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FURTHER STATEMENT.

To be supplied before or immediately after reception at The Retreat, York.

Patient's Name Katherine Lobb

Occupation Wife *Date of Birth* Aug. 9th 1886.

Before treatment is undertaken it is important that a full account of the history and habits of patients be given. All replies to questions are strictly confidential.

Informants are requested to read the suggestions given in the margins, and when information cannot be given they are asked to say so, and to leave no blanks.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.	HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION.
Onset. What signs were earliest? Was onset gradual or sudden?	1. When did signs of mental disorder first appear? Describe the earliest symptoms. about 5 years ago – First symptom – thinking people were saying things about her & against her – Quite sudden.
Causation, Physical factors. Illness or injury. Intemperance. Bad habits. Privations or insanitary conditions.	2. Was the patient out of health at the time of the onset? Did any bodily disease contribute to the attack? The Patient was not out of health & had no bodily disease to contribute to the attack.
Causation, Mental factors. Domestic trouble. Bereavement. Business difficulties. Solitude. Worry or overwork. Love affairs or shock.	3. Was there any mental strain or unfavourable influence affecting the mind that may have contributed to the illness? None that I know of.
Course. Improved or no. What special treatment. If away from home.	4. Describe the course of the disease since the onset. This first attack 5 years ago lasted about 6 months. She went ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~ to Crowborough with her mother, had massage & a rest & almost but was just in rooms – She had a second attack about 3 years ago, but did not go to any home or have nurses & just rested & got alright in a few months. She has not had a third attack & ~~xx~~ I hope she will not going into a Home.
Present condition of patient. State the symptoms that require special care in treatment.	5. What are the present difficulties in respect to management and treatment? She dances at homes (not always) that she is being messmerised & that there are conspirators against her worked by Electricity If thought to be suicidal or homicidal, give reasons. No tendency to Suicide or homicide Are personal habits clean? Yes Does patient refuse food? No Is patient sick or infirm? No Have there been any seizures or fits? No N.B.—Epileptic patients are not admitted into the Retreat. Has there been trouble in respect to correspondence? No

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PREVIOUS HISTORY.	SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.
1. What was the state of health during childhood and youth? Was there any delayed development or mental deficiency? As a tiny child she was not strong but has been quite strong since – there was no mental deficiency	**Childhood and Youth.** Infantile convulsions. Night terrors. St. Vitus' Dance. Nervous complaints.
2. What has been the state of the bodily health during adult life? Good.	**Bodily Health.** Rheumatic or other fever. Consumption. Intemperance. Nervous disease. Other diseases.
3. What are the mental characteristics and temperament? She reads but has what I call a slow brain. She is perseverring & can work (embroidery etc) well. She is very fond of walking & plays golf well. Tennis & cycling would improve with more practice. She plays the violin. Very good tempered & easy to get on with	**Mental State.** Mental vigour and ability. Industry and perseverance. Favourite pursuits. Eccentricities. Irregular living.
4. Have there been any previous attacks of mental disorder, and if so how many? 2 previous. When was the first attack and what was the supposed cause? about 5 years ago – no cause. When was the last attack and was recovery complete? Last attack 3 years ago about & she has been well since with about 2 months ago.	**Previous Attacks.** Date and duration. Supposed cause. Where treated. Was recovery complete? Has never been treated anywhere

FAMILY HISTORY.

1. Had the patient's parents good BODILY health? If deceased, give cause of, and age at death. Father Edward C. G. Lott. Health good. Mother (give maiden name) Bessie Lott. Health good except asthma at times. Was there any blood relationship between them? no	**Family History.** A careful return as to each of the undermentioned conditions is very important.
2. Is there any history of MENTAL disease in the family, or any of the other conditions given in the margin? (If not known in any instance say so). a Father Yes – never was in any home but committed suicide at sea when he was on a sea voyage for his health. b Paternal grandparents grandmother was in an asylum for a year & died there – grandfather good health in all ways. c Paternal uncles and aunts One uncle died of consumption – one aunt committed suicide – one uncle drank. One aunt was odd for a time but never had to be taken away – d Mother asthma – e Maternal grandparents both healthy in all ways. f Maternal uncles and aunts all in good health. g Brothers 1 – Who died when he was 12 of Rheumatic fever & dropsy – h Sisters None	1. **Mental Disease,** including minor forms of mental disorder, undue depression or excitability, weakmindedness, whether certified or not. 2. Epilepsy. 3. Nervous Diseases, in particular Hysteria, Spasmodic Asthma, Neurasthenia, Chorea. 4. Eccentricity *(in a marked degree)*. 5. Alcoholic intemperance. 6. Deaf-mutism or other congenital defects.
3. If the patient has any children, give the number, and ages of eldest and youngest. Have the children good health?	

Name of Informant Kate Stewart

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at Kodaikanal,
Pulney Hills,
S. India.

Idaiyangudi,
S. India.
25th May, 1913.

Dear Dr. Bedford-Pierce.

I am very much obliged for your kind letter, and for your carefully-expressed opinion on the question about which I wrote to you — an opinion which will, I am sure, be most useful to me in settling this somewhat difficult point. I had no idea, before hearing from you, that there was so little certain knowledge on this matter.

I am just now enjoying a few weeks' rest & change at this delightful hill-station. We are

7000 ft. above sea-level & the climate is comparatively temperate & most bracing.

