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Springfield House
Tidle Road
Wootton

29th March 1916

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your
letter of the 27th instant
explaining the item of
17/6. I now enclose a
postal order for this amount
and I shall be obliged
if you will return the

Enclosed account received.

I trust that J. Pierce is
well and I take this
opportunity of saying that
Miss Perkins is in good
health and has been so
ever since she came
here to live; she is now
very busy and much

interested in Parish
work and in various
matters connected with
our Soldiers at the front.
I am

Yours faithfully,

W. Perkins

The Secretary
The Retreat

York.

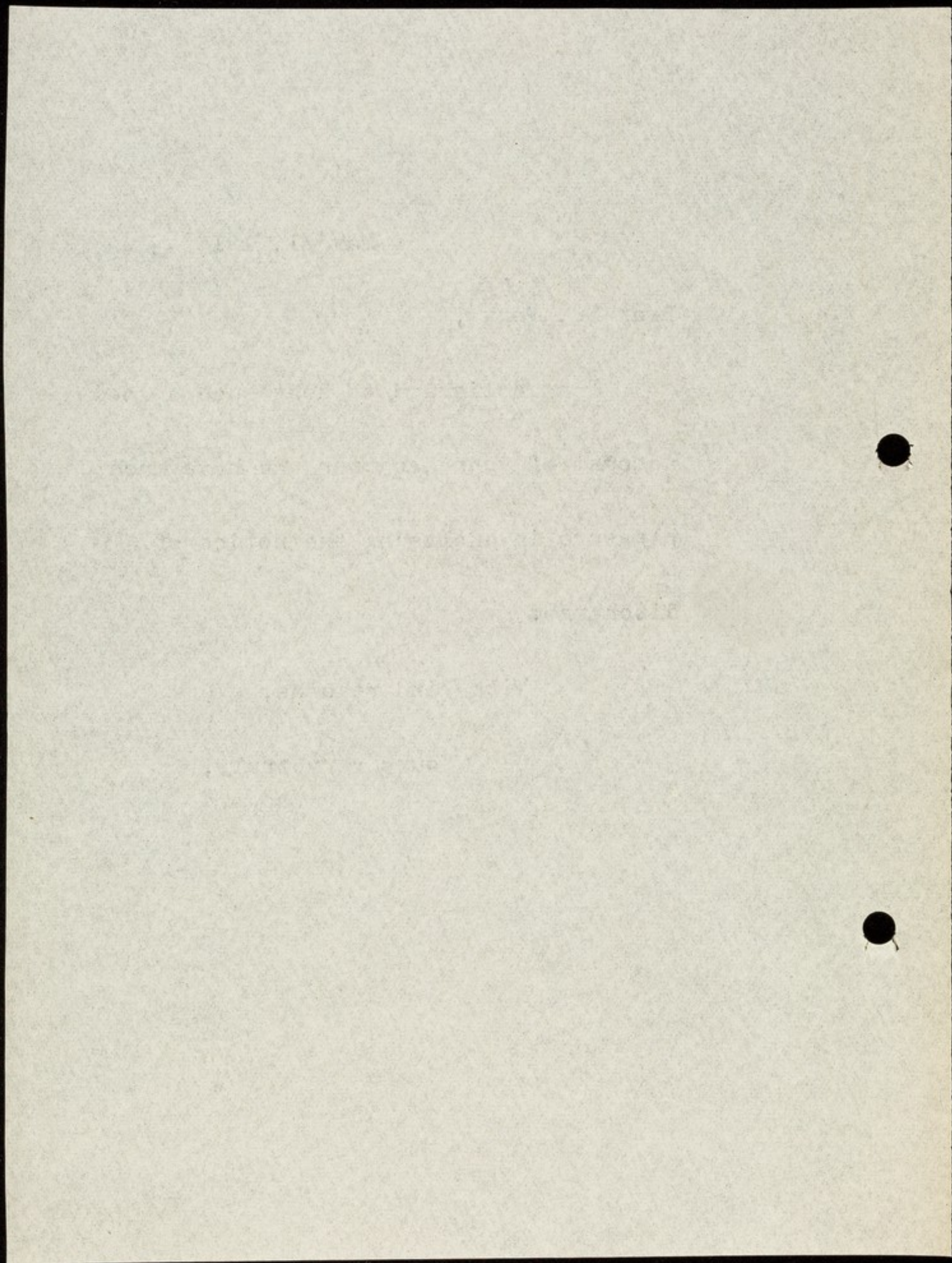
May 31, 1915

Dear Mr. Perks,

I am delighted to hear such a good
account of your daughter and have much
pleasure in enclosing the notice of
discharge.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Springfield House
Terrell Road
Worthing

29th May 1915

Dear D. Pierce

In reply to your
letter of yesterday's date
I am very pleased to be
able to inform you that my
daughter has improved
in health since we have
resided here; she is taking
interest in parish work,

also in the garden, and
so far as we can judge
seems quite herself
again; her appetite varies,
she is on the whole
however taking her
food decidedly better,
but requires keeping up
to the mark in this respect.
My daughter likes

the air here and we
have a large garden
where he plays tennis.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Herb R.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M. D.

Le Retreat

York

May 28, 1915

Dear Mr. Perks,

The time has come when Miss Perks's name must be removed from our books because the leave of absence expires.

I conclude that all is going well and I hope we may discharge her as "Recovered". I will do so on Monday unless I hear the contrary from you.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. Perks Esq.

Springfield House

Teville Rd.

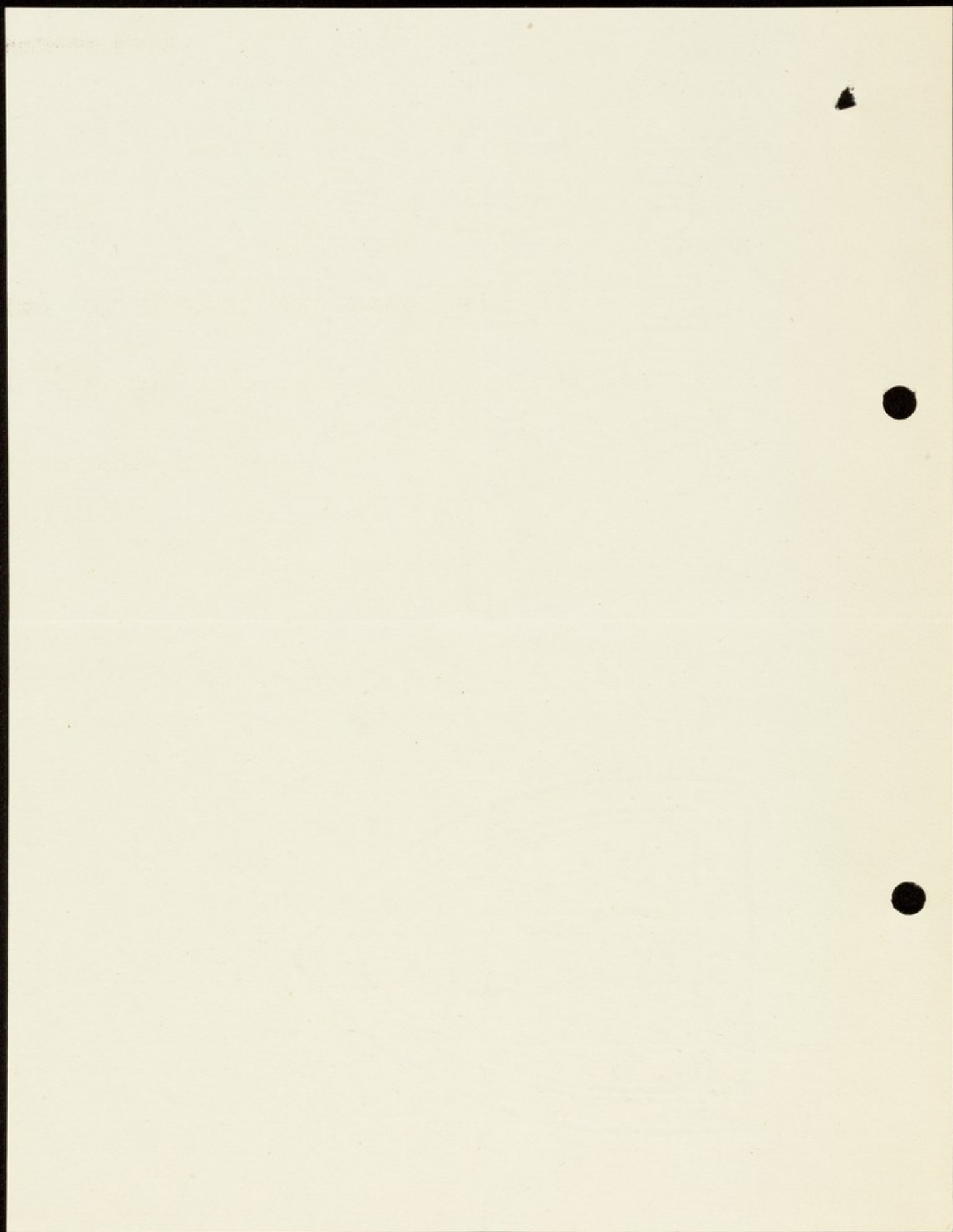
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Springfield House
Teville Road,
Worthing

