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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.

20th August, 1911

Dear Mr. ...

I have received your letter of the 17th and am glad to hear that you are still working on the ... I am sure that the ... will be of great value to the ... I am sure that the ... will be of great value to the ... I am sure that the ... will be of great value to the ...

Yours very truly,

W. H. ...  
Book 1117  
Books 1118  
W. H. ...

16 Aug: 1915

BUCKS CLIFF,  
BUCKS CROSS,  
N. DEVON.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I understand that you knew my husband many years ago, he is now away at sea or he would have written you himself. My mother, Mrs Stephen Sear 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 abroad for 8 months, is staying with me & I think she

BUCKS CLIFF  
BUCKS CROSS  
N. DEVON

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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 trying. She was so, as  
 long ago as Christmas, but the  
 only thing I noticed amiss was  
 her talking in 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 hoped  
 I had not taken up too much  
 of your time but I'm sure you  
 will understand how worried  
 we have been. Thanking you

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for the care you have taken  
of my mother, I am

Yours very sincerely,  
Abel 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, 1910.

Dear Miss Stephenson,

It is unfortunately a part of Mrs. Stephenson's  
 nature to worry unduly. She is not any more, but she  
 makes out the worst of everything. She fills the  
 air with a lot of wailing, and so far the  
 impression that she made herself, to some extent  
 at my rate. However I am not at all sure  
 that I think she is in any way well. There is a  
 constant demand for constant attention and sympathy  
 and she demands more than she can give. It is well  
 to be sure of her. I cannot say that she is  
 improving much, and if I do not see her again  
 visit from you will be something to help, and I should  
 certainly think you had better postpone your visit  
 before coming to see her.

Yours very truly,

835  
Eardley House  
Keysham  
Lancs  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 1915

Dear Sir,

For the last fortnight I have received continuous requests from my mother, W. J. 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

to on the lines I have  
mentioned on your statement.

Yours very truly  
C. W. Stephenson

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7.10.  
10.7

The Secretary  
The Retreat  
York

Stoneleigh,  
Moorhead,  
Exeter.

June 19/1915

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

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Stoneleigh,  
Moorhead,  
Hampden.

June 19<sup>th</sup> / 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 & 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

