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Name. Irene Hope Taylor. Age. 35 Date of admission. May 23. 1916.  
Address. 36 St. Mary's Gate, Derby.  
Description. Single. no occupation.  
Religious Persuasion. Church of England.

H. P. O.

First attack began. November 1914. overwork and death of Father.  
Constant talking, sleeplessness & nervousness. Under care of a lady  
doctor at Bournemouth - then certified & sent to The Lawn, Lincoln. Recovered,  
though not thoroughly - remained at home until Feb. 1916. Became  
ill again & went to Dr. Leitch's.

P. H.

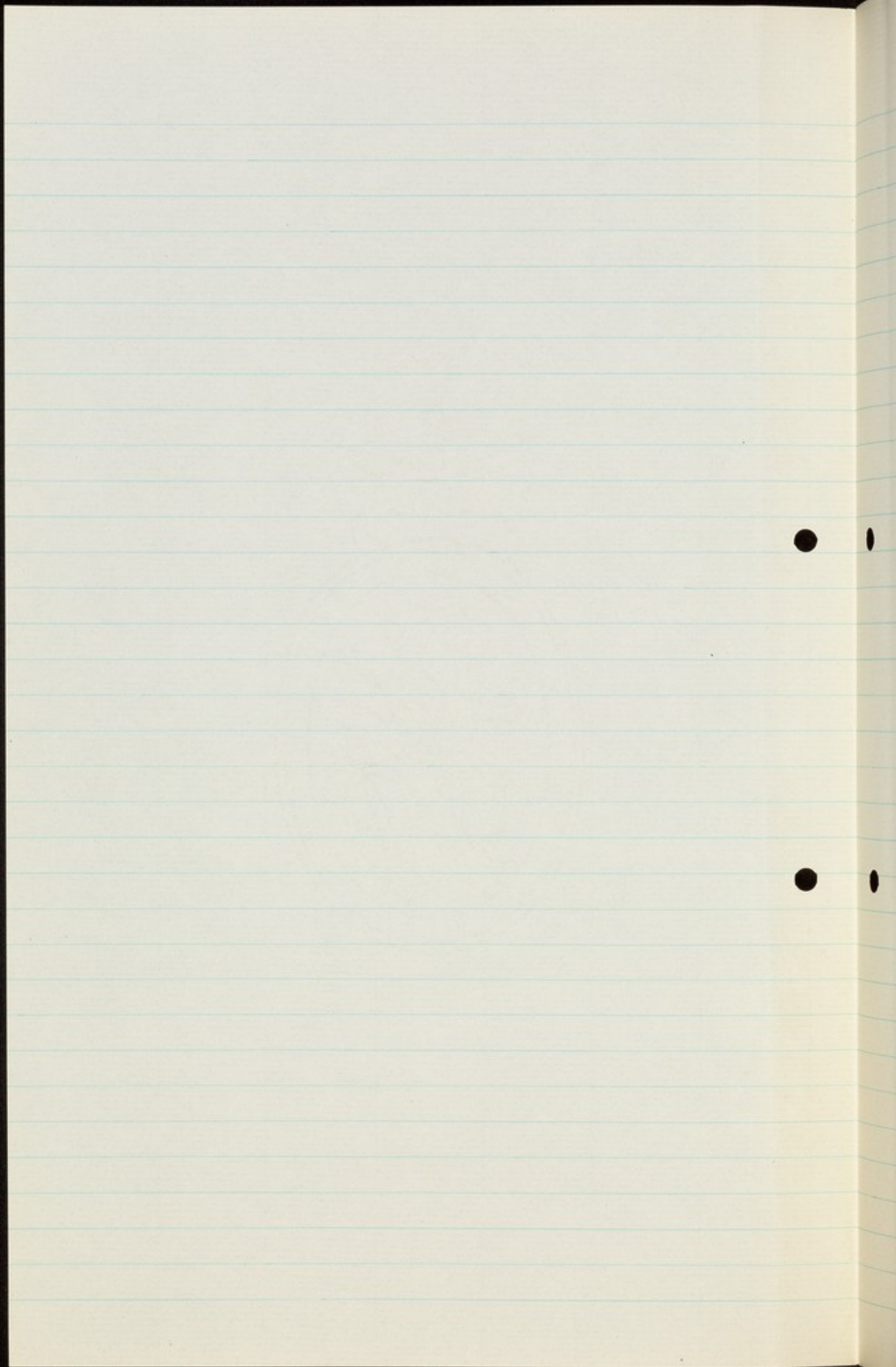
Good health. Pain at monthly periods. Fond of  
literature. Strong-willed but anxious to help others.

