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20th May, 1916.

Dear Madam,

Just a line to say that it is quite impossible for us to send immediately a trained nurse. All the available ones are away at present, and we are unfortunately shorthanded on account of an epidemic of Scarlet fever which for the time being has reduced the nursing staff.

I am endeavouring to telephone to Dr. Waring Taylor so that you may know this to-day. I am very sorry that I am not in a position to help you.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss A. Steele,
Crow Trees,
Gomersall,
Leeds.

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22nd. December, 1915.

Dear Madam,

The correspondence relating to your application was submitted to the Committee yesterday and they gave the matter careful consideration. They are inclined to think that the case is hardly a suitable one for admission at reduced rates. I may explain that the average cost of maintenance at the Retreat is about 52/6 per week, and as the patient is only connected with Friends it seems hardly a case for a large reduction, and moreover being a paralytic patient it is clear that the attention needed must necessarily be considerable.

This difficulty of finding homes for persons with only modest means is extremely serious. Something can be done for persons with a recent illness which is likely to clear up with a few months treatment, but where the case is likely to be one of long standing the vacancies in Hospitals are very few indeed. They generally have room at the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, (Dr. Easterbrook) and they have a department receiving patients at 25/- per week; it is possible they might take your son there. If this can be arranged I feel sure you would be well pleased.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Simpson.

22nd December, 1915.

Dear Friend,

Edward Fowler,

The application for Mr. S. G. Simpson was considered by the Committee yesterday, and they felt they were hardly justified in receiving a chronic patient at reduced rates under the present circumstances, excepting where the patient is closely connected with the Scoeity of Friends.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mrs. Simpson explaining the matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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15th December, 1915.

Dear Dr. Archbold Smith,

I am very sorry to hear about your sister, the more so as we are not able to help you in respect to her. Some fifteen or twenty years ago the Committee decided not to accept epileptic patients, and since then none have been admitted, the reason being that we are not able to look after them satisfactorily without separating them from the other patients in a way that cannot be managed.

I really do not know what to suggest as I expect other Institutions are in the same position. The most likely place would be the Crichton Royal Institution at Dumfries, (Dr. Easterbrook) where, I believe, they have room for patients at an intermediate rate, and as it is a large place there are ample opportunities for classification.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

HOLLY BANK,
HEADINGLEY,
LEEDS.

December 14. 1915

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Is a case of Epilepsy eligible for admission to "The Retreat" as a voluntary patient?
My Sister has suffered from epilepsy since she was about 12 years of age, following upon attack of scarlet fever — with nephritis & oedema afterwards.
She is now about 47 years of age — menses not ceased. — Attacks are chiefly during the night, & are — I am told — frequent —.
Her mental condition is deteriorating —. She is becoming irritable — emotional —, deceptive — ungrateful —, and careless about her appearance.
She has been living with my Mother, who died on Sunday last.
She is entirely without means & has been dependent upon me for support for the last 20 years. She is a Member of the Society of Friends.
Is she eligible, under what terms could she be admitted?

Yours faithfully
H. Bickford Smith —

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ST. OSWALD'S,
EDITH ROAD,
CLACTON-ON-SEA.

Dec 16th

Dear Sir

I have received your letter and thank you for your kindness and courtesy

I am

Yours Sincerely

Elizabeth Simpson

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8th December, 1915.

Dear Friend,

I am afraid that at the present time the Institution is quite full on the men's side, and moreover there is a good deal of difficulty in respect to nursing as we are so shorthanded. I should be glad to submit an application for reduction of terms to the Committee at their next meeting on the 21st, but I think you will understand that with the present high prices of things it is not possible for the Committee to do much for persons who are only slightly connected with the Society. There may be special circumstances to justify an application in the present case, but one cannot but feel doubtful about persons who remember their connection with the Society of Friends when some advantage is to be secured thereby. I am afraid you will think me rather hard, but circumstances so frequently bring to my notice persons who stretch their connection with the Society in order to get accommodation at reduced terms.

I enclose a copy of our last Report.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

George ~~Oak~~ Cost £2.12.6

The Chronic Case —
paralysed under personal attent.
Investigat. 63/-

ask what

Draft whether it is a suitable case for reducing terms

means mind attention —

consider the disease
begin a Case and attent.

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7th December, 1915.

Dear Madam,

You do not exactly say whether your son is a member of the Society of Friends. If he is there would probably be no difficulty in his coming to the Retreat at greatly reduced terms, and application should be made to the Committee for his admission at low rates.

With regard to your suggestion that he should come here as a Voluntary Boarder, it is not suitable for a person labouring under delusions to come here in that capacity, and certificates are, therefore, necessary. You speak of it being necessary to curtail his correspondence on account of writing libellous letters and postcards to public people. Surely this is evidence of unsoundness of mind, and I should explain that the correspondence of Voluntary Boarders cannot be interfered with. We should, therefore, only be able to receive him as a certified patient, and I can send you the necessary forms on hearing again from you.

I enclose a recent copy of the Retreat Report, from which you will obtain further particulars as to terms.

If your son is not a member of the Society of Friends I think it is probable that the Committee would agree to some reduction, but it must be borne in mind that at this

time the expenses of management are great, and the Committee are not able to take patients connected with Friends at such low rates as they usually do.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Simpson,

St. Oswald's,

Edith Road,

Clacton-on-Sea.

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From **Edward Fowler**, Hazeldene, Huccleccote, Near Gloucester

AGENT FOR THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

To Bedford Place, York — December 7th 191[illegible]

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Dear Friend, I have been asked as to the Institution taking other than Friends at a low rate. The case is that of a son of Mr. Simpson - he was a member of the Society for some years well known to Friends but left to join the Congregationalists - The son was not a member at any time - but from what I am informed suffers from delusions aet 48 years of age. unmarried - but does not lord with his useful labour Mr. Simpson has written you - what would you suggest should be done

Yours sincerely
Edward Fowler

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ST. OSWALD'S,
EDITH ROAD,
CLACTON-ON-SEA.

10/12/15

Dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter, in reply would say my son is not a member of the Society of Friends. For three months I have taken almost sole charge and care of him and find his relations are more firmly rooted than I thought and as one of my and all papers required to be filled up with any other necessary information. In the event of my son coming I would try to come with him myself and see you again thanking you I am

Yours very sincerely
Elizabeth Simpson

Then now is that I am
trying to persuade him
that I cannot consider
to the contrary I think it
may be necessary and
desirable he should be
certified and am quite
willing he should be. So
come to you ——
If only the terms can
be arranged I feel I could
ask and desire nothing
better for him

But this terrible war has
brought such a change in
my position as regards
money matters that I hesitate
to take responsibilities that
I cannot fulfil and it
would be too great a
strain on others ——
Is any formal application
to the Committee necessary
and I will be obliged
if you will send me

I shall be so glad if you will take my son at a sum within my power to pay. I have the less hesitation in asking this as all our lives my dear late husband and I have found our pleasure in helping others. I enclose particulars of patient – to save time and am

Yours sincerely
Elizabeth Simpson

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6/12/15

ST. OSWALD'S,
EDITH ROAD,
CLACTON-ON-SEA.

Dear Sir

An old friend of "The Retreat" has been lent one and it has come quite as a gleam of hope for I have been very distressed to know where and how to find a home for my poor afflicted son, my memory of a Convalescent Home or rather a Rest Home is

is very divide I will tell you in
strict confidence how I am
placed I have a very nice house
and let all the bedrooms to a
large private hotel and the day
war was declared 15 of their people
were here they all went to fill up
the hotel since then it has been all
going out nothing coming in and
I never the house till March
by Christmas I shall be pretty well
at the end of my resources —
I am a Friend and was for some
years a member of the Worcester
meeting and an overseer of course
was well known to all the Friends
there Mr Richard Brown is one
of my choice friends and Mr Edward
Foster have known us many years

ST. OSWALD'S,
EDITH ROAD,
CLACTON-ON-SEA.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to
ask if you can receive us
a boundary boarder, and
on reduced terms, my son
Sidney Goldwin Simpson
aged 48 – accompanied
he is partially paralysed
but able to help himself but
needing special attention
he had a seizure of some
kind in America nine
years ago ~~and~~ came home and

to my surprise he has been being greatly helped
he has been here with the one alone
in the house for eleven weeks
that it is share my home as if
meant to be I should go on in-
definitely but of course I cannot
feel differently and the least
I can do is make such a small difference
to my circumstances that I cannot

by the Doctors advice sent direct to
Lambeth House as a voluntary
boarder was there some months
then came home to Gloucester till
his fathers death when the home
was broken up, he has been in an
ordinary nursing home here 1/4 years
he has delusions one that there is
a conspiracy against him in Gloucester
and he writes most libellous letters
and circulars to public men there
which of course are not posted
another delusion is that the Warden
of the Home and I have been trying
to murder him by suppressing these
letters and is very bitter against me
in consequence as I am responsible
for their not being posted
I consider he has been most
unwisely treated the threat of going

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NAT: TEL: 1615.

AT HOME.
EVERY AFTERNOON
EXCEPT TUESDAY.
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

102, BEVERLEY ROAD,
HULL.

19. XII. 15.

The Secretary -

Dear Sir -

Would you kindly let us know if you could take a patient, a girl of about twenty-five, who is suffering from mental trouble, following upon masturbation? She is a little violent at times, but quite

manageable. I would like to get her away from home directly after Xmas. About ten years ago she was ill in the same way.

Would you please let me know your lowest terms, as the patient is not well off.

Yours faithfully

Florence F. Stacey

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Oct. 27. 1915

HOVINGHAM
MALTON.

Dear Dr Price.

I do not think it wise for Mrs Magcock to travel to York and back in her present condition. I think it much wiser that you should come here. I can easily.

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arrange to meet you at Slingsby Hall at

11.30 on Saturday next.

Yours very truly

C W Sheeter

Sept 14th 1900.

UPWAY,
WILLINGDON ROAD
EASTBOURNE.

Dear Sir.

I have filled in the enclosed & forward it to you.
I think I may not be quite correct in 4.
The first attack she just got over without going to a Dr. & it was after the second she went to Crowborough. – She has always been slow of mind all her life but very intelligent in

~~Now~~ I feel I suppose it is a act of her weak mind –
The Doctors Certificates are filled up & I will fill up the "Petitioner" me – Mr. Dott says she cant bear to do it so I am doing it for her –

Yours faithfully
Kate Stuart

Sept 14th 1915 –
Since the last attack her mother has not been able to prevent

in any way.
Of course the record on her
Fathers side is a bad one.
but I cant help feeling
she will pick up & get
alright again. My sister
hopes to bring her daughter
to York this week & will stop
the night at a Hotel & then
come & see you the following
morning before bringing her
daughter – Either I or another
sister shall come with her. so
that she can leave Mrs Lott
with us while she comes to see
you. I think the present
attack was brought on by doing
too much. She was working
in a Red Cross Hospital long
month in June when it was
very hot & though she is
strong in body, if she gets over

952.

Upway. Wellington Road
Eastbourne

Dear Sir.

I write to ask if you can by return send me your terms. My niece (age 29) has had a bad nervous break down & it seems probable she may have to go away for a time from her own people. Have you any vacancies for patients at present?

We have heard of your home & of your happy visits from a stay there & I shall be grateful if I may have an answer by return.

Yours faithfully
Kate Stewart (Mrs)

Sept 10th 1915.

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15th September, 1915.

Dear Madam,

It is a relief to us to hear that your niece is much better, as we are uncomfortably full at the present time, and it would have been difficult to have found suitable accommodation for her.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Stewart,

Upway,

Willingdon Road,

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11th September, 1915.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry, we can arrange for a vacancy at any time provided the case is not a very anxious one. We are at the moment rather shorthanded on account of the nurses having to help with the gentlemen patients, so many of the staff having gone to the war, but if the patient is not a very anxious case we should be able to receive her.

I send you with this a copy of the Report of the Retreat, and also a set of froms in case they should be needed. Will you kindly send us the Further Statement in advance if possible so that we may know something of the nature of the case before the patient arrives.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Stewart,

Upway,

Willingdon Road,

Eastbourne.

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26th August, 1915.

Dear Dr. Salter,

Dr. Pierce is away from home just now and will not be back for about a week.

Can your patient wait so long? If not, I expect to be at Throxenby early next week and could arrange to see him if you wished it.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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AT HOME
9 TO 9-30
2 – 3-30
TELEPHONE No 134

Acke 26/8/15

34, PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE,
SCARBOROUGH.

Aug 25th.

Dear Bedford Pierce,

Could you see a poor teacher with me at Carlton Lodge, here, when next you come over? I understand you may be coming on Friday next.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Dalton

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Enclos.....

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Harrogate,
AND AT
KNARESBRO & PATELEY BRIDGE.

12th August 1915

Dear Sir,

We understand that Mr J. W. Strother, of Westfield, Killinghall, who is an old friend & client of ours, has placed himself under your care for some little time.

Mr Strother, along with his Aunt Miss L.A. Watson & our Mr Kirby, are the Trustees of his late Grandfather's Estate, & we were preparing for the appointment of a new Trustee in Mr Strother's place. The documents were just about ready when Mr Strother left, but the matter can await his return, unless it is necessary in the meantime to obtain Mr Strother's signature, in which event we trust you will at once advise us.

