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All communications should be addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,
The Board of Control,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different subjects should be made in separate letters.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, *Victoria Street, S.W.*

25th September 1916.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Board of Control, to inquire whether Mr. Edwin D. Nutt *is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Institution.*

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. Bleakley

for the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

(J 9144—? l.) Wt. 59252—1324. 1000. 3/16. D & S.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
23rd Sept. 1916.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst. and for which I thank you, also for the suggestion re the Crichton Royal Institute, Dumfries. but that, taken at the terms you mention, with the extras added on, would still be somewhat beyond our means. It was only by my Son having managed to save a little from his salary, that it has been possible for him to continue with you as long as he has done; but now that has come practically to an end, and it is therefore with great regret that we have to remove him from your care.

I would take this opportunity of expressing both for Mrs Nutt and myself, our gratitude to you and those of your staff who have attended on our Son, for your endeavours to restore him to health both physically and mentally; and we feel sure that had you been backed up by my Son trying to assist you, he would ere this, have been quite restored.

Again sincerely thanking you

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

R. Dyson Nutt.

20th September, 1916.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Nutt must be transferred and that you feel obliged to send him to the County Asylum at Clifton. However, we quite understood that the present rate of terms could not be continued indefinitely.

We are much disappointed that Mr. Nutt has not recovered, but the poor man seems to have little incentive to get well. He seems to have little hope for the future even if he did recover for the present.

I wondered if it would be more comfottable for him if he were placed in one of the larger Institutions i Scotland, such as the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfrie where I daresay they would receive him for 25/- to 30/- per week. I do not wish to suggest that the Asylum at Clifton does does not provide everything necessary for th patient, but you will readily understand that the associations at a public Institution receiving county patients are less satisfactory than in a Royal Asylum for private patients.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

we all appreciate the attention and kind treatment he has received at "The Retreat"

We all feel sure that everything possible has been done for him.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
J. A. Mitt

Dr. Redford Pearce,
The Retreat
York

Bank House,
Cousett
Co. Durham
18th Sept 1916

Dear Dr. Pearce,

When I last saw you, I mentioned that ultimately it would be necessary, to remove my brother to a less expensive place.

I am afraid that the time has now arrived when this must be done.

We are very reluctant to take this step, as he is so exceedingly comfortable and well cared for in The Retreat.

We hoped that before this, he would have recovered from his ailment, but unfortunately this is not so.

I saw him last month and although I thought he looked somewhat improved in health, mentally he seemed no better.

As we cannot afford at the present time to place him in a private home, the only alternative appears to be, to try & place him in the County Asylum at Clifton.

We are taking this step, needless to say, very much against our inclination, & can only hope that some arrangement may be made there, to get him as much comfort as possible.

My father writes me that he is communicating with the people at Clifton, and I hope to write you again in a few days.

On behalf of our family, I should like to say how very much

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
15th April 1916.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir. I herewith hand you Cheque Value £43 = 2 = 8. in settlement of enclosed a/c. in the disbursements I see no charge for tobacco: Has my Son given up smoking or has he been too unwell to smoke?

I should be exceedingly obliged if you would kindly report on my Son's present condition both mentally & physically.

I have ordered Mr Geo Mitchell Ld to send my Son 1 lb. of tobacco: I thought it my duty to inform you.

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
8th Sept. 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge yours of the 7th inst.

Should you consider it would benefit my Son by taking part in the annual visit to Scarbro. I am, of course, perfectly agreable for him to do so.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
27 January 1916.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce. M.D.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for yours of the 25th inst. and Mrs Nutt and myself were very grateful to hear that in your opinion there was an improvement in our son's condition, which we trust will continue.

Yours faithfully.
R. Dyson Nutt

25th January, 1916.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

Many thanks for the cheque, a receipt for which is enclosed.

On the whole Mr. Nutt is slightly better. He has been taking more interest in things, volunteering more remarks, and his peculiarities are not so marked. He has been taking a great deal of interest in a billiard tournament, in which he has done very well. He himself says he is no better, but we all notice some improvement.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

25th January, 1910.

Dear Mr. Mutt,

Many thanks for the cheque, a receipt for which is enclosed.

On the whole Mr. Mutt is slightly better. He has been taking more interest in things, volunteering many remarks, and his peculiarities are not so marked. He has been taking a great deal of interest in a billiard tournament, in which he has done very well. He himself says he is no better, but we all notice some improvement.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

571.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
24 June 1916.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

J. Redford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I herewith hand you cheque value £43-11-4. in settlement of enclosed A/c. which please receipt & return.

