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SUMMERVILLE,
WATERFORD.

Dear Herbert

I received your letter
It seems impossible to
make you understand
that neither I am nor I.
nor my father nor mother
intend to have anything
further to do with you
whilst we wish you
all happiness in the future
that the book is closed
for you for ever so far
as we are concerned

SUMMERVILLE
WATERFORD

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and under no circumstances
will we have any further
intercourse with you

Yours etc

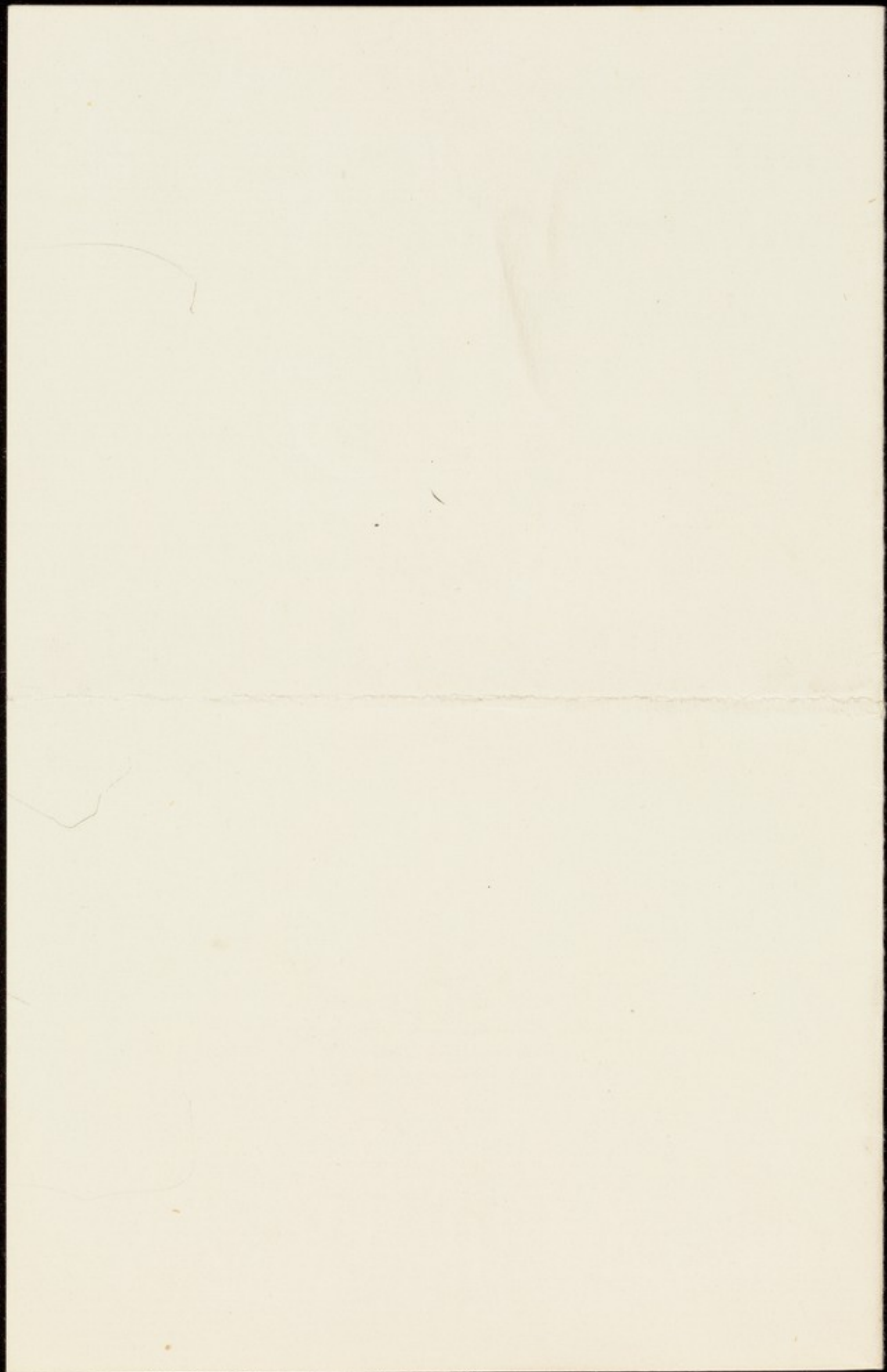
Signed

T. F. Bell

Henry Bell

James Bell -

George James Bell -



To Herbert Peckham

I am very much
surprised at your thinking
of coming to Watford.

I can only repeat my words,
which I have already given
you as decidedly as I
know how, namely, that
there is nothing whatever to
be gained by your going
to Watford, & I do not
intend to meet you again

nor do I intend to have
any further communication
with you ^{whatsoever} in the future.

I cannot express myself in
stronger words than this.

My Ray is ray, & it is for
you to accept it as such.

Jane Bell.

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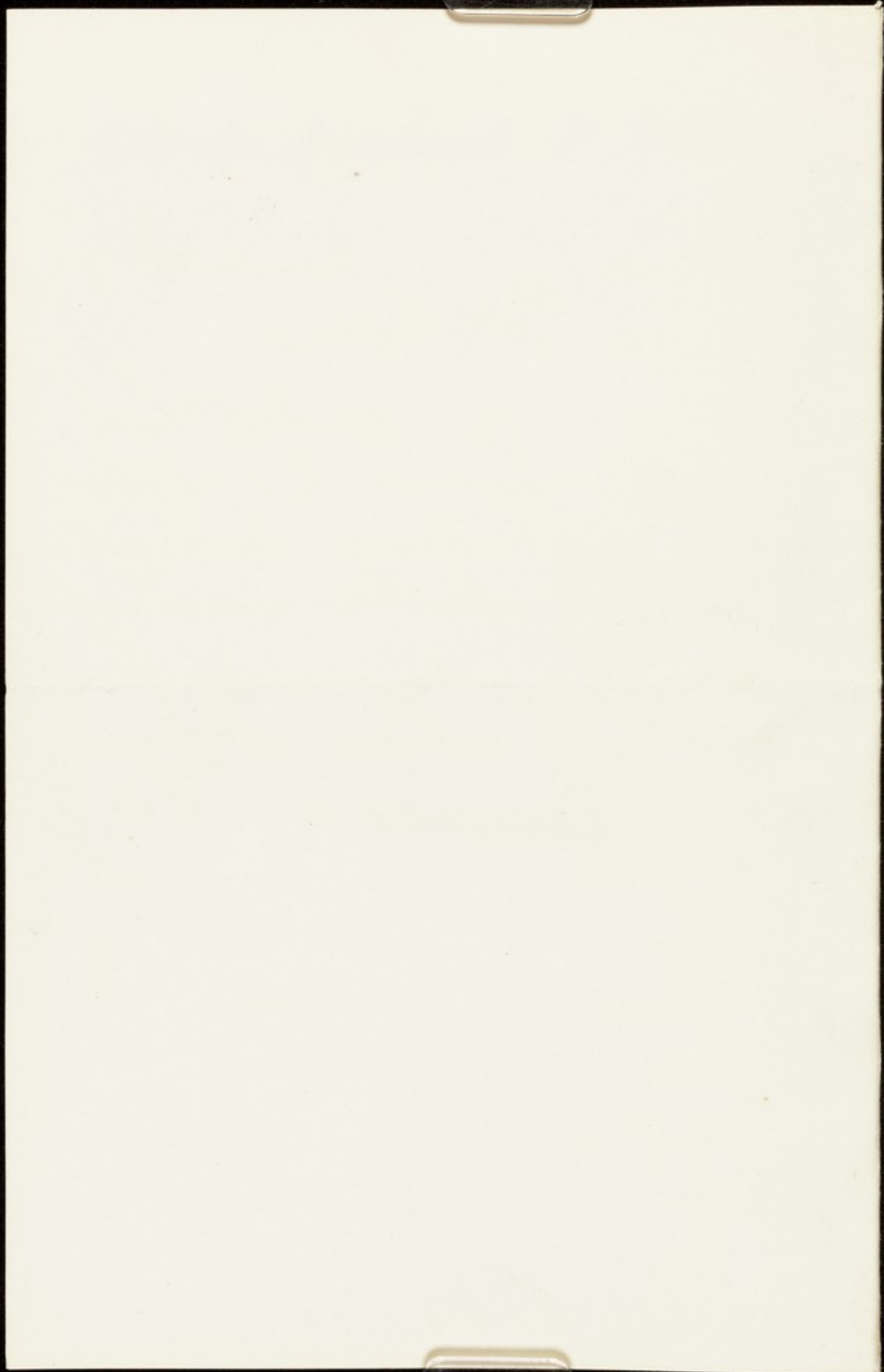
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Ash Lea,

Sunderland.

March 14th 1844

Dear Dr Pierce

As Herbert has
now received his replies,
the next thing to decide
is his future movements;
we of course would prefer
that he return to Canada,
but I received a card
today from him, on
which he says that if
"I come to see him that
"he hopes I will be pre-
"pared to hear a desire
"on his part to go to
"Watford before settling

any extensive move."

The letters which he received were most emphatic, ^{J. Knapp,} because they wired us asking us to draft them out, & besides, they sent us copies of them, one from the lady herself & one from the father, the latter signed by the four members of the family. as you helped him to draft out his letter, I wondered if you could persuade him

to let you see the replies
then show him the
absurdity & impossibility
of forcing himself upon
them in the face of those
letters: in any case the
lady herself is not in
Ireland, so he could
not satisfy himself
by a personal interview
with her.

One of my sisters suggests,
would it be better in
the long run to let
him go to Waterford, &
to prevent future trips
to England from Canada,
on the same fruitless
errand: of course it

means more expense -
I don't know whether
we are warranted in
letting him force him-
self upon them.

Any advice as to our
future course of action
would be much
appreciated.

I expect his mother or I
or both, will have to
come & see him some
time next week, he
is pressing us to do so.
I enclose copies of the two
letters he received which
please return.

Yours very sincerely
Ernest Pearson

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Ash Lea,
Thornhill Park,
Sunderland.

March 25th..

Dear St-Pierre,

I am writing to
say that we have
heard from Mrs Bell
that Herbert is in Ireland
& arrived there on
Tuesday.

