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Burbank Hospital  
Fitchburg, Mass.  
U.S.A.  
Nov. 2. 1909.

Bedford. Pierce, M.D.

Friend Dr Pierce

Herewith find enclosed  
National Express Co's Cheque  
for Fifteen Pounds (£15.0.0)  
on the National Provincial  
Bank at York which is  
the bank the Express Co  
does business with.

Thanking thee for all thy  
kindness & clemency in  
waiting for the account.  
If there is any thing more  
that is due, will remit  
as I am able.

Give my kind regards

Thanks to Lizzie Thomason  
from mine Sincerely  
Godfrey. Swan.

Burbank Hooks <sup>(139)</sup>

Fitchburg  
Mass. U.S.A.

26. II. 1909

Bedford Pierce. M.D.

Dear Friend

I am writing this  
to thank you all for your  
kindness to my mother,  
for your letters & everything  
you have done & hope some  
day to visit & thank you  
with a hand-clasp.

It was a Retreat but  
I hope in our case &  
know in mother's case  
one with honour.

Will you thank Lizzie  
Thomasson for me



I will write her but not  
not tonight for I've to be  
up at 5 am tomorrow for  
make ready for operation  
early.

I would like you to send  
a note of account against  
us, which I will remit  
as soon as able.

Again I thank you

Yours Sincerely

Godfrey. Swan.

Please account to me.

March 22, 1909

Dear Mr. Swan,

I fear I have been remiss in not replying earlier to your letter. I must thank you for your kind references to the care Mrs. Swan received. I am sure the nurses did all that was possible to make her as comfortable as the painful nature of her malady would allow. It was a very sad and distressing case, but happily towards the end Mrs. Swan was able to appreciate the care received and that made things much easier.

The Friends of Westminster and Longford Monthly Meeting filled up a form of recommendation at the lowest rate, viz. 12/- a week, the reason for this being that your brother and sister were obviously unable to pay more. I am therefore sending you a statement of account at this rate. I do not know what your circumstances may be or whether you approved of this application to the Monthly Meeting. We here are always glad to receive patients at this rate in necessitous cases, and the Committee in accepting the recommendation assume that the case in question may rightly be so described. Of course the cost of nursing the case was very large, but that we do not object to unless the relatives are able to pay more.



It was to me a source of great satisfaction that we were able to render help to your mother in this way. One feels that in such a case the Retreat is fulfilling its proper function.

Yours very truly,

3 Holmdale Mansions  
Holmdale Rd  
West Hampstead  
London N.W.  
31. Jan. 1929

Dear Dr Pierce

Howard & I have had  
a very helpful little time, he at  
Woodbrooke & I at West Hill.  
We have spent rather more than a  
week here & leave tomorrow for  
London. Howard will probably  
stay there for some time, but I am  
coming to York to take up work  
on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. I am hoping soon



after my return to see you, if you  
can spare me a short time to settle  
little matters of expense with  
regard to Mother's illness & the  
interment. We feel we should  
like a simple little stone at the grave.  
Mother was 73, not 72 as put on  
the coffin; it did not matter at  
all on the coffin, but it would be nice  
to have it right on the stone. I perhaps  
ought not to trouble you about this  
last, but did not know quite who was  
the right one to communicate with.  
Howard seems much better, the  
fellowship & general atmosphere  
here having done him much good

I suppose Woodbrooke & its sur-  
roundings are quite familiar to  
you. Thanking you deeply for  
all your kind to our dear Mother &  
to Howard

I remain  
yours sincerely  
Mabel Swan

When the stone is put-  
up over Mr. Swan  
her daughter particularly  
request- only

