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My Dr at Barnham had
strongly advised by husband
to get away from the place
& to free me from the un-
timed strain of business
as I was so absolutely un-
fit & let no way seemed
less to open up until
the closing of the year &
now I am living quite
in the heart of the country
with just 2 little daughters
Faith who has left school

C/o Mrs Bull 168
The Fir Road.
Liston, Cambs.
18.2.1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have so often
felt I wanted to write
you. But so many things
have happened &
deter me & at times
during the past year
I have been so very

low & physically ill I
feared I might find
myself a patient again
at the Retreat. But
I trust all that has
passed away again &
under our new conditions
I shall regain strength
& soon be on a fair
road & at least a
life of less suffering.
I am mostly in right

spirits & much interested
in all that the world
is doing, or rather the
creatures in it & I feel
it truly a joy to be able
to tell you we have
left the "Lifeboat" &
in Dec last by Hasbun
was fortunate in obtaining
employment in the firm of
Arnold & Sons Fruit & Cherry
growers & jam makers etc.

the Labour Bureau & so
getting jobs & women from
all the large towns chiefly
from the North & Lancashire
& make the three months
quite a change & an uplifting
as well as enabling them
I earn a good sum. and
I fear he is supplying women
at the West Men & beautiful
dormitories & hygienic &
sanitary arrangements are
being made also an Institute
& the stores where they can
resort for games & recreation

last year & I am training¹⁶⁸
her in housekeeping &
Cooking etc. & as the New
Factory is 30 miles from
here where my husband
is employed we are just
(Faith & I) staying at a tiny
Cottage with an old widow
as Mr. Chivers is getting a
house built for us as
soon as the estate he
has purchased is in
a little more habitable

Condition, as at present it is
all dry Res & tracks & no
houses at all no roads. but
at Hriston where we are is
the old Factory & the place
we shall live when ready is
called Shupper hill on
the Fen borders 10 miles from
Gly & 30 from Cambridge. so we
shall be ~~the~~ isolated.

My Husband is looking after
the Clonwy Factory during the
winter & during the summer
months he is looking after
the catering for all the

Factory hands & Fruit Pickers
as there are about a 1000
acres of fruit farm & Mr.
Clonwy & his wife are just
living for the uplifting of
humanity. seeking to get
the people back to the
land & is so practical.
The factory by husband is
managing that Clonwy will
not leave any ^{in it} man who is
not a teetotaler & all his
fruit pickers he gets two

I fear I am taking up too much of
your valuable time so must
conclude by asking you if you
will kindly convey my very
sincere wishes to Dr. Hove
Kemp also Dr. McKenzie & Miss
Thommason. I would like to write
them all. But I have so much
correspondence I am not often
able to write.

Writing you & your family
(altho late) a sincerely glad
& prosperous New Year
believe me faithfully yours
Louisa Mary Pearl.

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after the toil of the day are
over & ~~to~~ make their purchases
to keep them from going away
& so running into all kinds
of temptations that are beset.
There are no churches or places
of worship so my husband is
conducting services each
first day in the Institute.
also taking charge of all
the above mentioned depart-
ments. But I am not taking
any office whatever further
than I know I shall be pretty

interested in the work, so that whilst Father & I are keeping the little home together, preparing for the good man we shall just do all we can & encourage him in his work. He is very happy in it & the firm seemed & greatly appreciate his services & his ability so that I think you will quite see his long & deep desire to get me into the County & quit home life ^{with} complete the happiness & relieve him of the burden that has so clouded our lives. As I have been so very ill two each summer when the strain is greatest. Our son Robert has just returned to Andover & remains there till July. He has done marvelously well & Dr. Besan has shown great interest in him & is still so that we feel truly God has surrounded our boy with kind friends & we just trust that Robert will do all that Dr. Besan thinks him capable of achieving.

Started Yet:

Miss Jacques has just been here for
two nights. She is so well.

I suppose you will soon be off with
your family to Switzerland - I do hope
you will have nice weather - it is so
good of you to take such a family.
Are you going up for the Coronation?
I have had a seat offered me, which
was very pleased to accept -
With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely

P.S. I am quite looking
forward to returning to The Retreat one day.

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The Warneford Mental Hospital
Oxford.

