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F. a descendant  
m - a servant girl

2 Boys who died

2 Girls -

1 adopted by Mrs. White  
of Reading

1 - Son

Franklin

209  
88. Westby Street  
Lyham.  
April 22/10.

Dear Dr. Pease,

I am sorry to  
have been unable to write  
definitely about my sister.  
I persuaded Mother to agree  
to her going to Dumfries  
& when all was settled  
Mother (on leaving it meant  
re-certification) would not  
make any further arrange-  
ments. She is very diffident

to deal with & I have  
no authority to make  
final decisions, I could  
do nothing further.

Mother says she is coming  
over tomorrow to see  
my sister & I hope you  
will be able to get her  
to fix a definite date  
for the removal as, of her  
own accord she will never  
make a final decision &  
we have not the authority  
to do it.

May I ask you to consider  
what I have said as in  
confidence.

Mother wishes me to say  
she is coming to see her  
daughter & would like to  
see her clothing.

Yours very truly  
A. Robinson.

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Dr. Piercé  
The Retreat  
York.



Crichton Royal Institution  
Dumfries

17th April 1910.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with  
thanks notes of the case of Miss Maria  
Ada Robinson. I presume you will  
inform me definitely when you intend  
sending her to this Institution.

Yours truly,

*George M. Jeffery*  
Acting Medical Supt.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Washington, D.C., April 1941

Blair

Dear Sir,

I am in agreement with

you in your opinion of the

importance of the

information which

is being furnished

to the

Attorney General

Very truly yours,

88. Westby Street  
Lyham. 149  
Mar. 29/10.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I received your  
letter of 25<sup>th</sup>.

On learning further from  
you, I shall be very glad,  
if you can recommend any  
place you think suitable  
for my sister, or where to  
place her.

I remain

Yours very truly  
Lalla Robinson.





