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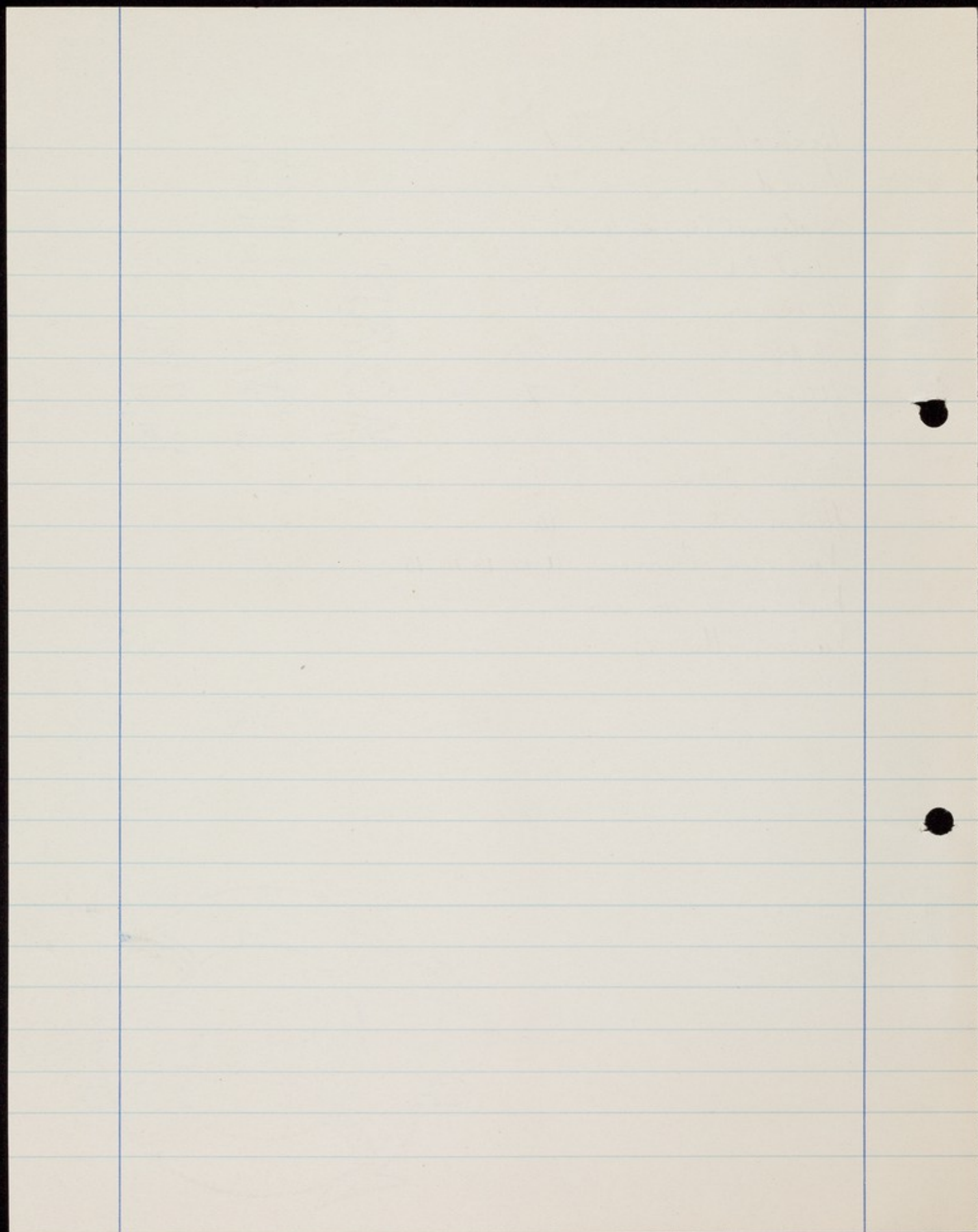
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P.S. 4/1
The case is one
of a mild form of
Melancholia. There
are no delusions

~~We~~ Can send experienced nurse
trained in whom I am confidently
recommending - await in reply

Yours R.

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D^r Richardson

HAMPTON HOUSE,
ILKLEY.

June 14/14

Dear Sir

I am writing to
you at the request
of Mr Nussey whose
wife you saw some
years ago and for
whom you recommended
a nurse. I am now
attending her for

3200 H. HOUSE
J. K. K. E. Y.
A similar attack
& that she suffered
from when you were
called in. Her
husband is anxious
to secure the services
of a lady who would
be responsible for the
case of his wife and
he would be very
much obliged if you

Could give us the
name of such a person.
A nurse with some
knowledge of mental
disorders is what
we require.

We should like to
secure a suitable person
as early as possible.

I shall be pleased to
send you the usual fee
if you can oblige us

Yours faithfully
J. Richardson
Dr Price (over) R. D.

25 Southampton Blvd

W.C.