22nd May 1911.

Dear W. Pierce.

Yes - I had a nice little
letter from W. Pearl, which I enclose.
When I was in Burnham some time
ago, I went to see her & felt her
surroundings were not what they
should be to keep her well. Her
husband is in charge of a sort of

"eating house", & a room had to be taken for Mr. Pearl, away from the business, for quietness.

Mr. Pearl would like a situation as "Steward", if he could get it; but feels he has no one to help him, & that such jobs are only got by "influential" help, so am willing to ask you if ^{you} should hear of any such situation, if you would give him a thought? it has been such

fearful uphill work for them for so long. I feel one would be quite safe in recommending him -

We are in want of a Companion & Am. Mother Combined - I suppose you have no one, you could pass on? I fear it will be a difficult post to fill ✓

S. Frances is coming to spend a night here in a fortnight's time - She says her Nurses' Home is to be opened this month. One has not been

We are just facing the season
with all its may bug of success
or failure very much of the
latter at present in fact
we are troubled very much to
know how to cope with it all
as our sea front is like a
builder's yard with the whole
Parade up in heaps.
They are building & also building
a Pavilion on the band stand.
I understand it is to cost
£1,000 & will not be complete
till end of this year. It is
so far seriously affecting the

May 19/11

Lifeboat 252
Burnham
Somerset

Dear Miss Viger (examine blot)
I so often have wanted
to write you. But have felt so
very unequal to the task as it
is to try to write about one's
self & yet I feel certain it
is just the one you are specially
interested in.

First let me tell you
how gladly I welcomed just
the card from Oxford & I

wondering whether I am right
when I say you were the "Fairy"
who was instrumental in the plan
I received in Miss Hayes letter
& took "Crawford" I do really
think nothing could have come
more timely than her sweet
thought & sympathy. as I was
really just as ill as I could
be & had been right away
from Oct. I came out of bed
& if I was I was just too ill
I bear anything or anybody. & the
only respite I got was a
quiet mental day or so, which
was just too hurried. so that

I welcomed the pain & weakness.
& even now I feel just as ill
I get mental days rather often
but the last 3 weeks I feel
stronger & able to be out more
& better abroad. If only I could
live in a quiet spot & have
no staff or business anxieties
but my dear patient husband
helps me all he possibly can
& I feel it is the only help
I have & keep myself under
control is I realize he needs
all the assistance I can
give him & by two chicks.

us & the 'Pet' if at all.
My darling Badi boy has
anything happened to him
as I thought Miss Hayes
letter indicated such.
When you can do please drop
a P.C. don't write as I know
your large circle of friends
& shall appreciate a card
just to say where & how you &
the dear doffie is.
I often wonder about Miss Thom-
son & Dr. Kemp.
With every kind wish
from your aff. ally Louise Pearl.

boarding houses, & I fear it is ²⁵²
quite probable it will also
affect us. But we must still
hope on hope goes -
My dear one Miss felt so
depressed at the slowness of
business. But nothing else
has opened up at present
& feels so forced that I
cannot live away from here
but I get thro somehow.
Sometimes I have felt the
"Retreat" would be by only
Refuge, especially the last
six months. But I hope

I shall be spared such
a calamity as that again.
My dear children are so
well & doing well at
school. Faith is not so
clever as Robbie but then
she is not so scholastic.
He is really a clever boy
& is top of Adwob School.
He was 17 last Sunday.
I feel old now. ^{50 yrs} altho. I do
let up to such tricks
with them. I / Cup bright

with them as far as possible
as they are such thoughtful
& devoted children.
My sweet Gerlie is leaving
school in August we can't
afford for her to stay
longer. She is 15½.
She is such a Quiver & she
I am so much in bed.
We are just a happy
little family. & our dear
Doffie "Dandy" is still with