F. H.

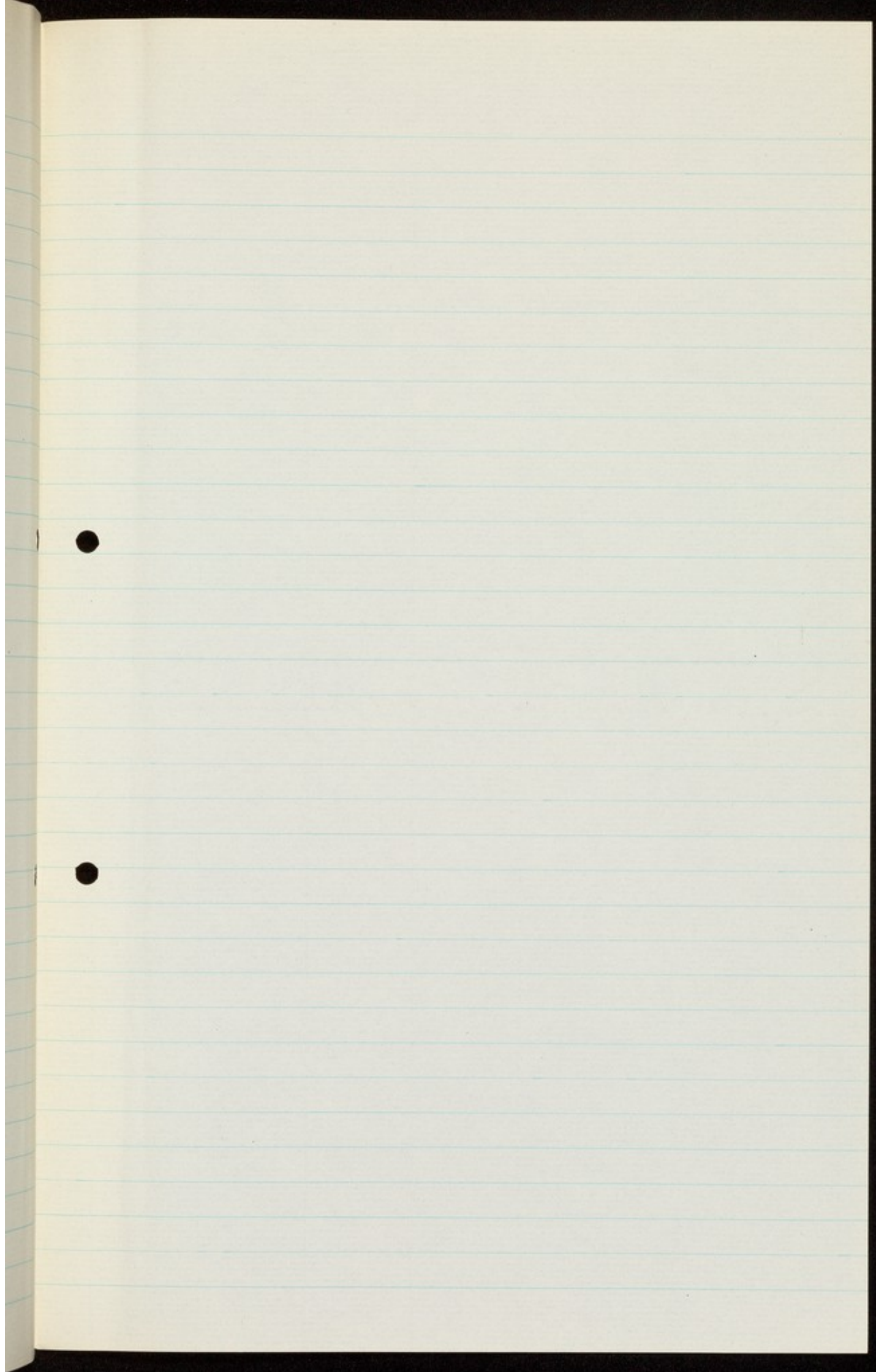
Father died August 1914. an exceptionally clever man, but  
last 9 years suffered from decay of brain tissue  
Grandmother & aunt had same kind of illness.

Abstract of Certificates.

