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21st September.

712  
Thank you so much for your  
kind letter which was forwarded  
to me here - as I have  
returned to work.

Had I been staying longer  
in Leek I should have been  
pleased to have come over &  
seen you - & shall hope to do  
so during the Christmas  
holidays. -

With kind regards -  
yrs sincerely  
L Roberts

Balmoral Private Hotel  
Bristol.

POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Dr. Bedford. Pierce

The Retreat.

York.

at Thorsby - I often think of the  
time I spent there, in the beautiful  
scenery - I remember how patient you  
were with me; it was a lesson to  
me & one I hope to put to account. -  
My Mother says I am quite my old  
cheerful self again & indeed I am  
quite well now & energetic.  
Would you be so kind as to give my  
kind remembrances to Dr. Kensey &  
Dr. H. Kensey & to Sister Florence & all I  
know at Thorsby - I am not likely  
to be at Scarborough for some time, as I am  
beginning directly - but if I ever stay there I  
should like to go & see them all at Thorsby.  
Mother joins me in kind regards &  
says how she will always remember your  
help & kind advice - as indeed I shall.  
Believe me  
Very sincerely yours Lilian S. H. Roberts.

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S. Margaret's Mount.  
Ilkley.

9th August

Dear Dr. Peice -

I have been intending for  
some time, to write & tell you how  
I was getting on - & now I am  
at home again I know you will  
be pleased to hear I am quite  
well -

I have been staying, since I  
left Scarborough at a Private Hotel.

at Buxton - & since then I have been  
working - I am leaving at the  
Swedish Gymnasium <sup>at Buxton</sup> to get a  
Certificate as Gymnast Teacher -  
& Teacher of Swimming, Dancing -  
Fencing - Hygiene - Anatomy &  
Physiology. It is so nice to be  
at work again; & my term's  
report was pleasing. The work is  
intensely interesting & I am sure  
is quite one of the coming  
things, especially since the  
Swedish Display at the

Banco British Exhibition.

We are a very small party at  
home just now, as my second sister  
is married, the eldest one still  
abroad - I am glad to find my  
sister looking better than I expected  
that she still suffers very much with  
rheumatism. I am looking forward  
to the day when, instead of being  
an expense to her, I in my turn, can  
afford to take her as my for a  
long holiday & charge -  
I occasionally hear from Sister Anne

14th Dec.

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St-Margarets Mount  
Ilkley.

Dear Fr Pierre

- You will, no  
doubt be interested to  
hear that my daughter  
Liliane seems, really  
considerably better,  
& I have good accounts  
of her from Mr. Lee -  
with whom she lives

been - in Burselow, since feebler to express the  
July -

- In a letter Lillian has  
sent me to forward - (x  
read) to an Uncle - She  
speaks of the life at  
Throesbury - as being the  
"making" of her - & of  
how she is now "her  
old self" - & determined  
not to go back - but  
to continue improving  
etc -

- I feel as if words were

feebler to express the  
thanks which I want  
to convey to you - for all  
the trouble you took with  
Lillian - & also for all  
the advice you have, so  
patiently given me,  
concerning her -

Please do not think me  
ingrateful for not expressing  
my thanks more frequently  
- & Believe me

Very Sincerely yrs.

Elysa Roberts

27th July  
✓  
M.K.

(610)

St-Margaret Mount,  
Whaley.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am terribly dis-  
-tressed, this morning  
at hearing (from Dr. Kemp)  
that "you do not advise  
Lilian returning to  
Throsby Hall", in the  
autumn — and  
I should very much like  
to come & see you —  
in Leeds — one day next

week -

I feel as if things may  
have grown worse since I  
last saw you - and  
I should like to ask you  
a few questions - which let me know the day  
I neglected to do the other & the hour -  
day -

- I feel so grieved - & wonder  
if I am to blame - &  
was trying so hard to  
place Lilian well (during  
the time she had to be  
absent from Throesbury)  
for I did not see my way

clear to having her at  
home, for the whole time  
- Hence this sorry - & if  
you can see me, in Leeds  
next week. Will you please

Very Sincerely Yrs

Elija Roberts

15th July

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St-Margaret's Mount.  
Ilkley -

Dear Dr Pierce

- Enclosed is cheque

for the coming quarter -  
for my daughter's expenses  
&c -

- On my return home on  
Friday I wrote to Mrs  
Pecher (the lady you told  
us of - near Richmond)

asking if she could take Thersede -  
Liliane for a month - - Do you think you can  
but she cannot - as she tell me if any one else?  
has just let her home - I should be so grateful if  
for the month of August - you could -  
- I fear I fore see considerable - The Miss Thomassons  
friction, if Liliane were has not written yet -  
at home for long - & are  
most anxious to hear of  
some suitable home for  
her - for, at least the greater  
part of the time that she  
must be absent from

- With kind regards  
Believe me

Sincerely Yrs.

