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July 8, 1912

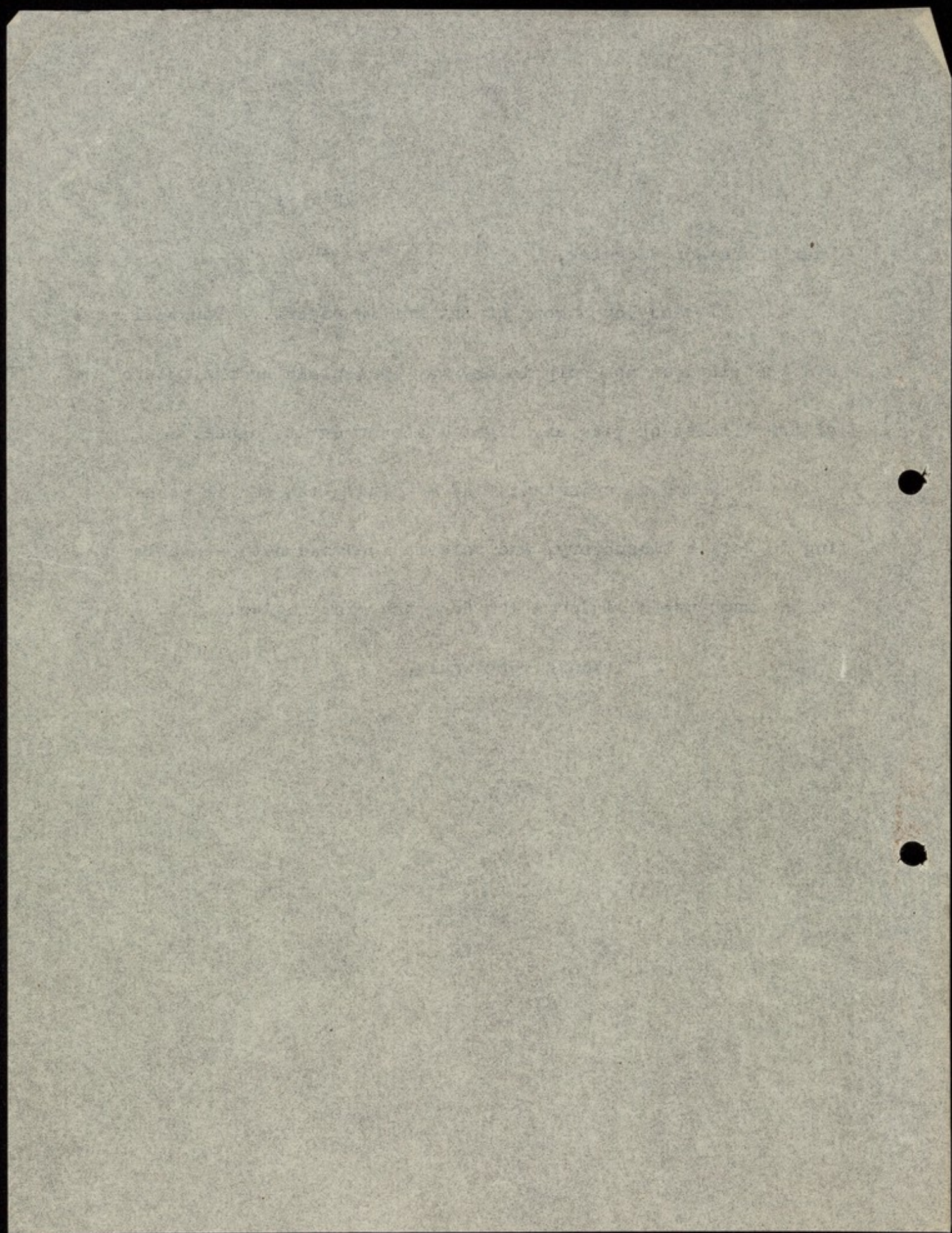
Dear Professor Sedgwick,

I send you a copy of Dr. Mott's report. You will see that it does not help in any way in explaining the nature of the illness or give any light whatever on its cause.

I had an opportunity of meeting a man who is working in Mott's laboratory, who told me they had not been able to get much useful information from the examination.

Yours very truly,







*Sedgwick*

July 8, 1912

Dear Dr. Mott,

Very many thanks for your interesting letter. It is very good of you to have taken so much trouble. Your remarks respecting the brains of the Javanese and the Reindeer man are not very flattering to modern civilisation. Still I suppose one would hardly expect many changes in nervous structure, of an obvious kind, in the course of a few thousand years.

Are you expecting to attend the meeting at Gloucester? I am hoping to be there, but just now things are very complicated, and I may be stopped at the last moment.

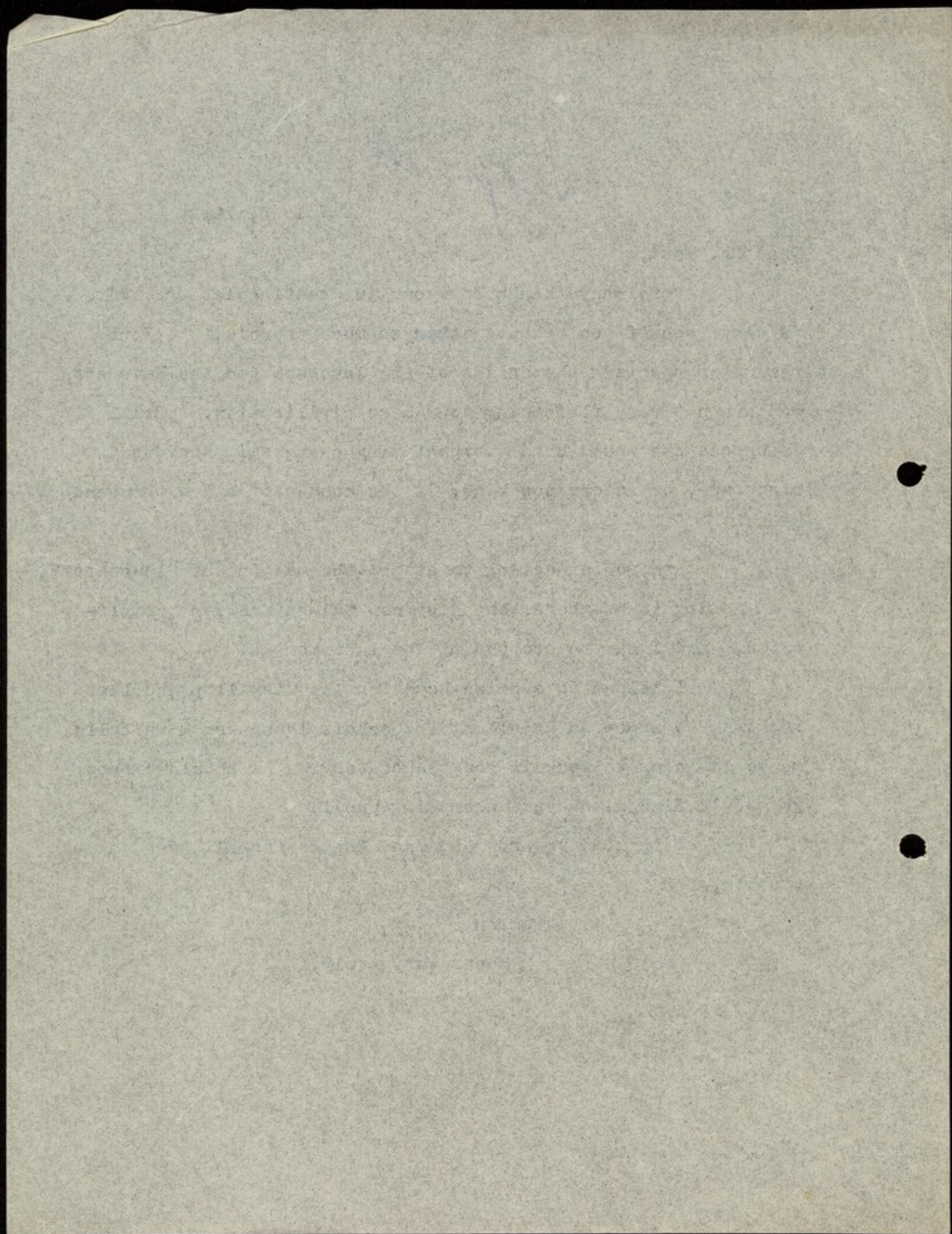
I helped to examine Boyd for the Gaskell prize last week. He wrote an excellent and scholarly paper. He tells me he is going to work in your laboratory. I should expect you would find him a very promising pupil.

With kind regards and many thanks for all your trouble,

I remain,

Yours very truly,







County of London.

F. W. MOTT, M.D., F.R.S.  
25, NOTTINGHAM PLACE,  
LONDON, W.  
PATHOLOGIST  
TO THE  
LONDON COUNTY ASYLUMS  
& DIRECTOR OF THE  
PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

The Pathological Laboratory.  
Claybury Asylum.  
Woodford Bridge, Essex.

Sedgwick

July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1912

Dear Dr. Peirce,

brain

In respect to the brain of the deceased man who died in your asylum I desire to report that a preliminary investigation of the convoluted pattern showed that the configuration deviated nothing abnormal nor much above the average brain of persons dying in the private asylum at Claybury. Sections of the brain microscopically examined likewise did not yield results commensurate with ~~the~~ practical results which would be obtained by any detailed investigation. I am very doubtful whether one can say much regarding the mental capacity of an individual by an examination of the brain



in the case of  
unless ~~there are~~ great extremes. Thus a very heavy  
well constructed brain of a man of normal weight &  
stature would probably indicate mental capacity  
and certainly a small brain in which the deficiency  
in weight was mainly due to small cerebral  
hemispheres and simple constitutional pattern would  
certainly indicate mental deficiency.

Hohlbrugge has shown that the weight of the brain  
of original Japanese is greater than that of the  
average European even though they are Analphabets.  
The reindeer men had a brain as heavy as ours  
judging from the cranial capacity. With kind  
regards -

Yours sincerely

Yours sincerely

Red T. Mott



TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

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June 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

Have you had  
anything from Mott  
about the brain.  
I think he ought to  
report if he has it.  
Hope they are going  
well with you. & Dr.  
McKensie. Is Darley  
still with you?

Yours sincerely  
A. Sedgwick



STANDARD FORM NO. 64





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DR. B. PIERCE.

The Retreat.

YORK.