I should be obliged by your sending me your report on the condition of my son, both mentally & physically.

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
23 Dec 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Price.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have this day sent my son a parcel containing Tobacco.

Wishing you the compliments of the Season.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

R. Dyson Nutt.

25th November, 1915.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

It will be quite suitable for you to come to see your brother on Sunday. I fully expect to be at home, and we can then discuss the situation, but I fear I cannot report any real improvement.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Bank of Liverpool Limited

NORTH EASTERN BANK BRANCH,

Consett, S.O.

24 Nov 1915

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

I should like to visit my brother on Sunday first, and, if convenient, should like to see you.

I understand from my father that your last report is unfavourable, and that he is, if anything, both mentally & physically, worse.

We are now faced with the problem of expense, and the question will soon arise as to the best way out.

My father suggests that we might apply for a reduction of fees, but I observe from your leaflet, that this only applies to recent acute cases, and I am afraid that my brother's case appears to be chronic, & that the possibility of obtaining any reduction does not apply.

If this is so, we shall all be greatly obliged, if you can suggest any institution where he can obtain reasonable care & comfort, at a less rate than he is at present paying.

We had all hoped that his affliction would be very temporary, & to give him every chance, we applied to you, & were fortunate in placing him in the "Retreat"

Despite the care & attention

he has received, and which we deeply appreciate, he has apparently made no progress towards recovery.

We shall be very thankful for any suggestion you can offer.

Unless I hear from you that it is inconvenient to see you, I hope to arrive on Sunday about 12.30.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J A Mitt

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
12th July 1916.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir.

I herewith hand you cheque value £43=11/- in settlement of enclosed case. which please acknowledge & oblige -

I thank you for the two reports received: and am very grieved to hear that my Son does not appear to improve either mentally or bodily - I can only hope that time may bring the improvement desired.

Yours faithfully -
R. Dyson Nutt.

2nd July, 1915.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

Just a line to say that the parcel were received, and I hope that your son will have acknowledged them himself. I encouraged him to do so.

He is not well either bodily or mentally, though there is little change to report. As regards his mental condition he lacks interest in things, is dull and gloomy, is disinclined to go out, sits about in the corridors reading and picking his nails, and we can do little good by encouragement. Physically he looks out of health. He is really somewhat feeble and certainly is not well enough to do any strenuous work. I attribute most of this to the exophthalmic goitre. I am sorry that I cannot give a better report.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
30 June 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that by this post I have forwarded my Son a parcel containing a New Suit of Clothes, two Night-gowns and ½ lb. Tobacco.

Might I ask you to inform me how my Son now is.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
20th May 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr. Bedford Pearce.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that I have this day sent a parcel addressed to my son containing Underwear, which I trust will arrive safely.

I will send him a Summer Suit shortly: if there is anything more that he may require, perhaps you will be kind enough to inform me.

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt

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Bank of Liverpool Limited

NORTH EASTERN BANK BRANCH,

TEL. No. 2.

Stanley, S.O.
Co. Durham

5 May 1915

Redford Preine Esq the 3.
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,
If convenient, I should like to call and see my brother on Sunday first, by the train arriving at York about noon.

Yours sincerely,
H. A. Mitt

641.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
16th April 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

To Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for report as to my Son Edwin and his Mother & I are extremely sorry to gleam therefrom that his state of mind does not improve but we still trust that time may prove the healer –

I enclose cheque value £43-2-11 in settlement of attached A/c.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt.

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
31 March 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir -

I have this day sent a parcel addressed to my son to care of yourself. containing. 1 Under vest. pair of pants & a Nightshirt - also some Tobacco -

I am ordering a Summer under jet for him. also a suit which will follow in due course.

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt

564.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
25 March 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for yours of the 20th inst. and am exceedingly grieved to hear that there is little, if any improvement in my Son's mental affliction, but trust that when the weather becomes less gloomy that he may improve. I note your remarks respecting his wardrobe, which shall have my best attention.

Yours very faithfully.

R. Dyson Nutt

20th March, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter. Mr. Nutt is not any better, or at any rate, there are no indications of decided improvement. He is gloomy, depressed and thinks he is suffering from some mortal disease. We have been doing our best to chech his unfortunate habit of biting his nails, and he is wearing gloves day andnight. Whether we shall succeed or not I cannot say, but so far he is doing better, though he has worn out one pair already with rubbing at the fingers.

