

**Randell, Edith**

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39. Watford Road.

Canning Town E.

11. 12. 1912.

Dear Dr. Peirce

I wonder if you would let me come & spend a few days at The Retreat during the Christmas holidays: I am going up to Sunderland, & could call either coming or going, if you are not too full to put me up. I could come just as an ordinary paying patient, though I have nothing the matter with me but a desire to see my friends again. If you cannot accommodate me, I can perhaps get rooms near in a short time.

Yours Sincerely

Edith Randell



St. Michael's Lane

Curragh Lane

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39. Walford Road

Canning Town E.

Dec 16. 1912.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you very much for your kind letter: & for making me feel so welcome. I shall like to come on Monday 30th Dec: I shall then be in time for the New Year's Party. I know Mr. & Mrs. Thornton, so am writing to ask them about rooms, with your address as I do not know theirs, though I remember where they live. I shall be at Barnville for Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Edith Randell.





Post Office.

Sealby.

Yorks.

Dear W. Pierce

I hope to call see all my friends at The Retreat, on Tuesday next, as I go through York. I hope you will be at home. We have had such glorious weather up here, & have walked miles nearly every day: to Stainton Dale, Ravenscar, Harprow, Langdale, Fartsdale, & I don't know how many more. Miss Martin, Miss Field, & one or two others & I, got lost on one of the moors & did not get home till 10 o'clock! we had been walking nearly all day.

My sister has been over from Dunbar, & have been with her all the summer except these three weeks, she sails in October, her husband has come to fetch her: horrible creature!

Yours sincerely

Edith Randell.



Miss. Office

Secretary

1890

Dear Mr. Jones

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of land for the purpose of establishing a new branch of the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast Railroad. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
J. H. Jones  
Secretary

terms and conditions  
under which you receive  
patients.

Believe me  
Yours very truly  
Elizabeth W. Patrick.

461  
10 Thurstway Road  
Bayswater London, W  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1912.

Dear Madam,

I am not sure if the  
address will be too indefinite  
to reach you, but am sending  
it as a venture.

I have heard of your "Home"  
through the sister of Miss  
Randall who was with you  
some little time ago, and



Who received so much benefit that she should have treatment  
under your care.

I have a dear friend who  
has lived with me for 10 years  
who two years since had a  
nervous breakdown, and  
was for ten months in Bethlem  
Hospital. She is now again  
with me. She is much better.  
Things look well.

If it should become advisable

again, may I ask if you  
are seeing patients for  
the price a week?

My friend has an annuity  
of £21 a year, and her  
sister and myself supplement  
the remainder of income.

I shall be very grateful  
if you will let me  
have some particulars of

2. ~~Randell~~

Gleulew

Kidmore Road

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1911 Caversham

Dear Sir.

7/4

I enclose Postal  
Order in payment  
of the balance of  
my sister's account.

I am pleased to  
say Edith is in



Splendid health.

She is staying with me now, after a month at the sea, & seems quite her old self.

We, her sisters, all thank you very much for your kind interest & treatment of her.

With kind regards

I remain  
Yours Sincerely

Winifred E. Pope

✓  
A.R.

9, STEEP HILL,  
STREATHAM,  
S. W.

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you kindly  
send me a report of my  
cousin's condition - (Miss Randall)

I am anxious to know  
whether she is improving  
at all, & what chances  
of recovery you think she  
may have

Yours very sincerely

Lilian Allen





9 Sup Hill 309  
Strecher

July 21<sup>st</sup>

1911

Dear Sir

I should be very

glad for my sister to  
have her discharge.

Right- I to have written  
before? I am afraid I  
did not understand.



I am so glad she is  
keeping so well  
With kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely

May Standell.

June 30, 1911

Dear Miss Randell,

I had, not long ago, a pleasant letter from Miss Martin, saying that Miss Etiah Randell was keeping quite nicely.

Is not the time coming when she may be discharged?

On hearing in the affirmative from you, I will take the necessary steps.

Yours very truly,



April 10, 1912

Dear Mr. [illegible]

I have just received your letter of the 4th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are interested in the

subject of the [illegible] of the [illegible]

and that you are willing to [illegible] the [illegible]

of the [illegible] of the [illegible]

Very truly yours,

around her.

As I said, Miss Randell is frail, certainly not fit at present for hard work or for <sup>long</sup> walks. tennis, gardening & such life; but we get plenty of variety one way & another.

There is not the least suggestion of any delusion or mental trouble of any kind.

She sends her love to you, & hopes you had a good time in Switzerland. With happy remembrances of your kind ones, <sup>your</sup> Martin

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53 Linden Road

Bourneville

June 20 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

As we have been here now for a month, you will like to know how Miss Randell is, so I send my report.

That she should be



fail - easily used -  
is I suppose only  
what we should expect:  
apart from that. There  
is certainly nothing  
the matter.

She is keenly interested  
in everything & everyone,  
& thoroughly alive to  
all the questions of the  
day. My sister who  
is always most active

- full of energy. said  
to me today. that what  
she had feared was  
that Miss Randell  
should spend her  
time in concentration  
of thought etc. but  
that she saw for  
herself that she  
was living a quite  
normal life & was  
full of keen interest  
in life & everything



May 26, 1911

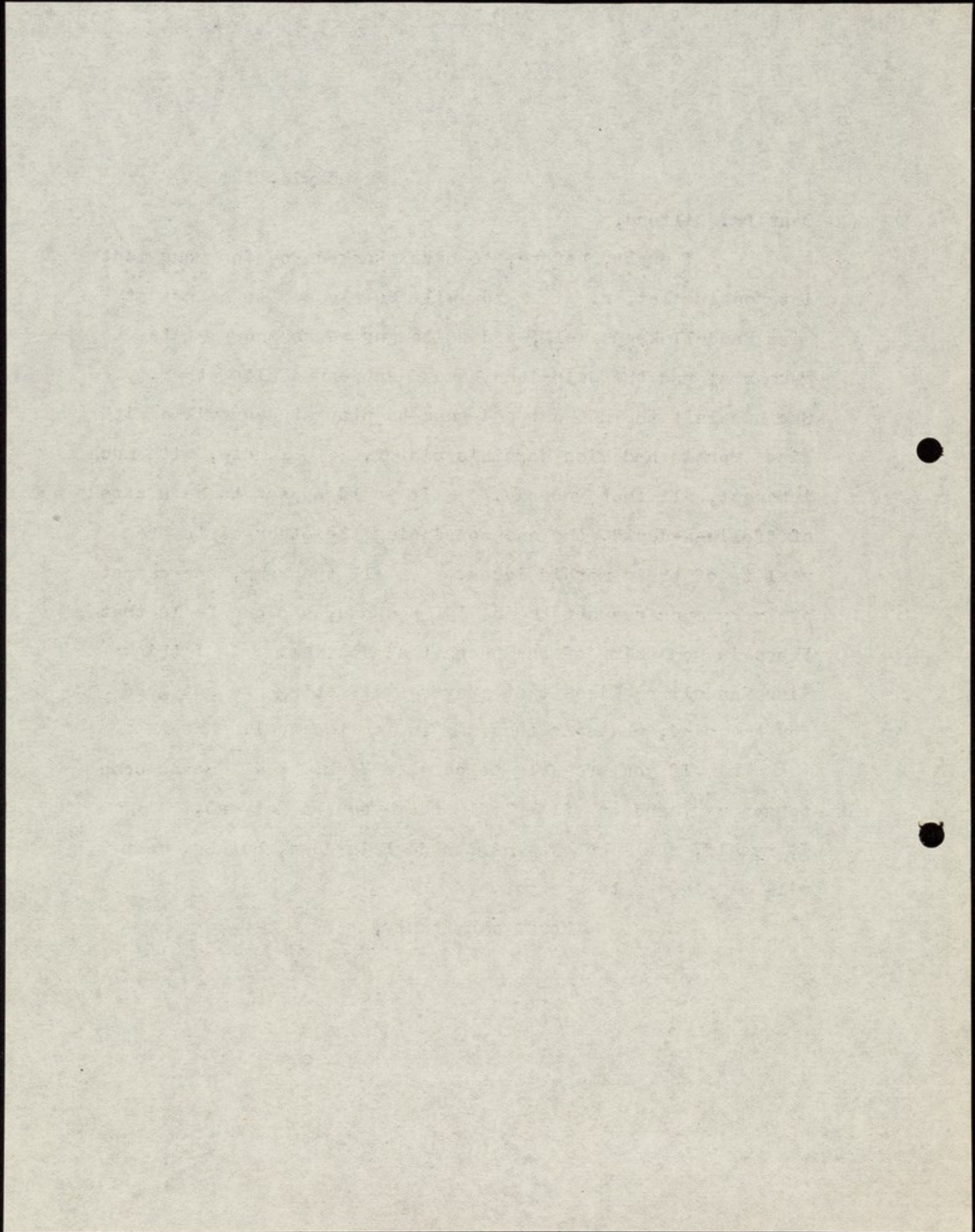
Dear Dr. Gilford,

I ought, before, to have thanked you for your most interesting letter. You will be pleased to hear that Miss Randell keeps well, and no longer wears snowy white garments; and the delusions have disappeared altogether. She has left the Retreat and gone to stay at Bournville with Miss Martin and Miss Martin's sister. I note, with much interest, all that you say. It would appear to be a case of "folie-a-deux", the one convincing the other as to the reality of their morbid ideas. All the same, one cannot but very much respect their high purpose, and one feels that there is something of the prophet about them. I think Miss Randell realises that prayer and fasting are not good for the mind, whatever they may be for the soul.

