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my health being so run down  
so could not write to before now.

Hoping you will do this as a  
favour for me.

Thanking you for your  
kindness.

Sincerely Yours

Catherine Phelan

1830  
32, BARRONSTRAND STREET,  
WATERFORD.

December 26<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

I would have written to you  
before now, but needless to say the  
shock I got and the busy time  
it was when I got your Telegram  
and to hear my husband was  
coming home. It was a great  
upset to us all and ever since  
he came home he has done nothing  
but give all the trouble and  
annoyance that he can, staying  
in bed, and constantly roaring

and shouting. that we have  
had a very hard time indeed  
with him. and Doctor I want  
you to do a personal favour  
for me. and it is this. If you  
would write to him and try  
and get him to go back. and  
advise him by saying it is the  
only place that he can get  
any kind of rest and be cured.  
as he was speaking to Dr Bell  
and he advised him also to go  
back. and he said he would.

Dear Doctor. I want you to keep  
this letter private and please  
do not say anything about it  
to him. and do not answer  
this letter as perhaps he  
would get it. As I am

completely run down myself  
in health being constantly  
with him night and day.  
and having put such a hard  
time over me. I have a very  
sore finger in consequence of



32 Barlow Strand Street (1088)  
Waterford

Dec<sup>r</sup> 19 1907

Sir  
Just a line to thank you for  
your kindness and attention to me  
while I was under your charge  
at the retreat also Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Keuzie  
and your attendants each and  
every one of them, I want to ask  
your forgiveness for what I have  
done in leaving in such a way.  
the fact is I could not help it  
when the notion took me I was  
so frightened that I thought I  
would never see my home again  
I know you will forgive me for  
your heart is to kind not to. may  
Almighty God spare you and  
Doctor M<sup>r</sup> Keuzie long over the  
Institution for the Comfort of the  
Poor Patients and may give ye  
the reward ye richly deserve  
hereafter. will be my constant  
Prayer. would you please to tell  
Mr Darley to send on my clothes

and boots to me and whatever expense  
the will cost enclose it in your account  
~~to me~~ will send you cheque by return  
wishing you and all your family a  
bright and happy Christmas and also  
Doctor M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie

Yours obedient  
J Phelan

P.S.,"  
Kindly add one more favour  
to your former ones when sending  
me your account if not troubling  
you too much to send me a list  
of what diet would be best for me

J.P



I hope the two parcels  
arrived safely. I am sending  
on another parcel. to day.  
a suit of clothes. 1 cap and  
3 shirts. which I hope  
you will receive safe.

Will you please let  
me know by return.

how my Husband is and  
how he is getting on.

Sincerely Yours  
Catherine Phelan.

1995  
32 Barroustrand Street

Waterford.  
Dec 8<sup>th</sup> '04

Dear W<sup>m</sup> Pierce.

As I would like very much  
to know how my Husband is  
getting on. I would wish very  
much if you would let me  
know how he is getting on  
and if he is contented. as I  
would like if you could try  
and persuade him to remain  
for some time with you. as I  
know he needs the rest very

much and at present it-  
being such a busy time  
with us. coming on to Xmas.  
During his illness I have had  
the whole care of him myself  
and also the business. and  
I now feel the strain very  
much. so if you can do all  
in your power to try and  
keep him and make him  
contented for some time.  
I would be grateful to  
you. as if he comes home  
too soon. it would only

upset him again. and it-  
being such a busy time in the  
business. Please Doctor do  
not let my husband know  
anything about this letter  
as it would only upset him  
and I do not want to let  
him know anything about  
home. I trust you will do  
all you can for him and  
make him happy.

Mr & Mrs Bell and family are  
enquiring every day for him.



(983)

32. Barronstreet

Waterford.

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 04.

Dear Doctor Pierce.

I was so glad to get  
your letter this morning  
and to hear that my  
husband is so contented  
I had a letter also from  
my husband yesterday  
and he said the



Doctor and attendants  
were very kind to  
him and that  
anything he requires  
he can have.

I am sending on 2  
parcels to-night. and  
I shall send on some  
more shirts and a  
suit of clothes at the

end of this week or the  
first of next week.

Hoping you will get  
the 2 parcels I am  
sending to-night safely.

Yours Sincerely  
Catherine Phelan

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32. Barrons Strand Street

Waterford

✓ Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 1904.

Dear Dr. Pierce

As I am anxious to hear  
how my husband is getting on.  
I would be very glad if you  
would let me know by  
return. The Gentleman that  
went with him arrived home  
safely Yesterday mid-day.  
and Mr. Deany brought me  
home good news about him.

and he also told me that  
the place was everything that  
could be desired.

Please do not let him  
know that I wrote to you.  
as it would only upset  
him.

Mr & Mrs Bell and the  
family are all very anxious  
to hear about him and  
coming every day to enquire  
for him so I would be

glad if you would let me  
know by return post?

I am sending a small parcel of  
Flannels. addressed to you  
for him. and please let me  
know if he requires anything  
else.

I am dear Doctor.

Sincerely Yours.

Catherine Phelan.