Yours faithfully
Kirby Son & Atkinson
ESH

Dr Beresford Pierce,
Medical Superintendent
The Retreat, York.

advises that I let the matter drop at present. I am obliged to you for your attention, & have retained the forms you sent me, in view of further developments.

Yours sincerely

F. V. Spence

Eastern Villa,
Forest Hall,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

12 · 8 · 15

Dear Sir,

I have received a letter from the Chief Constable with reference to my sister, about whom I wrote you a few days ago. He informs me that the Military authorities do not press for any positive action, after the explanation given them, & our doctor

Eastern Villa,
Forest Hall,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

10. 8. 15

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your note & forms enclosed. I am awaiting a reply at present from the County Chief Constable, & after receipt of this I will write you again.

Yours Sincerely
F. V. Spence

with regard to your enquiry I cannot claim any connection with Joseph Spence.

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10the August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

Your letter is written to me under a misunderstanding. I believe Mr. Strother is staying with Mr. Ernest Coulter at Scotton Grange, near Knaresborough. I only heard of him indirectly.

I remain,

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Harrogate.

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WESTFIELD,
KILLINGHALL,
~~LEEDS~~

Harrogate Aug 5th 16.

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your letter received yesterday. I went to Scotton Grange at once & Mr. Coulston came over to see my husband last night, & this arranged for him to go there on

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Saturday.

I am much relieved to have found a Home at last where I can leave him & feel all will be well.

Again thanking you for your kind recommendation

Yours truly

E. M. Strolker.

Eastern Villa,
Forest Hall,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

3rd August 1915.

Dear Sir,

Will you please inform me if you have any vacancies for ~~a~~ female patients, as I have a sister who is insane, & will perhaps have to be put under restraint.

Her particular form consists in writing long letters to all sorts of people, The King, Lord Kitchener, War Office, admiralty, bishops, coroners

&c. on any subject in the papers that may meet her fancy.
To night I have been advised by the local police Inspector, that the War office have instructed the Chief Constable to stop her letters, as they seem to be annoyed beyond bearing. This may mean that I am compelled to take action, hence my inquiry. Will you please forward me the necessary forms which have to be filled up, also what the terms are. a separate room would be prepared if it is possible, as my sister has always been squeamish about occupying a bed room with others. about 15 years ago I wrote under similar circumstances, but your establishment was then full, & she was at Bootham for some months. I am writing the Chief Constable for more particulars as to his instructions, & it depends on his answer what course will be taken, but I wish to be prepared.

Yours Sincerely
F. V. Spence

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3rd August, 1915.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter I fear that Throxenby Hall is not available at present for gentlemen, and it will be a month or more before the gentlemen patients return there. I send you a copy of the Retreat Report though I infer from your letter that an Institution such as this would hardly be suitable, though there are, of course, very many more resources, and much more opportunity for amusement and occupation than you would be likely to get in a private home.

You may perhaps make enquiries at Scotten Grange, near Knaresborough conducted by Mr. & Mrs. Coulter, who were both at one time nurses at the Retreat. They have a very good place for borderland cases, and I think you might wisely go over to see them.

I conclude the Dr. Lyndon you refer to is an old Bartholemew's friend. It is long since I have heard of him.

If Mr. Strother has a doctor in Harrogate it is quite probable that he would know about Coulter's home near Knaresborough.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Strother.

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If Dr. Strother has a doctor in Harrogate it is quite probable that he would know about Conifer's home near Harrogate.

Yours very truly,

G. Strother.

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WESTFIELD,
KILLINGHALL,

Harrogate
Aug 2nd

Dear Sir.

I have been advised by Dr. Lyndow who is my sister Mrs Stubbuck's doctor at Headley to seek your advice as regards my husband, I am wanting him to go into a home for nerves, he is very restless, absent minded, repeats himself constantly, he is quite well

in himself - walks a lot,
eats well & sleeps well, but
is always worrying over
himself, he is quite anxious
to go into a home but I can't
hear of one suitable.
His sister has just written
recommending Throkurby
Hall near Scarboro' in
connection with the Retreat
& I should be so thankful
if you could tell me about it
& if possibly I could send him to go
this week.
Our Doctor would write you
on the subject if necessary

Yours truly.
E. M. Strother.

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5th August, 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your enquiry we have a vacancy on the women's side now, and I enclose a copy of the Retreat Report giving particulars as to terms on page 31.
I also enclose a set of forms for certificates, and a Further Statement, which we shall be glad if you will fill up giving us particulars as to the history of the case.

It has occured to me that possibly you may be a connection of Joseph Spence's, a former Treasurer of the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

F. V. Spence, Esq.
Eastern Villa,
Forest Hall,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

P. V. Spence, Esq.
Eastern Villa,
Great Hall,
Lancastle-on-Tyne.

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30th July, 1915.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter I send you a copy of the Retreat Report, but I am sorry to say that at the moment we are uncomfortably full, and I must not promise a vacancy at present. The Committee have been obliged to raise the terms on account of the increased cost of maintenance, and the lowest rate is £3. 3. 0 per week. You remind me that these are war times and that you hope to get a low rate. You will not forget, however, that all our expenses here are increased in consequence of the war and that it is practically impossible to get increased payments to meet them.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Sessipns, Esq.
Kewstoke,
Cwrt-y-Vil Road,
Penarth.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

Arthur Sassions, Esq.,

Newstoke,

Curt-y-Vil Road,

Penarth.

KEW LODGE,
CWRT-Y-VIL ROAD,
PENARTH, GLAM.

July. 28th. 1915

Dear Sir.

I don't suppose you remember my calling on you some years ago with reference to my wife, but I do so with a view of possibly getting her to the Retreat as a patient. She has now been under care for nearly twenty years, and for the last eleven or twelve years at the Retreat Fairford. It is rather a quiet place, she seems to want a change, which might possibly be beneficial to her. What will your terms be? I cannot afford high charges these war times, and hope you

will give me an inclusive figure, which would not only be within my reach, but would also be such as the family could continue, should anything happen to me. I am told there is very little chance of her ultimate recovery. This is what I presume you would call a chronic case. —

Yours truly.
Arthur Sessions

Dr. Benford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

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May 16: 15

THE CASTLE GATES,
SHREWSBURY.

Dear Dr. Price

Many thanks for the trouble you have so kindly taken. I have sent your letter on to my sister.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Rhoda Stanwell

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Owned Letters
Epileptic Colony

Stillcroft. Woodcroft Green.
Guildford.
Surrey.
12. 4. 15.

Dear Sir.

I shall be most grateful if you will inform me if you have a department in your Institution for educated men who are subject to seizures of an epileptiform nature & supposed by some medical men to be curable by proper treatment? If you have not; can you kindly tell me of any such Institution you can recommend — One that is not expensive is necessary — ? I know there are many such — Hoping for a favourable reply — When other necessary matters

could be gone into.
such as Cook's a vacancy
& if being a friend makes
a difference —

Ever Sir yours truly.
W.P.] C. S. Scott.

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46 Jedburgh 15.

Dear Sir

Be good enough to send me a prospectus and a note of your inclusive terms. I have a relative who is suffering from melancholia and he is presently in a Mental Nursing Home in Edinburgh where we are at present paying £4. 4/- per week (with certain extras), & this is rather more than

can be afforded. and in any
case we thought this he
might possibly do better in his
bombing team in London.
It was Dr R. R. Oswald of
this City who gave me the
name of your Institution

Yours faithfully.

Ewen M. Clark

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STATION:—
HORBURY, L. & Y. R.

9 Jan 15

STONELEIGH,
MIDDLESTOWN,
NR. WAKEFIELD.

Please forward to Dr J A Smith prospectus and terms for voluntary patient (insomnia)

J A Smith

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POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE

Medical Superintendent

The Retreat

York

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND ASYLUM,
NARBOROUGH,
Nr LEICESTER.

Aug 8. 1914.

My dear Pierce

I saw a patient this morning in consultation and here is the history -

He is just over 40, was an athlete at Cambridge, became depressed and lost his will power about Easter - was sent to Cheadle where he was for a month, but he could not stand that place and now his relatives want to put him somewhere else. He made a silly attempt by scratching his

wch of. I am writing, on their behalf, whether you could accept him & treat him more or less apart from the others and they mentioned to me that they might scrape up four guineas a week - but I told them it was my belief that private treatment like this as a rule costs money - I am writing in the same strain to Rambaut and the relatives have to decide what they will do, in conjunction with their medical adviser. Yr neighbour

Your answer lend me blank certificates if you kindly will & save time.

Yrs sincerely
R C Stewart

I know the Baronet personally

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throat a week ago while at home and is now in a private home in Leicester. He talks connectedly and sensibly & this is what he tells me — "I feel at times I have no confidence in myself nor in my friends and that it is not worth while living — I cannot sleep properly or read anything for long and owing to this about a month ago I took more drink than was good for me. I want to get well and I want quiet, but at Cheadle I got worse because I had to mix with others who talked a lot of rot and it got on my nerves. I was also stopped smoking mild cigarettes which I have been used to all my life. I am willing to put myself under care as long as I can get some peace and not to mix continually with a lot of insane folk — under these conditions I am sure I shall improve". His relatives are willing to do something for him but here comes the crux — money. He has a wife and three children & they are not well off — but he has a cousin who is a Baronet willing to help for a time and is not himself

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18th July, 1914.

George Smith,

Dear Friend,

I have been from home and there has been a delay in replying to your letter. We are at present very full and I am not sure that we shall have a vacancy very soon. There is an excellent Hospital near Nottingham, the Coppice, under the management of Dr. Hunter where I feel sure you would get the best of treatment. We have been obliged to raise the terms at the Retreat to £3. 3. 0 per week excepting for Friends or persons closely connected with the Society. I do not know whether this is more than your friend can rightly afford but I should fear this would be the case if he is a commercial traveller. I could let you know in the course of a few days whether there would be a vacancy at the Retreat. I send you a copy of the Annual Report, the new one not being ready yet.

Yours very truly,

Rose Villa.
Belper.
18/7mo 1914.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

The wife of a very respectable Commercial Traveller, resident in Belper has been for some time in a very depressed condition & he has been advised to send her to a Mental Institution for treatment & I believe last week took her to a private Asylum at or near Nottingham, but it appears it is not a very suitable

place for her & ~~some~~ one
of his friends has mentioned
the Retreat to him as a
most desirable place for
him to send her to, if
there was any possibility
of getting her in.

He spoke to me about
it today & I offered to
write & enquire if you
could possibly admit
such a case and if so
what the terms would
be - I feel sorry for the
man, as he is, I believe,
a man of excellent char-
acter & his wife too was
quite a nice bright
capable woman until
this depression came on.

If thou can do anything
for them, I will be very
glad.

With kind regards,

Thy friend, Sincerely,

George Smith,

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8th July, 1914.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter I may say that there are no nursing homes connected with the Retreat. We have a branch house at Scarborough for convalescent patients and for those on trial from the Retreat, but just at the moment this is full, Mrs. Ernest Coulter at Scotton Grange, near Knaresborough takes resident patients sometimes, but this has nothing to do with the Retreat though both Mr. and Mrs. Coulter were formerly nurses here. We have a vacancy should you wish the patient to come here. The lowest rate has recently been raised to £3. 3. 0 per week. Patients having private rooms and special nurses pay higher fees according to the requirements of the case.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Sheppard.

July 21st

ARNCLIFFE,
HIGHBURY ROAD,
HITCHIN.

Dr. Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

I feel to have been remiss in not acknowledging your reply to my enquiries before. I thank you now for all particulars, which I have submitted to the other relatives concerned. My sister, for whom

I was enquiring, has
now returned
to Cheadle Royal
for the present, at
any rate, it seems best
to let her remain
there.
Thanking you for
Report, which we
keep. Faithfully yrs.
Lucy Sheppard.

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at. Fieldhead
Arnside
Westmorland
July 7th

To. Dr. Pierce

May I trouble you to send me the adress of any Mental Nursing Homes connected with the Retreat? We were told of one at Knaresbro', but do not know the adress.

Also may I ask, if you

have a vacancy for a female Patient, in case of it being needed before long.

Yrs faithfully

(Mrs) L. Sheppard.

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3rd July, 1914.

Dear Madam,

I am very sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of June 30th. The new Report of the Retreat is not yet printed, but I enclose one of last year's which will give you full particulars of the Institution. Owing to the increased cost of maintenance we have been obliged to raise the terms, and the lowest rate is now £3. 3. 0 per week. Additional payments depend on the amount of nursing required, whether the patient could sleep under observation with others or would require special rooms and attention.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Stott.

Additional payments depends on nursing reg. the patient sleep under obs. (C) separate sitting rooms —

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17, Cranbourne Road,
Chellow Dean,
Bradford.

June 30th/14

Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me of the nature of the cases received at the Retreat. also the fees. The case for which I enquire is one of senile decay an old lady of seventy nine quite strong and well physically but childish.

Awaiting your reply

Yours truly
(Wm) Francis M. Stott.

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6th. June, 1914. 95

Dear Dr. Savage,

I certainly did not speak any evil of you, though I may have remarked that your conversation continued to be entertaining, and that I enjoyed listening to your stories.