10th February 1915

Dear Mr. Pierce I enclose my cheque
for £14 9- in payment of enclosed
account for my daughter who, I
am thankful to say, is in better health
since she has been there. Kindly send
me the account receipted yours truly,
H. Perks



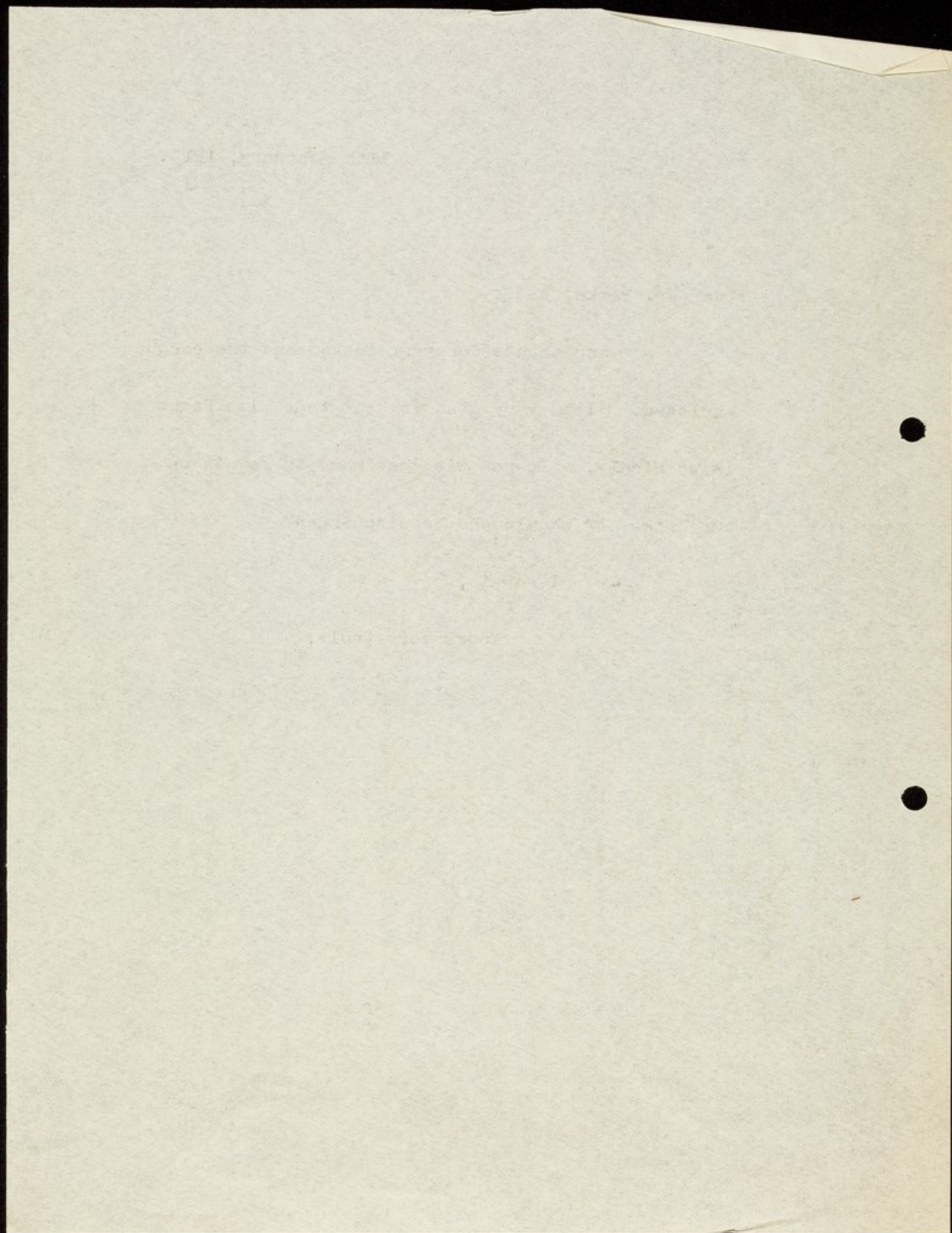
11th February, 1915.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Many thanks for your letter and the cheque enclosed. I am very glad to hear that Miss Perks is so nicely. Do you wish her name to remain on our books, or should she be discharged?

I remain,

Yours very truly,



for some long time to
come, and I feel very
strongly that she should ^{not}
return to Oxford. Hope that
she will as time goes on get
less anxious. We are doing
all we can to interest her and
get her stronger. Can you give
us a hint as to her treatment?

I think that for the present my
daughter's name should remain
on the books of the Retreat.

I am
yours truly

P. Merck

Dr. Bedford Pierce

The Retreat
York

Springfield House
Teville Road
Worthing

20th November 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I received the enclosed
account this morning showing
a balance due from me
of £ 7¹¹ 10⁰⁰ 0, but on
looking into the figures
I think that there is due
from me more than this

and that the charges for
my daughter from the
29th September until the 3rd
November have been omitted
from the Account.

Kindly let me hear from
you. My daughter is, so
far as her mind is concerned,
apparently well again, but
she endeavours to do too
much with the result that
she gets tired and irritable.
She is very pleased with

the house, and has taken
a great interest in arranging
her own room and generally
in the house and garden,
but does unnecessary things
and resents being interfered
with. We are continually
urging her not to be too
energetic, and not to overtax
her strength. She has for instance
more than once expressed
her intention of studying again
either at Oxford or in London,
but we have pointed out to her
that she must not think of this

9th November, 1914.

Dear Mr. Perks,

I am very glad to hear such a good account of Miss Perks, and I quite expect that the new surroundings and new outlook which your removal means is thoroughly good for her.

I will ask the Secretary to look into the question of the account.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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136.
Springfield House
Teville Road
Worthing

3rd November 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am very thankful
to tell you that my
daughter is taking a
great interest in her new
surroundings, and seems
quite like her old self

Again; she had a good
journey from York and
met Mrs. Perkins and one
of her brothers at Kingsford
and then came on to Worthing.
We have been staying at
a private hotel until today
and are going to sleep in
this house tonight.

There is of course a
great deal to be done

in the house before
things will be in ship
shape.

I shall be glad to hear
from you at your early
convenience with a
statement of what is payable
to the Retreat

I am yours truly

B. Perkins

Belford Pierce Esq
The Retreat York

115
J
26. Chalfont Road
Sford
1st November 1914

Dear Dr. Pierie

I thank you very
much for your wire and
letter. Mrs. Perkins and I
are so pleased to hear
such good news about
my daughter. I have
written fully to her, and
I have no doubt that

the meeting will take place
all right on Tuesday
at Kingsport.

My new address at
Worthing is

Springfield House
Treville Road
Worthing

I am

Yours very truly

D. Bedford Pierce *D. B. Pierce*
The Retreat
York

26. Clifffont Road ^{94.}
Dorset
23rd October 1914 ✓

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I thank you for
your letter of the 20th inst.
Should you still be of opinion
on seeing my daughter again
that she can come to us at
Worthing on Tuesday the 3rd
November, will you kindly
arrange with her respecting
the journey. There is a train
leaving Scarborough I believe
at 8.55 A.M. arriving at
Knipps at 1.55. Please

check this, and arrange
for my daughter to travel
by the train, and if you consider
that there is the slightest risk in
her travelling alone, please
arrange for a Nurse to
accompany her to Kingsport.

Mrs. Perks will be at
Kingsport to meet my daughter
on her arrival and take her on
to Worthing. I have not written
giving these particulars as to
day and time to my daughter,
but propose to do so directly

I hear from you that in
your opinion, after again
seeing her, this proposed
arrangement can be
carried out.

Yours truly
W. Perks

Bedford Pierce Esq.
The Retreat
York

20th October, 1914.

Dear Mr. Perks,

I certainly came to the conclusion when I was in Scarborough last week that Miss Perks was ready to go home at the time mentioned. We shall be over again before November and if anything should arise which makes it necessary to change the plan we will at once let you know. The extra fortnight will give ample opportunity of judging whether the convalescence is likely to be maintained.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Exactly what you think
best, and let me hear
from you as soon as
possible.

Yours truly
H. P. Herk

Redford Pierce Esq.
The Retreat
York

26. Chalfont Road ⁷⁶
Spford
19th October 1914
Dear H. P. Herk

Thank you for your
letter of the 18th instant,
and I am very glad that
your interview with my
daughter was so satisfactory.

What I feel somewhat
anxious about is the
"degree of mental tension"
mentioned in your letter.

Do you consider that
my daughter's mental

Condition is so completely
restored as to permit of
her safely coming away
from your control by
the beginning of November.

You say that you think
that another fortnight will
mean more improvement.

