

M Miscellaneous

Publication/Creation

1906-1916

Persistent URL

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/hdwxwzzw>

License and attribution

You have permission to make copies of this work under a Creative Commons, Attribution, Non-commercial license.

Non-commercial use includes private study, academic research, teaching, and other activities that are not primarily intended for, or directed towards, commercial advantage or private monetary compensation. See the Legal Code for further information.

Image source should be attributed as specified in the full catalogue record. If no source is given the image should be attributed to Wellcome Collection.



Wellcome Collection
183 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE UK
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722
E library@wellcomecollection.org
<https://wellcomecollection.org>

X Morgan, G. E. F.	1	McConnell, G. H. (Salmon etc.)	29.37
Macphail,	2	Murray, Dr.	30.
Murray, G.	3	Milner, Dr.	31.
Maynard, J. G.	4	Murphy, W. A.	32.
Marsh, R. H.	5.19. 20	Marriage Wilson	33.
Milner, R.	6	Morgan J. C.	34.
Merley, T. L.	7	Morris H. M.	35.
Meakin, M.	8	McGill G.	36.
Mill, S. S.	9	Macpherson J.	38.
Munby, H.	10.13.	Mc Neice, F.	39.40
Moss, W.	11	Mann, D.	41
Mary Catherine	12	Mc baulish, F. M.	42
Malin, Dr.	14.	Marr, M.	43
Morrell, R. S.	15.	Mc brea, A. S.	44, 45
Murray, Jemie	16	Mc Afee, W.	46, 47
Moore, Dr.	17.26.	Mallard, A. E.	48, 49
Murray, Mrs.	18.	Michell, M.	50, 51
Malcolmsen	20.	March, E. E.	51 ^a
Mills, Attendant H. E.	21.	Marshall, L.	52
Mills, Dr.	22.	Marchetti, Mrs.	53
Mc Ivor, J.	23.	Morris, Miss	54
Milner, S. H.	24.	Meadley, P.	55, 56,
Manchester Steam Assn. Am.	25.	Madiot, Mrs.	57
Mc Gee, Dr.	27.	Milne, S. H.	58
Moore-Smith, Dr.	28.	Molireux, W.	59-63

Mac Kidden 65, 66

Moore, W.D. 67

Mc Laren, Major. 68

P.S. I might say that Major
McLaren was out in
France at the beginning
of the War and invalided
home. He was severely
wounded in the Boer
war.

573.
Jan 10/16
WHEATHILL,
HUYTON,
LIVERPOOL.

Dear Sir,

I have a great
friend Major McLaren
(late of 13th Hussars) who
is suffering from "neurotic
depression" and is
voluntarily
patients separate from
those certified? as this
is an important matter
in his case. Could you
take him in as a "voluntary"
and
could you see me

on Thursday at 12 45?

(I am due at York 12 30
+ would come straight
to you but of course I
don't know how far you
are from the Station)

If you would let me know
for return of post if you
could see me I will
send you a wire if I

come in & c. I have
mentioned your establishment
to Mr. McLaren as being
recommended to me and
have ~~and~~ asked her to let
me know. Thanking you
in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,
G. Herbert Parker Esq
20 St. Bedford Place.

P.T.O

✓
HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM,
VIRGINIA WATER.

January 8th 1916

Dear Price

A patient friend,
who has improved
considerably but whose
condition is now stationary,
requires a change to a
doctor's home - his great
friend is quarantined ~~that~~
Sally and the patient's
relations are anxious that

51

he should be near him.

I wonder if you
could help me to find
a medical man in
that neighborhood who
would take a patient;

The patient was Col.

of one of the London
regiments but cracked

early in the war.

Yours truly

W. D. Moore

66
29th December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry I send a copy of the Retreat Report. On page 31 you will find particulars respecting terms.

We have room and could admit a depressed patient, provided it is considered desirable that she should have a transfer and that Dr. Gilmour has recommended the change. We have unfortunately a great many depressed people here, and one hesitates to add to their number unless the case is likely to bebenefit by the transfer.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. James MacNidder,
174 Anlaby Road,
Hull.

28 Dec 1915

174, ANLABY ROAD,
HULL.

65

Dear Sir

I am interested in a patient whom it is necessary to remove from Seabrook Park to another institution.

I shall be obliged if you can inform me as to your terms and if you can take her in of those her suitable & her friends.

She is very melancholic and suffering from "The Insanity of Doubt" with possibly underlying "Glaucous Disease" and the Menopause.

I am

Yours very truly

James Mac Lister M.D.

To the Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

26 Dec 1912

174, ANLBY ROAD,
HULL.

NOT POSTED

Dear Sir
I am extremely sorry to hear that you are
suffering from the same trouble as I
was some time ago. I am sure you
will find the same relief as I did
from the use of the "Hull"
which is a very reliable and
effective remedy for all
cases of the kind.
I am sure you will find it
very useful and I am sure
it will give you the relief
you need.
Yours truly
J. H. H. H.

writing to the nursing
homes in Leeds I see ad-
vertised in the Yorkshire Post.

With many thanks for your
letter & suggestions to Dr.

Hilligan

Believe me

Truly yours

Winifred Holmeux.

Hesfield Cottage
Goathland.

THE CLOISTERS,
HESSELE,
EAST YORKS.

22nd August.

Dear Sir

Dr. Hilligan of

Hesle has just forwarded
to me your letter & prospec-
tus. How very careless of
me not to send my pre-
sent address! I took this
cottage for the summer when

my husband seemed fairly
well & I thought the
moorland air would suit
him. However his disease
seems to have developed
so rapidly that all the
doctors I have consulted think
he would be better in some

institution. ~~That~~ I feel I
must not go against their
opinion & when I get
a reliable nurse to leave
him with I will come over
to York to see you — I
like your prospectus &
think I can manage your
terms.
I am disappointed you have
no nurse at liberty but am

62
20th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Dr. Pierce is away on holiday at present.

From your account it would seem that Mr. Molineux would be best in some Institution. I do not know of any Institution taking only two or three patients. He could be received in the Retreat for three guineas per week. At Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale (Medical Superintendent, Dr. Gilmour) or at Bootham Park, York (Dr. Jeffrey) he could probably be received for considerably less.

Mrs. Molineux has written asking for a nurse to help her at present, but unfortunately we have not got one at liberty. Perhaps some of the Nursing Homes in Leeds might be able to supply one. Mrs. Molineux gives no address so I cannot reply to her letter.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Dr. Harley P. Milligan,

Hessle,

East Yorks.

NAT. TELEPHONE.
DR MURRAY, HESSLE 13.
DR MILLIGAN, " 92.
AT HOME, { 9-10 A.M.
 { 6-7.30 P.M.
TELEGRAMS, HESSLE.

872
U
HESSLE,
EAST YORKS.

August 19th 1815.

Dear E. Pearce

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Cyril
Molineux whose father in law was
in practice here for many years.
Mr. Cyril Molineux developed G.P.I.
about 2 years ago following
specific infection about 15 years ago.
He is now very difficult to manage,
hardly knows anyone, is developing
dirty habits, memory gone, & is very
childish. Mrs. Molineux is anxious
to do the best she can for him but
their means are very limited about
£250 a year from a Government pension.
She is anxious to keep him with

Original. 10. 91. 1817.

Dear Sir,
I am writing you in regard to the
Machinist. I have been in the
in practice here for many years
Mr. C. is a very good
about 2 years ago. I have
is now very different to many
handy than before, is doing
it, however, for, & is very
quick. Mr. Machinist is
to the best of my knowledge
them there are very few
\$250 per year a Government
the machine (which will

NAT. TELEPHONE.
DR MURRAY, HESSLE 13.
DR MILLIGAN, " 92.
AT HOME, { 9-10 A.M.
 { 6-7.30 P.M.
TELEGRAMS, HESSLE.

60
HESSLE,
EAST YORKS.

her if possible but would do what
you advise. I told her that I thought
• nothing short of some institution would
be any good as the condition is bound
to progress rapidly. At times he has
homicidal ideas especially where his
wife is concerned. Do you know of
any small place taking two or three
patients in this County & could you
let me know ^{what} the probable expense
• at the York street as a private-
patient? I had the pleasure of
meeting you in Hessle at my
partners house a few years ago.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely -
Harley P. Milligan

MESSRS
EAST YORK

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the New York and Albany Railroad. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, etc.,
J. H. [Signature]

THE CLOISTERS,
HESSLE,
EAST YORKS.

August 19th

Sir,

I am writing to ask
you if you send out nurses to
cases & if you can send me one
out tomorrow to take charge
of my husband who is suffer-
ing from softening of the brain.
Dr. Mulligan of Hessle is com-
municating with you for future
arrangements but at present

5
5

I can manage quite well
with a reliable woman to
help & relieve me.

I am at present only in a
small cottage so do not want
a woman with big ideas but
one who would sleep in ~~his~~
the patient's room & keep
him clean & tidy - he is
most docile & quiet & up to
the present I have done
everything for him myself

but I want now a little relief as
the strain of eighteen months' nursing
is telling on me. Kindly state
your terms & when I may expect
the nurse.

Truly yours
Winifred Hodgkinson.

PARCELS:
WINTERTON STATION,
G. C. NLY.
TELEPHONE NO. 5.

811.

WINTERTON,

DONCASTER,

4th Aug. 1915

✓
Dear Sir

Would you kindly send me
a copy of your Annual report.
Is 48p. weekly your minimum

charge. There is a girl here who
has been more or less insane
for some years, but has never
been removed from her home.

Her mother has recently died
(the father died some years ago)
and the sisters are feeling the
strain very much.

If the girl could be persuaded
to apply to you, could she be

taken in & cared for. I think
she would have a better
chance of getting well if she
went in that way.

I should be much obliged
if you could answer me by
return -
Yours sincerely

Sarah H. Milne
* L.R.C.P. & S. Ed.

I am doing locum here for the
doctor who has joined the navy.

I believe the girl has twice attempted
to take her life - but not just
recently.

AUG. 14 1915

8, CHANDOS MANSIONS,
SOUTH NORWOOD, S.E.

Miss J. Madiot would be much obliged if the Medical
Superintendent would kindly send her a Prospectus of The Retreat.

5

6, CHANDOS MANIONS,

ROUTE NORWOOD, E. E.

Miss J. Hattie would be much obliged if the National

Superintendent would kindly send her a prospectus of the Bureau.

TO
FBI

RUSKIN COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

May 1st. 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Lucy Gillett has advised me to write to you regarding my wife, who is at present in Littlemore Asylum. It would be a great relief to my mind if she could be transferred to "The Retreat," and I should be most grateful for any information you could give me as to the possibility of this being done. I am not at present able to afford a large sum for my wife's treatment. I am sorry to say, but I may be able to obtain help in this matter.

Mrs. Meadley is suffering from puerperal insanity, and her

RUSKIN COLLEGE
OXFORD

state is acutely confusional. She has been in this condition since the middle of February. She is not, so far as I know, in any way violent; but she is very restless at night. She comes from a refined home, and I cannot help thinking, though I am probably wrong, that her removal to the County Asylum has hindered her recovery. She is 28 years of age this month.

Thanking you in anticipation
of your kindness,

yours faithfully,

Percy Meadley.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

8 Charlbury Rd. Oxford, Apr. 27. 1915

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat, York.

55

Dear Sir,

Percy Meadley, an attendee of the Oxford Friends Meeting is in great difficulty over his wife. She has been in the County Asylum at Littlemore near Oxford for two or three months. Dr. Good, the physician in charge there thinks it will be six months or more before she can be well enough to come out. Mr. Meadley feels very strongly that it is not the place for her but he can only afford to pay 10/- towards her expenses at such a place - He has been paying this for her at Littlemore. He is a teacher at Rushin College the working men's college at Oxford, but this is closed and his salary stopped since the war so that he is now living on what he gets for W. E. B. lectures he is giving. Mrs. Meadley is a Quaker and when well is quiet and refined. Some of the members of Oxford Meeting have offered to help Mr. Meadley with the additional expense if his wife can be admitted to the Retreat. He will be writing to you about her and we shall be very glad if you have room to admit her and can do so for a moderate charge.

Very sincerely,

Lucy B. Gillett

(Mrs. Henry T. Gillett)



D. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat,
York.

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.

603.



EVER & SPOTTISWOODS, Ltd., Lond.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAMS.

If the Receiver of an Inland Telegram doubts its accuracy, he may have it repeated on payment of half the amount originally paid for its transmission, any fraction of 1d. less than ½d. being reckoned as ½d.; and if it be found that there was any inaccuracy, the amount paid for repetition will be refunded. Special conditions are applicable to the repetition of Foreign Telegrams.

Office of Origin and Service Instructions.

Office Stamp.



Worthing

Charges
to pay

s. d.

Handed
in at

1 30/4 .M.