I know of very few suitable places for resident patients. I think you know Dr. Duff, Leasowe Grange, Leasowe, Cheshire. Dr. Marion Gilford, Norton Way, Letchworth, Herts. has lokked after patients of mine very successfully, and Dr. Lilian Blake of Kelowna, Llannerch Road, West, Colwyn Bay has a very good reputation. If the case is a suitable one for lodgings Dr. Laura Veale, 23 York Place, Harrogate, has done very well in supervising patients, and she has the sort of enthusiasm which will not accept a diagnosis of Dementia Praecox, and has more than once persevered until the patient was quite creditable patched up to my surprise.

I am afraid you will think I am rather enamoured of lady doctors, so I would also suggest Dr. Botham of Staindrop, near Darlington, who takes

resident patients. He goes in for Psycho-Therapy. Patients who have stayed with him have spoken quite favourably of his household.

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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26, Devonshire Place,
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June 5 1914

Dear Pierce

I heard from Jalland that as usual you were taking away what little character remains for silence I want to hear atonce of some nice home where a girl of about 22 a simple case of Dementia Praecox might go she has recently developed the impulsive stage so must be certified The friends want a homein the north preferably not far from Liverpool orManchester Not an asylum They can pay £ 5 any way a week

Please help
Yours
J H Jaworski

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29th. May, 1914.

Dear Mr. Sewell,

Your letter certainly ought to have been answered, and on looking at it again I find I quite misread it as I understood that you said you would ring me up on Saturday evening.

I did write to Frederick Andrews and told him there was no possible vacancy. I am exceedingly sorry for the failure to let you know this. At the present time we have six attendants sleeping outside in the skittle alley in order to make room for patients indoors, as our accommodation is strained to the utmost.

There is a possibility of one or two gentlemen leaving shortly but nothing is settled. There is also a possible vacancy at Throxenby Hall, but it would not be suitable for anyone to go to Throxenby who would give much anxiety or who needs much Medical supervision, as Throxenby is under the care of a Matron and is visited but once a week by the Retreat doctors.

According to the ruling of the Board of Control patients going there must come to the Retreat first, which is rather a vexatious arrangement when a patient comes from the East coast.

Yours very truly,

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Dear Frederic Andrews,

I have had a letter from Joseph Sewell respecting a patient named George Spencer, and I am to telephone to Whitby this evening on the matter. At the present moment we are quite full on the male side, and it is impossible to make room for another patient, so I thought I had better let you know at once.

Yours very truly,

TELEPHONE No. 8
TELEGRAMS: "SEWELL" WHITBY.

E. F. SEWELL & SON,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
AND
PROVISION MERCHANTS.

J. T. SEWELL.

Whitby,

May 28. 1914

Dear Sir:

I wrote you last Saturday re a Fred Geo Spencer who was willing to come under your care for a month or two as his doctor. "Dr Mitchell" thought there is hardly scope for him to be left at large — I am sorry you have not received or acknowledged receipt of letter — possibly you have

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since for such a case? — — S S has been confined to his bed during the week with a slight attack of Pneumonia & Dr Mitchell tells me this morning he is better in every way for the rest — however he still talks of wishing to go to the Retreat. & I should be glad to hear from you as to this matter.

Yours truly
Joseph T Sewell

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Whitby.

May 22 1914
Evening

Mr B Pierce
Dear Sir

A Friend in humble circumstances for Spencer who being neryous as the result of drink, remorse, loss of wife & all combined, attempted suicide some where near Ackworth a few days ago - hearing the police were trying to track him he has come as here - & one of our leading doctors, Dr Mitchell (whom I have asked to write you) is fearful of a fatal attempt. The doctor who came to see me about the man told me above - wh. for Spencer has since confirmed; I asked Dr M. to get him into the "Retreat" for a few weeks - when he leaves he will be mentally stronger - the doctor states he should be taken care of - Spencer has some £200 in the Bank which he proposes to make over to Frederick Andrews, whom he knows well, & he will instruct F A to pay for his attendance etc -

I dont know what formality is necessary but I do think he should be placed under some sort of control. (by the B of Lunacy?) - I have written F.A.

I will make a point of being at the Institute between ~~7 & 7.30~~ 6.30 & 7.0 this Saturday evening. H & Whitby

Yours truly
Joseph T Sewell

P.S.

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Mongate Hill,
Retford.
Mch. 21st. '14.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir, Many thanks for the Prospectus & for your kindness in replying so soon. I am afraid that we shall not be able to afford the terms, but if we do decide, have you at present any vacancy for a female patient?

Yours faithfully,
May Stansfield.

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Moorgate Hall
Retford.
Notts.

Mch. 19th. '14

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Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir,

I should be so pleased if you would let me have particulars re. admission of patients to "The Retreat"

Yrs. Sincerely,

Mary Stansfield
(Miss)

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT:
GRAEME DICKSON, L.R.C.P., &c.
Can be seen from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily.
Other hours by appointment only.

TELEPHONE 130.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"DICKSON: BUXTON."

Mrs Simms.

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Wye House, Buxton,
Derbyshire.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I do not know whether you have heard anything fur--ther from the relatives of this lady, but the question of transfer has dropped for the present. Relatives have a way of never communicating news. She suddenly commenced to make huge strides towards recovery (?) & they are go--ing to let her stop where she is while these are going on.

Off for my annual holiday on Tuesday or Wednesday, thank Goodness!

Very sincerely yours,

Graeme Dickson.

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Feb. 16th. 1914.

Dear Mr. Simms,

I shall be pleased to see Dr. Dickson on Thursday, as I quite expect to be at the Meeting at Huddersfield on Thursday, and can then consider the question of transfer with him.

Yours very truly,

D Pierce

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13th. February, 1914.

Dear Sir,

At the present moment the Retreat is quite full, and we could not undertake to admit another patient.

I am sending you a copy of the Retreat Report. The lowest rate is 48/- per week, and I do not think the connection with the Society of Friends would be sufficiently close to justify the Committee in making a reduction of terms.

With regard to the transfer itself, you do not say whether Dr. Dickson advises a change of surroundings, as being likely to help the patient.

Yours very truly,

W. A. Simms, Esq.
Southlands,
Ellesmere Park,
Eccles.

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Southlands, . . .
Ellesmere Park,
Eccles.

Feby 15. 1914

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

My son wrote to you a few days ago, in regard to the admission of Mrs Simins to "The Retreat".

While Mrs Simins Mother & relatives have been Members of the Society of Friends, we cannot make that a reason for application, as she herself was never connected with the Society. We think however that it might have a beneficial effect

upon her if it were possible to transfer her to your institution. Dr Dickson — whom I saw yesterday — and who knows of my application to you — expects I think to meet you next week, and will mention the matter to you.

I understand from your note that for the time being you are full. I shall however be glad to know if there is an early prospect of any vacancy, and under what financial conditions you could receive her. Believe me to be

Faithfully yrs
Wm Simms

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Southlands, . . .
Ellesmere Park,
Eccles.
Thursday, 12 Feb/1914

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

I write you on behalf of my Father in reference to my Mother who is at the present time at Wye House Buxton (Dr G. Dixon).

She became troubled with nervous depression nearly two years ago & this unfortunately developed into acute melancholia necessitated her going into Dr Dixon's Home at Buxton.

She is perhaps just a little better & we are at present considering the question of a change in the hope that it might lead to some per-

P.S. I rather you make a point at York of remedial treatment. What form does this take?

manent improvement.

In view of the fact that my mother's brother was a member of the Society of Friends, we have an idea that her ~~to~~ removal to York ~~might~~ to a Home in connection with the Society of Friends might add to her comfort & be of remedial benefit.

If we decide to move my mother it would be about the 25th of the present month & I shall be greatly obliged by your favouring me by return of post (so that I may have your reply on Saturday morning) with fullest information about terms to those having such connection as I have mentioned with the Society of Friends, & also whether you have a vacancy at York at present.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

Wm. A. Simms

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2nd. February, 1914.

Dear Miss Sargent,

I have received a letter this morning from Miss E. M. Sargent asking for particulars on behalf of your brother, Mr. Fred Sargent.

At present we have no vacancy on the male side, but will reserve one if you wish. The lowest terms are 48/- a week, but by special arrangement with the Committee, Friends or those connected with the Society are received at reduced rates. Therefore if you should wish Mr. Sargent to come here as soon as there is a vacancy, please let me know, stating what terms you can manage, and the matter will go before the next Committee.

I enclose a Report which will give you further particulars.

Yours very truly,

I shall be much obliged if you will communicate with his sister

Miss Sargent
31 Upper Bedford Place
London W.C.

& state the lowest fee at which he could be received. Within the last two months his wife has been very ill, & had to undergo an operation, which has quite crippled their means. Mr. Fred Sargent is 34 years old.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Edith M Sargent (née Baker)

BROOK COTTAGE
FRITCHLEY
DERBYSHIRE

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31. 1. '14.

J. Bedford Pierce -

Dear Friend,

I am writing to make enquiries about The Retreat, on behalf of a relative by marriage who is suffering from a nervous breakdown, & has had to be crippled.

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Some four months ago he was placed in Dr. Johnstone's Private Asylum in Upper Clapton, but his relatives find it quite impossible to keep him there any longer, on account of the expense.

He is connected with friends, (his father having been disowned through marrying out) & has always had a very active brain, being top of Penketh, & Ackworth, & taking his B. Litt. at a very early age.

He is supposed to be very much better than when he entered Dr. Johnstone's institution, but apparently is not quite well yet.

If you consider him a suitable case to be received at reduced fees at The Retreat,

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Jan. 19, 1914

Dear Madam,

I send you a copy of the Retreat report. I am afraid we have no funds available for the reduction of terms for persons who are not members of the Society of Friends.

We do receive Voluntary Boarders, but it is not much use for a patient to come in that capacity unless he is willing to stay long enough to receive benefit.

At the moment we are full at the Retreat, but there is a vacancy at Throxenby Hall.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Speed

Jan. 15, 1914

Dear Adam,

I send you a copy of the Retreat report. I am afraid we have no funds available for the reduction of fees for persons who are not members of the Society of Friends.

We do receive Voluntary Boarders, but it is not much use for a patient to come in that capacity unless she is able to stay long enough to receive benefit.

At the moment we are full at the Retreat, but there is a vacancy at Grosvenor Hall.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sopna

6 Elm Villas
Wareham
Dorset.

17-1-14.

To the Principal.
"The Retreat."
York.

Dear Sir

Having heard of your Institution from friends of mine (who belong to the Society of Friends) & being anxious to place my husband under Medical supervision will you kindly furnish me with the following particulars:-

1. is suffering from a Nervous break-down following Influenza, & altho' perfectly sane on all other points, has Religious delusions

Under such circumstances would it be necessary for him to be certified Insane in order to become an inmate of your Institution

I might add that I think he could be prevailed upon to come as a Voluntary Patient.

He would be entirely dependent on my (his wife's) earnings to keep him there so will you give me the lowest possible terms (inclusive) at which you could receive him.

Awaiting your reply

Sincerely Yrs.

F. M. Speed

It has thought the case a suitable one for the Scarboro Home

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WITHY COPSE,
BOAR'S HILL,
OXFORD.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
BOAR'S HILL.

22 May

Dear Sir

My sister Mrs Bright & a friend Mrs Taylor of Rochdale (whose sister was at the retreat) have told me something about the institution & I gather it would not be a suitable place for the following case. I wonder however whether the Friends place at Scarboro is likely to be more suitable. The case is an old lady of 88 very well & sound in body, whose mind has ~~been~~ got very feeble in the last [illegible] years. She needs kindly & firm treatment & can be led but not driven.

She is really like a little child, but lately she has been difficult in sanitary matters & unless watched will feel any room like the W.C. Hiding any chair is her bedroom stool. Once

in a way, but very seldom she will
bore her companions cards & is generally
penitent afterwards. She is in no
sense violent & generally quite easy
to manage. She of course gets strange
ideas into her head & will think she
is not in her own house & really one
on that point for an hour at a time
She is practically unable to occupy herself
any more, but will look at a picture
book or listen to the gramophone
with pleasure.
We could afford to give her extra comforts
& her own rooms & I am wondering
if it would be possible for her to
come for a month with her companion
& see how she got on.
It's very difficult in a private house to keep
any one in this condition going interested
without wearing people out, but in
a place like the Scarboro Home I
imagine amusements are organised. I
shall be grateful if you can give me
some information about Scarboro &
tell me whether this MD lady seems
a suitable case I —
Please give me some idea yours truly
of cost. Mr H. T. Shawcross

Nov. 17, 1911

Dear Shaw-Bolton,

I send you the honorarium to cover expenses as promised.

I am a little sorry we passed that man Eaton as I have satisfied myself that it was his own fault that he did not know more of the practical work. He has had abundant opportunities for instruction. I have told him that I shall not allow him to enter for our own examination until he has has a new class of practical work,

I went to Sunderland, and I think their candidates were not any better than ours on the whold, though certainly there were none so bad as a couple of ours, and so we passed the lot.

