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once more. She often talks about  
you all, we are hoping to come  
over to York someday. I  
hope I may never forget all  
you have done for us

Believe me

Yours very gratefully  
Beatrice Middleham.

D<sup>r</sup>. Bedford Pierce.

4. St. Nicholas Avenue, 838  
Roumd hay  
Leeds.  
July

Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
enquiry if my mother can  
be discharged recovered I  
feel sure that I can safely  
say "yes". Her mind ails  
nothing now and her memory  
is excellent, she seems to  
remember every little thing  
that happened until she  
lost herself altogether. She  
is not nearly as excitable

as she was before her illness.

I have asked two or three friends who have seen her & they say she is quite herself again & they would not have known that she had ailed anything.

My mother says she does not feel as strong as she did but that is scarcely likely - I tell her she must give up working now, there is no need for her to do anything unless she likes. I am thankful to say that we are comfortably settled down again, it is very nice to have my mother home



and they were all so kind to  
me. We went to the opening  
of the Bungalow, unfortunately  
the weather was not very  
favourable. -

Again thanking you all

Believe me

Yours very truly  
Miss Beatrice Middleham.

J. Bedford Pierce.

Beloved

? Drowned & buried

Ans  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1912  
J. Bedford Pierce

Shaptonbury Avenue,  
Roughedrag,  
Leeds.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912

Dear Sir

I am sorry I have  
been rather a long time in  
paying the account, we only  
returned home last week  
& I have been rather busy.  
Please find enclosed cheque  
£2. -

We had a very nice time  
at 'Scarboro' and my mother  
improved very much, she

gained nearly 5 lbs in weight.  
I think she is quite as well  
as she was before her illness -  
she has calmed down considerably.

I can only repeat how  
very thankful I am for  
all that has been done for  
her - I am sure my mother  
had every care & attention  
while she was under your  
charge or she would not have  
come round. - It was so  
good of you allowing me  
to go to Throxbury Hall, I  
always enjoyed my visits,  
it is such a dear old garden,



week, he has been a very good friend to me. —

My mother shewed us all round the grounds, they are very beautiful, then we went through the Institution & were much interested in everything. I believe my mother will always be very proud of having stayed there. Needless to say I feel much more comfortable now, — I am hoping to have my mother home quite well some day. —

Again thanking you for all you have done for us

Believe me

Yours very truly  
Beatrice Muddell

D<sup>r</sup>. Bedford Pierce

4 Shaptesbury Avenue 599  
May 31<sup>st</sup> 1912 Roundhay.

Dear Doctor,

I must write & tell you what a very enjoyable visit we had yesterday, quite different from the last one. My mother seems to ail very little now, she knows all the news of the establishment & all about the inmates. But at the same time I could see that it would not do for her to come home yet. — the

slightest thing would set her off again. I could see it all smouldering. And I know we must be very careful when she does come, she is such a bad one for worrying. I never dare tell her if any thing went wrong. She made so much of trifles. I can only repeat what I said before that I want her to stay until it is quite safe for her to return. I know she was an expensive patient for some time & I do not want you to be out of pocket with her. She is not costing so much now. Please do not tell

her how much I am paying, I told her I paid in one sum in advance - I do not want her to begin worrying about the cost. I must thank you for being so considerate in asking what we could afford to pay - it is impossible to thank you sufficiently for all your kindness. My mother has found out at last that you are not Mr. Thompson. She talked a great deal about you. Dr. Nicholson tells me that he is coming over next



that she would like to do so.  
When she goes to 'Scarbro' I  
should like to spend a week or  
so with her. - I intended  
coming to see her last Wednesday  
but the weather was so bad.  
I am going to try again on Thursday.

It is quite impossible to thank  
you sufficiently but I shall  
never forget all you have done  
& I am quite sure that she  
never will.

Believe me

Yours most gratefully  
Beatrice Middleham

48 Shaftesbury Avenue 595  
Hound Bay  
May 26<sup>th</sup> 1912

Dear Doctor

I'm sure I don't  
know what to say to you for  
all you have done for my  
mother - when she went away  
I didn't think she would  
live a month. She wrote to  
me a week ago, I couldn't  
believe my eyes when I  
saw the letter, there were  
some very funny things in



it but I had no idea she could write me at all. I have had one nearly every day since & they have gradually improved. The one I had yesterday is as rational as ever she had in wrote in her life. Unless something else comes across her I don't think there is much doubt about her complete recovery.

I have told her she must remain all summer & she says she would like to do so - I don't know whether she will ever want to come home or not. If you saw all that she has written me about what has been done

for her & how good everyone has been to her I'm sure you would feel rewarded. She is recommending her friends to come & stay with you, she has an idea it is a Hydro or something of that sort. I am so thankful - had she been sent to Merston she would have felt it so much.

