20th August, 1915.

Dear Madam,

Dr. Pierce is away on holiday at present.

Mrs. Stephenson has not made much progress, although she is somewhat less restless and worrying than when she came here and she is certainly sleeping better. It is difficult to say what the ultimate result may be, but I think it would be advisable for her to remain with us for some time longer. She often talks of going and is very anxious to do so, but so far at least there has been no difficulty in persuading her to stay, and I think she is willing to be advised. I can quite understand what you say about the difficulties of nursing her at home, and I think at present she is better in an Institution.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Braund,

Bucks Cliff,

Bucks Cross,

W. Devon.

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BUCKS CLIFF,
BUCKS CROSS,
N. DEVON.

16 Aug: 1915

Dear Dr Pierce.

I understand that you knew my husband many years ago. He is now away at sea or he would have written to you himself. My mother, Mrs Stephenson is under your care & I am anxious to know exactly how she is & whether she is likely to recover if she remains with you. I have not seen her since last Christmas & can form no idea into what state she got before coming to you. She is very anxious for me to fetch her as soon as possible tho' we wish her to stay as long as she will do so, & my youngest sister, who nursed her alone for 8 months, is staying with me & think she

ought to have a longer holiday away from my mother if she is not wholly recovered or she may break down similarly herself.

I should be very glad if you could make my mother see that point of view, for I know she is very tiring. She was so, as long ago as Christmas, but the only thing I noticed amiss was her telling me the same story many times in a week.

If my mother is determined to leave you, where would be the best place for her to go? Her letters to us are quite sensible, only occasionally she repeats herself. I hope I have not taken up too much of your time but I'm sure you will understand how worried we have been. Thanking you

for the care you have taken of my mother!

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Yours very sincerely,

Mabel Brauner.

13th August, 1915.

Dear Miss Stephenson,

It is unfortunately a part of Mrs. Stephenson's malady to worry unduly. She is not any worse, but she makes out the worst of everything. Some little time ago she was sick after her medicine, and we got the impression that she made herself sick, to some extent at any rate. Whenever I see her she begs me to say that I think she is going on pretty well. There is a peculiar demand for constant attention and sympathy, and she frequently says that she would be quite well if she were back at home. I cannot say that she is improving much, and yet I do not see how a special visit from you will do anything to help, and I should certainly think you had better complete your visit before coming through to see her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

13th August, 1913.

Dear Miss Stephenson,

It is unfortunately a part of Mrs. Stephenson's malady to worry unduly. She is not any worse, but she makes out the worst of everything. Some little time ago she was sick after her meeting, and we got the impression that she made herself sick, to some extent at any rate. In addition I was her chaperon on a day that I think she felt very nervously well. Perhaps in a subsidiary manner for constant attention and worry, and she strongly gave that she felt the action well if the word book of them. I cannot say that she is improving much, and I do not see how a special visit from you will do anything to help, but I should certainly think you had better come into your visit before coming through to see her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Eardley House
Heysham
Lancs
August 12th 1915

Dear Sir,

For the last fortnight I have received continuous requests from my mother, Mrs Stephenson, who is, I understand, a patient of yours, that I shall go to visit her

at once.

The journey is a very troublesome one, as I am on the West Coast, and I would rather postpone my visit for two or three weeks, when I shall be passing through York, unless my refusal to grant her request will be injurious to my mother.

I am not able to judge whether my mother's persistence is one form of the malady from which she is suffering or whether the opposition will be harmful to her.

If you consider the latter to be the case I shall be very grateful to have your opinion on the point.

Thanking you in anticipation

Believe me,
Yours truly,
Isabel Stephenson

be on the lines I have mentioned on your statement.

Yours very truly
C. H. Stephenson

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The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Stoneleigh,
Moorhead,
Shipley.

June 19th/1915

Dear Sir

I enclose chq £40-19-0 as per your statement enclosed, which kindly receipt.

As I don't quite understand your reason for requiring 3 months fees in advance, when Mrs Stephenson may only stay with you 1 month, (although we hope she will stay 3 months) I want to be quite clear that I understand the foot note on your agreement form, before signing it, to mean that the refund would

576.

Stoneleigh,
Moorhead,
Shipley.

June 19th/15

Dr Sir

I have seen a letter from my mother to my Sister, in which she says she is as comfortable as she can expect to be away from us, but she complains of her eyes being bad, and asks me to come to see her as soon as I can.

I should like to know whether you think it advisable for

any of us to come & see her yet, or not, & also if you care to give me any information yet about her case, if you have been able to judge it in so short a time.