Yours very truly,

Dec. 14, 1911

Dear Dr. Savage,

In reply to your enquiries, first, as to going to bed. A great many elderly and infirm patients go to bed immediately after tea, between 5 and 6. The great bulk of the patients retire between 7.30 and 8.30. At 8.30 the night nurses come on duty and the day nurses leave. A few privileged patients stay up later. When there are entertainments the patients are frequently a good deal later. On the Men's side many of the patients, especially the more sensible ones, do not retire until 10 o'clock, but practically speaking all patients who are difficult to deal with and troublesome are in bed at 8.30 throughout the Hospital.

As regards supper, this is usually at 7 or 7.30. Bread and butter, cocoa, tarts, and milk pudding are provided; and in most departments there is one of the following: soup, fish, cold meat, macaroni cheese. One or two patients have evening dinners. Seeing that the patients have meat for breakfast and a good mid-day dinner it is felt unwise that they should have meat suppers. I should myself encourage evening dinners were it not for two difficulties; first the obvious domestic one, and second that it would probably be impracticable to cut down the meat at lunch to a reasonable amount. I am quite sure that meat three times a day is injurious to many of our patients.

Ward-work. In all departments there are ward-maids and house-maids who do the regular routine cleaning and scrubbing, including the fires and washing of dishes, though on the Men's side part of this is done by two junior attendants set apart for the purpose. It is, however, understood that the nurses and attendants assist in doing household work, and the work done occupies about two hours each day. We have at the Retreat a large amount of day space per patient, and as very few of the patients assist in the household work there is a fair amount for the nurses to do.

If I can help you in any other way, please let me know.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

REGENT'S PARK STATION,
"BAKER LOO"

26, DEVONSHIRE PLACE,
W.

~~3, HENRIETTA STREET,~~
~~CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.~~

13th December 1911

Dear Lt. Redfern Oliver

I am at present rather anxious to improve certain things in my old home, Bethlem. I am on the Medical Committee.

I want to know what is being done in up-to date Hospitals.

Will you tell me (i.e.

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get your clerk to) when the general class of patients go to bed; when they have their last food, & what is its nature.

I presume you have special ward maids to wash up, & that your Nurses have not to do the house maids' work.

If you can let me have answers to these questions you will oblige me.

With kind regards.

Yours truly

[illegible]

What has been done about Miss Morton.

MALTON.

July 29.
1911.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I suppose Nurse Dunbar has returned to you today.

She left here last Saturday & appears to have achieved some notoriety –

Today the North Riding police have come to me about her – She was found sleeping out at Appleton le Moors, near Kirkymoorside – & they wanted to arrest her they –

She gave my name & address & hence their application to me.

I think you should know this as the matter has caused me some annoyance.

By the way the police say that she seemed to be rational in her speech!

Yours sincerely
W. Vernon Shaw,

Dec. 20, 1911

Dear Sirs,

I am requested by the Committee to write with reference to the steamers.

1. I am to enquire whether it was intended that live steam at 50 lbs. pressure should be supplied to the Steamers without any ~~check or trap~~. reduction.

We have reason to fear that the Steamers will prove very wa teful of steam, though at present only one is in working order, and we have no certain evidence that this will be so.

2. The Committee notice that the Steamers are not isolated in any way. They are quite open at the back, and there is not even a closed air chamber around them: consequently the iron of each is freely and constantly radiating heat into the kitchen.

3. We notice that when the steam is turned on condensed water squirts into the Steamers, especially in some of the chambers. We conclude that this ought not to be so.

We should be glad if you will give these matters your careful attention.

I remain,
Yours truly,

Messrs. James Slater & Co.

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TEL. 3235.
AT HOME
MON. WED. SAT.
2.30 TO 4.
EVERY EVENING
6 TO 7.

8, Marlborough Road.
Bradford.

Aug 1st 1909.

Dear Dr Peirce

I am writing to ask whether you are at home at present, & if so whether you could see me, if I came over to York one day this week.

I want to ask your advice about a nephew, who is giving us much trouble at present, & is I am afraid not mentally normal. I am at my wits end what to advise his father to do with him, & hoped you might be able to suggest something.

I have proposed his coming here for the week end. If he comes, of which in his present state I cannot be sure I could arrange for you to see him if you wished it; but I should prefer to see you first.

Would you be kind enough
to tell me how far the Retreat
is from York station?
I broke my leg 3 months since,
& am still very lame, so that
I should have to drive.

Yours sincerely

Margaret S. Sharp

Memorandum.

FROM . .

JOHN SADLER,
Estate Agent,
NEWHOUSE,
DENBY DALE,
NR. HUDDERSFIELD.

TO Dr Pierce
The Retreat

31st May 1909

Dear Friend

Can you send an attendant to-morrow (Tuesday) to the address mentioned in E H Burt's letter (49 Adelaide St, Blackpool) to remove Joseph Whittaker to the Retreat I am writing to Mrs Whittaker to get her to be prepared with her artificials etc. she speaks in her letter to me (which I enclose)

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about writing direct to you. If she has already done so you may have sent her the necessary forms & anything else needed to fill up.
If however you have not done this, please send all that is necessary with the attendant tomorrow.
We sincerely hope this may only prove a temporary case. Joseph Whittaker is a very worthy man, well esteemed.

Yours truly

John Sadler

23 Grosvenor Rd
Aldershot
28th July 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I take the liberty of enclosing a letter received from Dr Clouston who has asked me to forward it to you saying he was sure you would be kind enough to help me. The patient I wish to bring to your notice

of her case rather impressed Dr Moore the Senior Medical Officer of the Sanatorium and other friends of mine medical men seemed to think there was a great deal of hysteria mixed up with her general symptoms. Unfortunately latterly she has somewhat lapsed as regards eating and has for many days only picked a food laid about to entice her. Her sleep or rather the amount she takes is very small frequently

unfortunately my own
daughter and to make a long
story short she was entered
about 2½ years ago and
placed in Virginia Water
Sanatorium. She was there
for about 8 months and her
removal home was brought
about by the fact that she
was always worrying to be
with us, that she had not
much improved and perhaps
a change might bring about
the desired effect. Previous to
her removal she was constantly
passing urine involuntarily
had to be fed by tube as the
amount she took herself
was not considered enough.
but strange to say she
promised not to continue
these habits if she were brought
home. On her removal she
kept her promises and
continued normal for
some months, this feature

My wife & I were thinking that if we could get a good nurse one could get her into better habits at present it is hard on her & other sisters who devote their time to her and on myself & wife who have sometimes an uneasy time of it. Any questions you may wish to ask I will gladly answer and will also be glad to get your advice.

Yours very sincerely
Col R. Avie

J. F. Lupple

Not getting into bed until 9 AM and up at eight but it is found her habits are somewhat peculiar such as wanting to return things bought for her. In spite of her wasting she seems very strong and walks & bicycles for some distances close the lines out of doors and hates the house. She is very fond of music

and painting and was
considered a good "amateur
biologist". When discharged
from the Sanatorium her
Certificate was Cancelled
I am a Retired Medical
Officer of the Army and
have 4 other children
3 girls & a boy all grown
ups I have only my
Retired pay and therefore
cannot pay much

Would there be a prospect
of her being received
for a small fee and
what would be the
best means of getting
her up North as she is
so sharp that the slightest
indication of arrangements
for her removal would
I am sure be met with
strenuous opposition
as she is so fond of her home

suicidal patient night & day under Basher
60 in October.
wife herself saved a little property
income 25/- per week.
~~[illegible]~~ 10/- a week women enable them
to live comfortably
but whatever the Committee decides
would be accepted gratefully -
Basher claims on long & faithful
services - irrespective of savings
entitle to leave 31 years - but not
~~[illegible]~~ would not wish to see the
Institution suffer by leaving a an
exact state.
To this must further be added
the getting rid of unfortunate servant
cy memo

near the approaching of the
Committee.

Dr. Pierce

Sir

Having served the Retreat Committee for upwards of 33 years and am now nearly sixty years of age. I find the hours long and the responsibility very trying for instance I am on Duty seven nights in a fortnight until 10. P.M. I also beg to state that for the first 5 or 6 years of my service I was very closely confined Night and Day with an actively Suicidal Patient a gentleman of the name of Ogilvie a very trying case. may I also be permitted to say that after he left I was very often chosen to go away private Nursing sometimes for long periods thereby earning a good sum of money for the Retreat. at a time ~~when~~ when no commission was Paid or other recompense given on the other hand it meant some expense to myself

and I am now feeling that the time is fast approaching when I should like to resign and I should be very grateful if you will kindly grant me an allowance in recognition of long service and to supplement my savings which have accrued from a salary of never more than 70 £ and that only for 10 years and 60 £ for a few years previous I may say that before making this application I have given the matter most serious consideration trusting it will meet with your approval thanking you in anticipation

I am Sir

your obedient servant

W. W Smith

10 New Walk Terrace
Fulford Rd
Jany 10th 1911

Dr Pierce

Sir

It is with the greatest pleasure that I write these few lines to thank you most heartily for the kindness and consideration you have shown to me. may I please ask you Sir to convey to the Committee my gratitude and appreciation of their reward to me for past services

I am Sir
Faithfully
W. W. Smith

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Moat House,
Langley,
Buckinghamshire.

TELEGRAMS:- LANGLEY BUCKS.
TELEPHONE:- 18 IVER.

27th Feb 1911

Dear Dr Beafro Pierce.

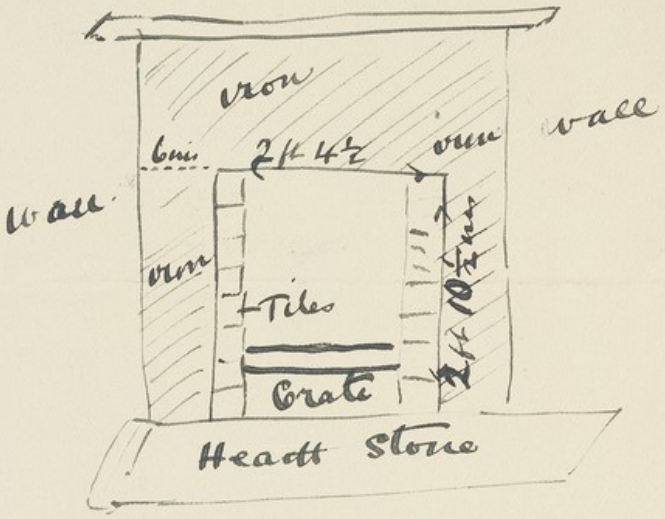
Many thanks for your letter of last month where you say if I send size of boats you will ask your engineer to ask the makers about it.

I am sending

Exact size of the fireplace, which is a modern iron one: but it would be easy to bolt anything on to the iron by drilling holes in it.

Yours truly

Geo Sykes



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March 31, 1911

Dear Dr. Smith,

Just a line to tell you that the night before last and early this morning the smell from the bone factory was unpleasantly noticeable within the Retreat grounds.

That the smell is from the factory is certain, firstly because of its peculiar character which is easily recognized, and secondly it is only noticed when the wind is blowing directly over the factory. Thus, the smell was in another part of the grounds than two evenings ago, owing to the direction of the wind having changed.

Yours very truly,

TELEPHONE,
NATIONAL No. 95.

AT HOME,
9—10 A.M.
2—3 P.M.
6—[illegible] P.M.
TUESDAYS,
9—10 A.M. ONLY.
SUNDAYS,
9.30—10.30 A.M. ONLY.

EAST-THORPE GROVE,
MIRFIELD.

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Oct 20/10

Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

My wife has been suffering with a peculiar mental condition that I cannot call insanity for upwards of 4 years. and I am afraid it is worse. I wondered if I could see you some time when you are in London, when I could explain exactly the condition of things. I would be most grateful for your advice.

Yours truly
T. W. Sproulle
(Ires?)

Oct. 15, 1910

Dear Mr. Sargant,

I am sorry you have not been able to get some one at once.

I am afraid next week will not be of any real service to us.

Next time I must try to give you longer notice.

Yours very truly,

Feb. 7, 1911

Dear Dr. Shuttleworth,

I am much interested in hearing that you are contemplating helping us, who are engaged in Registered Hospitals, in endeavouring to apply the Asylum Officers Superannuation Act to such institutions.

We have no pension scheme here, though at the present time there is a sub-committee considering the matter, and I believe something might be done if it were possible to meet the great cost involved.

There are two difficulties in the way. Firstly, we have such a large number of old servants who either could already, or very shortly could, apply for a pension, that the initial expense would be altogether prohibitive, seeing that there are no rates to fall back upon.

Secondly, I rather doubt whether the principle of the Act of Parliament would be very acceptable to our female staff. A large number come here for a course of training for a period of four years, and, having obtained the Certificate, leave, and take up private work or perhaps go on to General Hospitals. We have affiliated to the Retreat a Trained Nurses Department of fifteen nurses who undertake private work in all parts of thecountryy and this offers a career for such of those who have been trained here as wish to remain. Seeing there is such a large floating population on the Women's side, I think it would be extremely unpopular if 3% or 5% of the salaries were deducted to benefit the attendants or the few who obtain permanent posts as Ward Sisters. If asked, they would say they have no intention of remaining themselves; why should they pay for those who wish to remain?

