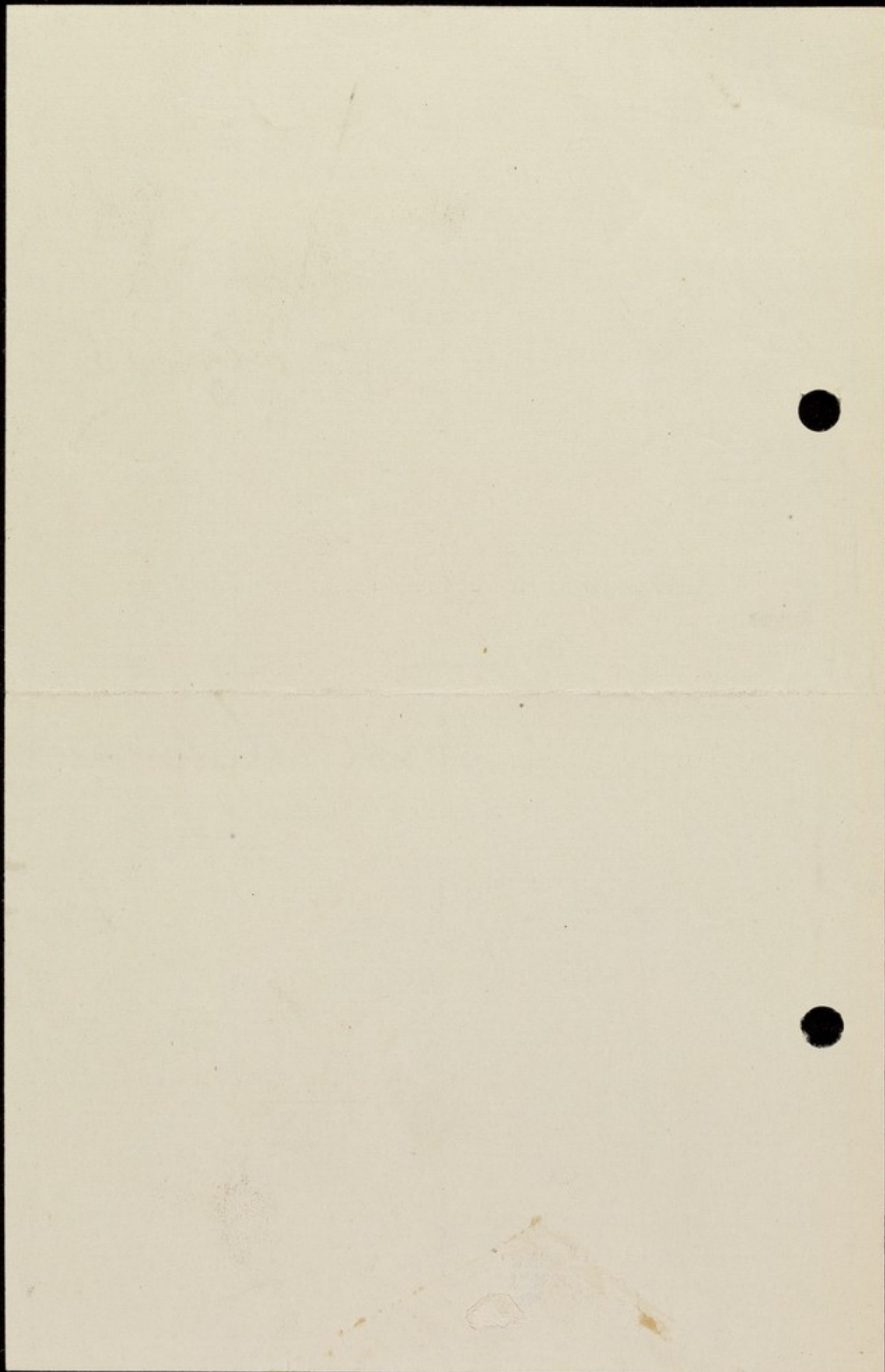
Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige.