Received
here at

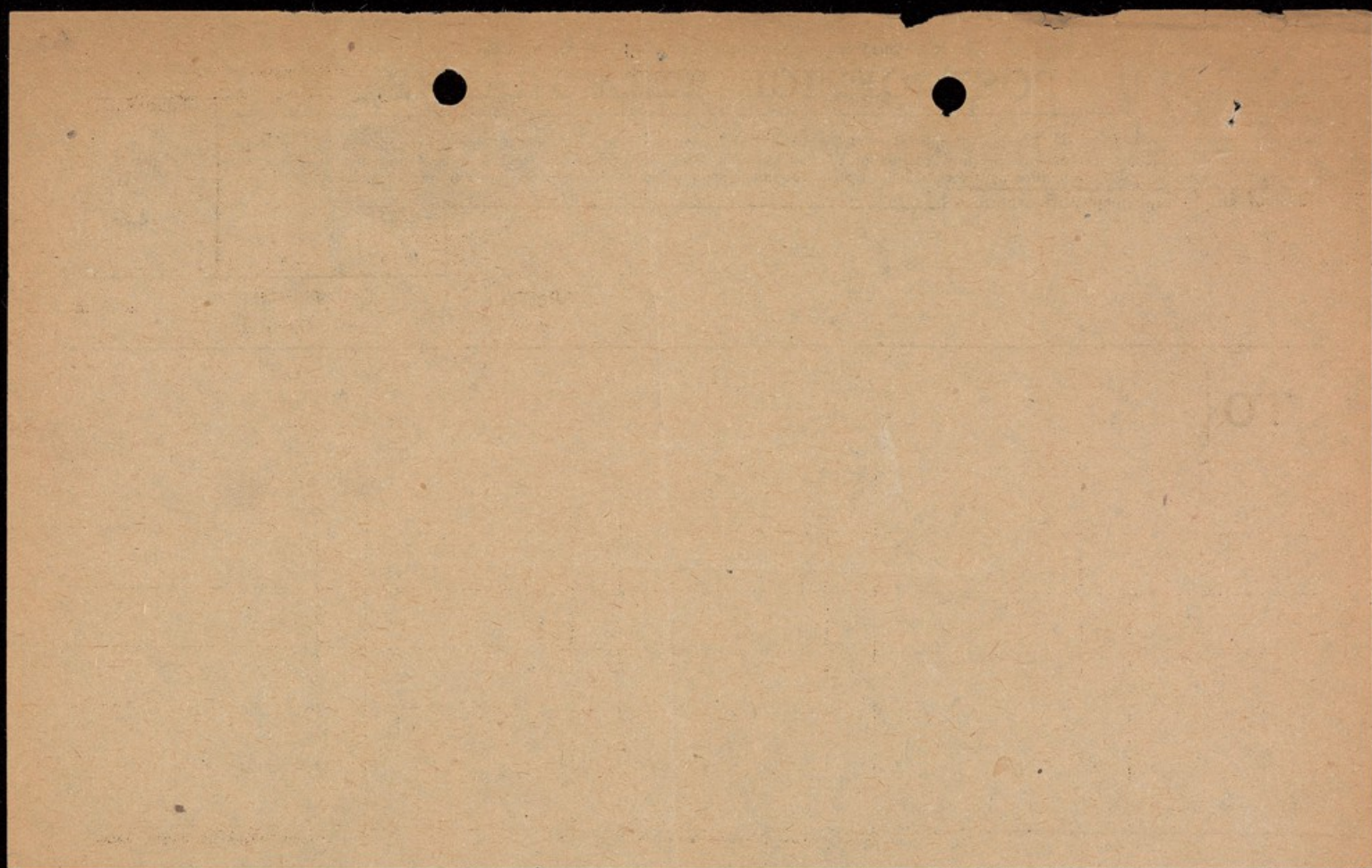
3:19p .M.

TO {

Reply Paid Lady Doctor The Retreat
York

Have written twice to doctor
Robson But no reply an
urgent mental case with Nellie
Holmes Miss Morris Stottesdon Ripley
Rd West Worthing.

5



TELE. 30.

MANOR HEAD
HALIFAX.

556.

↓
Mr. Marchetti writes on
behalf of a friend to say she
would be much obliged to
have a Report ^{if published} with accep in
formation Kinaley allowed
of the "Retreat", in relation
to a friend who needs such

553

Care as she is loved is always
found there.

March 24. 1915

Dear Sir

Can you send me particulars
of your Home for Insane ladies? The
patient in whom I am interested
is 61 - her mind was unhinged by the
death of a very dear sister. The shock
gave rise to melancholia & she had to be
certified about 6 weeks ago. I am
trying to find some place where she
can be received with myself who am her

52

sister to be with her

Failing this could a nurse be
supplied in the case that we were
able to live together: we are virtually
the lost of our family

The patient had a suicidal tendency
which seems to have passed away.

She has an acute mind and has
been accustomed to manage her own
business very successfully

Hitherto she has been in a doctor's
house at Hove: She is very tired
of Brighton & of the multitude of
soldiers on the Downs & craves quiet.
She can attend on herself

Her delusions take the form of
conspiracies against herself

Please answer as soon as you can
to Miss Marshall

9 The Drive

Hove

What size is the ^{Sussex} Asylum, has it a
garden & is the country pretty?

Faithfully Yours

L Marshall

28 December 1914

23rd December

TELEPHONE 235.

10⁰ HRS, 9 to 10 DAILY.
 EVERY EVENING
 EXCEPT WED & FRI. 7-8 P.M.

CAMDEN HOUSE,
 CASTLE HILL,
 READING.

51^a

Dear Sir

In vacuum

I have a patient who is
 addicted to Cocaine. He is
 rather a remarkable case; the
 habit has spread over 15 years
 now, & he can inject enormous
 quantities without serious results.
 His intellect is unimpaired -
 he is a first rate man of
 business - He has come to the
~~concludes~~ Conclusion that nothing
 but restraint will break the

the habit & wishes to place
himself in some institution
as a voluntary patient.
I have suggested The Retreat
to him. Will you kindly let
me know what you think
of this?

Yours truly

E. E. March

51
11th. Sept., 1914.

Mrs Michell,
The Lawn, RUGBY.

Dear Madam,

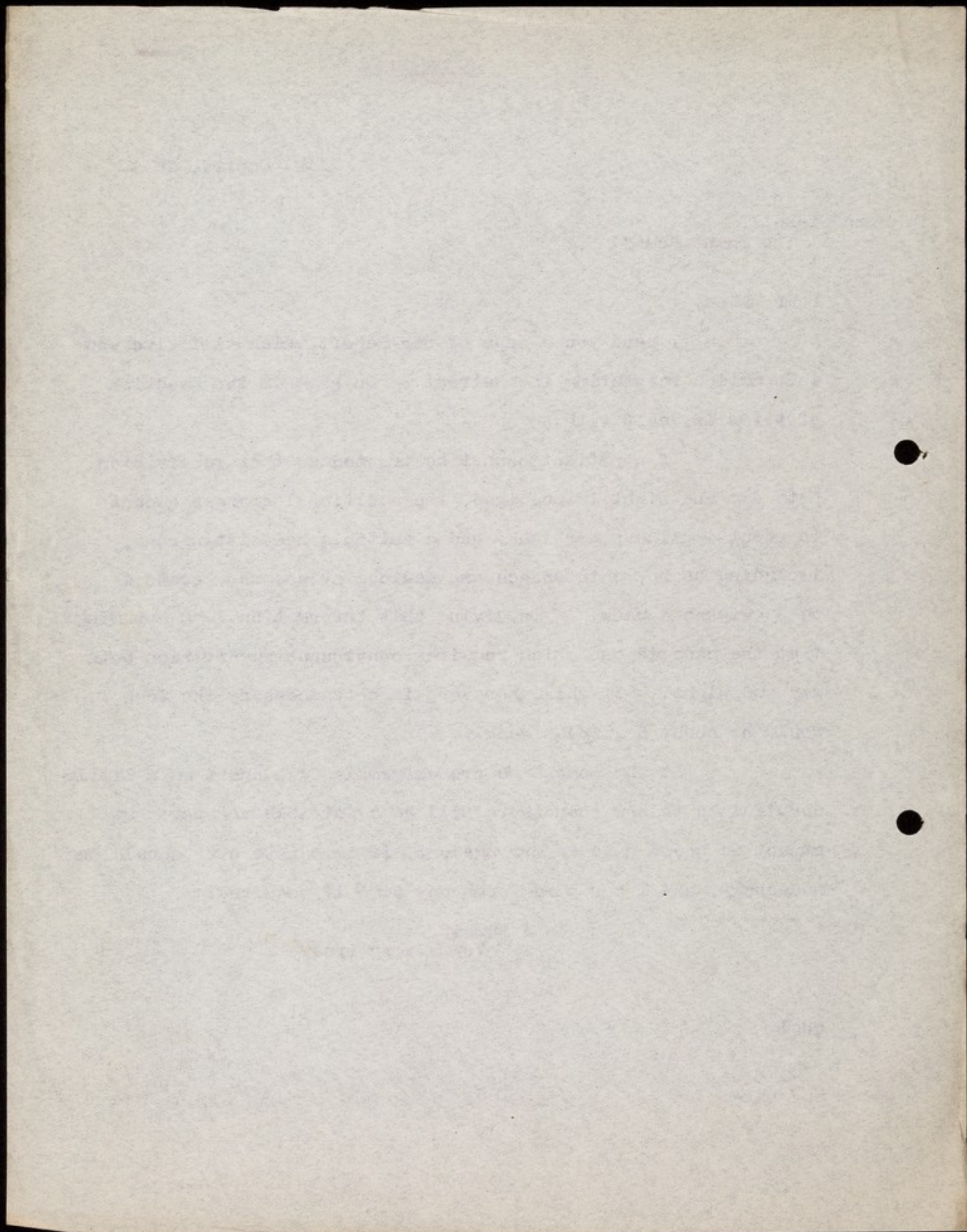
I send you a copy of our Report which will give you information respecting the Retreat. On page 42 the question of terms is dealt with.

If a patient cannot be trusted so that supervision both day and night is required, the additional charges amount to about 4 guineas per week; and a suitable bed-sittingroom, including board, maintenance and medical attendance, costs 4 or 5 guineas a week. In giving this information I am assuming that the case is one which requires continuous supervision both day and night. If this, however, is not necessary the fees would be about 5 guineas weekly.

At the moment we are extremely full and I am a little doubtful as to how soon there will be a suitable vacancy; but I expect we could make an arrangement, if immediate care should be necessary, and I can send forms any time if required.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

encl.



10th - Sept 1914

Torr Buishe
Broxa
Sutherland

923.

50

Dear Sir, I have been recommended to write you by Dr Gwatkin to ask if you have a vacancy for a male patient in your mental hospital & if so, what your terms are for a private bedroom with fire place & every personal comfort. My son aged 27 had to be certified about a couple of years ago & requires so much watching that we have been advised to put him into a mental hospital. He has been with Mr Philip Harmer at Haslow Downs Buxted for the last 3 years or so. I should be very much obliged if you could give me all particulars about your Home and

address to

Mrs. Mitchell

The dawn
Bury by

which is my home, I am returning there
next Monday.

Yours truly

M. Mitchell

49
4th July, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Mallard,

I am afraid that I cannot give you an introduction to Dr. Veale, for though I know his sister and one of the brothers I have not met this particular member of the family.

I am very pleased to hear that you have been successful with your patient about whom you write. I have several times mentioned your name to people but meet with the usual difficulty, the expense involved in the care of defective children.

Yours very truly,

July 3. 1914.

WESTCROFT,
GROVE ROAD,
ILKLEY.

75⁶

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am writing
to ask if you in any way
know Dr. Veale who has
come here from Harrogate.
And if so, if you could
give me a letter of intro-
duction to him?

I have, at present, one
little girl of seven, a

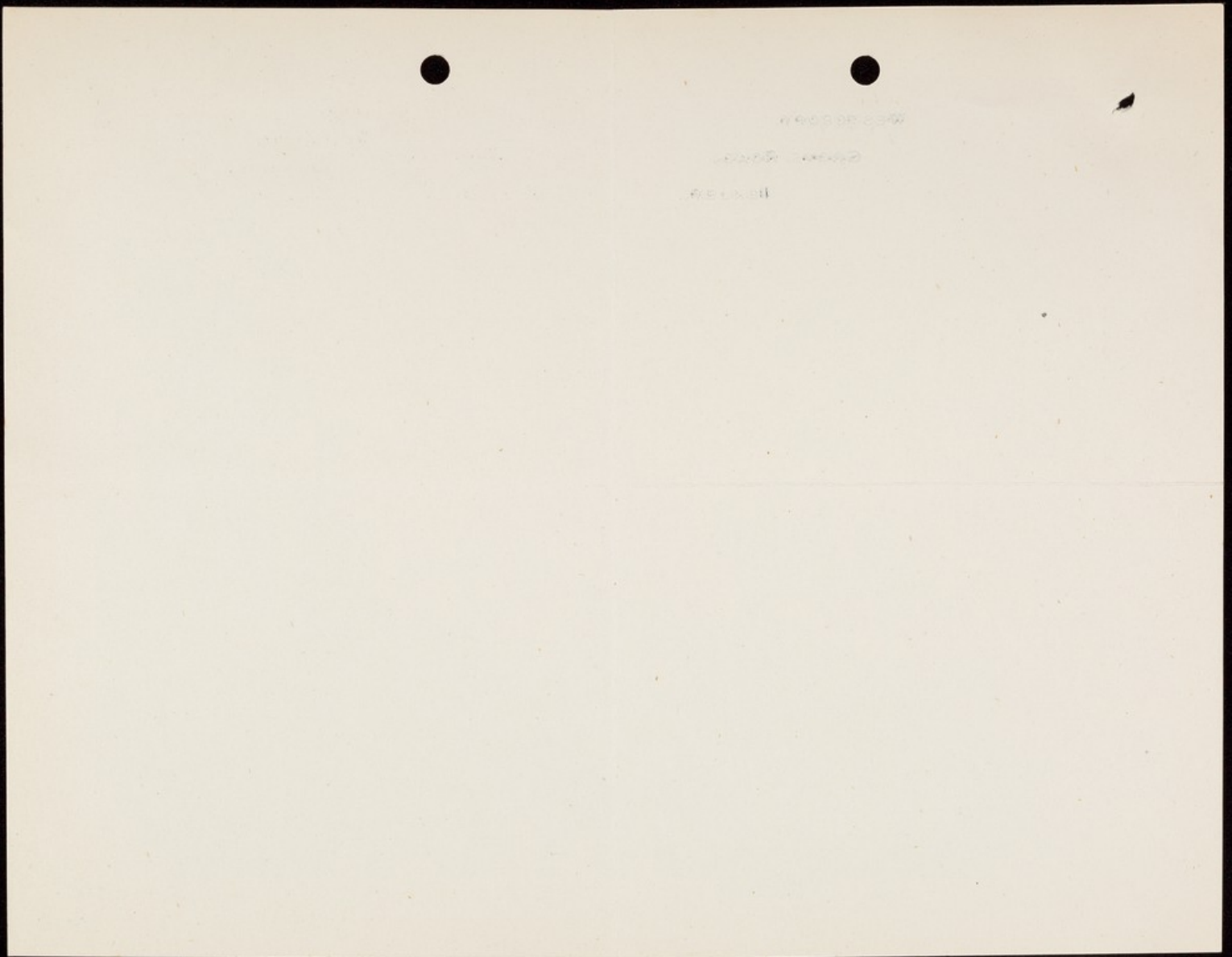
doctor child, she is physi-
cally fine and mentally
three but she is doing
well and has developed
wonderfully in the five
months I have had her.

