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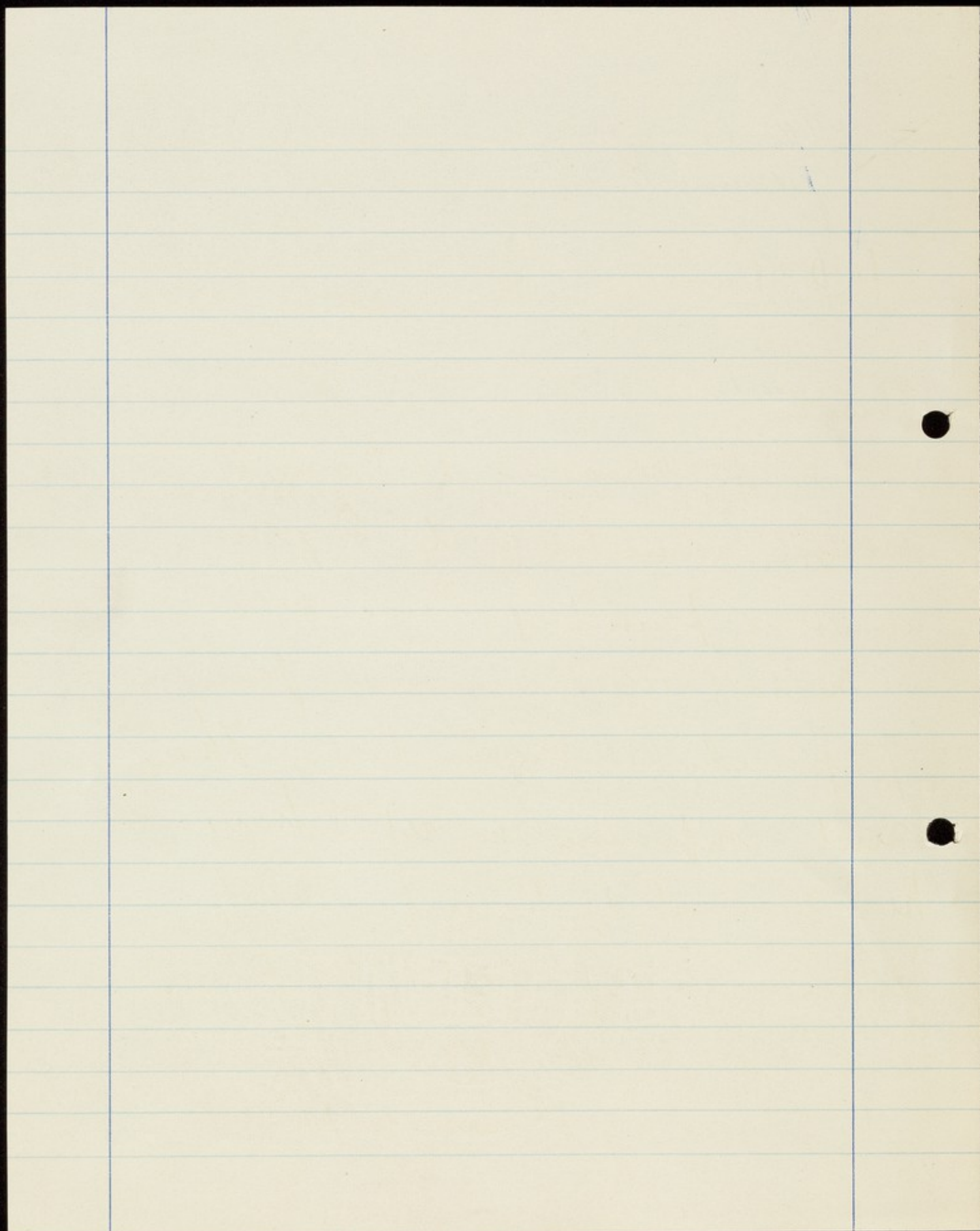
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25, YORK TERRACE, N. W.,

TEL: 4541 PADDINGTON.