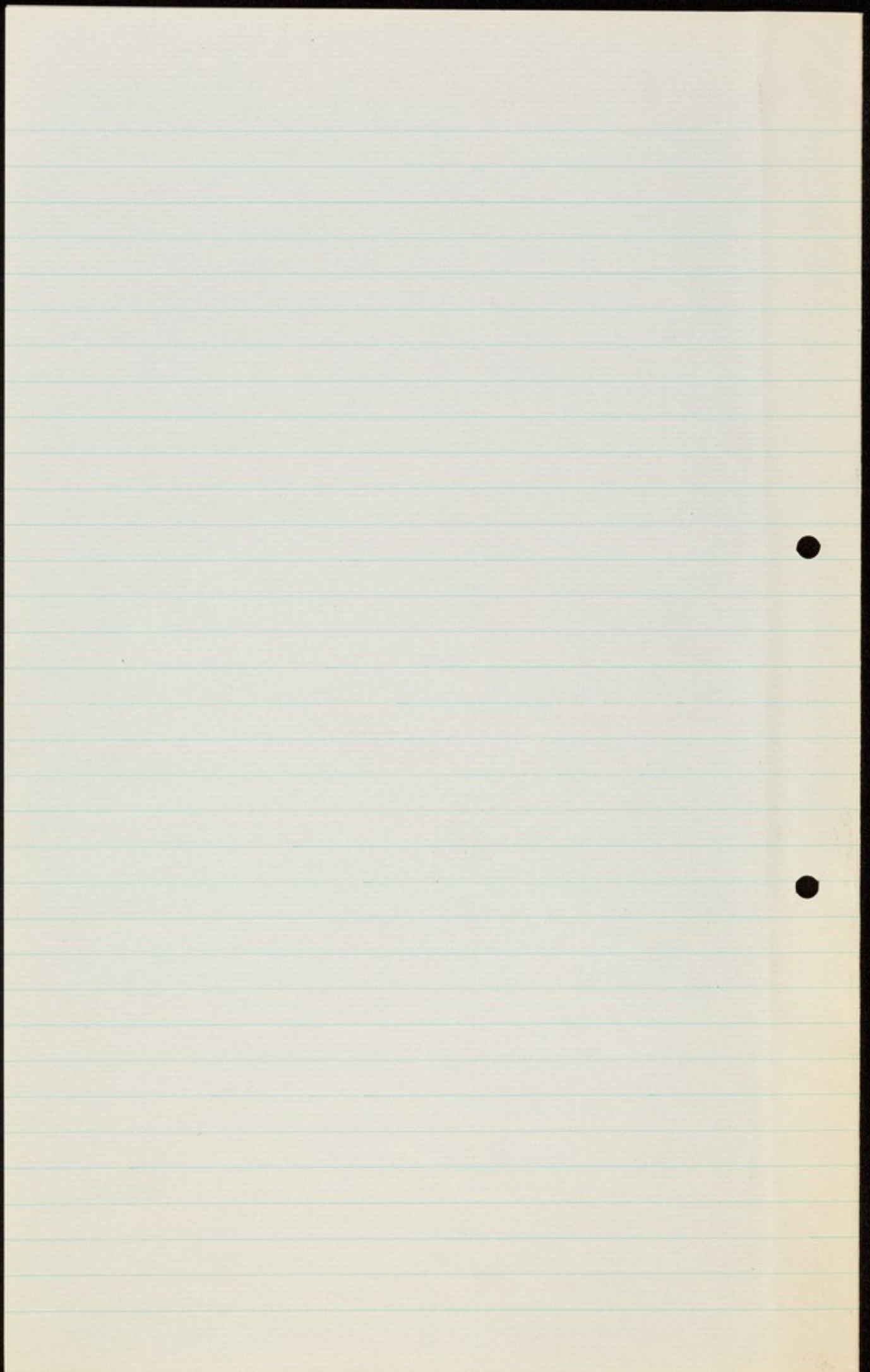
Chatters in an irresponsible manner. Says people will  
talk about her and men try and sit by her. buys  
pictures postcards which have to be used. med. min. strong  
likenesses so that she can turn them into a puzzle -  
surrounds herself with childish toys. Has changed in  
her manner and become familiar and affectionate in a  
marked way. prefers nightdress and dressing gown to her  
ordinary clothes.











Miss Taylor. August 1916.

