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The Vicarage

Calverley Leeds.

18 March 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have received
yours of 17th enclosing
receipt for Cheque £6.6-
sent on behalf of my son's
Expenses for the first two
weeks at Throxenby Hall,
I also a blank Form of
Agreement for my signature

I don't quite understand
why the latter was sent, as
I do not know anything

about the terms for Patients
at the York Retreat, to
which it refers. -

My son is a Voluntary
Boarder at the Hall - &
I am prepared to carry
out the terms of the Circular
sent to me about that
Establishment.

I am,

Yours truly

H. Sturtevant

Mr W. E. Waller

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The Retreat

York.

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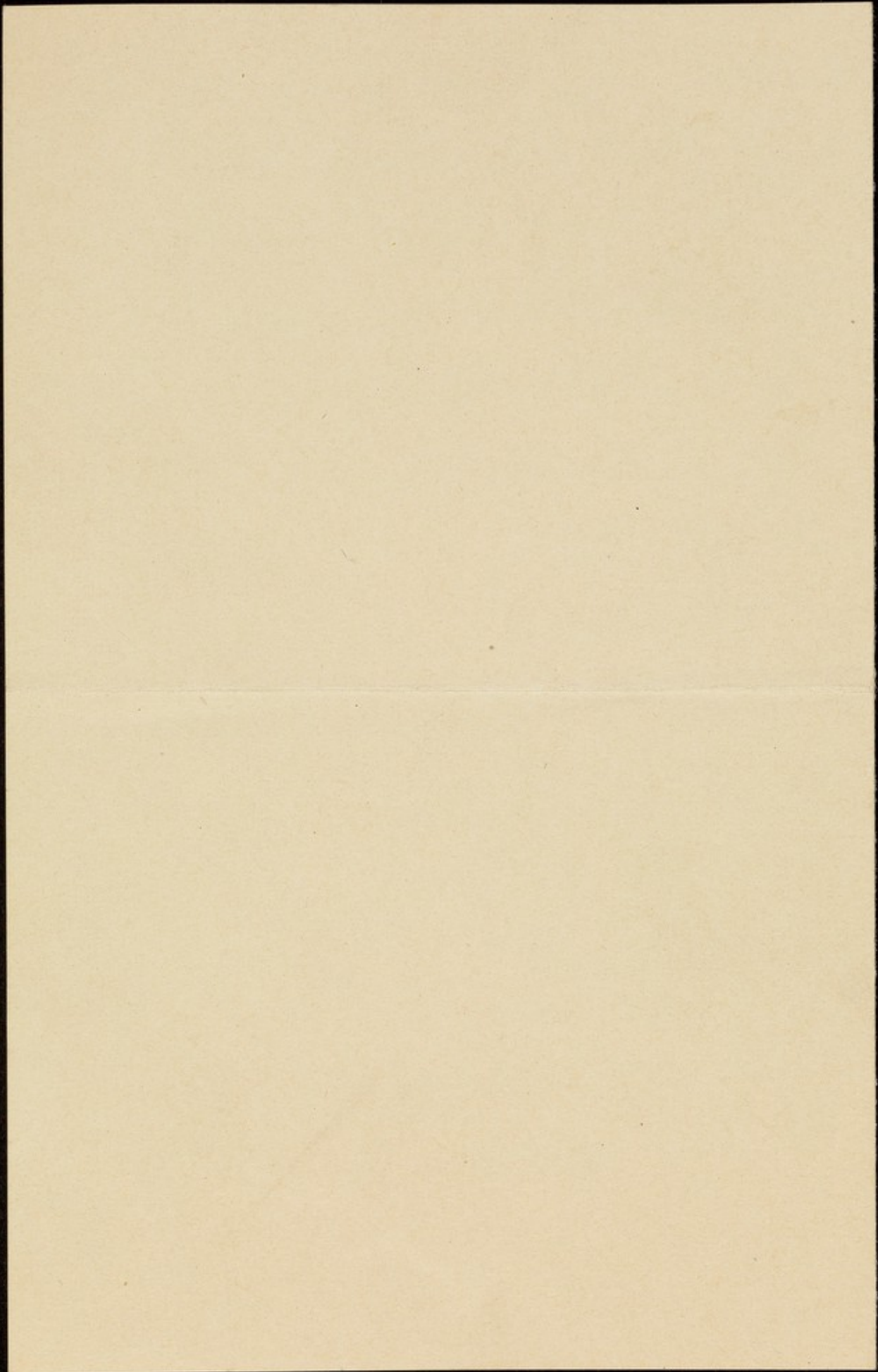
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Calverley Terrace,
St. Helier.

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to
learn from your letter
that Bernard has again
been suffering from
bad nights, - he was
at home with me here,
for nearly 6 weeks,
& during that time

I had constantly to be
in his bedroom when
the attacks came on,
to soothe him, - Curiously
enough, he did not
seem to know, in the
morning, that he had
been at all restless
at night. -

Yours sincerely,
Dr. Shapton.