If you are able to come to York, by all means come to see us, and we will gladly show you the Retreat. I, myself, shall be away a good deal in June, but Dr. Kemp will be pleased to see you.

Yours very truly,







Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911.

53. Linden Road.

Bournville.

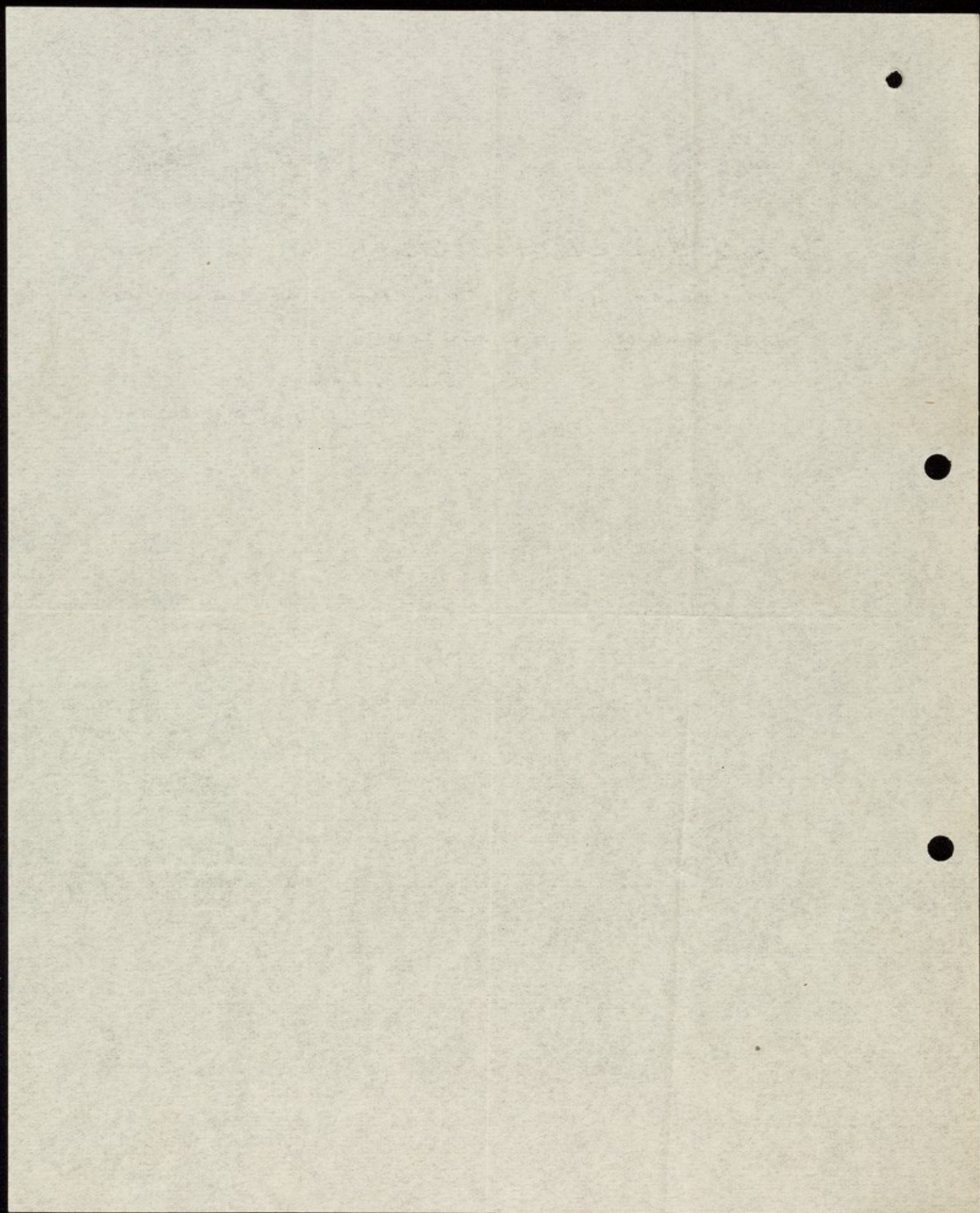
Jim said I was not to write letters for a bit, but I must  
just send a line, Dr. Pierre dear, to say we arrived  
safely yesterday. I will write later.

Yours sincerely

Edith Randell.

what event!





9, STEEP HILL,  
STREATHAM,  
S. W.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you for your letter, one of us will come to York on Friday & meet you & Miss Martin.

I am rejoiced to hear my sister is so much better—

Yours very sincerely  
Lilian Allen



OF STEEP HILL

STREATHAM

B. W.

The Chestnuts.  
St. Ives Hunt.  
17. 5. 1911

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your  
letter to my sister Mrs  
Allen, which I received  
this morning.  
I shall arrive in York



on Friday afternoon between  
3 and 4 o'clock, and shall  
be glad to see you, at  
the time most convenient  
to you.

I do not wish to trouble  
you to write, if you  
will kindly tell Miss  
Martin the most

convenient hour as she  
will be meeting me.  
Again thanking you  
for all trouble taken

Yours faithfully,  
M. Randall  
per H.P.

-This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram-

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TO { Reply Paid  
Bedford Pierce The Retreat York

Martin says Randell has recovered  
is this true reply Paid

Randell Training College  
Hereford





answers, but just that  
when I call you may  
have left instructions if  
you should be out or  
engaged.

Yours most-thankfully  
Jesse Martin

224

of Mrs. Common  
Tynehome  
Sunderland

May 10.

1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

Following your advice  
I took lodgings at Mrs Smith's  
& Belle Vue Terrace &  
will come to them on Friday.

I have written to Miss May  
Randell telling her the  
good news. I thank you



exceedingly for your kindness  
in letting me spend so  
much time with Miss Randell  
& making me welcome;  
but for your kindness  
to her & your joy in  
the improvement I can  
never forget.

The family will communi-  
cate with you of course,  
but I am hoping that we,

soon now I can take  
Miss Randell away with me  
to our cottage at Bourneville;  
all the conditions there will  
be favourable I think -  
perfect quiet - until  
she feels ready to go to  
the sea or elsewhere.

May I come to the Retreat  
on Friday afternoon? I am  
not asking for an



183  
2 Cliff Terrace  
Hunstanton

To Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I am enclosing  
The £9. 12 for my sister  
Edith Randlee. I am  
afraid I shall not be  
able to get together the  
money for much longer  
at The Retreat. I do wish



She could have stayed  
with you until she  
was well. Would you be  
kind enough to let me  
know how much notice  
you require for her  
removal. Do you think  
there is any improvement  
I am hoping as she does  
not write so much that  
there may be.

With kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely  
M



The Chestnuts  
St Lees  
Hunts

Dr Bedford Freece  
Dear Sir I heard from  
Miss Martin this  
morning of the im-  
-provement in my  
sister. I cannot-  
tell you how



grateful I feel.  
If you will kindly  
send me the papers  
I should sign so that  
she may go with  
Miss Martin I shall  
be very much obliged  
If it would be better  
for me to come up  
on Saturday I could  
do so. I should like  
to have seen her but-

she kept writing asking  
us not to come. I  
will not see her on  
Saturday if it would  
be easier not to.  
I say Saturday because  
that is my free day.  
Thank you for all  
your kindness  
I remain  
Yours sincerely  
May Randall

May 15, 1911

Dear Mrs. Allen,

The very decided improvement in Miss Randell's condition is maintained, and I should think she is probably now better than she has been for some time previous to her breakdown.

