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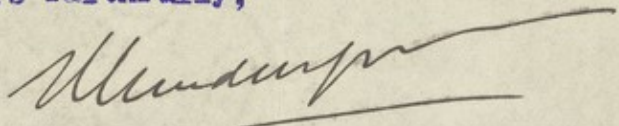
13th July 1908

Dear Sir,

re Mrs. Mary Reiche

Referring to your letter of the 23rd April to Mr.  
F. H. Reiche we send you cheque £1. 6. 8 in respect of the  
two further items not rendered in your quarterly account,  
for which please let us have receipt.

Yours faithfully,



W. E. Waller Esq.,

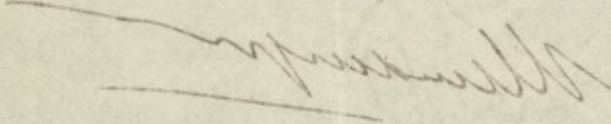
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JULY 1908

Dear Sir,

Reference to your letter

is hereby acknowledged and the same is forwarded to Mr.  
P. M. ... and you are requested to advise in the event of the  
two ... items not appearing in your quarterly account.  
The ... please let us have receipt.

Yours faithfully,



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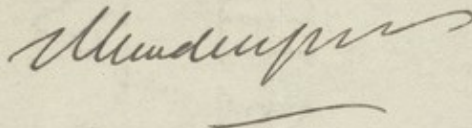
16. Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C. 20th February 1908

Dear Sir,

re Mrs. Mary Reiche.

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst to Mr. Reiche.  
We enclose herewith the <sup>Copy</sup> ~~copy~~ Proprietors account and the  
Receiver's cheque in payment. Kindly get the account receipted  
and return same to us.

Yours faithfully,



W. E. Waller Esq.,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Enc.

*Mr. [illegible]*

20th February 1938

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Dear Sir,

to Mr. [illegible]

Reference to your letter of the 12th inst. to Mr. [illegible]

The enclose herewith the ~~proprietors~~ <sup>proprietors</sup> account and the

Receiver's cheque in payment. Kindly get the account receipted

Yours faithfully,

*[Handwritten signature]*

V. E. [illegible]  
The [illegible]  
1938

COPY

REPORT AS TO THE MENTAL AND BODILY CONDITION

of Mrs. MARY REICHE,

admitted to the Retreat March 8th, 1907.

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Mrs. Reiche suffers from hallucinations of hearing and she believes that persons are watching her and listening outside her door when no one is present. She frequently hears noises in her room and asks those about her to "stop the hissing sounds" when there is no unusual sound whatever. She constantly complains of her room being "muffled" or "semi-padded", whereas the room presents no unusual features and is well furnished. She says she is surrounded by "probes", and it is difficult to understand what she means by "probes". She says the other patients about her are "probes" and says that none of them are of unsound mind, and evidently believes that they are at the Retreat for the purpose of watching her. She is unable to restrain her liking for stimulants and will drink scent and eau de Cologne directly they are given to her. Her general manner is overbearing and insolent and she occasionally uses most objectionable language: about a fortnight ago I heard her call a nurse, without the slightest reason, "a filthy bitch". She is able to talk intelligently on many ordinary topics, but has an exaggerated idea of her own importance, constantly speaking of herself as the daughter of a millionaire.

As regards her bodily health, she has recently recovered from an attack of inflammation of the parotid gland. Her heart is probably fatty and the sounds are not quite pure, but she is able to take exercise daily and go out for drives.

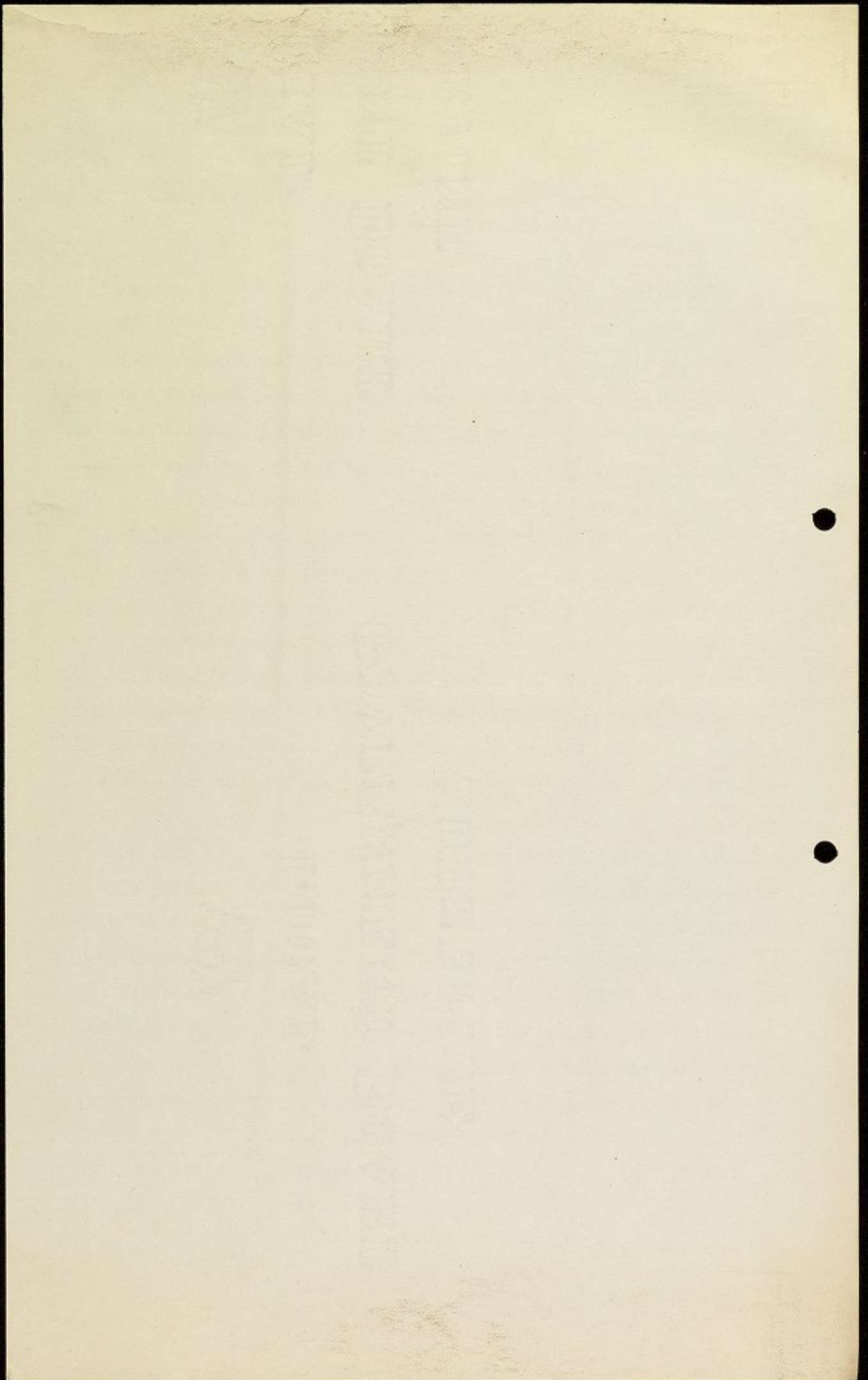
She is frequently violent, striking both patients and nurses.

BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat, York.

Nov. 4, 1907



NATIONAL TELEPHONE No 56.

**IT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THAT—**

ALL LETTERS RESPECTING  
PATIENTS AND HOSPITAL BUSINESS  
BE ADDRESSED  
"THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT."

(990)  
Saint Andrew's,  
Billing Road,  
Northampton.

December 6th 1907.

Dear Dr Pierce,

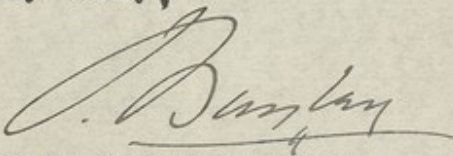
I am much obliged to you for your letter respecting Mrs Reiche. The solicitor and her son called on me a day or two ago, and I arranged that if they decided to send the patient here I would communicate with you when the papers were all ready. I can send for her, or, you can send her, whichever you prefer.

Thank you for the information you have given me respecting the case. The son had already told me of the difficulties that he had with his mother's relatives.

With kind regards, and best wishes for the coming season.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

  
Medical Superintendent.

Dr Pierce.



IT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED THAT

YOU RETURN THIS CARD TO THE  
ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW

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1000 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10018

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE

I am most obliged to you for your letter

requesting the return of the book. I am sorry that I cannot

on this day of two and I am sorry that I cannot

decide to send the return card I would have done with

you when the book was sent. I am sorry to hear

of your own return card, which was not received.

I am sorry to hear that the book is not yet

returned to me. I am sorry to hear that

it is not yet returned to me. I am sorry to hear

that it is not yet

returned to me. I am sorry to hear that

it is not yet returned

to me. I am sorry to hear that

it is not yet returned to me. I am sorry to hear



Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

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BLUNDELL, GORDON & CO.  
SOLICITORS  
AND  
PARLIAMENTARY AGENTS.

16. Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C. 4th December 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce

Mrs. Reiche

The question of the removal of Mrs. Reiche to Darlington fell through owing to the long distance of Darlington from London where Mrs. Reiche's son lives. Mr. Francis Reiche objected very strongly to Darlington saying that the distance would prevent him seeing his Mother oftener than once or twice a year and then that the distance would be almost preventative.

It has now been decided to send Mrs. Reiche to St. Andrews Hospital at Northampton to Dr. Bailey and we are writing to Dr. Bailey to communicate with you and make the necessary arrangements for Mrs. Reiche's removal to his establishment. Will you kindly facilitate matters to this end and if necessary will you please communicate again with the Commissioners of Lunacy to whom we are writing tonight for an order for the removal. We have thought it best to leave Dr. Bailey and yourself to make the arrangements for removal between yourselves

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce

*Maudie Johnson*

4th December 1907

Dear Dr. Place

Mrs. Reich

The question of the removal of Mrs. Reich to Burlington Hill through owing to the long distance of Burlington from London where Mrs. Reich's son lives. Mr. Francis Reich objected very strongly to Burlington saying that the distance would prevent him seeing his mother often than once or twice a year and that the distance would be almost prohibitive. It has now been decided to send Mrs. Reich to St. Andrews Hospital at Northampton to Dr. Bailey and we are writing to Dr. Bailey to communicate with you and make the necessary arrangements for Mrs. Reich's removal to his establishment. Will you kindly facilitate matters so far as and if necessary will you please communicate again with the Commissioners of Lunacy to whom we are writing tonight for an order for the removal. We have thought it best to leave Dr. Bailey and yourself to make the arrangements for removal between yourselves.