Bernard's illness as chronic, & if there is but little, or any, hope of recovery. - It would guide us so much more in the future, - We have, as you possibly know, five young people dependent on us, & a clergyman's income is never a large one. - You mentioned Bernard going to "the Retreat" but, I fear, for a continuance, we could not afford the fees. - Dr Rice previously spoke of Dumfries where

Calberley Vicarage,
St Needs.

24.3.11

Dear Miss Elkins,

Thank you for the news you have kindly sent us of our son, - we only wish it were more hopeful, & that it had been possible for him to remain for a longer time at Throcenty Hall, - I expect the effect of the change is now passing away, & that the ailment is more normal. While nursing him, I found

the attacks more often came
on in the morning, before
breakfast; they certainly led
me to suppose that insanity was
the cause, as the shaking was
violent & the contortions serious,
but, at the same time, I thought,
very possibly, the presence of
worms might be at the root of
the trouble, & for this, I am not
conscious that any steps had
been taken to remove them.
Bernard had the doctor,

at Goolie, last May, when poisoned
(I believe) by tinned tongue. - He also
had an illness on leaving School
which I did not mention to
Dr. Peirce - Dr. Hughes called it
"Suppressed Mumps", & this caused
swelling of the private parts, so
that he had to wear a support
for about 4 months. - We see
by a copy of a Report, he sent
to some Health Society, that
part of the discomfort continued
for 4 years after, especially
when tired in the evening. -
Would you kindly let us know
whether Dr. Peirce considers

his younger sister has just
gained her third Medical
Prize, - & we are expecting
her home on Thursday. -
we hope, by now, she is
safely through her Intermediate
Exam, - but of course that
remains to be proved. -

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Galberley Vicarage,
St Needs.

The terms are more moderate
The Institution there seems a
very large place, & for a
continuance, would give
plenty of scope to a young
fellow, who is far from
deficient in so many ways.
Of course all depends on
the possibility of Bernard's
recovery, we could make
an effort for a time,
but not to any prolonged

extent.

I am sending the enclosed
note, in case you need it,
to strengthen your hands
in speaking of these night
attacks.

We are thankful to you
for taking Bernard to
Church, as, I am sure he
would enjoy what he
has always been used

to.

Does Bernard ever write
any letters now, or try to do so?
we have told him to leave
them if he is not equal to
the effort.

With kind regards,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Stapleton.

P.S.

Please tell Bernard that

The Vicarage
Calverley Leeds.
12 April 1911.

Dear Sir. I received an
account from you this
morning.

I enclose my
usual cheque of £6.6.-
with the of. extra.

I did not send
it on Tuesday as I have
been in communication
with Dr. Bedford Pearce,
last week he seemed
to be in doubt as to

whether my son was well
enough to remain at
Throcksby Hall: & I was
expecting another letter
shortly.

Yours faithfully

W Walker

W. W. Walker.

Secy The Retreat
York.

