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4 Ashfield Rd
Moorhead
Sattaria
31 Oct 09

Dear Sir

With reference
to the telephonic
conversation I had
with you yesterday,
I have since had
a chat with Dr
White. As I will
be only a fortnight on
Thursday since my wife
had the operation, the
Dr advises me to keep
her at home for a

little time for the
wound to heal properly
& see how she pro-
gresses.

Under the circumstances
I will postpone my
visit to York next
Tuesday until a
later date.

Yours truly
A. Sands

Dr. Pierce

ROWLAND THURNAM, M.D.

STATION:-
BURRINGTON, 5 MILES.
TELEGRAMS:-
NORDRACH, BLAGDON.

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NORDRACH-UPON-MENDIP,
BLAGDON,
BRISTOL.

28th February, 1910.

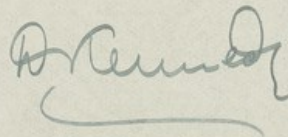
Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter of the 17th with regard to Mrs Sands, who arrived here on Saturday last. So far she does not appear to be in the slightest degree depressed. I have examined her this morning, and find that she has fairly active disease in the upper lobe of the left lung; the apex of the right, and the apex of the lower lobe on the left are also affected. Her temperature is not satisfactory, and we have decided to keep her in bed for a few days. We will let you hear later how she gets on.

Yours very truly,

Bedford Pierce Esq

M.D.



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4 Ashfield Rd
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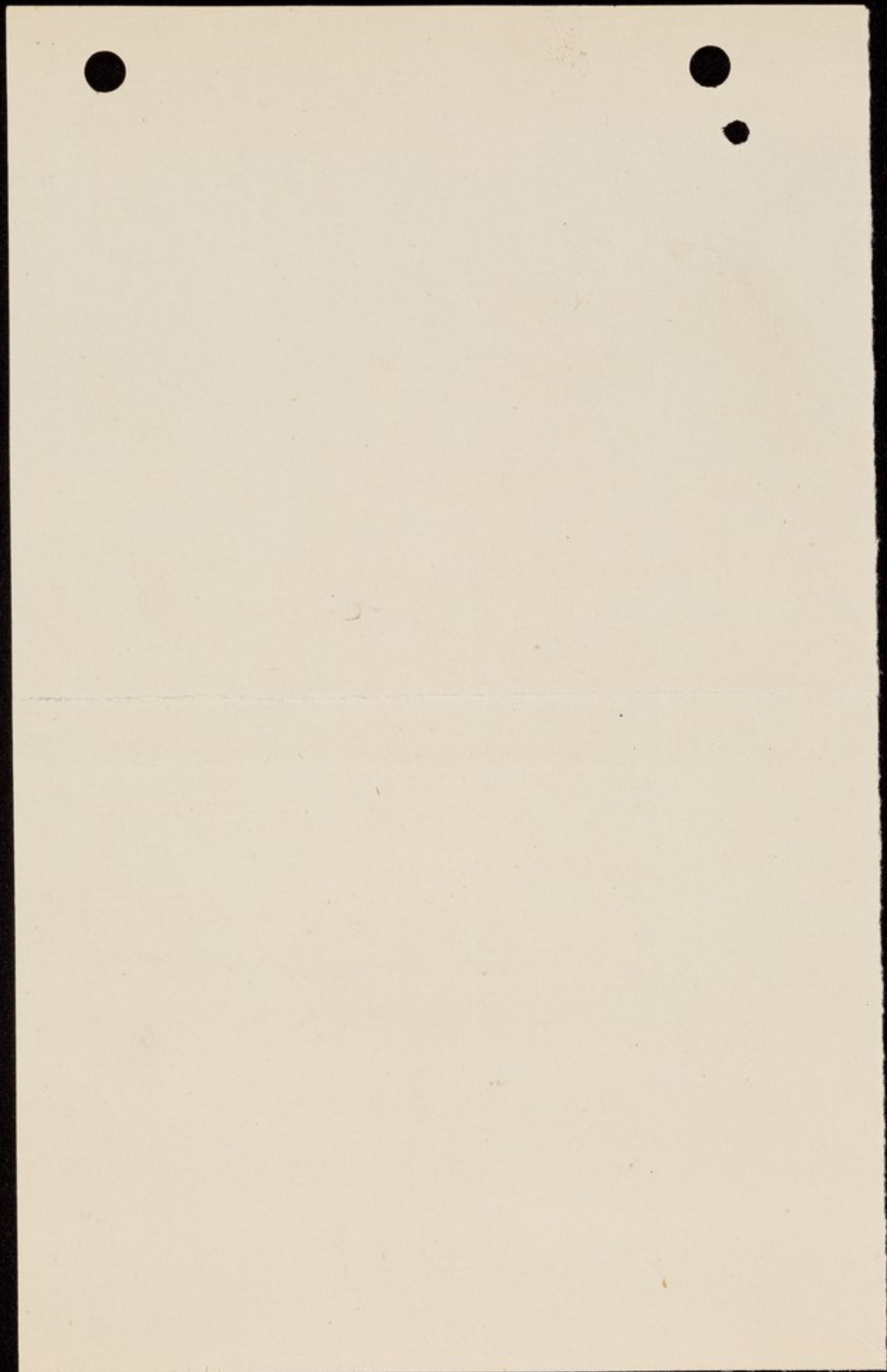
Dr. Bradford Pierce

