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Aldcliffe Hall,
Lancaster.

14th. May, 1912.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to trouble
you with a request for a declaration
of identity, viz. that
Mr. George Isaac Sidebottom
who has been under your
care is the same person as
Mr. George Sidebottom
formerly of Southport

It appears that in the books
of the Great Eastern Rail-
way his second name
was omitted. If the
declaration is made before
a J.P. no fee is charged
but if you make it before
a commissioner please
let me know his charge.

I remain

Yours faithfully,

Edw. B. Dawson

B. Paine Esq. M. D.

Certificate
Sent May 9.

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Aldcliffe Hall,
Lancaster.

8th May, 1912.

Dear Sir, I see in today's
Yorkshire Post the notice
of the proof of Mr. Geo. L.
Lidborough's will. I was not
aware that he was dead.
As he was a co trustee of
mine of certain railway
stocks I shall have to
exhibit a certificate of
his death to the Companies.

I shall therefore be obliged
if you will obtain a copy
of the registrar's certificate
of his death & forward it
to me along with a note
of any expenses you may
incur about the business.
Was Mr. Sidebottom ill
for any length of time?
The last time you wrote
to me about him - a few
years ago he was in fair

health.

Remain,

Yours very truly,

Edward B. Dawson.

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Retreat, York.

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Lidbottom

May 8th. 1912.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by Messrs
Forsyth, of Manchester, to bring in and
forward your Piano to them.

Would you kindly let us know when
this would be convenient to you. Should
you be thinking of exchanging this instrument,
or purchasing another of any kind, we trust you
will give us an opportunity of first quoting
you, as you being an old and esteemed
customer we can guarantee to do better for you
than anyone at a distance not so interested
in you as we are.

We should be willing to make you a
most liberal allowance for your "Bechstein"
it having been purchased so recently from us.

Awaiting your reply, we remain

Yours respectfully,

John Gray & Sons

JOHN GRAY & SONS

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May 8th.

Dear Sir,

We have been requested by Messrs.

Forster, of Manchester to bring in and

forward you a piano for them.

Would you kindly let us know when

this would be convenient to you. Should

you be thinking of exchanging this instrument

or purchase another of any kind we trust you

will give us an opportunity of first quoting

you as you being an old and esteemed

customer we can guarantee to do better for

than anyone at a distance not so interested

in you as we are.

We should be willing to make you a

most liberal allowance for your "Hochstadt"

it having been purchased so recently from us

Awaiting your reply, we remain

Yours respectfully,

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49, Portland Street,

Manchester May 7 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have made arrangements to have the piano brought to Manchester this week.

Forsyths' of Manchester will arrange with their agents in York to get the piano packed, and sent to their warehouse in Manchester, and they will then deliver it to my address.

Thanking you for looking after the piano for so long.

Yours sincerely
G. I. Sidebottom.

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March 25, 1912

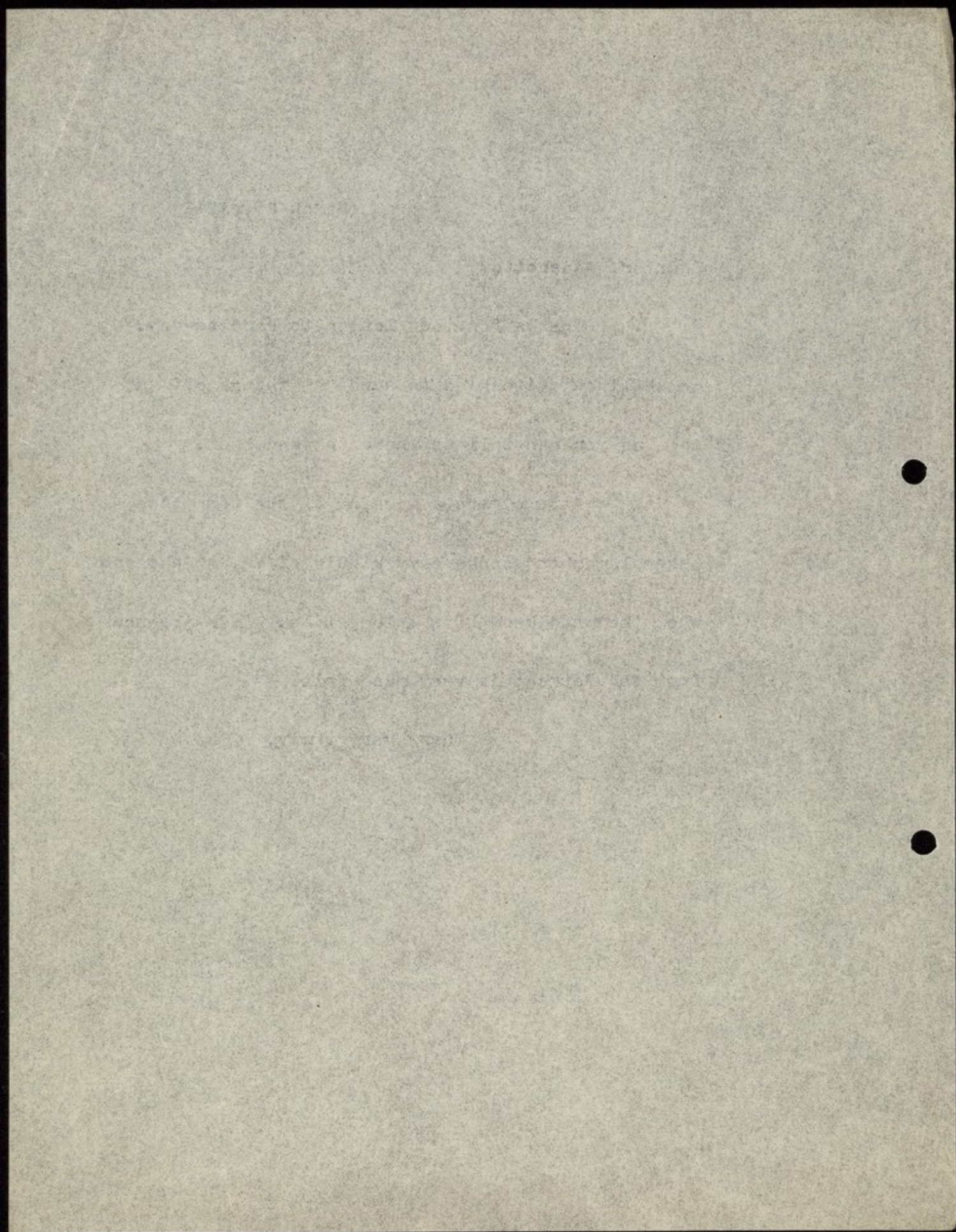
Dear Mr. Sidebottom,

Thanks for your letter to hand to-day.

We shall be quite glad to send the things off as soon as you can tell us where to send them.

At the recent meeting of the Committee several members spoke very kindly of Mr. Sidebottom whom they had known for a long time. His absence from the Retreat is very much felt.

Yours very truly,



May 16, 1912

Dear Sir,

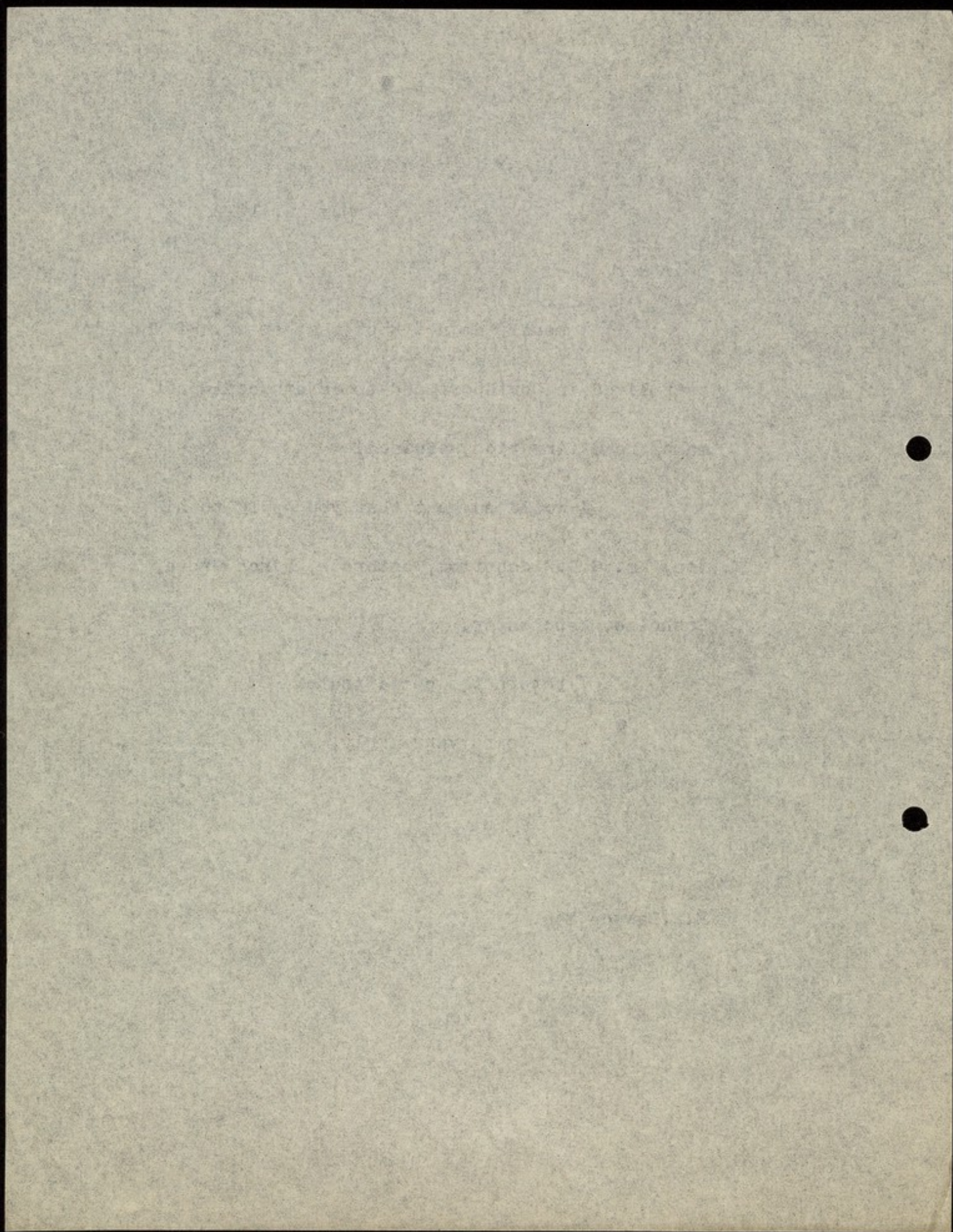
I really do not know whether Mr. Sidebottom
ever lived in Southport and therefore could not
make the affirmation required.

I would suggest that you apply to his
son, Mr. G.B.Sidebottom, Westbrook, Birch Grove,
Rusholme, Manchester.

I return the certificate.

Yours very truly,

E.B.Dawson Esq.



Westbrook,
Birch Grove,
Rusholme,
Manchester.

March 24 '912

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I received the valuation
this morning, for which
I am much obliged, and
thank you for the trouble
which you have been
put to in having to
get the valuation done
for us.

I expect you will want
the things out of the
way soon as possible,
and I will see what
I can arrange about
them this week

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
G B Sidebottom.

G. I. SIDEBOTTOM & CO

49, Portland Street,

Manchester March 23 1912

Dear Mr Pierce

I should be much obliged if you could arrange to let me have the valuation, of the things left at the Retreat belonging to Mr. Sidebottom; as I am waiting for them to fill up the papers for Probate. Everything else is in order. Hoping for an early reply, and with kind regards.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely,
G. I. Sidebottom.

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WOODSTOCK,

SYDDAL PARK,

BRATHALL,

CHESHIRE, ✓

March 17/12.

Dear J^h Pierce,

Now that my brother
has passed away, I wish
to thank you for all the
kindness you have shown
to him for many years.

I feel sure you did your
best to make him as
happy as possible, under the
sad circumstances.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
H. Sidelbottom.

WOODSTOCK
SYDDAL PARK
BRANHAM
CHESHIRE

✓ 2 Agnew St
Lytham 273
Lancs

✓ 13 March 1912

My dear Dr. Pierce

Will you please
accept my best thanks
for all your kindness
and attention to Mr.
Sidebottom during his
last illness, I fear
it has been a very
trying one -

I have been requested
to ask you if you will
be kind enough to

get all his belongings
at The Retreat, including
his clothes, valued for
Probate as soon as
possible I sent to

Mrs. G. W. Sidebottom

13 Birch Terrace

Dickens Road

Kusholme
Manchester

I hope this is not
giving you too much
trouble -

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely
G. W. Sidebottom

Ball Hotel ¹⁹⁵
Woodbridge
22 Feb. 1912

My dear Dr. Pierce

I write a line to
remind you that we
expect to return to
Lynchburg on the 27th so
that you may be kind
enough to have the
report of Mr. Sidebottom
sent to me there.

I enclose three envelopes
from McGill which have
not been fastened with
you kindly see if doc

not occur again -
We are much concerned
at Mr. Sedibottom's con-
tinued depression -

Believe me

Yours truly

E. A. Sedibottom

In haste

✓

194
Bull Hotel
Woodbridge
20 Feb. 1912.

My dear Mr Pierce

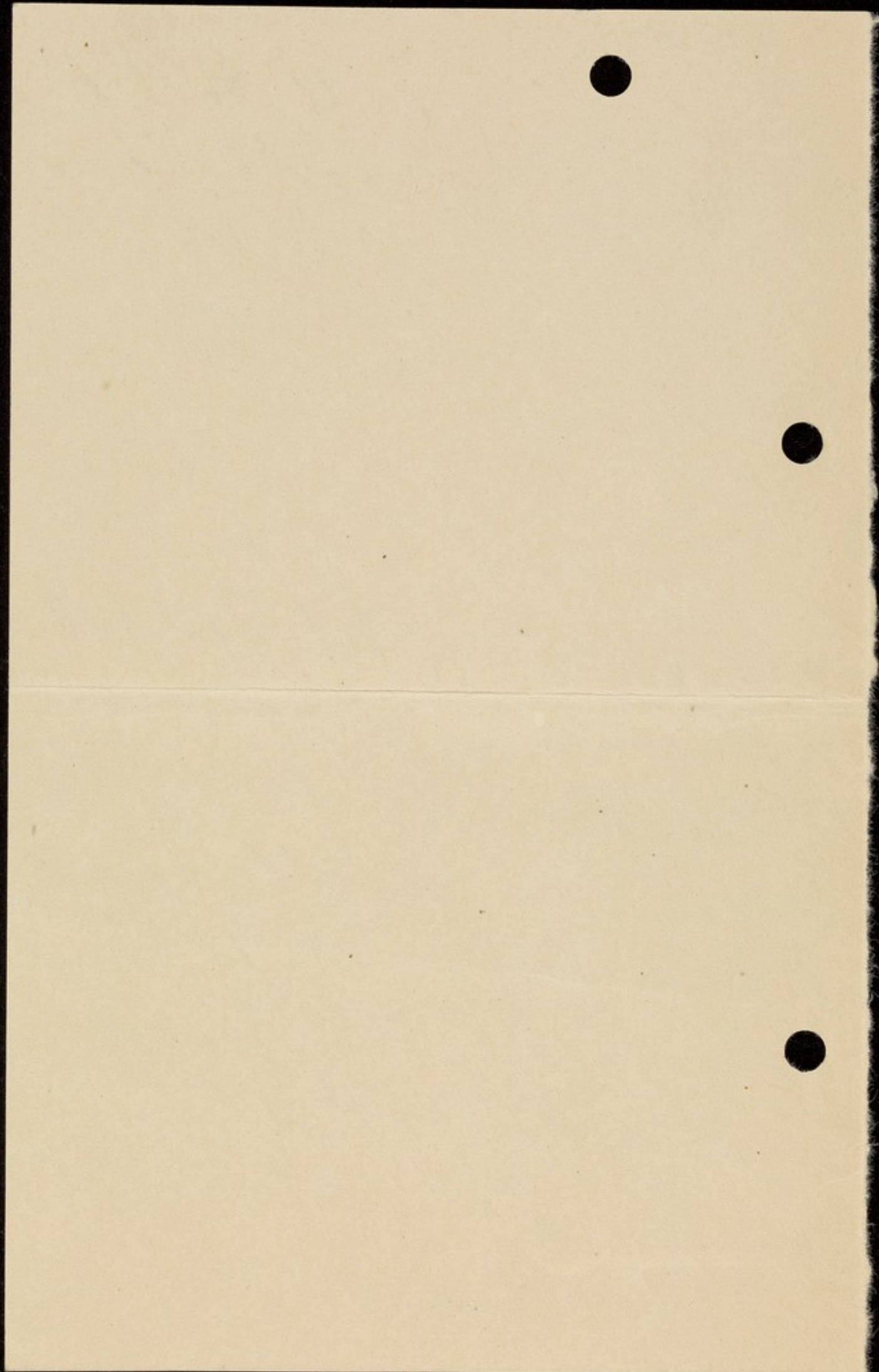
We are 'sorry'
I hear such poor
accounts of Mr. Sidbottom
& that there is still no
improvement -

Will you kindly address
I am here until the
24th & after that to our
own address Holmwood

Yours truly

E. A. Sidbottom.

Sydney
Lanes



Bull Hotel 165
Woodbridge

Suffolk

14 Feb. 1912

My dear G. Pierce

I am sorry to hear
such poor accounts of
Mr. Sedibottom, does he
still have his friends?
visit him & take an
interest in them?

