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VII. 10

~~CHESTER SQUARE~~
3 Lost Common Rd. —
Ealing. W.

Dear Sir

I am arranging to
bring two Papers of Latin
on Wednesday 6th Inst.

We leave King Cross 1-40 pm
arrive York 5-38 pm

Two Papers requires very
little attention.

In all probability her
sister Mrs Wright
- who is responsible for
the Paper - will be
at York. on the Wednesday

Yours truly

John Hamilton

your hands.
Many thanks for your
paper "Inelancholia" in
B. M. Journal. It has been
of great service to me

Yours truly

John Hamilton

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~~CHURCH SQUARE~~
3 North Common Rd. —

Ealing W.

Dear Sir

On 9th or 10th January
last I wrote you in
reference to a lady patient
"Inelancholia" 3rd attack.

Two papers Oct 68 or 70 pass.

For kindly send me
the necessary forms
which I shall now
make use of.

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I have just now received
the friends permission to
place her under your
care. so I expect to
bring her to you in the
6th, 7th or 8th July if
you can receive her.

There may be some
difficulty in securing a
J.P. to sign the certificate
as the patient is quite

in the country at
Crowborough, Sussex. However
I have asked Miss Elkins
(whom you know) who has
charge of the patient. to
find a J.P. in the
neighbourhood. Should I
fail to secure a J.P.'s
signature would it be
possible to get a J.P.
in York to sign.

I fully expect
accompanying the patient
to York & place her in

✓
H.R.

Raper

29, Cheniston Gardens,
Kensington, W.8.

August 1st
1910

W. E. Waller Esq

Dear Sir

Your letter sent
some at Glasgow has been
forwarded to me today, having
left there on Friday last.

I could not understand
its meaning, until looking
through a packet of papers
returned for my return home
I found the packet from you.
I had given instructions for
all letters to be forwarded to Glasgow
but not any circulars or printed
documents, I think you will

Mistaken by my Maid to be
of that order. Hence the delay.

I am exceedingly sorry
for this, & to have given you
additional trouble over it.

I have now sent on the ~~letter~~
to Dr. Hamilton for him to
give his explanation, as I
certainly had not heard of
any cause for this anxiety
before my Sister left Acton.

With apologies for this
delay, & hoping you will
now get the papers very soon,
direct from Dr. Hamilton

Very truly Yours
S. C. Wright

I should be so much obliged
if you would ask the lady
Doctor, to kindly send me
a few lines about what
she thinks of my Sister's present
condition; as I am very
anxious about her.

Nov. 19, 1909

W.M.Ranson

Gentlemen,

I beg to say that this patient is still insane.

He is neither suicidal nor dangerous, and is in a fit
bodily state for removal to another institution.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Commissioners in Lunacy

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Aufield Cottage
Liverpool.
Nov. 4 1844.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

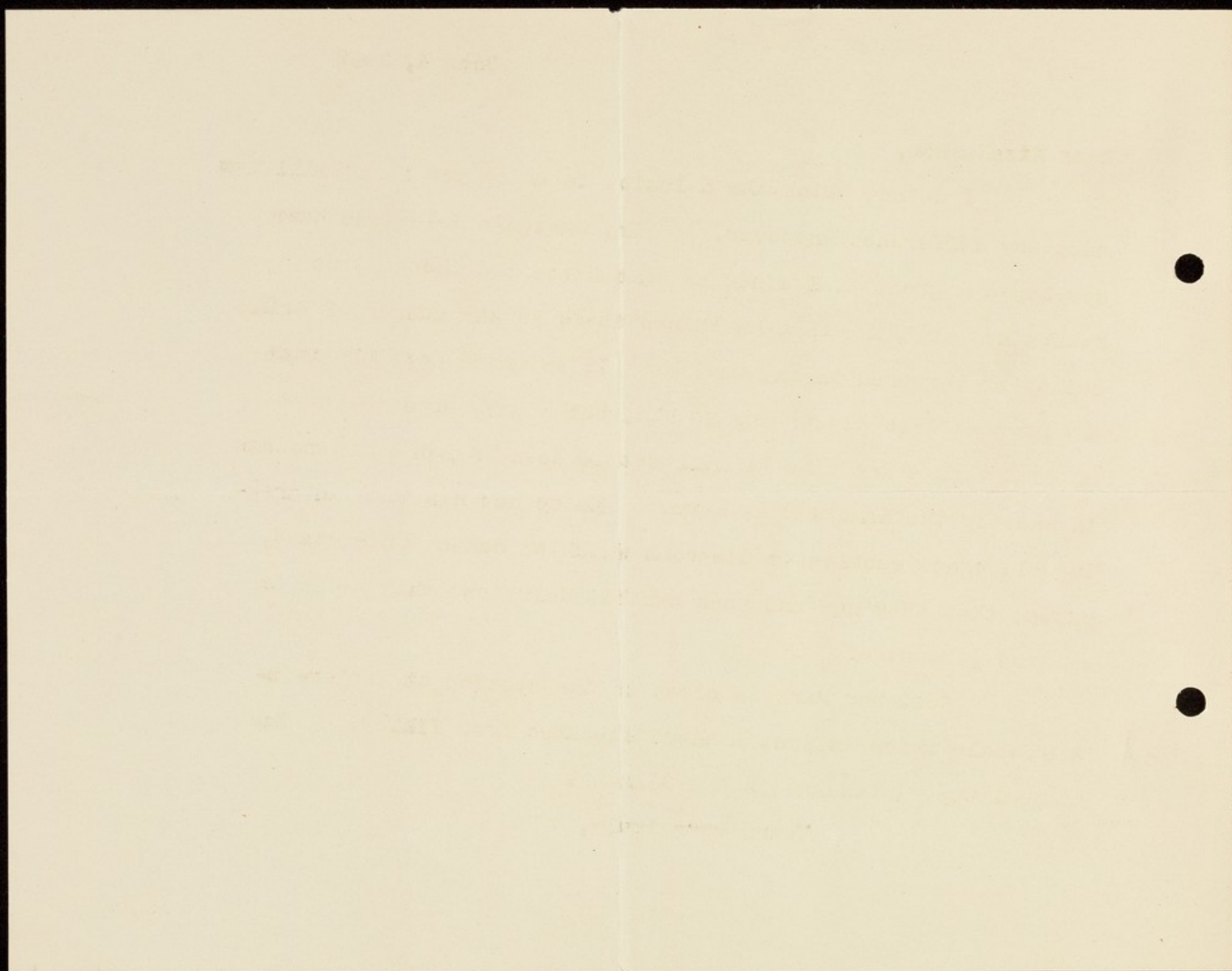
My brother and I hope
to go over to York on Monday
and will call to see you
some time during the
afternoon. We hope my
brother will see us when we
are over, we have not seen

