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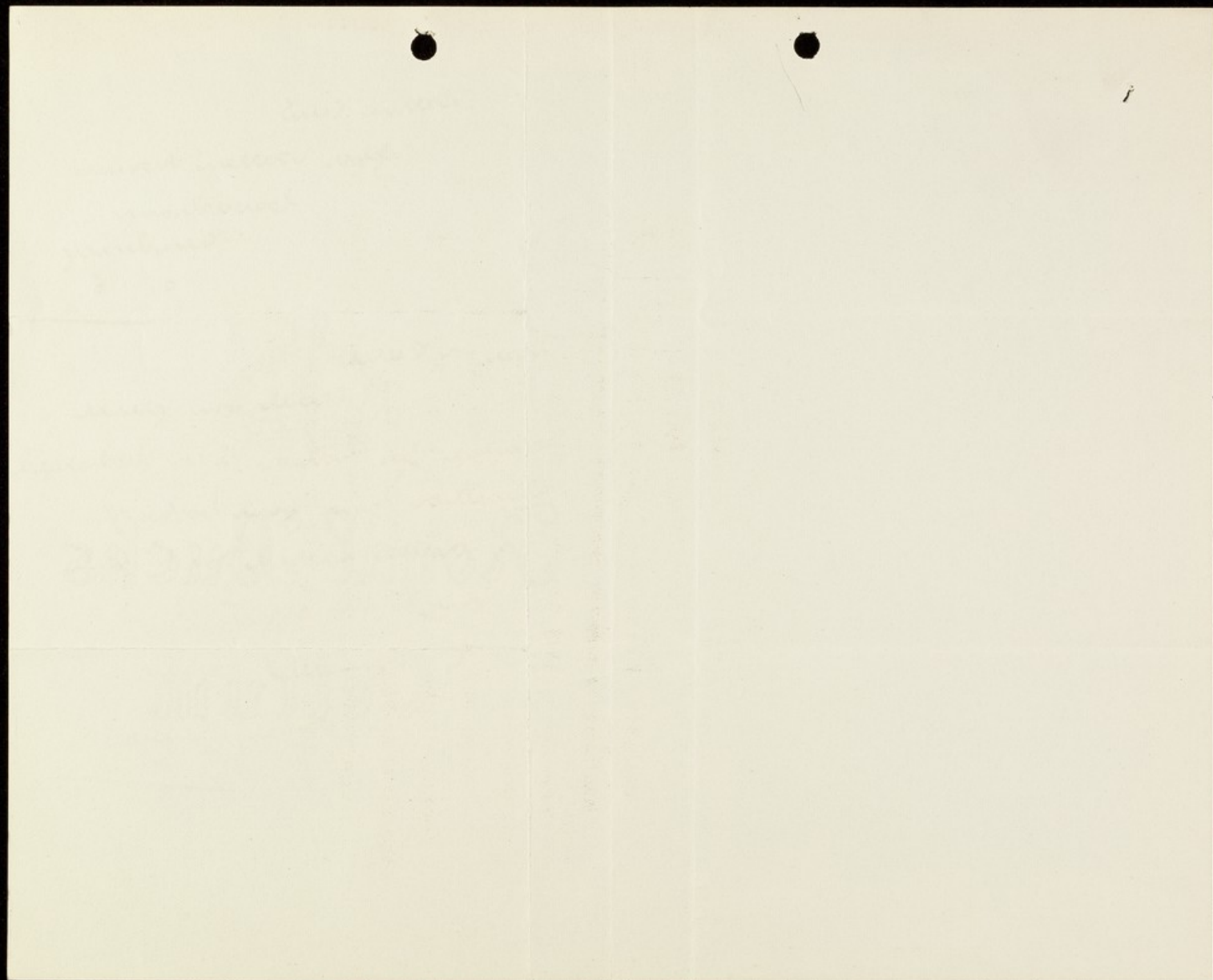
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Warren King
Upper Warren Avenue
Lancaster
Reading
10.1.15

Dear Mr Pittel -

Will you please
arrange for mother to be discharged
altogether from your books.
My brother wished me to write
to you to this effect.

Sincerely yours
Fanny Lewis



8th January, 1915.

Dear Miss Lewis,

Your account of Mrs. Lewis is a little disappointing. She was certainly promising very well when she left Throxenby, but she lacked initiative and was unable to do things unless somebody started her, though she did a fair amount of work there. I am sorry to hear that she has not progressed much since her return home. I should like to know whether you wish her to be discharged altogether from our books, which can be done at any time on receiving instructions to that effect.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Warren View,
Upper Warren Avenue,
Caversham.

7. 1. 15

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My mother has
settled down fairly well.
She still tells us she can do
nothing and understands nothing
about money matters.
She does little things to help
in the home but is not able to
take the lead in any way.
So far, I think she is better
than when she came home.
The home conditions seem

favorable, so on the whole,
we think it better for her to
be in her own home, rather
than away at school, or
elsewhere.

Sincerely yours
Fanny Lewis

H. Lewis

186.

Warren View
Upper Warren Avenue
Caerphilly

Dear Dr. Pearce,

We arrived
home quite safely on
Monday last. I had a
very comfortable journey.
The winter now has

fairly set-in, last-
evening was frosty

I found every one
well at home. I as every
where the talk is all
over news.

With kind regards

I remain

Sincerely yours

J. D. Lewis

9th November, 1914.

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Mrs. Lewis is going on very nicely, but she is not yet well. I incline to think that she will not gain very much more ground at Throxenby, and I believe that it will be well for her to return home some time towards the end of this month, or earlier if more convenient to you. She is able to do a great deal of useful work, but lacks initiative, and it is necessary to start her on anything useful and then she will go on well. On the whole there is very marked improvement, but I am sorry that I cannot report her really recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

be glad to hear how
she is and if we
may expect her
before Christmas.

Yours truly,
Frank W. Sears.

132.

Warren View,
Upper Warren Avenue,
Caversham.

Dear Sir

Please find
cheque to settle
the account enclosed.

We received a
letter from M^{rs} Lewis
to say she was coming
home in about a
fortnight. We shall

27th October, 1914.

Dear Nurse Chainey,

I am glad to say that Mrs. Lewis has improved a great deal. We have had no trouble with her at all, but for the first part of the time she was very hesitating and undecided so that she could hardly do anything, but she is a great deal better and now gets through a reasonable amount of work. She is at Throxenby at present, and though not really well she will soon be returning home as she is quite well enough to live in an ordinary household.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Ever, October, 1911

My dear Chairman,

I am glad to hear that you have had

improved a great deal. We have had no time to

write you lately but for the first part of the time

we are very busy and have been that all

month. We will be writing you in a great deal

later and now give you a short report of our

work. The last two years of present, and though

not really well, we will have been working hard

and will be able to give you a full report

very soon.

I am,

Very truly yours,

40 Mr. C. Pain Esq. 70

East Stratton

Micheldown Station

Hants.

