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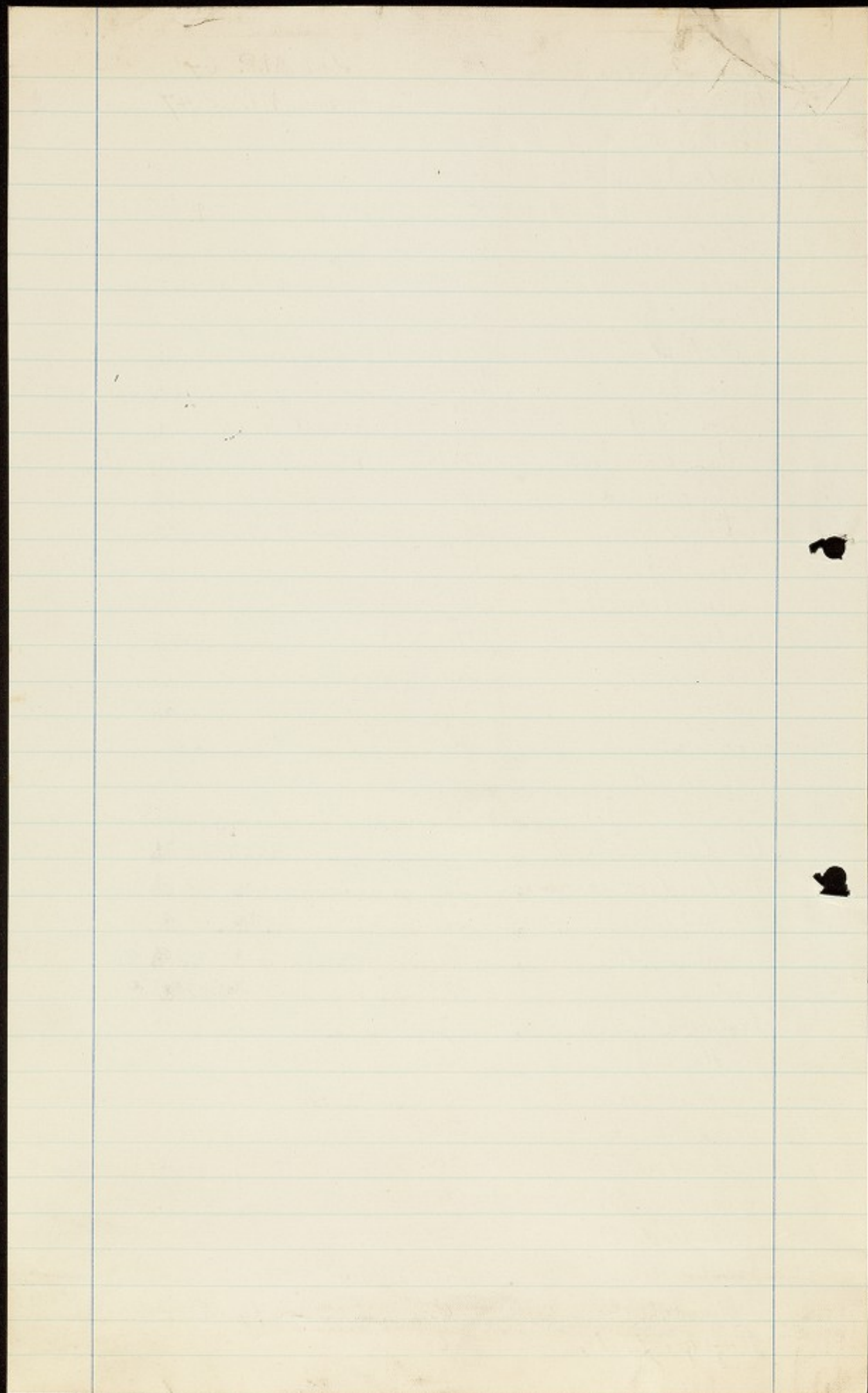
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3, FREDERICK'S PLACE,

OLD JEWRY,

LONDON, E.C.

30th April 1913.

The Treasurer,

York Retreat,

The Retreat, York.

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Dear Sir,

F. I. Reckitt, deceased.  
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I enclose herewith Legacy Duty receipt in respect of the legacy of £500 to which your Institution is entitled under the Will of the late Mr. F. I. Reckitt. Kindly sign and return this to me when I will forward you a cheque.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. Morland



Enc.

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will forward you a cheque.

Yours faithfully,



15th October, 1915.

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Dear Miss Rhodes,

I submitted to the Committee the suggestion contained in your letter, and though they were very sympathetic with the idea underlying it and they thought it possible that some patients might be benefitted by a regular course of music, yet they felt it would be impracticable to arrange regular, professional visits, and it would be impossible to say beforehand what patients are likely to be benefitted. The Committee do not feel justified in incurring considerable expense for a method of treatment which is necessarily empirical in character, and the prospects of benefit being under the circumstances so very remote. Even if you were in York I think the Committee would hesitate before entering upon a matter of this kind. One can see that the music would have to be really good, and the time and expense involved could not but be a serious matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



1000 October, 1911

Dear Miss Hobbes,

I submitted to the Committee the suggestion

contained in your letter, and though they were very  
sympathetic with the idea underlying it and they thought  
it possible that some patients might be benefited by  
a regular course of music, yet they felt it would be

impossible to arrange regular, professional visits,

and it would be impossible to say beforehand what

patients are likely to be benefited. The Committee

do not feel justified in incurring considerable expenses

for a method of treatment which is necessarily applied

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the circumstances so very remote. Even if you were in

York I think the Committee would hesitate before entering

upon a matter of this kind. One can see that the music

would have to be really good, and the time and expense

involved could not be a serious matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly



Miss Edith E. Rhodes,

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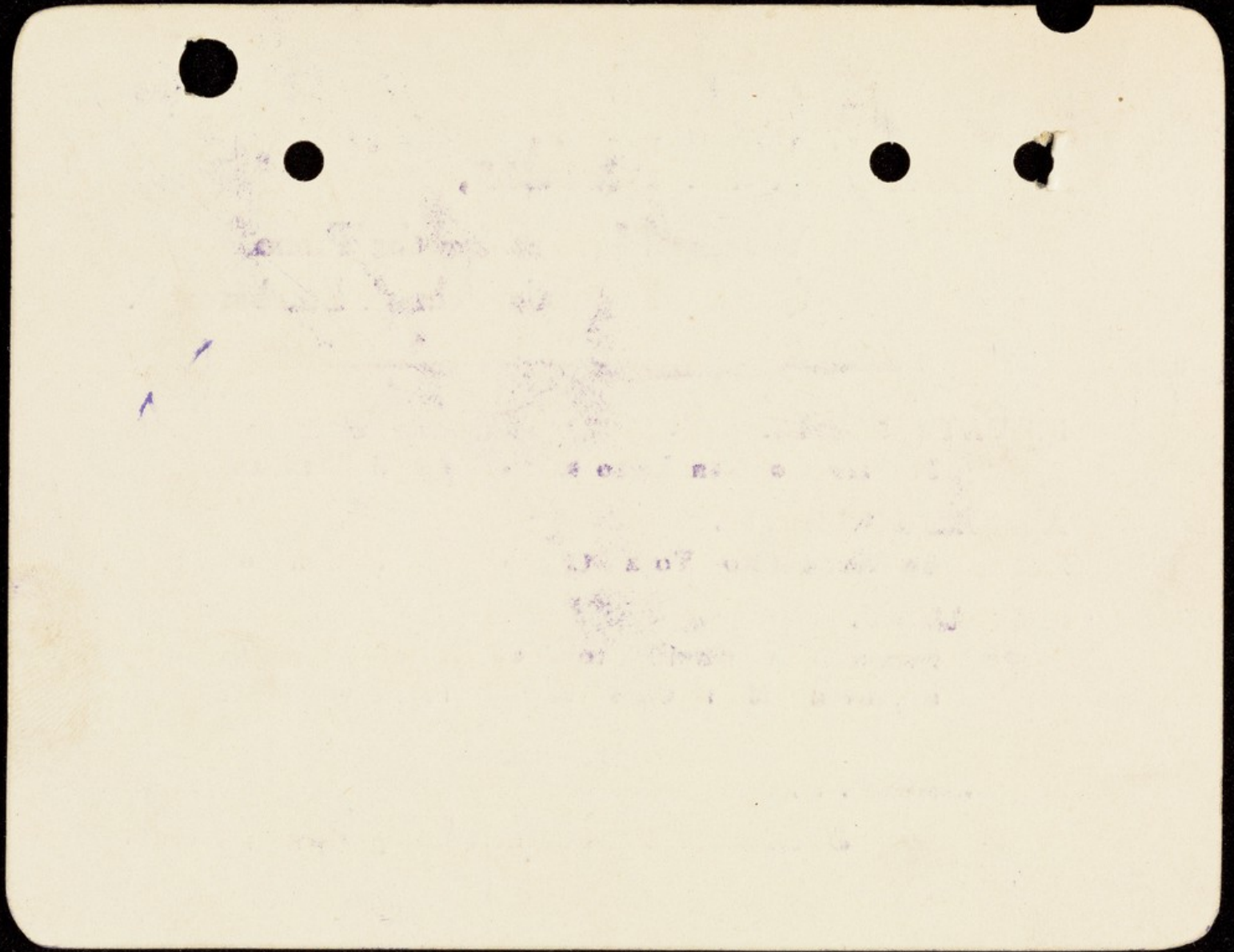
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6.5. Michael's Terrace.

Headingley.

Leeds.

18. Sept. 1915.

Dear Dr. Peice,

Thank you for  
your kind note. If I could  
be of any service musically  
to your patients in York, of  
course I would be delighted.  
As you know, it takes  
time to establish a

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teaching connection, & it  
would relieve me of  
much anxiety of mind if  
as a pianist I could  
secure some engagements  
this term. I wonder if  
any work of the kind  
I suggested to you would  
be known to any of  
your Committee in need?  
There are I know,  
Nursing Homes here. But

possibly, some private  
patients might be glad of  
sympathetic music  
sometimes. I only throw  
out the suggestion as  
you are good enough to  
bring my letter before  
your Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Edith E. Rhodes.



6: S. Michael's Terrace.

Headingley Leeds.

13. Sept. 1915.

Dear Dr. Peirce,

You may not remember me as a former patient of ten years ago. But owing to all the skill & kindness of "The Retreat" I have been quite well ever since. The enclosed card & letter will show you what my work has been for the past 6 years. But I am writing chiefly to know if you have considered the "Music Cure" as mentioned in the enclosed quotations for any of your "Nerve" Cases? If not, & if you think it worth consideration, I would be very pleased to come over to see you or to make some professional agreement by correspondence. When living in Scarborough I tried the experiment, at the suggestion of our own doctor, of playing to one of his musical patients. For 3 months I paid her a weekly visit, making out a suitable little program. The result was so cheering that it has made me wishful to concentrate more attention on this phase of my profession. The past year has been one of great anxiety to my mother & myself - as owing to the Scarborough



bombardment (when a shell wrecked a bed-room  
in our house) Queen Margaret's School returned  
to Scotland. I could not leave my mother to  
go so far. & am gradually securing the  
nucleus of a musical connection here. But  
I am very desirous of giving help in the  
way I have stated, with my music.

If any of your patients would be likely to  
benefit by such treatment, I would count it  
a privilege to come for a day to York.

Yours sincerely,

Edith E. Rhodes



Miss Rhodes has also very considerable organizing capacity, which was shown in the concerts which she arranged both inside and outside the School. She had many and wide interests and was well known in Scarborough for her work among the blind and in other causes.

She is a most loyal and helpful colleague, and I was sorry that when the School had to move from Scarborough she was unable to accompany us. I shall be glad to answer any questions.

ROSALIND FOWLER,  
*Head Mistress.*

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QUEEN MARGARET'S SCHOOL  
(from Scarborough),

ATHOLL PALACE,  
PITLOCHRY, PERTHSHIRE,

*June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1915.*

I have much pleasure in stating that Miss E. E. RHODES was a member of the Staff of this School for several years, during the last eighteen months of which time I was Head Mistress. As a teacher of music Miss Rhodes was very successful; her pupils were thoroughly interested and worked well. But her work for the School by no means stopped there; she took the keenest interest in anything that concerned it and was always ready to help in every way. As an accompanist she was in much request.

[P.T.O.]



THE MUSIC CURE

Quotations from two leading London Newspapers.

....."The Music Cure has reached the domain of everyday life and is likely to be a permanent addition to medical resource. A teacher of music in Kensington-Miss Hartog-has for some time past made a speciality of playing the piano to invalids,generally in pursuance of medical orders. Doctors who have prescribed this treatment find that in cases of lethargic convalescence it gives the patient a decided fillip. It "takes people out of themselves."

A favorite piece for convalescents is Schubert's Impromptu in C major, and Brahms and Scarlatti seem to have an excellent effect. Brahms' music is considered "so healthy", and Scarlatti's according to the doctor, "has such a happy note."

Miss Hartog once played to an elderly man whose case was hopeless. She played the "Moonlight Sonata", the piano being behind a screen."

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....."First came the tuning fork ~~as a test of~~ to aid the specialist in his tests of physical fitness. Now follows the prescription of music as a factor in the smoothing of humanity's ills. In the course of a chat with Miss Ethel Rayson A.R.C.M. a "Daily News" interviewer gleaned some interesting facts as to the effect of music upon temperament. Miss Rayson who is an authority on "poetry interpreted by music" has enjoyed peculiar opportunities in England and on the Continent of judging the effect of some composers on certain individuals. She believes that the Music Cure has a future. The "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust has been known to hearten up an influenza patient considerably; and as he progresses towards perfect health an occasional dash of Brahms should, and invariably does, work wonders."

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16th February, 1916. 73

Dear Miss Reynolds,

I am sorry to say that many years ago the Committee and Directors decided not to admit any more epileptic patients, and this has been steadily carried out since. The reason for this ruling was the impossibility of nursing epileptic patients satisfactorily with others. Therefore I fear the Retreat will be of no use in the present difficult case.

There is unfortunately no provision made for epileptics who break down mentally except at rather high fees. It might be well to apply to the Epileptic Colony at Ewell, Surrey, which is a beautiful place belonging to the London County Council, but I should imagine that they are so full they could not take an out county patient. Still the enquiry might be worth while.

Failing this I fear there is no alternative but a public Institution, except private care. This might be arranged in some country place at a moderate fee, but it is very difficult to find anyone willing to undertake such a case with its attendant anxieties without adequate payment.

I have had a letter from Miss Marion Reynolds to which I am replying in identical terms.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





DAY SCHOOL:  
19 CASTLE STREET.  
RESIDENCE:  
11 FISHER STREET.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE SCHOOL,  
CARLISLE.

14/II/1916

Dear Dr. Peirce,  
may I enquire  
whether epileptic  
patients are ad-  
mitted to the Retreat,  
or what are the lowest  
terms for members  
of the Society of Friends?  
The patient about  
whom I am making  
the enquiry is an  
unmarried woman,  
age about 42. When  
she was about 18,  
petit mal showed  
itself - & for many

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years there was little increase of severity in the symptoms.

She has however been increasingly difficult to manage, the fits are more frequent & violent - (Several in the street this year).

She has always been kept at home, but circumstances now render this undesirable in the interests of others, & some fresh ar-

rangements must be made.

If such patients are not admitted to the Retreat, can you tell us of any other institution where they are received.

Unfortunately, very little money is available - matters are also somewhat complicated by the fact that the family Dr is away on war service -

I am,

Yours sincerely,  
Lucy Reynolds.



14 Feb 1916.

3. Walpole Rd.  
Boscawen.  
Hants.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have been asked to inquire whether you take any cases as patients, where the relatives are unable to make any payment. If the Retreat does not take free patients, may I ask what is the minimum charge.

The patient is a Friend, aged 42, has been subject to epileptic attacks since girlhood, & is now considered a mental case. She lives in the south with her parents, both Friends & now old & feeble, & in circumstances that make it impossible to pay for their daughter being cared for.

They have made untold sacrifices for her & have always had her at home but now the time has come when it is impossible to undertake her



any longer, & they are in the greatest  
perplexity - I must not give you  
the name, but they are friends  
who were much valued when  
they lived in Wiltshire, wh. was  
their home for many years.

I should not suppose their own  
meeting could give any help, & in  
any case it would be a very  
delicate matter -

What they asked me was if I know  
of a free institution, & whether at  
the Retreat you take some patients  
without charge -

Believe me,

Yours sincerely  
Marian Reynolds

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Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

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8th December, 1915.

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Dear Mr. Rumsby,

I find that we are able to send a nurse to Bournemouth if you wish, and I will recommend the Committee to sanction a reduction of 25%. If you wish the nurse to come will you wire at once as there is much demand upon our staff.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Rumsby is no better, and that the doctor considers that a definite delusional state of mind is developing. I should fear that certificates will become necessary before long.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



AND

6, PARK SQUARE,  
LEEDS.  
BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.  
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N°112.  
LEEDS N°3877.

THE RETREAT,  
YORK.

8th December, 1915.

Dear Mr. Rumsby,

I am afraid it is not possible for us to send one of our nurses to Bournemouth. There is a great ~~g~~all upon our staff, and already we have been obliged to get into two nurses from outside to enable us to get through. I, therefore, am sorry to say that we cannot send you a nurse.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Rumsby is no better, and that the doctor considers that a definite delusional state of mind is developing. I should feel that certificates will become necessary before long.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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8th December, 1915.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,



27 December, 1915.

Dear Mr. Russell,

I am afraid it is not possible for us to send

one of our nurses to Bournemouth. There is a great

call upon our staff, and already we have been obliged

to get into two nurses from outside to enable us to get

through. I, therefore, am sorry to say that we cannot

send you a nurse.

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. Russell is no

better, and that the doctor considers that a definite

delusional state of mind is developing. I should fear

that complications will become necessary before long.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Gordon House 192.  
Seminole on Pine  
North land.  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

My cousin Walter Runoby  
is having a very trying time  
with his step-mother, my  
Aunt Susan Runoby who  
you will remember was  
under your care for a  
short time, a few years ago.

We are wondering what  
can be done. I should be  
glad if you could arrange an

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I could tell by his looks  
that there was something  
wrong - & I have since  
had it confirmed by my  
cousin. He agrees that it  
might be well if I talked  
things over with you &  
he may see you later if  
necessary. I could make  
any time on Sat: after  
11 o'clock in the morning suit  
me. In a glad I don't  
get to find much before  
then. If you will kindly  
arrange time & place I  
will fall in with the arrangements  
yours sincerely  
Susan S. Standing.

interview with you sometime  
on Sat: <sup>Ger: 7<sup>th</sup></sup> ~~or that~~ we could  
talk things over.

She has turned against  
her son & daughter. She  
thinks they are in league  
against her. And she has  
ordered her to leave  
her. The daughter is not  
with her, she is married &  
has a home of her own  
now.

Her state of mind is  
evidently very far from the  
normal & one wonders  
what can be done. She  
writes pretty often to me &



25th October, 1915.

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Dear Mr. Rumsby,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear of your difficulties respecting Mrs. Rumsby. I must say I am not altogether surprised as her recovery here was so very sudden, and one has learnt to distrust sudden recoveries.

It would seem as if there is growing a delusional state of mind chiefly towards yourself. I am afraid I am not likely to be in London very soon. I have to go up some time this year to give evidence in a Will case and it may be deferred for several weeks.

I hesitate very much to offer any advice as to what you can do in the difficult circumstances you describe in your letter. We find it here wise to speak very plainly to persons with morbid ideas and deal with them through-out with the utmost candour. I should almost feel inclined to suggest some completely different mode of life if your Mother continues to have these ideas about you, as it cannot be satisfactory either for her or for you if you live together under the circumstances. Still I am writing without any knowledge of the local conditions. Could you possibly get some assistance from local Friends or from your medical man? I do not think I know of anyone personally to whom you could appeal. Of course if Miss Standing comes to York I



shall be very pleased to talk over the situation with her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



RUMSBY & RODD,  
ARCHITECTS & SURVEYORS.