I was sorry to see some time ago the news of the death of Dr. Blunt, Bishop of Hull. I shall never forget his kindness to me while I was with you.

I wonder whether Dr. Mackenzie is still with you. If so, please remember me very kindly to him.

I was in England on furlough for a few months in 1909, & visited York & saw the Pageant. I thought of calling to see you, but I stupidly imagined that a visit to the place where I had been so ill might unnerve me, & so I did not come. I hope to be coming to England again in the course of a year or two, & then I shall certainly make a point of trying to come & see you. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
G. H. Lamb.

mention as an indication that the mental powers are not at all locuts very faulty, that I have learnt Tamil & preach in it most Sundays.

Finally, I do not mind in the least which way your opinion goes. I have got a perfectly open mind on the subject, & simply want your candid advice.

I fear this has been a very egotistical letter, but when a man asks for doctor's advice he must go into some detail about himself, mustn't he!

I think when I last wrote to you I was in educational missionary work at Trichinopoly. I am now doing the work of a District Superintending Missionary, & the work is very varied. This is the place where Bishop Caldwell lived & worked for over 40 years. I am the only European in the place. My nearest European neighbours are 20 miles away & the nearest railway station 40. This is a large Christian village with about 1500 inhabitants. They are mostly small farmers, & they have to work hard to get anything out of this sandy water-

-less soil. If we get 6 weeks' rain in the year we consider ourselves lucky. Most of the cultivation is carried on by means of wells. A variety of crops are raised — bananas, grains of various sorts, pepper, chillies, sweet potatoes, & other vegetables. The people, like all Indians, are religious in a sense i.e. they have an intense belief in the reality of the unseen, & Christians in the power of prayer. But they too often dissociate morality from their religious professions. In the matter of giving to their Church out of their poverty we of the West cannot be mentioned in the same breath with them.

Looking forward to hearing from you in due course. Believe me

Yours very sincerely,

G. H. Lamb.

intolerably bitter — as having been ordered by Him.

To help you in giving me advice on the point in question, I may mention that I am now 37½ years old, I can endure a great deal of physical fatigue — even here in the tropics — without feeling the worse for it, & I eat & sleep well. The only indications of any brain trouble are occasional headaches & sometimes a slight shooting pain, but these are always when I have been overtaxing the brain ~~when~~ owing to pressure of work. I may

hands while I was there, and I owe you a life-long debt of gratitude.

I want your advice on a personal matter. Many of my relatives & friends have lately been advising me to get married. Though I have not felt able to say anything to them on the following point I feel I may speak freely to you. When thinking over the subject of marriage, I always have a haunting fear in my mind that I ought not, both in the interests of the lady who might become my wife & in that of the children who might be born, seeing what I have been through while with you. Now I know that one's own judgement on such a question is apt to be mistaken, & so I am writing to ask you your candid opinion as to whether you think such a fear is well grounded. One hears such a great deal now-a-days about eugenics & the evils resulting from marriages between people who have mental weaknesses, that in a case like mine one is

faced with very serious doubts.

I may mention that I have had no return of the monomania which troubled me while I was with you. So far as I am able to judge this was mainly due to a foolish kind of spiritual pride on my part, which probably nothing less than the course prescribed for me by others could have rid me of. I will not trust myself to say more than that I feel heartily ashamed of the first period of the time I spent with you, & heartily thankful for the latter ~~time~~ part of the time — for I have a clear remembrance of everything. God has many ways of teaching his erring children, & I now accept everything — which seemed at the time so

Confidential.

I daingnadi,
S. India.
8th April, 1913.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce.

It is a very long time since I either wrote to or heard from you. I hope you and Mrs. Pierce and the children are all keeping well. I wonder whether you are still at that splendid work you were doing at the Retreat. I shall never forget the kindness & care I received at your

learnt dogmatism
I should advise celibacy
Some authorities say they never give advice.

or how she came to be
at York.
Enclosed is the last
account, would you
kindly let me know
what is owing for
travelling etc. etc.
and I will send all
as soon as possible?
Again thanking you
for your many
kindnesses, I am,
yours faithfully
C. E. Leitch.

Normandale.
Stillotte.
May 24th 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce,
Christian is much
pleased to be again
at home, we think
her wonderfully better
and she looks very
well and fatter than
she has ever been,
she is quiet for her,
but we would rather
have her so than see

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her excited, she sleeps and eats well, goes for walks and sits out, and when in house reads News and plays the Piano.

The change to Scarborough seems to have done Christian much good, it was very kind of you to arrange for Lister Mary to travel to Carlisle, to meet them there.

I feel most grateful to you for all you have done to restore Christian to health. It is a great mercy that the first months she was with you are a blank to her, she seems to remember nothing that happened before leaving home

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37 Rutland St
Ficy.

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Dear Sir

I ought to have written before to let you know that our Doctor advised me to send my husband away as soon as possible, so as you were uncertain when you would have a vacancy we decided to send him to Scalebor.

Dr Gilmour's reports are very encouraging, his mental condition is already better, so I am hoping that he may improve.

Thanking you for your kind attention the day I interviewed you.

Yours truly.
A. Lawson.

P.S. I hope Mr Carr is better than when I called.

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Stray Mede. Harrogate.

Mrs Lawson hopes to be in York to-morrow (Saturday) about 3 p.m. and hopes it will be convenient for Dr Bedford Pierce to see her.

Oct. 23/14.

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HARROGATE

6. — AM

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

The Retreat.

York.