25.10.1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce

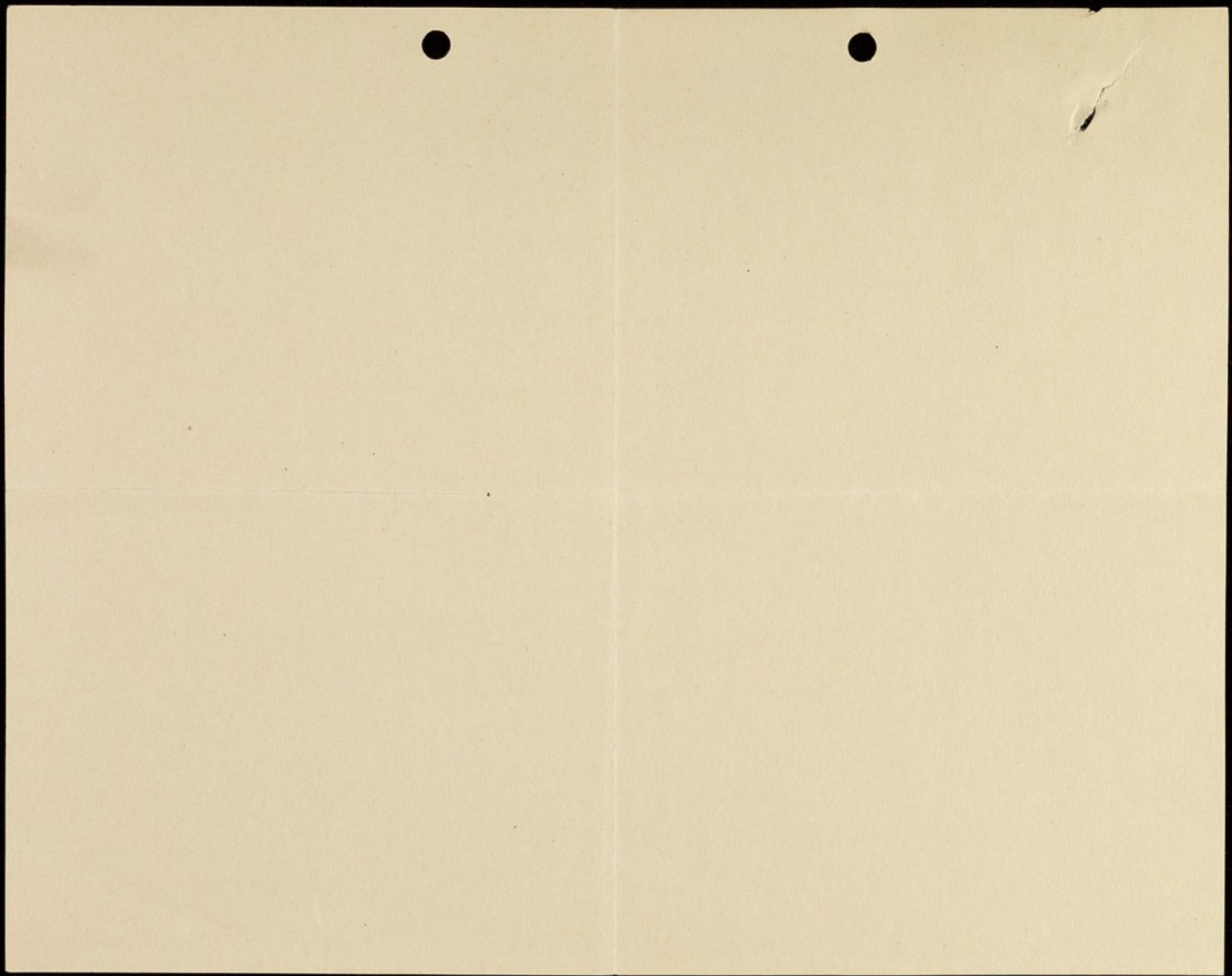
I should so like
to hear from you concerning
Mrs Lewis, when it is
convenient. I have thought
so much about her lately.
I do hope she is getting
better. I have been very
busy since I last heard
from you. I have not had
one day free. I felt I must
write.

With kind regards,

I remain

Yours sincerely

Belinda E. Charney

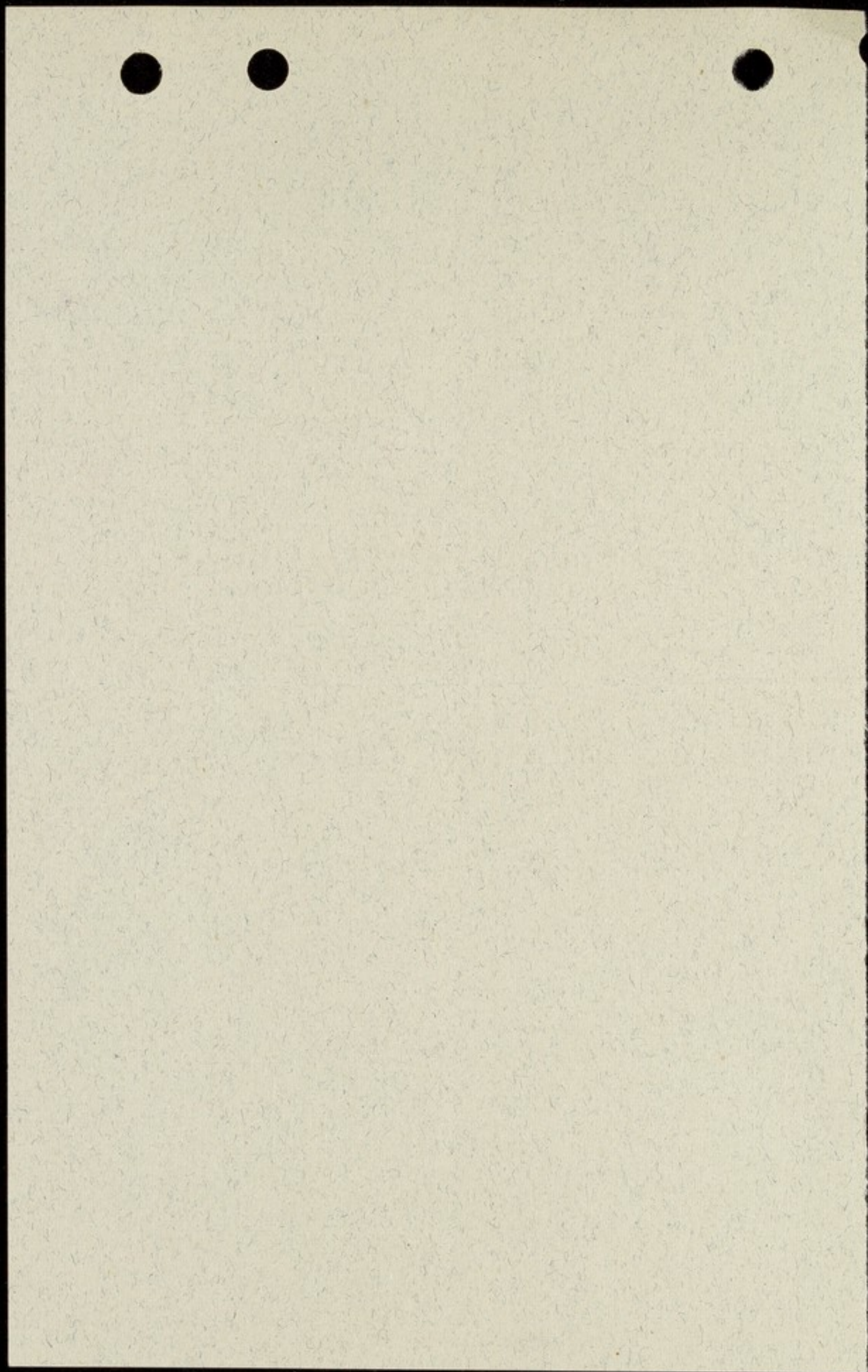


20th Oct. 1914.