him now for two years -
After we have seen you
we intend going on to
Scalesby, Burley in Wharfe-
dale and shall probably
find it necessary to stay
away the night.

Any information which
you can give us respecting
Scalesby, or Brotham Park
we shall be grateful to receive.

Hoping this arrangement
will be convenient to you,

Believe me, Yrs truly
Helen Rawdon



Oct. 4, 1909

Dear Miss Ranson,

I do not think the delusion to which you refer will now make any difference whatever. Mr. Ranson's delusions have developed a great deal since he came here, and there is no reason now to think that he thinks there is an danger of being cut up or tortured in any way. It is quite possible that any move will be disturbing to him, but I have no doubt that after a very short time he will settle down in new surroundings in exactly the same way as here. He spends his time in drawing elaborate cabalistic diagrams which we cannot understand, except that they now and then exhibit delusions that he is an exalted personage.

Scalebor Park is close to the station at Burley-in-Wharfedale which is just a short distance from Ilkley. The Medical Superintendent is Dr. Gilmour.

Yours very truly,

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Anfield Cottage.
Liverpool.

Oct 2nd 1909.

Dear D^r Pierce,

I was called away yesterday
to see a friend who was dying,
and was unable to write you
in reply to yours of Thursday.

I rather wondered that we had
not heard from you, but it is
fortunate your letter did not

come in time for us to make
arrangements to leave home

as my mother has been
very poorly the last few days
and Mr Doolin has been not
not too out of town.

So at present, I think, we
must leave things as they are -
and I will write you again in a
few days -

We thank you for the information
contained in your letter, but
think that Bortham Park would
be rather an unfortunate se-
lection as after my brother
went to York, he often referred
to Bortham in his letters, and
said that his enemies were
plotting to get him there, when
people were chopped into

since we can only make with
Pausanias! I don't know where
he gets such romantic ideas from,
but don't you think I should
think this would have a bad
effect upon him, and of
course - for the delicious
surrealism in his mind?

I should be glad to know
- at your convenience - what
you think of Bortham after
what I have told you.

also its nearest station to
the Lealholm Institution - of
easy access from York - &
do you know their fees -
I imagine the place is in

the neighbourhood of Skelley -
with many thanks,

Believe me,

Yours truly

Helen Isabel Ramsay

Sept. 30th, 1909

Dear Miss Ranson,

~~I am~~ ~~badly~~ afraid your letter of
Sept. 23rd was overlooked.

In reply I may say that I think
your brother would be quite contented
at Bootham Park in this city. I spoke
to Dr. Hitchcock about him, and he
says he has a vacancy and would be
pleased to take Mr. Ranson at 30/-
weekly if that be suitable.

It would be necessary for your father
to write to the Commissioners in Lunacy,
66 Victoria St., Westminster request-
ing their consent to the transfer.
On hearing from them we could easily
arrange the matter.

The other institution spoken of,

Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale,
is also quite satisfactory, and if that
be thought to be more convenient there
would be no difficulty in arrangein
the removal I expect.

With reference to your visit to
York, I am sorry I have not written
in time for you to come today.

I shall be in Leeds tomorrow at 2.30
p.m. and shall be pleased to see you
in my rooms there if that be convenient
to you.

Yours very truly,

Thursday
would be
better than
if no answer sent to
you.

Anfield Cottage.
Pieris Rd. Anfield.
Liverpool.

Sept. 23rd/09.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My father has decided
that it will be quite necessary
to remove my brother to another
institution. This is simply
on the ground of expense,
we are all so thoroughly
satisfied with the treatment

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which he has received while
at "The Retreat," that we are
only sorry the change has to
be made, and we are very
anxious that he should be
transferred to some institution
where he will be as humanely
and kindly treated as with
you, but one that is less
expensive.

We feel that you are well
able to guide us in this
matter, as you must know
the character and reputation
of all such institutions, we
shall therefore be glad if you

will advise us in the matter.

Your Secretary has already sent us the names of several, and has mentioned one at Skelley. We should be glad to know if you think this a suitable place, or if there is any other Institutions that you would recommend in preference. You know my brother and his peculiarities and can judge what he would be most likely to settle and be as happy as his condition of mind will permit - We should be glad to know your opinion of Skelley, and to

recieve any suggestions with regard to the matter from you as soon as possible. And if you think Skelley a desirable place, my brother who lives in Scotland would meet me next week-end, when we would arrange to call and see you & visit that institution about the same time. My father feels the strain of these things so much that he will be unable to call himself. We believe that you will carry through the transfer when it is made. I suppose that is so? Will you kindly say if it would be convenient for us to call on you next Thursday or Friday. Believe me, My truly
Helen Craison