21st. October, 1914.

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Dear Madam,

Just at the present moment I do not know whether we could find room for Mr. Lawson as we are very full. We do receive patients sometimes in the condition you describe, but it is clear they require a great deal of nursing. I expect to be in Leeds on Friday next and could see Mr. Lawson's partner at 2 p.m.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Lawson.

Oct 19/14

STRAY MEDE,
HARROGATE.

Dear Sir

I hope to call upon you in a few days but before doing so think it would be better to tell you how bad my husband is.
He cannot understand, or carry on a conversation, and is losing control of his faculties, so much so, we have had to get something for him to wear to keep his underclothing comfortable & dry.
That will give you an idea

of his condition, if you do not take patients who are in that advanced stage I shall be pleased if you will let me know.

His partner is in Leeds every day and could give you any information you desire, if you can make an appointment with him any day you happen to be there.

With regard to terms the war is making a great difference in my income, my husband is a stockbroker which you will know is a business which is more adversely affected than most, so I should like to have an idea what the fees would be for my husband's case.

Yours truly.
A. Lawson.

Stray Mede. Harrogate. 55.

Mr. Lawson's daughter (Mrs. Armand) will be in Leeds to-morrow (Tuesday) and will call upon Dr. Bedford Pierce at Park Square about 3-15 to explain her requirements.

Mr. Lawson thanks him for report received yesterday. Oct. 12/14.

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HARROGATE

POST CARD.

6. — AM

THIS SPACE MAY BE USED FOR PRINTED OR WRITTEN MATTER.

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ONLY THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN HERE.

HARROGATE

6. — AM

13 OCT

Dr Bedford Pierce

The Retreat.

York.

STRAY MEDE,
HARROGATE.

Oct 8/14

Sir.

I have had your address given to me by a Cousin whose Son is in your care, I refer to Mr Carr.
My husband has been suffering from blood-pressure ~~from~~ three to four years now, it is three years since a Specialist (Mr Telling) of Leeds examined him for the first time, and foresaw his present condition.

Recently he has got very excited and if he gets worse may have to be sent to a Retreat similar to your own,

I have mentioned it to our Doctor here, who says there is no necessity to send him away at present, but there may be before long.

I shall be pleased to know your terms and particulars of arrangements, in case we require your assistance.

Yours truly. A. Lawson.

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18th October, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Lidbetter,

It is very pleasant to hear from you and also to hear of Mrs. Doyle. It is interesting that you live near together, seeing that for so long a time you were closely associated at the Retreat. I am particularly pleased to hear that you hvae such pleasant memories of your life here.

With regard to your enquiry, there are unfortunately very few places that are suitable for a case of this kind. In fact I think it is one of the crying needs of the day that there are no intermediate homes or sanatoria for persons who have not completely broken down, and yet need special care and treatment, whether rich or poor. Perhaps the nearest thing is our branch at Throxenby, but there is no resident doctor there, and borderland cases are frequently anxious ones and require a great deal of personal care and attention.

If the patient could be said to be of the educated classes, I think an application might be successful to Bethlem Hospital, Lambeth, S.E., where they take patients free for a period not exceeding one year, but they are only willing to take persons who may be said to be likely to recover or acute cases. Though the building is rather big and gloomy it is exceedingly comfortable inside, and the nursing and treatment is quite of the best.

Failing this I think the likeliest place would be Camberwell House, a private asylum where they take some patients at a moderate fee. If the case is a severe one and something must be done in a hurry, St. Luke's Hospital, Old Street, might be considered. They also take patients at low rates.

With regard to the Retreat, I fear we could not take the patient at reduced fees unless she is connected with Friends. We have great pressure upon our space and are very full, and moreover in these times we have to be very careful as to admissions at low rates. I am glad to say that so far we are managing to keep on very much as usual, though I am constantly surprised that serious difficulties have not arisen. I cannot but think that payments will be greatly curtailed very soon. Still so far all is going smoothly.

Some fifteen attendants have gone to the war, and the West End of the Lodge is being nursed by women, who are doing very well.

I had a first hand account of the air raid from my daughter, Marjorie, who is now at Cartwright Gardens. She is in her second year as a medical student, but has only gone to London this term. She writes quite cheerfully.

me know. If I can give you any further assistance please let

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

TYAN,
121 HAMILTON ROAD,
GOLDER'S GREEN, N.W.

16. 10. 15

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I almost hesitate to write to you, as I know you are always so busy, but your valuable advice would be a great help.

My husband is interested in the case of a young lady, (somewhere about 30 yrs. of age) who's nerves are unstrung. I don't know details of the case, but she is described as "hysterical".

As a matter of fact she is a sister of the typist at Hubert's place of business, & naturally she is a great trial at home, & they are wanting to find some suitable "Home" for her.

They are a nice superior sort of family. The father is a clerk in a Newspaper Office. The drawback is

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they couldn't afford to pay a great deal. I'm afraid the Retreat would be quite beyond them.

I wondered if you knew of any cheaper place, outside the County Asylums, that might fit her case.

I hope I am not troubling you too much, but my husband would like to help them if possible.

I hope you & your family are all well. I suppose the "children" are quite grown up now!

Lilian (Jackson) Doyle lives quite near us, about 1½ miles away; we often talk over the Retreat days, & over the good times you used to give us. Lil has four children now, & I have two — a boy & a girl.