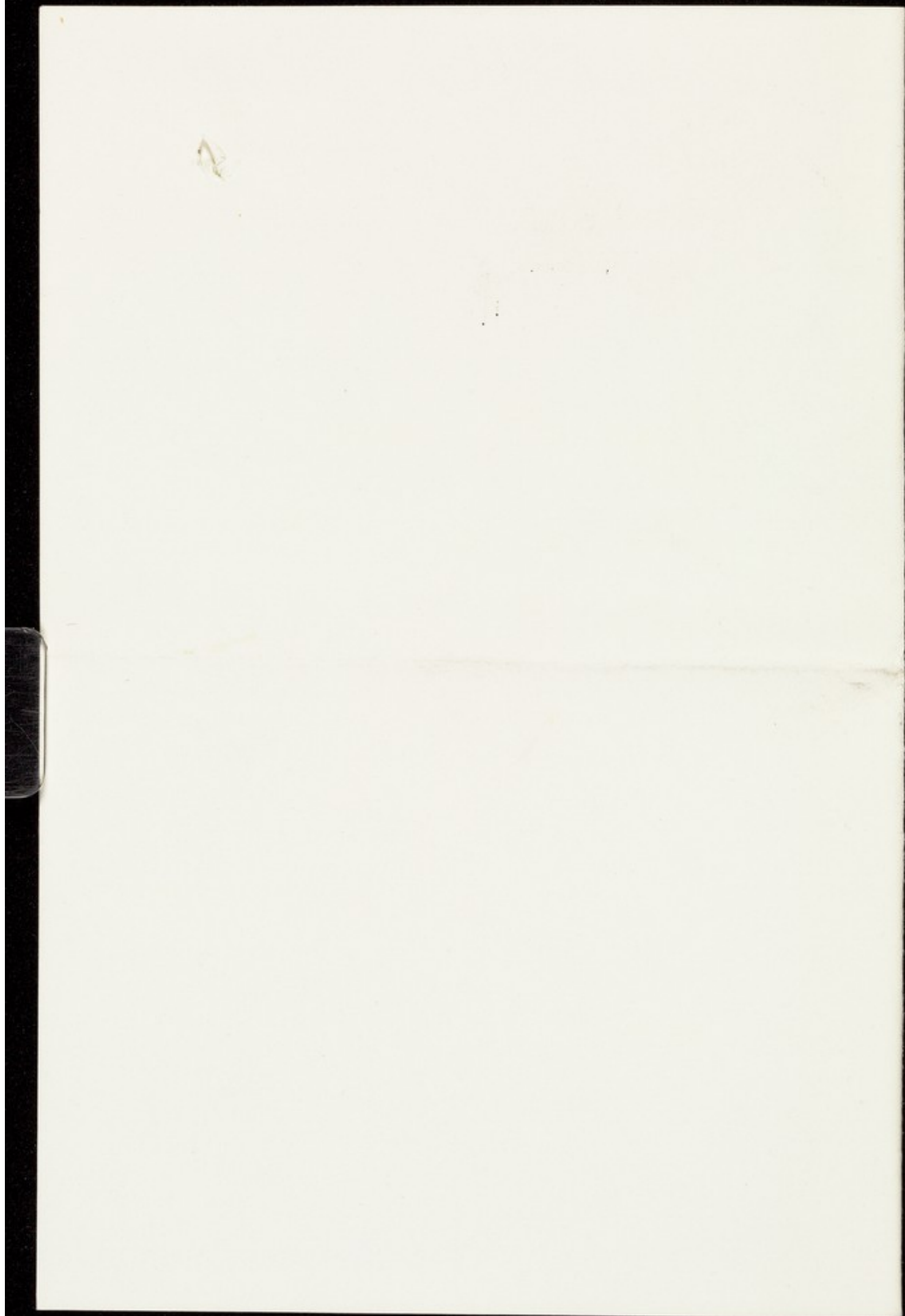
We know nothing further.

Yours truly

E. A. Peckham

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Ash Lea,
Thornhill Park,
Sunderland.

March 23rd

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am unwilling
to trouble you again, but
I am wishing to tell you
we sent Herbert word
on Saturday that we
~~were~~ prepared to book
his passage for America
to sail on Thursday

the 26th & that we
are not prepared
to pay his lodgings
at York beyond next
Saturday.

There is nothing for him,
but to take over word
& act upon it -
We have not heard from
him in reply yet, but
can only trust he will

be willing to do as we
wish.

We undertake to provide
him with 30/- weekly
when in America &
£5.0.0 on landing.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

E. A. Peckham.



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Ash Lea,

Sunderland.

April 2nd 1844.
Dear Dr. Price

I expect you will have heard that my brother Herbert, has actually sailed for Canada, & I want to convey the warmest thanks of my mother & myself for the time & trouble that you have taken to assist us, which we very much appreciate: will you please let me know how much we are

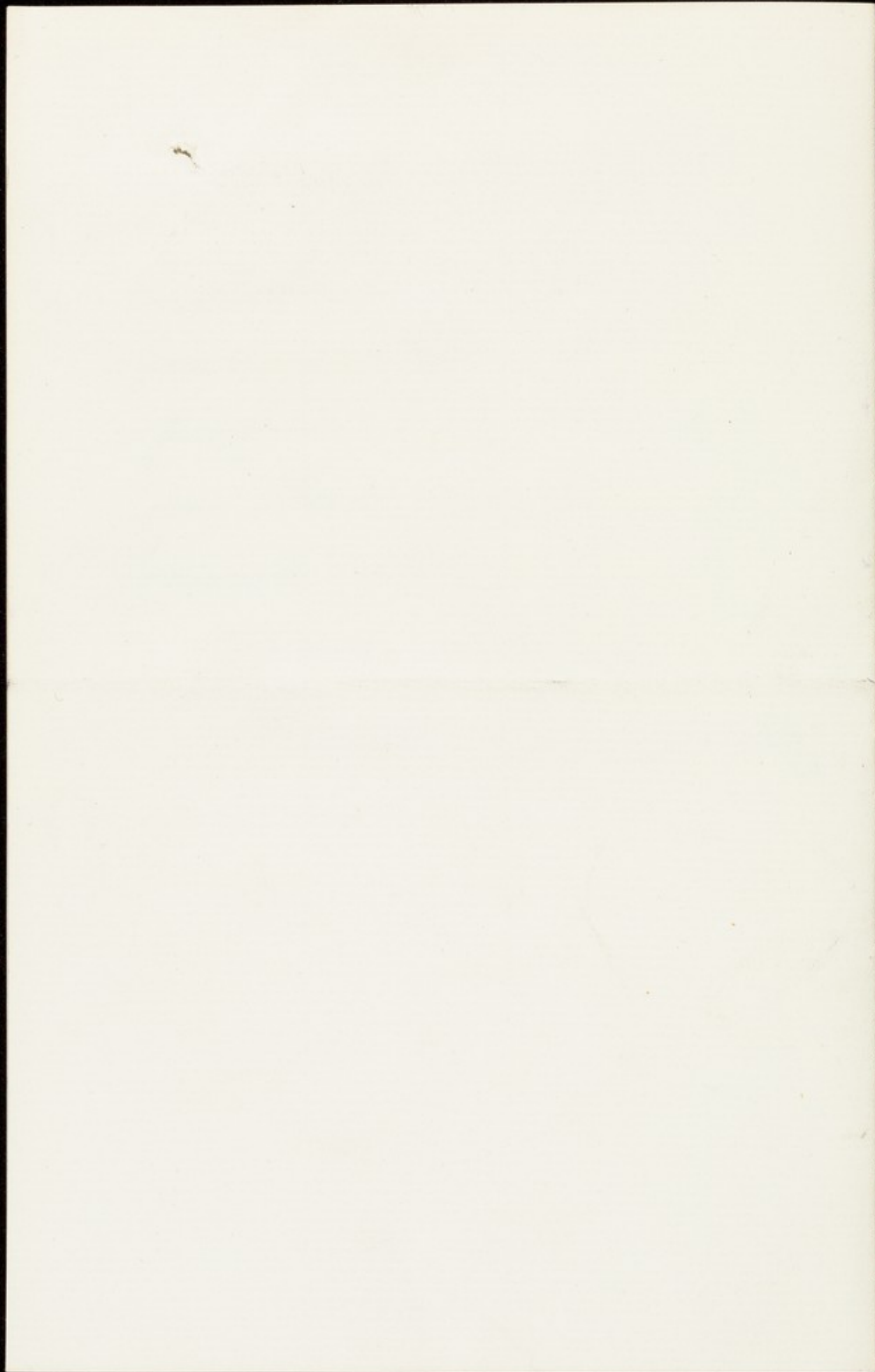
indebted to you
financially for your
professional services
in this matter -
much oblige

yours sincerely

Ernest Kearney

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Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

17/3/14

Dear Dr Pierce

I have just received
a letter from Herbert,
in which he says that,
"I cherish the opinion that"
"I ought to be in my"
"native land for a little"
"while before placing"
"myself away from"
"friends - ties etc."

Reading between the
lines I take this to
mean that ^{he} we want
to gain time to write
to Waterford again, or

even to go there himself
if he can raise the
money by pawning
some of his things.
I have simply acknow-
ledged it, & asked him
to let me know when
he does make up his
mind to go, & told him
that of course he must
not look to us for any
financial assistance
while in England, as
we told him when
he was in Canada.

If you can use your
~~influence~~ to persuade
him to go back as soon
as possible, I need hardly
say, we shall all be
very grateful to you;
as the present position
& its possibilities are
intolerable.

With kind regards.

I am

Yours most sincerely.

Ernest Pearson.

Will you be good enough
to return Fred Bell's letter
to me, when writing

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If you find upon enquiry
from him that he still
shows signs of intending
to go to Watsepad in spite
of the letters which you know
he has received from there,
do you consider that
it alters your opinion
as to the advisability
of placing him under
control?

Elijah A. Peckham.

7th. April, 1914.

Dear Mr. Pearman,

I was glad to hear that your brother had actually started for Canada. I think you did right in putting pressure on him to go, even though it is quite clear there is some degree of mental infirmity, which will probably keep him from working steadily when he gets there.

Perhaps your brother in Canada will be able to arrange for some kind of supervision through bankers or some other persons, so that if anything should happen to him he may not be left in a painful condition.

With regard to the question of expense I am afraid we must not charge for the many interviews he had with me in the matter. I enclose an account which will, perhaps, sufficiently meet the case.

Yours very truly,

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20th. March, 1914.

Dear Mr. Pearman,

Your brother remains in a very unsettled and unsatisfactory state of mind. He still thinks he has a call to go to Waterford, and that the letters do not mean what they say. He still wishes to obtain employment in England and has asked me to find him work, or to recommend him to Rowntree's, both of which I have declined to do.

