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Memorandum,

FROM

J. Padfield.
Biltmore Court
Dec 21st 1911

TO

Bedford Pierce Esq
The Retreat
York -

Dear Sir - Enclosed cheque for settled enclosed - I fear to say my daughter continues much better with a broken knee at Bromsgrove - I am sorry to say the day before yesterday I met with an accident in out with a party shooting, gun burst shattered 2 fingers of left hand - going on favorably - same day my sons were shooting at home with two young parrots - my youngest son gun burst, the gun flying to atoms but he kept his best most marvellous - another ^{100th} blow by the piece dark by without striking him - Cause - though overloaded cartridges - both were first shots fired - new kind of cartridges we had not tried before

I am thinking & think the makers are responsible for
the accident - Why you are not hit by
the engine of the doors -

Remain your truly

J. P. Taylor

Dec. 23, 1910

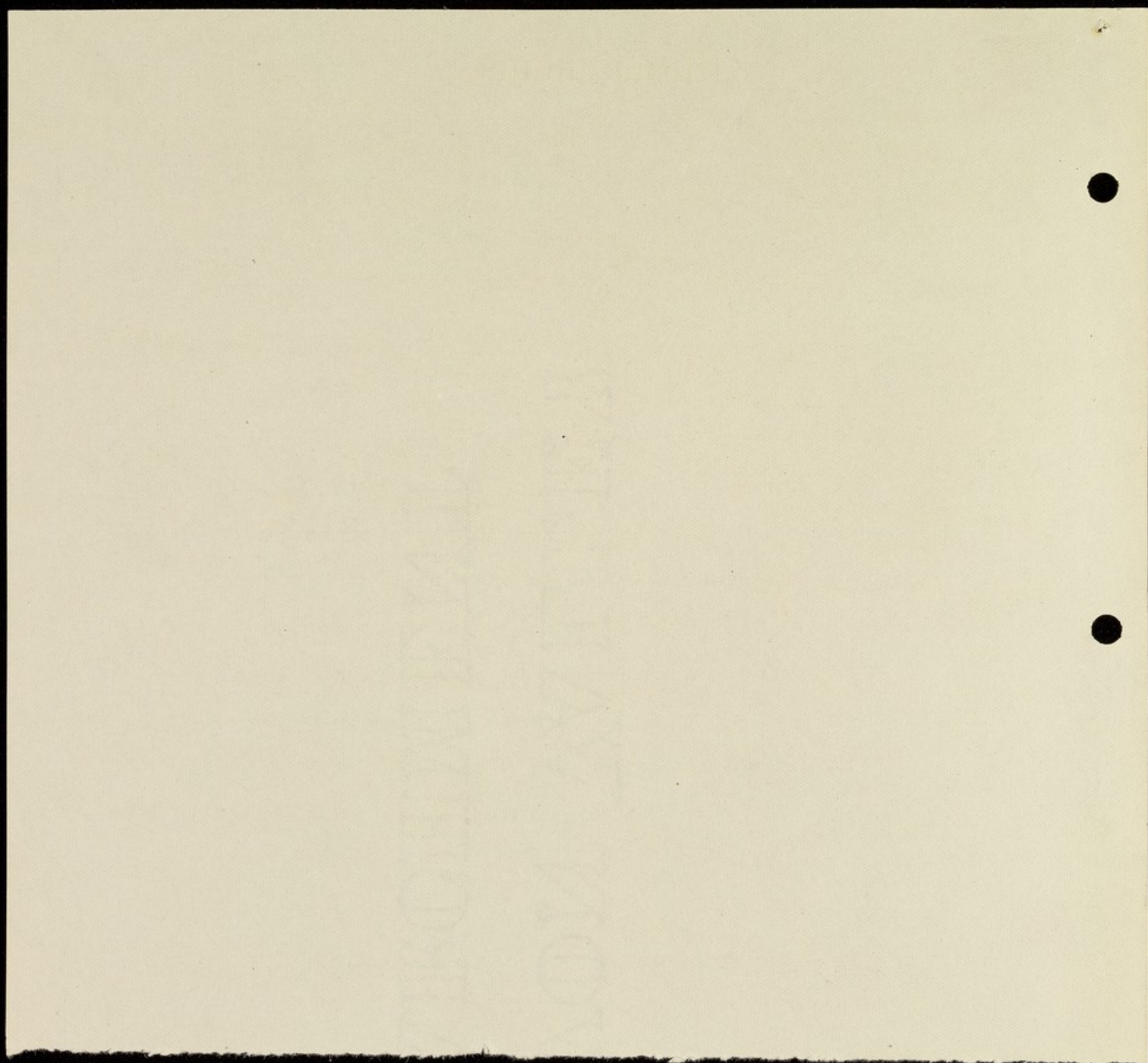
Dear Mr. Padfield,

Many thanks for your letter and cheque. What an extraordinary story you relate. I am very sorry to hear you have had such a serious accident to your hand, but perhaps it will be some consolation to you to think that although your son's gun also burst he was marvellously preserved.