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Amputa T. Hays
Liverpool

Aug 26 '09

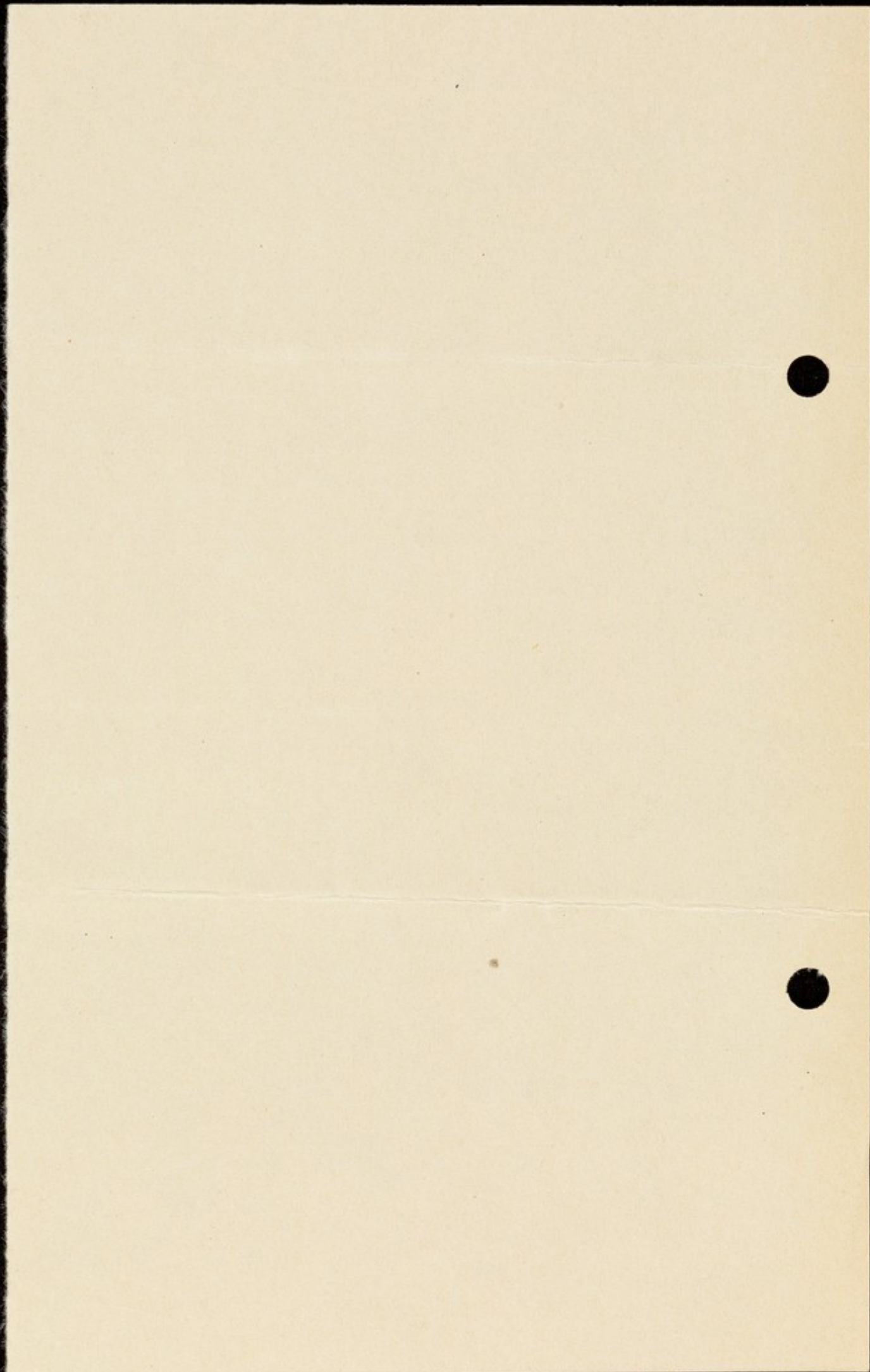
Dear Sir

I thank you for your
further letter regarding
reference to the aducess
expenses suggested. which
I will keep before me
and write you again
later

