c/o Agricultural College
Truro Nova Scotia:
Nov: 8th 1914.

Dear Mr Hunt

I have been a long time in writing to you but my mind the last six months has been so occupied with picking up the news work & the new conditions that I am afraid I have been neglegent in my correspondence all round. You will see from the above address that I have not proceeded far into Canada yet; we were advised to try the Annapolis Valley district in Nova Scotia for fruit growing & we went there straight away on landing & I have been there on different farms all the season. The chief ~~course~~ source of revenue in the district is from fruit growing & mostly apples: although most of the farmers keep some stock. I have found life on a farm means very hard work. as the Americans say "working in the fields all day & doing chores all night" (chores is attending to the stock) but I have gained the experience I wanted & been able to judge the possibilities of the country. The climate is very fine in the spring & summer. I don't know about the winter yet but I expect it is very cold. I am spending the winter at the Agricultural College. I often wonder how you are getting along at York. I expect by this you will have probably started the Shakespearian readings again. I did enjoy those readings & would just like to be transferred by aeroplane or something to one of them again. Are you playing Hockey this year? I am longing for a game; out here field hockey is not played much, ice hockey taking its place. I believe its a much faster game. The Scotch Greys will not figure on your future lists this season. I wonder if any of the poor fellows have gone under. but here it is sometimes difficult to realize that

practically all Europe is at war but I asked at York you will realize it very much. When I was staying in the Valley I was living about a mile from a Mr & Mrs Walker - Mrs Walker is a daughter of Mr Andrews of the Ackworth School. Mrs Walker mentioned that she knew you.

I should be so pleased to receive a letter from you. With very kind regards to Mrs Hunt & kind remembrances to old friends

Yours sincerely

Harry Loraine

199 Marlborough Avenue
Hull
Jany 15th 1914

Dear Sir

I have pleasure in enclosing Money Order value £12 9.. 6 in payment of your account herewith.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for your sympathy and kindness to my Son during the time he has been at the Retreat, and we trust now that he is better he may soon be able to gain a suitable position in life

Yours sincerely
R Lorraine

D B Bedford Press
York

109 Marlborough Road
Strell
Sept. 12th 1913

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith
M. order value £29. 7. 5
in payment of account
annexed which kindly
acknowledge.

I shall be glad to
hear from you as to my
Son's condition at present,
and whether you think he is
now fit to go to Canada.
as he is unable to obtain
any work here

Yours very truly,
R. Scraine

Dr Pierce
York

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CLEEVEHEAD,
CROSS,
NR AXBRIDGE.

July 7. 13.

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter. I am afraid the young man you mention would be too much of a responsibility. Sometimes I found Swaine very trying. He seemed to go on very well till Xmas, & then we had a great deal of wet weather when we could not get on much

with the work, & he could not get out, & he became very much depressed. He did not like working with the men, & wanted to be with me the whole time, & when he had worked at one thing for a short time he got tired of it, & wished me to do something else.

I am sorry he has not gone to Canada, as I should think that would be the best thing for him, but he seemed to dread making a fresh start among unknown people.

From your letter I gather that the other young man would need more attention, which I do not feel that I can above the time to give.

Yours very truly
Howard Ashby.

County Oak
Crawley
17/7/13

Dear Cousin,

I have an application from a Mr. H.M. Swaine, of the Retreat to know whether we could employ him on the Nurseries. I presume the application is genuine?

I don't suppose there is much prospect of our being able to take him, but there would be no loss in our knowing a little about him, whether the small wage he asks for would be more or less nominal? whether he would be able or suitable to take a place in a private garden?

I presume he is young & has good health.

Should be glad of your advise.

Post is due to leave so must not add anything else.

Yours ever
Reg. Dann

April 3rd 1913

Telephone No. 951.

23, ALBION STREET,

HULL.

Hours of Consultation, 9.30 to 1.0.

Dear Dr Pierce

I beg to thank you for the copy of your letter to Mr Swanie which I return you. I am quite of your opinion. I told the Mother I could not take the responsibility of sanctioning her son going to Canada

unless you approved of.

Yours most truly

Edward O'Daly.

April 2, 1913

Dear Dr. Daly,

I enclose a copy of a letter about Mr. Swaine, which you may like to see. Please return it in the enclosed envelope. The difficulty of the case is considerable, as I quite expect he will improve again and be able to do outdoor work satisfactorily, but we do not feel that his recovery is likely to be sufficient to justify his going abroad practically "on his own".

I remain,

Yours very truly,

April 1, 1913

Dear Mr. Swaine,

Although your son has improved and is beginning to work better, he is still subject to waves of depression, when he is very unstable and restless.

