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not able to go out indeed
he would to have his
own living, & have wondered
whether some arrangement
could be made for him
to come back to the Relief
he says himself that he
would like to do so if
he could work there like
in the Kitchens or looking
after the billiard Bath
rooms. I feel sure that there
is sufficient money from the
State for them to pay something

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towards his maintenance
if you were willing to take him
I should be so pleased if you
would confer with Mr Dudley
about this as Edgar wished
like to be with him again,
but if you think nothing could
be done for him at the Retreat
would you tell me whether
there is any fund belonging
to the Friends to which I could
apply on his behalf. Trusting
you will be able to help me
with kind regards in which
Edgar unites I am
Yours sincerely
Alice Thorp.

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17th May, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Thorp,

At a meeting of the Committee yesterday it was suggested that a case such as Edgar Pickard's might very well be looked after privately rather than in an institution of this kind.

We quite understand the difficulty you are in financially, and I have been asked to forward your letter to Mr. Freeman, Clerk of the York Overseers, asking him to take the matter up.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

17th May, 1916.

Dear Freeman,

I enclose a letter from Mrs. Thorp respecting Edgar Pickard, who fortunately or unfortunately is a member of York Meeting.

As you are aware Edgar Pickard is feeble in mind, but the Retreat Committee were decidedly of the opinion that it would be better to arrange for his remaining under private care either with his sister or boarded out somewhere else. It would seem to be a case in which financial assistance should be given, and I believe the Retreat Committee would be prepared to pay something towards his maintenance to supplement what the Overseers may give. If he comes to the Retreat the cost to the Quarterly Meeting Poor Fund would be some £40 per year or more. It is possible that a less expensive arrangement might be made privately.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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3, WALMER VILLAS,
BRADFORD.

8th April 1916.

Dear Mr Peirce

I received the enclosed this morning from my sister in law who is at present looking after Ann Thompson of Rawdon, the old lady I spoke to you about.

It seems to me to describe the situation as I know it, pretty ac-

curately.

As you suggested I should let you have a few particulars perhaps you will kindly read it - and let me know what you think.

With kind regards
Yours very sincerely

Arnold Priestman

West Bank
Mansfield
April 5th 1916

Dear Friend
Dr Pearce

We have a Friend in one of our Almshouses who has suddenly been affected mentally & who will have to be placed under restraint.

We should like to send her to York & the sooner the better.

I shall therefore be greatly obliged if you will send me word what steps I must take to accomplish this. Also of course she has no means of her own & will have to be sent by our Monthly Meeting & I should be glad if you would let me know the lowest rate she can be accepted at under these circumstances.

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I might also add that her present income from the Charity is 10/. per week, but of course if she did not improve & could not come back to her home this income would cease as it goes with the house.

~~but~~ She is a member of Nottingham & Mansfield Monthly Meeting & a Minister & our Monthly Meeting will be responsible for the payments.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Wm Pickard

P.S. She is 71 years old.

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11th January, 1916.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry Voluntary Boarders at the Retreat are not kept separate from the certified patients, but the patients and Boarders are classified according to their behaviour and mental state. Patients suffering from neurasthenia in its simpler forms do not do very well in Institutions of this kind. They are apt to resent the suggestion of mental disease. On the other hand we can provide very comfortable accommodation and good treatment for nervous maladies, and I enclose a copy of the Retreat Report which will give you some further information respecting the Institution.

If you are in York on Thursday it will be quite convenient for you to come to see something of the Retreat. It is quite possible I may be away that afternoon, but my colleague, Dr. Mackenzie, will give you all information.

You will, of course, understand that voluntary patients can only be received in that capacity if they come of their own free will and are able to understand their position and the necessity for care and treatment.

Yours very truly,

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Jan: 11. 1916

3, Walmer Villas,
Bradford.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am much obliged by your kind letter. It is not necessary that I should see you at present as my poor old Aunt has been taken ill and we could not move her now in any case.

If she should recover
possibly I should trouble
you again. This rather
sad to think, that one
could hardly wish
her to do so. I believe
she is about eighty
six and the great-
desire has been
not to have to upset-
her. She is absolutely
wedded to Rowdall.

With very many thanks
for all your kindness
I am
Very Sir, yours
Jessie Priestman

P.S. I believe that
my aunt is a life long
member and I regret
to say ways & means
have been a great-
difficulty.

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Jan: 6. 1916

3, WALMER VILLAS,
BRADFORD.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Since writing to you last, we have had such difficulty about my old Aunt, that we are obliged to consider the possibility of getting her into the Retreat. One does this with great regret, on the simple ground that one is

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afraid her poor brain may not yet be quite clouded enough to conceal pain her the nature of her surroundings. Another great difficulty is the question of funds. Would you kindly let me know whether you have a vacancy and any low terms,

that would yet ensure comfort and as much happiness as can be expected. I should be very glad if you could kindly arrange these things over with me or my sister in Leeds at an early date — possibly Tuesday next? if convenient.

Yours
very sincerely
(Mrs. Arnold) Jessie Westman

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1st December, 1915.

Dear Dr. Phillips,

There is extreme difficulty in finding places for patients at low rates, and we ourselves are declining patients paying £3. 3. 0 per week, as pressure on our space and shortage of nurses make it difficult for us to do full justice. If the present state of pressure continues I expect patients well able to pay for their maintenance will be forced into public Asylums, where they are already overcrowded.

I would suggest your applying to Dr. Jeffrey, Bootham Park, York, where they may have a vacancy at £2. 2. 0 per week, or failing this to the Crichton Royal, Dumfries.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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TICKHILL,
ROTHERHAM.

30 Nov.

Dear Sir

The friends of a patient
a woman aet 53 wish to
place her under your
treatment if 5 weekly fee
is sufficient 5 compass of
people of small means.
They want like wise of placing
her in a public asylum.
Her husband is an insurance

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agent asking probably about
80/- a week but he promised
can help with the payments -

I shall be glad to know if
Council scheme you can take

Truly yours
Geo. J. Phillips

13th November, 1915. 72

Dear Mrs. Priestman,

The care of aged people failing mentally is a very difficult problem, and I fear I can offer no suggestion to help you. At the present moment trained nurses are almost impossible to secure, and the half trained ones are rarely any good. There is, moreover, so little unemployment throughout the country that any sensible person has no diffi--culty in finding work.

It is just possible that you might find a home where your aunt could be cared for satisfactorily, but I do not know of one myself, and I fear you would find expense rather serious. It is, however, quite possible that if you were to advertise in the "Yorkshire Post" stating your requirements, you would get quite a number of replies, and probably you might find some of these worth following up, though no doubt many of them would be altogether hopeless.

I should be pleased to give you any help I could, but I almost doubt whether it is worth your while coming to see me in Leeds. I do not expect to be there until the end of next week, as I have an engagement in York on Tuesday. I should not require any fee for talking over a matter of this kind.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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July 26th 1915.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let me know whether you are likely to have a vacancy for an elderly lady towards the middle of September?
The lady's means are very small, so please state your

Lowest terms.

Yrs faithfully

(Miss) E. Priestley

Please address as follows -

Miss E. Priestley

at Bryngolew

Duxmere

Ross Herefordshire

P.S.

Please also send prospectus.

To

The Resident Medical Officer

The Retreat. York.

P.S. If you think it would be any help will you kindly show my letters to the Bursars, or not knowing Mr Freeman personally I shall perhaps not be able

to Joseph Brother John

as shall come to esp.

GLASGOW ROYAL ASYLUM.
DR. L. R. OSWALD,
PHYSICIAN SUPERINTENDENT.

AT HOME
12-1 O'CLOCK,
AND BY APPOINTMENT.

1055 GREAT WESTERN ROAD,
GLASGOW.

23rd. July, 1915.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat. York.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I have been asked by the friends of a patient to make enquiry as to whether you could receive him at present as a voluntary boarder, and as to what accommodation you could give him at about five guineas a week. They would like him to have a bedroom and sitting-room, but I do not know if that is possible for the amount I have mentioned.

The patient is a Glasgow gentleman, who has taken considerable interest in religious work, but who recently had a moral lapse. which brought him into the hands of the police. He has been examined by myself and another consultant, and we are of the opinion that his conduct has been the result of abnormal mental action. We hope that the Crown will depart from the ~~action~~ charge, on the undertaking of the friends that he will put himself under medical treatment for as long a time as is thought necessary. The enquiry I make is tentative, and I shall be glad if you will let me have a prospectus of The Retreat, with some particulars, and also state if you will be able to receive him at present as a voluntary boarder.

Will you allow me to add my congratulat: :ions to the many you have received on being chosen President-Elect of our Association, and I congratulate the Council on the wisdom of their choice. I was not able to go to London this week, but in the fulness of time I look forward to being at the meeting in York under your Presidency.

Believe me to be
Yours sincerely,
L. R. Oswald

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Believe me to be

Yours sincerely,

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AT HOME 9-11 A.M.
NAT. TEL. 1239.

13, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

July 17th 1915

Dear Dr. Pearce

Many thanks for sending the Certificates so promptly. I have not filled them up yet as the patient had a quiet night and is rational to-day

If he gets worse again I will let you know when to expect him.

Yours faithfully

H. W. Pyem.

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10 South Parade
Northallerton
July 2nd 1915

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Dear Sir

I write on behalf of a friend for terms and prospectus, of your Institution also to know if you have a vacancy (male) and if your rules permit ~~any~~ relatives of patients to remove them at any time if they desire to do so.