Chas. H. Hays
Liverpool & balance of

Yours truly
Wm E. Hays Esq
The Rectory York

Wm E. Hays

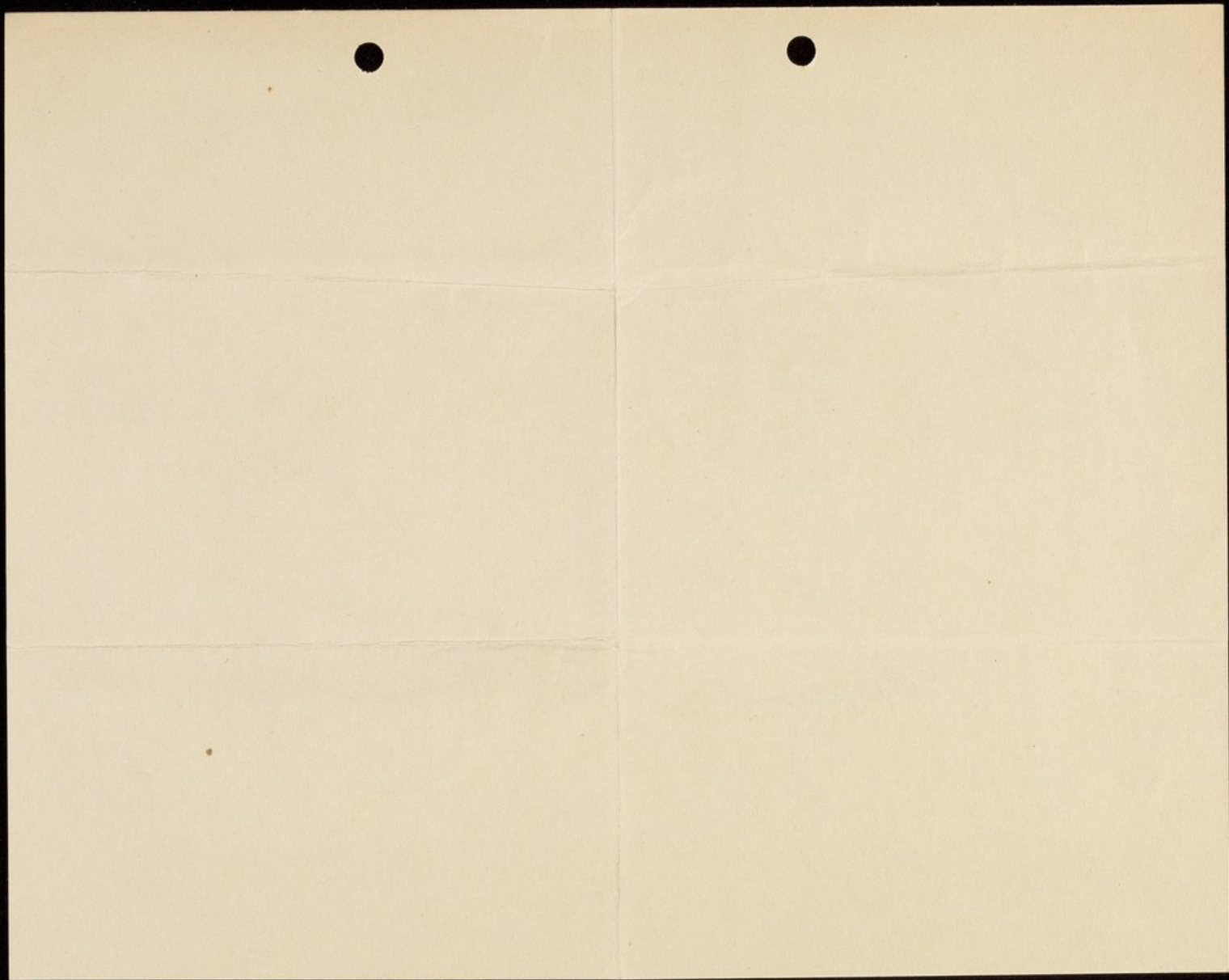


Campbell Cottage
Liverpool
Aug 19 '09

Dear Sir I have yours of
yesterday concerning
amended apes. Please
convey to the Committee
my sincere thanks for
their kindness and very
generous offer to reduce
the amount for the same
Quarter providing I remit
the total this month. I
shall try and avail myself

of this before sending you
cheque next week for
the £73.15.9

Can I not get him
into an institution similar
to Enslwood. Red Hill.
Surrey. at a very considerable
less cost. I shall be glad
if you will kindly give
me the names of the
Institutions you suggest
with their charges & justify
I hope yours today
W. S. Waller Esq
The Retreat York



Aug. 20 1909

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for yours of
yesterday's date -

With regard to Earlewood, that
Institution is only intended for children
so would not be at all possible in
Mr. Raesens' case -

Either
Bootham Park, York, or Scalby
Park, Burley in Wharfedale would
probably be able to receive your
son at a charge of $25/6$ a week
including - Scalby Park is not
far from Skelby. Yours truly
J. W. Raesens Esq. Wm. Ch. Saller.

Aug. 20 1909

Dear Sir,
I am obliged for yours of

September 10th -
with regard to Edmund, that
institute is not interested for children
as much as the other branch is.
Edmund's case -
Robertson, J. H., a doctor
J. H. H. is a physician and
probably be able to receive your
sum of \$1000.00 of \$100.00 a week
- Edmund - a doctor and a
for from \$100.00. Yours truly,
J. H. H.

