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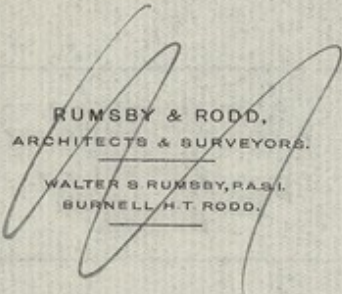
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WINCHESTER HOUSE,
FIR VALE ROAD,
(OPPOSITE GRAND HOTEL)
BOURNEMOUTH.

Aug. 15th. 1910.

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Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque £9-15-3 in settle-
ment of enclosed account on behalf of Mother.

I am glad to say Mother never has anything in the nature
of delusions now.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly

Walter S. Rumsby

WINCHESTER HOUSE,
FOR SALE ROAD,
Bournemouth.

Aug. 18th. 1910.

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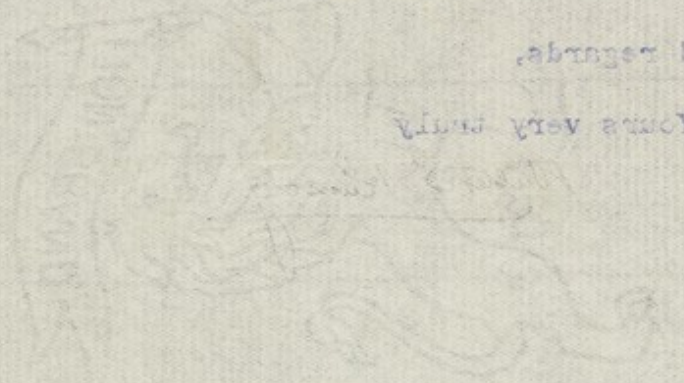
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Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque 20-15-8 in settle-
ment of enclosed account on behalf of Mother.
I am glad to say Mother never has anything in the nature
of delusions now.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly



Bournemouth Bank

RUMSBY & RODD,
ARCHITECTS & SURVEYORS.
WALTER S. RUMSBY, F.A.S.I.
BURNELL H. T. RODD.

Received

Sumnerfall
Fitzharris Avenue
WINCHESTER HOUSE,
KIP VALL ROAD,
(OPPOSITE GRAND HOTEL)
BOURNEMOUTH.

June 17th. 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thank you for your letter of the 15th. inst. & am glad to say Mother is keeping well. She has had absolutely nothing in the way of delusions since coming home & seems to look on her late illness as a bad dream.

I quite agree that she should now be discharged from your books as recovered & congratulate you on such a splendid cure as this case has turned out to be.

Mother joins in kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely
Walter S. Rumsby.

"Entirely,"

Fitzharris Avenue,

Bournemouth.

May 2nd. 1910.

Dear Dr. Peirce,

I thank you for
your letter of the
29th. ult. & needless to
say we are delighted
with Mother's recovery &
are greatly looking forward
to her return to-morrow.

We are very grateful to
you for your kind care

of Mother, + I am sure she will always have some pleasant memories of her stay at the Retreat, judging by her recent letters.

She has spoken from time to time of the great kindness of Sister Annie Naylor to her.

I shall always remember you + D. Kemp's

thoughtfulness + keep during the recent painful matters that had to be attended to.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly
Mabel S. Kennedy

Leicester 27

Thos. Harris Co.

May 3rd Bourneport

I had a very pleasant
journey and am now
at home safely with
out feeling over fatigued

Please give my kind
regards to Mr. Pierce
and accept the same
yourself with many
thanks

Yours sincerely
P. Humby

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Dr. Rufus Price
General Beecher
The Colliery
Griff.

"ENNISFALL,"

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FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

April 2nd 1910.

Dear Dr. Price,

I am very much obliged for your letter of the 30th. ult.

We have had several letters from Mother since receiving that which I sent you, all in a decidedly more cheerful strain, which points to her having been in a more depressed state than usual when writing that letter, & I suppose the depression

is part of the whole
thing trouble.

We feel confident
Mother could not be in
better hands.