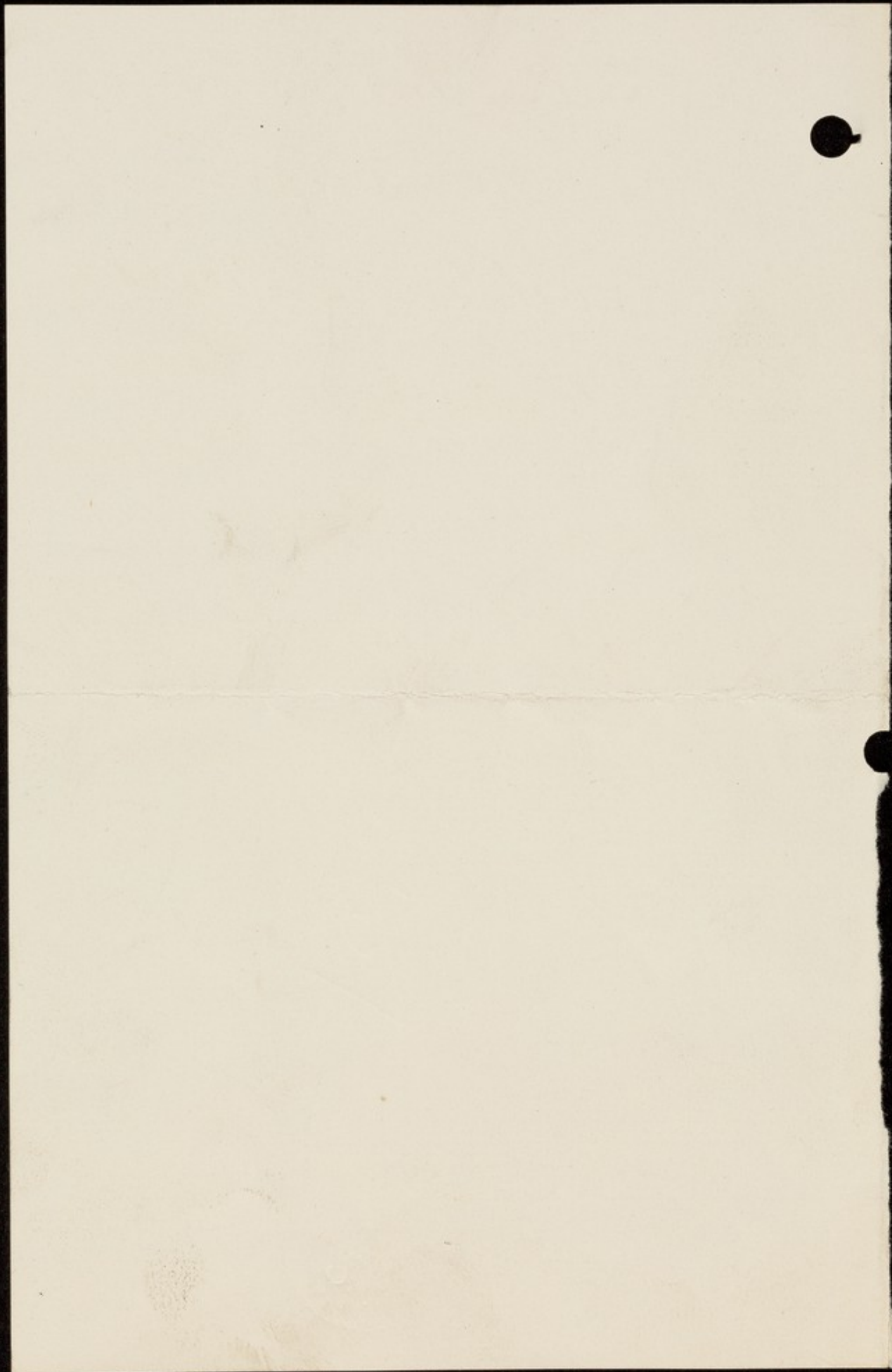
Emily Swan  
may be put- that her full  
name

Ordered

Feb 4 1909

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The Secretary is instructed to obtain the signature of the Clerks of privileged Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to the annexed form, before the reception of a patient recommended for admission to the Retreat, at the lowest rate of payment. (A privileged Monthly or Quarterly Meeting is a Meeting having the right to recommend patients at the lowest rate).