Elija Roberts -

Peest 572  
Richmond  
York.  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 1907.

Dear Dr. Price.

I had a letter  
from Mr. Roberts of  
St. Louis asking me  
if I could take his  
daughter into my  
home next month.  
I should have been

my pleasure to have be at home.  
done so, but only  
last Wednesday  
I let my horse  
furnished for the  
month of August.  
I was writing to tell  
you this in case  
you thought of send-  
ing any body. The  
horse will be at-  
tending in September  
when I expect to

I have replied  
to Mr. Roberts letter  
to day.

Thank you very  
much for remembering  
me.

Yours sincerely  
Alice Baker

4th July.

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✓  
St Margaret's House  
Ilkley.

Dear Dr. Pierce

If it would be  
convenient for you to  
see me, in Leeds, one  
day next week. I should  
be very glad to have  
a little talk with you  
about my daughter -  
- I am sorry to trouble  
you again - but should  
be pleased to know

which day and time  
will be most convenient  
to you -

Very Sincerely Yrs

Eliya Roberts

& her cure - Surely Lillian  
will improve - more &  
more -

Please accept - once more  
my sincere thanks for  
your kindness to me -  
Believe me

Sincerely yours  
Eliza Roberts

12<sup>th</sup> March

(213)  
St. Margaret's Mount  
Ashley.

Dear Dr. Pierce

It is good of you  
to send me such a long  
letter, about my daughter  
& your candid opinion  
about her - &c -

- The description you  
give of her probable mode  
of life - if at home - is  
just such as we had

to contend with before  
she went to Dr. Brooks -  
Thank you so very much  
for talking to her in  
such a kind way -  
In my letter (of last week  
to her) I said, she was  
not to think of coming  
home, until you gave  
your sanction to such  
a step - "how greatly  
her cure, lay in her  
own hands," &c. - &c. -

- Yes. I shall be only  
too grateful - for her to  
remain under your  
care. Another three months  
& we must hope for more  
decided improvement,  
I do feel as if there was  
a little progress. Since  
she came to Throesbury  
Hall - & Miss Figg  
secured (to me) such a  
seesable - capable little  
woman - Under your

5th March

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St-Margaret Mount  
Ilkley.

Dear F. Pierce -

Again I am going  
to trouble you -

This letter, which came  
from my daughter  
Lillian, last evening  
J. Baughton advises me  
to send to you -

- It will reach you  
I hope, before your

Writ to Throesby Hall  
Tomorrow -

- One day next week. I  
think I must come  
into Leeds & see you  
again, concerning Lila  
if you would tell me  
the day and time  
which would suit you  
best.

With kind regards

Yours Very Sincerely  
Eliza Roberts

14th Feb.

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St Margaret Mount  
Shley.

Dear Dr Pierce

Again I am going  
to trouble you - but I trust  
you will excuse me -  
I am sending you two  
of my daughter, Lillian's  
letters to read -

This one (which I will  
send to him) came last  
night - & I want you to

be so very kind as to  
tell me what I must do  
in the matter — or  
may I leave it entirely  
in your hands?  
— If there is real need  
for her teeth to be stopped  
and you think it  
advisable to have them  
done, I can have a  
small sum — but we  
have an idea that Lillian  
wishes to — to pick the  
teeth — & make work —  
This I am not sure of  
& if I might leave the

matter entirely to you.  
I should be so glad —  
— Her letters have been of  
a more cheery nature  
lately — but I should  
like to know exactly  
what you think of her —  
— I am so sorry to trouble  
you — Believe me  
Faithfully Yrs.