Believe me,

Yours very truly
Walter S. Kennedy

"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

March 15th. 1910.

Dear Dr. Peice,

I trust you have found
Mother to be a suitable case
for a "Voluntary" patient.

I suppose our next problem
will arise if & when she
gets suspicious about people
around her at the Retreat &
thinks the "election" mob "has
arrived at York.

I am writing to ask if
it comes to her giving the
twenty four hours' notice & yet
she is not in a fit state

to leave, whether I ought to
run up to York?

If there was any delay
about getting her certified
it seems to me the best
thing would be for her
to go into lodgings in
York with Miss Pearce or
another of your nurses.

Meanwhile we shall hope
for the best - that is that
she will settle down as a
voluntary patient.

I am writing the Agent

for the Retreat in Alton, So'ton
& Poole Monthly Meeting
for her to be recommended
for the lowest rate of
payment.

May I trouble you to let
me know what you
think of Mother at your
convenience.

Yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsey

now not willing to
go tomorrow - she should
do so at once. There
is hardly time for two
medical men to see
her to night.

I am sorry to have
had to give such
short notice.

Yours very truly
Walter J. Rumsey

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"Ennisfall,"

Fitzharris Avenue,

Bournemouth.

March 16th, 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Mother has had
bad returns of her old
delusions about mobs
of men &c. of some
weeks ago & kept
them awake last
night at the farm
at Cape Mullen. She
could not stay there
any longer & has come
home for the night

+ now is quite willing
+ even anxious to go
to the Retreat + wants
to go to-morrow. She
says she will feel
safe there.

I have wired you +
trust ~~she~~ she can be
received as a voluntary
boarder to-morrow (Thursday).

If so she + Miss
Pearse will travel by
the C. Central, ^{dep. 11.30 a.m.} all York

7.36 + the Retreat about
8.

Should you think
advisable ~~and~~ that she
be put under certificates
perhaps you will kindly
let me know at once.

You have told me of
your dislike to have
voluntary patients put
under certificates, but
I think you will agree
that as Mother is

She is fond of sketching & is doing
a fair amount at Corfe Mullen.

She is ^{now} just inclined to be
tired of being where she is
but I thought a change of
nurse might be tried before
contemplating a move as the
food & accommodation is so good
where she is.

She does not as a rule like
phlegmatic people with slow
moving minds.

By the way, she & Mr. & Mrs.
George Wilkie are very old
friends & I think Mr. Wilkie
is a typical of several of her
friends.

Yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsey

"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

March 8th. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Many thanks for your
wire. Mother has got tired
of the nurse who has been
with her since she left the
nursing home & who is leaving
on Thursday or Friday, - & the
next should be a mental
nurse.

Mother is on the whole much
better & is a comparatively
^{very} easy case to nurse, I should say.

She occasionally has
delusions & is suspicious,
but now always doubts her
delusions afterwards & regrets

her suspicious. She is at
a farmhouse about two or
three miles from Broadstone
Junction & for this reason
I would suggest that
Nurse comes by the Midland
Route. I have put
particulars of two trains on
separate sheet for her use
& if I may have a postcard
by return will meet - whichever
she desires to come by
& take her out to
Cape Mullen - driving from
Broadstone.

In case there is the choice of more
than one nurse free on Thursday
allow me to give you some
idea of Mother's Temperament,
as she has always been very
much for ^{with} liking or disliking
people.

She is Irish & very Celtic -
of the romantic & artistic
temperament, very strong
willed & emotional - I was
never happier than when
speaking at evangelistic mission
meetings, appealing to the
emotional rather than to the
intellectual, but well-
educated.

She is very principled, has
the Irish love of contest
& threw herself into the recent
election although having comparatively
little knowledge of politics.

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

Lunacy Commission,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
Letters.

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

14th June 1910.

Sir,

Mrs Susanna Rumsby.

Referring to your report of the 24th ultimo,
the Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to ask if this
patient is still absent on trial and for how long the
leave was granted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

B. J. Hodgson

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat Hospital.



March 17th 1910.

Sir,

Mrs. Barbara Lundy.