WALTER S. RUMSBY, R.A.S.I.  
BURNELL H.T. RODD.

TELEPHONE NO 860.

DALKEITH STEPS,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

Oct. 23rd. 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

If you are likely to be down this way or in London in the near future, I should be grateful if you could give me an interview by appointment.

I am at my wit's end as to what would be best for Mother (Mrs. Susanna Rumsby) as she has for several weeks had a mood of suspiciousness against me.

She thinks I try to frighten her at night & many other things, & goes around nearly every day telling people how badly treated she is by me. Some of the reports of course come back to my ears - (local friends of course understand after her breakdown a few years ago) but probably some do not.

The situation is becoming intolerable. My sister is married & I live alone with Mother now & she has only a day girl.



Mother's niece, Susie Glynne Standing, daughter  
of Dr Standing of Madagascar tells me she  
may be in York in a few weeks, & if so  
she will see you about Mother. But it  
has just struck me that you might be  
in London shortly & could possibly  
give me an opportunity of consulting  
you.

Yours very truly

Walter S. Rumsley

Dr. Bedford Pierce.



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12th July, 1915.

Dear Dr. Roper,

We have at Scarborough a branch house called Throxenby Hall, but this is not exclusively for voluntary boarders, and indeed the Board of Control requires that all voluntary patients should be admitted in the first place to the Retreat. I send you a copy of the Report which will give you on page 42 particulars as to terms.

In most cases it is desirable for voluntary patients to come here where there is better supervision and resident medical officers.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



1931-1932

Dear Mr. [Name]

We have at last received your letter.

I am sorry that this is not exclusively for [Name]

and indeed it is not of [Name] but of [Name]

all accounts a [Name] should be added in the first

of [Name] [Name] I am very sorry of the [Name]

which will give you an [Name] as [Name] as [Name]

in [Name] it is [Name] that [Name] [Name]

and [Name] [Name] is [Name] [Name] in [Name]

Yours very truly,

I remain,

Yours very truly,



16th Sept. 1914.

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Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of the Retreat Report which will explain the terms. I fear that just at the moment it is impossible to entertain the application as the Retreat is over full on the women's side. No doubt before long there will be a vacancy but I cannot make any promises just at present.

Yours very truly,

H. Russell, Esq.



1000-1000-1000

1000-1000-1000

I enclose a copy of the report

of the committee on the subject of

the proposed changes in the

constitution of the organization

and the committee on the subject of

the proposed changes in the

at present.

Very truly yours,

1000-1000-1000



27th June, 1914.

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Dear Mr. Rumsby,

I regret to say that we have no funds available for the reduction of terms for persons not connected with the Society of Friends. The lowest ordinary rate is 63/- weekly, but the Committee are usually willing in an acute case to make a reduction below this for a limited time to £2.12. 6 or possibly even less. But from your letter I am afraid this is out of the question. I should have thought you would be able to get admission from Dr. Macdonald, Herrison, Dorchester at low rates.

Yours very truly,



227th June, 1914.

Dear Mr. Ramsey,

I have to say that I have no doubt  
available for the reduction of charges for persons  
not connected with the Society of Friends. The  
lowest ordinary rate is 15/- weekly, but the Committee  
are usually willing to make some concession to make a  
reduction for this for a further time to 22.10.14.  
I am, of course, even less than from your letter. I  
agree this is out of the question. I should have  
thought you would be able to get satisfaction from  
Dr. Richards, Secretary, Manchester at the rate.

Yours very truly,



if possible • Something  
could be done for her  
in that direction.

Awaiting your kind  
reply

With kind regards in  
which Mother joins,

Yours sincerely  
Walter S Rumsey

Dear Dr Rumsey,

I regret to say that our home no funds  
available for the reduction of terms for persons  
not connected with Friends. The most ordinary  
rate is 63/- weekly, but the committee are  
usually willing in an acute case to  
make a reduction below this for a limited  
time. - to 25 per cent possibly even less.

But from your letter I am afraid this  
is out of the question. I should have thought  
you would be able to get admission for your  
Dr. MacDonald. <sup>Harrison</sup> Harrison. Possibly at two rates

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ENNISFALL,  
FITZHARRIS AVENUE,  
BOURNEMOUTH.

June 26th 1914

Dear Dr Pierce,

I shall be extremely  
obliged if you will kindly  
give me some idea as to  
what extent the Committee  
of the Retreat would be  
able to help in the following  
case, -

A first cousin of my  
Father - a spinster of  
<sup>about</sup> ~~perhaps~~ 42 years of age  
has lived with her widowed

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Mother until the death of  
the latter early this year.

Since her Mother's death  
She has been extremely  
despondent & has a  
fixed idea that she should  
have done more for her <sup>re</sup>, in  
spite of her having been all the daughter could be.  
She is in a bad way this  
week & her brother who  
lives about forty miles  
away from her writes that  
something must be done  
for her at once if possible.

She has a small  
business which must  
be given up, & the rents  
from her property will

bring in perhaps 15/- to 17/- a week.

I leave this roundabout way of  
coming to the point which is this.

What would be the course  
taken on which she could be  
taken at <sup>York</sup> for a time?

She is not a friend, but  
being one myself, & knowing  
something of the pretext of  
am most anxious that



TELEPHONE—No. 25.

HILLINGDON HOUSE,  
SPENNYMOOR,  
CO. DURHAM.

720  
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12.7.14

Dear Sir,

Mr Fern of Whitby has been attending my daughter aged 14 for some time, and is of the opinion that it would be well for her to enter your Retreat and be under your care. She is physically & mentally undeveloped, and during the last few months has been getting worse. Mr Priestley, The Mount, Whitby has had charge of her for six or seven years.



Will you kindly say whether  
you can take him, and at what  
fee?

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Rutherford  
(M.B.)

Dr Bedford Pearce.

P.S.

I shall be staying at the above  
address until Friday.

My home address is 6 Cambridge  
Terrace, Regent's Park, London.

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Dr Bomer

Brook House Southgate

London



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4 SPENCER PLACE,  
LEEDS.

July 10, 1915

Dear D. Price.

You have, I believe, in connection with the Retreat, an establishment for voluntary boarders - I should be greatly obliged if you will send me particulars by return of post.

Yours sincerely  
Herbert Roper



SPENCER PLACE  
LEEDS



STATION, WOODHURST,  
TELEGRAM, TICEHURST,  
TELEPH. 16, TICEHURST, NAT.

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WOODLANDS,  
TICEHURST,  
SUSSEX.

OCT 26. 1913

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing to thank  
you for kindly recommending Col.  
Ryder to come here. He is more  
immediately under my care as  
my cousin & self take the cases  
in turn as they come along.

You will be pleased to hear  
that already a great change for  
the better has taken place and  
it would be difficult to certify

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him as such when the urgency order  
comes to separate, so as he is  
most desirous to remain here as a  
"voluntary boarder", I am writing  
to his brother to send me a wire  
agreeing to this. Col. Ryder says  
he is perfectly willing to remain  
here so long as he can do so  
without the stigma of certification.

He looks a different man to what  
he did when he came in Friday night  
and is now rational & exceedingly  
well. The diabetic symptoms  
are no longer present.

This apparently miraculous

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change has been brought about by the  
exercise of moral force and  
"masterly inactivity". He has had no  
drugs of any kind. He is interested  
in everything, plays billiards & crabs.

With kind regards &  
reminded thanks

Believe me  
Yours sincerely  
A. S. Newington.



Ryder

Oct. 4, 1913

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Dear Dr. Carter,

I can well understand the perplexity of the case and  
and that the relatives hesitate to take the step which appears  
to be becoming inevitable. I should not, however, think  
that the delay is doing much harm. From our point of view  
it is quite all right, for the staff are already heavily  
taxed as the Institution is so full just now.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



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With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Oct. 2, 1913

Dear Dr. Rustace Carter,

I am sorry to hear that the improvement in Col. Ryder's condition has not been maintained and that special care is becoming imperative.

With regard to accommodation at the Retreat, we are unfortunately extremely full, but if the friends should wish him to come here I think we can arrange by boarding out one or two patients to make room, and in this way we could liberate two excellent rooms in the Gentlemen's Lodge. I conclude he would require at least two attendants, one by day and one by night. The terms, therefore, would be about 10 or 12 guineas a week, or if a good bed-sitting-room sufficed, the terms would be 7 or 8 guineas. You will understand that the cost of treatment much depends upon the individual care needed in such a case; and qualified male nurses are not inexpensive.

I enclose a report of the Retreat, which the friends may possibly like to see. Unfortunately both of our villas are fully occupied, and there is no likelihood of a vacancy there.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 2, 1913

Dear Dr. Heston Carter,

I am sorry to hear that the improvement in Oct.

Ryher's condition has not been maintained and that special  
care is becoming imperative.

With regard to accommodation at the Hotel, we are

unfortunately extremely full, but if the friends should wish

him to come here I think we can arrange for something better

or two patients to leave room, and in this way we could liberate

two excellent rooms for his friends's lodges. I am sure

he would require at least two & perhaps one by his side

by night. The room, therefore, would be about 50 or 60

minutes a week, and if we could find a room for him, we

could find him a good night's rest. I am sure that

the cost of treatment much depends upon the individual case

needed in each case; and if we could find a room for him

our duty.

I enclose a report of the patient, which the friends

may find of interest. I am sure that the friends of our village

are fully occupied, and that the friends of a woman

there.

Very truly,  
Dr. Heston Carter.



not be available.

Perhaps you will let me know by return of post what the response is likely to be, & what privileges accommodation Colonel Pyron can obtain at the Retreat?

With kind regards

B. M. M. M.

Yours very sincerely,  
Barbara G. Carter

ELM HOUSE,  
CHAPEL-ALLERTON,  
LEEDS.

1. 10. 13

✓  
Dear Dr. Benjamin Pierce

Colonel Pyron's general condition remains much the same & the friends have almost decided that he must be certified, also they have brought themselves to the view that an Asylum is the most suitable place for him to go to, I am therefore writing to ask you on what terms you will take him at the Retreat; of course I quite understand that in case of your doing so the certificate that you sent me will







you have given me, & I fully recognise  
the difficulties that still lie ahead  
with kindest regards

To dear one

Yours very truly  
Ludovic G. Loebe

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ELM HOUSE,  
CHAPEL-ALLERTON,  
LEEDS.

26. 9. 13

Dear Dr. Alfred Price

Many thanks for your letter  
& papers. As Colonel Price continues  
to improve I do not think that I  
am justified at present in anticipating  
him as of late and I must at the same  
time, I shall see him daily & if the  
certificate allows I shall be glad for  
you to see him again.

I am much obliged for the help that







Chas Rider E

Scarcroft, Leeds

Write a letter -  
under my advice.

Imp Fissin  
Stayler  
Victorian  
an

ELM HOUSE,  
CHAPEL-ALLERTON,  
LEEDS.

24. 9. 13

Dear Dr. Bedford Pince.

The patient was consulted  
letter this morning when I found  
him having just returned from  
a walk of a mile across fields  
after breakfasting with his father.  
His Christian name is Francis John.  
& his age 47 years, & address Beacon  
Hill, Scarcroft, near Leeds.

I went over to Harrogate & saw Dr.  
P. 15

Experiments & also arranged for Charles  
Pryor to go into a nursing home as  
a certified patient within the next  
few days, having previously represented  
fully the facts of his case to the  
machine in charge of the home, & also  
to J. Experiments. The Nurses Pryor  
seeing the temporary improvement  
of their father are very glad to take

the second step we contemplate,  
all the same. They are both quite reasonable  
in the matter.

With kind regards & thanks for your help

to their mother.

Yours very sincerely

Bartholomew J. Carter.



Familly was  
also an ancestor  
of ours.

I do hope you  
will be able  
to take him.

I am so sorry  
Miss Thomason  
gets on so slowly  
we shall all be  
very glad to have  
her strong again  
She does love the  
Breakfast so.

Yrs sincerely  
Mrs S. Prayner

180  
Pleas House  
Ware  
Herts  
Oct 2. 1913.  
Sir,  
Thank you  
for your letter.  
We think by  
next midsummer  
we shall be  
quite justified  
in placing  
our brother

John H. Adams We have an  
at The Retreat, old silver cream  
He is not a jug that came  
Friend, to us through  
Some generations here.  
ago the Flacks Would this  
(over Mother's count in our  
family) and parson?  
The Climmersons Archbishop  
an old Quaker Bramhall, a  
family, in her member of  
-married. a north country



away because  
of lack of funds.  
Will you kindly  
tell me what  
are the lowest  
terms at which  
he could be  
taken. I understand  
that you sometimes  
make an inclusion  
charge - perhaps  
you could do so  
when he had  
been with you  
a little time.  
You could judge of  
his case.

14 Carpenter Rd  
Dorchester. <sup>107</sup>

Sep 23. 1913.

Dear Sir,

We are very  
anxious to place  
our brother in  
your charge at  
the Retreat.

I have written  
about it to my  
old friend Miss  
Thomason who  
advises me to  
write & tell you  
how the matter  
stands.

Y  
W

My sisters have saving hard to  
a very small income but my brother  
even with my an annuity for  
share of the property as I do not expect  
union. They have to be long lived  
always had it I feel I must  
has barely been be careful as  
possible to keep to what I do in  
him at a point. This matter;  
55/- a year at 25/- it would never  
do, if we are  
My dear Husband for the make enough  
left me an income to get him to the  
- for my life only. Prebreat to have  
& ever since he to have him  
died I have been



speaks to us of  
religion he writes  
very queer letters  
signing himself  
strange new names

I do hope very  
much you will be  
able to take him.  
ought we to put  
his name down  
now? I shall be  
glad to hear from  
you & to answer  
any questions  
you may wish  
to ask.

Yrs sincerely  
Sarah Rymer.

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I am well  
we should be  
ready to place  
him with you  
next midsummer

He is very fond  
of flowers & a  
garden, music  
& nice surroundings  
& I know he would  
be so happy at  
The Retreat. I have  
longed for him  
to be there ever  
since I saw it.

He is a gentleman  
by birth, & has

always been a known this.  
dear good fellow He writes a great  
- courteous & con- deal, will not  
siderate to all, eat meat, & wishes  
& is, I believe, much to live on oatmeal  
liked where he is or the plainest  
His is a case of fare. He has times  
religious mania of excitement I  
- the result of believe, but we  
business strain have never seen  
a love trouble him in that  
He lost all his state. He is always  
own money very kind & nice  
& some of ours to us when we  
also, but I do go to see him  
not think he though he never



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"THE MOORLAND"  
MOSBOROUGH,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Sir

I know your skill & industry by being very  
intimate with the Walkers of Heworth Green & attended  
them all (including the late D.<sup>r</sup> & his daughter) at Redgrave,  
So have time could you send under cover a prospectus to  
a friend of mine, C Simpson Esq of Carlton Rd Putney London  
S.W.

the case is of a very nice young fellow of 28 or so, a young  
architect, had 'Lyph.' perhaps 2 yrs ago, a single act of indiscretion  
quite living in every way, they will give details on their D. will.

Terms would have to be moderate. They are in a hurry so you  
might advise them about cert to ~~be~~ save time, in case they  
decided to settle with you.

Jo H  
Am. Fletcher



TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,  
SCARBOROUGH.

14. VII. 1913

Dear Mr Thompson

The committee have given  
serious consideration to the question  
of the position of Miss Elkins &  
Miss Hale & their conclusions are  
embodied in the minutes. We  
are unanimously of the opinion that  
it is advisable to retain their  
services even at a considerable  
extra cost. I would suggest that  
Miss Elkins be given a salary of £100

per annum & Miss Hale £70  
with the status of assistant  
treasurer.

Yours faithfully  
Allen R. R. R.

£ 65	} S. H.
£ 10	
<hr/>	
£ 100	

THROCKENBY HALL  
SCARBOROUGH

THE TOWN OF



May 14, 1912

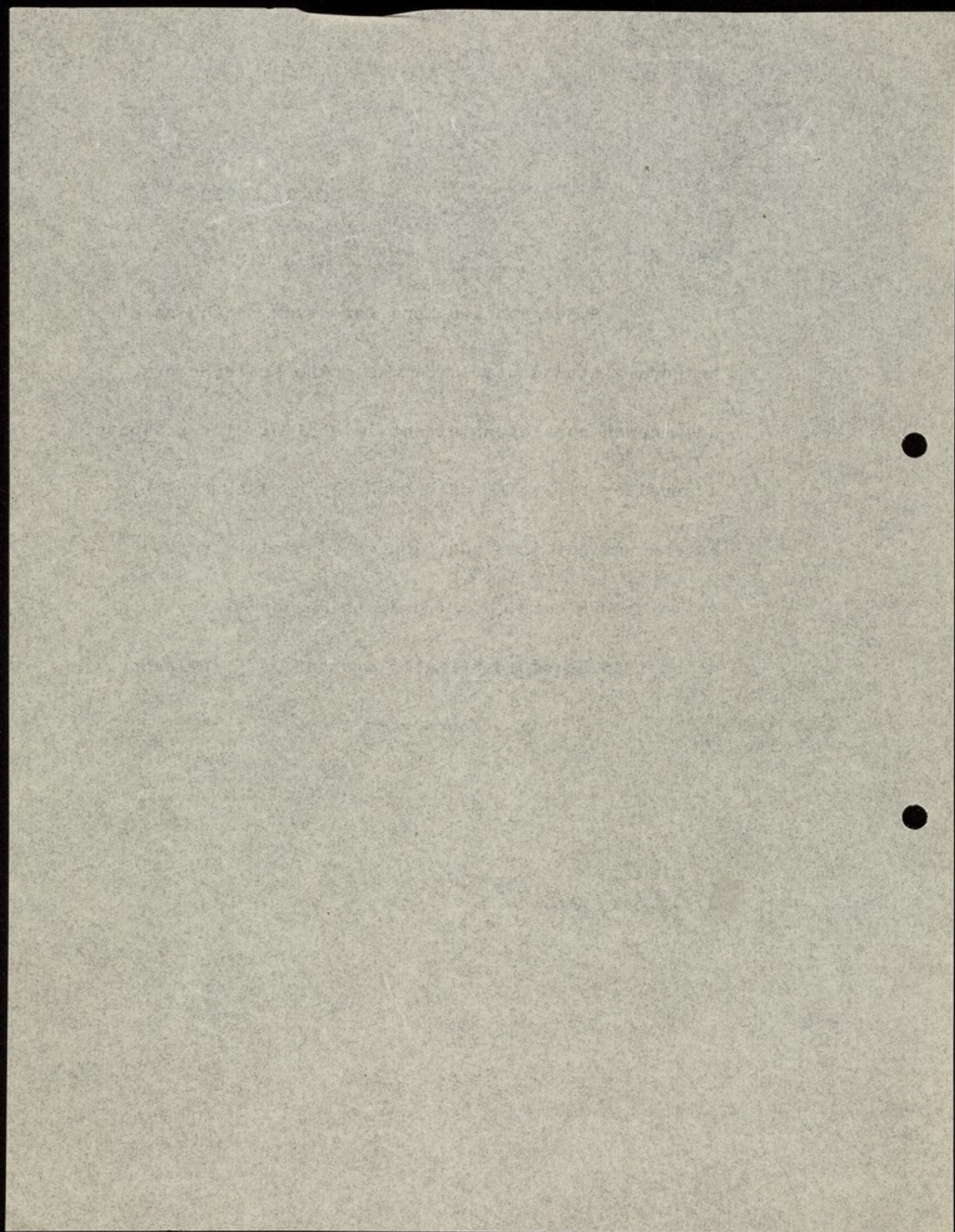
Dear Sir,

S.Redpath was here for seven months as a temporary attendant. He was quite satisfactory, and showed considerable tact in dealing with patients. I consider him to be of thoroughly good character, but he was not in a position of financial trust while he was here. I have no reason whatever to doubt that he could be fully trusted as a collector.