To Dr Percie

Dec. 11 '1911

Dear Sir

Dr Murray said I might
use his name in writing by an
about a friend of mine who
is mentally ill & who is at present
(temporarily) at Virginia Water. There
such confidence in all I have
heard about the Retreat & such
faith in its splendid facilities
that I will never rest at peace
till I ^{know} ~~feel~~ my friend is under

your case. I must still believe
that she can be cured, & that
sure if anyone can cure her
you can. Dr. Merri informs
me that (natural) the Rebut-
is expensive but that if I
write to you explain matter
you would let me know the
lowest terms on which you
could take Mrs. Gibson, her husband
at present is not wealthy at all &
has been put to severe financial
strain by Mrs. Gibson's illness.
Hope there may soon
be some good publication
I remain yours truly
W. D. P. Williams

July 21st. 1911.

42. Barclay Road
Beckenham -

I can't D? Piece. I hope the
the time goes and is strong
and comfortable - The long
vicinity piece would be
happy. Although I hope you
were able to keep the foot -

in a better position. -
From your description
I see & know just well
the situation of your work -
It must be very pleasant.
On Wednesday, I had Mr
James (Victor) Brown to
see me - He was much
impressed when I told

him of your visiting me -
I was glad that I was
interested in old acquaintances -
What a wonderful old man
the Dean of York is! I always
am pleased to see mention of
him - With kind regards to
Mrs. Perry, yours faithfully
Sarah Olive.

I cannot bring myself to take
any steps which might lead
to a removal from her present
quarters. Believe me,

Yours very truly
Geo. W. Otton

July 21. 1911

LYME REGIS,
DORSET.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My mother did send
me your letter to her, & I
read it with much gratitude,
& should be indeed thankful
if she would act upon your
suggestions. Of course her
old friends are now very few
in number, & she seems to
make little if any effort
towards new ones. The one
whom she seems to me to care
for more about than any in

THIS WORLD IS MRS. AITKEN, BUT
COMMUNICATION WITH HER, — AT
ANY RATE, DIRECT COMMUNICA-
TION, — IS IMPOSSIBLE. MRS.
WOODS HAS TRIED TO INTEREST
HER IN SOME FORM OF CHARITA-
BLE WORK, BUT WITHOUT MUCH
SUCCESS SO FAR AS I CAN SEE.
I WAS REALLY QUITE HOPEFUL
THAT SHE WOULD MAKE A NEW
START ABOUT 3 YEARS AGO AT
MILFORD IN IFA, BUT HER

RESOLUTE WAY OF SHUTTING HERSELF
UP IN HER ROOM & KEEPING
ALOOF FROM PEOPLE, — THOSE
WHOM SHE HAD GOT TO KNOW
A LITTLE & WHO WERE FRIENDLY,
DURING THREE WEEKS WHEN SHE
HAD NO COMPANION, & COULD
DO PRECISELY AS SHE PLEASED
(AS TO COMING & GOING; SEEING
OR NOT SEEING) WAS MOST
DISAPPOINTING. AFTER THAT
EXPERIENCE (AS I HEARD OF IT
FROM THE MRS. ANDREWS IN
WHOSE HOUSE SHE WAS STAYING)

Ans / Overend

Kentmere

W. Kendal

11.14.11

Dear D. Pierce.

I write to enquire if the career of a mental nurse is one likely to be suitable for my daughter Kathleen, now or later?

She has been $3\frac{1}{2}$ years at Ackworth and 2 years at The Mount (left ^{Summer} 1909)

Possibly she is too young at present 19 last December, but the advt. in 'The Friend' suggested the enquiry.

Kathleen was never clever in class work, but is a capable, well occupied and healthy girl. So as to have an idea of business she has for some time spent 3 hours daily in our Engineering office at Kendal.

Her desire is to line a useful

and independent life, she has had an inclination towards nursing, increased by her St John's Ambulance training. She knows nothing of my writing to you, but if your reply was favourable, and she wished it, an application would be made in accordance with the advertisement.

Please excuse my troubling you, but without any guidance it seemed inadvisable to take any steps in the dark. Any reply you kindly send will be regarded as confidential.

Yours very truly

Edward O'Brien

I write from our mountain cottage where we are spending Easter, usual address: Drumlin, Kendal

GLASGOW ROYAL ASYLUM.

AT HOME,

12-1 O'CLOCK,

AND BY APPOINTMENT.

DR. L. R. OSWALD,

PHYSICIAN SUPERINTENDENT,

1055 GREAT WESTERN ROAD,
GLASGOW.

6th. February, 1911.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat, York.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I saw a gentleman the other day, who might, I think, go to you as a voluntary patient. I am not quite sure of the regulations of the English law with regard to voluntary patients, and would be glad if you were to send me some information regarding same, and also regarding the steps the patient must take before he can be admitted. Perhaps you would also send me a prospectus with your rates of board, etc.