Referring to your report of the 24th inst.

the Commission in January direct me to see if this

petition is still alive on trial and for how long the

leave was granted.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Hospital.

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"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

April 14th 1910

Dear Dr. Peice,

We have had
very cheerful letters
from Mother yesterday
& to-day & she quotes
yourself & Dr. Noah
Kemp as to how
much better she is &
asks me to write
you & enquire.

May I therefore
trouble you for a

report as to her
present condition,
whether you consider
she will soon be
well enough to leave
the Retreat & if
you think the delusions
are likely to soon
return.

I cannot forget how
that the second
series of delusions
after her breakdown
came after^a three or
four weeks' interval
but certainly her

Last two letters appear to me to
be rarer than any since her
breakdown. However, you will
be the best judge & I do not
want in any way to intrude
on matters. I am,

Yours very truly
Walter D. Kennedy

The Secretary is instructed to obtain the signature of the Clerks of privileged Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to the annexed form, before the reception of a patient recommended for admission to the Retreat, at the lowest rate of payment. (A privileged Monthly or Quarterly Meeting is a Meeting having the right to recommend patients at the lowest rate).

THE RETREAT, YORK.

(date) 16th of 4th month, 1910

To the Treasurer of the Friends' Retreat, York.

I, the undersigned *Joseph Thompson Photo*
Clerk of *Alban Southamptan Poole Monthly Meeting*,
hereby recommend *Susanna Rumsby*
for admission to the Retreat, York, at the lowest or "recommended" rate of payment
[which is at present fourteen shillings per week, but is subject to alteration]; and I
hereby undertake on behalf of *Alban Southamptan Poole Monthly Meeting*, and by
its direction, to guarantee that the quarterly payments shall be made as they become due,
in accordance with the rules of the Institution.

J. Photo
Clerk to *Alban Southamptan Poole Monthly Meeting*.

N.B.—The rate includes the charge for Board, Lodging, and Medical care, and 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.

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.

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✓
"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

March 29th. 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have thought perhaps now that Mother has been nearly a fortnight at the Retreat, you would very kindly give me your opinion, as far as it is possible to form one in the time, of Mother's case. I do not want to trouble you unnecessarily, but the suspense^{uncertainty} of the last few weeks has been trying & my sister

and I feel we want to know just what there is to be known.

We had very peculiar letters from Mother last week full of delusions although she did not seem unhappy.

To-day however we have had enclosed distressing letter. We feel so powerless to do anything for her but if fairly frequent visits on the part of my sister or self - the next one at Whitcomb's says would be good for her - we would

try & manage it.

I am sorry to give you trouble, but after a while perhaps we shall know better how to do with Mother.

I feel sure the small grievances mentioned by her will be removed if she will only tell those immediately responsible. She is very fond of painting & always said it rested her head.

Yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsey

I am sorry there has been
a mistake with regard to the cheque
for Nurse Penses' services - It was
paid into our bank without
noticing that it was crossed
London City & Midland - It has
been returned - Might I trouble
you to send me another cheque
crossed "The London Joint Stock Bank."

Yours faithfully

D. E. Waller
Secy.

W. S. Rumbly Esq.

I am sorry that has been
a mistake all right (the copies
for these papers) - There
has not been any
change that of the records
under the title - The
has been returned -
The bank has another copy
of the "London" that bank.

Yours faithfully
R. E. Walker

W. S. Humphrey

87 Heolington Road
York
March 20th 1910

Dear Sir,

In the enclosed
"Order" you will note
that in two places you
put my name as
"William" instead of "Walter".

May I trouble you therefore
to kindly alter it to
"Walter" as pencilled and
to initial the correction,
returning it to D^r Price
in enclosed stamped
addressed envelope at
your earliest convenience.
Thanking you for having
attended to this matter

to-day.

Yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsely

Sebastian W. Meyer Esq. J.P.

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18-3-10

Dear Dr Pierce,

In reply to your letter
of the 11th I am sending you
a copy of the report of my
visit to Holland, leaving
out the German report.