Will it be better for her
to stay on still longer at
Prosser until this morbid
mental tension quite
disappears. Of course
although we have taken

this house at Worthing
and shall be moving in
at the beginning of November,
there is no reason why my
daughter should join us so
soon if you think it better
for her to stay away longer.

The matter is so serious
that although we do not
wish to disappoint her,
we feel that too much
care cannot be taken in
order to prevent a recurrence
of her illness. Please decide

walking, but I suppose
that she need not have taken
so long a walk had she
wished not to do so, and of
course this need not occur
again.

Please let us hear fully
from you or Dr. Mackenzie
upon the whole subject, as
we must be guided entirely
by your opinion as to what
is best for my daughter's
welfare.

I am truly
yours truly
W. Perkins

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.
The Retreat York

34
26 Chalfont Road
Oxford

10th October 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose a letter
of the 9th instant from my
daughter, and of course we
are delighted that she has
made such progress, although
we were not quite prepared
to find that she was arranging
to come home in a fortnight.

If you remember, you as well
as ourselves considered that
it would be a great mistake
for my daughter to return to
Oxford, and thereupon we set

about finding a house
elsewhere. After considerable
trouble my Wife and I have
agreed to take a house at
Worthing entering into
possession on the 11th
November. The half quarter,
our furniture will be
removed a few days previously,
and this has all been done
at considerable expense and
trouble in order to prevent
my daughters' return to Dorset.

Now for the first time we
hear from her that she may
return home in a fortnight.
She will not then have been

a month at Scarborough,
and I want to hear from you
or Dr. Mackenzie if she will
really be in a fit state to
undertake the journey to Worthing
so soon. It will be far
better I think in the circumstances
for her to remain at Scarborough
a short time longer than she
proposes so as to give her
time to move into the new
house, and then she can arrange
about her journey, and might
well be in London if
you consider this was desirable.

You will see what my
daughter says about over-

disadvantages of always
living in such bleak air
please. Do not say we
have positively decided
against the east-coast
because as J. have told
you before she is very
tired and would most-
likely set herself against
us in this matter.
Probably as the weather
gets colder in Scarborough.

25.
26 Chalfont R^d
Oxford = Oct-8 = 1914.

Dear Dr. Bedford Peirce

I enclose a letter I
received from my daughter
this morning and am sending
you a little parcel containing
her purse. \$1 - in it - to
send on to her if you
think fit - I should have
sent her money before
but did not know if

It was desirable that
she should have it.

You will see by her letter
she suggests for us to
take a house on the
east-coast, but we do
not feel the east-coast
would be desirable to
live on because the
winters would be so
extremely cold and

because my daughter
does not like extremely cold
in the winter and the
rest of our family do.
Not either, of course
all have to be considered,
if she consults you on
the point. I shall think
it so kind if you could
point me to her the

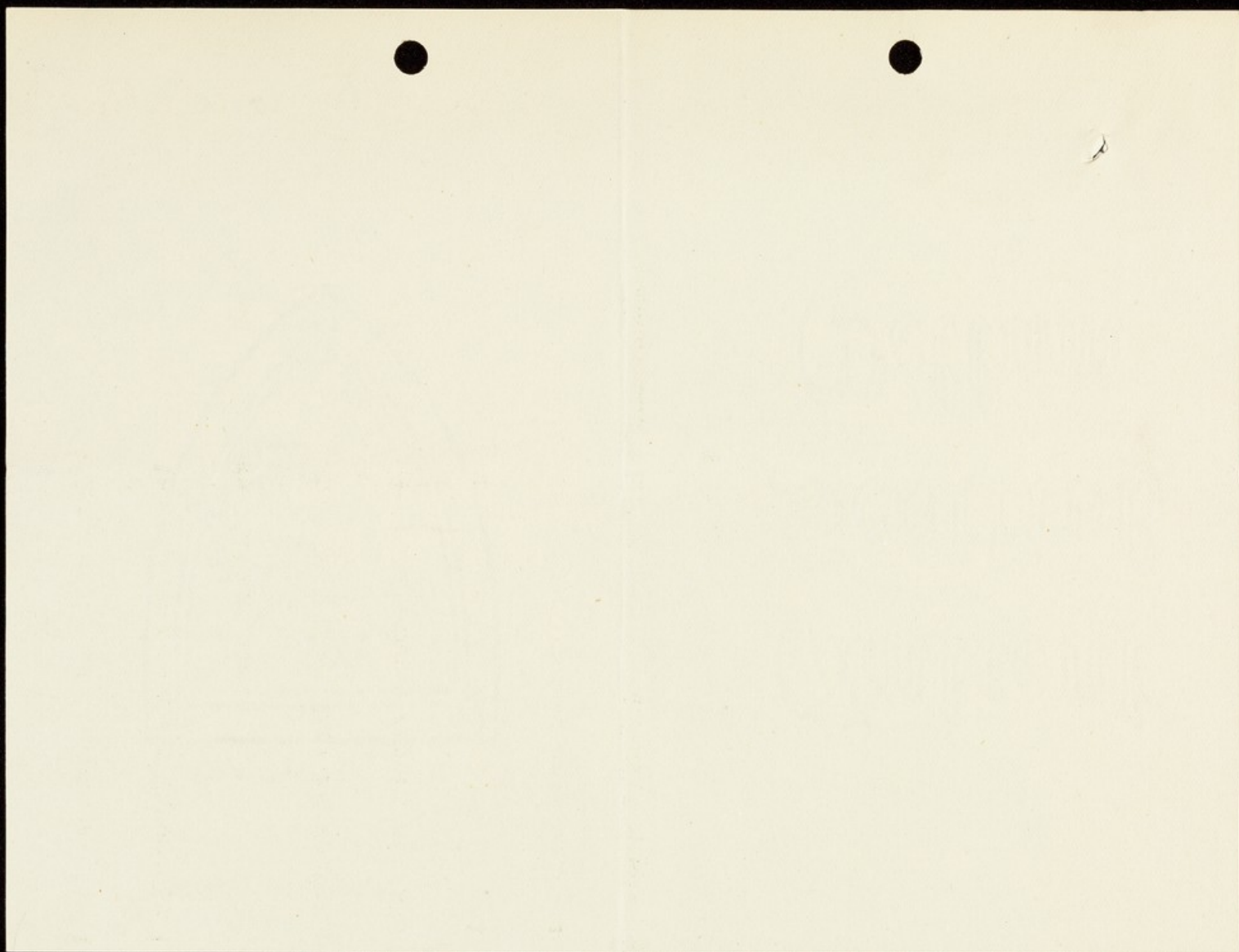
P.S. I find how it was
in a letter to my husband
this morning that my
daughter wrote almost
entirely about over-
taking a house on
the east-coast—

28.
my daughter will alter
her opinion.

I shall be so glad if
you will tell me exactly
what you now think of
my daughter's mental
condition and if you can
form any opinion now
as to when her health
will be completely restored.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Louisa Perks.



8th Oct. 1914.

Dear Mrs. Perks,

I duly received the purse with the enclosure.

Dr. Mackenzie is going over to Throxenby to-morrow
and will take it with him.

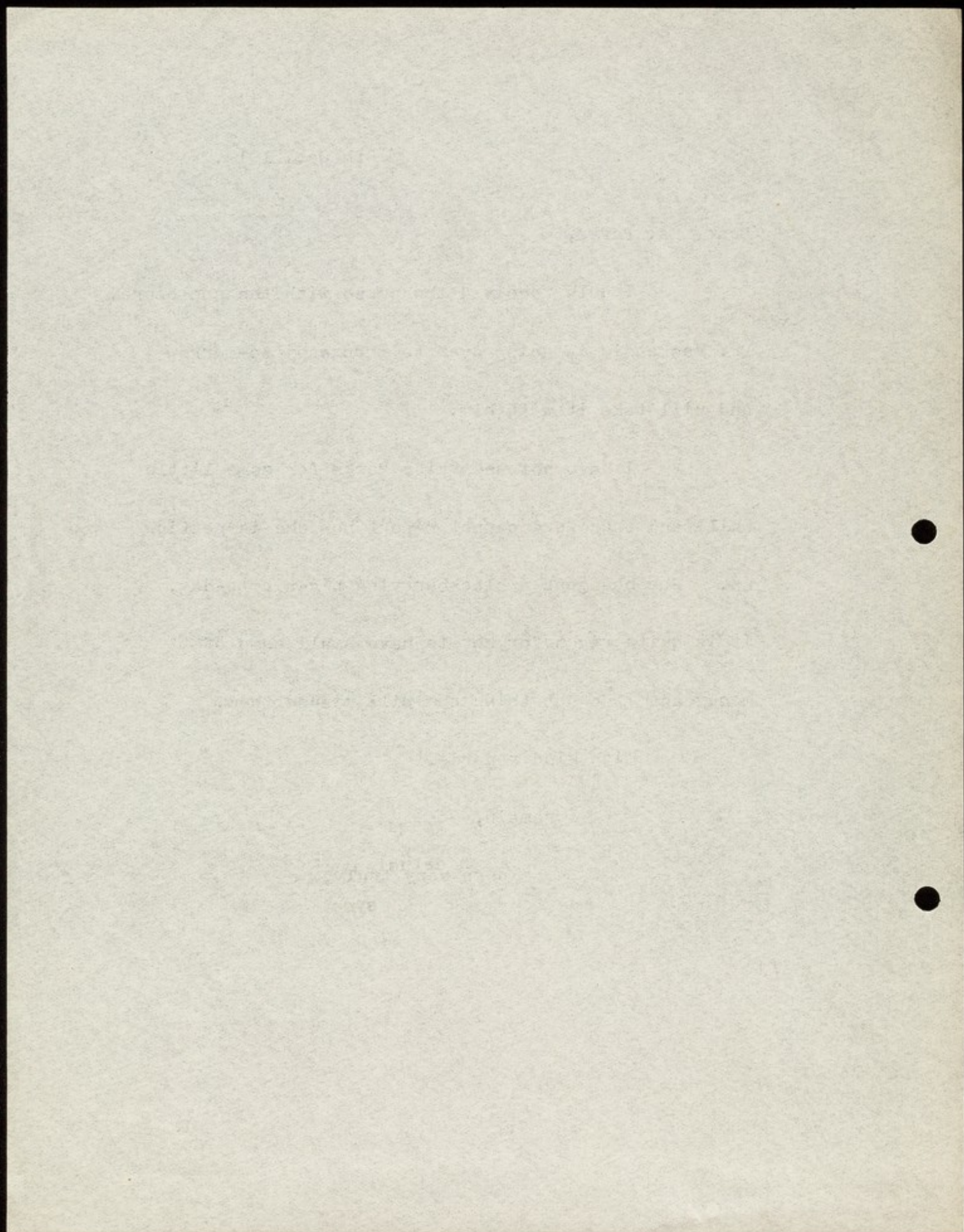
I have not seen Miss Perks for some little
while and therefore cannot report how she is getting
on. She has gone a blackberrying pic-nic to-day.