Thanking you for reply

Dear Sir
yrs truly
(Mrs) M Peacock

12th May, 1915.

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Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry I send you a copy of the Retreat Report. I do not think that we must promise a vacancy so far ahead as three months, but there is every prospect that there will be a vacancy about that time. Before making any definite arrangements I should like to communicate with the doctor under whose care the patient now is so as to get particulars of the case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Poole,

5 Penn Lea Road,

Bath.

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5 Pera Lea Rd
Bath
May 11th
1915

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you are likely to have a vacancy in three months time; it would be for a lady user in an Asylum but who it may be

from you,

Yours faithfully
Adelaide M. Poole

We should be glad to know your terms.

beneficial to, to transfer,
& we have heard that the
Retreat at York is carried
on on different lines to
the ordinary Institutions
of that sort, a much
more human element
in it, the lady that I
write about is comparatively
young, still under 40, she
is suffering from strong
delusions, but quite quiet
& easy to manage, in
fact the Matron tells me
she now is only there to
no trouble in that track
with her at all, nor does
she require any attention
in dressing etc.
Hoping to hear favourable

without means, but only for those who are certified as mentally incapable, but at the same time you will I feel sure understand my feelings in writing to you as I have done, for I know of no one else who would realise the circumstances of Edgar's present position, & although as you say it is so quite suitable for Edgar to live with me, & my mrs Mainlemaine

4 Station Rd.
Kenilworth.
Mch. 19. 15.

H. Pence

Dear Sir

In writing to thank you for your letter received this morning, I can quite see the reason that the Committee felt that it was not a subject they could deal with, as of course I know that the Retreat is not intended to be a home for those

could be provided but which I fully agree, it is still probably evident to anyone who sees him, that he is not quite the same as ordinary people, therefore it is impossible for him to go out into the world than his own living, therefore hard though it is for me to do so, I am writing as you suggest to Mr Duncan on his behalf, as I am sorry to say that as I can get no reply from Messrs Day & Sons, each day as it passes makes it more difficult for me to keep Edgar as I could even have some temporary assistance for him it would be a great help & I am sure that under the circumstances, it would be quite in order for any of the Aberdeens to inquire into an appeal from Day & Son on Edgar's behalf.

I am Yours very truly
Alice Short.

18th March, 1915. 64

Dear Mrs. Thorp,

At the Retreat Committee on Tuesday, I mentioned the matter raised in your letter. The Committee felt it was not a matter they could deal with, as it appeared quite suitable for Edgar to continue to live with you as long as his maintenance could be provided.

It was suggested that if you find that you cannot get what is really due from your father's estate you should make an application to the Overseers of York Meeting for some assistance for Edgar. The Secretary to the Overseers is Henry A. Freeman, Tilstock, Carr Lane, Acomb. How they would view the matter I cannot say. It would seem to me possible that they would wish to help one of their members who was in need.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

[illegible]

Yours faithfully
H. A. Freeman

Carr Lane
Acomb
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Dear Dr Pierce

Thanks for your advice, acting on it I have decided to take at least another week, yet more if necessary, & hope that will put me right again.

Re Edgar Pritchard. As Day & Son say this seems to be a family matter and it appears only

reasonable that the others should stand aside for a time in favour of the most needy one, but if they cant or wont see their duty I suppose the Friends will have to shoulder the burden.

If, as I imagine realisation of the estate is only a matter of time it would perhaps be possible to arrange for re-imbursement, (as in E. Briggs's case) but if any of the relatives are in a position to do so it would be much nicer if they financed the affair privately than it should be done officially thro our Society organisation.

Whilst writing this I must add that my knowledge of J.P.'s affairs is so slight that I feel hardly competent to offer an opinion

still without money from
Messrs Day & Sons for Edgar,
~~but~~ I can get no reply
as to when they will send
me anything. I wonder if
you could suggest any way
in which I could assist my
claim on his behalf more
forcibly.

I am
Yours very truly
Alice Thorp.

I shall be obliged if you
will return the Messrs Days
letters after you have inspected
with the Committee thereon.

4 Station Rd
Kenilworth.
Oct. 11th 15.

Dear Sir

I am enclosing you
Messrs Day & Sons replyes
to my letter asking them
whether they could make
me some definite promise
with regard to an allow-
ance for Edgar when
if the legality of the estate

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after paying for Interest
to the Claims would exist
permit of any other brothers
my sister self having
so much as Edgar) you
will see by their replies
that they consider at-
least unfair to me that-
I should have the full
responsibility of providing
a home for Edgar, it is
a very complicated matter
& difficult to explain
by correspondence but I feel
that if Edgar had been
in the Retreat, or with
some one outside the family
his allowance would have
been paid regularly, & this
is my chief reason in
writing to you as I have
done, as I cannot bear
the thought of Edgar being
left without any definite
provision for him. I am

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some security as to a small allowance being paid me, especially for him. nothing would please me better than to be able to do so, for I have been in very poor health myself for the past two years & Edgar is a great help & comfort to me. I wrote to our agents in December last explained how I was situated & asked them to arrange with (our "Sitting" our solicitor) my brothers

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4 Station Rd
Henleaze.
Mch. 7. 15.

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you so much for your kindly reply to my letter. I feel sure you would understand how anxious I feel concerning what may have to be done with regard to Edgar's future, but I sincerely hope, that I shall still be able to keep him here with me, if only I could have

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for something deposit with
Leigand to Edgar's allowance
from the estate, & I will send
you Dear replies in a day or
two as I have them in the
house at present.) but as I told
you in my former letter I
have had nothing for Edgar or
himself this year, other means
Edgar maintenance comes to
my husband who is not
able to afford it. I have
liked Ruiz over with
Mr Howard Nicholson. The
of the Coventry Friends (of which
meeting I am a member)
she has been very kind about
it. I am sure he
willing to correspond with
you or any of the Committee
(if necessary) Edgar is still
a member of York Meeting
& his name is in the York
list. but put down as residing
with me at 31 Henry St.
Kenilworth (where we lived
when he first came here)
Thanking you for your kindly
sympathy I am
Yours very truly
Alice Thorp.

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four years) who under
Father's will has an equal
share of the residue of the
estate with my other two
brothers & my sister & self.
& unfortunately for us all
we are placed in very poor
circumstances, full particulars
of which I cannot explain
or trouble you with in a
letter, but I dare say you
may have heard of our
brother Walter Packard's
bankruptcy last year

4 Station Rd.
Kenilworth
Mch 4. 15.

To H. Pierce
Esq.

Dear Sir

I hope you will excuse
my writing to you, but I
have felt for some time
past, that I might to write
you on behalf of my brother
Edgar Packard, (who you
will remember was seen
with me now for nearly

(3) Hence Rew, his affairs are in the hands of Messrs Day & Son & Estate Agents Harrogate. (Who up to the end of last year sends us £10.00 per quarter each & of course I had Edgar's share, for which I had to provide him with board & clothing &c, as fact- as you know he had a home with me) but although those repeatedly written to Day & Son

(4) I can get nothing either for myself or Edgar at all so far this year, & I cannot do so, it is impossible for me to continue to keep him here, & the anxiety as to what is to become of him in the future, is a great trouble to me, so I am writing to ask if you can give me any advice or help as to what can be done for him, for you know through having the care of him for 22 years that he is

ROSELAND,
BRIDGWATER.

19 Feby 1915

Dr Pierce
The Retreat
York

Dear Friend,

If I fail to make myself understandable will you please let me know.

My Mother has for companion Sarah Agnes Payn, aged about 38, who is a sister of an inmate of the Retreat. A Brother is, or has been, subject to epileptic fits. This comes from the Father's side (I believe)

For a long time past she has been a good deal

welfare is the first consideration.

I enclose some extracts from my letter.

Would you be so good as to let me know whether my views are sound?

You will perhaps agree with me that if a person can be kept sane, so much the better!

I happen to be an agent for York Retreat for West Somerset Monthly Meeting.

Some years ago when I went to York Old Scholars & was staying solitarily at an hotel you very kindly asked me to your house. You may not recollect.

Yours very truly
Thomas R Thompson

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upon my mind, and especially as it seemed to me that my parents were not rising to their responsibilities. (When people are 40 and over perhaps it is not so easy to do so).

Generally she acts like an ordinary person but from time to time her manner is most unfortunate, & sometimes very strange.

Finally after much consideration I felt it my duty, for the sake of the girl's interests & welfare, to write her Mother, and lay certain facts before her, to illustrate Miss P's mental attitude.

After I had posted it yesterday I read aloud to my parents a copy of my letter.

They seemed very much annoyed and said that Mrs Payn would be much upset, and my Father sent off a telegram to her to destroy the letter unread.

How would you kindly tell me is it probable or possible that Mrs Payn should know the facts even if she is temporarily upset?

Surely the daughter's

Would it be possible for you to answer this letter on Saturday or very soon

JRI

P.S.

Most of the incidents to which I referred in my letter to Mrs Payn tended to show that her daughter does not apparently realise what is & what is not correct conduct but a few are on a different footing.

Perhaps I might give an example: The morning she went away for the Xmas holidays my Mother in coming into the dining room happened to touch some papers on a side table and Miss Payn said in a strange affected freezingly polite or antagonistic tone "Oh those are my papers" "Kindly leave them" "alone". Then at breakfast I asked for some bread, & instead

of cutting it she jumped up and dumped the loaf in front of me and rushed or hurried out of the room.