The case is one of melancholia, in a gentleman about fifty years of age.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

L. R. Oswald.

8th. February, 1811.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat, York.

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thought, I think, of you as a voluntary

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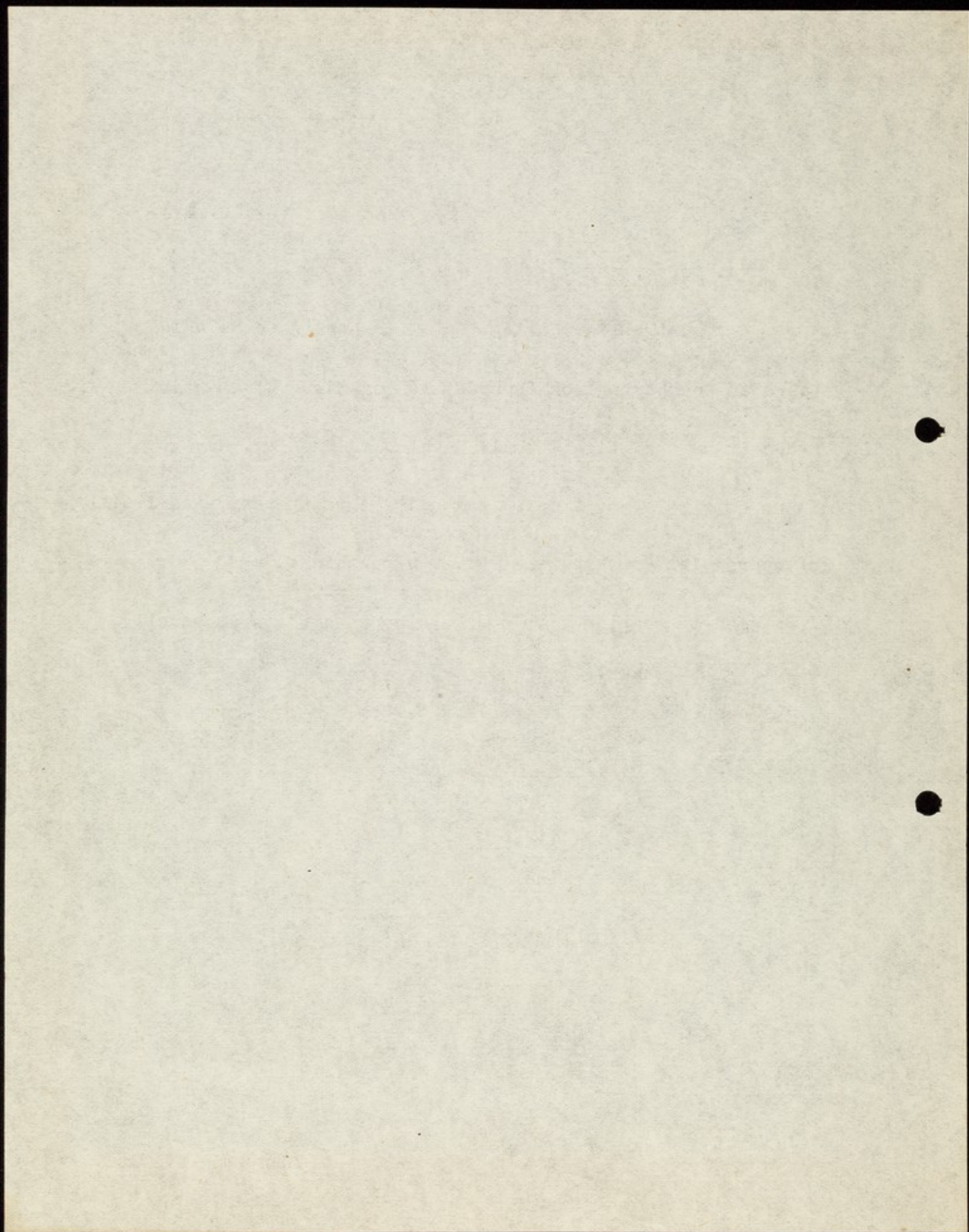
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Feb. 13, 1911

Dear Mrs. Quirk,

Just a line to say that I am hoping to be able to go to Scarborough on Thursday to see Miss Quirk again. Probably by that time I shall have heard from Dr. Savage. In no case need any step be taken in a great hurry, and I will of course let you know what Dr. Savage thinks. I am glad to hear that things have been going on pleasantly.

