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& these expensive establishments.  
If it could work in with  
the organisation, my sister  
mends house-linen really  
beautifully, especially table-  
linen. She could give real  
help in that, if it could be  
regarded as earning some of  
her board.

I shall be most anxious  
to hear from you, & very grateful  
for any help you can give.  
Yours very truly  
Lucy Robinson.

The Downs School.

Leamington.

B.P. over  
October 19. 1910.

Dear Sir;

Some time ago I wrote to  
you about the possibility of  
my sister becoming a Voluntary  
Boarder with you. You were  
full then, and kindly told me  
of Exeter & Holloway's Sanatorium  
as possibilities. The fees were

more than we could manage,  
I we have succeeded in hiding  
my sister over the summer.

But, with the dull weather,  
she has become worse again, &  
we feel we must get her  
somewhere for treatment, if  
we possibly can.

I am writing now in the  
hope that you might have a

vacancy. My sister has only  
a very small sum of her own  
(£21 a year) but we could  
I would manage to pay  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
guineas <sup>a week</sup> for her. Have you  
any such positions? We  
have been unable to find  
anything under  $2\frac{1}{2}$  guineas,  
with extras. There seems  
nothing between pauper and lunatics,

to go for six weeks to  
Bournemouth to stay with  
Miss L. Dale who used to  
be her companion & whose  
influence over her is very  
good. I should be grateful  
to you if you would write  
me a letter of advice  
as to her future, laying down  
certain rules as to residence  
etc. If you agree with me  
please state definitely that  
she ought not to stay at  
Saddlescombe, but should

60 Killis Avenue <sup>55</sup>

Brookline Hill

31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We are having some  
(Miss E. Robinson)  
trouble with my sister, although  
she returned from Throakby  
much better both in body  
& mind than she had been  
for months. It seems to  
me evident that continued  
residence at my brother  
Ernest's house, Saddlescombe

is very bad for her. The place is very lonely & there is no society and nothing to do. She broods & becomes suspicious of servants & the work people & also regards any people who come to see my brother & sister Maude with hardly veiled hostility so that it is very difficult for them. As the eldest of the family she assumes

a good deal of Authority & is interfering with their affairs, and, in fact makes the whole household miserable.

If she benefitted from staying there they (& we all) would put up with the trouble; but she has broken down mentally twice there & is always worse there than when visiting ~~any~~ other people. With great difficulty I have got her

and acting for her good  
& that there is danger of  
a serious recurrence  
of her mental trouble  
unless she lets herself be  
guided as to her way  
of life.

With kind regards &  
thanks for the help you  
have given us,

Yours very sincerely  
Lewis Robin

Please do not acknowledge this  
in the letter I am to show round.

Spend her time moving  
about <sup>with</sup> ~~under~~ suitable com-  
panionship. I have little  
great pains to find the  
conditions best for her,  
& there are several other  
places she can visit if  
she gets tired of Bournemouth.  
Unfortunately she resents  
my authority because (she  
says) I am her younger  
brother, & "the younger should  
not command the elder" (!)

She will I believe attach  
great importance to your  
opinion, & if you will  
write me a brief letter  
it will be of great service.  
The points I wish to have  
made clear are (1) That  
it is injurious for her to  
reside at Saddlescombe  
(although we shall be  
very glad to have her visit  
the old home <sup>a month or so</sup> for a ~~time~~  
now & then when the weather

& other conditions are favorable)  
& (2) that she should feel  
in with our arrangements  
to spend her time with  
Mrs. Dale at Bonmahon  
or with Miss Elgar at  
Canterbury, or with  
friends elsewhere.

Please write a letter I  
can show her & the other  
members of the family. I  
want her to feel that we

TELEPHONE.  
229 STREATHAM.

68 Killis Avenue  
~~87, AMESBURY AVENUE,~~  
STREATHAM HILL,  
S.W.

18th Nov  
1910

Dear Sir

I enclose the guarantee  
as you request.

Will you be so kind as  
to send an account of  
fees due at once to

Frank Robinson Esq  
View House

Oxted  
Surrey

who will send you a cheque

It is proposed that Miss  
Robinson should return  
home about the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
of December

Yours faithfully

Louis Robinson  
(ind in)

TEL. 19 OXTED.

637  
"VIEW HOLLOA,"

OXTED, SURREY.

23. 11. 10

Dr. Bedford Pierce

Dr Sir,

I believe my sister  
Miss Emily Robinson will be  
leaving Throby shortly  
consequently will not be  
liable for the whole of the  
quarters board &c. for which  
you send me account

I am enclosing cheque  
£27. 6. 0 two thirds of  
the amount. I shall be

pleased to settle up to  
the time of her leaving  
if you will send me  
account up to that  
date.