It is quite right for her to have small sums of
money and I do not think she will misuse them.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



981.
26 Chalfont Road
Oxford

24th September 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have received Mr.
Thomasson's letter enclosing
the estimate for my
daughter's teeth & braces.
Please arrange for the
work to be done as soon
as possible.

Yours truly

Herbert

Dr. Pierce
New Bedford
Mass.



23rd. September, 1914.

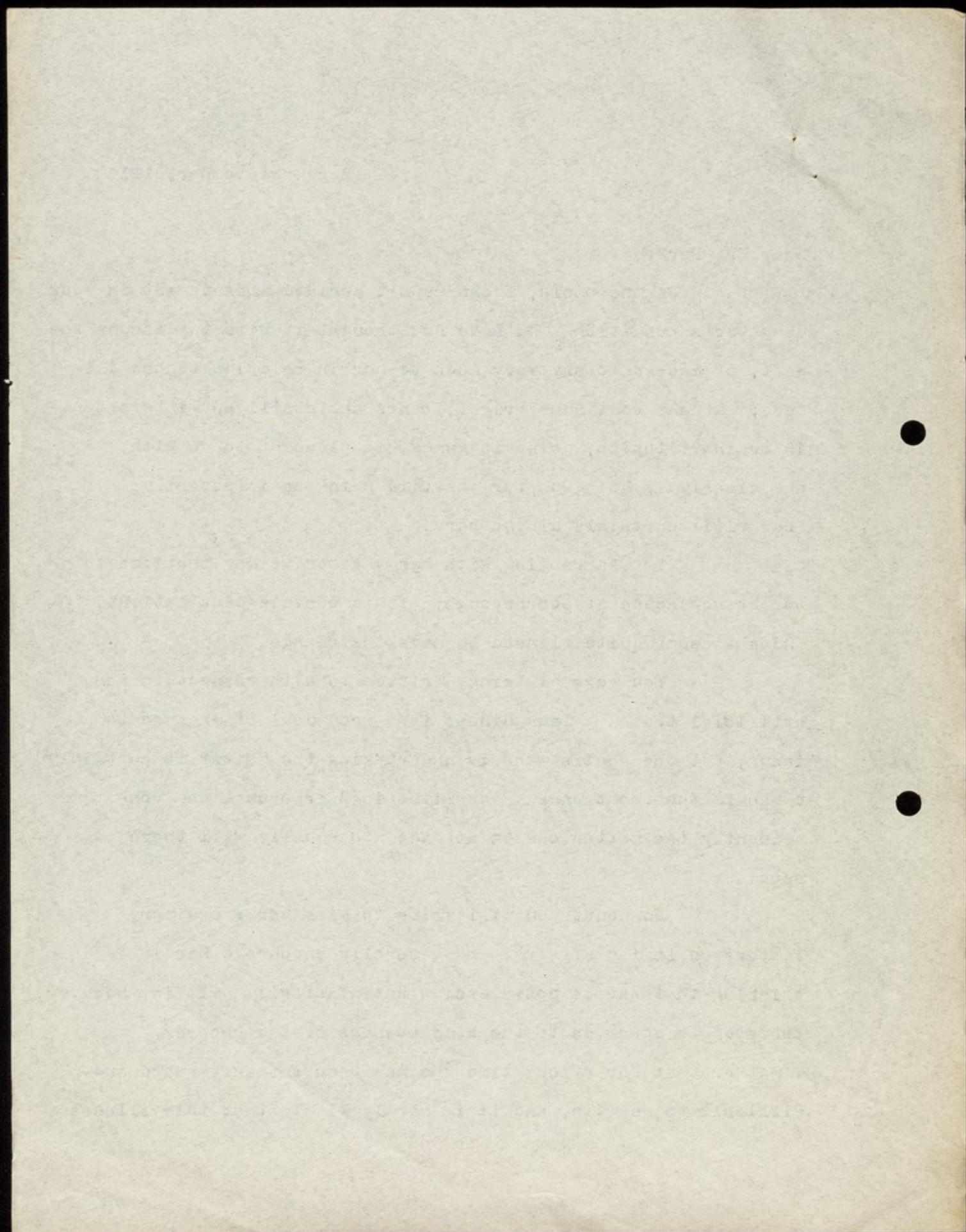
Dear Mrs Perks,

On the whole, I can report decided improvement in your daughter's condition. I have not thought it wise to discuss the past, or indeed to say very much to her in relation to her illness; but she continues bright, takes an intelligent interest in ordinary topics, joins in games, is pleasant to do with, and clearly is going on for the time being satisfactorily. Your visit certainly did no harm.

I am arranging with her that on Friday she goes to our Branch House at Scarborough, with a convalescent patient, and she seems quite pleased to have the change.

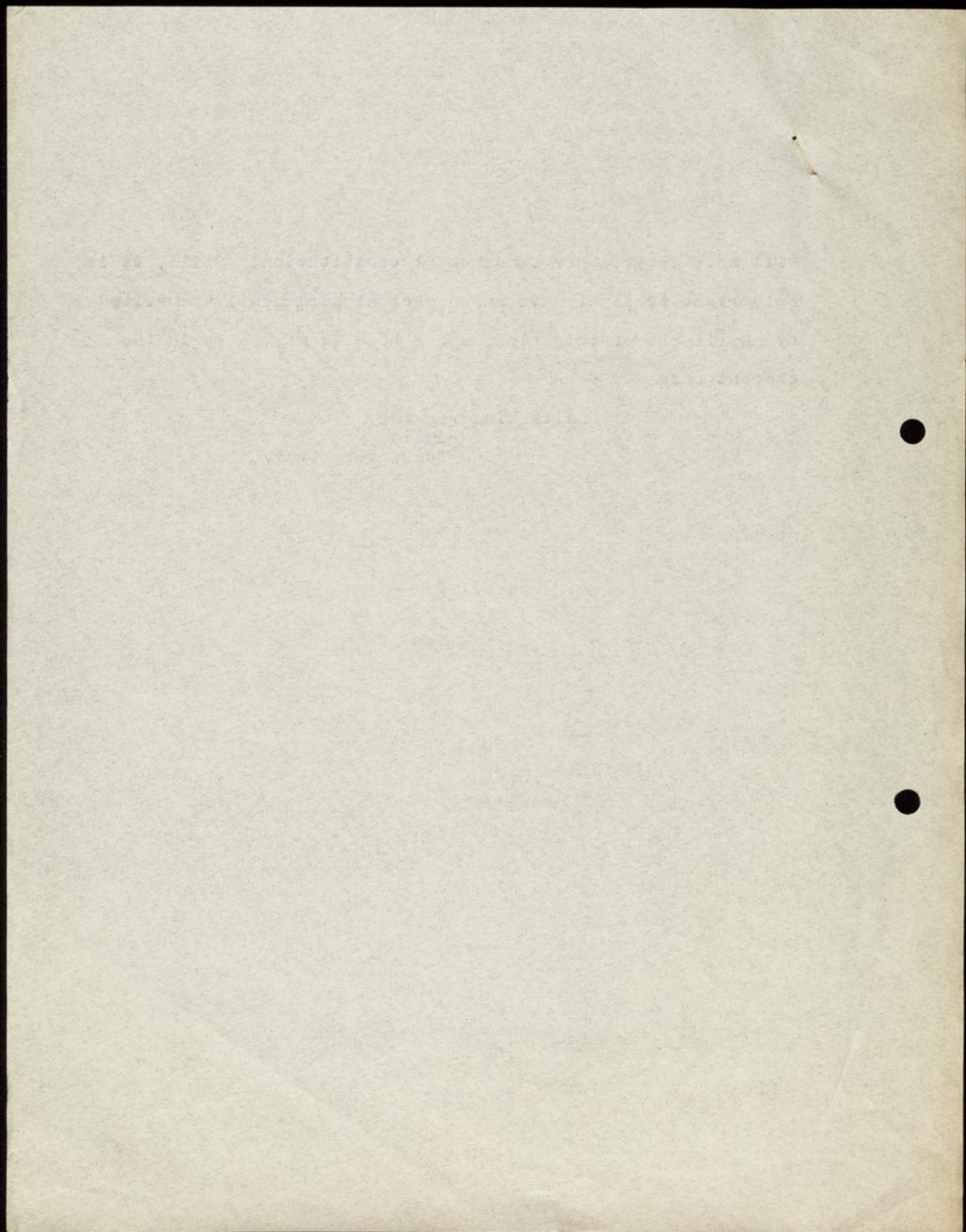
You were, I think, written to with respect to the artificial teeth. Ten guineas is a good deal of expense to incur, but the Dentist who is undertaking the matter is certainly a man in the front rank. He lives in Scarborough and consequently the matter can be attended to equally well there as here.