Eliya Roberts

In Colwyn Bay, Denbighshire  
& also in Deal — Lillian was  
having attention paid to  
her teeth! —

those necessary done for truly I shall not get well if I go on  
 with these very painful my teeth - I am not wanting in a flourish  
 or in an  
 replaced  
 way but  
 after due  
 thought  
 I don't mind  
 what I go  
 without it  
 only I can  
 get my mouth  
 really in good  
 order. I find  
 I saved 2/6  
 out of 3/ for  
 last month!!!  
 dear but perhaps  
 I am trying hard here. Hope to write on  
 Sunday a cheery letter to you dearie. 2.

Darling One  
 I write to you in a  
 great bother about my teeth  
 that are causing me so much  
 wakeful nights. Dr. Baker said  
 they were to be done (as so many  
 so Mr. Hunter here in Scotland has  
 begun them - then Dr. Pierce  
 comes along & says you "can't  
 afford them to be done" &  
 Sister writes to that effect to  
 the Dentist !!! - Now, what  
 am I to do - dear one?  
 Would not she wisest & best

thinking to have the 4 or 5  
 done that are really necessary  
 & not that one crowned if I  
 really can't. But there are  
 5 really important teeth with  
 one little hole in each that  
 in a very short time would  
 destroy the whole tooth -  
 These 5 are 2 front ones  
 (most gone) 1 back left lower  
 jaw  
 This is most important (only a  
 little hole but painful) as it  
 is the only double one on that  
 side.

P.S. It does seem so rotten as this  
 about teeth when you have  
 but not to pain has been  
 2e de

Now God bless you - I take care of you & love of time.

1 right top jaw (my painful)  
 far back top jaw (my painful)  
 + must necessary as the one  
 beyond is out.  
 You see darling - I have been  
 going on with this dreadful  
 toothache (which is real) for  
 ages - since last September  
 + if they are not stopped at once  
 it means they will  
 go completely & I shall have  
 nothing to chew with at all  
 & then be almost obliged to  
 have 10 or 12 out & false ones

Mr. Hunter want to get them done  
 but he's a long time - & his work is sure to be good & not  
 head doing again soon.

4.  
 I used to take such a pride in  
 having rather white, nice teeth.  
 No steel went to Mr. Hunter where  
has done. did she not? dearie  
 & if I possibly could have  
 these done - I would be deeply  
 thankful. No one knows the  
 constant & acute pain - & you see  
 dear. tho if only they had been  
 done at Deal, they would not have  
 gone so far - if left any longer I  
 am sure they will be too far  
 for to stop without killing nerves  
 & that's a great expense. this  
 teeth affair does worry me so - for  
 I do wish if possible to keep my  
 own teeth. (I haven't nice hair -  
 or figure etc. & I did think I had  
 rather pretty teeth - so do ask Mr. Hunter  
 for an estimate & let me have

there is another dentist in Scarborough but he worried about most  
 & finally with one of the nurses 130 & visited twice

Father promised  
to come on Sat. let him  
bring me home. I hope by Hall  
Thursday.