I have purposely not talked to her very much about her illness, and until I do so I hardly know how to advise you on the subject, but if one of you would come to York on Friday night and see her and Miss Martin I think I could arrange to see you; and probably I should be able to give you my opinion as to when Miss Randell might suitably leave. I shall probably go to Bournemouth on Saturday, and I should like to get this fixed up the evening before.

Yours very truly,



Nov 12, 1911

Dear Mr. [illegible]

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the matter of the [illegible] and I am glad to hear that you are interested in the same.

I have been thinking about the matter for some time and I am sure that you will find the [illegible] of great interest to you.

I am sure that you will find the [illegible] of great interest to you and I am sure that you will find the [illegible] of great interest to you.

I am sure that you will find the [illegible] of great interest to you and I am sure that you will find the [illegible] of great interest to you.



My sister who has come up from Hereford-  
wishes me to thank you for your telegram.

9, STEEP HILL,  
STREATHAM,  
S. W.

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you very much  
for your telegram, we were so  
delighted to hear of my sister's  
improvement, & hope it will be  
permanent.

I shall be very much obliged  
if you will let me know  
when she is well enough to  
leave York, & when it would  
be wise for a sister  
to see her, we know she must  
not be excited, but we are all  
so very anxious to see her.

I hope I am not troubling you  
too much, but we want to  
make arrangements for my  
sister's future, & should like



to know how long you will  
keep her under your supervision.  
We know of Miss Martin's visit  
& its happy result, but we  
feel that in the arrangement  
for Edith's future her sisters  
must take their part —

In confidence, I may say that  
although Miss Martin & my  
sister are deeply attached to each  
other, their living together in the  
past was attended with very  
unhappy results — and while  
not wishing to separate them  
— we wish to keep in touch  
with them so as to avoid a  
repetition of my sister's break-  
down —

Thanking you for all your  
kindness I remain

Yours very sincerely  
Lillian Allen.





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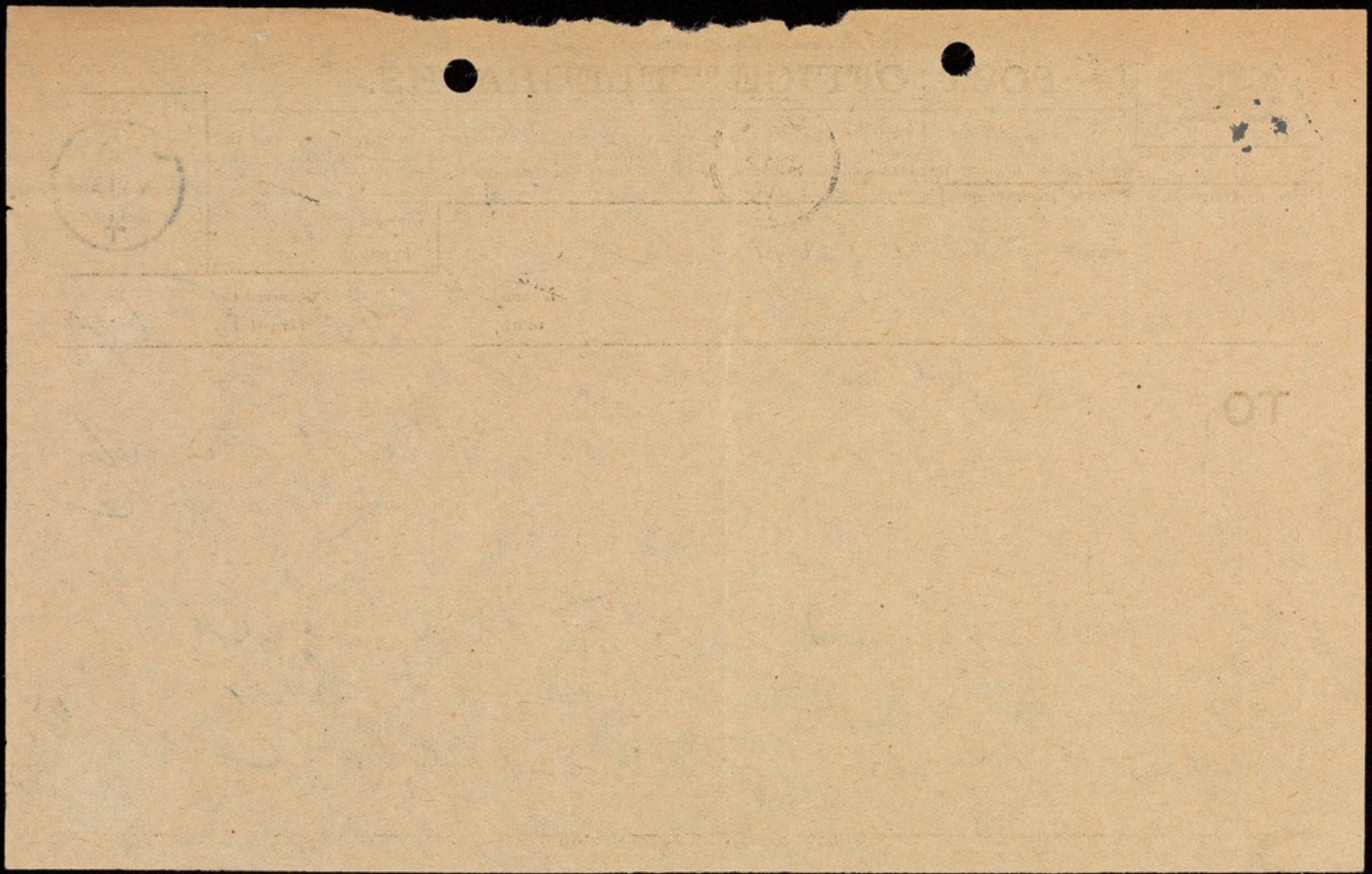
Handed in at } *28/5* Received here at } *1/6* .M.

TO {

*Reply paid 18 words*  
*Doctor Preice The Retreat*  
*Yore*

*Understand Edith Rundell recovered*  
*Is this so Is her*  
*sister with you allen*







May 13, 1911

Dear Dr. Gilford,

You will be interested in hearing that Miss Randell is very much better. She became seriously deluded, thinking she was a lady of title, that she was spiritually married, that my colleague was a relative, that Miss Martin was dead, that the persons calling themselves her sisters were only foster sisters, and so forth.

Miss Martin came to see her a few days ago and it seemed as if the bottom card of a card castle was pulled out, and the whole delusional structure collapsed. She appears to me to be very much as she was before this attack of excitement.

I should be much obliged if you would tell me what you can as to how the mental disorder commenced. I understand she was an unusual type of person; something of a mystic, perhaps like St. Clara; and it would seem that her mental disorder was a not unnatural development of an ecstatic state of mind. Any information would be welcome.

I should also like to know what you think of Miss Martin, who seems to have been a sort of disciple of my patient. The proposal is that now she is better they should begin again at Bournville. This may be all right, but I am not quite certain about it yet.

I saw Mrs. Howard Rowntree the other day. She seems perfectly well; and I hope you are, yourself, flourishing.

With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,



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May 12, 1911

Dear Madam,

I am glad to say that Miss Randell is very much better, and the extravagant delusions have suddenly passed away.

I think it would be better for you to defer your visit until another Saturday, as I think it is important for a few days to keep her quiet and see as few people as possible; and Miss Martin is coming back to see her I believe.

There will be no difficulty in making arrangements in a hurry for her to leave the Retreat. It will be much better to move cautiously in the matter, but she certainly appears to be well on the way to convalescence.

Yours very truly,

Miss May Randell







9, STEEP HILL,  
STREATHAM,  
S. W.

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Referring to my sister  
Edith Randall —

I am very sorry to say that we  
cannot possibly afford to keep her  
at the Retreat after May 10<sup>th</sup>.

As I have previously explained, we  
have only been enabled to keep her  
in the Retreat, by the help of friends;  
and we are desirous of placing  
her in some establishment where  
the charges are within our means.

My sister - Mr. Allen — understood  
from you that it might be possible  
to remove my sister Edith to  
Bootham Park, & I shall be very  
grateful, if you will kindly



Speak to Dr. Hitchcock - to whom  
I am writing tonight - on my behalf.  
We are very anxious to avoid  
placing my sister in a public  
asylum, but cannot afford  
more than about 18¢ a week.

Thanking you for your care &  
treatment of my sister, &  
deeply regretting that circum-  
stances will not permit  
me to keep her any longer at  
the Retreat

I remain  
Yours sincerely,  
May Randell.