Dear Sir

Enclosed cheque
£ 60-14-6 in settle-
ment of your account,
which please acknow-
ledge by return of post.

I sincerely hope my
wife is still progressing
& the depression will
soon pass away.

I am
Yours truly
A. Sands



ROWLAND THURNAM, M.D.

STATION:-
BURRINGTON, 5 MILES.
TELEGRAMS:-
NORDRACH, BLAGDON.

NORDRACH-UPON-MENDIP,
BLAGDON,
BRISTOL.

16th February, 1910.

Dear Sir,

Mr Alfred Sands, of Saltaire, has written to us with a view to bringing his wife here for treatment; he proposes travelling down with her on Saturday the 26th inst; and I should be very much obliged if you would let me have some particulars of her case.

Yours faithfully,

W. Kennedy Esq.

Dr Bedford Pierce

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EACH MARGINAL NOTE
MUST HAVE STRICT
ATTENTION.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

53 Vict. c. 5—Sched. 2. Form 8.

- (a) Patient's name in full.
(b) Insert residence in full.
(c) County, city, or borough,
as the case may be.
(d) Insert profession or occu-
pation, if any.
(e) Names in full.

In the matter of (a) Isabel Sands.
of (b) 4 Ashfield Road Moorhead Saltare
in the (c) County of York
(d) Wife of Alfred Sands an alleged lunatic.
I, the undersigned (e) Andrew Little
do hereby certify as follows.

(f) Insert the place of
examination, giving the
name of the street, with
number or name of house,
or should there be no num-
ber or name, the christian
and surname of occupier.

(a) Names in full.
(g) A Lunatic, or an Idiot,
or a person of unsound
mind. (One of these terms
must be used exactly as given.)

NOTE.—A reception order can
not be made upon a certificate
founded only upon facts com-
municated by others.

If the same or other facts were
observed previous to the time
of the examination, the certifier
is at liberty to subject them in a
separate paragraph.

(h) The names of in-
formants must be given
in full, together with
their addresses and
descriptions.

- (a) Names in full.
(i) Or not to be, if so.

(k) Insert full postal address.

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual
practice of the medical profession.
2. On the 4th day of November 1909
at (f) 43 Manningham Lane Bradford
in the (c) County of York
separately from any other practitioner, I personally examined the said
(a) Isabel Sands
and came to the conclusion that he is (g) a person of unsound mind and a proper
person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz. :—

(1) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination, viz. :

Depression & no interest in life

(2) Facts communicated by others, viz. :—by (h)

Information of attempted suicide
communicated by the nurse to me,
Nurse Silverwood
Ashfield Rd. Moorhead Saltare.

4. The said (a) Isabel Sands,
appeared to me (i) to be in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed
to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house.

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament
printed below.

Signed, Andrew Little M.B.C.M.
of (k) 43 Manningham Lane
Bradford Yorks

Dated this 2nd day of December 1909

EXTRACT FROM SECTION 317 OF THE LUNACY ACT, 1890.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other
certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be
guilty of a misdemeanour.