Dear Miss Lewis,

I think I had better
not reply to your letter until
one of us has seen Mrs. Lewis
again. I hardly expect to be
over there myself until some
day next week.

Yours very truly,



✓ 75.
Warren Kind

Upper Warren House
Barnham

18.10.14

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you for your
letter. We were glad to know
there is much improvement
in my mother's condition.
We do not quite know what to
decide about the length of her
stay at Throsby Hall,
especially so, because of the
doubtful advantage of a much
longer stay. My father thinks
with me that perhaps it would
be the wiser arrangement for

her to stay at least until
December! The companion we
have in view, is a woman of
50, quick and bright.
She was quite willing to
do all in her power to help
me, and thoroughly understood
that one of us would have
to be mother night and day.
I know her night are bad, &
she must have someone with
her to keep her employed,
because of the lack of initiative.
Before it is quite decided
for her to stay longer, will
you please let us know what

you would consider the home
conditions must be, to make
them thoroughly favourable?

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Fanny Lewis

16th October, 1914.

Dear Miss Lewis,

It is a little difficult to give a decided reply to your letter. Mrs. Lewis is very much better, is able to employ herself well and takes an interest in things that go on, and she gives little trouble, but there is a somewhat serious lack of initiative. She wants telling what to do, and she is also timid, wakes up in the night with a start thoroughly frightened, and generally is unable to be alone. I am told that she worries a good deal, wondering whether she will ever be better, and says that she has lost the grip of everything and that she ought not to have left the business house, and so forth. Still she is so much better that I think the question of a much longer stay is of doubtful advantage, and I am not sure that she will improve further by staying longer. She is expecting to stay for a week or two longer and would, I think, be quite willing to stay longer if it was desired. Very much depends upon how you are placed at home and whether you or other members of the family are able to be with her and keep her employed.

On the whole I should think it would be better for Mrs. Lewis to stay longer longer unless the home conditions are thoroughly favourable.

As ever and how I remain,

Yours very truly,

Warren Stern

Upper Warren Avenue

Lawrenceville

14.10.14

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you please let me know, if we may expect my mother home in the immediate future? A few weeks back, I heard of a companion help but have waited to hear from you before willing to definitely engage her. If we shall not require her, I feel it is not fair to keep her waiting any longer! The paper which my brother

received this morning, has made
us wonder if she will be
away until December?

Now the weather is so much
colder, I think mother must
need her fur coat etc.

shall I send them to her at
Shrewsbury Hall?

yours sincerely

Fanny Lewis

7th. October, 1914.

Dear Miss Lewis,

There is no doubt that Mrs Lewis is a good deal better and she does a great deal more in the house than she formerly did, and we think that she will shortly be able to return home.

Dr. Mackenzie is going over to Throxenby tomorrow, and after his visit we may be able to make a suggestion as to when she could return home. I do not think there is any hurry, as, so far as I can gather, she is getting on very well at Throxenby, and the life there is clearly good for her. It is, of course, a very pleasant and delightful time of the year at Scarborough.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Miss Lewis,
Warren View,
Upper Warren Avenue,
Caversham, Reading.

1914, October 14.

My dear Mr. [Name],
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope
this letter will find you the same. I am not feeling
very well at present, but I am getting on very well.
I am not feeling very well at present, but I am getting
on very well. I am not feeling very well at present,
but I am getting on very well. I am not feeling very
well at present, but I am getting on very well.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

1914, October 14.
[Address]
[City]
[State]

✓ Warren Kent

Upper Warren Avenue

Lewistown

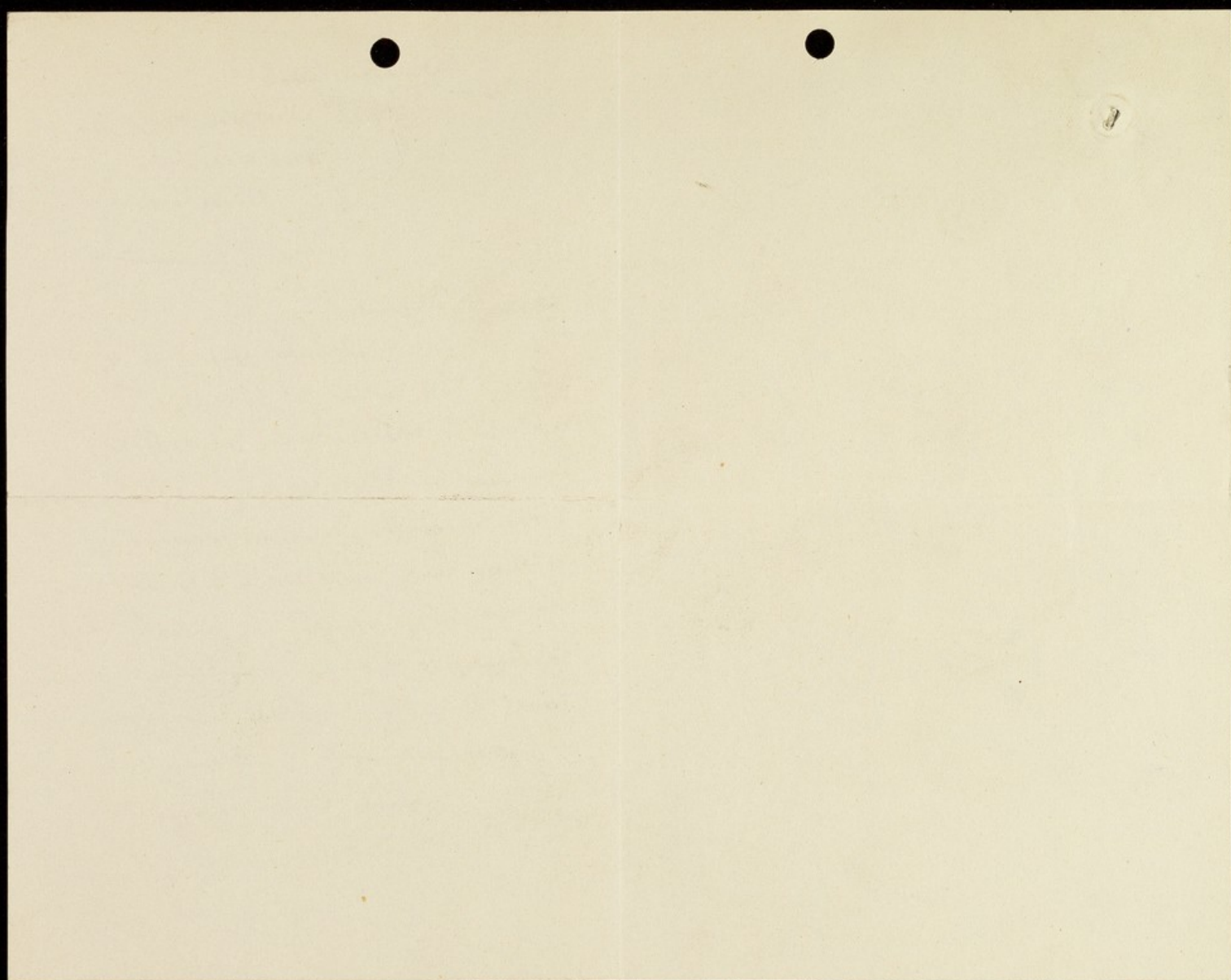
Reading

H. 10. 14

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you for your letter. We were so pleased to hear mother is better, and hope the change at Shrewsbury will induce still further improvement. Mother has written to tell us, she is coming home in about a fortnight's time. My brother would come to you to fetch her, when she is well enough to return home.