Thanking you for all
past kindness

Believe me

Yours faithfully
Amy E. Mallard.

5



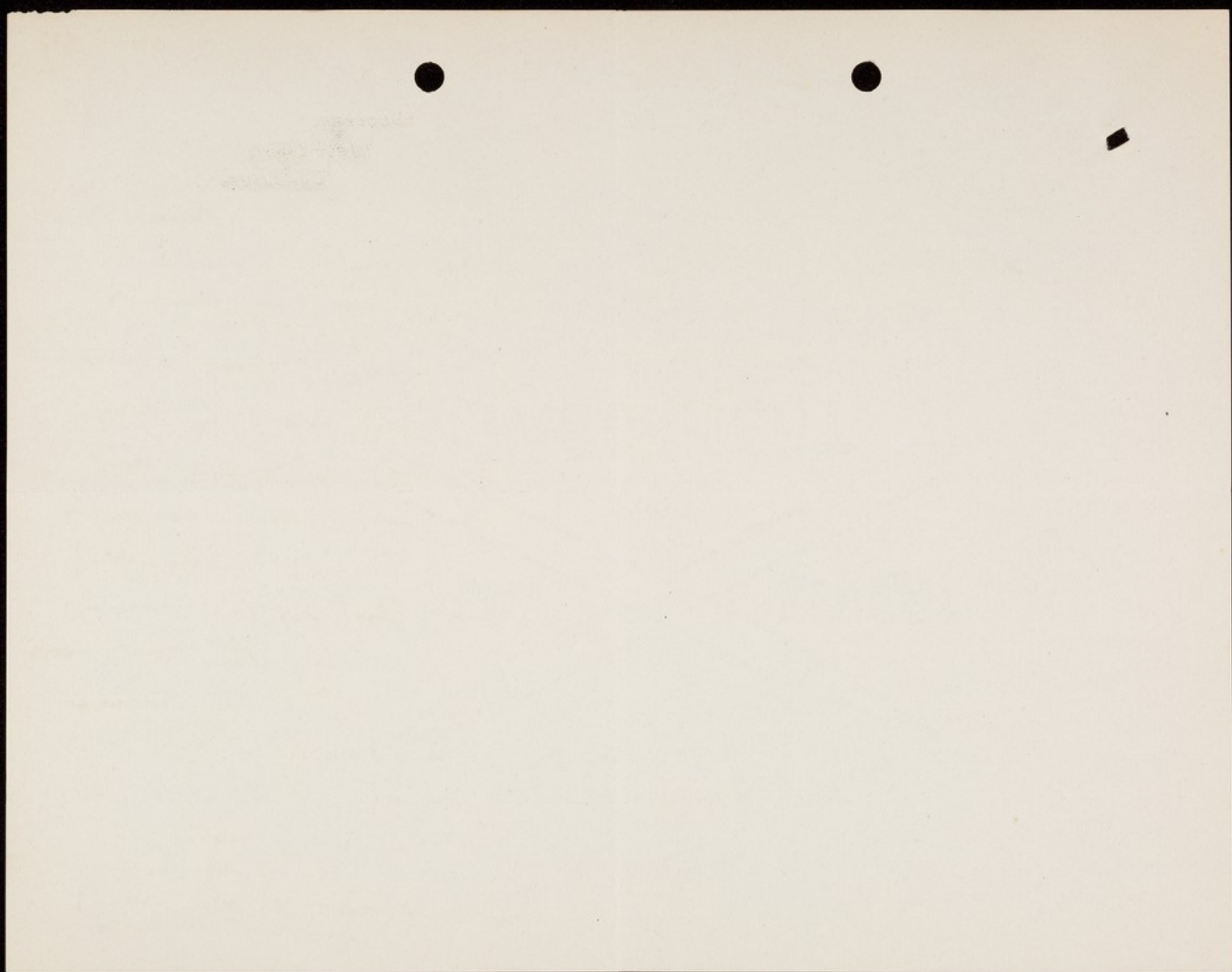
COOLEEN,
WEST KIRBY,
CHESHIRE.

June 19 1814

Dear Sir

I am much
pleased by your prompt
& kind reply to my
letter. I regret that
I have been unable
to decide anything
as yet for my son -
He is unfortunately
in bed with severe
headache - at the
beginning of the week I
shall write again.

Yours very sincerely
Dr Alfred Smith Wm Wafa



found of 4 lines - a Ray's blue
beagle - little gold & would
probably benefit by games
to induce him in life
if the delicate could afford
this to him.

Very I ask for a prospectus
and a note as to terms &c.
I am a country practitioner
8 miles from Exeter on
the Exeter - R.R. -

Thanking you in
anticipation -

Y. very truly
W. W. W. W. W.
Dr. W. W. W. W. W.
Leeds

619

✓ ●
COOLEEN,
WEST KIRBY,
CHESHIRE.

June 13th 1884

Dear Sir

My son, Lewis W. W.
aged 26 has taken his
arts course at Cambridge
and has been at the London
Hospital for 6 years - He
had an examination at
Christmas but unfortunately
has influenza some weeks
before - has since expressed
a wish to leave -
When he returned
for his holidays I saw

46

a decided change in his
mental condition with
some delusions - a good deal
of self reproach, about
imaginary confessions
in his life & utterance
about seeing his friends.

He has visited some
friends since then in
Chelsea & in Wales
& is now at home
with me.

Dr Warrington & I both
he suggested that

I should write to you with
regard to his going in
to the Retreat for a time.

His physical health is
lost & he is usually quite
bright when among strangers
but with his own people
the best of imaginary confessions
upon them & is not then
willing to see them who
may call etc.

He would be willing
to go to a voluntary
boarder - if you could
receive him. He is usually

16th. February, 1914.

Dear Sir,

The terms at Throxenby Hall are 3 guineas per week. It is possible that the Committee would reduce them to $2\frac{1}{2}$ guineas at this time of the year. Miss Elkins writes me that she rather doubts if the case is a suitable one for the Hall as there are so many more resources at the parent Institution. Unfortunately at the present moment it is quite full.

Yours very truly,

A. S. Mc.Crea, Esq.

1. The first part of the report is a general introduction to the subject of the study. It discusses the importance of the study and the objectives of the research. It also provides a brief overview of the methodology used in the study.

2. The second part of the report is a detailed description of the study area. It includes information about the location of the study area, the population of the study area, and the characteristics of the study area. It also discusses the data sources used in the study.

3. The third part of the report is a detailed description of the study results. It includes information about the findings of the study, the conclusions drawn from the findings, and the implications of the findings. It also discusses the limitations of the study and the need for further research.

4. The fourth part of the report is a conclusion and recommendations section. It summarizes the main findings of the study and provides recommendations for future research and policy. It also discusses the overall impact of the study and the need for further research.

WARLEY HOUSE,

NE HALIFAX.

Feb 13, 1914

Dear Madame:

About 3 weeks ago my parlour-maid's mind gave way, & on my writing to Dr Peace, he suggested that you might have room for her at reduced terms.

I now write to ask whether you could take charge of her as a "Voluntary" patient, & what your terms would be.

Her name of Dewerha is a very mild one, & came on her request during some months. She is in no way violent & is generally quite reasonable, & before going to Bridlington where she now is with a nurse, carried out her household efficiently, but her memory has weakened, she

only breaks smile of a smiling
kind to make somewhat obvious
& vague remarks, & at intervals,
especially at night, complains
of 'noises' & 'naises' in her head & ears,
which seem to greatly annoy her,
and almost "send her mad", but
these attacks do not usually last
more than a minute or two.

I am telling you her exact state
so that you may judge whether
your house is a proper place for
her form of insanity - She is a nice
gentle creature, & been in my
service 9 years, & I should be
willing to pay a moderate charge
for her care, rather than send
her to a public asylum or a
Certified Lunatic. If therefore
you would kindly reply at
your early convenience, by
return post if possible, you
would much oblige

Yours faithfully
A. S. M. Crea

I am amazed by her
pianee. However ever
since she has been nervy,
uncontrollable, often depressed
& difficult to manage. She
is certainly not certifiable
or not sane. I think
her a most suitable case for
a voluntary boarder & she is
quite willing. I could send
her on Wednesday with her
baggage & would like her
admitting as soon as
possible. Will you kindly

WATTELIC
HOURS 9:30 AM. TO 1:30 PM.
OR BY APPOINTMENT.

1. ALBION STREET.
HULL.

107.

9. Deby 1914.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have a patient
whom I should like you
to take into the Retreat
as a Voluntary Boarder.
She is 34 years of age &
unmarried. Twelve years
ago she had a "love
trouble" & there is some question
as to her sanity.

Send me any documents
necessary by post. If
you cannot take her on
Wednesday will you telegraph
a telephone to me. Her
name is Miss Isabel Carr,
her address is Horwich.
They are certainly able to pay
3 pence a week

With kind regards

Yours very truly
Edward Carter

Dr. Binnie 481

I have 1/4 Linn.
Linn's edge.

10 - 12 - 18

To the Medical Superintendent.

Dear Sir.

Dr Sykes.
blackheath. gave your
name to us. so that
we might write to you.
for terms & particulars.

52

It may be necessary
that my mother
should be brought to
you. Dr Sykes
says. Sometimes these
matters can not
always be arranged
on short notice.

We should be pleased
to have an early reply

I am Yours Truly
Horace H. H. Candler

At Home: 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
2 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

TELEPHONE 663.

Ans

3 PORTLAND PLACE,
HALIFAX.

124

41

30: Sept 1913

Dear Dr. Pierer

I am so sorry to have to
trouble you with more than
this case. I could suggest
a Magistrate before I think
on Saturday & after that
time he refused to sign
it without the Magistrate
being present. He
was away. On Monday
I was away & to-day
they stated that they
could not sign it as the
date was the 26th.

would you please send
minutes, perhaps without
date, so that we are quite
safe. I suppose it may fill
in the date.

Mr. Deard, the father of the
Patient died suddenly on
Sunday. I expect the shock
 hastened his end, poor old
man.

Thinking you a great
giving for the trouble
I remain

Yours very truly
Dora Mann

I receive her earlier
than you anticipated when
you last wrote.

I am yours faithfully.
Frederick McVeice.

The Rectory,

Ans⁸
Emb³
148 Rock Ferry, Wm. Aug¹⁶ 1913

13th Sep. 1913.

Dear Sir,

A few weeks ago I wrote
to you about my wife - with
a view to having her
admitted into your Hospital
at Scarborough - & you very
kindly sent me, in return,
Reports of the local & other.

When writing you feared
you could not find room
for my wife at Scarborough
before the end of September.

How I wish you could take
her earlier. Might I
hope for middle of September?

Alady here knows something
about your work. A relative
of hers stayed at Scarborough
& recommended it so
strongly.

I had a second Medical
Opinion, this morning, &
now I think I may say
recommended it as a (Lapse).

When men say "Lapse"
is advisable & (Lapse)
say where is it (Lapse)

no is it greatly helped.

They did undertake to
write to some London
Specialists.

They are positive that
there is no ~~the~~ mental
disease & that her condition
is the result of severe
shock following operation,
& of her age. (See 46)

I fear I am
troubling you but
my inclination is
for your place &
you may be able

sent a patient. He said
something about a place
of Temp in Scarborough.

If you think you could
deal with such a case and
you be kind to send
me word. No need
arrange - if you have not
a home in Scarborough - I
take rooms in either Scarborough
or York. He is well able
to walk & of course from
this trouble which I
have tried to describe
there does not seem
to be anything wrong.

The Rectory ✓ 8
Larrel ferry.
1st August 1913. Ireland.

Dear J. Pierce.

Only this morning J.
Eleanor Spence told me of
your work in York & Scarborough.
She thought you might be able
to give some relief to my
wife. Over four months
ago my wife had a very
severe operation for
fibroid condition of the uterus.
Physically she has done
well but she is in a very
low

Bad nervous condition.
We still have a trained
nurse in attendance &
the local doctor comes
very often but there is hardly
any perceptible improvement.
Indeed, in some respects, she
seems worse than she was
two months ago. She had
no terror after another:
in no case did such
troubles last long but
just now she has what one
might describe as a fixed
idea. She cannot get away
from it. As to herself, she

"She takes it and is afraid
to let it go." She has been
troubled in this way for four
or five weeks & the trouble
came quite suddenly.
She gets up most from this
idea all through the day
& when she wakes up it is
present with her.