With reference to his going to America, I regret to say that I do not feel justified in recommending him to entertain the idea at the present moment. He is far too unstable to undertake a journey of this kind, and though it is possible the novelty and stimulus of such a venture might possibly benefit him, I hardly think it likely that he would be able to keep well there, away from external support. Broadly speaking I do not think one should expect a person to settle down in colonial life, who does not show stability at home.

With reference to the question of his deferring the visit to a later date, I feel much hesitation in offering an opinion. Those of us who have seen most of your son really doubt the wisdom of his attempting to go so far, unless he can go with some one who can look after him and start him.

As regards our employing him in the Retreat gardens, we shall probably be requiring some extra assistance during the next few months. It is possible the Committee might agree to his working in this way in part payment of his maintenance, but at the present moment his work is certainly not worth the 3d an hour that he receives, as he cannot give his mind to it for long, and he is too restless. No doubt later on he will improve and work better, but, seeing that the cost of maintenance at the Retreat is about 50/- a week, under the most favourable circumstances I hardly think your son could earn more than half this.

It would be possible to find an institution where he could be received as a voluntary boarder at a lower rate than at the Retreat, and I should be disposed to recommend this course, as it is clearly not right for you to be spending so much over him.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

19 Marlborough avenue 222
Hull
Mch 30th 1913

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 27th inst. and am sorry you think my son is at present unfit to go to Canada.

I have just received the enclosed letter and papers from the Revd J Stokes with whom he made arrangements for his passage to Canada, & who agreed to find him work on his arrival there. You will see that he encloses a letter of introduction to the Director of Colonization at Toronto. The Revd J Stokes asks for the balance

of the passage money to be paid.
and for money for insurance to.
Before replying to him I would like
to know your opinion as to whether
Harry will be fit to sail on the 12th April.
We think his state of relapse is due
in a great measure to his uncertain
future and unless we can have
something definitely arranged for
him when he leaves York, we
must always fear a recurrence.

I thought of sending the
papers to Harry for him to reply
to the Rev A J Holmes, with whom
he himself made direct arrangements,
but on consideration decided to send
them to you as I thought you
might not think it advisable for
him to concern himself about replying.

I am sorry to trouble you
but we are in a position of great
difficulty. You seem to take such
a personal interest in my Lord's
welfare and as you know we
cannot afford to allow him to stay
for long at York, we want to find
some way out for him where he will
continue to recover, and not have
to worry about changing again.

You mention that he was well
at Cross. He was at first, but towards
the latter end of his stay there he began
to fall off owing to the worry as to his
next step in life.

We are looking forward to
your next letter and hope it will
be favourable. Believe me.

Yours very sincerely
R S Craine

D. Pierce

190 Marlborough Avenue 198
Hull
Mch 20th 1913

Dear Sir,

I thought of coming over to see you about my Son who returned to York last Thursday, but being doubtful of seeing you I decided to write and explain my position.

My Son has stayed for two periods at York, and both times has seemed well on the road to recovery on leaving, but a few weeks outside with nothing definite to do has caused relapses, nearly as bad a state as when he first went there. This is a great trouble to us and we feel that he must have something definite to do when next he comes out.

I should like to explain my position - I am earning less than it costs my Son to live at York and as I am (81 years of age) I cannot look forward to working many more years. You will see that it is impossible for him to stay there for long though I wish and am anxious to do all I can for him it would not do for me to exhaust the provision I have made for the old age of my poor self.

It seems difficult for him to obtain work here and hard for him to have to begin again at the bottom so we thought the best course to take would be for him to go to Canada where he would have a change of scene and work is guaranteed to him on his arrival there.

He has booked a passage in the "Megantic" sailing on the 12th April and has paid a deposit on account of his fare. Do you think he is fit to go to Canada on that date? If he does not go then, there will be greater difficulty in obtaining work, as April is the beginning of the busy season out there.

Failing this, do you think you could find him work at the Retreat? He said he would ask you if you could employ him as an attendant or in the garden.

We should be glad to hear from you at your convenience and my excuse for troubling you is the kindly interest you have always shown in my Son's welfare.

Yours very truly

R. Scrane

Dr Bedford Pierce
York

if you will - as you suggest - deduct the amount still owing to you from the payment allowed me for work & kindly forward me the balance of £1 - 11 - 6.

Yours faithfully
H. H. Swaine

Mr W. E. Waller.
Secretary
The Retreat.

CLEEVEHEAD,
CROSS,
NR AXBRIDGE.