August 18 1909

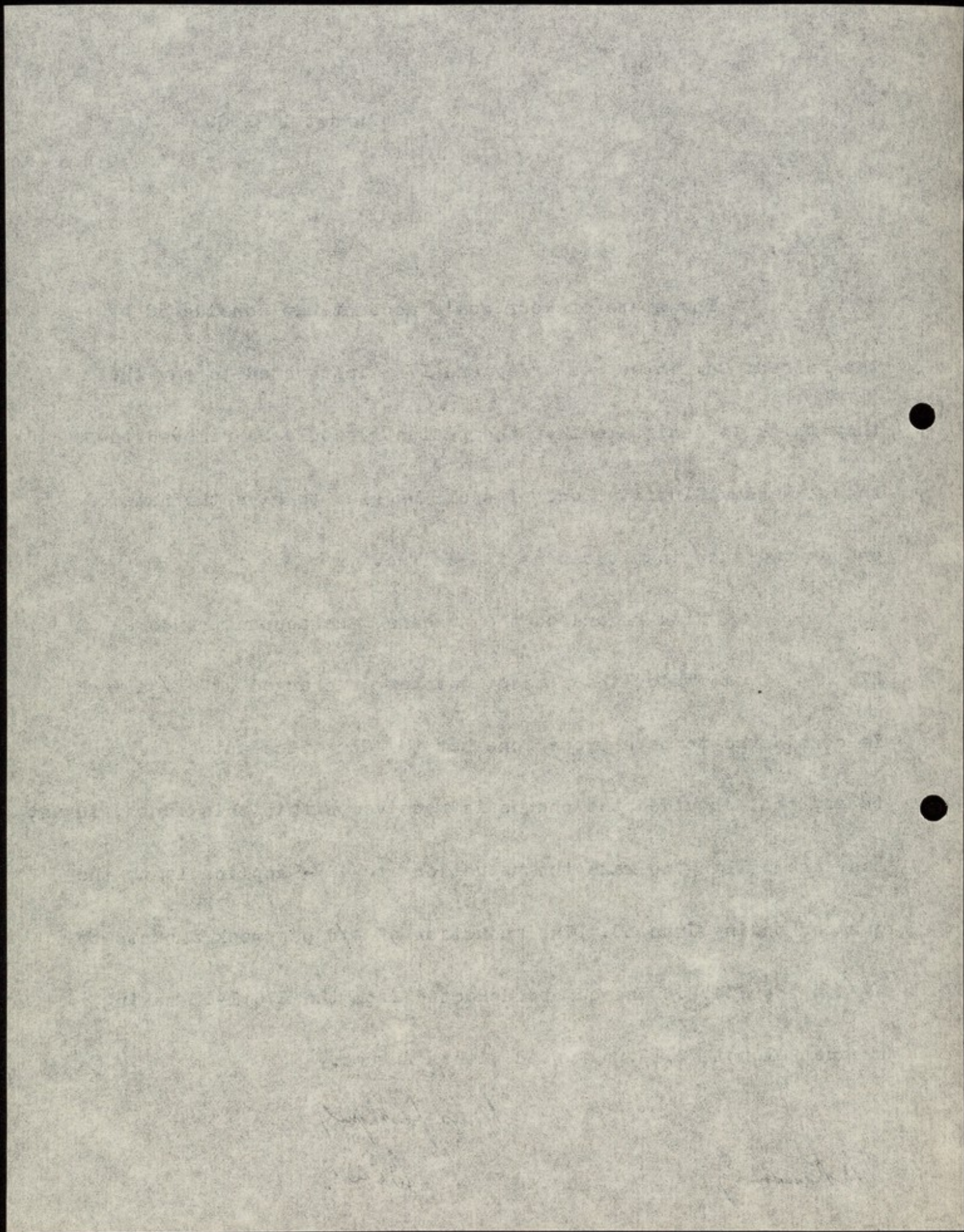
Dear Sir,

The state of your son's account was considered by the Retreat Committee yesterday and I am instructed to say that they think it desirable that the patients should be removed to a less expensive Institution. I shall be glad to give the name of one or two such Institutions if desired.

With regard to the arrears, the account rendered £76 14 3, in which the present quarter is charged at 48/- a week is considered to be a proper one but the Committee authorise me to say that provided the cheque is received within this month, August, they are willing to make the reduction to 48/- applicable to the quarter ending June 30. The reduction of 4/6 per week amounts to 58/6 on the £34.2.6 and can be deducted from the £76.14.3 making the net amount 73.15.9 if paid within August.

J. H. Ransom. Esq.

Yours faithfully
W. E. S.



Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

Dear Sir

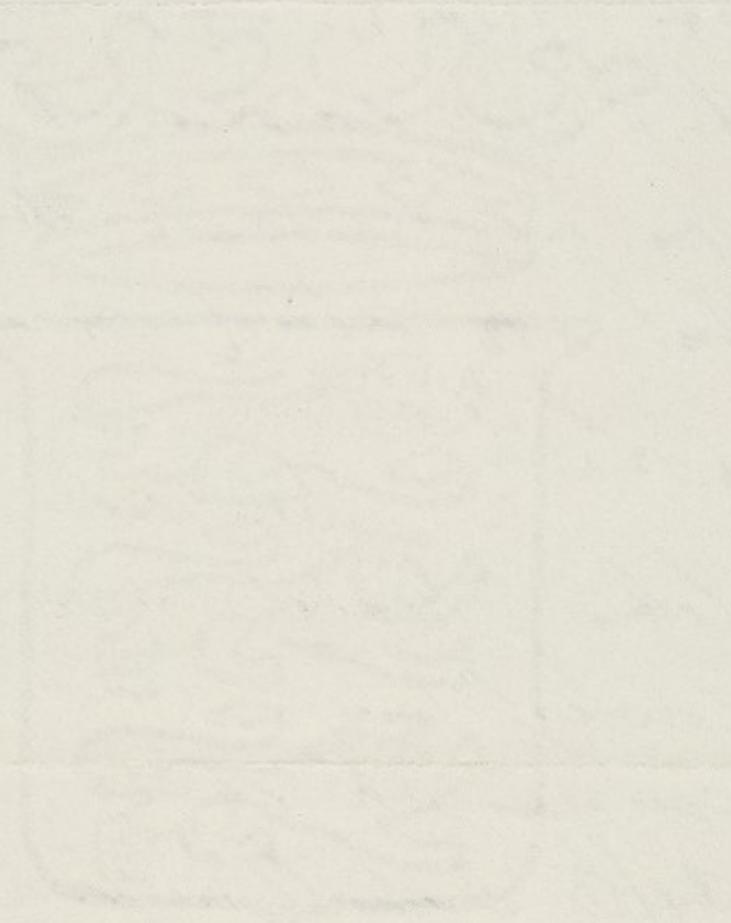
July 16 09

I have yours of the
13th and am sorry to say
it is not convenient to send
you a cheque this week
but will send as soon as
possible.

As Pierce in his
letter of March 24 said the
lowest terms was 4s. a week
can you not charge me this
rate I shall be glad of any
reduction as the expenditure will
not be a relief for me truly