*Sedgwick*

Dear Sir,

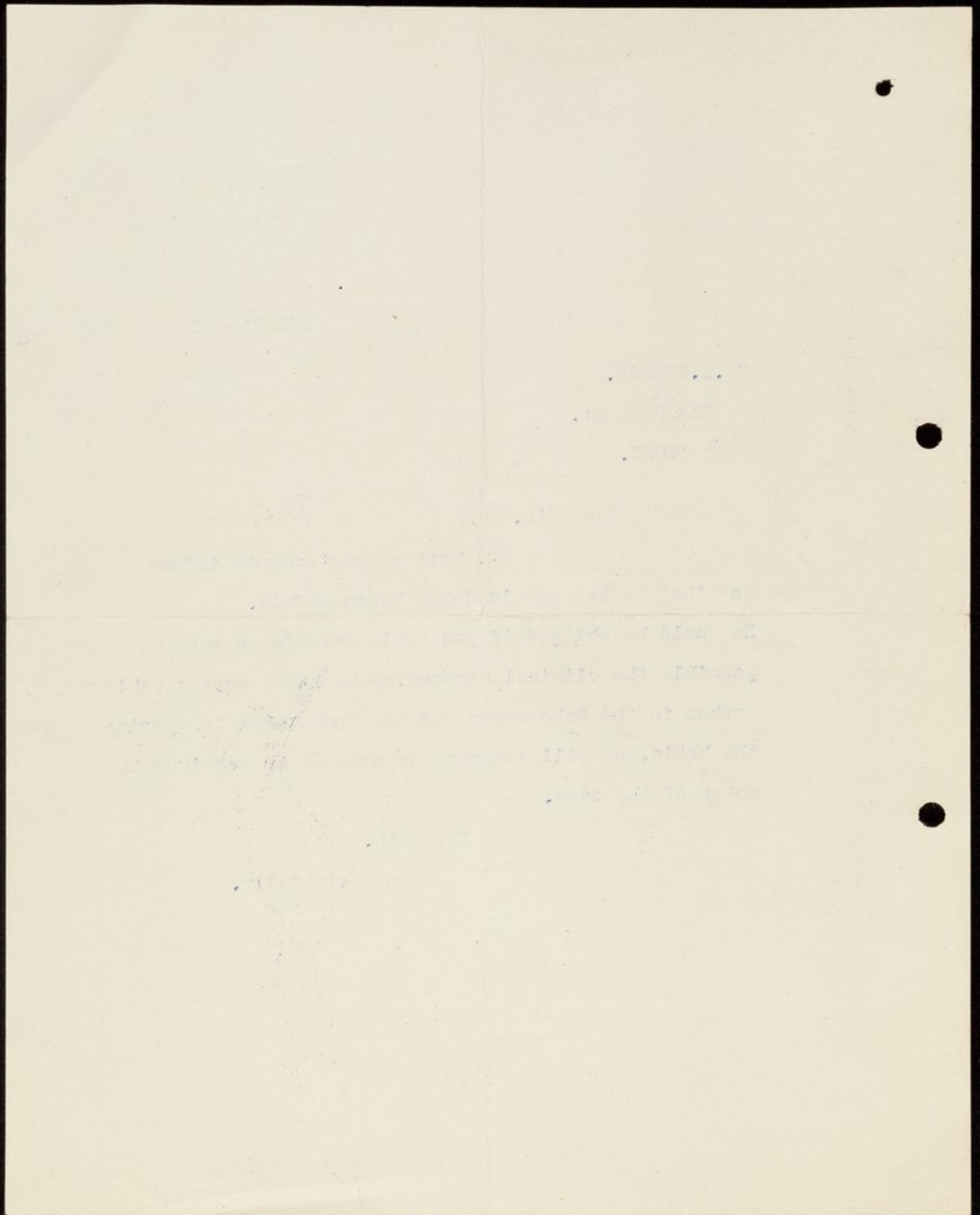
DR. Mott requests me to inform you that he has received the brain safely. He would be obliged if you would forward as soon as possible the clinical history, as he has a most capable worker in the Laboratory who has undertaken to examine the brain, and will commence as soon as he receives the notes of the case.

I remain.

Yours faithfully.

*Chas. Geary*







TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

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April 17, 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry to have  
been so long in sending  
you enclosed - but I have  
been away, busy & part of  
the time laid up with  
influenza.

I am afraid I have not  
much to tell you - I ought  
to have got more from my Aunt,  
but one hears & unless one  
makes a note, forgets  
The point is however that  
so far as we know &c.

the generation before us  
knew, the case is an  
isolated one - no other  
instance ~~either~~ of weakness  
either bodily or mental  
being known to us  
in either his ancestors  
or descendants.  
But his mother's relations  
are unknown to us  
excepting an uncle who  
was a distinguished soldier  
& an Aunt who brought  
her up. The uncle left  
her his fortune.  
The other relations I have

only heard of in a vague way.

I know Dr. Mott slightly &  
am in the way of meeting  
him often. I conclude  
that the identity will be  
unknown to him - indeed  
that follows from your  
letter. I am very sorry

that I cannot give a  
<sup>fuller</sup> ~~better~~ family history.

Yr. truly  
A. Seaborn





Natural History Department.

University of Glasgow

28 March 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have just rec<sup>d</sup> your  
letter. I wish I had had it  
before my Aunt died. I will  
send the details that I know  
of when I return; but I  
am rather ignorant of  
the family of my father's  
mother. We know of no  
taint (mental) in the family  
records.

Yours sincerely  
A. Sedgwick





Thomas Hall. Sedbergk.

Feb: 6. 1911

✓  
Dear Dr. Bradford Pierce

I thank you

for your letter & the account. I send

a cheque for the amount. Prof: Sedgwick

The other matters my nephew will

write to you about. I must again

thank you, & your staff for all

the trouble you have taken, & your

kindness to my late dear brother for

so many years, and for all the

trouble you have taken also in

arranging every thing connected

with with the early part of his  
funeral.

And I should be very glad, if  
agreeable to you, to thank the  
gentlemen of the Committee, in the  
name of my late brother's family.  
Believe me,

yours very truly,

Margt J. Gedywick



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24th March, 1911.

Bedford Pierce, Esq., M.D.

The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

As Dr Mott has asked me to examine the brain of the Rev. Richard Sedgwick, would you be good enough to furnish me with a short outline of his intellectual status before the onset of his delusional insanity and also a chart of his pedigree as far back as possible on both sides showing any family taint; with an idea of the intellectual attainments of the various individuals.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

*Geo. F. Boyer*

Dear Sir,

G.A. Boyer Esq. New York, N.Y.

The enclosed

Yours

Dear Sir,

As the enclosed is a copy of the letter of the  
Rev. Richard Sedgwick, and as you have been so kind as to  
furnish me with a short notice of his life, I have been able to  
insert of his life a few lines, and also a short notice of his  
pedigree as far back as 1600, and also a short notice of his  
family name, which is the same as the Sedgwick family.

with the friends, and they will reply in a few days.

The kind and cordial  
family of the Rev. Richard Sedgwick, I have communicated

In reply to your request for a history of the

Dear Sir,

March 31, 1911



March 25, 1911

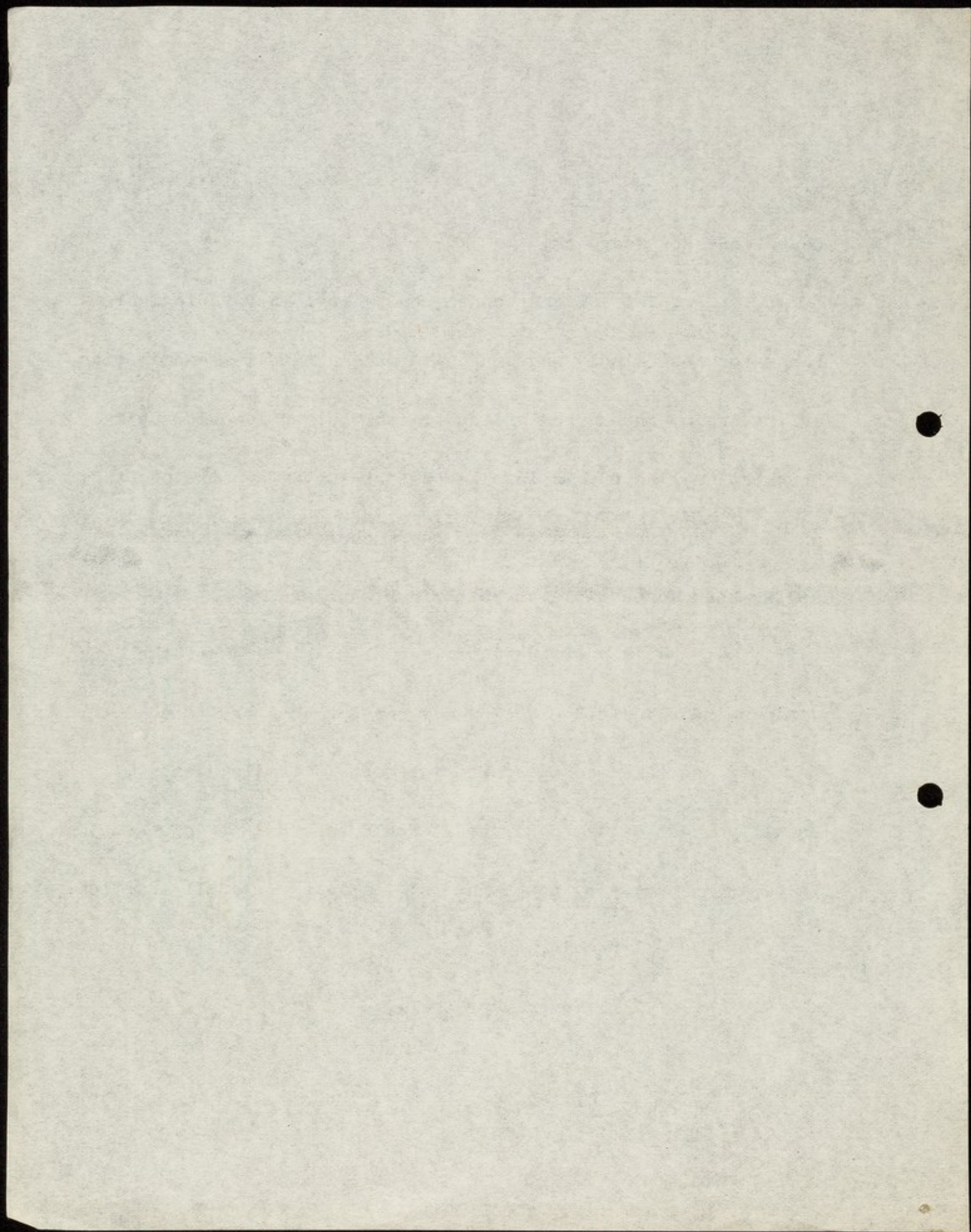
Dear Professor Sedgwick,

Dr. Mott of the London County Asylums Pathological Laboratory has kindly undertaken to make a detailed examination of the brain, and he now writes to ask whether I would supply "a short outline of his intellectual status before the onset of his delusional insanity and also a chart of his pedigree as far back as possible on both sides showing any family taint; with an idea of the intellectual attainments of the various individuals." You may perhaps be aware that Dr. Mott has taken considerable interest in family history, and if you can send a pedigree it would be much appreciated. There is no necessity to put names: initials will fully suffice.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> 1911.