Yours sincerely
 Fanny Lewis



✓ Warren Kent
Upper Warren Avenue
Lansdowne
Reading
6.9.14

Dear Dr Pierce,

We should be glad
to hear, if there has been any
improvement in my mother's
condition, during the last few
weeks. We shall shortly
have to make plans for the
winter, and should like to know,
if it will be possible for her
to come back soon to us.

Yours sincerely
Dorothy Lewis.



Previously she has been
rather worse after seeing
her family.

I am, Dear Sir,

yours very truly,

Frank M Lewis

Dr Bedford Pierce.

BOTLY & LEWIS
WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS,
OPTICIANS, ENGRAVERS,
Electro Platers, &c.

TELEPHONE 172.

25, KING STREET,
READING.

Aug 20 1914

Dear Sir I enclose a
cheque to settle the
account for Mr Lewis.

I was glad to see
her better when I
called and trust that
under your care she
will continue to make
progress.

I shall be glad to
hear if she has been as
well after our visits.



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South Alla,

Belgrave Square,

Bridlington.

Aug 8th/14.

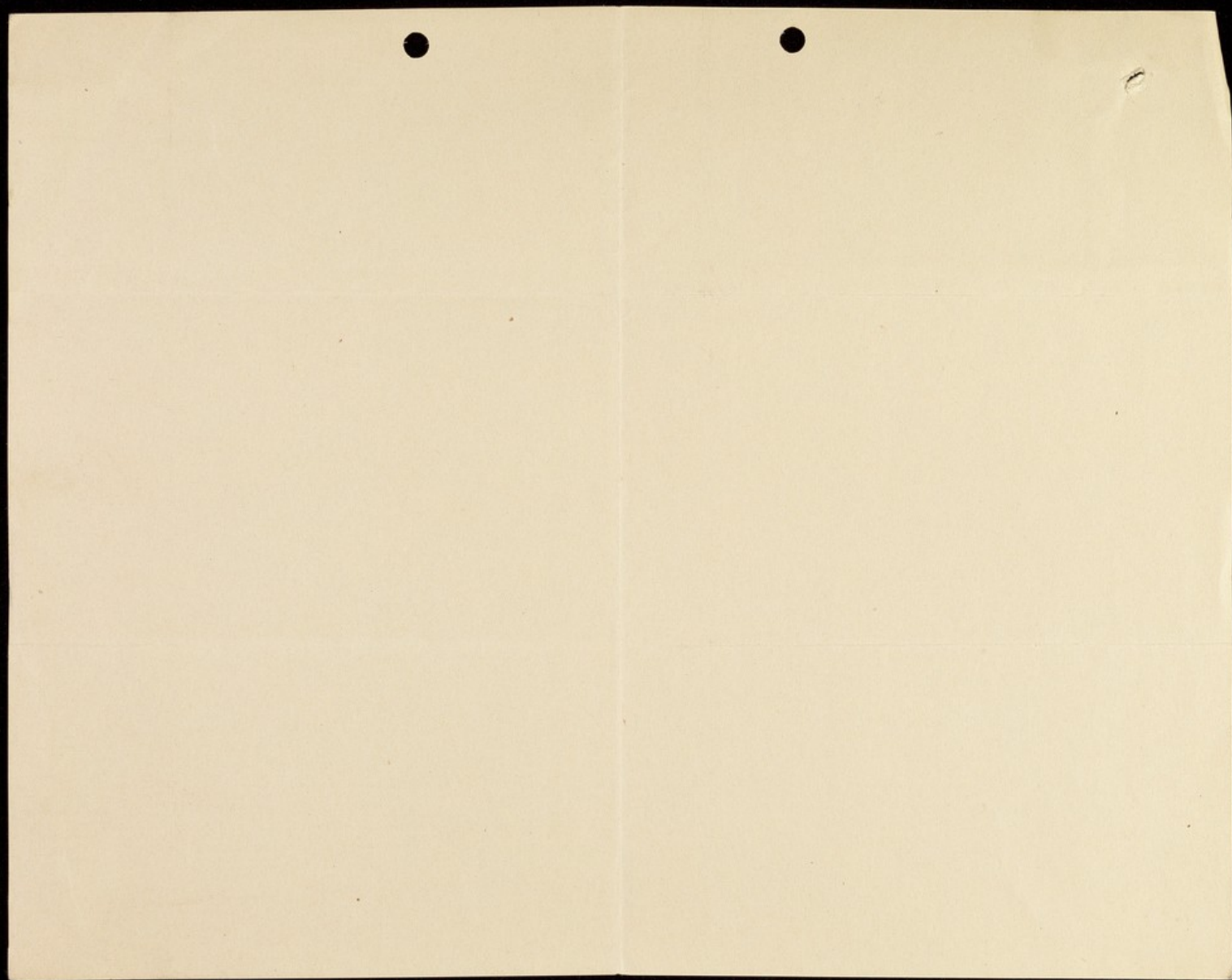
D^r Pierce,

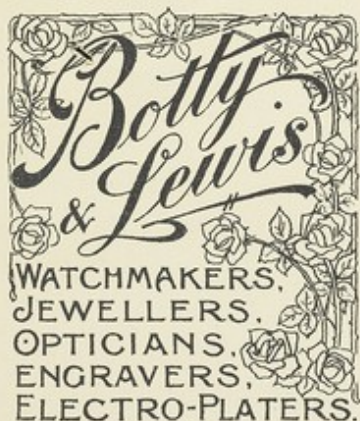
Dear Sir,

I shall be pleased to
know if it will be convenient
for M^r Mackintosh & myself
to see M^r Lewis on Tuesday
next, the 11th inst.

Yours faithfully,

D. G. Mackintosh.





ESTABLISHED A CENTURY.

TELEPHONE No. 172.

25, King Street,
Reading.

July 30th. 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I shall be in York on Sunday next Aug 2nd
and should like to see mother if she is sufficiently well.