These air-raids are rather trying, & inclined to get on one's nerves. Bombs have been dropped quite close to us.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely
Ethelwyn (Rowntree) Lidbetter.

TYAN,
121 HAMILTON ROAD,
GOLDER'S GREEN, N.W.

21. 10. 16

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you so much for your very kind letter, & advice.

My husband has handed on the names of the places you suggest. The family concerned are very glad to have them.

I believe, since I wrote, the patient is rather better. They are going to persevere with her at home a little longer, but of course one never knows how long it will last.

It is interesting to hear that your daughter is taking up the medical

profession – I had
heard she was in
London. I expect
she is very keen.
Perhaps I may come
accross her some-
time, but I expect
she is kept busy.

With many thanks,
I am
Yours very sincerely,
Ethelwyn Lidbetter.

11th June, 1915.

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Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of enquiry, and beg to enclose a copy of our Report which will give you information respecting the Retreat. I am sorry to say that we have no funds for the reduction of terms for persons who are not closely connected with the Society of Friends.

Yours very truly,

Miss S. B. Lucas,
c/o Henry Clarke, Esq. M.A.
31 Ashchurch Grove,
Ravenscourt Park
London, W.

11th June, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of enquiry, and hoped to enclose a copy of our Report which will give the information respecting the Retreat. I am sorry to say that we have no funds for the education of terms for persons who are not closely connected with the Society of Friends.

Yours very truly,

Mrs F. J. Jones,
c/o Henry Clarke, Esq. M.A.
31 Ashburnham Grove,
Havensscourt Park
London, W.

To Henry Clarke Esq. — 834.

31 Colehurch Grove
Ravens-court-Park.
London W.

Dear Sir —

Will you be so kind as to answer a few inquiries about the friendless Rectual of York —

I am interested in the case of a lady aged about 30 who is not well enough to be much at home with her family; her father was brought up a Friend but he is a member of the Ch. of England —

If they be glad to know the fees for such a case

s. I understand they
carry what non-Friends
are some times received
Her Mother is a Widow
of very limited means
so they may decide to
send her home to
near home.
I have told her mother
that I intended making
some inquiry & find-
ing out the institution & wh-
I hang upon her headligh-
-ly & so keep
hoping for a speedy re-
-ply. I am sincerely your
(Sign'd) S. B. Lucas.
To Dr. Bedford Pierce. York.

20th February, 1915.

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Dear Madam,

Whilst I thoroughly approve of the principle of transferring patients from one Institution to another for a change the matter is often very difficult to arrange. Thus if I had a patient here whom I thought might be transferred advantageously, paying the same rates as those you are now paying at Cheadle, it is quite possible that the relatives of my patient mi might object, and further I do not know that Dr. Scowcroft looks at the matter in the same way that I do, and it may be that he doubts the wisdom of your sister being removed. We have been obliged to raise the terms at the Retreat on account of the increased cost of living, and no doubt the same conditions apply at Cheadle, and if your sister be removed they may be unwilling to take another patient at the same rate. Consequently you see that the matter is one of considerable difficulty, but if you like to mention the matter to Dr. Scowcroft, and he advises a temporary change we will gladly see what can be done.

Yours very truly,

Miss J. Lucas.

WARRENHURST
FARMS GREEN
HORSHAM

Feb. 17. 1915

Dear Sir,

I have read your prospectus & report of the Retreat recently with interest, as I have a Sister who has been mentally ill for a year & a half.

One paragraph particularly arrested my attention, about a change being sometimes of great benefit to patients. She has been at Cheadle Royal all this

Since, with the exception of two short breaks, when she stayed at private houses, neither of which proved to be suitable. She writes frequently, & mostly quite sane letters, but is extremely unhappy, & always in a state of terror as to what may happen to her.

Is it at all probable you may have a patient with whom you might exchange?

I believe your lowest terms are higher than we pay at Cheadle, & this may make it difficult - as she has no means of her own - & it all has to be found by her relations. I shall be most grateful if you can think of it favourably - & you shall have all details later.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Jane Lucas.

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DICKINSON, MILLER & TURNBULL,
SOLICITORS.
R. DICKINSON.
A. M. TURNBULL,
TELEGRAMS,
"VERUS, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE."
TELEPHONES,
CENTRAL 1679.
CITY 696.

Cross House,
Westgate Road,
Newcastle on Tyne.

18th February 1915.

Dear Sir,

re James Sidney Lee.

We duly received yours of the 2nd inst. for which we thank you. We have however, arranged for Mr. Lee to be transferred to a home which is somewhat nearer the residence of his sister than York.

Yours faithfully,

Dickinson Miller & Turnbull

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

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THE COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM,
MIDDLESBROUGH.

Goods,
"Asylum Siding. N.E.Ry."

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3rd February 1915

Dear Pierce,

Mr J. S. Lee was admitted here on January 6th. He has been addicted to both morphia and cocaine, and was covered with small sores from hypodermic injections when admitted. I have not found him any trouble at all, but I cannot give give him the accommodation he requires and as I am already overcrowded I wish him transferred. His head is full of insane ideas as to his inventions for the Government and he writes reams of semi-scientific rubbish, but he is perfectly quiet and docile and sleeps in a non-observation ward. He was previously in Clifton Asylum and was discharged recovered about 9 months ago, but appears to have resumed his drug habits. I am doubtful as to a complete mental recovery in his case. In any case I think he will need detention and treatment for from six to twelve months.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

John W. Geddes.

Dr Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,
YORK.