April 7, 1911

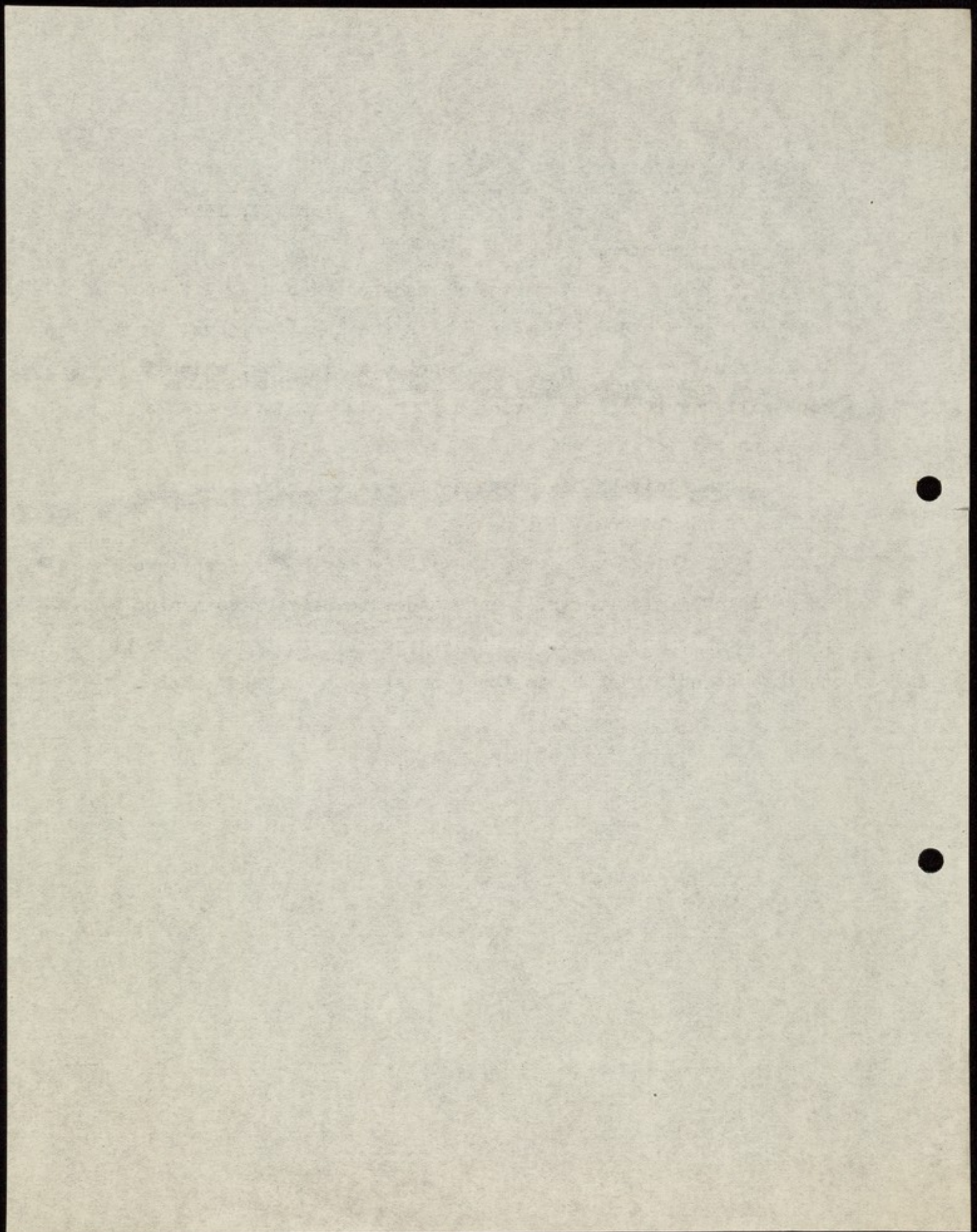
Dear Mrs. Stapleton,

When I was over at Throxenby on Wednesday I found that your son had been rather better the last few days. I made a different arrangement about his sleeping, which I hope will result in his having better nights. He seems to be unaware of the noise that he makes at night, which appears to be automatic; and he consequently cannot understand why the staff should complain.

I think the best plan will be for him to continue as he is a little longer. He seems to me very contented at Throxenby, and in the day time gives little trouble except that we do not think he is to be trusted to go about alone.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



Génévieve

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Colberley Vicarage.

25 West.

3.4.11

Dear D. Pierce,
We have just received
your kind letter, & are
grieved to hear the news
contained in it, & that
Bernard is giving so
much trouble at
Throsby Hall.
This anxiety is all so

new to us, & we have had
but little experience in
such an illness. - Would
you kindly tell us, on
Wednesday, whether you
think nature will soon
exhaust itself, or may
we expect our boy spared
to years of mental suffering?
If the former, we should

wish him to remain under
your care & go to York, &
in this case we will
ask you kindly to act
on your own responsibility.
Believe me,

Yours sincerely,
M. Stapleton.

The Vicarage

Calverly

Leeds.

27 March 1911.

Dear Sir,

I enclose the
Return, sent to me for
Census purposes, duly
filled up, respecting my
Son Bernard.

I also send a
Cheque £6.6- for the
next fortnight's expenses
on his behalf at Throxon,

Hull.

Believe me,

Yrs truly

D Bedford Pierce

The Retreat York.

A Stapleton



as advised as to his
progress. - whether it would
be favorable or otherwise.

With sincere thanks for
the trouble that you have
taken in connection with
him.

Believe me,
Yours truly
W. Stapleton

The Vicar
Calverley Leeds

16 March 1911.

Dear Dr. Pearce.

When Mr. Stapleton
& I took our son to Scarborough
on Tuesday I enquired
about payment of his
board. & I was told to
communicate direct with
you. I see by the Prospectus
that the terms are in
advance. I therefore enclose
a Cheque for £6.6. for the

last fortnight. and
doubtless you will let me
know if this is the regular
way of attending to this
matter.

We were pleased
with the Hall, & its
management. We thought it
especially considerate of you
to send Dr. Mackenzie
to see our son on his
arrival. We thankfully
acknowledge that every-
thing is being done for
our son that is possible.

We hope that the complete
change of scene - & to
companionship - & diet,
under the Medical Super-
-intendance, will have
some good effect. although
we feel that this is a very
serious case. We must
wait & see. If Miss Elkins
would kindly send us a
few lines - say, once a
week, after the Doctor
has paid his periodical
visit, we should be
pleased. It would keep

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Calverley

Leeds.

11 March 1911.

Dear Dr. Pearce.

Dr. Hughes has
told me your views as
to the state of health of my
son Bernard Stapleton,
whom you have examined,
& I shall be pleased to
await myself of the
opportunity for him to
become a Voluntary Boarder
at Thrymby Hall.

I enclose the Agreement

that he has signed & which
I have witnessed.

I wrote to the Matrons
on Thursday for one or two
particulars that seemed to
be wanted by my son - &
I am told by her that there
is room for him. I should
be pleased to take him
down there on Tuesday
if agreeable to you - & to
the authorities connected
with the Home.

I am,
Yours truly
A. Stapleton