His wardrobe is getting low, and he requires a new suit and some additional underclothing. I enclose a list of what is needed.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

R. Dyson Nutt, Esq.
Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
14th March 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me if my Son requires any, either Top or Under clothes boots &c. so if so I will at once supply them.

You might also, be good enough to state how he is.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt.

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
25 June 1915.

R DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I should be extremely obliged by receiving a report from you as to the present condition of my son Edwin. Also if he is in want of any wearing apparel. Please to inform me when another payment is due and the amount thereof. & I will forward a cheque —

Yours faithfully.

R. Dyson Nutt

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
21st Oct 1914.

DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

The Secretary,
The Retreat – York.

Dear Sir,

I herewith return Agreement re my Son Edwin Dyson Nutt, duly signed as requested.

I presume that when another payment is required, you will notify me.

Yours faithfully
D. Dyson Nutt

Dec 19 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat Committee the terms for Mr Edwin D Hull were fixed at £3. 3. 0 a week –

I enclose the usual form of agreement which kindly return to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller
Secy

R Upton Hull Esq.

Wien, 19. 1914

Wien, XIX.

In der Sache betreffend Ihr Rekurs Commission der Herrn für den Wiener Stadt- und Landesplan

ist 3. 0 e. Rest –

Hierüber der Rekurs Ihrer Eigenschaft wird Ihnen freilich Ihnen ohne Entschädigung.

Ihrer Zuschrift

Ergebenst

R. Eger Hofrat

BANK OF LIVERPOOL LIMITED,
SUCCESSORS TO
The North Eastern Banking Company Limited.

LETTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE COMPANY NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

Stanley S.O.
Co Durham

15 Dec 1914

Bedford Pease Esq M.D.
The Retreat.
York.

Dear Sir,

I should like to call & see my brother on Sunday first, if it is convenient, and provided the visit is not likely to upset him.

My father has sent to me the reports he has received from you, and, needless to say we are all very glad to hear of the benefit he is deriving.

My train should arrive at York at 12.30 and in order to get back here, it will be necessary for me to leave again at 2.30, so I shan't have much time to spare.

Yours sincerely
J. A. Mitt

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland
9th Dec 1914.

R DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

To Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I sincerely thank you for your report on my Son received this morning, which is certainly satisfactory and trust that the improvement will continue.

I am writing him by this post informing him that I have removed his furniture from his late residence and have stored it. If the writing to a patient is against your rules, please inform me.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt

8th December, 1914.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

Just a word to say that Mr. E. D. Nutt is on the whole doing very well, certainly better than I expected. He plays billiards, reads the paper, and actually admits that he is a little better. I must not say much more as it is clear that he is still depressed and very despondent about himself.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
2nd Dec 1914.

R DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your courtesy in replying to me by return: and it has relieved Mrs Nutt's & my own mind very greatly by the good report you give of my Son.

If it is not asking too much we should be very grateful if you would kindly give us periodical reports of his progress.

Yours faithfully,
R. Dyson Nutt.

1st December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Nutt has done exceedingly well since he has been here. He is anxious to be shaved, wants his hair cut, and wants to be up playing billiards instead of staying in bed. He reads the papers, and has certainly done better than I expected, but he does not sleep well, though he sleeps better than he says he does - thus the other night he said he did not sleep at all - but the night report said six hours.

We are always glad to reply to any enquiries as to his health.

Yours very truly,

R. Dyson Nutt, Esq.
Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland.

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
30th Nov 1914.

R DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pearce.

Dear Sir, I have forwarded by this post, addressed to my son, a parcel containing his slippers and two pairs of bed socks, & also a letter. I shall be forwarding in the course of a few days the remainder of his wearing apparel. Should there be anything else that you consider he should have, please inform me.

I should also be extremely obliged if you would be kind enough to — inform me from time to time how my son is progressing —

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt

Nutt.

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Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
25 Nov 1914

R DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Redford Pierce Esqr. M.D.
The Retreat, York.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of my father, I beg to thank you for your favour of yesterdays date, with enclosures.

I hope to bring my brother through on Saturday, arriving at York at noon.

I shall then be pleased to give you the history of his case, & also to arrange the terms for his maintenance.

We are very sorry that we are unable to defer it, until Monday, but it is necessary ~~that~~ for me to return to business on that day.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
J R Nutt

24th November, 1914.