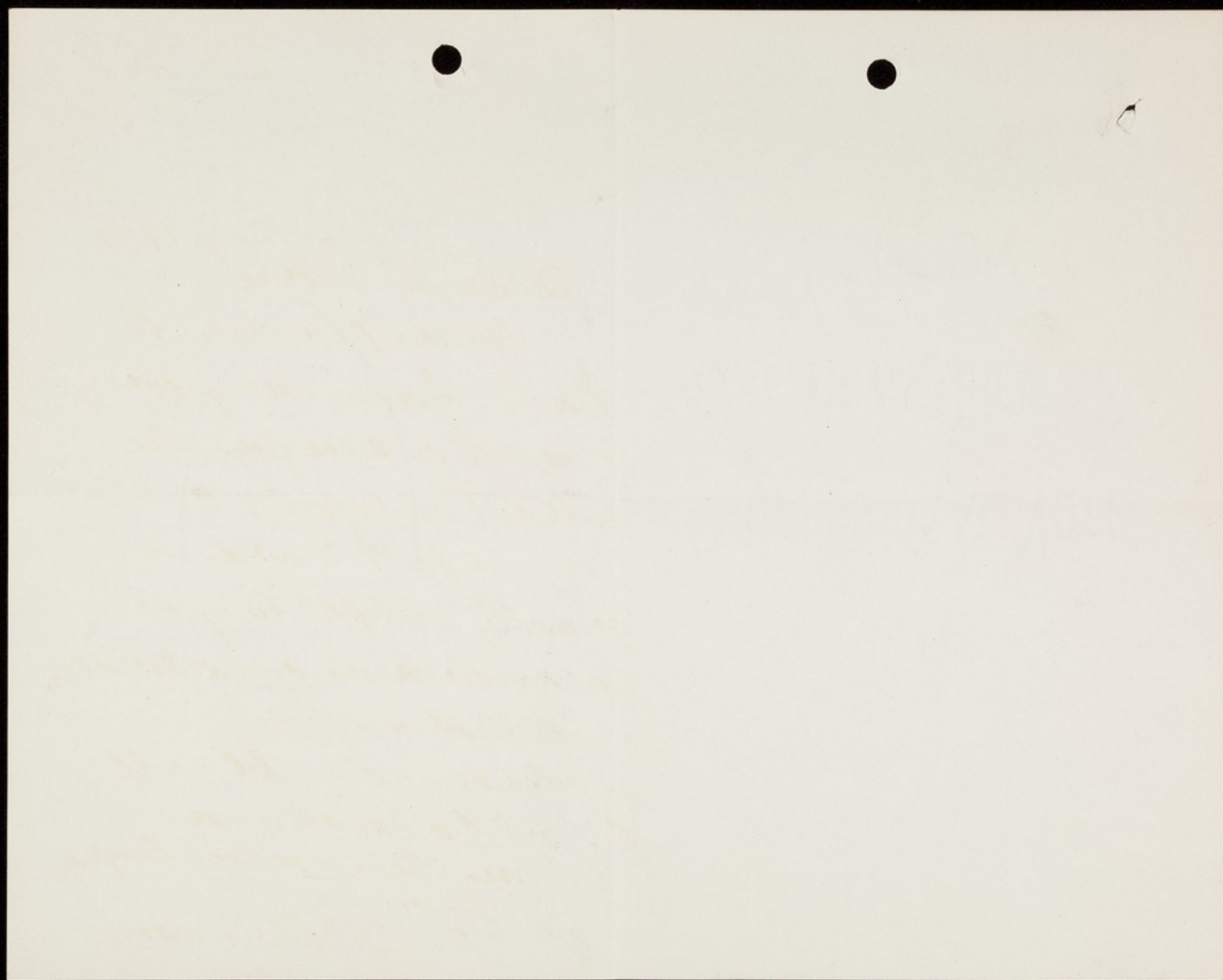
26.4.14

The Matron
The Retreat

As a member of the
Soc. of Friends I write to ask
for a prospectus of your lowest
terms &c. I have a lady
friend (not a member) who
is on the borderland, & the
doctors insist on immediate
removal to a home where
mental treatment can be
obtained, The means are very
limited. Yours truly

J. Newbery

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✓
 ROCK EDGE,
 UPPER PARK,
 BIRKENHEAD.

16 May 1914

Dear D^r Pierce

Your favour to
 hand. I am very sorry
 it is not a case for the
 retreat as regards C. Newhouse.
 My wife & I are very
 greatly obliged to you
 for your kind consideration
 & interest & efforts, and
 so I have no doubt will
 be. Mrs Newhouse.

Excuse the involved language

Yours very truly
 P.T.O. Wm Thompson

P.S. If as I think you
ought to you charge for
these kind professional
services please oblige by
sending me the bill to
6 Lord Street.

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15th. May, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Thompson,

I have heard from Dr. Edgerley of the West Riding Asylum, and from his report it does not seem that Curzon Newhouse is a suitable case. I enclose the following extract from his letter.

"From what you say in your letter I doubt whether you would find Curzon Newhouse a suitable case. He was very violent on admission, and has had two relapses in a short period. He is very sudden and impulsive and, when he begins, his excitement is extreme. I do not think he is at all likely to make an early recovery."

We are, moreover, over full on the men's side and I could not take a new case without boarding somebody out which would be an extremely difficult matter to arrange. I fear, therefore, that we cannot entertain the question of removal to the Retreat in this case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

15th. May, 1914.

Dear Edgerley,

Very many thanks for writing about Curzon

Newhouse. I have written to my correspondent saying

that I do not think we can entertain the application.

We are over full on the men's side, and I only

considered the matter because the patient was connected

with the Society of Friends, and as such had some

claim upon the Institution.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

WEST RIDING ASYLUM,
MENSTON, NE LEEDS.

14th May 1914.

Dear Pierce,

From what you say in your letter I doubt whether you would find Curzon Woodhouse a suitable case. He was very violent on admission, and has had two relapses in a short period. He is very sudden & impulsive

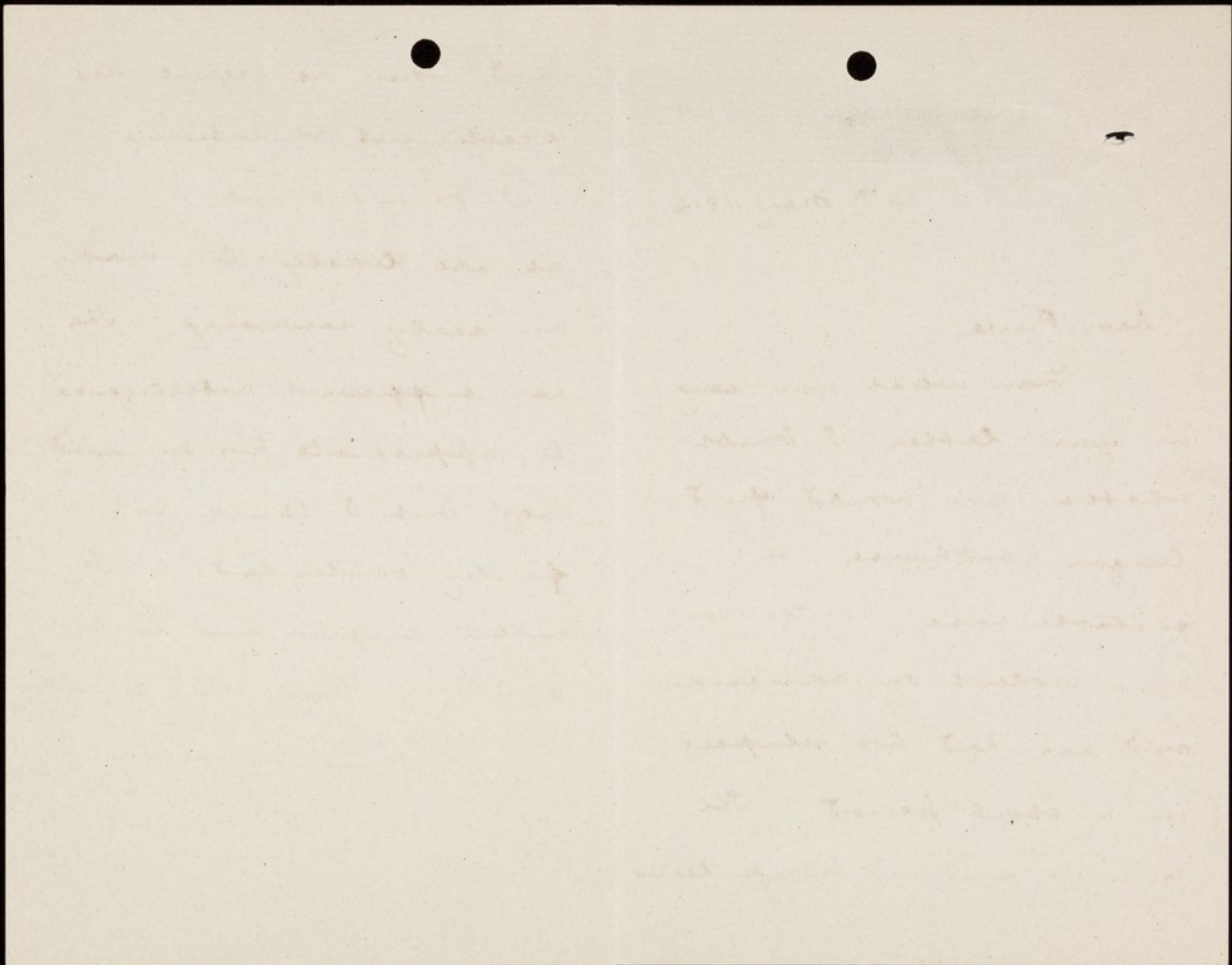
and, when he begins, his excitement is extreme.