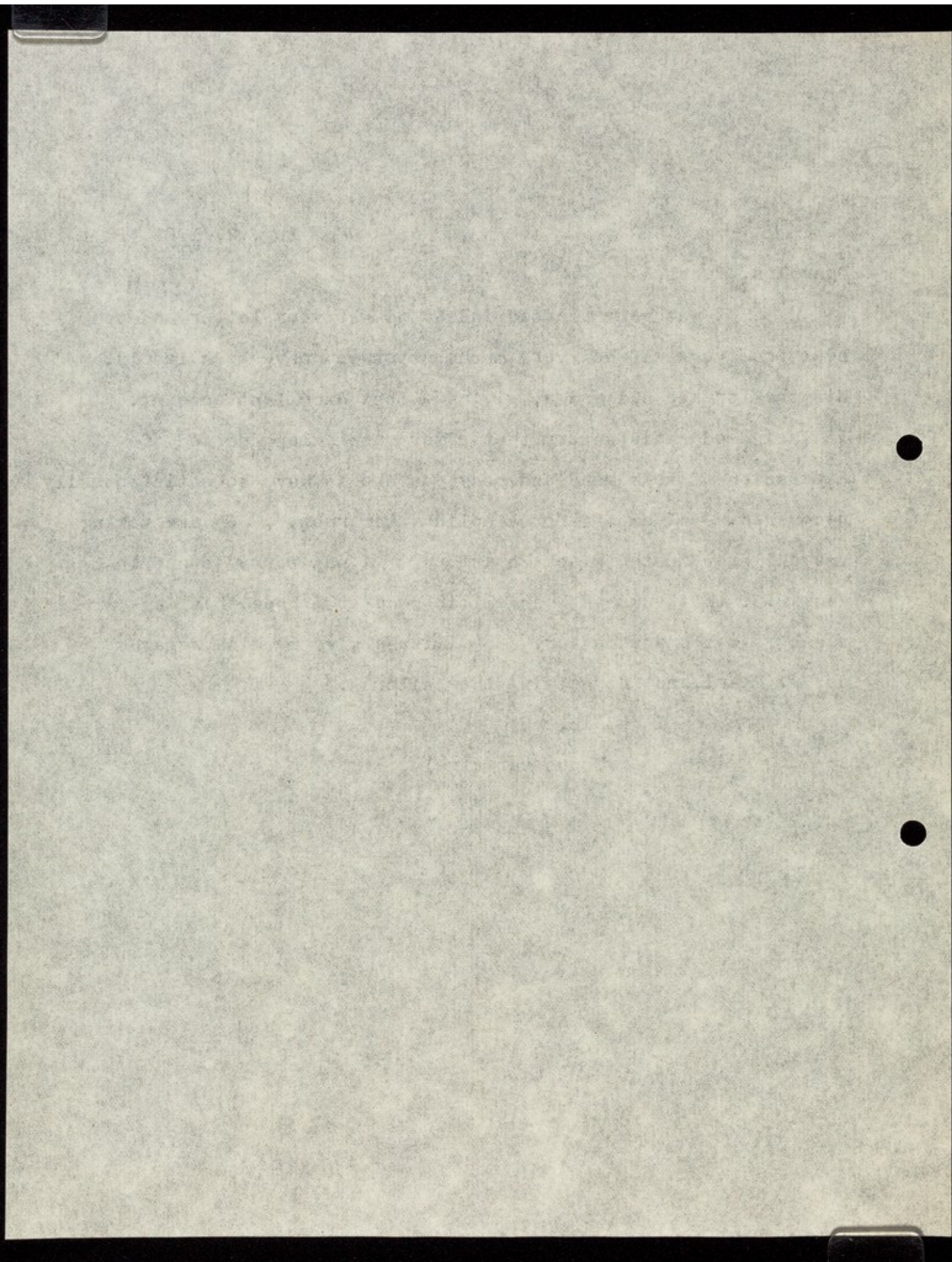
Aug. 2, 1909

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

I was very pleased indeed to get your letter and to hear from yourself how very much better you have been lately. Sister Florence did write, giving a most excellent account. It is indeed satisfactory that after such a long period of depression of both mind and body you should have so satisfactorily recovered. I am off for a holiday tomorrow. We are taking the children to the Black Forest. I was sorry to see in your P.S. that you had been ill in bed. I hope this is merely a temporary matter. Please give my kind regards to Mr. Pearl, not forgetting the children.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Husband once or twice.

It seemed so good to hear all about the Carters friends & also of "Badger" etc.

Our children are doing well at school & are quite well I see them occasionally & also saw your two children. I thought Edmund was looking decidedly better than some time back.