She also takes Veronal,
very much, for sleep, a
small quantity. I think
about four grains.

Dr. Howell, who works
in W. Yorkshire, thinks
you might minister to

8

2

Our local Doctor is positive
that there is no mental
disease. He connects
her condition with the
shock following operation
& with her age. He is
over it.

My own feelings
that a change of scene &
a change of treatment
might help her. I do hope
you will be free to think
of treating her.

I am, yours faithfully,
Frederick McVee.





General Board of Lunacy
Edinburgh 16 Jan^r 13

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

So be it then. With such
an address as I am able to prepare
I shall present myself at York
on the 15th of April.

It is very good of you & Mrs.
Bedford Pierce to ask my wife
to accompany me. She will be
very pleased to do so.

With



Kind regards & best wishes for your
holiday

Yours sincerely
John Macpherson

8 DARNAWAY STREET
EDINBURGH

7th Jsnuary 1913

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I am sorry to have been so long in replying to your letter. I wish you to understand that the arrangement you propose for the address - after Easter - will suit me admirably. I think it ought to be as soon after as possible and I should feel obliged if you would fix the exact date, when it is convenient for you to do so, in order that I may have a definite engagement in front of me.

I hope you will benefit much from your well earned leave of absence.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

John Macpherson

Thanks for the Report + copies of their addresses.

Yours

to know that I have been
put on the Asylum visiting
Committee of the Corporation
so that I am in part
responsible for the management
of the City Asylum.

DILSTON HOUSE,
HULL ROAD,
YORK

4 November 1912

My dear Pierce,

William Duke is
not able to write himself
to thank you and the
Committee of the Retreat
for the medal you have
so kindly sent him
but I hope he will
learn to treasure it as
one of his most prized
possessions.

I trust it may be a

W

Constant reminder to
him of the great heart
of his ancestor and
act as an incentive
to him to go and
do likewise.

Speaking for myself
I may say that
you could not have
made a more valued
gift than this. I need
not tell you how
I shall appreciate it not

only because it is a very
beautiful work of art
but also because of all
it will ever be remindful
of to me and mine

Please convey the
united thanks of my
wife & myself to the
committee and accept
them also for yourself.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Sturges

It may perhaps interest you

Oct. 2, 1912

Dear Sir,

George McGill has been many years at the Retreat, but has not been able to pass his examinations, and so has not been able to become a qualified mental nurse. This interferes with his promotion.

He is steady and trustworthy, very willing, and I should think you would find it difficult to get any one more suitable for a case such as you describe, unless you pay the usual fees for a trained nurse.

Yours very truly,

T.H.Hudson Esq.

DEVON VALLEY

PARISHMENT

asylum, or can you
tell us any place
you think fit and
the cost. I am sorry
to say that my sister
Mildred is not at all
well off, my brother
Mead when Harold
was about 20 and there
were six younger
children left almost
unprovided for. Harold
has since been her
main stay and my
sister and I have
always helped. We would
do what we could. Still
I hope you will forgive
my troubling you. But
I think you can give me
information better than
any one I know.
With very kind regards
Yours very sincerely
H. M. Minns.

1248
Kimbush
Arondale Del.
Newport J. W.
Nov 17th

Dear Fredrick

On the strength
of our acquaintance
of years ago, I am
venturing to write
to you about a mental
case in our family
which is giving us
great anxiety.
A dear nephew of mine
Harold Minns, who
when he was a school
boy, your Aunt Fizzie
and I had with us

on two summer holidays with the idea that he
to be a companion for must be at work again.
While whilst we were there he became much
at the seaside together) worse, was taken to
has been for some a hospital, and since
16 years an engineer then to Claybury ^{hope} ^{John}
in the 8th & Co. Co. He The local doctor ^{Curly}
was chosen to be on told my sister in law
the "Medina" when the that his disease is
being sent to India. incurable, it has given
Since the spring he was us a great shock and
attended for what the we cannot bear to give
doctor told his mother up hope.
was a nervous break I should be so glad if
down, but lately has you will tell me if in
been called paralysis your experience, cases
of the brain. He went of brain paralysis have
to London about a month been cured. If so, whether
since being possessed they can be properly
treated in an ordinary

Fernhurst
Aromdale Rd.
Decr 8th/12

Dear Medford,

Thank you very
much for writing to me
again about Mr. Harold,
and for giving me
the report of your con-
versation with Dr. Jones.
It only confirms, unfortunately,
what we had already
heard. I fervently hope
that research may go on
and that before long a
remedy may be discovered.
It is so terribly sad that

strong men should be she has gone in time.
stricken down so young I am glad you have
I suppose the rush of not given up your
our so called "civilization" permitting. Is the Art
has most to answer for Club you belongs to, just
in this sad state of a local one or do you
things.

→ You must have found I was with Minnie Grieve
it very cold in Scotland in a short time in
I was at Southampton Yorkshire last August
on the 30th and it was and did a great amount
bitter there. I was seeing of sketching, but have
a friend off to S. Africa not yet finished many
She has gone for rest of them.
and change to avert With kind regards to Mrs
a complete break down Grace and myself
from over work. I hope and best thanks for your
kindness believe me
Yours sincerely
J. M. Grieve

very fair. Altho I believe there
is great difficulty in getting
the work done at times.
The patient has been twice
forcibly fed. she has all
sorts of deliriums. I may
tell you that in March of
last year her husband who
had been 28 years with
his firm was asked to
travel in his resignation
the only reason being
that they had to make
other arrangements. After
a time just before the Baby
was born he got the offer
of an appointment up in
Glasgow which he accepted.
He is a man who has
worked very hard. and I

132
Mrs. Fanny Jones
Inglethorpe
In Reading Berks.
The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York. Feb 6th 12.

Dear Sir
I am writing to
ask you for your terms
etc. for a friend of mine
will explain the case to
you.
Last June this friend who
lives in London gave birth
to a Baby daughter (the 3rd
child with about 4 years
between its birth and this
one) and it is since then

she has been in a very poor health a relation there in the
state mentally. This began going to a cure. That is some
as show itself in July and time ago. But the report
got worse as the months went of your institution struck
me. Until now it is a question. But with my friends' advice
of putting her into an institution such as "The Retreat" was an ideal place
as see if she can sustain her for carrying out a cure.
proper mental balance. for cases of ~~that~~ kind.
I am a nursing sister myself my friend. I may say her
but only heard of the cure but seen a London Journalist
state of affairs in very short only then our doctor. And
time ago. When her sister As I have not seen her I
and also her husband. cannot give an opinion
with and asked my advice but her sister tells me
on the matter. I may say that she is very emaciated.
Heard of "The Retreat" they send me her name
some friends of mine who for the day. and it seemed

Many say they are not
well. And it has been
a long expensive time for
them. There is a young
lady with my friend just
now but of course she must
be trained and taught
work of this kind.

There are several hospitals
for the insane in and
near London. The family
suggested St Luke's. I don't
know if you know of it.
but is my mind from what
gather she is not bad
enough for that. And
another St Luke's is I don't
think situated for instance
as your place is.

Know that I felt this sort
of thing very keenly. ¹³²
Especially coming at such
a time! The confinement
took place. And I don't
think the doctor was
present at the time only
the sister. The whole circum-
stances of the trying state
of affairs seemed to have
taken hold of my friend
and caused this loss of
mental balance. She became
very listless and lost
interest in everything.
I must also tell you that
she had always lived
well and to her mother
and sisters, and often

remarked how she was
treating the removal up
to Glasgow. Altho her
husband wanted to give
it a fair trial before
removing up there. and
said he thought a year
would settle it, so in that
time he would be able to
tell how things were going.
He coming home as frequently
as he could afford to see
his wife and children
and being located up at
the Y in the Club Glasgow.
he makes the best arrangement
he could under
the circumstances.

The Club is very comfortable
but of course a man
misses his home life but
he was anxious to find
everything in the best
way possible. He has written
to me and asked me
what I would advise
under the circumstances.
The doctor has put my
friend under a course
of massage. and asked
that capsules. and they
seem to be doing him
good. I suggested your
institution to him if that
fails. as a means of
bringing about a recovery.

is very amiable and
diffident in her habits.
And even at her worst
has never attempted or
threatened any injury
to herself or others.
Again apologizing for
troubling you so much.

Yours faithfully
Miss Isabel C. May

I know Susan & Joseph very
well. And if she was to
see anyone I should suggest
that it was to Susan like
him. And then be
guided by what he says.
I am very anxious to do
what I can for them.
because the family are
feeling it keenly. The baby
is a bright little thing
and just 8 months old.
I am now here at a case
at present. but we are
only about an hour from
from London. but when
that makes it rather
difficult for me to go up
to see them because we ^{are} _{at}

are quite 5 miles from
Reading Station.

Would it trouble you to
write and tell me what
you think about the case
and if there is likely to
be a hope of ultimate
recovery. That is quite
confidential and I will
treat it as such.

I work for the Lunacy
Commission myself some
times. and I really think
very often these cases are
kept away from their
own people. Also in this
case they are very sensitive
and will see that a doctor

often accompanied and to
the letter.

I am afraid I have worried
you with all this detail
but I thought you would
understand the case
much better if I explained
it fully. My friend's age is
about 43.

I suggested the Retreat to
my friend's husband as a
likely place to put his
wife if it came that
he decided and that is
why we want to have
things all.

My friend kept a short
story with her sister
before she married. and

Hillbridge Hall, Colchester.
March. 18. 1912.

Dr. Redford Pierce. York Retreat.
My dear friend:

I shall be glad to know whether you can assist us at Colchester under the following circumstances. Our friends Mr & Mrs Justing Holtham who are "convinced" friends having joined our Society many years ago & take a leading part in the ministry of our meeting, have a brother aged 58 years who has been for years mentally afflicted and is now at the Essex County Asylum, Brentwood. J. Justing Holtham & his brother Septimus who is also a member of the Society of Friends & lives at Sinton, Cambridgeshire are extremely desirous that their brother should be cared for at your Institution. Our friends are well educated people, greatly respected, not so well off as formerly being losses in the "Liberator" Company. The brother in question is not himself a member of the Society of Friends. We should be glad to know on what terms the patient could be received at Yorkstead for there - instead of in the County Asylum.

I remain your sincere friend

Wilson Manning.

only a delicate girl who
is really not fit for a
Kitchenmaid at all
I have also to share the
bedroom with her which
I don't consider is respect
to a Cook, I shall be glad
when my time is over
as I have been anything
but comfortable

Yours Sincerely
M. A. Murphy

Throesby Hall³³
Scarborough
Jan 21st 1912

Sir

I understand
you are one who likes
justice, I have had
notice given to leave
on the 6th of February,
A little while ago I wished
to resign (but my
notice was not accepted)
as I felt I was not

treated with the
respect due to a Cook,
For instance if I require
any stores the keys
are given to the
Housemaid a girl half
my age & she gives me
them out, also when
there was a little
time to spare I asked
the Kitchenmaid to
clean something extra,
She was told by the

Matron not to do it &
to tell me to do it
myself, since then
I have had no control
in the Kitchen at all
& am treated more
like a Scullery maid
than a Cook, Is it just
I was informed I did
not do enough scrubbing,
I came as Cook, not as
Cook general & was told
there was a good strong
Kitchenmaid, but found

She is making no progress, not
did I expect any at home. I
told her husband I would
inquire from you as to the cost
of her becoming a voluntary
patient & as an alternative
if you could suggest any
institution, not an asylum,
which would be suitable for
such a case - She is a refined
lady but they are not overburdened
with this world's goods so have
to look to some extent to the
financial side - She has no
delusions & no tendency to
violence or suicide - Simply
that she cannot pull herself
together.

I hope you won't mind
my troubling you for advice

TELEPHONE: BEAUCHIEF 17
AT HOME
9 TO 10 A.M.
6 TO 7-30 P.M.

MUIRFOOT
MILLHOUSES,
N^o SHEFFIELD.

Nov. 3. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have got a patient, a
lady aged 39. married with 2
children, youngest about 18 mos.
old. breast fed for 9 months.

She has developed symptoms of
loss of self control in the sense that
she cannot settle down to any
thing & is very intrusive as to
her actions - She has been this
way for 4 or 5 mos. & has been
away 3 mos of the time with
a nurse - & has been at home
with a nurse for the last 6 weeks

W

+ if there is any fee due
please let me know & I
will let you have it.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Horton Milner

NAT. TELEPHONE.
DR MURRAY HESSLE 13.
DR MILLIGAN, " 92.
AT HOME, { 9-10 A.M.
 { 6-7.30 P.M.
TELEGRAMS, HESSLE.

30
HESSLE,
EAST YORKS.

Dec. 13th 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry to say that at present the consultation is off as our patient who has always been erratic disappeared from home on Monday & his friends so far have not succeeded in finding his whereabouts.

I very much wish he were safely under your care.

Will have you over whenever he turns up

Yours v. truly,
N. Murray

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

EAST YORKS.
HESSLE.

THE TOWN
OF
HESSLE
IN
THE
PARISH
OF
ST. ANDREW
AND
ST. MARTIN
IN
THE
COUNTY
OF
YORK
AND
THE
CITY
OF
LONDON
IN
THE
PARISH
OF
ST. ANDREW
AND
ST. MARTIN
IN
THE
COUNTY
OF
YORK
AND
THE
CITY
OF
LONDON

17. 11. 1890

NAT. TELEPHONE.
 DR MURRAY, HESSLE 13.
 DR MILLIGAN, " 92.
 AT HOME, { 9-10 A.M.
 { 6-7.30 P.M.
 TELEGRAMS, HESSLE.

HESSLE,
 EAST YORKS.