The County Borough Asylum,
Middlesbrough.

"Asylum Siding, N.E.R."

3rd February 19 13

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With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

John M. Fletcher

Dr Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

YORK.

2nd February, 1915.

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Dear Geddes,

I have an application for the transfer of James Sidney Lee, who, I am informed, takes cocaine. I should be much obliged for a few lines in respect to the difficulties of the case, and whether you think the patient has a reasonable chance of recovery under treatment. I gather that he is under certificates, and that he can be transferred here in the ordinary way. Any particulars you can give me will be welcome.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

2nd February, 1915.

Dear Sirs,

Just at the moment we are very full, but in a few days we expect to have a vacancy. I enclose a copy of our Annual Report, which will give you particulars on page 42 of the terms.

Am I right in supposing that your client is detained under certificates? Experience shows that patients received on a voluntary basis are rarely willing to remain long enough to get permanent benefit, and consequently it is much better if the patient can be legally detained.

I am writing to Dr. Geddes on the subject.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Dickinson, Miller & Turnbull,
Cross House,
Westgate Road,
Newcastle on Tyne.

DI[illegible]NSON, MILLER & TURNBULL,
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Cross House,
Westgate Road,
Newcastle on Tyne.

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February 1st, 1915.

Dear Sir,

re James Sidney Lee

This gentleman who is a client of ours is addicted to the habit of taking cocaine, and is at present detained in the County Asylum, Middlesbrough, where we have arranged for him to be treated as a private patient, but owing to lack of accommodation at the moment, the Medical Superintendant suggests that he would be more comfortable in a private institution.

We shall be glad therefore to know if you have a vacancy in your retreat, and if so, to have particulars of your terms etc.

Dr. Geddes the Medical Superintendant of the Asylum at Middlesbrough has kindly offered to answer enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

Dickinson Miller & Turnbull

The Medical Superintendant,
The Retreat,
York.

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GRAYSHOTT, Hindhead
~~NEAR HASLEMERE,~~
9.T.15 SURREY.

Dear Dr. Pierce

You wrote me a most kind letter - now almost two months ago - in reference to my enquiry as to the possibility of a Nurse who had broken down mentally - going to The Retreat -

I am sorry your letter has never been acknowledged - but there has been great delay in making any arrangements for ~~a~~ Nurse -

I had considerable correspondence with the Bethlem Royal Hospital & finally - without giving any reason

they said the case was unsuitable.

Now I am thankful to say the Nurse has been at Virginia Water about a fortnight - I gather they do not think ~~it~~ case very hopeful but at least I ~~this~~ feel she is having a chance - It would have been so hard if an excellent District Nurse who has done years of good work - has had to go to County Asylum (Hampshire) where there is no classification & not much possibility of personal interest.

I do not remember ever having had the pleasure of meeting you - but we have ~~many~~ same mutual friends - My

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husband sends you his kindest regards. He is having a tremendous rush of work now. With one partner at a Military Hospital in France & a little Hospital which he runs here in connection with Aldershot. I only hope we shall not all have to retire ~~to~~ Retreat or you will have to put up temporary buildings on a large scale.

Believe me
Yours truly
Charlotte Lyndon

GRAYSHOTT,
~~NEAR HASLEMERE,~~ Hindhead
Surrey.

16. XI. 14.

Sir

May I trouble you to let me know - by return if possible - if you have a vacancy for a lady voluntary Boarder - & the lowest charge that would be made -

The person I am writing about was a ~~District~~ Nurse - age I think about 30 - who has broken down mentally - & is for the time being cared for by another Nurse - for what I hear this is hardly safe - as it is difficult for one person to give sufficient supervision -

I am sorry I have no Doctor's Report but I understand he does not wish to certify her yet - as she shows some signs of improvement -

The patient is without means - but I thought her one chance - would be to send her to a place like the Retreat - & get a report at the end of a month - & if the Medical officer considers it rather hopeless she would then have to ~~go to a~~ be certified & go to a County Asylum.

She is at present living - Hampshire & has been for some time - but I do

not know her "settlement" –
& this I suppose you or
your local authority – is accustomed
to arrange – as I could not
pay for her at the Retreat for
longer than say two months.
I know there are Homes – less
expensive than the Retreat – but do
not know much of them & want
to give the patient the best chance.
She is not connected with
friends – altho I am a "friend" –
(St-Pierre also knows my husband
Sir Lyndon)

If you cannot take her
could you suggest another
Home? Regret to trouble
you but the matter is rather
urgent.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Lyndon

The Secretary
The Retreat

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STATION
EAST CROYDON.

STOUGHTON HOUSE,
CROYDON.

Dear Friend,

Could you kindly let me have some information about the Patient 1st Can you take any one outside the Society? 2nd Do you take bad cases of insanity where the patient has always to be watched, hardly ever speaks & I believe is trouble some to manage? 3rd About what would the cost be for such a

case, a young man
about 40, religious mania
the has been in this
condition for some years.
The medical men say it
is quite hopeless.
He has been confined in
the Priory Barnes & the
cost is so excessive
that his Father (my brother)
is anxious to remove
him. He has been paying
at the rate of £500 per
annum if not more.
I am writing quite
privately & kindly regard
my communication as
confidential. Could
you when answering
let me know if you know
of any place round
London you could re-
commend in case the
York Retreat is not
suitable -

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
A King Lewis

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June 28th '14

MARTON GROVE,
DARLINGTON.
TELEPHONE 34.
TELEGRAMS 246.