Yours very truly,



Feb. 25, 1909

Gentlemen,

As requested I send copies of the Certificates under which Mr. Gordon A.Ogilvie was admitted to the Retreat.

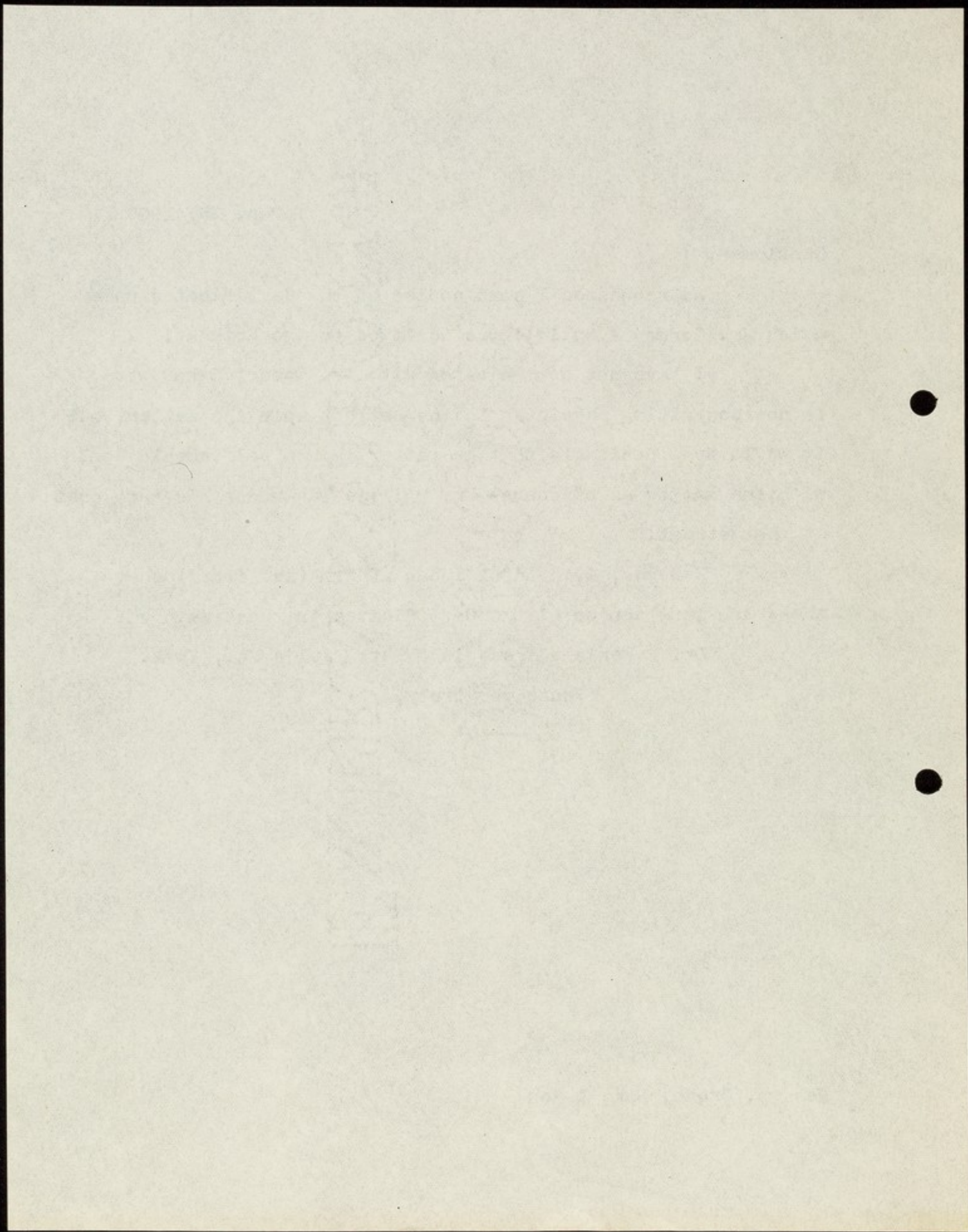
I have not communicated with Dr. Robert Baker who is now consulting physician to the Retreat upon the matter, but it would seem desirable that he rather than myself should deal with the matter as of course Mr. Ogilvie was under his care when at the Retreat.