Yours very truly,

G.F.W.Oman Esq.







Jan. 22, 1912

Dear Dr. Risien Russell,

I am very much obliged for your letter, and I have handed on the information to Dr. Ashby of Hampsthwaite.

I hope the case is one that may benefit, but I must admit that it did not seem to me one of the most promising.

Since writing to you I heard that B.F. Roberts died. Not long after you saw him he was given intravenously something under 0.2 grm. of "606". He did not, however, get quite the whole of this as there was some leaking from the vein. A week later he had, similarly, the same dose.

I did not see him after this, but he was in a rather clearer mental state when I saw him, his pulse was very fast, and he did not look very grand.

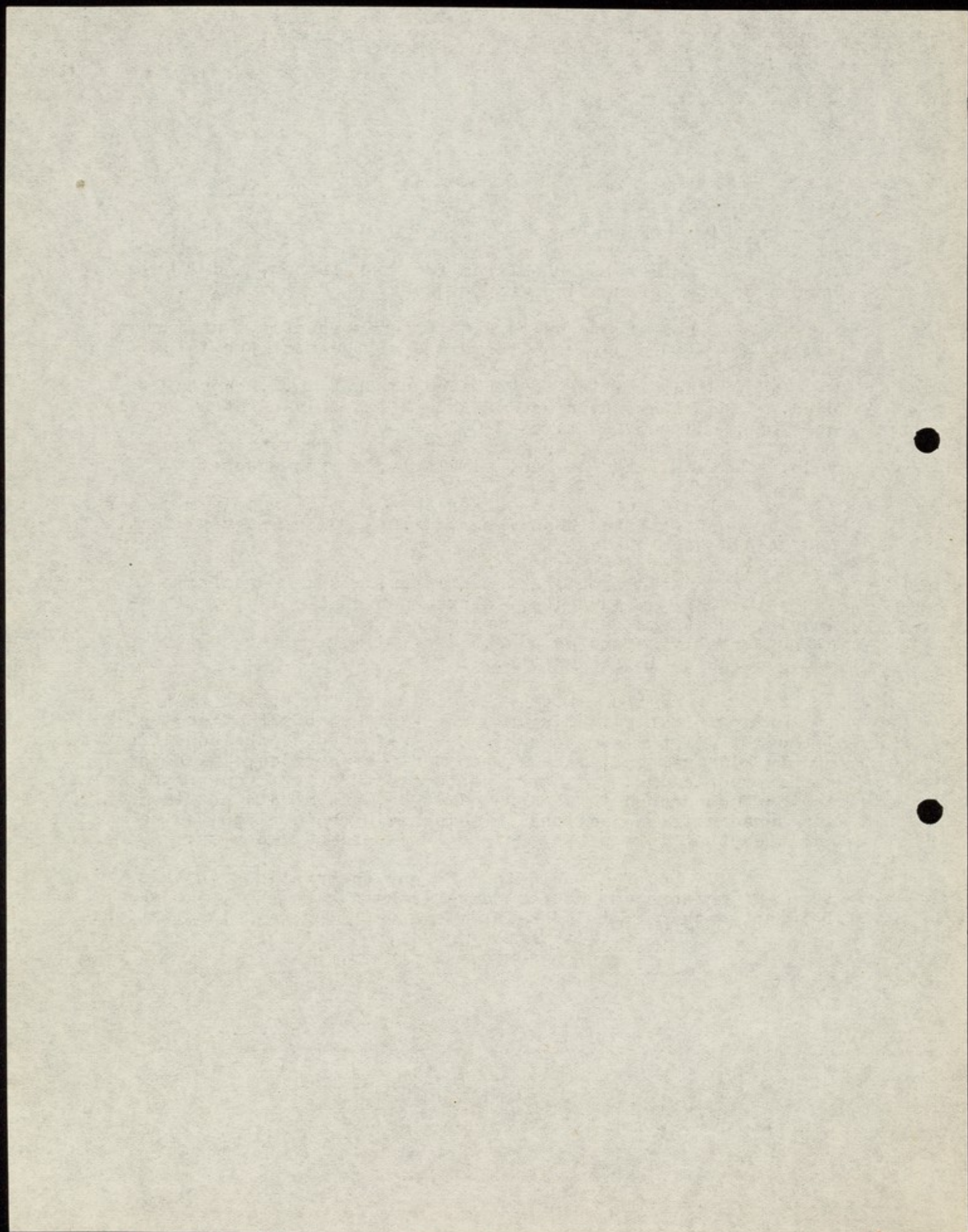
He died about ten days later, and I heard from Barrs that he had jaundice, enlargement of the liver, albuminuria, and there was rapid muscular wasting. He became clear mentally before he died. You will remember that he had a calculus in the ureter.

Barrs thought that he died from "606", and that it was arsenical poisoning. Ward-Smith thought otherwise. I thought all the symptoms might be referred to the condition of his kidneys, and, were it not for the jaundice, it looks rather suspicious. Barrs states that he has known of other deaths from second injections of "606", but he did not in any sense raise objections to this having been given, as he admitted that it was the man's only chance of recovery.

If you feel able to make any observations on this it might be some comfort to Ward-Smith to have them, though I do not gather that the relatives are in any way dissatisfied.

With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,







Oct. 25, 1911

Dear Seeborn,

I am wanting to know what is the minimum living wage for an adult with a small family in York at the present time. Is there any reason to assume that the figures quoted in your book are no longer applicable. At the present time milk and sugar and some other articles are more expensive, but we do not find here that there is much rise in the cost of provisions as a whole.

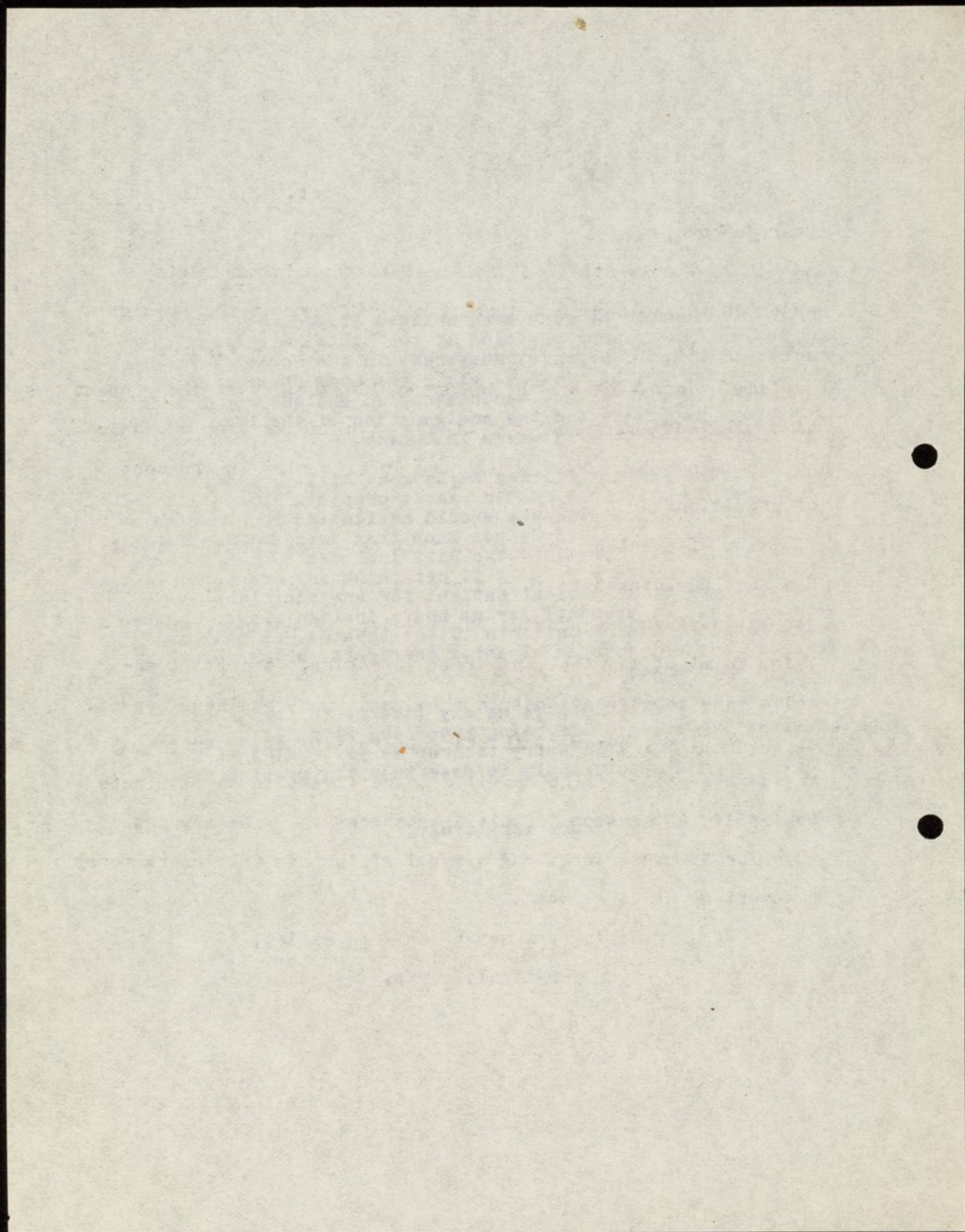
It must be remembered that service at the Retreat has some advantages in that there is no broken time. We pay for holidays and we provide some medical attendance, and I think we might say that, generally speaking, the staff receive more consideration than obtains in most business houses.

I am, however, thinking of raising the question at the next meeting of the Committee, and I want to supply facts to justify an advance if this is necessary. We pay now 22/6 for 48 hours work, and several of the men make extra money by overtime at 4d an hour.

Hoping you may be able to assist,

Very truly yours,







AND

6, PARK SQUARE,

LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.  
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.  
LEEDS N° 391X

THE RETREAT  
YORK.

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July 4, 1911

Dear Arnold,

(1) I should be very much obliged if you would find out for me the present position of two Bills before Parliament, one of which is, I believe, somewhere in the House of Lords, and the other in the Commons: viz., the Lord Chancellor's Bill, dealing with Lunacy administration and the appointment of Masters in Lunacy and the amalgamation of the Lord Chancellor's Visitors and the Commissioners in Lunacy.

2. The Asylum Officers Employment Bill.  
The latter is a serious matter, as it proposes that all Asylum nurses and attendants should be limited to 60 hours duty per week. I do not know that I object to the latter limitation, provided the Bill includes 60 hours responsible and anxious work. I do not think any one ought to have the care of a suicidal patient for anything like as long as this; but, at present, Asylum hours include playing cricket, going picnics, taking patients to the theatre, as well as domestic duties, such as cleaning corridors, which do not involve much anxiety.

If you could give me any idea as to the prospect of either of these Bills being proceeded with, I should be much obliged. I am sorry to trouble you, but I do not know to whom I should apply to ascertain the present position of affairs.

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Yours very truly,



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Asylum Employment Bill

July 19, 1911

Dear Mr. Roberts,

I have seen two friends, both Medical Superintendents of public institutions and learn from them that it would not be very difficult to divide their wards so that one set contained the patients requiring special care, and the others the less anxious cases. The special wards would contain about three fifths of their patients. Several difficulties were, however, pointed out to me, which would arise if it were attempted to make the hours shorter in the wards containing the troublesome patients.

1. The arrangement for relief duty would be complicated and difficult to work.
2. There would be a tendency for the staff to feel that the patients in the wards containing the less troublesome patients did not need as much individual care as the others. Although in a sense this feeling would be justified, it might be an excuse for giving the patients less attention than necessary.
3. The staff would resent having troublesome patients in these wards, and if a patient for a short time got out of hand, it would probably lead to an immediate transfer to the special ward, a step which might be undesirable.
4. Probably the reduction of hours would lead to friction and jealousy amongst the staff.

I do not think I explained that at the Retreat (as in many other places) the senior nurses and attendants, who as a rule have greater responsibilities, do have shorter hours and a week longer annual holiday than the juniors.

Thanking you for so kindly seeing me on the matter,  
I remain,  
Yours very truly,







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WESTWOOD,  
SCARBOROUGH

23.1.1911

Dear Mr. Kitching

I have seen Richardson  
since the Committee, he  
says that he thought when  
he took the field that it  
was £10.0.0 clear but  
now finds the value was  
about £1. he would prefer

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WESTWOOD,  
SCARBOROUGH

to still pay the rates, &  
it gives him a vote  
for the Seely District  
Council. but suggests that  
in consideration of the  
advanced area we should  
raise the rent £9.0.0  
I think this is reasonable  
Held him I could report to

the committee perhaps you  
will mention it to Br. Kered  
if you agree recommend it  
to the Retiree Committee next  
time.

Yours sincerely  
Allen Gornall

I wrote to Allan Kitchener concerning  
in this recommendation. 24/1/11.

J R Kitchener



From  
Dr. Rabagliati,

Telephone 2015.

1. St. Paul's Road,  
Bradford,

2 May 1911.

Dear Dr. Pearce,  
Mr. May and act John  
has prolapsus ani much  
severe and also suffers from  
a mucous colitis wh. has  
given her a great deal of trouble.  
Of late, probably starting  
from this digestive disturb-  
ance, she has become rather  
possessed by ideas almost de-  
lirious & at any rate very  
persistent & somewhat unrea-  
sonable & her complaints are  
so persistent that her daughter  
with whom she lives, are  
having their health under-  
mined by their mother's con-  
stant

obsessions. After complain-  
ing & complaining of her  
bowel prolapse (I was soon  
in a journey worn an abd.,  
has recommended operation  
wh. has done so for her,  
except that I thought her  
bodily health & health) she got  
an idea into her head that  
the maid-servant was a  
wicked one & etc. etc. etc. In long  
short it is I have recom-  
mended her son to try to  
induce her to go away some-  
where where she could be  
taken care of as a voluntary  
visitor; & Mr. May and has  
thought of the Retreat. This  
is what he wants to see you  
about & I hope you will be  
able to arrange terms

entire to both parties  
with kind regards  
Love

Yours faithfully  
Rabing Nuh.

Said. the girl was breaking up the furniture -  
she was compelled to leave -----  
she had bribed the group -  
there were financial troubles.  
But refused in spite to her own rats.  
There is Range wrong -  
that it will not work - & the matter is not closed.

Sister much affected -



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Sept. 17, 1910

Dear Mr. Rowntree,

Rowe has prepared a plan, and you will see we suggest some roses on the other side off the walk: I incline to think it will be worth the extra expense. The Beech hedge would protect these from strong winds, and the roses would, I think, do extremely well there.

He also suggests rather a wider border and a somewhat wider walk.

We think we can send over a man to act as foreman when the job is undertaken, for a few weeks. No doubt local labour can be obtained to do the heavy barrow work.. Rowe himself would start the job and work out the levels.

Nothing has been said on the subject of fence. Would you like me to see if Blaylock will do a railed fence for us, and would it be premature if when I see him I ask him to undertake it. I am proposing to try to meet him on Thursday next to talk over the various matters raised in the Committee.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

RECEIVED  
JAN 10 1900



Sept. 27, 1910

Dear Allan Rowitree,

I enclose Miss Bowen's letter for you to look at in case you should care to follow this up. I know nothing about her personally. Please return the letter when done with.

I have seen Miss Thomasson, and she will arrange for Nurse Byrne to call on you on Saturday next when she will be in Scarborough in the ordinary course. We think Nurse Byrne is probably just the right person. She is quiet and competent and is much liked by her patients, but of course in a matter of this kind much depends on the question of temperament, the effect of which one can hardly foresee.

Yours very truly,

EXTRA SUIROX  
BUBBLES



Nov. 25, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am requested by Dr. Pierce  
to let you know that your letter  
will be submitted to the Committee  
of Throxenby Hall next Monday.

Yours truly,

R. Richardson Esq.

Scarboro <sup>27</sup>  
Nov 24-1910  
Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

Mr Allan Cowthran  
called and acquainted me that  
you were going to take a portion  
of the field in front of the Hall  
into the garden. And I was  
suggested that the matter  
of reduced rental be left  
over. I ventured to make a  
request to him, which he  
thought reasonable. And which  
would cost very little. vy.

<sup>3</sup> absolutely essential to reap  
the full advantage of the field.  
Trusting this may meet with  
your favourable consideration

Believe me  
Yours Sincerely  
R Richardson

66 Falsgrave Road  
Scarboro

<sup>2</sup> That during the alterations you  
might lay a water pipe from the  
corner of your garden into the  
field. As there is no water for  
cattle to drink whatever.  
This could easily be done by  
simply laying an iron pipe  
across the garden. And leaving  
a tap ready to turn on into  
a tank for the purpose.  
Hence there would be no  
extra water rate. May I  
request the granting of this  
favour. which is almost



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33 TO 39, WESTBOROUGH,

Scarborough.

2. Dec 1919

Dear Dr. Pence

Brogden has brought in the  
enclosed estimate for the papers.  
He says Rove approved of this  
& the price seems about the same  
as we got from the other people  
who he has gone on with it.

Yours faithfully

Alfred Rowntree

WESTBOROUGH, MASS. 01581

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CLOSE AT 1-30 ON SATURDAYS.

33 TO 39, WESTBOROUGH.

Scarborough.

17. Nov. 1910

Dear Dr. Percie

I am glad I shall be  
able to get the committee  
work over as it is our duty.  
I believe Carr has obtained  
revised estimate. Rose  
visited the floor to be completed  
for over carefully made  
a better job in the water seems  
to stand there a good deal.  
Having it raised will glass sides  
of course makes a good deal of

difference in the joints works  
I think ~~Watkinson~~ should not  
charge 5.5.0 extra when  
he uses the old bricks  
but I will see him about  
that.

Yours faithfully  
Alfred Rowntree

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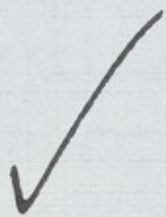
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WESTWOOD,

SCARBOROUGH.

18. Jan. 1911

Dear Dr. Percie

I find Nurse writes to go  
on Saturday - so if your Nurse  
then I saw today could come  
perhaps it would be better for her  
to come on Friday by either the  
5<sup>th</sup> or 6.3 so as to talk  
to Nurse a little after she gets home  
Thanking you for your kindest



Yours sincerely  
Allen Fairbairn.

Do you think the committee  
would agree to my paying  
a nurse and a help same  
as I do to our present nurse



TELEPHONE NO. 5608 CENTRAL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
ENVOY, LONDON.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,  
LONDON, E.C.

24 Nov 1910

Dear Pierce,

Very many thanks  
for your letter re Bloxsome.  
He wrote to me yesterday  
& I had intended asking  
what you thought of him  
as incidentally he mentioned  
that he had done a  
lecture at The Retreat.