As soon as possible
some of his family will
go over to see him but
just now we are all
laid up, I have been

in bed 5 weeks & am
obliged to stay here till
I get strong enough for
the journey to Lytham
My son at Manchester
has had influenza & I
don't know how far he
has recovered & my
son & daughter at Clopton
are both laid up, so
we are all in a very
poor way -

Do you think there is fear
of an immediate attack
of any kind with Mr
Sidelbottom?

Yours truly
E. C. Sidelbottom

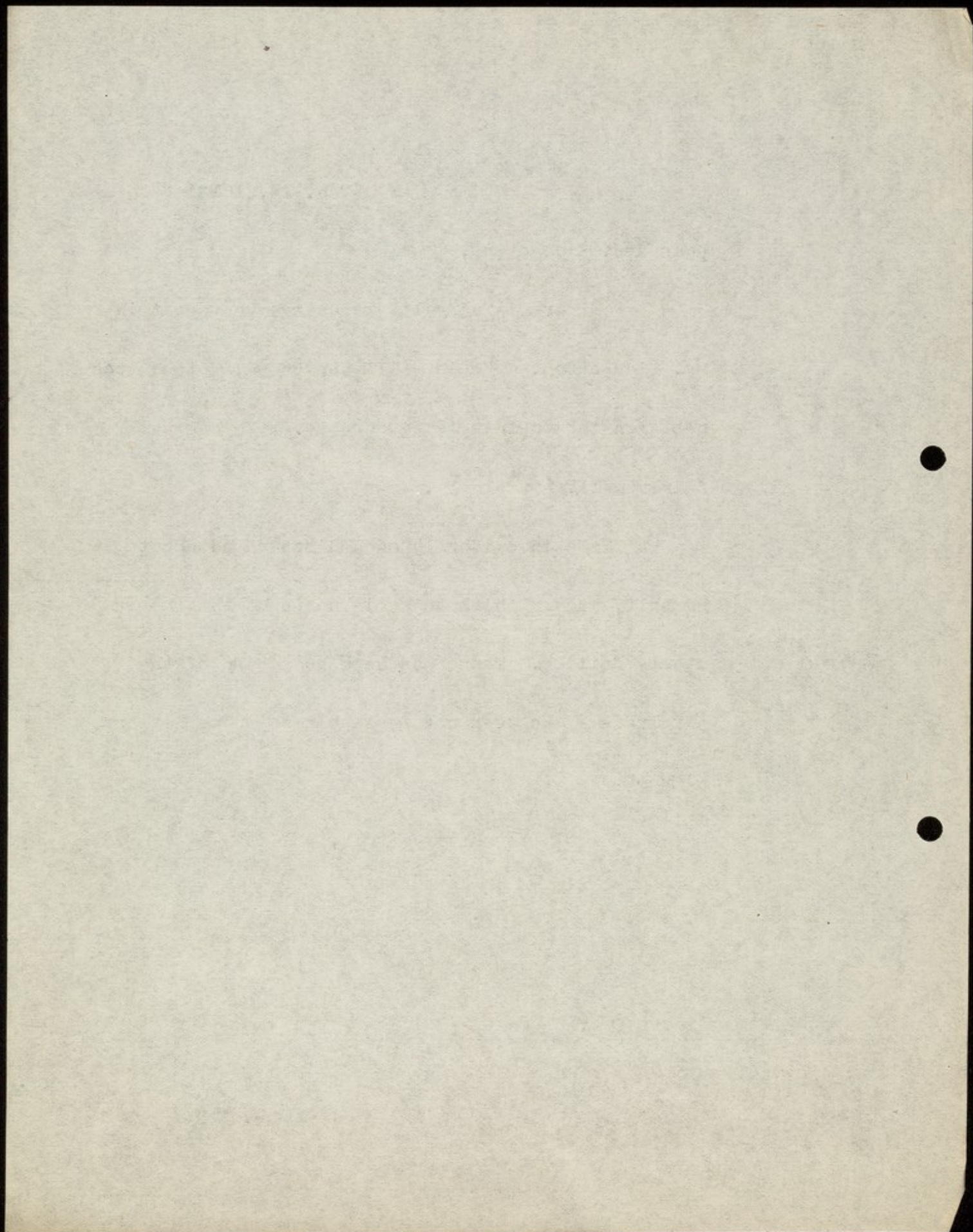
Feb. 14, 1912

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

There is very little change to report in Mr. Sidebottom. He is still depressed, but he goes out when the weather is favourable. He can walk fairly well, but slowly.

He is evidently much discouraged about himself, and we think there is no doubt that he is slowly failing. There has been no return of the paralysis. He does not feel able to write letters himself.

Yours very truly,



149
Koycroft-
Woodbridge
12 Feb. 1912

My dear Dr. Price
I am sorry Mr. G's
reports of Mr. Sidbottom
do not improve. I
was afraid how it
would be when you
ordered the leave of
absence. I should
like to know how
the paralysis is, and
if Mr. Sidbottom sees
his old friends as

he used to do & if
it seems to give him
any pleasure, also
if he goes out at all
He has not replied
to the letter his family
have written him &
acknowledged the little
gift they have sent him.
We all feel unhappy
at this change in
him -

Believe me

Yours truly

E. A. Sidebottom

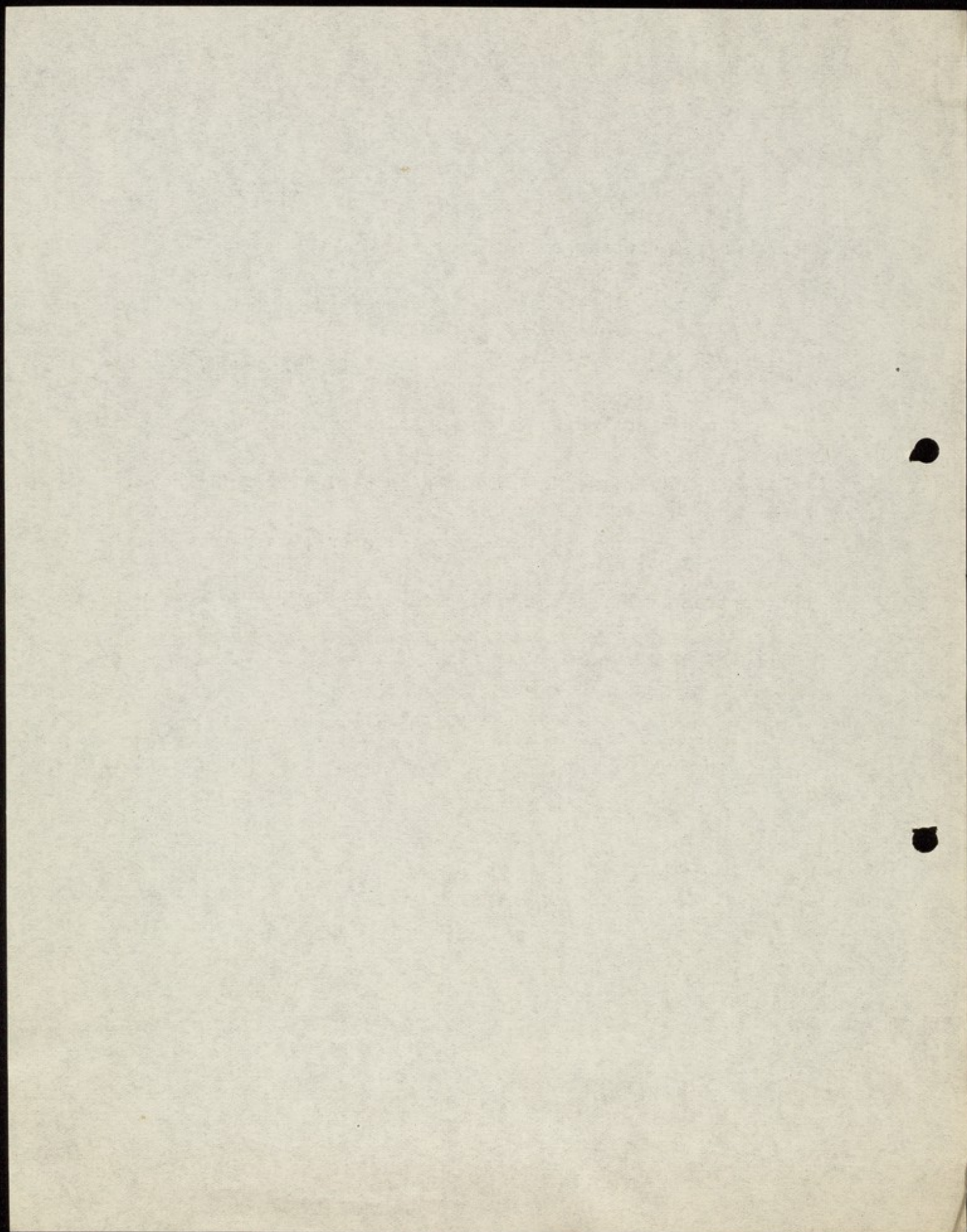
Jan 22, 1912

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

Things have been going on very much the same since we last wrote. Mr. Sidebottom is still depressed, but the depression is not quite so deep, and though he does not admit he is any better, we feel that he is beginning to improve.

There are no incidents to report, as he remains in bed, extremely quiet and disinclined to talk. He has an attendant continuously with him.

Yours very truly,



Raycroft.

New Street

Woodbridge

Jan 21st 1912

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My dear D^r Pierce,

My Mother asked
me to write to you as
she is not well enough
to do so her self.

We hope my Father
is a little better, we
are anxious to hear
how he is & shall
be glad to know as
soon as he is well
enough to have
letters.

I should have written
to you before, but with
my Mother being ill
was not able to do so.
She is a little better
to day but the doctor
was obliged to plug
the nose & of course
she is in bed.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

Edith Lidebolton

39
Kaysroft
New Street
Woodbridge
14 Jan. 1912

My dear Dr. Pierce,
I am sorry to hear
Dr. Mackenzie's account
of Mr. Sidbottom, we
have however seen
him in this state so
often in Southport, where
it was called "pure
hysteria" that we cannot
feel the alarm we
otherwise should, and
under Mr. Mould's care

he had to be fed with
the tube, this state has
sometimes succeeded
by perforce as of course
you will know -

Kindly let me hear
each day, unless Mr.
Sidebottom is in a
critical state I think it
will be most unwise
for any of his family to
go to see him, it will
do him no good and
might seriously distress
them, so I must trust
to you letting me know
if his life is in danger

Believe me
Yours truly
E. C. Sidebottom

39
Koycroft-
New St-
Woodbridge
13 Jan. 1912

My dear Dr. Pierce,

I am extremely sorry
I have your report of
Mr. Sidbottom. I hoped
the attack of depression
would have passed off
by this time - Do you know
of any immediate cause
for it?

Both his Father & Mother
died of paralysis of the
brain, do you think it is

that coming on?

I am in bed with an
attack of hemorrhage so
shall not be able to come
over, but if you think Dr.
Sidelbottom's state serious,
please let me know and
I will try to arrange for
some of the family to go
to see him -

Kind regards

Believe me

Yours truly

E. C. Sidelbottom

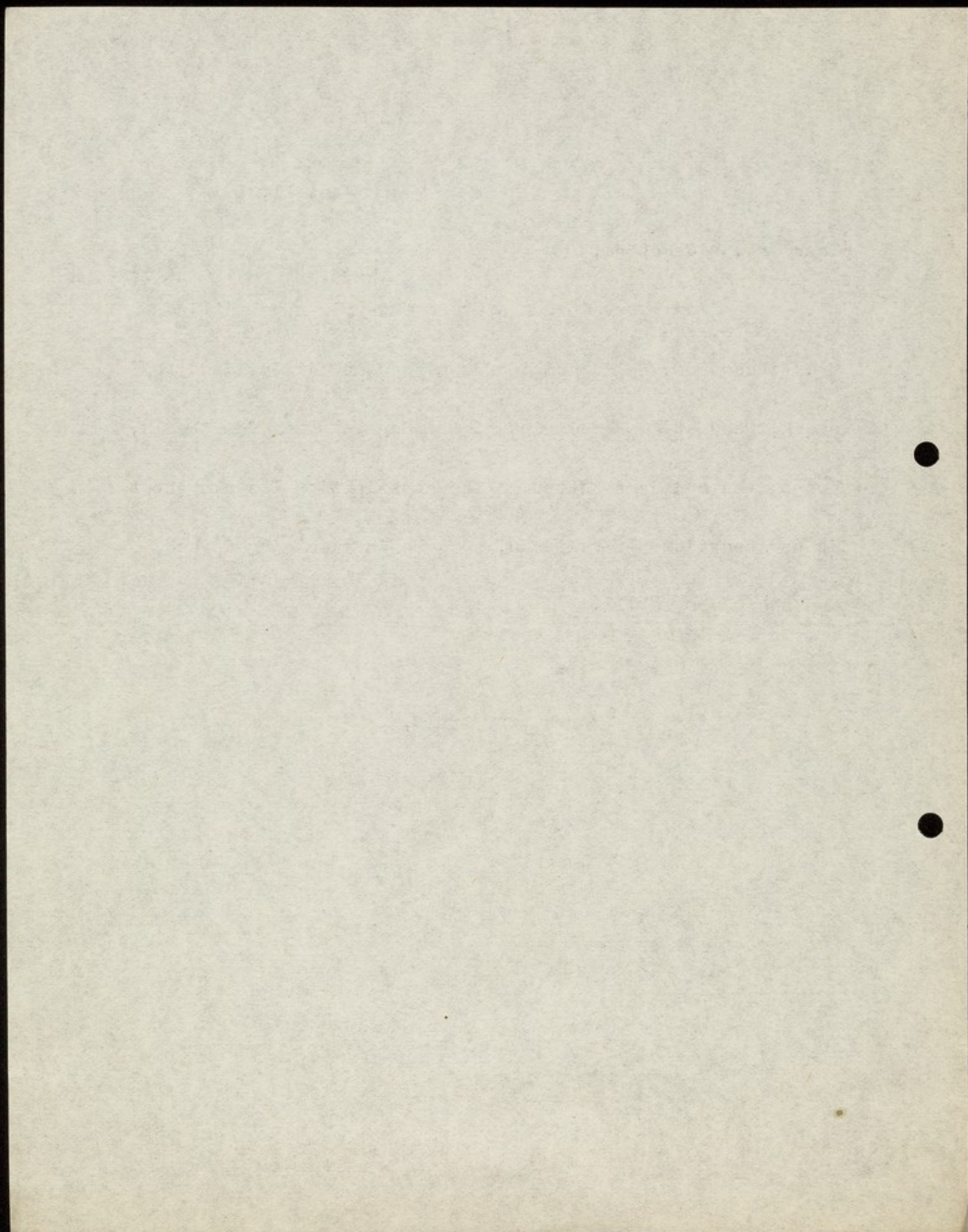
Jan. 11, 1912

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

I am sorry we cannot report any improvement in Mr. Sidebottom. He remains depressed and disinclined to speak, and at the beginning of the day he takes food badly, but at the end does better. The constipation I spoke about is now considerably relieved. He is remaining in bed and keeps very still.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



15
Koycroft-
New Street
Woodbridge

9 Jan. 1912.

My dear G. Pierce,

I am much
distressed to hear that
Mr. Sidebottom is having
another wave of depression
can you account for
these attacks coming
on again?