Dec. 17th 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce, many thanks for your kind letter. The patient turned up again after two days more or less in the racket & I had Merion to see him. He quite thought he should be taken care of but unfortunately could not then get sufficient to certify him in.

I will come however sooner or later & I shall keep the papers until a favourable opportunity arises taking the chance of your being able to accommodate him. I hope you will manage him somehow when the time comes. He would not at all be an anxious case.
 Yours truly W. Murray.

MADE IN U.S.A.

G. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.

NAT. TEL. NO. 428.
Commissioner for Oaths.

ENC.....

IN ANY REPLY
PLEASE REFER TO
No 48

29
20, Castlegate,
York.

9th December, 1911.

B. Pierce, Esq., M.D.
The Retreat,
York.

My dear Pierce,

SALVIN DECEASED.

I have this morning received a letter from Messrs Lee and Pemberton, the solicitors having the conduct of this action, informing me that a summons is pending before the judge for the payment of interest to the creditors at the usual rate of 4%, but this summons will not be disposed of until some time next sittings, which begin on the 11th of January. I gather that when the further Order has been made you will receive a notice in the usual form to the effect that a cheque is ready for you.

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Mennell

9th December, 1911.

B. Pierce, Esq., M.D.
The Rectory,
York.

My dear Pierce,

REPLY TO DEAR SIR.

I have this morning received a letter from Messrs Lee and Pemberton, the solicitors having the conduct of this action, informing me that a summons is pending before the Judge for the payment of interest to the creditors at the legal rate of 4%, but this summons will not be disposed of until some time next sitting, which begins on the 11th of January. I gather that when the further Order has been made you will receive a notice in the usual form to the effect that a cheque is ready for you.

Yours sincerely,

Oct. 30, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to say we have no funds available for the reduction of terms except for persons who are members of the Society of Friends or are closely connected with it. Our lowest rate for persons not connected is 48/- a week. We receive Friends in reduced circumstances from all parts of the kingdom, and this involves as great a strain upon the resources of the Retreat as can be borne. I would gladly apply to the Committee for a reduction under the circumstances, but I fear that it is unlikely that any reduction which they could grant would be sufficient to meet the needs of the case. There will not be a meeting of the Committee for three weeks.

If it is really necessary to make a change I would suggest that you apply to Dr. Hitchcock, Bootham Park, York, where they have, I understand, funds available for patients who cannot pay ordinary fees. You can be quite sure that your brother would receive every care and attention there.

I am very sorry we are not able to give material assistance in cases of this kind, and it is a disappointment to me to have to write letters such as this when one would gladly help if possible.

Yours very truly,

Dr. G.C. Moore-Smith

1934, Oct. 10

Page 10

Received from Mr. J. H. Smith

the sum of \$100.00 for the year 1934

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

for the purpose of the purchase of

the land in the State of Texas

It is his wish to be transferred from Glasgow however - & it w^d. be convenient ^{to me} to have him nearer. He himself asked to be sent to the Retreat -

I therefore enclose Dr. Oswald's last letter for you to read, & ask on what terms you would be willing

31 Endcliffe Rise Road
Sheffield.

29. Oct 1911

My dear Sir,

My brother, Captain W.H.M. Smith is now confined at Gartnavel Asylum Glasgow - I had to put him there on July 16th last. as I found that he was on the point of committing suicide - He had also delusions 1) that he 'stank' and was offensive to people who were with him

2) that he heard remarks made about him in consequence -

After he went to Gastravel he ~~was~~ made one attempt to injure himself by running his head against a wall - but lately he has gone up a stone in weight, & his mental condition has so far improved that a fortnight or more

ago Dr. Oswald thought he might even be discharged.

I did not think so myself - & Dr. Oswald now agrees with me that his delusions are still so strong as to make it dangerous to think of giving him his liberty - especially as his moods are very variable & at times he shows great hostility to myself.

to put ~~me~~ him at St.
Andrew's Northampton,
as D. Bayley knows me
of my circumstances.
— & I thought he would
not meet my sister there,
who is in a very
demented state. However
his feeling seemed
against this — so I
am complying with his
wish in writing to you.

to receive him.

I am afraid however
from the statement of
terms I see on p 37
of your report for 1910
that the Retreat will
be more than I can
afford. I have no
connexion with the Society
of Friends, beyond
being intimate with
some of the families
of Doncaster, Hodgkin
&c.

I am a Professor in the
University here - &
besides my brother I
have two sisters in law,
one at St. Andrews
Northampton, one with
J. Mould at Overdale
near Manchester -
Each of them has a
private income of
about £35-40 -
My brother only £20
- So that though ~~they~~ their

expenses are not more
than about 30/a week,
(my brother's at factnarel
rather more) - it is a
heavy burden on me,
tho' I have a little
assistance from a brother
who is a master (without
a house) at Malvern
(Mylor, & from a sister
who is head of a school
in Natal -

I was inclined myself

— It is very unfortunate
that the Scotch certificate
is not valid in England,
if he must therefore be
re-certified. I don't
know if Dr. Oswald's
account of him will
do for anything - or if
I must find two
doctors in York to
certify him. I am
busy in the midst of
term, but I could

Come over for a day
some time, if you received
him, if things could
then be managed.

If you cannot have him,
he will know at least
that I have tried to
meet his wishes - &

I hope will make
no difficulty about
Northampton.

Scalebor Park, Burley in
Wharfedale has also been
recommended to me - but
he fortunately a gentleman
is there at present,
who is brother to some
friends of ours here.

& I am afraid my
brother W. dislike

this connexion -

Believe me &c

Yours faithfully

G. C. Moore Smith

To

Dr. Bedford Pierce York.

I am thankful to say that myself & family are all fairly well. I still ride the bicycle and do my visiting on it. I am in my lively third year.

I shall be extremely obliged if you will kindly answer my queries and if there ~~is~~ any other information or hint that would be useful I should be glad of it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Wm R. McGee

6, Cecil Avenue.
Bradford.

Feb. 6th /11

J. Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir,

You will perhaps be able to remember that my daughter Madeline took her probation in mental nursing under you at the Retreat some years ago.

Madeline has suggested to me that a patient of mine who is suffering from Melancholia but uncertified might be received into the Home connected with the Retreat under Miss Godson.

I am requested by the friends of the patient, a lady of about 50 years of age and a widow, to ask you if you would receive her as a voluntary patient; and also what your terms for so doing would be. I don't think the patient's means are large.

Supposing that the patient consents (the matter has not yet been proposed to her) ought she to sign a submission to be placed under control and would such an agreement on her part be binding upon her? As in the case of the habitual drunkard?

If you should not wish to take the case yourself would you, if you can, tell me of any medical man who would take her into his house for a reasonable amount?

My daughter has not pursued the mental nursing. She went to St. George's Hospital and got a year of her probation over but at the end of that time her health broke down. She has for some time now been teaching home nursing, Hygiene, Cooking &c under the County Council.

I trust yourself. Mrs. Pierce and family are well.

Feb. 7, 1911

Dear Dr. McGee,

I am interested in hearing from you and that Miss McGee is doing such good work under the County Council. The training she had both with us and in London will have done much to prepare her for her present work.

With reference to your enquiries, I hardly think Belle Vue House at this time of the year would be very suitable for a patient suffering from Melancholia unless she were elderly and not able to take much interest in her surroundings. Miss Godson is wonderfully kind to those under her charge, but just now Belle Vue is rather dull. The patients are chronic ones and the garden is of course lacking in brightness.

If the patient is not bad I should have thought our branch house at Scarborough, Throxenby Hall, would be more suitable; and I send you a prospectus. You will understand that patients can only be received there who can be trusted with a certain amount of freedom and who are not suicidal.

With reference to the private care of patients, Dr. Marian Mackenzie, 9 The Valley, Scarborough, would do well for a patient. Also Dr. Gwatkin, Grange-over-Sands. In the latter case, however, I fancy the fees might be rather high.

I am interested to hear that you are still a
devotee of the bicycle. I myself am but a butterfly ri
der and am rarely out in bad weather.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM,
VIRGINIA WATER.Oct. 30th 1910

Dear Pierce

I have not written as our lawyers have been wrangling. But, this morning, I heard that the matters in dispute have been satisfactorily arranged. Our Committee have had the pension scheme under consideration for several years. They were about to formulate a scheme in connection with the National Pension Fund, when the Superannuation Bill was passed and they considered it wiser to hesitate until that was settled.

Although the Committee of Hospitals are not compelled to grant pensions, I understood that they generally do so.

For many reasons which, no doubt, occur to

Now, it is advisable that there should be a definite scheme - Committees change and the financial position of the Hospital may vary from time to time.

If there be a scheme, I think it is also advisable that the pension funds should be in the hands of an outside body of experts - it entails less expense, there is greater security and there is the feeling that if you live long you are not living on the Hospital funds.

My Committee have considered the matter very carefully, various Insurance Companies have been consulted and it was found that the National Pension Fund offered many advantages.

We do not lose control of the money we pay there - we can recall the premiums paid for an individual horse or, in fact, the entire amount we have paid at any time.

It is really an investment as we shall

receive 3% Compound interest, for the money we invest. 26

The only amount we actually lose is the money actually paid for a pension which has become due - that of course goes entirely.

We have followed the lines of the Act as closely as possible - a pension at 55 after 20 years

- Service, calculated upon the value of the wages and Emoluments for the last ten years of Service. So far, we have only one class - Nurses and attendants - our scheme does not include clerks, artisans etc but it will ultimately include Medical Officers.

This is optional for the present staff but compulsory for all future entrants.

- The Nurses will have to pay 5% of their Salaries and Emoluments but on leaving, before the pension becomes due they will receive the amount they have paid plus $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Simple interest.

You will see that one advantage of the Scheme is that it will compel the nursing staff to save money.

The nurses contributions will be returned to them no matter what may be the cause of their leaving.

In the first few years we shall probably have to pay between three and four thousand pounds per annum - this contribution will gradually diminish and it is calculated that in twenty years we shall nothing to pay, as the premiums we have paid for nurses who leave before their pensions become due will with the 3% compound interest suffice to pay for all.

I need not go into the matter of the Policy, if you seriously contemplate going into the matter, I shall send you a copy - as we have secured many concessions from the National Fund and it may be well that you should be aware of them if you are likely to begin negotiations.

You will probably get a rough idea of the probable cost from the small book

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM,
VIRGINIA WATER.

I enclose.

Mr. Dick, the Secretary of the National Pension Fund, will be very glad to give you any particulars you may require.

Of course the drawback to my scheme is that nurses who have completed 20 years service and have not attained the age of 55 do not benefit from the fund. It was quite impossible to include them in the scheme.

For the purposes of the scheme I have had to state definitely the value of the emoluments of the nurses in the various classes and also to indicate the wages in the various classes.

HOLLOMAN LABORATORY

WATER ANALYSIS

I have written this hurriedly and I
may have omitted some important
points - please let me know if this
be so or if anything be obscure.

Yours sincerely
W. S. Moore

Jan. 18, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Committee of the Retreat to ask whether you will be so good as to give your opinion respecting the Crosthwaite Firebar in relation to our boilers at the Retreat. You are familiar with the conditions here, but may not perhaps know that we find our furnaces make more smoke than ought to be the case.

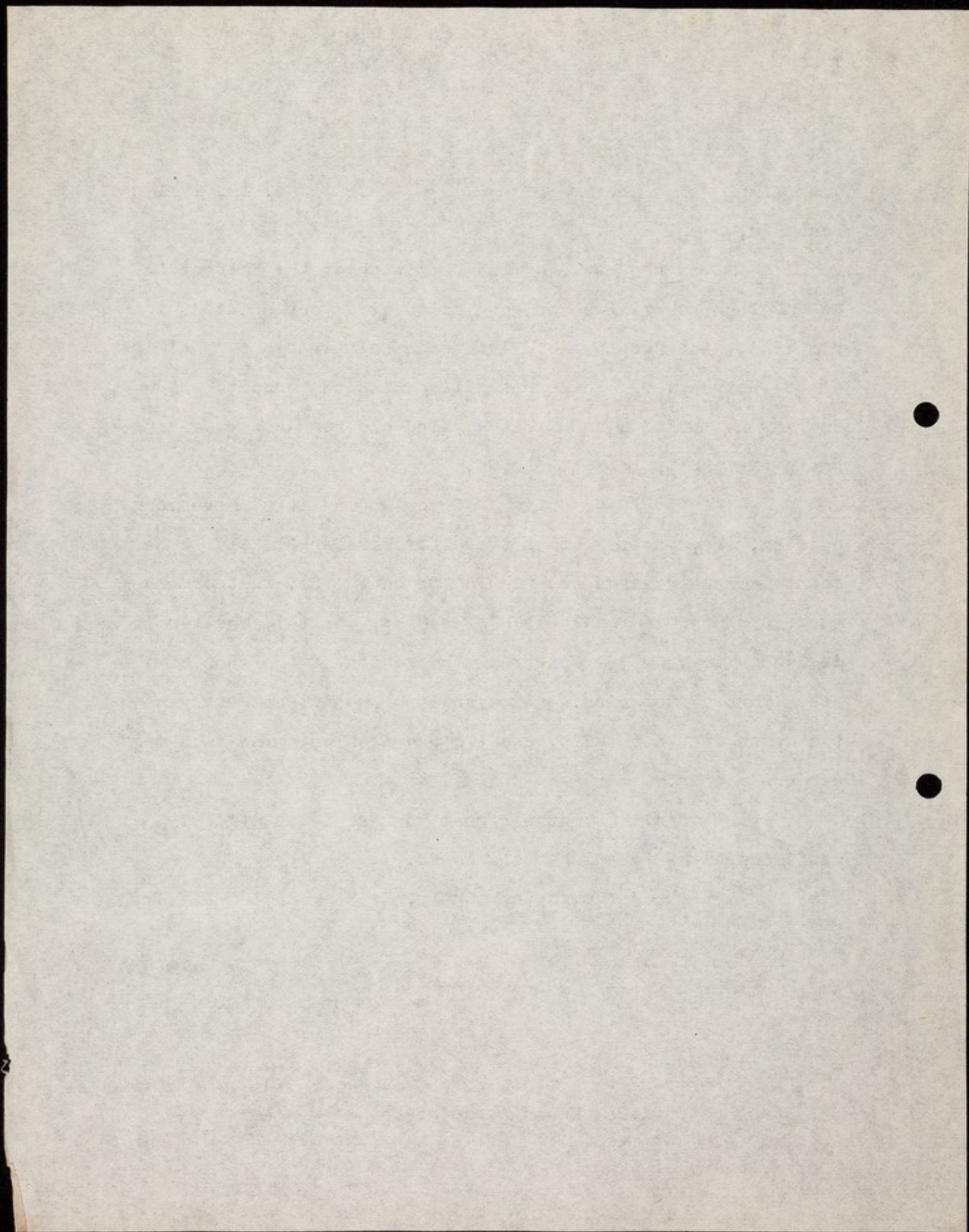
We should be obliged if you would let us have your opinion, (1), as to whether these firebars are likely to be economical as regards consumption of coal, (2), whether the smoke produced is likely to be lessened, and (3), whether it is likely to be noisy in working by reason of the rush of steam through the fire. The boilers are situated very near the wards of the Retreat, and the question of noise is a very serious matter.