Yours faithfully,

*Handwritten signature*

Dr. Bedford Place

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16. Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C. 17th December 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce,

re Mrs. Reiche.

I should be much obliged if you would ask your Accountant to let me know whether any further payment is due from Mrs. Reiche to yourself or whether there is any money to be returned from you to Mrs. Reiche.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr. Mundell*

*Probably small balance due  
was —*

*19  
114  
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Dr. Pierce.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA  
100 KING STREET WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO

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Mr. J. H. ...

LONDON E.C.

17th December 1907

Dear Mr. Pierce,

To Mrs. Bate.

I should be much obliged if you would ask your Accountant  
to let me know whether any further payment is due from Mrs.  
Bate to yourself or whether there is any money to be returned  
from you to Mrs. Bate.

Yours faithfully,

*M. W. ...*

Mr. Pierce.

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16. Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C.

21st November 1901

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Mary Reiche.

We were before Master Fischer yesterday with regard to the above lady's affairs when he expressed the opinion that possibly a change of residence might be of some use although he doubted exceedingly if the lady will be satisfied wherever she is removed to and this more especially knowing the care and attention which are always given to patients at The Retreat York. Master Fischer seems to think that possibly it might be advisable to remove the lady to Dinsdale Park, near Darlington. Will you kindly tell us the terms on which the late Mr. Reiche put Mrs. Reiche in your charge and whether it would be possible to effect the change at once and generally your views with regard to the suggestion. You will gather that both Mr. Reiche (the son of the lady and the Receiver of her Estate) and the Master are both perfectly satisfied that Mrs. Reiche has received and is receiving every possible care and attention at The Retreat, but the Master seems to think that in view of her repeated requests for a change it might be advisable to humour her whims.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Pierce,

The Retreat York.

*Wm. Gordon*

21st November 1901

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Mary Heston.

We were before Master Fisher yesterday with regard to the above lady's affairs when he expressed the opinion that possibly a change of residence might be of some use although he doubted exceedingly if the lady will be satisfied wherever she is removed to and this was especially knowing the care and attention which are always given to patients at The Retreat York. Master Fisher seems to think that possibly it might be advisable to remove the lady to Dinsdale Park, near Darlington. Will you kindly tell us the terms on which the late Mr. Heston put Mrs. Heston in your charge and whether it would be possible to effect the change at once and generally your views with regard to the suggestion. You will gather that both Mr. Heston (the son of the lady and the Receiver of her Estate) and the Master are both perfectly satisfied that Mrs. Heston has received and is receiving every possible care and attention at The Retreat, but the Master seems to think that in view of her repeated requests for a change it might be advisable to

inquire her wishes.

Yours faithfully,

*Wm. Heston*

Dr. Pierce  
*Dr. Pierce*

Gordon Co & Mr. Blunsell advised  
me to ask you to withhold them:

At the present time I do not  
get on very well with my  
mother but have some little  
influence with her - but these  
letters will certainly destroy that  
influence:

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours truly

Francis Heintz

TELEGRAMS, UNISPORT,  
LONDON.  
TELEPHONE No 3160 VICTORIA.

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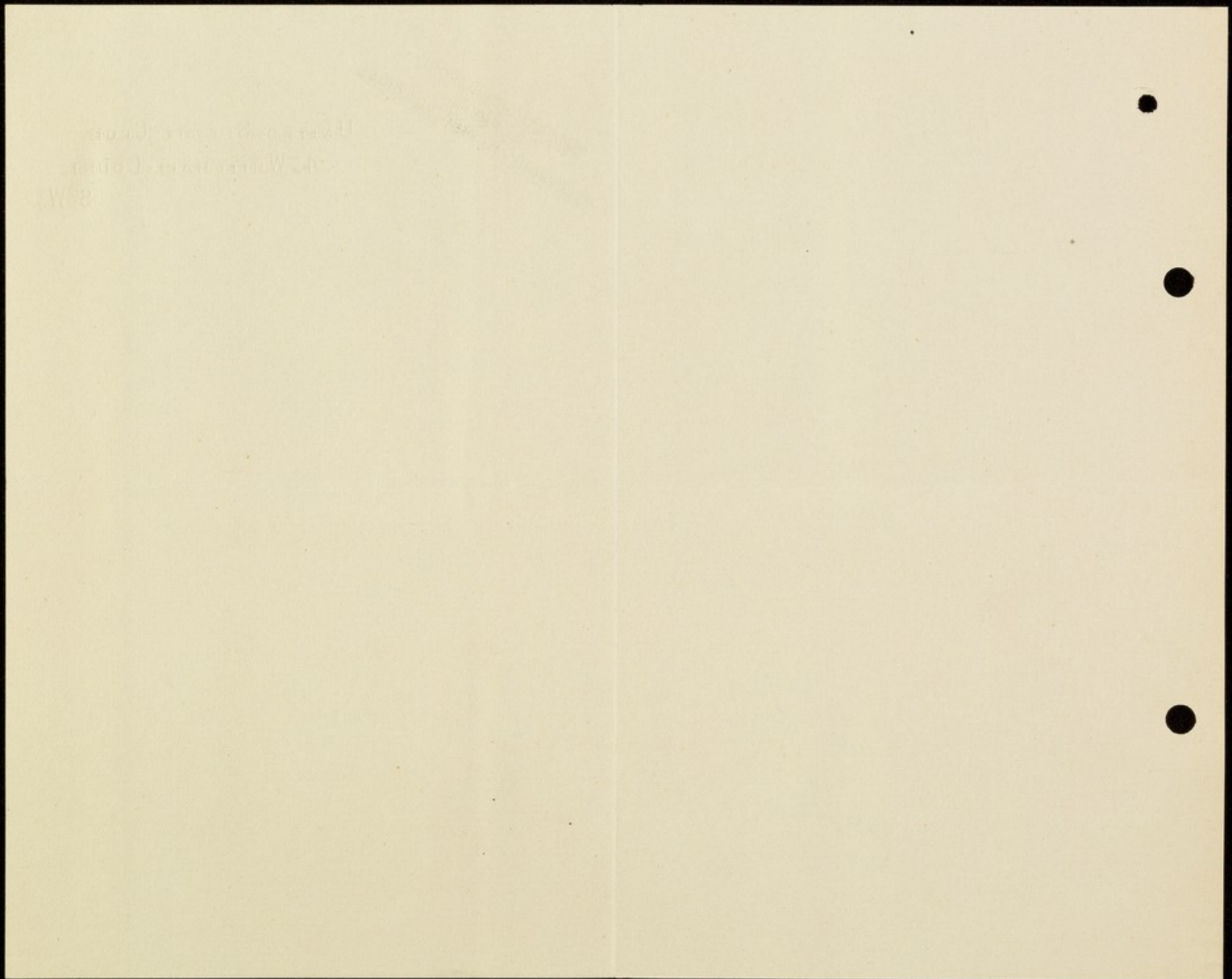
UNITED SPORTS CLUB,  
4, WHITEHALL COURT,  
S.W.

Nov. 25. 07.

Dear Dr. Peice -

My Mother forwarded  
the enclosed letter to me. As  
I think such letters are quite  
improper & likely to cause a  
breach between my Mother &  
myself may I suggest that  
you keep them from her:  
I consulted Messrs Blunsell





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72, CASTELLAIN MANSIONS,  
MAIDA VALE,  
LONDON, W.

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1907.

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Dear D.<sup>r</sup> Peice -

I beg to enclose cheque value £127-10-5  
in settlement of M<sup>rs</sup> Reich's account.

I am applying to Master Fischer to  
be allowed to spend £600 p. annum on her maintenance  
- if he refuses my application, which I do not  
anticipate, I would be unable to pay 8/6 per week  
- so I should be glad if you could let me have a  
report as to her condition to show the Master to induce  
him to agree that the "Retreat" is desirable & satisfactory  
for her to remain at.

Please acknowledge receipt & etc.

*James Reich*  
James Reich

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
MAY 1954  
LAWSON W.

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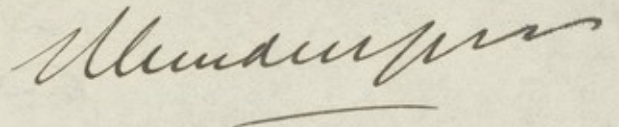
17th October 1907

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Reiche

From what we can gather from the various accounts that we have before us, and from your last letter, the sum of 8 guas. a week has only been paid since June of this year. Would you kindly tell us whether we are right in this. We gather that a sum of about 4 or 5 guas. a week was paid previously to that date.

Yours faithfully,



Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

17th October 1907

BLINDOULLOCHDALE  
1907  
EASTMAN'S PATENT

Dear Sir,

Mrs. Bell

Praying that we may hear from the various accounts that  
we have before us and that your last letter, the sum of 2 guineas.  
a week has only been paid since June of this year. Would you  
kindly tell us whether we are right in this. We rather first  
a sum of about 4 or 5 guineas. a week was paid previously to that

date.

Yours faithfully,

W. Bell  
The Retreat  
York

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16, Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street,  
London, E.C.

14th October 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you kindly let us know the exact date of Mrs. Reiche's removal to The Retreat from Scalebor Park and what amount per week is being paid to The Retreat for her maintenance there. We shall be obliged if you will let us hear by return of post.

Yours truly,

*Wendell*

Dr. Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

14th October 1907

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Will you kindly let us know the exact date of Mrs. Relajo's removal to the Retreat from Seaside Park and what amount per week is being paid to the Retreat for her maintenance there. We shall be obliged if you will let us hear by return of post.

Yours truly,

*Wm. W. ...*

Mr. Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
Seaside Park,

72 Castellain Mansions

Maida Vale

London W.

Oct: 4. <sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dear Dr. Peirce —

When I received from you  
the letter written by my Mother's  
brother Ernest - I did not know  
that she had received it - but  
she has since written me a letter  
which betrays some slight irritation  
against me & shows that letter  
such as the above mentioned one do

influence her.

Do you not think it advisable  
to keep such letters from her?  
as it tends to make the task of both  
of us harder?

You forwarded me a letter addressed  
to my Mother's brother James which I  
opened & now return for you to read as,  
in my opinion, such a letter would  
cause more scenes.

I have spoken to a number  
of friends of the family about my  
Mother's other complaints & they all  
agree that with a charming room  
& a beautiful garden she is as  
happy as she will ever be but

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They think that she is right to object  
to a kitchen or pantry being next  
door as, they say, the noise of washing  
up or is likely to worry a nervous  
woman. Can anything be done to  
alter this?