# THE RETREAT, YORK.

## NOTICE OF ADMISSION.

*(Lunacy Act, 1890. Rules by the Commissioners).*

### PRIVATE PATIENT.

*To be forwarded to the Commissioners in Lunacy within one clear day  
from the Patient's reception.*

Date of Reception Order, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

I hereby give you Notice, That \_\_\_\_\_

was admitted into this Hospital as a Private Patient on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and I hereby transmit a Copy  
of the Reception Order and Medical Certificates and of the Petition and  
Statement of Particulars on which he was received.

A Statement with respect to the mental and bodily condition of the  
above-named Patient will be forwarded in due course.

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Superintendent.

Dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

One Thousand Nine Hundred and

*To the Commissioners in Lunacy.*



(Copy.)

53 Vict. c. 5.- Sched. 2, Form 3.

Order for Reception of a Private Patient to be made by a Justice appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890, Judge of County Courts or Stipendiary Magistrate.

I, the undersigned William Hill

(a) a Justice for—  
specially appointed under  
the Lunacy Act, 1890; or  
the Judge of the County  
Court of—, or the Stipen-  
diary Magistrate for—.

being a Justice for (a) Herts.

specially appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890.

upon the petition of Mabel Randell

(b) Address and descrip-  
tion.

of (b) 9 Steep Hill, Streatham, S.W., Governors

in the matter of Edith Randell

(c) Or an idiot or a  
lunatic.

a person of unsound mind (c) \_\_\_\_\_ accompanied by the

Medical Certificates of Bessie Marion Gilford

and Norman Macfadyen

hereto annexed, and upon the undertaking of the said

Mabel Randell

to visit the said

Edith Randell

(d) Name of Petitioner.

personally or by some one specially appointed by the said (d) \_\_\_\_\_

Mabel Randell

once at least in

every six months while under care and treatment under this Order, hereby

authorise you to receive the said Edith Randell

as a Patient into your Hospital.

And I declare that I have [~~or have not~~] personally seen the said

Edith Randell

before making this Order.

Dated 11th day of October 19 10

(Signed) William Hill

A Justice for Herts. appointed under  
the above-mentioned Act [~~or the Judge of the County Court~~  
of Magistrate] or a Stipendiary

To the Medical Superintendent of the Retreat, York.

(Copy.)

53 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. 2, Form 1.

PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF A PRIVATE PATIENT.

IN THE MATTER OF Edith Randell

a person alleged to be of unsound mind.

To (a) William Still J. P. of County of Herts.

(a) — a Justice of the Peace for —, or His Honour the Judge of the County Court of —, or — Stipendiary Magistrate for —.

The Petition of Mabel Randell

(b) Full postal address and rank, profession, or occupation.

of (c) 9 Steep Hill, Streatham, Governoress  
in the County of London

(c) At least twenty-one.

1. I am 42 (i) years of age.

2. I desire to obtain an Order for the Reception of

(d) Or an idiot or a lunatic.

Edith Randell (e) as a person of unsound mind  
in the Hospital called The Retreat situate at York (f).

(e) Insert the full name address, and description of the Hospital.

3. I last saw the said Edith Randell  
at The Rylands, Pimbleway, Letchworth  
on the (g) 10 day of October 1910.

(f) Some day within 14 days before the date of the presentation of the petition

4. I am the (h) sister of the

(g) Here state the connection or relationship with the patient.

said Edith Randell  
[or if the petitioner is not connected with or related to the patient, state as follows:]

I am not related to or connected with the said

The reasons why this Petition is not presented by a relation or connection are as follows:—

The circumstances under which this Petition is presented by me are as follows:—

5. I am not related to or connected with either of the persons signing the certificates which accompany this Petition as (where the Petitioner is a man) husband, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, partner, or assistant (or where the Petitioner is a woman), wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, partner, or assistant.

6. I undertake to visit the said Edith Randell

personally or by some one specially appointed by me at least once in every six months while under care and treatment under the Order to be made on this Petition.

7. A statement of particulars relating to the said

Edith Randell accompanies this Petition.

If it is the fact, add: [8. The said  
has been received in the said Hospital under an Urgency Order dated the ]

The Petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be made in accordance with the foregoing statement.

(h) Full Christian and Surname.

Signed (i) Mabel Randell

Date of presentation of the Petition 11 day of Oct. 1910



(Copy.)

FORM 2.

STATEMENT of Particulars referred to in the annexed Petition [or in the above or annexed Order].

If any Particulars are not known, the fact is to be so stated.

[Where the patient is in the Petition or Order described as an idiot, omit the particulars marked \*].

The following is a statement of Particulars relating to the said Edith Randall

Name of patient, with Christian name at length - Edith Randall

Sex and age - Female 38

\*Married, single, or widowed - Single

\*Rank, profession, or previous occupation (if any) - Governess

\*Religious persuasion - Originally Nonconformist

Residence at or immediately previous to the date hereof - Rylands, Priore Way, Litchworth, Herts.

\*Whether first attack - Litchworth, Yes

Age on first attack - 38

When and where previously under care and treatment as a lunatic, idiot, or person of unsound mind - not previously

\*Duration of existing attack - not known exactly

Supposed cause - Bereavement, solitude & overstudy

Whether subject to epilepsy - no

Whether suicidal - no

Whether dangerous to others, and in what way - no

Whether any near relative has been afflicted with insanity - no

Names, Christian names, and full postal addresses of one or more relatives of the patient - Mabel Randall } 9 Steep Hill  
Lilian Allen } Streatham, S.W.

Name of the person to whom notice of death to be sent, and full postal address, if not already given - Mabel Randall,  
9 Steep Hill, Streatham

Name and full postal address of the usual medical attendant of the patient - Has had no regular medical attendant.

(Signed) (a) Mabel Randall

(a) When the Petitioner or person signing an order is not the person who signs the statement, add the following particulars concerning the person who signs the statement.

{ Name with Christian Name at length - \_\_\_\_\_

{ Rank, Profession, or Occupation (if any) - \_\_\_\_\_

{ How related to or otherwise connected with the Patient - \_\_\_\_\_

When neither Certificate is signed by the Usual Medical Attendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that it is not practicable to obtain a

(a) Name of patient. Certificate from the usual Medical Attendant of (a) \_\_\_\_\_

*Edith Randell*

for the following reason, viz. :— *That to the best of my knowledge she has had no medical attention for the past few years.*

(b) To be signed by the Petitioner.

(Signed) (b) *Mabel Randell*

*11th day of October 1900.*

When a previous Petition has been dismissed.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that a former Petition for the Reception

(a) Name of patient. of (a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Name of asylum, hospital, licensed house, or single charge. into (b) \_\_\_\_\_

was presented to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Justice of the peace for \_\_\_\_\_, or judge of county court of \_\_\_\_\_, or stipendiary magistrate for \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, and dismissed.

\*Herewith is a copy (furnished by the Commissioners in Lunacy)

of the Statement sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

19\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE.—This Copy is to be obtained from the Commissioners in Lunacy by the Petitioner at his own expense.



(Copy.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.—Form 8.

In the matter of Edith Randall

(a) Insert residence of patient.

(b) County, city, or borough, as the case may be.

(c) Insert profession or occupation, if any.

of (a) Rylands, Pixmore Way, Letchworth

in the (b) County of Hertfordshire

(c) Ex-School teacher

an alleged lunatic.

I, the undersigned Norman Macfadyen

do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession.

2. On the 10th day of October 19 10

(d) Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the Christian and surname of occupier.

(e) County, city, or borough, as the case may be.

(f) Omit this where only one certificate is required.

(g) A lunatic, an idiot, or a person, of unsound mind.

at (d) Rylands, Pixmore Way, Letchworth

in the (e) County of Hertfordshire

(f) (separately from any other practitioner)

I personally examined the said Edith Randall

and came to the conclusion that she is a person of unsound mind (g)

and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz.:-

(a) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination (h), viz.:

(h) If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination, the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.

The jumble of kitchen utensils around the fire. Her statement that she had cured herself of cancer by prayer (she had never had cancer). She said she disinfects everything by breaking crockery & letting the water fall upon her utensils. The water dripped through a basket smeared with witch hazel. Her general demeanour and cunning to myself (quite alien to her nature).

(i) The names and Christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.