Dear Doctor

Lawrence wrote you about a companion for my 3rd boy, some time since. We got one who proved the purpose & was with us about a fortnight.

My boy is much better, but I had him over yesterday to see Drummond, who wants him away

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from home for a time. He is an Heacan with the a sister as present resuming to tell us. There seems a question between his going to a Dr's care & overnight with suitable companions, which for a time, or going straight away with suitable companion? I say Ben Alder where there is golf & the bracing air. Pls let us know.

to the companion of the moons
& golf, he w^d soon be all right.
He is fairly strong, heart all
right, & depression & delusions
mostly gone. While outside
& with company, interested.
contary overnight. I feel necessary to ask
I am wanting to ask
if you happen to be able
to recommend the very
man for one alternative
on the other? This is the
son who was 11 mo^s at
Banchory with Dr Lawson
& subsequently had appen-
dicitis. The last unexpected
trouble is supposed to be
directly due to influenza
which was neglected. He was
very well at Xmas & Easter
when my wife saw him. He re-
turned & had abdominal flu
in a day or two, & his trouble
started about a week later.
When he got home a fortnight later
then when in wife's opinion
he was still no real & tonghe nearly
gone. Yours very truly,
Thos. W. Harley
Pr Aladin.

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23rd June, 1914.

Dear Madam,

We have Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, a branch house connected with the Retreat, which may perhaps suit the case which you write. The Board of Control have decided that all persons going there must first of all be admitted at the Retreat, so that they can be examined and their suitability for a home of this kind fully ascertained.

The terms are £3. 3. 0 per week, but the Committee of the Retreat are accustomed to reduce the terms for members of the Society of Friends when circumstances justify it. Applications must be made to the Committee, and whenever possible they are sympathetically considered.

Unfortunately there are no homes specially adapted for such patients. Mrs. Eliott, Brynmor Nursing and Convalescent Home, Hoylake, takes resident patients sometimes. She is a Friend and possibly this may meet the case.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Longmaid.

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10 Stanley Avenue
Birkdale
Southport.

June 22nd 1914.

Dear Sir

I am writing to enquire whether there are any "Homes" connected with the Retreat, and under the care of Nurses where a young friend could be placed who is not sufficiently unbalanced to be rightly in the establishment, and yet is not fit for home life and duties. If there is provision for such, could

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you kindly inform me what are the terms, and whether any reduction in terms could be obtained for a young friend who has already been out of employment for a considerable time on account of mental disqualification. She has been engaged as a nurse for 17 years and was very successful.

She has a widowed Mother and a sister, and helped in the support of the home.

Thanking you in anticipation for an early reply, I am

Yours truly

(Mrs) M. Longmaid.

19th June, 1914.

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your inquiry I send a copy of the Retreat Report. The lowest rate has recently been raised to £3. 3. 0 weekly. The Institution is very full, but we probably shall have a vacancy next month. Before deciding to take a new patient I should like to have some particulars as to the requirements of the case.

There are no new Institutions receiving private patients. The newest is Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfddale, founded about fifteen years ago. Patients are also received at moderate rates at Bootham Park in this city.

Yours truly,

Mrs. C. H. Long.

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Washingboro' Manor, Lincoln

Mrs C H Long will be glad to have a Prospectus of the Retreat , & to know if there is likely to be a vacancy for a lady next month?

Mrs Long will be very grateful for any other names of good & well recommended places? (new ones prefered.) where the terms are moderate.

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Sept. 13, 1913

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter respecting your daughter, Dr. Mackenzie asks me to write and say that unfortunately we are quite full on the Ladies' side and could not receive another patient at present. It will probably be some weeks before there is a vacancy.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Asst. Sec.

Fred. Lye Esq.

in a hurry Could you accept her - Perhaps you will write me to-morrow certain

Sincerely Yours

Fred^k Lye

JOHN BRIGHT & BROTHERS, LIMITED.
ROCHDALE

Feildhouse
Rochdale Sept 12/13

Medical Officer

I had some correspondence with you in June 1911 about my daughter & you sent me a voluntary admission form - Fortunately she improved but shows signs of a breakdown again - Supposing it is necessary to send her

STATION-HAGLEY.

CLENT HOUSE,
CLENT,
STOURBRIDGE.

Feb 24th

Dear Sir

I am much obliged for ~~yo~~ the report you sent which I will keep by me for future use if necessary I think the case I have in mind (a gentleman) would not be quite suitable.

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being so very feeble

I remain

yours truly

Winifred Wise

Dr B Pierce

Upway. Willingdon Road.
Eastbourne

Dear Sir,

Since writing & filling in paper this morning our Doctor has been & says that Mrs Lott is so much better and

he quite hopes now
that a change of air
will ~~xxx~~ make her alright:
we shall therefore not
need your kind assistance
at present – the London
Doctors Certificate which
he wrote yesterday we
shall of course destroy

Yours truly
Kate Stewart

Sept 14th

her going twice to the
Rouce Station, & requesting
them to look into the matter
as there were conspiracies
& the neighbours were at
the bottom of them.
My sister will write to you
the day she leaves here, sh
is not certain yet - but I think
it will be Thursday.

Feb 28th

43, FREDERICK ROAD,
EDGBASTON.