I hope specially I wish you a very pleasant holiday as I presume you will be still taking one in a few days. I trust you will be more fortunate with regard to weather than others have been up to the present.

With sincere wishes believe me I am

Very Sincerely
Livia Reard. Durham
I have been ill in bed since Tuesday
last before the delay - ^{of the train} am home now July 30/09.
Dear Dr. Price

I feel I must just send you a line to tell you how delighted I was I got my discharge from the Retreat. It just seemed I be the one thing I longed for & I told my Husband & Dr. if they had franked this at Easter tide I should have been much better as I was

so afraid they were anticix
-pating more trouble, but now
these fears have vanished.
I just recently I have had
all my old Stumps of teeth
extracted, & Dr. hopes it
will be a great help there,
lessening the attacks as they
have been rather frequently
lately. I am certainly better
already, except the Rheumatism
is aching in my head neck
& throat. But I have gained
a stone since I left home.
I do get two so much in
many different kinds of work

work on days I am able.
I felt I must write you as
I want to tell you what
a very pleasant surprise
I had the other day.
Miss Vignor of Lenoir by Hall
visited me & she was so
astonished & so such a
marvellous change in my
appearance but perhaps you
have already heard from
her. She was under the
impression we had set
Dr. Smith until she saw
the Liberator. I also saw by

17th June, 1909.

Dear Mr. Pearl,

It was very pleasant to receive your letter, and to hear that Mrs. Pearl keeps so well, and I am glad to enclose with this the formal Notice of Discharge.

No doubt Mrs. Pearl will from time to time have her headaches. She is but a frail creature, but now the appalling depression has passed away, she will be able to bear these so much easier.

I hope your children are all well, and with kind regards.

Yours very truly,

Enclosure.

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I am glad to say my
little depression. She
has gained in weight and
looks better than she has
for some years. She does
a very useful amount of
work both for the children
and in household duties
and when her neuralgia
attacks is always busy.
I need not say ~~be~~ guard
against any over exertion
but this is not always easy

The Lifesaver
Barabham.

Don
15.6.09

Dear Dr. Pierce

In reply to yours
re Mrs. Pearl. Dr. Burns
says she may now be
discharged from the books
of the Retreat, and hopes
there may be no recurrence
of the trouble. She still
suffers with her head but

as his spirit is stronger
than his body. The winter
has been rather trying to him
as also has the cold June
but still we are hopeful
of better weather and better
things for him altogether.

Thanking you for your

continued interest

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Wm. F. Fane

suffered rather from his
head. He thinks it would
be wise not to have her
discharged at present,
but thinks, that if she
continues to improve, or
maintain the improvement
until Eack, then it
could easily be ^{caused} a recovery.