Yours truly  
Frank Robinson

this morning, Dr. Hart  
has begun another course  
of treatment which will  
last five or six weeks. He  
seems to be doing very well  
with his people & they  
are satisfied with the  
progress according to Bowman's  
Report.

The men have been up to  
take preliminary measurements  
for the Green House. So I hope  
we shall soon have it done.

Yrs very sincerely  
Edith-A. Elkins

TELEPHONE: 282.

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THROXENBY HALL,  
SCARBOROUGH.

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1910

Dear Dr. Peice.

Mrs Robinson had a  
chat to me today about  
herself. She says how much  
better she feels, & hopes  
you will not discomape  
her brother when you write  
him, as she would like  
to go home soon -  
I heard from Bowman



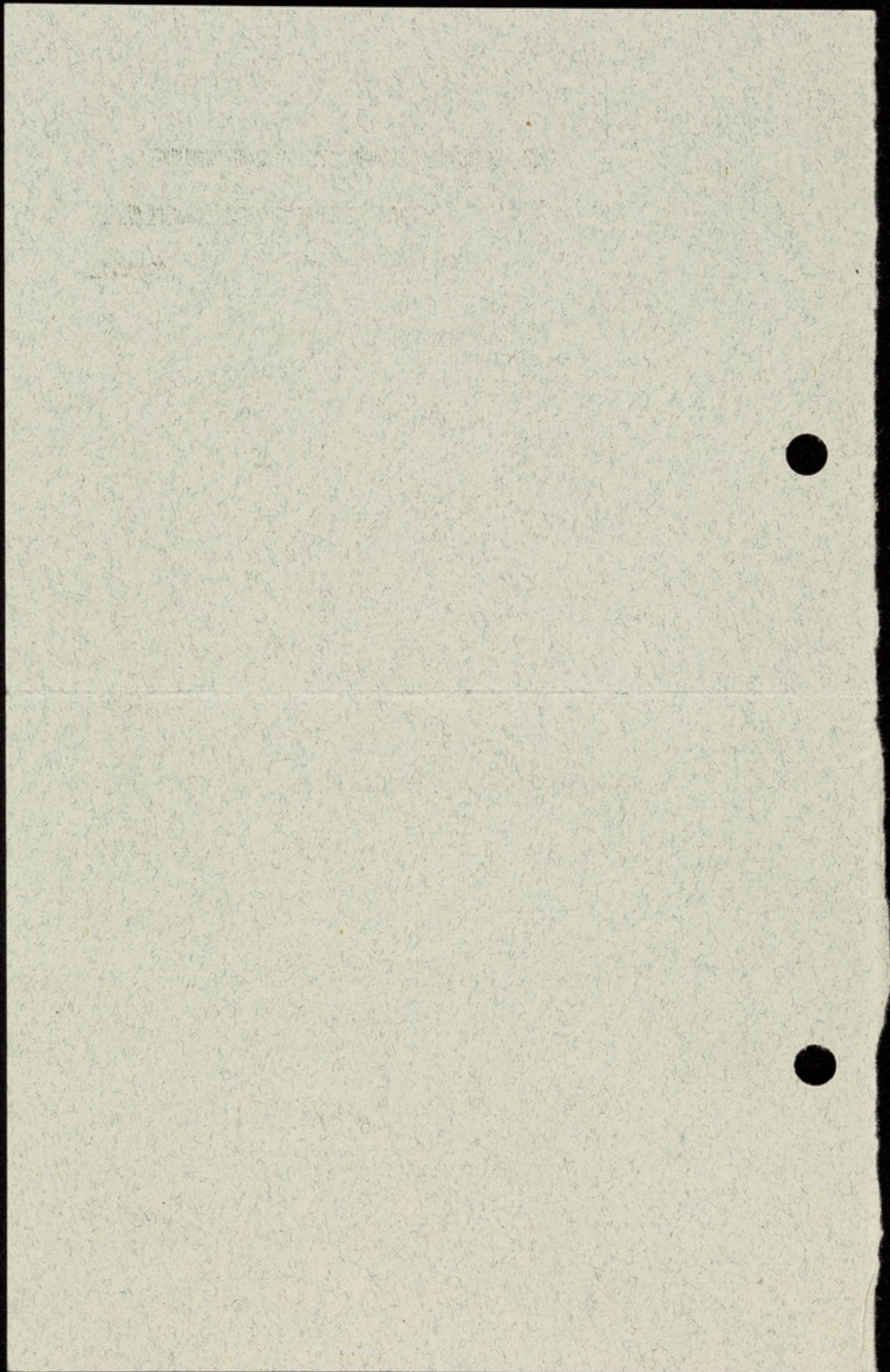
TELEPHONE.  
229 STREATHAM.

87, AMESBURY AVENUE,  
STREATHAM HILL,  
S.W.