I shall feel obliged if
you will let me hear
how he goes on each
day until he can

write himself -

Believe me

Yours truly

E. A. Sidbottom

P.S. A P.C. will be sufficient

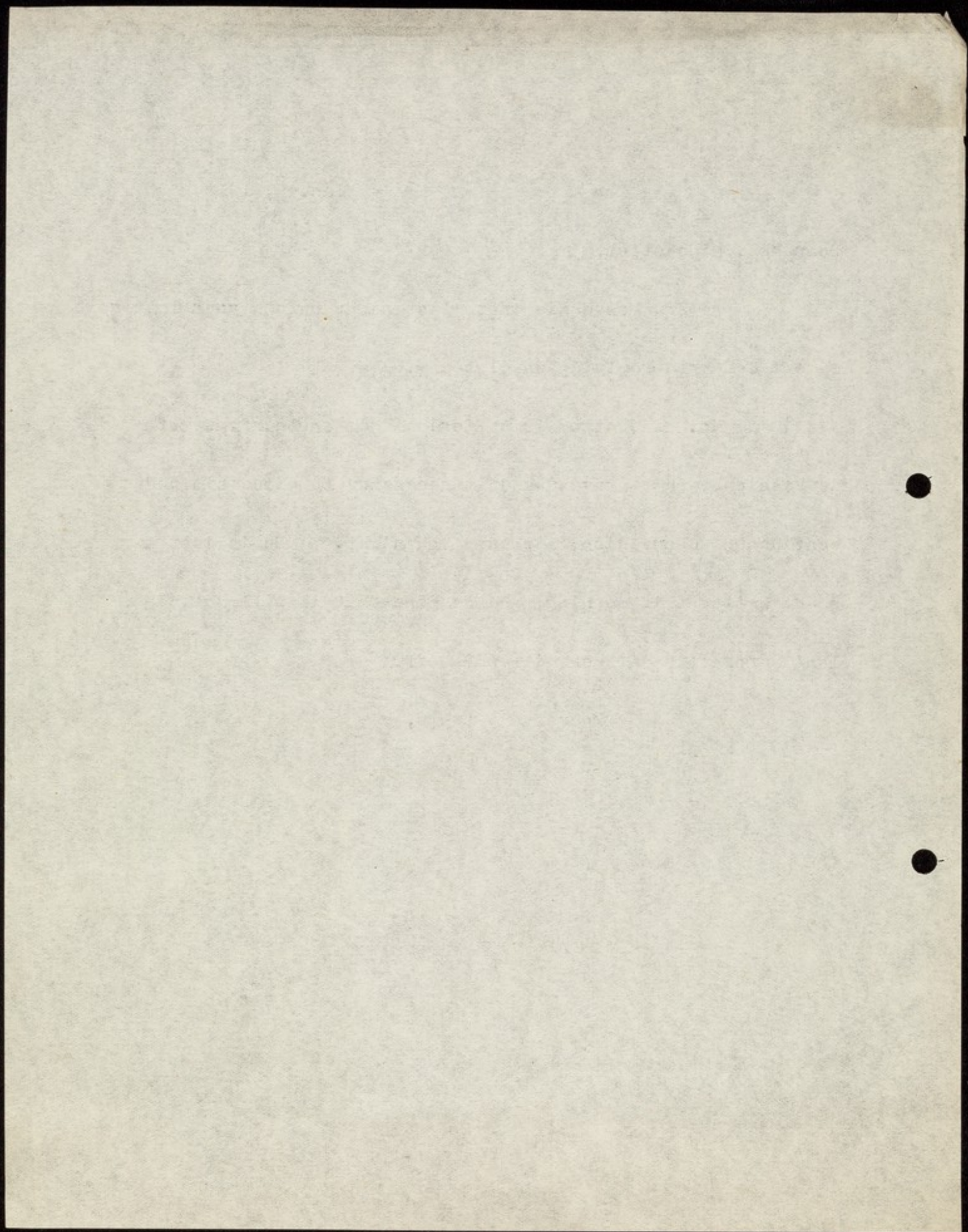
Jan. 5, 1912

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

As Dr. Mackenzie wrote last night before your letter came I deferred replying until today.

Mr. Sidebottom is suffering from another wave of depression, and we have found it necessary to place him under continuous supervision, both day and night. He is just a shade better this morning, and we hope that it will not be long before the attack will pass off.

Yours very truly,



Koycroft 915
New Street
Woodbridge
3 Jan. 1912.

My dear Dr. Pierce
I shall be much
obliged if you will let
me know how Mr.
Sidelbottom is going on
both in body & mind.
He sends me word he
does not feel so well,
but does not say in
what way.

Of course, he is still
worrying to be at home,
with his family & everything

about him as it was
thirty-five years ago,
he is unable to realize
the changes that have
taken place during
the last twenty years -
I have been able to
arrange to take on this
house until the middle
of February I will let you
know at once when
there is any change of
address.

Believe me
Yours truly
E. A. Sidelbottom

ans

Roycroft- 822
New Street
Woodbridge
8 Dec. 1911.

My dear Dr. Pierce,

I am anxious
to know how Mr. Sidbottom
is going on, for, although
he has written a few
times & said his leg
~~is~~ was keeping better
he still sounds depressed
• I shall feel obliged
if you will send me
word how you find him.
I shall not be able to
come over to York at

present but my eldest
son, Mr. G. B. Sidebottom,
will do so in my place
and I hope he will be
able to make arrange-
ments for Mr. Sidebottom,
comforts that will be
satisfactory to all parties.
I should much like to
know if the Commission
ordered the leave of absence
& if they are aware of
his return to the Regiment
& his present state -
With kind regards

Believe me
Yours truly
G. B. Sidebottom

G. I. SIDEBOTTOM & CO

769

49, Portland Street,

Manchester Nov. 24 1911

TEMPORARY ADDRESS!

17, ALTRINGHAM STREET. ✓

Dear Dr. Pierce

I expect to be coming to
York on Monday to see my
Father, and should like to
see you to talk matters over.
I have written to Mr. Sidebottom
yesterday telling him I hope to
see him Monday.

If you are not able to see me
on Monday, please let me
know, and tell me who will
be in charge at the Retreat-
if you are not there

Yours sincerely
G. I. Sidebottom.

See in Country

✓ Dear Street⁷⁸⁴
South Shore
Blackpool
21 Nov. 1911.

My dear Dr. Pierce,
Thanks for your
letter received yesterday.
I conclude from it that
Mr. Sidelbottom's attack
is similar to the one
he has been subject to
for the last twenty-five
years, but he is now
so much more bodily
infirmer that I hope
he will not be at all
violent.

I should like to know
if the Commissioners
ordered the "leave of absence
on trial" & if they are
aware of his present
state & his return to
The Retreat, will you
kindly let me know.
My eldest son intends
coming to see his Father
next Monday, if you are
sure to be at The Retreat,
if not will you let me
know so that he may
arrange with you and
he will wire to you
the time he can get to

Leeds York.

I should like to hear
how Mr. Sidebottom goes on.

Believe me,

Yours truly
E. A. Sidebottom.

some idea that he could not return to York
but spent the night there. She seemed relieved
to know that he was going.

Mr. Gill will get the son to see them off from
this end but would like some one to meet
them at York.

I found I could get so far on the return journey
to-night as will have a look at the Cathedral
in the morning & get to York in the afternoon.

Yours very truly

Henry J. Mackenzie.

TELEGRAMS:
"LAMB HOTEL, ELY."

TELEPHONE
No. 4.

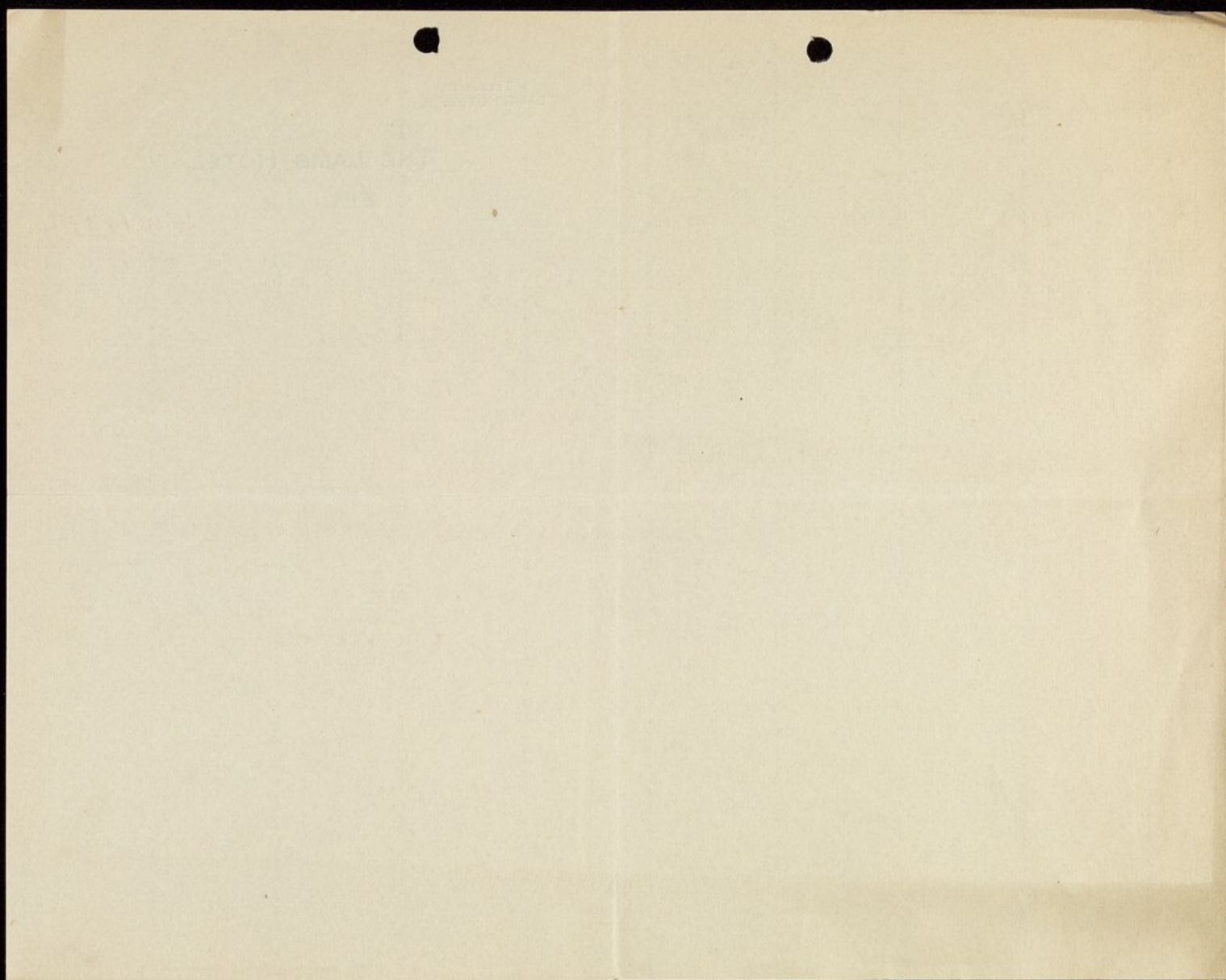
THE LAMB HOTEL,
ELY, CAMBS

Nov. 16: 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I found Sidbottom decidedly
depressed & rather confused. I gather that
he is sleeping better & also taking food
better than he was a few days ago. I saw
Dr. Hollis & talked the matter over with
him & we both agreed that he had better
come back to the Retreat. Sidbottom
raised no objection to this. So they are
to start on Saturday morning arriving
York 4.25 p.m.

Mrs. Jay (his widowed daughter) was at
the house also. She seemed to have



Goycroft. Woodbridge.

Nov. 16th 1911.

My dear Dr. Pierce,

• Dr. Mackenzie has been
today & all being well I
am coming back to the
Reheat on Saturday & I
hope you will be able to help me
• I trust it will be for the
best. I am very much
disappointed of course but

it cannot be helped. I am
still very lame altho I can
walk about the room pretty
well & shall be very thankful
if I can get better.

With kind regards to
yourself & family I remain
I remain Yours truly
Geo. Sidebottom.

Roycroft House
New St 705
-woodbridge.

Nov. 13. 1911.

W. Pierce

Mr. Sidebottom had been doing very well up to last Tuesday, when he began to show signs of Depression, first he complained of his stomach, & pain in the head. Headache & not been able to sleep well also had bad dreams & was not taking his food well.

He also complained of his past life & the illness he had gone through & the trouble he was causing his family.

So I called W. Hollis in on Tuesday night & he said Mr. Sidebottom complained of hearing voices & had pain in the head.

I left it with W. Hollis to write & give full particulars to you.

Mr. Sidebottom was still Depressed on Friday. Sat. & Sunday & this morning

So I kept him in bed & sent for the Dr.
he gave orders for Mr. Sidebottom to stay in
bed for a few days, so that he should
have rest.

He has a good Pulse, & has taken food fairly
well to day, & is a little brighter.

He complains of not getting on well with his
walking, he has been able to walk 2 miles
every day & to day has been the first one
indoors since we came.

I am sleeping in the room with
Mr. Sidebottom & I have the man who was
attendant to Mr. Sidebottom before he came
to the Retreat.

So will not require an attendant just yet.
Will report again on Tuesday as to
how he goes on.

I am your obedient
servant
G. Mc Gill

Needless to say I have
had no report from
Mr. Hollis -

I am sending you letter
to my son in Manchester
by this post -

Kindly excuse mistakes
I am much upset -

Believe me

Yours truly

E. A. Sidelbottom

Grand Hotel
St. Anne's on Sea
Lancs 706
13 Nov. 1911.

My dear Mr. Pierce

I have just
received ^{your letter} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~here~~
but after Thursday my
address will be 1 Dean St.
South Shore. Blackpool.
where I expect to be
some time with my
daughter who has had
a serious illness -

I am not surprised to
hear Mr. Sidelbottom does
not seem so well

and I am not satisfied
with the the small
amount of supervision
there is over him,
also I think I am
entitled to a report
from Dr. Hollis from
time to time -
About a week since
Mr. Sidelbottom persisted
in driving out to Clopton
it was a bitterly cold
day & he got a chill
Dr. Hollis was very angry
that he had been allowed
to go & blamed my son

who has no authority
to prevent him going where
he likes, I who was not
at Woodbridge at the time
I was intending to write
to you today to ask if you
could advise me what
to do or if I should need
to appeal to the Commission
like I had to do the
last time Mr. Sidelbottom
had leave of absence
granted -

Mr. Sidelbottom changes
so quickly that I am
extremely anxious about
his actions -

I think he must
certainly should be
somewhere, where there is
medical supervision in
the home, both for his
mind & body, it does
not answer for Dr.

Sidebottom to have the
say in everything & do
just as he pleases.

Although Dr. Gill is a
very good man & most
attentive I do not
consider he is experienced
enough to have full
control.

I live some miles out of

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MOUNT PLEASANT,
CLOPTON,
WOODBIDGE.

Nov 14th 1911

My dear Dr. Purice,

As you already know
Dr. Sidebottom is not so
well & when I saw him
last Friday, I thought
him very poorly, both
mentally & bodily.

I do not consider the
present arrangement at
all suitable considering
how Dr. Sidebottom is

Woodbridge & am naturally
busy on my farm & cannot
be constantly going over.

Mrs. Sidbottom sent me
a copy of your letter to
her. I feel confident
that some other arrangement
for Mr. Sidbottom's comfort
should be made & I
am sure he would rather
return to the Retreat
than go among strangers.
I feel we have given the
experiment a full trial

& both my Sister & I
have done what we could.

Kind regards

Believe me

Yours truly

E. J. Sidbottom

Roycroft House 705
New St.