BYNAC,  
SEDBERGH,  
YORKSHIRE.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I feel that I must write  
and tell you that my dear  
old aunt Miss Sedgwick died  
yesterday very peacefully -  
she has been failing for some  
time, and the strain of my  
Father's death told very much  
on her. at her advanced age  
of 86. I think she felt that-

her mission in life was over  
when he went. and she  
gladly said her "Nunc Dimittis".  
She always felt so grateful  
to you I know, for your  
kindness and attention to  
my father

Believe me

Yrs sincerely

Annie Wilson-



TELEPHONE NO. 49.

TELEGRAMS—"EXCHANGE, KENDAL."

ARNOLD, GREENWOOD & SON,  
SOLICITORS.

CLERKS TO JUSTICES OF  
BOROUGH OF KENDAL  
AND KENDAL WARD DIVISION  
OF WESTMORLAND.

R. H. GREENWOOD.  
HARRY D. GREENWOOD.

*Kendal*

9th February 1911.

Dear Sir,

The Rev. Richard Sedgwick deceased.

Miss Sedgwick of Thorns Hall Sedbergh

remitted you on the 6th inst a cheque for £22-12-7  
£22-12-7 for which you sent her a receipt the  
following day. This receipt is now in our  
possession but Miss Sedgwick cannot remember  
the detailed items. Will you therefore kindly  
let us have the same by return of post as the  
information is needed to enable us to prepare  
the Accounts connected with the death of Mr  
Sedgwick. We are desirous of knowing whether  
there was a separate <sup>bill</sup> ~~bill~~ of ten guineas for  
the coffin as Miss Sedgwick remembers that item  
but has nothing to show whether there was a

separate bill. It is probable that you sent  
it to her but as she is not very well she  
cannot give us the information.

Yours truly,

*Arnold Greenwood*

The Secretary,  
The Retreat,  
York.

separate bill. It is probable that you sent  
 it to her but as she is not very well she  
 cannot give us the information.  
 Yours truly,

1. 9th February

Dear Sir,

The Rev. Richard Bedgwick deceased.  
 Miss Bedgwick of Thomas Hall Bedford

remitted you on the 6th inst a cheque for £22-12-6  
 £22-12-6 for which you sent her a receipt the  
 following day. This receipt is now in our  
 possession but Miss Bedgwick cannot remember  
 the detailed items. Will you therefore kindly  
 let us have a return of post as the  
 information is needed to enable us to prepare  
 the Accounts connected with the death of Mr  
 Bedgwick. We are desirous of knowing whether  
 there was a separate bill of ten guineas for  
 the coffin as Miss Bedgwick remembers that item  
 but has nothing to show whether there was a

The Secretary,  
 The Rectory,  
 York.



Thomas Hall. Leeburg

Feb: 4 - 1911

Dear Dr. Purser.

The lawyers are coming from Kendal to Leeburg <sup>morning</sup> and I leave on Feb 8, next Wednesday,

for the purpose of proving my <sup>Rev. R. F. Fyfe's</sup> late brother's Will. I am the sole living Executor, and intend to act as such. Will you be so kind as to hurry up all the accounts, & let me have

them at once. I am in cor-  
-respondence with my nephew  
Professor Adam Sedgwick &  
his sisters on the subject.

Believe me,

yours sincerely,

Marg<sup>t</sup>. J. Sedgwick.



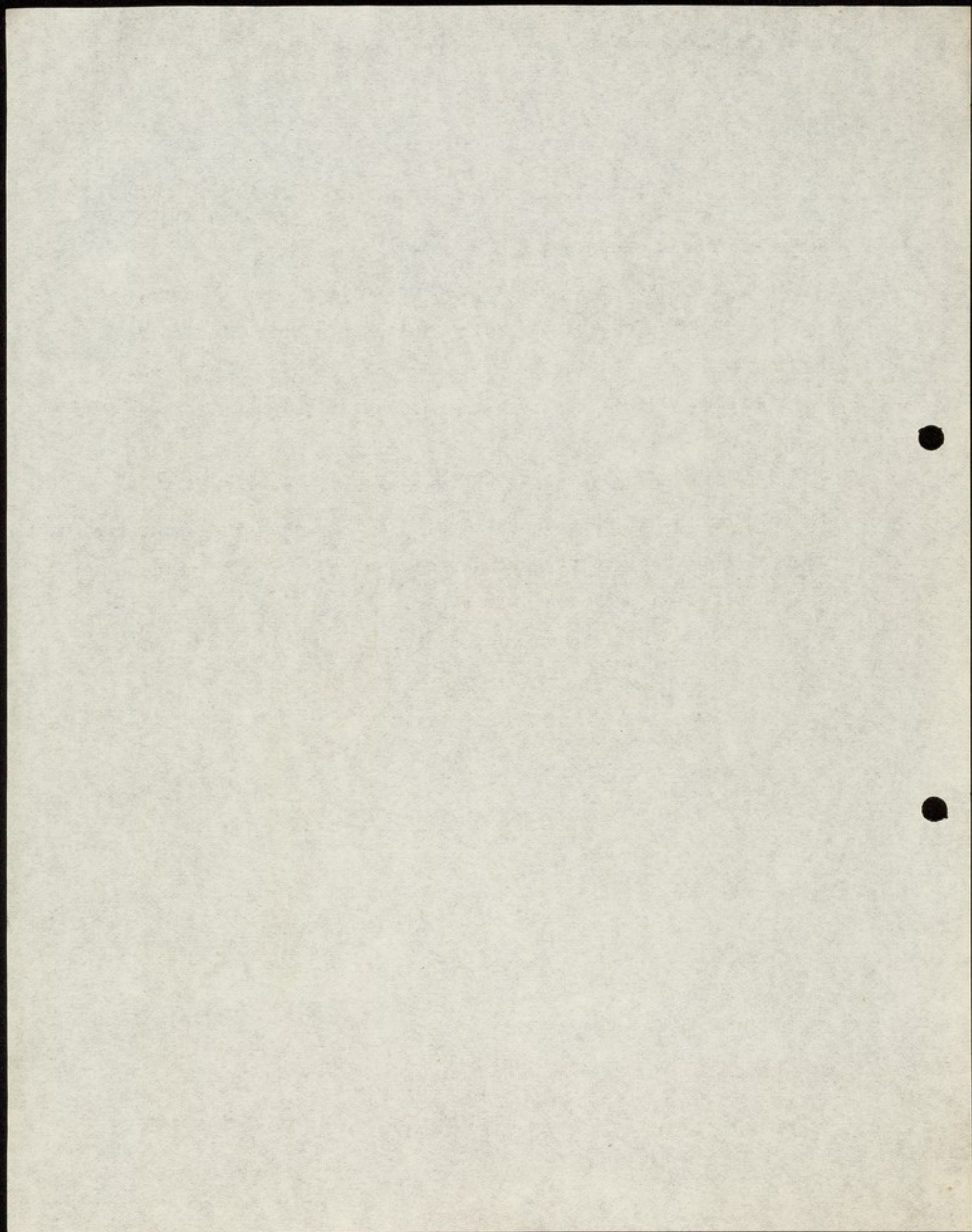
Feb. 4, 1911

Dear Professor Sedgwick,

I have to thank you and acknowledge your cheque, £3, for Thomas Foster. I am quite sure your kind remembrance of his attention to Mr. Sedgwick will be much appreciated. He is at our branch house at Scarborough just now, and I am expecting to see him today.

Let me also thank you for your kind references to the medical staff and others here; and I am sure the Committee also will appreciate your acknowledgment of the work which the Institution has been able to do.

Yours very truly,





2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

27 Febr. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for yr.  
letter of 28 Jan. I have  
just written to Darley &  
enclosed a cheque for the  
sum I mentioned.

As I do not know Thomas  
Foster, would you pass  
on to him three pounds  
a cheque for Mr. I enclose,  
as a very inadequate  
recognition from Mr.  
Sedgewick's family of his



kindness to him through many  
years.

I believe that my Aunt has  
already sent a present for  
Atkinson.

In conclusion I desire to  
say that we are very  
sensible of the kind  
treatment accorded to  
my father by yourself &  
your colleagues, & that  
we feel deeply grateful  
to you & to the world-  
renowned & humane

Institution over w<sup>ch</sup> you  
so ably preside

Yours very sincerely

Adam Sedgwick



altogether different to  
Darley's, & as he has  
left I gather that you  
think we may leave  
him out of account.  
I think that this letter  
fairly represents the  
essential results of our  
conversation on the  
day before the funeral.  
Perhaps you will kindly  
let me have a line to  
say if that is so.

Yr sincerely  
A Sedgwick

TELEPHONE  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

Jan 27. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I think that I ought to  
tell you what we propose  
to do as to Darley ~~and~~  
~~as~~ in case you have anything  
to say.

I understand that Darley  
was in a very special  
relation to my father  
~~that~~ for 38 years  
that for a great part  
of this time he was

more to him than anyone  
else in the world.

My sisters & myself all feel  
that Darby ought to receive  
from us some substantial  
recognition of this, & we  
have decided, subject to  
anything you have to  
say in case I did not  
fully understand you  
in my interview with  
you the day before the  
funeral, to present  
Darby with fifty pounds.  
We feel that having  
regard to what I have

mentioned above, the  
sum ought well be  
larger - but unfortunately  
we are not in a position  
financially to give  
effect to this feeling.  
With regard to Ashmun  
I understood that there  
was nothing special  
in his relation to  
my father & we propose  
to give him £1.