I said to my Mother "Really, she is so erratic "that one wonders if she is right in her mind"—

My Mother, 3 or 4 weeks ago remarked that if she were to tell the truth about Miss Pasp: as to her rudeness and that from time to time she seems to go more or less crazy; she might never get another situation.

When she is in the state to which my Mother refers you do not know what to expect — She sometimes seems in such an antagonistic frame of mind — Then perhaps the storm will suddenly pass away —

Do you, (who are an authority, & knows her sister) feel that this is a case where **care** is apparently needed, and a **facing of facts**.

Extracts from letters to Mrs Payn.

"Now in the case of Miss Payn, it is not "merely her unfortunate manner that "needs consideration. There is the fact "of her family history, and her possible "personal tendencies." .....

"I am no authority on mental disease "but I should imagine it was very desirable "that Miss P. should be encouraged by some "whose opinion she values to cultivate self-"control, & self-repression and balance "She needs to form the habit of putting "the break on when she feels inclined to "speak her mind and be rude." .....

Is this so?

"Miss P. is a very good worker .... but "it seems to me of real importance that "whoever she goes to should know about "her weak points as well as her good ones, "and should at once check rudeness "when and if it appears. It might "be of advantage for her employer to be "in touch with yourself. An exceptional "situation demands exceptional care".

.....

"It seems to me that in her own interests, "as she apparently has, for financial "reasons, to take situations, that she "should cultivate courtesy. Then "as to the more serious aspect of the "case: it seems to me quite conceivable "that whether Miss P. eventually has to "join her sister at York will depend a good deal

Is this so

"a good deal upon what happens in the
"next few years. I should imagine
"that some people now in the
"Retreat would not have been there,
"if at some period in their lives their
"personal mental attitude (which to a
"considerable extent is under our own
"control) and environment had been
"different.

Is this so?

"It appears to me desirable that Miss
"Payn should if possible go to a
"situation where there are lively young
"people... Anyhow I think some
"care is necessary in making her
"choice. I do not feel that it is for
"me to give her counsel in these
"matters but she might be willing
"to take advice from her Mother"

Extracts from
letter to
Mrs Payn

Will Dr Pierce
kindly state
whether the
views expressed
appear to be
sound?

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5th February, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Thorp,

I am very sorry to hear of your anxieties and can readily understand that the care of your brother Edgar is a serious burden under the circumstances. I cannot very well reply to your letter without first consulting the Committee. Now that the Mental Deficiency Act is passed I am not sure whether Edgar does not come under this more strictly than under the provisions of the Lunacy Act, and yet the restrictions affecting adult feebleminded persons are considerable, and it may not be easy to pet the matter into operation. In the meantime I should be glad if you would let me know whether Edgar is still a member of the Society of Friends and what meeting he belongs to. I do not see his name in the Harrogate list of members.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Jan 12/15

WHEATHILL,
HUYTON,
LIVERPOOL.

Dear Sir.

Thanks for your prompt reply and the enclosures. I shall endeavour to come on Thursday, but if later I decide to come would either write or wire you.

Yours faithfully
G Hubert Dilkington

Dr. Bedford Pierce

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21st December, 1914.

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Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter, and I am sending the Report to Mr. Smithson as requested. Unfortunately at the moment we are over full on the men's side. There may, however, be a vacancy early in the New Year.

Perhaps you would like to see a Report yourself, and I also send you a copy.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Pilcher,
"The Moorlands",
Mosborough,
Sheffield.

21st December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

As requested by Dr. Pilcher I send you a copy of the Retreat Report, but unfortunately at the moment we have no vacancy on the men's side, except at Throxenby Hall near Scarborough, and this house is not suitable for a patient requiring much supervision, as it is only intended for those who are convalescent. There may, however, be a vacancy early in the New Year.

Yours very truly,

C. Simpson, Esq.
9 Carlton Road,
Putney,
London, S.W.

The Chestnuts.
St. Ives Hunts.
Sept. 4th. /14

Dear Madam,

My sister who has rooms in London and is a nurse under the L.C.C. has a lady living

is certified as insane the annuity is withdrawn. We feel she must be placed somewhere at once as she is getting more than my sister can manage.

I know so much of your tactful care from Miss

with her who is
dreadfully unbalanced,
at times unmanage-
-able.
It seems imperative
to place her some-
-where where she
would be controlled
much against my
sister's loving
inclination. This
person, although
a gentlewoman,
is poor and is
the recipient of
an annuity from
the "United Kingdom
Beneficent". If she

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Edith Randell who
was with you for
a time, and if
you have a vacancy
at a low fee, we
should be so
grateful if you
would receive her
May I ask you
if you can kindly

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Let me have a
reply at your
earliest convenience
Thanking you
Yours very faithfully
H Patrick

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18th, August, 1914.

Dear Sir,

The new Report of the Retreat is not quite ready yet, but I enclose a copy of the old one which will give you full particulars of the Institution. The lowest terms are £3. 3. 0 per week but seeing the exceptional nature of affairs at present we may be obliged to charge more. Patients having private rooms and special nurses pay higher fees according to the requirements of the case. At present we are very full on both sides of the house.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

J. J. Pickles, Esq.

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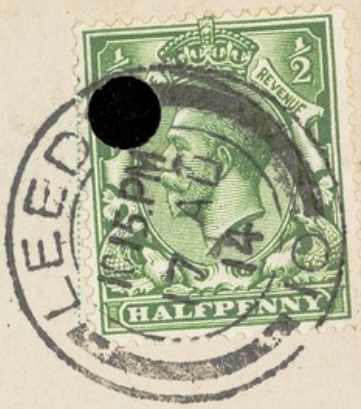

Dr McKenzie
The Retreat
York

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FROM JOHN J. PICKLES, SURGEON, 105, CAMP ROAD, LEEDS.

TELEPHONE No. 1896. AT HOME, 9-10, 2-3, 6-8.

Please send me terms for private patients at the Retreat

JJP.

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SOUTHPORT 8.30 PM 1 JUL 14

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Liverpool House
Wellbeck Road
Birkdale
Southport

Dear Madame
Kindly forward
Tariff for one
ladies yours Truly
M. Pursglove

Report Sent
13 JUL 1914

The Retreat
York

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25th June, 1914.

Dear Dr. Pringle,

I am sorry we are unable to receive your patient, but at the moment we are over full, and I must not accept another patient for a few days. I have been from home and your letter awaited my return or a wire would have been sent earlier.

Yours very truly,

TEL. 1003.

AT HOME
2 TO 5.

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2, SPRINGFIELD AVENUE,
RIPON ROAD,
HARROGATE.

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June 24 - 14

Dear Dr. Bedford Pearce,

Can you take in a man of 59. who started about 12 months ago as a neurasthenic, has since become melancholic & has attempted suicide. If so please send me papers by return & send the one for the friends to Mr. Robert Johnson. 27. Hutton Avenue, West Hartlepool asking them to fill it up & return it to me as soon as possible. I should like to send him in by Friday if possible.

Yours faithfully,
G. L. Ken. Pringle

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11th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Priestman,

Would it be possible for you to alter the time of your appointment with Dr. Pierce to 2.30 to-morrow afternoon instead of 3.30 p.m. as arranged?

Dr. Pierce is obliged to get back to York early to attend an important Committee, and he hopes 2.30 p.m. is quite as convenient to you.

Yours very truly,

Asst. Sec.

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Fairfield
Yelverton
March 21- 1914

Dear Dr- Pearce

I am very grateful to yourself & the Committee for having carefully considered the case.
I am quite satisfied with your & their decision.
And am thankful the matter has been thoroughly gone into. I hope the Colonies & Homes adapted for the care & occupation of the Feeble minded will be a vast blessing to the country- Dr- Locke of Starcross told me some years ago- there were thousands waiting for admission to such homes. Knowing that no special arrangements could be made for him at York- I shall keep him near me. I hope as long as I live.

Praying that you may have continued strength & help- in your devoted care for those more afflicted than my son- I remain with kindest regards.

yours sincere friend
Alice P. Humphrey

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19th. March, 1914.

Dear Miss Balkwell,

I have written to Mrs. Pumphrey telling her that the Committee carefully considered the application for her son, but came to the conclusion that it was not a suitable case for the Retreat. The association with the patients amkng whom he would have to be placed would probably be harmful for him, and he could not suitably associate with those who are more intelligent.

I hope that a home established under the new Mental Deficiency Act may be found which will be more advantageous for him than the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

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18th. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Pumphrey,

The Committee considered carefully the application for your son and reluctantly felt they must not accept the case. At the moment the Retreat is full, but quite apart from that it was felt that it would not be right to place this patient with our chronic cases here, and he could not associate suitably with those who are more intelligent.

There would, moreover, be a serious danger of his deteriorating by association with certain of our patients whom he would be obliged to meet, and although he would be kindly enough treated by the Staff he would not have the same advantages that he would obtain in a cottage home. This point of view is now generally recognized and the Mental Deficiency Act creates a new class of defectives who must be be nursed separately from the insane.

I wish it were possible for the Society of Friends to open a home for such, but unless someone came forward with a large gift I see little chance of anything of the kind. If you can keep going a little longer I feel certain that you will be able to find a public home or colony for your son whcih will really be better than the Retreat for him.

I need hardly say that I feel much for you in the difficult position in which you are placed.

