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Mellenheim House
Weymouth Road
Cinerey, S.E.
20th March 1910.

Dear brother Pierce.

I was very sorry indeed to
receive your telegram this evening
regarding my sister's condition.
Will you kindly let me know
whether I can do any good by going
to York to see her. When last I
saw my sister she did not know
me, and if her mind is still
in the same condition, I am
afraid that it would be quite
waste my going. I anticipate

receiving a letter from you to morning
giving fuller details and until
I receive this will do nothing.

If Miss Rawson's mind should
get clearer or if she expresses
any wish to see me, please that
you will let me know at once.

Believe me

Yours truly

Chas Rawson

Menheim House.

Weighton Road.

28th April 1910

Amesley.

London. S.E.

To The Secretary

The Retreat - York.

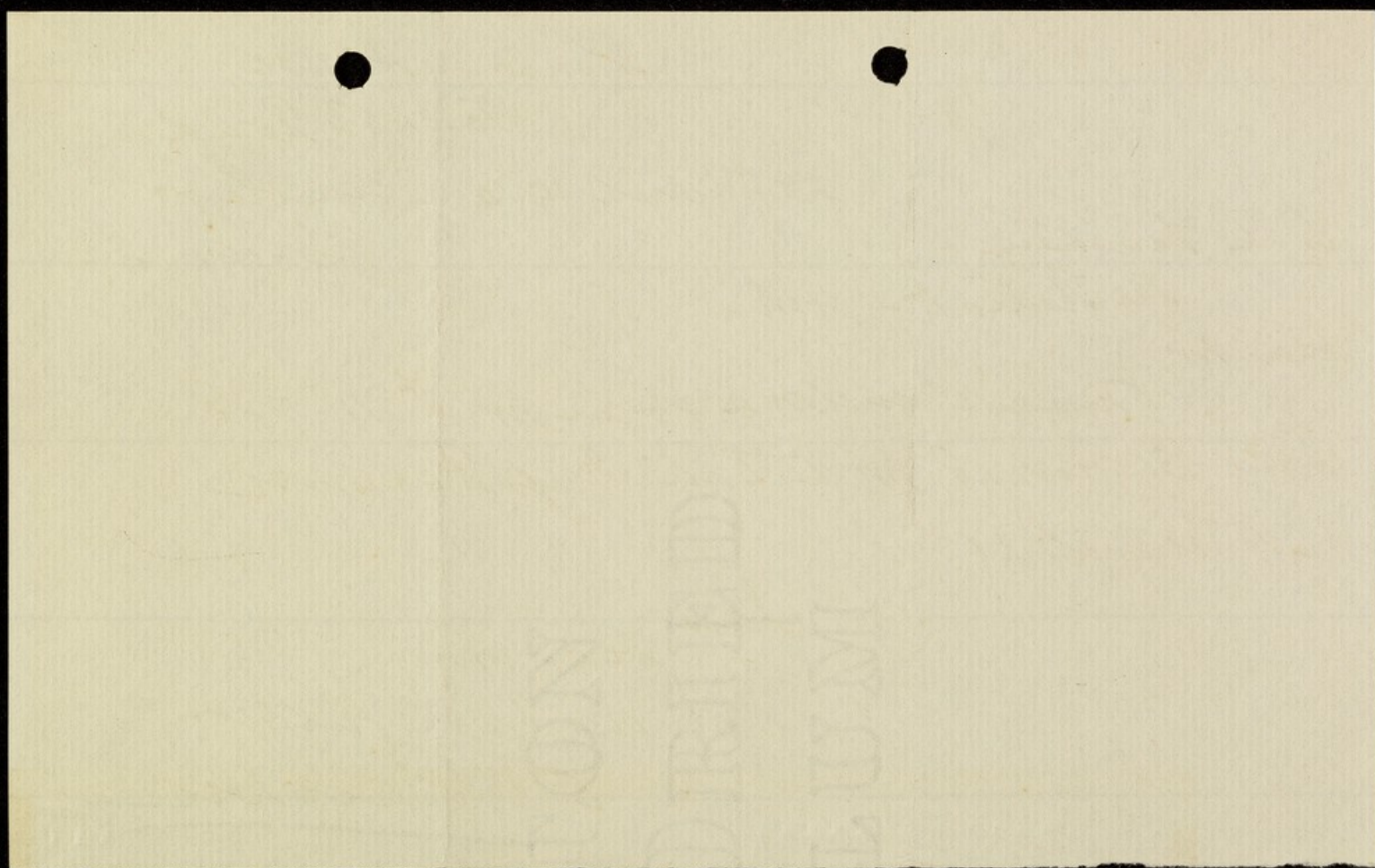
Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure to enclose a cheque for £14.7.0
being the amount for the Late Miss Rawson
up to March 21st

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

C. C. Rawson



6 April 1910

Dear Sir

I have filled up the certificate
and hope it will suffice for its purpose.
If not we can easily get a certified
copy of the Registration of death.

I was extremely sorry that an
engagement around several weeks before
prevented my seeing you when you came
to be present at the interment. I
fear you will almost think me an
absentee. Medical Superintendent,
seeing that whenever you have been to the
Retreat I have happened to be either
away or off the premises.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Edmond Price

Colonel Ransom.

6 April 1910

Dear Sir

I have filled up the certificate
and I hope it will suffice for its purpose.
If not we can easily get a certified
copy of the registration of death.

I was extremely sorry that our
engagement ceremony should have been
prevented and sorry for when we came
to the performance of the ceremony. I
feel you will almost think we are
absentee. I wish to say that we have been to the
Refect. I have hope that it will be
among us off the premises.