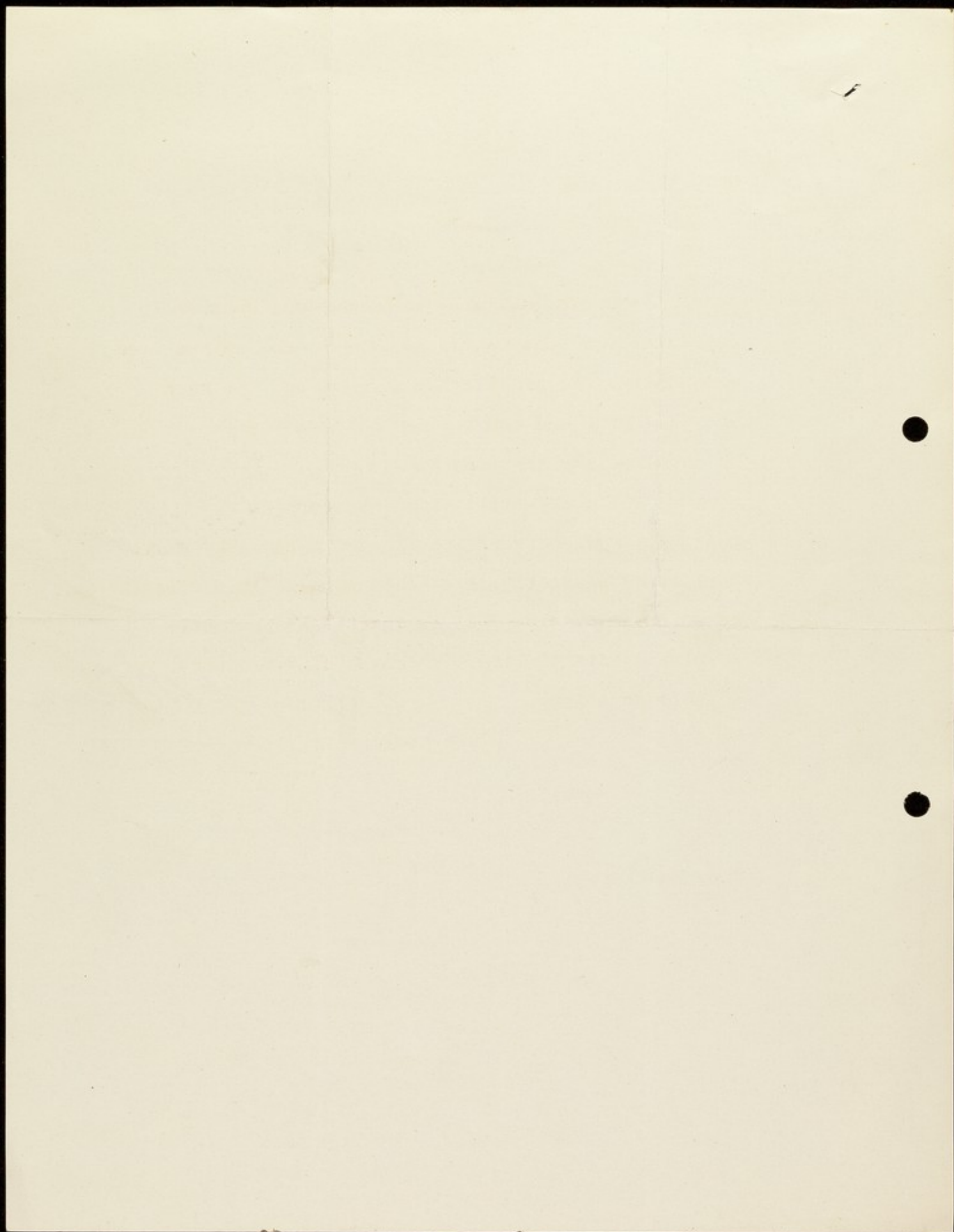
Will you be good enough to let me know at the above
address if I can see her. The time would be between 4 and
4.30 in the afternoon.

Yours very truly,

Frank W Lewis

Warren Vicar

*Upper Warren Avenue
Caversham*



3rd July, 1914.

Dear Madam,

I cannot report any real improvement in Mrs. Lewis's condition. She is up and about and outwardly looks tolerably well, but she constantly complains that she can do nothing. She is restless and unhappy and practically unoccupied. I hope you will come and see her as often as you can. It will not do any harm and may do good.

With regard to your question of the possibility of nervous inheritance I can only say that in an unusual case of this kind it is difficult to offer an opinion, but as the disease has only developed late in life the chance of hereditary trouble is slight.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Mackintosh.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of New York. I am very sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that the committee will be able to give you a satisfactory answer in the near future. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. B. Thompson

J. B. Thompson

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"Ryecroft"

Boswell Rd

Sutton Coldfield

July 2nd 1914.

D^r Pierce,
Dear Sir,

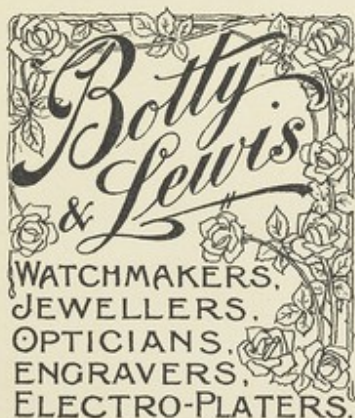
I should be glad
if you would kindly let
me know if I could see
my mother, Mrs Lewis, who
is at present under your
care. We are going to
Bridlington for the first
fortnight in August &
could break our journey at
York, either at the beginning

or end of our holiday.

Of course I should not wish
to see her if it would
be harmful to her, also
I should be pleased if
you would let me know
your opinion as to my
mother's condition & if you
think there is any trace
of disease that would
be likely to be hereditary.
I should like to know
this for family reasons.

yours truly

Louie Mackintosh.



ESTABLISHED A CENTURY.

TELEPHONE No. 172.

*25, King Street,
Reading.*

June 4th. 1914.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your letter of May 30th.

I enclose herewith the agreement which is both signed and witnessed and which I trust you will find in order.

Regarding terms:- Mrs Lewis has been a very considerable expense during the last year so that I shall be glad to accept your terms of three guineas a week, at any rate for the present.

I am, Dear Sir,

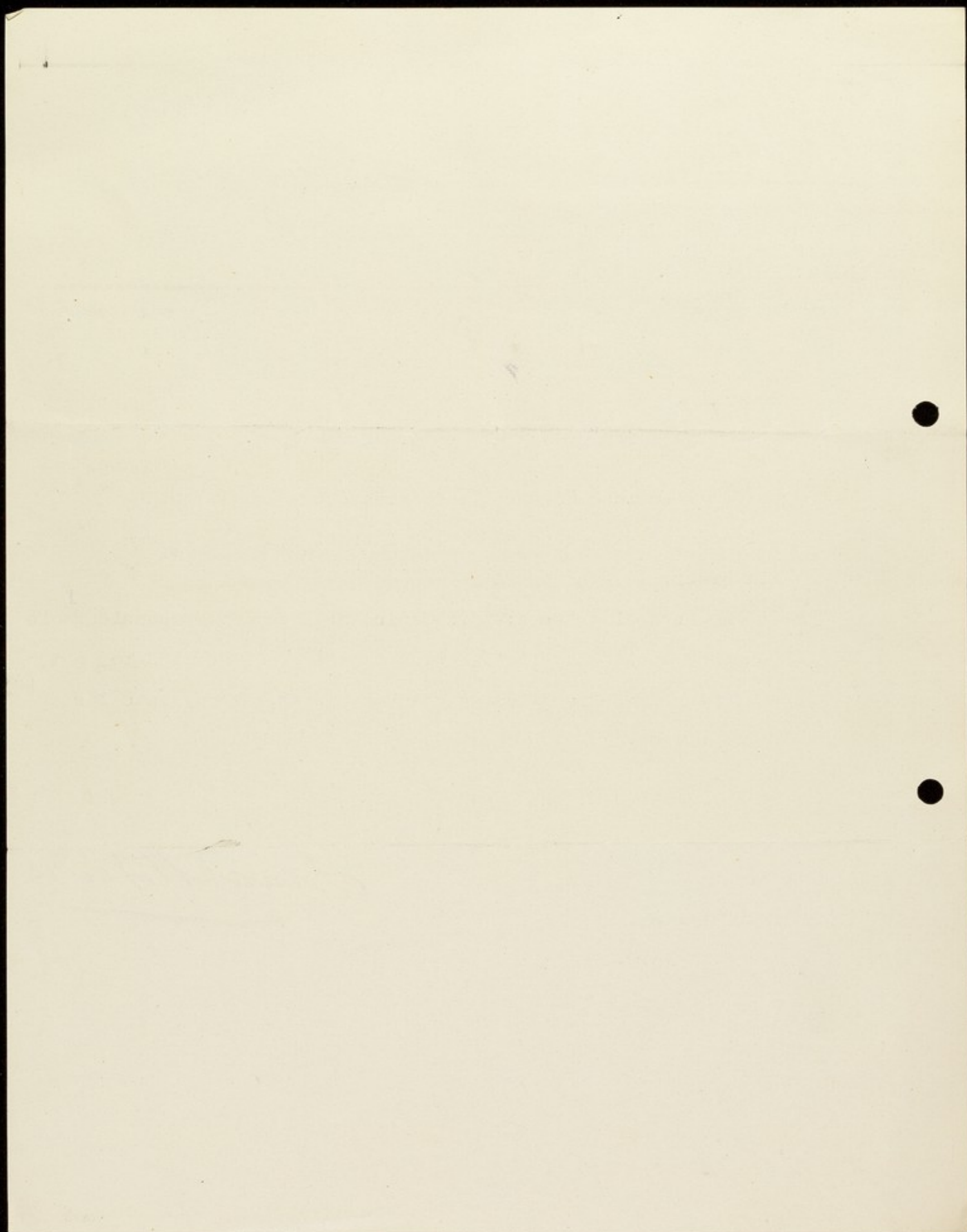
Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