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

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9, Woodside,
Plymouth.
18 March 1914

Dear Dr Pierce —

Just a line to let you know how we unite in the wish of Mr Murphy & Major Rathbone that David should be taken in at York should your Committee be able to do so —

The time is drawing near i.e. April the 1st when we shall have him on our hands

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So we shall be very glad to have a line at your earliest convenience as to the decision - both here and Gilberton. Terms could be arranged later.

Yr friend sincerely

E. P. Balkwill.

P.S. - The caretakers who have had him over 7 years - gave us a months notice on Feb 28th - so that gives us a very limited time for finding him another home

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9. Woodside Plymouth
March 10. 1914

Dr. Pierce

My dear Dr. Pierce,

My sister has told me that you are most kindly bringing before the Committee this week my nephew David Owen Pumphrey's name. I cannot tell you how grateful I should personally be & my aunt Miss Catherine Balkwill too, if he is admitted to the Retreat. I do not know altogether what my sister has said as to finance for my illness & her own have prevented our meeting to talk over affairs; but while we should if possible gratefully pay any amount asked, I would in fact she & my sister Mr. Pumphrey has not fully explained to say a word as to why the older generation

cannot step forward to help. &
why in the future it must fall
on the brothers to help when they
can. My aunts Mrs. Richardson
& Miss Balkwills incomes die
with them & while my uncle
Alfred Balkwill you may think
could be looked to - he is not
in a condition of health to consult.
& at his death his money passes
to his wife - I believe for her life -
For myself I have only £10 a year
from invested money apart
from my pay as an S. A. Officer
& the little income from my Fathers
Renewals in the Equitable Life Ass:
has diminished to less than £5 a
year. Forgive my troubling you
with this but I like to pass in confidence
where I think it may be rightly to be

given -
we have the utmost
confidence in your decision
& as to what you do with
David should you give us
the privilege of placing him
under your care
Believe me

Yours always gratefully
Margaret A. Bathurst

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TELEGRAMS FREE.

MACKNEY
BALLINASLOE

7 Mch. 1914

Dear Sir

Mr Persse is away from home for a few days, but on his return I will get him to fill up the form & return to you at once.

Yours truly

Eleanor E. Shorp

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6th. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Pumphrey,

Many thanks for your letter and the information respecting your son.

The matter will be brought before the Committee which meets next week.

Yours very truly,

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2nd. March, 1914.

Dear Mrs. Pumphrey,

I am sorry to hear of your anxiety in respect to your son and can fully realise the difficulty of finding a suitable home for him.

This is a question that must be considered by the Committee which meets in a forthight. In the meantime I should be glad to have further particulars. I should explain that by constitution the Retreat is not intended for persons congenitally feeble in mind, and Friends have not made any provision for such persons.

Perhaps you could fill up the form enclosed.

What I fear most in such cases is that the patient may not get on well here and may even deteriorate through the lack of systematic employment and training.

I remain.

Yours very truly,

out of the Salvation Army for the past 2 years with rheumatoid arthritis - & her nerves are unable to bear any strain of responsibility.

I am much limited - my Kidney having fallen 3 times during the last year - & so ~~being~~ I am obliged to wear a tight belt when up & to spend a good deal of time on my back.

To-day I have heard that the people who have been caring for David have given notice & desire for him to leave on April 1st.

Fairfield 202.
Yelverton
1. 3. 14

Dear Dr Pierce -

I desire to write to you again about my second son David Owen Pumphrey.

My sister Major Backwell wrote to you about him some years ago - but at that time he was not of age & you said you did not undertake anyone that needed teaching. He was 24 years of age last September.

For the last 4 years he has lived with a very nice couple in Plymouth - a pensioner & his wife.

who joined Friends.

David has been able to attend meetings. He has amused himself by making wool rugs - & is intensely fond of reading.

Regularly each week he has spent a few hours with his great aunts Mrs. Richardson & Miss Balkwill at Woodside & also half a day with me at a house in Lipson Terrace that I have shared with my Uncle & Aunt Mr & Mrs. A. P. Balkwill.

I am now living in apartments on the Moor with my eldest daughter

The revered & helpful older generation the 5 remaining brothers & sisters of my father Frederick P. Balkwill are between 40 & 50 years of age & are often in feeble & uncertain health

Up till the present they have taken much of the responsibility of caring for David & have provided financial support for him.

Now we feel that these dear relatives may soon be slipping away - leaving the entire responsibility of David upon his fathers Executors -, one of whom is my cousin Henry H Pumphrey of Bromyard - far from robust - & a busy business man - the other being my sister Major Balkwill who has been invalided

We feel that there is no such place that we can look to as a home for him but "The Retreat" & so I am writing to ask whether it will be possible for you to admit him.

I should be much obliged if you could let me know what your lowest terms are.

My income only amounts to £129 which is only just sufficient to keep my daughter & self in apartments. My health is such that I am obliged to have her with me in the capacity of nurse companion.

The money to support David has to be gathered from relatives.

Should my income at any time be such that I could pay more for him I should be glad to do so.

I do indeed hope that you will be able to arrange to take him, as it is a

very great anxiety so is all to know what to do with him.

Trusting that you & yours are well

Believe me -

Yours sincerely

Alice Pryor Tumphrey

Many relatives have tried before now to find a home for him in the country & so we know how difficult it is to find anything in the least suitable, - & at the best any such home is practically certain to be of a temporary nature.

Therefore feel - as do also my children & my sister - that the time has come for him to be in a permanent place where we shall know he is happy & well cared for.

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WESTOW LODGE,
UPPER NORWOOD S.E.

19. 12. 1913.

Dear Dr Purser

Thank you very much for your letter re my nephew David Pumphrey. I am passing it on to his brother who spoke to me about the matter. Indeed in your letter you do not totally reject the possibility of an error as my own knowledge of recruitment at

York & other places was
concerned & thus the
fact of being with proper
rover them barely imagine
have less difficulties
than the treatment in
other directions. He
was for a time at
a pathomindical institution
(for the moment & forgot-
where) but the neglect
of body & health made

his removal imperative apart from the fact which the authorities gave that he was too incapable physically of learning the rudiments.

Deborah thinks my sister would feel like sending him to one of those places where the culture is so different from the Retreat.

We quite understand he cannot not associate with such as my father did his physical powers, apart

from anything else would
put that out of the question
as you say. of his speech
tho' we can understand him
generally it sometimes
hard to know even tomorrow.

Dear Dr I shall have
opportunity of talking it over
very quietly with my sister
& the boys -

With every good wish
for the season.

Yours very sincerely
Margaret A. Backhouse

Confidential

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WESTOW LODGE, 38
UPPER NORWOOD, S.E.
London.

Dec: 15. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Yesterday my nephew Theodore Pumphrey was here & he was talking to me about his weak minded brother. David is grandson of my Father Fred K. Balkwill. You may remember his case, ~~what~~ if I remind you that his mother threw herself out of the pony carriage before he was born & the shock was always considered to have upset the child's nervous organization. I think you were once consulted about him & then said that no one was admitted to Park Retreat before the age of 21. David is now 23. His mother has become a great invalid owing to incurable kidney trouble. The family is scattered away from Plymouth just now - Pumphrey probably going onto the moors for a long change away from him. He has been for years with a man & his wife who have looked

after him fairly well - He can read by the time to himself or make mats - but - walks in a most jerky uncertain manner cannot cut up his own food (which is always cut up like a child's in a plate - plain) is pure of mind - but has his obstinate fits - sometimes - but on the whole has been trained into most obedient ways -

Dear Mr Rivers yet that our aunts at Plymouth would be willing for him to leave Plymouth but they are getting old & totally unfit to cope with these problems as they used & the younger generation has to take

their own responsibility - So Theodore who is working at present at Allen & Hanburys begged me to write to you in confidence to ask you if he & his brothers & sister could let David come Plymouth would you take him on what terms?

Of course they & I feel there is no place where we would rather leave David than at The Retreat. He will never be able as far as I can judge to live at home with any of them

he needs a man's strength for he is a tall lad & but for the weak look would have been a decided good looking boy - his hands & whole physique the minute he moves shows his weakness. I know our personal friends, relatives have helped with his expenses - to relieve my sister of this burden, but this may drop off at any time. I know you give the preference to Friends & take according to the individual circumstances. I wondered if

you could possibly have taken him or would at a little less than was paid for my dear father? or the same? Then if you would take him, how long would it be before there was a vacancy? Suppose aunts when it was suggested said they could not consent yet as long as they had strength to look after him at Plymouth - would you give us the hope or prospect that when his mother & brothers saw their way, you would have him if even after a year or two longer. Has he brothers? I so specially long for him to be under such good care as here my sister & I dare not leave be so happily cared for - He is never violent - Hoping so much I may have a favorable reply - Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Margaret A. Balkwill

24 Second Avenue
Heworth
York.

24-1-1913

Dear Friend,
Dr Pierce,

You will probably remember that I spoke to you once about a friend of mine Mr J. C. Renworthy who is now in the Cleveland Asylum Middlesbro'. Both my brother & I visit him occasionally. We observe some changes in him & more interest shown in old friends & ordinary affairs tho' the doctors describe his condition as much the same. I was there on Wednesday & saw

to it? You know something of our circumstances, & I thought I would rather consult you than anyone. I have the belief that this gentleman will recover & ought to have all the help to this end that can be given & I am prepared in faith to take the responsibility to the limit of my powers.

If you are expecting to be at Clifford St. on Sunday morning, a brief verbal answer then will suffice & will save you the trouble of writing in reply.