I do not think he is as all likely to make an early recovery. He has sufficient intelligence to appreciate his surroundings, but I think is fairly contented. I rather suspect him to be a G.P. With kind regards

Yours sincerely
S. Colgerley

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May 11. 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Doubtless you have already received a letter from my sister Frances Thompson, asking your advice in the matter of Curzon Hewhouse - whose sudden mental illness, is a great strain, in every sense, on his relatives.

His Father, the late Christopher Hewhouse was a Yorkshire Friend, who settled here many years ago, and became a very useful member of our meeting, and of various other philanthropic societies in the town. A few months ago, he died rather suddenly, and the care of several brothers & sisters, as well as the disentangling of the Father's somewhat embarrassed business affairs, added to the shock of his Father's death, brought on complete sleeplessness, for poor Curzon - Eventually, of course, the mind gave way, & he was sent by a "Friend" to a private Asylum at Tue Brook. Here he gradually recovered, - but was still under the impression that he was drugged with sleeping draught.

So his wife took him away to the old home at Settle, hoping that change of scene might restore him. At first, the plan

seemed to succeed, & they thought him
well enough to return home,
when he suddenly broke out
in incessant chatter, day and night,
-and finally had to be sent to the West
Riding Asylum, Preston where he is at
present. - However, the authorities there,
have informed his wife that he must now be
~~transferred~~ ^{removed} to Cheshire -

We all fear, that a return to Cheshire
-and association with the really insane,
may only send him completely deranged,
whereas, a ^{more} gentle, reasonable method, might
bring him quite round - His letters - such
as we have seen, do not read like those of
a mentally afflicted person, at all. -
He has no means now, as the Father's
little coal business, depended on his
exertions & all the family savings are gone,
as there is the wife & a little boy of three
to support, as well as several sisters.
We should be grateful if you could see
him at your earliest convenience, and
give us your opinion as to what is best
to be done - We might be able to get one
or two others to help us in sending him
away, for a month or two, - and if you
can see him, I will supply his wife
with the means to take him over to York
- He is not a member of the Society, ~~never~~
- but is a very useful, man, sober, steady

and given to good works and quite a
 well Educated working man. Till this
 illness came on, ^{about ~~four~~ months ago} he was an excellent
 chess-player, and a very good
 speaker on temperance & politics,
 in which he took a great interest -
 As they wish to send him ~~back~~ to
 Chester at once, there is no time to
 be lost, and I should be grateful
 if you could accord him an interview
 as soon as possible, and let me
 know what you would recommend,
 and what it would cost, to place
 him under your care for a month
 or two - if that be possible -

I am going to London on Tuesday
 till Thursday, but if you send your
 reply to my wife at above address,
 she will communicate with Mrs.
 Newhouse -