I should like you to understand that there is no need for her to hurry home, I would much rather she stayed six months too long than came home a day too soon - a thorough rest will do her good in every way. I have told her she must stay all summer & she writes me



June 1, 1912

Dear Miss Middleham,

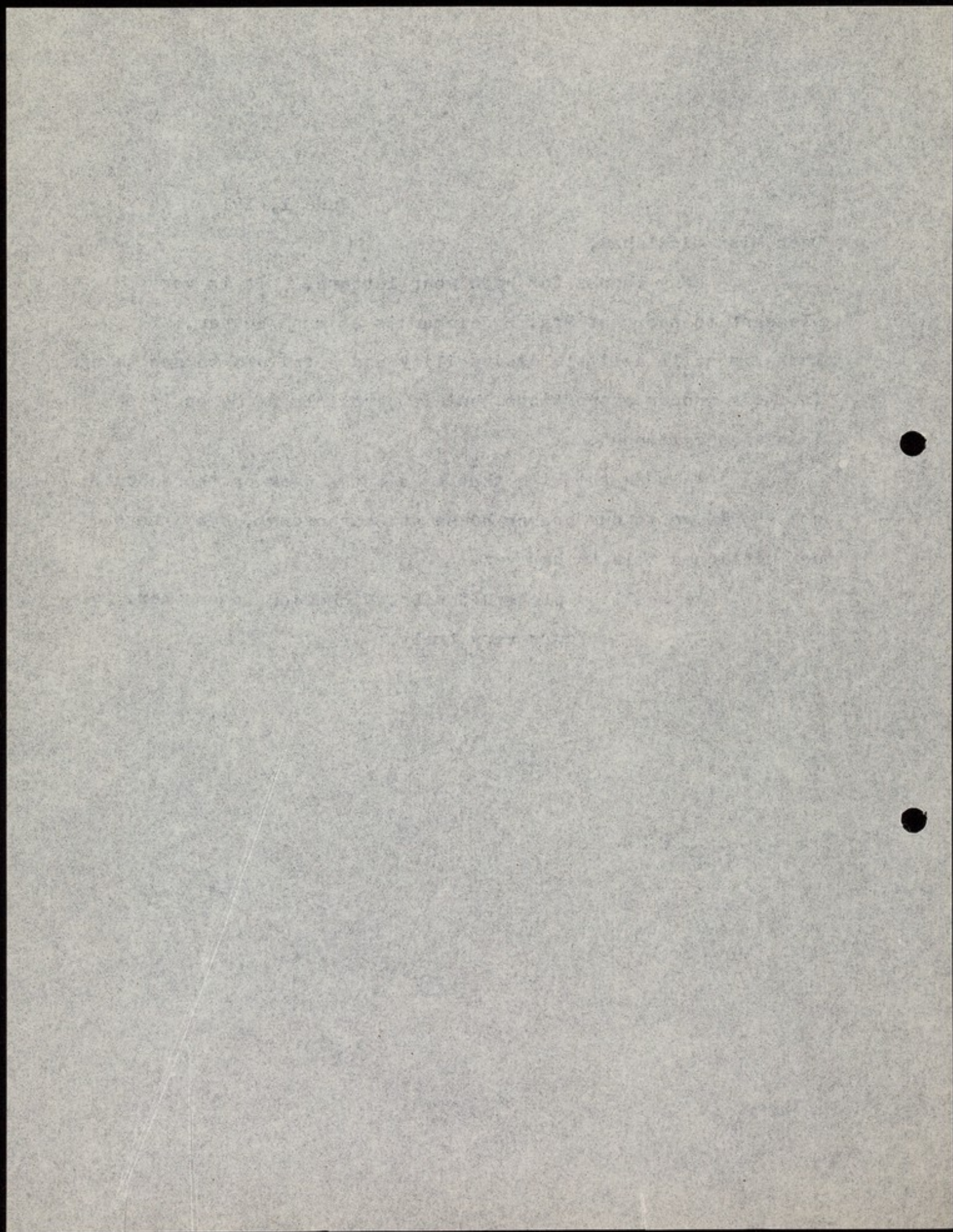
Many thanks for both your letters. It is very pleasant to see that Mrs. Middleham is so much better. There is still a little excitability and a failure to see things in their proper proportions, but it certainly seems as if she is now convalescent.

We were thinking that in a out a week or thereabouts she should go to our branch house at Scarborough, but I have not mentioned this to her yet.

We shall be pleased for Dr. Nicholson to see her.