With thanks

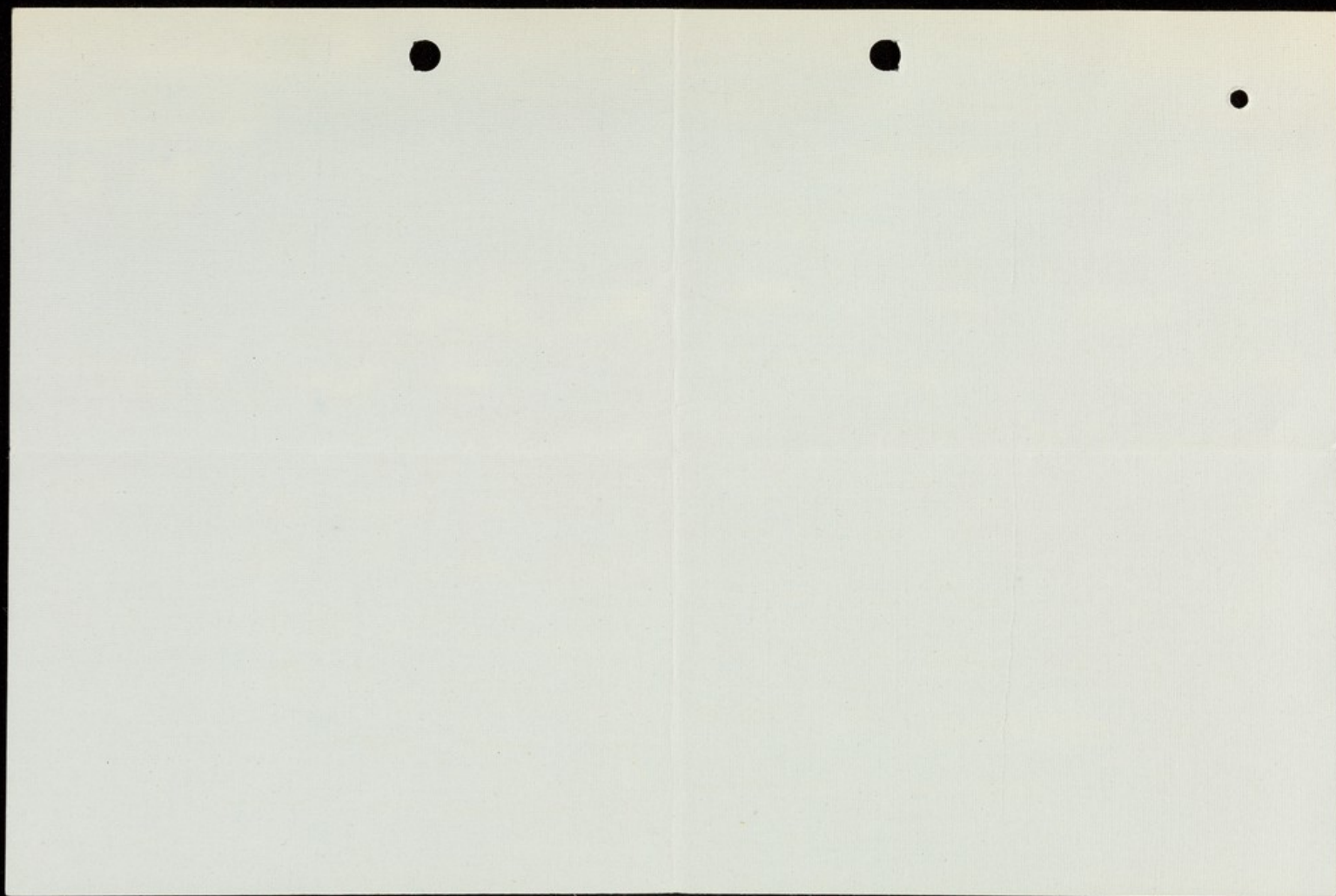
Yours truly
Wm. Earl

● The Lippans 120
Burnham
Feb 26 '09

Dear Dr. Pierce

In reply to yours
of the 6th inst

I have had a long
talk with Dr. Burns with
reference to your letter,
and as Mrs. Earl has
not been quite so well
the past few weeks and



whole there is much to
encourage herself with. She
has just some what the
trying weather, and suffered
a great deal from Rheumatism
in the neck and head which
has naturally aggravated
the neuralgia. & she has had
some very severe bouts of the
latter, but her Dr. thinks if
he get her through the next 2
months fairly well, he may
then look for a greater improve-
ment. It is a very pleasing
fact that she has continued

● The Lifeboat (80
Burnham
Dover
Feb 2^d 09

Dear Dr. Pierce,
I enclose
herewith £3. 4. 11. in settle-
ment of Mr. Earle's ac-

I am quite sure you
will be glad to know she
has not had any serious
depression since her re-
turn, and I think on the

to gain flesh. In fact it is many years since I saw her with so much flesh upon her. Her interest in the house, and staff is keen but we sometimes have to check this somewhat, for her strength is not equal to her spirit, and we all know she has no reserve strength to fall back upon. She takes quite an active part in the oversight of the girl work, but I think the

children's departure for school tried her a little. She was kept rather busy with her clothes especially as the last week I think was not good.

It is quiet here at present but it is evident we shall have to do something for her in the summer. But this we must learn as present.