However, if needful I can affirm (not swear) that these are true copies of the Certificates in question.

Dr. Baker's address is 35 St. Paul's Sq., York.

Yours verytruly,

Messrs. Cross, Ram, & Sons



S.G.

CROSS, RAM & SONS.

WILLETT RAM.
WILLETT RAM, JUNR.
FRANCIS ROBERT RAM.
TELEPHONE NO 6X P.O.

Ogley

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HALESWORTH,

22nd March 1909.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst, & will treat the copy certificates which you sent to us as strictly confidential & private until you give us leave to make use of them if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

Cross Ram & Sons

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Massachusetts

March 1900

Dear Sir,

I have in receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. & will
treat the copy certificate which you sent to me as strictly
confidential & will not give it to any one else to use of whom
it concerns.

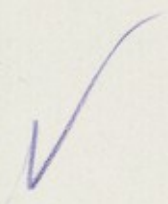
Yours faithfully,

In Accordance
with the
Yours

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T.A.M.

CROSS, RAM & SONS.
WILLETT RAM.
WILLETT RAM, JUNR
FRANCIS ROBERT RAM.
TELEPHONE NO 6X P.O.



HALESWORTH,

24th Feb. 1909.

Dear Sir,

We are concerned for Messrs Stuart & Menteith Ogilvie, the Executors nominated in the Will of the late Mrs Margaret Ogilvie of Sizewell House near Leiston, Suffolk. We understand that Mr. Gordon Albinus Ogilvie, the eldest son of the late Mrs Margaret Ogilvie, was detained at your establishment for some little time prior to April 1883, when Mr. Gordon A. Ogilvie was removed to Barnwood House, Gloucester. We believe that Mr. Gordon A. Ogilvie was originally taken to your establishment under the certificates of Doctors Clover & Elliston. Both these gentlemen are now dead, and we are desirous of obtaining on behalf of Messrs Stuart & Menteith Ogilvie copies of these certificates. ~~If you can do so~~ Will you be good enough to let us have copies of them. We shall of course be pleased to pay your fee in this matter. We may mention that we require to obtain these certificates to shew the reason if possible that Mr. Gordon A. Ogilvie was of unsound mind. We understand this mental trouble was brought on by disease.

Yours faithfully,

Cross Ram Sons

The Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York .

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TELEPHONE,
No. 13 ACKWORTH.

GREYSTONE,
ACKWORTH.

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Feb 8.

Dear Sir,

About 3 years ago Mr
Rigley brought a Mrs Thompson
of this village to see you. I am
afraid she is getting into a condition
which will require her admission
to some asylum or home.

Do you mind telling me the terms
for the Retreat?

Her husband is only a small
butcher & cannot afford much.
I am afraid your terms are
sure to be beyond him, so I shall
be much obliged if you can give
me the address of a place

When a melancholic could
be looked after at about a
pound a week, unfortunately
I don't know of any such place,
& she is a little too fond to go
to a county council asylum.
She is hardly bad enough either.

Believe me

Believe me

W. F. Oyston

TELEPHONE,
No. 13 ACKWORTH.

GREYSTONE,
ACKWORTH.

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Feb 11. 1910

Dear D. Pierce,

Many thanks for
your letter about Mrs
Thompson, - she is very
variable & since writing
to you, she has improved a
good deal. I write
expect however that a time
will soon come when I shall

be very glad of
your information about
Dr. Hitchcock.

Believe me
Yours truly

W. F. Oyster

1st Nov., 1910

Dear Mrs. Oglesby,

I was very pleased to receive a letter from you, although the letter was not as cheerful and as bright as I should have liked. One quite expects when starting in a new country, especially when past the vigour of youth that the new life will bring some measure of disappointment. In your case I can quite understand the difficulty. You lived so very long in your home near here, were surrounded with things you had collected long years ago, you had your own circle of friends, Oglesby had regular work among people he liked and where he received a good deal of special consideration, and all this you must necessarily miss. But on the other hand you have the great satisfaction of living with your son and the family is once more united.