October 28th 1912

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter giving particulars of my account. I notice the board to Aug: 31st is at the rate of £3 - 3 - 0 per week, instead of £2 - 15 - 0 as charged on previous account rendered Aug: 29th. Perhaps you are making the original charge in consideration of the allowance for work, if that be so, I shall be glad

199, Marlborough avenue
Hull
May 30th - 1913

Dear Sir,
I herewith enclose
Cheque value £30.18.10
in payment of annexed
account. which kindly
return receipted

Yours truly
R. Swaine

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

early date.

Yours truly

J. H. Swaine

Mr M L Cooper
York

CLEEVEHEAD,
CROSS,
NR AXBRIDGE.

Nov 16th 1912

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst. you appear to have been misinformed with regard to account for sum £2-17-6 having been overlooked by the secretary of the Retreat as I find the amount of your account has been charged to me by them

You will no doubt receive payment for same from them at an

M. L. COOPER,
TAILOR.

25, STONEGATE,
YORK. Nov 19 1912

Dear Mr Darley

I received the enclosed letter this morning from Mr Swaine. You will see he states the age is paid to the Revised

Yours truly
M L Cooper

Oct 25 1871

Dear Sir

I have delayed for cheques
for the third & we find that
one of the arrangements
made with the farmers
we have now old members to
make an allowance of 20%
for the expd books & stationery
according to the book statement
I am sorry that this
has been deferred to this
including a letter bill for £2 7s 6d

Wm Lorne

Inclosed statement as the amount
now stands in our books.

Balance due to Mr Lorne	£ s d
Bond to Aug 31	27 1
Bills	7 10
Postage Expenses	1 9
	36 1
Less book keeping	5
Balance	£30 16
	£10 6

If this arrangement is agreeable I
will remit the balance
& hear from you

Yours faithfully
W. E. Watts

Oct 25 1912

Sir,

I am obliged for cheque
sent for third & fourth. Now
arrangement of the arrangement but
the work is the problem — let
me know how will market at
a month on allowance of 30/-
and for the eight weeks full wages.
Meaning is the last statement
for the first part [illegible]
have been reported to this
including a tender due for £2 1/-

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

Mr. H. R. Adams

Yesterday it took me hour & [illegible]
a detailed statement as the amount
has almost is no note.

Statement to date 30
Found to day 21
Needed " 2
Total — Order outstanding 2 1
30 10

Also bad day 29
Left 1 9 2 30 10
£ 6 8

If this arrangement is agreeable I
for their taking the balance £1 1
& keeping them up —

CLEEVEHEAD,
CROSS,
NR AXBRIDGE.

Oct 21st 1912

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in enclosing cheque for £1 · 9 · 2 in payment of attached account.

I hope I may be allowed to remind you of your promise to allow me for the work I did in the garden from July 1st to August 24th.

I am pleased to say I am very comfortable here, and I thank you for your introduction to Mr Ashby.

Yours faithfully

H. H. Lowane

Dr Pierce
The Retreat -
York.

Summer 2.

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CLEEVEHEAD,
CROSS,
NR AXBRIDGE.

June 13. 12.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am not able at present to take the gentleman you wrote about, as my parents are living with us till their house is finished, & we have a young fellow already whose nerves were a little out of order, as we have no room.

My Father expects their

house to be ready by about the end of August.

If he would still like to come then I think we could take him, & perhaps you will write nearer the time.

The young man who is with us now pays 25/- per week for his board & lodging, & I have the work he does in exchange for the experience he gains.

Yours truly
Howard Ashby.

March 19th 1912

Dear Sir

I should be very pleased if you could see your way to reduce the terms I am at present paying for my residence at the Lodge, as I have had to give up my situation owing to my state of health with the resultant loss of income.

Yours truly

H. A. Lewaine.

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat

Hull and Barnsley Railway Company.

GEORGE SCAUM
SECRETARY.

TELEGRAMS,
SECRETARY, JUNCTION, HULL.
NAT. TEL. 2960.

Secretary's Office.

Hull. 11th April 1912.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 8th instant with reference to Mr Henry Herbert Swaine now under your care.

Yours faithfully,

Geo Scaum

Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D. F.R.C.P
The Retreat,
YORK.

March 7, 1912

Dear Dr. Daly,

It is disappointing that Swaine has relapsed. Though he was so much better when he left here, he did not feel really well, and it seems that when left to himself the morbid ideas and fears grew upon him gradually. He is now rather seriously depressed and worrying about his future. He is, however, at work in the garden again, and he tells me that he looks upon the Retreat as a haven of rest where he finds the support he needs. It is sad to think that a young man should need this kind of assistance.