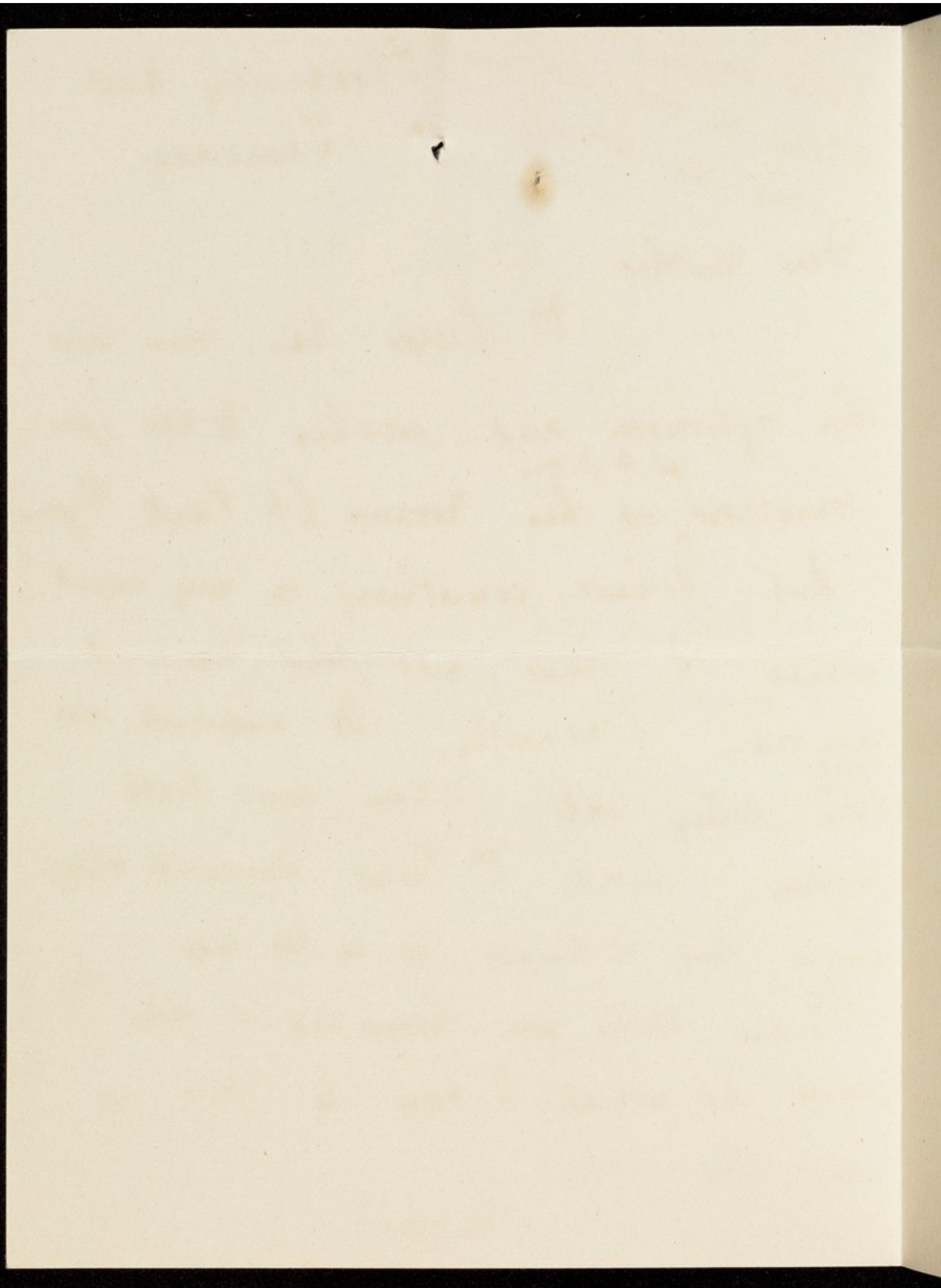
Dear Mother

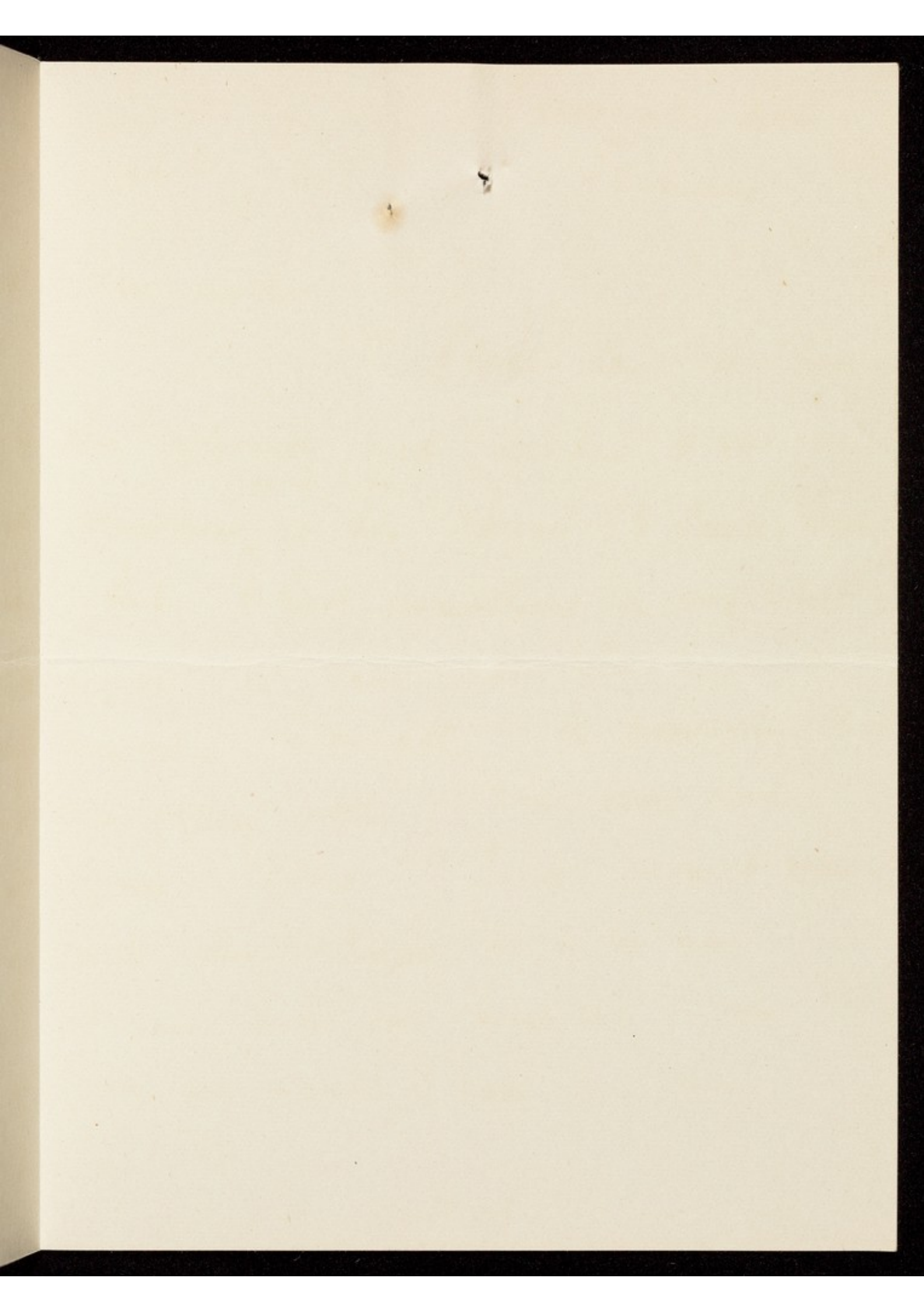
Dr. Pierce has been here  
this afternoon and wishes to see you  
at 4 p.m.  
tomorrow at his rooms (6 Park Square)