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To the Superintendant

Dear Sir

Would you kindly give me a little information about your Institution which has been suggested to us by Miss Cadbury – What kind of cases are treated? The one we are interested about is that of a gentleman, in a very highly nervous condition – no delusions but unable to make up his mind about anything and very morbid, making his ~~family~~ wife

both miserable and anxious, as he often hints at doing himself a harm - He needs occupation yet cannot stick to anything -

Kindly - if the Retreat will not help such cases - tell us where to apply to -

Yours Truly

K. Lowndes

C/o Sowlbury Esq
Lunslade
Leighton Buzzard
Beds.
Oct. 28/12

To the Lodgekeeper

Sir,

Have you at the present time a Dr. Pearce or Childs at the Wheat or a Gentleman the name of Smith. Also a nurse Brown or Grey Will you kindly let me know by return thanking you for favour

Yours faithfully
M. Lockhart

Much Regret in vacancy
on gentlemen's side

Pierce

NAT. TEL. 83 JESMOND
AT HOME 1 TO 3. 5 TO 7

34, JESMOND ROAD,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

26th Decr 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I saw in Consultation to day a Male patient. very depressed & Melancholy; imagines he has been unfaithful to his wife, his wife does not believe this. she says he has been much worried of late with workmen & Competition, he is a Manager of some works near here He is a very temperate steady man. been 25 years with his firm, but she has noticed his mental state, not what it should be for the last 12 months at least.

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Has threatened Suicide
and sleeps very badly.
I recommend his removal
and they left the place for me
to select; as I know the
Retreat so well. I had
no hesitation in recommending
them to you. his age is 48.
Good health.
Can you take him &
what will be the charge
per week. I told them
between £2 & £3"
Send on papers to me
Kindest regards
Yours truly
Thomas Kyle.

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Feb 28th 1911

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me know if you have consulting rooms in Manchester or Liverpool

Yours faithfully

E. W. Lloyd

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

SEE BACK

Feb. 1, 1911

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry, I may say that my consulting rooms are in Leeds at the above address and that I expect to be there next Friday, but may not attend on Tuesday unless I make a particular appointment.

I do not attend in Manchester: this is too far from York.

Yours very truly,

SEE BACK

E.L.Lloyd Esq.

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2 Wellsley Park Rd
Beckenham

Aug 2nd 1911

Dear Sir

Would you kindly send me particulars about the Royal Bethlehem Hospital. My sister has been at "the Retreat" York for over a year, but we cannot afford

P.T.O.

Also so the expectation, I send you use a long & sad time. I am
Yours truly
Wm Ed. Mills

to pay the high fee there as it is sadly evident here will be a long case. She is perfectly normal in every way except that she has a suicidal mania. Would it be possible for her to be placed in refined surroundings & moderate comfort for about £50 a year? She is a Clergyman's daughter & has been a most skillful trained nurse until her illness. Her age is 33.

Believe me
yours truly
(Mrs) L. C. Sorsombe

April 1, 1911

Dear Miss Kitching,

Mrs. Ridley is employed in the dining hall, and is in charge of the meals there under Miss Mercer. I am told she has not a very good temper and she has frequently been out of health lately. She has been employed there since July 1908.

Many thanks for your permission to move the side stones. There is no doubt the grave yard is greatly improved by this alteration, and it is undoubtedly easier to keep in order.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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March 27. 1911.

HEWORTH COTTAGE,
YORK.

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Dear Dr. Pierce,

I should be much obliged if you will tell me whether there is a Mrs Ridley employed by the Retreat. She will be a servant of some sort, if not a myth: "dining-room charge attendant"

she has been called.
I also forgot to tell
you that all of us
are willing to have
his stone moved
removed from the
graves belonging to us.

Yours very sincerely,

Mary O. Vieselling.

"Elsinore,"
Dyke Road Avenue,
Brighton.

Feb. 17. 1911.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I do not know what arrangements are being made respecting the Lectureship & presumed that all had been settled by this, & that Dr. Thomas Bolton & yourself had fallen up the north as Colleagues. I thank you for asking

We have secured a charming little home on the Downs & find Brighton altogether lovely as a residence – what a delightful change Brighton is after the murky North!

I return the memo. re teaching & Physiology fearing it may be your only copy. I have just heard from Mr. Donald re Sub Com^ee, & a notice of your invitation to luncheon.

With my kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

W. Bevan-Lewis.

Memo. sent to the Board – there is much force in its arguments, & I personally always regretted the change to one question, & the amalgamation of to special a subject with General Medicine. I think an effort could be made & successfully to revert to the old position – more especially in view of the more thorough training advocated by the Association in connection with Post Graduate work.

I hope you are all quite well in the North & my wife joins me in kindest remembrances to Mrs Bedford Pierce & Mrs Hamilton.

Many thanks for your invitation to luncheon & to stay at the Retreat for the 26th inst but I am compelled to decline.

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March 17, 1909

Dear Sir,

Kindly pay in future on Lady Day, 1910 and onwards, until further notice, one guinea to the Yorkshire Insurance Co. in payment of premium on Fire Policy No. 1137722.

My previous policy with the company has been cancelled, and the premium for the present year has been paid.

Yours very truly,

The Manager,

London, City, and Midland Bank

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Dear Dr. Pierce.