Woodbridge

Nov. 14. 1911

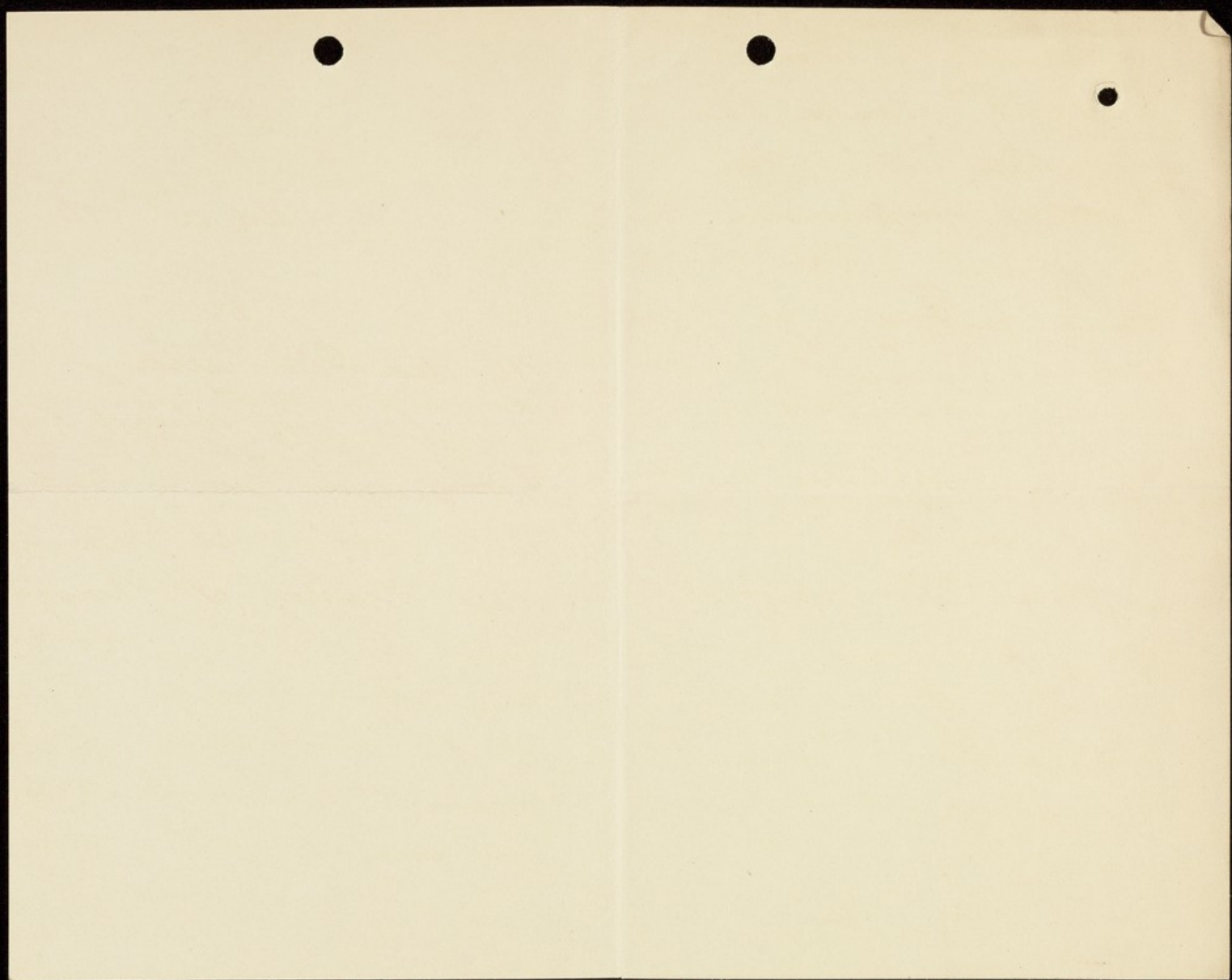
W. Pierce

Mr. Sidebottom as done very well to day
he had a good night slept 6 hours
& as taken his food very well
He his much brighter & has been sitting up
3 hours, smoking at intervals, also he has
written to Mrs Sidebottom

Dr. Hollis gave a good report of him & as
given orders that he may get up on Wednesday
after dinner, if he continues the same

I am your Obedient
Servant

G. M. Gill



to the Relief as he talks about what
he as seen.

perhaps a letter from you might make
a change. & cheer him up.

Will write & inform you as to how
he goes on.

I am your obedient

Servant

G Mc Gill

Roycroft House
New St.

Woodbridge

Nov. 15. 1911

M^r Peice

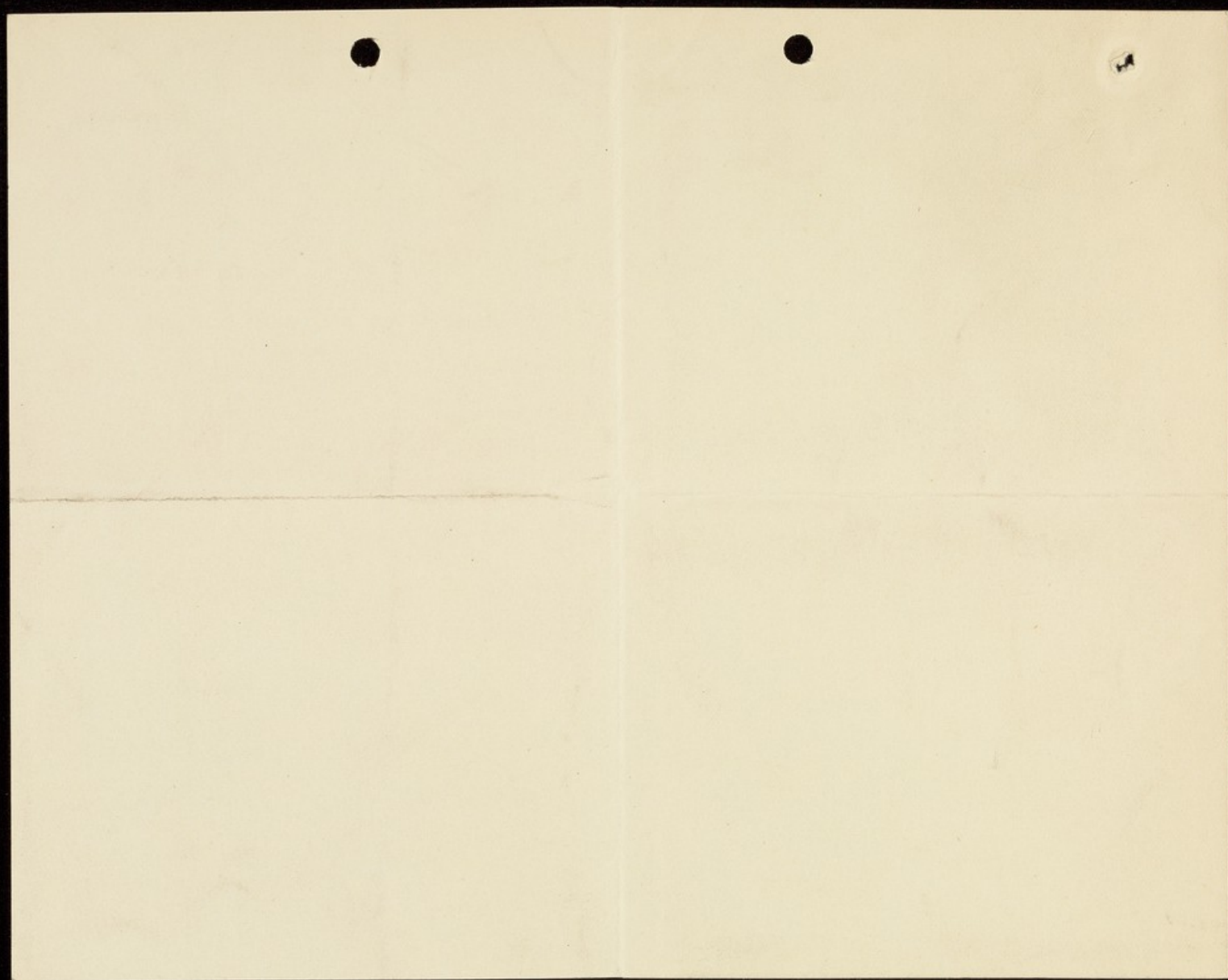
M^r Sidebottom was slightly Depressed
up to lunch time. he got up at 2 P.M.
& was much brighter. & continued so up to
noon. posting this

He had a very good night & is taking
his food very well.

D^r Hollis as not been to day. but his Son
called this morning & was sorry to see his
Father so low spirited & hoped to see a
change in him soon.

M^r Sidebottom. Worrys about what will
become of him after his time is up
here. & when he will be sent.

He does not want to come back.



Dear Sheet
South Shore
Blackpool
18 Nov. 1911.

My dear Mr. Pirie, ⁷³⁰
I hope you will
let me know how
Mr. Sidebottom is when
he arrives at the
Hotel, I have been
expecting news of him
all day.
It has been an
anxious time for all

the more so as I have
not been able to get
a medical report of
him, Dr. Hollis not
having replied to my
letter of enquiry a
month ago -

When Mr. Sidebottom
had leave of absence
granted some years
ago I Dr. Luke visited
him, he was most
kind in letting me
know frequently how

~~now~~ Mr. Sidebottom was
going on, this time
I have missed that
consideration, and it
has added greatly
to my anxiety -
If I do not hear ^{tomorrow}
I shall wire on Monday
morning -

Believe me to remain

Yours truly

E. C. Sidebottom

Jan. 16, 1912

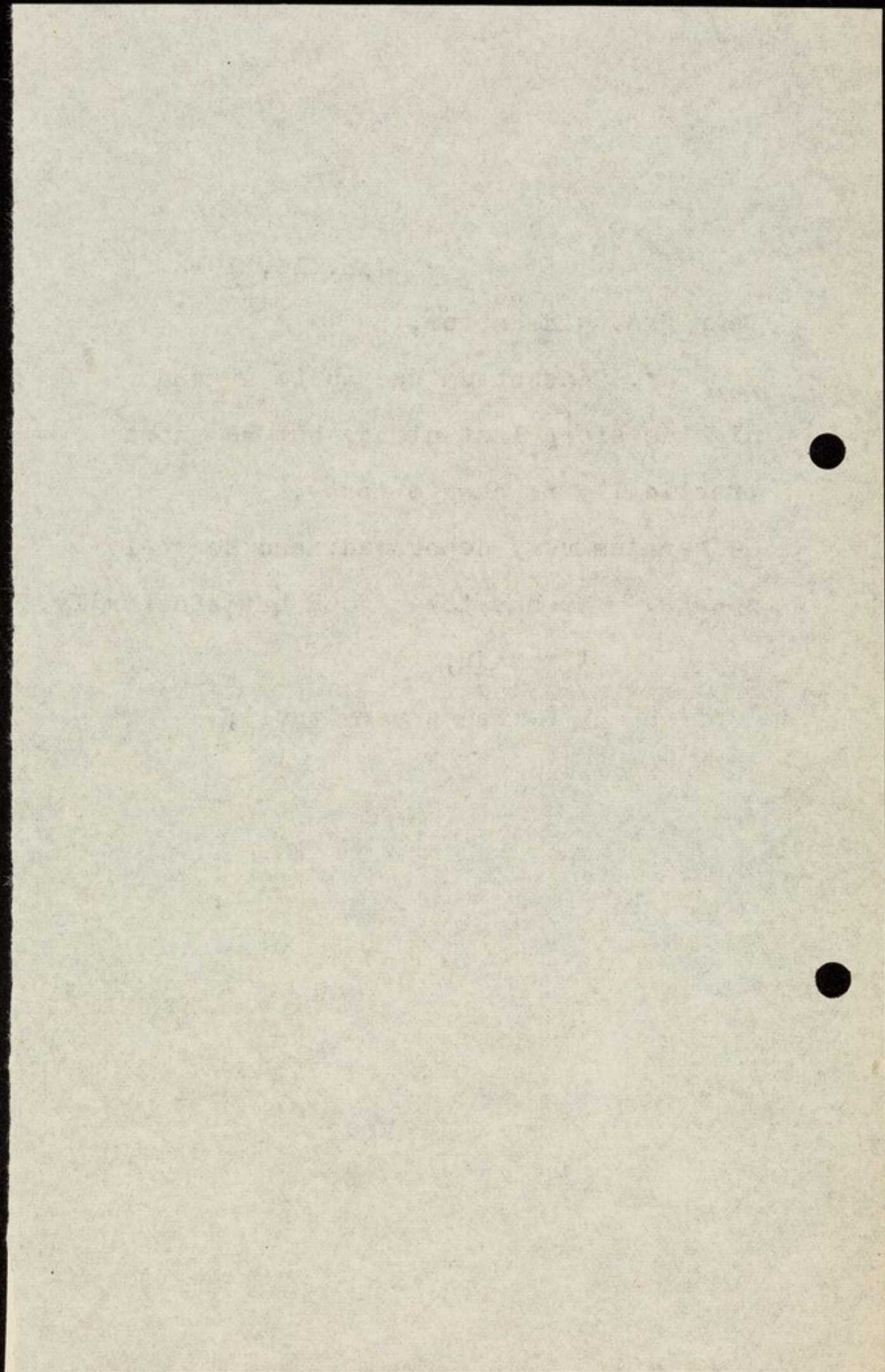
Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

Mr. Sidebottom had quite a good night's sleep last night, but he shows practically no change today.

He remains very depressed, and scarcely speaks. He has taken food satisfactorily.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



~~mistake~~ under take the
case I think he would
be the most suitable, if
not, either of the others,
which you think.

I understood Mr. Gill to
say that you would
write all particulars
to the doctor as soon
as you knew which
one we wanted

Yours truly,
J. S. Sidelbottom

MOUNT PLEASANT,
CLOPTON,
WOODBIDGE.

Sept 14th 1911

Dear Sir
Mr. Sidelbottom
arrived quite safely after
a very comfortable journey
with regards to having
a doctor; there are
3 I know of in Woodbridge
Dr. Hollis, Dr. Redpath
& Dr. Alford.
Dr. Hollis is thought the
best & if he would

Mount Pleasant
Glasgow
Woodbridge

already in the change
in which we are very
glad.

Kind regards
Yours very truly
A. S. Sidibottom

MOUNT PLEASANT,
CLOPTON,
WOODBIDGE.

Sept 19th 1911

Dear Dr. Sayla Fosc

Many thanks for
your letter with the
enclosed from Dr. Price.
I have asked Dr. Hollio
to attend Father as,
he thinks fit & gave
him the letter.

Dr. Hollio says he remembers
you quite well.
Father seems much better

Mount Pleasant
Georgia
November 1890

Nov. 11, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged for your letter to me and am very sorry to hear such a poor account of Mr. Sidebottom. The description you give certainly shows that he is distinctly worse mentally than he has been for a long time at the Retreat. It is many years since he had an attack of depression such as you describe. Then he could not speak, and, for a day or so, was silent and altogether preoccupied by the voices.

If he gets depressed he is barely safe, and I should really doubt the wisdom of his remaining away from special care. At this distance I can hardly give you any help, but it is clear that if in your judgment he is unfit to remain in his present surroundings with a single attendant he must be removed.

Seeing that he is on the books of the Retreat he can come back at any time without any formalities, and if it be necessary I could send another attendant to assist in his return.

I think I explained before that I told the family that I thought Mr. Sidebottom should have a trial as he had been very clear mentally for some time, although I was aware he was not recovered. When he is at his best the hallucinations recede into the background, but I can quite understand that when he is depressed they become prominent and a serious feature.

I will write to Mrs. Sidebottom and explain that I have had

a poor account from you and am awaiting a further letter before any decision is arrived at.

I am very sorry to hear you have been poorly yourself.

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

rather than anywhere else.

necessary Mr. Sidebottom would prefer to come to the Retreat

Dr. Hollis

I conclude that if Asylum care again becomes

on trial will have to be given up as a failure.

the better speedily I should think that the leave of absence him back at any time. Unless there is a decided change for

siders Mr. Sidebottom unfit to remain on leave, we can take

vivid. I am writing to him, explaining that if he con-

what depressed and the hallucinations are apparently more

and am disappointed to find that Mr. Sidebottom has been some-

I have today received a report from Dr. Hollis

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

Nov. 11, 1911

WOODBIDGE,
SUFFOLK.

10 Nov 1911

Dear Sir

I am sorry not to have replied to your letter with reference to Mr Sidbottom but I have Rheumatism in my shoulders and arms that I can hardly manage tonight. Mr Sidbottoms condition has improved somewhat since he came here, he has put on flesh, but mentally is much the same. Hallucinations of hearing quite evil, he has them daily at present, and if anything they are more pronounced. He tells me the voices are a great worry to him for they muddle him so, he hardly knows what to do. He has attacks of depression which he tells me come on suddenly and he often wishes he was dead.

He tells me anticipations of the future
worry him, and then he says "the Bible
says so & so"! His memory is not good.
At night he says he dreams that he is
fighting with Dr Attendants and Patients.
It is difficult to get out of him what
he feels in these attacks of depression
but he sits in his chair and takes no
interest in anything, he does nothing,
he does not even read the paper.
I think he walks a little better than he did.
There is no doubt he has Corticobehavior
which will of course account for the
pressure he complains of in his head
during these attacks of depression.
In my opinion there is no prospect of
any improvement. I do not think his

mental condition will ever improve.
He is unfit to look after himself
or to manage his own affairs.

With regard to what is to be done with
him when he has to turn out of the house
he is now in, if Mr Sidebottom wishes
to keep him here I will look out for
another house and let you know later
on. I do not know of any home at
Felixstowe for mental cases, there
is a convalescent home there, but
milder cases are not taken.

I will write you again in another few
weeks if you wish, but in my opinion
Mr Sidebottom is quite unfit for
discharge from Certificate

Very truly yours
E. Stokes.

Dr Bedford Pierce

1/2 Mr. Lees 666
Wrentham Park
Oldham
4 Nov. 1911.

My dear Dr. Pierce,
I write to ask
if I can see you at your
rooms in Leeds next
Tuesday and at what
time? It is of course
in reference to Mr.
Sidebottom. I wish to
know what you intend
doing at the end of the
present leave of absence

I do not know whether
you have had any
report of his mental state
while he has been at
Woodbridge or not.
Kindly let me have
a note by return of post
& say if you can see
me at Leeds on Tuesday
so that I may have
time to arrange with
my son to come with
me.

Yours truly
E. A. Sidelbottom

Gaydoft. Woodbridge. Suffolk.
Oct. 29th 1911.
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My dear J. Pierce,

I am just sending you
a few lines to say that I hope
you are all going nicely at the
moment & also that I have
hacked almost without limping
more than usually I have done
all my life for I always had
a little tendency that way,
about 2 miles alone excepting
my umbrella to shade me

as I am hoping to degree & get
settling back again. Will
you kindly tell my friends as
it may be some encouragement
to some under their difficulties.

