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SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

Apr. 12. 1907.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I have received
an acct for Josephine
for £7. 4. 0 - to Scales
Park. And I have sent
the cheque direct. They
did not send the Quarter
board in advance - but
suppose that will follow.
Yours acct. Suppose

Credits me with £5. 3. 10?
Mr Barnett did not quite
understand the board
item £21. 11. 0.

I have had one short note
from Dr Gilman, saying
he thought Josephine had
settled in her new sur-
roundings, but that he
would write again in a
few days.

Thanking you for all

your interest - Hoping
you are well - With love
Yours sincerely
M. A. Seckings

P.S. We both much liked
Scalebor Park, & liked
Dr. Gilmore.

S. S. S. S.

Belgrave Hospital.
Clapham Rd
S.W. 173
LYCEUM CLUB,
128, PICCADILLY W.
Feb. 26:

Dear Dr. Pierce.

My Mother & I went
to Burley on Monday &
saw Dr. Gilmore & his
establishment. He said
he would be willing to
take my sister there at
the same terms as she
is paying at the Retreat.

My cousin, John Barnett
will write to the Com-
missioners re the Transfer
& when that is settled
we shall be glad if you
will arrange for my sister
to go. I only hope she
will meet with treatment
as kind as she has at
"The Retreat"; for I fully
realize what a very

terrible amount of trouble
she must cause.

I hope my visit on Sunday
did not greatly upset
her. I was glad you
advised my Mother not
to see her - I had greatly
dreaded the ordeal for
her.

Thanking you for so kindly
arranging to see me on
Sunday.

Yours sincerely
Sophie Scraps.

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THE BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN
(INCORPORATED),CLAPHAM ROAD.
S.W.F. STUART,
SECRETARY.

Feb. 22. 1907.

Dear Dr. Peice.

My Mother & I both hope
to travel to Leeds to-morrow
(Saturday) & to go over to
York on Sunday - at what time
I cannot tell you as I have no
time table for that line -

If you should decide to-morrow
that my sister is unfit for
my Mother to see her will you
write or wire to us
yrs Mrs. Labrey.

Grosvenor -

Shaw Lane -

Headingley - Leeds.

We both hope to go over to

Burley on Monday, after
having heard your account of
the place -
In haste -

Yours sincerely.
Sophie Greaves.

Better come alone
9 am train
tomorrow

(1037)

HIGHMEAD,
TUTTLEY,
GLOUCESTER.

Dec. 22: 1906.

Dear Dr Pierce

I duly received your
Kind letter arranging to
reduce maintenance charges
have handed same to Mr.
Seakings -

Thanking you for the
trouble you have taken

I am, Yours very truly
John W. Darnell

Highway
Toll
Gloster

from what was at first thought
a temporary matter to one
more chronic -

Extremely regret to hear
that you find the nursing so
heavy at present as it makes
it more difficult for me to
request a reduction just now
but the relief would be appreciated
as there has recently been a
considerable diminution in
the income during the last
year -

Yours faithfully
John W. Darnley

(998)

HIGHMEAD,
TUTTLEY,
GLOUCESTER.

Dec 10: 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry to find I have
not answered yours of 26
ult^o. in reply - I beg today
that the family have had
to make some sacrifice to pay
the amount charged hitherto
for Josephine Seedings and
I think the time has come
for a reconsideration of the
case as explained in my
last letter - it having passed

Highway
Tulsa
Glenview

I should therefore be glad to
know if you can make a
reduction in the amount now
being paid - She is a member
of the Society of Friends & on that
account the case is entitled to
some consideration.

Awaiting your kind reply -
I am,

Yours faithfully

John W. Barnett

(952)

HIGHMEAD,
TUFFEY,
GLOUCESTER.

Nov: 23: 1906.

Dear Sir -

When, at the beginning of last
year I left Josephine See Kings
under your care and arranged
to pay the amount suggested by
you for her maintenance &c -
I thought it would be for a short
time only & that she would soon
recover -

Unfortunately, she still remains
much in the same condition
as when first put under your
charge & as far as I can judge
her trouble seems to be permanent.