I remain
Yours faithfully

W. H. H. H.

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Plumheim House
Weighston Road
Averley.
Lond. S.E.

5th April 1910

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat.

Dear Sir

Will you kindly sign &
return the enclosed life
certificate for the late
Miss Newton, with necessary
modifications. I presume
that the date to be entered
will be 21st March 1910

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

C. L. Lawrence

TO AVOID DELAY ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS LETTERS TO THE FIRM.

WHITHAM AND BUCHANAN,
SOLICITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE INCORPORATED
LAW SOCIETY.

COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS.

15^A Market Place,
Ripon.

26th March 1910. 190

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Dear Sir,

RE MARIA LOUISA MARKLAND RAWSON DECEASED.

We are acting for the Executor of the Will of the above-named deceased, & shall be obliged if you will let us have a statement of the outstanding amount due to you in respect of her.

We understand from Colonel Rawson that the funeral expenses will be included in this account.

Yours truly,

Whitham & Buchanan

Ap. 6 1910
The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
YORK.

TO AVOID DELAY ADDRESS ALL BUSINESS LETTERS TO THE FIRM

WHITMAN AND BUCHANAN

SUITE 100

1000 17TH AVENUE

NEW YORK 11

TELEPHONE 1-212 681-1111

Dear Sir:

RE: YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 11, 1961.

The enclosed is the report of the investigation of the above-
mentioned subject. A copy of this report is being furnished to the
of the outstanding report. It is the intention of the
to be a part of the report. The report is being
with a letter of transmittal.

Very truly,
William F. Buchanan

W. F. Buchanan, President

Penkwin House 627

Weighton Road
Averley
London. S. E

4th January 1910

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat

Dear Sir.

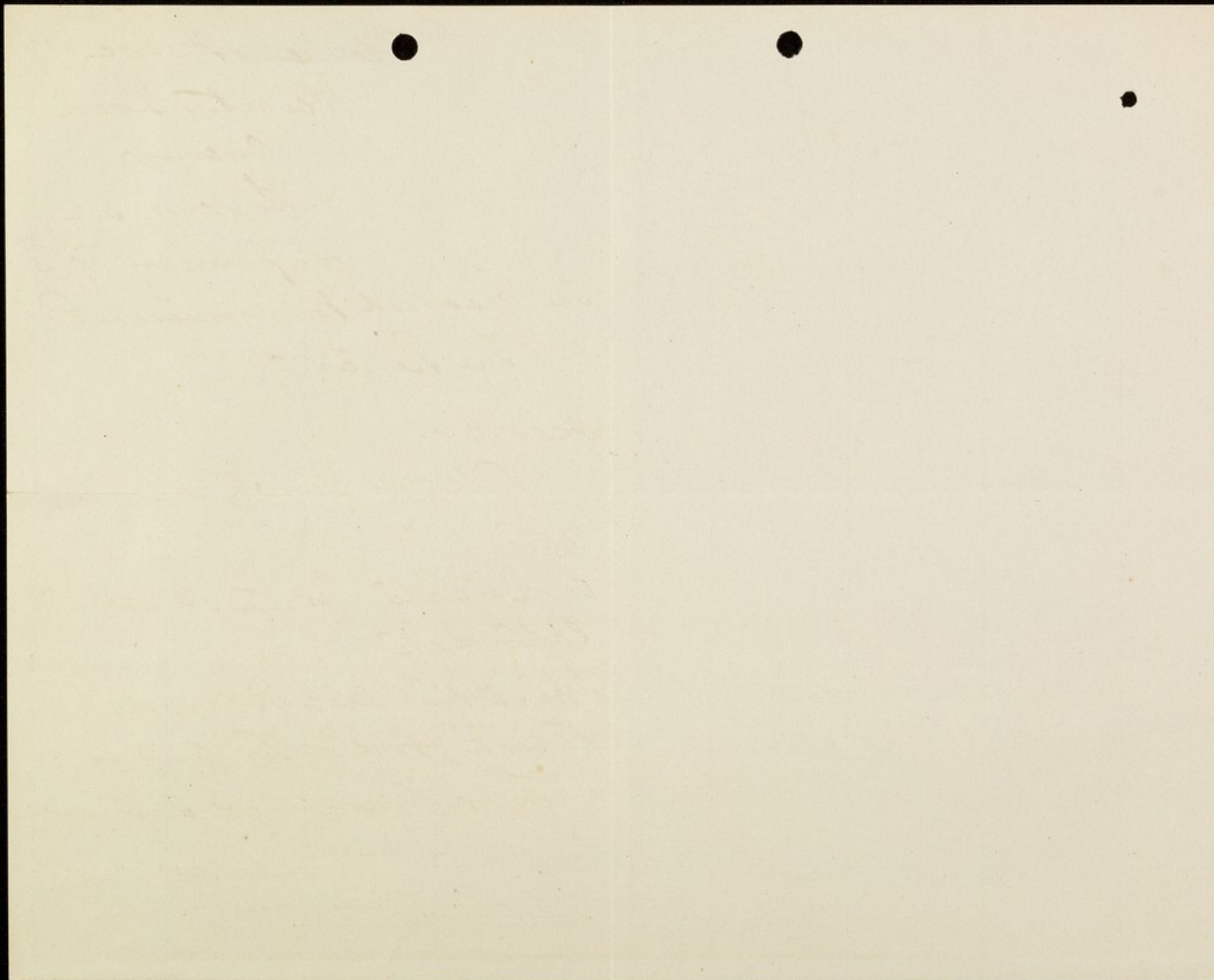
Will you kindly sign &
return the enclosed life
certificate on the 5th or
later date.