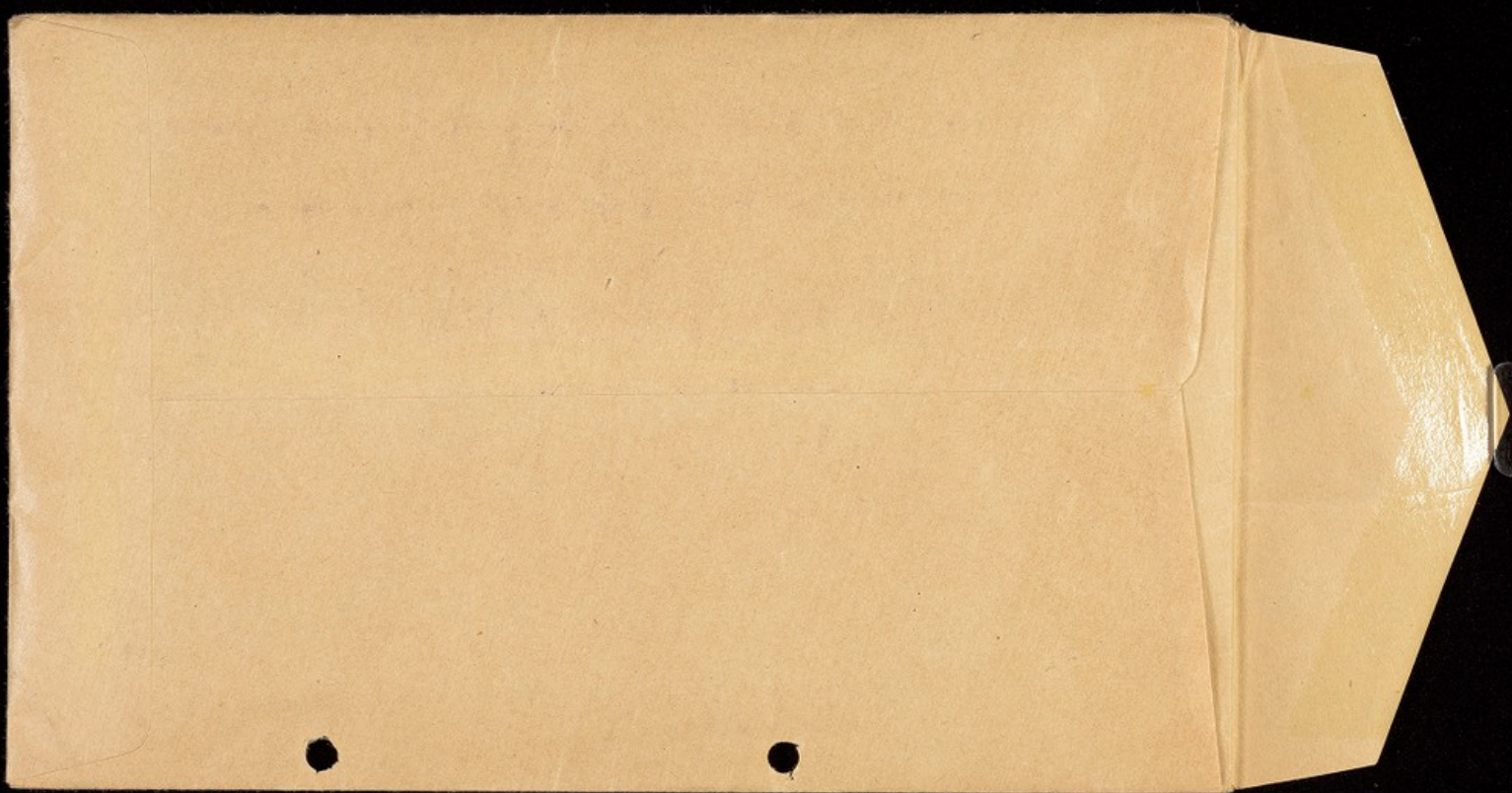
He comes up here frequently, presumably to ask my advice, which he does not take. There is no doubt about his mental weakness, but we do not think it sufficiently marked to justify certificates. The position is very unsatisfactory.

Yours very truly,

14 MAR 1914

Herbert Pearson





Dictated.

private & confidential

Mayfield,
SUNDERLAND,

21/4/1910.

Dear Friend

D Bedford Pearce
re Herbert Pearce

In reply to yours of yesterday. I observe you address me as "Thomas Pumphrey" and the last clause of your letter implies that you know me personally. So far as I know, I have never had the pleasure of meeting you. At the same time, I feel tolerably sure that your enquiry is correctly addressed to me, as I have known the people you enquire about intimately for many years.

From the apparently comfortable position in which the family is, I do not see any reason why private Friends should be called upon in any way to pay towards this man's support. At the same time, I think the family are fully entitled to the benefit from any Trust Income your Institution may receive. If the whole charge fell upon the Mother, I think the amount you name would be somewhat excessive, but in any case, I think it might be suitably reduced to the actual cash cost. I think this is the best

Wicksteed.

Mayfield,
BUTTERFIELD,
21/4/1910.

Dear friend

In reply to yours of yesterday. I observe
you address me as "Thomas Burnside" and the last clause of
your letter implies that you know me personally. So far as
I know, I have never had the pleasure of meeting you. At
the same time, I feel tolerably sure that your enquiry is
correctly addressed to me, as I have known the people you
enquire about intimately for many years.
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which the family is, I do not see any reason why private
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this man's support. At the same time, I think the family
are fully entitled to the benefit from any Trust Income your
Institution may receive. If the whole charge fell upon
the Mother, I think the amount you name would be somewhat
excessive, but in any case, I think it might be suitably
reduced to the actual cash cost. I think this is the best

opinion I can give you. I would repeat it - that the family are not entitled to help from out-side private ^{subscriptions} Friends, but under the circumstances they are entitled to the benefit of all Trust Income. What should be charged to them on this basis, I must, of course, leave to you to say. If I can be of any further help, I shall be pleased.

I am,

Yours very truly,

T. E. Pumphrey

"THOMAS EDWIN PUMPHREY"

P.S. You will observe that the type -
written part of the foregoing - tells no
tale. I believe you are quite correct
in your estimate of Herbert Pumphrey's
^{financial} personal ^{practices}

opinion I can give you. I would repeat it - that the
family are not entitled to help from outside private
friends, but under the circumstances they are entitled to
the benefit of all Trust Income. What should be
charged to them on this head, I must, of course, leave to
you to say. If I can be of any further help, I shall be
pleased.

I am,

Yours very truly,

"THOMAS EDWIN HUMPHREY"

him whether you think
he can earn his
own living, or whether
he is ever likely to be
fit to settle down
& marry, as I know
that project is also in
his brain: - your
words would of course
carry far more weight
than ours.

The 30s a week plan,
is of course a last-
resort in lieu of
anything better, which
so far we have been
quite unable to find.

Yours very faithfully

Ernest Burnell

Dr Dr
Dr

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Ash Lea.

Sunderland.

Aug 18th 10

Dr Dr Pierce

I wrote you a
few weeks ago, but
I believe you have been
abroad.

We are finding it
extremely difficult to
hear of any thing
suitable for Herbert,
so much so that
I have been considering
whether it would
be advisable to allow

him 30/- per week -
let him go where
he likes, except to
Sunderland or Ireland
- endeavour to find
his own employment.
I am almost certain
he will not stop at
any place of our finding.
He has a great notion
that he must be
earning his own living
but as far as I can see

is doing nothing to
attain that object -
- say he cannot as
long as he is where
~~as~~ he is at present.
Do you think it would
be safe or wise to do
this, at any rate he
would not be in
actual want. I am
only afraid, he might -
get into some scrape,
or run into debt.
Will you be good enough
to write me - have a
talk with him, telling

The Lodge

19. th 1910

Dear Dr Pince

Will you please
express to Mr Oscar Rountree
on behalf of the Reheat
party their thanks for his
kind invitation to Bransby
Hall last Thursday.

After a beautiful drive
we found the strawberries &

Cream most acceptable
and refreshing -

Being favoured by a
glorious day we were
able also to appreciate
the Charming situation
of the house; and every
thing seemed to combine
to make the picnic a
great Success.

Yours Sincerely

Herbert Pearman

and

Bernard C. Hartley.

Ash Lea,

Sunderland.

Sept 22. 10.

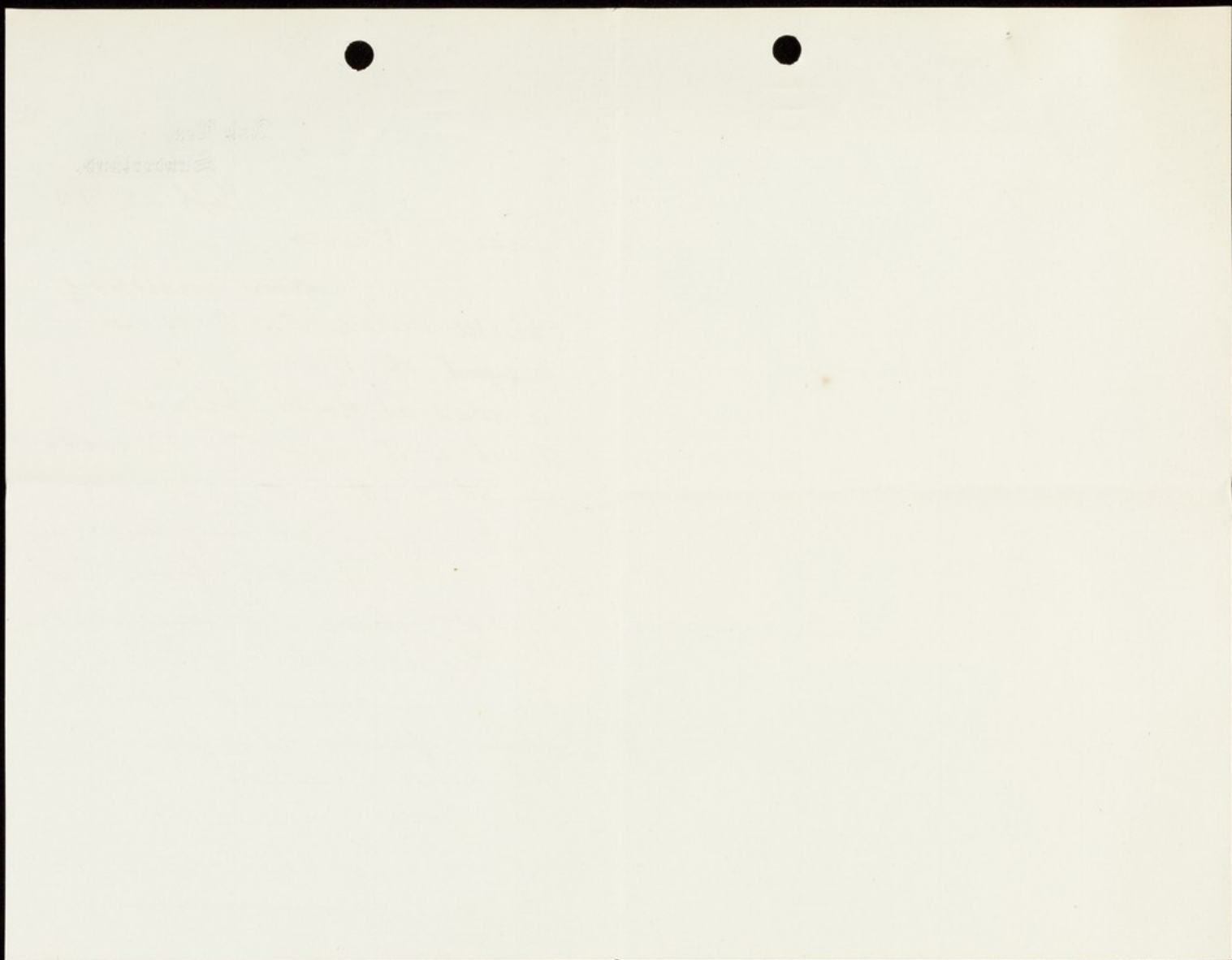
Dear Dr Price.