(b) Facts communicated by others (i), viz.:

Her general behaviour (generally very kind) has altered. She believes in certain mystic signs, and has said she must kill any one who prevents her doing her duty as interpreted by these signs. (Said to Mrs. Allen, Sister, of Deep Hill, Streatham). She throws money away & signs cheques for money she has not got.

4. The said Edith Randall

(k) Strike out this clause in case of a patient whose removal is not proposed.

appeared to me to be ~~on not to be~~ in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house (k).

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

(Signed) Norman Macfadyen

of (f) 123 Norton Way, Letchworth, Herts.

(l) Insert full postal address.

Dated this 10th day of October 1910

Extract from Section 317 of the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.



(Copy.)

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.—Form 8.

In the matter of Mrs Edith Randall

(a) Insert residence of patient. of (a) Rylands, Pimore Way, Letchworth  
(b) County, city, or borough, as the case may be. in the (b) County of Hertfordshire  
(c) Insert profession or occupation, if any. (c) formerly a teacher

an alleged lunatic.

I, the undersigned Bessie Marion Gilford

do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession.

2. On the 10th day of October 1910

(d) Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the christian and surname of occupier. at (d) Rylands, Pimore Way, Letchworth  
(e) County, city, or borough, as the case may be. in the (e) County of Hertfordshire  
(f) (separately from any other practitioner)

(g) I personally examined the said Edith Randall  
and came to the conclusion that she is a person of unsound mind (g)

(h) A lunatic, an idiot, or a person, of unsound mind. and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz.:-

(a) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination (h), viz.:

(h) If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination, the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph. At my visit at 3 p.m. I found patient clad only in night dress & upon cleaning the kitchen range. Though only slightly known to me she embraced me with hands covered with soot. On a previous occasion (Oct 1st) she told me that she knew I belonged to a secret society (which is not the case) & that we had exchanged signs & counter signs. She told me that she had been smashing crockery as a sign to help someone at a distance.

(i) The names and christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.

(b) Facts communicated by others (i), viz.: by Mrs Isabel Randall, Rylands, Hertford. She smashed crockery & then explained that she did it to disinfect because she had had cancer & had cured herself spiritually. She says that she has thousands of pounds (though she has spent or given away recklessly all she had) and promises to give cheques to people. She says that people are talking in signs & that she understands their signs.

4. The said Edith Randall

(k) Strike out this clause in case of a patient whose removal is not proposed.

appeared to me to be as not to be in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house (k).

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

(Signed) Bessie Marion Gilford

of (f) Horton Way, Letchworth, Hertfordshire

(l) Insert full postal address.

Dated this 10th day of October 1910

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March 25, 1911

Dear Dr. Gilford,

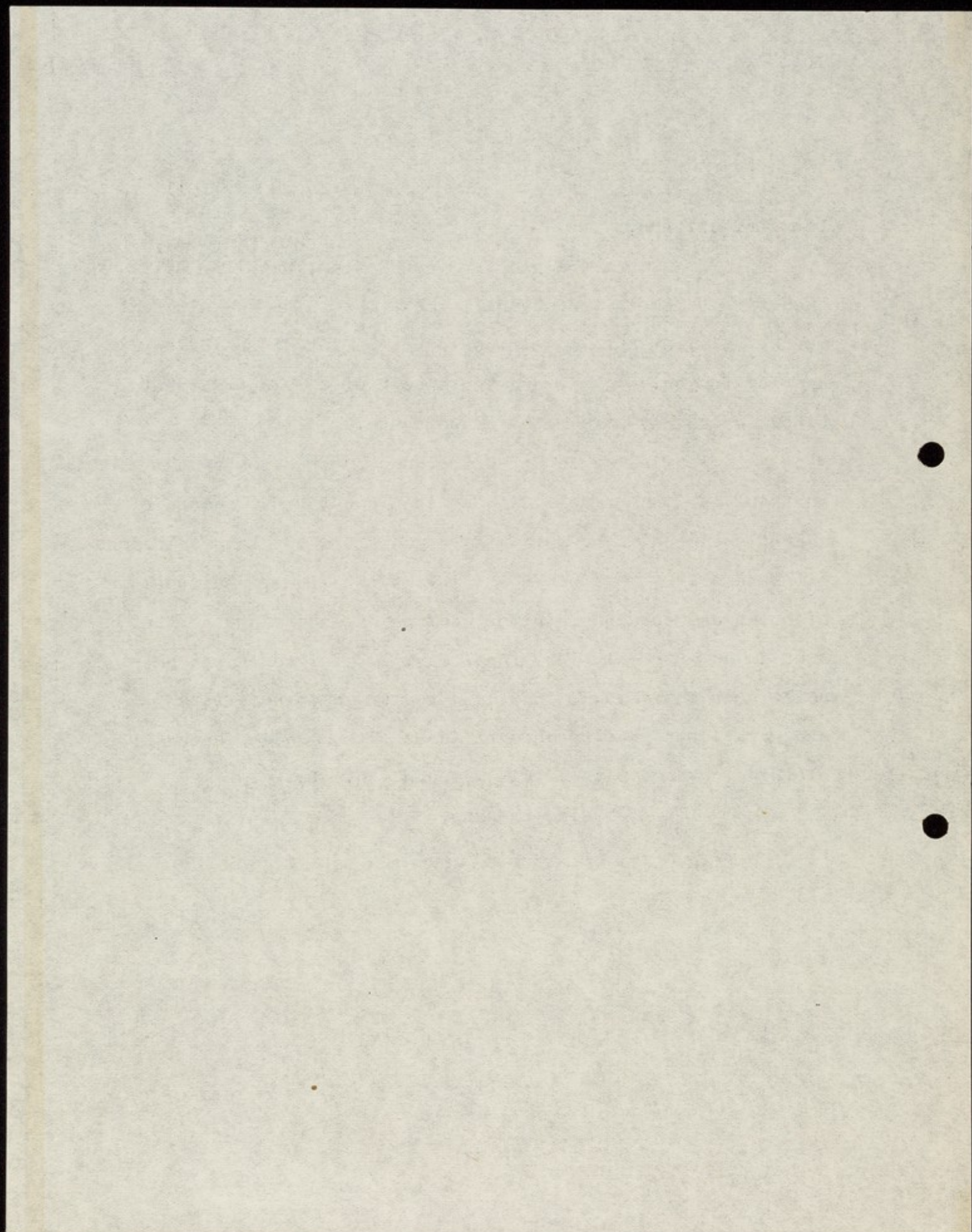
I am much obliged for your letter, but I am not expecting to be in London until about the third week in next month. I am afraid this would be too late to be of any service to you. I send you a copy of the last Retreat Report which may perhaps be of some use.

I am sorry to say we have not been able to make anything of Miss Randell. She is a sweet creature and of a gentle disposition, but unfortunately she has many delusions of grandeur. She thinks she is a titled lady, and speaks of an engagement and spiritual communion and things of that kind in an extremely irrational way. I could not but smile when she came. She appeared to me to be a living exaggeration of the Letchworth ideas with her diaphanous clothing covered with a white jubbah etc. etc.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,





✓  
H.K.

The Chestnuts-  
St-Lues  
Hunts

To Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

I am enclosing

£ 9. 12 for my sister

Edith Randall

I do hope she is



making better progress.  
Again thank you for  
your kindness

I remain

Yours sincerely

May Randall

TELEPHONE:  
35 P.O. LETCHWORTH.

Norton Way,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1911.

Dear W. Pierce,

Are you likely to be in London  
any time shortly? If so I would  
like to send some ladies to consult

you about their sister whom I  
believe to be in need of institutional  
treatment. I will send

you notes of the case if you will  
be able to see them.



Mrs Randall's friends have left

Leitchfield, so I have not heard

about her. Did she get well, or is

she better?

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Marion Gilford.

I need not assure you  
that I am ready to come  
at a moment's notice  
at any time that she  
would like to see me.

To morrow I return to  
my sister's home  
53 Linden Road  
Bourneville  
it is my present address.

Please do not feel that I  
expect an answer to this.

Yours sincerely  
Frank Martin

1/2  
A.R.

DUNEDIN,  
HIGHBURY HILL,  
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Feb. 20

Dear Dr. Pierce

Mrs. Lloyd Wilson has  
suggested that I should  
write to you about my  
friend Miss Edith Randell.  
I feel that I may write  
quite unprofessionally.

It is to tell you that for  
nearly seven years I have



Known that she is the  
Teacher whom all are  
now looking for. She did  
not tell me so, & we did  
not talk of it to each  
other until the last few  
weeks we were together; &  
then it was rather that the  
knowledge was underlying  
our words & thoughts.

