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with great pleasure I write  
of deep gratitude to Almighty  
that my dear wife has been  
restored to her wonted health  
& strength & we cannot  
but feel grateful to you &  
your staff at the Retreat for  
the care bestowed in her  
case - I trust you too  
have now quite recovered  
from your tedious illness &  
that you feel none the worse  
of your enforced inactivity

With best wishes for the new  
year. Believe me Yours  
Faithfully  
John Merriell  
Penarth

Our address from sund.  
Saturday till Monday  
will be 5, Albert Road  
Penarth

1<sup>a</sup> Albert Road. (38)  
Pontypridd  
Jan 9/06.

Dear Dr. Pierce. -

It is now nearly  
a month ago - (next Friday)  
that I fetched my wife from  
York. Since that time  
we have been visiting friends  
in Bristol spent Xmas  
week at home & last Friday  
week came on here.

I am delighted to tell  
you

Mr Merrick continues  
splendidly well - her  
appetite is excellent &  
she sleeps well. She  
is absolutely herself & is  
freed <sup>entirely</sup> from that terrible anxiety  
she experienced during her  
illness. - Her strength has  
returned for she is able now  
to climb the mountains  
around Pontypool without  
fatigue & I might add that  
I have never seen her  
looking

so bonnie before. - Before  
leaving the Retreat I spoke  
to Dr McKenzie about the  
papers for her release. He  
told me it was usual for  
the papers to be sent on in  
a month after a patient  
leaves. - That month will  
expire on Friday next - so  
we will thank you to send  
them on - and will you  
kindly write Mr Merrick  
a letter informing her  
that her name has been  
removed from your books.  
It is

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

# YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Florence Bennett of \_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringstedt 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 necessaries, 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 1908

Name W H Murch  
 Residence 17 Market Place  
 Occupation Glastonbury

SIGNED by the said W H Murch

in the presence of

Witness's Signature	}	<u>C. V. Heaphy</u>
Address, and		<u>16 Market Place</u>
Profession.		<u>Glastonbury</u> <u>Draper</u>

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.