We are very pleased to hear that Miss Padfield is doing better. She has such a gentle disposition that I should quite hope she will do well under private care, but I fear her hallucinations will still trouble her a good deal.

The Secretary encloses a receipt.

Yours very truly,



Memorandum.

FROM

J. Radford
Prisoners' Cause
New York
Nov 18th 1900

TO

L. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York —

Dear Sir. Acc't rendered pt quarter for
my daughter at your Retreat yesterday I am sorry it has
not been paid before - the fact is - my expenses with
my daughter's illness being so heavy the past 2 1/2 yrs -
has very much reduce my ready cash - I hope to
send it over after our Times for stock sale in a
few weeks - My daughter I am glad to say is certainly
better since she left - She has been home with us for 5 weeks.
Now she is at Broom's farm with a trained nurse that
has been accustomed to these cases - at half the cost - I thank
you for the kind treatment she rec'd. at your Institution. I remain yours truly
J. Radford.

THE UNIVERSITY OF

TO



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and if the terms
suit.

Yours sincerely

T. Clay I have

30 Harley St. ✓
W.

Mar. 20. '09

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I want to send
to you as a "Booster" a
Miss Radfield, of Bristlemorton
Court, Tewkesbury. I think
you already know something
of the family.

She is 25, thin and in
everything but strong bodily
health. She has ideas that
"people know she is thinking
about them" & she is not
suicidal nor dangerous,
and I think that she ought
to get well. Once she

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was in Barnard House
for a time, but she really
is not had enough to
certify now.

The friends are wishful
for her to go to you and
will pay your charges
£2/5/- per week -

Miss P. is slightly degenerate,
high palate, firm neck,
slight ectopic systolic
murmur, and those tell
her people that she will
always be liable to
break down easily -
She is at present in a

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nursing home at Cheltenham but
will be able to go to you in about 2 or
3 weeks.

You will find her a very nice girl -
she is amiable, long haired, likes
walking and can make herself
fairly useful -
Kind let me know if you can
take her about the time mentioned

✓
Birtsmorton Court,
Tewkesbury.

Apr 3 1909

Dear Sir.

Since writing
you last we have
consulted a specialist
respecting my daughters
eyes. He says she
is suffering from
Astigmatism this
is he says very much
accounting for her illness.

She is at present under
her treatment here at
home after a trial for
a week or two & she
does not make much
progress we hope to
send her to The Retreat
for a time if necessary.

Yours truly

J. S. Pasfield

J. S.

Will write again

Dr Clays Shaw in his
letter to me did not mention
the terms, ^{you} would kindly receive
her for 3 months - but
just hope by then she
would be quite convalescent.

• If you would kindly
reply terms & when the
vacancy would be ready
my daughter would sign
paper & we would arrange
about her coming. Most
likely I should come myself.

• Mrs Pracker tells us her
daughter was quite well in 6 months
although much worse than now.
Mrs Padfield would like to
know if there are any

Birtsmorton Court,

Tewkesbury.

✓ March 29/09

Dear Sir.

I have received a letter
from Dr Clays Shaw
saying you will be having
a vacancy in about
a fortnight's time in the
East Villa should I
send my daughter.