I need hardly say that our Committee would welcome any suggestions from you which would meet these difficulties. You have given so much attention to the matter that I quite hope you may be ableto help us.

I may perhaps explain that though the Retreat has a large turnover, and year by year makes ends meet, there is still a mortgage debt upon the Institution of some ten or twelve thousand pounds, and we have no uninvested capital to fall back upon. We spend our income very freely in improving the place, and our salaries on the whole are fairly liberal. The staff is numerous, seeing the number of patients we have; all of which means that there is very little spare money available for a pension scheme. Moreover the present

Committee not unnaturally hesitate to start anything which may prove an unfair burden upon their successors.

I have taken full advantage of your interest in this subject in writing to you at such length.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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AT HOME
2-30 TO 3-30 P.M.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS.
TELEPHONE, 126, BROOMHILL.

450, GLOSSOP ROAD,
SHEFFIELD.

12 Jan. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Will you kindly send me ~~a~~ 2 copies of your certificate forms. I am asked to see a ~~case~~ lady with regard to certifying her for an asylum & they may wish to ask you to admit her to the Retreat. If so, someone will of course write again to you.

With kind regards, I am
Yours sincerely
R. V. Pye Smith

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Jan. 13, 1911

Dear Dr. Pye Smith,

With this I send a set of Certificate forms and also a copy of the Retreat report in case you should wish to have one to show the friends of your patient.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Dec. 5, 1910

Dear Dr. Smith,

Many thanks for your letter about the revolving shelter. I will mention the matter to our Committee which meets on the 20th inst. We are wanting something in the way of summerhouses, but I am doubtful whether this would quite meet our requirements.

Do you think this would be an appropriate time for me to make a formal complaint to the Health Committee about the cow manure outside my house, on the Stray, which raises the question of milking about which I spoke to you. Of course there is no nuisance during cold weather and the only excuse for raising the subject would be to ask your assistance to prevent annoyance in the future. These matters want to be raised at convenient moments, and so I write to ask whether you think a letter sent about the end of this year would be in suitable time.

Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE 7
CITY OF YORK

EDMUND M. SMITH,
M.D., D.P.H.,
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF SCHOOL MEDICAL OFFICER.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

GUILDHALL,

YORK.

December 9th, 1910.

Dear Dr Pierce,

In reply to yours of the 5th instant.

Re cows manure on the Stray outside your house,--- My Chief Inspector will investigate this matter, and keep it under observation.

Re question of milking,--- I quite forget what your point was in this matter. Will you kindly let me know soon?

Yours sincerely,

Edmund M. Smith

Medical Officer of Health.

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Jan. 30, 1911

Dear Dr. Shaw,

I was sorry to hear from Muchall what a trying time you had on Saturday evening. I am sorry that the attendant could not stay, as I think he would have given satisfaction and helped the situation considerably.

I will ask the Secretary to send in the account as requested to you.

Yours very truly,

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Jan 26 1911

Dear Sir,

Dr Pierce is away for a few days but expects to be at his rooms on Friday afternoon. I enclose a set of papers in case they should be needed — You will note that Dr Pierce could not file in either of the papers if the patient was coming to the Retreat —

Yours faithfully

Wm E Waller Sr

Dr J W Sprague

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Jan 26 1911

Dear Sir,

Yours is every word for the deep but unjustly he at his venue or Shirley Williams. I believe as far if Parliament is sure they should be treated – the men who take that Yours faithfully if Parliament – use money to the Parliament –

Yours faithfully

G. E. Mitchell

STATION—RAYNE.
TELEGRAMS—SALING.

WOOLPITS,
GT. SALING,
BRAINTREE.

Dear Friend 14..11.1910

You will be glad to hear Mr Smith has kept fairly well since Mrs Joy came there was some excitement on the day she arrived but since Christmas has taken more interest in outside matters especially myself then he did then for several months I am afraid however we can hardly expect the cloud to lift entirely, Mrs Joy has been a great comfort she seems very capable she has relieved Miss Manlove entirely he loses often me I had 12 days very severe pain & but am picking up fast now shall I hope soon take up my usual activities

Miss Coning thinks she had better leave as she is a bit down this sort of work hardly seems suitable for her We are looking for some one to take her place a rather older person we think say 30 or upwards must have had a little experience in mental trouble to live on Mr Smith & sleep in her room would be treated as one of the family share her meals with us & act under Miss Manlove but as the latter seems the home hold must be fairly capable As a rule Mr S. is not the slightest trouble but the work is somewhat monotonous Salary supposed 25/- an shall not advertise for a week or two hoping if we can hear of any one likely You will be sorry to hear that our son Harris met with rather a nasty accident

On Thursday last slowly recovering from the motor car, the charge a telegraph post result concussion of the brain He is going on quite satisfactorily the Drs say we hope the consequences will not be serious He is only just recovering from the effects of a broken thigh last December the result of a trap accident

With kind regards

I am Yours truly

Beatrix Smith

Dr Bedford Fenwick

Nov. 1, 1910

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK Nº 112. LEEDS Nº 391X.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

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Nov. 1, 1910

Dear Bertram Smith,

I am very sorry indeed to hear of your father's illness. Let us hope that now he is better there will be no further return of the colic. It is a most painful business, and I am very sorry to hear that he has been so bad.

I hope you will find the new nurse successful with Mrs. Smith. She has done very good work for us, and I think you will find she will do what is necessary.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

NATIONAL TELEPHONE No. 34.
AT HOME
2·30-4 & 6-7·30. P.M.
7·30-8·30. WINGROVE.

31, WEST PARADE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

12 IX 1910

Dear Price

Thanks much for yours. The case I have on hand is a very troublesome one. A daughter of a Harley Street doctor came to N/c to start on a motor tour. She got a pleurisy with effusion – which was tapped & in 3 weeks got a normal temperature in the mornings. Then she developed an acute but not violent mania with delusions & hallucinations got dirty in habits etc. The people she was with at last said they really could not have her longer & her father wired that Dr Beattie & I must not certify. I hoped to have overcome his scruples if it had been possible to have had her admitted into the Retreat. I had to remove her to a nursing home today & await events. For some reason the father cannot or will not come to Newcastle &

31, WEST PARADE,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE No. 24.

AT HOME

2-30-4 & 6-7-30 P.M.

7-30-8-30. WINGROVE.

The whole affair has been a thankless one. The people she was stopping with know well Sir B. Brown whose son was in The Rehearsal & who strongly advised this unfortunate young lady to be sent.

Hope you & yours are all well.

Yours sincerely

Hubert H Rutter.

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Oct. 10, 1910

Dear sir,

I have duly received your application and kept a note of your name and address.

I regret to say that at present there is no vacancy at the Retreat which I can offer you.at present.

I return your testimonials.

Yours truly,

Mr. Jas. W. Storry

13th September, 1910.

Dear Rutter,

I am very sorry to hear of the worry that you had over your patient, and I must say it does seem unfair that the father will not come and take his share of the responsibility. I would recommend you not to take more upon yourself than can be rightly helped, and if the father does not take the advice you think the best, I should ask him to make arrangements himself.
Some people seem to be extremely unreasonable when their relations become mentally deranged, and why should you take on thankless duties.

I think it is possible we may have a vacancy here somewhere about the 21st, as Throxenby Hall will then be available for women patients; should the question of admission here then arise, we could probably entertain it.

With kind regards,

Ever yours truly,

lanterns (Oil or Incandescent).
I am also a good swimmer.
I only mention these things in the hope that they might be useful sooner or later. The enclosed testimonials were kindly given to me on leaving Leeds in 1907. As my mother (a widow) lives with me I should have to live outside but should be glad to take either day or night work with apology for thus troubling you and again requesting your kind interest.

I remain Sir
Yours truly,
Jas. H. Storry.

P.S. Please return testimonials.

31 Stewart St.
Mill Rd.
York.
Oct. 5. 1910.

Sir, May I ask your kind consideration of the following application? I am writing to enquire whether you could find me employment, of any kind whatever, at the Retreat. My last post which I held for no less than 14 years was that of lay-reader to the late Canon Thompson, Vicar of Mousley

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Leeds. Upon his death about 4 years ago I applied for a post at Plymouth, but as there were 200 applicants for it, and as I was not the successful candidate I thought it best to commence business for myself: a coal business which I commenced three years ago has not (owing to bad trade and the keen competition of the Co-operative Society) been a success, and I therefore venture sir to ask your kindly interest and influence on my behalf. I am willing to undertake work of any kind, and I was thinking that you might possibly have a vacancy for an attendant for one of your better class private patients. I am 5 ft. 9 in. in height, strong, healthy, and active, and in addition to the qualifications mentioned in the enclosed testimials I may add that I am a fair cricketer, a good harmonium player, and thoroughly understand the working of the magic

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21st Sept. 1910.

Dear Watson Smith,

I write at once to thank you forryour letter. I am glad Mr. Baumkamp enjoyed his visit to England. It was a bit unfortunate that it happened to come just on the holiday season, and he missed seeing several of the people I had hoped he would be able to see. I myself also was very closely occupied previous to going away, and could not give him quite the time I should have liked to have done. Still, I expect he will have learned something by coming here, and a visit to England should always be interesting.

I am sorry to hear about Miss Bayliss's septic fingers. No doubt she will by this time be quite well again, but such accidents are generally troublesome, and undermine one's health a good deal.

I have no doubt that the fact that you have had to do so much of the work of the hospital single-handed, without any assistance, will in the long run be a very good thing, but I must say it is clear you have had a pretty heavy job.

I wish I could come out some day and see you. If I could only get sufficiently ill to justify a three months holiday, I probably would pay a visit to the East, but the expenses are certainly quite too much for me to undertake without adequate reason. I hope Mrs. Watson Smith is well, and that she likes Syria and the life there. I fear sometimes she must be rather lonely, and feel herself cut off very much from the association of friends.

I suppose Theophilus Waldmeyer and his wife will be back very soon. I hope the Executive Committee will be very firm and decided in starting the new arrangements when he comes back, so that there may be no misunderstandings and friction in future.

I have before me daily a photograph of the Hospital, and frequently think of your work there.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

11th October, 1910.

Dear Dr. Steen,

It is somewhat difficult to know what to say in respect to your letter. The nurse in question did not do extremely well here. She passed the psychological examination but failed for our own certificate. She did not win the confidence of the Matron, who considers her work unsatisfactory, and I should say that she is inclined to be lazy. Personally, I should be glad if you could give her a trial, to see whether under other circumstances she would do better. One must make allowance for the fact that sometimes with entirely new surroundings the persons may do much better.

She is kind to the patients, but not particularly good in dealing with the more troublesome ones. She is pleasant looking, and healthy, but some little time ago she fell down some steps, and bruised her head, and for some time she complained a great deal of headaches, which we thought of a neurotic character. Her medical man at Cardiff now reports her to be quite well.

She has been out of employment some time, and if with this unsatisfactory account you feel able to give her a trial, I shall be glad, but I would recommend your placing her in a subordinate position under strict discipline.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 2, 1910

Dear Edmund Smith,

I shall be glad to do what I can on Tuesday, Nov. 8th. I go to Leeds that day, but expect to be not later than 6 o'clock and would go straight to the Exhibition, and should be prepared on arrival to talk in a very small way on the home treatment of consumption.

I have been away or would have written before.

Yours very truly,

STATION—RAYNE.
TELEGRAMS—SALING.

WOOLPITS,
CT SALING,
BRAINTREE.

Oct 28. 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am sorry we had to wire in such a hurry this morning for an extra nurse, but mother began to show signs of another acute attack coming on about breakfast time.

We have really been expecting it for some days, because father has been very ill with a bad attack of renal colic for the past 10 days which has (been rather a tax on our nursing powers thus) worried mother a good deal.

Fortunately mother has been very quiet all day since her outbreak at breakfast time & about midday father passed a small calculus, so that I hope we shall soon be going fairly smoothly again, but we must await further developments I'm afraid.

Father sends his very kind regards. Yours very truly

E. Bertram Smith

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CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL,
NEAR DARTFORD, KENT.

October 10th 1910

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

A Nurse named Mabel Elsmere has applied to me for the post of Night Nurse.

Please write me a line and tell me if I should take her or not.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

D. H. Steen

Medical Superintendent.

City of London Mental Hospital,
Dartford Kent.

October 10th 1910

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

A Miss Maud Ebel Flamere has applied to me for the post of Night Nurse.

Please write me a line and tell me if I should take her or not.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Medical Superintendent.

Boot Stores
New Road
Sittingbourne
21/10/09.

To Dr Pearce
Dear Sir
Will you kindly send lowest terms and particulars of treatment at Gainsboro House.
We have a young girl at 21 who is very trying and almost uncontrollable at times.
Have thought perhaps a time under your

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treatment would benefit her.
Enclosed stamped
envelope for reply.
Yours Respectfully
E. Shrubsall

Rock Villas
Wath Road
Mexboro
nr Rotherham
7/8/08

The "Retreat"
York.

Dear Sir/ My Wife who is 48 years old has become temporary Insane through the "Change of life". I have a professional Nurse attending to her, but my Wife is too much for her She refuses food & when forced into the mouth she swallows it directly. I am therefore reluctantly compelled to get her away into some Home for attention, so shall be pleased if you could say if you have a Private Ward or Room where she may be properly attended to, if so, I should be pleased if you would Kindly Wire me tomorrow stating terms. Enclosed you will find Stamps for Telegram.