THE RETREAT, YORK.

(date) of month, 18

To the Treasurer of the Friends' Retreat, York.

I, the undersigned Charles Lawson Smith  
Clerk of Westminster & Longford Meeting,  
hereby recommend Emily Elizabeth Lunn  
for admission to the Retreat, York, at the lowest or "recommended" rate of payment  
[which is at present <sup>twelve</sup> ~~fourteen~~ shillings per week, but is subject to alteration]; and I  
hereby undertake on behalf of Westminster & Longford <sup>Monthly</sup> Meeting, and by  
its direction, to guarantee that the quarterly payments shall be made as they become due,  
in accordance with the rules of the Institution. for the year 1909

Clerk to

Charles Lawson Smith

Meeting.

Westminster & Longford  
Monthly Meeting.

N.B.—The rate includes the charge for Board, Lodging, and Medical care, and 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.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various positions in the Department of the Interior, for the year 1890.

### THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

For the year 1890, the following persons have been appointed to the various positions in the Department of the Interior:

Secretary of the Interior: William B. Allison

Assistant Secretary: John W. Foster

Chief Clerk: John W. Foster

Comptroller: John W. Foster

Surveyor General: John W. Foster

Inspector: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Land Management: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Reclamation: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Indian Affairs: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Geographical Names: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Fish and Game: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Forestry: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Mines: John W. Foster

Chief of Bureau of Public Lands: John W. Foster

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William B. Allison  
Secretary of the Interior

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WESTMINSTER & LONGFORD MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

(1059)

CHAS. LAWSON SMITH,  
CLERK.

52, ST. MARTIN'S LANE,  
LONDON, W.C. 24 Dec/18

Dear Bedford Perce

de Swan

Our monthly meeting is prepared to  
recommend Mr Swan for admission the next at  
17. a week. but I don't understand what any guarantee  
is required - but that the relatives will pay this sum -

Please let me know -

de Swan

As regards this case I think I arranged  
not a short time ago that he must pay 5/-  
a week + Henry will + Francis will have to make  
up the balance - shall if you please send me  
form you have sent thinking on guarantee to  
5/- a week - but as the parents have removed



St. Bonbury I am not sure that it may not  
send the certificate of his present time. We have  
not yet decided - Should not our parents be  
limited for 12 months or until we saw on  
the certificate?

With all good wishes for

Yours

Yours most truly

Chas L. Smith

Dec. 31, 1908

Mrs. Swan

Dear Charles L. Smith,

The Committee do require a guarantee for all patients received at the lowest rate from some responsible friend, and as a general rule when a patient is recommended by a Monthly Meeting the Monthly Meeting usually gives a guarantee. You will see the form is drawn up with this in view.

There is no reason why in the case of S.E.Dell you should not put a limit to the length of time of your recommendation. We should then of course have to apply to the M.M. to which the patient is being moved. I think it is not unlikely that Berks. and Oxon. M.M. will not want very much to help a patient just coming into their district; the more so as it is a very small Quarterly Meeting with very few wealthy Friends.

I do not know whether you are mighty in the councils of the Society, but it has always seemed to me that in matters of this kind the resources of the Society should be pooled and a central fund be formed to be drawn upon for purposes of this kind. There is considerable inequality in the procedure of Monthly Meetings owing to the difference in their financial positions.

Yours very truly,



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INDUSTRIAL & AGRICULTURAL



Dec. 24, 1908

Dear Mr. Swan,

Mrs. Swan has asked me to reply to your letter. She was very pleased with it, but does not feel able to write herself. Although she remains very poorly she is certainly a little stronger, and there is no immediate cause for anxiety so far as we can judge. The distressing mental symptoms have largely cleared up, and though she says she still has strange delusional thoughts they do not influence her conduct as they did. Consequently she is much easier to nurse than she was and she is now very grateful for everything that is done for her. The sad part of the case is that she feels so weak and restless that life is a burden to her, and I rarely see her without her saying that she hopes the end is not far off. It seems to me not unlikely that she will improve further and that though no doubt she will be very weak and feeble it is possible that the extreme restlessness and distress of both body and mind will lessen and she may be much more comfortable than at present.