Please give my kindest regards
to your family circle & extend
it as far as you think fit.

With all your wishes for the
Reheat in years to come

I remain yours truly

Geo. A. Sidelbottom.

Ryecroft House
Woodbridge

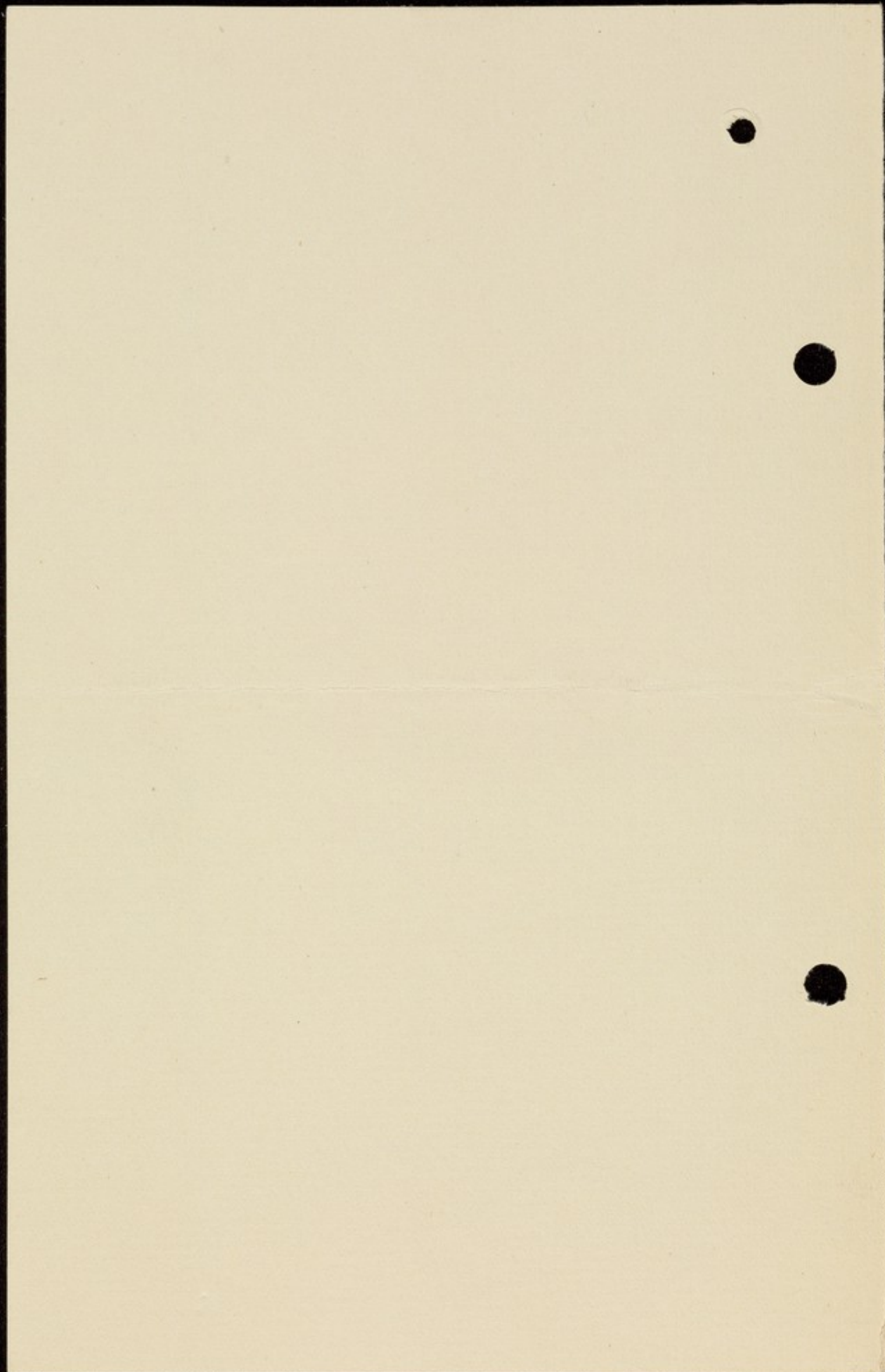
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D^r Pierce

1911

M^r Sidebottom arrived safe he stood the journey very well. he is quite pleased with the house. His son & daughter was here to meet him & they will be here on Friday the name of the D^r who will see M^r Sidebottom is D^r Redpath, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

your obedient servant
G. M^c Gill



Goycroft New Street
Woodbridge Suffolk.

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Oct. 6. 1911.

My dear Dr. Peier

I am just sending you
a few lines to say I seem to
be going on alright & Dr. Hollis
says I am wonderfully better
than the long walks for me
at present will do me good.
Dr. Keef has returned
from her Holiday pleasures
in my kindest remembrances

What I am very busy with a
Kind of Barn Dance but it
is in the nature I used
to have the pleasure of having
with her once upon a time.

However I shall keep it up as
long as I can. There is no
telling what it may develop
into, I shall hope to meet
many friends under this
in the other side Jordan.

I hope your family are all
well. please remember me

to them & also to Sisters &
friends as opportunity occurs.

This is a very pretty territory
place. My children are
delighted to have me so near
them. With kind regards to
yourself & many thanks for
care & trouble

I remain your truly
Geo. S. DeBolton

Sept. 18, 1911

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

I have had very pleasant letters from Mr. Sidebottom since he has been at Woodbridge. He seems to be doing very well.

I wrote a letter to the local doctor, which no doubt he has had by this time.

We propose that Mr. Sidebottom should have leave of absence for, say three months, during which time he can return to the Retreat at any time without any formalities, but at the end of the time he will be discharged and we shall have to consider whether he is to be discharged as "relieved" or "recovered".

You will be at no expense in relation to his rooms and we can take care of his piano and some of his pictures for a short time.

Perhaps when you can judge a little better than at present whether the present arrangement is a success you will let us know whether they are to be stored in York or forwarded to him.

The fee for McGill, who is not a certificated attendant, will be two guineas weekly, a reduction of six shillings a week below the usual rate. It should be paid to the Retreat monthly.

Many thanks for your kind reference to our staff
in relation to Mr. Sidebottom. As I explained before, he
has been a help to us latterly, and he will be greatly missed.

Yours very truly,

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Werneth Park
Oldham
16 Sept. 1911

My dear Dr. Pierce, ✓

No doubt you
have heard of Mr. Siddons
arrival at Woodbridge
& that he is comfortable
settled there.

I suppose you will enquire
what doctor he is to be
under & if he has to
be officially visited.

I think you will
quite understand that

now Mr. Sidbottom has
left the Retreat we shall
not keep on his rooms
there or any of his other
expenses. I hear that
you have offered to take
care of his piano & some
of his pictures &c. for him
but if they are at all
in your way will you
please have them stored
for him at some suitable
place in York -
I shall feel obliged if you
will let me know about
Mr. Gill's salary, if we must

pay it to him or to the
Retreat, the amount, &
whether it is paid weekly
or monthly, any particular
you can give me I shall
be glad to have -
I must thank you for
the care & consideration
you have shown to Mr.
Sidbottom during the
winter of year he has
been under your care
With kind regards
Believe me
Yours truly
E. A. Sidbottom

cause for great happiness
to see the children's faces
with their old looks is
a treat. This is a lovely
place & quite a house for
an artist & I fancy some
artists must have used
it from time to time either
as a nice studio & many
evidences of artistic touches.

I hope you are all very well.
With kind regards to all
many thanks Yours truly
Geo. L. Debitum.

Dr. Hollis has
just called with
my son alright

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• Roy crop House
New Street, Northbridge
Saffolk.
Sept. 16th 1911.

My dear Dr. Pease,
I was very glad to get
your letter this morning
with all the kind wishes
& cheery news & the
sentiment expressed just
suits my feelings & I trust

as shah go on alright now
I find the means have been
lessen my physical weakness &
health happening again.
I have managed to get over
7 my colds but it is going
nicely I feel as natural
under the circumstances that
I have quite enjoyed a
few times in bed nursing
it I am down to do my

correspondence & try my legs
again in the room. They are
better again this evening
I hope to manage to get out
for a short walk. Dr. Pedgley
has not yet called but no
doubt he will soon let you
hear from me from time to time.

Things look to be coming
quite right at last with
all our family but it is

There is no need for to
tell you as much kind
regards to yourself & family
each friends and
best wishes

I remain, Yr most truly
Geo. A. Sedgwick

Poplar House, 452
New Street, Woodbridge
Suffolk. Sept. 14th
1911.

My dear Dr. Oliver,

I have a very good report
of the journey here. All has
gone well with me. I feel
the snoring has nearly
gone. I am getting stronger. It is
a delightful place. I am
sensible in my little bed
at present. My son & daughter

had tea with me. I am very
happy to meet it has.
The Doctor has not called
on as yet but I think
my son is in communication
with Dr. Redpath & I
doubt you will hear all
particulars by degrees.
I hope you are having a
good time of it whenever
you are I am fairly as

well. I have a card from
an lady friend abroad &
they seem to be enjoying
a well earned holiday.
Mr. Gail is my attention
I think I shall find
him very useful. I will
let you hear as I go along
I hope we shall meet again
some other days to
compare notes of the way.

Sept. 11, 1911

Dear Sir,

Just a line to say we are arranging for Mr. Sidebottom to leave at 10.25 on Wednesday morning, by Great Eastern, arriving at Ipswich at 4.7.

We will wire if anything should prevent his going, but, unless we hear anything to the contrary, you may expect him by that train.

Yours very truly,

J.F.Sidebottom Esq.

1911. 11. 15

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,

W. H. Smith

General Manager

British and Foreign Bible Society

1, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4

Enclosed find the sum of £100

for the purchase of Bibles

Yours faithfully,
W. H. Smith

• J. W. Lees
Warrinth Park
Oldham
10 Sept 1911

My dear G. Pierce,
I have a letter
from Mr. Sidebottom
saying he feels "much
stronger & quite equal
to the journey any time
now", so will you
kindly arrange ^{for him} to go
to Woodbridge as soon
as possible this week, the
house & servants have
been in readiness for

him for the last ten days.
Mr. Sidebottom tells me
a very nice attendant
is ready to go with him
and the extra help
he will require the
servants in the house
will be able to find.
If you will write to my
son at Colpton, (whose
address I have given
you) he will arrange
for a motor to meet
the train from York
at Ipswich with carrying
chair &c -
I am very wishful

for Mr. Sidebottom to get to
Woodbridge while this fine
weather lasts, and also
before he has another of
the attacks which both
you & Dr. Mackenzie tell
us we must expect -
Kindly let me hear from
you by return -
Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom.

P.S. I suppose Mr. Sidebottom
will take a diet sheet
with him both for food
& beverages?

Sept. ;5, 1911

Dear Sir,

You will have heard that a patient of ours, Mr. G.I. Sidebottom, on leave of absence, is now at Woodbridge. I should like to explain that though he has been troubled with hallucinations of hearing for very many years, these are now very much in the background and do not influence his conduct to any material extent. I think it is unlikely that the mental trouble will give rise to any anxiety. For a long time he has gone about just as he liked, and he is a courteous gentleman, very considerate of others, and pleasant to do with. Recently, however, he has had several hemiplegic attacks. None of these have been accompanied by unconsciousness, and several of them have been extremely slight. They have all affected the same limbs, the last one being the most severe, when there was considerable loss of sensation. His blood pressure has been very high, over 200mm. We have given him small doses of calomel, iodide of potassium, and this has gone down to some extent. I fear there is no doubt that there is arterio sclerosis affecting the cerebral arteries.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Redpath

Sept. 15, 1911

Dear Mr. Sidebottom,

We are very pleased to hear that you got through to Woodbridge so comfortably. It is a real pleasure to us all to know that you are now near your friends and no longer in an Institution. I much hope the beautiful country and the change of scene will be a great success. When you get a little better I am sure you will find much that will interest you from an artistic point of view.

I am writing to Dr. Redpath today.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Sept. 4, 1911

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

Your letter respecting Mr. Sidebottom's removal awaited my return from holiday. I think you know that he wishes to wait until he is better before going away.

The leg is certainly getting stronger, but he can only walk a very short distance, and he is very helpless in respect to toilet and so forth. It was most unfortunate he should have this attack so soon after going away from here.

Yours very truly,

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1/1 Mr. Lees 403
Werncliffe Park
Oldham
30 Aug. 1911.

My dear J. Pierce
I am writing to
tell you that the house
at Woodbridge will be
ready for Mr. Sidebottom
any day after tomorrow
the address is
Koycroft
New Street
Woodbridge
Suffolk,
I gave it to Mr. Sidebottom.

while he was here -
My housekeeper's name
is Mrs Jackson & she
will be in the house from
tomorrow -

Of course I leave all the
arrangements for the
journey with you, but
I know my son will
do his best to help at
the Ipswich end if
required - his address
is

J. F. Sidebottom Esq
Mount Pleasant
Colapton
Woodbridge
Suffolk.

Mr. Sidebottom wishes to
remember some of the attendants
& I have suggested he should
have a cheque sent -
will he be able to cash
it easily?

I hope he is feeling
better -
I shall be here for the
next few days
With kind regards

Believe me

Yours truly

E. A. Sidebottom

Werneth Park, 23. Aug. 1911.
Oldham.

Dear Dr. Mackenzie

You will have
heard about W. Sidebottom
through Thornton, I have
been too busy with
strikes to write!

It is very unfortunate
that W. Sidebottom
should have had this
attack, he seemed so
well & happy on Saturday

& to be enjoying himself
so much.

Mrs Sidebottom has been
to see him twice & the
eldest son came yesterday.

I should have been
glad for W. Sidebottom
to stay longer but he
seems to prefer returning
on Friday as arranged.

I shall of course send
him in a motor &
make all arrangements

I care for his comfort
during the journey.

With kind regards

Yours truly
S. A. Lees.

Sidebottom of his illness -
In your choice of doctor
to Mr. Sidebottom I wish
to suggest that you do not
select a Dr. Preston -
Kindly let me hear from
you as soon as possible
Mr. Sidebottom returns
to the Rectory on Friday
as arranged -
Believe me,

Yours truly
E. C. Sidebottom.

36
Merrick Park
Aldham
22 Aug 1911

My dear Dr. Pierce
I have seen Mr.
Sidebottom twice, no
doubt you have heard
from Thornton how he is.
I have asked him what
he would like to do when
he leaves the Rectory
& have suggested he should
go to Woodbridge to a
furnished house that
I have taken for four
months from the 31st of

this month, the house
will be worked by two
of our old servants who
are at Clopton now
keeping house for my
son while his sister is
away, they are man
& wife, the man is not
fit for much but the
wife is quite reliable
& Mr. Sidebottom knows
them both very well.
Mr. Sidebottom is much
pleased with the idea
he will be within six
miles of Clopton & my

son & daughter go into
Woodbridge two or three
times a week -
we have a few kind
friends there -
In case you approve of
this arrangement I
suppose you would appoint
a doctor to visit him &
sent a suitable attendant
with him who would be
able to stay with him.
I had taken this house
at Woodbridge for myself
& eldest daughter but I am
grieved to say she is too
ill to go to it -

I have not told Mr.

Westbrook³⁶⁹
Birch Grove
Kusholme
Manchester
14 Aug. 1911

My dear Dr. Pirce,
I am sorry I shall
not be able to come
to York on Wednesday
this intense heat is
affecting my heart &
I dare not risk such
a long journey and also
a trying interview
and as Mr. Sidbottom
tells me it is very

uncertain that you
will be at The Retreat
I have decided not
to make the attempt.
After Mr. Sidebottom
has spent the week
at Werneth I suppose
he will be able to
return to The Retreat
until the end of Sept.
as his fees (without
cyther) are paid till
then - I shall feel
obliged if you will
tell me if you

intend to discharge him
your certificate as of
sound mind & if
that will mean that
he is discharged by the
Commissioner as
well - I think you
will understand that
I want to know exactly
what you intend to do
so that I may know
what my position is
awaiting your reply

Believe me

Yours truly
E. A. Sidebottom.

Werneth Park, 10. Aug. 1911.
Oldham.

Dear Dr Mackenzie

I am writing to
my brother in law,
Mr. Sidebottom to say
we shall be glad
for him to pay us
a week's visit, & to
come on the 18th. &
have asked him
to bring an attendant.

We have no man in
the house & beside
the recollection of past
scenes, it might be
awkward for us if
Mr. Sidebottom had
any loss of power
or fall.

I hope he will enjoy
the change & that it
may do him good.

The reason I have fixed

this date is that I am
engaged from the
25th till the beginning
of Oct.

Believe me

Yours truly
S. A. Lees.