I am enclosing
cheque value £54. 8. 10 in
payment of Herbert's acc.
he was at York from
April 4 to Sept 5th 22 weeks
in all = 48/- p wk £52-16-0
plus £1-12-19 pd out, making
£54. 8. 10: if you find this
correct, please let me have
the acc receipted.

He is in form now &
seems fairly comfortable.
With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

Ernest Pease



Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

July 21 1910.

Dear Dr. Price

I received your
report on my brother's
health, and the account
on which I see there is
intend one quarter's board
in advance, I conclude
we are not bound to
give a quarter's notice,
as you know, we are
now arranging to place
him elsewhere, or trying to.

I had a long rambling
letter from him today
regarding the Bells in
Ireland, who have been
foolish enough to write
to him & even to come
& see him, I enclose it
to show you his state
of mind, & to ask you
to do what you can
with him indirectly to
to show him that the
farm plan is the only
feasible one.

I have written Mr Bell
asking him to refrain
from corresponding
with him, but I am
afraid we shall still
have trouble to judge
from the tone (or
want of tone) in Herbert's
letter.

I must apologize for
troubling you so much
over our affairs, & can
only plead, necessity,
& urgency.

With kind regards

I am
Yours very sincerely
Ernest Cannan

The Lodge
Heslington Road

20th VII 1910

My dear Ernest

Thanks for
yours which I received
a few days ago and left
unanswered at the time,
on account of not having
any thing special to say
other as to my present
doings or future prospects.
And even now I don't

to my aid • in this matter
for if there is the slightest
possible chance of that
coming about, I feel that
in negotiating the same the
chances are that I shall
snuff it; for I know what
it has been acting on my own,
with the knowledge that a great
deal depended on the same
& at the same time not being
able to see the way clearly
to carry out ^{my} wishes & ^{my} intentions.

I suppose you would say

absence & Endeavouring to
raise objections to the Amts
which they owe. I wrote
to Fred at once and told
him what I knew in connection
with one or two parties of
which he spoke and also
took the opportunity of a fresh
pressing home the desirability
of supplying tea to a number
of sound customers which
there are on the books of
P & Company - I do
wish you would come

exactly know whether I
have anything of importance
to communicate though I
very much hope so.

I received a letter yesterday
from Fred, in which he
made one or two inquiries
with regard to the present
state of the accounts of
the tea business - Some
of which as I think I told
you are not yet collected
& some of the customers are
taking advantage of my

that I ought not to allow
myself to have special
intentions and wishes
without seeing a likelihood
of their materialization -
To which I have no other
answer than this, that
though I have passed thro
many & varied experiences
calculated to uproot all
such desires, yet they are
within me still the same
& clamouring as never before
for fulfillment. This



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from you all at home likely;
aliter would be acceptable
please tell Mother & also
any of the others who feel
inclined to send their brother
a few lines.

Hoping you are all well
with love from your
affectionate brother
Herbert.

may not sound very logical
to you : but after all
there are things in this world
which cannot be reduced
to logic & argument alone,
but are a law unto themselves.

By the way, can you tell
me the date of Frank's marriage
for I think he told me it was
on Tuesday next, but I shld.
like to know for certain?

I suppose Mother will be going
to Shrewsbury - will she not?
I seem to have heard very little

June 27, 1910

Dear Mr. Pearman,

Referring to your letter of the 20th, I very much regret that I cannot make any suggestions in respect to a farm. I almost think the best plan would be to advertise anonymously, but giving some details as to requirements.

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL SECURITY

in which he would
remain.

With kind regards

I am

Yours most faithfully

Ernest Hamare

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Ash Lea,

Sunderland.

20/6/10.

Dear Dr. Pirce

I have seen
the letter which you
wrote to Dr. Squance
regarding my brother,
very word of which
I entirely agree with.
The great difficulty will
be, to find the suitable
farm, and to persuade
him to go & stop there.
I have written him
suggesting that he should
have a talk with you

& ask your advice,
which doubtless will
carry weight with him,
& might help us in
the future.
The Waterford scheme
is quite out of the
question, & I am
certain Mr Bell says
it would not interest
it is a very great pity
that his son, came
to see him, & unsettled
him, it was a great

error of judgment.
I quite agree with your
views about his going
abroad, & am sure
we would have him
home again very shortly,
as you say, the worse
for wear.
I suppose you don't
know of a suitable
farm for him, of
course we can
advocate, & will do so,
if necessary, but it
is always rather a
difficulty to find a
suitable place - one

has been as I was
advised - on my recommendation
to be with a very suitable
man. but complained about
the form & that the former
life attempted to poison him
the fact ran away. I much
regret that I am very
doubtful about his future
success
Yours very faithfully
J. C. Lawrence

15, GRANGE CRESCENT,
SUNDERLAND.

June 13. 1910

Dear Mr. Niece

I have been out
of work here
away in Molegair
K. J. & Co.

When I return

THE GRANGE CRESCENT
SUNDERLAND

Canada for Herbert
Marshall it was
with the view that he
should be sent there
under the auspices
of an Association which

finds a suitable man to
try feeling was that if
he was with a good
Christian disciplinarian,
and not short of money
it might be beneficial - he
has been to many places
at home & always from
himself - that is his position

Ash Lea,
Sunderland.
May 2nd 1910

Dear Dr Price.

I am much
obliged for yours of 26th
ult., & note all you say.
I notice the committee propose
that we should pay £8/-
per wk, which seems
reasonable, though I did
not know Herbert had
better accommodation than
the usual; - at the same
time I am afraid my
mother will hardly be
able to keep him there.

very long at that rate,
125¢ a year: you don't
say if there are any extras
in addition: as regards
excursions - additional
expense, I am afraid
we must ask you not
to incur any on our
behalf.

I don't know what he
can earn in the garden
but we had hoped
that he would be able
to supply his personal
needs out of what he

earned, if we found the
cost of accommodation at
the Retreat.

I am hoping to come
through to York to see
you & him, shortly;
do you expect to be there
during Whitsuntide, if I
am able to come there?

I am
Yours very faithfully
Ernest Pearson

June 9, 1910

Dear Dr. Squance,

I write in reference to your patient, Mr. Herbert Pearman, as it is time something was settled in respect to him. Since he has been here we have had no difficulties whatever. He has, I believe, conducted himself quite well, there has been no friction with the staff, he has pleasantly joined in games, and has regularly done garden work in the mornings. His brother told me he would be on his best behaviour here, and certainly we have had no reason to complain.

I should gather that he is somewhat feeble in mind. In talking to him about the future there is a lack of sense of responsibility. He has little initiative, and he glosses over in an unsatisfactory way the shortcomings of the past. I do not think he is likely to do well wherever he may be placed. He is certainly not certifiably of unsound mind, and yet I hardly think he is capable of looking after himself. If he were sent abroad to Canada or New Zealand I doubt whether he would hold his own, and I think it would not be long before he came back again, probably much the worse for wear. He says, himself, that he would like to start the tea business again in the South of Ireland, but remembering what has happened there before it appears to me altogether out of the question, and it is evidence of his lack of good

sense that he should suggest it. I gather there is still a lack of moral stability which may easily lead to trouble again in future.

The best thing I can advise is that the family should advertise for a farmer who would take him on his farm for a payment, and that he should be told that it all turned on his industry and good behaviour whether he had opportunity for further advancement subsequently.

I do not think a lengthened stay here would do any good. The conditions of life here are too comfortable, and the atmosphere is necessarily not sufficiently industrious.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

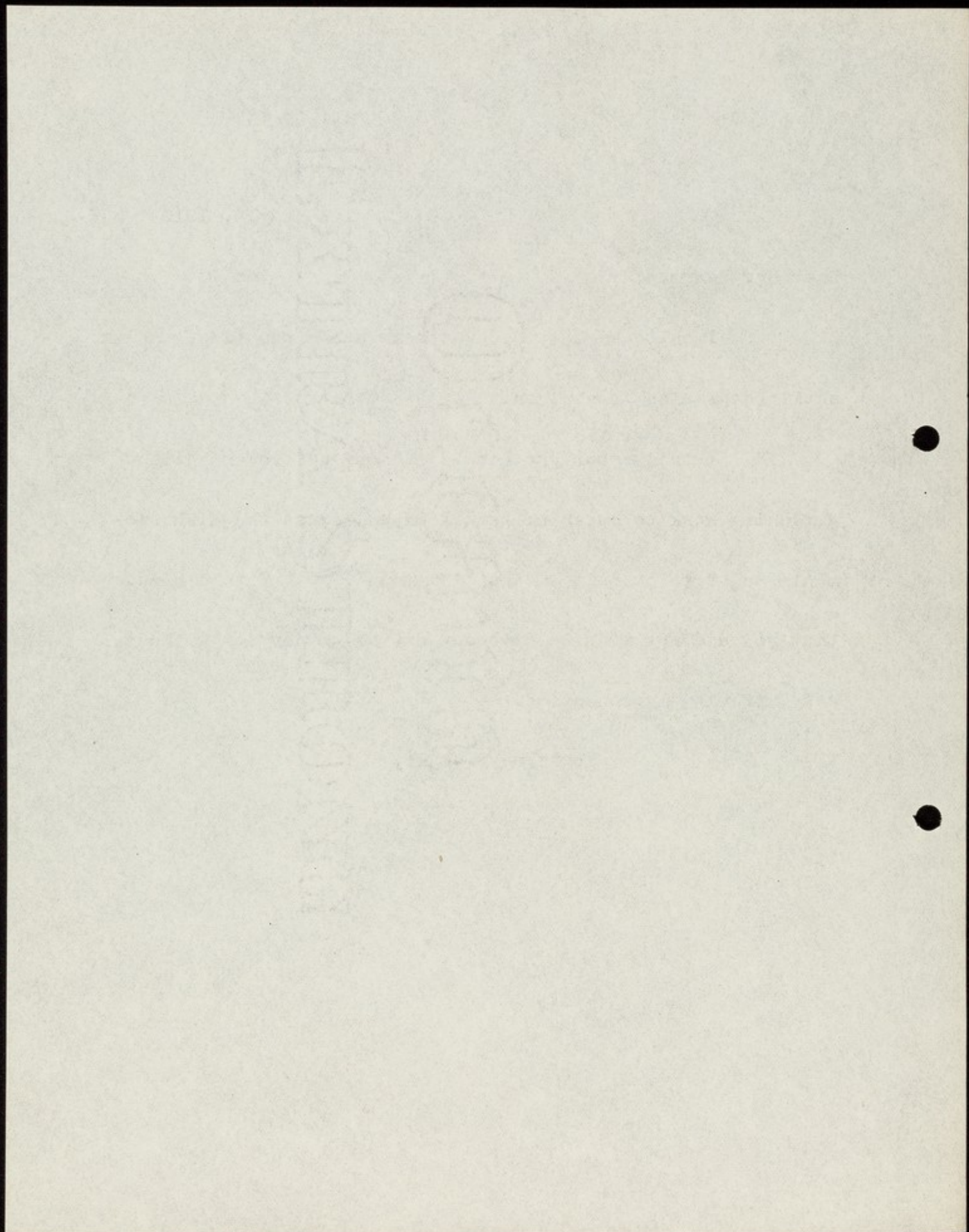
May 4, 1910

Dear Mr. Pearman,

I quite expect to be at home at Whitsuntide, and ~~xx~~
shall be pleased to see you.