- 18<sup>th</sup> Aug Good day. Playing croquet.  
19<sup>th</sup> " " " "  
20<sup>th</sup> " " " "  
21<sup>st</sup> " " " "  
22<sup>nd</sup> " " " "  
23<sup>rd</sup> " " " "  
24<sup>th</sup> " " Had a tooth stopped by M<sup>r</sup> Constant.  
25<sup>th</sup> " " Went to Workroom this morning evening  
26<sup>th</sup> . Complained of feeling very tired. but appear bright this  
27<sup>th</sup> . " " of toothache all day  
28<sup>th</sup> . Not looking very well today. had toothache most  
of the day.  
29<sup>th</sup> . Fairly good day. still complaining of toothache.  
Iodine applied twice morning & evening evening.  
30<sup>th</sup> . Still got toothache. Iodine applied. face swollen this  
31<sup>st</sup> . Had a tooth extracted by M<sup>r</sup> Constant. face very much  
swollen & painful.  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> In bed all day face still swollen & painful. Temp 98°  
" 2<sup>nd</sup> " " " " " " "  
" 3<sup>rd</sup> Face a little better. got up for a little while.  
" 4<sup>th</sup> In bed all day not feeling very well & seems a little  
depressed this evening.  
Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Transferred to 9<sup>th</sup> Gallery.  
Sept 12 Miss Taylor went to Throckley Hall. she had quite  
a good walk. amending herself indoors with lace, &  
reading & working. going into the grounds every day  
& playing croquet. She had a tooth stopped  
by M<sup>r</sup> Constant on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