She is now fairly well
but still at Chetenham
Nursing Home. We hope
to have her home on
Wednesday next.

special things required
for her -

Awaiting your reply

I remain Dear Sir

Yours very truly

Joseph Padfield

I am sorry today we are
not in a position to give
a full charge - we are
told you make allowance
"to Friends" - I cannot say
we are really "Friends"
but are closely connected
with the Merchants
Street Court The Imperio
Bham & Mrs Bracher
Wincanton is Mrs Padfield's
Sister - It was from her
we heard of your
illable kindness -

March 30, 1909

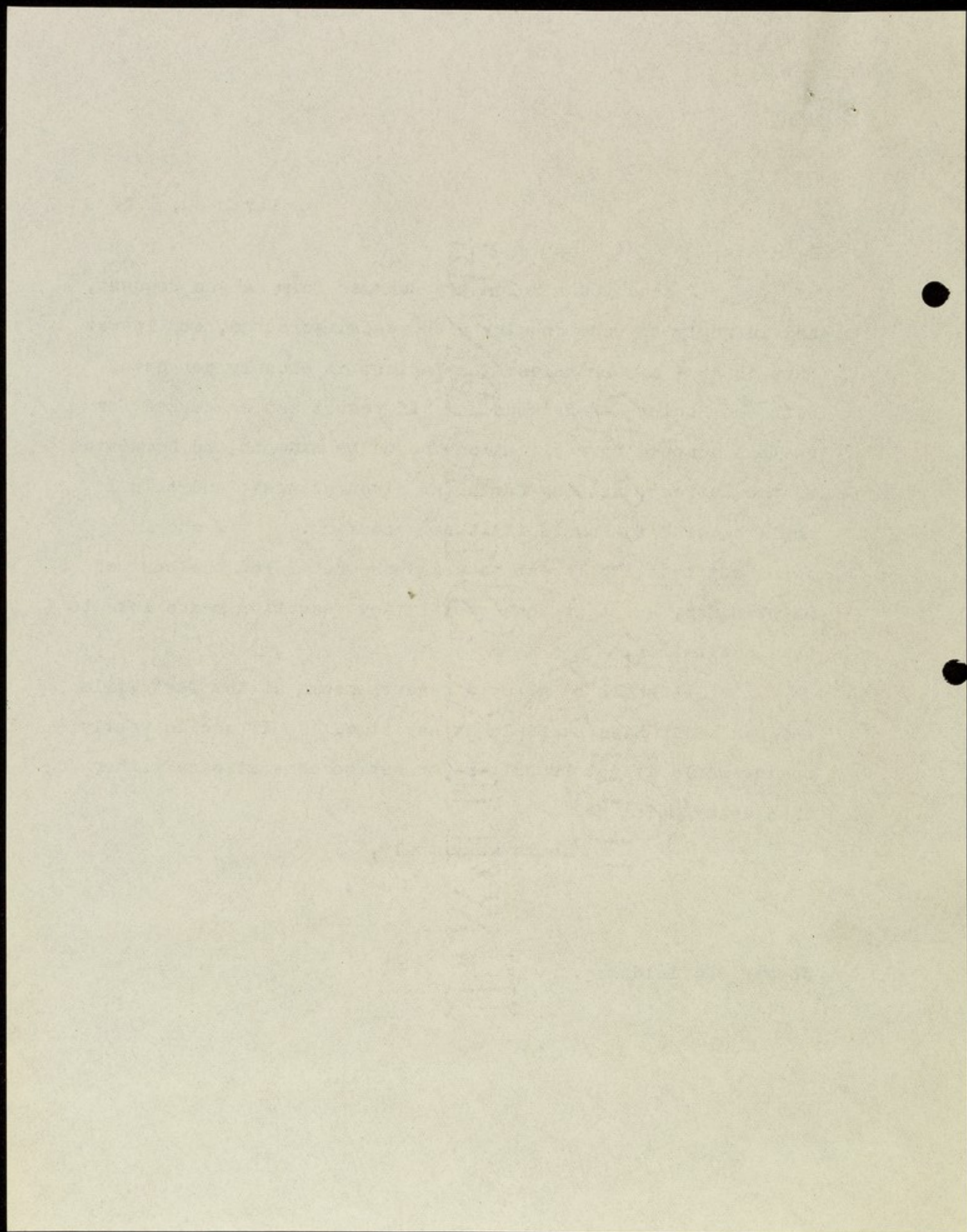
Dear Sir,

I send you a Voluntary Boarder form as you request, and in reply to your enquiry with regard to terms, our lowest rate is 48/- a week unless the patient is closely connected with the Society of Friends. If reductions are asked for on this account an application has to be made to the Committee of the Retreat, setting forth the circumstances; and this I shall be glad to submit if it be necessary. I should point out that the lowest rate is somewhat below the cost of maintenance, and that consequently any reduction means loss to the Institution.

We shall be glad to reserve rooms at the East Villa and can admit Miss Padfield at any time. If she is really coming would it not be better for her to come at once rather than delay doing so?