I think your brother is earning sufficient with
gardening work to cover all small expenses, so the disburse-
ments ought to be quite modest in amount. I told him
that you did not wish to have any extras to pay for without
being previously consulted.

Yours very truly,



Ash Lea,

Sunderland.

May 12th 1910
Dear Mr Pierce

I think of coming
to York on Saturday after-
noon of this week, & would
like to call & see you at
the Retreat if convenient.
I would endeavour to be
there between 6 & 7 pm, if
you can give me a few
minutes then. I don't
know what you think
about my seeing Herbert,
from the unsettled
point of view, but I

believe he would like
to see me, I thought I
would call & see you
first. yours sincerely
Ernest Peerman

April 22, 1910

Dear Friend,

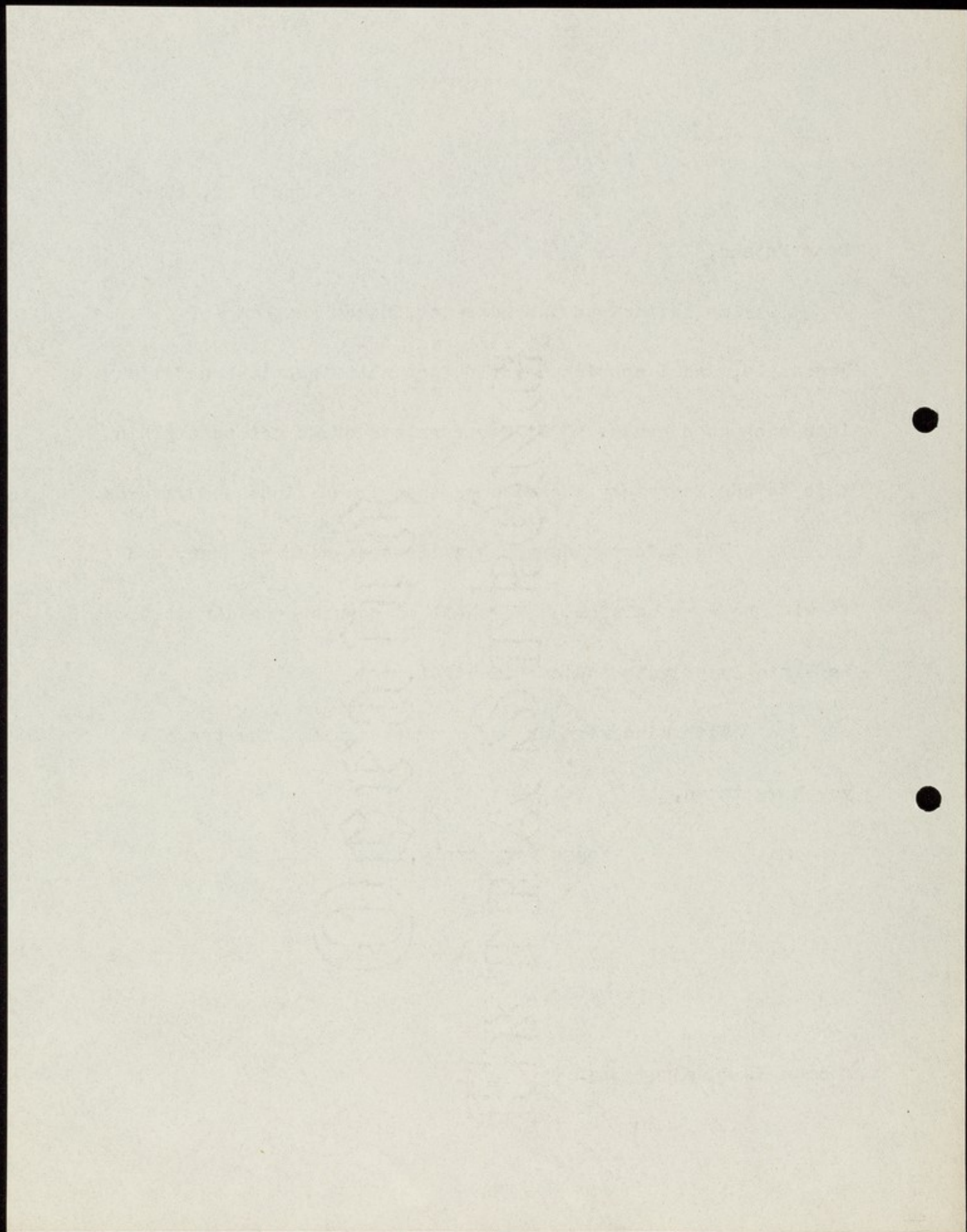
My letter was intended for Thomas Pumphrey of Newcastle, and I consider myself fortunate that it has fallen into such good hands. It was careless of me not to explain this to our Secretary who assumed that it was intended for you.

The information you give is just what we want, and it will be very helpful. We shall of course consider it to be strictly private and confidential.

With kind regards and many thanks for the trouble you have taken,

Yours very truly,

Thomas E. Pumphrey Esq.



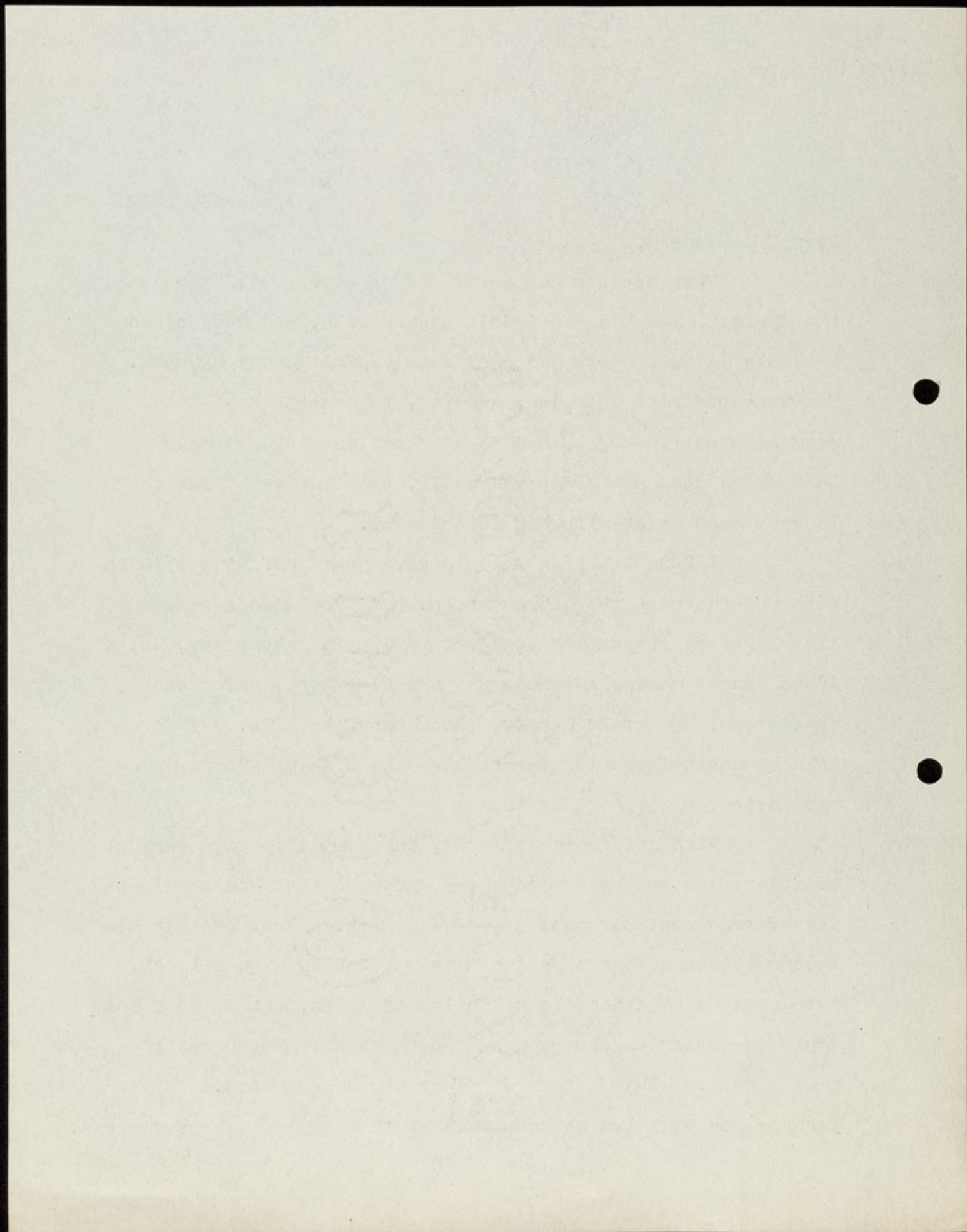
April 26, 1910

Dear Mr. Pearman,

Your brother has certainly done very well here on the whole. He has settled in comfortably, and has joined actively in amusements and done some useful gardening work. The unaccustomed exercise, however, appears to have told upon his bodily weight, and he has lost several pounds. He says he does not sleep very well, but I do not think there is very much amiss with him in this way.

I fear I am not able to give you a definite opinion with reference to the going abroad. It would seem to me clear that at present it would be unwise to make plans, as, if he cannot manage the moderate exercise here, under easy conditions, he could hardly manage Canadian life. I have told him that I should like to see more of him before giving any advice.

With reference to terms, the Committee gave careful consideration to the subject, and propose that you should pay the average cost per patient, 48/- a week. Your brother has accommodation better than the average, and consequently this rate means a considerable reduction of terms, but it does not imply any material charge upon the charitable resources of the Retreat. This latter I gather you do not wish. Perhaps you will let me know whether this meets with your views.