I expect that you know your brother Howard has been a good deal overdone with his great trouble. I have advised him to stay very quietly in York, attempting little or nothing at present, and I am sure it is not wise for him just now to



look out for something fresh.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 11, 1908

Dear Charles L. Smith,

Yet again I must worry you. Mrs. Swan, who is I believe a member of your Monthly Meeting, is a patient here, suffering from heart trouble, and in a bad way. Her son who has now gone to America said he hoped to pay 25/- a week for her, the contributions being subscribed jointly by her three children. Nothing has been paid so far.

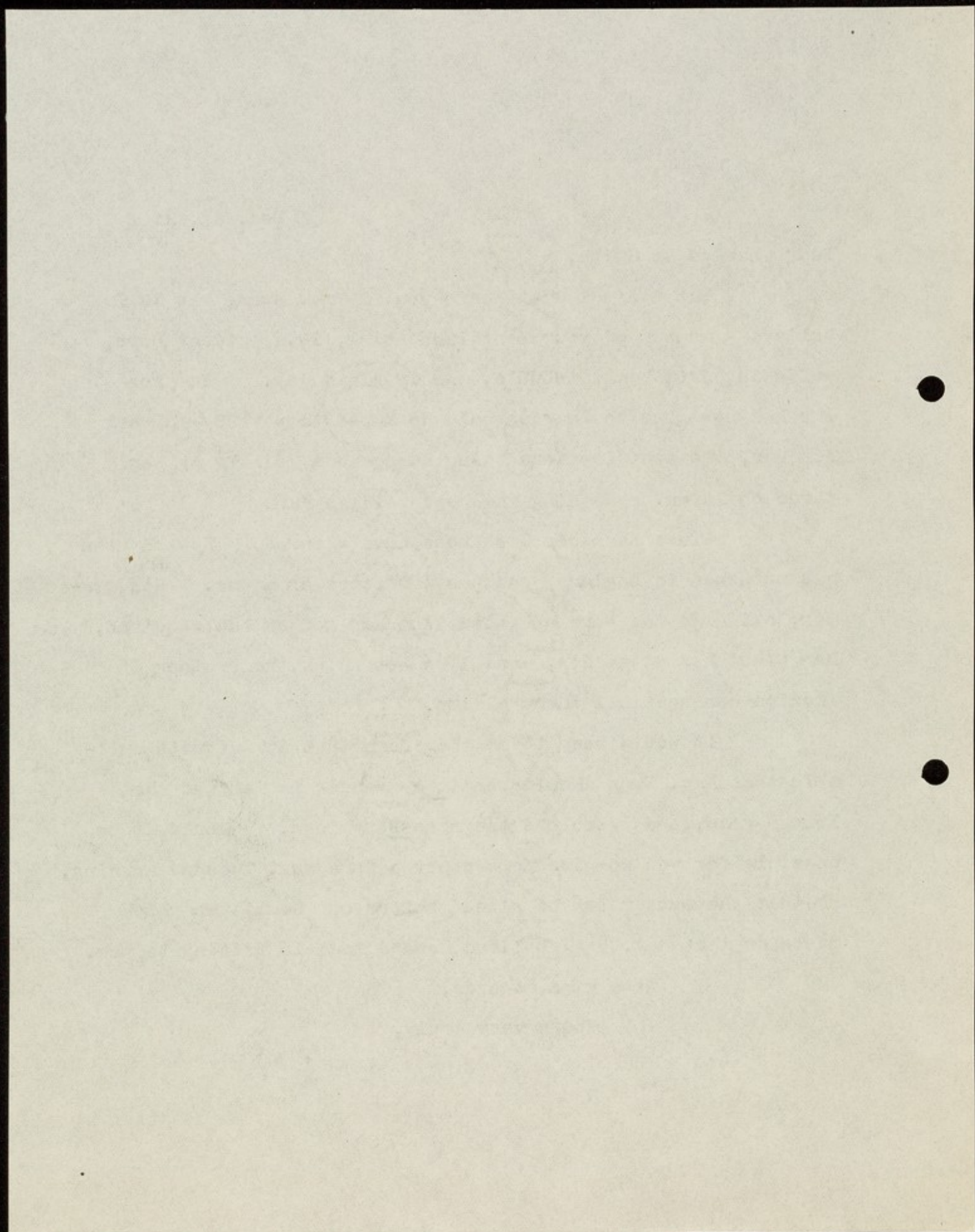
Since then circumstances have altered. Howard Swan has returned to England, and has I believe no means. His sister, owing to the care and attention her mother has required, has lost her situation, and I do not think the brother in America can meet all these claims.