Persons signing Medical Certificates will not be liable to any civil or criminal proceedings if they act in good faith and with reasonable care.

Two Medical Certificates on separate sheets of paper are required in support of a Petition for an order for the reception of a Private Patient. One of these Certificates should, whenever practicable, be under the hand of the usual Medical Attendant (if any) of the alleged lunatic.

Each of the Medical Practitioners who signs a Certificate must personally examine the alleged lunatic separately from any other Medical Practitioner, and not more than seven days before the presentation of the petition.

Neither of the certifying Medical Practitioners may be the father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of the other of them.

One Medical Certificate is sufficient in the case of an Urgency Order. In such case the certifying Medical Practitioner must personally examine the alleged Lunatic not more than two days before reception. The certificate may be signed either before or after the order.

The following persons are disqualified from signing Certificates :—The Petitioner; the Person signing the Urgency Order; the Superintendent, Proprietor, or Medical Attendant of the Asylum, Hospital, or House to which the patient is to be sent; any person interested in the payments on account of the Lunatic; or the husband or wife, father or father-in-law, mother or mother-in-law, son or son-in-law, daughter or daughter-in-law, brother or brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law, partner or assistant of any of the foregoing persons.

Jan. 19, 1910

Dear Dr. White,

As you understand Mr. Sands is a worrying person.

I send for your private information a copy of a letter I
have written to him.

You would be pleased with the improvement Mrs. Sands
has made since being with us.

Yours very truly,

Jan. 19, 1910

Dear Mr. Sands,

Many thanks for your letter. If you have made up your mind to take Mrs. Sands home it is useless for me to offer any advice. Yet seeing the marked improvement that has resulted from our treatment of her, how she has improved both mentally and physically since her admission, I think it is my duty to impress upon you the desirability of continuing treatment upon the present lines. I hardly think you realise the difficulties involved in open air treatment unless special arrangements are provided, and I feel sure that if Mrs. Sands returns to old conditions or lives in ordinary lodgings at Grange or anywhere else the prospect of her recovery is imperilled and she will relapse.

The course I would suggest is that she remains with us some weeks more until I can speak more positively that the tendency to despondency has cleared up. After this I would suggest that she stays at one of the recognised sanatoria for the treatment of consumption. There are many of these up and down the country, and Dr. White would no doubt be able to advise you which would be most suitable.

The progress that she has made certainly warrants the belief that with continued care the lung trouble will progressively improve under the proper treatment.

The condition of the heart, however, is more diff-

icult to deal with, but the continued rest which open air treatment involves will be the best thing for this also.

With reference to the terms, this institution is managed by a Committee, and when it was explained to them that Mrs. Sands required continuous supervision day and night, meaning the continued attendance of two nurses with a third to relieve them for meals etc., the Committee declined to accept the case at 3 guineas a week, and as I explained to your brother in law they wished the terms to be 5 guineas, which under the circumstances, you can see are quite reasonable. In fact I explained that 7 guineas would be the proper fee for a person living under the same conditions. The Committee, however, agreed to accept 4 guineas a week, understanding that the burden of expense was very great for you, and I understood from your brother in law he would see the matter through if necessary. I need hardly say I feel much sympathy for you in this expense which you are incurring, but do not we all, in cases of sickness, have to meet expenses which are a strain on our resources.

Yours very truly,

4 Ashfield Rd
Moorhead
Saltaire
18th Jan 10

Dr. Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

When I was
over at York last
Saturday I wished to
have a little conversation
with you but I found
you were out.

I noticed that my
wife was much better
of the depression & if she
goes on improving at the
same rate during the
next 10 days as she has
done the last fortnight
I am thinking of taking
her home on the 29th inst.

I remain

intend to take her to
Grange or some similar
place.

I have received the
account up to end of
Nov but it is not quite
correct. You are charging
me at the rate of £4-4/-
per week from Dec 3rd.

I am angry with you
that I should pay £3-3/-
per week & I paid up
to 31st Dec.