I trust that Miss Rawson
takes ^{her} food better, and is
stronger than when I saw her.

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

C. Rawson



not seem to be any the
worse of the fall. She is still
being nursed in bed, where
she stays much better than
she did a short time ago.

I remain

Yours Truly

Knud Kempf.

Jan. 13. 1900.

Dear Colonel Rawson.

Miss Rawson is still
very restless & nervous. While the
nurse was holding her the
other day, she slipped on the
floor, & knocking her head
against the wall, she cut it
slightly. One stitch had to
be put in. The wound appears
to be doing all right, & I
hoped will very shortly have
healed up. Miss Rawson
does not seem to have
sustained any shock, or
except for the cut does

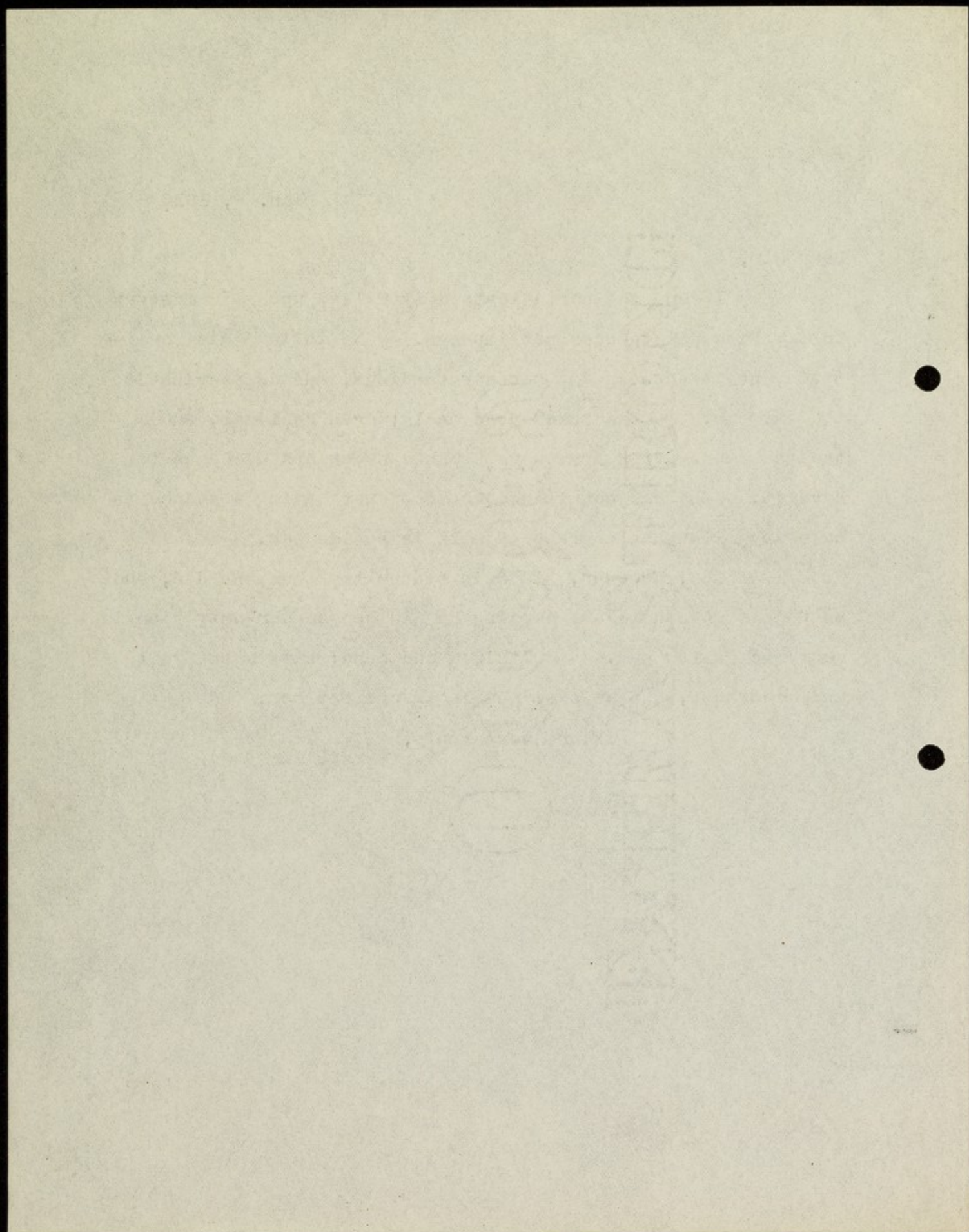
Jan. 6, 1910

Dear Sir,

I send the certificate duly filled up. I am sorry to say Miss Rawson does not improve. She is in a distressing state, not understanding her surroundings, and is peevish in the extreme. She takes food badly; even declines, and then a moment afterwards says she has never had a chance to have it. She has complained to me of not having a chance to take any milk when a glass of milk is beside her.

She, however, stays in bed better than she did, and as far as we can we are nursing her in bed as her nutrition is very much below par. It is a sad case: she is so frail and miserable, and we seem unable to comfort her.

Yours very truly,



Belmont Terrace
Boston

10th Oct. 1909.

The Medical Superintendent

The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed two life certificates of Miss Rawson will you kindly file them in, and return them to me to this address.