The Retreat,

York.

Frank W Lewis



✓ 77 Wokingham Rd.³²

Reading

Pierks

26.5.1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I feel I must write & thank you for your kind hospitality, & reception on Saturday.

I was delighted to see everything. I was also surprised to see the many changes. I am sure your lovely recreation room, must be a ^{great} pleasure to all concerned.

I was often asked before

it was built if it was
necessary, & I at once
pointed out to different
people how difficult it
was, & how uncomfortable
to have all meals in the
different galleries, during
the arrangements & the
time of entertainments.
Also the Nurses Home I
think it is splendid.

I wish you every success.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Delinda C. Chaine

TELEPHONE 235.
HOURS, 9 TO 10 DAILY.
EVERY EVENING
EXCEPT WED. & FRI. 7-8 P.M.

CAMDEN HOUSE,
CASTLE HILL,
READING.

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged to
you for your telegram.
I hope to have the necessary
papers completed tomorrow
& the patient will come up
to York on Saturday, arriving
some time in the evening.

Yours very truly
E. S. March

21. 5. 14



1000

1000

✓ 77 Wokingham Rd⁴³²
Reading

9. 5. 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you please
send me by return of
post, one of your reports
of the Retreat, either
this or last years.
I would you also let
me know the lowest
fee for a patient to
reside at Throsenby
or the Retreat, not a
friend?

I should be glad if
you could send me

a report each year at
the above address.

I am so often asked
about the Retreat.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Paulinda E. Chaimney

you were making some blood
tests with a view to a
treatment. My sisters
and I hope there will be
some chance of improvement
so that she will obtain
a little peace and happiness
in the future.

Is it advisable to write
to her or will letters only
unsettle her?

With kind regards,

yours sincerely,
Frank Lewis

BOTLY & LEWIS,
WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS,
OPTICIANS, ENGRAVERS,
Electro Platers, &c.
TELEPHONE 172.

25, KING STREET.

READING.

June 14 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I thank you
for the letter you had
forwarded relating to
mother.

We shall be glad
to hear how she is
getting on now and, if
you have had sufficient
time yet, your opinion
of the case.

The letter said



47 Wokingham Rd²⁴
Reading
Berks

2.6.1914.

Dear Mr Pierce

after receiving
your letter on Saturday.
I called on a very old
friend of Mrs Lewis.
She has known her for
35 years, during these
years I suppose they
have shared all their
troubles & pleasures with
each other.

Mrs Grigsby told me

Mr. Lewis was most abstemious, she had visited her at all times & had never noticed anything as regards Alcohol.

I am so sorry for Mr. Lewis, I feel so sure if anything can be done towards her recovery it will be with you & your colleagues & Staff, as you are so much more able to study the case.

Thank you so much for

the "books of addresses to the Nursing Staff", they are most interesting. I have quite enjoyed reading them.

If I can be of any more help as regards the case, I shall be very pleased to assist.

I am engaged just now. I was called out to a ^{case} yesterday at 4. a.m.

With kind regards,

I remain.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda E. Charney

it advisable to call and
see her.

I believe it is my
duty to see her sometime
before October and August
would certainly be the
most convenient time,
in the near future.

yours sincerely,

Frank M Lewis

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WATCHMAKERS, JEWELLERS,
OPTICIANS, ENGRAVERS,
Electro Platers, &c.
TELEPHONE 172.

25, KING STREET.
READING.

June 29 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I shall
be glad to hear how
mother is getting on
now.

My sister (of Sutton Coldfield)
her husband & myself
are thinking of coming
up north in August
and will be glad to
know if you think



to either of us for some
long time. From her
letter she sounded more
happy and hopeful
than she has done recently.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Frank B Lewis