Believe me  
Yours faithfully

Francis H. Perce

72 Castellan Mansions

Maida Vale

London W.

Sept. 28. 07

Dear Dr. Percé -

I am in receipt of

your note with enclosure & quite agree that such letters are most undesirable - but only to be expected from such a type of man.

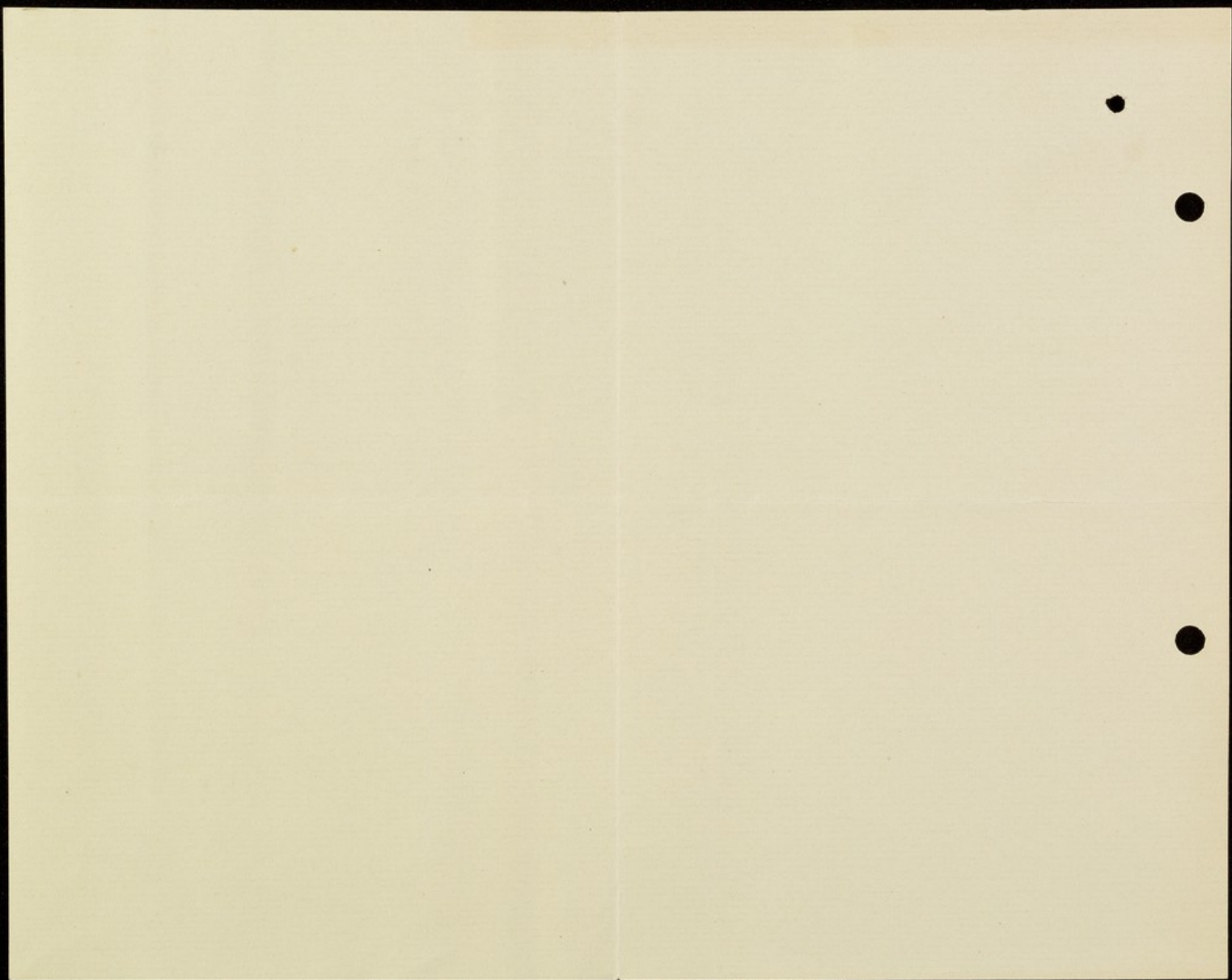
I received a communication

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from his solicitor - asking me why I did not obtain my mother's liberty - & I instructed my solicitor to reply that I was governed solely by the doctor & Master Fischer - still I believe that there will yet be trouble with my mother's family

Yours,

Francis H. Percé



to be almost, if  
not quite paternal.  
Are there any  
grave reasons why  
she should not  
be removed to the  
care of her friends,  
or live in the home  
of some Medical  
Man who takes  
Mental cases.  
She has now  
or shortly will have



THE CASTLE HOUSE,  
HORSELL,  
SURREY.

14/8/07.

Dear Sir,

I would fear  
kindly tell me  
what is the exact  
state of health  
of my sister  
(Mrs. Peck) I  
saw her the other  
day & she certainly  
appears to me

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a fairly large  
income & could  
have any case &  
attention. I understand  
she is "voluntarily"  
Minute of the "Retiree"  
& I take it that  
there could be no  
objection to my  
taking any legal  
& medical steps to  
obtain her release  
providing that her  
case is

only slightly mental & that  
she is perfectly sane  
I am now writing that in  
my hostile opinion, but  
only mean to do the  
best for her (wellfare).  
Thanking you in anticipation  
Believe me  
Yours faithfully  
Mrs. J. J. [unclear]  
D. J. [unclear]  
I am very glad to hear  
from you & hope you are  
well.

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EVANS & SCOTTISWOODS, London.

# POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

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at *1247 1/2* .M.

Received }  
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TO { *Reply Paid*