HIGHWAY

TRIP

GLoucester

✓
H. Grosvenor (905)
Readingley.
Nov 13. 1906.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I wish to thank you
for seeing me twice at
Park Place. & telling me
about our dear Josephine.
And I want to ask you
another question. In saying
that this was a grave case.
Does this mean, that it
will be probably be a long
& protracted illness?

All this long time I have
been hoping & hoping for
some better acct. I feel
it is better that we should
face the truth. - of course
my arrangements would
be altered - - please excuse
my writing thus. But thought
it better whilst I was away.
If you cared to see me
for a few minutes I should
be glad to come again -
With many thanks & kind
regards I am

Yours sincerely
Mary F. Seckings

SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

(84)
Oct 14. 1906.

Dear Mr Pires

Enclosed cheque
£35. 5. 3 - as per acct -

Kindly acknowledge.

Sophie was sorry to again
miss seeing you when
she came to see her sister.
Whom she thought a little
better. Hoping you may
soon be able to report

Some progress.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

M. J. Seekings

SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

Oct 3. 1906.

Dear Dr Piers -

I am sending
the enclosed if you think
our dear Josephine can
I will sign it - I shall
be glad to have it returned
as soon as convenient -
I am sorry that my
daughter did not see
you or Dr Kemp -

last week when she came
to see her sister - I think
Sophie was pleased to
find her more interested
in things generally.

Of course she learns her
was working --

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mary A. Seckings

(787)
SUNNYCROFT,
✓ TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

Oct 10. 1906.

Dear Dr Kemp.

Last week I sent
an Insurance paper to
Dr Pierce to ask if dear
Josephine could & would
sign it - May I trouble
you to see if this has been
done, or if she will do it?
If not, then would you
kindly return the paper

insigned - I shall be glad
if you will say how she
is. Her sister was sorry
that you were away when
she came to York - she
said it was very trying
coming away. Hoping you
are better for your holiday
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
W. A. Seekings

SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

(634)
Aug. 27th

Dear Dr. Kemp.

We shall be grateful if
you would let us know
how my sister is - we were
so glad to get a rather better
account last time -

We got home from Switzer-
land on Saturday having
had a delightful time at
Linal, in Valais - But

after the invigorating air of
the mountains Gloucester
seems very enervating -

I am hoping to go to Derby
to do locum at the Children's
Hospital for September, so I
shall try & arrange to visit
my sister when I leave
here.

With kind regards.

Very sincerely yours.

Sophie Eekins.

of Mrs. Rowland.

Thwaitesfield,

Coathland, N.S.C.

Sunday.

Dear Sister Margaret.

I am hoping to
call & see my sister again
on Tuesday about 12-30
unless Dr. Pierce & you
should think it best for
me not to do so, for I
am afraid you must
have had a very bad
time with her after I

had gone - But if you have told her I am to come, & ^{you} think I may, I will do so. But perhaps you will just send me a line if I had better not come. Would you ask the Matron if I may have that carry-all I spoke to you about when I come please?

I was sorry not to see you again before I left. We do thank you for all the goodness you shew to my poor sister, for we do realize how very difficult a task you have in dealing with her. I felt she was really very fond of you though she does give you so much trouble.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
Sophie Serkins.

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SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

July 23. 1906.

am
a.k.
Dear Dr Kemp-

We are hoping to
go to Switzerland for 3
weeks, starting from here
Monday the 30th - so I write
to ask you if you want
to communicate with me
about Josephine, would
you kindly write to
Mr Barnett. Aighmead

Sturminster Newton, Dorset, during
the time we are away -
I was obliged for letters from
Dr Pierce, whilst you were
on holiday - but sorry he
could not give any better
news of our dear one -
but we are glad to hear
that she was not so bad
to nurse - I shall be glad
if you would send me

a further report this week.
Does she sleep better? &
take her food better? &c &c.
I hope you had a good
holiday & feel refreshed
for it - Mrs Grosvenor had
enjoyed her trip very
much. With kind
regards

Yours sincerely
Mary A Seckings

✓
SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

(479)

July 8. 1906

Dear Dr Keenp-

I shall be so glad
if you will write & let me
know how dear Josephine
is. It is so sad to hear
so little about her - & hear
from her - Sophie who saw
her last whilst you were
away, said she looked so
old. Does she sleep better?