FRANCIS RECKITT.

per

Mr

Sec.



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PARCELS & TELEGRAMS-
HATHERN STATION, M.R.

THE MANOR HOUSE,
NORMANTON-ON-SOAR,
LOUGHBOROUGH.

Feb. 18. 09

Dear Madam,

I am writing for my Mother
Mr. Burn Murdoch to ask you
if you could kindly write her
a line to tell her how Mr.
Leslie is. It is now some
time we heard anything of
her and my Mother is
anxious for news.

My Mother has been very ill
and this winter so has

not been up to writing she is
better again now -

Bellevue

Yours truly

Beatrice Parker

15 Glenmore Road
Hampstead N.W.
3.2.09

Dr. Peice

Dear Sir,

I should esteem it a favour if you
would let me know ^{how} my aunt
Mrs Leslie is. The last I heard was
● letter you sent to my cousin Jas.
Brooks on Dec 7.

My wife wrote to her just before Xmas,
& sent her some grapes, but we never
heard if she got them. I was very
sorry to hear the delusion she was in, &
viz. that my wife & I were detained in
a House at York.

Could you also tell me, how, when, &
where, her mind first began to fail;
● through whose kind offices she was
placed with you. Until I saw her at
York I had only seen her once since
1880, & had no idea other than that
she was married & living in Turkey.
Apologising for troubling you,

I remain

Yours faithfully
William Brooks

Mr. Bedford Pierce
The Hotel
York



Feb. 6, 1909

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Leslie's distressing mental condition continues and there seems to be no sign of mental improvement. She has a combination of delusions of grandeur and of persecution. Thus she says I have robbed her of £80000 and we are extending the Retreat at her expense. She also is tortured with voices within her, and these tell her that you are destitute and your child is being starved to death and many other painful delusions. In fact there are few patients whose mental state is more distressing than hers is and has been.

Mrs. Leslie was sent into Bethlem Hospital in July 1894 by her brother, and she was transferred from Bethlem to the Retreat on Dec. 2, 1895. After her brother's death a sum of money was raised largely in connection with the British & Foreign Anti-slavery Society which sum of money has been used for her maintenance. I am sorry to say this is now becoming exhausted and the present trustee, W.A. Albright, 29 Frederick Rd., Edgbaston, Birmingham will be in difficulties I believe shortly. She is maintained here at the rate of 22/6 a week which as you will know is greatly below cost, and there is no likelihood of the Committee further reducing the fee. The reason why she came here was that several members of the Society of Friends, many of them now deceased, were very much interested in her and her brother's work, as James

Long had assisted members of the Society during the Franco-German war and the distribution of relief, and Mrs. Leslie herself undertook something of the kind during the Bulgarian atrocities. The facts of the case however are not known to many persons now. Mr. Arthur Pease, Mr. Allen, and the other officials of the Anti-slavery Society are now deceased, and I really do not know where further information can be obtained. Mrs. Leslie has never spoken about her relations, and it was not until you came to the Retreat that I was aware that she had any at all. It would seem to me important that her relatives should now take upon themselves the responsibility of her care as it is unlikely that any further money can be raised in the Society of Friends to help her as she is not and never has been a member of that body.

Yours very truly,

William Brooks Esq.

LAMB, BROOKS, SHERWOOD & BULLOCK,

Solicitors.

PARTNERS:—
 { J. L. BROOKS.
 S. L. BULLOCK.
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ALSO AT BASINGSTOKE, ALDERSHOT & READING.

Odiham, Hants.

11th Decr 1908.