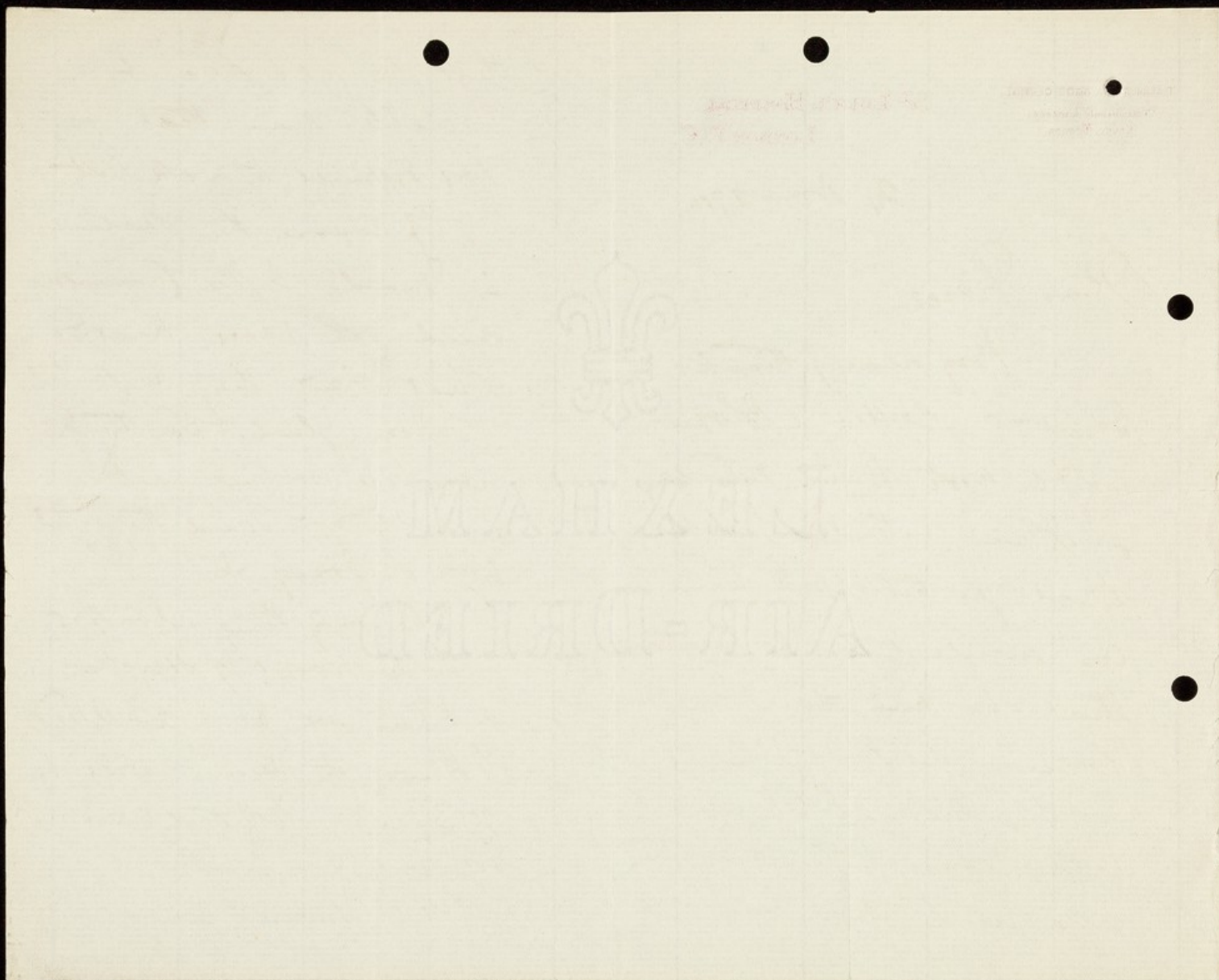
The Medical Officers  
all have to live together  
here, and it is essential

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that we get a decent  
sociable man that is  
not difficult to work with.

Of course the selection  
is made by the Committee  
and one never knows  
what view they will take.

I am glad to say things  
here are working quite  
smoothly now and they ought  
to go on doing so.

The only thing I suffer  
from is want of exercise  
& when we get a 2<sup>nd</sup> A.M.O.  
I trust the House will be  
renovated. With kind regards to  
Mrs Pierce & yourself.  
Remain sincerely yours.  
Wm Rawes.



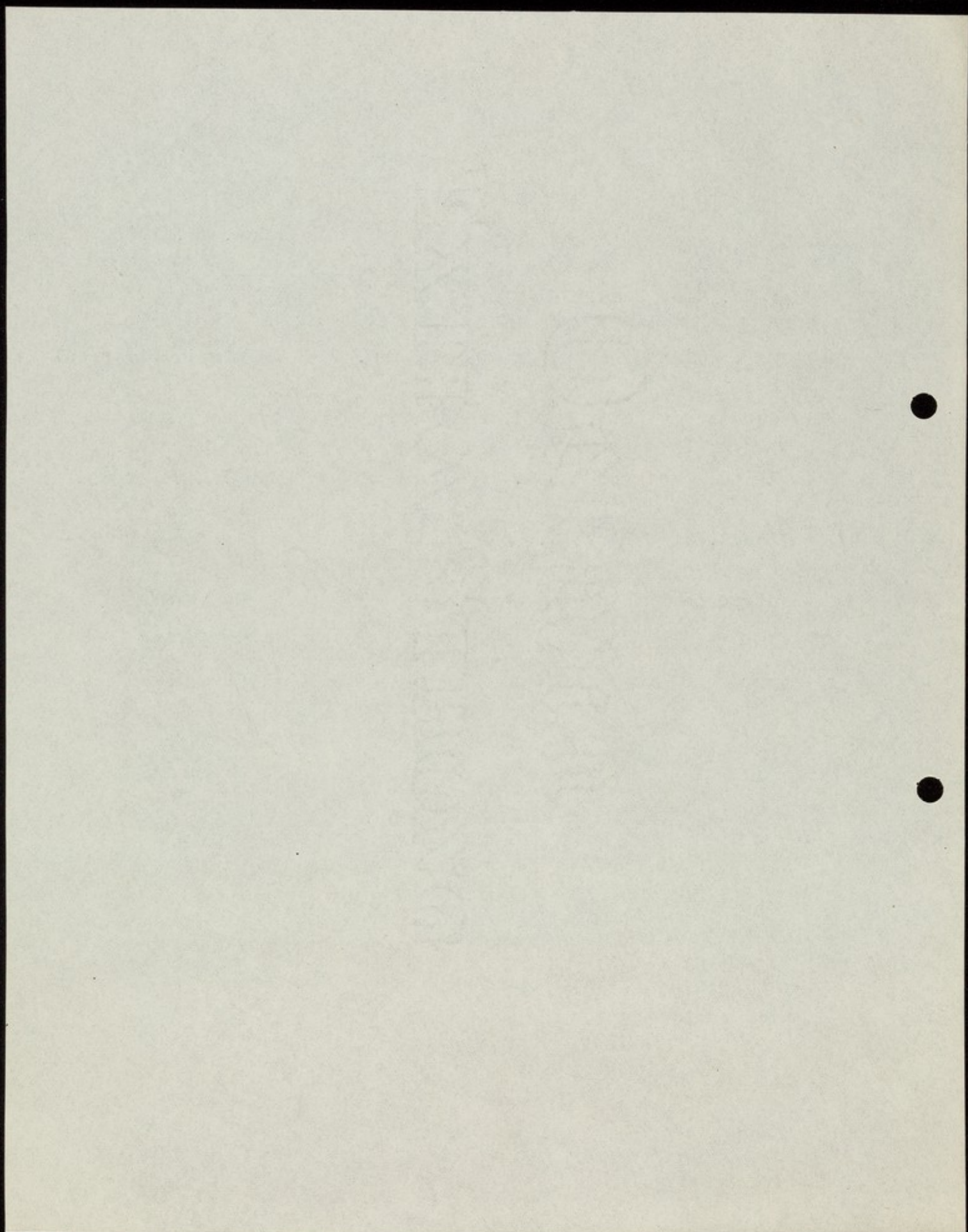


Nov. 24, 1908

Dear Dr. Cash Reed,

Many thanks for your letter. I am afraid Liverpool is outside my beat, and I do not expect to have any work to do in that neighbourhood. You probably know I have rooms in Leeds, at 6 Park Sq. Would it be possible for your patient to come to see me there.

Yours very truly,





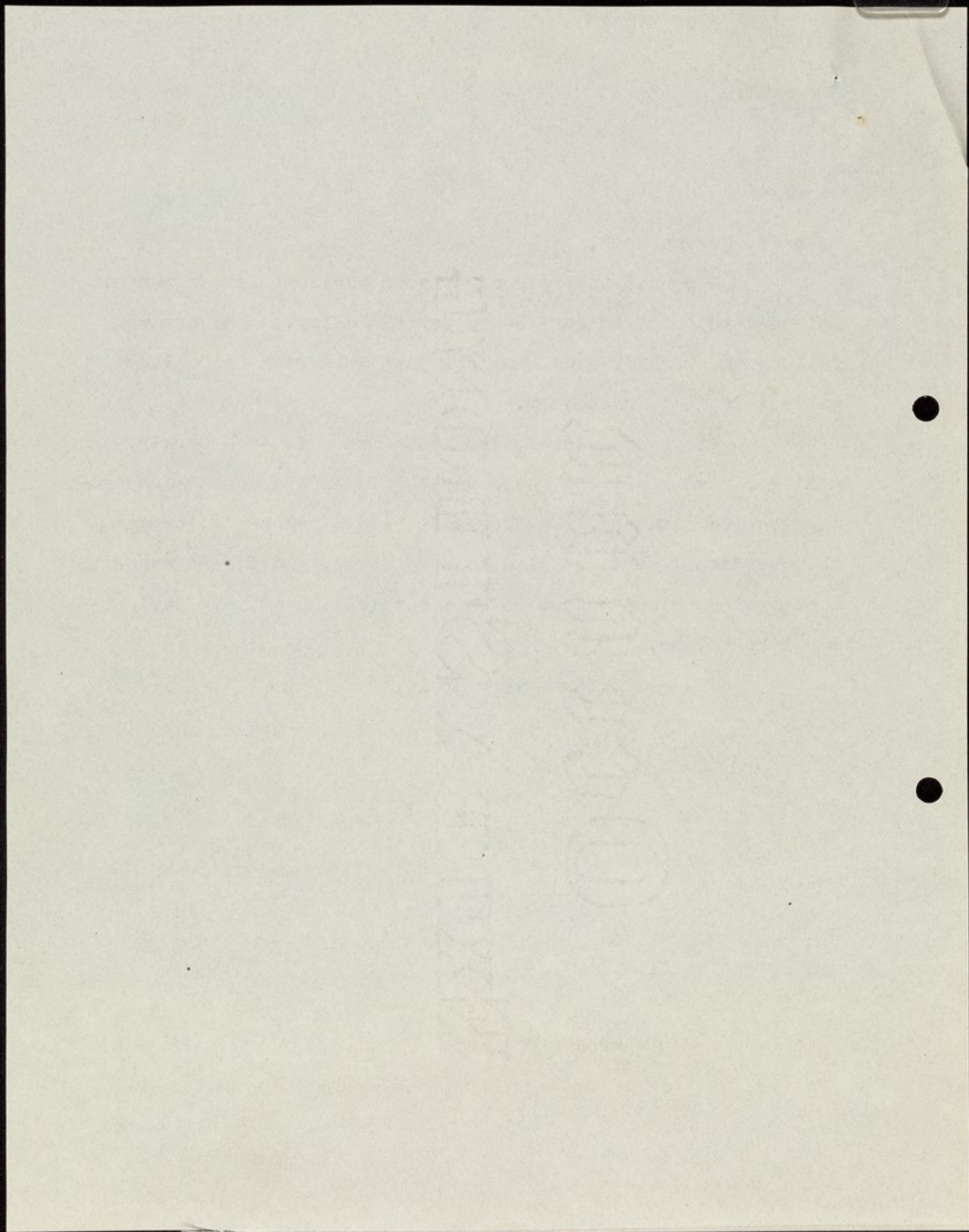
Dec. 22, 1908

Dear Dr. Gordon Reid,

I cannot understand how your previous letter was not attended to and I am very sorry for the delay. We are very full on the Women's side, but can just make room for a lady patient if it be necessary.

As regards terms, the lowest rate is 48/- weekly, and patients having private rooms pay 4 guineas and upwards according to circumstances. Should it be desired to follow up the question I shall be glad to send forms, and I send herewith a copy of our last report which the relatives of your patient may like to see.

Yours very truly,





Awaiting your reply.

I remain

Faithfully

A. Gordon Reid

Croft House  
Chatham House,  
Rotherham.

Dec 13. 1908

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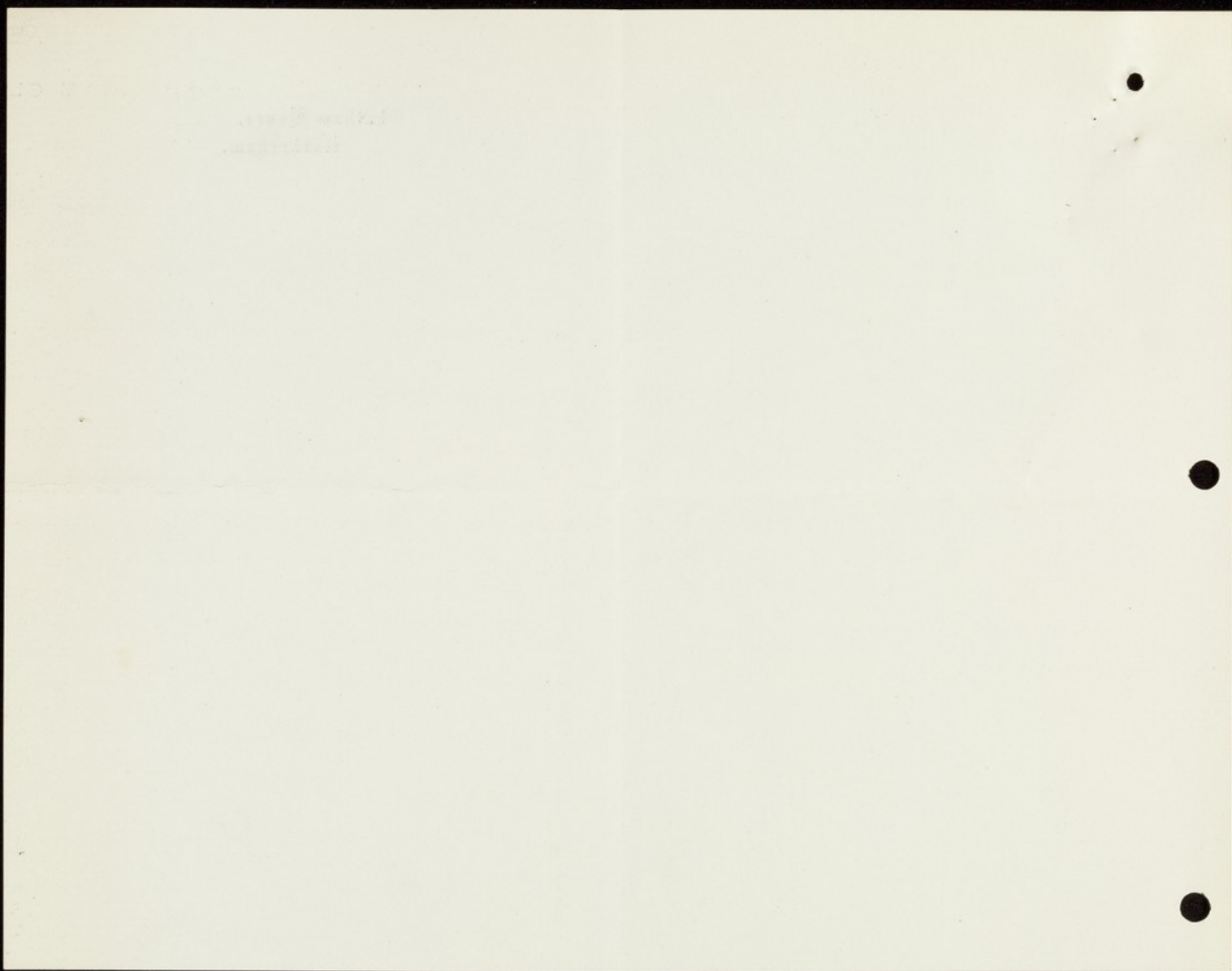
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Dear Dr. Pierce

I have a patient - who is a typical case of obsession of contagion occurring at the climacteric.

My only hope for her is to get her into a home for a prolonged rest.

Will you kindly inform me if you take such cases up as your husband leaves as her husband is not well. off - only a coal agent? With her, everything in the house is contaminated & she has a horrible dread of any one touching anything. She is insane on this one point of contagion infection.





NAT. TEL. NO. 48.

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1908  
ROTHERHAM CLUB.

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Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

About a week ago  
I wrote you about a patient of  
mine who is suffering from a  
form of Climacteric Insanity.  
As my letter must have gone  
astray, I am writing again to  
enquire if you take such patients  
if so, what are the usual charges.

Yr faithfully  
A. Gordon Reid

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Feb. 26, 1909

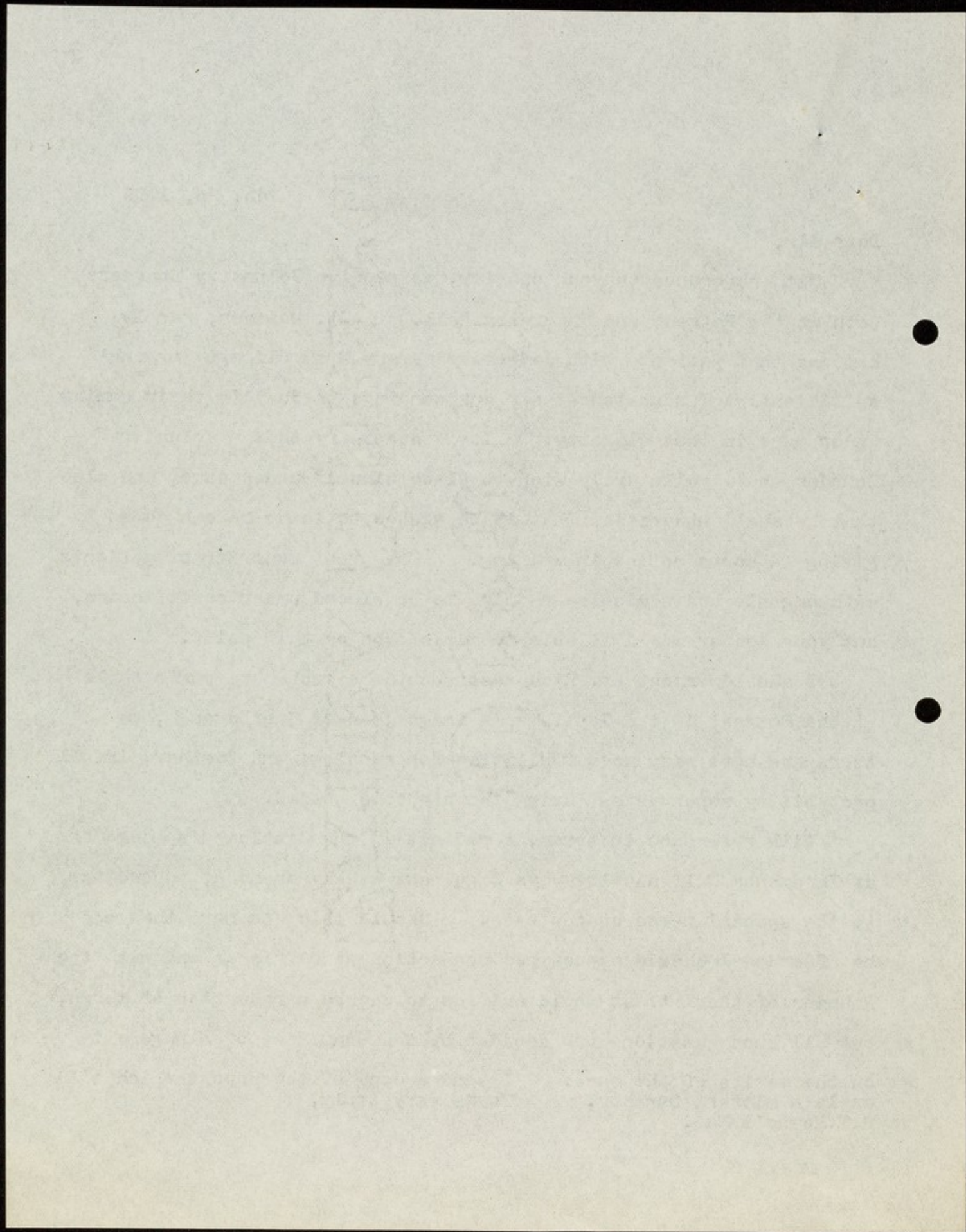
Dear Sir,

With reference to your enquiry, we receive Voluntary Boarders both at the Retreat and Throxenby Hall. It, however, rarely happens that patients with defective memory from old age are able sufficiently to understand their surroundings to justify their coming under care in that capacity. It is necessary that a Voluntary Boarder shall voluntarily wish to place himself under care, and also that he shall understand that if he wishes to leave he can do so by giving 24 hours notice in writing. The great majority of patients with organic brain disease require to be placed under certificates, but your doctor would be able to advise you on this point.