There was another Ashmun  
who <sup>has</sup> left you, but I  
gather that his relation  
to my father was



28 Jan. 1911.

Dear Prof. Ledgeside

Very many thanks for your kind letter. As I think you know the attendants & nurses here have arduous & responsible work & often patients are unable to express any gratitude. Hence the work is sometimes very discouraging.

It is therefore, extremely pleasing to me to hear that you are thinking of making Mr Darby such a handsome present; I believe it is well deserved as he has always been most kind to the patients here & has had a wonderful amount of

tact in dealing with them. Although it was often his duty to interfere in some way & restrain you - late falling for doing something unsuitable, yet in a special degree <sup>Mr. Ledgeside</sup> ~~he~~ returned to the end a real regard for Darby & our constant to turn to him for help when in difficulty.

It is the rule that presents to the staff should be reported to the Committee. The reason for this you will readily understand, but in the present case I am sure the Committee will feel as I do in the matter.

It is less easy to speak of the services of other attendants - If course a great number of them have given assistance at various times. I have asked Mr. Darby



Dear Mr. [unclear]

28 Jan 11.

Very many thanks for the  
letter of the 11th. As I think you have  
the correspondence, I have not  
written a separate letter to  
patients and suitable expressions  
of sympathy. I am sure the  
patients will be very  
grateful for the letter.  
I am, I think, very  
glad to hear that you are  
well. I believe it is well  
deserved as you have been  
most kind to the patients.  
I have had a wonderful amount of

last in dealing with them. I think it  
was often his duty to intervene in  
some way, and I am sure that  
from your own experience, you will  
be a special help to the patients.  
I am sure you will be very  
kind to turn to him for help when  
it is the only way.  
I am sure you will be very  
kind to turn to him for help when  
it is the only way.  
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it is the only way.  
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kind to turn to him for help when  
it is the only way.



to tell me of the past. & speaks of the personal relations of  
Mr. Sedgwick to those about him. He tells me that for many  
years - 10 or 20 or even longer - Thomas Foster was very  
attentive & had much to do with Mr. Sedgwick & that the latter  
always liked him & got on well with him. There appear  
to be no others to be specially mentioned. Atkinson the night  
attendant had little to do except towards the end -

Of course William Smith who has left had a great deal to  
do with him but as you so pointedly write to me I must  
say that in my judgment the personal relations were  
not very friendly between them\* - moreover W. Smith has  
now left upon a pension from the P<sup>r</sup> Committee.

I have been from home but have today sent to  
Miss Sedgwick the packet of MSS books that you saw -  
it is quite probable she will be able to understand  
much more than we could.

With kind regards

I remain

Yours very truly

Edmund Price.

\* This gives a wrong impression - the plain fact is that  
W. Smith was not liked by Mr. Sedgwick - nothing more.



[illegible]

now left before a forenoon for the Green Mountains. Mr. W. G. Smith has not very friendly relations with me, but in my judgment the personal relations were better than they are now. I am disappointed, as you are, that I cannot have a visit with him, but I have a great desire to see William Smith when he is in the State.

it is quite probable she will be able to understand  
him besides the packet of 122 buttons that you saw  
I have been from home but have today sent it

aber sind nicht

inner 6

James W. Wells

Chapman

\* This was a very important  
- because it showed that



County of London.



*The Pathological Laboratory.*

*Claybury Asylum.*

*Woodford Bridge, Essex.*

*24<sup>th</sup> January, 1911.*

● *Bedford Pierce.*

*Sedgwick*

*Dear Sir,*

*In reply to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst,  
D Mott instructs me to state that he will be  
glad to have an examination made of the brain  
in the case you mention.*

*Would you be good enough to have it  
despatched to the Laboratory?*

*Yours faithfully*

*Sydney A Munn*

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Redwick

Jan. 30, 1911

Dear Dr. Mott,

I was glad to hear that you will be able to examine the brain. We are sending it to the Pathological Laboratory today. Unfortunately part of the posterior lobe was injured in removal. The duramata was very inherent, and the brain was not easy to remove.

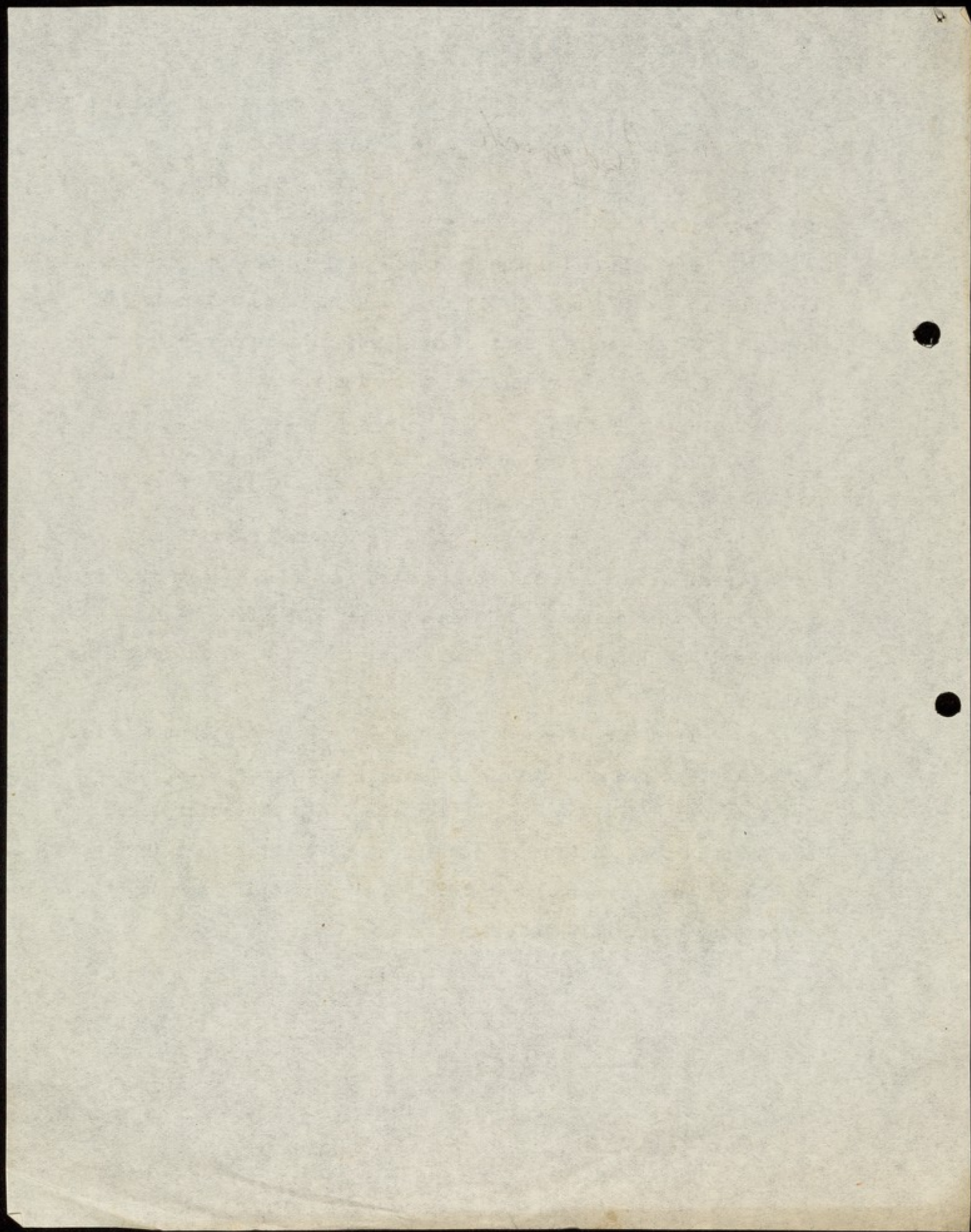
We will in the course of a few days send you a clinical history.

Very many thanks for sending me the re-print of your paper. I am glad to have it by me as I do not bind the British Medicals. I read the article with great interest. I only wish I could find the time to do something with our records here.

I wonder if you are ever likely to be in these parts. It would be a pleasure to me to have your company at the Retreat. I think you ought to see this historic place, and perhaps the stimulus of your presence might result in some work being undertaken here. Don't you think you ought to "come over and help us"?

Yours very truly,







Thomas Hall. Leidenburg  
Jan<sup>y</sup>. 28. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have had a letter  
from Arnold & Greenwood, Solicitors, Kendal  
my late brother's lawyers, & who have the  
custody of his Will, I am the only  
surviving <sup>my</sup> Executor of that Will, & the  
papers for <sup>my</sup> proving the Will have  
already been prepared in part.  
The lawyers write to me for a  
list of my brother's debts & funeral  
expenses. Please send them to me  
at once, and add to your account  
£1. which I think my nephew  
arranged with you. was to be paid

to the man who ~~sleeps~~ with  
him <sup>(my brother)</sup> at night.

I will consult my nephew, but  
it seems to me that the present  
which my nephew, my niece,  
& I, thought suitable & right to  
give to Mr. Donley who especially looked  
after ~~my father's~~ <sup>my father's</sup> ~~funeral~~ <sup>funeral</sup> & wanted on  
him, might to be included in his  
debts. I am sending you <sup>the</sup>  
last paper I received <sup>from London</sup> but it was  
not answered, it is now <sup>I suppose</sup> useless, if  
that is the case, please burn it.  
My dear nephew Prof. Sedgwick is  
anxious to spare me trouble, but

my acting as Exor is no trouble  
to me, & I am writing to tell him  
so. The sooner everything is done,  
the better, & the less interest there  
will be to pay for all the various  
Death Duties. I have already had  
the account of the funeral expenses  
which were incurred after my nephew  
left the train with his father's coffin  
at Dept Station, <sup>on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup></sup> & have paid the  
account. Believe me,

yours sincerely,  
Margt. J. Sedgwick



• whom we ought to  
remember

• Jim Munn  
A Sedgwick

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TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

19 Jun 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

Have just returned  
from Seabrook.  
Everything went smoothly  
on Wednesday. The  
train was punctual  
& we ~~re~~ got down  
the hill safely  
reaching the Church  
about 1.45.  
My Aunt is wonderfully

well, though undoubtedly  
shaken. But a day  
or two's rest will  
set her right.