Dear Sir,

As requested I send you a set of froms for the certificates. I am afraid at the moment we are quite full, and I do not expect there will be any vacancy until Saturday at the earliest. I hope that you will be able to make temporary arrangements until then, and if you can defer it until Monday of next week we shall be obliged.

Yours very truly,

R. Dyson Nutt, Esq.

R. D. Nutt.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
22 Nov 1914.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Beresford Pearce.

Dear Sir.

In reference to our correspondence in September last respecting my Son: I have been hopeful that he might recover his mental balance without having recourse to any restriction: but I am sorry to say that he shows no sign of improvement. I have therefore come to the conclusion that it is absolutely necessary that he should be put under restraint. I should therefore be obliged if you would send me by return the forms of Certificates mentioned in yours of the 9 Sept: last: and also if you will kindly arrange to receive my Son this week: as Dr Stephen considers it absolutely necessary that he should be removed at once.

I enclose "Further Statement" completed.

Yours faithfully.
R. Dyson Nutt.

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27th January, 1915.

Dear Mr. Nutt,

I enclose a Nurse's Report respecting Mr. Nutt. He improved very much on first coming to the Retreat, but since then there is not much change. He is in a dull depressed state, and is quite convinced that he is suffering from some hopeless disease of a nervous nature and that he cannot live long. One day he assured me that he had either General Paralysis or Locomotor Ataxy, and though I explained to him that this was entirely wrong he was not satisfied, and is quite sure that there is some progressive disease. He seems quite hopeless about his future and says he can never be any good, has nothing to live for, and certainly I think that his bereavement has a great deal to do with his present unhappy condition.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
30 Jan 1915.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr Bedford Pierce. M.D.

Dear Sir.

I beg to thank you for yours of the 27th inst. together with the Nurses Report. Mrs Nutt and I are exceedingly sorry to hear that the improvement in our Son's condition of mind that at first took place, has not been maintained: but we trust that with time and your good offices, that again a change for the better will be obtained –

For some time previous to his

wife's death he was always imagining that he was suffering from some complaint or another: for instance, about two or three months before the loss of his wife he took both her & myself that he had heart disease and he might drop dead at anytime: Dr Stephens to examine him, who stated that there was nothing the matter with his heart: but Edwin would not believe him: and again about a fortnight before he left for the Retreat he told me he fancied he would be blind in a day or two. We therefore trust that his present ideas of what he is suffering from will pass away; and that the next report you are kind enough to send, will be more encouraging –

Yours faithfully
R. Dyson Nutt

9th. September, 1914.

R. Dyson Nutt, Esq.,
Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter, I send you a copy of our last Report which will give you particulars respecting the admission of patients, terms, and so forth.

We are at the moment very full, but if Dr. Stephen advises immediate care we can arrange in the course of a day or two for your son's admission. If required, I can send you the forms for certificates.

If you wish to apply for admission, kindly fill up the enclosed form giving further particulars as to the history of the case.

Yours very truly,

encl.

Market Place,
Loftus-in-Cleveland,
8th Sept. 1914.

R. DYSON NUTT,
AUCTIONEER AND VALUER.

Dr. Percyford Pearce.

Dear Sir,

My eldest Son (aged 44 years) through the prolonged illness and death of his Wife, has lost for the time being his Mental balance. He imagines that he has behaved in the past very badly to his Wife, and that he has been also a most wicked man: and which, we his friends know to be nearly all unnecessary; he has also become somewhat mentally wrong on Religion: so far as it affects himself.

I have therefore concluded that it may shortly be necessary to put him under restraint for a time.

Having had your Retreat mentioned to me as an establishment wherein he would be, under your treatment, most likely to regain his Normal Mental balance: I would be obliged by your informing me as to the terms under which you take patients of this kind. I would refer you as to my Son's Condition to his Medical attendant Dr. W. Stephen. High Street - Loftus -

Awaiting your reply.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully.

R. Dyson Nutt.

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No. 68

The Retreat,

York, Dec 3 1914

Received from Mr Kuet

the sum of Two Pounds

— Shillings and — Pence

on ~~account~~ of Cash in purse

£2. 0. 0

Mrs E. Waller.

Secretary.

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 Edwin Dyson Nutt of as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcto The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessaries, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 21st day of December 1914.

Name E. Dyson Nutt.

Residence 38 Market Place. Loftus.

Occupation Auctioneer &c —

SIGNED by the said E. Dyson Nutt.

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Anson.

Address, and Bank of Liverpool Loftus.

Profession. Bank Manager.

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.