I should expect Mr. Richardson would be much more comfortable at the Retreat in the Gentlemen's Lodge than at Scarborough, as there are here many more facilities for nursing; and further, in all probability supervision during the night is needed.

With reference to terms, a patient in the Gentlemen's Lodge or at Throxenby Hall usually pays 3 guineas weekly or more, according to the special needs of the case. Should this be more than can be afforded I should expect his connection with Friends and with the Founder of the Retreat would suffice to secure a reduction of terms, but all such questions are decided by the Committee of Management on the merits of the case. I send a copy of the Report which will explain matters further,  
S.T.Meynell Esq. Yours very truly,







Feb. 10, 1910

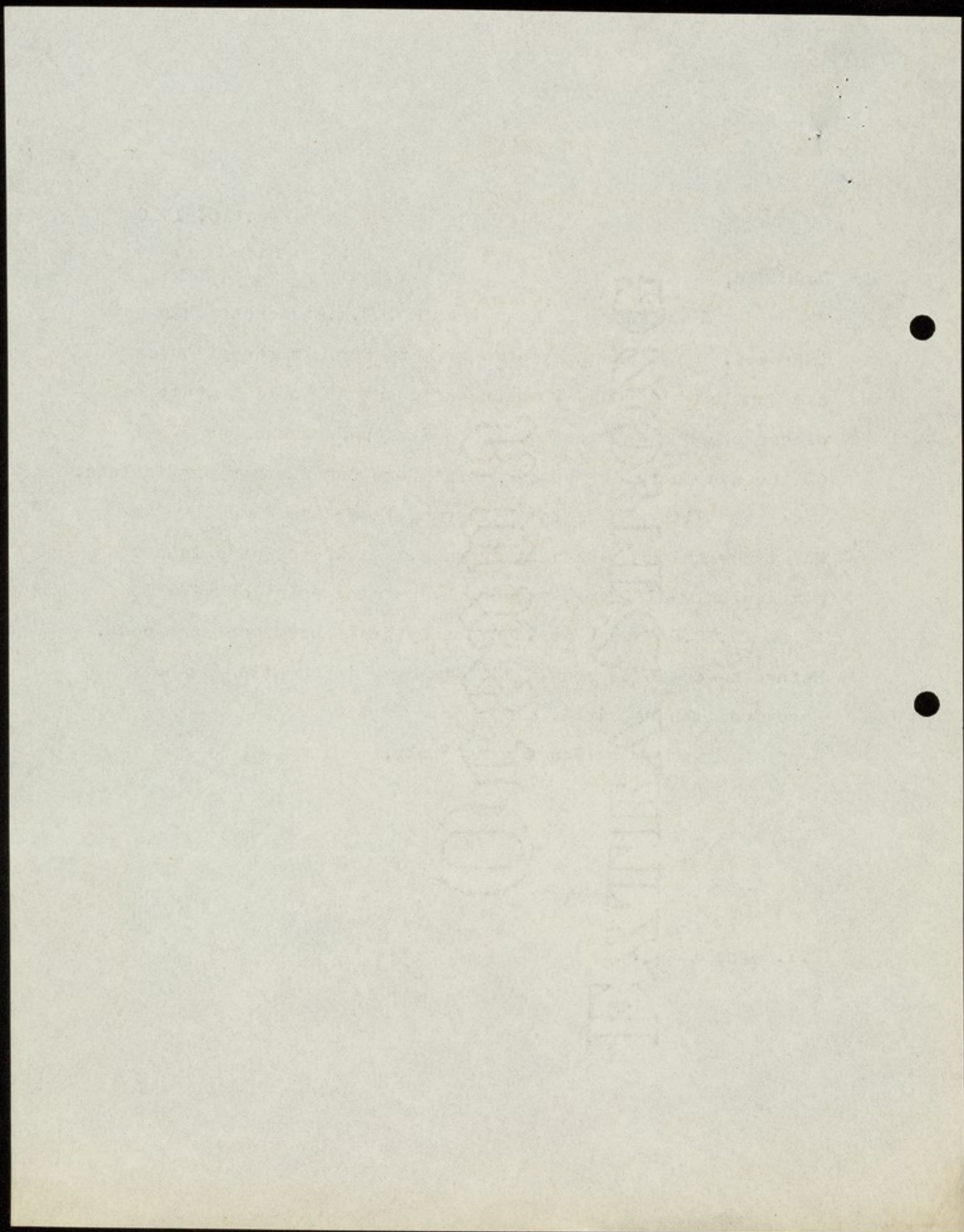
Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that Mr. T.E.Richardson has not improved. We can make arrangements for his reception at the Gentlemen's Lodge if necessary, but he would have to be placed under certificates. I therefore enclose a set of the necessary forms and a blue form for further particulars.

With regard to the terms, these are fixed by the Committee which meets next Tuesday. If the case is not a particularly difficult one from a nursing point of view I think £2.10.0 a week would probably just about meet the case. Before he comes we should like to have information as to the accommodation required.

Yours very truly,

S.T.Meynell Esq.





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4, CLAREMONT PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

11 Feby 1910.

Dear Sir

many thanks for

your The closures -  
with regard to F. E

Richardson what I  
shall like to do  
is to get him taken  
care of without Certifying  
him -

I understood you took

Voluntary patients  
both at the Lodge &  
at Scarborough - is thus  
so?

If I decided to send  
him to either of these  
I suppose there would  
be no difficulty in  
arranging if you

considered it necessary

Yours very faithfully  
S. J. Maynard

P.S. I shall probably  
see the Dr. tomorrow  
& will show him your  
letter

To H. B. Pierce.  
Yours



being limited -

If necessary I could put  
you in communication  
~~with~~ with the doctors  
who have attended him.

It may be remembered  
that he is ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> great  
great grandson of the  
founder of the Retreat.

Yours faithfully  
S. J. Muggill

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4, CLAREMONT PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

25th Feb 1909. ✓

Dear Sir

I understand you have  
an establishment at  
Scarbro' connected with  
the Retreat in which  
patients who are not  
Certified insane are  
taken.

I wonder if you would  
consider a Cousin

of mind named  
J. E. Richardson and  
<sup>unstable</sup> he is suffering  
from what may be  
generally described as  
softening of the Brain  
ie his memory is  
very much affected.  
He is now in a nursing  
home having had

Eczema in his leg - he is  
restless there & wants to  
get up and about.  
His health is fairly  
good tho' the doctor  
considers his heart is  
affected -  
If you thought him  
dignified will you  
kindly let me  
know the terms &c  
as this would be  
a consideration to him



I write you in a somewhat  
indefinite manner as  
to sending him to you,  
the doctor thinking  
it would be well to  
have matters arranged  
as far as possible in  
case it was necessary  
to remove him which  
he thinks may be at  
any time.

Yours very faithfully  
J. J. Kieper

Dr Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat York

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4, CLAREMONT PLACE,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

9 Feb 1910.

Dear Sir.

Perhaps you will remember  
my writing you about  
a year ago respecting  
my Cousin J. E. Richardson  
your reply of the 26th of  
Nov continues in much  
the same condition varying  
from time to time & the  
doctor thinks we shall

have to make some  
arrangement for him  
shortly.

As I think I told you  
it is a case of mental  
decay; memory very  
defective - of course  
he would explain  
this fully to you.  
From your letter I  
understood that you

considered that the fullness  
of age at 70 would be  
more suitable for him  
than Scarborough - & if  
it was necessary you  
could of course certify  
him  
as to payment, his  
means are small -  
do you think considering  
his connections the  
Admission Committee  
would be willing to  
charge £10.00 per week.



HILLSIDE,

VICARAGE LANE,

KING'S LANGLEY,

HERTS.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 09

Dear Sir

I am a trained nurse  
& receive patients in my  
house, but have a high-  
mental case to place in  
a suitable home. I have  
been told of you by a  
friend & would be much  
obliged if you would send  
me particulars of your  
place W. Scarborough.

Yours truly  
(M<sup>rs</sup>) Annie Rae.





ATHOME  
10 & 7  
2 to 3.  
TELEPHONE  
352.



David Lewis &  
Co. Ltd.

27, SURREY STREET,  
NORWICH.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1908

Dear Sir, I have a patient  
who is epileptic. For some time  
she was much better, but recently  
she has not been so well, and has  
been troublesome in the night.  
She is not insane but feeble  
minded, and in the night at  
times gets up and moves about  
in a semi-conscious state.

The necessities of the family  
make it necessary that she  
should leave home. Will you  
kindly send me prospectus,  
terms &c which I can lay  
before her people, and oblige

Yours faithfully  
E. B. Roche



July 22<sup>nd</sup> / 08.

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Edmond View.

Acute Green.

Birmingham.

Dear Sir.

I shall be greatly  
obliged if you will send  
me particulars as to  
admittance and fee for  
non Quaker patients at

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Yours Petrel. I dare  
you in connection with the  
Petrel any place in the  
Friedlands? The case  
I have been asked to  
enquire for, is one of  
Senile decay; a lady of  
about 75. The lady

has no means of her own  
as that expense has to be  
considered.

Believe me,

Yours very truly -

Louisa T. Padley.

J. A. Bedford Pierce



Dec. 24, 1909

Dear Madam,

I sent a telegram to say that if you require a nurse before Christmas if you wired I would send one at once. I gather from your reply that there is not the necessity for sending one immediately.

I am sorry to hear of the sad condition of your sister, and in cases where patients are blind there is special difficulty in treatment.

The fee for the nurse is the lowest which the Nursing Department charges. The nurses have been trained for at least four years at the Retreat, and you will find a nurse a real comfort to your sister, and she will certainly not give any needless trouble in the house.

Yours very truly,

Miss Roberts



10013-2-200

1. The first part of the report is a summary of the work done during the last year. It is a very brief summary, but it gives a good idea of the work done. It is written in a very clear and concise manner, and it is easy to read. It is a very good summary of the work done, and it is a very good example of how to write a summary.

2. The second part of the report is a description of the work done during the last year. It is a very detailed description, and it gives a good idea of the work done. It is written in a very clear and concise manner, and it is easy to read. It is a very good description of the work done, and it is a very good example of how to write a description.

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Sandy Mount  
Criccieth  
Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 09.

Dear Sir.

I am very much obliged  
to you for your telegram.  
My poor sister was fetched  
home last night by my  
married sister, & if she does  
not improve in a week or  
fortnight we shall be most  
thankful to send for one  
of your Nurses.

I would have preferred

In her I have stayed here  
with a good Nurse - but my  
brother-in-law insisted  
on her going away. He  
thought perhaps it was  
too quiet for her here -  
With many thanks  
for your kindness -

Believe me  
Yours faithfully  
J. G. Roberts.

P.S.

Her Home address is  
Miss Roberts.  
Glandwr.  
Carnarvon.



place for her -  
Hoping to have a  
Nurse by return -

Believe me.  
Yours faithfully  
J. G. Roberts

Bryn Seiont,  
Carnarvon.

Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 09.

Dear Sir.

I am very much obliged  
to you for the letter of  
yesterday - I regret that  
my poor third sister  
seems to be getting worse,  
or I wired this morning  
to you for a Nurse,  
We cannot understand



her case as she seems to  
remember all that she  
does & says. Today she  
has talked the wildest  
things for about 7 or 8  
hours without stopping,  
& then it culminates  
with screams.

I trust dear Sir that  
you will be able to  
send a very fine

Nurse, as I fear we are

allowing her to have too  
much of her own way, &  
Thorp takes advantage  
of us - We are not at all  
well off, or trust that  
the Nurse will not be  
too particular -

My sister is staying  
with my brother-in-law  
a Solicitor, & his wife,  
as we thought this  
would be a quiet



Trained Nurse from your  
Establishment we should  
be much obliged, We are  
in Ladys. & of poor  
Means, or cannot afford  
very much, Would you kindly  
write & let me know what  
are your terms weekly for  
a Nurse who is kind &  
capable, Trusting that you  
will be as moderate as  
possible

Believe me  
Yours faithfully  
J. G. Roberts

Sandy Mound -  
Castle Street  
Criccieth  
Carnarvonshire  
N. Wales.

Dear Sir -

I think Miss Hughes  
Harrowgate has written to  
you about my poor blind  
Sister who for the some  
time has gone quite out  
of her mind she is 49  
years of age & of a most  
sweet gentle disposition  
beloved by everyone -  
Five years ago she went

Like this before, we kept her  
at home for a month, & then  
took her to the country for  
three months. By the end  
of that time she was  
quite restored to her mind.  
However this time she is  
much worse, & at times  
she screams & sings &  
throws everything that  
she can lay hold of.

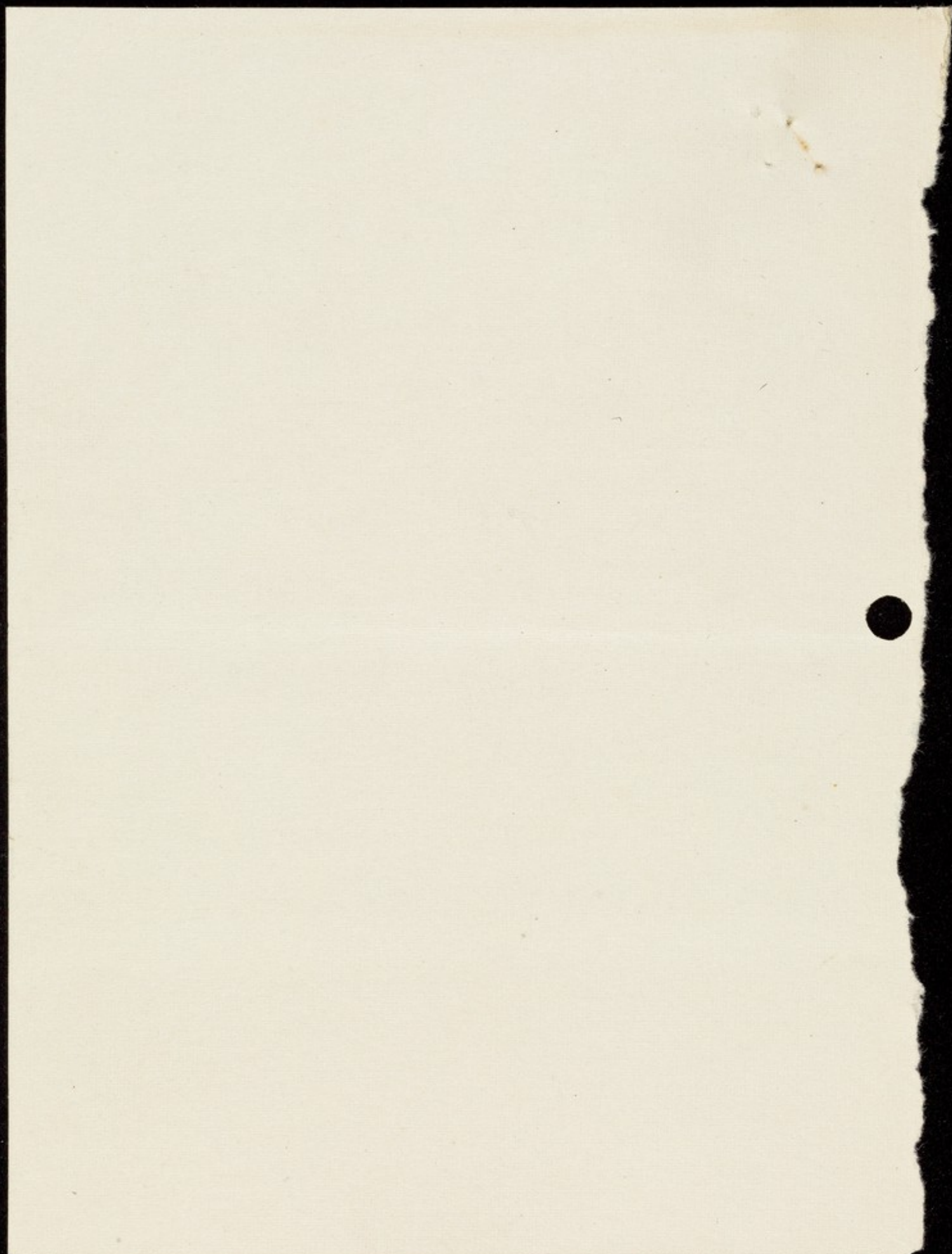
That we fear she may throw  
herself through the window.  
In two or three hours she will  
be quite exhausted, & is  
quiet for a few hours after,  
she knows & remembers  
everything that she has  
said & done, & asks our  
pardon & kisses us & tells  
us that she cannot keep  
herself. If we could  
appear to have a strong



P. S.

We think that my poor  
sister's frame has been  
overstrained with doing  
too much, as she has  
always taken a great-  
interest in all works of  
Charity.

If the Society will not-  
reject us, is it possible  
to leave the Nurse at the





32  
9, PARK VIEW ROAD,  
HEATON,  
BRADFORD.

21<sup>st</sup> Feb 4/10

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am hoping  
to get to York on Tues  
next to see my Sister  
previous to going away.

Would you allow  
her nurse to bring her  
to meet me at Station  
so that they could  
lunch with me, if  
I wire her time of  
my arrival - so that

3 PARK VIEW ROAD  
HEATON  
BRADFORD

I should be able to  
get as much time  
with her as I could.  
I also get my 4 train  
forward

to life  
Yours faithfully  
S. Redman



163  
Clifford Vicarage  
Boston Spa P.S.O.  
Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1909.

Dear James Henry Powttee

As I hear that Allan is abroad  
I am writing to you to ask if anything  
could be done about the matter in the  
enclosed letter to my husband from our  
late village school mistress, Miss Longley.

Another reason why I write to you  
about it is that I have a dim idea  
that you are (or were) on the Retreat  
Committee; but it is so dim that  
it may be all a mistake.

I do not know the Mrs. Smith in

question, but her sister-in-law's family in  
this village are decent people, very good  
Wesleyans I believe. And being Miss Longley's  
friend, I am sure Mrs. Smith must be  
respectable too.

I should be very much obliged if you  
would kindly tell me whether there is anything  
I can do on the subject or whether  
just mentioning it to you is sufficient.

I hope Mrs. Rowntree and your little girl  
are well and that I shall meet them  
some day.

With kind regards from my husband and  
myself — I am

Yours sincerely  
Ellen Evelyn Barry.



W  
66 Niagara.  
J.M.B. 27 May 1909.  
Dear Sir,  
I am obliged by your favor of the  
24<sup>th</sup> inst. I am sorry to say that my  
expenses are so heavy that it is impossible  
for me to pay anything like the sum you  
mention for my sister's maintenance, neither  
do I know of any of her <sup>other</sup> relations who  
could do so. Before, however, I take up  
with the relieving officer as you suggest  
may I trouble you further with another question

or two. You see the step is so important a one  
and I want to do the right thing. Will the fact  
that she is an inmate of a rate aided institution  
mean that she will be treated any the less kindly.  
Will she have to mix in any way with patients  
who are worse than herself or dangerous. Will she  
have to work and wear uniform? In your last  
letter you do not say whether you would mind  
having a word or two with my mother on the  
subject. I should be glad if you would. I hope  
that Dr. Hopkins would doubtless be glad  
to furnish her with any particulars, but she  
wants to see the place for herself, & then I

think she would be more comfortable. Or  
you think this could be managed. I am  
sorry to trouble you so persistently, but  
I shall be grateful for your reply.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Norman Howley

Bedford Place Esq.