Yours very truly, Eliza Pickard

the assistant doctor (I always forget his name) not Dr Geddes.. He advizes (as he knows I want to do something to give Mrs R. a better chance of recovery) our trying the Asylum at Rootham. I have been to make inquiries there this afternoon. They suggest that we first fill in the enclozed form (I expect you know their rules) & try to get him in at the £1.1 rate. This ~~he says~~ the doctor says is supposed to be filled in by the family physician, who will be acquainted with the circumstances of the people making application!

In this case - the family & relatives of her Remorse they do nothing for him & have only about twice communicated with him (the last time, in the Summer, to inform him of his wife's death - they never visit him & one can do nothing thro' them. If the removal is made it will be on our responsibility.

Do you think I might ask Dr Geddes or his assistant to fill in this form & might I also ask that you would endorse it, or add a little note

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Have you a telephone number

3 Richmond Mansions
Earls Court
London S.W.
Nov 13th

Dear Sir

Mr John Hopkins Craggs (since deceased) I believe was with you & may have been earlier & left in 1874 when he was transferred elsewhere. I shall be most obliged

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you. Was he admitted in the order of his mother Mary Ann Craggs: as far as I know there was no other case of mental deficiency in the family & that is what I want to find out. Was there any drink tendency? I will pay your

Mrs A. M. Phillips

if you will kindly
look up his name
& let me have all
particulars as to
his mental condition
& why he was there
and if his mental
condition came from
any special reason
& if so what
& if it was proved
to be hereditary. It
is very necessary

that Dr Browne of Brecon, the
Lunatics I can find you later
on if required but I do not
think they let much written
letter in case you have a
friend up & the letter may
be returned. As you must
telling Brown why he left-

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22 BECKWITH ROAD,
HERNE HILL, S.E.

REV. H. W. PERKINS.
(Wesleyan Minister)

Nov. 24th '11

Dear Sir

My wife bore a child on March 31st. I first noticed some strangeness in her behaviour about the middle of August. The doctor ordered her to be weaned, and took her to the seaside for a time. She got worse however, and I brought her back. A specialist advised a home in London, and she was there from Sept. 22nd for five weeks. There was hardly any improvement, and on the

earnest request of the parents I allowed her to go to their home with nurses to look after her. I am beginning to fear that they are finding the strain too much, and I am looking round for some place to send her to in case they ask me to take her away. I have consulted Dr. Stoddart of the Bethlem Hospital, and he has recommended your Home.

If they can manage to keep my wife at her parents' home (in Hendon N.W.), for another month or two, I think

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22 BECKWITH ROAD,
REV. H. W. PERKINS. HERNE HILL, S.E.

it would be wise to avoid a change and let her settle down.

But I am afraid it is a very serious case: and I feel sure they cannot keep her all the time. The specialist (Dr. M. Craig) said he thought it would take six or nine months. Sometimes I have grave doubts as to her ultimate recovery.

My wife had several miscarriages. She was worried at the advent of the baby, and over-anxious and worried in the care of it, (without

reason for the baby is quite healthy).

That I gather is the principle cause of the mischief; and I think also I allowed her to nurse the baby too long (4½ months), but I had no idea there was anything seriously wrong.

She has had one or two attacks of violence, ~~[illegible]~~ at the monthly period. But in general she is acutely melancholic and passively resistive, with a strong suicidal tendency.

I am giving you these details as I thought you might have some idea of the kind of treatment

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REV. H. W. PERKINS.

22 BECKWITH ROAD,
HERNE HILL, S.E.

necessary, and might be able to let me know what would be your charge. I should like to give my wife every chance, but if it continues too long, I shall be obliged to send her to some public institution.

I shall be grateful if you could send me terms and a prospectus.

Our doctor is Dr. ~~Bower~~ Bower, Brampton Grove, Hendon, N.W., if you wish to communicate with him.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

H. W. Perkins

Copy of Testimonial from you as submitted by—

The above Copy is given in order to prevent the use of forged or altered Testimonials.

CONFIDENTIAL

BRISLINGTON HOUSE,

BRISTOL,

March. 17. 1911

Dear Sir

I am instructed to ask you whether you would be kind enough to give the information sought overleaf concerning A. Pheby.

who has applied for employment as an attendant here.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

A. L. Russell
Executive

To T. Price.

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NAME OF APPLICANT.

A. Pheby

1. *Is he honest?*

   Is he sober?

   Is he willing?

   Is he well-conducted?

2. *Is he respectable and of good appearance?*

3. *Is he an efficient Attendant?*

4. *How long was he in your service, date and reason of leaving?*

5. *Other particulars you think should be known*

States that *was in your Service from*

to

CONFIDENTIAL

March 18, 1911

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry about A.Phebey, she was dismissed from the Retreat after an enquiry by the Committee on account of having used force in the feeding of patients in an altogether unauthorised way.

She had many good points, but her manner was not altogether satisfactory, and on other occasions she had been somewhat arbitrary in her conduct towards the patients.

Yours very truly,

The Matron,
Brislington House

I do not want you to think he is a particular friend of mine, as he is a good deal senior to me & a type which I am not overfond of – viz the man who takes orders to get on. However he has been much chastened with illness, & it is a neighbourly thing to do which I can for an old fellow of Pem. Coll. who happens to live near me, especially as his wife's one idea – they are separated – is to get him anchored in some doctor's family where he won't worry her any more. Yours very

Ivor Luckett

Punchardon Hall
Willian, nr Hitchin
Herts
Aug. 12th. 1911.

My dear Pierce

Thanks for your kind letter. I am glad to hear that you have been enjoying your holiday. We are planning to go to Cornwall next Tuesday, but I have been ill for about a week with a sloughing kind of sore throat which shows little signs of clearing up and which is jolly sore. Hence I have not been able to go & see Mr Platts, but I sent him on

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that part of your letter about the Retreat and I now enclose his reply: from which you will see that he would like to go to the Retreat. I think he would be happier there than anywhere and that he would be an influence you need quite like. He plays a good game of bridge, is really rather patient with his illness — (so much so that I sometimes have called him G.P.I insanely cheerful) — and is quite rational. I think his illness is now practically pure locomotor.

He built himself a little house in Cheltenham, and the people have been extremely kind to him, but he can't now get any serious coaching work to do, and the few little investments he had have gone wrong & understand, so that he is dependent on the pension which Trin: Coll. allows him — [ad misericordiam, as he had not actually served long enough to earn it] — ↑ To avoid misconception and this is not enough for the expenses of his house & the attendance he requires.

again and wonder what can have been the matter with you.

Sincerely yours

Charles Platts

Ithaca, Baldock Road, Letchworth.

10 Aug 1911

Dear Tuckett,

Hearty thanks for your kind letter and enclosure, which I return herewith. Please ask Dr Bedford Pierce to submit my case to his Committee next Tuesday.

For reasons to be explained when we meet I have decided not to go to Dr Hart's at Southall.

I hope you will soon be quite well

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PUNCHARDON HALL,
WILLIAM,
HITCHIN.

August. 4th 1911

My dear Pierce

I wonder whether you have yet migrated for your summer holiday. We are going to Cornwall for a month in the middle of August.

I am writing to you now to ask you if you have room at the Retreat or possibly will have during the autumn for the following case.

The Rev. Chas. Platts was a Fellow & Junior Dean of Trinity College, Cambridge about 1896 — 1900. He developed locomotor ataxia with slight symptoms of S.P.I which took a sexual form, so that I believe he could not be left alone with his own children. This & the

fact that his wife had another child after he was a helpless invalid alienated Cambridge feminine sympathy. I believe he spent some time in a home or asylum & then took up his residence in France where he did a certain amount of coaching. Finally he settled in Letchworth (taking a small plot of ground & building a tiny house suited to his condition) about 3 years ago. The people here have been very kind to him & he has been as happy as is possible for him: his wife will have practically nothing to do with him, & he did not work long enough at Trinity [what he gets from Trinity is given, I believe, on condition that he does not show himself in Cambridge].

to earn a proper pension:
so his financial position is a great
difficulty, as lately ~~this~~ weakness in
his legs has been getting worse, so
that he is more dependent than ever
on having an attendant, and he
increasingly finds it difficult to get
anyone ~~to~~ reach ~~+~~ so supplement his
income. Consequently he is considering,
as the only practical step, selling his
house & going to live in some doctor's
family or in some such institution as
the Retreat. He is ~~willing~~ able to pay
£2.2.0. a week but he cannot
pay more. I am writing to you
because I believe he would be happier

(*) In his own little house he lives on the ground floor and wheels himself about in a bath chair with big wheels from one room to the other with his hands, as he is now incapable of walking even with assistance.

at the Retreat than almost anywhere if he could have one of these rooms on the ground floor & an attendant to wheel him out of doors (*). Poor Platts is practically normal now — only last autumn he wrote for Macmillan or Methuen a book called "Pioneers of our Faith" (about Early Christian Saints) which was not badly written but sold very badly as it was a subject which did not seem to appeal to the public. But he has his ups & downs with his periods of depression: & as regards the power in his legs he is certainly getting worse — If you can't possibly have him at the Retreat, perhaps you would make a suggestion where he could get taken in. Wishing you the best of holidays

Yours Dear Tuckett

Tickhill,
Rotherham.