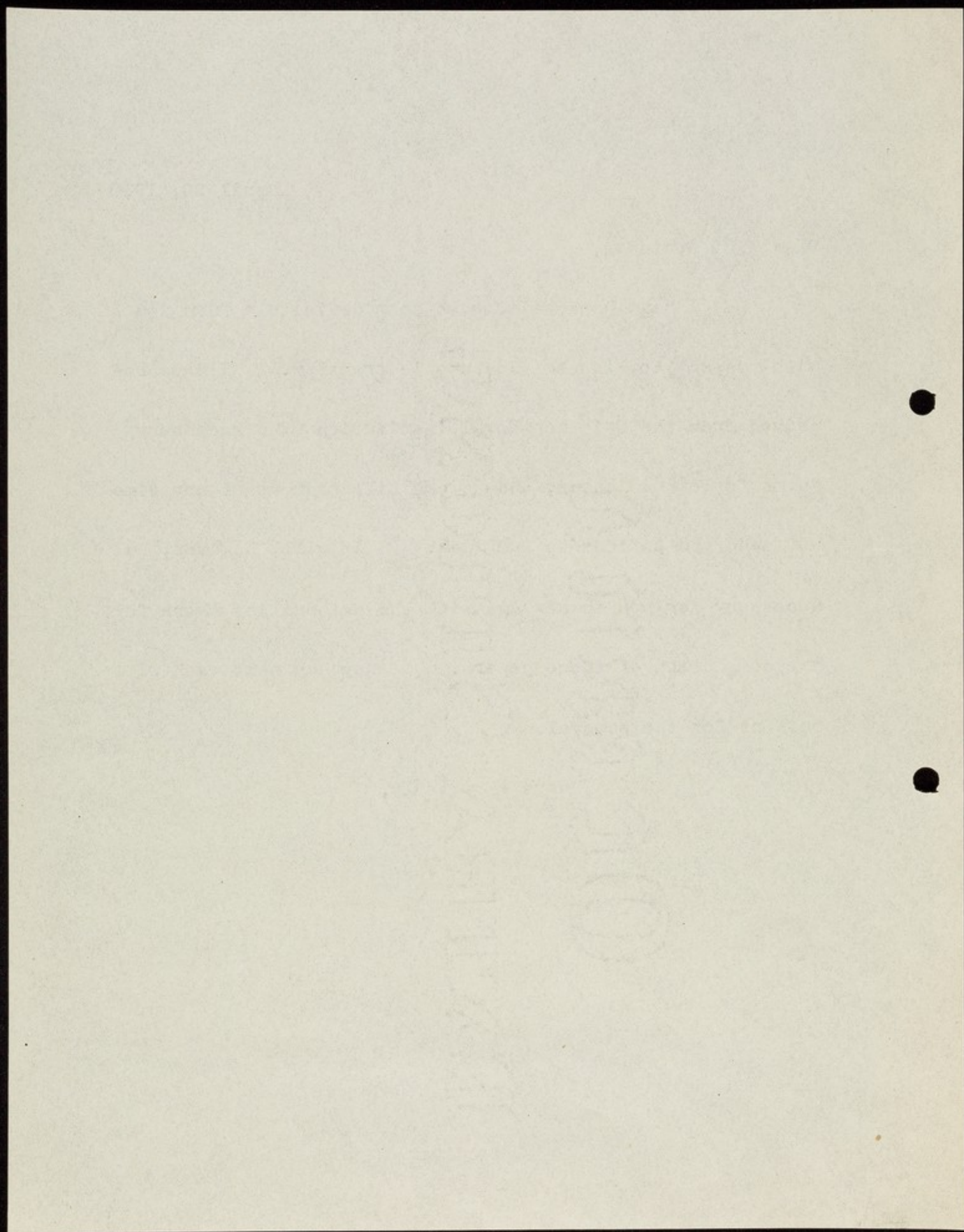
April 20, 1910

Dear Miss Robinson,

I have been waiting to hear definitely from you with respect to Miss Ada Robinson's transfer. I have received from the Crichton Royal Institution the necessary forms for certificates, and we can fill them up at any time and send the patient to Dumfries. It will, however, be necessary for you to arrange with the authorities there for the completion of these papers. Any day next week will suit us for the removal.

Yours very truly,





April 9, 1910

Dear Easterbrook,

You are probably aware that it is proposed to remove Miss M.A. Robinson from the Retreat to the Crichton Royal Institution. I fear she is not a very promising patient. She has been here twice, and also at Scalebor Park, and is now demented, with attacks of impulsiveness. We will enclose with this some notes of the case.

Will you arrange for fresh certificates in Scotland, or would you like us to certify her here?

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



April 9, 1910

Dear Miss Robinson,

It will be perfectly convenient for Miss Robinson to leave at any time. Notice of a day or two is all that will be necessary, so that we may get her clothing collected.

You are probably aware that English certificates are not valid in Scotland. Perhaps Dr. Easterbrook will arrange for fresh certification on arrival. I am writing to him.

Yours very truly,



88 Westley Street  
Lyham.  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 1910.

● Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you for  
your letter & enclosed  
addresses.

Mother has decided to  
send my sister to Dr  
Easterbrooks (Dunfries).

● I shall be glad to hear  
what date will be  
convenient to you for

Dr. Easterbrook to send  
for her if you consider  
one nurse sufficient  
to accompany her to  
Dumfries. Is it necessary  
for a relative to accompany  
the patient?

I have written to Dr. Easter-  
brook telling him I will  
make definite arrange-  
ments on hearing from  
you.

With kind regards

Yours truly  
L. Robinson

Dr. Pease  
The Retreat



Have 17/8 1/6  
Lending 10/1

27. Pplae Assend  
Baldon  
Cventry.

Dr. Mr. Pierce,

Sir, I return the enclosed  
bill, and think there is some  
mistake in the £1- etc for  
Hessening-etc- Will you please  
say what dressing- as  
Mrs Robinson has a shell one  
dressed made, at the Retreat, for  
which I paid some time ago -  
Kindly correct the mistake or will  
send cheque, etc. Please address



"49. Mary Street"  
Lytham.

Yrs: Truly

M. Robinson

49. Henry Street  
Lyham. 869

Oct. 25/06.

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Dear Dr. Peice,

Thank you for your  
answer to my letter. I have  
signed the papers from the  
Commissioners & forwarded them  
to Dr. Johnson.

The Commissioners give con-  
sent for the transfer of my  
sister on or before Nov 7<sup>th</sup>.

Will you kindly let us know  
on which day you can



receive her & what arrangements  
you make for her  
conveyed from Seabrook to  
York. My brother can ac-  
company her along with  
what the attendant you wish.

Believe me,

Yours very truly

Lalla Robinson.

Dr. Bedford Peice.



49. Henry Street  
Ly Ram. 875  
Nov. 4/06.

Dear Dr. Peice,

On hearing from Dr.  
Filmore this morning, I  
have written my brother ar-  
ranging Wednesday for him  
to bring my sister to the  
Retreat. I have asked him  
to let you hear, when final  
arrangements are made,  
what time to expect my sister.  
With kind regards

Yours truly  
Lella Robinson.

Dr. Peice.





SCALEBOR PARK,

BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE.