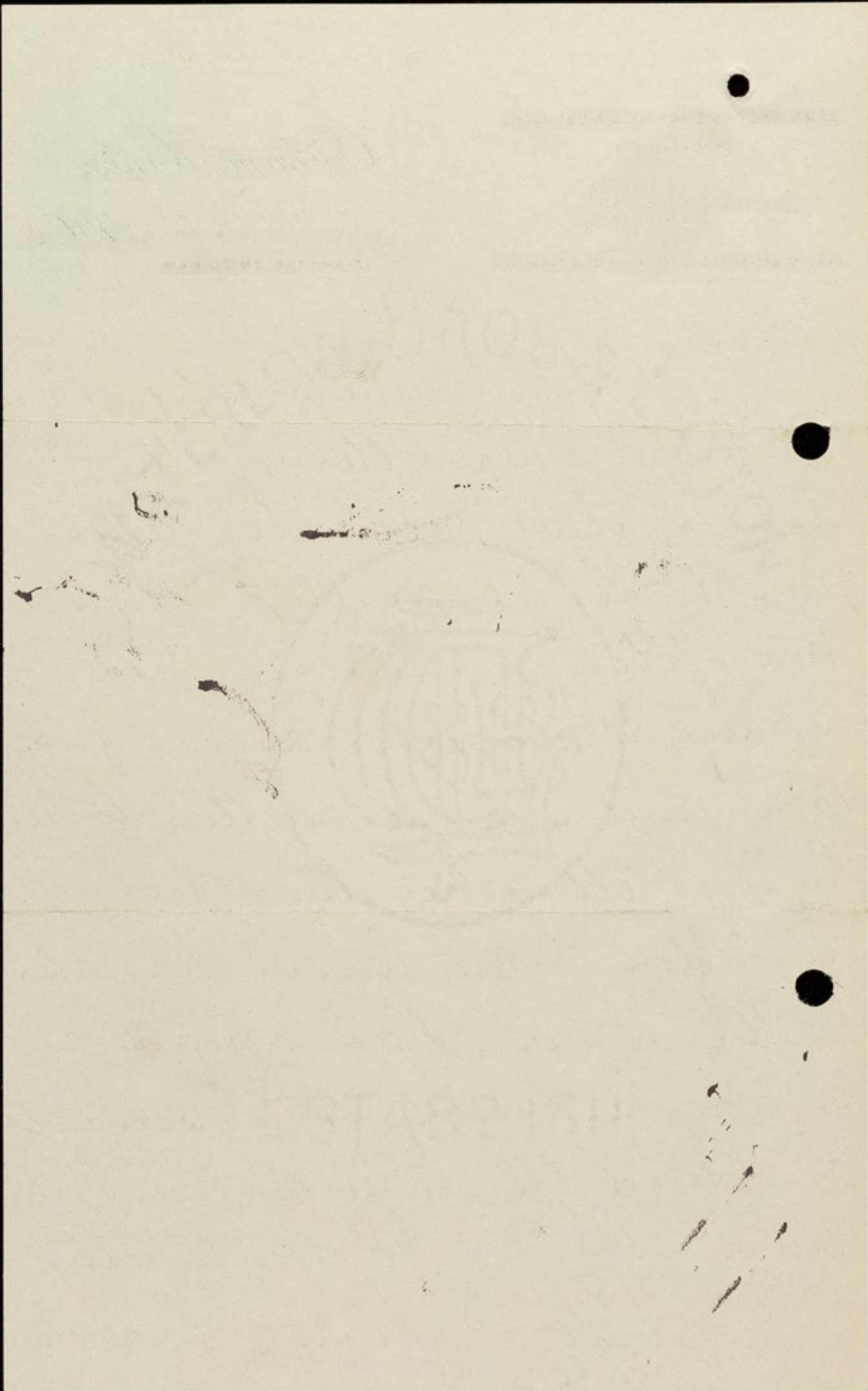
TELEPHONE 98 ODIHAM.

Dear Sir:

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 7th inst. I have received letters from Mrs. Leslie asking me to come & fetch my Cousin, her nephew Wm. Brooks, away from York and I have written to her myself telling her that he is in London & my Cousin has also written to her. I am afraid as you say her mind is too seriously disordered to take notice of our letters.