Yours truly
J. W. K. R. R. R.
The Retreat
York

James D. Smith
New York



March 24, 1909

Dear Sir,

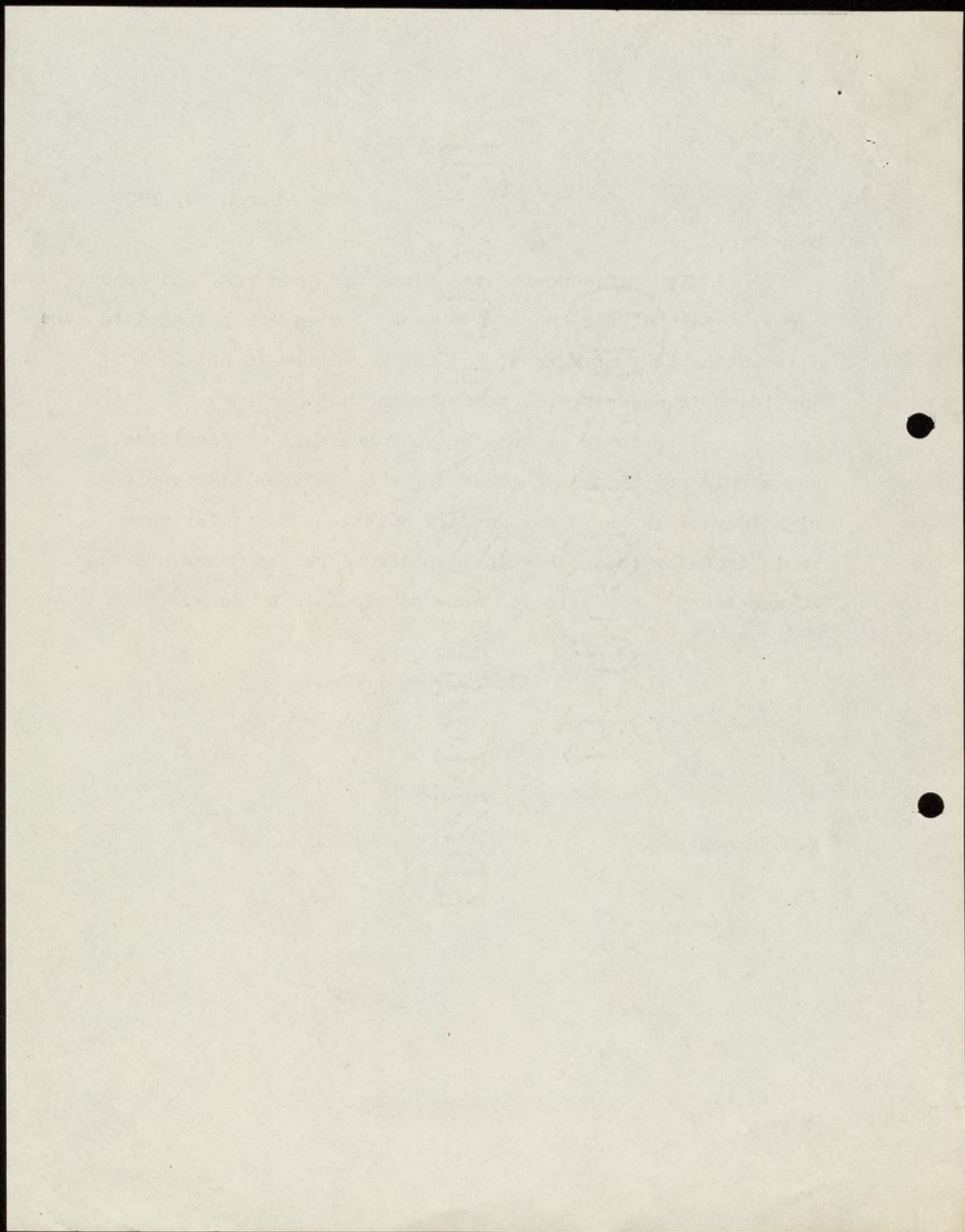
With reference to the terms for your son, the lowest terms at the Retreat are 48/- a week, and we are prepared to make a reduction to that extent, but the Committee do not feel justified in reducing the terms below this.

I am sorry to hear of your business difficulties, and should you find that these terms are higher than you can rightly meet it would not be difficult to arrange for your son's transfer to another institution where the terms are less. If necessary I can give you some particulars of some.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

T.M.Ranson Esq.



Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

Dr Pease

Apr 27. 09

Dear Sir

I thank you for
your letter of March 24th and am
sorry I have not been able to write
 sooner. We have had quite a
short time.

I had hoped the
Committee could have reduced
the charges to 44/- per week same
as at first. but my reduction
is of very great service to me
at present. and am thankful
for it. I shall be glad to wait
myself of your kind offer later
when things improve greatly. soon

Very truly
yours
Dr Bedford Pease
The Retreat York

W. Ransom

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NAVY

W. H. Ransom Incumbent

Admitted Apr. 30 1902

present rate £ 2.12 - 6 a week

admitted at £ 2.20 a week
for 6 months —

Amount due

Disbursements to Dec 31 08	3. 15. 6
Board to Mar 31 st 1909	34. 2. 6
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Campbell Cottage
Lima, Pa.
Feb 27 '09

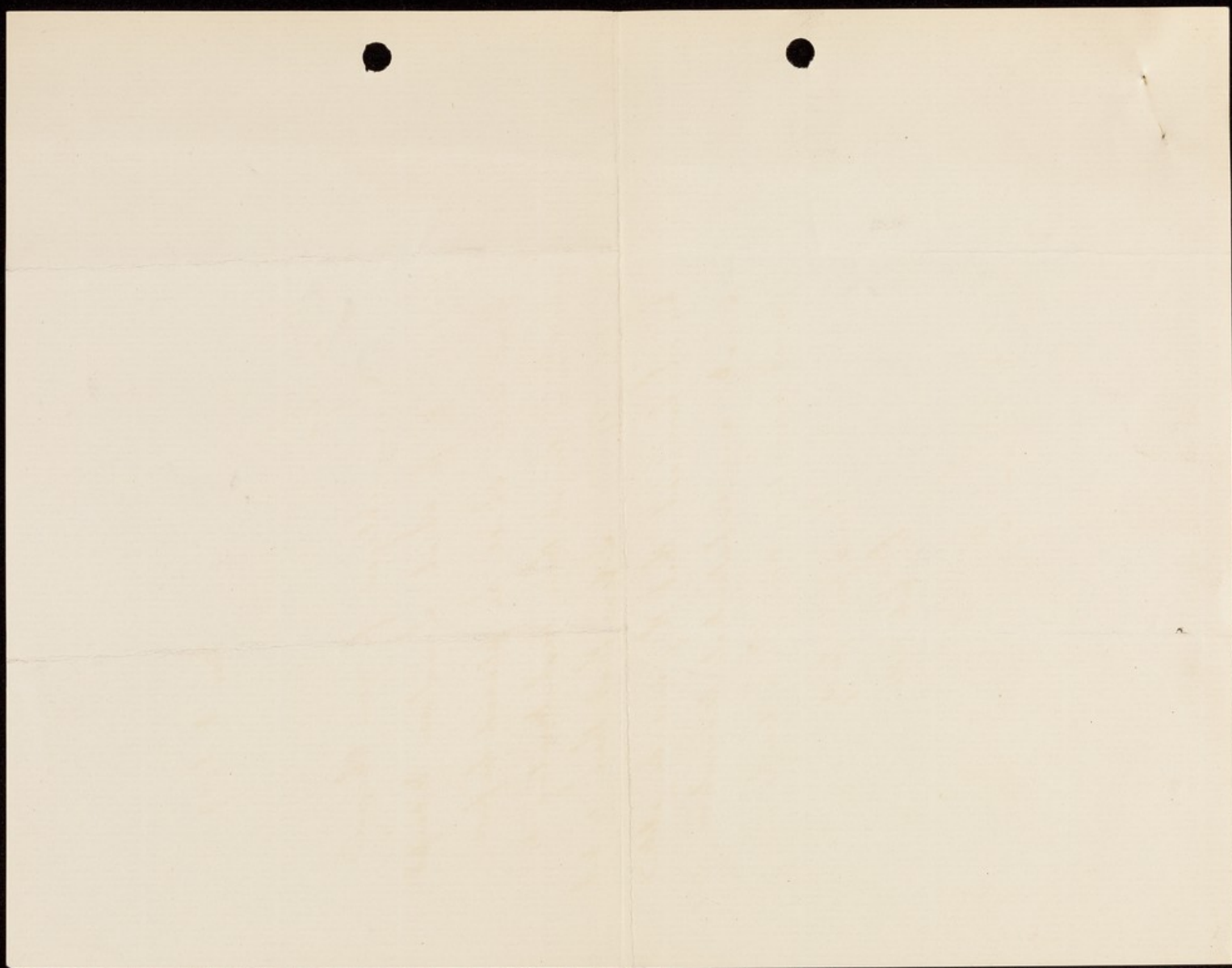
Dear Sir Enclosed please find
checkman payment of
apc herewith.