Saturday

Dear Mr. Pierce,

On my return home last night I talked over all you had said to me with my husband & he seems very anxious to have

Marie absent
Marie Stokes?
with us every
Monday
90 Sussex St
Queen Phillips?

allowing us to share Miss Pearce for a few days. She will I am sure be a great comfort, she is very nice – Green was much distressed at parting with Miss Pearce. She has been very kind & attentive & did all in her power. Would you kindly let me know what you

My daughter back
in a few days –
She is very hopeful
to come & to be one
going to try again
for a time – Can
you able to spare a
nurse or is it impossible

If Nurse Stevens &
is free I should be
glad if she could
come for a while –
We know her & she
got on so well last time
quite to suit –
Should you be very
much indeed for

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Feb. 20, 1911

Dear Mrs. Phillips,

I thank you for your letter of Saturday and have seen the Matron with respect to the Nurse. We think that Nurse Pearse might continue with Miss Phillips for the present, but that if after a time she also feels that she cannot continue we could no doubt liberate Nurse Stevens to relieve her.

I hope the return home will be a success, though I think, as I explained when we met, that Miss Phillips would stand a much better chance if she was moved into entirely fresh surroundings.

Yours very truly,

January 4th 1911

SOUTHFIELD,
EATON,
NORWICH.

Ans
Allotment

Dear Sir

I should be much obliged if you would be so good as to send me some particulars of the Retreat as I grieve to say I have a daughter

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companions? I must apologise for troubling you with so many questions I should be glad if you would kindly give me an early answer

Yours truly
(Mrs) A. M. C. Pratt

who has been in a
Mental Hospital for
some years & I think
a change might be
beneficial. What
would be your terms
if she had a bed
room to herself &
a nurse to sleep
in her room? What
amusements are
provided for the
patients & what are
the arrangements for
taking them to the
Seaside in the summer
for a change. Is there
any house belonging
to the Retreat or do
they go into a furnished
house or lodgings?
How many ladies
are there at the
present time? & how
you any lady

"The Retreat"
York.

July 21st 10.

Dear Sir,

As I have not the opportunity to speak to you, I write, with apologies, re. my resignation.

As I previously informed you, my intention is to leave your employment some time during September, with the intention of pursuing my studies for the A. H. Exam.

I have been attending the Leeds College of Pharmacy for a short period, but the Summer Vacation is now on, and I have no opportunity for any practical work.

As I am anxious to qualify as a Dispenser, I should like to ask your permission if I might help you in the Surgery during my stay. If so; I would stay till the date of my Examination, which is, I think, October 26th, and would do relief work in the wards, when required.

I have had two years experience in Surgery

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work and would do my best for you, should you care to give me the opportunity.

I should be obliged to ask for one day per week, though, to allow me to attend the classes, when they recommence.

Thanking you in anticipation. I beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Francis Pedley

Dr. Pierce:

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ST. ANNE'S HOME,

BRIDLINGTON.

Nov 12-1910

Dear Sir.

Have you any vacancy for a male attendant? I am very anxious to find a post for our 2nd porter A. Jarvis he has been with us 3 seasons & is such a good nurse - I feel

a port we wrote to
an epileptic fantasme
& he was a great success.
& we found him most
useful to the army helping
patients we may have
patients there etc etc.
he is good at all outdoor
work. Garden Coals
he is very steady very
strong tall. Much he is
28. or there abouts - He
is only leaving be cause
we close for the winter

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ST. ANNE'S HOME,

BRIDLINGTON.

on Dec. 1st & I am very anxious to find him a permanent post. If you have not a vacancy perhaps you could tell me where best to apply. Lady Moulter Jones helped to nurse her mother (Cancer) & the nurse told me she had

"never seen anything
like his tenderness
like any woman"
all this I can tell
you to justify my
troubling you —

Yours truly
Mary A Palmer
R.S.

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283, GLOSSOP ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged to you for your letter and the information it contained. I laid the matter before the friends of my patient, and have been expecting to hear their decision. I will write again to you as soon as I know what

course they propose to take.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, believe me

Yours faithfully

William S Porter

Nov. 26. 1910.

Oct. 13, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of the Retreat Report, but I am sorry to say that we have no funds available for the reduction of terms in the case of patients unconnected with the Society of Friends, and the lowest rate is 48/- a week which I fear will be more than you will be able to manage.

The only institutions in this district where patients can be received at low rates apart from County and Borough Asylums are Bootham Park, York (Dr. Hitchcock) and Scalebor Park, Burley in Wharfedale (Dr. Gilmour). At either of these institutions you could rely on Mrs. Park receiving every possible care and attention.

Yours very truly,

Rev. G.E.Park

The Red House,
Saltburn-by-the-Sea,
Yorkshire.

18/8/09

Dear Sir,

A nurse Mackill from your Institution nursed some time ago a Mrs David Petch of Loversdale, near Loftus.

A Mr Petch, a relative, is laid up here at Saltburn for general alcoholic degeneration. The relatives would like very much if you could see

You may tell Nurse Mackill come to her. She is suitable at times, but is in no way dangerous. She has been ill about 5 months. Is getting worse naturally all the time.

I shall be pleased to hear from you what you can do in the matter, & hope you will be able to tell nurse come.

Yours very truly
F. Ernest Burnett

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Dec. 29, 1910

Dear Miss Pumphrey,

We can quite easily arrange if you give us a week's notice to send one of the nurses from our Trained Nurses Department to look after the lady about whom you write. If you will let me know when you have finally decided I will see that a suitable one is free at the time you mention. I enclose one of the usual papers setting forth the terms for nurses and so forth. They are two guineas a week exclusive of expenses. It is quite convenient to send a nurse for a short time as you wish.

Yours very truly,

To the Secretary of the Pasture Masters
Walmgate Stray.

Dear Sir -

The Committee of the Retreat wish me to write respecting a proposal for planting trees upon the ~~Stray~~ Stray which # ~~it is thought will greatly add to the~~ it is felt would greatly improve the appearance of this large open place and at the same time enhance the view from the Retreat towards the West.

~~I am th~~ The proposal which the Committee make is that a row of trees should be planted ~~on along~~ on the west side of the Boundary wall of the Retreat starting from ~~Lamel~~ the corner below Lamel Hill as far as the south West corner of the Retreat property. The committee is willing to ~~pay for~~ provide the trees & pay for the planting & for ~~the~~ fencing, ~~with some or a against cattle & horses.~~ ~~in some effective but inexpensive way.~~ subject to mutual agreement as to the ~~nat.~~ manner of carrying the matter thro'.

If this offer is approved by the pasture masters some further consideration will be required as to details. The Committee provisionally suggest that the Trees be Elms & sycamores planted alternately about 30 feet apart ~~& that the stand at least~~ from 30 to 40 feet outside the ~~our~~ the boundary wall. As to fencing we conclude ~~wooden~~ a strong wooden railed fence would be required round each Tree & a distance sufficient to prevent horses reaching the branches.

~~Although~~ The Committee are willing to bear ~~all~~ the expense of this ~~& that~~ & present the Trees & fencing ~~expe~~ to the pasture masters ~~it should be understood that~~ they ~~trade~~ hope provided the pasture masters ~~should~~ will as far as they are able protect the Trees ~~&~~ from & injury & keep the tree guards ~~fence~~ when once erected in good order at their own expense.

If this offer is approved by the Pasture Masters some further consideration will be required as to details. The Committee provisionally suggest that the trees be elms & sycamores planted alternately about 30 ft apart from 30 to 40 ft outside the boundary wall.

As to fencing, we conclude a strong wooden ~~railed~~ fence would be required round each tree at a distance sufficient to prevent horses reaching the branches.

The Committee are willing to bear the expense of this & present the trees & fencing to the Pasture Masters, provided the Pasture Masters will as far as they are able protect the trees from injury & will undertake to keep the tree guards when once erected in good order at their own expense

Cloth Market
Newcastle
9th Nov. 1908

ack 10 Nov. '8

Dear Friend.

Herewith I enclose cheque £22.14.0 for the Retreat from Friends of Newcastle Preparative Meeting, as per list overleaf.

Kindly acknowledge in due course & oblige

yours sincerely.
Bernard Pumphrey.

Richard Thompson

Caroline Richardson	2.	0.	0
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J. Carrick Watson	1.	0.	0
Thos. & E. R. Pumphrey.	2.	0.	0
E. Louisa Pumphrey.	2.	0.	0
Laurence Richardson	1.	0.	0
Wm. Hy. Holmes (the late)	1.	0.	0
David Richardson	2.	0.	0
Chas. J. Symond	1.	1.	0
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John Hy. Holmes	1.	0.	0
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RT has ack'd & banked 11 Nov '08
To Drawing Donation &c

5th September, 1910.

Dear Madam,

Although I fear that our terms will be more than can possibly be paid by the lady on whose behalf you write, I send you a copy of our last report, which will give you full information respecting the Retreat, and the admission of patients. The lowest rate is 48/- a week, and this means considerably more than the sum you mention when the questions of clothing, washing, and other matters are considered. I would suggest that you consider application to the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, or to Dr. Macdonald, Herison, Dorchester, or to Cheadle Royal, near Manchester, at all of which places patients are received at lower rates than here. You might also consider Bootham Park, York, which is under the care of Dr. Hitchcock.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss E.P. Pownall,

Blackheath. S.E.

I am mistaken in turning to you – & with many apologies for troubling you I am

Yours truly

Sophy P. Pownall

15 St. Johns Park
Blackheath SE.

To the Medical Officer
The Retreat

Dear Sir, I must apologise for my informally addressed envelope, but can only hope this may reach you –

Last year I met a lady who had profited by her sojourn at The Retreat, & I am now anxious to learn all particulars about it.