With sincere thanks
Believe me
Yours sincerely
Hester Fere

March 1, 1909

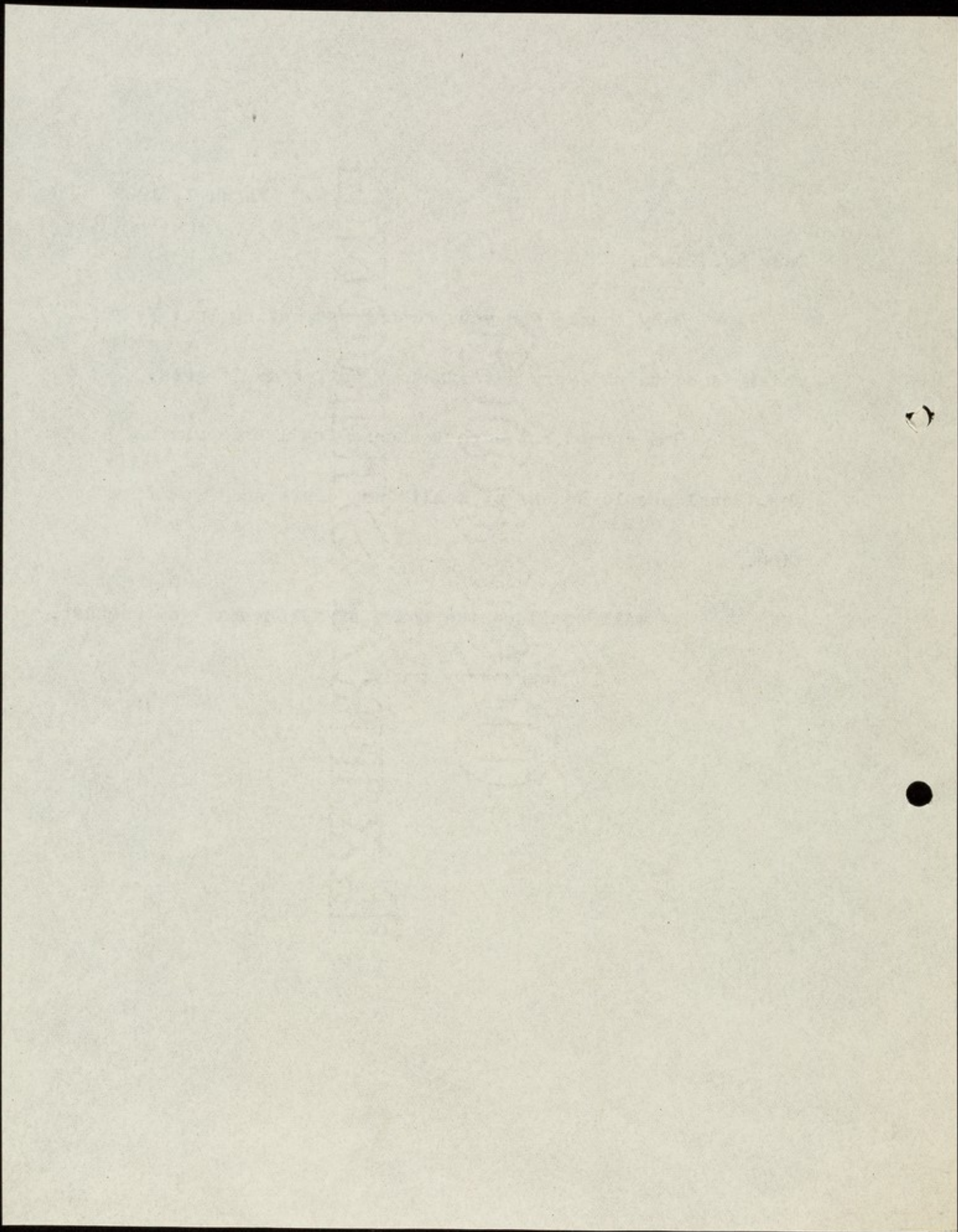
Dear Mr. Pearl,

Many thanks for your report respecting Mrs. Pearl which is certainly very satisfactory so far as it goes.

One cannot but expect such a frail creature as Mrs. Pearl should be out of health and depressed from time to time.

We will continue the Leave of Absence as you request.

Yours very truly,



I had just a short visit-
ation of my old depression
one day. But circumstances
arose which brought it on.
But my husband seems more
than delighted at my present
condition he thinks me looking
so healthy & stouter. I certainly
have got stouter since I
returned & gaining weight
two pounds in a week!

It has been most delightful
weather brilliant sunshine
& warm days. which has
enabled me to sit out

• The Lifeboat 199
Burnham
Somerset
30.10.1908.