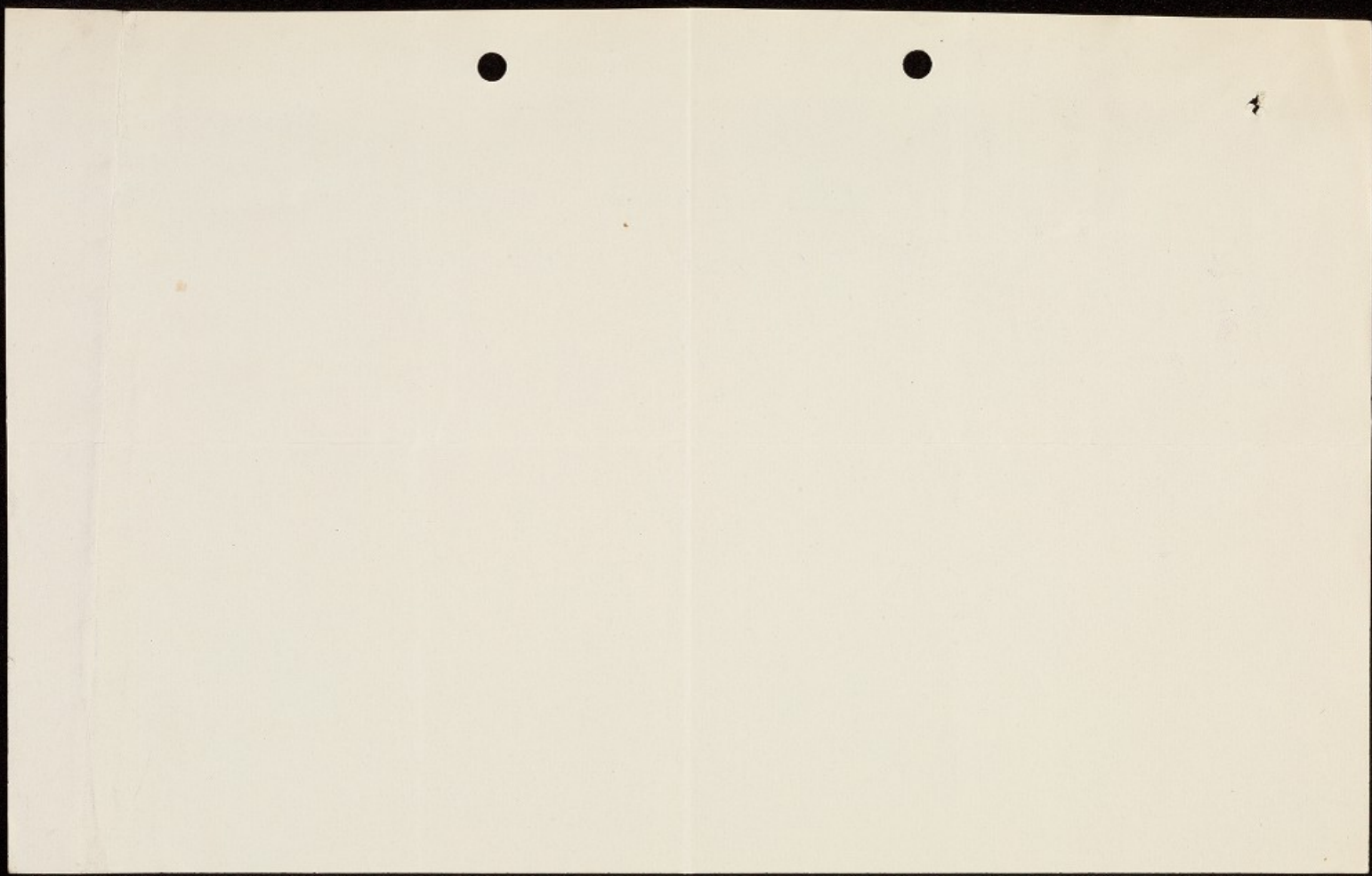
June 15, 1915

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  
Neuralgia.

Yours truly  
C. W. Stephenson

To Bedford Pierce.





Stonleigh,  
Moorhead,  
Gristen.

June 11 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. H. Stephenson

The Retreat, York.

W. H. R. Co.  
No. 100  
New York