I trust that Miss Rawson is keeping fairly well

and is not so vert'less
as when she was about
her land.

I am

Dear Sir

Yours truly

C. J. Dawson

Oct. 11, 1909

Dear Sir,

I send the Life certificates as requested.

I am afraid I cannot report any improvement in Miss Rawson's state. She is always complaining, and the worst of it is that she makes statements which are either obviously gross exaggerations or utterly untrue. She has unfortunately been very restless at night, turning other patients out of bed, and when placed in a single-bedded room she will get up and hammer at the door and prevent any one from sleeping in the neighbourhood; and this although a nurse will quickly come and soothe her restlessness. All these difficulties arise from her extraordinarily bad memory. She really does not know what has happened and fills up the gaps in her memory from her imagination. This is not a rare form of mental disturbance, but it is peculiarly distressing as the patient of course firmly believes what she says for the time and is of course correspondingly agitated.

Yours very truly,

Dear Sir, Dr. Mackenzie has handed me your letter

Oct. 6, 1909

YORK

THE RETREAT,

NAT. TELEPHONE NO 112.

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The Secretary,

The Rehabil - York.

Reuben Terrace
Muschen.

15th July 1909.

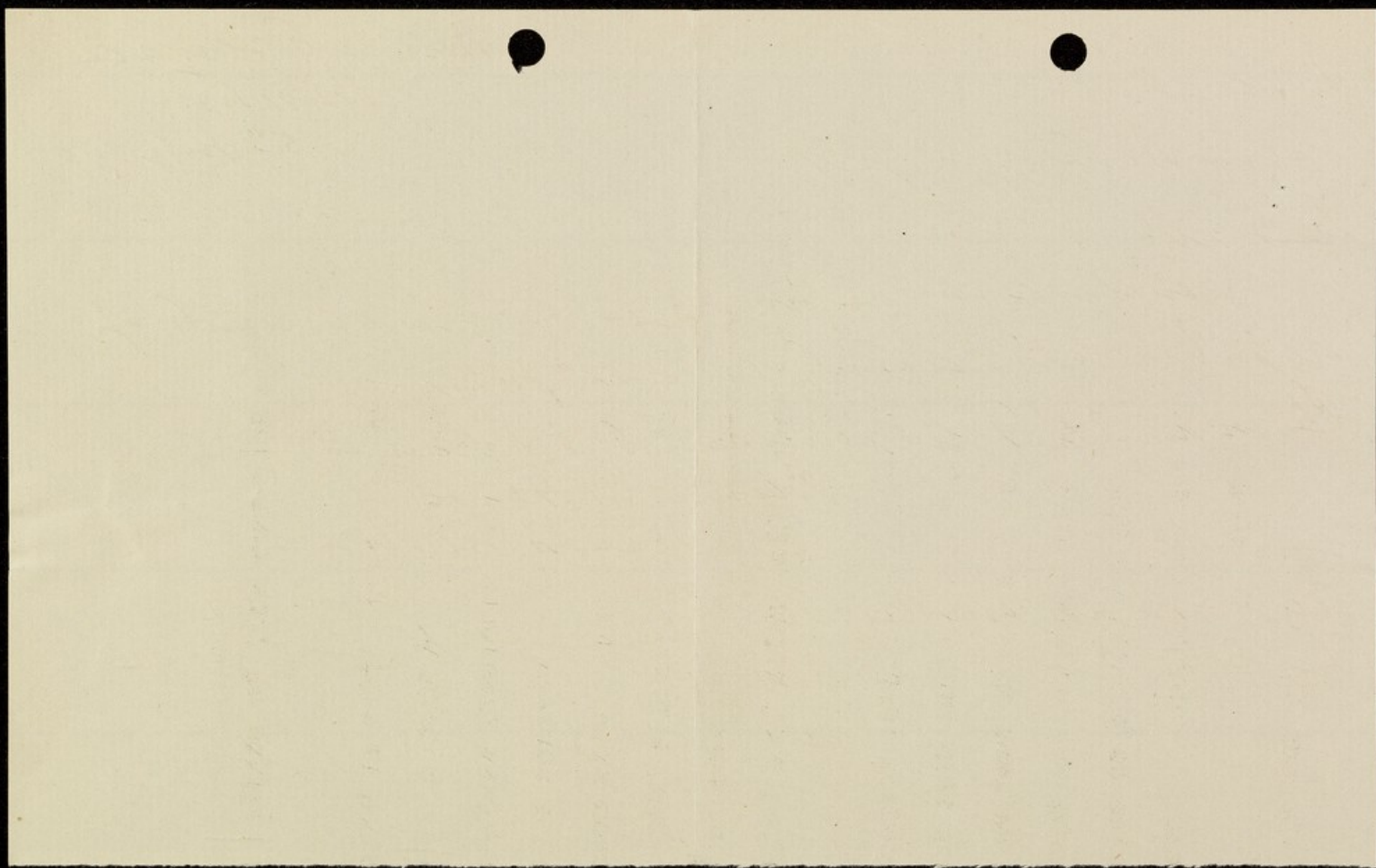
Dear Sir,

I enclose a cheque for £54-11-7. in payment of
Miss Rawson's account dated 12th July -
Please note that my permanent address is -

Blenheim House
Weighlon Road.

And not as you have it. - The receipt for this can be
sent to Muschen. as above.

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
C. C. Rawson



July 12, 1909

Dear Sir,

The Secretary will be sending in the account very shortly.