I write just that I may  
give my witness to what I  
know. Her whole life has  
been a giving, and this  
mystery I can feel must  
be a further giving of  
herself <sup>for</sup> to others.

We have been friends for nearly  
ten years, spending holiday  
times together, and the  
last 12 months have had  
our own little home at  
Letchworth.

All communications should be  
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

Lunacy Commission,

66, Victoria Street,

LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different  
subjects should be made in separate  
Letters.



LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

13th February, 1911.

Sir,

Miss Edith Randell

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to  
request that you will kindly furnish them with a report  
on the present mental and bodily condition of this  
patient.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*B. J. Hodgson*  
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat,

York.





we should like to  
make an application  
to the Committee to  
consider her case.  
Will you add to  
your kindness by  
letting me know the  
form in which the  
application should be  
made?

We feel that my  
sister will have a  
better chance of  
recovery at the Retreat  
than elsewhere, &  
we would make a

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38, LEBANON PARK,  
TWICKENHAM.

9 Steep Hill  
Streatham  
Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thank you  
very much for your  
letter.

We are arranging to  
let my sister remain  
at the Retreat for two  
or three weeks longer,  
& in the meantime



great effort to  
keep her there if  
the Committee can  
see their way to  
reduce the fees to  
an amount more  
within our means.

Again thanking  
you for your kind-  
ness

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Lilian Allen



of two or three places  
where my sister could  
be taken at lower fees;  
I should be most  
grateful if you could  
let me have the names  
of these places; so I  
fear we cannot  
pay those of the  
Retreat much as we  
should like to let  
her stay with you,  
where she seems  
so happy.

We feel that the

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39, LEBANON PARK,

THICKENHAM.

9 Steep Hill  
Sheatham  
Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you  
for your kind letter.  
I am very sorry that  
my sister is not  
any better.

When I was in York  
you kindly offered  
to give me the names



utmost- we can  
manage to pay  
is a guinea a week,  
I want to send  
her to the best place  
we can find for  
this sum.

Thanking you for  
the care & attention  
you have shown  
my sister

I remain

Yours sincerely  
Lilian Allen.

Glebe  
Kilmore Road  
Caversham  
Oxon.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the  
cheque £9.12s. four  
weeks' fees for my sister  
Edith Randell.

May I ask if we are  
allowed to send a few cakes



2.

or convince Jies of our own  
wakeup to her? She has  
written & asked for some  
to pass round, saying  
the other patients share  
their tuck boxes with her.

I do not know if what  
she writes is correct &  
should feel greatly obliged  
if when sending my receipt  
you would be good enough  
just to put yes or no.  
I shall understand.

With very kind regards

I remain  
yours sincerely  
Philip C. Pope.

The Chestnuts  
St-Ives  
Hunts.

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1911

To Mr Medford Pierce  
Dear Sir

I enclose £19. 4  
for my sister Edith  
Randell, which pays  
up to Feb 29<sup>th</sup> I believe.



My sister seems to  
be happy with you. I  
feel sure all is done  
to make her so, but I  
shall be so glad when  
she is well.

Thank you very much  
for your kindness to  
her, also for your  
kindness & courtesy  
to us. I am afraid

we have bothered you at dinner  
with our correspondence etc.  
I am sorry the journey was  
so late, it takes a little getting  
together

With kind regards

I remain

Yours sincerely  
May Randall.

MOUNT VILLAS,  
YORK.

22. XII. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I received ~~this~~ letter  
(enclosed) this morning  
& had no idea what could  
be done & feared nothing  
could - but Essie says  
there is a fund available  
for some cases but I  
do not think she knows  
exactly for whom it is  
applicable & I think  
I can only send you  
the letter, tho' I am



YORK  
MOUNT VERNON  
NEW YORK

sorry to trouble you,  
+ ask you if any-  
thing can be done.  
The writer is Fanny  
Jellyard who was  
sister in charge of  
the outside nursing  
work in connection  
with women's settlement  
at Canning Town.  
Sometime I have  
something else to

tell you - but it is  
nothing serious &  
can wait: & it will  
not mean any work  
or expenditure of time  
for you - so it will  
not be serious in that  
way either.

Sincerely yours  
Edith M. Rountree

Dec. 23, 1910

Dear Miss Rowntree,

Though I have seen you two or three times, I have not had an opportunity of speaking to you and asking how you got on in America. We are glad you came back, and did not arrange to stay there.

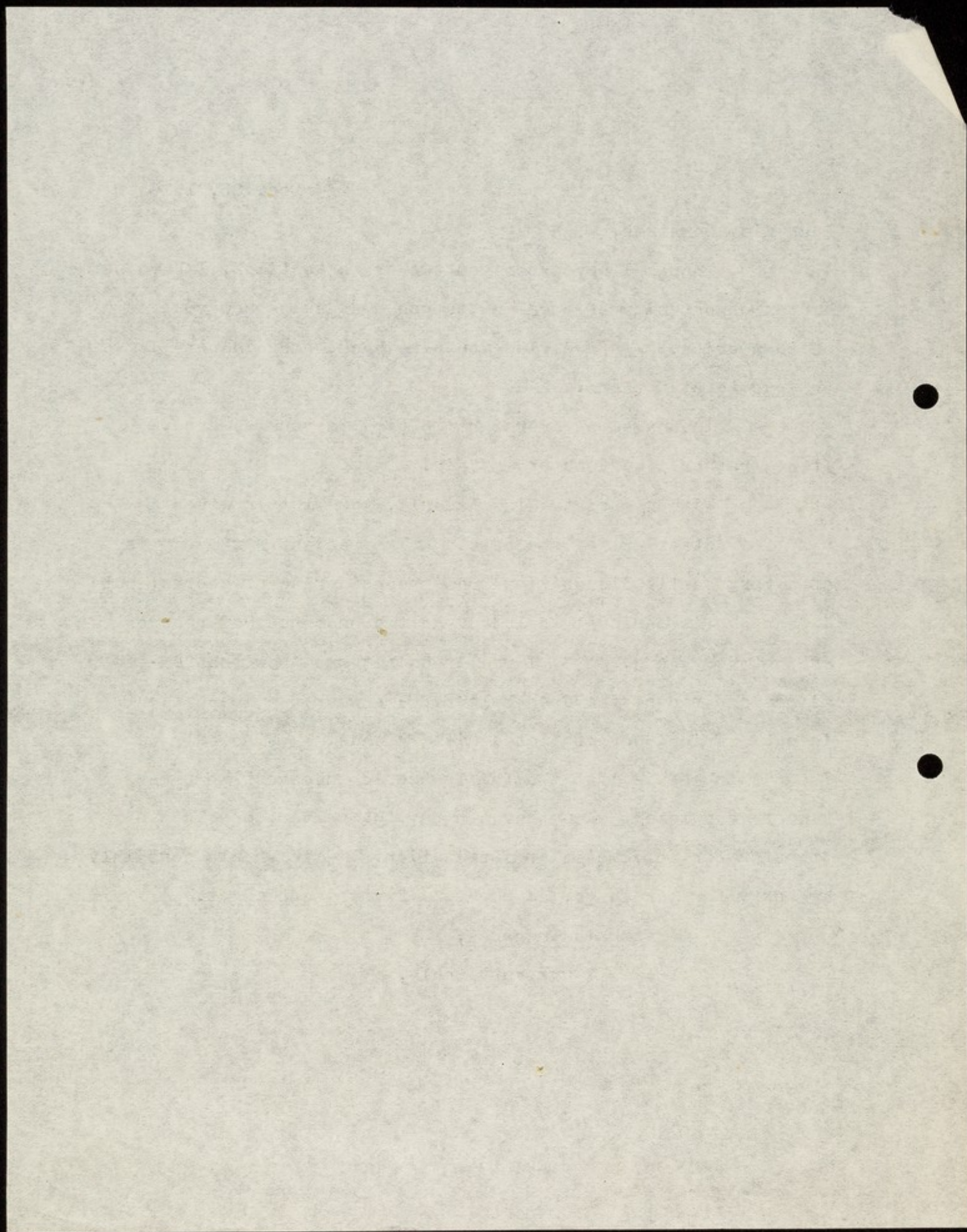
I managed an oversight meeting in your absence. It was rather a perfunctory affair.

With regard to Miss Randell, your letter gives a very fair statement of the case. The patient certainly is of a very gentle disposition and is considerate of others, but I fear she is seriously deluded and the prospects of recovery are not very good. I really do not know how the Committee can reduce the fees below 48/- a week. The patient is not a Friend nor connected with Friends. The only way I can think of is that the family should endeavour to raise a fund to supplement what they can pay themselves, or else transfer her to some other institution. We should certainly be sorry for her to go, as she is a favourite patient.