It would seem to me therefore that it is quite suitable that Mrs. Swan should be a recommended patient at the lowest rate, and I enclose the necessary form. Would it be possible for you to give me a reply before next Tuesday morning, so that the matter can be placed before our Committee which meets on that day. I believe Howard Swan is writing to you.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,





302 pro K<sup>878</sup>  
Sheffield  
29th Oct '08

Dear Dr. Pease

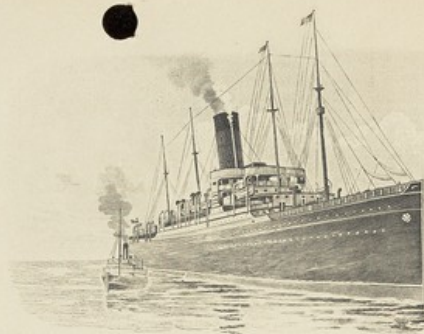
Thank you very  
much for letting  
us know where  
Mr. Swan is -  
She is a very  
old & dear friend  
of my

I am  
very truly yours  
W Holmes





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CUNARD R.M.S. "IVERNIA"

off Queenstown  
21. X. 1908

Dr Pierce

York. Eng.

Dear Doctor

Thank you for your  
Kindness in everything -  
I caught the train by following  
your directions & had plenty  
of time for the boat.

I wish I had asked you  
to send a word by Queenstown  
how Mother is but am  
sending my address in



America so that I can  
get news soon after I  
arrive <sup>as</sup> the mail will come  
by one of the fast boats & partly  
catch me up.

I addressed a letter to  
my Mother & of Lizzie  
Thomasson & then thought  
afterward that it looked  
like stepping past you but  
I think you will understand  
that I was just leaving it  
in her care, till Mother  
was able to receive it or  
hear about it.

I feel perfect confidence  
in you all if it has not  
been too much strain

for my Mother I shall  
never regret it.

Farewell for awhile  
now I will rest & sleep  
to Boston. I have been  
very short of sleep for a month

Yours Sincerely

Godfrey Swan.

# 107

Fitchburg  
Mass.  
U. S. A.

✓  
57 Scott Ellis Garden<sup>839</sup>  
St Johns Wood  
London  
21 Oct 1908<sup>N.W.</sup>

Dear Dr Pierce

I was very glad  
to hear from the nurse that  
Mother had had a comfortable journey  
& settled in contentedly at The  
Retreat. I should be so grateful  
if I might have a few lines to  
know how she is. I was glad  
to hear from my brother that you  
thought the trouble was more  
physical than mental, I had thought  
so myself & felt that what she needed



most was kind nursing & quietness  
+ we feel every confidence that she will receive that with you.  
Will you mind my asking a favor  
for her, I know it is usual to give  
patients sheets to sleep in, but if Mother  
might have blankets to sleep in, I  
should be so grateful. She has always  
been used to them & feels the cold as  
with sheets. If it means more washing  
expense, we must pay it.