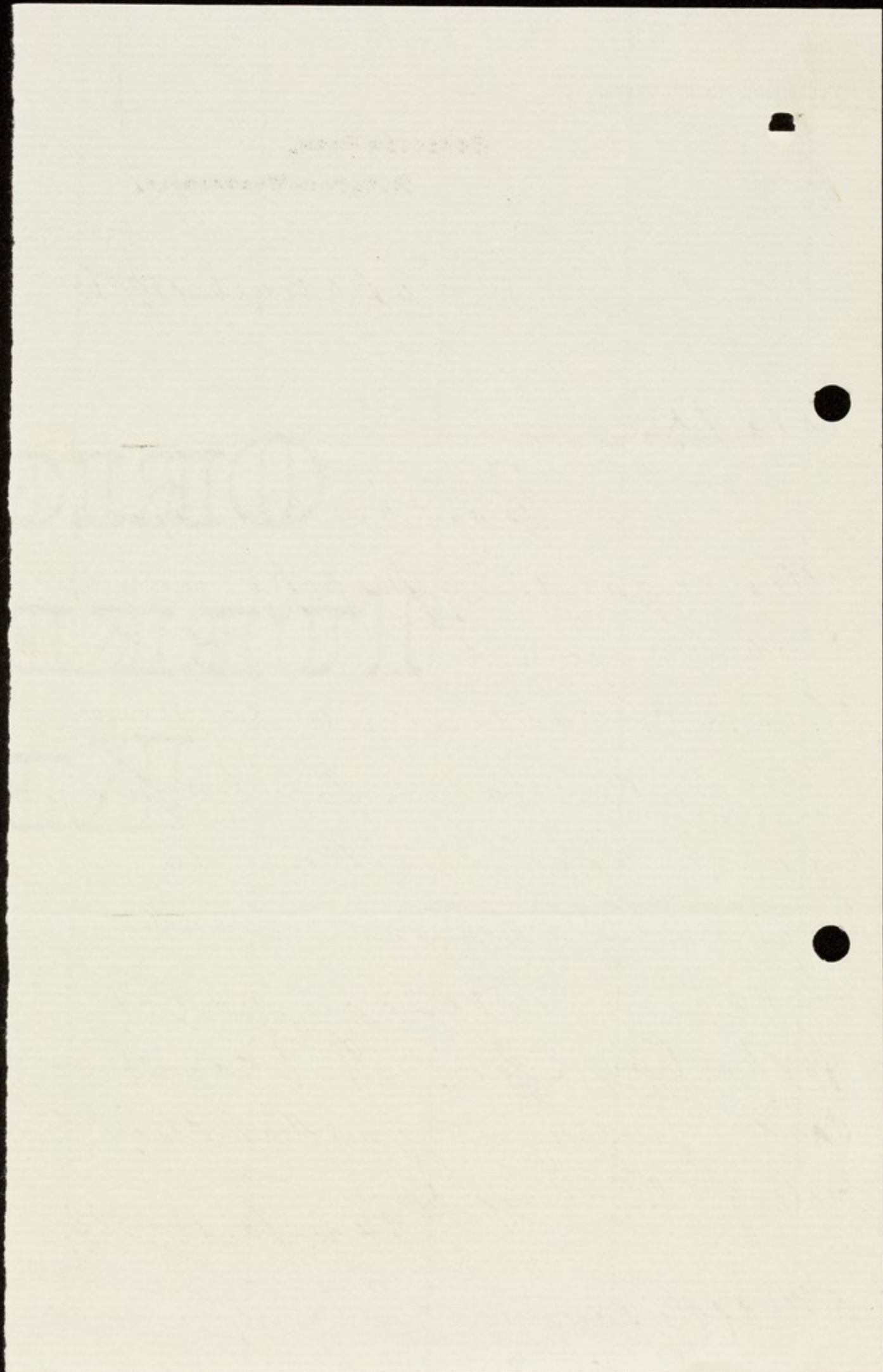
3 November 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thanks for your  
letter regarding Miss Robinson.  
I shall send you a note  
of her condition while here.  
I have the transfer papers  
and I have written to  
my friends suggesting either  
Tuesday or Wednesday next  
for the transfer. If I can't  
shall give you further definite  
note by the day. Yours faithfully  
L. R. Gilman

Dr. Bedford Pierce }  
York.





49. Henry Street  
Ly. Mass.

Oct. 16/86.

(821)

Dear Dr. Pierce

Enclosed you will  
find a note signed by my  
mother. It will be alright  
to send the answer to her.

My sister has been at  
Scalebor Park for a year.

She has been very unhappy  
all the time & has not  
improved at all.

We all feel that a change



may benefit her & that  
with you the best will be  
done for her & I hope  
you will be able to take  
her. Since she was with  
you before we have given  
up our home in Sheffield  
so I think we shall be  
able to manage things  
a little more comfortably.  
In case of a vacancy  
can you take her for the  
same terms as before?