Thorncliffe,  
3, Bradford Rd.  
Shipley.

HOURS OF CONSULTATION  
9 TO 10 A.M.  
(2-30 TO 3 P.M.)  
BY APPOINTMENT  
6 TO 8 P.M.  
SUNDAYS 10 TO 11 A.M. ONLY.

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

Carr Lane,  
Windhill,  
Shipley.

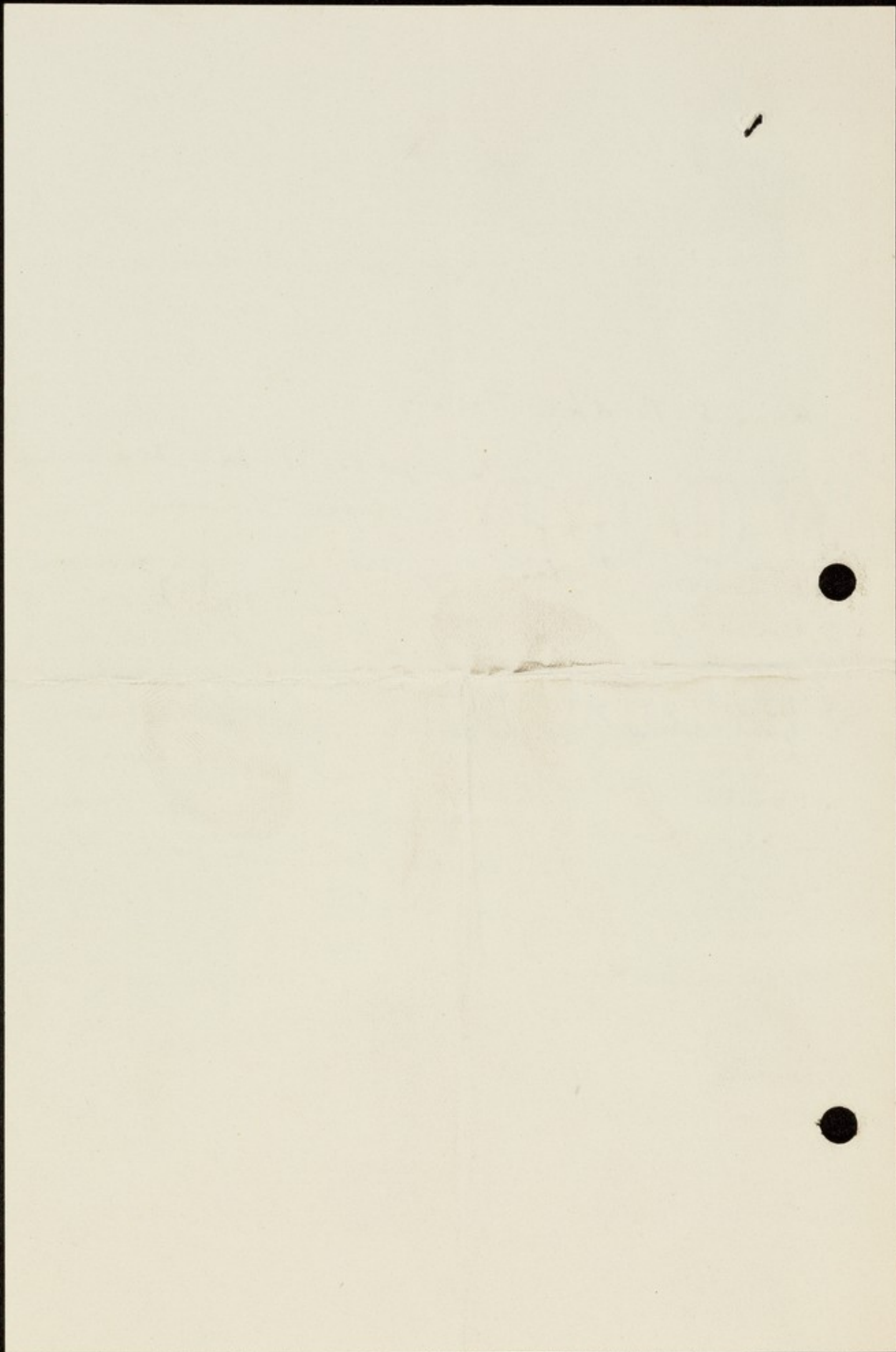
DAVID ANDERSON.  
(M.A., M.B., Ch.B.)  
Tel. 223, Shipley.