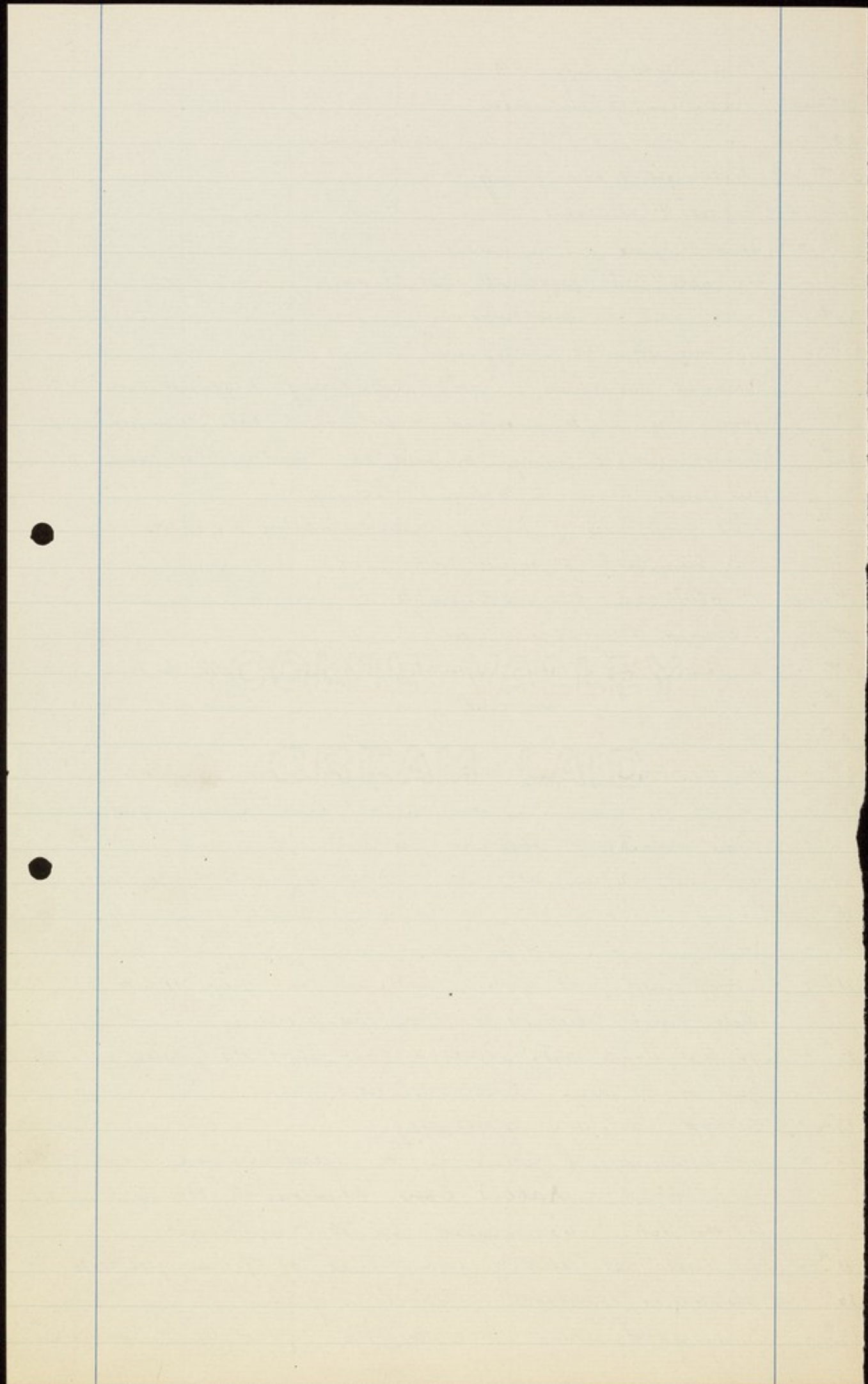






Miss Taylor July 1916.

- 21<sup>st</sup> July uncertain & deluded.  
22<sup>nd</sup> " " & interfering.  
23<sup>rd</sup> " Deluded & interfering.  
24<sup>th</sup> " Quiet & amiable.  
25<sup>th</sup> " Mischievous but amiable.  
26<sup>th</sup> " Amiable but difficult with food.  
27<sup>th</sup> " " mischievous.  
28<sup>th</sup> " A good day but interfering.  
29<sup>th</sup> " Deluded uncertain & most interfering. Difficult with food. Says it is poisoned & not fit to eat. Bad tempered.  
30<sup>th</sup> " Complained of feeling very tired so stayed in bed until tea time. Went to Evening Meeting.  
31<sup>st</sup> " Still complains of feeling tired & appears languid. Has been rather difficult with food.  
1<sup>st</sup> Aug A better day & more amiable.  
2<sup>nd</sup> " Deluded & bad tempered.  
3<sup>rd</sup> " A better day. more amiable. Playing croquet this evening.  
4<sup>th</sup> " " " deluded " "  
5<sup>th</sup> " " " " " "  
6<sup>th</sup> " On the Front Gallery most of the day. more amiable.  
7<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " Playing croquet more sensible & appears less deluded.  
8<sup>th</sup> " On Front Gallery all day & having meals on the Front.  
9<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " Playing croquet.  
10<sup>th</sup> " " " " " " "  
11<sup>th</sup> " Complained of not feeling well. in bed since 11 a.m. Feels much better & brighter this p.m.  
12<sup>th</sup> " In bed for a rest. seems to have slept the greater part of the day. Sleeping no 1 Centre.  
13<sup>th</sup> " In bed all day. quiet day.  
14<sup>th</sup> " Complained of pain in the abdomen. said she swallowed a rabbit bone previous to coming to the Rpt. Examined by Dr MacKenzie.  
15<sup>th</sup> " In bed all day & complained of pain after meals.  
16<sup>th</sup> " Up since breakfast. Good day.  
17<sup>th</sup> " Fairly good day. Had a tooth stopped by M<sup>r</sup> Constant.