I hardly know yet what to advise, but it seems desirable that he should remain here at any rate for a few weeks, and then perhaps some new employment of an out door nature, away from home, may be the best course to take.

Yours very truly,

199 Marlborough Avenue
Hull
March 5th 1912

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from my son Harry today in which he says he has seen you and that you do not consider he is fit for work. We have followed the advice you gave in your last letter in which you said you thought he was fit to leave York at the beginning of January, but that you advised to complete his recovery that he should stay there a month or so longer and then take a few weeks holiday before commencing work. He has only been at work a week and without consulting us has returned to York.

I am mystified as to his condition and before seeing his employers, should be very grateful if you could let me know your opinion of him

Yours faithfully
R Swann

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

18th.

To Board Nov 1 to Feb 3 @ 27/4. 42 6.

Mar 5 to June 30 @ 27/. 45 19.

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to Mr Dawn - the head of his department. He is anxious for him to resume work as soon as possible but wishes him to be thoroughly recovered before he returns to the office so that full reliance may be placed on his work. He therefore agrees to his remaining at York. At the end of January he will then consider a further extension of leave to enable him to take a holiday before resuming duty. I feel confident that your suggestions have made it much easier for us to obtain this extended leave & am very grateful to you for them.

Yours very sincerely

R Devane

Dr Bedford Pierce

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199 Marlborough Avenue
~~32 DUESBERY STREET,~~
~~PRINCE'S AVENUE,~~
HULL.

January 11th 1912

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of the 9th inst & am glad to know that there is such a marked improvement in my son's health. A steady improvement has been reflected from his letters which each week have shown more control & returning interest in general things. The change in him since he went to York is as you say remarkable & very gratifying to us. I have shown your letter

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199 Marlborough Avenue
~~32 DUESBERY STREET~~,
~~PRINCE'S AVENUE~~,
HULL.

Jany 9th 1912

Dear Sir

With reference to the interview my eldest son had with you on Thursday last, You then said you would examine my son, who is a patient in the Retreat, and would acquaint me with your opinion of his condition if I would write you for it early this week. I now ask if you will kindly inform me of his present state, as to whether he is fit to leave the institution

and when you think he will be fit to resume work.

I would mention that his employers are continually pressing for information as to how he is going on and it is very difficult for us to satisfy them so I have promised to let them see your letter.

If you think therefore he should continue the treatment longer, or if he is fit to leave the institution you recommend he should take a holiday before starting work it would make it much easier for us if you would kindly mention it in your letter.

I am much gratified at the progress Harry has made since he entered the Retreat and shall ever feel indebted to you for your attention to him

Yours sincerely

R. G. Evans

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat York

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199 Marlborough Avenue
~~32 DUESBERY STREET~~,
~~PRINCE'S AVENUE~~,
HULL.

Oct 29th 1911

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

Referring to the interview my son & I had with Dr Kemp yesterday. I herewith enclose form of application signed by my son who wishes to be admitted as a patient at Throvenby Hall.

It will not be convenient for us to send him there until Wednesday. My eldest son will bring him on that date by train leaving Hull at 8.5 am arriving Scarboro at 10.13 am.

This arrangement we trust will be satisfactory to you & we sincerely hope the treatment will prove successful.

Yours very truly
R. Craine

199 Marlborough Avenue

~~32 DUESBERY STREET,~~

~~PRINCE'S AVENUE,~~

HULL.

Nov 28th 1911

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your favour of the 27th inst with enclosures and same shall have my attention

Yours very truly

R. Swaine

Mr E. Waller Esq
Secy
The Retreat
York

PATIENT admitted to

THROXENBY HALL, SCARBOROUGH

Date of Admission Nov. 1st 1911

Full Name (Mr., Mrs., or Miss) Mr. Henry Herbert Swaine

Age 28.

Married or Single Single.

Home Address 199. Marlboro' Avenue
Hull.

Name of responsible relative Robert Swaine Esq.re (Father)

Address 199. Marlboro' Avenue
Hull

Nov. 27, 1911

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Committee the terms for Mr. H.H.Swaine were fixed at three guineas a week.

I enclose a copy of the usual form of agreement, which please return when complete.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Secretary

R.Swaine Esq.

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 Herbert H Swaine of ..... as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Drongate, 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 2nd day of December 1911

Name Richard Swaine

Residence 199 Marlborough avenue Hull

Occupation Book Keeper

SIGNED by the said Richard Swaine

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, W. H. Swaine

Address, and 21 Blumber St. Hull

Profession. Officer H.M. Customs & Excise.

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.