*Reach C/o Pierce The Retreat York*

*Frank and Pierce wish prevent*

*us seeing you Father's Trustees*

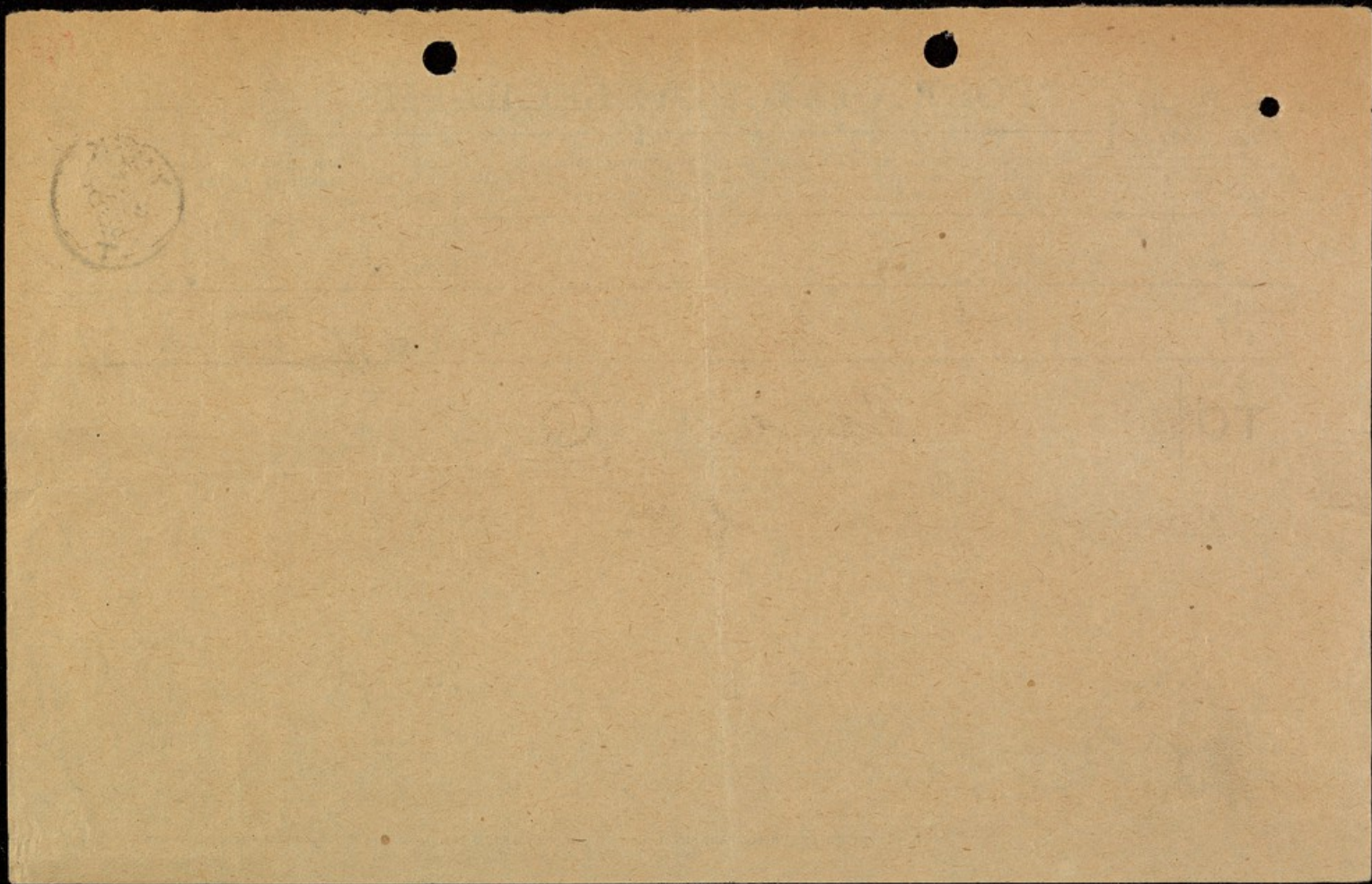
*to myself purpose taking strong*

*action on your behalf view*

*Inquiry your health presume you*

*still wish me do as*

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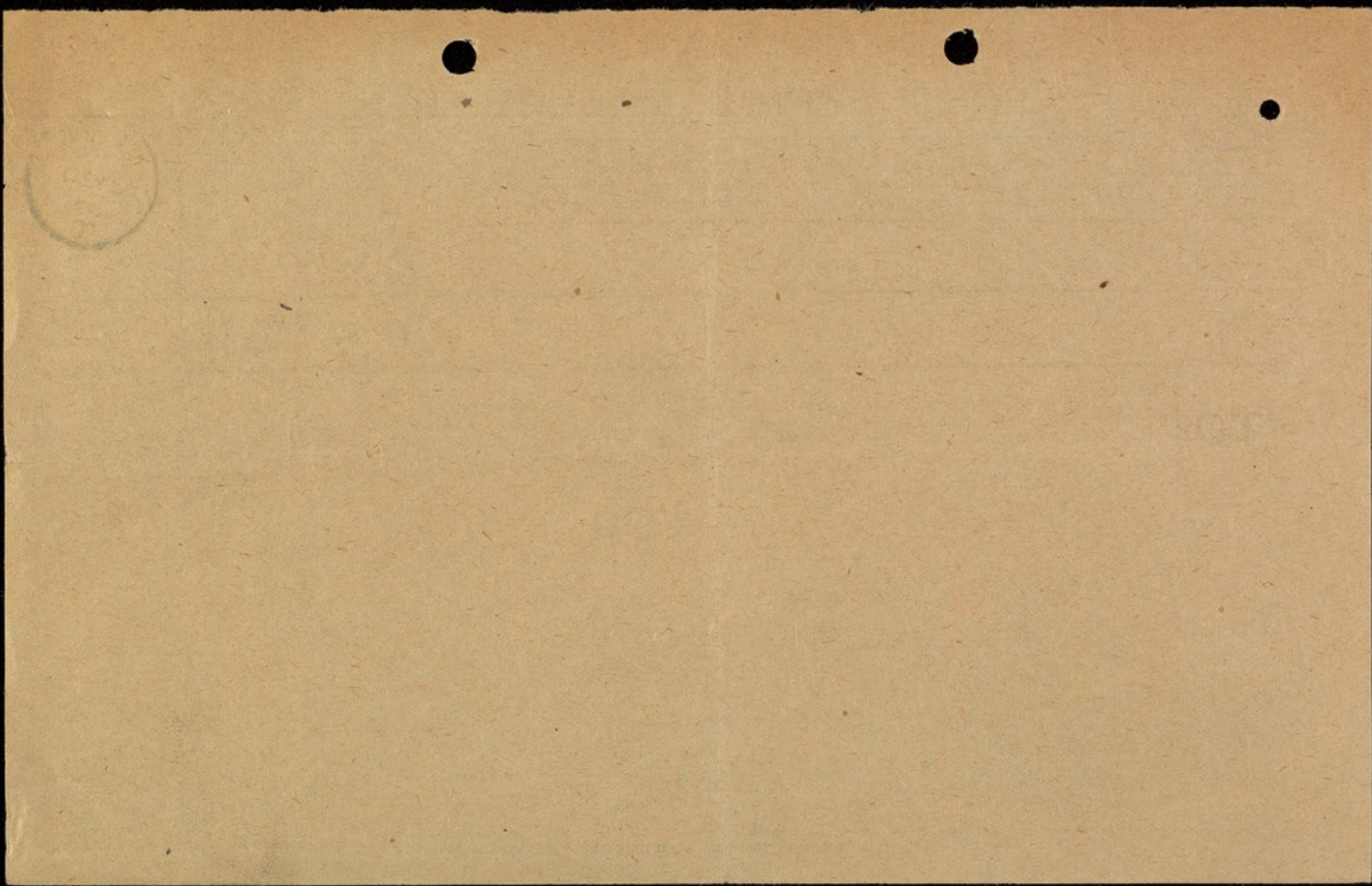
Reich



requests your letters Hill

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.





26 Nelson Street  
Bradford  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir—

Enclosed please find  
cheque value £145-14-4.  
which kindly acknowledge to  
Messrs. Perche & Co as above.

I am afraid I must ask  
you to keep the Disbursements  
account down as you will at  
once perceive that my mother  
is greatly exceeding her  
allowance. It is only the  
millinery & dressmaking that

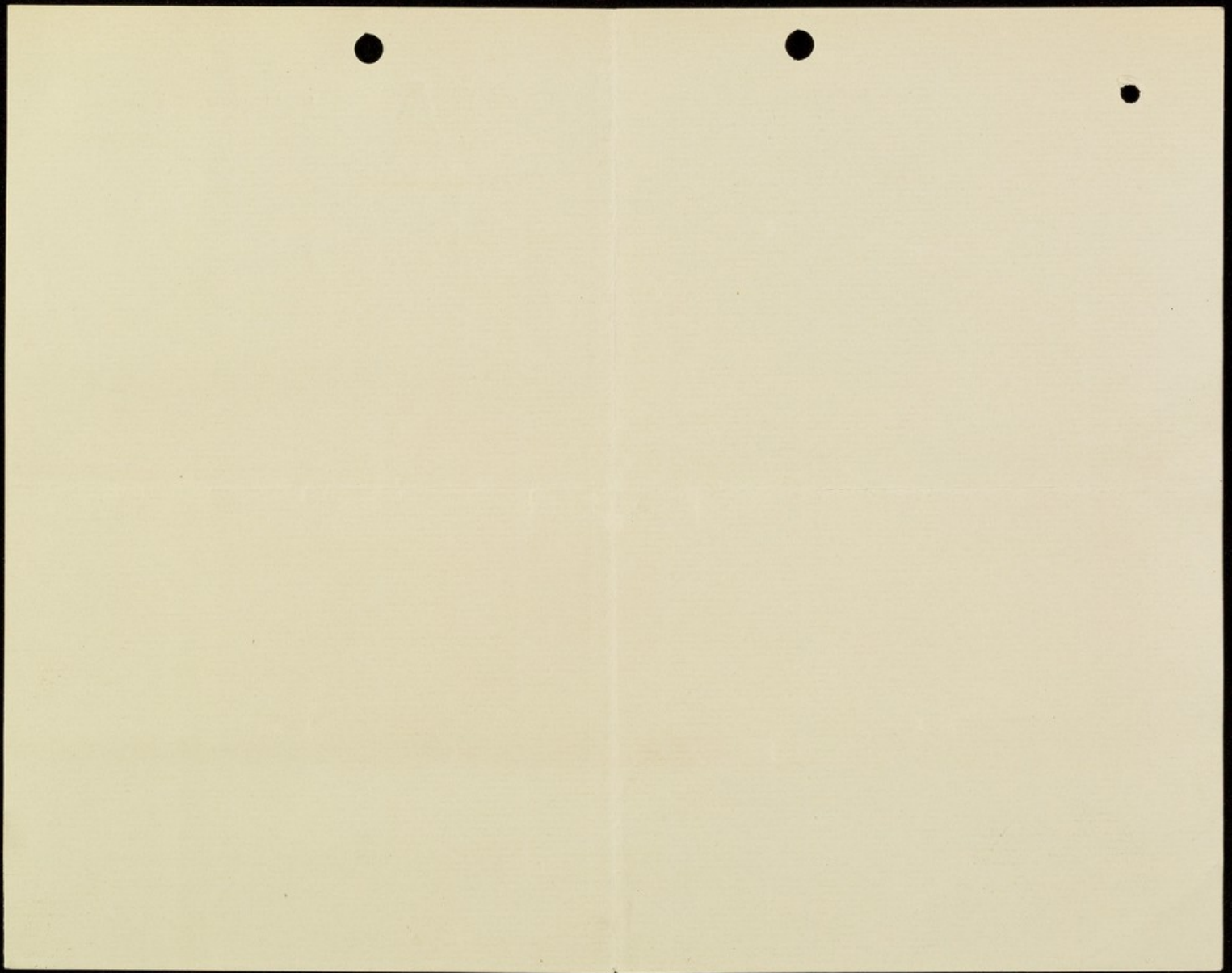
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I find excessive.  
I have instructed my solicitor  
to communicate with Mr. James Hill  
your wishes.

Yours truly,

Francis Perche

Jr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York.



papers by sending cuttings out of  
the newspapers such as my aunt  
has done - or by unsettling her  
as my uncle did; & I want to  
discuss the whole situation.

Will you kindly let me know  
if you advise me to consult the  
solicitor or to see the Master:

Yours very truly

J. Peice

What day next week  
will be most convenient  
for my visit?



GRANVILLE CLUB.

TELEGRAMS:  
"CLUBIONE, LONDON."

TELEPHONES:  
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3100 (MAYFAIR.  
3101)

509  
16, HANOVER SQUARE,  
LONDON, W.

72 Castellani Mansions

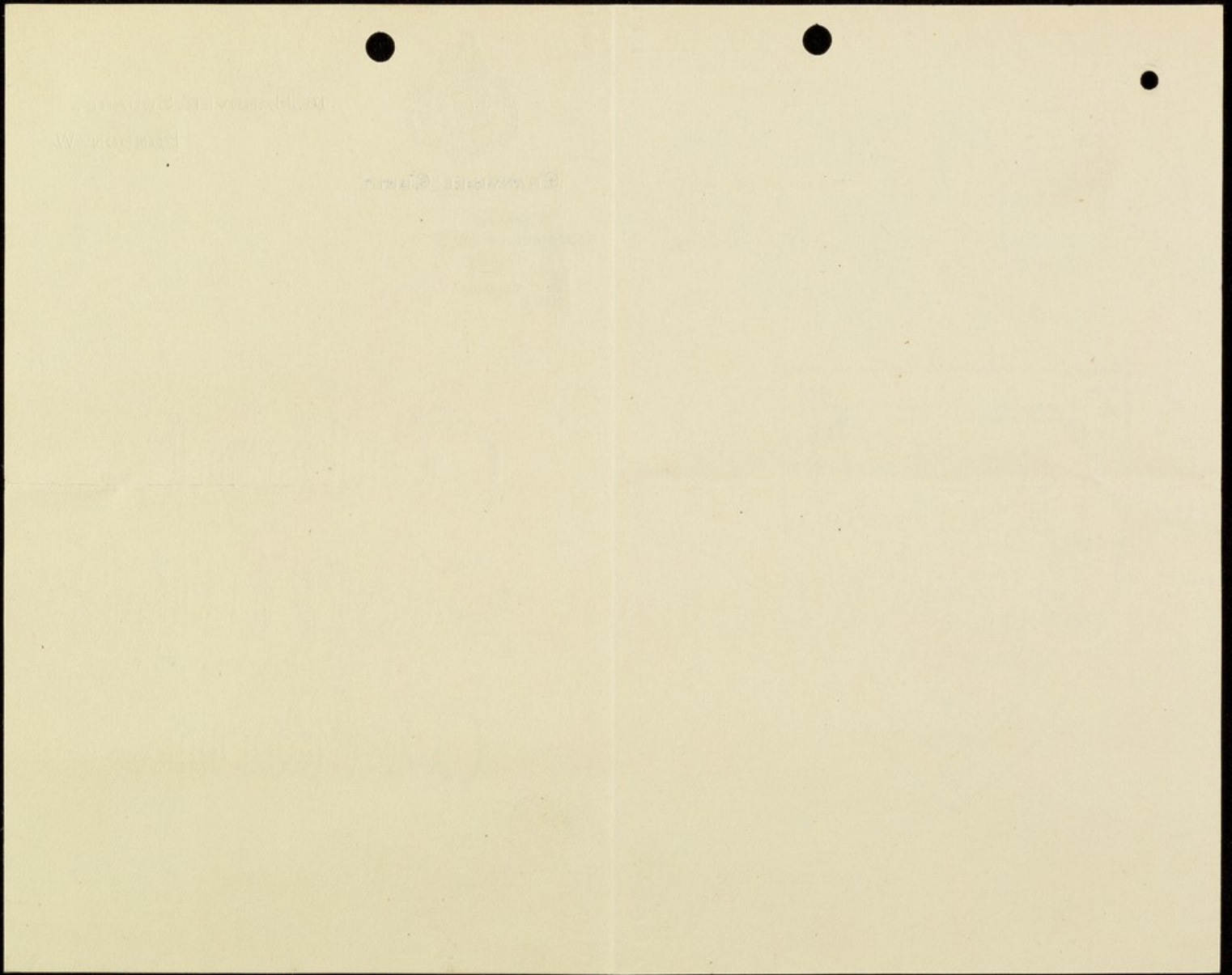
Maida Vale  
W.