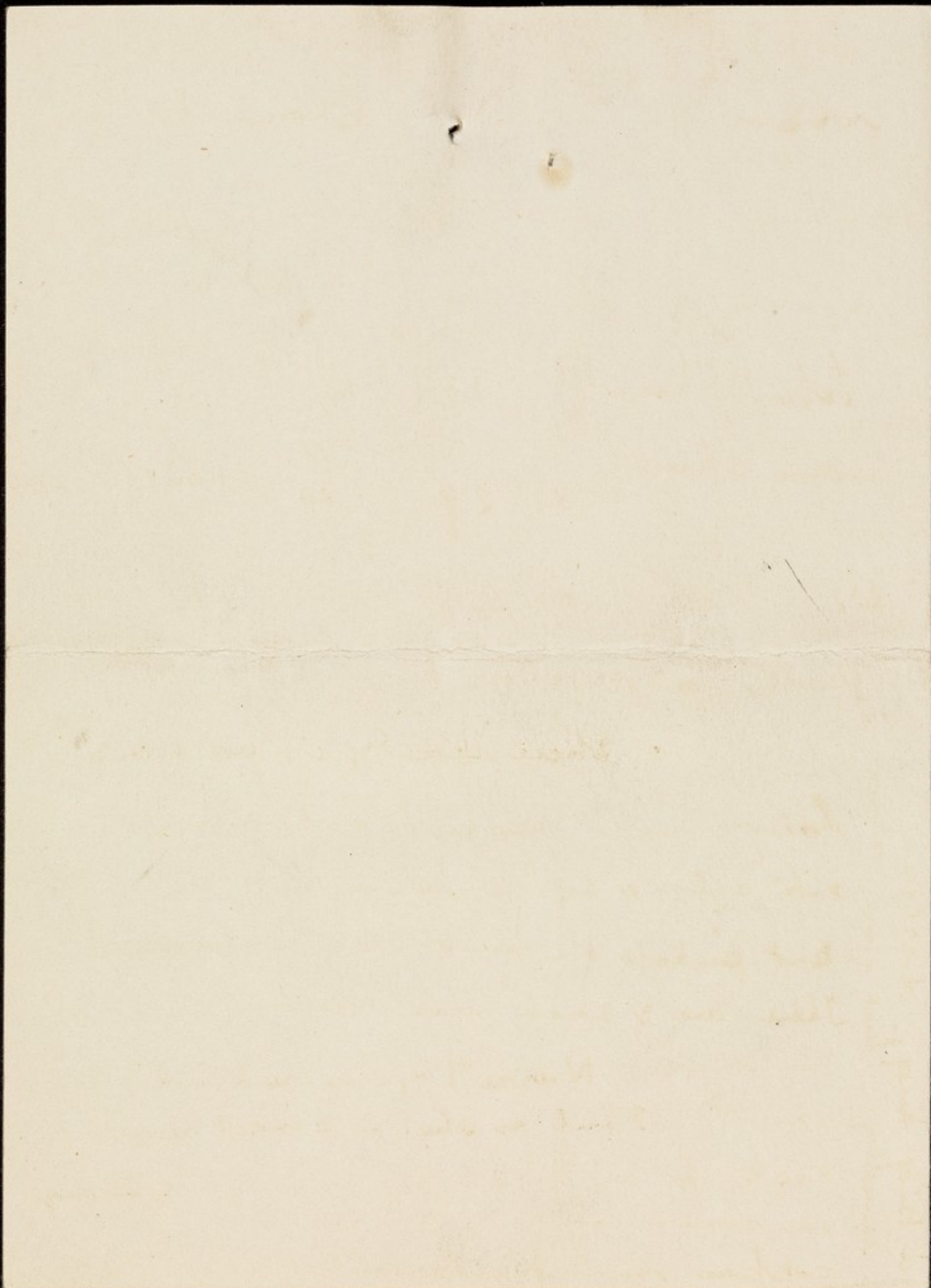
But I have something on my mind  
which I have not told him or  
anyone. I cannot. It prevents me  
ever getting well. I can never leave  
again. I told Dr. Pierce I would stay  
longer but I know it is no use.