17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

If it will suit  
your arrangements I propose  
bringing my sister (Miss  
Robinson) up to Throaxbury  
on Saturday next. Will  
you be so good as to  
let me know if I  
may do so!  
Yours truly  
Louis Robinson



Oct. 27, 1910

Dear Dr. Robinson,

I think in the first place I should apologize for not knowing to whom I was writing when your sister returned to the Retreat. The address on your letter was not the same as that in the Medical Directory and I therefore did not know that you were Dr. Louis Robinson at all, though I must admit this is not a sufficient excuse for having made this mistake.

I am glad to say your sister is very much improved. She seems steadily to have got on since returning to Throxenby, and the suspicions and peculiar difficulties of the case are in abeyance, even if they have not disappeared. When I saw her on Monday she spoke of feeling very much better and said that she would like to return home before very long; and I hear from the Matron, Miss Elkins, since, that she has had a talk with her to the same effect, and the improvement seems very decided.

I do not think Miss Robinson wants to see you unless you come to take her away. My own view is that it is desirable for her to stay at Throxenby as long as can be arranged, short of discouraging or irritating her. It would seem very desirable to me that she should continue to look upon Throxenby Hall as a place where she can go for retirement from her troubles; and therefore if you think she has now been there as long as is wished she should probably leave soon.

I cannot but think the fundamental difficulty of mind remains and that sooner or later there will be trouble again; and it is well that Miss Robinson should regard Throxenby in a friendly light.

She was very wishful that I should give a good report of her.

Yours very truly,

Sept. 27, 1910

Dear Miss Elkins,

Just a line to say that I promised Miss Robinson she should have some Byno-hypophosphates. If you have some will you let her have it. If not we must give you a bottle when you come over on Friday.

I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Blaylock which may help you if he calls on you.

Yours very truly,

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
PRESS

21st Sept. 1910.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

I am going over to Throxenby to-morrow, and will make the necessary arrangements for Miss Robinson to be received on Saturday, as you propose. I probably shall not be able to go over again this week, but one of my colleagues will be there to see her, if you will let me know about what time she is expected to arrive.

It will be well to send a line to Miss Elkins, Throxenby Hall, also, saying when she is to expect Miss Robinson.

Yours very truly,

EXTRA SIBRONO  
RUBRITO

7th September, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that it is hardly possible to arrange for the ladies to return to Throxenby Hall before the 21st inst. If this is not too late, we shall be very pleased for Miss Robinson to go again there as a voluntary boarder.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Louis Robinson Esq.,

Streatham Hill. S.W.

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229 STREATHAM.

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87, AMESBURY AVENUE,  
STREATHAM HILL,  
S.W.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for  
your letter re Throxenby.

I shall be very glad to  
send my sister there for  
awhile if there is room  
within the next week or  
two. Miss Robinson has

been practically well ever  
since she was at Throok-  
enby before. She is  
not so bad as she was  
on the previous occasion  
& has expressed a wish  
to go to Throok-enby again.  
I feel sure the discipline  
& regular life of an

institution would be most  
beneficial to her. If I  
take her up - and I shall  
do so if possible - I shall  
be very glad to take  
counsel with you as to  
her future way of life.

With kindest regards  
Yours very truly  
John Robin

31st August, 1910.

Dear Sir,

I am hoping to go over to Scarborough on Saturday next, and will then find out how soon there will be a vacancy at Throxenby Hall. I quite expect the ladies will be returning there in the course of about a fortnight, possibly earlier. There is a new matron at Throxenby, a Miss Elkins, whom I feel sure Miss Robinson would get on well with.

Yours very truly,

L. Robinson Esq.,

Streatham Hill. S.W.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
LIBRARY

TELEPHONE.  
229 STREATHAM.

87, AMESBURY AVENUE,  
STREATHAM HILL,  
S.W.

Dear Sir

28<sup>th</sup> Aug  
1910

I should be much  
obliged if you would  
tell me if there is  
any prospect of there  
being room at Throby  
Hall for Miss Robin  
(a voluntary patient)  
in September. I can

hardly send her to  
the Retreat as she is  
at present. We should  
be quite prepared to  
pay full fees for  
a month or two.

Thanking you in antici-  
-pation I am  
yours faithfully  
L. Robinz

TELEPHONE.  
229 STREATHAM.

87, AMESBURY AVENUE,  
STREATHAM HILL,  
S.W.

10<sup>th</sup> Aug 1910  
Dear Mr Pierce,

We are having some  
trouble again with my  
sister Miss Robinson of  
Luddescombe, & I think  
it might be well for  
her to go to Throok only  
as a voluntary patient

for awhile. I hope to  
go & see her today or  
tomorrow, and am not  
sure, until I have  
had a talk with her,  
as to whether this can  
be managed. Will  
you kindly let me  
know by return if

you could take her  
at Throckley? As soon  
as we can decide the  
matter I will write  
to you again.