June 27. 07.

Dear J. Peice -

I am in receipt  
of your letter which is troubling  
me somewhat. The whole circumstances  
are very unfortunate & I hope  
to be able to get up to see you  
next week.

It is palpably absurd  
to allow anybody to upset a



Reg. Telegraphic Address :  
Burnie, Bradford.  
Telephone : 02688.

W. Gilchrist Burnie, 1, Drewton Street, Bradford.

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June 1927

Dear Mr Bedford Kiree

Will it be convenient by if I go over to see Mrs Reich  
on Monday at about 2-45 - I have written to her that  
I propose doing so

Yours very truly

W. Gilchrist Burnie





Bedford River Co. N. D.  
The Retreat  
York.



Post. to Courcy to his mother  
the news of her husband's  
death.

I presume this news has not  
been conveyed & as I shall  
take an early opportunity of  
writing my sister I hope there  
will be no further trouble. or  
any obstacle put in the way of  
my visit:

J. M. B. C.  
J. Hill

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ANTIQUE & NOB.  
VANTAGE

May 15/07

Dear Sir

In consequence of  
Mr Frank Reiche giving  
instructions to you by which  
I was prevented from seeing  
my sister W. Reiche when  
I visited York for that  
purpose. I communicated  
with the Master in Lunacy  
& they have informed me  
that his return for down so  
was to enable him to be the



ANTWICK M. HOB.  
WANTAGE.

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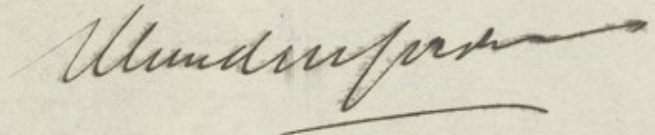
19th July 1907

Dear Sir,

Mary Reiche

Mr. F. H. Reiche has sent <sup>you</sup> your letters to him with regard to the proposed visit of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill to Mrs. Reiche and we have to-day written to Mr. Hill as per copy letter enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



Bedford Pierce Esq.,  
The Retreat  
York

19th July 1907

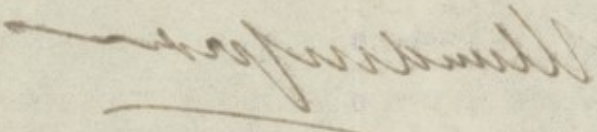
Dear Sir,

Henry Kelche

Mr. W. H. Kelche has sent your letters to him with regards  
to the proposed visit of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill to Mrs. Kelche  
and we have to-day written to Mr. Hill on her copy letter

enclosed.

Yours faithfully,



Bedford Place Ltd.,  
The Retreat  
York

19th July 1907

Dear Sir,

Mary Reiche

We understand from Mr. F. H. Reiche the Receiver appointed in connection with his Mother's estate that you and your wife are desirous of visiting Mrs. Reiche at The Retreat, York. Mr. Reiche has communicated on the subject with Dr. Bedford Pierce the Medical Attendant to the Retreat at York and Dr. Pierce is of opinion that it is better that neither you nor your wife should, for the present, visit Mrs. Reiche. We shall be glad therefore if you will respect the Doctor's wishes in the matter

Yours faithfully,

Jas. Hill Esq.,  
Antwicks Manor,  
Wantage

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26, NELSON STREET,

BRADFORD, April 29, 1907

REICHE & CO.

D. Bedford Peice, The Retreat  
York.

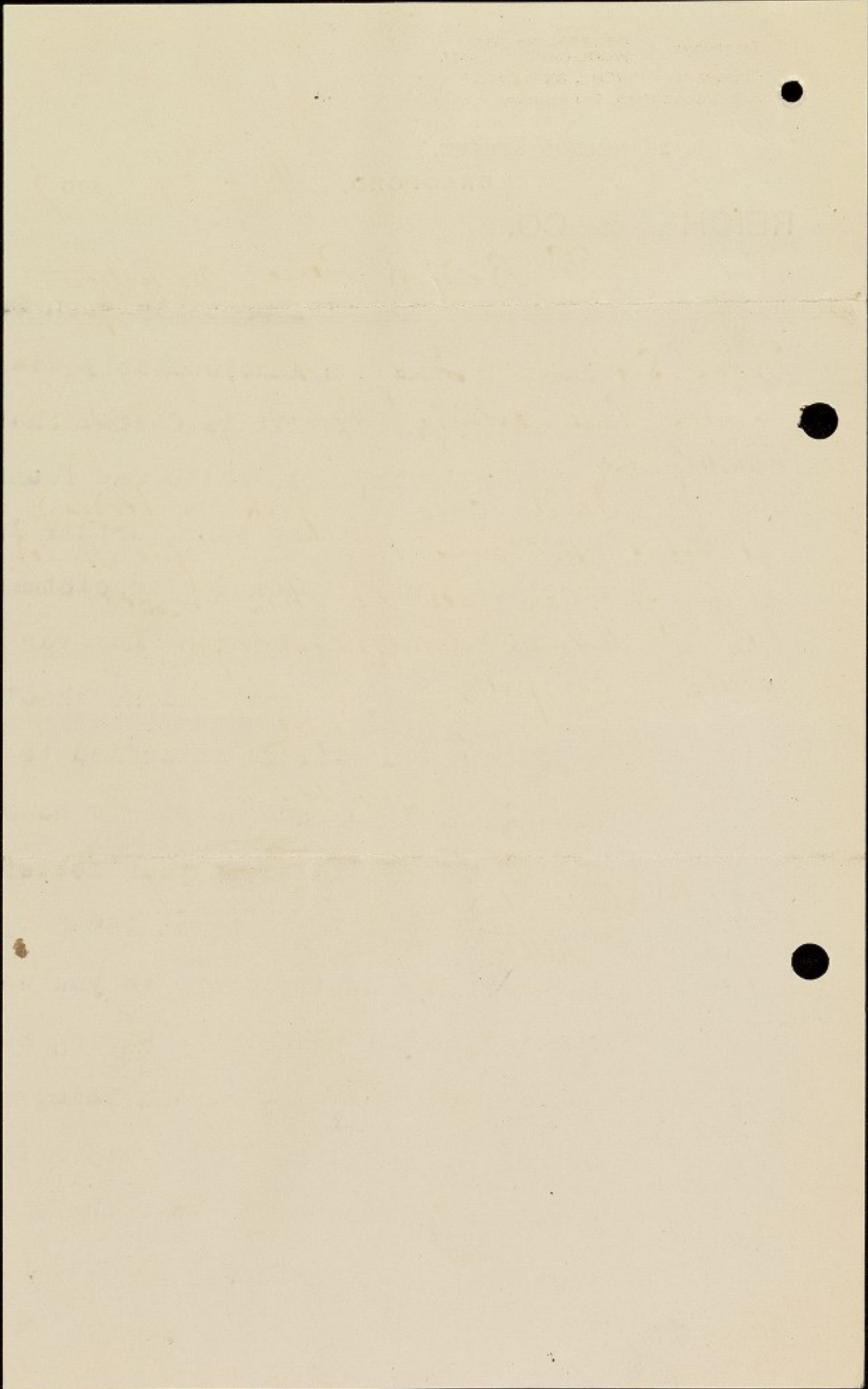
Dear Sir - I only returned from  
London last evening found your letter  
awaiting me:

I will come to York on Wednesday  
at about the same time as before (11.30).  
& if you can see me then I should  
like to discuss arrangements for my  
mother's comfort.

Yours faithfully

Francis Reiche

P.S. I have had no communication  
from Mr. Hill.



GORDON, HUNTER & DUNCAN,  
SOLICITORS.

W.B. GORDON (NOTARY PUBLIC)  
F.T. HUNTER.  
H.H. DUNCAN.

LONDON OFFICES,  
BLUNDELL, GORDON & CO.  
16 SERJEANTS INN, FLEET ST. E.C.

*1, Cheapside,  
Bradford.*

15th. April 1907.

Dear Sir,

You have probably seen from the newspapers that Mr. Adolph Reiche has unaccountably disappeared whilst staying at Biarritz, and that it is feared that he has been drowned. Your letter of 27th. ult. which was found at his residence has been opened. Pending some further information regarding Mr. Reiche no steps can be taken for appointment of another Receiver to act in his place. Meantime however the members of the Family are most anxious that Mrs. Reiche should not in any way suffer, and hope that you will be satisfied to retain her for the present provided the current quarter's board is fully provided for. We notice that enclosed in your letter is an account shewing the amount of that Board to be £68-5-0. On hearing from you that this will be satisfactory to you we shall forward you a Bank Draft for that amount. Having been Solicitors for Mr. Reiche for a great many years, and being well acquainted with both his own and Mrs. Reiche's private affairs, we feel ourselves in a position to assure you that there are ample funds to meet any proper claims in respect of Mrs. Reiche's maintenance.