She would like to have  
those note books of my  
father if you have  
not destroyed them.  
She says though  
unintelligible to people  
who do not know  
the places & the allusion.  
She can understand

a good deal of them.  
However if they are  
already destroyed, I  
don't think she will  
mind very much.

We are very grateful  
to you & to your people  
for the excellence  
of your arrangements.  
You will I hope let me  
know if there is  
any one else besides  
Darley & Atkinson



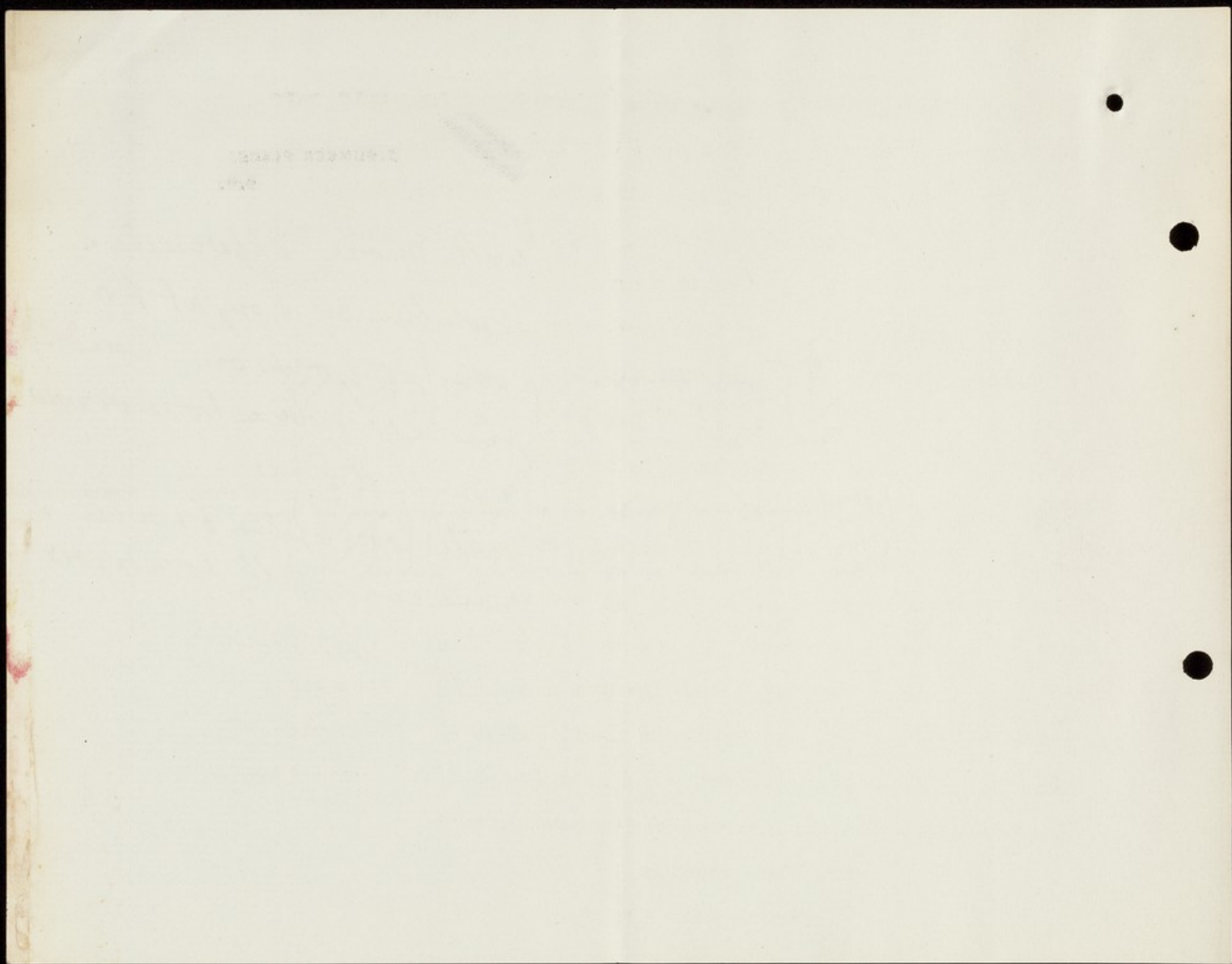
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512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

with more experience.  
If you think I ought to  
come to York on Monday  
please wire tomorrow.  
I will do so.

I will look up the train  
more carefully tomorrow

Yours sincerely  
A Secorick





Sedgwick

Jan. 18, 1911

Dear Dr. Mott,

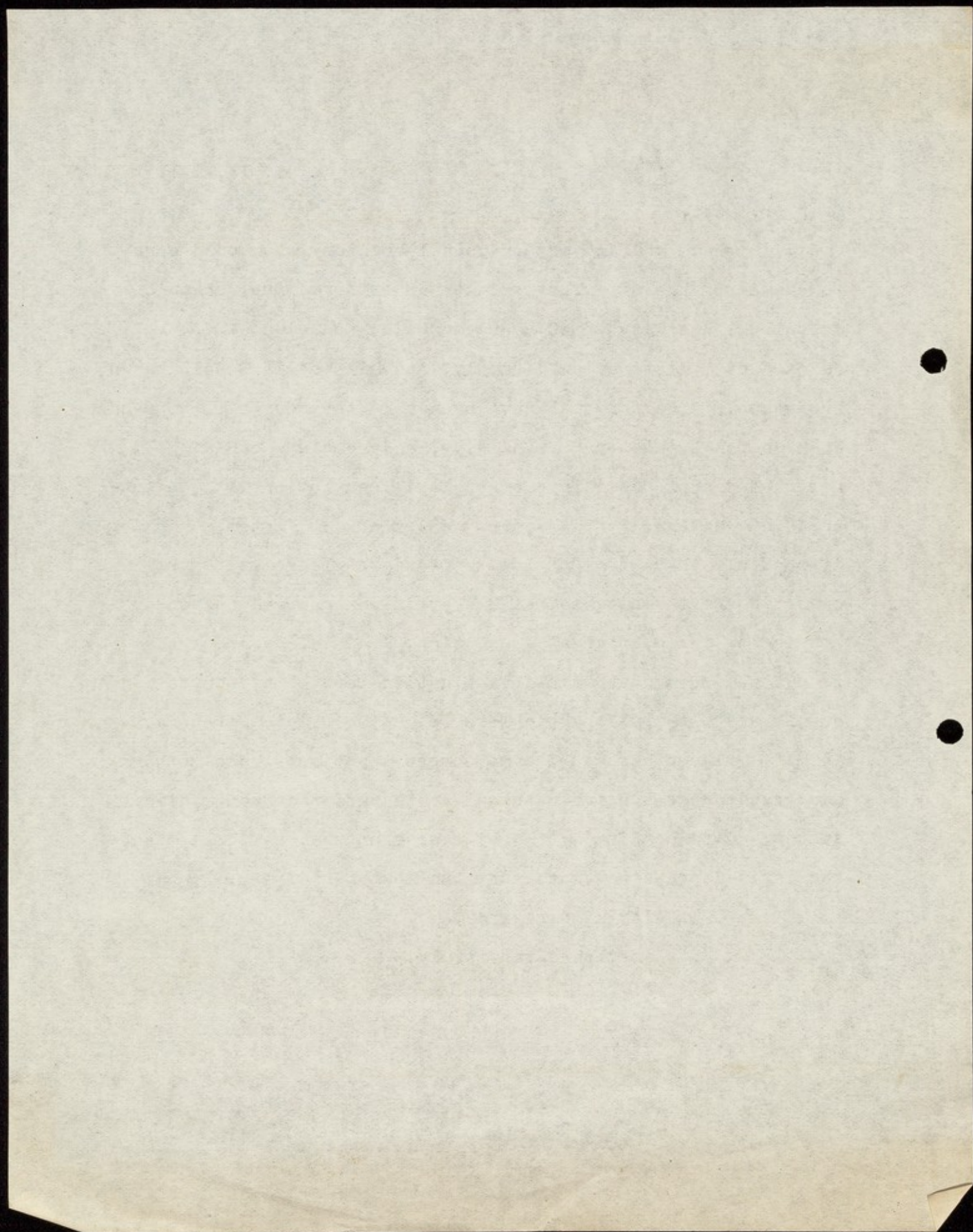
Have you any one on your laboratory who would care to examine a brain? The patient has suffered from chronic delusional insanity of 50 years duration and died at 83. He came of a distinguished family, and his son is a well known Professor. So far as I have been able to ascertain there has been no family history of insanity, and no cause could be assigned except possibly overstrain in connection with an outbreak of cholera. His son suggested a Post Mortem, thinking it possible that it might lead to some knowledge as to the causation of the disease. The brain was removed on Monday and is now in weak formalin solution. Should you be able to put somebody on to the investigation we will of course supply you with full particulars as to the clinical record.

The other day I came across a patient whose mother and grandmother and two maternal aunts suffered from maniacal states, quite confirming the view we expressed at Berlin that the manic-depressive cases were the most hereditary.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,







Thorns Hall. Sedburgh

January 17. 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

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This morning <sup>for my nephew</sup> I sent a telegram directed to the Retreat <sup>Adams</sup> I believe he will be with you this

afternoon in case of final arrangements for my brother's funeral. <sup>it was for him</sup> Wednesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup> is the funeral day, the train arrives at

Dent Station at 12:31 P. M. <sup>The undertaker</sup> The Gleason, and Mr. Pouch, with some nieces (my brother's daughters)

and two carriages will be at the Station to meet the train, the bearers of the coffin also (young men whose <sup>where</sup> his tenants) the carriages will go straight to the Church of Dent

and the funeral will take place  
at once. I have not mentioned the  
<sup>burial</sup> Certificate to you, for Mr.  
Cuswen, the clergyman of Dent  
but no doubt you will remember  
to give it to my nephew Adam.  
I hope we have not hurried  
you with all our arrangements  
Dent Station is nearly 5 miles  
from the Churchyard of Dent.  
I am very sorry to be unable to  
go to Dent, for my brother's  
funeral, but I am now not  
able to go out in winter. I think  
you & Professor Ledgwick

have arranged every thing as well  
as possible for his Father's funeral.  
and I feel very grateful.