Yours faithfully
F. Sugden

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38, FOREST DRIVE EAST,
LEYTONSTONE,
LONDON, E.
13. X. 1908

Dear Friend
Bedford Pierce

I am much obliged for your letter of the 10th inst. It was a great help to have it when our Overseers considered the case of John Arthur Reeves last evening. At present, with the greatest confidence in John Reeves, we feel that the information we have is from a source that can hardly be impartial. If anything is done we shall have to rely on private generosity & we do not feel, as yet, that we have a strong card on which to beg. If we had a strong direct medical report confirming the Father's hopeless belief, I expect I could raise the funds for a six months' maintenance at 20 or 25/- per week, for John Reeves is a man who, earning but a small wage himself, has denied himself unstintingly for many years for the good of his fellow men & an

appeal on his behalf based on good grounds would be sympathetically received. I am going to make some further enquiry about the case, but meantime I cannot hold out a hope to J.R. that we can do anything.

Therefore Sidney queried whether it would be possible to arrange for you to see J.R. some time when you happened to be in London. I just mention this, but I do not want you to reply unless you have any suggestion to make.

Thanks for your kind allusion to our niece Caroline. We have been much interested in hearing of her engagement. I feel sure she will enter with her work conscientiously.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Isaac Shaw

Central Offices of the Society of Friends.

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ISAAC SHARP,
SECRETARY.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"OVERSIGHT, LONDON."

TELEPHONE:
1148 CITY.

DEVONSHIRE HOUSE, 12, BISHOPSGATE WITHOUT,
LONDON, E.C.

9/X/1908

Dr. Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have had an enquiry from a Friend this-morning who would like, if possible, to have his son, 30 years of age, under your care at York Retreat for a few months. He is at present at Claybury Asylum, and on another occasion spent some time at Leavesden. The medical officer there, who knows you, told the young man's father that he would have a much better chance with a few months under your care. What I want to know for the moment is, on what terms such cases are taken if recommended by the Monthly Meeting, as I shall probably bring the case before our Overseers meeting on Monday. The father, John Reeves, is a recorded minister: the young man himself is not in membership, but always considers himself a Friend, and I think all the family have actually joined except the mother. If it should seem right to send the young man to York the funds would have to be found almost entirely through

private generosity, as the Monthly Meeting cannot pay in such a case out of its own funds and it is very little that the father would be able to pay himself. At present he is paying £6 a year at Claybury. If you can send me a brief line to-morrow so as to let me know approximately what the cost would be in such a case, I should be very glad: the facts have only been placed before me this-morning.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Isaac Sharp

30 Harley St. W. 991

Dec. 11. '08

Dear Bedford Pierce.

I want to send you a very interesting Boarder, a Miss Blenkarne (at 26/- just a breakdown from overwork, a love engagement & a neurotic father! She was educated at Cheltenham Coll. & then was mistress in a school at Twickenham - Her father is a doctor, not now in practice owing to bad health. I think that she should get well this time - whether she breaks down again is

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another question —
Another she is likely to
do you credit, and I
think she will stay until
she is well & will not
want to come back
again — her friends too
are sensible in this
direction —
She is not suicidal
& will, I hope, be quite
an interesting patient
to have.
The sooner she goes to
you the better.
I enclose the mother's
card — please write to
her & say if you will

take her & when she is to go to you.
There is no question of certificate — she
is better without them.
May we not say call off the bill they can
pay two guineas a week —
I hope you can take her —

Yrs, sincerely
Hugh Chase

Apologising for troubling you

Yours faithfully
Ethel. H Smith

1009

20. Glyn Mansions
Addison Bridge
Kensington. W.
Dec: 14th 1908

Replied Dec

Dear Dr Pierce

Having seen in the "Nursing Times" in October a little account of "The Retreat", & having also seen a mention of it in the Medical Directory, I am writing to ask for full particulars of it. I notice that it is for patients of the

Upper & middle classes, & the terms are 4 8/ per week. I should like however, to know if patients who are of the professional ~~middle~~ classes, who are not able to afford such high fees, owing to having very limited incomes, are taken, & if so what the lowest fees for such would be. I should be glad to know this, & to have a full prospectus giving an account of the place. I gathered from the account I read, that the arrangements were of the "Retreat", including the training of the Nurses, was such as to make the lives of patients who have to be there, as easy & comfortable for them as possible. I am anxious to have an answer soon, but should be glad to have it sent to the following address not the one at the head of this letter.

Nurse E. H. Smith.
The Midwives Institute &
Trained Nurses' Club.
12. Buckingham Street
Strand. W.C.
London

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30 Harley St.
W.
Dec 15th

Dear Bedford Terrace -

Thanks for your letter - as you say, the Retreat is probably the better at this time of the year, but she would be removed to Throseley if you thought advisable -

I hope the friends will have the good sense to send her to you and will not jib at the few extra shillings a week.

Yrs. sincerely

T. L. Nunn

May 2, 1910

Dear Dr. Stacey,

We can take your patient at any time, and I am therefore sending a set of forms. Our lowest rate is 48/- a week. There is a possibility that the Committee might think something more than this should be charged as the patient is suicidal, but I note you say she does not require any special accommodation, and as we can nurse her in association with others the lowest rate or something near it will doubtless suffice. On the Further Statement perhaps you will get us some further particulars of the history of the case.

Yours very truly,

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TELEPHONE
NATIONAL Nº 0688.

34, KIMBOLTON ROAD,
BEDFORD.

AT HOME, 12–1.

1.5.10

Dear Dr Pierce

I should be much obliged if you could tell me when you will have a vacancy for a female patient, who is of unsound mind, & what would be the lowest charges for this case. The patient is a girl of 24, with suicidal tendencies, She feels her brain is abnormal, ~~that~~ she will never recover, ~~but~~ & therefore she desires self-distruction. She has never attempted anything of the kind. She is at present under single care, but as the case may be

of long duration, expenses will probably have to be reduced, & I should therefore be glad to know particulars as to vacancy. She would not require any special accommodation

Believe me

Yours truly

E. M. Stacey.

May 30, 1910

Dear Madam,

I send you a copy of an old Report which will give you information respecting the Retreat.

Just at the present moment we are so full that I do not think we can entertain an application on behalf of a new patient, especially if she requires special care and the case is an anxious one.

Our lowest rate, you will see, is 48/- a week.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Stewart

July 4, 1910

Dear Salter,

W.H.Winterbotham, Official Solicitor, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, writes me that his client would not do in a nursing home, and he would like to know when you would be able to take the case as he thinks the holiday might be deferred. I enclose a copy of a letter from the patient himself which will give some indication of what is wanted. Further particulars could be had from Dr. Sankey Boreatton Park, Baschurch, Salop, under whose care the patient is now. Perhaps you would write to Winterbotham direct.

Yours very truly,

this time of the year.
Will you kindly let me know whether I shall make the engagement with Seawin definite.

Yrs Truly

W. H. Margetts

TELEPHONES
1436 HOLBORN
4953 HOLBORN

Saint Bartholomews Hospital
and College.

Engaged

25th June 1910.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

Dear Dr Pierce

Seawin would be very glad to come upon July 4th, for four weeks at 3½ gns., but does not see his way to offer to stay longer, and I really am unable to suggest anyone at present who could.
I am sorry there should be any difficulty, but you know what a demand there is at

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Boon Ley,
Stanley Avenue,
Wallasey.

June 20/09

Dear Sir

Mrs Smith & family desire me to thank the Chairman & Committee of "The Retreat" on their behalf, for their kind contribution towards the Expenses incurred through Miss C E Smith's illness. They very much appreciate the help given, & I would be glad if you would kindly convey their thanks to the Committee.

Yours Sincerely
John William Fisher
For Mrs Smith & family.

Wm E Waller Esq
(Secy) "The Retreat."

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17th June, 1909.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to the Chairman of the Committee respecting Miss C. E. Smith was submitted to the Committee at their Meeting yesterday, and they were extremely sorry to hear that her health remained so far from well.

I am requested to say that the Committee do not consider that in this case there is any claim upon the Retreat, as there was no reason whatever to think that the break-down in health was in any way dependent upon the arduous nature of the duties here. Nevertheless, the Committee instruct me to send you £5 as a contribution towards the expenses that have been incurred.

I am dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

Geo W. Fisher Esq
Bon Ley
Stanley Avenue
Wallasey
Cheshire

Boon Ley,
Stanley Avenue,
Wallasey.
Cheshire

May 19/09

The Chairman
The Committee
The Retreat York.

Sir

I am writing you on behalf of Mrs Smith formerly of 13 Ferndale Rd, Waterloo, now of Kirby Cottage Newton, via Frankby, Cheshire; whose Daughter Miss C. E. C. Smith was for some time a Nurse at The Retreat. She broke down in health whilst on duty about 2nd January 1905. Your Committee kindly sent her to Cheadle for about three Months. She seemed somewhat better for a short time, but has since gone worse again. Her Mother took her into the country at the beginning of this year to Newton to see if the change would ~~to~~ be beneficial to her, but she has since gone much worse & is a constant source of anxiety

Boon Ley,
Stanley Avenue,
Wallasey.

to her Mother & Sisters, who are all Nurses earning their living & who have to contribute to the maintenance of their Mother & Sister. This Expense has been a constant source of drain on the resources of the family, & it is extremely likely that the poor girl will have to be put away again as she has been troublesome to the neighbours who have reported her to the authorities, a visit by the Relieving Officer from Neston Cheshire being the result. It is an extremely sad case, as the Mother a Widow is absolutely without means, being dependent on her daughters, two of whom are married & contribute largely to her, the other two being nurses & also helping. The total sum they contribute has kept the Mother & daughter in

References

Dr Randle Leigh, Crosby Rd Waterloo
nr Liverpool

and

Dr Brown 1 Park Rd West Kirby
Cheshire

Boon Ley,
Stanley Avenue,
Wallasey.

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food & house rent, & any further drain at this period would be disastrous. Miss C E C Smith no doubt broke down under the strain of nursing in your Institution & they have every reason to believe that she was an efficient & good Nurse. The Family are very thankful for what you have done for them in the past at Cheadle & would be very grateful if you could see your way together with the Committee to extend further help to them in their further Calamity. It has been a great strain on the Mother, who has nobly fought with her all this time & has still nothing to shew for all her trouble, but her own health impaired & doctors' Bills. Thanking you in anticipation. I remain Yours Truly John W Fisher

G. Shepherd

South Beach 1to

Eastbrro'.

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21 Mar. 1905.

Dear Dr Blair Shaw,

We can arrange to receive a Brooder in about 2 or 3 weeks as some one will be leaving before then. We have been very full but the East Villa is a room open & this will liberate some rooms.

If your patient could fit in well with some patients on the point of being convalescent and if she now can be trusted & may be allowed to go about a little alone I should like her to go to the East Villa rather than the Main building.

I enclose a V.B form. The terms you mention will be quite satisfactory

provided the patient does not need much special attention.

I hope you are well. We are very pleased with Winston as we are now in our new house which we like greatly. The sunshine we get is very acceptable this time of the year

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Lafred Pierce.

You may be interested in seeing the enclosed. Our mission department is steadily growing.

provided the patient does not need much special attention.

I hope you are well. We are overflowed with crowders as we are now in our new house which we like really. She convalesces as fast as very comfortable this time of the year

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Perkins.

Yes really interested in agency the country. Our summer department is already full.

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Dec. 4, 1909

Dear Dr. Sikes,

I have received your letter, telling me of your new house at Langley in Buckinghamshire, and it certainly seems to be a delightful place. I shall not forget it if I hear of a suitable patient, but such are not very common. As you can readily understand the people I see in consultation are mostly Yorkshire folks and are not willing to go so far away. Still we cannot say what may turn up.

Yours very truly,

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112, BEAUFORT MANSIONS,
CHELSEA, S. W.

June 3rd. 1909.

Dear Pierce.

Thank you for your answering wire. I find now that my sister Mrs Porter is not in the least certifiable. I placed her yesterday in

a "Home" at Ealing, as she has had a nervous breakdown again, and this morning I had a message from the Lady Superintendent of the Home, saying that my sister had been "very violent" and she must ask me to remove her today without

fail. However when I reached the Home an hour or two since, I found her fairly quiet. They had been up all night with her but there had been no repetition of the violence and they are willing to keep her. She is in a strange condition, mentally, but

I believe she will again pull round. I am so sorry to have troubled you. It is always a comfort to know that one can send to you in this kind of crisis.

With kind regards

Yours very truly

Blanche Shera.

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TEL. 3235.
AT HOME
MON. WED. SAT.
2.30 TO 4
EVERY EVENING
6 TO 7.

8, Marlborough Road,
Bradford.

7/8/09.

Dear Sir

Dr Bedford Pierce said to me in answer to a recent letter of mine about my nephew, that he ~~would~~ had no doubt you would help me if possible, if I were in any difficulty, & that he had mentioned the matter to you.

My immediate difficulty is to dispose of him. He is so much worse at home than anywhere else that I want to keep him away; & I can't keep him here because I am too much occupied to look after him.