Dewes House,  
Mere, Wilts:

May 29 1909

Dear B. Percie,

I am writing about  
Miss K Hunt as to admission to the  
Retreat as a voluntary boarder.

Brief the history is, - for  
~~many~~ <sup>the</sup> 3 years she has been  
overworking chiefly at ~~Edull~~ School  
& kindred work at Bristol, & last year  
she got quite done up & had a nervous  
& physical break down.

She came to her sisters  
here in Mere - Mrs Edwin Bracher.

When I saw her she was  
sleeping badly and eating hardly any  
thing, thin & anaemic. I kept her  
in bed & made her eat & she rapidly  
improved. She went home in 3  
months in November. ~~At~~ In April

she came again, this time in a slow melancholy condition with a great burden on her mind that she had not done her duty by a maid whom she had caught stealing etc.

She has herself under very fair control, but gets depressed sometimes, particularly if she talks about it to her own people of course. We asked her here for a week as a visitor, and she showed no sign of anything wrong the whole time <sup>tho' she says she was miserable</sup>. Since her return to her sister she has shown depression again at times, and <sup>today</sup> ~~now~~ threatened suicide she was so miserable.

I have talked it over with Mr. Bracher and now with herself, proposing that she could go to the Retreat as a voluntary boarder. Her sister is willing,

and she wishes to do whatever is best, & is willing to sign the needed form.

I think it is quite a suitable case as a voluntary boarder, but observation will of course show. She feels the need of constant occupation.

Her father (who is 82) has left all arrangements with Mr. Bracher The Living Mere

If you have room, the sooner she travels up the better.

With kind regards -

Yours sincerely,  
Fannie B. Rutter

Her father is Arthur J. Heynt  
148 Stapleton R  
Bristol



May 14, 1909

Dear Lawrence Richardson,

I am sadly afraid we shall not be able to help you with your patient. Our lowest rate for those who are not Friends is 48/- a week, and though the Committee might make some reduction it would be hardly likely for them to make sufficient to meet the possibilities of the case. The cheapest place where patients can be received as private patients as opposed to paupers is Bootham Park which you will remember adjoins the school. They receive some patients at as low a rate as £1 a week. Application should be made to Dr. Hitchcock. I am sure the patient would be very comfortable there and would receive every possible attention, and it would be vastly different from any public asylum.

With regard to language, I fear persons in all classes when they become insane are apt to become profane and even obscene, and one wonders how it is possible for people who have been well brought up ever to have heard the words they use. The explanation probably is that all of us have heard, but let us hope forgotten, many undesirable things, but that when mental disorder appears, past memories are dug up and ventilated without hesitation.

Yours very truly,



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STONEHAM,  
BEECH GROVE ROAD,  
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

✓ 13 May '09

Dear Dr. Pearce,

I write to inquire on  
behalf of an old friend of  
mine whose wife went out of  
her mind a year or so ago  
I has since been in box lodge,  
the Newcastle city  
"asylum" - He is greatly  
troubled at the language she  
is beginning to use - language  
which she never heard in  
his home or her own - &  
he would like to get her  
removed to another place if  
possible, where she would  
not have to mix with all

sorts of people -

He was one of a sort of adult school class I used to have at Backworth & is an extremely decent & clever fellow. His family are fit people, but he has a small grocer's shop in Newcastle & I think has done pretty well out of it for its size - It is rather a tragic affair, as he is left with a little child. dear & I fear his wife is a hopeless case -

Can you suggest any other

place where she could be sent? Is it at all likely she could be taken at the Retreat? ?

do not know what your lowest terms for non-Friends are, but fear they would be beyond him - He is at present paying 2/2 per month & I dare say could give a little more than that -

Is there the same tendency to foul language with lunatics that there is in the delirium of decent people?

I hope I am not troubling you too much, but should be greatly obliged for your opinion on this matter.

Yours sincerely  
Lawrence Richardson



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work she would like. She writes this morning that she does not think her health would stand it, that she broke down after 14 months hospital work, also, (this) ~~think~~ is the real reason, that she expects not to <sup>want</sup> ~~work~~ to work after this one year, (which I suppose means she is going to be married) tho' this was a secret. A secret I felt you ought to know after your kindness. If you

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43 Park View Rd  
Manningham

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Dr. Rice

Many thanks for your kind letter about Maud Morgan a few days ago. I wrote proposing she should train with you for 6 months which I could see ~~you~~ would give her a much more assured chance of work & of

can help her & any work during this  
time I know she will be very grateful.  
I am thinking of a big new tablecloth  
to go. We took Rosewood with me on Wednesday  
last & ~~she~~ having a show<sup>5</sup>-ticket, you do not  
think this would be unwise for her to  
you?

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

Horace Randall

P.S. Are you coming over to Quakerly next, if  
not soon? You & Jane time to come up & see  
our new school?



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July 2, 1910

Dear Sir,

I am requested by the Committee again to write to you respecting a member of our staff who, we fear, is suffering from tubercular disease of the lungs. His name is James Duff, aged 21, and he has only been with us about three months and he has started with haemorrhage of the lungs.

He comes from Scotland. The disease is quite in its early stage and he is already improving with open air treatment here; and the Committee are wishful to arrange, if possible, a full course of sanatorium treatment for him.

We should be very pleased if you could assist us in any way in facilitating his admission to Withernsea at a low rate of payment. We do not feel that the Retreat ought to pay more than a very little towards his maintenance, seeing he has been with us so short a time, but his own people are able to help; and as this seems just the sort of case which may be saved by prompt effective treatment I much hope that something can be arranged for him.

Yours very truly,

Sir James Reckitt

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



TELEGRAMS,  
PASSENGERS AND PARCELS  
TO NORTH FERRIBY.

July 3. 1910

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SWANLAND MANOR,  
BROUGH, R.S.O.,  
YORKSHIRE.

Dear Friend

There is only one  
price for admittance to the  
Sanatorium at Withernsea,  
viz £13 paid in advance  
for three months treatment;  
the patient to be passed as  
suitable first, by Dr. Daly  
at the Royal Infirmary  
Hull -

If after three or six  
months residence, the  
physician considers that  
the patient ~~can~~ should  
stay longer - and he cannot  
afford to do so - I have  
provided a fund to pay  
half the fees for a longer term

SWANLAND MANOR,  
BROUGH, R.S.O.  
YORKSHIRE.

Please to correspond  
with the Secretary  
Royal Infirmary  
Hull  
as to time of admittance  
&c &c.

I know that the Sanatorium  
is now full, and some are  
waiting. but it might  
be well to have James  
Duff's name entered of  
he can raise the money

Yours sincerely  
James Rockitt

Bedford Pierce Esq  
M.D.  
York



lengthy illness of my late dear  
wife, on the part of Leeds friends.  
In the discussion as to what use  
is to be made of the money the  
question arose as to whether Mrs  
Pollard went on special terms  
& if so whether the M. M. is  
under any obligation to the  
Retreat for her maintenance,  
& also whether H. L. P. has left  
any legacy to the Retreat.

Perhaps you will be good enough  
to instruct me on both these

Brighton M. Meeting

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DALTON,  
HUDDERSFIELD.

Dear Dr Pierce

Some years ago:

- I think it is about 20 - you  
had in the retreat a patient  
Mrs H. L. Pollard from Leeds.  
H. L. Pollard has recently died  
in Hobart Tasmania has left  
a legacy of £50 to this M. M.  
"in recognition of the kindness  
shown to me during the serious

prints when the M. M. will be helped to arrive at the right  
decision as to whether it is the Retreat has the right  
claim to the legacy -

Thanking you in anticipation with kind regards. I am -

Yours Truly

John L. Robson



it is necessary to seek change  
I should add the old lady  
is by no means well off.

Yours faithfully.  
William Ross

To Robt Barker Esq<sup>r</sup>,  
Wellington Rd  
York.

✓ The Villa. (933)  
Kaffertow. 24  
Spifffield.  
12<sup>th</sup> November 1904.

Dear Sir.

I shall be pleased  
if you will favour me  
with Leems for Patients  
voluntary or otherwise  
suffering from

nervous breakdown I  
may add I am enquiring  
on behalf of an old lady  
who has a daughter over  
30 who has been mentally  
afflicted the old lady  
is an invalid, and the  
surroundings at home  
are depressing hence



6, SPENCER PLACE  
LEEDS

Nov. 4, 1907

Dear Dr. Redford Peirce,

The delay in  
writing you again is due  
to the indecision of my  
patient -  
She is now anxious to come  
to Thronely on Wednesday  
next -

If you can get a reduction  
in terms I shall be much  
obliged as her husband is  
by no means well off -

Will you please send  
necessary papers if  
they can be signed by  
admission -  
With kind regards,

Yours sincerely  
Henry J. Roper

SPENCER PLACE  
LEEDS



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G. SPENCER PLACE  
LEEDS

Nov. 9. 1907

Dear Dr. Perce

My patient  
(Mrs. Hirst) unfortunately  
came across this fact on  
the other day and after  
what she told her of  
naturally knew she re-  
solved point-blank to go  
abroad until this morning  
but she would change  
her mind, but she did not  
leave her for you know  
rather

With kind regards

Yours sincerely  
Helen J. Roper

LEEDS  
C. SPENCER PLACE



June 16<sup>th</sup> 1907 ✓

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Bedford Pierce M.D.

Penrhyn,

Brincliffe,

The Retreat York Sheffield.

Dear Sir,

My wife has been mentally afflicted for a little over 7 years, she is nearly 60 years of age, is perfectly quiet & harmless,

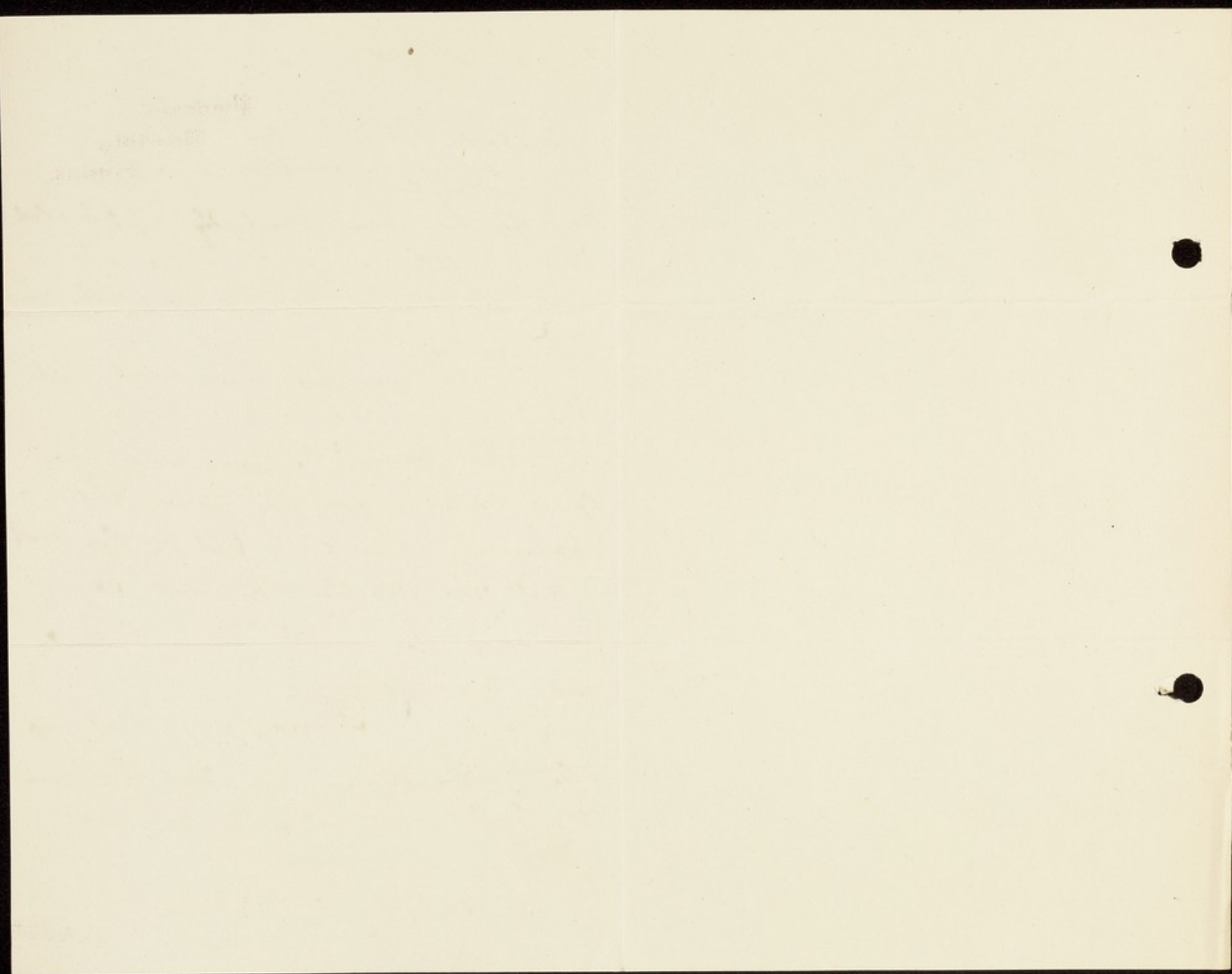
For two years past she has been in a Licensed House in Rotherham.

I am desirous of a change for her, and will be changing about the end of this month.

Will you kindly reply and say if you can do with more Patients and your term.

I may say that up to the present time the cost has been very high, and that is the principal reason for a change.

Yours truly, J. Roberts





serum treatment is successful.  
We have now some very  
striking cases, but our  
resources are not yet com-  
plete, and the subject has  
complications that create end-  
less difficulties. We have  
three different sera, and one  
kind suits one case & one  
another. Probably we shall ultimately  
have to prepare a polyvalent  
serum. I do not think it  
would be wise to attempt  
to treat your patient <sup>with serum</sup> at  
home.

Yours very sincerely,  
W. Ford Robertson

Ernest Dinkley -  
23 Market Place  
Hull.

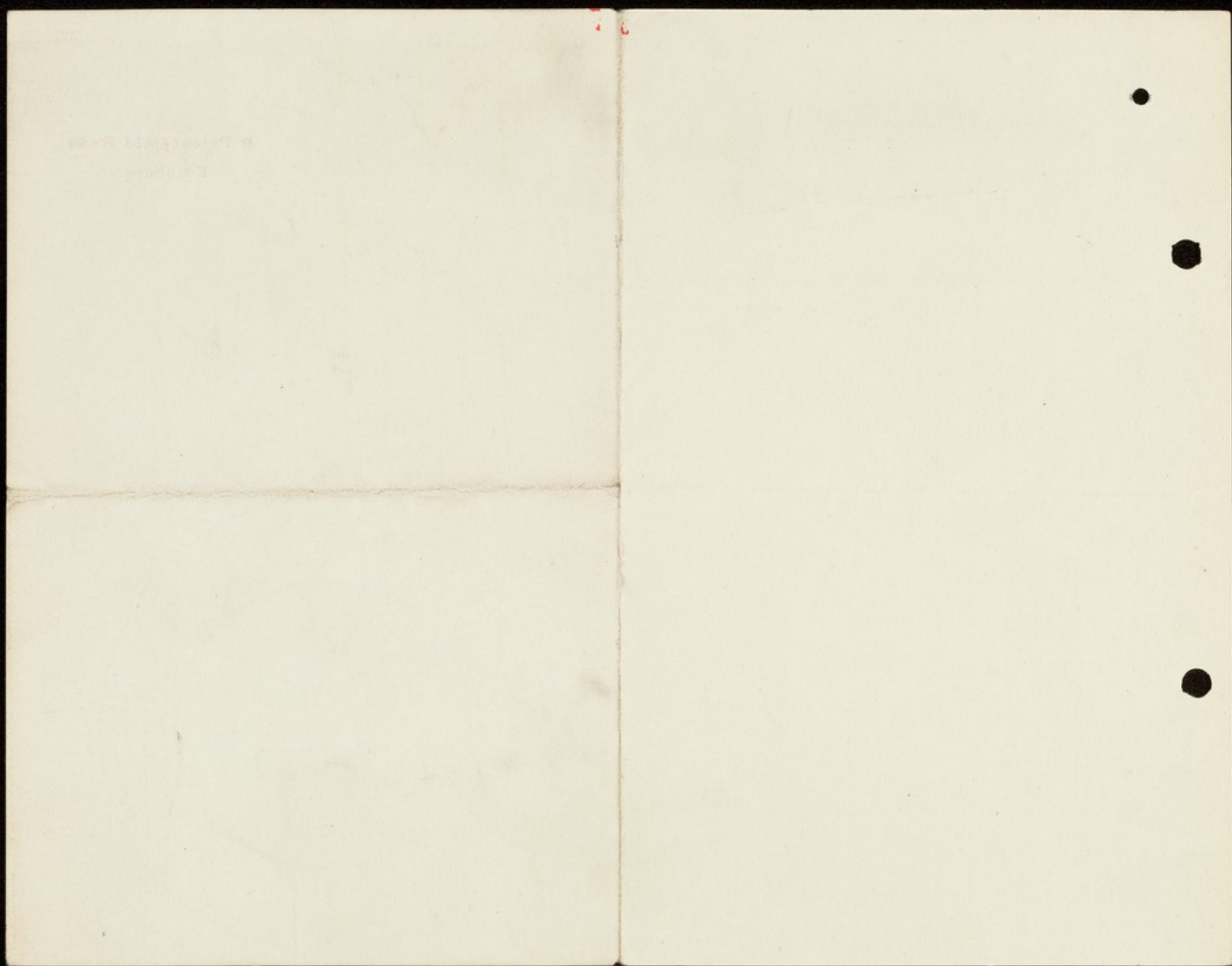
8 Priestfield Road  
Edinburgh

17th Ap. 1807

Dear Dr. Bedford Price,

I duly received yours  
of the 12th.

I have talked the matter  
over with Dr. McRae, and we  
think that the only possible  
way in which, at the present  
stage of our work, the patient  
could be given serum treatment,  
would be for him to come to  
stay at The West House as  
a voluntary patient, at the £45  
rate. There can be no doubt  
at all that in most cases the





RUTTER &amp; RUTTER,

Solicitors.

JOHN K. RUTTER, Shaftesbury.  
CLARENCE E. RUTTER, Wincanton.

ALSO AT MERE.

Wincanton.