No doubt you will write to Miss Perks ordinary letters on family affairs, and generally encourage her in thinking that she is convalescing satisfactorily. It is, however, too soon to speak as to the completeness of the recovery. I gather that for a long time she has been rather wayward and difficult to do with, and it is hardly likely that this illness



will have altered her fundamental constitution. Still, it is only right to say I have known persons permanently benefited by an illness of this kind, and I hope it may be so in the present case.

With kind regards,
I remain,
Yours very truly,



Daughter.

I shall be so very glad
if you will write soon
and tell me the result
of our visit to Louisa
if you find she is
better of these delusions
I do hope to trust they
will fade away. it
makes me very anxious
With kind regards.
Yours Sincerely
L. Perkins -

26. Chalfont R^d

✓ Oxford: Sep. 21st 1914

Dear Dr. Bedford Pearce

I have received a
letter from a friend of
my daughter at Sheffield
(Miss Wright?) asking
if she may come
to see her, my
daughter wrote to him

Wright - about a week
ago asking her to
come over. & Miss
Wright asks me
if it will be good
for Louise to see
her, Miss Wright is
a very nice woman
& quiet - not lively

to visit my daughter
but - you will decide
what you think best.
I enclose a letter to
Miss Wright - which I
shall think it very
kind if you will forward
to her. provided you
think it right for her
to come to see my

26 Chalfont Road ⁹³⁸
Dorset

15th Sept 1914

Dear Dr. Perce

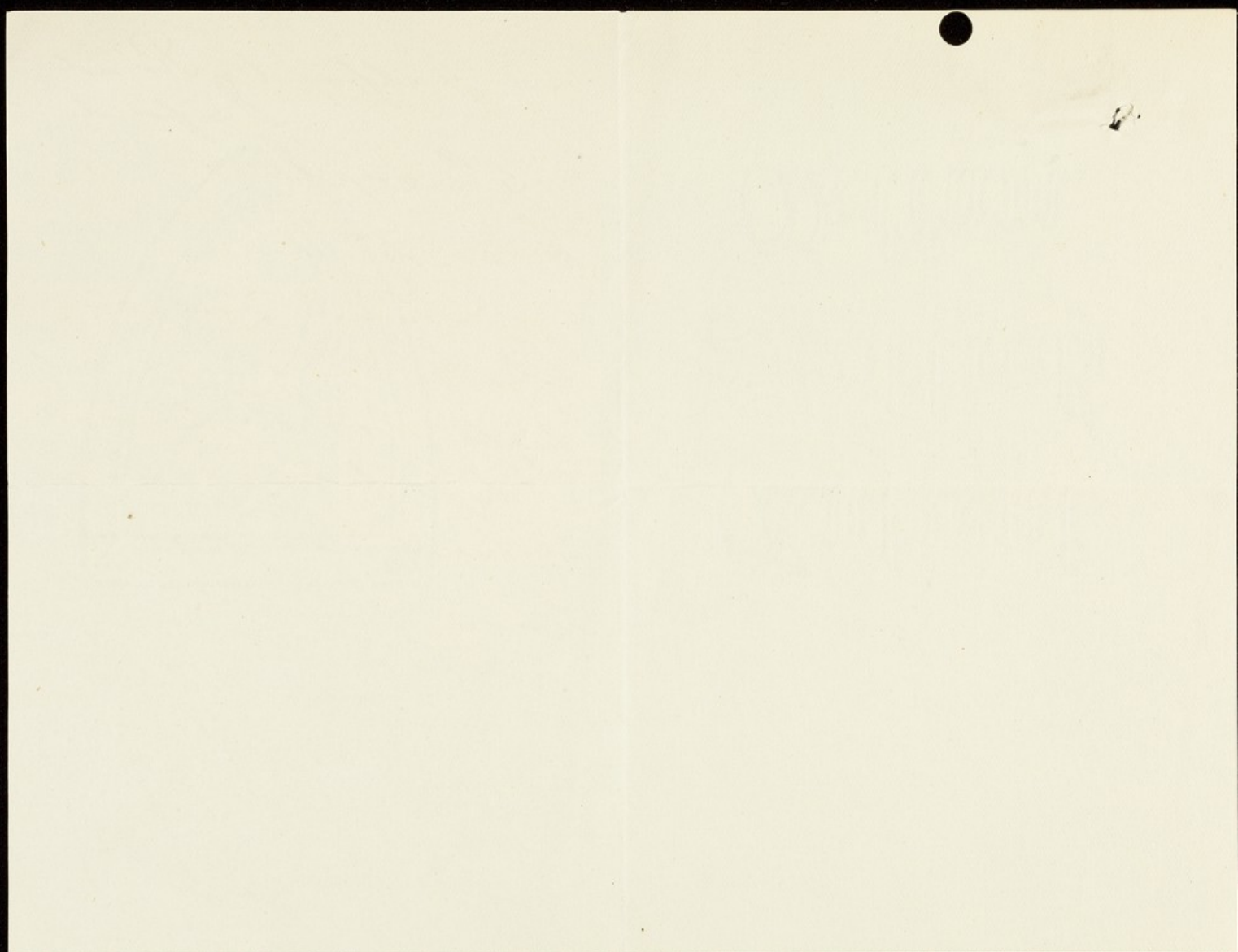
Thanks for your
telegram received last
night. Mr. Perks and
I hope to be at the
Debate tomorrow
between 2 and 3 in the
afternoon.

Yours truly

H. Perks

Dr. Perce

The Debate York



929.
26. Chalfont Road
Dorset

12th September 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

Since writing to you
on the 10th instant Mrs
Perks has returned and
we have decided to
come to York next
week and have an
interview with you.

We could come by
a train reading York

at 1.32, and if Tuesday
will be convenient to
you, please say what
time on Tuesday afternoon
we should be at the
Retreat.

I am

Yours truly

B. Perkins

D. Pierce

The Retreat
York

11th. Sept. 1914.

W. Perks, Esq.,

26, Chalfont Rd., Oxford.

Dear Mr. Perks,

I had a plain talk to your daughter to-day and told her frankly that you hesitated to come to see her because you feared that it might have a prejudicial influence. It is quite clear that her delusional state of mind has not entirely cleared away. She asked me would I ascertain what had happened to some ladies opposite, named Nicholson, who she said had been watching her for a long time and of whom she spoke to Mrs Perks sometime before her illness. I imagine this is entirely a delusional matter, but perhaps it would be well to endeavour to reassure her on the subject.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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description of the project and its objectives.
2. The second part is a detailed description of
the methodology used in the study.
3. The third part is a description of the results
of the study.
4. The fourth part is a discussion of the results
and their implications.
5. The fifth part is a conclusion and a list of
references.

26 Chalfont Road 922.
Oxford

10th September 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I thank you for your letter of yesterday's date and also for Nurse Ryves' report. I am very pleased to hear of the improvement in my daughter's bodily condition during the past month, and that her appetite has improved.

Mr. Perko is away from home for a few days, and on his return we will carefully consider as to our

coming to be my daughter.
We are the only members
of the family who can
undertake this duty, and of
course, as I pointed out
in my former letter to you,
it has, I venture to think, the
remembered what a great
dislike my daughter took to
us and it will have to be considered
whether we shall really be doing
her good by seeing her at this
stage or whether it may have
the opposite effect of intensifying
the former delusion and making
her condition worse.