Yours very truly,







May 3, 1912

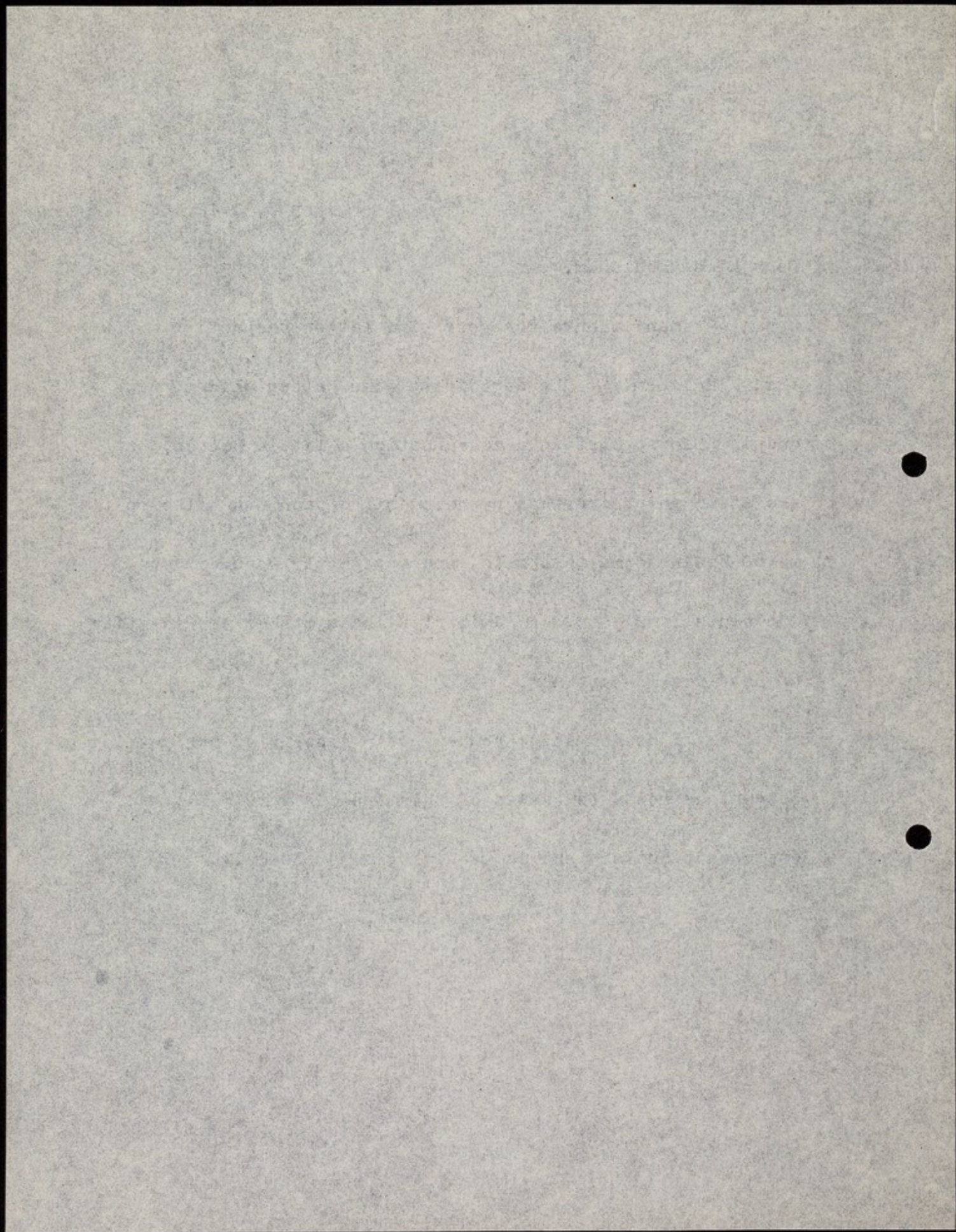
Dear Miss Middleham,

Many thanks for your kind letter respecting Mrs. Middleham. She certainly looks better this morning and is able to sustain a conversation a little better, but she still maintains that my name is Thompson and talks to me of business matters which are apparently founded upon incidents long past. Similarly, she mistakes the identity of nearly all about her.

I do not think you ought to despair of her getting better, as not a few cases of this type do very well, and one cannot but say she is gaining ground slowly.

Yours very truly,







appreciate it. I am not-  
expecting her home just yet-  
but I will try not to give up  
hope, I know that nothing  
more can be done for her. -

I am more than thankful  
to you & to all those who  
are attending to her, I know  
it is not easy work, I had  
a little experience before  
she left home.

Believe me

Yours very gratefully  
Beatrice Middleham.

The terms fixed were rather higher  
than the sum I named but I will  
gladly pay it as long as I am able to do so.