We shall of course treat your reply as strictly confidential if you wish it to be so.

Yours very truly,

The Manager,

Manchester Steam Users Association



Hamilton. I hope
Miss Hamilton has
been able to find a
satisfactory substi-
tute for James Street
tomorrow evening.

Yours Sincerely
A. Milner.

P.S. Father wishes to
be remembered to you

LAVERG BANK,
KENWOOD ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

April 18th 1909

Dear Mr. Pierce

I am not
willing to let the open-
ing of the new Recreation
Room tomorrow evening
pass over without
sending you a few
lines.

I have such grateful
recollections of Sunday
evening services at
The Retreat that
I should like to wish

(212)

24

you a particularly
good time tomorrow
night I daresay
I am speaking for
many beside myself
when I tell you that
attendance at those
evening services has
often been a great
help to me when I
was not able to
avail myself of
other opportunities

of a similar kind &
I always feel it a
restful part of my
Sunday to go to them
when in York, & am
sorry that I can't
be able to be with
you tomorrow.

However please ac-
cept hearty good
wishes for the best
of every thing in
every way connected
with the new room.
Please give my very
kind remembrances
to Mrs Pierce & Miss

Mrs. Ivor

Jan. 14, 1910

We do not give written testimonials or characters for members of the staff, but I am always glad to act as a reference; and in your case most certainly I can speak as to your willingness, industry and trustworthiness.

I would suggest that in making an application you should frankly state the reasons why you left the Retreat, and then ask the people to refer to me as to your character.

I will gladly do my best to help you get any post.

Whilst writing let me repeat what I told you in conversation, that Mrs. Pierce and I both recognize your kindness and patience in looking after our dog during his illness. We were very grateful for this, and if you will allow me I should like to send a little present, and therefore enclose postal orders for £1 in memory of Jock.

I hope I shall soon hear that you have got another situation.

Yours very truly,

EXHIBIT A
BRIEFING

July 25th, 1910.

Dear Dr. Mills,

I am sadly afraid we must not attempt to receive your Patient, although I would have been glad to do what we could for her. We are at the present time uncomfortably full up, and it does not seem to be likely that there will be room for a month or two. Perhaps if you could make some temporary arrangement until October, provided that the Patient is not well then, we will then be glad to take her in as a voluntary Boarder. Unfortunately I know of no place where you can get good nursing with Massage at a low fee. Massage is always expensive, and when properly done is undoubtedly a great task upon the Nurse. Apart from regular Nursing Home I really do not know what to suggest. Would Dr. Luards Home at Osmotherly Nr. Northallerton be suitable. It might be worth while making inquiries there. He takes cases for open air treatment. I have not been to the place myself, but hear it well spoken of. But failing this would you like the Patient to go the Crichton Institution at Dumfries, which although a large place really applies the best of treatment under very favourable conditions, and Dr. Easterbrook would certainly see that

everything possible is done.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

RECEIVED
JAN 10 1960
LIBRARY OF THE
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF
THE ARMY

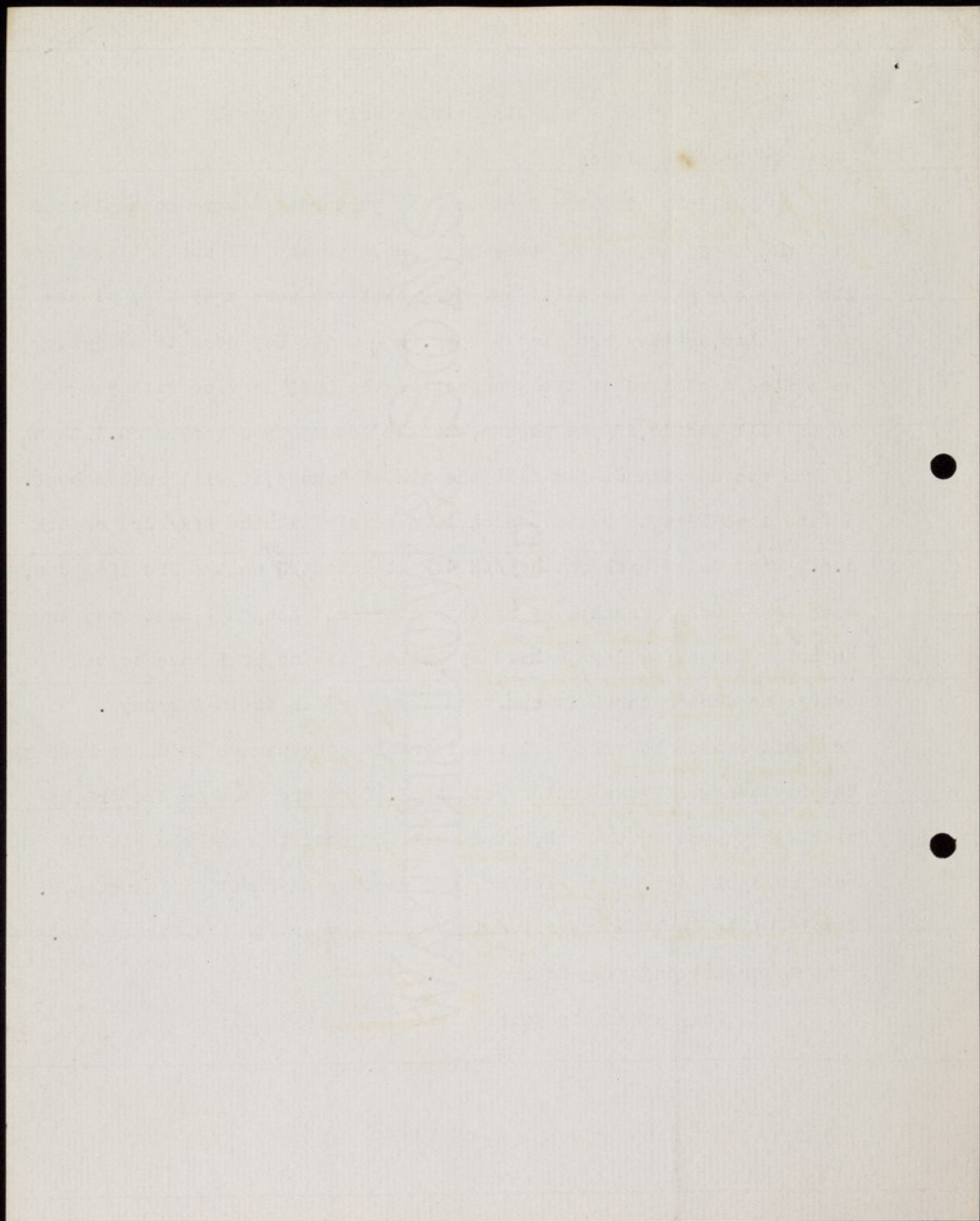
Old Malton July 22 1910

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

Mills & his Wife went to York yesterday & were much pleased with ~~all~~ they saw, as well they might be, & we are all much obliged for the courtesy shown by all. I am sorry that you were away & so missed seeing them, as they are nice people. They, & the Boy, seem to be quite satisfied, & pleased, at the prospect of the Lady's service with you & so we will decide, if you please, that he goes to you very soon. I think, if you can do without him till the 8th of August, it will suit me best. I find that I must be in London, if possible till the ~~24th~~ 3rd or 4th i.e. I hope to be back on the ~~24th~~ 4th at latest, ^{or} ~~12~~ on the 3rd if I can, & as I am such a crock, & my Brother away from London, I must stay in an hotel for a few days & have my Butler with me, as I have to take over a new motor car & I hope ^{to} come down here in it in Two days. For this reason it will be a considerable convenience to us to have ~~the~~ the Boy here till the Butler gets back. If we are back on the 3rd, he might go to you on the 5th, but it will be best to make the 8th the more reliable day. Please let me know whether this will all suit you. I told Mills that the wages would be £22 a year for the first year. I hope you are enjoying Scarborough.

Very sincerely yours

William W. Lupton



Mr John Malcolmson

Oct 12th

99

20

To Fee for Medical Supervision
including Officers Consultation
at Sunderland

31. 10. 0

Expenses of Removal

1. 0. 11

Fee for attendant going to Sunderland

1. 1. 0

Mrs Wright - Board & at Acomb
" " housekeeper

9. 0. 0

1. 6

Fee for attendant 2 weeks & 1 day
@ 7/4-

4. 10. 0

£ 47. 3. 5

Mr. John H. Johnson

Oct 15th

2

To fee for Medical Examination
including Office Consultation
at Baltimore

3.10.0

Expense of removal

1.00.0

To fee for constant going to Baltimore

1.1.0

Mr. Wright - Board & camp

2.00.0

transfers

1.1.0

To fee for constant - lunch & 1 day

4.10.0

5.17.3.2

ROBERT H. MARSH & CO
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

ROBERT H. MARSH.
MARK LEICESTER, JUN.

TELEPHONE NO 4507 CENTRAL.

Telegraphic Address:
ANNOTATION, LONDON.

Enclosure.

73. Ethelburga House.
70. Bishopsgate St. Within.
London.

E.C. 16th. June 1908.

Bedford Pierce, Esquire, M.D.,
The Retreat,
Y O R K .

Dear Dr. Pierce,

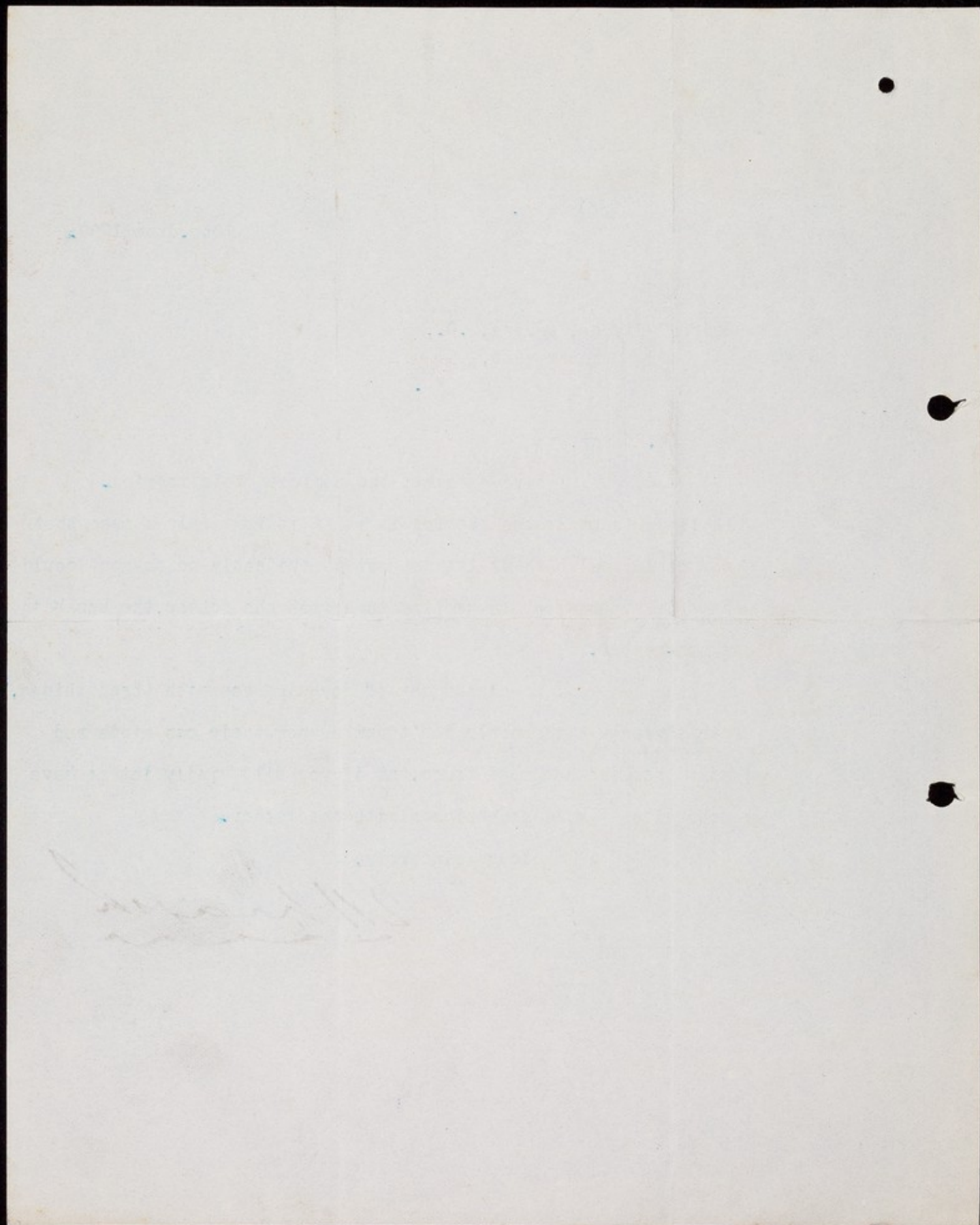
I have received the enclosed this morning.