Yours very truly,

Joseph Padfield Esq.



2 was just the same when she went to Cheltenham, & there she collapsed within a month. We are deeply grieved to hear that you do not think she will ever really recover, but do not you think she may improve a little, as time goes on? or will she get worse and worse? and what is really wrong with her? is her brain diseased? pardon my asking so many questions, but we know so little about mental ailments.

Mr. Padfield is very busy with the hay just now and so I am writing instead. We are thinking we may remove her at the half term, but when the change is

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Birkmorton Court
Leicester
July 15th/70

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Dear Dr. Pierce

We received the report yesterday, and were very disappointed to find our dear daughter had not benefited so much by her stay at Scarborough as we hoped she might. She seemed so delighted at first, and wrote so cheerfully, that we felt it was bound to do her good, but I remember she

3 made I want her to be
near home, where I can
see her often, somewhere
I can go forward and back
in the same day. Not the
County Asylum, but some pri-
-vate institution where she
would be as happy and com-
-fortable as she could be under
her afflicted circumstances.

Our doctor who attended
her in the beginning of her
illness has been very ill with
double pneumonia in Ireland
for some weeks past, so we cannot
consult him but is there not a
place called Brislington House
near Bristol? Do you think they
would take her there at about 30

per week? would you kindly enquire
for us, or there is an institution at
Fairford in Gloucestershire, but I know
nothing about it, or is there one
near Birmingham, or in the
Midlands? could you kindly en-
-quire for us? Also do you think
we might have her home for a
week or two? is she well enough?
I am sorry to trouble you but we
feel we want a little advice &
help in the matter.

We thank Dr. Hitchcock for
his willingness to take her, and
should at once decide upon that,
if it was not so far away.

Mr. Radfield writes with due
in very kind regards to you and
Dr. Thompson and with many apologies
for taking up so much of your time,
Believe me to be

Yours very sincerely
Charles L. Radfield

Memorandum.

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FROM

J. Pasfield
Pulmonology Court
June 30 1906

TO

D. Bedford Pieris
York -

Dear D. Pieris - We are pleased to find our daughter seems to get on well at Scarborough. She writes home that she is much better there; than being the case we had decided to let her stay on a little longer if there is no extra expenses there, and it is convenient to you for her to remain - We are much obliged for the reference you have given us the court our taking her away - We will consider Dr. Hatcher's offer - We are disappointed with

The smile proper she has made but we still
hope that some day she will find peace.

Remains
Yours very truly
J. P. Padfield

June 24, 1910

Dear Mr. Padfield,

I much regret that I cannot make any useful suggestion respecting Miss Padfield. I do not think the Committee of the Retreat would be willing to make any substantial reduction, seeing that Miss Padfield is not a member of the Society of Friends.

I fear there is not much hope that she will ever really recover, and though for the time being she is doing nicely at Throxenby it appears probable that she will require to be permanently under care somewhere.

I scarcely think it is suitable for her to live in a private family. The hallucinations are sometimes so persistent that she becomes noisy and terrified, and consequently requires more supervision at night than could readily be obtained anywhere else than in a special institution. On the other hand I do not think she would come to any serious harm if you tried her with the ladies you mention, although the experiment may last but a short time.

Unfortunately there are but few institutions where private patients can be received at low rates. The following might be considered:

Dr. Macdonald, Herrison, Dorchester (a branch of the Dorset County Asylum),

Dr. Stewart, Narborough, Leicester,

Dr. Gilmour, Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Warfedale,

or Dr. Hitchcock, Bootham Park, York. The last of course
is very convenient, and she would be thoroughly comfortable
there. I certainly think it is desirable that you should
not incur more expense in the case than you can rightly afford.

Yours very truly,

Expenses running up &c &c.
with your charges costs
about £150 per year.

Perhaps you will kindly
bring the matter before your
Directors & let us know
the best advice you can
give - If we could only
be assured it would be only
for a short time ^{before} ~~but~~
he was quite well, it would
relieve us in a measure
as to the cost & anxiety
of the future -
I remain your very truly
J. Padfield.