Do you know of any place where I could send him for a few weeks? A doctor's house would be best, only most of them, like me, have no suitable means of occupying a youth of 20. The main thing he needs is occupation, preferably physical exertion, if he had that, I do not think he would give any trouble at all. He is not nearly bad enough for an asylum of any sort.

If you think you know of anything at all likely, I could of course give you more particulars about him, but it is no use troubling you with lengthy details for nothing.

Yours very truly

Margaret S. Sharp

STATION:—RAYNE.
TELEGRAMS—SALING.
WOOLPITS,
CT SALING,
BRAINTREE.

7.5.09

Dear Friend

Dr Bedford Fenwick

We are keeping a nurse attending at present Mrs S although free from the violent excitement of her attacks is in rather a poor way varies so much one day fairly comfortable & rational another very restless & seems quite in a fog mentally. One day lately her pulse was perhaps next hardly any — In planning for the future it looks as though we had better have a second person who has had mental experience Miss Martin is a most capable

woman but as she runs the household & manages everything connected there with she must have a fairly capable nurse to relieve her. A week or two ago I put an advertisement in the 'Times' for a nurse attendant with some experience in mental cases & amongst several answers was one from Edith Corning one of your staff now at Throckenby Hall She refers me to yourself & I shall be glad to know if you think her a fairly quiet capable one we could make one of the family practically, or perhaps you could recommend me some one else

we have a young lady living
with us now who has done
admirably in waiting upon me
as Mrs Smith so long as she was
in a somewhat normally
quiet dispositions. Still but with
the present more acute state we
must have some one with a
little experience. You have doubtless
heard of cases of ancillas
without my hinting you but
the help & advice of one with so
much experience has always felt
a great comfort in this domestic
ancillas. If you are staying
a night in London any time

& could run down we should be
delighted. Rayne is our station
for here. about 1½ hours from
Liverpool St. It would suit you
any other station

Yours truly

Joseph Smith

May 10, 1909

Dear Mr. Smith,

I think my letter written in anticipation of yours about covers the points raised in yours to hand today. I do not know of any one else who is at liberty. Nearly all our ex-nurses have posts, and now we have a trained nurses department many prefer to remain with us. I incline to think you might give Nurse Coning a trial. Were it not for the question of expense I think you would probably find it better to have one from us from time to time accorfing to your needs. You would then not be bound to anybody and could exchange a nurse who did not fit in at a moment's notice. I think the Committee would be willing to make some reduction in fee should a nurse or a series of nurses be required for a lengthened period. I don't wish to interfere with Nurse Coning getting a post, but one realises the difficulty of getting any one who can continue long at such work. I think it is only right to tell you that in talking to Dr. Kemp upon the matter she tells me that some of the patients have not liked Nurse Coning whose manner appears to cause this difficulty. Dr. Kemp also says that she is a little uncertain in temper. In a matter of this kind I feel obliged to tell you candidly what is said to me though I am sorry to say anything of the kind.

Many thanks for your kind reference to myself.

I should very much like to see you at Woolpits. I only wish there was more time to do the things which one would gladly do.

Yours very truly,

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK No 112. LEEDS No 391X.

THE RETREAT
YORK.

May 10, 1909

Dear Sir Arthur Mackworth,

I write to say that for some little time past Lady Mackworth has been very restless at night

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2, St James' Terrace,
York.

Clifton Green
12th Feb. 1909

To Dr Pierce,

Dr Sir,

I thank you for your kind reply to my letter & shall be very much obliged to you if you will lay my case before your Committee as soon as possible, as I do assure you, it is quite beyond our means to keep my daughter with you, however, much we should

like to do so, for her income is only a Pension from Lloyds of 50£ a year for herself & child - Yours is £160 - a year so that you will see that 2£ 8s. a week would be too great a strain upon us for even a short time. Thanking you again for all your kindness

I remain

Yours Truly

E Smurthwaite

STATION—PAYNE.
TELEGRAMS—SALING.

WOOLPITS,
GT SALING,
BRAINTREE.

24/7 08

Dear Friend

Dr Bedford Pierce.

You will I am sure be sorry to hear that after 2 yrs of high perfect health the poor wife has for the last 3 weeks been showing signs of the old trouble & day by day almost gets more restless & unable to control herself. There is none of the shining excitement so far of former attacks. I have our invaluable friend Mrs Manton but if she gets worse or does not improve shortly we may want some one to work with under Mrs. M. Do you know any one in the South of England who would come down to us for a week or two, or which is the best institution in London to go to. We dont want a professional mental nurse my experience of them is not very pleasant I quite hope the patient may shake it off shortly but must leave it in God's hands who knows all things & is ruler

Yours truly
Joseph Smith

Perhaps you write, Kindly wire

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SUMMERCROFT,
HALIFAX.

May 6. 08

Dear Dr Pearce.

When I last saw you in Leeds you were good enough to say that you would reserve Nurse Black for us should we require her services

I am glad to say that things are going on very well so far and there does not appear to be any immediate probability of requiring Nurse Black — having been all right for about a month we are beginning to hope that Mrs T

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will settle down to her
normal life — I think
there is no doubt that
the thoughts of Bournemouth
is exercising a wholesome
influence on her mind
& bracing her up to practice
more self control —

Under these happier
circumstances we cannot
expect you to keep Nurse Black
indefinitely in readiness
so we must now take our chance
as to whether she may be
at liberty should occasion
arise —

Thanking you very much
for all your kindness & help
Yours most sincerely
Chas H Smithson

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TELEPHONE No. 19.

County Asylum,
Bicton Heath,
Shrewsbury.

12 June 1908

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

Rev W. H. Shedden who was for some time your patient is making an application for the restoration of his estate.

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I have been requested to represent his premat. mental condition by Mr. E. Fletcher, Solicitor 4 Albion Place Leeds.

Can you give me any information about his condition, when under your care? I have Mr. Shields permission to ask you for it

Yours truly
David J. Rembaut

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Report enclosed

STATION—RAYNE.
TELEGRAMS—SALING.

WOOLPITS,
Cl SALING,
BRAINTREE.

ack.

O.V.P. Owen
and the wife
be attended
to.

14/3.08

Dear Friend

I enclose £1 for enclosure
cert. In future send as before
but expect payment from me
as Treasurer of the C. Mys. Fund
I hope you are all well be
often left of you Mrs Martin
occasionally hears from her
twin Mrs Smith is very well
& bright enjoys her home & her
surroundings as much as most
people. I wish you could come

P.T.O.

to spend a night or week end
we take a motor it is not
much trouble to meet any
one at a station
I was asked the other day for
one of your reports perhaps
you will have one sent me

Yours truly

Beryl Smith

Dr Bedford Fenwick

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CONSULTING HOURS.
9-10 A.M.
1-2 P.M.
6-7.30 P.M.
NATIONAL TELEPHONE
No. 44.

HILDEGARD HOUSE,
WHITBY, YORKS.

July 1st. Ø8.

Dear Sir,

Since I wrote to you about Mr Combes he has become unmanageable and I am sending him under Urgency Certificate instead of as a Voluntary Boarder. I am sure that you will approve of this course and it is safer for the patient.

Yours Faithfully,

W. R. Bailey

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CONSULTING HOURS.
9-10 A.M.
1-2 P.M.
6-7.30 P.M.
NATIONAL TELEPHONE
No. 44.

HILDEGARD HOUSE,
WHITBY, YORKS.

June 30th./08.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a form duly signed by the patient about whom I wrote to you. He is very fond of carrying drugs about with him and delights to talk about them and their action and although he took an overdose of Morphia I don't think that there is danger from anything but drugs and he would of course not have access to these at the Retreat. Will you wire me when you can take him and he will come as soon as he can.

Yours Faithfully,

W. R. Dailey

Can receive patient Bloomingdale

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CONSULTING HOURS.
9-10 A.M.
1-2 P.M.
6-7.30 P.M.
NATIONAL TELEPHONE
No. 44.

HILDEGARD HOUSE,
WHITBY, YORKS.

June 27th./08.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let me know what is the charge for patients at the Retreat? I have a patient who is generally weak minded and on Wed. he took an overdose of Morphia. Can he be received as a voluntary boarder or not? I don't think that there would be any difficulty in persuading him to come in under that heading. Will you kindly let me know at your earliest.

Yours truly,

W. B. Bailey

is my brother-in law
Major A. G. Crocker
who has been
invalided from India
suffering from the result
of a fall from a
bicycle.

Yrs. faithfully
E. T. Stanley
Major

4th June 1908 (~~391~~ 19)

TELEGRAMS, DOLPHIN, PLYMOUTH. TELEPHONE No 124.
ROYAL WESTERN YACHT CLUB OF ENGLAND,
PLYMOUTH.

The Superintendent
'The Retreat'
York

Dear Sir
Will you kindly inform
me whether you have
a vacancy for a Mental
Case at your Establishment
& if so, what would be
your terms – The patient

TELEPHONE: No. 8.
TELEGRAMS: "SEWELL," WHITBY

E. F. SEWELL & SON,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
AND
PROVISION MERCHANTS.

J. T. SEWELL.

Whitby,

May 1 1904

Dear Friend,

We have 2 girls of children

1 Epileptic & mentally deranged (slightly) friendless & are paying relief by our Board of Guardians. It seems a pity to send the second child to the county asylum where we understand there is no arrangements made for the training of children. So I am sending this in hope you can tell me of a home in the matter.

The hope for an epileptic is probably neither so urgent, nor so difficult to find.

Thanking you in anticipation

I beg
Joseph Sewell

Rev Prebendary Ward

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SUMMERCROFT,
HALIFAX.

Mar 27. 08

Dear Dr Pierce

I telephoned you again today re. Nurse Black and I was very glad to hear that you could liberate her for us on Saty work.

I dont know when her time expires at the Retreat but if she continues to suit Mrs Jackson could you let us know if there would be a possibility of retaining her services as permanent

Companion —
Mrs Jackson has given us a definite promise that if she can't get on with Miss Black in her own home — She will go into any Doctor's Home recommended by you —
She evidently has full confidence in any recommendation of yours — as she specifically made this proposition herself —
Mrs Jackson does not know that I have had any communication on the subject with you.

So if she works direct will you please not refer to our telephones or this letter —
and would it be right for her to write to Miss Black to make arrangements for her coming —
I shall try to see you as soon as I get an opportunity but my Father's death has rather upset my regular arrangements
I should like to discuss the situation as I have not much faith that things will go very smooth for some time
Sincerely Yours
Chas H Smithson

Mrs Thos Leff Rosenwald is staying with us for a few days —

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SUMMERCROFT,
HALIFAX.

Feby 28. 08

Dear Dr Pearce.

We are much obliged to you for having sent us so kind & tactful a nurse as Miss Black. – She is writing to you on Saty & I should be glad if you could take an opportunity of discussing "her case" with her. – I would then try to see you at an early date for a further consultation – My own impression is that my sister is not much better but I am inclined to think that the upset which took place when we went down to see her about a month ago (when she was taken off certificate) may have been a good thing in disclosing to Mr Charlesworth exactly the trouble which we are asking

her to combat.
As my sister is still
off certificate, we are
asking Mrs Charlesworth
to obtain a nurse in
Kilmouth for the present
who may not necessarily
have had "Institution
Training"

Sincerely Yours
Chas H Smithson

We are sending remittance
for £25 4. 0 tomorrow.
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TELEPHONE No 93
CONSULTING HOURS
3 TO 4 P.M.
6 · 7 P.M.
SUNDAY 8.15 P.M.

THORNHILL HOUSE,
WAKEFIELD.

(257) 16

April 23rd 1908

Dear Sir

Thank you for the forms + book.
Our patient went off to Harrogate against our advice + since then he has attempted suicide.
We will endeavour to get his people to have him sent to the Retreat

as soon as he is
able to be removed.

Yours truly
Statter & Smith

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RYECROFT,
EARSWICK,
YORK.

Mar 4. 08.

My dear Pierce,

I was sorry to have your news of my aunt: I had telephoned previously to Miss Vigor & had some notion of my aunt's condition before your letter reached me.

I quite intended to go & see her yesterday, but I just missed the afternoon train & could not go later. I telephoned, however, & ascertained that my aunt appears, unhappily, to be developing an acute attack. Today & tomorrow I am spending in town at the F. C. Education Committee so that I shall not be able to visit her until the end of the week.

Yours sincerely
Sam'l H Davis

filled in, signed & posted to you tomorrow

Yours, sincerely

Sam.l H. Davies

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I have not communicated with Miss Vigor.

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RYECROFT,
EARSWICK,
YORK.

Feb 4. 08

My dear Pierce,

Many thanks for yours. I am relieved to know that Throxenby is possible. I have heard again from Ilkley & have made arrangements for Aunt to travel tomorrow (Wed.y) I shall go with her myself from York to Throxenby, by the train leaving York at 2.42 p.m. I will have the papers

RYECROFT,
EARSWICK,
YORK.

Feb 3. 08.

My dear Pierce,

I am afraid my aunt, Susan S. Smith, is far from well. At her request I ran over to see her last week & found her quite incapable of managing anything for herself, but happily in the hands of a cheerful little, sensible lady, Miss Tomlinson.