With kind regards, and thanks
 in advance Yours truly,

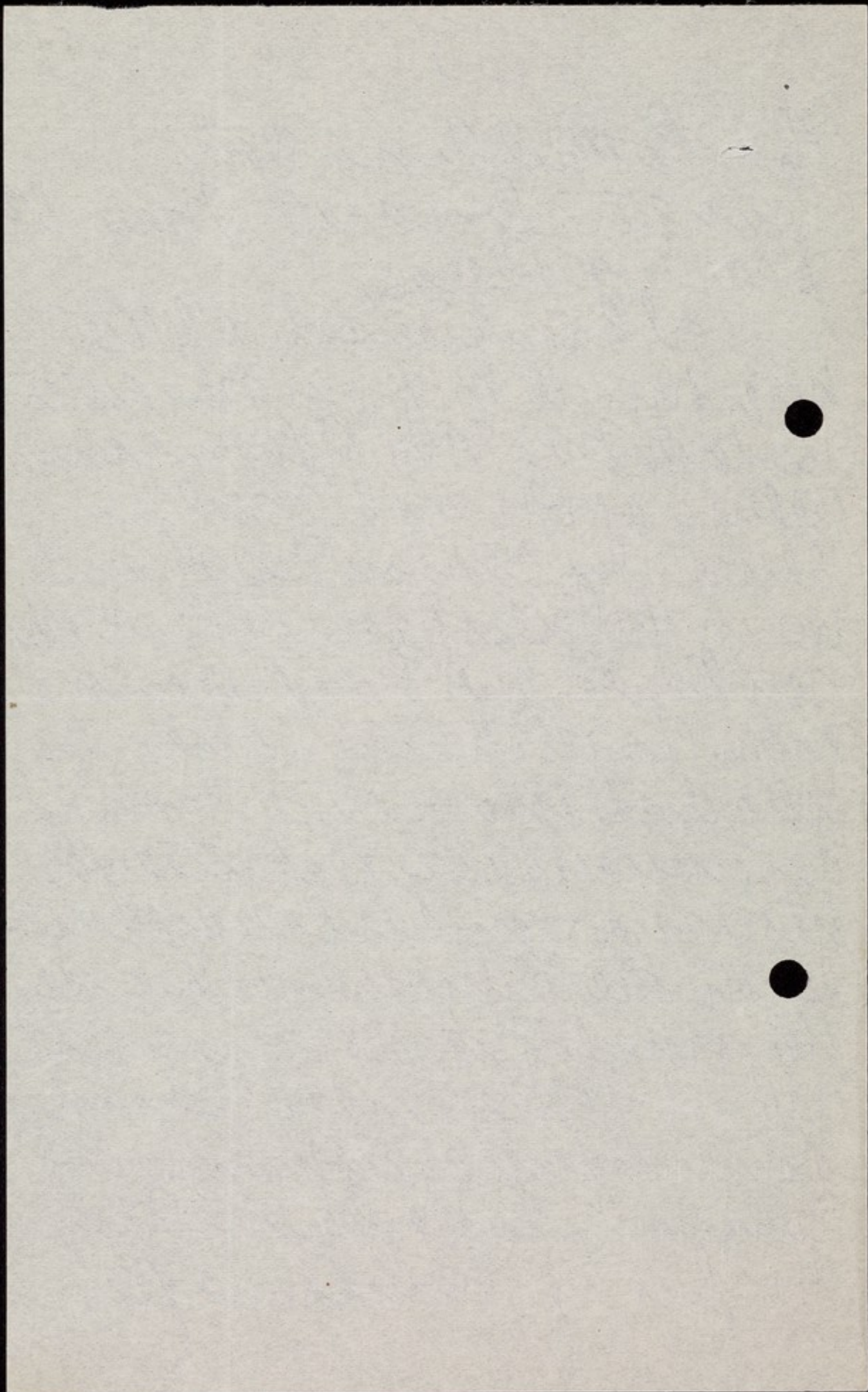
W. L. Thompson

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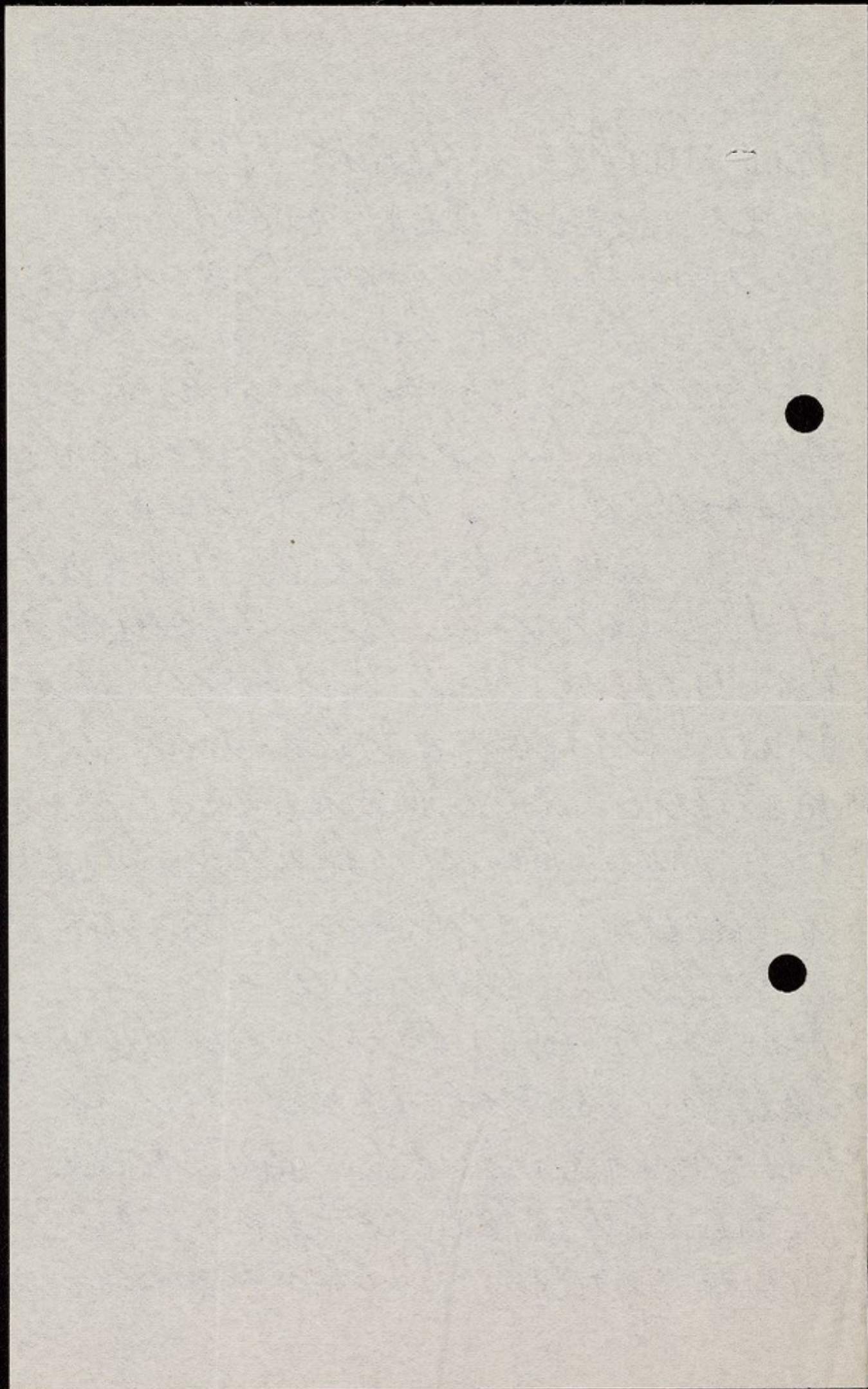
The Luttrell Arms Hotel.

Dunster. Somerset. May 10th
Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have received a letter here this A.M. from my sister-in-law Mrs. Wm P. Thompson, telling of the bad mental illness of Cuyon Newhouse. He is the eldest son of Christopher Newhouse, our "Friend" working-man Magistrate in Kirkcubrecht, who died two or three months ago, universally respected for his work & influence, especially in the Temperance cause. He joined Friends long years ago at Little under Elwood Horrocks Bank's influence. — Cuyon N. was born a Member, but left Friends; he felt



his Father's death Recently. &
 was a good deal overdone I
 believe by nursing's anxiety
 and, I think, had an attack
 of Brain fever, from which he
 has not believe thoroughly
 recovered: he has a wife &
 child, and he and the rest
 of the family are dependant
 on a poor Coal business. Sora
 says "Knowing what I do of
 "patients who have gone from
 "the Workhouse (Kirkstallhead)
 "to Chester Asylum, I think
 "it will be a fatal doom for
 "Poor C. H. to go there: his people
 "say, he is not "badly out of
 "his mind;" but he gets worse
 "if he is treated as if he were."
 I am afraid I cannot give any