17 April 1907

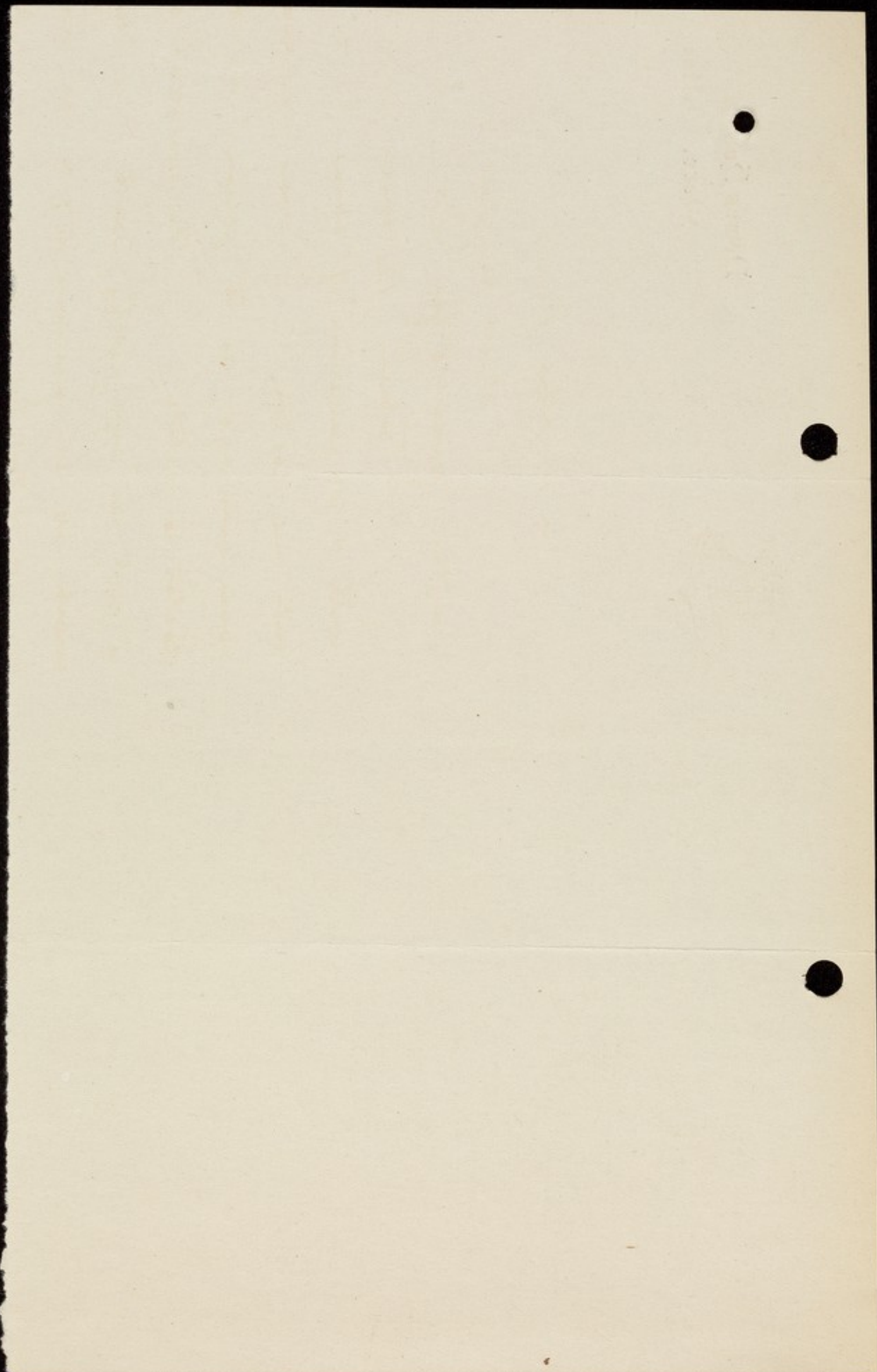
Dear Sir,

In reply to your note I shall be pleased to render Mr Dorley any assistance I can. Would it be of use to ask him to stay at our house while in the neighbourhood? We always have a guest chamber ready for our friend even in the holidays.

How delightful it is having the children home from school. Our three have come home full of life & spirits. With kind regards

I am very sincerely yours

Clarence E. Rutter







340  
Dewes House,  
Mere, Wilts:

Apr 21 1907

Dear Bedford Price.

I shall be glad to do  
anything possible for Dr Dorley.

Tisbury, 12 miles from here,  
with a population of some 3000 has  
only one doctor. I was approached  
some time ago, as to getting another  
doctor to settle. The present man

is not in sympathy with Free Church  
work, or temperance etc; & has made  
himself distasteful to some of the Club  
members. It appeared to me the

combination in a town of that size  
certainly constitute an opening, but you  
will see it should be somebody whose  
character & sympathies would commend  
him to Free Church people.

Would it do to mention this  
to Dr Dorley! With kind regards.

Yours sincerely, Francis B. Rutter  
We have been full up for 3 years!





on Mr. Hargreaves' ground but  
 he had a machine and  
 structure of the sort  
 with at its entrance into his  
 sluiceway.  
 I suspected this but as I  
 had passed a sluiceway  
 with flushed out his sluiceway  
 about 10 or 12 weeks before he  
 died I thought I must be  
 mistaken. He needed so  
 much to be proceeding  
 that I did not try again -  
 with kind regards

Yours sincerely  
 Henry J. Roper

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6. SPENCER PLACE  
 LEEDS

Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 1896

Dear Dr. Peirce,

I am much  
 obliged to you for your letter  
 & I am sure Miss Jackson's  
 parents will be deeply  
 grateful to you for your  
 kindness in arranging  
 for her to go to Thronley -  
 will you kindly tell her  
 how we are to proceed in  
 the matter so that she may  
 get away in Wednesday  
 week?  
 It will be a great thing to  
 save her from the stigma  
 which unfortunately attaches  
 to any one who has been in  
 the asylum.  
 I made a poor woman

6.2 FENNER PLACE  
LEDS



Copy

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Crichton Royal Inst.

21 Dec. '06

Dear Sir,

I enclose a prospectus of this Institution, from which you will see that the lowest rate of board is £40 per annum. We will be glad to admit your daughter at that rate.

(Signed) Yrs truly

James Rutherford

W Bingley





TELEGRAMS:- ETWALL.  
STATION:- ETWALL, G.N.R.

1875  
✓ HILTON LODGE,  
ETWALL,  
DERBY.

December 15<sup>th</sup> 1906

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I hope you will kindly  
excuse me writing  
to say that anything  
Mr. Murray said to you  
yesterday about my sister  
is strictly private, I did  
not know he would see  
you and nothing is being

done over Miss Pearce -

Believe me

Yours truly

E. M. Ratcliff



Excuse my troubling you -  
Believe me

Sincerely yours  
Mr. Anita Richardson

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1906

THORNHOLME,  
SUNDERLAND.

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Dear Dr. Pierce -

Some time ago  
there was an advertisement  
- inserted in the "Friend"  
from a doctor at Hastings  
wanting a patient to  
live at his house -  
and the address was  
Thornholme - Hastings.

Your name was men-  
- tioned as a reference

and should be so much  
obliged if you could  
tell me the doctor's name  
as I cannot now find it.

You may remember  
that my husband's  
nephew Dr John Baynes  
wrote you last spring  
about an attendant  
for my brother, who  
had returned from  
South Africa in a very de-

-pressed state. He is now  
somewhat better - and  
we think may soon be  
able to have a change  
from Dr Clouston's -  
and it is on that ac-  
count that we wanted  
the name address of  
the doctor at Hastings.

It is sometimes so  
difficult to find the  
right kind of place  
and a patient to -

I hope you will



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Crichton Royal Institution  
Dumfries

8th November 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I will be glad to admit Dr.  
Dooley for three months as a voluntary patient  
at the rate of £100 per annum. I shall give  
him a private sitting and bedroom, and he  
must agree not to go out without an attendant.

He will have to write a letter such as  
the enclosed, and post it before leaving York.

● This is the only formality that is required.

I hope he may do as well as Gane did.

He is now senior Assistant in the Fife Asylum.

Yours very truly,

*James Muirford*

10-11-1944

Dear Mr. Wilson,

and November 1, 1944

Dear Mr. Wilson,

I will be glad to assist you

in the preparation of the report on the

work of the committee on the

subject of the

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Very yours truly,

John H. Johnson



✓

12  
Newby Wake.  
Northallerton.

Oct 29. 06.

Sir.

Rutem

I enclose £2.2.0

for H. Carter who  
leaves today. having  
been here from the 25<sup>th</sup>  
As a male nurse  
comes in her place  
today - I shall be

obliged by being the month? or by  
informed. if payment the 3 notes sh<sup>d</sup> they  
for the male nurse remain as long?  
Will date from today  
or from the end of  
Mr. Carter's week.

Also how you w<sup>d</sup>  
wish the 2 male nurses

payments made by  
the month? or by  
the 3 notes sh<sup>d</sup> they  
remain as long?

Yrs truly  
Mabel Campbell  
(for H. Ransom)



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TELEPHONE No. 5608 CENTRAL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
ENVOY, LONDON.

*Confidential*

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,  
LONDON, E.C.

Oct 16: 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

The Mother of a former Clinical Assistant was brought up to town yesterday suffering from a mild maniacal attack and was to go this morning to stay with her sister (who has had a training in Nursing) at Clacton-on-Sea. It is desirable to avoid disturbing the patient if it be possible, and they may require a skilled Mental Nurse. I have recommended

them to apply to you, feeling certain that you will send a competent person.

Though I have not seen the lady during the present attack I have known her for many years. She is highly educated and of a sensitive disposition.

If you receive a telegram from "Food, Clacton on Sea" you will know about the case. With kind regards

Remain yours Sincerely  
W. Rawes.

ST. LOUIS, MO.  
JAN. 10, 1900

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LONDON, E.C.

Oct. 18: 06.

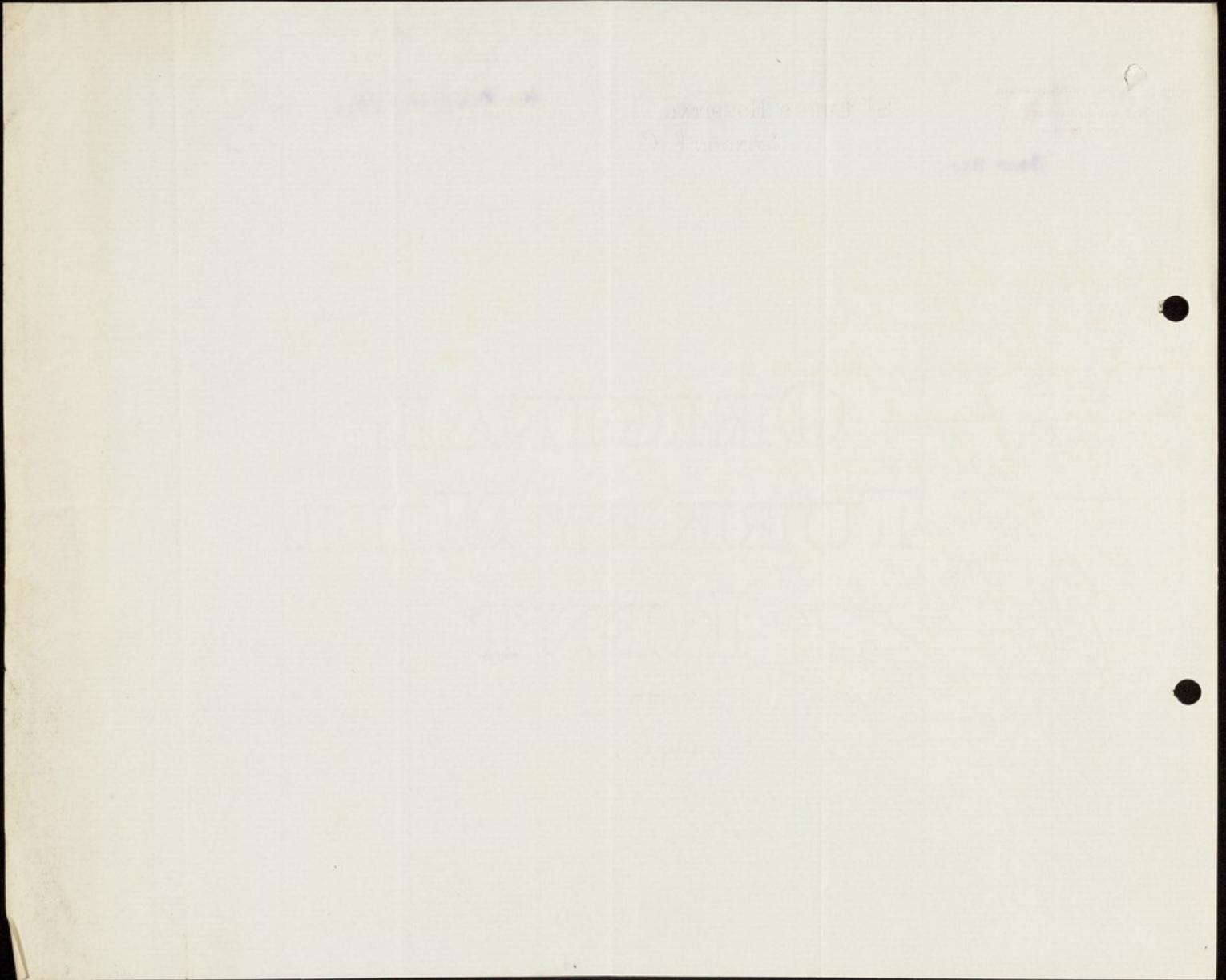
Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for  
your letter. I have  
written to my friend telling  
him the position.

With reference to your query  
here I to tell you fully & frankly  
all my thoughts. It is highly  
probable you would arrive at  
the conclusion that my state  
of mind should be enquired  
into. I won't say more than  
ask you to look up Proctor's  
Capt. verses 17, 18 & 19.

The worst of it is that I  
can do nothing but let  
things accumulate.

Yours sincerely  
W. Rawes.





this aged friend - It  
has been difficult as  
she is difficult to manage  
but at last a place  
has been found that  
the br. will sanction  
as suitable. It is  
not an Asylum. We  
trust it will be a  
comfortable place for  
her until the end  
comes as she enters  
the same Everlasting.  
I am sincerely yours  
Anna M. Rochester.

10 Cambridge Road.  
Boston.  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> '06

Dear Friend -  
W. E. Waller

Since your letter of  
June 29<sup>th</sup> in reply  
to mine to Mr. Pierce,  
the case about which  
<sup>you wrote</sup> has been under con-  
sideration in the  
endeavour to find  
out the best way  
in which to care for







MUNBY & SCOTT,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,  
MUNBY, SOLICITOR, YORK.  
TELEPHONE N° 61X.

3, BLAKE STREET,  
YORK.

16th October 1906.

Dear Sir,

Miss Pearce, who I understand is one of your Staff, is, as you know, attending a lady at Boston Spa. That lady is a client of ours and Miss Pearce informs me that her remuneration should be paid to you. I shall be glad to see you on this subject at your convenience. I did not make the arrangement, and the finding of the money in these circumstances (which it is my duty) to do is not easy.

Yours faithfully,

*Fredk. J. Munby*

Dr. Bedford Peirse,  
The Retreat,  
York.

*Radcliffe*

10th October 1905.

Dear Sir,

Miss Parnes who I understand is one of your staff is as  
you know attending a lady at Boston Spa. That lady is a client  
of ours and Miss Parnes informs me that her remuneration  
should be paid to you. I shall be glad to see you on this  
subject at your convenience. I did not make the arrangement  
and the finding of the money in these circumstances which is in  
my duty to do is not easy.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Parnes,  
The Rectory,  
York.



(825)  
FAIRFIELD,  
KITCHIN, 8  
HERTS.

16. X. 11. 06

Dear Mr Waller  
Sec<sup>y</sup> to the Retreat

I see the line for Wine, Thirt  
or ale in your report. Kindly send  
to me, is left blank. ~~that~~ for 1905,  
Is this because you have forbid  
the use of any of these in the Retreat?  
We are having this question seriously  
considered in our "Three Counties Anglian"  
on which I am on the Visiting  
Committee, and are working to  
get all the information we can  
on the subject, and shall be glad  
to have your <sup>views</sup> yours sincerely.

Wm Ransome

FAIRFIELD,  
HITONIA,  
HERTS



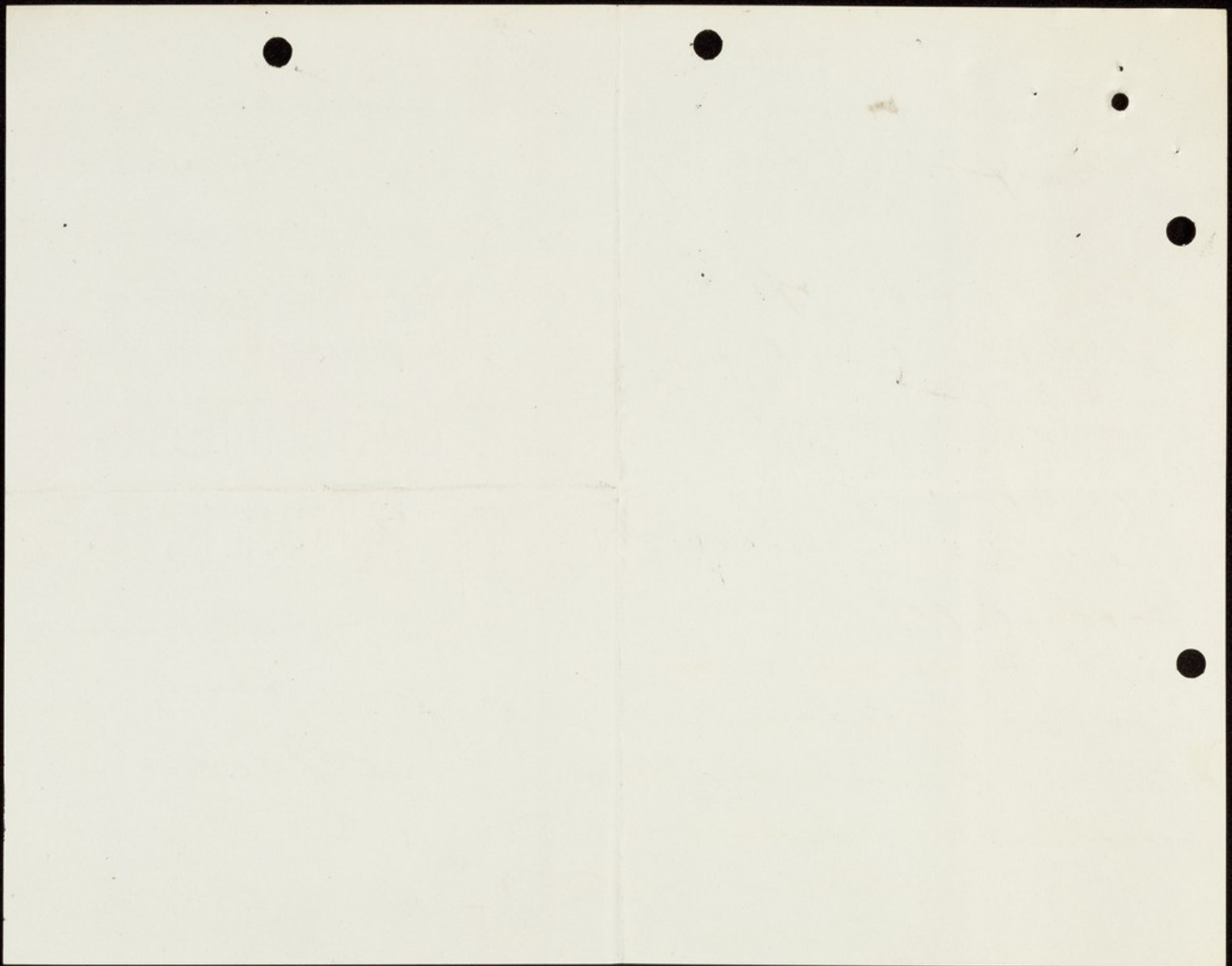
Faxwell Grange  
 Park & Live  
 Bradford 6<sup>th</sup> July '507

Dear Doctor, After  
 all, I could not yet  
 arrange regarding  
 my wife. I believe  
 that she is a suitable  
 patient for Throxenly  
 Hall, if you have room  
 for her. Please to  
 let me know the  
 cost & ask Doctor

Gilmours of Salsbor Park  
 Burley in Wharfedale  
 if he can still recommend  
 Mr. Reiche to come  
 to you & Salsbor.

I have delayed  
 writing you, because  
 so many people have  
 to influence me.

I am, Dear Doctor,  
 yours truly  
 A Reiche.