Believe me,

yours sincerely,

Margt. J. Ledgwick



TELEPHONE  
512 WESTERN2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

16 Jan 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

To confirm my  
telegram of this morning.I think that your  
suggestion for the plate  
will do very well. The  
age however should be  
83.Sedburgh,  
Mr. John Punch<sup>er</sup> is  
arranging the funeral  
at the Dent Road.  
Please send him

particulars of the size  
of the coffin.

I hope to reach York  
at 1.40 tomorrow  
& shall drive straight  
out to the Retreat.

Supposing I wanted to  
go on to Leeds by that  
afternoon, - could arrange-  
ments be made to send  
someone to see that  
the coffin? Don't answer  
this: I merely put it.

It certainly would be  
necessary for me to

go on ahead & I don't  
know that I shall want  
to do so.

His most good of you  
to make these arrange-  
ments & I thank  
you very much for  
your letter of this  
morning.

I shall leave Leeds &  
tomorrow at 10.

Yours sincerely  
A Sedgwick

I quite approve of your  
plans for the p. m.



Thorns Hall, Ledbury

Monday Jan<sup>y</sup> 16. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce.

(21)

We should like  
to have everything as quiet &  
simple as possible for my mother's  
funeral, & to have it on  
Wednesday, as my nephew Adam  
has arranged with you. On the

Coffin plate put

Brow: Richard Ledywick

aged 83.

A train stops at Dent Station  
(12:31 P.M.)  
about noon, it leaves Leeds at 10  
A.M. Perhaps they will send the

Van with Coffin to Leeds the  
night before. We shall depend  
upon you <sup>and Professor Gedwick</sup> to make all  
arrangements up to Dork Station  
on Wednesday Jan 18. & for the  
Coffin to be taken off the train  
at the 12:31 P.M. train

The "Bearers" of the Coffin, <sup>+</sup> the  
hearse will be at Dork Station  
to meet the train: & the carriage  
for Adam.  
Please pay for Coffin & for  
all expenses up to Dork  
Station, & send me the whole  
of your account as quickly

as may be convenient to you.  
I am very much obliged for your  
long & kind letter etc. I received  
yesterday. If you have either now,  
or after, any details of his illness  
& death to give me, I should be  
glad to hear them. Do you think  
he recovered his senses a little  
before the end?  
How glorious the change has  
been for him!  
Your telegram just come,  
quite straight!

Dork Station. Wednesday

Jan<sup>y</sup> 18. Time 12:31 P.M.  
Yours sincerely M. J. Gedwick



approval. I understand that  
Darley was very good to my  
father - & that my father  
liked ~~at~~ him. I wish to ask  
you about this & one or two  
other points. E.g. had my  
father any belongings except  
his clothes?

No doubt my Aunt will send  
you more explicit instructions  
which you will follow. I have  
never had to make arrange-  
ments for a funeral, there  
are doubtless many things  
I have not thought of. All  
such will I hope be brought  
to my attention by the time

TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

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Jan 15 - 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am very grateful to your  
Assistant for telephoning to  
me last night. I am very  
sorry that I missed being  
with him at the end  
& I now wish I had stayed  
longer with him on Thursday.  
But it is no use dwelling  
on these & similar thoughts.  
I propose that the funeral  
should be on Wednesday.

at Dent. This will mean  
an early start in the morning.  
I have not got a <sup>winter</sup> ~~summer~~ Bradshaw,  
but in a September copy.  
The route is as follows:

York. dep. 8.25  
Leeds arr 9  
Leeds dep 10.5.  
Dent arr 12.14.

Dr. Mackenzie said that you would  
be able to get the coffin made  
& to make the necessary  
arrangements. I should be  
much obliged if you would  
do so. - everything to be  
in the usual style.

I propose as at present

advised to come to York  
on Tuesday arriving at 1.42  
staying the night at the  
Station Hotel & going on  
with the body on Wednesday  
morning. This would  
give me time to settle  
anything with you that  
requires settlement.  
If necessary I would  
come tomorrow.  
Wednesday is subject to my  
Aunt's approval - she  
will doubtless write,  
but if you hear nothing from  
her - Wednesday will be the  
day, subject also to your



Prof. Sedgwick would like to hear  
how his father goes on.

*Ans*  
TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

Jan 10 1911

Dear Dr. Mackenzie

Will you kindly  
telegraph to me to morrow  
how my father is. I  
enclose a form for the  
purpose. I can of course  
come down at any time.  
If necessary you would  
communicate with me  
by telephone. The rates  
are: in day time 2/6  
& at night 7/6m to 7am 4/3

for 3 minutes. It would  
not be worth while trying  
to get at me on the  
telephone after 10 p.m.

Yours sincerely  
A Sedgwick



Thorn Hall. Sedburgh

Jan<sup>y</sup> 13. 1911

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I wrote to Dr Mackenzie several days <sup>ago</sup> about my brother's health, but he has not replied to my letter. I have however had both letters & telegrams from my nephew Adam Sedgwick, who last wrote from York Station. Would you tell me what sort of a night my brother had on Thursday night & Friday morning? & how he has been to day, & if you think him rather better, & that the bronchial attack is not worse but

Fair night, rather stronger.  
but condition remains  
critical



gradually passing off? Can he take  
any solid food yet? I feel very  
anxious, & so is <sup>his daughter</sup> my niece Mrs Wilson

Believe me,

yours sincerely,

Mary L. Tedgwick



✓  
TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

14 Jan 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many thanks for  
your letter. I shall be  
very anxious to hear  
how he progresses  
especially if he says  
a word implying that he  
is thinking about any  
of us. Also please  
tell me if you think  
it would be any  
satisfaction to him

to have one of us present  
on the last day of his  
life. His sister who  
would naturally be there  
is 88 years of age &  
cannot come.  
We of course hardly remember  
him - He left home when  
the eldest of us was  
barely 9.

I mentioned the matter of  
post mortem exam<sup>n</sup> to  
Dr. Mackenzie. I  
wish you to do what you  
think advisable.  
If any good is to be gained  
from examination

either to medical science  
or to the science of heredity  
I should wish one to be  
made. - but I think  
that if it is made it  
would be well not  
to mention it to the  
relatives - leaving me  
to do that.

Yours sincerely  
A. J. Guerin



My nephew Professor Sedgwick  
said he would come to the Retreat,  
and come to Dent with the Coffin.  
● have not heard, but probably  
you know.

I cannot end without giving you  
my grateful thanks for all your  
kindness <sup>to my brother</sup> & also for having such  
kind & sensible men in your establishment  
as attendants. I believe their kindness  
to him has been very great.

I will write to you again in a  
few days. Believe me,

yours sincerely,  
May<sup>r</sup>. J. Sedgwick.

Thomas Hall. Leebeght  
Jan 15, 1911.

~~Ans.~~  
Dear Dr. Pierce.

Thank you very much  
for your letter & telegram. Our great  
anxiety is over now, & I think the end  
must have been very peaceful, & I am  
very glad to hear he knew he was  
dying, & was glad. How glorious to  
him would the change be! I suppose  
he never regained possession of his  
intellects. I am sorry Mr. Wilson was  
not there in time she meant to come,  
early on the 16<sup>th</sup>.  
Now I think, you and Adam (his son)  
will make arrangements up to Dent  
Station.

where the horse will meet the  
train, & Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, <sup>will be</sup>  
carriage, & <sup>waiting</sup> their brother Adam will  
come with them. The <sup>"Beavers"</sup> ~~family~~ <sup>will meet</sup>  
~~hope will meet~~ the funeral at  
Dent Station, & come down in  
a carriage to the church of Dent (5 miles)

I hope either you or Professor  
Ledyard will decide upon the  
day of the funeral, & let us know  
the hour they will arrive at Dent  
Station — we here, can calculate  
the time of the funeral at Dent.

when we know the time the  
coffin will arrive at Dent Station  
We should like everything to be as  
plain & simple as possible —  
When did my brother come to the  
"Retreat"? I think it was more than  
40 years ago or was it more <sup>than 30?</sup>  
Send us word as to the <sup>of the funeral</sup> day & hour  
at Dent Station as soon as you can.

If you have to wire.

Ledyard. Thoms. Ledyard will  
find me.

If possible I should like the  
Coffin Plate to have on it  
"Rev. Richard Ledyard  
83 years."





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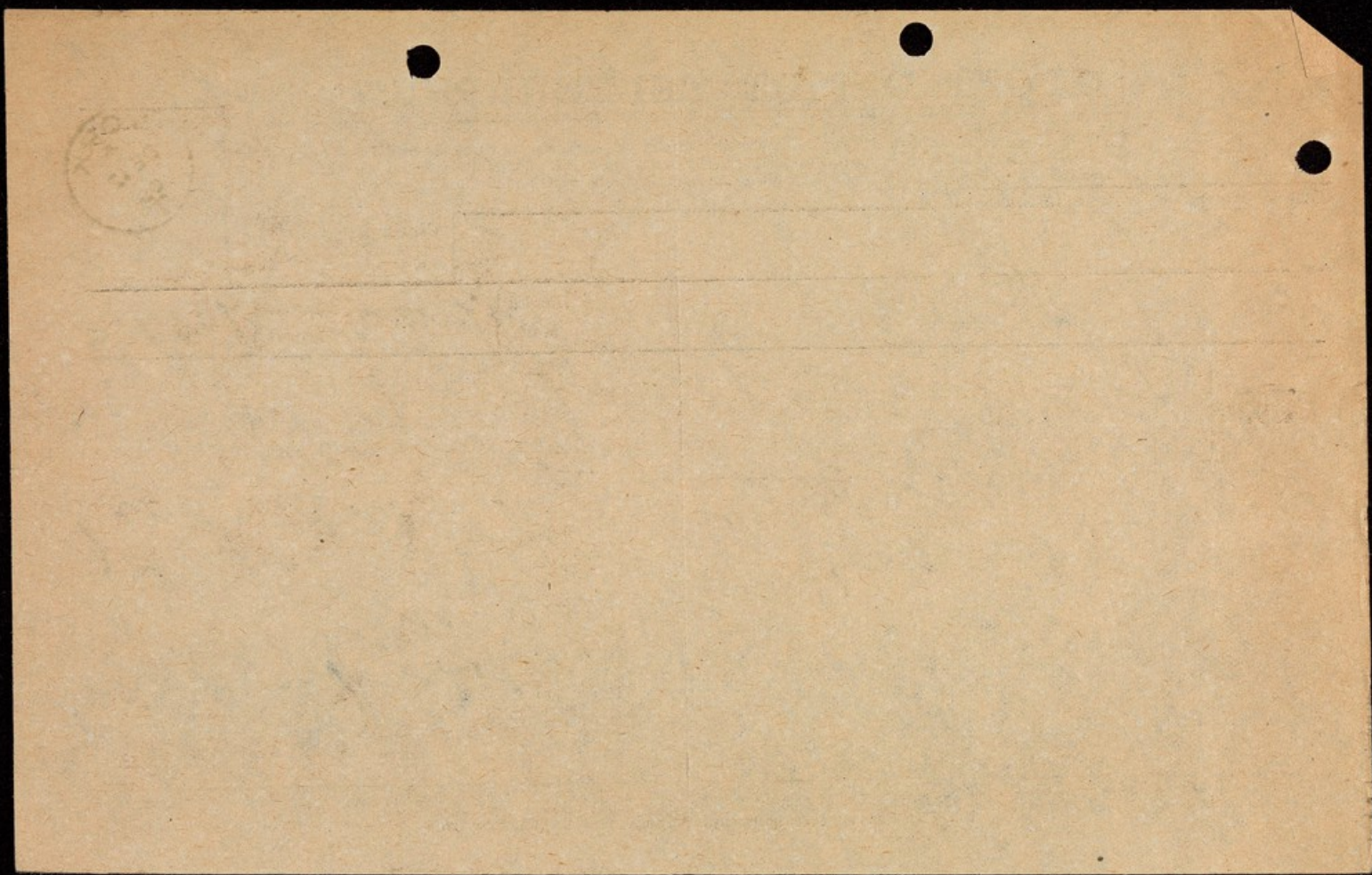
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Pearce R. Break