Thanking you for your kindness  
& care for our dear Mother & also  
for the kindness to my brother & nurse.

I remain  
yours sincerely  
Mabel Swan

✓  
Villa Van Stietencron

Chailly sur Clarens  
Vaud

Switzerland

Oct 24 1908

Dr Pierce.

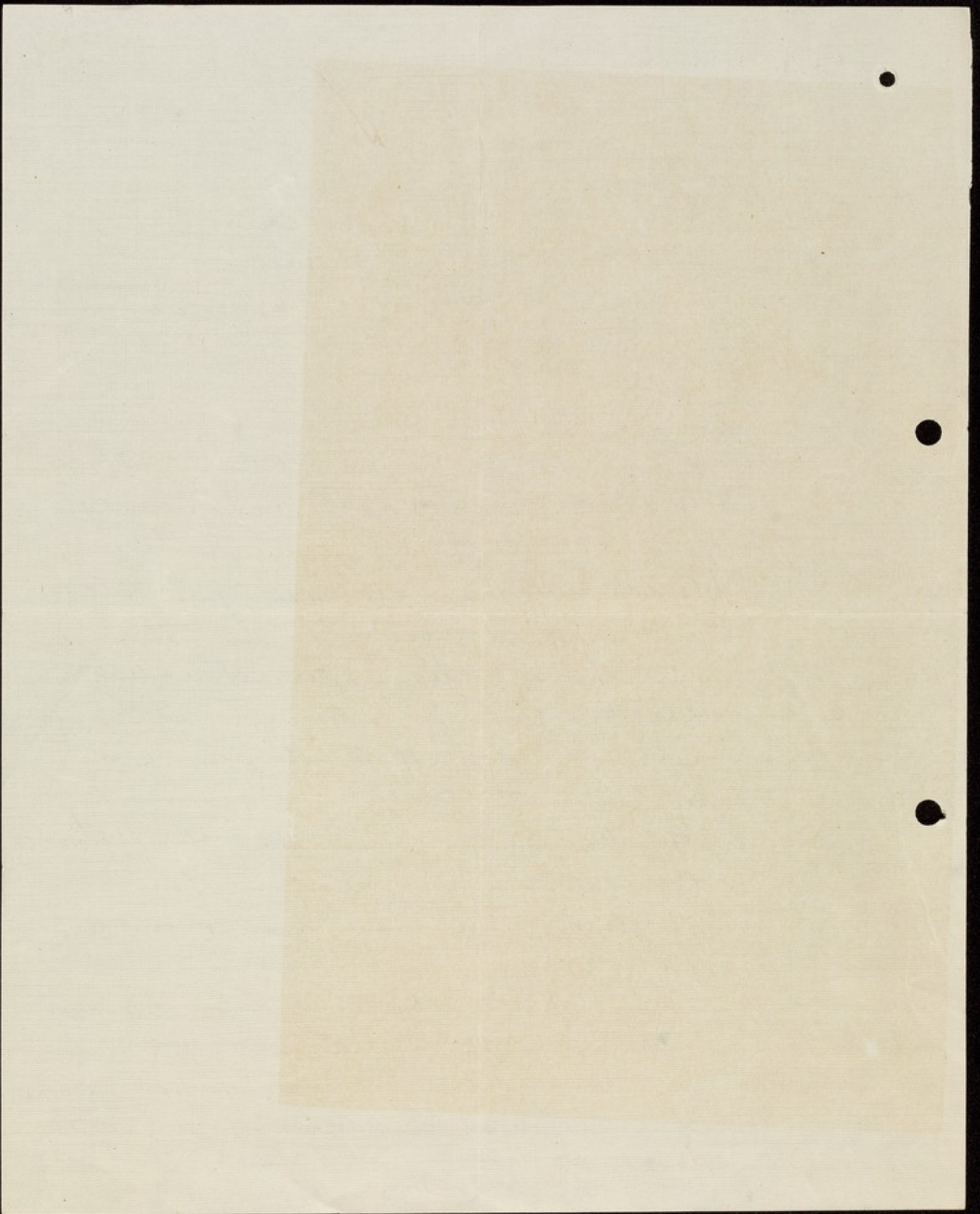
York

Dear Sir,

My brother & sister, Godfrey  
& Mabel Swan, have informed me  
of the state of my dear mother's  
health & that she has gone to be  
under your care. I am sure she  
will have every consideration  
& write now to ask you to be  
kind enough to send me word  
by letter or card occasionally  
of the state of her health physically  