Putnam House
St. Helens.
June 22/90

Dear Sir. We are pleased to find
your daughter apparently much
better - ~~We were~~ ~~very~~ sorry
not to see you when we came
up - We found Ida much
stronger in herself and able
without fatigue to put in
a good days knocking about.
She seems very pleased with
her change to Scarborough -
We sincerely hope it will
greatly benefit her -

We are now puzzled what
course to pursue for the future.
We do not think her well
enough to return home but
we are not in a position
to go on with so much
cost - She is very anxious
to return at the end of
the quarter - but if your
Directors could see their
way to reduce the weekly
cost say to 30/-
we should be only too

glad to try to meet this.
Do you think her well
enough to go & stay with
two maiden ladies that
would look after her
a few miles from us? -
We are quite anxious
to do the best for her
we can but with
a family of 7 children
it is taking more than
our income -

Birtsmorton Court,

Near Tewkesbury.

March 10th 1799

Dear Sir

Thank you
for sending the
Report of the Petition
in response to a
letter from my sister
Mrs Bracher of -

Winchester: Since
then our dear daughter
has been so much
better that we are not
thinking of sending
her away at present.
Should the necessity
occur again, we may
communicate with you
as we should like to
have her cured.

Yours very sincerely
C. H. Radfield

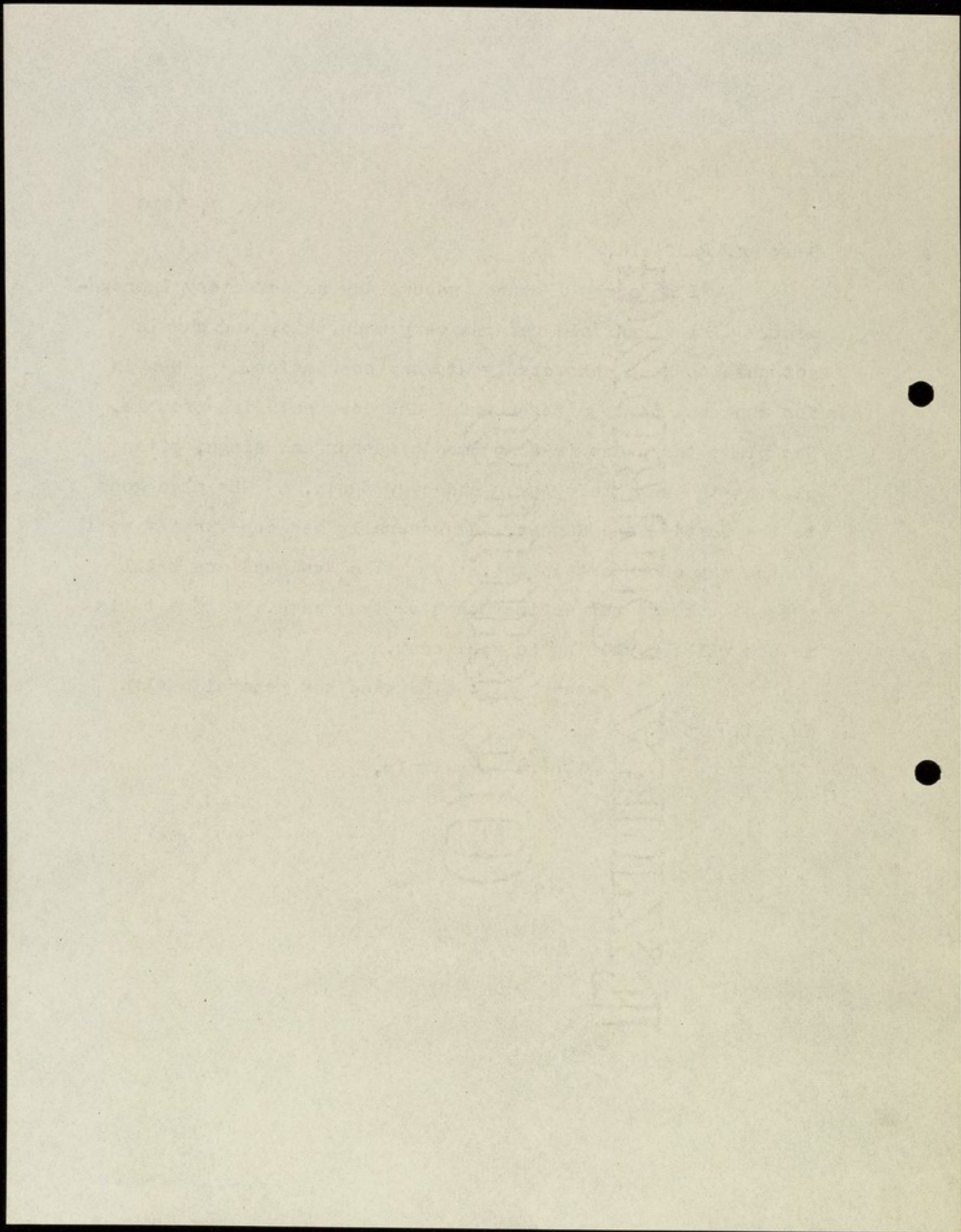
Feb. 7, 1910

Dear Mr. Padfield,

I am sorry I cannot report any satisfactory improvement. Miss Padfield remains very uncertain, and she is not able to keep connectedly at any occupation. She is for the most part quite cheerful and does not give trouble. She plays the piano in a spasmodic manner and sings, often playing the same thing over and over again. She also goes to the parties and dances, and generally has done pretty well in the way of entertainment. The "voices" are still present but are not so insistent as they were. She tells me she will be writing to you today.

She is rather pale: otherwise her general health is quite good.

Yours very truly,



The cost would be no more
If it would be possible
to go to Scarborough for
a change - She complains
that time hangs awfully
heavy on her hands, occupation
of some kind we suppose
is good for her, so have
sent her needlework &c -
to fill up her time -

As we are getting nearer
the spring time the days
won't be so dull & no doubt
the time will pass more cheerfully.

Remain

Yours very truly
Joseph Padfield

Pulteney Court
Larkbury
July 14/00.

Dear Dr. Piers.

Enclosed cheques
to settle enclosed account.
We are pleased to have
a somewhat better report
of our dear daughter this
quarter and we sincerely
trust the improvement
will continue.

She writes, she is much
better and hopes to be
well enough to come
home shortly or go for

a change to your Home
at Scarborough for a
little while. We have not
heard from her for nearly
three weeks although we
have sent her numerous
letters & post cards, also
a parcel of goods - not
hearing we hope she is no
worse - we should be