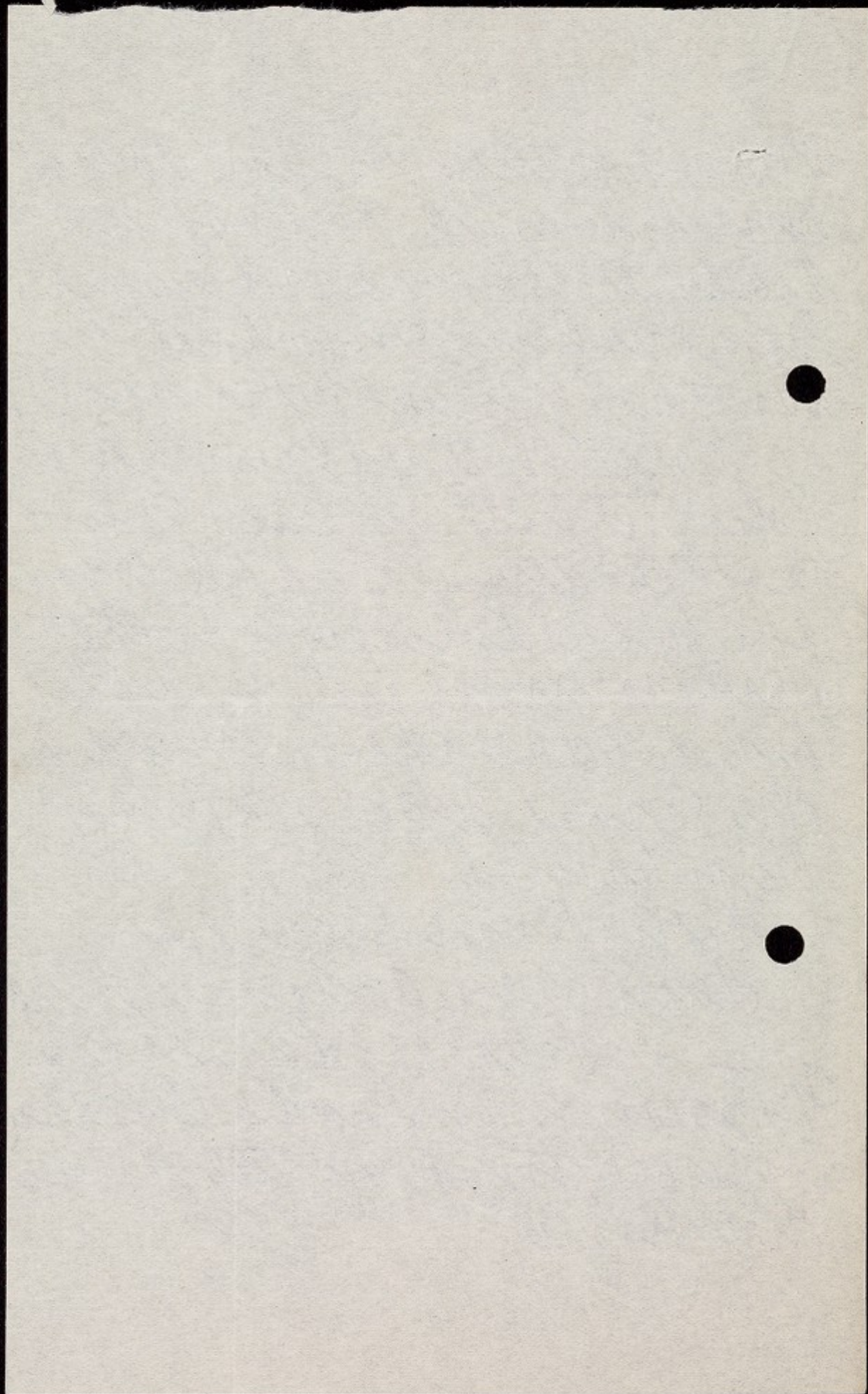


more particulars, as I do not know him, as my brother & sister do, who have been very kind to him. My object in writing is to ask if it would be possible to admit C. N. on largo terms? in case my brother should apply to you for his admission to the Retreat, as we feel sure that kind care there, would be the most likely to bring him round.

With kind regards,

I am very sincerely yours
 ———— Frances Thompson.

He goes on to Fairlands (Wheather
 Somerset, tomorrow, till Friday,
 then home.



John W. Hemmant,
Mercer.

Beastfair,

Pontefract,

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Nov 9th 1913.

Dr Bedford-Pierce.

Dear Sir

The home you mention at
Scotton Mr. Oxford knows well, &
on your and Mr. Oxford's recommendation
I wrote yesterday & this morning
received a reply which is quite satisfactory.
Caulter writes me he has a day Mental
Nurse but will require a Night Nurse
(Mental) have you one on your books
that you can recommend & send on
receipt of Phone or wire? —

I purpose going over to Scotton to-morrow
(Monday) to see the place & complete
arrangements, & will call & see
Dr. Watson on my way re Cert. &c.

I remain
Yours Faithfully
John W. Hemmant

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31. Trevel Avenue,
Kenne Hill.
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Sir.

Will you kindly
answer me per return -
a post card will suffice -
if in January last. you
received two communications
from me from 45 Ruby Rd.
Walthamstow. respecting
enquiries about a
Miss Dyson, whom when
I last heard from her
was in your asylum.

a nurse. I was reviewing
my correspondence from
& concerning Miss Engel.
& I am exceedingly ^{today}
doubtful now if my
communications reached
you.

You will oblige me
extremely by a prompt
reply. I am Sir.

Yours faithfully
Ellen Whitlock.
(Miss)

9. IX. '11.

Ans

21 Montague Avenue.
Brockley
London. S.E.

Dear Dr Bedford Pearce.

I do not know whether
you will remember me, but you will
remember my stepmother M^{rs} Newton,
who was at 'The Retreat' for some
time about six years ago. She
has completely recovered and is
able to lead a perfectly normal life.
I write now to ask if you ever take
patients unconnected with friends.
A friend of mine who is staying
with me has this morning heard
that her sister, who has been for

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a short time as a private mental
patient with a doctor at Colwyn
Bay, has grown so much worse
that she must be sent to an
institution, and they are naturally
anxious to put her under the
best care possible. Her father
was a lawyer, her brother practices
as a solicitor in Manchester and she
and the sisters who are teaching
will bear the expense.

Naturally the various members of
the family are trying to find
a suitable place, and they may
have decided on some other, but
if you do accept patients outside

the Society of Friends will you be
so good as to write to Mr Frank Wigglesworth
telling him any regulations and
particulars as to fees, etc, that it
may be necessary for him to know.

Feeling sure that the best chance
of recovery lies in the patient's coming
to you I hope it may be arranged.

If you cannot take her is there
any other similar institution you
could recommend?

Yours very truly

Clara H. Newton.

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FIELDGATE,
KENILWORTH.

March 22nd. 09

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your letter
for which I thank you - and am
much obliged to the Retreat Committee
for their kindness in reducing the
fees -

I should like to send the payments
monthly if this arrangement is
agreeable to you -

Yrs faithfully

Alice M. Nelson -

The Secretary -

The Retreat - York

KENILWORTH
FIELDGATE

has got suspicious too, she insists upon taking them to the post office herself. Has her daughter - who has a power of attorney - the right to ask the P. O. officials not to send a quite un-important message, such as "How are all to-day"? She asked them yesterday not to send one, but they said they could do no other than send a message that was paid for.

Apart from the waste of money over this correspondence, it would be quite upsetting to some of her people

Fieldgate
Kensilworth.
✓ May 11/09.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am writing to ask you if you will please settle a question for me.

Amongst Mrs Nelson's many delusions, is one about her various children & grand-children being ill, ^{she} is always writing letters to them about it. These letters we have always been able to intercept, but now it has come to telegrams, & as she

I hope I am not
troubling you too much,
but I shall be so
glad to know. I asked
the doctor who attends
Mrs Nelson, but he knew
nothing about it.

Trusting you are
well

Yours faithfully
Jessie Fowler

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Oct. 2, 1909

Dear Nurse Vowles,

I hear from Miss Nelson that they want to secure a permanent companion and not pay more than £50 a year, as they say they cannot afford more than this. They speak highly of you and seem very sorry for you to leave, but I see no help for it, as our new department could not afford to make any large reduction in fees. If you are wishful yourself to stay on longer will you let me know, and at the next meeting of the Committee I would see what they are prepared to do in the question of reduced terms in this case, but if they only just pay your salary and commission it is obvious that no bonus will be earned. I expect the best plan will be for you to give up the case, but thought I would just write and ask you your views upon the matter.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 2, 1909

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to hear in your letter that it is necessary to curtail your expenses. I have asked our Matron whether she has any-one to suggest to take Nurse Vowles's place, but she says she does not know of any-one, and I do not know of any-one myself.

The only suggestion I can make is that you advertise. You would no doubt have many applications, and perhaps among them you might find some-one who could refer to some-body you know personally. It is of course very difficult to select from answers to advertisements.

It is a pleasure to hear that Nurse Vowles has done so well.

Yours very truly,

May 12, 1909

Dear Nurse Vowles,

I fear there is no legal way of preventing a patient from sending telegrams who is not under certificates. The relative acting under "power of attorney" is certainly not competent to do this. I can only make two suggestions. One is that she should not have money, and the other that in going for a walk she should not be allowed to go near a post office. You might perhaps anticipate this particular difficulty by getting a relative to write frequently to Mrs. Nelson, saying that all is well and there is no need for anxiety, and perhaps a letter might be written to you or to her expressly asking that no telegrams should be sent. If these measures fail and the difficulties of management become more serious it is of course possible to certify her as a single patient in her own house. In this case some person must be responsible for her care and a medical attendant must be appointed, but no doubt if this were contemplated you would write to me again for particulars. We shall expect to hear from you if you find the post unduly difficult or tedious, as we do not wish you to stay on there longer than you consider desirable. It is a nice part of the country to be in at this time of year.