I am sorry to have
been so long. but everything
with me is very serious
indeed just now. And
I should be greatly
obliged and relieved if
your Committee would

kindly reconsider my case
and make the checks the
same as they were at
the first for my son.
This would be very greatly
esteemed by your truly

Wm. K. Mason

The Secretary
The Retreat
York



Mar 1. 1909

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your cheque
£57.18.8 for which I enclose Receipt.

Your letter shall be placed before
the Committee at their next meeting in
a fortnight - I fear that there is not
much prospect that they will be able
to make any substantial reduction, our
lowest terms are now 4/- a week -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Waller.

J. McKinnon Esq.

Nov 1. 1907

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your cheque
£27.18.8 for which I enclose receipt.
I have been able to place before
the Committee at their last meeting a
photograph - I fear that there is still
much prospect that they will be able
to make any substantial reduction, but
I trust some day of a kind -

Yours faithfully
W. B. Allen

C. Williamson Esq.

Feb 26. 1909

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to have to write
you again but unless we hear
from you at the beginning of the
week it will be my duty to
formally report the matter to our
Members - as Mr. Ransom's account
is now so much overdue -

Yours faithfully

W. C. Waller
Secy.

J. M. Ransom Esq.

Feb 26. 1907

Dear Sir,

I have very much pleasure in
the opinion that matters in this
connection at the beginning of the
last it will be my duty to
formally report the matter to you
hereafter - as the Bureau's account
is now so much better -

Yours faithfully
W. B. Allen
Secy.

W. B. Allen
Secy.

Feb 16th 1909

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter
of Jan 12 1909, we shall be glad
to receive cheque at an early date
as the account is now very considerably
overdue.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Secy.

Thos. H. Ransom Esq

Feb 16th 1907

Dear Sir,
Referring to your letter
of Jan 12th 1907, we shall be glad
to receive cheques at our early date
as the amount is now long overdue.

Yours faithfully
W. E. Walker

2nd.

Wm. H. Pearson & Co.

Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

Mr Secretary
Roths & Co.

Aug 12 '09

Dear Sir

I had fully
intended writing you last
month and hoped to have done
so but unfortunately have
been prevented and am further
exceedingly sorry that it is not
convenient just now to send you
a cheque but will do so
as soon as possible. You may rely
on that.

Yours truly
J. M. Carson

British Museum
London



Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

Oct 2. 05

Mr Bedford Pierce
Dear Sir

Recd with please
found cheaper £39.2.10
with your please let me
have ^{detailed} statement of this £10
I have never received any
yet - If my son need
clothes. Boots &c. I prefer
to supply them if you will
Kindly let someone visit
send me a list of what
is required respectfully
Yours
Wm. Kinnear

British College
Kilgobbin



Oct 5 1908

Dear Sir,

With reference to £10 brought
forward from last year - you will
find I think a reference to the
Statement sent in at the beginning
of April was £10.5.4 for which
you sent us a cheque on July 3 for
£10.5.4 - this was probably
only an oversight at the time
but I had been expecting the
balance during the quarter -

Yours faithfully

J. H. Raven

W. E. Waller Secy

Oct 2 1908

Dear Sir,

With reference to \$100 bought
forward from last yr. - you will
find I have a reference to the
statement sent in at the beginning
of April was \$100.00 - it for which
you sent me a cheque for \$3 for
\$100.00 - this was probably
an oversight at the time
but that has been rectified the
balance being the greater -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Brown