✓
Ash Lea,

Sunderland,

April 25th '10

Dear Dr Pierce

My brother

Herbert has now been
with you a week or two,
"we would be glad to
hear from you, as to
what you think of him
his general condition,

His desire & intention
are, to go to Canada as
soon as we are willing,
but so far we have
not felt able to give
our consent, as we do

not consider him fit
to battle for himself,
his idea is to go on to
some fruit farm out
there, & earn his living
do you, from what you
have seen of him, consider
that it would be wise
to send him there
ultimately: we have tried
other things in England
but they have not been
a success, - the only other
course seems to be the
Retreat, if he would remain.

but owing to the expense
my mother would like
to avoid this if possible
as she cannot afford ~~it~~ ^{the} \$160 ^{per} annum
doubtless you will commu-
nicate the result of the
Committee's decision regarding
his board & residence fees
as soon as you receive
it. Yours sincerely
Ernest Pearson

April 20, 1910

Dear Friend,

I have been requested by the Committee to write and ask you whether you can give us any help in fixing the terms for Herbert Pearman of Sunderland whom you probably know. The family live at Ash Lea.

The value of the accommodation and care he is receiving is about 3 guineas a week, and his brother tells me that this is more than they can pay. As the patient is a member of the Society of Friends the Committee are quite willing to reduce the terms, but before doing so they would like to hear from some independent Friend whether such reduction is proper in the present case.

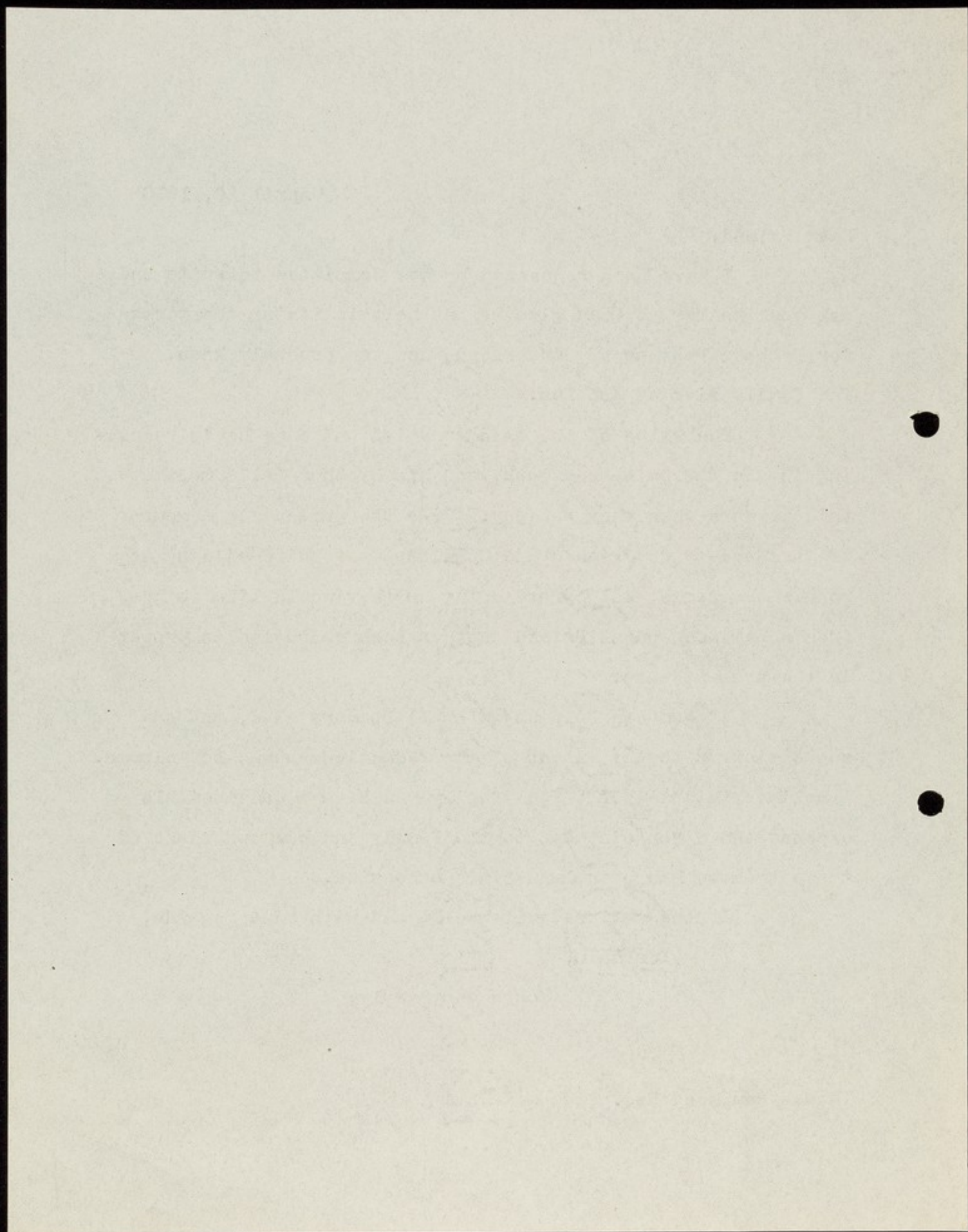
If you can help us we shall be very glad, and any suggestion as to the extent of the reduction would be welcome. I believe this member of the family has been a considerable expense and disappointment to the family and his own share of the patrimony has been long since exhausted.

I hope you are quite well, and with kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Thomas Pumphrey Esq.



April 5, 1910

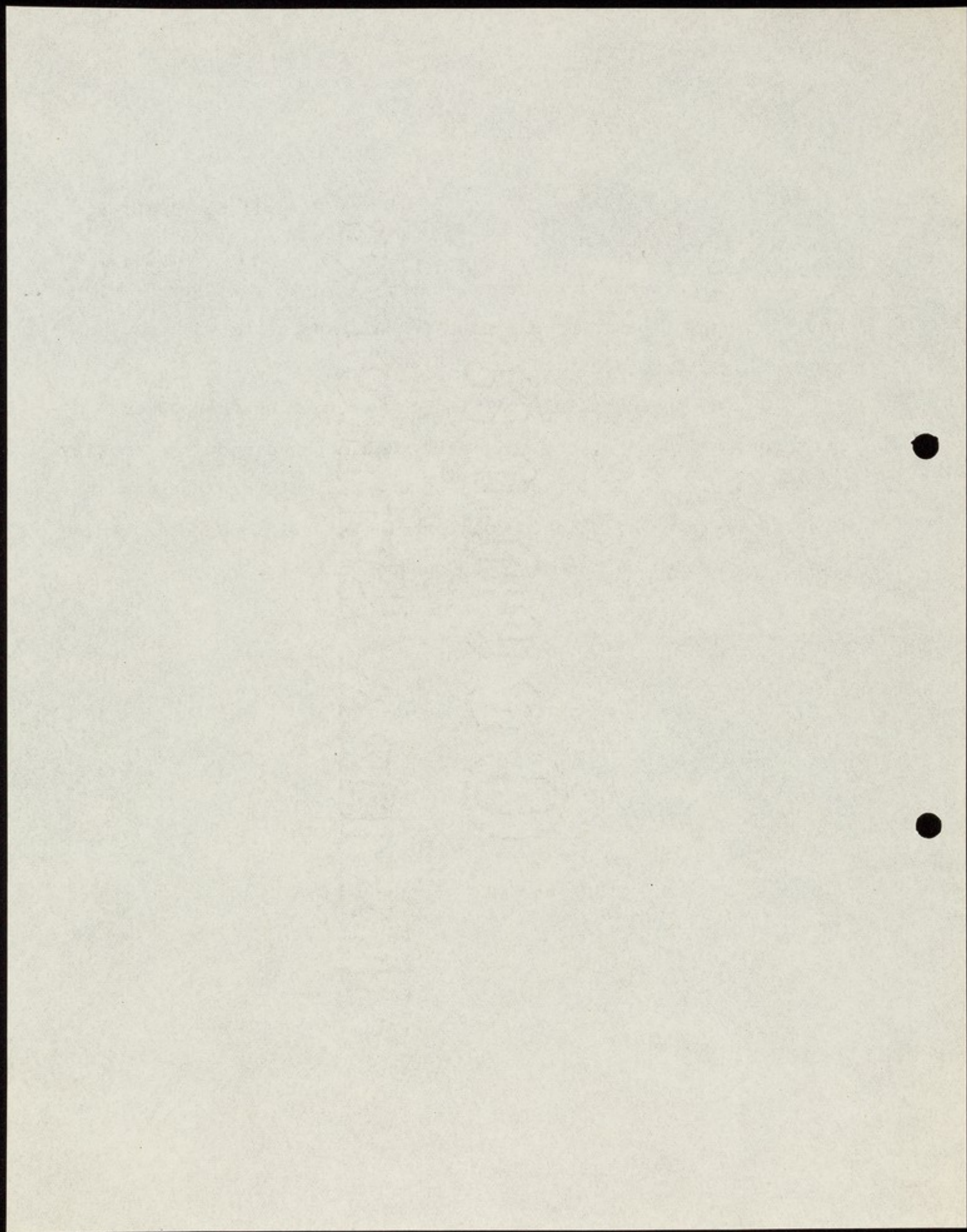
Dear Mr. Pearman,

I have received your letter, and note that you do not wish us to incur any expenses for disbursements without your being informed.

We are certainly willing to pay your brother 3d an hour for garden work, but this very much depends upon the quality of the work. If it is satisfactory patients can earn as much as 9/- a week, which should provide him with pocket money.

So far he has settled down comfortably.