Do you think that it would

be more advisable to
postpone an interview
now that she seems to be
improving. I really do not
know what to do for the
best but I certainly do not
want to retard any
improvement which seems
to have begun.

Awaiting a further letter
from you I am

Yours truly

W. Perks

J. Perrie
The Retreat
York

9th. Sepr. 1914.

W. Perks, Esq.,
26, Chalfont Road, Oxford.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Dr. Birnie did not give me any letter before she left, and so I do not know quite what the questions were that you asked.

Miss Perks during the past month has very greatly improved, and her general conduct is now good. She goes about the garden alone and is pleasant to do with, and gives practically no trouble; but I fear mentally there is still a delusionary state of mind. She does not so positively say that you are not her father, but she implies it, and speaks of you and Mrs Perks in an unnatural, distant way. I had a long talk with her recently, in which she told me of all her many experiences which she had before her admission, and she was evidently quite unable to realise their delusionary nature. I must confess that I am a good deal concerned at the persistence of these ideas.

I think it would be well for a member of the family to come and see her, and to try and re-open ordinary family intercourse. I am not sure which member of the family should come: that I must leave with you; but it is possible that a plain talk over things from the family point of view may at the present juncture be of some assistance. I will make enquiries about the teeth, and if it should be necessary to have some alterations made, or to have them refitted, that can be quite easily managed in York.

With regard to the time of the visit, I am not expecting to be away from home, and almost any day that would be convenient to you is likely to suit me.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

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whether we shall do more
harm than good at the present
time. However if you
consider that we can do
my daughter any good
by coming to talk matters
over with you, and also
having an interview with
my daughter, we will
on hearing from you what
day and time will be most
convenient, make an appointment
to meet you.

I am
Yours truly
W. Perkins

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat
York

26. Chalfont Road 902

OX Oxford
8th September 1914 ✓

Dear Dr. Pierce I understand
that you have now returned,
and that Dr. Birnie has gone
away for a change. I wrote
to Dr. Birnie about a week
ago and also again on the
5th with asking some questions
respecting my daughter, but
I have not received any reply.
Neither of these letters, probably
because Dr. Birnie may have
gone before the letters arrived.
Should these letters be awaiting
her return unopened, I think
that it would be desirable if you
would open them, and then you will

See exactly to point upon
to which I wanted some information.

Previously to these two letters
having been written, my
daughter was writing to her
mother and myself much more
cheerful and hopeful letters,
and then the next letters contained
reference to her original delusions,
and were far from being so
satisfactory; my letters to Dr. Birnie
dealt with this and asked for
information, and if there was any
reason for the change in the tone
of the letters, and also in my
letter of the 5th instant asked for
particulars as to my daughter's
artificial teeth, and what should
be done for her so that she might
have some more fitted.

Today Mr. Perks has had mother

letter from my daughter in
which she says that she has
had a long talk with you,
and that you think that the
best plan will be for Mr.
Perks and myself to come
to York and see you.

If you think it desirable
that we should come, we
will certainly do so but
I should mention that my
daughter, as I think that you
are aware, took a great
dislike to both Mr. Perks and
myself and had all kinds of
delusions with regard to her
relationship to us, therefore
with reference to our seeing
my daughter should be
come to the Retreat, it will
be a matter for your consideration.

respecting the teeth
which he formerly
supplied her.

Will you kindly let
me hear from you.

Yours truly

W. H. Perkins

J. R. Rennie

The Retreat
York.

902
26. Chalfont Road
Bexford

5th. September 1914

Dear Dr. Rennie

I am sorry to trouble
you with another letter.
but it is with reference
to my daughter's teeth.
She writes that her
artificial teeth have
been lost or broken.

and we do not quite
know whether she
has any of them left.

Will you be so kind
as to ascertain and
inform me if she has
any, and if any, which
of these teeth left.

If you consider that,
provided they have

disappeared, it is essential
that she should have some
more to take their place
in order to enable her to
eat properly, her dentist
here in Oxford will
probably be able to
make them from the
information which he
already possesses.

What you might expect
in the circumstances!

Yours truly

B. Perkins

Dr. Rennie
The Retreat
York

902
26 Chalport Road
Ipswich

4th September 1914

Dear Dr. Rennie

Mrs. Perkins and I

have been receiving very
pleasant and comforting
letters lately from my
daughter, but today we
were so grieved to receive
letters from her which
seem to show that she

is under the influence
again of the delusions
which we had hoped
had entirely passed away.

Is there any reason
to account for this change?

Did she observe her
parrot when allowed to
walk in the grounds?

Mr. Parker and I shall
be so glad if you will

write and tell us what
you think of my daughter's
present condition and
whether she is still improving
bodily and mentally.
Notwithstanding these
letters just received.

We shall be so thankful
if you will write us
with full particulars.
So the relapse seems to

764.
26. Chalfont Road
Oxford
20th July 1914
Dear Dr. Percie

I thank you for your
letter of the 18th inst., but
much regret that you
are unable to report any
improvement in my daughter's
Mental Condition. I am
very sorry to know that
she has to be nursed chiefly
in bed as I thought that

being out in the air
was so very desirable
for her, but I feel sure
that you will do all
that can possibly be
done for her. I do wish
and hope that these
"Voices" would leave
her, and that she might
regain strength.

Do you think that as her

bodily strength improves
her mind will also improve.
Does she seem more
friendly disposed to her
Mother and myself?

Yours truly

W. Parker

Bedford Pierce &
The Retreat
York

18th July, 1914.

Dear Mr. Perks,

I cannot yet report any improvement in Miss Perks' mental condition. She does not look well being anaemic and seems out of condition, though there is no sign of any bodily illness. We think her mental condition is rather less coherent, she talks in a wild random way and hears voices which are clearly hallucinations which for the moment direct her thoughts. We are nursing her chiefly in bed, but I quite expect it will become increasingly difficult to manage her as one feels the difficulty of added excitement. There is no special cause for anxiety but I thought you should know how she is going on, and I am sorry I have no better account to give.

Yours very truly,

690
26. Chalpont Road
Dford

29th June 1914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I thank you for your
letter. I shall be glad to
hear from you exactly
what you think about
my daughter.

Has she made any
improvement? What is

your opinion of her mental
Condition, and are you
able to say if she will
recover, and if so, is it
likely to be a long or
short illness.

Mr. Perkins and I are
intending to leave Oxford
for a short time as we
are quite run down by

recent events and have
been ordered a change
of air and scene. Our
letter will be forwarded
by us.

Yours truly

W. Perkins

J. Bradford Pierce
The Retreat
York

30th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Perks,

Since Miss Perks has been here her condition has been variable. Sometimes she has been quite pleasant and easy to do with, at others she is deluded and excitable. To-day she speaks in an extravagant way of her position in life, and the delusions exhibited before admission are very obvious. She tells me herself that these strange ideas did not commence until the beginning of this year, and indeed I gather they were only very noticable quite recently. The symptoms themselves are not at all unlike an unfavourable form of delusional insanity, but in view of the short history, the overwork it is quite possible that they are much more hopeful than would appear at first sight. I hesitate, therefore, to give a definite opinion. We are nursing her in a shelter in the open air which she enjoys, and so far there has not been any serious trouble in management. I fear I can give you no definite idea as to the duration of the illness.

Yours very truly,

27th June, 1914.

Dear Nurse Heap,

I was very pleased to receive your letter giving particulars of your patient. We are glad to think that you bear us in mind when your patients need to come under care. I was sorry not to see you when you were over.

We are getting on tolerably well with Miss Perks, but she promises to be fairly troublesome. I have not quite made up my mind as to the diagnosis. One would be glad if it were simply a case of acute mania, but the history is rather long and prominent hallucinations are not quite satisfactory.

I wrote to Miss Monnington discouraging her from proceeding with the Harper System, but I did not hear from her again. I have not much confidence in people who think all wisdom dwells in them.

With kind regards.

Yours very truly,

27th June, 1911.

Dear Mr. Jones,

I was very pleased to receive your letter
giving particulars of your patient. We are glad to
think that you have us in mind when your patient
needs to come under our care. I was sorry not to see
you when you were over.

We are getting on tolerably well with
Miss Parker, but she promises to be fairly troublesome.
I have not quite made up my mind as to the diagnosis.
One would be glad if it were simply a case of acute
mania, but the history is rather long and prominent
hallucinations are not quite satisfactory.

I wrote to Miss Cunningham disapproving
her from proceeding with the "Hypnotic System," but I
did not hear from her since. I have not much
confidence in people who think all wisdom dwells
in them.

With kind regards

Yours very truly,

26th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Perks,

On arrival Miss Perks was rather excited, and we had some difficulty in persuading her to come in. She is now being nursed in bed. She does not take food very well, and often refuses it until she has had some telepathic communication with Mr. Whitelock. She is very deluded and is troubled by the voices which she constantly hears.