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A melancholy case of hysteria has lately come under my notice, & the parents are willing to lay down £100 a year (but cannot possibly afford more) if their daughter, the sufferer, aged 35 could be taken charge of & taught self control.

She has been spoiled since infancy – & has posed as an invalid, but certainly does not look like one.

Should The Retreat prove quite beyond their means they are willing to place her with patients of a lower social standing – indeed it would probably be better for her to share the household work than to be waited on – She belongs to the farmer class – but you are aware that does not mean prosperity in these days –

I enclose my card, as well as addressed envelope, for it would be exceedingly kind of you if you could counsel me where to apply supposing

Nov. 23. 1910.

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288, GLOSSOP ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sir

I understand that Mental nurses for private patients can be obtained from 'the Retreat'. I hope you will excuse me troubling you in the matter; but I thought that possibly you would be willing to advise me under circumstances of some difficulty. A lady in good position, well educated and who has been trained herself as a nurse and has had a nursing

Could you recommend a ladylike cheerful companion, who has had nursing experience or is a nurse at the present time, but who would act more like a companion than a nurse, and perhaps rather suppress the fact of her being a nurse. I don't want the patient to feel that she is still suspected and watched. I should take it as a great favour if you could ~~offer~~ tell me of anyone, who would answer the purpose. Believe me, with many apologies for troubling you, Yours faithfully W. Mean Sorter

home at one time, was brought by her friends to consult me. I know her friends very well, and I am anxious to help them in every way I can. The patient has been suffering from melancholia, which culminated in a determined suicidal attempt. She has been away in private care, and seems at the present time very much better and quite bright and cheerful.

She is very much averse to going into any home or medical man's house again, and her friends are anxious to avoid this if possible. I think myself it would have a bad effect upon her at the present time. She would like very much to go away for the present to Brighton, where there are old and intimate friends of hers living; but she could not go to their house to live, and it is most necessary that she should have a cheerful, bright, companion, with some experience of such cases, to live with her in rooms.

Nov. 24, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am exceedingly sorry to say that just at present all the nurses in our Trained Nurses Department are engaged and I cannot be sure when any will be at liberty, though there is a prospect of some returning in the course of about aweek.

I should have much liked to be able to supply a nurse companion for your patient, andI think we could have found some one who would have done exceedingly well.

If by any chance you can wait, perhaps you will let me know.

I may mention that I have frequently had communications from Miss Field. She and her sister keep a home for resident patients, and one or other of them has had a great deal of experience in travelling about on the Continent with convalescent patients. Though I do not know them personally I have reason to believe that Miss Field is thoroughly competent and to be depended upon.

Yours very tnly,

Dr. Porter

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TELEPHONE 436.

24, NEW NORTH ROAD,

HUDDERSFIELD.

7th Nov. 1910

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I have delayed an answer to your kind letter about the patient you saw at Mirfield in the hope that I might be able to send you some definite decision. I have seen her twice since the receipt of your letter & told her that she is either to pull herself together so as to take her place in the house, or come to you as a

voluntary patient. I gave her the report of The Retreat & said you had sent it for her.

All I can say, however, is that she is beginning to get up in her bedroom & read novels sat over the fire. I will see her again this week & if I can make her come to any decision I will let you know.

With many thanks for your letter,

Faithfully yours
Norman Porritt

2 Enclosures.

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TELEPHONE No 311.

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8, Coppergate,
York.

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Dr. Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.

15th April, 1910.

Dear Sir,

Re Thomas Rawling (Under Deed of Assignment).

I thank you for your letter of the 11th instant.

I have to-day heard from Mr. Brierley that he has arranged with Mr. Bellerby for the reinstatement of the defective steps down to the Recreation Room as mentioned in your letter. I therefore now enclose Final Certificate for £137-11-3, and shall be glad to receive Cheque for same in due course. Kindly return Certificate to me, so that I may sign the Receipt at the foot thereof.

I also enclose an Account for extra work and outpayments made by Mr. Rawling upon your behalf. I have a letter from Mr. Brierley stating that arrangements were made direct between you and Mr. Rawling in connection with these charges, and Mr. Brierley has therefore omitted same from his final Certificate. Will you please therefore let me have a Cheque for £33-8-0.

Yours faithfully,

H W Pulleyn

Trustee.

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Confidential

Huxeldean
Charlbury Oxon
27/12/10

Dear Dr Pierce,

My cousin Eleanor Sturge, residing in Church St, Charlbury, has for some years been suffering both from consumption & mental malady. She has 2 competent nurses, but both are needing short holidays. Have you any nurse on your staff who could come for a fortnight, while first one, & then the

discretion known, please treat this note as confidential – & doubtless any nurse we sent would be one on whose discretion & reticence I could rely. If you cannot send a nurse can you kindly tell me where I can apply.

Yours sincerely
C M Humphreys

other of my cousin's nurses take holiday. I do not know if your nurses ever go out temporarily like that, or where such are to be had. But I feel on the whole it is more important to have a stop gap nurse qualified to deal with her mentally, as were the other trouble materially worse she would only have to carry out doctor's orders, & of course the other regular nurse would be on hand. Of course my cousins sitting or bedroom windows are always open, & night nurse sleeps in dressing-room adjoining her patient with door open between. In case you can send a nurse, what are your terms? & when could she come? I do not think either of the present nurses could readily make arrangements to go to her friends under a week, & neither is particular about time to a week or two, only they would be glad of some holiday soon. As I believe some of E Sturges kindred are shy of having her mental con-

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"Forrest Grange
~~Thornleigh,~~
~~Thornbury,~~ Heaton.
Bradford.

May 29th. 1905

Dear Dr. Price.

I received your telegram this afternoon, sent on to me from "Harrogate. I am very sorry to have missed seeing you me permanently.

Thank you for your last letter.

I am
Yours sincerely
A. Packer.

P.S. My Harrogate address
175. Fraser Rd.

yesterday, but as
I had been suffering
from rather a nasty
cold, I came in here
not my sister, for
a few days change.
I shall return to
Harrogate on Monday

or earlier if necessary.
I sent Mr. Nicholson
word that I was here
& he promised to
write me when he
& her Husband had
talked things over.
After Tuesday next
I shall have one
of my daughters
home to live with

regard to her
treatment
I am
Yours gratefully.
A. Packer.

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175. Walker Road
Harrogate.
June 2nd 1918.

Dear Dr. Pierce. 16

Thank you for your letter received last evening. I called to see Dr. Bertram Watson about your patient. He thinks it would be better for the lady not to come to me, at any rate at

present, as I am having
Miss Nicholson.
I told Dr. Graham that
I had a lady recom-
mended by you
coming to live with
me. Mr. Nicholson
~~has by~~ Doncaster,
has written to say
they would like
their step-daughter
to come to me next
Friday June 5th &
that they are willing
to pay two guineas
per week.
I shall be glad to
carry out any
instructions you may
give to me with

be greatly obliged if you would kindly give me one.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully

Jean Hastie

Telephone:
No. 1713 Mayfair.
Telegrams:
"Nursental London."
Office Hours—10 to 5.

Mental Nurses' Co-operation,
115, Edgware Road,
London, W.

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Decr. 18th 1907

Dear Sir,

Nurse Piggott is joining our Co-operation & it is necessary for us to have a written testimonial from a medical man. Of course her certificate & medals are a sufficient guarantee of her capabilities but it is our rule to get a reference, so I will

Edward B. Payne.

TELEGRAMS:
"PAYNE, BILLERICAY."

Billericay, Essex,

October 10th 1907

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Dear Sir

I should be much obliged if you would send me a copy of the order by which my brother John J Payne was admitted as a patient to The Friend's Retreat, and the names and addresses of the medical men who signed the same, Also the date he was admitted & the date he was removed to the North Riding Asylum.

Thanking you in anticipation

1628 I am yours faithfully

Edward B Payne

To Dr Bedford Pierce
Friend's Retreat
York

Churchwy Grove
9/9/07

Dear Friend

Can you kindly send me word whether you take in epileptics as well as the Insane at the Retreat? or if not what are the best places to which to send them? If you can take an epileptic patient — I think such are often very nearly insane — what are

your terms —

Also what are your general terms both for Friends & others?

Will you kindly answer by return post as I fear my case is urgent —

Yours sincerely
C W Pumphrey

✓ N.K.

THE HAWTHORNS
WEDNESFIELD

April 14th 1904

Dr Spencer
Dear Sir

Not hearing from my sister, since our visit to her we cannot help but at times feeling anxious and wondering if we did her any harm. I thought we had

almost persuaded her to write to us, but, she does not at present seem inclined to do so.

If we had not such confidence both in yourself and the Retreat altogether it would be very much harder, but seeing our visit there both my sister and myself feel convinced if any one can do my

sister any good she is
in the right place.
again thanking you
for your kindness.
for she said all were
extremely kind.
all the fault lay
with herself.

I remain.
Yours respectfully
L. Pickard

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28, ST GEORGES TERRACE,
TROWBRIDGE 10. 3. 07.

Dear Sir,

I am much indebted for your recent letter.

I will consider the matter further & endeavour to persuade my father to see Dr Chambers. then I would communicate with you if we can proceed further.

Yours very truly
James Pearce.

10 o'clock on Thursday

Thursday a.m. (~~183~~ say 10.)

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Thornleigh,
Thornbury,
Bradford.

March 5th 1907.