Yours very truly,



April 5, 1910

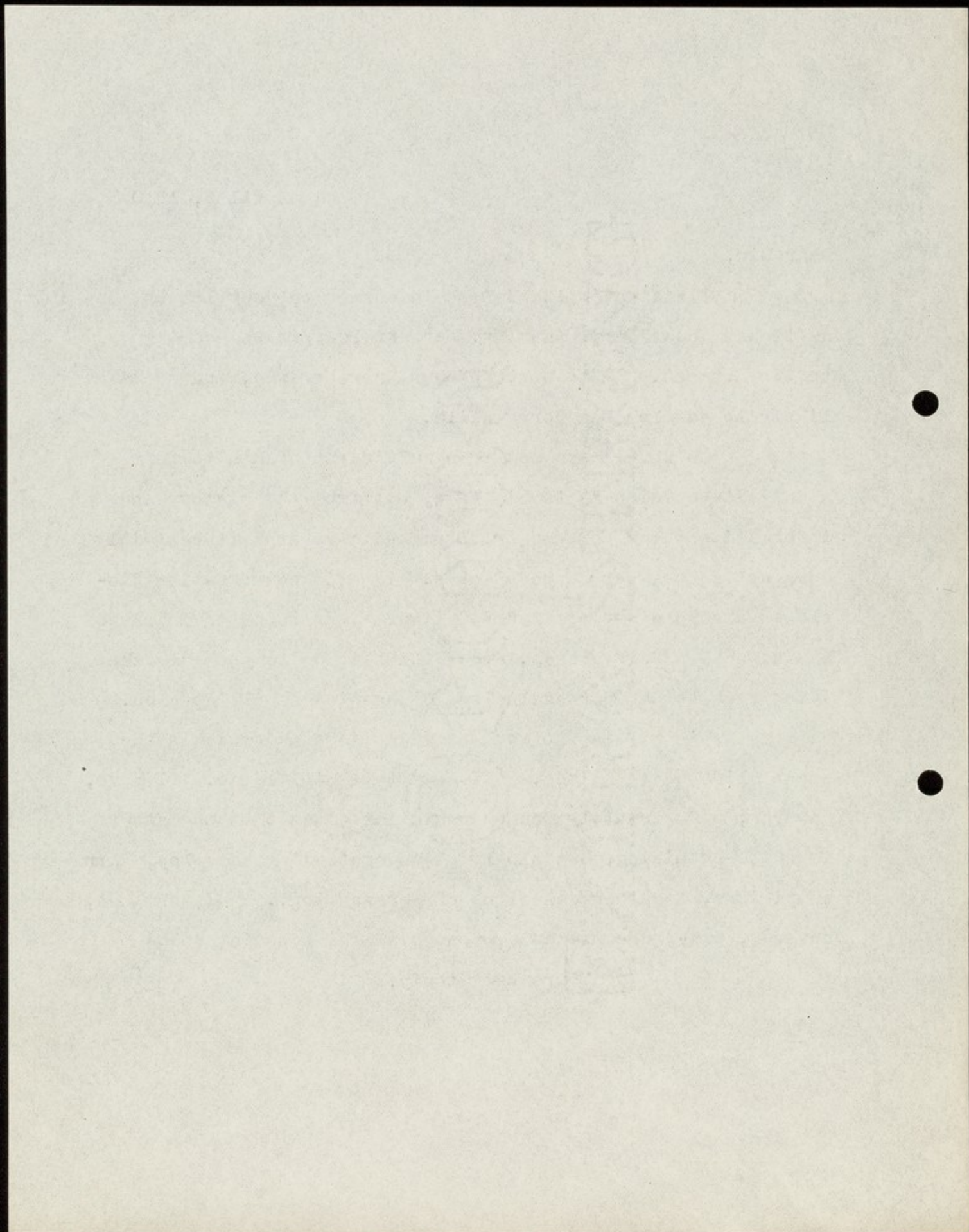
Dear Sir,

I did not write before in answer to your letter as it was doubtful whether Mr. Herbert Pearman was coming to the Retreat. He has, however, now arrived, and seems likely to settle down ~~permanently~~.

So far I have not seen sufficient of him to form a definite opinion as to his case, but from the history and information which you and Dr. Drummond have sent it certainly does not seem a very hopeful case. His conversation discloses a suspicious attitude of mind. He seems to think he has not had a fair chance, and I think it quite probable that after a while definite delusions of suspicion will develop. He says he is willing to work steadily here and join in the social life of the place. I hope this will be so. I have, however, unfortunately found in similar cases that the start is quite promising, but slowly misunderstandings develop, then suspicions, and then delusions of persecution.. I must not, however, pre-judge the case on such slight acquaintance.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Squance



P.S.

Is a week or month's
notice enforced - how
do you treat the matter
if he leaves suddenly,
not being willing to stay?

Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

Apr 4th 1910

Dear Dr Price

Thanks for
yours of 31st ulto. with
enclosure, since then
Herbert tells me that
he has heard from
you & that you have
been able to find
him accommodation
in the Retreat, for
which we are much
obliged: - he left here
about 5.30 pm for
York - I trust that he
is now with you.

The question of his fees
will doubtless come
up in due course,
in the meantime I hope
you will be able to find
him employment in
the garden at the rate
you mentioned.

We have given him two
or three shillings pocket
money for this week,
- would like to know
what you pay him, as
the question of his book
clothes has been discussed

at some length, & if he
can earn an appreciable
sum, he would at least
be able to provide himself
with the former, and
pocket money, in any
case we do not wish
him to have anything
put down to us, of
this nature, without
our consent.

I shall be very interested
in hearing from you
what you think of him
& how he settles in
when you feel in a
position to write.

Yours sincerely
Ernest Pearson
P.S.

Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

L. 4. '10

Dear Mr. Purcell,

Just a few lines
to thank you for yours to hand
yesterday, in reply to one or two
Garriss; the answers to which
I was glad to have - And
after further considering the matter
I have no doubt the best plan,
is for me to try the beneficial
effects of the Institution of which
you are head: and if possible
the circumstances under which I

Come are exceptional, then I shall
endeavour to make the best of them -

I propose therefore to come as
soon as conveniently possible, &
if it is suitable suggest travelling
on Monday 4th inst. arriving 8.30 p.m.
(thus giving the attendant's wife a
chance to get the room in order).
By the way, do you think it could
be arranged for me to have a bath
first, ^{thing} in the morning, before coming
here to breakfast at 8 o'clock?

Hoping that arrangements
will prove satisfactory that I

shall be able to fall in with
the usual ways & customs of
the Institution to your satisfaction
& to my benefit.

I am

Yours faithfully

Herbert Harman

with their fellows - Though I should
imagine the men who are at
present patients, are somewhat
Conservative -

I should be very glad if you
would send me a few lines,
after reading this: grasping
as I believe you will, the point
of view from which I see the
question.

Yours faithfully
Herbert Pearman.

at 14 Horatio Street 159
Sunderland.

Ash Tree,
Sunderland.

20. 3. 10

Dear Dr. Peirce

Since returning to
Sunderland, it was only last
evening that I had a chance
of further talking over the
question of my coming to York,
with my people -
The result of my visit on Saty,
favourably impressed them I
think, as it did me, although

the fact of my being in lodgings
therefore not on the same footing
so to speak, with the other
voluntary boarders no draw-
back in my case which I can't
help but consider. For on
looking back over my varied
experiences; I attribute mea-
sure; my various failures
to placing myself in exceptional
circumstances; and in this
extreme last case I obviously

wish, in a particular way to
make as sure as I possibly
can, that the sequence of events
should not continue, but that
I should look back on my
period at York with satisfaction
not mingled with the regret that
I had not waited until an
opening occurred and the way
made plain -
No doubt other patients have
been similarly circumstanced
& slept outside the premises
not finding it any drawback
to their being able to get on nicely

him a better chance, if
he took one

We would be very much
obliged if you will give
the matter your kind
consideration - so if it
is not possible to arrange
things to suit his views,
otherwise we shall be in
a most unfortunate
situation

Yours sincerely

Ernest Pearce

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Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

March 30th 1910

Dear Dr. Vince

I have now seen
Herbert, - I am very disappointed
to find that he objects to go
to the Retreat, under the con-
ditions you mention, viz
sleeping out, he considers
that it does not give him
a fair chance, - that he may
have trouble with the other
patients, because he is not
on the same basis as
themselves, - evidently anti-
cipates a recurrence of the
event that have taken place

in other room that he ~~is~~ ^{has} been, which I alluded to ~~it~~ in my last letter, — with Mrs Shoruton

It has taken us months to attain ~~to~~ ^{him} our object of persuading ^{him} to come to you voluntarily, & it is specially disappointing to find that such a small matter should still stand in the way.

Is there no possible ~~mean~~ way of overcoming this obstacle? either by finding

temporary accommodation for him within the Rectory, or by arranging for any other patient to sleep out who might not object, & perhaps even prefer it, for I should have thought some would really ~~do~~ ^{do so} that.

To show what very small things carry weight in his mind, he objects that he would not probably be able to have a cold bath, though he rarely if ever took one, when at home, but now he considers that it would brace up his nerves & give

charge, I am afraid
we would hardly
have felt justified
in encouraging my
brother to go.

I will write again, as
soon as I have
seen him, but
conclude that he
could be accommo-
dated at Mrs Thornton's
at any time, if he
makes up his mind
to go. Yours most affly

Ernest Newman

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Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

29/3/10

Dr D. Price

Many thanks
for yours of 26th inst.
I have been away -
have not yet seen
my brother since his
return from York.
You do not say whether
you think he would
benefit by, coming
to the Retreat under
the plan you suggest.

but I conclude you
expect he will.

I shall endeavour to
persuade him to go
try it, though I
understand that he
told Mr Peaman
on his return that
he would prefer
to be staying in the
"retreat" itself.

As regards expenses, I
would be much

obliged if you will
lay this case before
your committee,
we had not expected
that it would entail
a fee of three guineas
but Mr - my mother,
Mr Peaman really
cannot afford it,
in view of several other
claims which there
are on this estate,
left by my father;
in fact, if we had
known that this was

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6, SAVILLE PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 24th, 1910.

Private.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I understand that the friends of Mr. Herbert Pearman have arranged for you to see him on Saturday.

It was his case I wrote about the other day when enquiring about paying guests at the Retreat.

For some considerable time, some years, indeed, he has been unstable and extremely erratic, and has not gone on with any kind of business or employment consistently. He has quarrelled with his relations at home and has given way to sexual irregularities involving trouble with the domestics in his mother's house and causing her great distress. At times he has had delusions - people are trying to poison him, that everybody is against him, and so forth - but he is usually able to pull himself so well together when under examination that it is difficult to elicit decided evidence of mental obliquity.

We hope he will be induced to stay in the Retreat for a sufficient time to enable your treatment to have some effect and then it is suggested that he

- P. T. O. -

8 SAVILLE PLACE
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE
March 24th, 1910.

Private.

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when enquiring about paying guests at the Retreat.
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I am,
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Yours very truly,
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something to go upon when you see him.

I may say that he is extremely suspicious and
cunning and that in all probability he will tell
you that he is sure his friends, or some of the
doctors who have seen him, have set you against him.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Dan Drummond

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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March 24th, 1910.

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at the request of his friends so that you may have
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cautious and that in all probability he will tell
you that he is sure his friends or some of the
doctors who have seen him have set you against him.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Sub li Canada placed in
some trusty district under a
suitable man - Although that
will hope control of funds of books
away from board he might
have a chance but of course has
that is not of the question - It
then would be with you may
benefit him that the
other scheme might become

Private & Confidential

15, GRANGE CRESCENT,
SUNDERLAND.