Owing to illness I shall not  
be able to bring her this time.  
If necessary, could you  
send a nurse to Scalebror  
Park for her & I will ar-  
range for my brother (at  
Barnorth) to go along  
with them.

With kind regards

Yours truly

Lalla Robinson

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49. Henry Street  
Lyman.

Oct. 16/06.

Dear Dr. Pierce

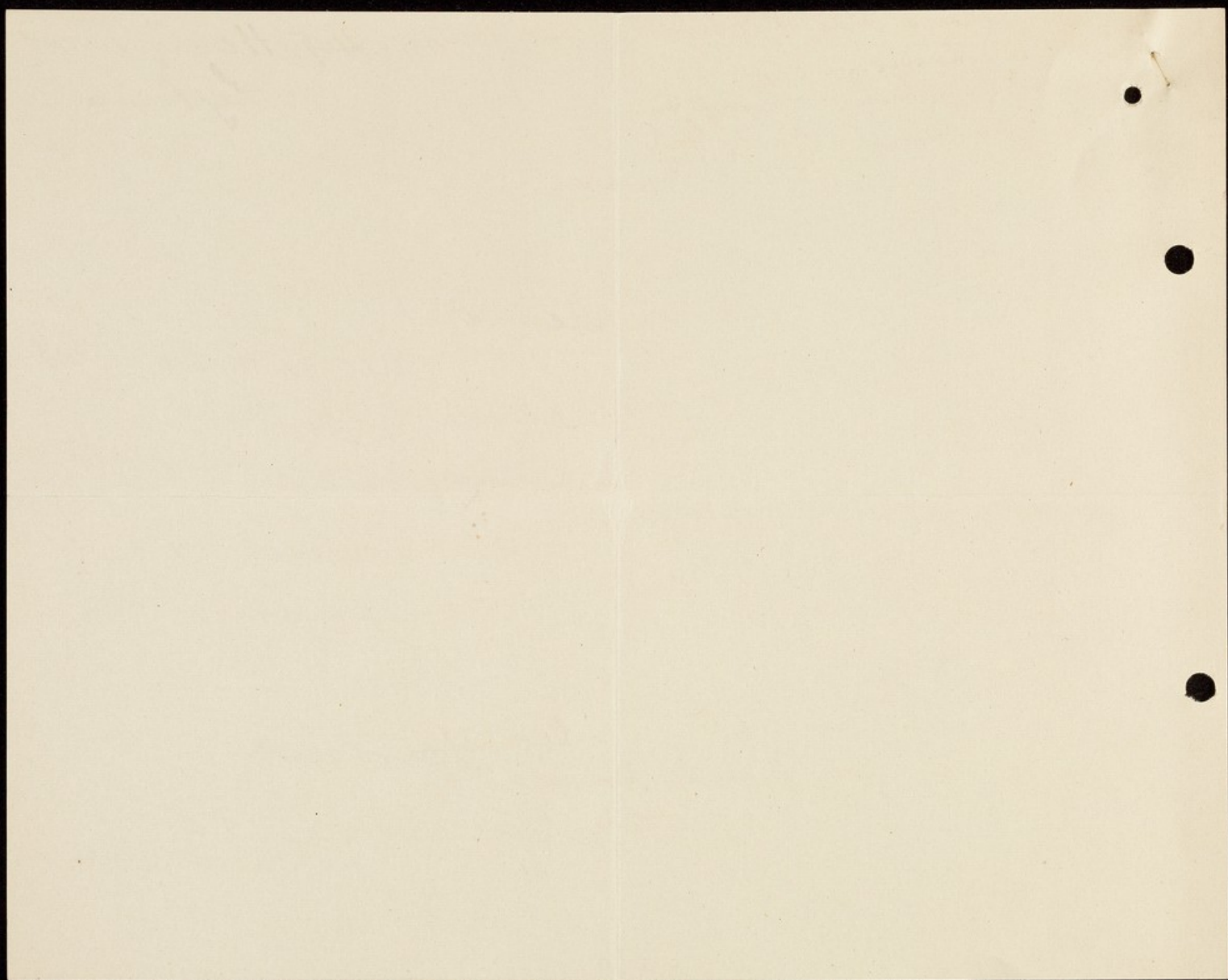
Will you kindly let  
me know if you have a  
vacancy & on what date

you could receive my daughter  
as I have decided to give  
her a change.

Yours truly

Th. Robinson





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 Maria Ada Robinson of 49, Henry Street  
Lytham as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE  
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson  
of Dringdale, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1906

Name Maria Robinson  
Residence 49, Henry Street Lytham  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said \_\_\_\_\_  
in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

Witness's Signature } Lalla Robinson  
Address, and } 49, Henry Street, Lytham  
Profession. } \_\_\_\_\_

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.