J. G. J. Sidebottom Esq
Westbrook
Birch Grove (29)
Rusholme
Manchester
6 Aug 1911

My dear Dr. Mackenzie
I wrote to Dr. Price
yesterday telling him of
Mr. Lee's proposal and
in his absence will you
kindly see if it is suitable
and if you can carry it
out, do so -
My son & I intend to come
over to see Dr. Price and
we will fix the 13th in
order to be sure of a

personal interview -
Thanks for the information
about Mr Sidebottom's
position -
Please let me know
as soon as possible what
you arrange with Mr Lees
My idea is that after
Mr Sidebottom has been
with Mr Lees he should
return to The Retreat till
the end of September,
during that time we
will do our best to arrange
a home for him, it will
have to depend upon how
we find him while he is

at Worsley -
I will try to see something
of him there and will
delay my visit to my
invalid sister at Bourneville
for that purpose -
Do you think this will meet
Dr. Piers' views -
I have told Mr Sidebottom
that Dr. Piers wishes him
to have a change from the
"Retreat" -

Believe me
Yours truly
E. A. Sidebottom

J. L. B. Sidebottom, Esq.
Westbrook
Birch Grove (29)
Rusholme
Manchester
5 Aug 1911

My dear G. Pierce,

Mr. Lees has most
kindly offered to have
Mr. Sidebottom pour the
18th of this month, for a
week, of course with an
attendant. She has a
large house & grounds
a telephone & plenty of
men about the place in
case of need, if this

meets with your
approval & Mr. Sidebottom
is willing to go to Werneth
will you please write
direct to Mr. Lees

Werneth Park

Oldham

and make the necessary
arrangements first-hand.
I am looking round &
making enquiries about
places where I think
Mr. Sidebottom would
be comfortable but before
I can do much I
must know on what
terms Mr. Sidebottom

leave. The Retreat
and he must give
both you & Mr. Lees
his word that he will
not come into Manchester
or interfere with the
business -

Awaiting your reply

Yours truly

E. A. Sidebottom

Westbrook
Birch Grove
Kusholme
Manchester
3 Aug. 1911

My dear Dr. Pierce,

I have not been able to answer your letter of the 24 July which has taken me quite by surprise, following so quickly on the Official Report of the 19 July 1911, "Mental Condition, No change". It will take some little time to arrange for Mr. Sidebottom to go elsewhere

and it is quite impossible
for any of his children
to undertake the care of
him & it is out of the
question my doing so.
Before I can arrange
anything I must know
upon what terms the
change is to be made.
do you mean that
the Commissioners are
releasing him from
certificates & that
you are discharging
him, and will it do
away with my responsibility
as Petitioner?

Kindly write to me fully
on these points.
Mr. Sidebottom is very curious
& see the letter you wrote
me on the 24 July. I have
always considered your
communication private
but if you are willing for
him to see it - I will send
it to him.
Should Mr. Sidebottom become
quite helpless during my
lifetime I shall do my
best to have him
kindly & considerately
cared for.
Believe me
Yours truly
E. A. Sidebottom

Am/.

J. A. L. Poole Esq
The Willows
Poulton-le-Fylde
22 July. 1911.

My dear G. Pierce

I am sorry to
hear from Mr Sidbottom
that he had another
slight attack yesterday
but that he had recovered
from it - I shall be
glad if you will tell me
if we can do any
thing to help him
& what you would
advise for him. -

I shall be here till next
Thursday (the 27th) when
I expect to go to Manchester
to stay with my son
and as soon after
that as I can I intend
to come over to see
Mr. Sidebottom -

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom.

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*Reply Paid Pierce The Retreat
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*How is w.
Sidebottom*

Sidebottom today

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1/1 A. L. Poole Esq
The Willows
Poulton-le-Fylde
W. Preston
5 July 1911.

My dear Mr. Price

Thank you for
letting me know so
promptly about Mr.
Sidebottom. If you
think it will not upset
him I should like to
come over to see him
perhaps next week if
I can arrange it,
but I will wait to hear
from you first.

I have had quite a long
letter from Mr. Sidebottom
this morning, and I
am glad he does not
feel ill or suffering
in any way -

We expect to stay here
quite three weeks longer
& if Mr. Sidebottom has
not returned I should like
to defer my visit - till
the hay is got in -
With kind regards

Yours sincerely

E. C. Sidebottom

1/1 Mr. Lees I
Wrentham Park
Oldham
12 June 1911

My dear Dr. Mackenzie,

I feel much
convinced to hear of
Mr. Sidebottom's attack
yesterday; some years
ago when he was so
violent we were always
in fear of a stroke or
a fit, but since he has
been so much quieter
we have rather lost
sight of the fear -

I had a very sensible
long letter from him
this morning & ~~she~~
says he does not feel
at all ill or in any
pain - will you please
let me hear how he
goes on as often as
you can.

Thank you very much
for the letter -

Believe me

Yours sincerely

E. A. Sidelbottom

Werneth Park
Oldham
5 June 1911

My dear Mr Pierce,
My cousin (Miss
Seel) and her brother-
in-law Mr. Merton
propose going over to
see Mr. Sidebottom next
Thursday, I think
they have been to the
retreat before, but it is
some time ago, so I

thought - I had better
send you word and
save them the trouble
of writing to you -
I hope Mr. Sidebottom
continues to improve
with kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely
E. C. Sidebottom

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Linden House
Woodbridge
Suffolk
22 March 1911

My dear Dr. Price,
I have filled
in the paper you sent
me, I hope you will
find it - what you
require.
How is Mr. Sidebottom
keeping just now?
I am staying at the
above address till
the 12th April, I always
let Mr. Sidebottom know

in good time if there
is any change -
With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidelbottom

March 23, 1911

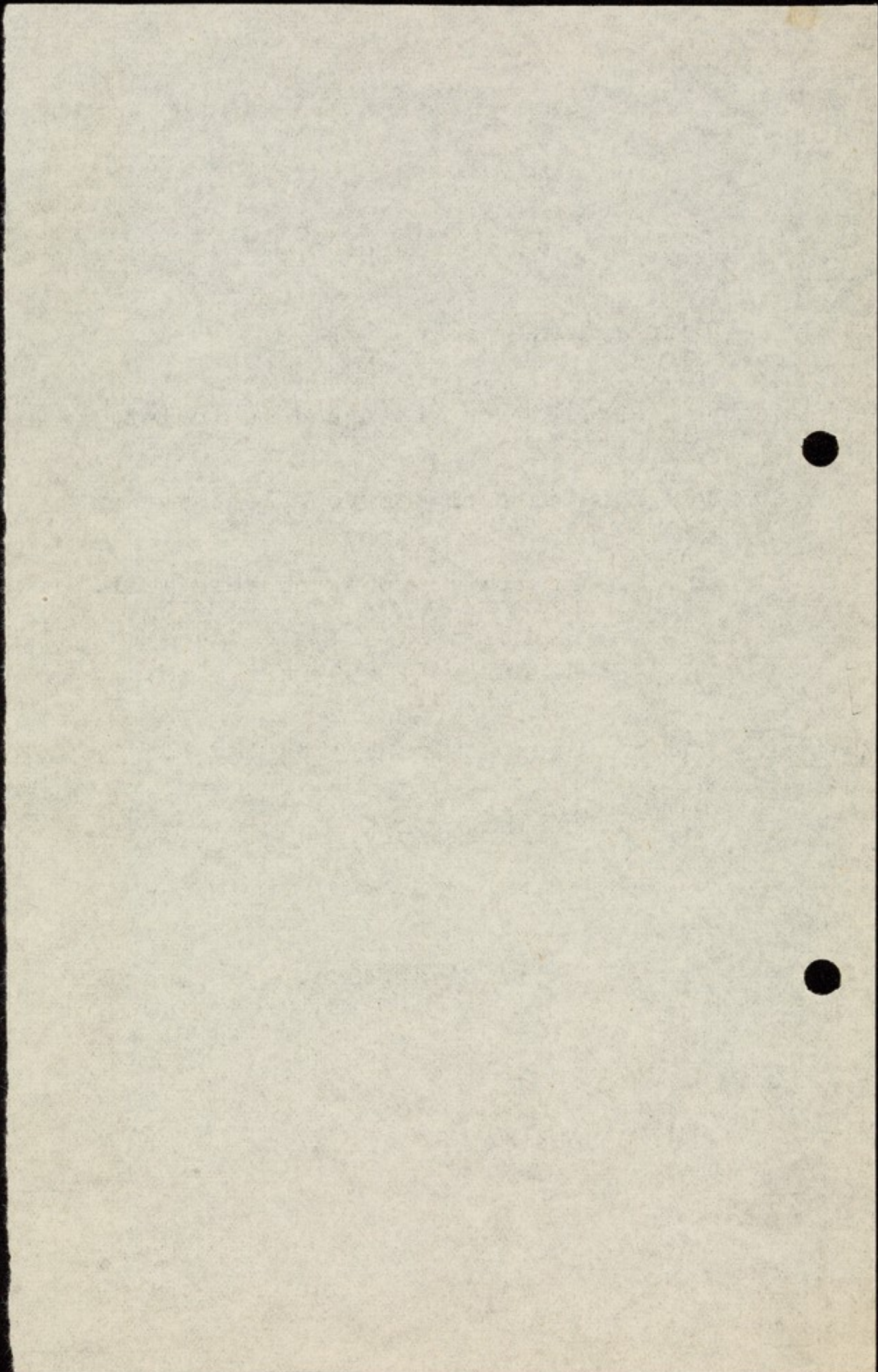
Dear Madam,

Dr. Pierce has asked me to let
you know in reply to your letter that
Mr. Sidebottom is going on very well.
He is very pleasant and agreeable,
and he gives no trouble whatever.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

Mrs. Sidebottom



Jan. 13, 1911

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

Mr. Sidebottom was certainly much pleased with his visit to Manchester and there has been no sign of excitement in consequence. I had a long talk with him about the voices which are still present, but which do not appear in any way to influence his conduct. He talked very frankly about them; very much more so than he has done before. He seemed fully aware that you and the family have had serious grounds for being alarmed at his conduct in the past, and he is evidently hoping that in time you will become thoroughly re-assured. He said he was not pressing for immediate discharge, but that he was quite hopeful that after a time you and I and all concerned will be satisfied that it would be right for him to leave. He did not exhibit any signs of the delusions we have suspected in the past. He said he thought the voices were divine, but from the way he put it, it might be in the sense in which we speak of an earth-quake being a visitation of God, though he did not use that simile. When I spoke of them as being morbid he said they were not morbid because they were not unpleasant or hurtful; and when I said that I used the word "morbid" as being related to disease, he said they were not, as there was no "dis-ease". Throughout the conversation he was quite pleasant, and maintained his self-control in a way that was very satisfactory.

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With regard to his complete recovery, I am not prepared to say that the voices will entirely dis-appear. In long standing cases of this kind this rarely happens, but I do think it likely that they will so little influence his conduct and be subject to the correction of his judgment and good sense that it is probable that he will be able to resume ordinary life once again.

Yours very truly,

about the "voice" but does not say whether he still hears them or not, so I shall be glad if you will send me all the particulars of your conversation you can -

My daughter & I are going into Suffolk tomorrow & stay some time our children will be

J. M^{rs} Hesketh
Linden House
Woodbridge
Suffolk.

I thought M^r. Sidebottom

looked in better health than he did the last time I saw him & he was not so absorbed in himself. Do you think there is any prospect of his complete recovery?
With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

E. A. Sidebottom

Westbrook
Birch Grove
Kusholme
Manchester
12 Jan. 1911

My dear G. Pierce

I hope Mr. Sidelbach
is no worse for the
excitement of his visit
here last Saturday, I
think he was pleased
& he certainly seemed
more himself than I
have seen him for a
long time.

He tells me he has had
a long talk with you

Wormeth Park
Cletham
5 Jan 1911

My dear G^d Pierce,

The arrangement
you propose will suit
us quite well and we
will expect Mr. Sidebottom
& Mr. Darley at Manchester
next Saturday morning
by the 12. 12 train at
Victoria, and my son
will meet them there
We shall do our best

& make it a happy
day for Mr. Sidebottom
I am leaving here for
Kusholme tomorrow
morning -

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

E. C. Sidebottom

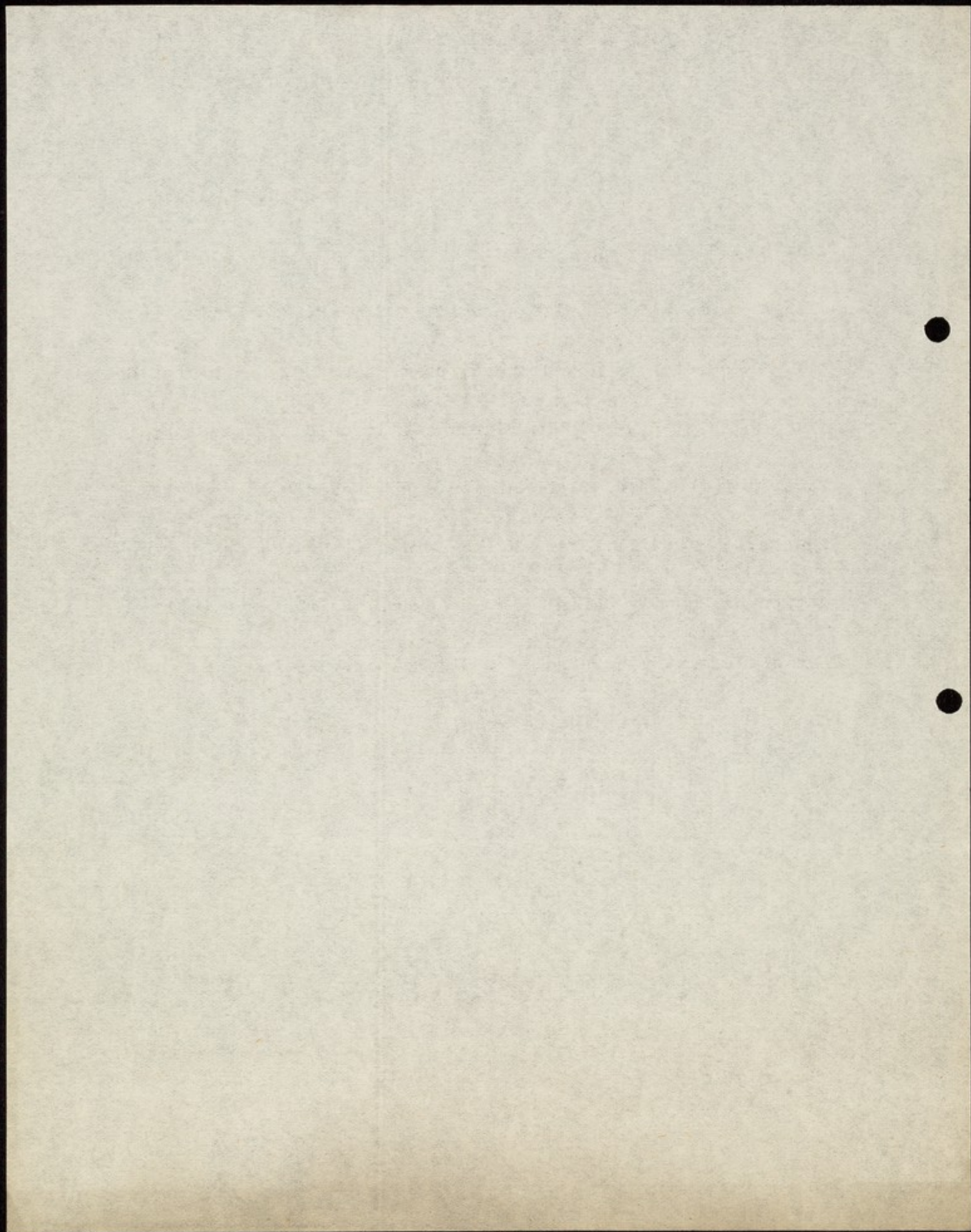
Jan. 4, 1911

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

It will be quite convenient for Mr. Sidebottom to go to Manchester as you propose, next Saturday, and he can be accompanied by any-body he likes. I would suggest that Mr. Darley the Head Attendant would do probably as well as any-one. We will liberate the attendant by the train you mention on hearing definitely from you. I hope you will have a pleasant visit from Mr. Sidebottom.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



1/1 Mr. Lees

Werneth Park,
Oldham.

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3 Jan. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Can you arrange
for Mr. Sidebottom to
spend a few hours with
us at my son's in
Manchester, next Saturday
my family do not
think I ought to risk
the journey even to Leeds
in this unsettled
weather -

Enclose a list of them
we think would suit -
My son will meet his
Father at Manchester -
I should like him to
have some responsible
person with him -
As soon as I know if
this will be agreeable
to you I will write to
Mr. Sidebottom -
I do not expect to be
more than a few days
at my son's -
His address is

G. B. Sidebottom Esq
Westbrook
Birch Grove
Kusholme
Manchester

My sister has a telephone
if it would be any
convenience in making
arrangements

N 1245 Oldham
With kind regards

Believe me
Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom

how he
is keeping just now
with kind regards
Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom

D. McKensie says.

M.S. can go to Leeds on
afternoon to see wife & Park St.
Preferably on Sunday or Monday
as the rooms maybe improved.