March 24. 1910

Dear Sir

Mr Greenwood has
written to you regarding
Arthur Newman, - whom
I have advised to come
to you as a volunteer

fresh. he is I understand
coming on to see you on
Saturday. I attended him
during the Autumn when
he was suffering an ailment
about the eye. I also counsel from
the effects of prolonged
inactivity - he had lost

all moral control. Accordingly
he considered that it was
absolutely necessary to drop
himself. He told me that
if a suitable price of his
services could be found he
would be glad to be the country
physician at once both Council
and his strength especially in
theology - or that he should be

feasible. Of course I am
fully strong for my
opinion. - But may be
entirely different. Recd.
Dr Brummonds letter & the
which you please
~~read~~ ~~to~~ Mr. Wm.

Of course Herbert Starnes

does not know that I
am writing to you. I am
busy in the
Herman She and his
dearest brother have given
about every chance to

He has done all his
opportunity - then his
chance away - and of course
cannot long hold it - I am
let himself.

Yours faithfully

J. B. Lawrence

wherever he is, if we
have had any hand
in placing him there, that
the people with whom he
is staying, tamper with
his food with a view
to correcting alcoholic -
other habits. he also is
very bitter against us -
says that we spoil his
prospects in life, wherever
he goes, & he invariably
falls foul of the people
he is living with, believing
that they have prejudices
against him, especially if
they are women. He left
a farm near Wighton, at
a moment's notice through
an upset with the farmer's
wife, & he is now in lodgings.

Confidential

Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

Mar 24th 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I telegraphed
you today saying that
my brother (Herbert)
would be coming to York
regarding his admission
as a voluntary patient
to the Retreat, & asking if
you could see him, &
now have your reply
saying that you will
be at home all day.
This is the brother I saw

you about, two or three years ago; he has not been at all satisfactory since, & we have at last persuaded him to go to York for a few months voluntarily.

You will probably hear tomorrow from Dr Drummond of Newcastle, & also from our family doctor, Dr Squance regarding his case. We will only go, on condition that he is allowed to go & see you,

& the place first, returning to Sunderland the same day & if satisfied, coming to the Retreat next week as a voluntary patient.

We naturally desire that she should receive as favourable an impression as possible, & after reading the doctors' letters you will doubtless be able to talk to him suitably about treatment etc.

We have had considerable trouble with him about his food, he believes that

Ash Tex.
Sunderland.

in Sunderland, - Things
are by no means pleasant
there, for much the same
reasons.

As regards term, I would
be glad to know what
is the lowest charge
that can be made for
him, as my mother
has been put to great
expense with him lately
which she really cannot
afford.

Any further information
that I can supply, is at
your service. Yours sincerely
Ernest Pearson

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6, SAVILLE PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

March 23rd, 1910.

Dear Dr. Squance,

I am afraid Herbert Pearman's case presents difficulties that are, under the circumstances, almost insurmountable. He is no doubt, as you say, a degenerate and I think even a stronger word might be employed, for at times he is certainly not responsible for his actions.

I quite agree with you in regarding the Canadian proposal as sound provided they could have met with a strong controlling personality, someone who would undertake to look after him, but I felt that simply to send him away with a certain amount of money in his pocket to look out for himself would result in disaster.

I think we should try and induce him to become a paying guest at the Asylum in York, but failing this I doubt the wisdom of certifying him as I am afraid he would be just the kind of person to make trouble ^{for} over the doctors who signed the certificates, hence the great difficulty in the case.

I am,

Yours very truly

Sam Drummond

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8, SAVILE PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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Dear Dr. Sprague,

I am afraid Herbert Bernstein's case presents difficulties that are, under the circumstances, almost insurmountable. He is no doubt, as you say, a degenerate and I think even a stronger word might be employed, for at times he is certainly not responsible for his actions.

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I am,
Yours very truly

Jan. 22, 1910

Dear Mr. Pearman,

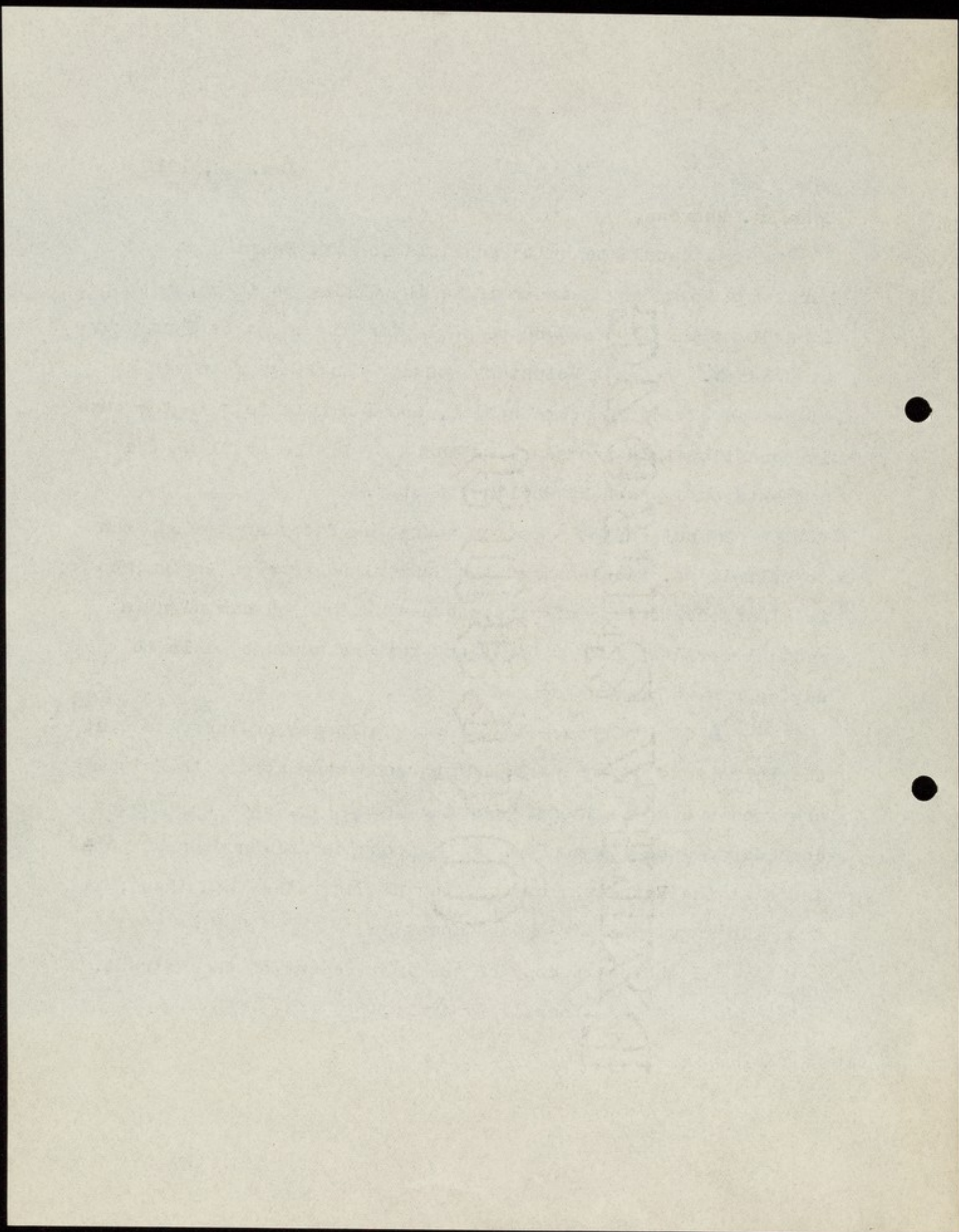
It would be quite possible for Mr. Pearman to come here as a Voluntary Boarder if he is willing to do so, but I hardly think it would be suitable for him to go to Throxenby at present. A Voluntary Boarder can leave whenever he wishes on giving 24 hours notice, and I should fear in the case in question this procedure would be of little avail as the patient would probably decline to stay.

Would not the better course be for your medical man to call in Dr. Middlemas of the Sunderland Borough Asylum, who is a personal friend of mine, to see whether he can sign a medical certificate? At any rate he would be able to advise you as to what course to take.

With reference to terms, the lowest ordinary rate at the Retreat is 48/- a week, but persons connected with Friends are received at lower rates by the Committee, each case being considered upon its merits. A considerable number of patients at the Retreat, however, pay higher rates than these; from three guineas a week and upwards.

I enclose a copy of the last Report of the Retreat.

Yours very truly,



Can you offer any suggestion
as to the best way of
dealing with the matter?
do you think the Seabro'
home would be suitable,
have you a vacancy —
what would be the cost?
If he went voluntarily
~~and~~ would he be able
to leave voluntarily?
In addition to his erratic
way of acting, & his views
on his position, which latter
he entirely attributes to the
actions of those he is in
contact with, Dr S, describes
him as "a degenerate"
which has involved him
in urinary troubles etc.
Please let me have any
information that you can.
I am much obliged yours faithfully
Ernest Pealman

Ash Lea,
Sunderland.

Jan 21 . 10

To Dr Pierce

Dear Dr Pierce

Some two or
three years ago I called
upon you in reference
to my brother Herbert,
when I was on my way
to Bournemouth to fetch
him home, this I succeeded
in doing, but since
then we have had a
good deal of trouble
with him; about two
months ago we sent —

him to a farm in
Sunderland to live with
a Mr Hewitson whose
wife was at one time,
~~was~~ a nurse at the
Retreat, but after being
there about 2 months
my brother abruptly left
the house & returned home
he is now in lodgings
in Sunderland, ^{as} we
had previously told him
that we could not have
him at home any longer,
owing to the trouble

he caused ~~there~~ here
Our medical attendant
Dr Squance considers that
if he could be prevailed
on to go voluntarily to
same place, like the
Retreat, where he could be
treated for mind & body,
that it would be the
best thing for him, but
he says that it would be
very difficult to obtain
another medical authority
to ~~so~~ authorize this course,
as my brother would
appear perfectly sane
in conversation, & it is
only by the erratic actions
of his life that one could
arrive at this conclusion.

Herbert Peannan . 34 -

8 in fam. L. B. L. fish

Father died 14 yrs ago -

Ernest - Eldest -

1 fish in last week

head business

1-8. am

Wholesale provision -

1 Dr. line in last
last am

Went into Business - Bortham -

in 1893 -

Swanley - Bortham - Colby 1 year -

Remains ill - - Dinkley attended him

Stomach out of order -

3 yrs ago came from Ireland -

hooked in the tea trade

Engaged to be married - To Miss Bell -

In Waterford - left suddenly -

went to London - caused much worry -

Ret 2 - then engaged to be married -

Was married - business in his hands -

did it himself - line in lodgings -

affair had been strained - stayed at home

in moped - There may have been

things he imagined - unfortunately he would

not put any stress on them -

In Cumberland Calabreck - Mrs. Hewitt - in Army -

3 mrs. families -

Ames. Alcoholism -

Left - ~~Spice~~ Calbeck instant notice -

Has since stayed in Rbns. in bed -