And take her food herself?
I sent her a hat by request
I hope it was suitable?
Is there anything else I
can lend? I suppose she
does not read at all?
~~Her~~ Sophie has gone to Clapham
Maternity Hospital for
a month, whilst one of the
Doctors has her holiday.
After that we are talking

of going to Switzerland for
3 weeks. And September
she is going to a Children's
Hospital at Derby.
I shall be very glad to hear
some report of our dear
two. With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Mary A Seckings

Ans
H.K.

SUNNYCROFT,
TUFFLEIGH,
GLOUCESTER.

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May 20. 1906

Dear Dr Piers -

We are so sorry
to get such discouraging
reports of our dear Josephine.
And so sorry that it was
necessary to cut her hair -
But of course this has been
taken care of - and perhaps
you would kindly give
orders to have the cut hair
sent home to me -

SUNNYCROFT
TUFFEIGH
GLOUCESTER
Sophie is coming home in
a week's time, and we are
wanting to come to York
to see our dear one, if at
all suitable. I hope she
is sleeping better.

With kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Mary A Seckings

273.

12 Endsleigh St -
W.C.

Tues? even?

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Thank you for your
telegram which we received
before 8 o'clock this evening -
We fear it means that my
sister's condition continues
to be very bad.

My mother is not well
& it is doubtful whether

after all she would have
been fit to travel to York
to-morrow, & I had greatly
dreaded for her the shock
of seeing my sister even had
(Josephine)
she been a bit better -

- If you come up to London
after the 23^d of this month -
anytime between that date
& the end of May - & can
arrange for me to see you
I should be so glad, I

hope to be back at no. 1
18 Endsleigh St. W.C. - again
Then -

Yours very truly,

Sophie Greening.

Sister in one journey north, &
it is difficult for me to get
away from work just any
time -

In haste for post.

Yours sincerely.

Sophie's S. R. Kemp.

Do not advise visit at
present

Pierce

(270)
12 Endsleigh St.
London. W.C.
Tues? morn?

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I wrote to Dr. Kemp
on Sunday & expected a
reply from her this morning
as to whether it will be
suitable for my Mother &
me to see my sister to-
morrow. Of course I
may hear from her by a
later post but in case

There should be any delay
owing to her being away
I am writing to you -
If she has writing or is
wiring me to-day please
excuse my thus troubling
you - but you see as we
leave these rooms to-morrow
we want to know to-day
what our arrangements
must be.

We were so sad at receiving

Dr. Kemp's last very bad
report of my sister's condition
& feel that if she is so bad you
may decide that it is best for
us not to see her. Will you
let me have a wire to-day
as to what you decide please,
if as I say I do not meanwhile
hear from Miss Kemp -
My Mother & I are hoping to
go to Southport for Easter
as we thought we could fit
in that & a visit to my

(574)
12. Ennsleigh St.
London
W. 6
Jan 18. 1906

Dear Dr Pigeo -

Enclosed is
Cheque as per acct. I am
so sorry that there is still
no improvement in our dear
Josephine - It is so sad.
Kindly send receipt to above
address, as we are staying
here some time. And I shall
be glad to have accounts &c
sent direct to me, & to this
address, until further notice.

I hope you are quite well
again - also the rest of invalids
It must have been most
trying for you -

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Margt Seekeing



(2248)

N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mary Josephine Seekings of Summerycroft, Tuffley, Gloucester as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dunstable, The Mansions, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 24th day of February 1905.

Name Mary Josephine Seekings
Residence Summerycroft, Tuffley, Gloucester
Occupation Widow

SIGNED by the said Mary J. Seekings

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

John W. Barnett

'Highmead' Tuffley, Gloucester

Shoemaker

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