& mentally, <sup>to say</sup> & what is your  
opinion about her now & in the  
future.

I should like a message conveyed  
to her from myself my wife, Mary Swan  
our daughter, Radia, of love & wishes.  
If it is right to write to her I will  
do so at once & from time to time, on  
hearing from you. Yours truly  
Howard Swan.







EVER & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

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Doctor Charge The Retreat  
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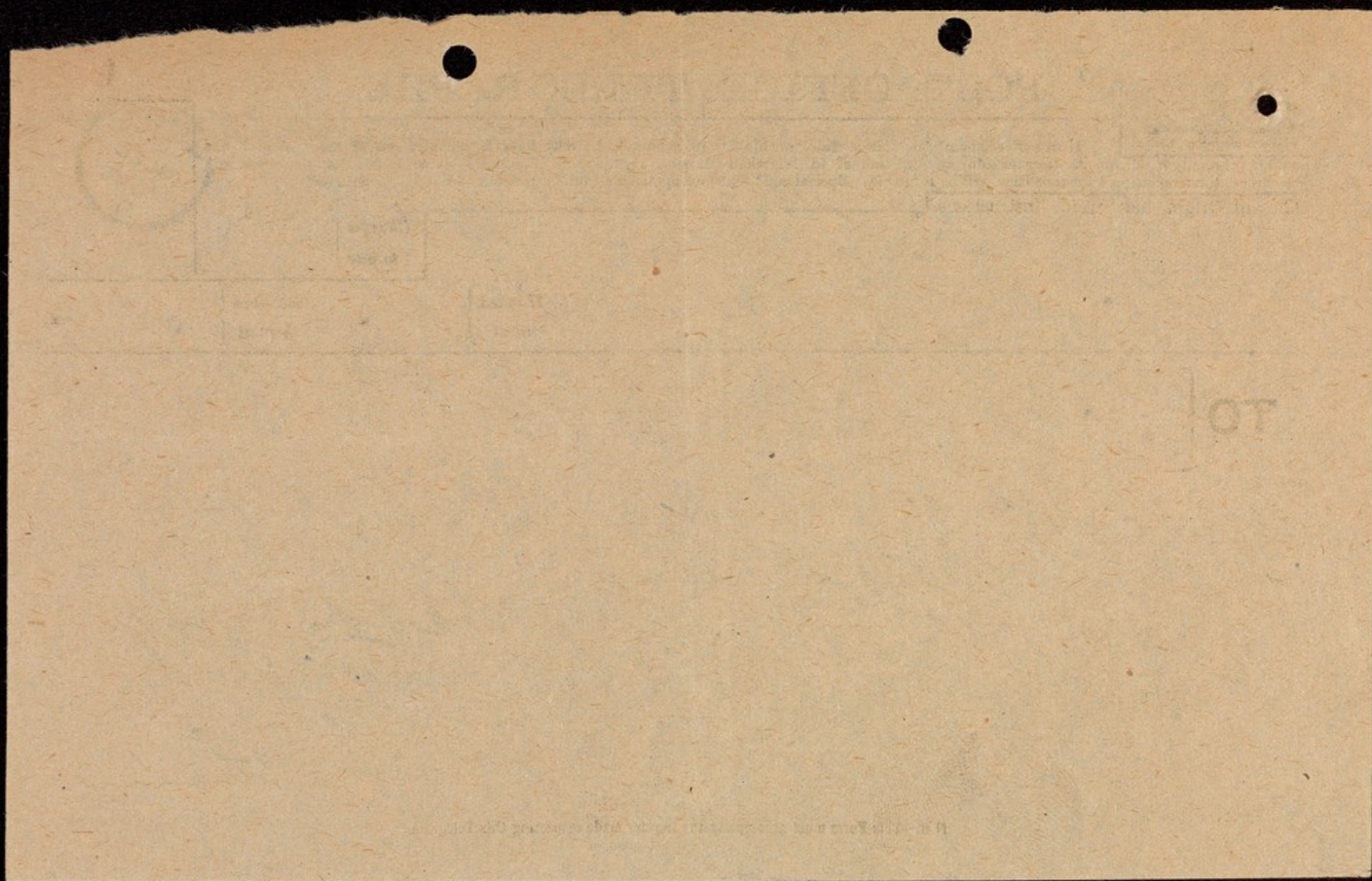
Difficult to get  
if mothers worse.