extremely glad if you
would write - What you
think about her, also, if

L
A.K.

Partonator Court
Tark.bury
Nov. 1. 1909

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find
Certificate by Magistrate —
also cheque for account —
I am sorry to send such a
large item for extras
£6 5. 10 — I hope the next
account will not be so much
as the expenditure for book
is more than I can bear —
I am sorry my daughter does
not make much progress —
Although if I had not known
she was so young at times
I should not have known

When with her that there
was anything the matter
with her as she conversed
so intelligently as any one
could do - she complained
very much of the persons
she had to stay with -
said the women were dirty
in their habits &c.

Sincerely hope she will
soon be better for our
sakes as well as the Nurses.

I remain
Yours very truly
J. P. Palfrey

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

Lunacy Commission,

66, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
letters

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

28th October, 1909.

Sir,

Miss Ida O. Padfield

Referring to the entry in the Patients' Book
made by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy on the 16th
instant, I am directed to ask what has been done as to the
removal or certification of this Voluntary Boarder.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. J. Hodgson

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

Oct. 29, 1909

The Retreat,

Miss Ida O. Padfield

Sir,

We were unable to get Miss Padfield's
father to come and visit her until today.
He has, however, signed the petition for
her Reception Order, and we expect the
necessary formalities to be completed
today.

I remain,

Yours faithfully

The Secretary,

Commissioners in Lunacy

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Pulsmorton Court
Lewkeburry
Oct 17 1909

Dear Dr. Pierce.

We are very sorry and disappointed to hear the news of our dear daughter this morning. The letter she has written us has been very encouraging ^{and} we were just hoping she was on the ^{way} to recovery. I really do not know what to say in the matter. If it means more expense I fear we shall have to remove her, as we cannot go on bearing the heavy expense of the past 1½ years.

The extra expenses over £6 has much more than I expected would be. We have no objection if her being certified if no extra expense. Please reply

if you keep her anesthetized
at the L.D. & S.D. for work --
also if it necessary for me
to come up to get her certified
upon your reply I will consult
our Medical Doctor & reply
at once -

I remain
Yours truly
J. P. Padgett

Birtsmorton Court,

Near Tewkesbury.

Sept-16th/1903

Dear Madam

As we have
not heard from our
dear daughter, Leta
for three weeks now,
I am feeling very
anxious about her.

As the above mentioned
since, full & the above not-mentioned
from. —

I have been looking
out for a letter every
day, but none comes.
I do hope it is not
that she has been
soo busy lately, but I am
afraid it might be
that, or I do not think
she would forget.