There is always a fire at hand in the general sitting room in cold weather. We have a number of elderly ladies, and the fires are very necessary even in summer time.

The difficulty in respect to Miss Rawson having a private sitting room is that she is much happier in company with others and she really dreads being alone, so that she spends the greater part of her time in the general sitting room in the West Villa, which is a larger room than the one you saw her in.

I have seen the Sister respecting the question of clothing, and she tells me that Miss Rawson is well provided with under clothing and she is wearing plenty of warm things. I will, however, give instructions that a suitable dress is provided. The weather is so uncertain that the clothing cannot be arranged very easily. Thursday was very warm here and Friday very cold.

Yours very truly,

AND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 391X

THE RETREAT
YORK.

July 9, 1909

Dear Sir,

We can receive your patient, but I should much
prefer that he should be under certificates.

S. Putnam Terrace
Boston.

✓ 10th July 1909.

D. Fred Ford Pierce,
Medical Superintendent. The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I was very sorry that I could
not see you when I was at the
Retreat on Wednesday.

I thought that Miss Rawson was
looking much better than when
I saw her last at Devon.

She complained to me a good deal
about feeling cold. I should be
much obliged if you could let
her have a fire in her room, as
an extra, to the charge for if
necessary, during the present

cold damp weather.

I am authorized by the Court to
expend a sum not exceeding
£300 a year on Miss Rawson's
Maintenance, and I should
like her to be made as comfortable
as possible -

It also strikes me that Miss Rawson
appears to be wearing very thin
summer clothes' would you kindly
see that the Nurse sees that she
is warmly clad. If necessary
a warmer dress should be got
for her.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours very truly
C. Rawson

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6. Belmont Luracy
Museum. (231)

9th June 1909.

Doctor Alfred Pierce.
The Retreat.

Dear Sir.

I enclose two life certificates
of Miss Rawson. Will I request
that you will kindly sign &
return.

I have received the orders of the
Master in Luracy appointing
me receiver of the Estate of
Miss Rawson. Will send it
to you if you wish for it. When
I receive it back from the
Controller of Port Office I will

Bartho, who has it at present.

I hope that my sister is going
on well. & is happy & contented
if all is well & I am glad
out of the doctor's hands myself.
I hope to see her at York before
the end of this month.

I am dear Sir
Truly Yours.

C. J. Lawrence

C. Edmund Terrace ²⁴⁵

Burton.

Derbyshire

3rd July, 1909.

To Doctor Medford Pierce.

Medical Superintendent — The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I forward a life certificate
of Miss Rawson. And I request
that you will sign on the 5th July
and post.

I enclose that an account for
Miss Rawson is now due. & I
request that it may be sent to
me —

Please note that my permanent
address is — Blenheim House
Weighin Road
Overley, London. S.E.

and with a my last letter from
the Rheab was directed -

My present address is

6. Belmont Terrace
Buseby

To which letters should be addressed
till let you know when I return
to London.

Hope that Miss Newton is
keeping well. if all be well, I
hope to see her next Wednesday.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly

C. Newton

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WHITHAM AND BUCHANAN,
SOLICITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE INCORPORATED
LAW SOCIETY.

COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS.

16. Fishergate,
Ripon.

25th June

1909.

Dear Sir,

RE MISS M.L.M. RAWSON.

Referring to our letter to you of the 3rd April last in which we sent you a P. O. for 2/6, we shall be obliged if you will let us know if you intend to credit Miss Rawson's account with this amount. It is merely for the purpose of taxing the costs that we ask the -- question.

Yours truly,

Whitham & Buchanan

Dr Bedford Pierce,

"The Retreat"

YORK.

June 28, 1909

Dear Sirs,

With reference to your letter of June 25th, I may explain that the postal order for 2/6 was paid to the Commissioner for the usual fee, and that my fee in the matter of two guineas has been paid to me by the Secretary of the Retreat and it will be charged in Miss Rawson's account next time it is rendered.

Yours very truly,

from you regarding terms. I
should be very much obliged if you
could let me know the total
amount that you consider would
be necessary, including all extras
& special payments. to keep
Miss Rawson in comfort, having
due consideration to her age at
the Retreat. I can then address
the solicitors in charge of her
case, so that they can make applica-
tion accordingly to the Master
next Friday.

I am dear Sir

Yours truly

C. J. Lawrence

6. Belmont Terrace
Burslem

25th April 1909.

Dr. Redford Pierce.
The Retreat.

Dear Sir

I shall be much obliged if you
will let me know whether the Com-
mittee of Managers have decided
on the terms on which Miss Rawson
can be received at the Retreat.

Miss Rawson's case comes before the
Master in Lunacy next Friday, 30th
and I should like to be able to say
definitely what the cost to the
estate of keeping Miss Rawson
at the Retreat will be.

In addition to the terms, I should be
glad if you could give me an
idea of the amount that would

be repaired approximately for
Clothing, Repairs to Clothing,
Washing, & Stairclimbs and for
any other things that would conduce
to Miss Rawson's comfort.

As soon as the terms have been settled
I presume that the form of ap-
proval will be sent to me to sign.

I should be glad also if you can
tell me how Miss Rawson
is getting on, & whether she appears
to ^{be} happy & contented also whether
you have been able to move her
into the East Villa as you
suggested.

do you consider that Miss Rawson's
mental condition is better or
worse than when she arrived at the

Refuge, and do you think that
she is likely to benefit by a
stay there. And whether there is
hope that she may get well.