11. 17. 15

Dear Mr Bradford Nurse,

My patient Mr 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 refitted.  
I think she will. I don't think she  
is a particularly good case in  
which to get a satisfactory  
result

I am  
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 Dringto, 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1915

Name C. H. Stephenson

Residence Storeleigh Moorhead Shipley

Occupation Wooled Manufacturer

SIGNED by the said C. H. Stephenson

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, C. H. Stephenson

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.



А. П. ПИТОВИ  
В. П. П. ДИКИН  
БОЛНТОНА



June 18 1915

Dear Sir,

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

Enclosed the usual form of  
agreement which please return  
to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller Secy

Edw Stephenson Esq



June 18 1812

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the  
Robert Smith the same for  
Mr. Stephens have passed at

agreements a week -

besides the usual form of  
agreement which please return  
to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Johnson

Mr. Stephens

Name. Mrs. Emily Stephenson. Age. 62 Date of Adm. 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1915.  
Address Cardley House, L. Hypham, 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 5 years ago. Used to lead an active domestic  
life, but for 2 or 3 yrs past her affairs have been managed 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.

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June 30<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>

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 missed her before she came here.

July 5<sup>th</sup> 1915

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

July 11<sup>th</sup>

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

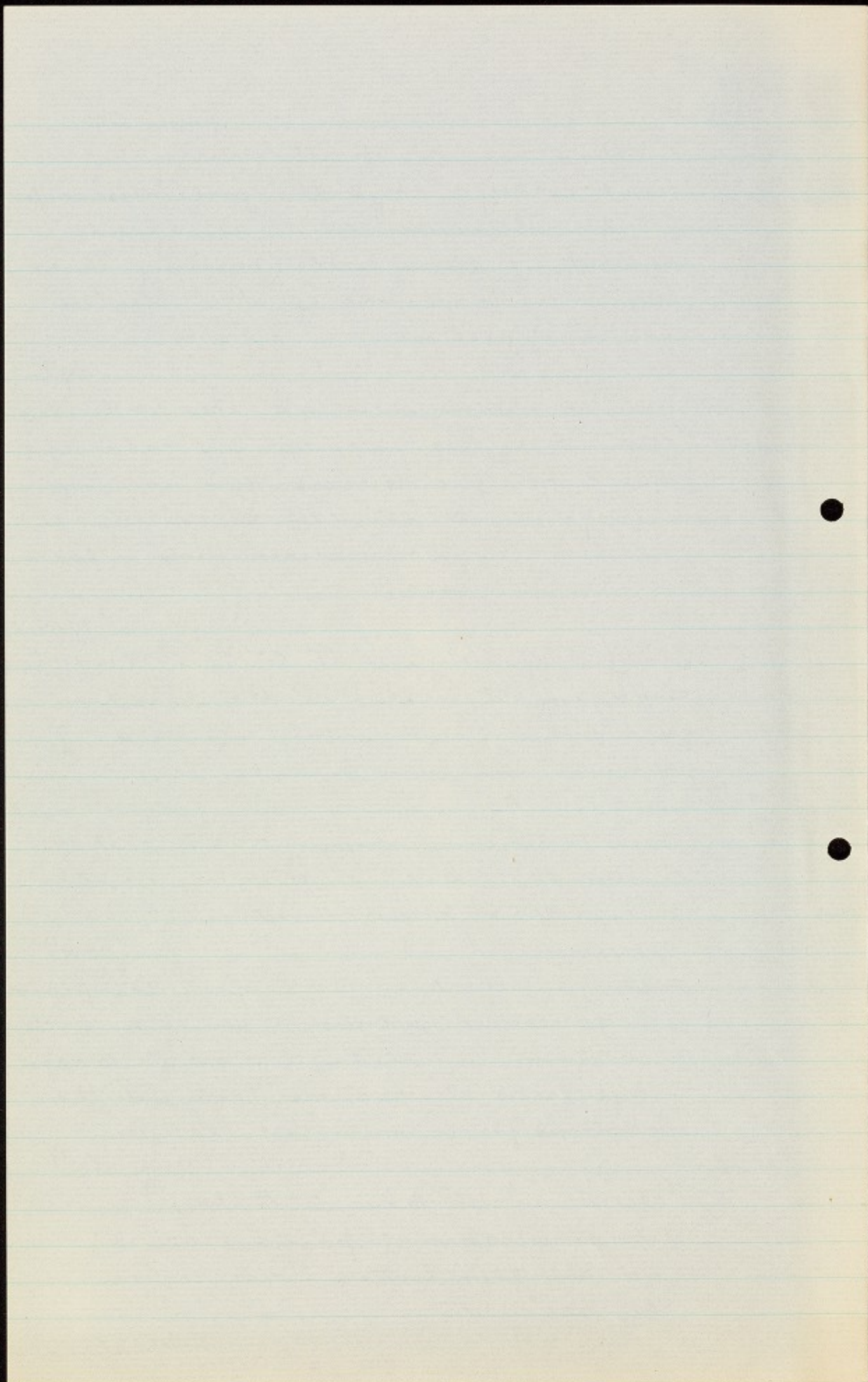
July 30<sup>th</sup>

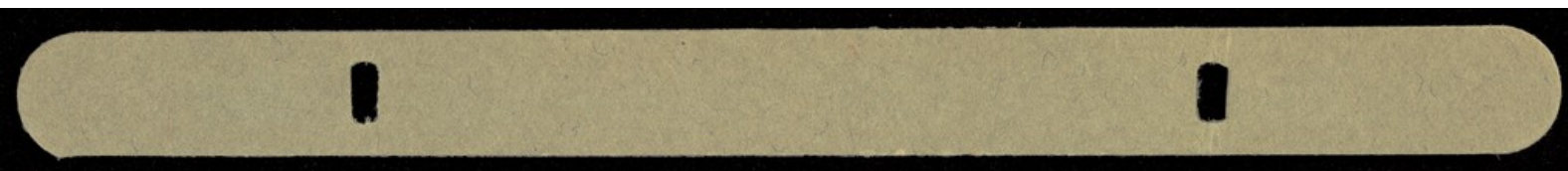
Patient much about the same: complains of sleeplessness, headaches, + pains in back + abdomen, which have, as far as I can judge from observation, have not the symptoms for causes of complaint.

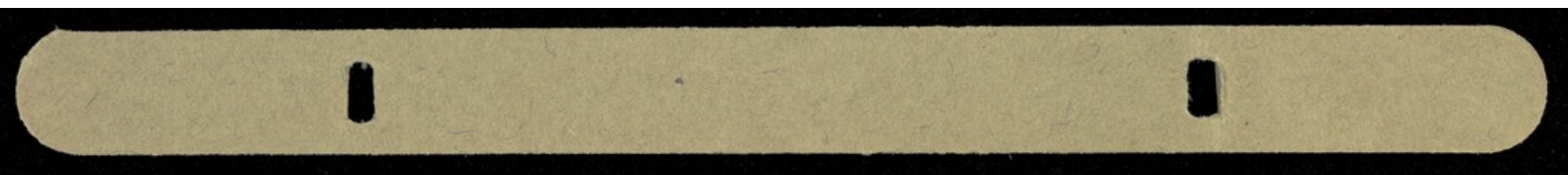
Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>

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

J. Martice







Name

Ward

Date of Adm.

General Bodily Condition

Height

Weight (without clothes)

Respiration

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.