Park Drive 25

518

Bradford 22<sup>d</sup> July 1906

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Dear Sir, I received your  
letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> July & don't  
think, that a special nurse  
is necessary for Mrs. Reiche.  
Have you asked Doctor Gilman?  
I like a room for £ 4. 4/-  
but don't like washing extra  
-only of course pocket expenses  
or mending or dresses etc.

Yours truly

a Reiche,

Doctor B. Pierce.





25 Park Drive  
Heaton

Bradford the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1906

Dear Sir, I have received  
your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.  
& also one from Doctor  
Gilmour. He thinks  
that the best course  
would be for my  
wife to stay a few  
weeks at the retreat,  
so that you can see  
more of her, and then  
at the end of August  
to go to Thropheny Hall.  
I suppose of course,  
that she would have  
her own private bedroom.

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Are your terms incl.  
washing etc & what  
accommodation etc do  
you offer for about  
4 £ a week?

yours very truly  
Ad Reiche.







SCALEBOR PARK,  
BURLEY-IN-WHARFEDALE.

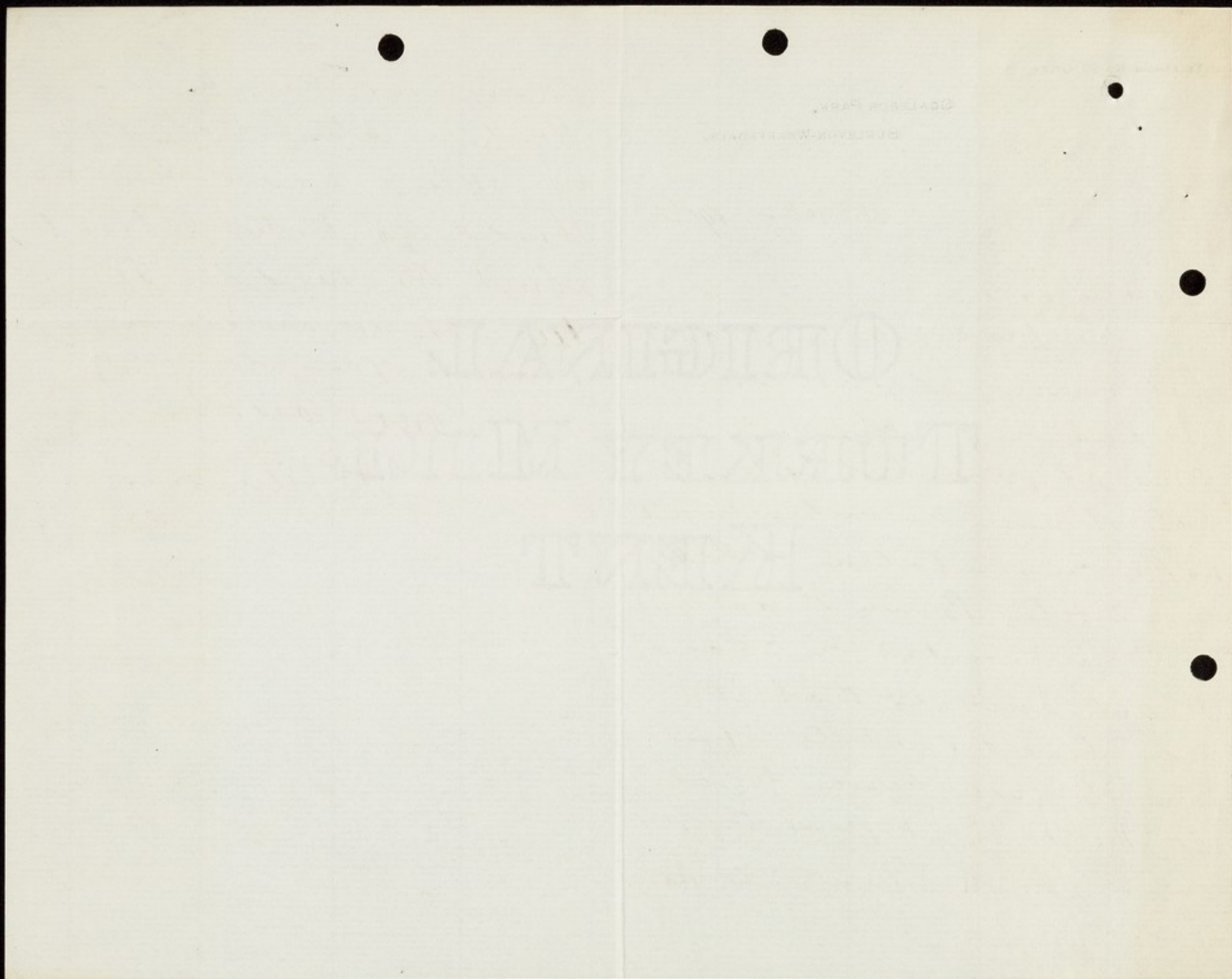
11 July 1906

Dear Grace

Mrs. Reiche is a case following alcoholism. She did well when she came to us at first but latterly has shown no improvement & after consultation with her own doctor (Barney of Bradford) he recommended a change. I think however that it may be advisable for you to give her a trial at the Retreat first before she goes on to Thrapston Hall.

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Have written to Mr. Reiche stating that if you are willing to have her she should go to the Retreat about the middle of August. We are all well & trust you are also.  
Yours faithfully  
H. Gilman





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CLIFTON VICARAGE,  
WORKINGTON.

Feb. 24. 1856.

Dear Sir.

I am very grateful for  
reports & information received  
last evening.

In one part of the report it  
speaks of fees varying from  
£ 2. 8. 0 per week, upwards - on  
page 22, paragraph 2, it says -  
"30. 8 op. of patients paying a guinea a  
week or less".

Will you kindly say if this

CLIFFTON VILLAGE  
WORKINGTON

special fee is confined to  
members of the Society of Friends,  
or open to all who cannot afford  
more?

I shall be obliged if you  
will kindly reply early - apologizing  
for troubling you -

I am, Yours faithfully,

Wm. Robert.

Belford Place Ex. Ld.



SP

CLIFTON VICARAGE,  
WORKINGTON.

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Feb. 21. 1896.

My dear Sir.

I have a sister-in-law who has been invalided for some time with hysteria or form of melancholia. She seems to get no better among her friends - & we were wondering if we could get her into a home for a little while, if she would improve more rapidly. Her parents are not afford to pay a great amount - & we

to assist in a final decision  
I shall be glad if you will be good  
enough to send me at your first  
convenience, the particulars of your  
Home, including charges.

I am, yours faithfully.

W. Roberts



22nd  
10am +  
report

● The Bee Hotel<sup>582</sup>  
Aberfeldy

15 July 1906

Dear Dr. Pearce,

Will you  
kindly send a report  
of the Retreat, & any  
useful information  
to Dr. Conder,

3. Park Place -

Cheltenham.

He has a patient  
here suffering from  
acute mania - &  
she may have to  
be certified -

I have brought the girl's  
mother here to see  
Dr. Conder, who has  
told me more than  
he dared tell her, for  
she is prostrated  
by the blow -

They are connected  
with Friends - & I  
ventured to mention  
the Retreat - ~~the~~

D.C. would like to  
know more about  
it, so I promised  
to ask you to send  
him information  
His address is -

Dr. Conder  
3. Park Place.  
Cheltenham.

I leave Aberystwyth to-  
morrow, & though this  
needs no reply, my  
address is

Hutton Le Hole  
Kirby Moorside  
RSC

With kind regards,  
believe me,

Yours sincerely  
Marian Reynolds



a shame in the things but  
Mellors are not satisfactory  
and we are anxious to make  
a change. The will power  
and much muscular  
strength remains without  
power of mind to control  
them.

She has no means of her  
own - but is maintained, and  
would be if at York, partly  
by the Monthly Meeting to  
which the Friend belongs -  
or partly from some of her  
own friends who themselves  
have limited means -

Will you kindly let me  
know if admission to The  
Retreat is possible in such  
a case.

Sincerely yours  
Mrs J Anna M. Roscher

June 24<sup>th</sup> '06  
Wed

435  
10, CAMBRIDGE ROAD,  
HASTINGS.

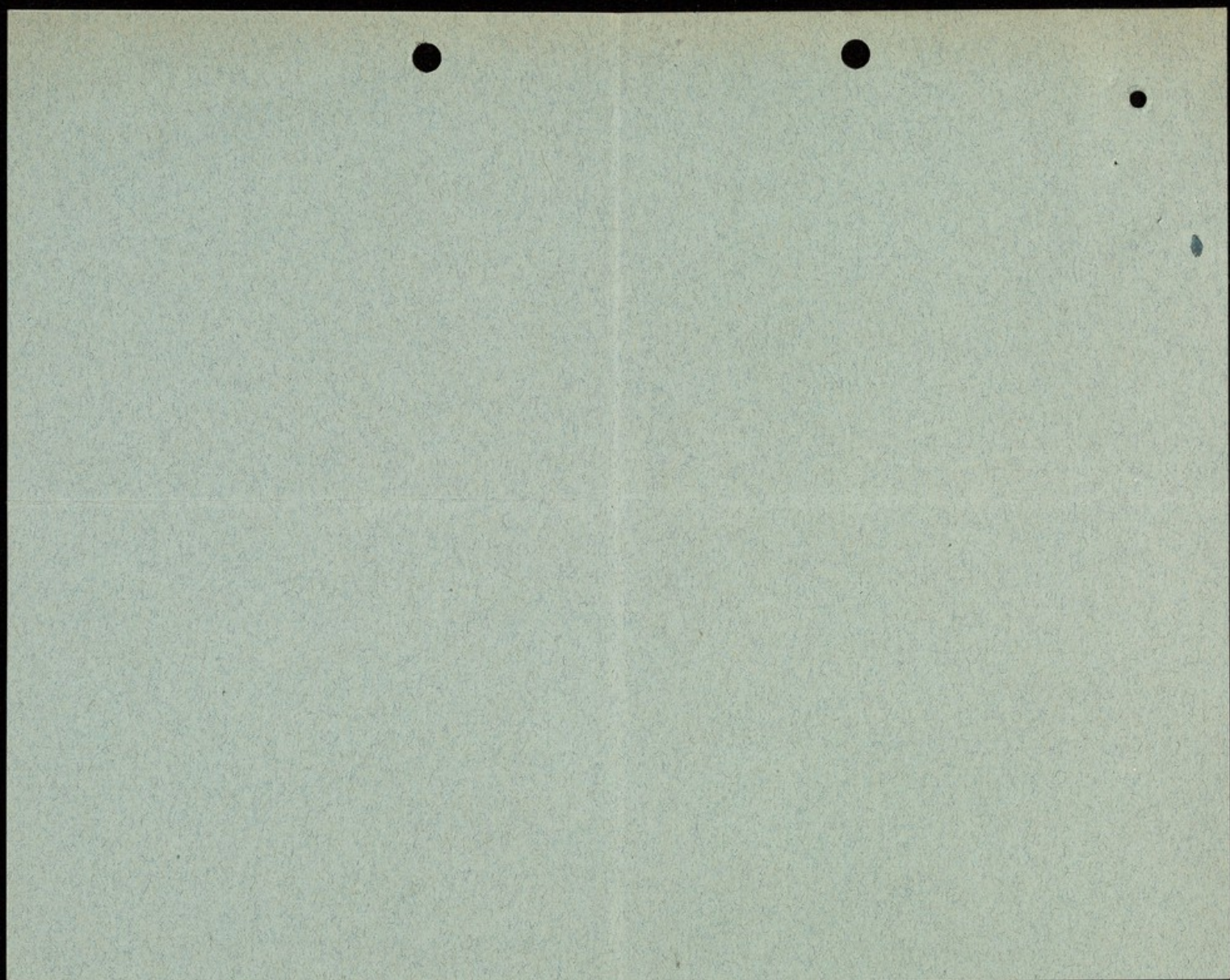
Dear Friend  
Mr Pierce

I am writing to ascertain  
if an arrangement could  
be made for an old  
lady, a Friend, to be  
cared for at the Retreat.  
She is 91 in August.

Her good general health  
but her mind is so clouded  
from old age that she  
is difficult to care for -  
unsuited in an ordinary  
household.

For the past half  
year she has been in







them to manage a large  
fee.

Believe me

Very sincerely Yours  
Winifred Rowntree -

TELEPHONE No 6

CLIFTON LODGE,  
YORK.

(41)  
19. VI. 06.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I have promised a  
woman at Leeman Road, to make  
enquiries as to whether there  
is any chance of getting her  
son into a home. I thought you  
would most likely know. I  
hope you will forgive my  
troubling you. Her son  
is nineteen years old, but is  
quite childish. She has to

taught him to do odd jobs for her in the house, but he has to be constantly looked after & is a great care. Hitherto he has been quite healthy, but last week he escaped from home & whilst out had a fit. The police took him to the workhouse where he still is. He has had several fits since going there & as yet the doctor will not allow him to leave, although there is no

reason to believe he will be detained long. The strain of having the boy at home is very great & the mother sadly needs a rest. She has fancied that of late the boy has shown signs of being less obedient & wanting his own way. She finds him more difficult to manage. I should be very grateful if you would tell me if there is any hope of getting him into a home. The family is very poor & it would be difficult for



W.W.

RIDGWAY & RIDGWAY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEPHONE N9 19X.

ALFRED RIDGWAY,  
CHAPMAN & RIDGWAY,  
CLERK TO BORO' MAGISTRATES.

ENCLO.

*Dewsbury* Mar. 20th. 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

An extraordinary letter has appeared in the Fanciers Gazette respecting the inbreeding of fowls and animals. The writer alleges amongst other things that the Society of Friends has to keep an asylum for their members in consequence of the insanity caused by the inter-marrying of cousins.

If not troubling you too much I should be exceedingly obliged if you could inform me of the number of asylums in England belonging to Friends and the percentage of Friends therein. Do you as an expert consider that the inter-marrying of cousins is responsible for much insanity. Your reply will be

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treated in the strictest confidence.

Very kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

*Chas. B. Dorr*

Friends Retreat,  
Y O R K .

Dear Mr. Ridgeway -

Heavily conforms belonging to friends in the County  
is the Retreat in which at the present time are  
members of the Soc<sup>y</sup> of Friends. Practically all Friends  
are treated in the R<sup>e</sup>. but ~~examined~~.

The proportion of income to the general pop<sup>l</sup> - is  $\wedge$

The no. of Jds in the R<sup>e</sup> compared to the total  
no. of Friends is ~~see~~  $\wedge$

You will see that ~~the~~ there is a wide margin  
+ at any rate it is clear there is no great ~~excess~~  
of income in ~~the~~ the Society.

As it is  
with regard to the increase of income  
it is not possible that when a nation is in health  
intermarriage increases the tendency to disease  
but there is ~~as~~ the converse is ~~not~~ possible, true  
that if the stock is healthy a limited amount  
intermarriage may be helpful - But even that  
it is not possible to find a healthy stock anywhere  
it is more prudent not to marry relatives.



1905 total 18332

Scotland 354

Australia 536 890

8509 males

9823 females

17442

18332

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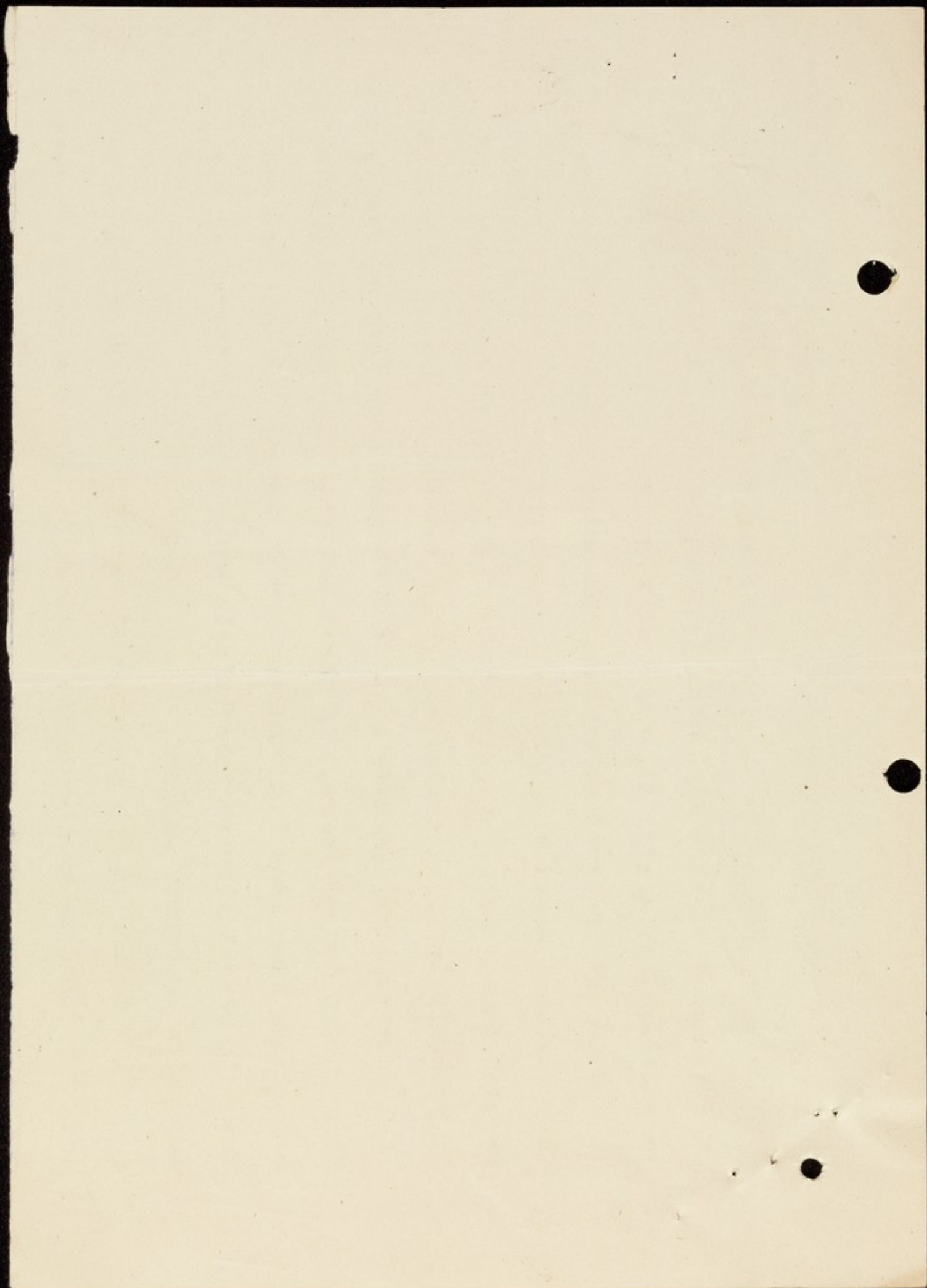
Scotland 354

Colony 947

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We find that there is apparently a greater number (proportionately?) of Friends of unsound mind than in the population at large, the numbers being 1 to every 240, and 1 to every 285.

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is possible - I my father of  
a gentle-refined temperament -  
would be compelled to mix  
with other patients in a more  
distressing condition than he  
happily is. If you can  
help me with my self &  
suffering I should be most-  
grateful. Yours truly  
Annie Richards

(155)

23. Corbett Road  
Cardiff.

Feb: 1906.

Dear Sir.

Would you be so very  
good as to forward me such  
some particulars of your  
home.

Just I wish to know  
Whether the Institution



to for the benefit of  
other than friends.

Also whether the recommendation  
of friends would come as well.

~~at~~ First - I must tell you that  
my brother has been frequently  
afflicted for many years -  
but has always been of a  
docile - tractable temperament -

I was for some years  
allowed out - alone.

He is very well cared for  
where he is - but we find

it a great strain to  
pay the fees 2s/- a  
week. Have you any

rooms for less than this?

I know we could send  
him to some County Public  
Asylum for much less -  
or even free of charge.

But - I also know that -