I should also like to know whether
Miss Rawson can understand
& likes to receive letters & whether
she is capable of replying to them.
also whether she knows where she is
and why she is there, and whether
she considers that she has been
unwisely treated in being
moved from Ripon.

I am sorry to trouble you with
so many questions, but I
have been expecting to hear

April 27, 1909

Dear Sir,

I am glad to be able to say that Miss Rawson is settling down here quite as well as can be expected. She is really very comfortable upon the whole, but does not realise where she is, and her memory is extremely bad, so that she does not remember what has happened from one day to another. She is rather thin, and takes food in a capricious way, but she is certainly not losing strength. One of the difficulties we have is in relation to the night, as she is very restless. We have made several arrangements, and have given her a room to herself, but she gets alarmed at night, and is apt to wander about the room in a distressed state. The last two nights she has been sleeping in a dormitory in which a nurse is sitting up, and this has worked extremely well, and she much prefers the company.

With regard to the future, it is, I fear, very unlikely that Miss Rawson will recover. I have known similar cases improve a good deal and the memory return to a remarkable extent, but this improvement has not been sufficient to justify a return to ordinary life. I fear a temporary improvement is all that can be hoped for in the present case.

With regard to terms, the Committee sanctioned the proposed rate of maintenance at $3\frac{1}{2}$ guineas a week which would cover board, lodging, and medical attendance. In addition to this there will be expenses

Col. Rawson

Yours very truly,

May I again remind you of the meeting

money will not be spent, as, if she were to become increasingly
of the Directors and Agents of the Retreat which is to be
It is, however, probable that the whole of this
her comfort.

It is, however, probable that the whole of this
her comfort.

If this is more than can be rightly afforded, no doubt some of the
The Chairman of the Committee is wishful that Friends should

£268.14.0

make an effort to attend punctually, so that there may be no
Visit to Throxbury Hall, Scarborough

Extra carriage drives

Washing, mending, and other disbursements

Board, lodging, and medical attendance @ 3½ guineas 191. 2. 0

The estimated expenses for Miss Rawson are therefore:-

3 guineas a week, and I should think a month would be desirable.

The extra cost of this is about

change. We have a branch house at Scarborough to which our patients

additional expense which might be considered, and this is a sea-side

land, estimated at about £12 or £15 a year. There is one other

it would be desirable that she should have extra drives in a hired

a wagonette about once a week; but as she is an elderly lady I think

regard to carriage drives, she will get, free of charge, a drive in

might reasonably be estimated at £50 a year or thereabouts, with

for washing, repairs, and clothing; and I think these disbursements

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AT HOME

9 TO 9-30

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TELEPHONE No 134

34, PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE,

SCARBOROUGH.

Apr 20th.

Dear Dr Purcell

I thank you for
recommending me to Mrs
Ryder. I have seen her
husband - There is no
very great depth of
depression - he is only

vaguely so - if he does
not do well - I will

send him back to you -

With kindest regards

I am

Yours & Devotedly
Charles D. S. Allen

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Encl:

WHITHAM AND BUCHANAN,
SOLICITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE INCORPORATED
LAW SOCIETY.

COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS.

16. Fishergate,
Ripon.

6th April 1909.

Dear Sir,

RE MISS M. L. M. RAWSON.

It is necessary in the Affidavit to describe Miss Rawson as a lunatic as the application for the appointment of a Committee is "In Lunacy".

We have adopted your suggestions in the Affidavit as much as we possibly could & hope you will now be able to swear it with the Certificate attached.

It would be as well if you were to charge the fee to Colonel Rawson in the accounts.

Yours truly,

Whitham & Buchanan

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Mr. Nathan and Benjamin
Sons

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NATHAN AND BENJAMIN
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NATHAN AND BENJAMIN
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NATHAN AND BENJAMIN
SONS

Dear Sir,

RE: THE N. & B. SON.

It is necessary in the Affidavit to describe the person as a
benefactor as the condition for the appointment of a Governor is "In
person".
We have adopted your suggestion in the Affidavit as much as we
possibly could & hope you will now be able to answer it with the
Gentleman's assistance.
It would be as well if you were to charge the fee to Colonel
Nathan in the account.

Yours truly,

Dr. Nathan and Benjamin
Sons
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NATHAN AND BENJAMIN
SONS

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6. ~~Belmont~~
Claremont Ripon
29th April 1909.

Doctor Alfred Pierce
Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Husband of Ripon is sending
my sister Miss Dawson to your care
from March 30th to April 1st.
I should like her to have 10 to 15
a private sitting room. Her means
do not permit of her paying more
than about three or a half pence a
week. I find Chryse for £50. which
will cover the first quarter. If you
cannot let her have a private
sitting room ^{in this} please let me know the
lowest terms on which you can do it.
Please send me a bill as soon

as Miss Rawson, arrives at the
Rehearsal. Letters & telegrams to be
addressed to

Blenheim House
Weightham Road
Cranley
London. S. E.

up to 1st April. after that to
6. Belmont Terrace
Buckham.

I am writing in a great hurry
as I have to catch the train
for London, this night again.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

C. C. Rawson
Colonel.

6. Belmont Terrace
Boston.

19th May, 1909.

E. Weddell Pierce
The Reheat.
Ymk.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your last
letter to me; I cannot quote
the date because the letter was
sent to ~~The Master~~ & laid
before the Master in Council,
that has not been returned.

There are sufficient funds
for you to expend the
amount suggested by you

is about £270. on Miss
Rawson, her annuity,
if necessary.