Yours very truly,

1914, June 1st

Dear Mr. [Name]

On arrival Miss [Name] was rather excited
and we had some difficulty in persuading her to come
in. She is now being nursed in bed. She does not
take food very well, and often refuses to swallow.
She has had some relief in conversation with
Mr. [Name]. She is very delirious and is troubled
by the voices which she constantly hears.

Yours very truly,

661
26. Chalfont Road
Dorset
23rd June 1914

Dear Sir I thank you for your
letter and the papers received
this morning, and now
the necessary forms have
been filled in and signed
and two nurses will
take charge of my
daughter Miss L. H. Perks
of the Retreat tomorrow

travelling by a train
arriving at York at
1.30. The nurses are
quite competent to look
well after the patient,
and will bring the papers
with them.

I now enclose my
Cheque for £40.19-
the amount of one quarter's
payment in advance in

accordance with the
requirements of the Retreat.
And I shall be obliged
if you will send me a
receipt for same.

I do trust that everything
possible will be done
for Miss Perks.

I am
Yours truly

W. Perks

S. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat York.

Mr White Locke a surgeon who the family Dr, ordered the girl away to Margate when the cab came to the door. It ran up the house before her people came down & told the driver to drive as quickly as possible to the station which she did. The girl jumped into the first train that was waiting in the station & demanded money from a stranger as she was the daughter of Austria's daughter, to pay her fare, eventually an inspector rescued her & locked her up in the waiting room, in the meantime the parents came along & persuaded the girl to go down to Margate as Mr White Locke had suggested, & he under the charge of a Dr Store.

c/o W Perks Esq 662
26 Chancery Bldg
6x/ord
26th 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce

Last Friday I was sent for hurriedly to come to the above address from The Cavendish House to nurse Miss Perks the daughter (only).

The parents have apparently been very worried about the daughter for some months, she has broken down through over work & study in connection with students from the various ladies colleges in Oxford, & is extremely clever & brilliant.

So I became an manager & my road to revenge
her horrible enjoyment them is revenge of and her.
being a young child, the happy to called in his
nurses from a house than they ap parently had done mental
work, but he had no blaming to and then he
back to get with as he could not understand the
case.

For the next 5 or 6 days after returning home I was
fairly amiable, until she took a strong dislike
to her night nurse, & began to be very, hanging
the door & calling for help, & when my thing
hands out of the window, the next day she
attempted to run away for protection to some
friends who live in the same road.

This all kept on for 9 days, in one week.
When I arrived I found the pt a little excited
& calling in accidentally, very delirious, & much
boasted by vice, & I would suddenly leave

of calling to me to answer the vice which
appears to entirely rule her.

Since then she has been very amiable, accusing
her two first nurses of stealing her jewelry, both
de, threatening to throw herself out of the window
if there came in to the room & making signs
to imagine delirious in the garden to come a
help. The night nurse went back to the house

to take the daughter, it would be quite the best thing, knowing the many advantages of the retreat. This seems a long letter, but I wanted to tell you about the pt myself in case I should not see you if we come on Wednesday.

With very best regards

I am
very sincerely yours
Marguerite Heaps

P.S.

Miss Bonnington tells me she went to see about Harper's system of training without straining, I went to one of his lectures on the 10th, but I did not think much of it, the Radical Swedish being by far the best.

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before I came, but left the one Rayden ~~not~~ nurse, myself, & another bond & nurse who came after me the same evening, so there has been three of us. Nurse Harper from bond & myself have practically done everything for the pt, as she began to be so troublesome with the second nurse, & although she has been in the background in case of need for help, we would not let her come into the pt's room.

so far there has been no attempt at suicide, but we keep our eyes especially out of her way, as she occasionally acts for a bit, & is inclined to be impulsive.

Physically the pt is not strong, she has

been operated on within the last
two years for glands twice, &
again for fistula, & she is
The eldest son died of consumption.
The sleep since Friday has not
been good, very disturbed & he has
at the most.

He takes food well on the whole, at
times she says it is poisoned &
refuses to touch it.

A night mixtur of bromide &
chloral has been prescribed, also a
digestion ^{day} mixture which she has
threw ^{at times} thinking it has been
drugged.

The Mother & Father are such nice
people & are naturally very upset,
they are not well off & would not
afford to keep a nurse for long.
The daughter has not a chance here
in a small house right in Oxford
where she has been locked up in a
room at the back of the house,
occasionally going & to sit out in
the small garden at the back of
the house which is overlooked by other
houses all round.

I talked to Mr & Mrs Porter about for
a little while, & thought under the
circumstances, if you would be willing

J.P.

I have filled up and
enclose the further statement
to the best of my ability

J.P.
Cm

26. Chalfont Road ⁶⁵⁴
Dorset
22nd June 1914

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your
letter of yesterday's date
and set you a wire
in reply asking for all
forms including Wages
Order, and subsequently
I confirmed this over
the telephone and informed
you that if possible, I

would endeavor to send
my daughter on Wednesday
next. There is a train
leaving Oxford at 9. A. M.
arriving at York at
1.30. and if the necessary
trains can be filled up
in time, this arrangement
will be carried out. I agree
to the payment of 3 guineas
weekly. I am hoping that a

complete change from
Oxford and its surroundings
will in time restore my
daughter's mental balance,
but Mr. Whitelocke considers
that a Retreat such as
yours is the very best
place to send her, and
probably the air there
will be more bracing
than that of Oxford.