From 2 - 5 pm. will be quite
convenient.

The House has a Indian with
out. I suppose another could
be arranged. at 6 P.M.

But in our case M.S. will
need his with an attendant & think
if this is useful that M.S. should
arrange it with him as we think
and it is.

1/1 Messrs

Werneth Park,
Oldham.

New Year Day 1911

My dear Mr. Price

I expect Mr.
Sidebottom will have told
you that my daughter
& I intend to be away
from Lytham for the
next few months, we
are staying here for a
few days only and
I will send you our
more permanent
address later on.

If possible, I should like
to see Mr. Sidebottom before
leaving the neighbourhood
of Manchester, you once
suggested that I should
meet him at your
rooms in Leeds, and if
that can be arranged
I should be glad to have
that ^{it so} arranged, perhaps
for one day next week,
but my going would
depend on the weather
in a great measure.
I have not mentioned
it to Mr. Sidebottom.

so many things may
occur to prevent it -
If I cannot come to see
him do you think it
would be unwise for
him to come over to
Manchester to my sons
to see us there. (I course
with an attendant) but
I do not want to
unsettle him or excite
him in any way so
perhaps it will be better
for me to try to come
over to Leeds first &
put the other idea
aside -
I should like to know

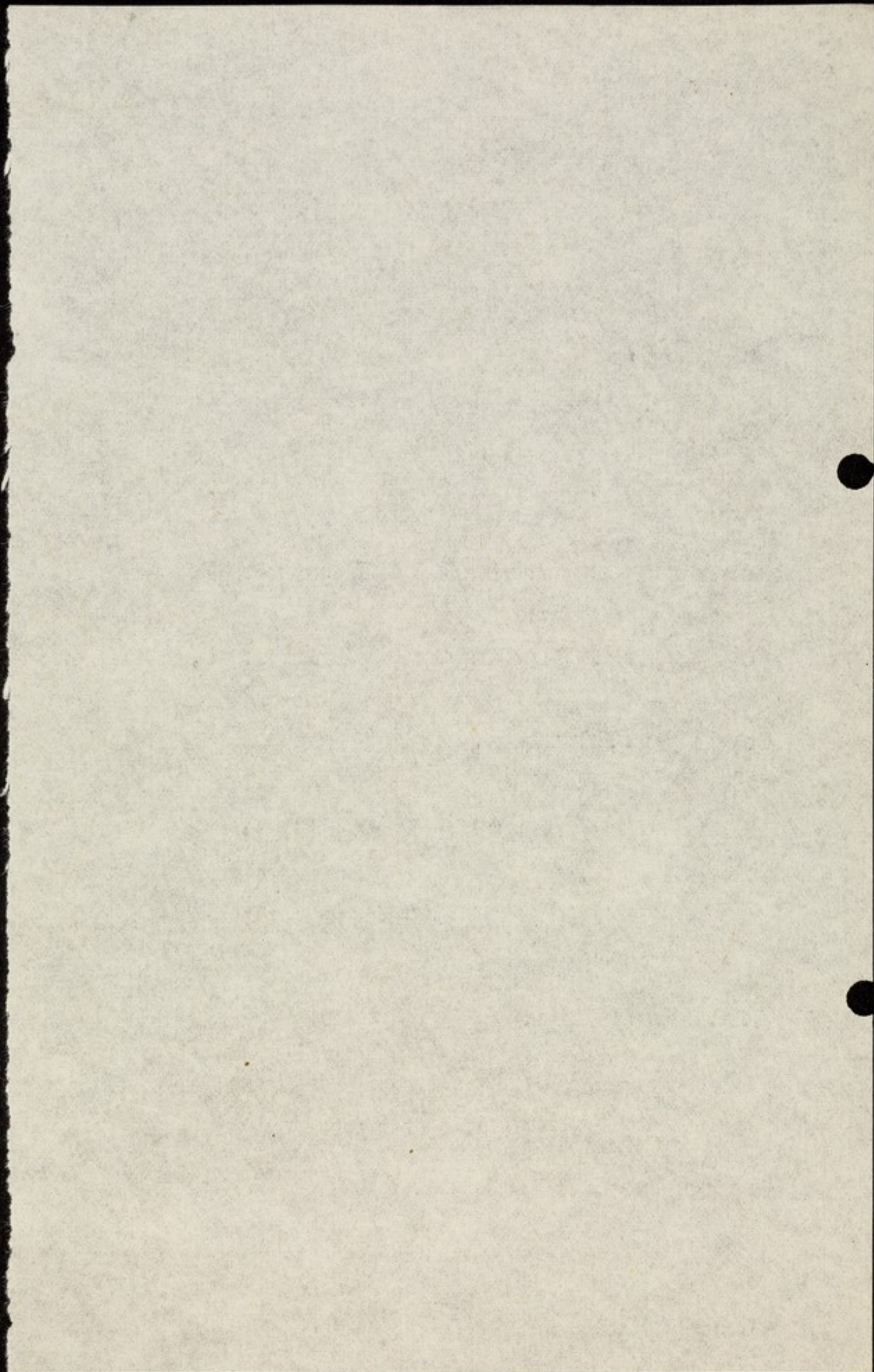
Dec. 22, 1910

Dear Sir,

Mr. Sidebottom remains here at
the Retreat and is in good health.
For further particulars I must refer
you to Mrs. Sidebottom, Holmhurst,
Cecil St., Lytham.

Yours very truly,

E.B.Dawson Esq.



Confidential

Aldcliffe Hall,
Lancaster.

21st. Decr. 1910.

Dear Sir, Will you be so kind
as inform me whether Mr.
Geo. J. Sidebottom is still a
resident at The Retreat, or
if not, what is his present
address? If he is dead will
you let me know the date
of his death? He is connected
with me of some property. If
he is still alive do you think

that he is capable of executing a deed, or conveyance?

Remain,

Yours faithfully,

Edward B. Dawson.

Holmhurst
Lytham
16 Oct. 1910

My dear Dr. Pierce
Yesterday I had
a letter from Mr. Sidbottom
saying he would like
to have a piano in
his sitting room he wished
to buy one. He had
seen in York, we
shall be so glad if
he will have his own
piano here and I could
send it at once, if

quite agreeable to you -
I am writing to tell him
so by this post -
we do not wish him
to go at the expense
of buying one when
he can have his
own -

He tells me the Commission
have been but have
not said anything
more definite -

I should like to know
if you find any change
in him -

With kind regards,

Believe me
Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom

✓
Holehurst
Lytham
16 April 1910

My dear Dr. Price

It will be Mr. Siddons
birthday next Tuesday
the 19th and Mr. Siddons
has asked me to give
him a knife, and as he
has seen one in York
just the sort he wants
for 8/6 he has asked me
to send him the money
so that he can buy it
himself - As I thought
from the tone of his

letter he would be very
much offended if I did
not. I have today sent
him a P. O. for the 8/6

I hope I have done
right - There has been
nothing in his letter
lately except that some
times they are rather
childish -

Will you kindly let me
know how you think
he is keeping

Believe me

Yours truly
E. A. Sidbottom

Convenience.

Yours faithfully
Conrad Ligon

CLIFTON VILLE,
PARK STREET,
LYTHAM.

✓
July 3rd

Dear Dr. Pierce -

You may remember
our correspondence some
times since the Rev
Liberation - whose
family I attend here -

I am sorry to
say my wife is unwell
She has been in bed for

CLINTON HILL
PARK STREET
MARTIN
Park for nearly three years
I have some thoughts
of trying a change,
perhaps I should like you
to let me know what
terms you could take
for me. I am a general
Practitioner with
a family of four
sons & one daughter
all being Educated

at present. Iu you are
Special terms at Scalden
and I have no doubt
you will make as reasonable
terms as you can
Consistent with the
best care & comfort
of my poor wife.
A reply will please
oblige at yr. early

Come

Holmhurst
Bevil Street
Lytham
7 April 1909

My dear Dr. Pierce,
As you have
already heard there
is great necessity
I be careful about
Mr. Sidebottom's expenses
in consequence of
the state of trade &
serious business
losses - I shall feel
(much obliged

if you could bring
the matter before the
next Committee
meeting and ask
if they will reduce
the terms as much
as they possibly can
until such time
as there is sufficient
improvement in
his business to
warrant returning
to the present terms.
We should be most

reluctant to remove
Mr. Sidebottom and
just now he does
not wish it himself.
A last week when
my son was over he
thought his father
seemed more contented
to be away from home
than he had known
him -

Awaiting your reply

Believe me

Yours truly

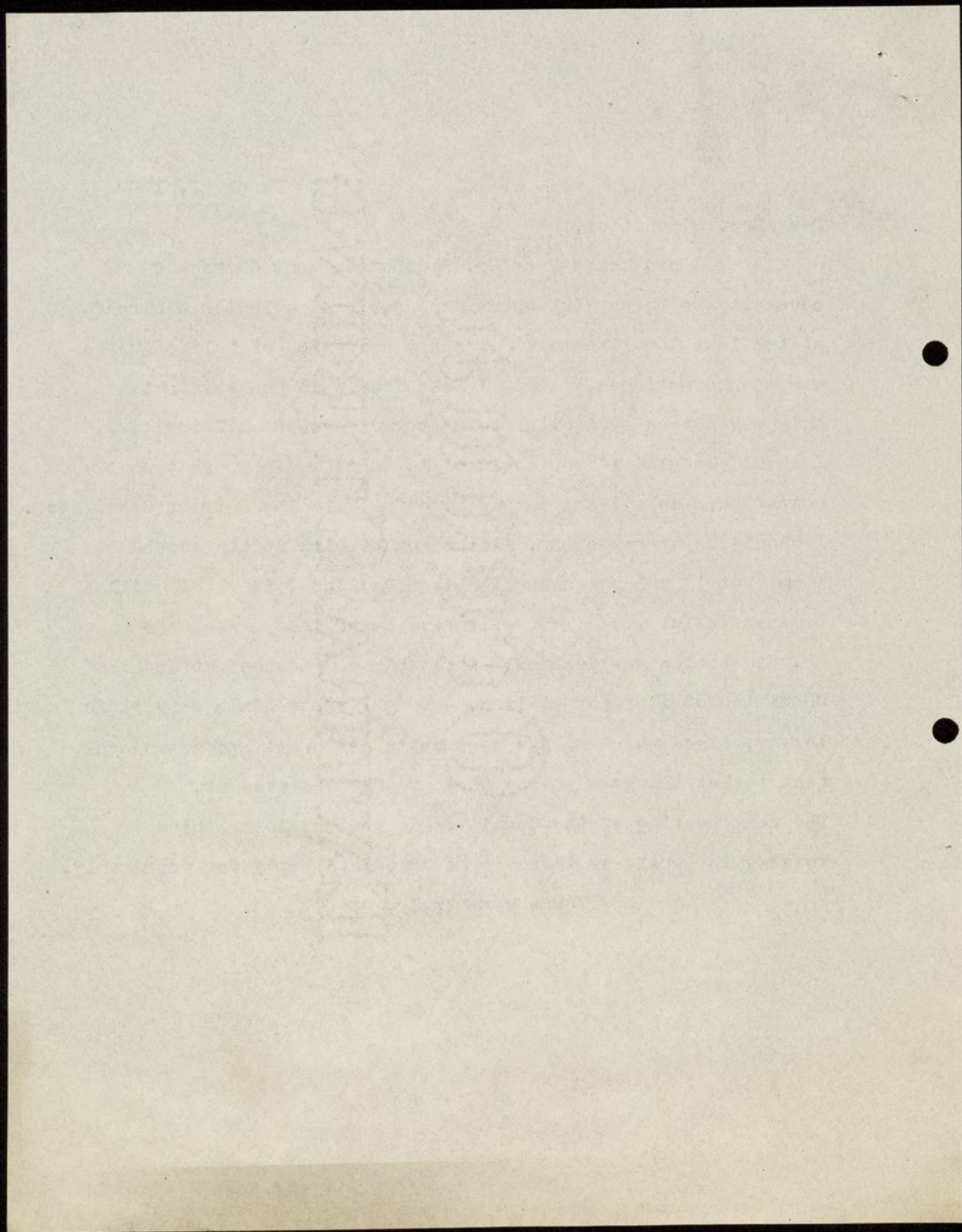
E. A. Sidebottom

March 22, 1909

Dear Mrs. Sidebottom,

I had heard from Mr. Sidebottom that there was necessity to be careful about expenses, and a letter was read at the last Committeemeeting, and a reduction of half a guinea was then sanctioned. I fear from what you say that this may not be sufficient to meet your present difficulties. I should be glad if you would write to me again so that next month I can submit the matter more fully to the Retreat Committee. I should be sorry for Mr. Sidebottom to give up the second room, but if a large reduction is asked for I fear this will be inevitable. You will have heard that a week ago Mr. Sidebottom was decidedly irritable and accused me and the Committee of improper dealing. I wrote him a very plain letter, since which he has been quite different and seems content to let things alone as they are for the present. The next meeting of the Committee is not until the third Tuesday in April, so there is no immediate hurry for your reply.

Yours very truly,



✓ Holmhurst
Cecil Street
Lytham
21 March 1909

My dear Dr. Price,
I am sorry
to tell you that we
have had some very
serious losses in
business & I am
writing to ask if
you could make
some reduction in
your terms for Mt.
Sidelbottom as it

will be impossible
to continue paying
the present amount.
We should be most
unwilling to remove
him and of course
if business turns
around soon we
hope there will be
no necessity to do
so, but just now
things are very gloomy
I have not written
to you until I am
quite compelled -

Mr. Sidebottom sounds
pretty cheerful, but I
do not know how
much he knows
about this trouble -
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom

C O P Y

The Retreat, York
15 Mar. 1909

Dear Mr. Sidebottom,

I do not think you understand my limitations and that I have no power to discharge or liberate on trial patients whom I do not consider have recovered.

For reasons which are quite satisfactory to me and which I would prefer not to discuss with you I cannot recommend the Retreat Committee to give you leave of absence.

But you are quite at liberty and have been for long past to ask to be removed from the Retreat and I shall be glad to submit any proposal of this kind to the Committee on Tuesday next or if you prefer it I will endeavour to arrange an interview with the visiting members of the Committee on the morning of that day.

But let me add that neither the Committee nor I can in any case say to what place you ~~should~~ go should you leave the Retreat: this is a matter altogether outside our powers. I see no expectation if the Committee decide to direct Mrs. Sidebottom to arrange for your removal that it will result in your going home, but I think I may say that it will mean the transfer to some other institution. I myself see no other alternative as things are at present.

If you really feel as you spoke yesterday afternoon it would seem a mistake for you to stay longer with us as there can be no satisfactory relationship between men that is not founded upon respect and sympathy.

But whatever you may feel about me, I still remain,

Your friend sincerely,
BEDFORD PIERCE

C O P Y

The Retreat, York
15 Mar. 1909

Dear Mr. Sidgwick,
I do not think you understand my limitations and
that I have no power to disengage or liberate on trial patients
whom I do not consider have recovered.
For reasons which are quite satisfactory to me and
which I would prefer not to discuss with you I cannot recommend
the Retreat Committee to give you leave of absence.
But you are quite at liberty and have been for long
past to ask to be removed from the Retreat and I shall be glad
to submit any proposal of this kind to the Committee on Tuesday
next or if you prefer it I will endeavour to arrange an inter-
view with the visiting members of the Committee on the morning
of that day.
But let me add that neither the Committee nor I can
in any case say to what place you should go or could you
leave the Retreat: this is a matter altogether outside our
powers. I see no expectation if the Committee decide to
direct Mr. Sidgwick to arrange for your removal that it
will result in your going home, but I think I may say that
it will mean the transfer to some other institution. I myself
see no other alternative as things are at present.
If you really feel as you spoke yesterday afternoon
it would seem a mistake for you to stay longer with us as there
can be no satisfactory relationship between men that is not
founded upon respect and sympathy.
But whatever you may feel about me, I still remain,
Your friend sincerely,
BROTHOLD PIERCE

Holmhurst
Cecil Street
Lytham
6 May 1909

My dear Mr. Pierce,
I have been
waiting to see what
could be arranged
about Mr. Sidbottom's
expenses and we
think as you have
been kind enough
to reduce the terms
26 guineas per annum
at once, we must

leave it - so till the
end of this quarter
in the hopes that the
business will have
begun to improve
and that a further
reduction will not
be needful -

After June I hope to
know more definitely
what we can afford
and will write to
you at once -
We are doing all we

possibly can to reduce
our expenses here in
the hopes that Mr.
Sidebottom's accounts
will not have to be
interfered with -

Thanking you for your
kind consideration

Yours truly
E. A. Sidebottom

Because of his violence,
the panels of several of
the doors were cracked
& the locks injured by
his efforts to get at them
when they have locked
themselves in for safety
& his daughters, quite
young girls, have had
to run out of doors to
get a bath-chair man
or a cab-driver to help
them.