The "Trained Nurses Department" has not been doing badly, and for a short time all the nurses were out.

Yours very truly,

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21st Sept. 1910.

Dear Mr. Neave,

As Dr. Mackenzie will have explained, we are very full just at present, but apart from this, one cannot but hesitate to receive a patient who is feeble-minded and deficient, rather than decidedly of unsound mind, unless the patient is a Friend, and has a claim upon the Retreat on that account. We are always glad to do everything possible to admit an acute case of mental disorder at nominal rates when there is any connection with Friends, but in the case about which you write, I infer that permanent care will be needed, and consequently the matter is more serious from the Retreat point of view.

There is no meeting of the Retreat Committee until the third week in October. I should be glad to submit to them your letter, and perhaps in the meantime you could tell me whether his parents are in any way in sympathy with Friends, or whether on any other account there is a claim for special consideration. The usual plan in doubtful cases is to admit a patient for, say, six months or a year, and then see how they get on; but this probably would not meet the difficulties of the present case.

The average cost of maintenance is about 50/- per week. Friends are admitted as low as 12/- per week, and the Committee reduce the rates to 30/- or 21 according to circumstances, each such case being treated upon its merits.

Should there be, in the present case, need for immediate care, would you let me know, and I would ask the Chairman of the Committee what he thinks might be done as a temporary measure.

Yours very truly,

DEXTERA STRONG
OCEAN

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Jan. 4, 1911

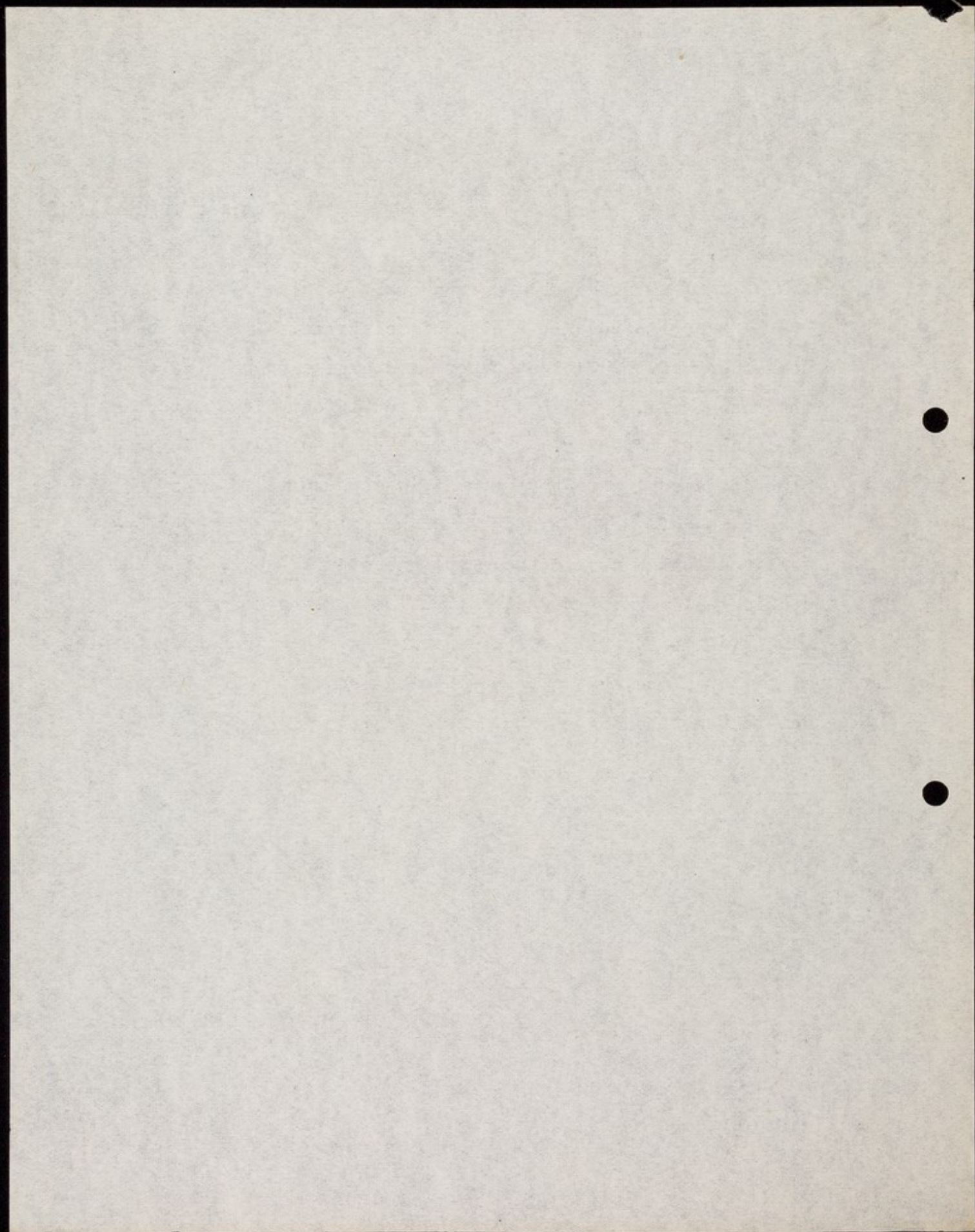
Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter and for the 2/6 Postal Order to cover the cost of telegrams. I now send you a copy of the Retreat report and also a prospectus of Throxenby Hall. These will give you information as to the admission of patients. If a patient requires nursing and also individual care the Retreat is more suitable than the branch house. The latter is principally intended for intelligent patients and those who are convalescent, though a considerable number of Retreat patients go over for short visits. You will see that we can admit voluntary patients at either place, but such must not be so infirm in mind as not to understand what they are doing.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Namken (738)



and delusions. She
 only requires slight
 amount of help
 when dressing & at
 meals - no trouble
 at night, sleeps alone
 & good appetite &
 general health
 age 61. Can you
 give me an idea, if
 she would be eligible as
 a borderland patient
 it is not necessary

be certified as she is
 choice to a
 TEL. BROMLEY 180.
 as Varying
 to be
 to her
 for

BEECHWOOD,
 BROMLEY COMMON,
 KENT.

3 Jan 1911

VAN HEN

Thank you very
 much for the trouble you
 have taken about my
 application for a nurse
 to go to Edinbro'

I had a wire from
 Miss Keenan this

Morning -

"Sorry can't come"
So had to make
other arrangements -
before your wire
reached me.

Will you please
send me a prospectus
of the Retreat and of

The Lome near
Searboro'. I might be
very glad of help
from you later on.

The patient (female)
had an embolism
14 years ago ^{partly} is paralyzed
on the right side &
can not talk. She can
walk a little & help
herself somewhat,
but there is slight
softening of the brain.

THE WARNEFORD,
OXFORD.December 22nd, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

If you have a printed dietary table (a) for patients, and (b) for staff, I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of each. Would you also tell me how you do about alcohol? Miss Vigor says that it is not used at all at the Retreat either by patients or staff except by medical prescription. I have often thought that I should like to abolish it here by a stroke of my pen, but I could never quite see my way to do so. If this were a county asylum I would not hesitate a moment. I shall be grateful if you can find time to tell me about it at the Retreat.