away wire

Mabel Swain  
West Heath  
School  
Hampstead

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.





You can tell my mother, if it would do any  
 good - but I am a little girl now, I  
 cannot write yet. I want to tell her - if she is so ill  
 I became grave, & then we  
 had a second doctor who  
 told us to take her at once  
 to the hospital, which we  
 did. She was even then  
 weak & tho' strengthened  
 by injections & sun-electric  
 bath till she looked beauti-  
 ful, she was too weak  
 to recover, & sank in happy  
 peacefulness, conscious & never  
 knowing she was dying. I  
 could not believe it myself &  
 insisted on trying artificial  
 respiration, myself, but I did  
 not know the pulse was  
 gone - one leaves many things  
 sad. The burial is at 3 in  
 Lausanne hospital cemetery, the  
 child is in good hands. I hope here  
 & would like Mabel to come at Christ-  
 mas to Lausanne & Chailly (both ways at least).

Villa Van Shetencien  
Chaixy s/Clarens  
Suisse

Оче 31/08

Dear Friend Bedford Pierce,

I was much obliged  
by thy letter, though the  
news in it was not good.  
I am glad to hear from  
Mabel that my dear  
mother has not gone yet,  
& hope it will prove that  
she can live some years,  
at any rate that she  
will not pass just yet.



She has so often recovered <sup>(even from mortal</sup>  
when we thought she was  
going that I hoped I  
might be so this time,  
though ~~then~~ out a doctor  
& doctors have special  
ways of telling truths.

I have often wished  
this week that I had  
been more of a doctor  
so that I could have  
saved the life of my  
dear wife Mary in time

before the second operation  
that has proved necessary  
after the first great one  
in which I nursed her  
so completely (I thought) back  
to life. But the slippage  
that occurred was not  
simple & led to long & vanishing  
sickness & <sup>eventually to</sup> heart failure  
after the operation to cut the growth  
legitimate from round the  
intestine - after the first successful  
operation. <sup>(extra-uterine gestation)</sup> Not being a doctor,  
we did not recognize it soon  
enough & the doctor called  
in treated for weeks till

according to our  
indications.

Oct. 26, 1908

Dear Howard Swan,

I am sorry to say your mother is very ill, and is indeed in a critical condition. Heart trouble is the cause of the difficulty, and she is very restless and in a most distressing condition. The difficulty is she will take no food or medicine in spite of every attempt to coax her with all kinds of foods and drinks. Like most heart cases she is exceedingly irritable, and the mental disease is principally secondary to her bodily state.

Unless she takes a turn for the better soon I fear she will not have much longer to live, as she breathes badly and there are other signs of cardiac failure.

She has had one day here in which she was quite clear and bright and was most grateful and pleased with everything that was done for her, but since then she has been most difficult to nurse.

I am sorry I can only give such a very poor account.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 23, 1908

Dear Mr. Hoyle,

I am sorry your letter of enquiry respecting Throx-  
enby Hall has not been answered before. The charge there  
is made to cover the expenses