Enclosed you will find Cheque £43. 9. 4.
I am sorry to see by the enclosed Report, that my Sister's Condition is unchanged.
Owing to circumstances over which I cannot control, I have not been able to visit the Retreat & do not know when I shall be able to, but, when my Sister is well enough I should be glad for a nurse to bring

her to interrogate to see me,
I wrote Dr. Kemp & she tells me,
that at present she (my sister)
is not fit to be trusted so
far away; but I hope she will
be able to cater.
So far. You have not said
anything about the change to
Scarboro, is my sister not well
enough to go this year?
The address at the head of this
letter is permanent for some time.
So please address any
correspondence to me there.

Hoping to have better news
shortly from you
I am
Yours very truly
Grace A. Lucas

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Nov. 6, 1909

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in sending the last Annual Report of the Retreat. With reference to your enquiry as to the statistics amongst the Insane in the Society of Friends I regret to say that I have been able to do very little. I have a number of interesting family trees, and of course there is in the records of the Retreat a mine of information about insanity in the Society. Unfortunately I have not been able to dig in this to any purpose. With regard to the statistics expressive of facts so ascertained the difficulties would be very serious. Friends do not now intermarry very much. Perhaps the majority of matches that take place are with those unconnected with Friends, whilst on the other hand there has been for many years a large influx of new members principally coming from Adult Schools throughout the country. Thus in both these ways the Society is in a state of flux, and any calculation as to the percentage of insane persons would be worth comparatively little, the more so as the total numbers concerned would be very small. Dr. Thurnam in dealing with the statistics of the Retreat in 1842 dealt with the statistics in the Society of Friends under more favourable conditions than now obtain as at that time the Society was much more stable and inter-marriage was relatively more frequent. With kind regards, Yours very truly,

INSURANCE OFFICE
WM. W. LONGSTRETH
No. 427 WALNUT STREET

PHILADELPHIA, 10th mo. 20th, 1909

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The York Retreat,

York, England,

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send me a copy of the Annual Report of the York Retreat, if such is printed, or any other literature you may have for distribution regarding the Institution.

I have been interested for some years in collecting data regarding the number of defectives in Pennsylvania who belong to religious bodies that marry among themselves, viz: Jews, mennonites and Friends. While examining the records at the Pennsylvania Historical Society, which contains copies of the births and marriages of Friends Meetings, I met Mr. A. J. Edwards, who, like myself, is of Friendly descent, and at his suggestion I write to you, as he told me you are interested in tracing the relation between consanguinity in marriage and degeneracy.

Any information you may have in regard to this matter would be greatly appreciated by

Yours very truly

Wm W. Longstreth

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WHITLEY BAY,

NORTHUMBERLAND.

April 22. 1908.

Dear Sir

I have a patient whom I wish to send to you. Will you be good enough to forward me as soon as possible the necessary certificates so that I can have her certified. When this is done I will write to you and make arrangements for her removal.

Yours faithfully.

J. M. Lazenby.

16 Falsgrave Road
Scarboro'
April 14. 1908

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Dear Dr Pierce -

I have been called here to my sister - who has had a bad nervous break-down & I write to my friend ~~Mrs Middle~~ Mrs Middlemass & she begs us to get you to see her - Are you

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coming this way soon - so that I could arrange with my sister's doctor (Mr Irving) to meet you here - I shall be so grateful if you will let me benefit by your visit to Throxenby to get your advice -

Mrs Middlemass says you came to see them when my sister lent them this little house so you know that it is close to the station -

Believe me -

Yours sincerely

Annie Longden

Mrs)

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All Communications should be addressed to the Governor of the Prison, and not to any official by name.

From The Medical Officer
H. M. Prison, Pentonville
July 4 1907.

To Medical Superintendent
~~Parkhurst~~ The Retreat
York

Could you kindly give me any information about Blanche Lister who is inmate here undergoing a sentence of one month for Drink - he was likewise here last April for the same offence -
He states he was under your care in 1904 after Fractured Base of Skull

N. H. Parker Wilson
Med. Off.

No. 346
(7460)

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January 2nd 1907.

Dear Sir

I should have written to you before to thank you for your advice in regard to my niece Ethel Adcock.

I am sorry to say she has not improved upon the whole & is rather too much for her mother to manage - especially in rooms Mrs Adcock would doubtless tell you of her behaviour - slipping out of the front door at night instead of going to bed - religious melancholic tendency - difficulty of making initiatory efforts (getting up & entering a room &c.) I am especially writing to you tonight to ask if you could advise in regard to some quiet pleasant "home" where she could be sent in the hope of isolated treatment being of benefit.

I should be very thankful for any further advice upon the case

Thanking you in anticipation

I remain

Faithfully yours

H. C. Campbell

76 Upper Ch. York.
Janry. 18. 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

If you are at meeting on Sunday, will you kindly spare me a few minutes afterwards. I am sorry to trouble you again, but there is a small matter I do not like to consult you upon as I have heard you say

maid's brother, who proposes
to take her if she is
willing to go. I believe
you kindly said you
would see W.P. some-
time during the month,
and I would be glad
to have a few words
with you, before you
saw her.

Thanking you in
anticipation

I am
Very sincerely
M. S. Linney.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE
No 1161
AT HOME 1 TO 3

3, Queen's Square,
Saville Place,
Newcastle on Tyne.

Nov. 8th 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am much obliged for your kindness in writing regarding Miss Aynsley. It was a great surprise to me to hear of the physical condition from your letter I gather that there is practically no hope of recovery.

It is most fortunate that she has been able to be admitted to "The Retreat", & also fortunate that she was away from her home before she became so bad.

With thanks for your letter Believe me Yours very truly

J. Simont