4. Shaftesbury Avenue, 454  
Roundhay  
May 1st 1912

Dear Sir,

We were at the Retreat  
on Monday & I should like  
you to know how very thankful  
I am that my mother is in  
such a good home where she  
is so well cared for. I can  
assure you she is quite satisfied  
& never once mentioned coming  
away with us, that is very  
gratifying. Physically she is  
much better & stronger than



when she left home & more  
like herself in many respects  
but she rambles very much -  
She had even forgotten that  
I couldn't hear. She knew us  
& was very pleased to see  
us & seemed to know she was  
at York but from what my  
aunt said she lost herself  
entirely after that. She has  
got the idea that she has  
become a person of importance  
& is living amongst the aristocracy,  
Lord & Lady Howard seem to  
be her chief companions, I wonder  
if she is generally on that subject.

or she changes.

It is very hard to see her like  
that, I felt very sore again  
& very sad after we came  
away but I feel more satisfied  
now I have seen her - I do  
not think she would be any  
worse for our visit, I sincerely  
hope not. - We were most  
kindly treated by everyone  
and came away more than  
satisfied. The place is so  
"home-like" one can scarcely  
realize it is an institution  
& it is in a beautiful situation,  
I only wish my mother could

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4. Shaftesbury Avenue,  
Roundhay  
April 15<sup>th</sup> 1912

To Dr. Bedford Price

Dear Sir,

Your letter this morning  
has made me much more  
hopeful - thank you very  
much for telling me particulars.

I have been to see Dr.  
Nicholson & told him all  
about our affairs - he thinks  
that - £2.2.0 per week



is a reasonable sum for us  
to pay. My mother's  
income is £75 per year,  
the remainder will come  
out of my pocket. —

Again thanking you

Believe me

Yours very truly

Beatrice Middelham.

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only come into my mind lately,  
there was so much to do  
when she was ill I had no  
time to think. She had a  
violent temper but has  
been much quieter calmer  
for about a year. -

I sincerely hope there will  
be better news next time.  
Again thanking you for  
your kindness.

Believe me  
Yours truly  
B. Middleham.

380  
Shapthorne Avenue,  
Roddham,  
✓ April 13<sup>th</sup> 1912

To Doctor Pierce,

Dear Sir,

I have been feeling  
very anxious about my  
mother but as the second  
report was more favourable  
I hope that the trouble  
has now quite passed off.



When you write again I should be so glad if you would tell me if she ever has any natural sleep & if she is still incessantly talking - I suppose the food she takes is given through a tube. -

Perhaps it is too soon to expect any definite improvement - I know it is a very

bad case. For some years I have had an idea that if she lived to be an old woman there would be trouble with her but I never expected anything like this. There was often a strange look in her eyes and for some little time before this attack came on I noticed that look very often & wondered what it meant. It has



very good to me, so I am  
trying to keep up & make the  
best of things. There is no  
need for me to tell you how  
very hard it was for me to  
see my mother go away in such  
a sad state. —

No doubt you are in communication  
with J. Nicholson, I can't tell  
you what a friend he has been  
to me. —

I hope the next report will be  
more satisfactory, though I am  
not expecting too much.

Allow me to thank you for your  
kindness & Believe me, Sir

Yours most gratefully  
Beatrice Middleton

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● Shaftesbury Avenue,  
Roundhay,  
Leeds.

March 22 1912

To J. Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir,

I was very pleased  
to hear from you this morning.  
I was feeling very anxious  
& wondered if it would be  
out of form if I wrote to ask  
you about my mother. —

She seems to be in much the



same state as when she left here, it is surprising where her strength comes from to talk so much. If she is able to take food that is certainly an improvement, she had nothing but milk for three days before she left home.

I am sorry about the trouble with the bowel, she has never had anything of the sort before - she suffered from constipation, in fact I believe that was the only ailment she

had. —

I am quite sure that the best is being done for her, when you were here on Monday I felt quite safe in leaving her in your hands. —

If I am not asking too much I should like to know when there is any change. It is very sad for me, I seem to have no one left - my Aunt is still with me but she will have to go home next week. Everyone is



96, HARFILL'S AVENUE,  
LEEDS.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for your note  
received this morning. I am sorry  
you could not get me on the telephone:  
someone was in all the evening, because  
the house is not left, & that evening I was  
not out. I don't remember the telephone  
rang from any one outside the town.  
I am glad you received the cheque  
all right.

I enclose the certificates &  
papers relating to the case you  
took in for ~~my~~ me. I hope you  
will find them all in order, & I  
trust you paid the urgency order  
quite correct.

I hope my patient has been  
somewhat better to-day. I should  
like to know of her progress just



occasionally. Also is there any  
means whereby Miss Middleham  
may hear occasionally from  
you as to Mrs Middleham's  
Condition.

With kind regards.

I am yours faithfully  
John Nicholson

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 Julia Middleham of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson  
of Dringcliffe, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 19 12

Name Beatrice Middleham

Residence 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds.

Occupation no occupation

SIGNED by the said Beatrice Middleham

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

A. E. Bradley.

8, Shaftesbury Avenue, Roundhay, Leeds.  
Bank clerk.

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.