With all the good wishes of the season,

Sincerely yours,

James Steel

The
Oxford

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Jan. 3, 1911

Dear Dr. Neil,

I enclose a copy of a meat allowance that was fixed some years ago to assist the Housekeeper as to the size of joints. This includes uncooked meat with bone, but I should explain that we have carefully selected joints, only the best parts of the joints being used, so that the joints cut up economically.

This meat allowance as you will see includes both breakfast and dinner as it is not easy to separate these, seeing that both meat and fish are sometimes used at both meals. The allowance also provides for breakfast eggs. Fish, you will see, is counted at half its weight.

Week by week the Housekeeper keeps a chart on which the allowance and the consumption are tabulated so that we can see at a glance if the allowance is exceeded. This, however is only intended as a general guide, and we find it useful, as supposing there was much waste or special extravagance, this chart would at once show a rise on the consumption per head.

No doubt you will consider these figures confidential. I do not think it is practicable to get the meat down much below this figure and still supply sufficient, unless, of course, the household was planned on vegetarian lines.

As Miss Vigor probably knows, we also keep a chart as to the cost of all food per head per week. The idea of this I got from the Crichton Royal Institution, and we think this is of great assistance in judging as to the management of the house-keeping department.

I may perhaps say that not long after I came to the Retreat we instituted a number of reforms of which this is No.1.

2. We stopped a great deal of theft.
3. We introduced a carver to see that the joints were properly cut up.
4. We stopped a lot of waste in the pig-tubs and so forth.
5. We selected the joints purchased more carefully.

As the result of these economies it was found that in butcher's meat alone £1000 a year was saved which would seem almost incredible. It did not, however, show in the accounts in this form exactly as it was spread over three years.

The Housekeeper has also copied out four weeks taken at random from our Menu Book, which will show you how our people are fed.

I am afraid I have given you a good deal to digest. Let us hope that it will be assimilated without unpleasant effect.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

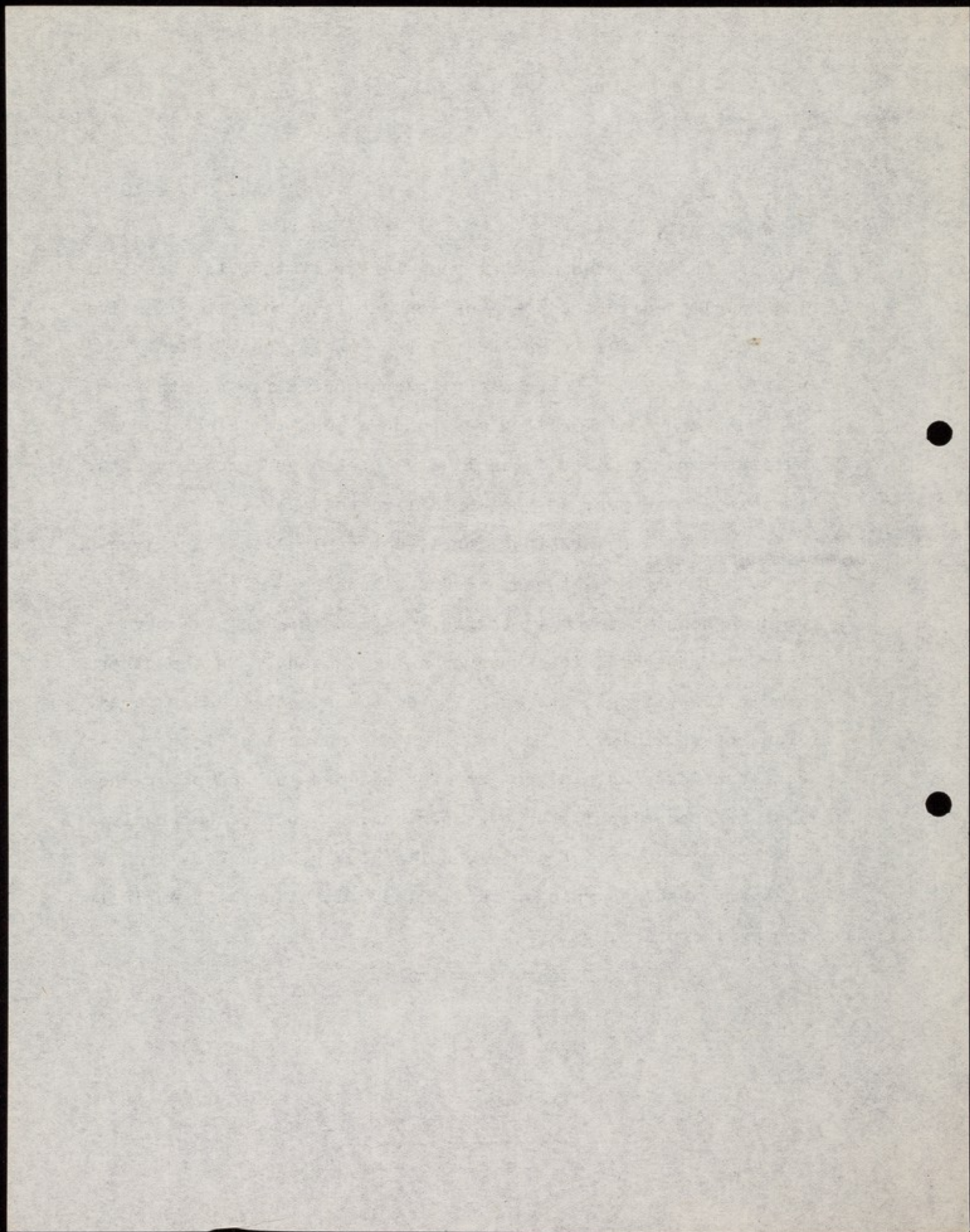
Dec. 29, 1910

My dear Neil,

It grieves me that your letter of the 21st has been neglected in the press of work at this so called festive season. We have no printed dietary table, but I should be glad to ask the Housekeeper to copy out a few sheets from her Menu Book which will give you some idea as to how our patients are fed if this is likely to meet your requirements. Just send me a p.c. if you would like this done.

With regard to alcohol, extremely little is given here. The staff get none and no allowance in lieu of it. We have none whatever in trifle, and I do not think I have ever had any complaint whatever on this head. On the other hand a few old patients are allowed to have their accustomed glass of something. Now and then the medical officers prescribe whiskey as a night cap for old people, and champagne also has occasionally been prescribed. None of our newly admitted patients get any alcohol whatever, though we do not make any absolute rule on this matter, it being left entirely to my discretion.

Yours very truly,



Feb. 2, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter respecting the pension scheme.

The question which I should like to raise will, I fear, involve much labour before it can be answered.