I also send our current
report, as well as this
the Dutch one, as possibly
the lady you mention may

understand it, & it is
really more interesting
than our own, though taken
from ours!

We have not yet heard
of Miss Bayler's arrival
at Asbury, but hope
to by the mail this week
end.

A general Committee has
been fixed for April 6th
I will send a formal

notice later on.

yours very faithfully
Amgooch.

19/3/10

Ramsley, Innisfall
Gitzharris Avenue Bournemouth

Patient must
be certified. Will

not remain.

Hallucinations

persistent. Come

~~at once~~ not
later than Monday
morning. Pierce
~~at~~ 21

"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,

BOURNEMOUTH.

Feb. 16th. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I should have thanked you before for your letter of the 9th. inst. in which you said that you could take Mother as a Voluntary Boarder, but advised waiting awhile before taking decided steps.

We have got Mother rooms at a farm at Corfe Mullen, Dorset, & she has a nurse with her.

She is out every day & now sleeps & eats well & so she is having every chance to recover without being associated with ^{other} mental patients. This seems to have been the right step to take & we will see what effect a month or two of

this rest & change in the country
will have before taking any
further steps.

Again thanking you for kindly
advising me in this matter.

yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsby

police, which she now believes
to have been her imagination.

Awaiting your kind reply,

Yours very truly
Walter S. Rumsey

D^r. Bedford Pierce.

✓ "ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,
BOURNEMOUTH.

Feb. 8th. 1910.

Dear D^r. Pierce,

May I trouble you to let
me know whether, from what
I have told you of Mother's
symptoms, you think she could
be admitted ^{for a while} as a Voluntary
Boarder at Throsenby Hall.

She has not had a return of
the mob & murder hallucination
since D^r. Champion reasoned
her out of it last Wednesday.

I am keen on her getting
the right treatment as soon as
possible & feel that as the
Home she is in is not a
"Mental Home" & as her medical

man is not a specialist, time
& guineas are being spent in not
altogether the right direction.

Her sister is coming from
Ireland to-morrow but I felt
it was of no use raising the
question of Throckmoly,
until I had your opinion as
to whether she could be
received there.

I may say she has slept
well the last few evenings
& with the exception of a
question as to whether her
food was poisoned once (Nurse
Ray this is common with patients)
her chief worries are about home
affairs & fear about people
hearing of her flight into the
next house & her tales to the

Feb. 5, 1910

Dear Mr. Rumsby,

I quite understand that you must wait before taking any steps in relation to Mrs. Rumsby's illness. It is not uncommon for a medical man to find it difficult to certify a patient, even if this course is the proper one to take. You will understand that the law requires "facts observed at the time of examination" to be placed on the certificate, and though these may be supplemented by "facts communicated by others" the latter are not sufficient by themselves. I have no doubt that after waiting a little while the right course of action will be made clear.

Yours very truly,

ОГОНЬ
ИЗМЕНА И ПРАВДЫ

Chance, & thinks she should remain there another week.

I therefore propose arranging this. Her brother & sister in Ireland have both written & they appear anxious that she should have an opportunity of recovering under the influence of a change before the Retreat is contemplated.

I have therefore decided to allow things to go like this for another week during which time she will remain in the Nursing Home & have medical attention.

I shall not in the meantime send the form to Morris Ashby. You will see

"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,
BOURNEMOUTH.

Feb. 3rd. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I arrived back Tuesday evening. Yesterday (Wednesday) morning I called on Dr. Midelth with the Certificate forms & arranged for Dr. Gurney Champion who is a personal friend of Dr. Midelton to visit Mother with a view to signing the other certificate. Champion was with her an hour yesterday afternoon during which time he succeeded in persuading her that it was all imagination what she said she heard. My sister

saw her immediately afterwards &
Mother
she said Dr. Champion had
made her feel very much better
& she was not going to
believe all those things again.

She is delighted with Dr.
Champion & says she will
not have Dr. Middleton to
see her again, as she feels
Champion understands her case.