I am sorry to trouble
you, but please write
and let me know

how she really is,
and what you think
of her.

I am intending to
send her some warmer
clothes next week, she
will need it, now the
weather is getting colder.
Anxiously awaiting your
reply.

Believe me to be
yours sincerely
L. H. Radfield

Sept. 17, 1909

Dear Mrs. Padfield,

Your letter respecting Miss Padfield has been handed to me. I am sorry I cannot report any real improvement in Miss Padfield's condition. She tells me that she has not written to you lately, but I think she will do so soon.

There appears to be some degree of mental enfeeblement, for she occupies herself in quite simple childish ways. She does not seem able to keep at any employment for long at a time. She enjoys the entertainments and likes going excursions, and is, I believe generally very comfortable and happy here.

She still lives at the East Villa. There are hallucinations of hearing remaining which one cannot but look upon as unfavourable. Miss Padfield does not give us much trouble and is quite content, as far as she is able, to join in anything that is going on, and whenever I see her I find her cheerful and bright.

Yours very truly,

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RETRIEVAL COMMITTEE

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
Heslington Rd
York

Arthur Mordaunt
Lutterbury
Oct 21

My son who looks after the farms
in my absence is in London
for a few days as soon as
he returns I will run up
May be on Monday - but will
write again - I Padfield -

Pittsford House
Leicesterburg
Fla.

Aug 14. 1909.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed check
as per enclosed account
I hope the extra expenses
will not very heavy, as
we have had a lot of
expenses the past year.

We sincerely hope our
dear daughter is making
progress - She writes home
very nice letters is pleased
with the place and very

anxious to get quite
well before she returns
— in fact by her letters
~~and~~ no one would think
there was anything the
matter with her. —

Yours very truly
Joseph Padfield

Birtsmorton Court,
Tewkesbury.

✓ July 5. 1909

Dear Sir

Enclosed forms.
Dr. Clay Shaw said
there was no need
to certify her - &
she is anxious to
give a trial and get
cured - Please reply
how far the Retreat
is from Station also

best way to get there -
from nearest Station
If we receive a reply
on Wednesday we
may possibly come
on Thursday by
train arriving at
three o'clock - Perhaps
you would write if you
could not reply in time.

I remain your truly
L. Padfield

July 6, 1909

Dear Sir,

Just a line to say that Thursday
afternoon will be quite convenient for
Miss Padfield to come here.

The Retreat is about two miles
from the station, and there is no diff-
iculty in getting cabs.

I much hope the stay at the Retreat
will prove a success.

Yours very truly,

Birtsmorton Court,
Tewkesbury.

July 1-1909

Dear Sir.

Have you a vacancy
at the East Villa of
your department. I
am sorry to say my daughter
does not make the improvement
we could wish - Her Doctor
advises us for a complete
change - and should you
have a vacancy we would
forward at once the

from you sent us and
make arrangements as
to her coming up —
It is quite a matter of
nerves —

Remains
from very truly
L Padfield

We have had the opinion of
Dr. Cloy & Shaw (physicians)
respecting her & he said he
saw no reason why she should
not in a few months get better.



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 Eda O. Padfield of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringate, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

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

WITNESS my hand the 2nd day of August 1909

Name Joseph Padfield

Residence Bulmorton Court

Occupation Farmer

SIGNED by the said _____

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Mary Chamberlain

Bulmorton Court Hewkesbury

Dairy-maid

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.



South Hill 127
Winchester
21-2-09

Ans

To Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Friend

You will remember
my daughter Eleanor M
Bracher, who was at
The Retreat eight years
ago, & who I am thankful
to say has kept well ever
since. This morning I
had a letter from my
sister Mrs Padfield

who has a daughter
suffering from a similar
affliction, & whom it seems
necessary to place in
some institution, and
asking me to write to
you to know if you have
a vacancy & if so on what
terms you could receive
her. My brother-in-law
is a Wesleyan, a farmer.
My niece who is about
25 years of age had her
first attack about ten

months ago from which
she partially recovered
but has lately had
another attack. She
is now at a nursing
home in Cheltenham
but as it is not a
place for mental
cases, cannot stay
there long. I should
be grateful if you would
write & send particulars
to my sister Mrs Palfrey
Birtmorton Court
near Tewkesbury

With kind regards
to Mrs Peirce

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Thos Brachet