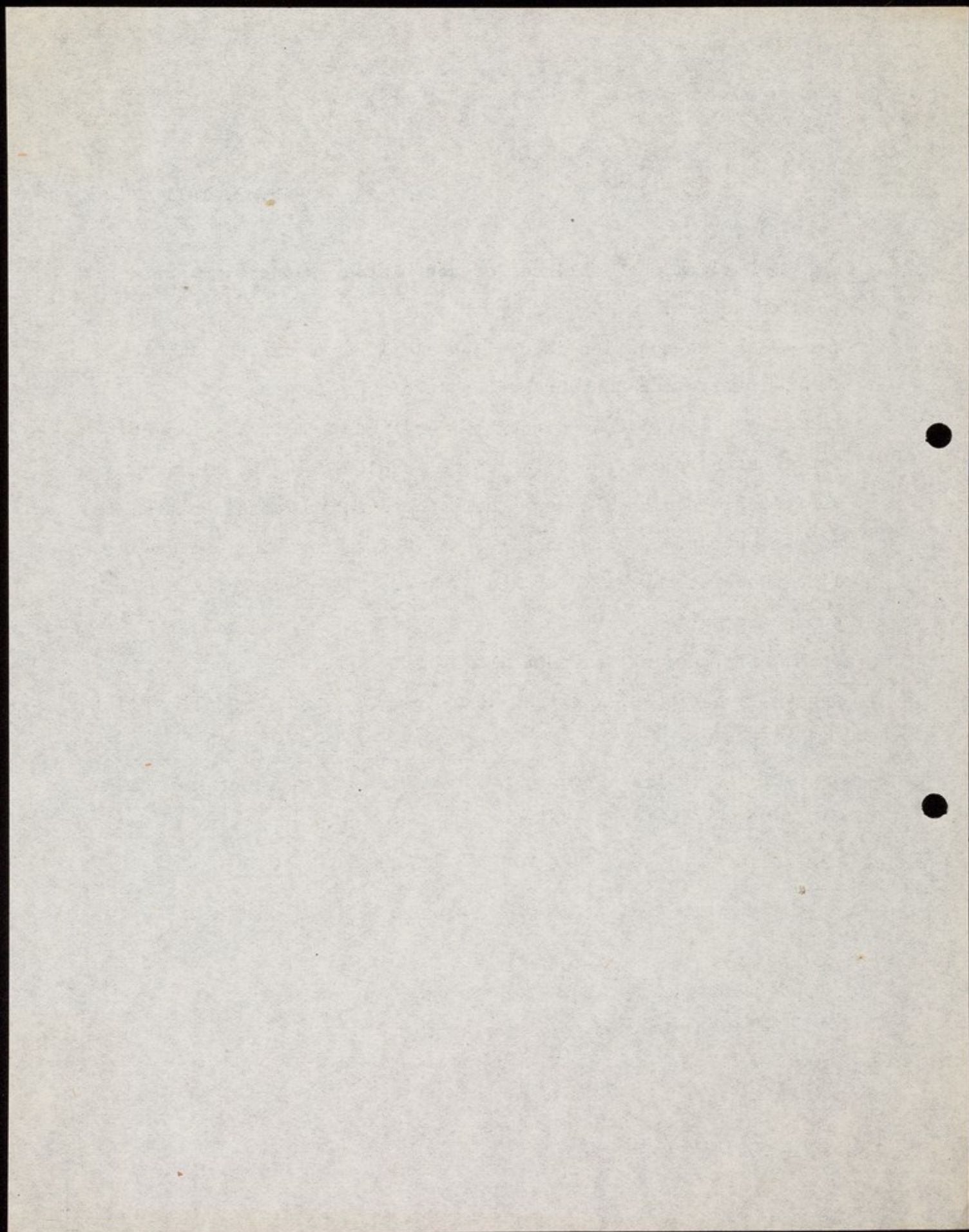
But if you can give me a rough general idea as to the amount that must be paid to you to secure pensions on the lines you indicate it would be a great help to us in the consideration of the matter. The conditions of life here are not unlike those at the Holloway Sanatorium. The number of Attendants on our books is about 33, and their salaries, excluding emoluments, amount to about £1650 per annum. The number of Nurses is about 58, and their salaries are about £1500.

I quite understand that any reply you give can only be approximate; still if you can supply us with some rough estimate without much labour I shall be much obliged.

Yours very truly,

The Secretary,

National Pension Fund for Nurses



a nice amiable fellow & I
imagine not hard to deal
with. His mother is a widow
with limited means, but
gentle folk & I imagine that
she has been an expense to
her nearly all the time.
A p.c. would be sufficient
just to say whether you could
take such a case or not &
Miss Hull has been very
well on the whole, but is
now depressed & afraid of
herself. I have not seen
her lately as she sent for
my daughter.

With kind regards

Yours very truly
Fred. Reed

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MOUNT PLEASANT HOUSE,
TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Dec: 1st 1906

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I wonder whether
you could admit a young man
at present in the North of England,
not a Friend & I fear only at a
low rate say, two guineas a week.
He is the son of a patient of mine
here, & has himself been under
my care from time to time altho
not recently as he has been away.
His age is about 33 & he is unmarried.
He has knocked about the world
a good bit & was for some time
in South Africa & had Enteric
there & suffered a good deal
from Uric Acid troubles which

are said to be very prevalent in that part.

In the Spring of 1905. Shortly after his return he was suffering from Sciatica which proved very obstinate & as he did improve he went up to London (after changes & treatment elsewhere had failed) & was admitted as a paying patient to the Nat. Hosp. for the Paralyzed & under Dr. Ferriar. there he was treated with large doses of Bromides, & got into a low state of health & first got the idea that he was being drugged. his Sciatica improved a good deal & he returned to his home near here. for a time he had the above delusions a good deal, was

much depressed & very unwilling to do anything even in the way of walking. He improved a good deal & in the summer went down into Cornwall to visit a Clergyman whose acquaintance he had made, from there he went into lodgings & until lately has got on fairly well, but latterly this delusion has increased & he left C. about a week ago & went to the house of a Clergyman near Leicester. If a Clergyman become restless he has however heard to-day & his mother has heard to-day that he has left & gone off presumably to Sheffield. One main factor in his case has undoubtedly been Masterbut whether that is continued I do not know, but I am inclined to think not. Naturally he is

but thought she was a nurse:
female doctor's are unknown
in Holderness.

Lh.

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20 Jan 1906. (83)

Tickton Grange,
Beverley.

Dear Mr Pierce,

Thank you for your
kind note. The incident
was unfortunate, but some
of the details appear to have
been exaggerated. It might
be true - whose daughter is
now in hospital to an asylum

in the South - I have expressed I fear W. Herbert Thompson
your report & explanation. - whom I met for (with F.

It is a pity I did not know of Kersh) - is not
telephone me, but time was dry any good. I think
morning & I did not appreciate L. is still with me.
but you seemed so much friend. J. L.

with kind regards

Love from L.
Frank L. Johnson

I think W. Herdys did
not appreciate that help
Kersh was a doctor

come in the management.

reflects unfavorably upon the dear Sir.

about if this happens again I

feel sure you will be glad to know how to look especially today how

about it & admonish those who go & make arrangements for the

one in fault. For the recent admission of his daughter &

she left without a head seems more if possible. His train

very curious I am

Yours faithfully

Frank Richardson

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29 Albert St., Hull (57)
18 Jan 1906

Tickton Grange,
Beverley.

I sent a gentleman

to look especially today how

about it & make arrangements for the

admission of his daughter &

his train

just 67 minutes in

to look into a ransom this

has been sufficient.

him on his return & he gave