A short time ago you
spoke to my brother-in-law
about putting up the
tariff to £4-4/-, of which
he informed me, but he
said it would be from
Jan 1st. of course, if you
insist on my paying the
increased rate from Jan 1st.

I shall have to do so
though I cannot afford
it at the present time.

My wife does not sleep
well & she thinks she
would have better nights
if the light was out.

I should be glad if
you would allow the
nurse to have a candle
on the table, to which
I understand she is
quite agreeable.

As I shall be over
again next Saturday
afternoon, I should like
to see you if you are
disengaged. Would
2 o'clock be convenient?

Yours truly
A. Sands

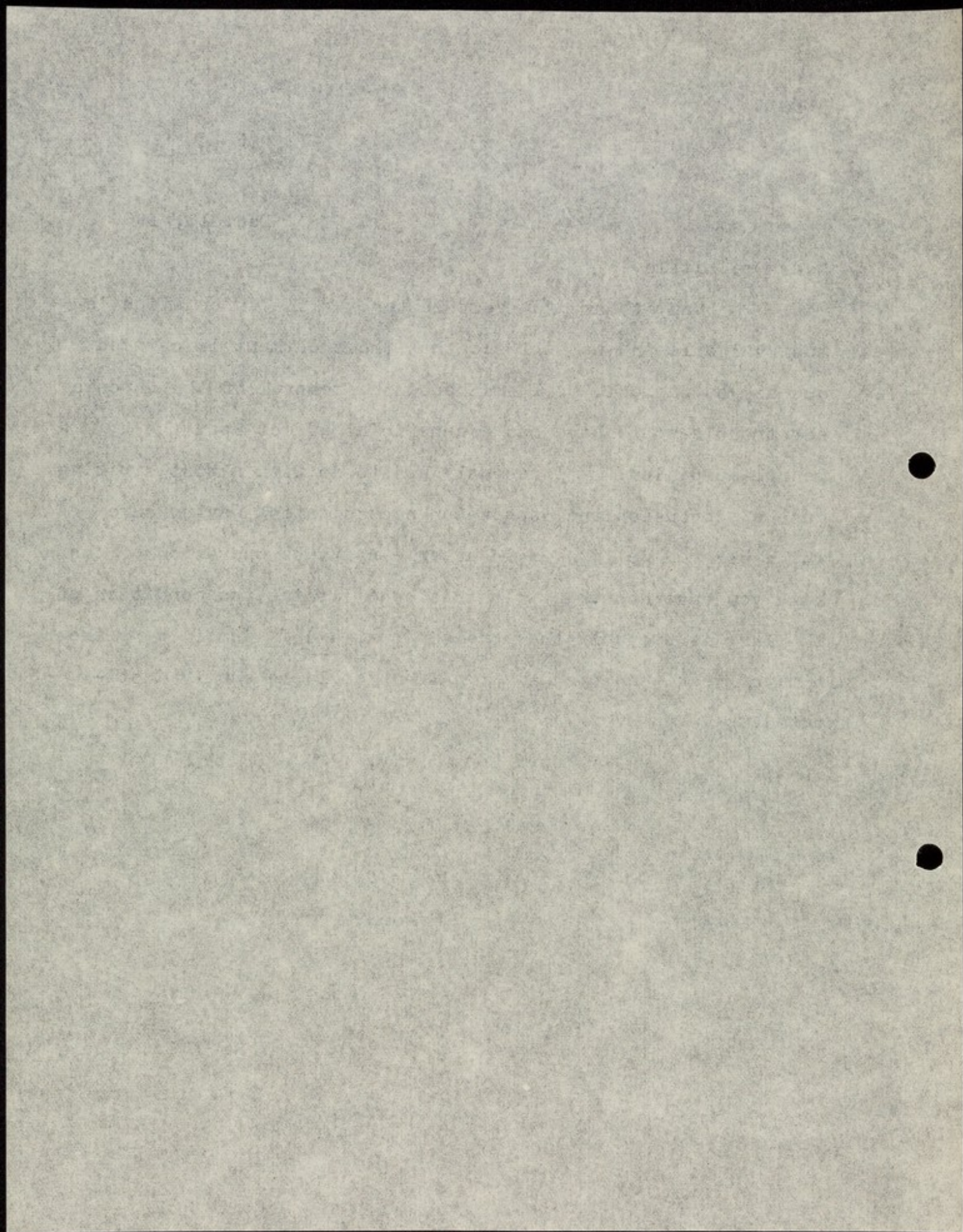
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Dec. 11, 1909