Worcester to Thorns if necessary  
not Cambridge

Sedgwick  
Redbergh

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.





Thomas Hall, Sedburgh<sup>13</sup>

Jan<sup>y</sup> 13. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am sending two  
Cheques, one is the amount of  
the Medical Act<sup>n</sup> for the quarter for  
my brother Mr. Sedgwick. The small  
amount £1, is also payable to you:  
and I shall be very much obliged  
if you will pay it to your private  
account, & give the one pound to  
my brother's personal attendant, or  
divide it between the two who do  
the most for him -



I hope he is in better health,  
and able to walk about again,  
but the weather is very cold!

With kind regards believe me,

yours sincerely,

Margt. J. Sedgwick



TELEPHONE,  
512 WESTERN.

Please note change of address

2, SUMNER PLACE,  
S.W.

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Dec 11 '09

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have just received  
your telegram, forwarded  
on from Cambridge. It  
came as a surprise to  
me for I have had no  
letter. I trust that

you will keep me  
informed by letter & if  
necessarily telegram  
of any change for the  
worse in my father's  
condition. If necessary



I can come to York, but  
unless there is urgency  
it would be very incon-  
venient to me to do so  
until after Friday.

Yrs sincerely  
Adam Sedgwick

You have not already done  
so will you please  
send a report of the  
situation to my sister  
Mrs. B. Wilson.

Bynac,  
Sedburgh  
York

or to Miss Sedgwick  
of preference to the former.



Dec. 24, 1909

Dear Miss Sedgwick,

Just a line to say that Mr. Sedgwick is doing tolerably well. He is taking food well and has been staying in bed in quite a satisfactory way. He has not entirely lost the effects of his cold and still coughs a good deal, but the acute symptoms have passed away.

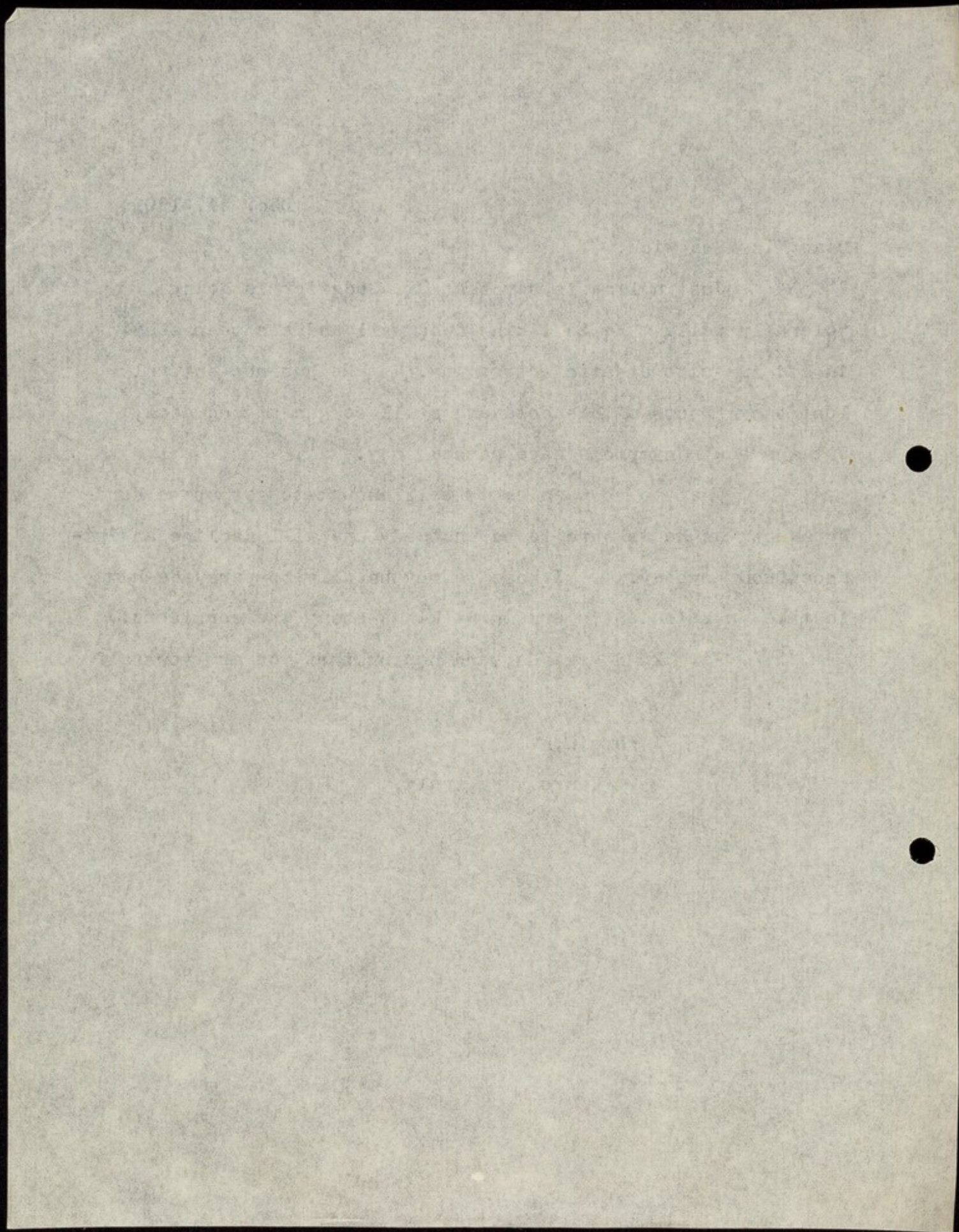
What to do when he is well enough to get up we hardly know as he is sure to be unsteady and will decline assistance from anybody. I hope we may be able to persuade him to take an attendant's arm in walking about the corridors.

With kind regards, and hoping that you are yourself better,

I remain,

Yours very truly,







Thomas Hall. Ledbergh

Dec: 26. 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you  
for your letter, which is very  
satisfactory about my brother, I  
think. I will write to Mrs  
Wilson (who is with her husband  
for a fortnight at Blackpool)  
and her brother Adam, who is  
in London — <sup>brother</sup>  
I am afraid <sup>he</sup> will be very



difficult to manage about  
walking, when he is able to  
leave his room. Do you think  
he would use a stick - that might  
be a little use: if he would  
take it - of course an attendant's  
arm would be the best.

With kind regards, & best wishes  
for the New Year believe me,

sincerely yours,

Maurice J. Sedgwick

I am better than you, but I

do not venture out of doors much!



Thomas Hall - Tedburgh 282

July 13. 1909.

Dear Dr. Price.

I thank you for your  
report about my brother's health. It  
is as good as we could expect for in  
three weeks he will be 82 years old.  
I am very glad his appetite continues  
fair. The conversing with an un-  
-seen person is strange - or at  
least he thinks so - He will not  
believe in his wife's death, I know -  
she died in 1891. With kind regards

believe me,  
yours sincerely,  
Margt. J. Sedgwick

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P. S. One of my brother's daughters, Mr.  
Wilson, hopes to come to see him before  
the end of July.

I enclose Cheque -



Dear Dr. Pierce

Would you have  
the kindness to fill up &  
return to me the "Lord  
Chancellor's Visitors" paper -  
How is my brother Richard  
Sedgwick in health, does he  
feel the changes of weather?  
Do you see any other change



on him mentally.

With kind regards

believe me,

yours sincerely,

Mary L. Ledywick

Thorns Hall. Ledberg

June 25, 1909.



Thomas Hall. Leedberg.<sup>36</sup>

Jan: 12. 1909.

Dear Dr. Bedford Price.

I am enclosing  
two cheques both payable to you. the  
larger one is in payment of my brother's  
account (£43"6"3) The other Cheque  
value £1. is also made payable to you  
& is for my brother's personal attendant  
Dorley. or whoever wants upon him -  
perhaps you would be good enough  
to change it - It is a Christmas present -  
I hope my brother is gaining a  
little more strength, I was glad to



Now you were able to let him get  
up rather earlier in the morn'g.

Believe me

Yours sincerely,

Mary T. Tedgwick



Dec. 28, 1908

Dear Miss Sedgwick,

Dr. Mackenzie has given me your letter of the 24th. In reply, I think it is clear that Professor Sedgwick did not realise how extremely feeble his father had been. He was kept in bed simply because he was so very tottery that to be up was most unsuitable. Unfortunately he himself does not realise how frail he is and looks upon the rest in bed as a cruel deprivation of liberty. I am glad to say he is a little better, and we are beginning to get him up a little each day. I think it is probable he will stay quietly in the dining room at least part of the time he is up: at any rate we hope so.

I have often wished that Mr. Sedgwick could have a brighter bedroom, and we have proposed to move him to a room into which the sun enters more freely, but the very thought so distressed him that he remains where he is.