Warren View ⁵⁶⁸

Upper Warren, Ardenae

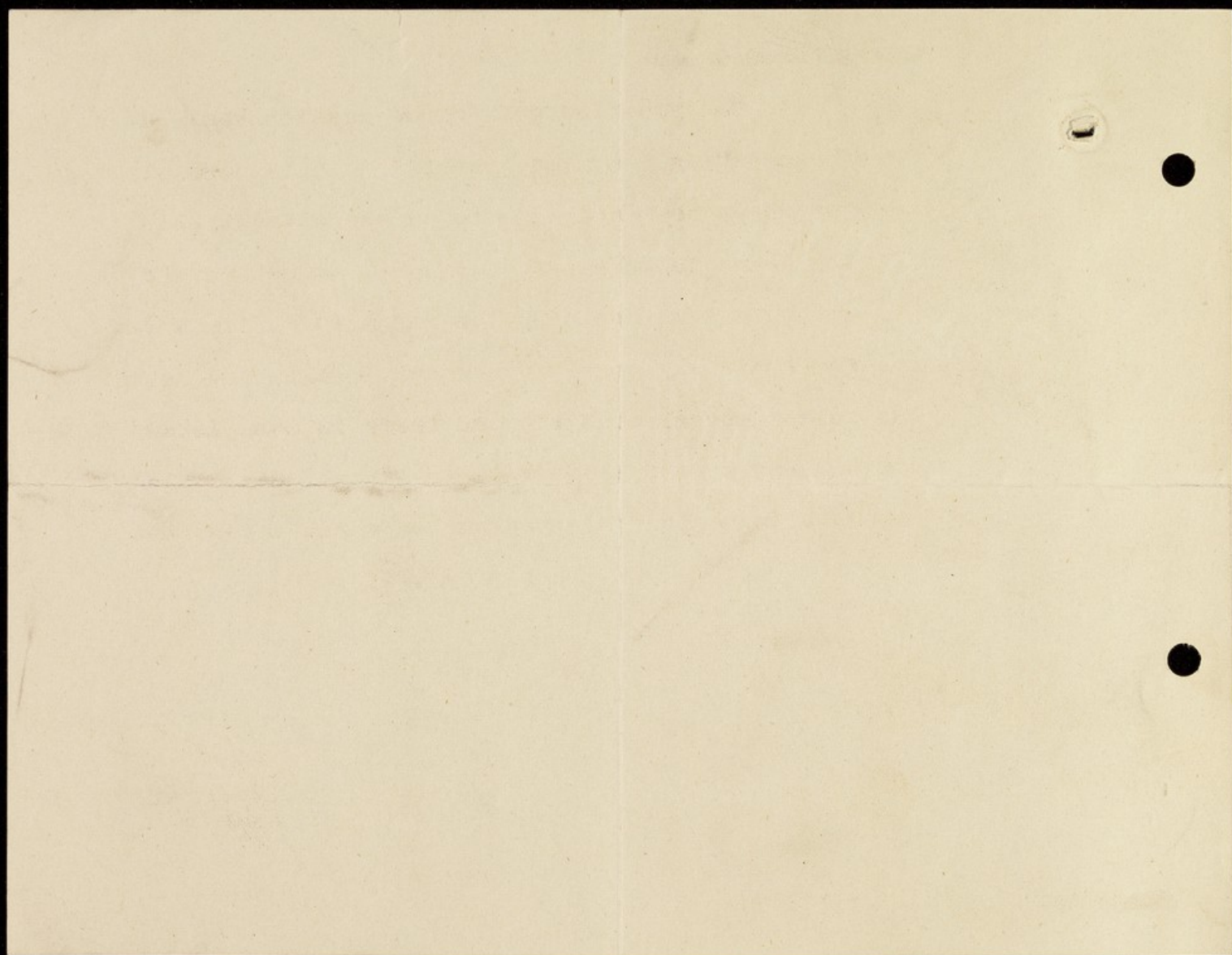
Caversham

31/5/14.

Dear Dr Pierce

My sister and I
will be glad to know
how mother is getting
on.

We were very glad
to get her letter
during the week, she
has written very little



29th. May, 1914.

Dear Nurse Chainey,

Can you find out for me whether Mrs. Lewis has been taking too much alcohol? It is possible she may have been drinking to excess without the family being fully aware of it. I am not referring to anything that has happened recently but to a few years previously to her breakdown. I am not satisfied as to her mental condition as there is some defect of memory and a general failure to grasp facts, which appears to me to indicate some cerebral degeneration.

Yours very truly,

27th. May, 1914.

Dear Nurse Chainey,

I am glad to say that your patient has settled in pretty well. She has been very little trouble so far. She says she can do nothing and is quite useless, and we are keeping her in bed for most of the time, but she enjoyed a walk round the grounds yesterday, and we are intending to persuade her to do more and more. I have not formed an opinion of the case, as I feel that I do not properly understand it as yet.

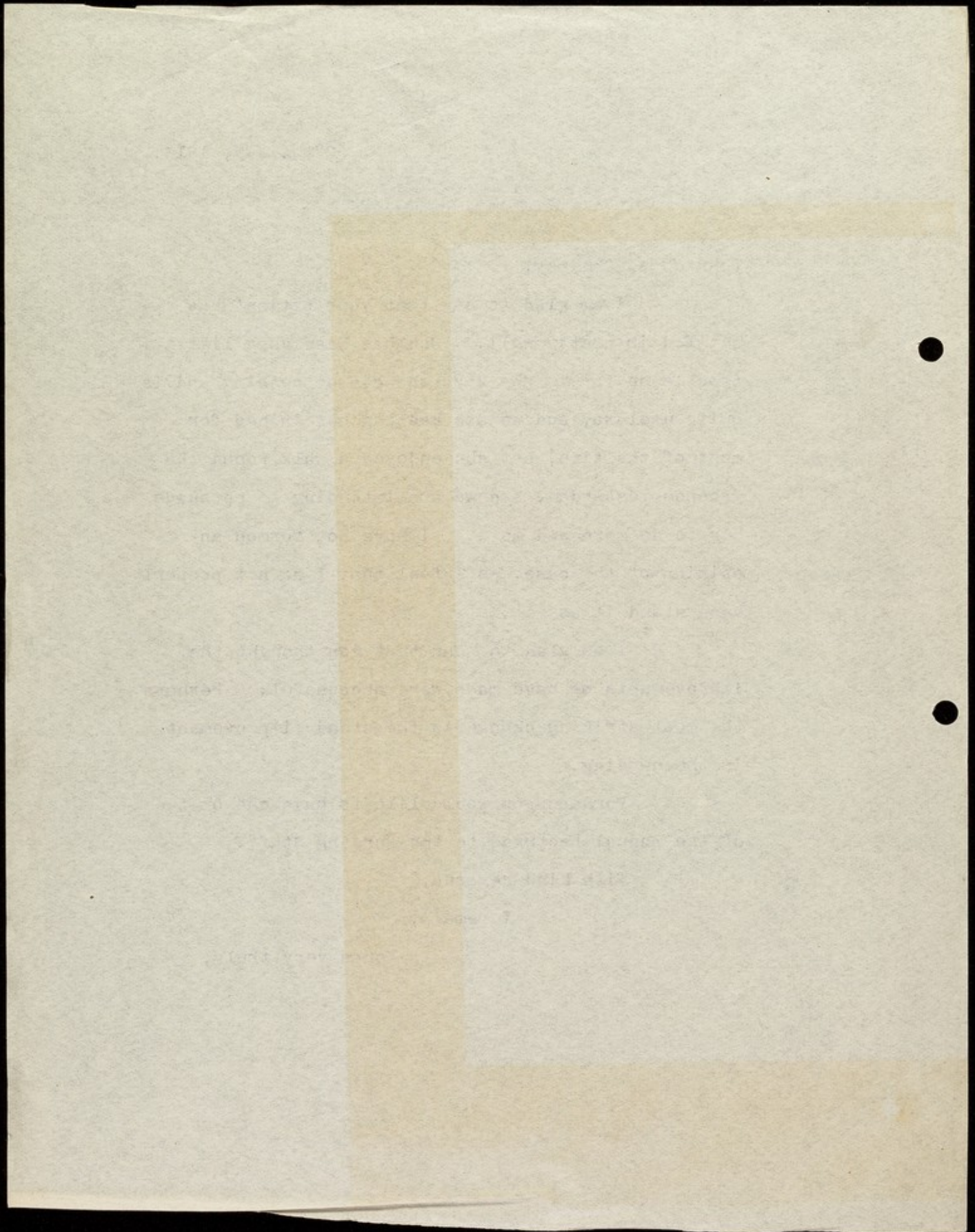
I am glad to hear that you thought the improvements we have made were successful. Perhaps the most striking change is the steady improvement in the nursing.

Perhaps you would like to have one or two of the Annual Lectures to the Nursing Staff.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,