It has for some time been a habit with her to complain about her sight at times, although we have noticed that she could really see very well, so we have thought the trouble was imaginary.

Yours very truly
C H Stephenson

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

"Stoneleigh"
Moorhead
Shipley
June 15th 1915

Dear Sir,

I think I omitted to state on the "Previous history" form of Mrs. Emily Stephenson, that 6 months ago her doctor called her illness Neurasthenia.

Yours truly
C W Stephenson

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Stoneleigh,
Moorhead,
Shipley.

June 11th/1915

Dear Sir

We expect to arrive at The Retreat, York, tomorrow afternoon, with Mrs Stephenson the Patient whom Dr Bonner telephoned to Dr Bedford-Pierce about today

Yours truly
C W Stephenson

The Retreat, York.

Thorncliffe,
3, Bradford Rd.
Shipley.

T. IRVINE BONNER.
(M.A. M.B., C.M.)
Tel. 457, Shipley.

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DAVID ANDERSON.
(M.A. M.B., Ch.B.)
Tel. 223, Shipley.

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Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

My patient Mrs Stephenson is to be brought to your place tomorrow Saturday in the afternoon. I have tried to assure her that the worst treatment she can get is to stay at home & that the best treatment she can have is lay putting herself under the care of some one who is in the habit of handling cases like hers but that she must give her consent if she wants to be benefitted. I think she will. I don't think she is a particularly good case in which to get a satisfactory result.

Yours truly
T. Irvine Bonner

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 Emily Stephenson of as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringcote, The Knott, 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 necessaries, 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 23rd day of June 1915

Name C H Stephenson

Residence Storeleigh Moorhead Shipley

Occupation Worsted Manufacturer

SIGNED by the said C H Stephenson

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, C H Hirst

Address, and 13. Moorhead Terrace, Shipley

Profession. Cashier.

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

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

June 18 1915

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the Retreat Comte the terms for Mrs Stephenson were fixed at 3 guineas a week.

I enclose the usual form of Agreement which please return to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

Wm E Waller Secy

C W Stephenson Esq

Bonn 18. Apr. 15.

Lieber Gin,

Ich a. Urlaub Freitag f. Ich
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Ihre Telephonnummer Ihre Papier ist
Zimmer a. Bank.
Sonntag Ich Nachmittag Ich
Spazierung Nicht Schöne Nehmen
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Ihrer Freundlichst

Ihr Willy Sch.

Telephonnummer Ihr

Name. Mrs. Emily Stephenson. Agl. 62 Date of Adm. 12th June, 1915.
Address Eardley House, L Heyham, Lancashire.
Description Widow.
Religious Persuasion

P. H.

Health normal except for periodic attacks of dyspepsia
Very industrious, - mental ability has been very good. Has
led a very regular life. Husband died of pneumonia 4 yrs ago.

H. P. C.

In good health until Sept. 1914 - supposed to have had some gall
bladder trouble about 8 yrs ago. Used to lead an active domestic
life, but for 2 or 3 yrs past her affairs have been managd for her.
In Oct. 1914 sleeplessness & dyspepsia - delusions developed &
have been getting stronger hold of her - nothing convinces
her that she is in the wrong.

F. H.

Father. healthy - died over 70
Mother. died 47 bronchial with bad heart.
No history of mental disease.

June 20th

Mrs Stevenson constantly worrying about herself: says she feels discomfort in her abdomen and imagines something abnormal growing there may be the cause of it: treated for indigestion

June 24th

Patient not so worried about herself but worrying much in case she has been the means of making her youngest daughter seriously ill as this daughter nursed her before she came here.

July 5th 1915

Patient worrying at times and is realizing that she is troublesome Has food stored away in case of hunger between meals.

July 11th

Patient still worrying but not so constantly: Has written several nice letters to her children.

July 25th

Patient much about the same: complains of sleeplessness, headaches, + pains in back + abdomen, which have, as far as I can judge from observation, have not the symptoms for causes of complaint.

Aug. 25th

Patient went home to-day.
Still complains of pains + aches:
Said she felt better than when she arrived.

I. Martin

Name | Ward | Date of Adm.

General Bodily Condition
Height | Weight (without clothes)
Nutrition
Injuries (if any)

Deformities

Head & Neck
Teeth | Hair
Trunk
Arms & Legs
Skin

Complexion | Colour
Tongue | Respiration
Pulse | Temperature

Mental Condition
General Appearance

Conversation
Clearness
Orientation
Memory
Coherence
Delusions & Halls.

Emotional State
Complaints

Conduct Behaviour.