With regard to the tea; for more than a week he wanted milk himself and did not ask for tea, and later on we made a bargain that he had a little milk before he had his tea, it being very important that he should take something more than a non nutritive liquid.



I think you will understand how very difficult it is to manage Mr. Sedgwick. The poor man is so very determined and has such perverse ideas. Now that he is so very feeble these cause almost greater difficulty than they used to. You can rely upon our giving him every possible liberty and indulgence that is consistent with his safety.

I remain,

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Thomas Hall. Tedburgh. 1864

Dec: 29. 1900.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pease

I thank you very much for your kind letter, & I have written to day to my nephew Adam - I am quite sure, & so is Adam, that his poor Father is receiving the greatest kindness & attention, and of course you know much better than either Adam or I, what is safe and right for him to be allowed to do.

I am quite sure, that he would



not like my change of bedroom,  
it would only felt him — and make  
him suspicious.

With kind regards & best thanks  
for your letter. believe me,

yours sincerely,

• Margt. I. Sedgwick



must have as much of his own  
way as possible, even if it is not  
always the very best thing he could  
do. I very much feel not being able  
to come to York, but I have not  
been out for some weeks. Though I  
was able to be ~~about~~ in the house.  
From what Adam said he thought  
his father was fairly well - considering  
his age, 81 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August last.  
With kind regards to Dr. Pearce &  
yourself believe me, in haste,

yours sincerely,  
Maurice J. Sedgwick

Thomas Hall. Sedgwick (1060)  
Christmas Eve 1900.

Dear Dr. Mackenzie. ✓

I heard from  
my Nephew Adam Sedgwick last  
night: he did not mention Dr.  
Pearce, perhaps he is from home  
but as Adam saw you, I think  
it is better for me to write to you.  
There are two things I especially want  
to impress on you, and my nephew  
(who wrote to me from the Station Hotel)  
quite agrees with me, that you  
would allow my brother, to get  
up



as soon

and walk about, as you may think it right — he very much dislikes having to stay in bed, & even if there is some risk of his falling through slipping — it is better to run that risk than deprive him of what is a great pleasure to him, and poor fellow — he has not many pleasures now, and the other thing is, please let him have tea, it cannot make much difference in his strength, but will add much to his comfort — me, as a family, dislike milk, & do like tea! I am speaking from my

own experience, and also what my Father used to feel, and to say about milk & tea.

Also I wanted to say that, though I am very sorry his appetite is not so good as it used to be, I am not surprised — and I think he will eat what he feels he can, unless of course, he has some fancy about his food: but I know how kind you are in letting him have what he likes best.

I hope I am not writing to you as I ought not: but I wanted you to know what Adam & I both feel about my mother, to let



Thames Hall. Sedburgh. 621  
Sep: 6. 1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Next Friday Sep: 11  
about noon or soon after my brother's  
eldest daughter Mr. Brough is proposing  
to come to the Retreat, and see her  
Father. (my brother, Richard Sedgwick)  
As she has not been to see him  
before, if you or Dr. Mackenzie is  
unengaged, I thought you  
would be so kind as to see her  
for a few minutes, & take her to  
see him. I hope he is fairly well?

Mr. Brough is a widow, with two grown  
<sup>son & daughter</sup>  
up children, & she lives in London.

Her husband (Colonel Brough, died of  
consumption when he was in command  
of the 7<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards 9 or 10 years  
ago. I hope you are well, & have  
been able to enjoy the fine summer?

I am better than I was, but not  
able to take a journey to Yorks.

With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Margt. J. Sedgwick



Thorns Hall. Ledbury. <sup>(366)</sup>

June 3. 1900.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I very much hoped  
to be able to come to see my brother  
Richard Sedgwick in May east. but  
was not able: so I am writing to say  
my niece Annie Wilson (Mr. Bernard  
Wilson) is coming to see her Father  
on Friday <sup>June 5</sup> about, or a little before  
1 o'clock, she leaves Ledbury a  
little before 8 A.M.: & hopes to  
return by the train reaching



Sedburgh at 6:30 P. M.

Mrs. Wilson is the third daughter  
of my brother, and has been married  
more than 20 years to one of the  
"masters" of Sedburgh School. Mr. Bernard.  
Her father will not remember her  
married name - but she was always  
called "Annie" by him - & the rest  
of her family.

If it is convenient would you or  
Dr. Mackenzie be so kind as to go  
with her, so that she may have  
the few minutes interview with her

while you are there.  
Father, I think she feels rather  
anxious and nervous about the  
interview - Her brother Adam at  
Cambridge is not able to come this  
time to York, I think Mrs. Wilson  
has a great look of her mother -  
I wonder whether my brother will  
see it.

I hope he is fairly well, & able to  
enjoy the fine, warm weather?

With kind regards believe me,

yours very truly,

Mary T. Sedgwick.



Thomas Hall. Ledbergk.

Jan: 11. 1908.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I enclose two Cheques  
one £42.8.9 in payment of  
my brother Richard Ledgwick's  
account — and the other £100.0  
will you have the kindness to  
cash for me, & divide the money  
as you like & think best to his  
Personal Attendants — the two men  
who have the most trouble with  
him —



My nephew Adam Sedgwick  
wrote to me an account of  
his interview with his poor  
father — & I was glad to hear  
he seemed in good health.

I do not suppose he realizes  
that Adam is his son?

Believe me

yours sincerely,

Mary Isabella Sedgwick

P.S. I hope Mr. Pierce is fairly  
well, in this cold weather.



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TRINITY COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

April 27 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for writing  
to Miss Sedgwick. She  
has asked me to write  
to you if I agree with  
her that 'to interfere  
with my father's walks  
would be a worse evil  
than an occasional  
fall. I do agree with  
her, subject of course  
to your judgement.

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There is no need to reply  
to this

Yours sincerely

Edmund Sedgwick



Thomas Hall. Sedburgh. 342  
April 25. 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am very sorry to hear about my mother's fall - he suffers with his feet I know, & so I suppose catches the toe, and falls - If you would get him to walk in the paddocks, or on the grass, that would, no doubt, be best - but I know that he does not like being interfered with, & so far as I can judge, I should think the deprivation of his walks, would do him more harm than even the fall: but of course you are the best judge.



I have sent on your letter to his  
son at Cambridge. I have told  
him that I am writing to you.  
I was sorry not to see you when I  
was at the Retreat about a week ago.  
I thought my brother looked very  
comfortable in bed —

In a week or so, if all goes well  
with my brother, perhaps you would  
write again & let me know how he  
is.

With kind regards believe me,

yours sincerely,

Margaret J. Sedgwick



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TRINITY COLLEGE,  
CAMBRIDGE.

Apr 22 ..... 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter. I am very sorry to hear of the accident. It is a very awkward situation & I don't see what you are to do except to urge him to be careful.

I think that you had better write to Miss Bequith, because if

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The finds out, she will  
be uneasy, thinking you  
are keeping things back  
from her. I think  
that you had better write,  
rather than I. She  
won't like to think that  
I have been told first.  
She made a wonderful  
journey. The other day  
you a woman of 84.  
She left her house at 5

am. drove 10 miles to  
Jardale Head, then to  
Jork & back at  
home at 5.40 p.m.

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Yours sincerely  
Adam Sedgwick -



Thomas Hall. Sedburgh. (1/75)

✓ Feb. 27. 1907. (4/75)

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Thank you very  
much for your letter about my  
brother. He seems to be recov-  
= ering quite satisfactorily. &  
I hope before long will be  
up to about as usual - The  
weather is more favorable -  
I am quite sure he must  
have been a great trouble

and anxiety, especially at  
first when he objected so  
much to remaining in bed.

I have sent over your letter  
to his son at Cambridge -  
He got back about 9 P.M.  
He had a good journey. He tells  
me.

With kind remembrances

believe me,  
yours sincerely,  
Margt. S. Sedgwick

P. S. Please would you  
say to Dr. Mackenzie that  
I was very much obliged for  
last letter: it came the day  
before yours -



Thomas Hall. Sedburgh<sup>164</sup>

Feb: 21. 1907.

Dear Dr. Bedford Price,

Would you be  
so kind as either to write your-  
self, if you are sufficiently  
recovered from your illness,  
which I was very sorry to hear  
of, or ask some one else to  
write & tell me about my  
brother Mr. Sedgwick. Do you  
think he has borne the  
unusual cold of this winter



pretty well. And is he able  
to go out of doors for exercise?  
The reason of my troubling you  
is that I am not able to  
come to York to see him this  
winter. I met with an  
accident, (falling down some  
stairs) and my doctor does  
not think at present I  
am able to undertake the  
journey. Though I hope to be  
able to do so in a short time.

I wrote to the "Visitors". I  
was answered by the "Chief  
Clerk" — who said I had  
better defer my visit for the  
present.

Hoping I may hear a good  
account of your health!

Believe me,  
yours sincerely,  
Margt. J. Sedgwick



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TRINITY COLLEGE,

CAMBRIDGE.

Febr 22 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am hoping to come  
to York tomorrow  
arriving at the Ribeat  
at about 2 o'clock.  
My Aunt telegraphed to  
me this morning asking  
me if I would come  
as she is unable to travel.  
She stated in the telegram  
that my father had  
bronchitis, but  
said nothing about

the severity of the attack.  
Hence my telegram to  
you of this afternoon.  
I gather from your reply  
that it is not serious  
& that I shall be able  
to return in the  
evening.

Yours sincerely  
Adam Sedgwick



Thames Hall. Sedburgh. (42

Jan: 11. 1906,

Dear Dr. Price,

I enclose payment  
of my brother Richard Sedgwick's  
account payable as usual to you  
to "Order".

Also a second Cheque for £1. for  
my brother's personal attendant  
as his Christmas present. This  
Cheque for £1 is made  
payable to Beaver, would you



be so kind as to change it  
yourself, & give it to the  
attendant - I do not know  
his name

I hope you are better than you  
were when I was last at  
Yark. and that my mother is  
well? Believe me,

yours sincerely,  
Margt. J. Sedgwick



Thorns Hall. Sedberg 7. Q58  
July 1. 1906.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pearce

Will you be so kind  
as to fill up & return to me the  
enclosed (Chancellor's Visitors' Report  
I was sorry to miss seeing you  
when I was last at York - They  
told me you had gone to Leeds  
I thought my brother looked well -  
& I was glad to hear he had an  
additional little field to walk in  
Believe me,

Yours sincerely,  
Margt. J. Sedgwick