✓ 20th May 1914

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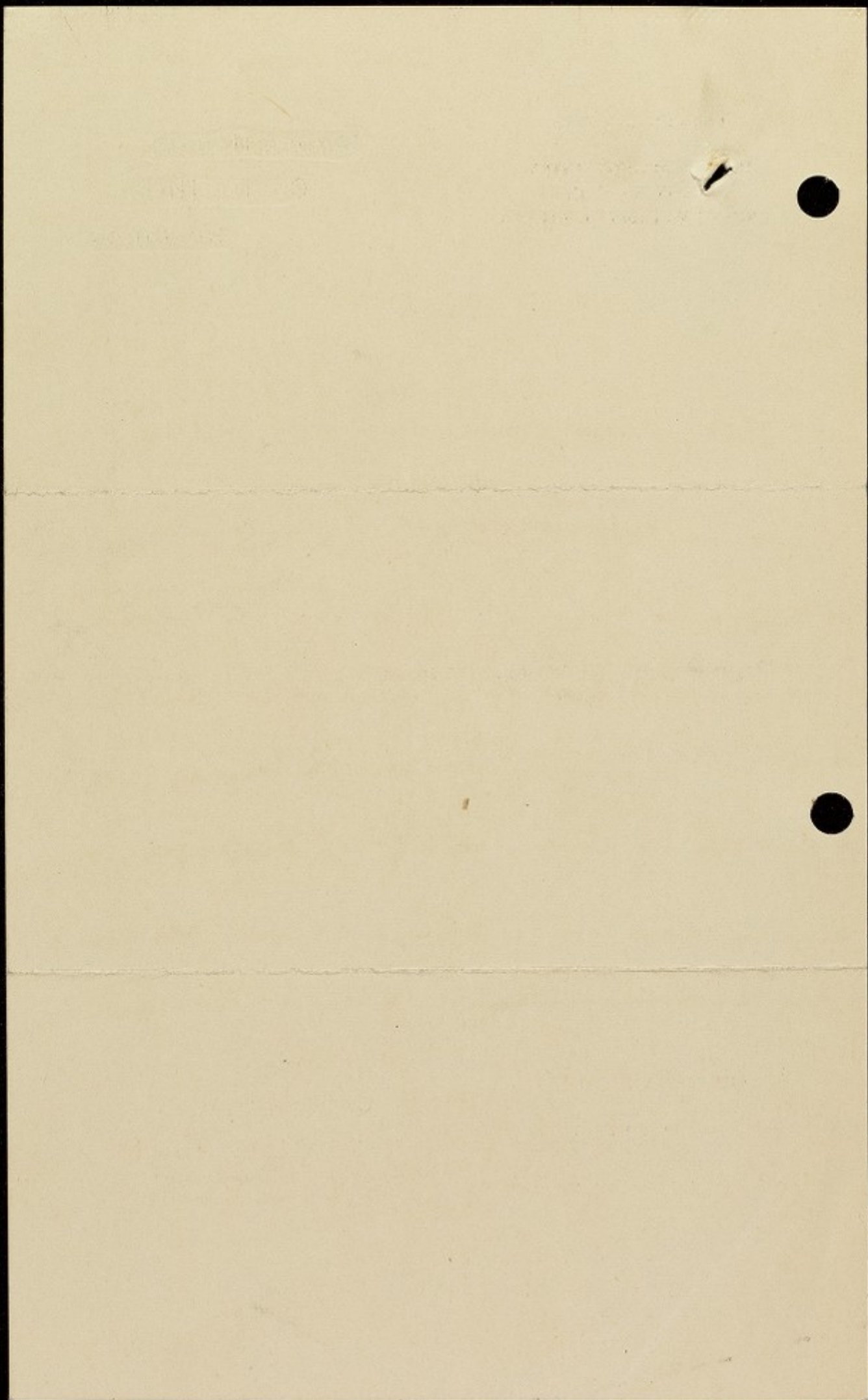
Dear Sir

I shall be much obliged if
you will forward me by return,
papers to fill in in order to secure
the admission of a female patient
to the Retreat. Nurse Charney, a
member of the Society of Friends, &
who is now in charge of my patient
has recommended me to do this.

I am

Yours truly

E. E. March



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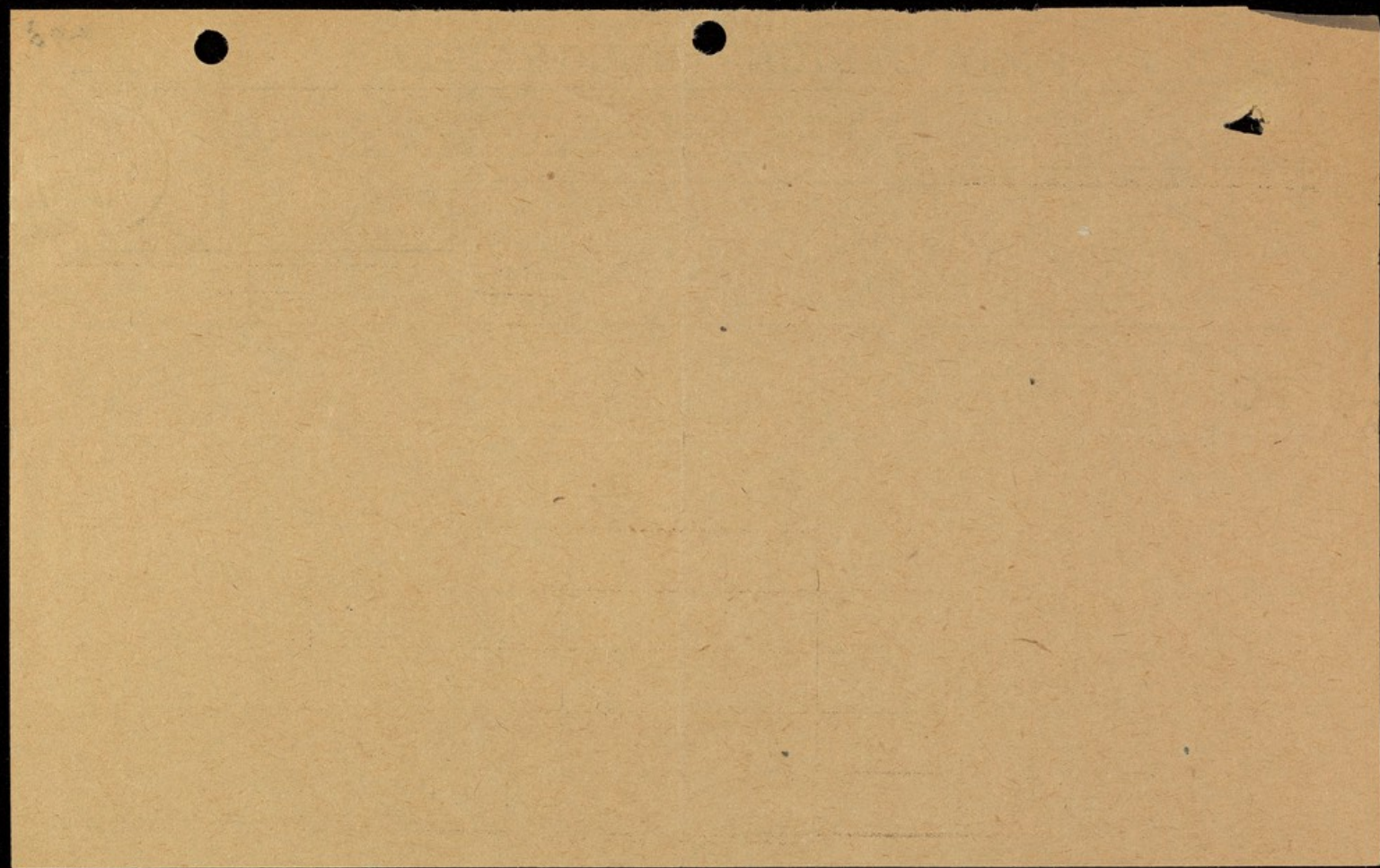
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TO

Bedford Pierce The Retreat
York

Please send forms for admission
of patient Dr March 10/4
Castle Hill Reading





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 Nesli Lewis of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringate 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 fourth day of June 1914

Name Frank Thompson Lewis

Residence Warren View. Upper Warren Avenue
Caversham. Reading

Occupation Jeweller

SIGNED by the said

Frank T. Lewis

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Reuben William Francis
302 Laconia Avenue. Reading
Jeweller

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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