Please take me home as I am - I  
will do what I can to help you  
in the house

Mabel.







you don't know  
how often I  
think of you all.

Throsenby Hall.

Sunday. 6. pm.

Darling Mother.

Many thanks for yr. last  
letter. I am glad the colds are  
better. The cold is trying: isn't  
it? - the winds are too keen here!  
Well. there doesn't seem much need.  
I have had a nasty head &  
throat the last few days. so do  
excuse a stupid letter. dear.  
I went to Church alone & stayed  
all there. this morning.

I have done a good bit of the  
"hair-pin" work. I will get a  
bv. of Combs & draw next week.  
also material for a Blouse.

I had a little Golf on Friday.  
I have played Drafts in the  
evening a few times.

Some of the patients & Dr. have  
had a slight cold of the Throat.

D. Baker came out yesterday.

I asked him if "I should soon be  
quite well". He said Yes, you

will get quite well. but ~~not~~  
I don't say very soon. So that's  
all right. but it, dearest! if I  
shall really get well, only I  
wish for yr. dear sake I could  
hurry up. Believe me I am  
trying my best. ~~How~~ you  
read "The Book of Months" by  
Benson. its lovely. Oh. I got  
shoes at 5/11? & that has used  
up the £1. you gave Sister. & I  
used a little of my own too for  
it. I had too, to get some

I tell  
 you  
 I have  
 time  
 to  
 many  
 thanks  
 to  
 you  
 for  
 the  
 ribbon  
 for  
 my  
 silk  
 blouse  
 to  
 help  
 out  
 it  
 also  
 buttons  
 &  
 darning  
 wool  
 &  
 hairpins  
 -  
 Lotus  
 shoes  
 -  
 13. 11  
 House  
 shoes  
 5. 11  
 29 .. 10 = £1.9.10.

Well darling "Du Reroir" for this  
 week. as my head feels most  
 stupid & there really is no news.  
 (Later) Sister has just taken my temperature  
 it's all right. so she says it can't be flu.  
 But perhaps the weather has upset me a bit.  
 There are 3 such nice nurses here now.  
 The Senior, Nurse T. is so kind - get  
 strict. I feel as tho' I could really  
 talk to her. & we seem to have things  
 in common. I have 2/- & a few  
 coppers over for the allowance. dear.  
 I must write to Aunt Lalla this week. but  
 the days seem to go so fast. I lost 2 lbs  
 last week. praise the Gods - Lots & lots of love

Do take  
 care of  
 your  
 self  
 like  
 a  
 big  
 kid  
 darling  
 I  
 shed  
 a  
 big  
 hug  
 &  
 a  
 big  
 kiss  
 to  
 you  
 &  
 we  
 really  
 love  
 you

18th Feb.