No doubt you will find the coming Winter very trying. The cold will be much greater than anything you have experienced; still in Canada people know better than they do in England how to keep themselves warm, and inspite of what you say about the mist, I have no doubt it is very much drier and brighter during the Winter than in England, and I suppose the hours of sunshine are longer than in York. So I hope you and your daughter will have become by this time more reconciled to the great change and that when you write again you will be able to do so very much more cheerfully. One finds plenty of disappointments in this life and happy are those who can meet them courageously.

You will want some news of the Retreat. There is not much to say. Oglesby will be interested in hearing that at last the cover for the fire-escape is on the way. They are putting it up in the back yard.

There are no changes amongst the Staff at the Retreat and all are pretty well. The only alteration on the way is the making of a croquet lawn and bowling green down below the Lodge.

I am glad to say in my own house we are all nicely. Just now my Wife is in London having a little change.

The sketching box that Oglesby made for me did very well during the holidays. Marjorie is delighted that I have a new one as she has appropriated the old one and says it is better than the new. She is beginning to make sketches herself.

Next time you write you ask me questions on anything you want to know and I will gladly tell you the news. In the meantime I shall not say how sadly you have written, as I like to think it is but a temporary disappointment.

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179, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET,
LONDON. E.C.

December 24th 1908

J.P.
Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

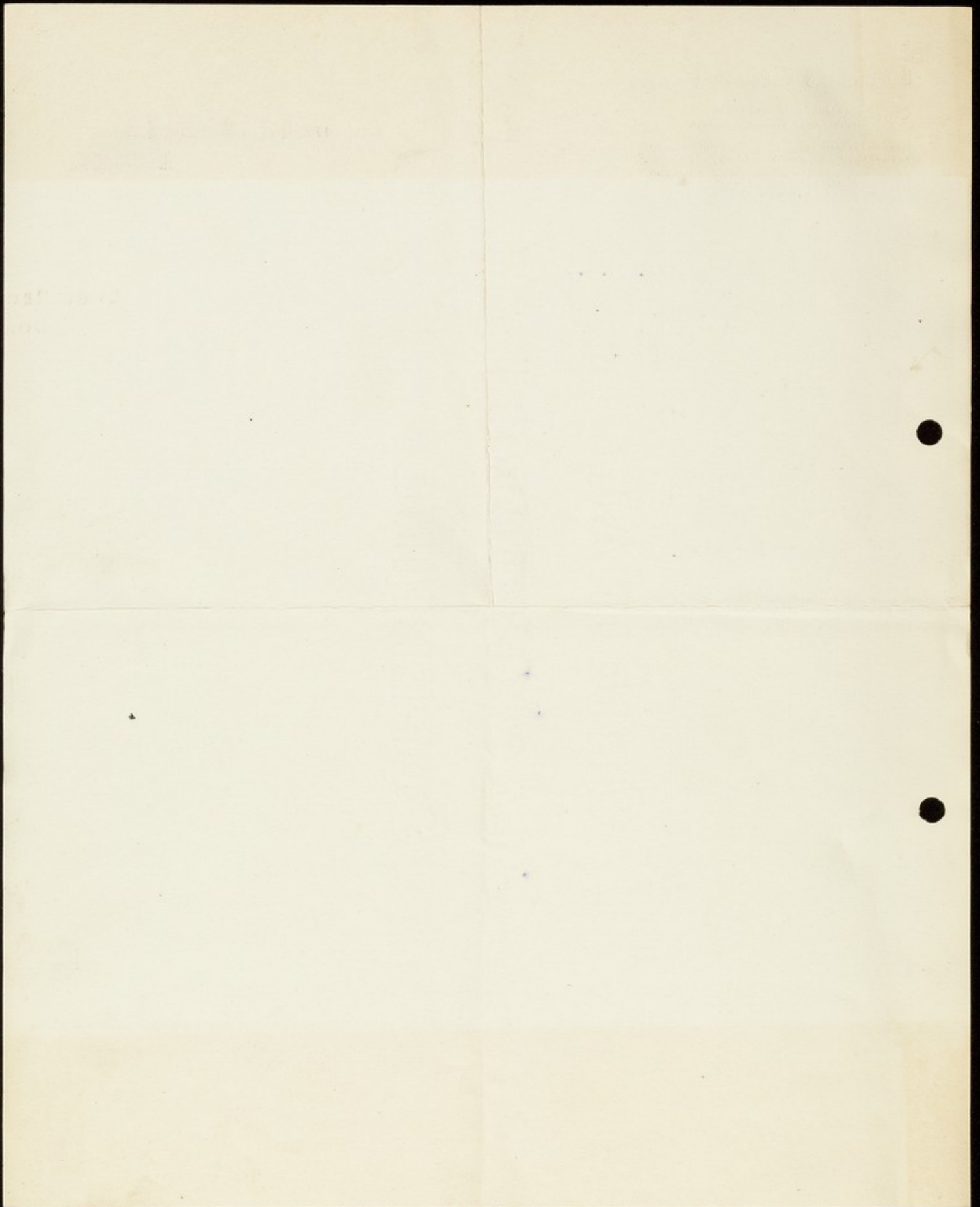
We are very sorry to find upon examination of the Cream of Malt with Cod Liver Oil returned, that some of the corks had not fitted properly into the bottles and the expansion of the Malt has forced them out. We have no doubt that you desire to purchase these preparations at as cheap a rate as possible, and we have pleasure in informing you that we supply a very large number of Hospitals and Infirmaries with it in 1 lb. lever topped tins, that we are able to charge out at 46/- per cwt.