Yours truly,

*Gordon Hunter Duncan.*

W. E. Walker Esq.  
The Secretary,  
The Retreat, YORK.



10th April 1907

Dear Sir,

You have probably seen from the newspapers that Mr. Aloys Reine has unfortunately disappeared whilst staying at ... and that it is feared that he has been drowned. Your letter of 27th ult. which was found at his residence has been opened. ... further information regarding Mr. Reine and no steps can be taken for appointment of another Receiver to act in his place. ... however the members of the family are most anxious that Mrs. Reine should not in any way suffer, and hope that you will be enabled to retain her for the present provided the current quarter's bond is fully provided for. We enclose that enclosed in your letter as an account showing the amount of that bond to be £25-0-0. On hearing from you that this will be satisfactory to you we shall forward you a Bank Draft for that amount. Having been solicitors for Mr. Reine for a great many years, and being well acquainted with both his own and Mrs. Reine's private affairs, we feel ourselves in a position to assure you that there are ample funds to meet any proper claim in respect of Mr. Reine's maintenance.

Yours truly,

W. E. Walker Esq.  
The Secretary,  
The Receiver, YORK.

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LONDON OFFICES,  
BLUNDELL, GORDON & CO.,  
16 SERJEANTS INN, FLEET ST. E.C.

*1, Cheapside,  
Bradford.*

18th. April 1907.

Dear Sir,

We have your letter of 17th. inst. It is not our practice as Solicitors to give guarantees for our clients. Mrs. Reiche's son is at present engaged in the search for Mr. Reiche at Biarritz. He cannot <sup>yet</sup> give any attention to the matter. We have however succeeded in obtaining a Draft for £68-5-0 which we are prepared to forward to you with a view to satisfying you that you are safe in keeping Mrs. Reiche for a sufficient period to enable Mr. Francis Reiche to make the necessary permanent arrangements. We should have thought that under the distressing circumstances you would not have hesitated to accept this suggestion. We are prepared to forward Draft to you on the understanding stated. If you cannot accept it we must return it to our clients.

Yours truly,

*Gordon Hunter Duncan*

The Secretary,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K .

18th April 1907.

Dear Sir,

We have your letter of 17th inst. It is not our  
 practice to give guarantees for our clients. Mr.  
 Kelton's son is at present engaged in the search for Mrs.  
 Kelton at Bristol. He cannot give any attention to the  
 matter. We have however succeeded in obtaining a Draft for  
 £500-0-0 which we are prepared to forward to you with a view to  
 settling your debt that you are sure in keeping Mrs. Kelton for a  
 sufficient period to enable Mr. Kelton to make the  
 necessary permanent arrangements. We should have thought that  
 under the existing circumstances you would not have  
 hesitated to accept this suggestion. We are prepared to  
 forward Draft to you on the understanding stated. If you  
 cannot accept it we will return it to our clients.

Yours truly,

The Secretary,  
 Dr. Herbert Pearce,  
 The Retreat,  
 YORK.

Reg. Telegraphic Address :  
Burnie, Bradford.  
Telephone : 02688.

W. Gilchrist Burnie, 1, Drewton Street, Bradford.

Dear Mr Price

16-4-07

The enclosed will explain itself. - I have doubtless heard  
of Ritchie's disappearance. - Personally I think there is little  
doubt that he committed suicide. - I have written to his  
son telling him I have written to you. - From what I know  
of their relationship I should think it as well that Mrs  
Ritchie's family should not see her till her son returns

With kind regards

Yours truly

W. Gilchrist Burnie

Mr Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
Ynke





STRA & SPOTTISWOODE, LONDON.

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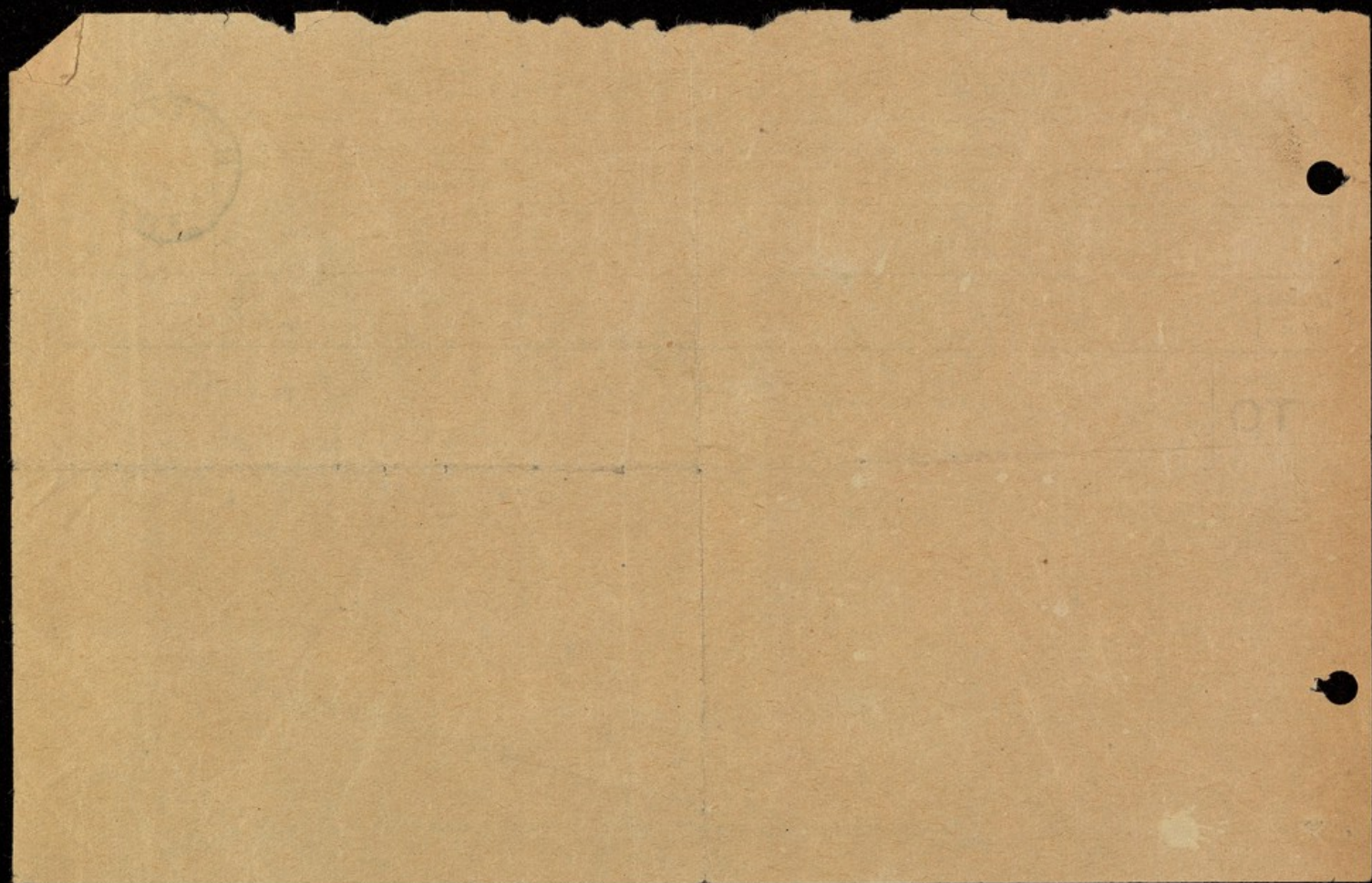


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TO { Dr Gilmore Scarborough  
Burley Wharfe. YKS  
Presume report newspaper refer  
to Mrs Reeves husband  
can I do anything  
for my sister Will do  
Maud's wantage

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.





EVANS & SPORTSWOODS, London.