W. E. Brown

12.12.
Anfield Cottage.
Princes Rd., Anfield.
Liverpool.
July 28th 1907.

Dear D^r Pierce

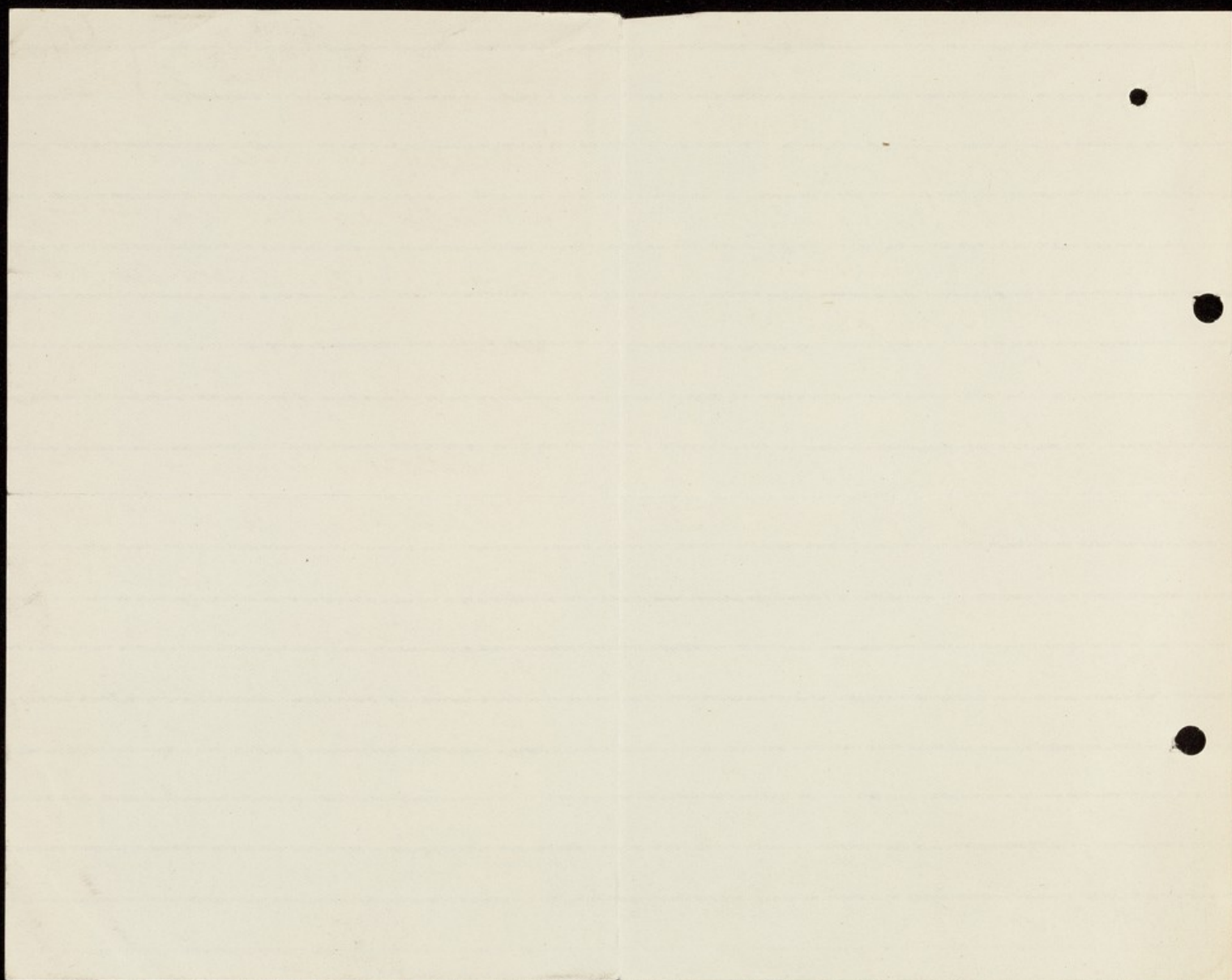
We hope to call & see
my brother on Wednesday
the 31st inst. at about
2 o'clock.

We will leave it to your-
self as to whether you
tell him, or not, that we

(617)
are coming, as he has
seemed so very bitter
towards us of late, and
never writes to us, as he
used to do.

My younger brother hopes
to accompany me on
Wednesday and we shall
be glad of an interview
with yourself, if you will.
Kindly make it convenient.
Believe me,

Yours very truly
Helen J. Ransom



Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

Dear Sir

June 29 '07

Herewith please
find cheques in payment
of undrawn acc.

I wish I could
have some hope of
my boy getting better
we can never get a
line from him, nor
I have just letters I wrote
him he returned them up with
pencils. This is very sad to
us.
Yours very truly
Dr. Redford Pease, ^{Wm. Pease} the Retreat
York

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very much brighter prospect
for Commercial people
soon appears.

That would cheer
me more than anything could
be to know there was some
prospect of recovery so that
we might be able to make
our family circle complete
once more.

Yours truly

W. K. Mason

Wm. K. Mason Esq.

The Rectory

York

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Anfield Cottage,
Liverpool.

July 11. 06

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the
7th. I shall be glad if you
can persuade my sons
to wear the cloth, in
question while they are
decent and respectable
as I cannot afford to throw
anything away myself
however much I may
feel disposed to do so.
Every year I fear it will
become a quarter of a
pound for him and

Admission Ticket
No. 1000000



Ans
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Ampfield Cottage
Priory Rd. Ampfield
Liverpool.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

My Brother has written
today he has broken his
glasses and requires a
new pair, and that he has
forwarded instructions to
Mrs W. Wood (Cott. Alahamby)
2nd St. Liverpool.
If you have this letter

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amongst his Correspondence, will you kindly
forward it me, by return,
as I have no particulars
of it, and do not know
what style of frame
he wants.

I don't know how he
is getting on, but he has
been very busy with us
lately, and has only
this morning returned
my father's letter to
him, torn in two, and
says we are none of
us to write to him any

more.

I know he is vexed about these glasses; as he wrote for a new pair some weeks ago, and my mother wrote and asked him if his others were broken or if they could be repaired, and if so would he forward them at once and we would see to them.

He has never troubled to reply to the letter and now writes to-day that he has had another

smash and the glasses are beyond repair.

I am very sorry to have troubled you but we get no satisfaction writing to him, and evidently he wants these glasses now very badly. He says that the letter to Miss W. Accompanies ours.

Thanking you in anticipation

Believe me,

Yours truly

Helen Kane

In haste.

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Ampfield Cottage
Liverpool -
April 7th 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Very many thanks for sending me the necessary information about my brother's glasses. I am very grieved that his condition continues so unsatisfactory. He wrote me this morning that he had not received the glasses, the optician promising to send them to him last Monday.

I was surprised to find that letters from my brother had been posted direct to them, as I thought they were never sent to any one but ourselves, and of course they were unable to make them out at all.

I very much wish you were able to send us better help.
With kind regards, Believe me
Yours truly,
Helen Cameron.

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APR 5 '00



Dr Pierce,
The Retreat.
York



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 Wm M. Ransom of _____

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

WITNESS my hand the Twenty Sixth day of May 19 02

Name William Mathew Ransom

Residence Dunstable Bedfordshire

Occupation Outfitter Liverpool

SIGNED by the said William Mathew Ransom

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, Frederick Erle Walpole

Address, and 11 Dyson Street

Profession. Esquire

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.