It looks to me on the face of it as if it is hardly a case that you could deal with at the Retreat as evidently no payment could be made by the Monthly Meeting to assist the Father, the son being a non-member.

I am always shy of worrying you with these things, particularly when people don't quite know their own minds and what they are prepared to do, but if you will kindly let me have your views I will communicate with the Father.

Yours sincerely,

R H Marsh



(403)

20
19

~~FRIENDS' MISSION CHURCH,~~

Barclay Hall,
GREEN STREET, FOREST GATE, E.

~~~~~

CHARLES R. PRATT,  
Secretary & Correspondent.

170, HALLEY ROAD,  
FOREST GATE, E.

15 6 1908

Dear Friend

Robert St Marsh,

Samuel Hunter Ross  
a recently admitted  
member of Ratcliff &  
Barkins Monthly has a  
Son (non member) of about  
18 or 19 years of age who  
has been unsound in  
mind for about 18 months

owing to the difficulty  
of keeping him under  
control. St Ross thinks  
the time must soon come  
when he must be placed  
under the care of an



P.S. I may perhaps add, that S W Ross said he might be able to pay 15/- weekly

institution & he has asked me to obtain for him Particulars re terms re of admission to the York Retreat. I have been in communication with Alfred Alexander whom I knew was familiar with the Circumstances of our late Friend George Annatage and he has referred me to you as being the Correspondent for our Monthly Meeting

Will you please let me know at your convenience or perhaps it might be well to communicate with S W Ross himself who resides at 48 Milton Avenue East Ham E.  
I am  
Yours sincerely  
C. Pratt



AT HOME.  
MORNING 9 TO 10.  
EVENING 6 TO 7.30.  
P.O. TEL. NEWCASTLE & SPOTTYNE.  
No 4.

Felling

✓  
DEMPSTERVILLE,

FELLING. R. S. O.

C9 DURHAM.

201  
18  
March 24.08

Dear Father.

I have seen Mrs Murray and  
dissuaded her from reconciling  
Mr Miller - pointing out to  
her that complete isolation  
from friends was necessary  
for his recovery - She has  
agreed <sup>not</sup> to ~~let him~~ interfere,  
altho' she was somewhat  
reluctant - if they re-  
move Miller I shall  
have to ask them to

P.S. I forgot to mention that  
some voluntary patient is posting  
letters to his sister for him, and  
it would be well to cut off  
all outside communication  
from H.M. I am going to advise  
his nephew not to write him  
any more - his letters to Mrs  
Murray are - "For God sake  
to take him out of the Retreat"  
& this I think is responsible for  
unsettling her.

Let other attendance for him -  
as I cannot be worried  
to death in the manner  
he has been doing - I shall  
if possible, take a run  
thro' & see him on Saturday  
and perhaps a chat with  
me will settle him a bit, &  
I am writing him to say in-  
forming him, that I have  
advised his sister not  
to interfere.

Very many thanks for  
your letter  
Yours v. truly  
W. J. G. Bates



✓

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"SANATORIUM, STAINES"

RAILWAY STATION—VIRGINIA WATER, S.W.R.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED  
TO THE  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

18 17  
17

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM  
VIRGINIA WATER

29th January 1908

Dear Pierce,

With the exception of suicidal attempts Mrs Bourne is rather a nice patient. She is cheerful, quiet and amenable but the subjective voices tell her to injure herself and she makes frequent attempts to do so.

Yours truly,

*W. S. Moore*

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM  
VIRGINIA WATER

23rd January 1908

Dear Sir,

With the exception of suicidal attempts Mrs. Burton is  
rather a nice patient. She is cheerful, neat and amiable but the  
subjective voices tell her to injure herself and she makes fre-  
quent attempts to do so.

Yrs truly,



14 Collingwood Terrace  
Whitley Bay  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1908

16

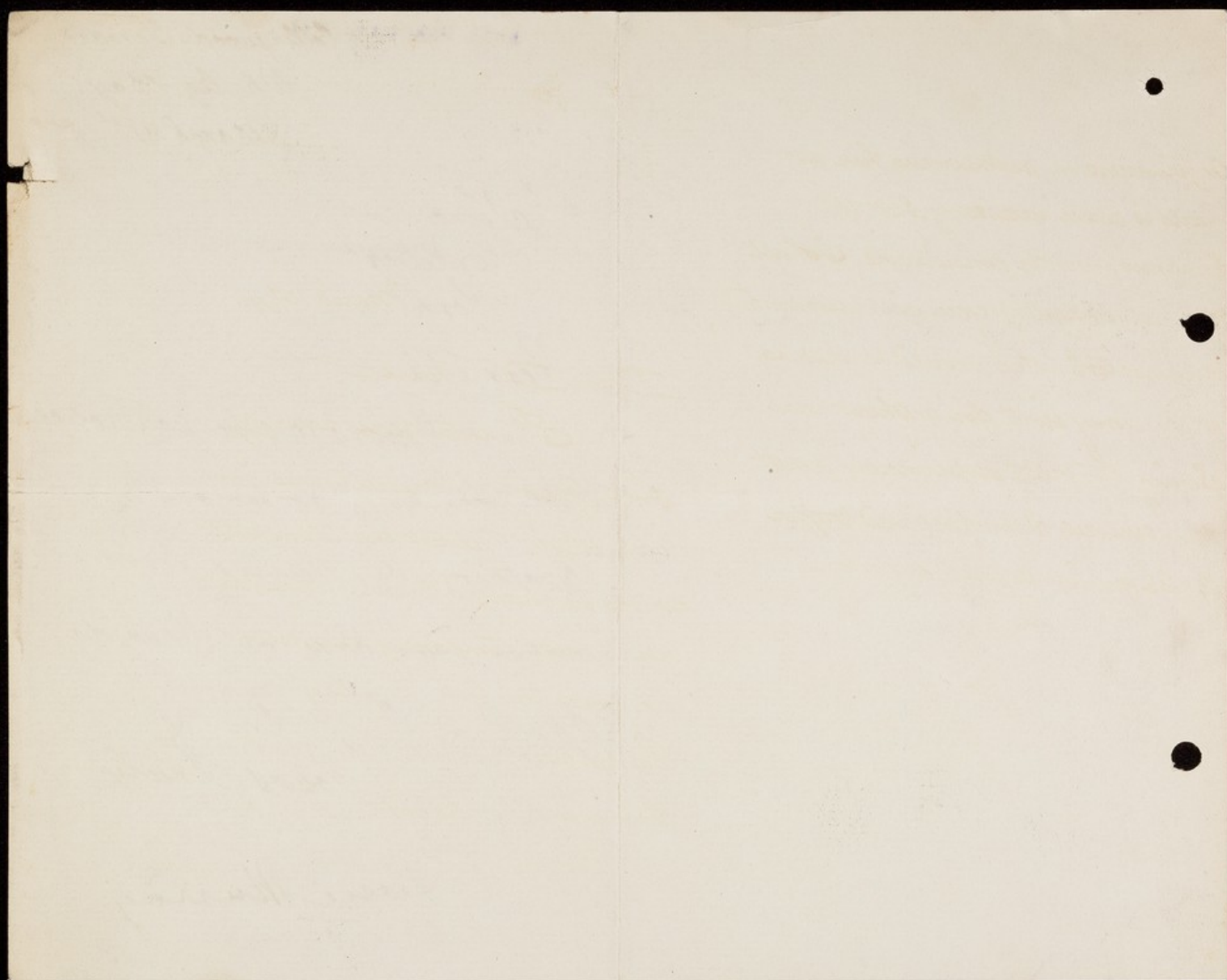
D<sup>r</sup> Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

Dear Sir

This is to give you notice  
that I intend to remove my  
Brother, H. Miller from  
under your care on Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908.

Yours Truly

Lessie Murray





As firmness in restraining her at meals is alone necessary, but the firmness must be considerable. I shall be much obliged if you will recommend any doctors who would be willing to take my sister for a short term. Seeing that the supervision is not very serious I am prepared to offer 2-2½ guineas a week inclusive.

Believe me

Yours faithfully  
R. S. Inouell

15  
SOUTH BANK,  
COMPTON,  
WOLVERHAMPTON

March 10/07

Dear Dr. Pearce.

Fourteen years ago my sister (Miss) L. Inouell was an inmate of the Retreat for 18 months & was discharged cured. There have been several temporary relapses in her condition but none very serious. For the last five years she has been living with a lady & her daughter in London. Unfortunately the daughter

has been seized with an illness & her recovery will be slow. The mother is naturally hardly able to attend to both her daughter & my sister. I am afraid my sister's condition is consequently not improving so much as I should wish. I think 6 months residence in a doctor's family in the country in Yorkshire might be beneficial. The case is not a serious one; my sister requires merely ordinary supervision. There is an inordinate craving for food at meals or between meals. Overindulgence in this respect makes her irritable & difficult to get on with.



TEL. 0338.

3, NORTH PARK ROAD,

HARROGATE.

(140)  
Feb 18 1907

Dear Sir. Have you a vacancy for a young lady patient (22) - a genuine drinker - who would come as a voluntary boarder.

I don't want her to mix with the insane if possible & so would like to know if she could be kept further. Terms are required, but the husband is fairly well off. How long would you suggest, as a rough guide, that we should keep the patient at your place? Lastly, could you send a nurse in the night. & see the young lady goes all right?

Believe me

Yours truly

J. W. Malin M.B.E.





MUNBY & SCOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
MUNBY, SOLICITOR, YORK.  
TELEPHONE NO 61X.

13  
3, BLAKE STREET,  
YORK.

15th February 1907.

Dear Sir,

✓ We beg to send you Miss Ratcliff's cheque for Thirteen  
Guineas in payment of the enclosed account. I understand that  
Miss Pearce came to Harrogate on a Monday, and December 31st  
was a Monday. If you find this correct and return One Guinea  
I shall be glad, as I had expected that there was only 12  
Guineas owing. I shall be further obliged if you could obtain  
and send me a receipt from Miss Pearce, as Miss Ratcliff's sister  
is very anxious that she should have no knowledge of Miss  
Pearce's connection with the Retreat. They have both been in  
York today, and Miss Eleanor Ratcliff certainly seems much more  
like what she used to be a year ago. *She would like to  
know Miss Pearce's address.*  
Yours faithfully,

*Frederick J. Munby*

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

12th February 1907.

Dear Sir,

We beg to send you Miss Ratcliffe's cheque for thirteen  
Guineas in payment of the enclosed account. I understand that  
Miss Pearce came to Harrogate on a Monday, and December 21st  
was a Monday. If you find this correct and return one Guinea  
I shall be glad, as I had expected that there was only 12  
Guineas owing. I shall be further obliged if you could obtain  
and send me a receipt from Miss Pearce as Miss Ratcliffe's sister  
is very anxious that she should have no knowledge of Miss  
Pearce's connection with the Retreat. They have both been in  
York today and Miss Eleanor Ratcliffe certainly seems much more  
like what she used to be a year ago.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.



12 (772)  
The Convent of Mercy.  
King's Road North Ormsby  
Nov 26<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dear Madam

I understand, that  
you receive into your  
institution, ladies, who are  
of unsound mind. Could you  
let me know the conditions  
and terms upon which such  
patients are received.

I am much interested in  
a young lady in this  
district, whose mind has

become unsound. Her friends  
think, that a complete  
change of scene and under-  
shore, who would insist on  
her following medical treat-  
ment, she would soon be  
all right. She has never  
been violent, nor even bad  
enough to send her to an  
asylum. She is a Catholic,  
and would want, under  
supervision to attend  
the church.

A speedy answer will oblige

I am yours sincerely

Sister Mary Catherine



11



WHITE CROSS LODGE,  
YORK.

Oct<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> / 06

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
I shall be very  
pleased to consider  
your kind offer, but  
should like to know  
more particulars, so  
will call upon you  
at 11-15 a.m. tomorrow

Morning (Thursday)  
As you did not  
mention the hour  
of not-coming  
will you kindly let  
me know the time  
that will suit  
you best. Mr. Davis  
is keeping nicely  
Believe me  
Yours Sincerely  
J. Moss.



MUNBY & SCOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
MUNBY, SOLICITOR, YORK.  
TELEPHONE N° 61X

3, BLAKE STREET,  
YORK.

24th October 1906.

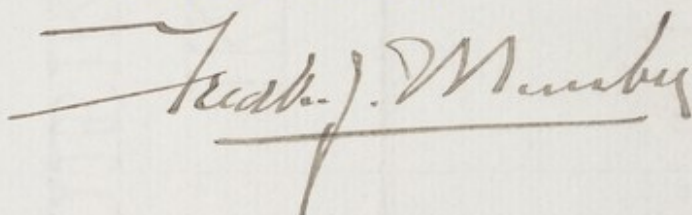
Dear Sir,

I am obliged by the receipt of your note.

I hope there will be no difficulty as to the payment in respect of Nurse Pearce, and I will communicate with the Patient's sister on the subject.

We had not heard of Dr. Ozanne in the matter. I think perhaps it would be Dr. Hobson who would telephone to you. I thought it possible that the arrangement had been made with Dr. Prince, but, if this is not so, I must contrive that what is due shall be paid. I remain

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank J. Munby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

The Secretary,  
The Retreat,  
York.

25th October 1901

Dear Sir,

I am obliged by the receipt of your note.  
I hope there will be no difficulty as to the payment to  
you of the balance of the account, and I will be glad to  
attend to it as soon as possible.  
We have not heard of Dr. Gough in a long time. I think  
perhaps it would be well to write to Dr. Hobson and enquire  
whether it is possible that the arrangement has been made with Dr.  
Hobson and if this is not so I am anxious that it should  
be made. I remain

Yours faithfully,

*W. G. Gough*

The Secretary,  
The National  
York.



MUNBY & SCOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
MUNBY, SOLICITOR, YORK.  
TELEPHONE NO 61X.

3, BLAKE STREET,  
YORK.

12th November 1906.

Dear Sir,

Dr Prince of Boston Spa will have called on you this afternoon with an invitation that you ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> lunch with him there on Wednesday next. This invitation is due to my suggestion in the interests of a client of ours who is staying with Dr Prince, and respecting whom I must see you before you go to Boston. I shall be glad to see you at any time tomorrow, and I shall be much obliged if you will let me know on the telephone what time I may expect you. I shall probably not be able to see you on Wednesday morning.

Yours faithfully,

*Frederick J. Munby*

Dr Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

*I dictated this before  
receiving your call on the  
telephone. F.J.M.*

MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE RECORD  
DATE: 11/11/1904  
BY: [illegible]

11th November 1904

Dear Sir,

The Police of London are this day called on  
for this afternoon with an intention that you will know  
also that we are extremely sorry. This intention is one  