Withkind regards,

Yours very truly,







Dec. 22, 1910

Dear Mrs. Allen,

I fear I cannot give any favourable account of Miss Randell's mental condition. I enclose two letters which she has written, which perhaps you will forward or not at your discretion. I saw her writings, and it is quite clear that she is deluded and quite muddled.

She tells me that the reason she did not greet you cordially was that it was better for you that it should be so; and that otherwise your house would have been watched day and night, and thereby you would have been caused much inconvenience. On asking her to explain this she says that people were asking her to become an M.P., and that you would have taken her home with you, and if she had been there, there would have been close surveillance to see that she was a fit and proper person for Parliament and that she did not want to take up this position at all. This is only a sample of a number of clear delusions.

The prognosis seems to me distinctly unfavourable. She improved for a time, but this was only superficial. She is now pleasant to do with, and gives us little trouble, and is allowed a fair amount of liberty. I am sorry I have to give such a poor report.



I fear it is impossible for us to reduce the fees here below 48/- a week, and there seems to be no reason why you should not arrange for her transfer to some institution where the fees are not so high. We shall be sorry for her to leave, but from what you tell me I fear it cannot be helped.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



meeting me in a few days, and we should be glad to know whether my sister is convalescent & what you would advise us to do. Is it possible for her to remain at your home at lesser fees? That is if she is not well enough to leave all together? You were kind enough to promise, when I came to see my sister, that you would tell me

38, LEBANON PARK,  
TWICKENHAM.

9, Sheep Hill  
Sheatnam  
P. W.  
Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Dear Mr. Pierce,  
I shall be much obliged, if you could let me have a report of the condition of my sister, Miss E. Randell. My sisters are



what you thought  
of her condition &  
her chances of recovery  
that is why I am  
writing to you.

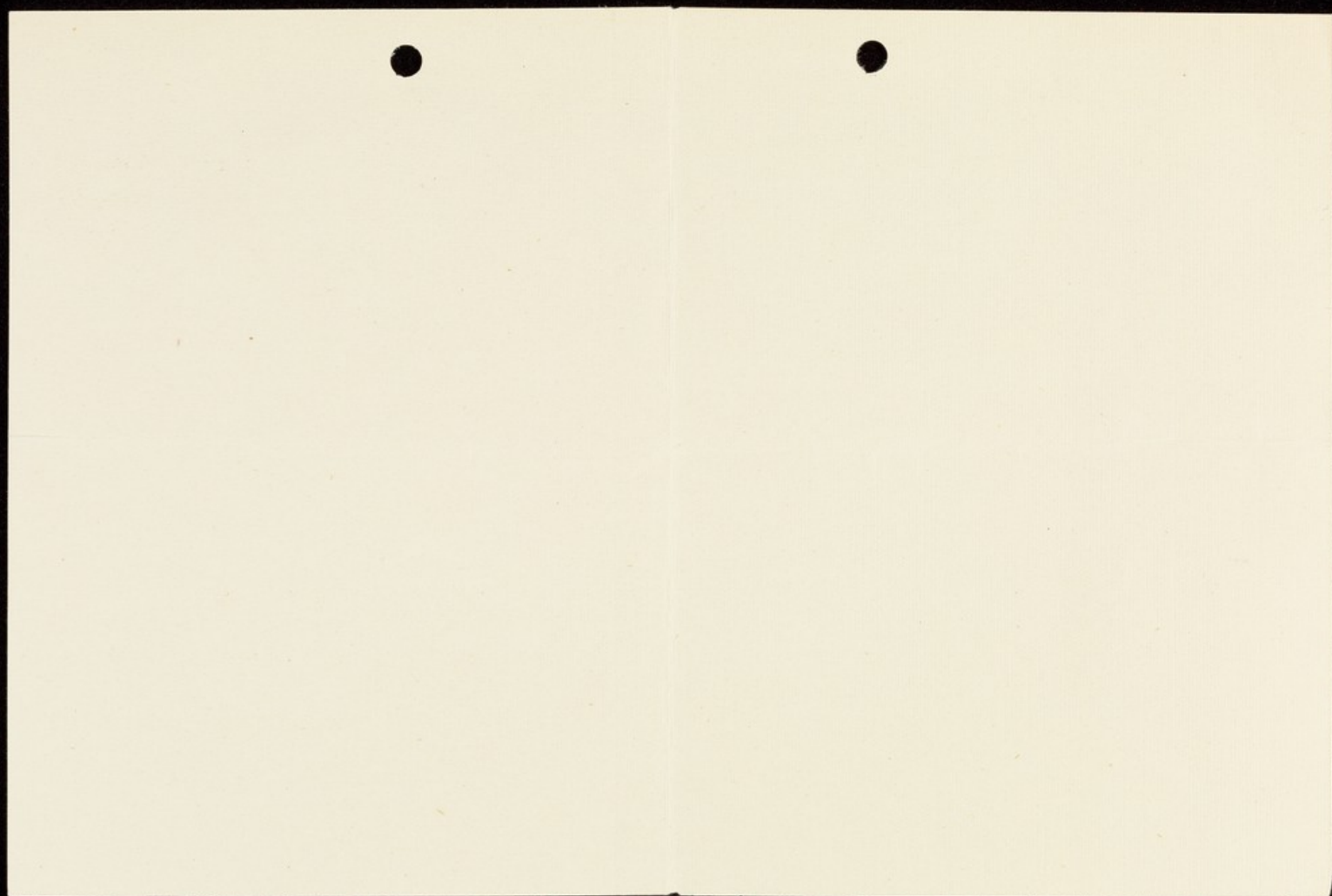
Thanking you in  
anticipation —

Yours very sincerely  
Lillian Allen

Mrs. Pope encloses a cheque  
£9. 12s., the monthly fee  
for her sister Edith  
Randell. If it is not  
the custom to pay  
monthly, but weekly, will  
Dr. Pierce kindly inform  
Mrs. Pope when he sends  
the receipt.

Glenlea  
Kidmore Road  
Caversham  
W. Reading.





I could not travel  
in the bitter weather  
& am taking advantage  
of its being  
a little milder.

I shall travel by  
the ten o'clock  
from King's Cross,  
& do hope my sister  
will consent to  
see me.

I would have written  
yesterday this giving  
you time to prevent  
my coming if you  
thought fit. But  
I was uncertain

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38, LEBANON PARK,  
TWICKENHAM.

9, Sleep Hill  
Sheatham  
Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Dear Sir,

I understood  
that I could come  
and see my sister  
Miss Randell, at or  
any day, & hope  
that by coming to-  
morrow, I am not  
causing any incon-  
venience.



about my movements.  
I can attend to  
my sister's ward  
-robe when I come.

Yours sincerely  
Lillian Allen

Oct. 22, 1910

Dear Mrs. Allen,

It will be quite convenient for you to come to see Miss Randell at any time. By all means write to her on ordinary topics so that she may not think she is forgotten.

She has not given us much trouble, but her exalted state of mind seems to continue without alteration.

The question of clothing is important as we could not allow her to go about in the garments she brought with her, and we want her to be up and about in the grounds.

Yours very truly,



ДЛЯ ЗАПИСИ

needed —

We are very anxious  
to know whether  
we may write to  
her; I am sorry  
to trouble you,  
but should be  
glad if you could  
let me know,  
whether we may  
write.

We would only  
write about the  
most ordinary  
things; the things

✓ 9, Sleep Hill  
Streatham  
S. W.

Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>

Dear Sir,

May I come  
to see my sister,  
Miss Randell, next  
week?

If so I could then  
buy any more  
clothes that she



of our children, of  
whom my sister  
is very fond -

Yours sincerely

Lilian Allen.

P.S. My sister (May Randle)  
is unable to travel  
yet - to York.

reform dress, and it  
is very difficult to  
get anything to fit  
her.

She spoilt some of  
her clothes and burnt  
others, and altogether  
I have had a great  
deal of difficulty in  
getting anything ready.  
My sister has such  
strange ideas of  
dress and has worn  
so little as she could,  
I am sure you would  
not wish her to wear

567  
9, Sheep Hill  
Streatham

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Dear Sir,

I have written  
to the Editor with  
reference to 'Miss Edith  
Randell's' Clothes, and  
must apologise for  
the delay in sending  
them.