Dear Dr. Little,

Many thanks for your letter. The information is most valuable and we will see that the treatment is carried out as you suggest. I had hoped the removal of the chronic ear trouble would have had a beneficial effect upon the mental condition. I recently had to do with a most striking case of confusion and depression necessitating asylum care which cleared up like magic after a complete operation of the kind you have done. In this case I think the condition of the lung is probably the more serious, and I wish it were the time of year when open air treatment could be easily instituted.

Yours very truly,



CONSULTATIONS
10-1.
TELEPHONE
BRADFORD 1744.

43, Manningham Lane,
Bradford.

Dec 10th 1909

Dear Dr Pierce

I have to thank you
for your letter of Dec 9. 09.
I filled up the certificate for Mrs Sands
at the request of her husband. I
felt at the time, though I am not
very well acquainted with the usual
procedure in such cases, that too
long a time had elapsed since the
last time I saw her to make it
valid.

Mrs Sands complained of a bad
cough during the time she was in
the nursing home & from the fact
that tubercle bacilli have been
found in the sputum I am afraid
that the prognosis will thereby be
very much worse for her. I left the
cough etc to Dr White.

I do not think that the ear condition
was tubercular. It had none of the
symptoms or appearances of tubercular

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43, Manningham Lane,
Bradford.

ear disease.

When I saw her first. she gave me the history of chronic otitis media for a very many years. There was a small perforation through the membrana & she complained of feeling discharge flowing down ~~the~~ from the nasopharynx into the mouth. It is quite possible that tubercle bacilli will be found in the discharge but with that I don't think there was tubercular disease of the bone.

I did the usual mastoid operation opening into the antrum & following the aditus up to the attic & clearing away the bone between the antrum & the external auditory meatus. I then ~~did~~ did a plastic operation the membranous external meatus so as to throw the whole into one cavity. Everything went on well as long as she was in the nursing home

Small, medium, large, etc.
brotherly

Small, medium, large, etc.
brotherly

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TELEPHONE
BRADFORD 1744.

43, Manningham Lane,
Bradford.

but after she went out I fear,
from what information reached
me, ~~that the~~ car was not
so carefully syringed 3-4 times
daily as I should have liked.
I would recommend syringing the
ear ~~thrice~~ ^{twice} daily ~~after~~ ^{the}
ear has been thoroughly cleaned
I should advise instilling a
drop of a saturated solution of
Ac Boracic in alcohol.
The discharge, if the part does not
become tubercular, ought to stop
in a short time after healing
inside has taken place.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Lill

As Managing Agent
for

THE
PACIFIC
COAST
LUMBER CO.