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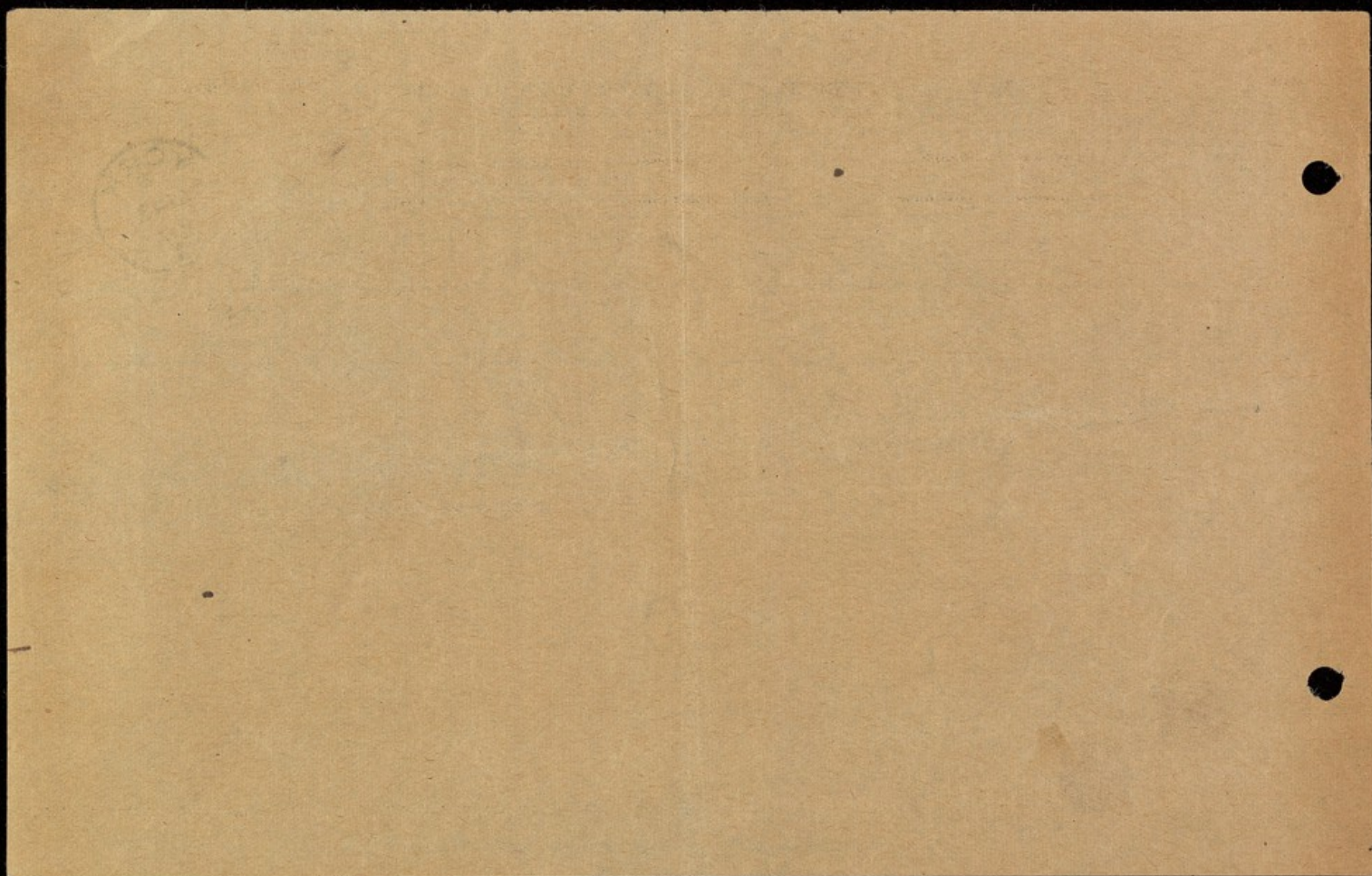
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TO { Doctor Pierce York  
 Du Retreat  
 no doubt my sisters husband  
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 ask if can help in  
 any way Hill Antwicks Manor  
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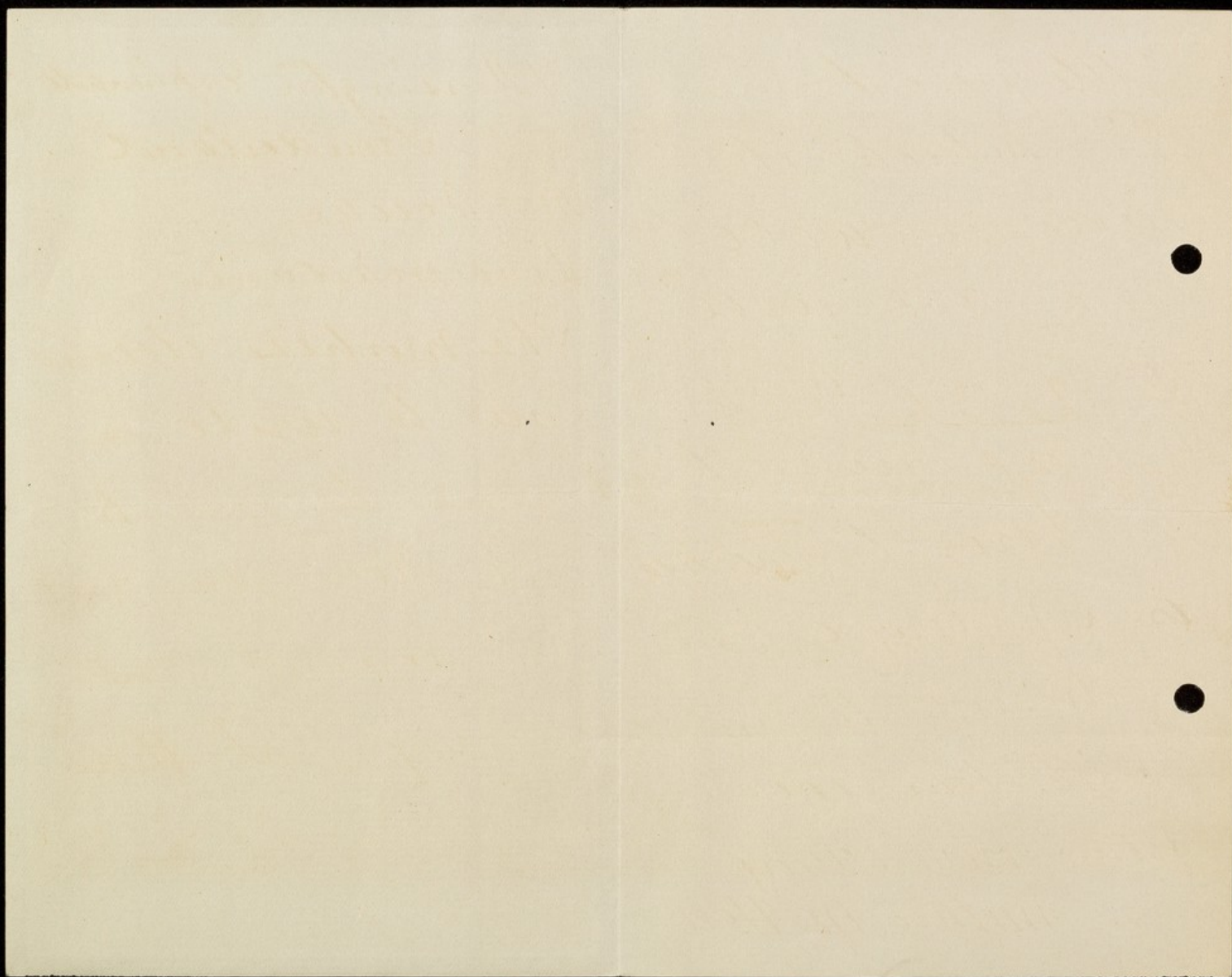
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little present for  
you which she  
hopes you will  
enjoy also will  
you send word  
if you have got  
it alright. enclosed  
as a postcard ready  
addressed for you  
With dear love  
from your loving  
mother M Hill

1 Kensington Explanade  
Sunderland  
Mrs Reiche  
Dear Madam  
The mistress desired  
me to write a  
line to you to  
ask how you are  
in health and  
to say that there  
is enclosed a



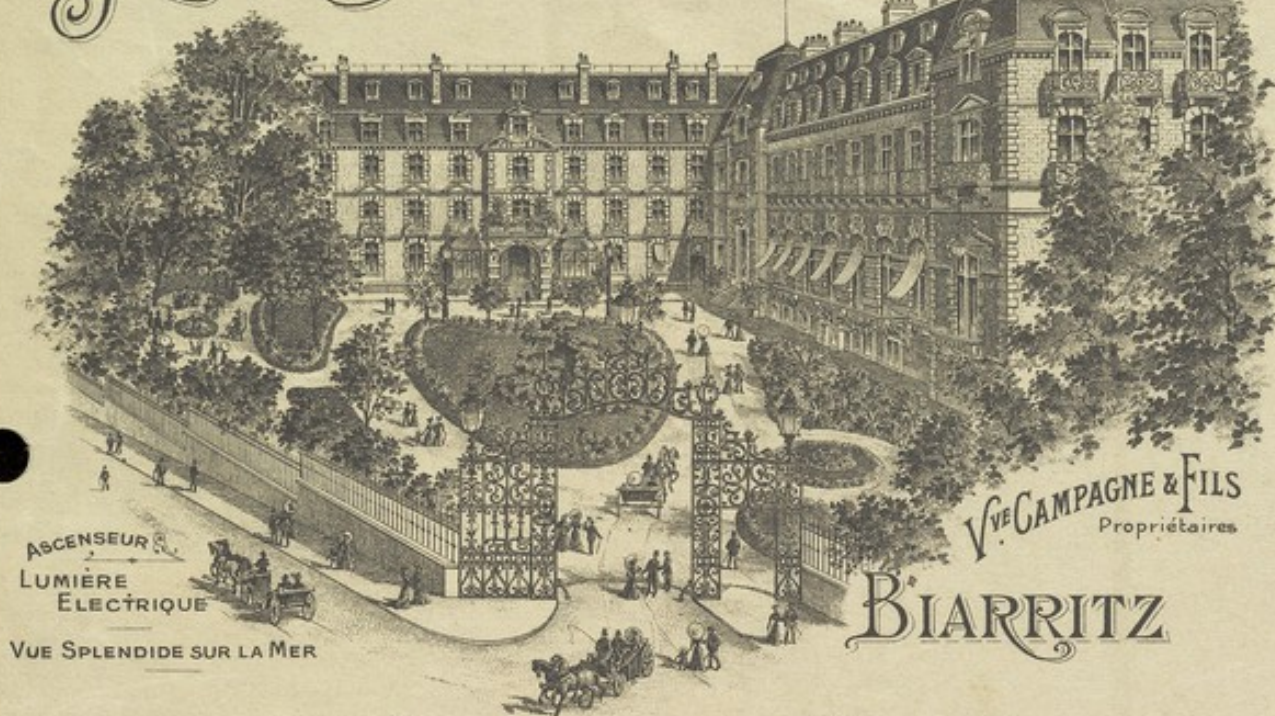
S. Reiche Esq  
58 Blenheim Crescent  
Notting Hill  
London W

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# HÔTEL D'ANGLETERRE

TÉLÉPHONE



ASCENSEUR  
LUMIÈRE  
ÉLECTRIQUE

VUE SPLENDIDE SUR LA MER

V<sup>ve</sup> CAMPAGNE & FILS  
Propriétaires

## BIARRITZ

Biarritz, le 14. April 1907.

Dear Dr. Burnie - Of course you have heard about my father's disappearance. I am writing to you at the request of the Commissary of Police & the British Vice-consul to ask if you treated my father for a heart affection - or if he had any serious disease - & if you prescribed the pills labelled "To be taken in case of faintness"?

May I also trouble you to

see that my father's disappearance is  
kept from my mother or broken very  
gently - she is I believe now at  
"The Retreat - York."

I am awfully sorry to trouble  
you but I cannot very well help  
myself.

With many thanks in  
anticipation of your kind reply

Believe me

Yours Sincerely

Francis H. Reich;

P.S. I should feel much obliged if you  
could prohibit my mother's brothers or sisters  
from having access to her at present.

Mrs. Reiche

Scalebor Park

Burley in Wharfedale







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REICHE & CO.

TELEGRAM: REICHE, BRADFORD.  
A. B. C. CODE 5TH EDITION USED.

Bradford Jan 15 1907

My dear girl, I was very pleased with your letter & reply at once. Of course you know, that I have been laid up again with influenza, & it has left me so weak that I can hardly walk. But for this I should have been long since to see you & to have a chat. It seems to be fashionable now to have influenza & I had it twice within 2 months; I am pleased that you have 'escaped' so far!

You are writing about food etc. & that you want a change! You know, that I shall only be too pleased, if you get a change and go to Scarborough - I have begged of you now for months & months & every time, I have made the arrangements you have withdrawn & would not leave. You have to say the word & your orders will be obeyed, but you don't stick to your wish - but change, then I have the bother & the blame. Are you now determined to leave? I am sure, that it

will do you good, you would  
feel more at home with the  
better food, bedroom, people  
etc. Physical suffering is very  
bad, because I could not walk  
nor eat, nor do anything, whilst  
your mental suffering could be  
done away with, if you so desire  
& move to better quarters.  
I have always been in favor  
of the Scarborough plan.

I shall do my best to see  
you on Saturday, but it de-  
pends upon the weather &  
my strength, as I must be  
careful, avoid pneumonia.  
The boy is lovely, eh?