D. Bedford Pierce
 The Retreat—
 York

Yours faithfully
 James L. Brooks



Dear Dr. Paine

Thank you for
your letter re the Payers

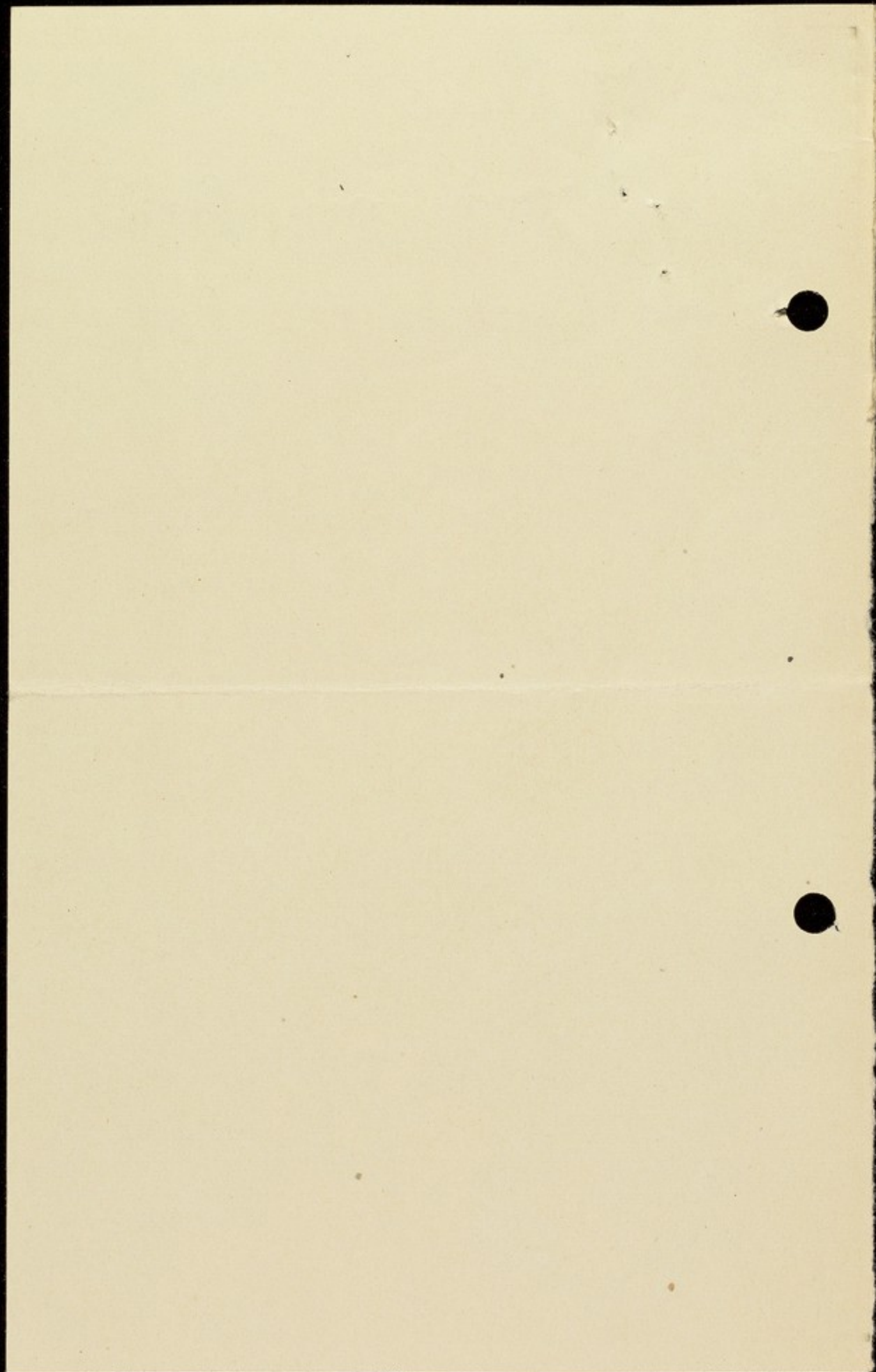
Mr. Leslie D. D. D.