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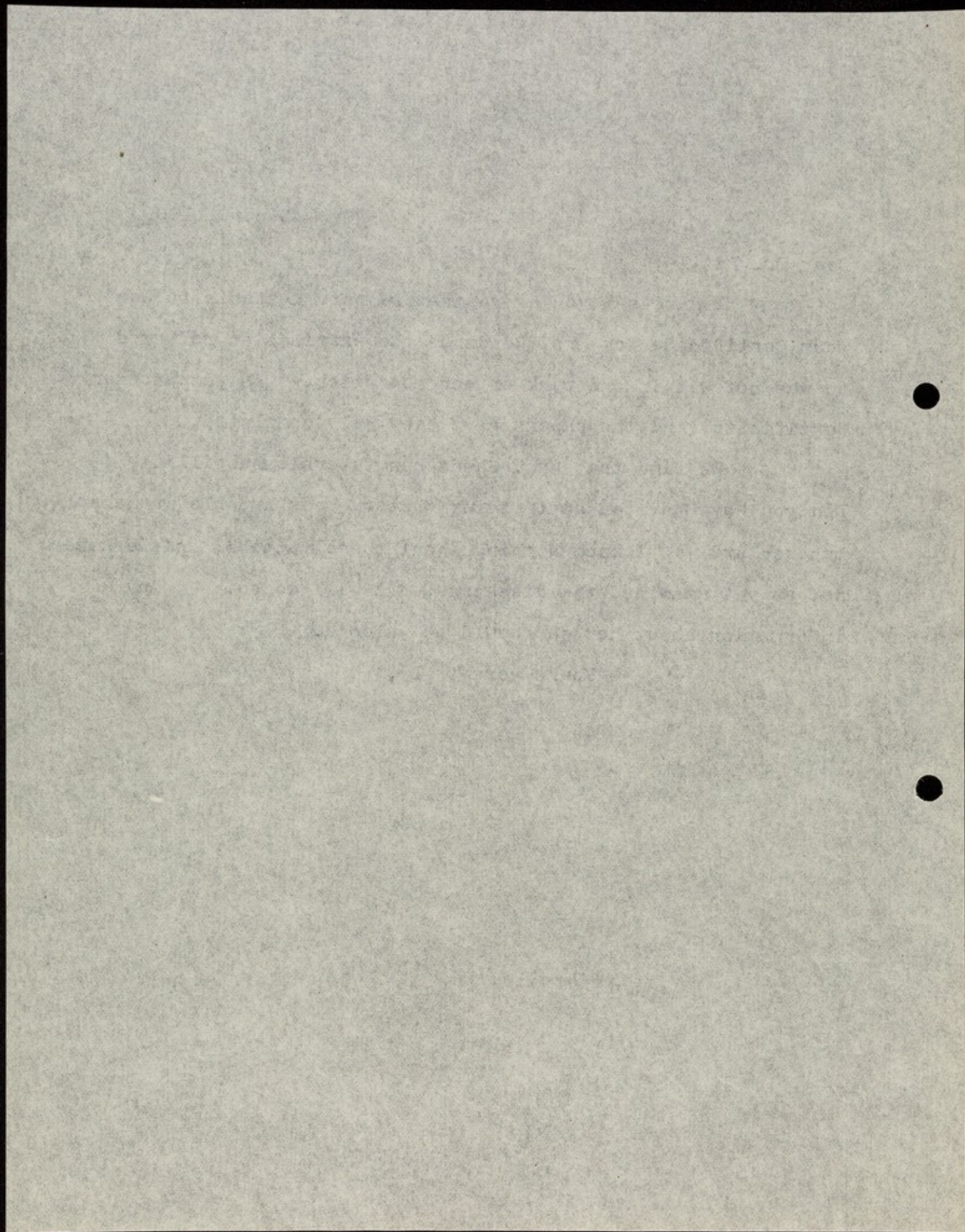
Dec. 9, 1909

Dear Dr. Little,

I dare say you heard that we were not able to use your Certificate for Mrs. Sands as the examination referred to was not within one week of her reception. We got another Certificate, and the papers have been duly completed.

We find that Mrs. Sands has tubercle bacilli. Did you have any reason to think that the ear trouble was also tubercular? I know nothing about these matters, and we have not as yet examined the discharge, but will do so. Any information about her ear would be welcome.

Yours very truly,



Dec. 8, 1909

Dear Dr. White,

You will have heard that we could not admit Mrs. Sands on the Order her husband obtained last week as Dr. Little's certificate was altogether out of date. We have obtained a second medical certificate and are expecting Mr. Sands to get a new Order today.

On the whole Mrs. Sands is no worse, but the poor thing cannot be said to be any better. The situation is a good deal complicated by her bodily condition. We have had the sputum examined and there is no doubt about the tubercle bacilli. This means that Mrs. Sands must be nursed very largely apart from others, sleeping in a single room, and have private nursing. You will readily see that in an Institution such as this where there are so many persons with enfeebled health every possible precaution must be taken.

Mr. Sands says he cannot pay more than 3 guineas a week, and when the matter comes to be considered by our Committee a fortnight hence they will be rather concerned at the expense the case involves. It is most unfortunate that it is not summer time as then we should give her open air treatment in one of our shelters. I fear this cannot be entertained now.

I thought you should know how matters stand, though
I do not see how anything more can be done. We have taken the
case and must make the best of it.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,