With best love & many  
kisses ever your loving  
husband  
Edward



Mrs Reiche

Scalebot Park

Burley in Wharfedale

LEON  
M. JOHN  
FE 20  
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It was my desire, that  
you should do so, but for  
more than a year - you  
refused.

Keep your pecker up  
therefore I have hope, that  
the new plan will restore  
you to full health. You  
must try your best  
to this end.

I have only a few  
minutes for the letter-  
box, so I send you  
my best love, and  
ever

your loving  
husband  
Arvid

Foxwell

Bradford 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 1907

My dear girl, I just received  
your dear letter - on my  
return from the office & I  
also came in possession of your  
previous letter - when I came  
home on Saturday.

I am anxious to write  
you alone - so that you  
receive this letter in the  
morning & to give you  
the assurance, that I do  
my best to do as you bid  
me & to see, that you  
leave your present plan.

Dear Mother  
I received your letter of the 10th  
and was glad to hear from you  
and to hear that you were all  
well. I am well at present and  
hope these few lines will find  
you all the same. I have not  
much news to write at present.

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Park Drive

Heaton

Bradford

March 1907

Dear Sir, I was extremely sorry to hear from you, that Mrs. Reichel does not at all do well; her letters to me did not give me this idea. Have you told her, where she is now?

I shall be pleased if you do all you can for her in the way of food, also regarding her room etc; I want her to have

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comfort & have also written to the matron to get good clothing, whatever is due to Mrs. Reichel.

It is unfortunate, that I have been ordered away by my doctor, or else I would have come to York & had a personal interview. As I am leaving to-day - I cannot arrange this journey to you.

I am, Dear Sir -

Yours truly  
A. D. Reichel.



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TELEPHONE No. 92, OTLEY.

SCALEBOR PARK,  
BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE.

Ans

23<sup>rd</sup> February 1907

Dear Dr. Preece,

I received the enclosed letter yesterday from Mr. Reiche. I presume he has been in correspondence with you about the transfer of his wife to Thropenly. You will remember that there was some correspondence also last year about the matter.

Since then Mr. Reiche has been rather quiet & more settled but she still has hallucinations of hearing which occasionally make her troublesome. Will you communicate with Mr. Reiche regarding the transfer?

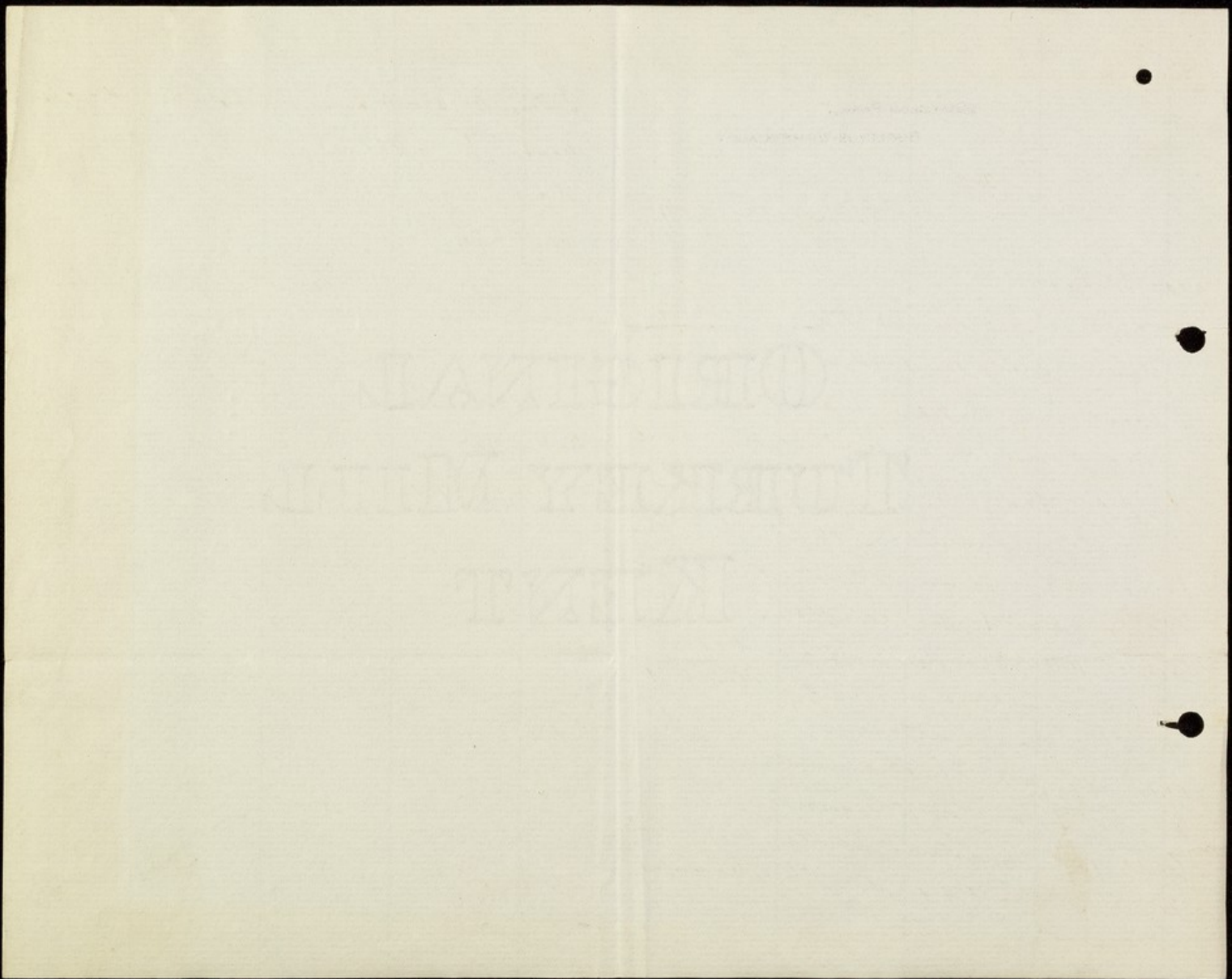
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I think a change would do good and I approve, if you can arrange the matter.

With best regards

Yours faithfully  
J. R. Gilmour

Dr Preece

The Bell Busby

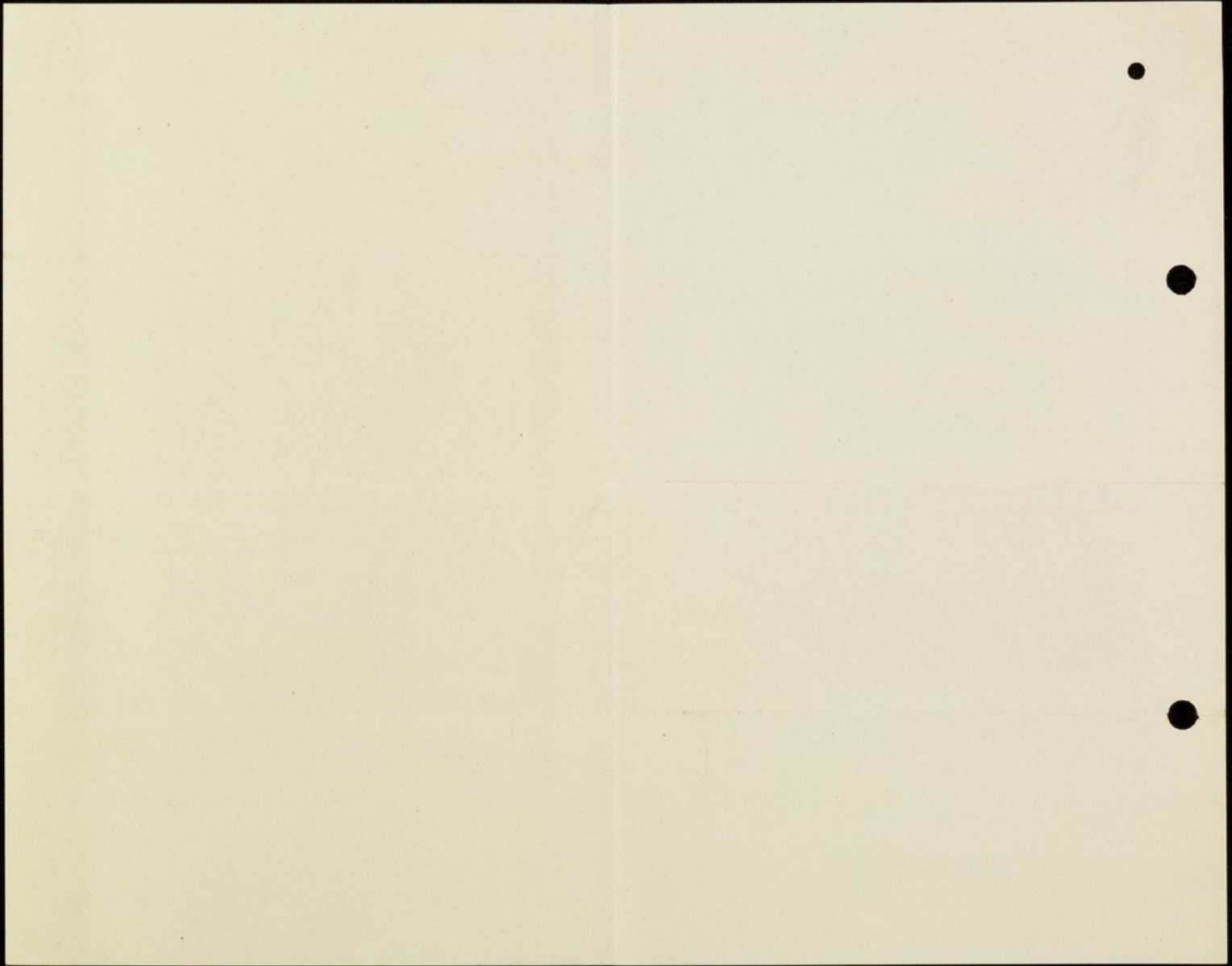


Ans

- Foxwell Grange  
Park Drive  
Bradford 20 Febr 1907

- Dear Sir, Mr. Reich  
is anxious to have a  
change & I shall be  
pleased, if you arrange  
that she leaves as early  
as convenient for  
Throxenby Hall, Scarborough.  
Of course, I suppose  
that this meets with  
your approval.

I am, Dear Doctor,  
yours faithfully  
 Doctor Gilmour      W Reich



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

WITNESS my hand the second day of June 1907

Name Francis H. Keeche

Residence 72 Castellan Mansions, Maiden Lane W

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said Francis H. Keeche

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

L. Miles

7 Canterbury Terrace, Canterbury RD

Kilburn NW.

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.