I ~~was~~ have had long conversation
with the above two gentlemen
- Middleton would not give
in to Champion & Champion
said his opinion was that
she should be given a chance

of erasing the stigma attached
to me ^{who has been in a}
Retreat, ^{that she should have a change with a nurse.} He could not
certify her as of ~~an~~ unsound
mind as he had been
able to remove her delusion
by reasoning & suggestion &
that therefore it was not
a fixed idea.

I felt my only course to-day
was to call in a third
man - the best I could
get in Bournemouth, Dr.
Hyla Greaves. He considers
she has seen her this
evening & whilst considering
that she is certifiable
advises me to give her a

matter.

Yours sincerely
Walter S. Rumsby

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

"ENNISFALL,"

FITZHARRIS AVENUE,
BOURNEMOUTH.

between the lines of this letter the thoughts in my mind, but we must give her the chance.

I am perhaps prejudiced in favour of the Retreat after my interview with you & my experience of the restful atmosphere at your beautiful Institution.

I need not mention & am not ashamed of the great burden lifted off my mind on learning what the fees would probably be for

Mother as a Member of the Society.

This initial expense of the next week or two will of course have to be, owing to circumstances. Mother's people must never have the feeling that I have rushed matters, but I see things with a painful sort of clearness myself.

I should say that to-day Mother's ~~big~~ big hallucination has given place to small

woman's suspicious about us at home.

Also I should like to mention what seems a case of telepathy. She was not told I was visiting York on Monday & Tuesday - but on one of those days she told the Nurse in conversation that "Walter thinks I should go to York for a change but of course I should not (like to?) go to the Retreat."

I have put the above facts in detail as I have felt that as you could perhaps kindly give me some advice in the

I shall then be in a better position to come to a decision with Uncle E. Glynn as to the next step; - when he cannot if he comes arrive much before Tuesday evening.

I feel it is unnecessary to write further details now, but merely enclose the Certificate with by the Doctor.

I feel there is now no time to be wasted before getting expert advice.

May I trouble you for a wire on receipt of this, if you can see me, stating time I should call on you on Tuesday morning.

Yours faithfully
Walter S. Rumsey

Thomas Clark (patient)
attached to patient -
Susanna Glynn

"ENNISFALL,"

Home Mission of Society
FITZHARRIS AVENUE,
BOURNEMOUTH.

Jan. 30th. 1910.

Dear Sir,

I write to ask if you will kindly give me an interview on Tuesday morning at York.

I am the Step-Son of Susanna Rumsey nee Glynn. She is the sister of Edward Glynn of Belfast and of Lucy Standing who is now in Madagascar. ^{M.M.}

During the past week Mother has been suffering from an hallucination, which has grown with her lack of sleep. She suspected first ill-treatment of a child & then even murder in neighbouring houses, saying

she was certain she heard cries for help. Being deaf I felt bound to believe her, & reported it to the police & the Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. who made full enquiries & then informed me that there was nothing, but the Inspector thought we should see a doctor about Mother.

The climax came yesterday morning when she got into her head that the "Murderers" were about to come after her, and before my sister or self were up she ran out of the house in her dressing-gown & up to the

attic of the next house in great terror. We got her to come back & got the Doctor to see her & took her to a Nursing Home where I have arranged for her to stay a week under constant attention night & day.

Now - I feel the next step is to consult you as soon as possible. I have written to Uncle E. Glynn last night.

He should hear to-morrow morning & I think may probably come down. Meanwhile - if you can kindly give me an interview on Tuesday morning I can travel to York to-morrow evening & would like to return at 2.32 p.m. Tuesday.

TELEPHONE 01012.

112, CHARMINSTER ROAD,
BOURNEMOUTH.

AT HOME 9 TO 10.
2.30 TO 3.
6 TO 7.

30. I. 1910.

This is to certify that
M^{rs} Rumby is under
my professional care. She
is very excited and suffering
from delusions.

I am of opinion she
should be placed in a
suitable institution for
skilled treatment.

It is impossible at
present to say whether
she will recover or not.

W. J. Middleton.
L.R.C.P. or.

THE CHARLES R. SMITH
MOUNTAIN

SMITH MOUNTAIN