I am yours truly P.F.O.
Bedford Pierce Esq. of P.
The Retreat York H. Merrett

N.B.—This must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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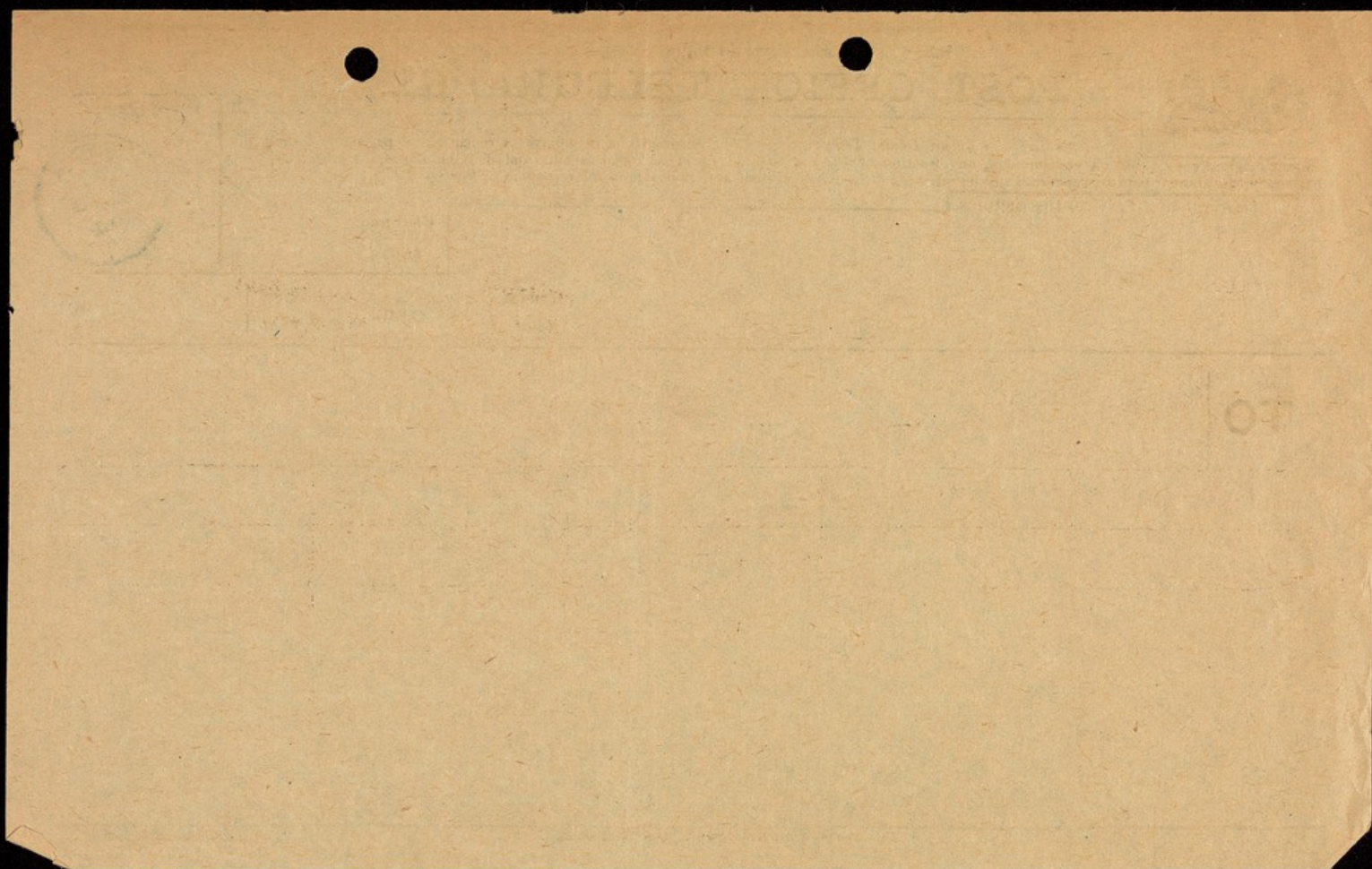
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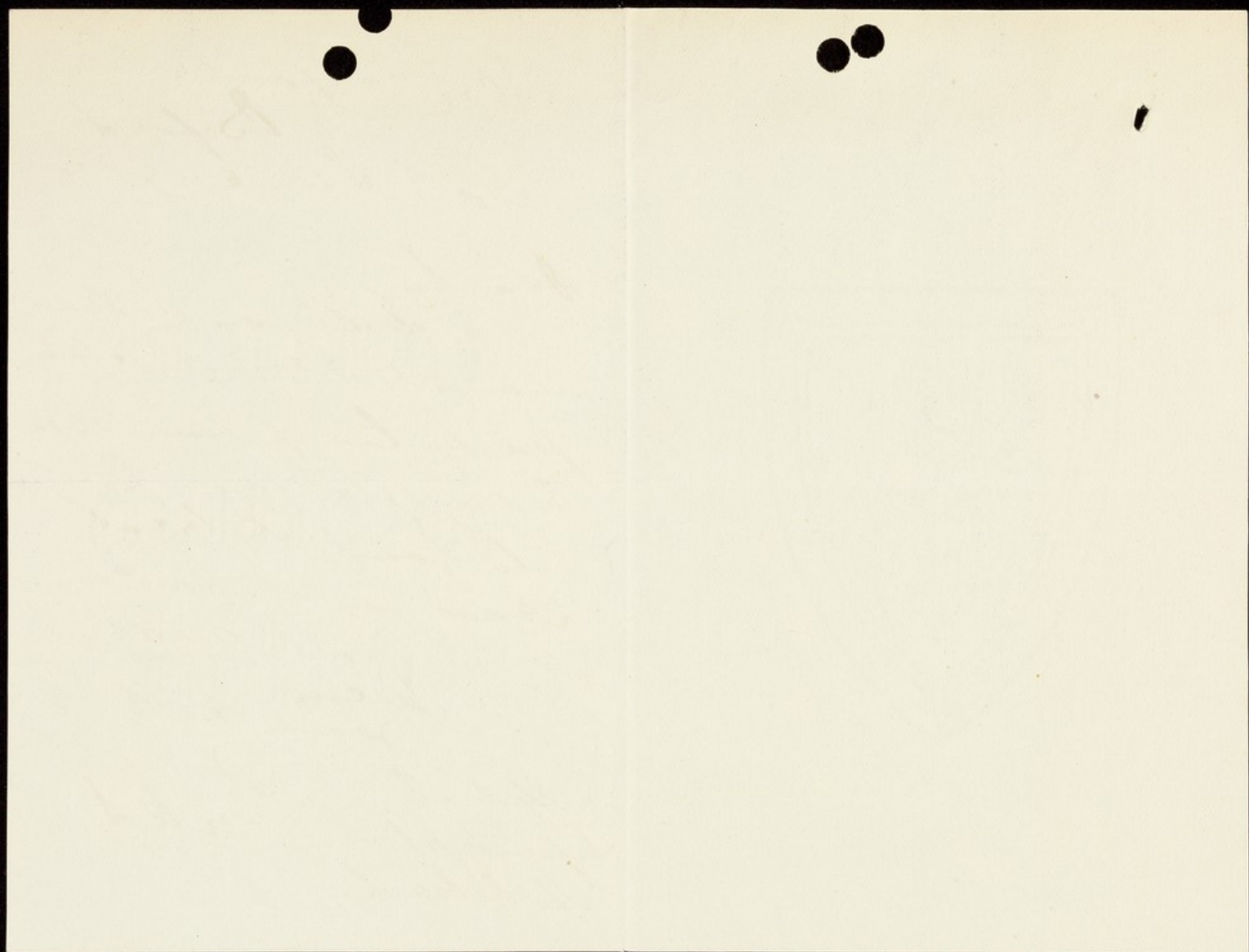
(Perks)



26. Chalfont Road
Oxford
20th June 1914

Dear Sir
Will you be kind
enough to send by return
particulars of terms &c. for
entry of a mental case
into your Retreat.
Have you a vacancy
at the present time?
I am
Yours truly,

The Medical Superintendent
W. Perks
The Retreat York



July 23 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of
the Retreat Committee the terms
for Miss J. H. Parks were fixed
at \$3.00 a week.

Yours faithfully
Wm E. Waller
Secy.

Wm Parks Esq

July 23 1914

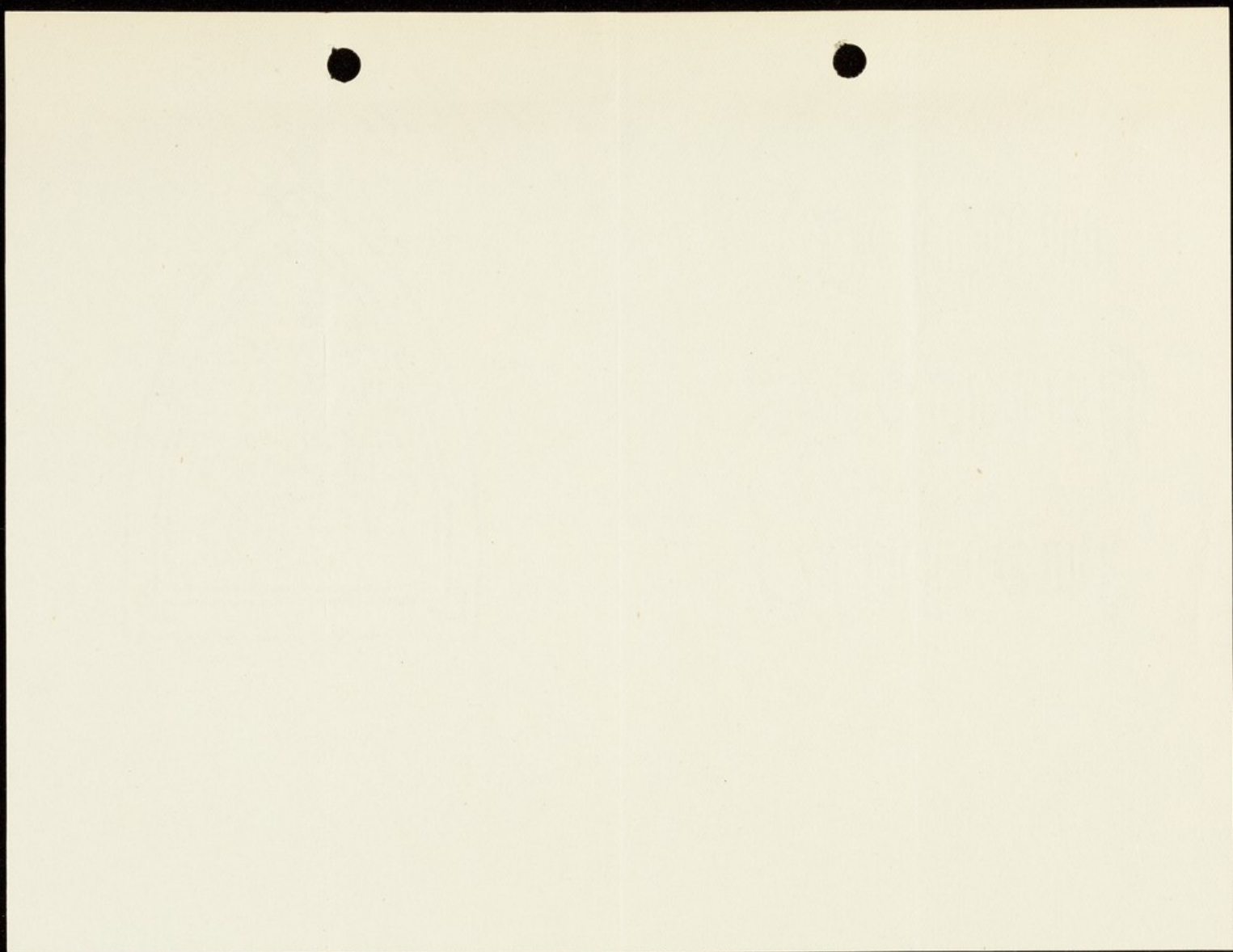
Dear Sir,
At the recent meeting of
the Select Committee the same
for Miss J. H. H. have been
at Spencer's work.

Yours faithfully
Wm. C. C. C. C.

Wm. C. C. C. C.

26. Chalfont Road
Dford
25th June 1914

Agreement returned duly
signed and witnessed with
Mr. William Perks' compliments.





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 Louise Hussy Perks of 26 Chalfont Road
Oxford 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

25th day of June 19 14

Name

William Perks

Residence

26 Chalfont Road, Oxford

Occupation

Independent Means

SIGNED by the said

William Perks

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

W T Moram

Address, and

4 Staverton Road Oxford

Profession.

Gentleman

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.

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