Yours kindly add
£5 to the next

quarter account

W. A. A. A.

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TELEPHONE 90.

Wm.

4, ST LEONARDS,
YORK.

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Jan. 29-1907

Dear Dr Peice

In reply to your
letter re Mrs Leslie
under the circumstances
I will make her a
present of the
official book
Accounting £2. 12. 6

So reduce the
account by that
amount.

As you say it will
be much better if
in future a note
can be sent with
the patient stating
their circumstances

I will work
accordingly.

Trusting this reduction
will be satisfactory
to you

With kind regards

Yrs Sincerely

Walter Gairdner

decision & the reply
I received was that
the work was to be
proceeded with.

As Mrs Leslie is an
old patient of mine
& her bills having
been previously paid
without question
I concluded the
matter was settled
especially as I
expected those

TELEPHONE 90.

(41)
4, ST LEONARDS,
YORK.

Jan 11. 1907.

Dear Dr Perce

I was extremely
sorry to receive your
letter about Mrs Leslie's
account, because the
facts of the case are
these. Someone
telephoned from
the Retreat to ask

me to give Mrs Leshe
an appointment
which I did & when
the nurse brought
Let, she asked me
to let you know
what there was to
do & in consequence
of this message

I only dressed some
teeth which were
aching & told the
nurse there were a
great many things
to be done & Let
teeth required remodeling.
In a couple of days
I telephoned to the
Reheat to ask your

TELEPHONE 90.

4, **ST** LEONARDS,
YORK.

the authority would
know of the frequency
of her visits & also
her financial position
of which I had not
the slightest idea
or heedless to say
I should not

ST. LOUIS, MO.

NOV 10

Have allowed this
account to be
run up

Yrs faithfully

Walter Gairing

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29, FREDERICK ROAD,
EDGBASTON.

20. X. 06.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I know nothing
whatsoever, so I can
throw no fresh light
should I send your
letter on to Thacker
to see if he can do so?

otherwise we may
beir developments.
I suppose -

Yours sincerely
W. A. Allright

The one was introduced
to me by Mr. H. Allen
who stated that she
was Mr. Long's sister

I shall be glad - to
have what she ^{annually} promised
I believe. Altho I have
not her letter or have
a note it was sent
back to you as it
wounded an answer -
W. C. Cushman has paid
also I W. Meyer do
except for those 2 items
once there is nothing but
what is quite straight

W. C. Cushman

including

2

29, FREDERICK ROAD,
EDGBASTON.
18. VI. 06.

Dear D. P. Pierce

Thank you for
your letter, I am
very much obliged
giving you so much
Anxiety -
I enclose the 2
letters from J. R. R. R.

I shall be glad as
they are addressed to
you if you do not
mind collecting the
first amount of £10
and saying that in
future years I will
apply direct & if
you can do the same
with Mrs. Duckhouse

St. Mary's,

York,

21st. November, 1905.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

James Long's Sister in the Retreat.

I think this is a case in which an annuity payment will be more fitting than a lump sum down. If a scheme is worked through for dealing with this case, I shall be glad to give £10. annually to it.

I am sorry you should have anxiety with this outbreak of Scarlet Fever, and much hope all the patients will progress favourably.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Joseph Romitree

*We have had
information
4 cases here
recently. (21)*

Mr. May,

Yours,

11th November, 1905.

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James Long's Sister in the Interest.