We are sending one of these tins forward to you, and also at the same time an equivalent quantity of Cream of Malt with Cod Liver Oil for what you have returned, which we hope you will find in perfect order and condition. We can assure you that we get very few complaints regarding this preparation, and we are pleased to note that the complaint is due really to carelessness on the part of the person responsible for packing the product, rather than for any defect in connection with the preparation due to deterioration or fermentation.

Yours faithfully,

OPPENHEIMER, SON & COMPANY LIMITED.

W. Ball
Director. *W.B.*



• able to urge the expense as an obstacle, for my mother is leaving Sidcup in the autumn, & the change to a new abode must

• mean economy in other ways.

Mrs Brodie, at whose house in Sidcup my mother has been living for about 7 years, died quite suddenly in January, & the daughters find themselves unable to keep on the house,

• so new arrangements have to be found for my mother.

Happily an arrangement they promise to be very successful

June 25. 1904 ⁵¹⁵

LYME REGIS,
DORSET.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for the papers which you kindly sent to me in March in reference to the new Recreation Room & other buildings now being added to the Retreat. I kept them by me until lately, because I had arranged to go to Milford on Sea for a fortnight with my mother early this month, & I felt sure she

LIBRARY
ROBERT
would be interested to hear of
the improvements that are being
made, & might perhaps like to
make some small contribution
for old association's sake.
This last, however, I found her
unwilling to agree to, but she
was interested to know of the
new buildings.

When at Milford, Mrs Wearing
came over from Bournemouth
to spend a day with her, &
I think the meeting was a

real pleasure to both, though
I doubt much whether so
much recalling of the now
very desirable past is at all
good for my mother, & for
that reason I was sorry to
hear that Mrs Wearing had
invited her to spend a week
with her in the autumn at
Edmondsham Tower. However,
I dare say when the time comes
there may be difficulties in the
way, & the visit may easily be
put off for one reason or another.
This time I shall certainly be

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LYME REGIS,
DORSET.

has been thought of & negotiated
by my mother herself, but it
involves her living in rooms,
much as Mrs. ^W wearing does,
with a lady to live with her.
In this case my mother will
probably live somewhere in
the North of London, so as to be
more within reach of some
old friends. I have just
written to the Lord Chancellor's
Visitors somewhat fully about
this new scheme, & I hear ~~well~~

that their next Board meeting
is on July 2nd. My mother
has really improved very much
in many ways since living ^{at Hildrop}.
& enjoys almost absolute
freedom, but she is (so far as
I can judge) no more of a
sound mind now, in the proper
sense, than when she left York,
though it is very hard to point
out clearly where the reason-
ness comes in. But all the

old queer ideas & crookedness
persist, though it is kept much
more in the background.

Still, I feel very ~~for~~ confident
that the new plan for her will
prove a satisfactory one, &
chiefly on the ground that it is
of her own making.

The great interest you have so
kindly taken in my mother's
case must be my excuse for
writing to you at such great
length about the matter.

With very kind regards,

Believe me, Yours sincerely,
Geo. W. Otton