She is evidently not in condition just now to go back to her life at Ambleside. I persuaded her to remain quietly at Ilkley for another week. If it seems

describe, could you take her as a voluntary boarder at Thoxenby? I think I could manage to get her to York on Thursday next if she is no better & if you can accomodate her.

I found her worrying over her clothes & her little money affairs & talking of going to the workhouse rather than cause us any expense &c. &c. Her will power is very small.

With regrets for the necessity of troubling you

Yours very sincerely
Sam Davies

melancholia" but the recovery was to a remarkable degree.

In 1904 there was excitement & refusal of food. The latter difficulty was soon relieved in the Asylum. There has been a relapse since in that respect – which has passed. It is really very difficult to know what to do.

My Father is not a friend. He was brought up in the Church of England, but many years ago joined the "Plymouth Brethren."

Some patients are received free at the Retreat I have understood.

I hope that you and Mrs Pierce are quite well.

With kind regards,
I remain
Yours very truly
H. J. Shore

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3, Grosvenor Place,
Newquay,
Cornwall.

Nov. 30th. 1907

Dear Dr Pierce

Would there be any likelihood of my Father being admitted as a patient into the Retreat could you kindly tell me?

He is in the private part of the Bodmin Asylum since 1904

But I cannot afford to pay for him. A change must be made at Xmas.

Many years ago my Father had much

business trouble had a mental breakdown, & he was in different asylums – Bethlem for one.

He was at home for several years with my Mother & me, but had a relapse in 1904.

I have recently tried Bethlem & St Lukes' without success.

My Father has lost his property, & we have had heavy family troubles.

My Mother is living with me. The practice is a very small one & one can't get an entirely resident patient – which is a precarious thing.

My Father takes his food, is quiet. He has some delusions: one is that a lady in the establishment is my Mother. He walks out in the grounds.

His age is 77. There is occasionally some want of control over the bowels.

The original illness was delusional

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LYNTON,
487, ANLABY ROAD,
HULL.

Sept 21. 07

Dear Dr Pierce

Arthur Scourr is at present here and we are loath to send him away unless really necessary. If he continues to improve, I hope the necessity may not arise but if he does not I

come wire or telephone
you as regards admission
Dr Parkin who saw
him with me agrees.

I remain
Yours faithfully
A. H. Cummerty Forrester.

Dr Beaver Dixie.

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LYNTON,
497, ANLABY ROAD,
HULL.

Sept. 18th 07

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly let me know by return if you have a vacancy for a male patient, violent, & if so please forward me the papers same time

The patient has been

in the Retreat before -
about three years
ago - for eighteen months
His name is Arthur
Scarer

I remain
Yours faithfully
A. Hammersley Johnston

SALE & Co
Wm C. LORD.
ARCHD NEILL.
HAROLD AGNEW.
REGD S. LORD.
EDWIN K. HILTON.
TELEPHONE 1153.
TELEGRAMS, "PLEADINGS" MANCHESTER.

29, BOOTH STREET,
MANCHESTER.

12th June 1907.

The Doctor in Charge
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

We are at the present time preparing certain new Articles of Partnership of the firm of G. J. Sidebottom & Co of this City.

Mr. G. J. Sidebottom who is at present residing at the Retreat is the senior partner in this firm and of course has to consent to the new Articles. Once Mr. Hilton, as you are aware, saw Mr. Sidebottom at the Retreat and explained the matter fully to him and he appeared to clearly understand every point connected with the Articles and made certain suggestions which showed that he was quite conversant with the state of affairs.

Before proceeding with the matter we shall be glad to know whether in your opinion Mr. Sidebottom is capable of transacting business, as of course the new articles are of great importance.

Apologizing for troubling you

Yours very truly

Sale & Co

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AT HOME
9 TO 9-30
2 — 3-30
TELEPHONE No 134

34, PRINCE OF WALES TERRACE,
SCARBOROUGH.

July 6th

Dear Bedford Pierce,

With regard to the patient Norman at Throxenby — he is an alcoholic — and is addicted to severe bouts from time to time — he has been through the "Keeley" Cure — with no result — & is now still anxious to be cured.

If possible I would like you to get hold of him & admit him to the Retreat as a V. B. He is

averse to going in to what he calls "hoplumo" — and I have told him that you have had many similar cases at the Retreat — with a large share of successful ones. His people are all anxious too that he should get better.

I understand he is likely to be able to stay at Throxenby as long as the males stay there — if you could sometime see him there — I am sure you would be successful in persuading him to go to York.

He has no cirrhosis — his heart during these attacks gets feeble — his urine is albuminous.

Hoping all is well with you with kind regards

I am

Yours sincerely

Charles E. Salter

RIVINGTON HALL,
(TELEGRAMS: HORWICH.)
Nr BOLTON.

July 15
1907

Dr Mary Sturge
Birmingham

Dear Madam -

My poor friend the Revd J Channing Pollard of
Meadowside
Lancaster
who has I know written you about his daughter, has just been to me to Rembrandt -
After improving nicely she has had a most serious relapse (adolescent insanity)

direct to Revd J. C. Pollard
Meadowside
Lancaster.
who seems to me to be on the verge of serious nervous breakdown from anxiety & keeping this great sorrow to himself, while he carries on the usual work of an extra busy life both as a minister, & good citizen.
I am trying to find some means of helping financially but shd be so grateful for your advice re Home for this case.
Yrs faithfully Newell Compton

during the last 5 weeks.
He has had her examined
by Dr Blair of the Royal
Albert Asylum & Dr Reynolds,
I think the name is. of Cheadle
Royal. they both say she shd
be under special care in
a home or Asylum - which
wd cost 2½ guineas a week,
a quite impossible sum
to be paid out of £180 a year
for the whole family.

If this special care can by
any possibility bring recovery
to an only daughter of these
deserving intellectual good
parents, some effort shd be
made to find the right
place. not amongst paupers
they cannot face that in
addition to their other sorrows.
If you know of any home
where she cd be sent that
wd cost less than this
prohibitive sum will you
for pity's sake sent word

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TELEPHONE No. 04660.
AT HOME 12·15 TO 2 P.M.

45, HAGLEY ROAD,
EDGBASTON.

July 16. 07

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce -

I shall be grateful if you will read this letter and send Mrs. Crompton (the writer) word of your minimum fees.

I, meanwhile, am writing to advise the 'Retreat' or Gartnavel - Adolescent insanity interests me greatly, and I feel a strong desire to help this girl of whom I have heard once before.

With very kind regards

Yours sincerely

W. D. Lange

111 University Street 382
Montreal, Canada.
April 25th 1907

Sir I have a son here who has been under medical care here for an operation. The doctors advise his being placed in an Institution where mental disorders are treated — I am desirous of bringing him home to England to be treated there till relieved of his symptoms — Will you kindly send me your Annual Report — and also say if you can receive him at your Home near Scarborough and your lowest inclusive charges — He is 39 years of age and able to be up and about each day

Yours Sincerely
(Mrs) Elizabeth Simpson

Bedford Pierce Esq. K.C.
The Mewstead
York England

Northfield March 18/07

Dear Dr. Pierce

As we have not heard for some time from my Aunt Sarah Sanderson we conclude that she is perhaps hardly able to write, and my step mother asks me to enquire how she is. Mother herself has been confined to her bed for some weeks, her heart not being strong enough to resist the cold in any other way. Otherwise she is cheerful and bright. If you will kindly give our love to Aunt Sarah, and let us know how she is we should feel much obliged.

Yours sincerely

J M Lipsley

the Lord thought she had
been the means of my
death, & that of various
others, both Relatives &
other people, & her relief
& affection were extreme.
Until your letter came I
did not know that my
beloved sister had been
termed "suicidal", & it
greatly shocked, & distressed
me; I have not been
told all her most trying
symptoms of all, I know,
tho' I realize now - that
in her terrible distress, she
tried in some way to hurt

Please kindly
excuse this very
careless Slip.

C/o Mrs. Wm. Ball,
Claremont,
N Bernard's Rd,
Oltan
nr Birmingham
Jan 27. 07.

Dear Dr. Price,

I am much obliged
by your kind note, & fully
realize how very unfit it
would be for my dear
sister to go to "the Retreat" at
all, until the epidemic
of influenza should be
quite over, also the
great severity of the weather

moved have made it
unfit for her to travel.
I understand that you
have written to Dr. Whitcombe
as to the inadvisability of
my sister going to York
at least for a fortnight
from the time you kindly
wrote me.
Since then Dr. Whitcombe
forwarded to me a
post-card perfectly clear
& coherent asking me to go
& see her, from my dear
sister; it was a great surprise
to me, & my niece & I
found her wonderfully
better than I dared to
have hoped for previously
the confusion of mind
& other symptoms have
not given me much hope.
There certainly is a very real
improvement for when we
saw my sister, on Wednes-
day she so much overjoyed
& feared she would be
upset; she talked to me
of her delusions as
delusions, & spoke quite
coherently, not mumbling
nor chattering as I have
been told previously.

already battle with him, & other members of the Committee? Also as Mr C. Braithwaite suggests, I have written to the Clerk of the Mo. Meeting. It seems necessary to take all these measures in case my beloved sister should require to go to York. The atmosphere of "Friends" would I think cheer & help her personally, very greatly I feel. We can but wait & see what her needs will be. I am with thanks for the report also, Yours very sincerely

Emma M. Scott.

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Curacy soon after her admission to Minson Green. A nurse told me she does not now walk her self about as she did. I am thankful to be able to feel that my visit did my dear sister no harm, as I since have received this note from Dr. Whitcombe. I had expressed my gratitude in her improvement, & the wish that she should not go to York

until perfectly safe
for her to do so, but
I was much surprised
by the tenor of the
last paragraph in his
note, & feel that my
sister's case is much
more hopeful than
at first it appeared.
Today I have heard
from our Junior
friend Wm. C. Braithwaite
who says, "You are
quite at liberty to use
my name for reference
in writing to Dr. Price
Cochran & Know intimately
or to other members
of the Committee."
I should like to know
if it would be best for
me to write to the
Committee generally
using Wm. C. B's name, as
I only know Richard
Thompson a little, &
have asked Mr. & Mrs. Jarvis
Barker for their influence

P.S.

The delusions are there still, & the topics my sister alludes to not those, she would talk of, if well at all; but the improvement has commenced there can be no doubt.

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PATTISWICK HALL,

BRAINTREE. 5

Dear Dr Pierce

Mr Smith has asked me to answer your kind letter, & I am very pleased to be able to tell you he is recovering from his accident satisfactorily, though somewhat slowly. it happened a month

was with us – we found her most capable for nursing night & day. I hope you are still satisfied with Nurse Loxley. Hoping Mrs Pierce is better with kindest regards to her & yourself in which Mr Smith joins me I am sincerely

Rachel B. Smith

PS. My kind regards please to any who may remember me –

ago, & he can not get
bear any weight on
the leg, & goes very
little distance on
crutches, which is an
improvement upon
being carried - he gets
out most days for a
drive in a low pony
chair or the Motor car

longing to change his
crutches for a walking
stick - our D. says he
could not be getting on
better, but it must take
some time. We were
very thankful all to-
be together at Xmas
though Mr Smith kept
his bed, we were a party
of 22 including 9 grand
children & Miss Maulon

& Dr Pierce for all the trouble we have been to you - & I do hope Lily will soon be restored to health again with good nursing.

Yours very sincerely
L. Summers.

Walkers Heath
Kings Norton
Wr - B'ham.

Dec 12th 1906.

Dear Miss Thomasson

I am thankful to be able to tell you that my dear child is safe at home. They were very kind indeed to her at Nottingham as they could see that she

was ill. She tells me that she has felt fearfully depressed & has not been unwell monthly since July - at least - not worth speaking of - She appears very much puffed up - & has great pain in her back - & sore throat. Her disappearance has upset us fearfully, & her Father is quite knocked up to-night - having travelled since five oclock this morning. But we are so rejoiced & thankful to God that we have found her. She does not know how she lost her purse - so - very likely it was taken out of her bag - it was a blessing in disguise - I think - her travelling without a ticket so that we might find her. We are so much obliged to you

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April 2nd 1906.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., for which I am much obliged, and will take the matter up at once, and let you have our suggestions, and the costs for the Furniture required.

At one time we did a considerable amount of work, under Dr Bruishfield, for the Woking Asylum

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Arthur R. Smee

Bedford Pierce Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

TELEPHONE 7.
CITY OF YORK

EDMUND M. SMITH.
M.D., D.P.H.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

HEALTH OFFICE,

GUILDHALL,

YORK.

Feby 21st 1906

Dear Mackenzie,

Mr Mitchell's 2nd Swab shows various forms of cocci — micrococci, staphylococci & streptococci. No Bacillus of Diphtheria.

I should continue to isolate him until clear of peeling, & let him use an antiseptic gargle or spray for a week or two (Boric Acid). We will disinfect for you if & when you wish, in due course.

Yrs faithfully
Edmund M. Smith.

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BANCROFT,
HITCHIN.

2 Jan: 1906.

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Please send me two of your forms of medical certificates - I have a patient that I am expecting to send you very shortly -

Yours very truly

Richd. Hillitoe.