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St Margaret Mount  
Ilkley.

Dear Dr. Pierre,

Will you accept  
my very best thanks for  
your kind letter &  
the full reply to ~~my~~  
inquiries about my  
daughter Lilian -

It is very distressing to  
think - that in spite  
of all your care and

Goodness, there is not few days ago - I told her  
a sustained improve-  
ment in her condition  
— but we must still  
hope!—

Your letter crossed  
mine - referring to the  
teeth - so do not trouble  
to write again, just as  
present - If I may  
leave the case in your  
hands it will be a  
comfort to me - & in  
my note to Silvan, a

"concerning her teeth  
she was to be guided  
by you" —

Please accept many -  
thanks for all your  
kindness hitherto &  
believe me

Sincerely Y<sup>rs</sup>

Elija Roberts.

12th Feb.

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St Margaret Mount  
Ilkley.

Dear Miss Figer

It would be such  
a kindness if you  
would write and  
tell me really, what  
you think of my daughter  
Lilian's state!! —

& if you see much im-  
-provement — in any  
way —

I am so sorry to

trouble you - but as I  
have had no word  
of her progress - Since  
she went to Throesby  
Hall - I am sure you  
can understand my  
anxiety -

I had an idea that we  
had a "monthly report"  
sent - as to our relations  
and all the - but think  
I must be mistaken -  
about a month ago - I  
wrote to Dr. Pierce - asking

"how he thought Lillian  
was getting on" - but  
possibly he has been  
ill, or away - for a holiday  
as no reply has come  
yet! -

Accept my kindest  
regards - and regrets  
for thus troubling you.  
Release me

Very Truly Yrs

Elyse Herbert

"Private"

AT HOME,  
3-5 P.M.

TELEPHONE 19X.

BROOKFIELD,  
ILKLEY.

Nov. 25. 1906.

Dear J. Pierce,

Mrs Roberts is at  
my suggestion, consulting  
you about her daughter,  
who is a borderland  
case; with a view to  
placing her in your  
Institution for the  
purpose of discipline  
and recovery of  
normal habits and

BROOKFIELD  
JULY  
moral tone.

Miss Roberts has been  
in private houses for  
that purpose for the  
last 18 months.

Greediness; love of  
bed and seclusion;  
languors; and delusions  
about weakness, are  
main symptoms.

Family poor. Other <sup>lives</sup>  
working for livelihood.  
Family history bad.

Yours sincerely,  
T. H. Hampton.

29th Dec

St-Margaret Mount  
Ilkley.

Dear Sir -

Please excuse me  
for being so long in  
returning the enclosed  
"agreement" -

- Will you be so very  
kind as to convey  
to the Retreat Comtee.

my Sincere Thanks for  
the kind & generous  
way they have arranged  
my daughter's fees -

Believe me

Y<sup>rs</sup> Faithfully  
Elija Roberts

6. Dec.

(985)

St. Margaret's Mount  
Ulster.

Dear Sir

As arranged, I send  
you cheque, for £10 —  
for my daughter's expenses  
at Throsby Hall —  
- Will you accept my very  
best thanks for all the pains  
you have taken about her  
case — I am hoping  
very earnestly that this new  
treatment will really

be a means of recovery -  
- With kind regards.

Believe me

Yrs faithfully

Elija Roberts

30. Nov.

(96)

St-Margaret Mount.  
Whaley.

Dear Sir -

This afternoon I  
received enclosed paper  
back - duly signed  
& witnessed - So thought  
I had better send it  
on to you -

- All being well my  
daughter & I will go

to Throsenby Hall - as  
suggested, on Tuesday  
next - She has  
made no objection, at  
all - (to my knowledge)  
to the arrangement -

Very Sincerely Yrs  
Eliza Roberts

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 Lilian Sophia May Roberts of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcliffe, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

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

WITNESS my hand the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1906

Name Elijah Roberts

Residence St. Margaret's Mount - Skilly.

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said \_\_\_\_\_

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

B. Nussey  
Westfield. Skilly  
gentleman.

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.