At one time exercise was
ordered for Mr. Sidebottom
& his daughters were to
accompany him, he
took them such long

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Werneth Park, 21. July. 1908.
Oldham.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I understand that
the question of a holiday
for Mr. Sidebottom is
being considered, & in
justice to his friends
I think it only right
to give the reasons why
they are unable to take
the responsibility of him.

I know how you must
be worried by letters
but hope you will not
put this aside without
reading it.

For years Mr. Sidebottom's
life was a repetition of
the same thing, discontent
fault-finding, but unable
to say what fault or to
suggest any remedy,
then depression & then
an outburst of violence.
All ways were tried,
a doctor living in the
house, going away
with a doctor, or with
attendants or friends,
but always with the
same result, he never
rested until he returned

home & there he resented
any thing in the way
of restraint, either
an attendant, or a
butler or any man
in the house. When
away he would promise
to place himself under
care as soon as he
felt an attack coming
on but when that time
came he said it was
a promise extracted
under compulsion &
was not binding.
Since after time the
children have had to
be sent out of the house

- board, that the Captain
would not take him beyond
the first stopping place
- Gibraltar. At the hotel
there he broke the window
& then, in his night
clothes, shouted through
it till a crowd collected
& the land lord insisted
upon his being removed
a great struggle followed
& at the Hospital they
refused to take him
he had to be sent
to the Civil Hospital
& put in a padded
room. Another time
when he was at an

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Werneth Park,
Oldham.

distances, & they dare
not leave him, that
one of the girls fainted
in the road.

Once, when there was a
doctor & two attendants
in the house, he escaped
& ran into the road in
his night-clothes. Another
time when with a doctor
near Harrogate he
escaped & was wandering
about all the night.

My husband & I took
him to our house in

the Lake district, with two attendants, & his daughters joined us preparatory to his return home.

As usual, he begged for the men to go & one was sent away. Then he became depressed & finally one night he sprang out of bed, seized the poker & rushed to the attendants door, banging & smashing with the poker. All the crockery was broken, a piece knocked off

the wash-stand, a hole made right through the bottom of the bath, a large bath can crushed flat, all the fire irons more or less injured, one of them bent nearly double, & the embroidered mantle border torn.

A sea-voyage was recommended for him & my husband & he set off for Naples, but Mr. Sidebottom became so strange, & was only prevented by one of the passengers from throwing himself over

quarter of what I could
but I only wish to justify
ourselves.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours truly
(Wm) S.A. Lees

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Werneth Park,
Oldham.

Hotel in Lancashire
my husband received
a telegram to go at once.
He found Mr. Sidebottom
had had a slight attack
but the landlord refused
to keep him any longer.

My sister lived a
life of terror for years
when he was at home
both on her own account
& for the children.

He attempted her life
once but fortunately
assistance came in time.

He insisted upon occupying the same room, with all the doors locked, & kept her awake for nights with the wilder talk about a sacrifice that would have to be made, whether herself or himself he did not know, the voices would tell him; at one time he thought he was God & at another Jesus Christ.

My sister is now about 68 years of age & in a most precarious state of health so it is quite impossible for her to

be with her husband & the children are all very delicate & quite unfit to take the responsibility.

It is exceedingly painful for me to write in this way but I can assure you that we have done every thing we can for Mr. Sidebottom & we cannot undertake the responsibility of him again, & if my sister is worried about things it will kill her, her life hangs on a slender thread. I have not told you a

kept steady, but the
appetite has again
been asserting itself
• of late he has given
his brother a readable
journal. The other
members of the family
are very neurotic &
I fear would be unwise to
be a companion to
W.S. I can quite see
how reasonable your
views are but I fear
little help can be afforded
from the home -
Yours faithfully
Wendell L. D.

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SEITON VILLE,

PARK STREET,

LYTRAM

✓ July 15th 88

Dear Sir,

Recd yours this
morning from
which I quite under-
stand your difficulties
with respect to Mr
Licebottom -

Mr Licebottom

OLIVION VILLE
PARK STREET
LYNN

is in a decidedly
delicate condition
of health - She has
had two most
severe illnesses
during the last year
and a half - her heart
& veins are degenerating
and in one of her
attacks she was
unconscious for

two or three days -
I do think any further
wound or most prejudicial
to her remaining in any
thing like middling
health for many
days - Mr F. S. Webster
about 8 months
ago was in a Stomach
in London for dipsonia
for some time
after leaving this place

CLIFTON VILLE,
PARK STREET,
LYTHAM.

July 12th 88

Dear Sir.

Mrs. Liebovitz
Cancelled me to say
as to the responsibility
of her son George
accompanying his
father on a holiday
away from the Ribbles.

CLINTON VILLE
PARK STREET
LYNN
I have been attending
Mr. L. Leabottom
for the last fortnight.
He is still in very
in different health
though much improved.
Yet still he is in his
usual health I should
say he is a most

unsuitable person to
go away with his father.
His stability of character
is not great and
I feel strongly that it
would be unsafe for
both if they went away
together.

Yours faithfully
W. W. Willigan
Pierce
N.H.

4 West Beale⁴⁷³
Lytham
9 July 1908

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I enclose an
extract from a letter
of Mr. Sidelbottom
received by my
daughter the beginning
of last week.

As he has never
mentioned "voices"
to any of his
children before, I

thought you had
better see it -
I am glad to say
my son is getting
on very nicely and
has ^{been} up a short time
each day for the
last three days -
I hope Mr. Sidebottom
is no worse for the
upset -
You will see from
the date of his letter
that it was written
before he was upset

by the telegram -
Believe me
Yours truly
E. C. Sidebottom

448
4 West Beach
Lytham
29 June 1908

My dear Dr. Pierce,
I am glad to
tell you that my son
is better this evening
and we hope the
threatening of inflammation
has passed off. He
was expecting to come
over to see Mr. Sidbottom
on business but
will not be able

to do so this week
so I suppose that
was the reason he
wished the wire
sent to his
Father -

Our doctor does not
consider him seriously
ill but says he must
be quiet in bed
some days -

I hope the wire has
not upset Mr. Sidebottom,
as I did not know

their arrangements
I could only send it
as desired -
I am writing to Mr.
Sidebottom to reassure
him as well as I
can by this post.

Believe me

Yours sincerely
E. C. Sidebottom.

4 West-Beach ⁽²⁸⁹⁾
Lytham
2 May 1908

My dear Mr. Pierce,
Thanks for your
note in reference
to Mr. Siebottom.
I am afraid he is
hoping to be released
to return home very
soon, indeed, almost
any day so I thought
it best to have your
report, I shall not

mention it- to him.

Believe me

Yours truly

E. C. Sidelbottom

G. I. SIDEBOTTOM & CO

49, Portland Street,

Manchester, Jan'y 29th 1908
private

Dear Sir

We enclose cheque in settlement of your A/c which please return with the usual receipts.

Mr Sidebottom has written with reference to a coal vase for which he wishes to take out a patent, and he mentions that you have spoken well of the invention. We have seen the Patent agent who has submitted the model to a gentleman in the trade, and his verdict is that there is no commercial value in it. Under these circumstances we shall be obliged if you will do anything you

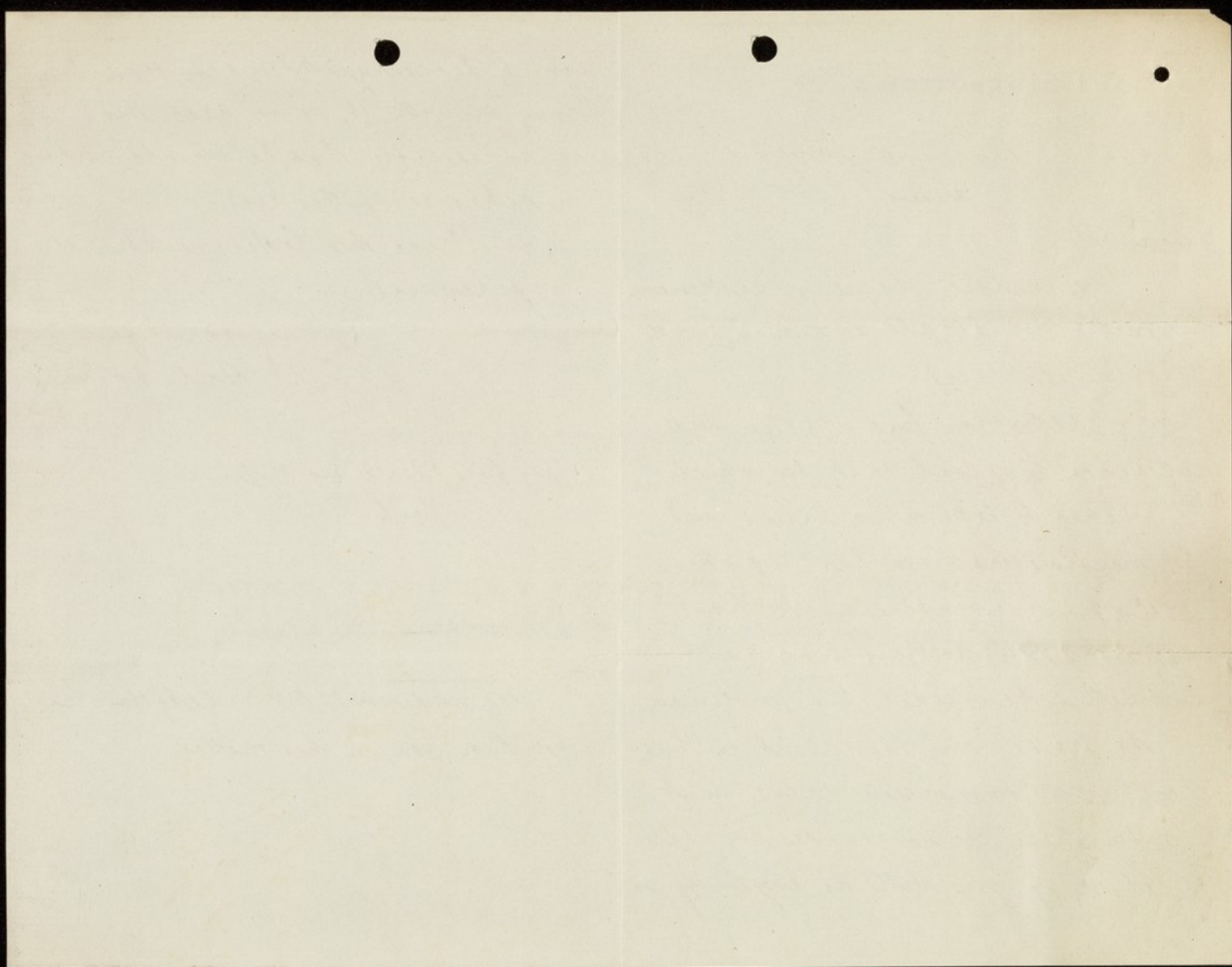
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can to discourage Mr Sidebottom from going on with it, as we also think it is undesirable that he should embark on schemes of this kind.

Kindly treat this letter as strictly confidential.

Yours faithfully
G. I. Sidebottom

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
York.

P.S. We understand Mrs Sidebottom has written you on this matter



4 West-Beach³¹
Lytham
13 Jan 1908

Dear Mr. Pierce,
Mr. Sidebottom
is much interested
in a little contrivance
which he wishes to
have patented, &
does say he will
have shown it to
you - While we are
pleased for him to

have something to
interest and assure
him we think it
would be very
undesirable for
him to begin with
anything like patents.
Some of his letters are
rather rambling
but they have not
been violent lately.
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
E. A. Sidebottom

14 West Beach
Lytham 1033
Dec 21st 1907.

My dear Dr. Pierce.

I spoke to my father about going away with me for a few days, and he said that unless his going away meant that he was coming home afterwards, he should prefer to stay at the Retreat until he was quite well.

His views about going away

were, that he had been so long at the Retreat, and had got accustomed to everything there, that he did not want to make any change until his return home.

He seemed to wish to change to subject, so I let the matter drop.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully
G B Sidebottom

3 4 West Beach ⁶⁶²
Lytham
23 Aug 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I received the
enclosed from Mr. Sidebottom
yesterday and should like
to know from you if what
he says is correct?
I have talked it over
with my eldest son &
he would not object
to going away for a week
with Mr. Sidebottom, under
certain conditions, that
you undertake the whole
responsibility and

advise the experiment -
that you provide a reliable
attendant - and also that
you can find suitable
lodgings where they can
be boarded, not at any
Hotel - Also it must
not be looked upon as
a precedent for anything
in the future.
The increased expense to
be incurred will have
to receive the sanction
of Mr. Sidebottom's partners
and it will not be possible
for my son to be away
from business until
late in October if there.

I am extremely sorry Mr.
S - has taken such a
dislike to your Scarborough
house before having tried
it; can you account for
it in any way?

Kindly let me have his
letter back -

With kind regards

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

E. A. Sidebottom.

4 West Beach. 379

Lytham.

May 3rd 1907.

My dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter.

Very glad to say my Mother is very much better, and now out of danger. The doctor is quite satisfied with the progress she is making, and he says she is going on as well as can be expected.

My sister has let my father know each day how my mother

was, and of course if she
had got worse we should have
let you know at once, and
also if our doctor wish him
to come over.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

G B Sidbottom

4 West Beach (333)
Lytham.

April 27. 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing to tell you
that my Mother is very seriously
ill with influenza.

I am writing to my father tonight
to let him know.

We hope that there will be a
change ^{for the better} very soon, but just-
now she is very ill.

I expect that my father will
wish to come over to see her,
but that is quite out of the

question, as she is to be kept-
very quiet and free from excitement-
of any kind.

With kind regards
yours sincerely
G. B. Sidebottom.

pour him by the same post.
My son would be glad
to see you if possible
when he arrives at the
theat tomorrow, which
he expects will be about
the usual time.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

E. C. Sidebottom

4 West-Beach
Lytham
26 March 1907

Dear J. Pinner,
I am sorry about
Mr. Sidebottom. I hesitated
some time about telling
him the wedding day
was fixed, but decided
that it was better for
me to tell him than for
him to hear it from
any outside person, as
he was sure to do later.
I know quite well how

~~how~~ very unfit - he is
for home life and I have
hinted in the least - that
he should come home
indeed I was most careful
not to do so, as for some
time past he has spoken
of the wedding as the
date of his coming back
& that he did not expect
he should need to return
to the Rectory.

I am particularly sorry
that it should have
happened just now

as my son is going over
tomorrow to see Mr. Sidebottom
on important business
and it will be unfortunate
if he is excited or irritated.
Do you think it would
be the best not to say
anything to him until
my son has been over.
Mr. Sidebottom's state is a
constant anxiety to us all
and I fear there is no
probability of a change
for the better -

I return Mr. Sidebottom's letter
& enclose part of one I had

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4 West Beach
Lytham
28 Oct- 1906

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have not had
any report of Mr.
Sidebottom's condition
from you since July
last, and I should
be glad to hear how
you consider he is
mentally, and if
you see any decided
change in him, of any

kind -
He tells me the Communists
have been over with
-in the last few days
and he thinks some
progress is being made
towards his release.
Will you kindly let
me know if they
suggested anything
of the kind to you.
I am sorry I was
prevented by illness
from coming to see

Mr. Sidebottom last
month -
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
E.A. Sidebottom

Burton Lodge. 723
Station Parade.
✓ Harrogate.
23. Sep. 1906

Dear Sir

I am staying
in Harrogate & should
like to come over to
see my brother in
law, Mr. Sidebottom.

I was expecting
Mrs Sidebottom to
join me here & we
were intending to
come together to York.

but my sister has a
severe attack of
lumbago & is not able
to come.

Mr. Sidelbottom wrote
to me before he knew
I was coming here,
& he said he did not
care to see his friends
as it only unsettled
him, so I have not
said any thing to
him about coming,
but if you think it

would do him no harm
I shall be glad to
come on Friday.

Please reply as soon
as possible & then I
will write to him &
fix the time of my
visit.

Believe me

Yours truly

S. A. Lees

(Mrs C. E. Lees)

(1795)

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 George Isaac Sidebottom of

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Spring cote, The Mount, 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 8th day of January 1894

Name Eliza Anne Sidebottom

Residence 10 Regent Road. Birkdale. Southport

Occupation _____

SIGNED by the said Eliza Anne Sidebottom

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Sarah Jackson

3 Withnell Road South Shore. Blackpool

Lodging Housekeeper

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.

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.

To be returned to the Secretary of the Retreat