Dear J. Pierce

I must apologise
for not writing before. But
really the time has passed
so swiftly since my return
I did not realise until
today I had been home
seven weeks & I fully pro-
posed writing you at the

end of a month. But I feel
sure you will forgive me
when I tell you how very
happily the time has
been spent. Of course I have
found so very much waiting
for me to be done (as you
said) in fact far more
than I can at present
accomplish. But as time
goes on I expect I get
stronger & shall be able
to do more. But any way I
am always doing something

for my children & in the
home & at present my life
seems one of true joy &
gladness.

I am so pleased to tell
you I have only had
one very bad attack
with my head since I
left York & that was last
week. The others have been
quite easy to bear, except
one at Wenscombe. But
I feel so decidedly better
& more sure of myself.

happy family.
Well Mr Pickens I must beg
you will excuse rather than
better, but I felt I must tell
you all that I think you
would be interested to know.
My boy liked me & told him
about you he seemed to take
a great fancy to you also father.
I must take this opportunity of
thanking you for your many
kindnesses to myself & children.
& I can never express my great
gratitude for your patience with
me during my long stay at York.
My husband will write you shortly

by the way I do by sewing.
in fact I have been able to
be out nearly all day
except the days when my
head has kept me in
bed. I sleep restfully when
in bed. I do not get much
at a time. I find I get about
three good nights in two
weeks. but still this is ^a great
improvement.

It was such a joy to meet
my darling children & to see
they had been taken such

case of & I can never forget the delightful visit of Adolph & Mrs. Bosan. They were most kind & also all friends there. I spent so much time with the children as I tea & I only saw Edmund he were invited & then when the morning I left as I think on different occasions & he he had only just returned were staying a week with I school.

Charles goes so the children I often felt what a little ran in & tea every day & way off York seemed for then we had another day so many spoke of you & it at Meadow Cottage - Mrs. Bayne seemed so familiar & I hear Clark's We went & Wincoburgh you talked about & we just the same day as the children seemed like one big

returned to school. I never thought it was such a delightful school & neighbourhood. We had the pleasure of your little daughter's company

I Mr. Percie & Miss
Hamilton - and

Wishing you every
encouragement in
your good work
Believe me very
Sincerely yours
Louisa M. Pearl.

I should like to write
to Dr. Moriah Kemp.
But perhaps you will
kindly tell her how
I am & I will write
her next.

I find it difficult
I force myself to writing
so I leave it until
it comes quite easily.
With kindest regards

to you for all your consideration
of our circumstances
during this trying time. I
quite understand Mr. Fere
is an invalid. But she
must not under any cir-
cumstances enter into the
business again: for this I
arranging that she will be
at home until the
season is quite over. and
of the winter I have no fear
as he do very little business
until May again.

The Liphroar (LPS)
Burubam

Sept

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Dear Mr. Fere,

I am glad to
learn from my wife that
she is now able to come
home again. and it is proposed
for her to come with Nurse Price
as far as Bristol. where I
shall meet her.

I feel personally indebted

but still here may be perhaps
certain things that you may
deem advisable with regard
to the future. I shall heartily
welcome any suggestions, or
advice that would prevent any
recurrence of this depression
so please be frank and I
will endeavour to do my
part in the matter.

I enclose herewith £10
and as soon as I know
the balance due to the Retreat

I will forward it on.

I am ever indebted to
Bros Kemp and Mr Kenzie - and
all ~~who~~ have helped in my
brief restoration to reason.
so please accept my thanks
and gratitude

I Believe me

Yours Sincerely
James Fare

Sept. 10, 1908

Dear Mr. Pearl,

Mrs. Pearl is certainly very much better, but one cannot say that she is really well, and I fear she will have difficulty in meeting the strain of ordinary domestic life, and certainly could not do anything in the nature of business. She is a frail creature and is still subject to these periodic headaches, which continue in spite of all kinds of treatment we have tried. I fear the only course is quietly to submit to them and let her retire to bed until they are over. She should be encouraged in a quiet way to do all sorts of domestic duties.

With regard to the prevention of another attack of depression I do not feel able to make any suggestions. I am afraid her instability depends on her state of health which we certainly have failed satisfactorily to deal with. Still I am quite sure she should try again at home and I hope it will prove a success.