Very kind regards  
Yours sincerely  
Horn. Robin

PATIENT admitted to

THROXENBY HALL, SCARBOROUGH.

Date of Admission Sept-24<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Full Name (Mr., Mrs., or Miss) Miss Emily Robinson

Age 63.

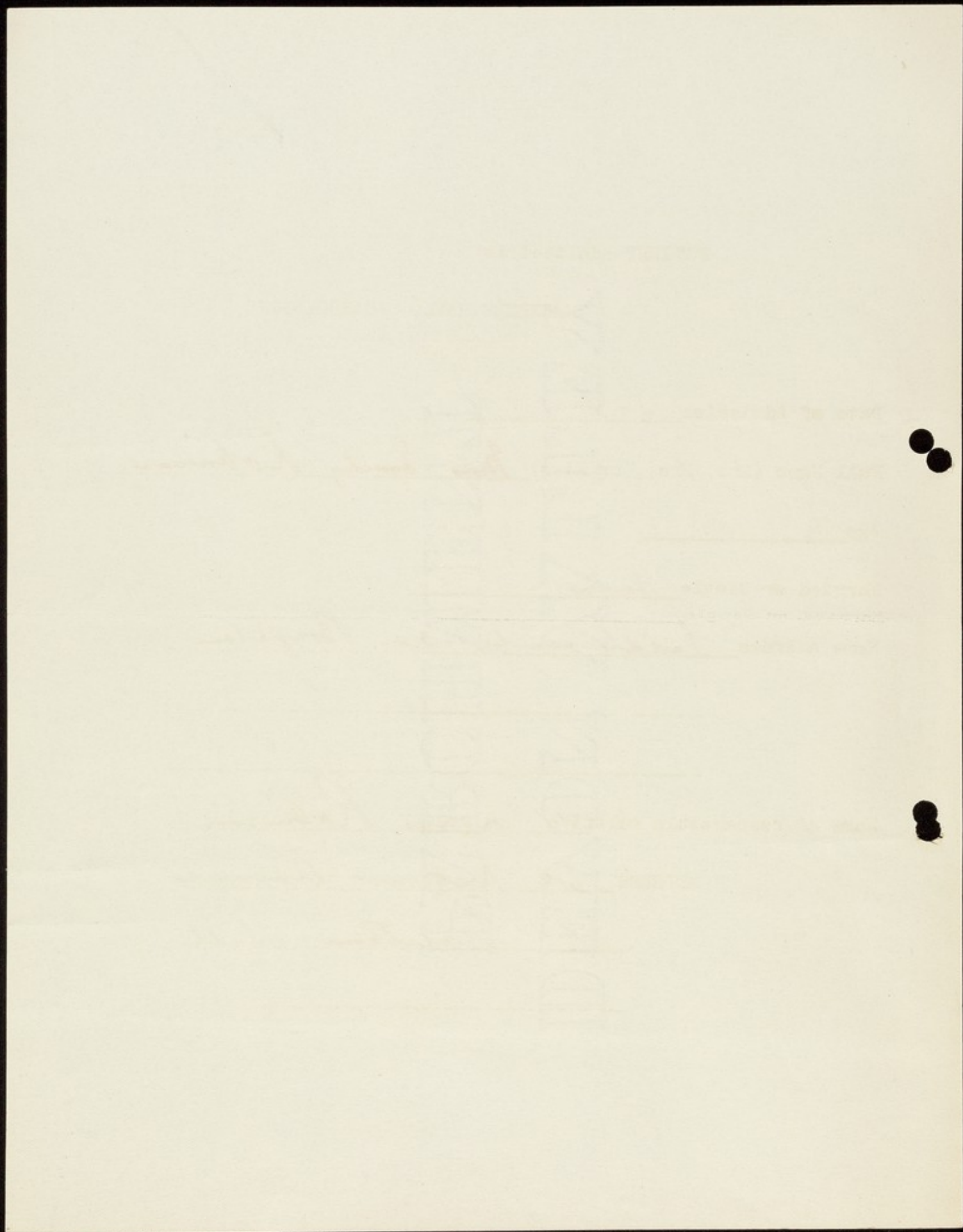
Married or Single Single

Home Address Laddecombe nr. Brighton

Name of responsible relative Louis Robinson

ADDRESS 18 Killis Avenue

Streatham Hill



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 Emil Robson of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringale, The Broomfield, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1910

Name Louis Robinson

Residence 68 Kellie Avenue

Occupation Surgeon

SIGNED by the said Louis Robinson

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

P. H. Hugo

217 Ambury Avenue

Physician

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.

