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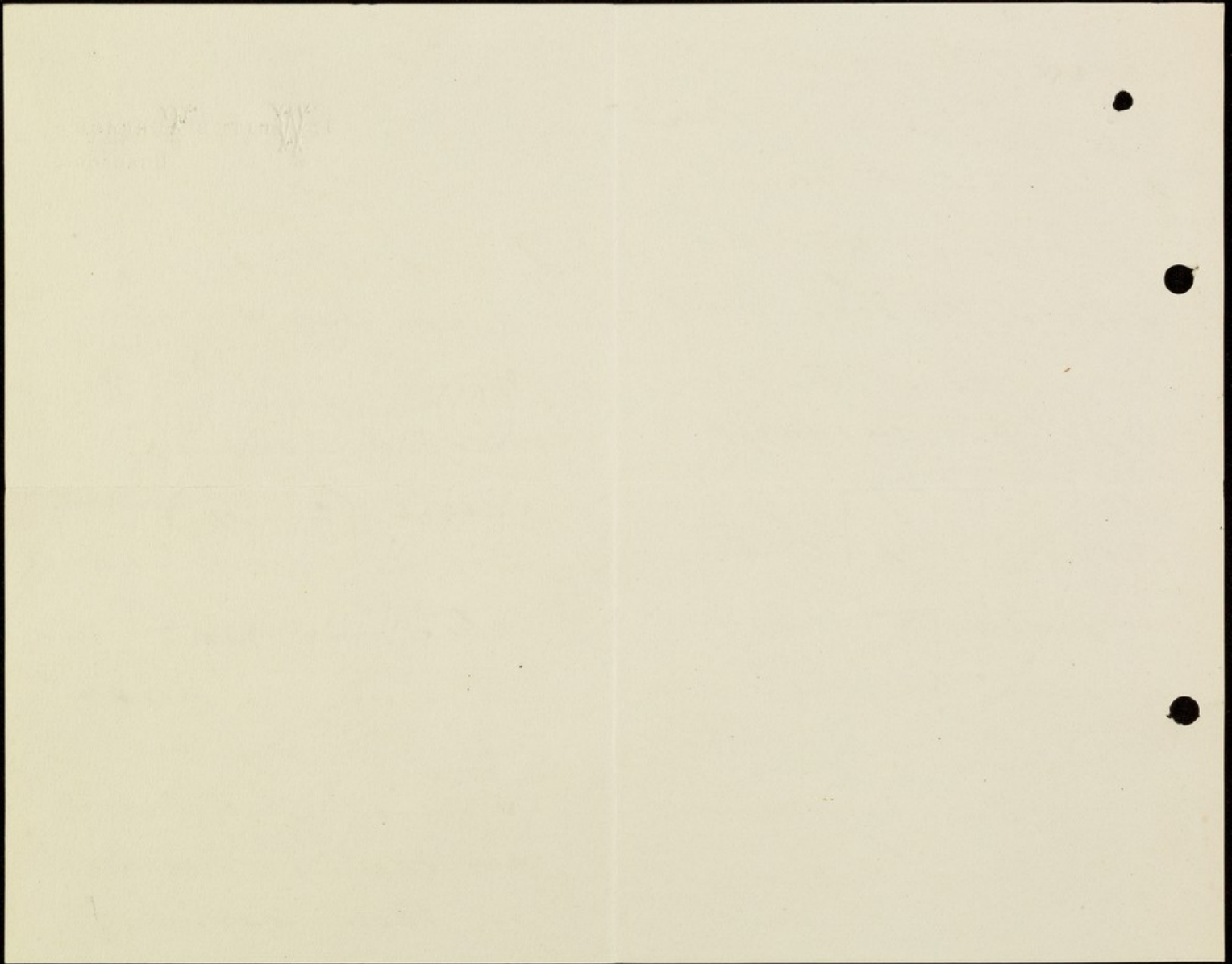
Suggest to you that if  
in your opinion Mr. Presto  
is unlikely to benefit  
by a further stay, he  
should be told, and  
informed at the same  
time, that his wife  
found it necessary to  
consider seriously the  
responsibility which his  
conduct has forced upon  
her. With kind regards.

Yours very sincerely  
Robert Mercer.

819  
WHITE'S TERRACE,  
BRADFORD.

October 12 90

Dear D. Pierce  
I am truly sorry to  
know of Mr. Presto's  
relapse. Restraints,  
except that of permanent  
restraint, seem of little  
value. Mrs. Presto gave  
the money for his stay  
with you, and she  
is much upset to think  
her sacrifice has been  
in vain. I would





Moscowby Hall

Oct 15. 1907.