I enclose a receipt for the £10 you sent. Later, we will send a final statement of account.

We propose that Mrs. Pearl should go on leave of absence for a period of two or three months. If she becomes seriously depressed again I think she should return to our care rather than battle with it at home.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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The Lifeboat,
Burnham, Somerset,

July 6th 1906

Dear Mr. Fawcett,

*I have been much cheered
by Mrs. Fawcett's recent letters which point
clearly to her recovery. I should ap-
preciate much your advice as to what
ought to be done for the future. This is
a business house and until September
will be at its height and I can hardly*

can have him if you'd do for him to come
back here until then. so that any sug-
gestion or advice would be helpful. of
course. I quite realize it may be some weeks
before you would think it advisable for him
to return. but in the mean time I might
be able to console friends

With sincere thanks & kindest regards

Yours truly

Walter Earl

I enclose herewith £8.



Coffee Tavern and Restaurant.
Pavilion for Parties and Meetings.
— Dinners, Teas, etc. —

PROPRIETORS:
THE BUNHILL COFFEE TAVERNS, LIMITED

The Lifeboat, Burnham, Somerset,

Dec 21 1907

Mr. Bedford Pierce
Dear Friend,

Please find enclosed

a cheque for £20 in settlement of the
amount due and 10.2.6 on account
of coming quarters. If there is any
change in Mr. Fearn's conditions I
should be pleased to hear from you

and if the proposed change has made
any appreciable difference in his

best kind regards

Yours truly

Wm. F. Paul



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and Club Rooms.

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BUNHILL COFFEE TAVERNS,
LIMITED.

"The Lifeboat,"

Burnham,

SOMERSET,

January 2 1907

Dear Mr. Pierce

I should feel obliged if
you would send me a report of
my wife's present condition and any
other particulars that you think would
be helpful in any direction.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely,

Walter F. Earl

"The Liberator"

Boston

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RESTAURANT
PAVILION
for Parties & Meetings
and Club Rooms.

BUNNELL COFFEE TAVERN
100 N. 1st St.
ST. LOUIS, MO.



The "Lifeboat,"

Burnham,
Somerset.

10.8.06

Dear Mr. Pierce

I was cheered by
the improved report of my
wife and sincerely trust
it will be maintained. If
the offer of payment will
be keepful to her in her pre-
sent state. I should be well
inclined to encourage it, but
when in her proper mind, I
know how willing she would
do any little service, and
count it a privilege. but

I remember when I was ⁽⁵⁹⁷⁾
at Throesby. She was much
concerned at the expense. She
seemed to think her condition
put me to. I am hoping
in about another 5 weeks
to spend a week in Dorset.
So that should she still be
at Throesby I shall have
an opportunity of seeing her
under a better state of mind.

Again thanking you

Sincerely yours
Walter Pearl

(206)
The "Lifeboat,"
Burnham,
Somerset.

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Dr. Bradford Pierce
The Rectory
York.

Dear Sir,

I received Dr. Kemp's

letter this morning concerning
the conclusions of the
Commissioners on Sunday
about my wife and I have

written Mr. Delant Torpe, ac-
cepting his kind offer to
undertake this matter for me.

which I trust will be quite
in order. With thanks

Yours sincerely
Walter Pearl

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The "Lifeboat,"
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Yours sincerely
Walter G. Pearl

Mr. Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir,

I enclose

herewith the further statement
& agreement with my wife
signature. I am bringing her ^{on Thursday next 12th}
by the 8.33 from Highways
due at York at 3 o'clock - will
the Retreat carriage meet us
at York or shall we procure
a cab. ourselves? will you
please wire me - if the Retreat
carriage cannot meet us.

The "Liberal"
Birmingham
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SUPER STROKING



The "Lifeboat,"
Burnham,
Somerset.
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Dear Friend

Wm E. Baker.

I thank you
for your prompt reply to
my letter. Our Dr. Burns
is writing Dr. Bedford Pierce
about my wife as he says
he will come as a Voluntary
Boarder. as her case is
a borderline one. So will
you kindly forward me
the necessary papers and

I am hoping to bring her
to the Retreat about the
middle of next week. but
I will let you know for
certain on Monday next

Yours sincerely

Wm E. Baker.