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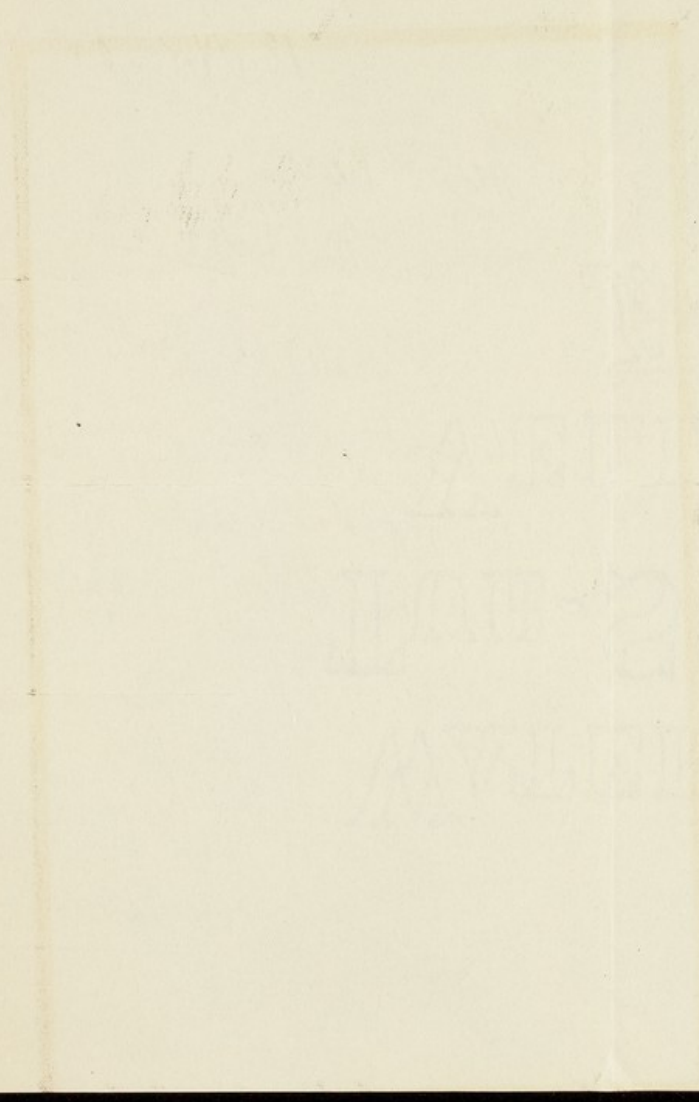
Dear Dr Pierce

Mrs Leslie

I shall be quite willing
to assist in any general effort for
meeting this case. If you w^d
like me to take any specific step
in relation to it - will you let
me know

Very truly

Edw Lumbie



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March 28th 1906

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THE MANOR HOUSE,
NORMANTON-ON-SOAR,
LOUGHBOROUGH.

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Dear Madam

I shall be very
much obliged if you will kindly
send me a few lines to say
how Mrs Leslie is. I have not
heard from her for some time
and am afraid that she
is ill. She generally writes
when I send her flowers

Which I have done lately as
I know how she always
loved flowers. but I have
had no letter from her for
many weeks.

Believe me

Truly yours

M. A. Burn Murdoch

or am I wrong in
thinking so? I have

no any address. I

suppose it is Darlington
or in the neighbourhood?

Yours sincerely
William A. Allright

(40)

29, FREDERICK ROAD,
EDGBASTON.

15.1.06.

Dear Friend
O. Pierce

Mrs. Lelia Ford

My dear Mother

promised to 10 annually
"if a scheme could
be worked through" and

I think we now may
claim this amount.
as I have promise
of return £50 & £60
annually and a
substantial sum of
more than £100 in
hand - Will you kindly
collect it or shall I

write him direct?
Mrs Batharine Dutchman
promised to 5 annually
then you and this has
not yet been paid -
Will you get it?
Mrs Alfred Dutchman
I cannot trace any
reply from, I believe
you misdirected this
name, did you not?



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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 Hospital.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Jennie Leslie of (

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcote, 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 30th day of December 1895

Name Arthur Pease

Residence Cliff House, Harrogate, N. Yorks

Occupation MP

SIGNED by the said Arthur Pease

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Harold G. Pease
Woodside, Lanchester
Gentleman

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.



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