If special ^{is required} nursing for you
consider that more carriage
exercise is required, please
let me know -

Miss Rawson used to go
out a good deal in a bath
chair and was very fond
of this form of exercise
if it is possible she might
prefer this to driving.
I ought to tell you that

in the event of a thunder
storm, some one should
remain with Miss Rawson
as she is very nervous on
then occasions & terrified
at light ~~light~~ning

I am

dear Sir
Yours truly

C. Rawson

²
fairly well at present, &
is able to be out in the
garden, during much of the
day. In many respects she
requires much assistance &
supervision, because if left
to herself, she would neglect
herself. We shall see that
she is not left alone
during a thunder storm.
Miss Rawson does not
appear to know where she
is, or to understand who we
all are.

I remain

Yours Truly

Korak Kemp M.B.E.M.

Col. Rawson. assist. mil. Officer

May 21. 1909.

Dear Sir,

D. Peine has asked
me to reply to your letter
of May 19th. His former
letter to you, or rather a
copy of it, will be laid
before the Relief Committee
when it meets in June. But
I gathered from him, that
nothing definite could
be arranged until you had
heard from the Master in
Lunacy.

Miss Rawson is doing

Nov 11 1907

Dear Sir,
I have been asked
to reply to your letter
of Nov 10th. The former
letter to the National
Copy Office, will be sent
before the National Committee
meeting meets in Nov. but
I believe from this, that
nothing definite could
be arranged until you had
had a chance to meet in
person.
This is done in Nov.

and to see if
it is to be in the
garden, during week of the
day. I am sorry to hear
of your work and
superior, because if left
to itself, it would be left
itself. I would be that
it is not left after
during a thousand years.
This is not to be seen
opposite to the other side
in the underground water
all one.
I remain
your truly
Robert K. K. K. K. K.
Chief. Mr. K. K. K.

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WHITHAM AND BUCHANAN,
SOLICITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE INCORPORATED
LAW SOCIETY.

COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS.

16. Fishergate,
Ripon.

21st April 1909.

Dear Sir,

RE MISS M.L.M. RAWSON.

We should be obliged if you would allow the bearer to see Miss Rawson to serve upon her the Summons in Lunacy taken out for the purpose of appointing her brother (Colonel Rawson) Receiver of her Estate.

The Medical Certificates upon which the Reception Order was founded will have to be produced to the Court & we should be obliged if you would hand them to the bearer to forward to our London Agents with the Summons.

Yours truly,

*Copies Posted
21. 4. 09*
Whitham & Buchanan

Dr Beresford Pierce,

"The Retreat"

YORK.

WHITMAN AND BUDHAKIAN
ATTORNEYS
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2nd April

Dear Sir,

RE MISS M. L. M. RAWSON.

We should be obliged if you would allow the bearer to see Miss Rawson to serve upon her the Summons in Lunacy taken out for the purpose of appointing her brother (Colonel Rawson) Receiver of her Estate.

The Medical Certificates upon which the Reception Order was founded will have to be produced to the Court & we should be obliged if you would hand them to the bearer to forward to our London Agents with the Summons.

Yours truly,

Dr. Benetford Pierce,

"The Retreat"

York.

✓ 6 Claremont
Ripon -

March 31st
1909

Dear Sir

I am forwarding
a Box today Carriage Paid
to York with Miss Rawson's
Clothes. There is a little Card
Box with Spectacles etc -
in inside also a dressing
Case hope Miss Rawson
passed a good night

and is comfortable
and settled yours

Truly
M. G. Smith

✓ A.R.

1, Princess Terrace,

Ripon.

March 29/09.

Dear Sir

My partner, Dr. Husband, being ill, I am sending you the necessary papers in the case of Miss Rawson, whom I have attended in conjunction with him for some time. I think you will find them in order. We hope to send Miss Rawson by train tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, reaching York at 3-48 p.m. Should it

be a very wet day, she will
come Paul train on Wednesday
yours faithfully.

Samuel Hey.

✓ 6 Claremont
Ripon. April 7th 1909

Dear Sir.

I forwarded -
Carriage Paid to York on
Tuesday night Miss Newson's
easy Chair there is packed
in it a Eider down Quilt
2 pair of Boot Trees and a -
Cushion. a Portmanteau with
Dresses in it. and a Small
wood Box with Photos some
Books a pair of Boots and
a Package from Harrogate
and some underwear in it

and will be forwarding
by Parcel Post today a Flat
Box with Flat in it - also
two Umbrellas which I
hope you will receive
alright - hope Miss Rawson
keeps well and is settled
will come and see her
in a few weeks time

Yours truly

M. Gains

-ND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 391X

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

April 2, 1909

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter of March 31st and for the particulars respecting Miss Rawson's previous history. We have placed her in the Ladies' West Villa where she has a nice sitting and bedroom and where she is very comfortable. She is at present rather too confused to be moved to the East Villa where we should have been glad for her to have lived which is a smaller detached house in the grounds, but I am hoping this change can be made after a while. The terms you suggest, 3½ guineas a week, will, I expect, be approved by the Committee. Patients having two private rooms pay considerably more than this, but I really do not think this is necessary or even desirable in the present case as I think Miss Rawson will prefer for the ~~gr~~ greater part of the day to be in the general sitting rooms and have the company of others.

With regard to her affairs it would seem from what you say desirable to apply to the Court for the appointment of a Receiver. This, however, is an expensive process, and if it can be avoided so much the better.

I note what you say respecting visitors, and if Miss Olive should come we will, at any rate for the present, not allow her to see Miss Rawson.