Dear Dr Price.

Miss Milner told me when I saw her the other day that you would kindly have a little talk with me before I

returned to Rest.
I shall be in York
from tomorrow Wednesday
afternoon until Saturday
morning. Would you
kindly let me
know what time
would be most
convenient for me to
see you.
I know you will be
sorry to hear such
bad news.
Sam
Yours sincerely.
Alice Backer.

Will you please address
to Esplanade House
Scarborough.
York.

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28, St GEORGES TERRACE,
TROWBRIDGE.

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7. 3. 07

Dear Sir,

I have heard that you have in Connection with the Retreat, a sort of Home for nervous Conditions separate altogether from the Asylum. Would you kindly let me know if this is the case?

I am Concerned about my father who is suffering from

slight senile melancholia which I believe could be overcome if he could be moved out of a groove of discontent.
I think I might persuade him to undergo a course of "treatment" in a "home": but any suggestion of an asylum would not do neither does his case in any degree warrant this.

Also would you kindly let me know if it would be possible to consult you in London on the case?

Believe me
Yours faithfully
James Pearse MD

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LOW ROYD,
S. OLAVE'S ROAD,
YORK.

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your prompt & full reply.

The patient is in England with a private attendant. I have urged his

being placed into an institution, & his wife & her people now incline to do so. The question now lies between an English & a Scotch asylum, & I am sending the prospectus you have kindly let me have that they may have the facts necessary for forming a decision.

Yours very truly

H. M. Platnauer.

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LOW ROYD,
S. OLAVE'S ROAD,
YORK.

8. iij. '07.

Dear Dr Pierce

A friend of mine in Scotland who has to place a patient ~~in~~ under care has asked me to make enquiries for her. Would you kindly let me know

the terms & conditions at the "Retreat"?

I should add that the patient is a gentleman ~~is~~ 59 years old & he is afflicted with religious melancholia. He is a Presbyterian.

Yours faithfully
H. M. Platnauer.

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2. Vanbrugh Park
Blackheath S.E.
30 January. 1907.

Dear Sir

I am much obliged by your letter of Jan 28, and am sorry to hear that the epidemic of influenza is still so severe.

My wife's condition was so unsatisfactory that I have placed her for the present with Dr Chambers, at Roehampton, but my intention is to ask you later on to take charge of her. The future will depend however upon her progress. I hope that before very long she will cease to require any close

supervision.

I am dear Sir. yours very truly

William Arthur Price

S Bedford Pierce

The Retreat. York

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2 Vaubrugh Park. Blackheath

27 January. 1907 7

Dear Sir – Your letter and pamphlet in reply to my letter of the 24th written from 4 Lower Berkeley St reached me ~~this~~ yesterday morning. I am very sorry to hear of the severe epidemic of influenza and hope that you may recover from it favourably.

I wish to send my wife to you and will bring her up ~~as~~ as soon as you can receive her. She is at present in a nursing home in London practically confined to one room. where she gets very dejected and depressed. so that I am very anxious that she should start a healthier routine as quickly as possible. At the same

time. I do not want to unsettle her by starting some new mode of life for only a week or ten days.

I should be very much obliged if you can kindly let me know the earliest date it will be possible for you to receive her.

It would be a great satisfaction to us if it were possible to avoid certification. Dr Ernest Playfair is writing to you to give you the medical facts of the case, so that you can decide whether my wife can go as a voluntary patient. We shall be very glad if that is possible.

The pamphlet you kindly sent me mentions that the fees range between £2. 8. 0. & £7. 7. 0. a week. If you can give me any more information as to the different rates that may be paid and the accomodation corresponding. I shall be very much obliged.

I am yours faithfully
William Arthur Price

Dr Pierce. The Retreat York

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TELEPHONE
2886 PAD:

4, LOWER BERKELEY STREET,
PORTMAN SQUARE.W.

24 January. 1907

Dear Sir - I write to ask if you can take my wife as a patient into your asylum. She has suffered from neurasthenia, since the birth of a child in July. 1905. has become melancholy. and has attempted her own life twice within the last month. She has been attended by Dr Ernest Playfair ~~and by~~ of 57 Gloucester Terrace, and by Dr Blandford of 48 Twinpole St. and it is by Dr Blandford's advice that I write to you. He and Dr E Playfair are prepared to sign the necessary certificates.

I am very anxious that she should be under regular system as quickly as possible. At present she is in a nursing home where she gets no exer-cise or distraction.

I should be very much obliged if you would answer this with as little delay as possible, telling me whether you have a vacancy and what your terms are.

Of course you will receive full particulars from Dr Playfair

I am dear Sir
yours faithfully
William Arthur Price

if the experience, which I feel has been most valuable, & the kindness which everyone has shown to me, have been the only reward.

My stay at the Retreat I shall always remember as one of the most instructive, & though in one sense pathetic, happiest times which life has afforded me.

With kindest regards, & hoping that you will convey the thanks to the Committee which I vainly try to express

Believe me
Ever yours sincerely
Austin Priestman.

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7, Fairfield Road,
Bradford.

Feb. 20th 1907

Dear Mrs Walker.

Thank you for sending on the cheque which the Committee signed for me yesterday, which coming as it did quite unexpectedly was a very happy surprise for me: I feel that Dr Price & the Committee have been almost too kind, and I should have been more than satisfied.

were I not to cast my care on my Heavenly Father it would be more than I could bear.

I hope she does not think we have forgotten her, in not coming to see her, but a friend of my husband a Dr. advised us not to for a time, but let her have the full benefit of the change and treatment he reasonably said you can do her no good and may possibly undo all that is done, so that is why we have not been, but I assure you

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THE HAWTHORNS
WEDNESFIELD

Nov 24th 1906

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I was very sorry to hear my sister was suffering with toothache but hope by this time she is better

I have felt so much for her this last day or two I am afraid I have felt a little impatient, but I try not to do so, but it is such a very heavy trial, and when I think of her being so far away from all she knows, I feel at times

she is scarcely absent from our thoughts.

We have always had such happy Christmas's but as I look forward to this coming one, it seems so different (but I must not anticipate). I hope ~~she~~ she is making herself more contented, and hope by this time she has found a friend. she has always been slow forming fresh friendships but when formed they are generally lasting. and she has been one who took a pleasure in looking after another's comfort more than her own, but she has never been so bright and jolly since Mother's death, she was so fond of Mother and never seemed the same afterwards.

I have asked her in some of my letters if she is trying in some way to be of comfort or service to others, as it is her nature to do so, but she has not answered.

I hope I have not trespassed on your valuable time if so tell you please excuse

Your Respectfully

Lizzy Pickard

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Beck-side,
Thornton-le-Dale,
in Pickering

20 Aug 1908

Dear Dr Pierce

My wife has a letter from Nurse Linde saying that she is thinking of joining a nurse's home in Bournemouth & asking if she may use her name as a reference. Before doing so we should like to know whether you still hold the high opinion of her that

you over did, Mr Scott had a little trouble with her the last time that she helped to nurse our daughter

With kind regards & thanking you in advance for your reply I am

Yours sincerely
A Quishman

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TELEPHONE No. 221X.
LATE MESSAGES 3Y HESSLE.
TELEGRAMS: "PEARS. HULL."

3, WHITEFRIARGATE,
HULL,

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April 16th 1906

The Medical Supt.
The Retreat
Heslington Road
York.

Sir.

Please let me know by return the terms & conditions under which Patients are admitted to your Asylum. The case I have in view is a nephew deficient in intellect. He has been lately with an Ex Asylum Attendant but we think it desirable to make a change as more constant supervision may be beneficial. I presume in your Institution there is opportunity for the Patients doing some work & employ their time such as Gardening &c. My nephew is 27 years of age but so far as intellect is concerned is more like a boy of about 12 years of age. His means are rather limited & it is therefore desirable to place him on moderate terms so far as practicable. As we wish to arrange the matter as soon as possible I have thought it well to telephone to "The Retreat" requesting that particulars of your charges &c should be sent me by 10 days post & the lady who replied said this should be done. Of course if arrangements are made we will give full particulars of the case. I presume you have a vacancy.

Yours faithfully
F. H. Pearson

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THE NEST,
HORSHAM.

Feb. 17. 06.

Dear Dr. Pearce

do you remember Miss Pelli who was Matron at East House, Morningside when you knew it. I retired 2 years ago & with 2 sisters live here now. I recollect you and Mrs Pearce very well. I hope you will pardon my troubling you – I am anxious to know if Friends alone are admitted as Patients in your Asylum – if others are

admitted will you kindly
send me Rate of Board, or
if not - can you tell me
of a good, well managed
Asylum of Paying Patients
nearer Malvern —
I have been asked by a
friend residing there or being
by a friend to try & hear
of an Asylum where she
can be sent — is melancholy
talking of Suicide — Her people,
cannot pay a high Board not
above £80 or £90 a year —
Her people had to send her
to the County Asylum. She first
attack she had of Acute Mania &
dont wish to send her there
again.
I will be very grateful to
you for any information.
I have sometimes heard
of you and Mrs Pearce from
Mrs Middlemass.
I am
Yours truly
Anna E Peter.

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MIDDLESBROUGH & DISTRICT
MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Park Terr
Middlesbro

Dear Dr Pierce

I have seen Miss Patterson this evening. She seems well & able to take up her duties again. She says that she feels quite strong & well again.
I don't see any reason for her remaining at home any longer.

Yours faithfully.
R W Jowett

1-2-06