My sister has, for  
some time, worn the



the garments she wore  
at Letchworth, as  
they were nearly all  
white muslin overall  
utterly unsuited to  
ordinary households.  
I do not know whether  
she may write to any  
of us, but I should  
be glad if any letters  
can be readdressed  
to me here, that is  
if she writes to people  
outside her own  
family.

Will you kindly

let me know if  
we may write to  
my sister?

I remain  
Yours sincerely  
Lilian Allen.

*Randall*

Oct. 13, 1910

Gentlemen,

Dr. Pierce wishes me to inform you that the patient whose papers are enclosed was admitted without a Petition although it appears that the Petition was duly presented to the Magistrate.

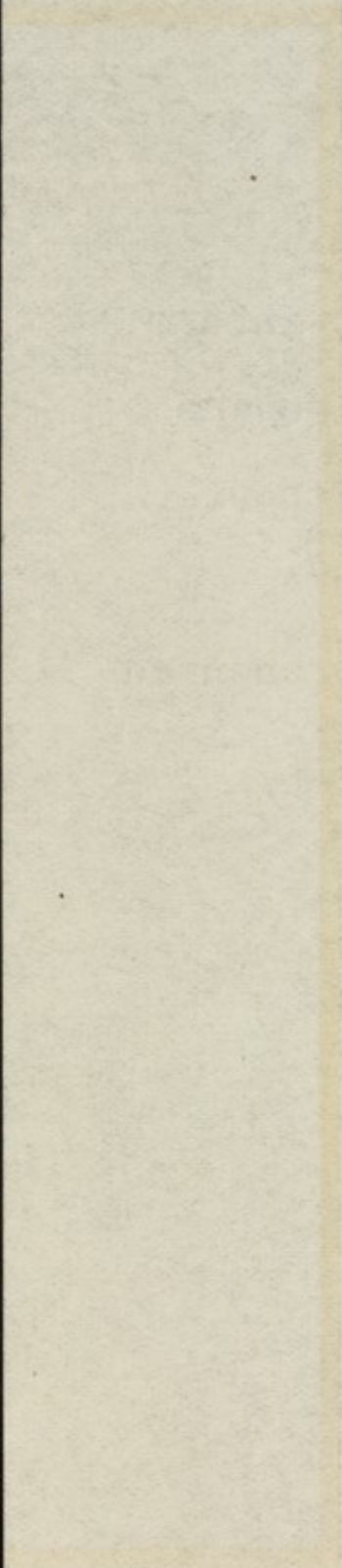
I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

The Commissioners in Lunacy





EXTRA

9 Steep Hill  
Streatham

12. 10. 10.  
—

Dear Sir.

I regret to say  
that I found on  
my return this  
evening, that my  
sister-in-law. Miss  
Mabel Randall had  
returned to St. Ives  
where she is engaged  
as a governess.



I have therefore  
forwarded the Petition  
relating to Edith  
Randell - to her -  
and have asked  
her to send it  
on to you at once  
after completing it.  
I enclose the  
Further Statement  
regarding Mrs

Edith Randell duly  
filled in - which I  
hope you will find  
an order.

We are preparing  
an outfit of clothes  
and will send them  
on as soon as possible

Yours faithfully

E. J. Allen.

D. Bedford Pierce.

● TELEPHONE:  
35 P.O. LETCHWORTH.

Ramall

Norton Way,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

Oct: 2nd 1910.

● Dear Dr Pierce,

I have a patient whom  
I would like to send to the Retreat  
if you think you could have her.

She is 39 unmarried and appears  
to have been an excitable & unbalanced  
person all her life.

● She now has a kind of religious  
mania of mild type, thinks that  
she is of virgin birth, a redeemer



of the World & has the power to help everyone. The curious thing is that she has been able to impose her ideas on her friend who <sup>has</sup> lived with her. They have been spending all their capital with the idea that "God would provide" for the future. What has led her friends to consult me is that during the last few days she has been destructive & unclear in her person.

Her sisters, who are now with her, would like to send her to the Retreat. They are not "Friends", and have very little money between them.

If you could take her will you be-

● TELEPHONE:  
35 P.O. LETCHWORTH.

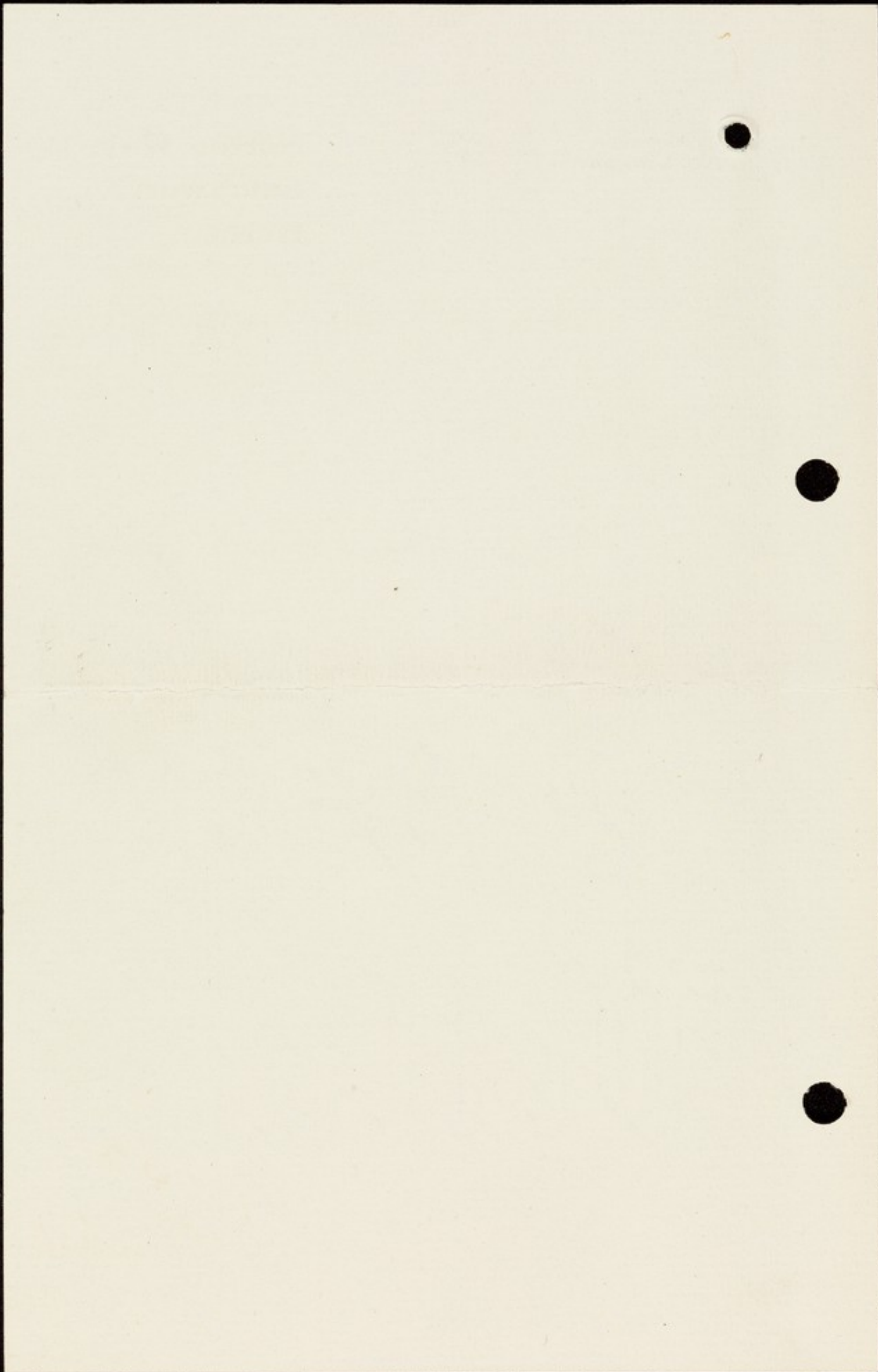
Norton Way,  
Letchworth,  
Herts.

we know how much it would  
cost them.

● It is very nice to hear such good  
accounts of Mr Howard Rountree -  
he mentioned a visit from you  
in writing some a little while back.

Yours sincerely  
● Marion Gilford.





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

## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Edith Randell of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringale, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1910.

Name Mabel Randell  
Residence 9 Deep Hill Streatham  
Occupation Governess

SIGNED by the said \_\_\_\_\_  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Lilian Toedham

The Chestnuts, St. Ives, Hunts.

School Mistress.

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

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