As to furniture and other belongings there would be no difficulty in some of these being placed in Miss Rawson's room. The things you mention, such as an easy chair, photograph and ornaments will be quite all right, but we could not very well undertake more than a limited number as there is no storage room here to spare. I will write to Mrs. Gains upon this matter.

I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Rawson's continued ill health. We have noted that your address is 3 Belmont Terrace.

Yours very truly,

April 2, 1909

Dear Mrs. Gains,

I hear from Col. Rawson that you are arranging for the storing of Miss Rawson's belongings. It will be quite suitable for you to send to the Retreat an easy chair, writing desk, a few ornaments and photographs, and possibly a limited number of articles which she may like to have about her, but it must be understood that only things which can conveniently be placed in one room must come, and that nothing of value should be sent as we cannot be responsible for the property of patients. However it may please her to have some of her own things about her, and this we shall be glad to permit.

Yours very truly,

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I do not know what the rules are about patients receiving letters, can I write to my sister & see her private letters to be sent on to her. If she has a private sitting or bed room can she have her own things, easy chair. Photographs & ~~her~~ ornaments &c. if so, will you kindly write to Mrs Gains (her land lady who took her to the Retreat) at 6. Clarendon Ripon & ask her to send them. They have to be packed & stored before the 5th June.

I do not know what the rules are about visitors, if Mrs Gains should call I think you might let her see Miss Rawson if Miss Olive (the friend) should call I think you should not let Miss Rawson see her. as the former that she forgets all about Miss Olive the better. I mean you to give reasons but please do not bring my name into the question. I do not think that Miss Rawson will require any special nursing she is very quiet & gentle & in the morning is apparently quite sane. As afternoon comes on she gets delirious. Write him any further particulars that I can if you want them. I remain

Yours Very truly C. C. Rawson

Acknowledged until further notice
6. Belmont Terrace
Buxton.

31st March 1909.

Doctor Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter & telegrams telling me of Miss Rawson's safe arrival at "The Retreat".

To enable you to understand how matters stand I think that I had better explain my own position. My wife had to leave India hurriedly at the end of 1907, owing to the state of her health and to the fact that there was a very bad outbreak of plague at the place where we lived, within a few hours of her arrival in England at her father's house. She was prematurely confined of a still born child with complications & all but died. Since then she has suffered from severe nervous attacks, with bad dyspepsia. At the present time, the fear of one or two strangers coming to tea will most probably upset her nerves & disquiet her for 24 hours. I have therefore never been able to settle down as my wife is quite unfit for house keeping & is very quiet in lodgings at Buxton where she is under Doctor Armstrong's care for a few months in the year when we stay at Overley with my Father

in land. This will explain why I would not possibly have had Miss Rawson to live with me, in charge of a Mental Nurse.

Dr. Husband wrote to me on the 19th of this month, that Miss Rawson's mind was very much worse than when I had been her caretaker in Feb. he again wrote on the 28th that she was mentally decidedly worse than when he wrote on 19th & that she had most decided delusions. I arrived at Ripon on the 26th and persuaded my sister to give me all her papers, money &c. & she promised to sign a power of attorney giving me authority to manage her affairs for her. I then saw Dr. Husband & told him that I had done & he at once said that it could not be done as Miss Rawson was mentally incapable of executing a legal document.

Miss Rawson has had a friend living with her for many years and I know that nothing on earth would have induced Miss Rawson to part with her. What ever she may have been in former years this friend as Dr. Husband well knows, is a most undesirable companion for Miss Rawson at the present. Moreover Miss Rawson's means are not sufficient to enable her to keep up to going for her ~~own~~ friend herself (the friend is only able to help pecuniarily to a very small extent) & to pay for a Mental

Nurse for herself. — The friend would also certainly require a nurse for herself as she is very nearly as feeble in mind & body as Miss Rawson herself. — We therefore decided that my sister should go to the Retreat as there is no one in a position to take her with their horses, or would do so if she were accompanied by the friend. This is why Miss Rawson was sent to the Retreat.

I am afraid that I cannot possibly see you before the Committee Meeting. We leave here (Ankerley) for Wuxton on the 2nd April and I must tell you how my wife felt on after the journey.

As regards terms I must place myself in your hands. Miss Rawson cannot afford to pay more than £3 1/2 pence a week, together with the extras of washing & her own clothes, if she cannot have a separate sitting room for this. I think that you can find her a separate bed room that she could use as a sitting room.

Miss Rawson used to be exceedingly clever. She was always considered to be the learned one of the family & is very well read. She is very fond of Church matters & always reads the "Church Times" She is also exceedingly fond of reading aloud.

Encl:

WHITHAM AND BUCHANAN,
SOLICITORS.
MEMBERS OF THE INCORPORATED
LAW SOCIETY.
COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS.

16. Fishergate,
Ripon.

3rd April 1909.

Dear Sir,

RE MISS M. L. M. RAWSON.

In this matter an Affidavit by you is required for the purpose of having Col. Rawson appointed Committee.

Would ^{you} kindly have a copy of the Reception Order made as an exhibit to the Affidavit, fill up the blanks, sign the Affidavit & then swear it before a Commissioner for Oaths whose fee (2/6) we enclose.

When sworn, kindly return the Affidavit to us.

Yours truly,

Whitham & Buchanan

She is suffering from Senile Dementia - she is confused & incoherent and her memory is very defective. She rambles in conversation, she does not know where she is or the names of persons about her, or the day of the week.

Dr Beresford Pierce,

"The Retreat"

YORK.