Dear Doctor

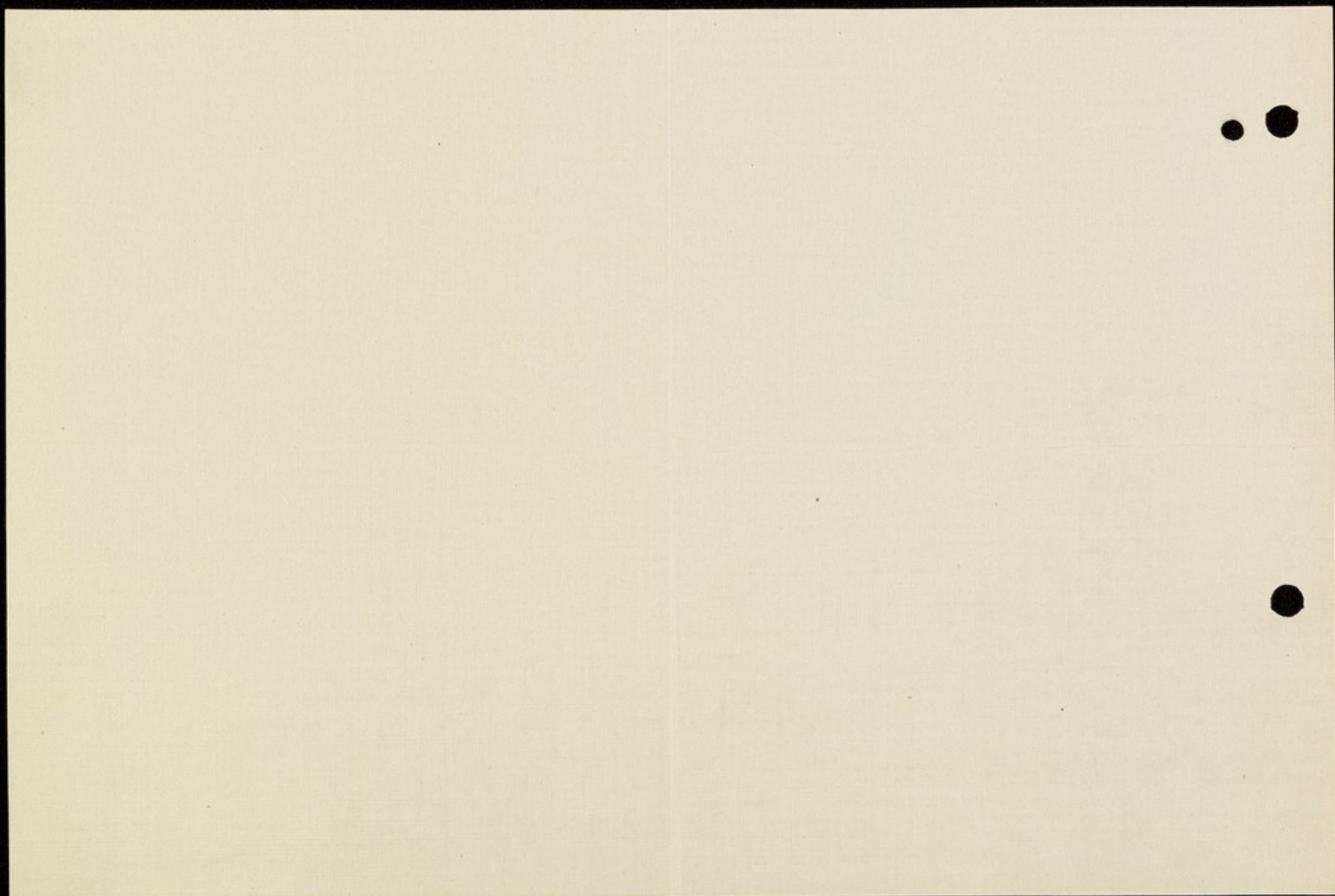
Since I saw you yesterday I have been seriously thinking what was the best thing for me to do. I felt convinced that nothing but hard physical work for a short time will do me any good. I can go to this at once when I get home. I have therefore written to my wife & Dr Mercer that I intend to return this week.

(R40)  
I trust you will accept this 24 hours notice to leave here Thursday. I can only say how deeply I regret the relapse I had last week & the trouble I caused. I thank everyone for their kindness to me both at York & here. With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely

J. W. Presto.

Dr Pierce  
The Retreat  
York



↓  
2 West-Park Terrace.  
Scarborough.

11<sup>th</sup> October 1907.

Dr. Pierce.

Dear Sir.

Last night I was called to The Castle Hotel to see a Patient of yours - Mr. T. H. Presto.

He appears to have been wandering about for some time and stated he has been knocked down by a bicycle - I found out-



He was staying at  
Throxbury Hall & telephoned him to the York Retreat  
there. He was removed tomorrow afternoon.  
The same evening -

Today I have seen him  
& put him on Hypocysium,  
and hope to see him  
again tomorrow.

I have just - now <sup>(6.45 P.M.)</sup> telephoned  
and am told he is much  
better, but The Nation  
thinks there are too many  
temptations in Scarborough

and proposes to return.

And proposes to return  
tomorrow afternoon.

Yours sincerely,  
E. Howard.





N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Tom A. Presto of 24 Whites Terrace Bradford as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Duncliffe Park 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 necessaries, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 19 07.

Name Ada Presto

Residence 24 Whites Terrace

Occupation Bradford

SIGNED by the said Ada Presto

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Robert Mercer  
24 Whites Terrace Bradford  
Surgeon

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