to be executed in the interests of a friend of ours who  
is working with the Police and requesting that I send you  
before you go to London. I shall be glad to see you at  
any time convenient and I shall be much obliged if you will  
let me know on the telephone what time I may expect you. I  
shall be glad to see you on Wednesday evening.

Yours faithfully,

*Frank B. Munnell*

I dictated this before  
receiving your call on the  
telephone. F.B.M.

Dr. James Ross,  
The Police,  
London.





Telephone 0125 Jersey

Dunkeld,  
Perthshire.

Nov 2<sup>d</sup> 1906

Dear Sir

I have a patient,  
(a gentleman 62 years of age)  
who has suffered for some  
years from Epileptic attacks  
Those attacks have now  
practically gone but his memory  
has suffered. He is anxious  
to know if anything can be  
done for him & I have  
advised him to see you.  
He wishes me to accompany  
him. Please let me know  
if you could see him at  
Park Place & when.  
If it is convenient to you any

any time in the afternoon after  
one would do for me

To J. Anthony

S. S. Will

Before P. M. by M. D.



Bridge Terrace <sup>84</sup>  
Newport  
Salop.  
Oct: 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Madam,  
Will you kindly  
let me have particulars  
about "The Retreat", terms  
& how many people you  
take &c. A dear friend  
of mine, who lives with  
me, Miss Colt has been  
suffering for some time

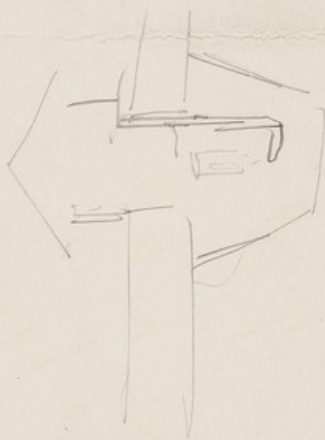
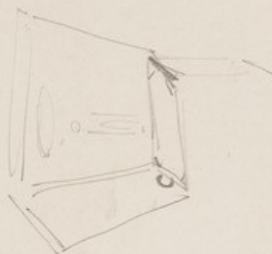
a fair years from  
Nervous Depression, & the  
great trouble to me is that  
she is always so much worse  
at home, with me than she  
is anywhere else. I think  
she wants some definite  
treatment, as well as "change".  
I should be glad therefore if  
you will tell me, if you  
take ladies in your house,  
& any particulars as to the  
sort of treatment given.  
I believe Mr. Scard has been

with you & I am told he  
is much better.

Miss Cobb's brother is with  
us just now, & if you  
could kindly let me have  
an answer by return, it  
would be a help to settle  
matters over with him.

Yours faithfully  
M. Meakin - (Miss.)





(136)  
Barton on Hamby  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dear Sir,

I have a patient  
who might possibly have  
been certifiable 2 months  
ago but is improved a  
little & would give me  
some trouble to certify  
him now. He is however  
willing to come to you  
as a Voluntary boarder.  
Will you kindly let me  
know if you have a

Vacancy & what are  
your terms.

Yours very truly

Thos. S. Munley

The Medical Sup<sup>ly</sup>

The Retreat

York

P.S. Shall we have the  
promise to give 24  
hours notice signed  
before starting?



telling me of a likely  
Home, altho' I believe  
there is a pamphlet  
published for Local  
Board & Guardian's use.

Thanking you for any  
trouble you may have  
I remain

Yours Truly  
Rosa Milner

This woman has been to an  
Inebriate home, sent by  
Court here in Northwich, but  
she was not long enough  
away, not 2 years.

(235)

STANTFORD MAJOR,  
NORTHWICH,  
CHESHIRE.

✓ 27/3/06.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Perhaps you would  
be able to tell me ~~whether~~  
whether in connection with  
the Retreat you know of  
a Home where to place  
a labourer's wife who  
cannot be made to give  
up drink. The people  
are rather of a better class  
& if we can persuade  
the woman to go to an

Home where she  
could be cured in a  
few years, her husband  
would be glad for her  
to go there, that is if  
he does not have to pay  
very much a week. Of  
course it would be  
better if he need not  
pay at all, as he is not  
a rich man, & through  
his wife's many years  
bad habit the wages

have often been much  
wasted. Another thing  
I should not like her to go  
to one of these Inebriate  
Homes, where all sorts  
of immoral & bad persons  
congregate, & where the  
conversation to me does  
not <sup>seem to</sup> tend to improving  
some women who go  
there. — I shall be  
very much obliged if  
you can assist me in



ROBERT H. MARSH & CO  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

ROBERT H. MARSH, A.C.A.  
MARK LEICESTER, JUN., A.C.A.

TELEPHONE NO 4507 CENTRAL.

Telegraphic Address:

ANNOTATION, LONDON.

556 557  
5  
73. Ethelburga House.  
70. Bishopsgate St. Within.  
London, 25th. July, 1906.  
E.C.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am asked today what would be the lowest charge that would be likely to be made at the Retreat for the wife of a man who is not actually on the List of Attenders in Ratcliff and Barking Monthly Meeting but who does attend Meetings and is known to Friends. The man is a Mr Kiley who lives at Ilford and, I understand, he has a responsible position at White, Ridsdale and Co's in Houndsditch so, I imagine, could pay 30/- a week. I am not suggesting any price for I know as yet so little about him but simply mean that it is not what you might term a "Monthly Meeting Case".

I landed home from Ackworth at 1-0 o'clock this morning; Moorhouse writes me a card ~~this~~ today to say that he found the weather yesterday at Ackworth "very refreshing". I did not. It is a mercy there is a suggestion of the humorous in so many things or life would be an even more perplexing thing than it is.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y o r k .



I meant to have told you that I shall always owe you a debt of gratitude for mentioning "Pollantini" to me last year. This summer (for the first time since 1872) I have defied Hay Fever and the Pollantini has done it. I had given up faith in any possible remedies.

25th July, 1900.

Dear Dr. Fisher,

I am asked today what would be the best charge that would be likely to be made at the Retreat for the wife of a man who is not actually on the List of Attendees in Katoomba and Parkes Monthly Meeting but who does attend Meetings and is known to Friends. The man is a Mr. Riley who lives at Lifford and, I understand, he has a responsible position at White, Hildale and Co's in Katoomba so I imagine could pay 50/- a week. I am not suggesting any price for I know as yet so little about him but simply mean that it is not what you might term a "Monthly Meeting Case". I landed home from Ashworth at 1-0 o'clock this morning; Moorhouse writes a card this morning to say that he found the weather yesterday at Ashworth "very refreshing". I did not. It is a mercy there is a suggestion of the hurricane in so many things or life would be an even more perplexing thing than it is.

Yours very sincerely,

Dr. Bedford Fisher.

The Retreat,

Y. O. R. A.



would be what ever was  
 fair & good. it is not  
 a difficult post. for my father  
 has a young friend a Mr. Dixon  
 who acts as his secretary,  
 & a man servant with him.  
 (He has had the  
 above his however with him  
 for 2 years & he needs some-  
 one else to add variety.)  
 My mother likes you &  
 thinks she would believe  
 greatly like a friend who  
 is like minded - but this is not  
 essential. Might I trouble you to

he might stay  
 longer if his time  
 allowed  
 of it.  
 when my  
 sister-in-law  
 will be  
 well enough  
 to leave  
 Ireland.

GODDEN GREEN,  
 SEVENOAKS.

2nd SEPT. 1846.

Dear W. Peirce,

I am writing to  
 ask if you know of any gentle-  
 man, - a doctor or otherwise,  
 who would be willing to  
 come for a month to act  
 as companion to my mother  
 J. N. Richardson of Bessbrook,  
 who is still unable to be

at home. My Mother  
has been advised to go  
to Woodhall in Lincolnshire  
as Dr J. Moore in Dublin  
thinks the depression &  
sleeplessness may be made  
worse by going - which un-  
doubtedly he has.

He is much better  
his steadily improving  
but his wife is laid up in

Ireland and no member of  
our family is free to go  
home just except me. &  
I can only stay 10. days.

We are therefore looking  
for someone, genial & bright  
& interested in politics etc  
who might be with my  
Mother when I leave - in  
about 10 days time. Do  
you know of anyone of this



Oct-18

NATIONAL TELEPHONE  
NO 1475.  
P.O. TEL. NO 514.

9, ELLISON PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE.

3

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I shall be much  
Obliged if you  
will kindly let me  
know upon what  
terms patients are  
admitted & the  
Retreat. I expect you  
have the information  
in front which

will save you  
the trouble of  
writing.

I am glad to hear  
that Mr Stephens  
whom I saw with  
Dr Duke with acute  
mania has made  
a good recovery  
& has been able

to resume work.

I am  
Yours very truly  
George Murray.



726  
2  
ROWDITCH,

DERBY.

Sept 21. 06

Dear Pierce Thanks for your letter.  
You seem to have got next month's  
meeting well in hand & a very  
interesting programme arranged.  
I have no suggestions to make  
& no candidates to propose. I  
shall endeavour to turn up, but  
I have another engagement that  
day at Birmingham - Edin  
Univ. graduates annual dinner -  
I have not yet made up my  
mind which of the two it is  
very difficult to attend.

By the way we have had a  
successful season with our  
golden pheasants & are

prepared to do a deal with  
you, as we have more young  
birds than we require.

Let us have a line from  
you at your leisure.

Kind regards from very truly

S. J. Gutteridge



pending about his estate, to which  
my sister and I are co-heiresses-at-  
law, and I am quite unable to  
account for his residence between  
1851-57. If you can at all put  
me in the way of finding a clue  
I shall be very grateful.

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Gwendolyn E. F. Morgan.

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.

(617-

From: Miss Morgan,  
2, The Terrace,  
Gillygate, York.

21. August. 1906.

Dear Sir. May I, a stranger, venture  
to ask your advice on a matter  
in which I think you can help  
me? An uncle of mine, Mr.  
David Morgan, became  
insane

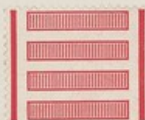
Towards the end of the year 1851 -  
he had an appointment in  
Chatham Dockyard, and was  
taken to an Asylum.

I am quite unable to trace  
where the Asylum was, and  
I am writing to ask you,  
whether there is any list or  
directory published of the  
Asylums in or near London?

I suppose there would be many  
more Asylums in existence now  
than there were in 1851, so in  
any case the search would be  
a long one. In 1857 he was  
taken to Paris, and placed  
under Dr Pinet's care, then in  
1862 he went to the Royal  
Frickton Institute, where he  
remained until his death.  
A lawsuit is now



Miss Norah Kemp, M.B. Ch.



Dear Madam.

Do you know anything  
of a Lunatic Asylum in or  
near Paris belonging to a  
Dr. Pinet? my uncle,  
Mr. David Morgan, was  
taken to Paris to be under  
his

case in 1857, and remained  
there until the end of 1862,  
when he was removed to  
the Royal Frichton Institute,  
Dumfries.

I shall feel so much  
obliged, if you can give  
me Dr. Pinet's address, or  
that of his

successor, or the address of  
any specialist in Paris, who  
might be able to give me  
some information on  
the subject.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Georgian E. F. Morgan.



2. The Terrace,  
Gillygate,  
York.

24. August. 1906.

Dear Madam.

I am so very much  
obliged to you and Dr. Peice  
(to whom please convey  
my thanks) for lending  
this report.

of the Commissioners indunacy  
for the year 1853-4, which  
is exactly what I want,  
as it supplies the names  
of the Lunatic Asylums  
then existing.

I now return it  
with many thanks, and  
stamps to

cover postage.

Believe me

Yours truly

Gosullivan E.F. Morgan.

Miss Sarah Kemp. M.B. C.M.