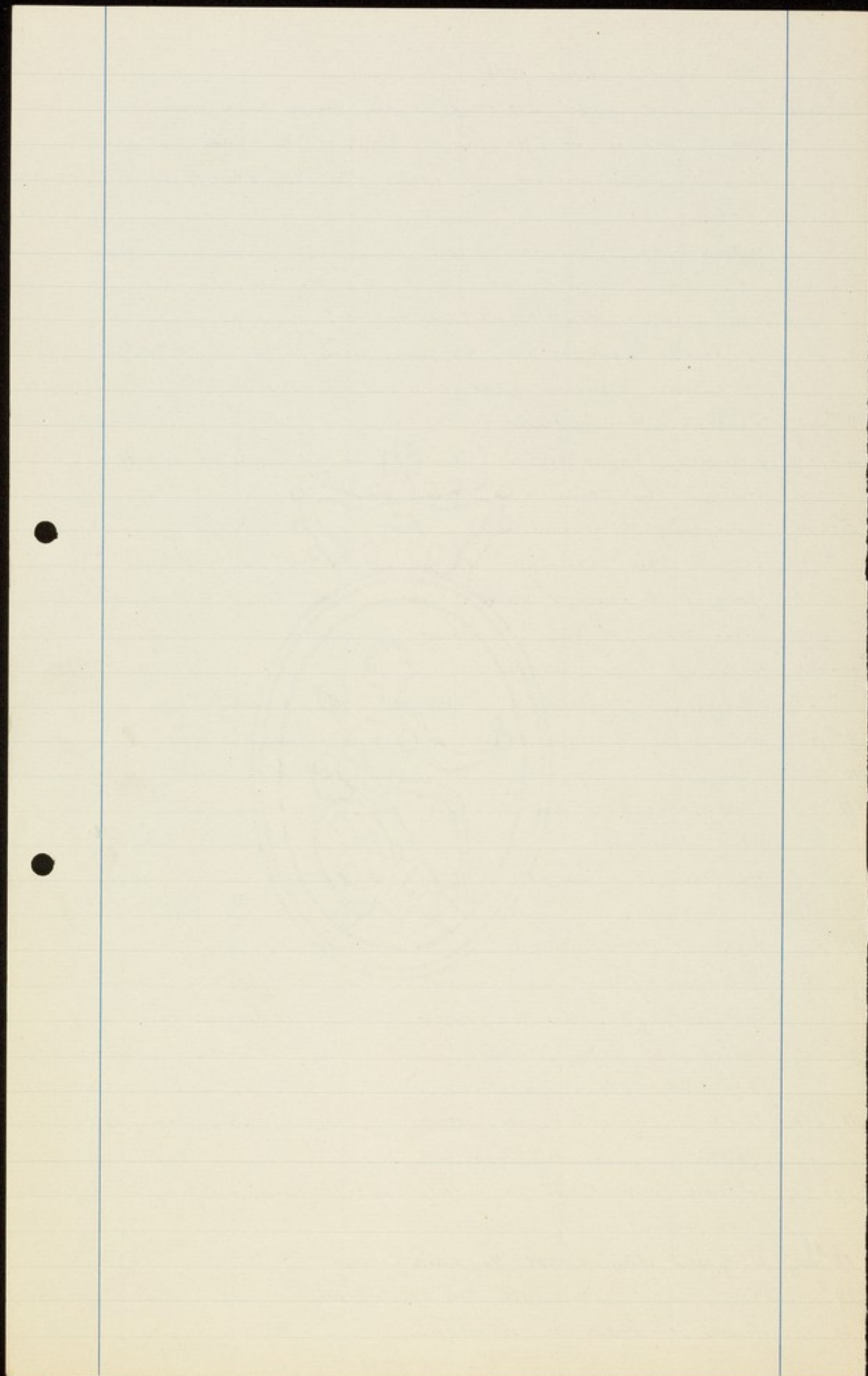




Miss Taylor June 1916.

- 28<sup>th</sup> June. Fairly good until 5 o'clock then began interfering.  
Has a bruise on the right side of her face forehead  
says it was caused by Miss Bawitt. she threw a  
shoe at her.
- 29<sup>th</sup> June Interfering & very deluded.
- 30<sup>th</sup> " " " " "
- 1<sup>st</sup> July. Had a better day & more reasonable.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> " Excitable & violent this morning. Struck M<sup>rs</sup> Ly & kicked  
the nurse. Quieter since & went to meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July Excitable & uncertain.
- 4<sup>th</sup> " Deluded & mischievous. interfering with the other pts  
present in Court this afternoon.
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Interfering & uncertain
- 6<sup>th</sup> " Violent this evening after being on the front gallery.  
gave N Barry a severe blow on the head & kicked  
Miss Allen & Miss Farrand. deluded.
- 7<sup>th</sup> July Deluded & uncertain.
- 8<sup>th</sup> " uncertain. Kicked N Thomson this morning.
- 9<sup>th</sup> " Interfering & deluded. Went to meeting.
- 10<sup>th</sup> " " " Says her food is poisoned.
- 11<sup>th</sup> " More reasonable but continually interfering with the  
other patients
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Deluded & interfering. Refused her dinner but took  
tea & supper.
- 13<sup>th</sup> July Deluded & uncertain. rude & irritable.
- 14<sup>th</sup> " Most interfering & deluded. Threw a book at Miss  
Brickson. & struck Miss Allen & N Thomson.
- 15<sup>th</sup> July Interfering & very deluded - upsetting the other patients  
Has not taken her food well.
- 16<sup>th</sup> July A better day on the whole but troublesome with her  
food. Says it is poisoned.
- 17<sup>th</sup> July A better day - not so interfering. Refused supper but  
took other meals well.
- 18<sup>th</sup> July A quiet day & not so interfering
- 19<sup>th</sup> " " " " in bed but deluded.
- 20 " Rude irritable & uncertain

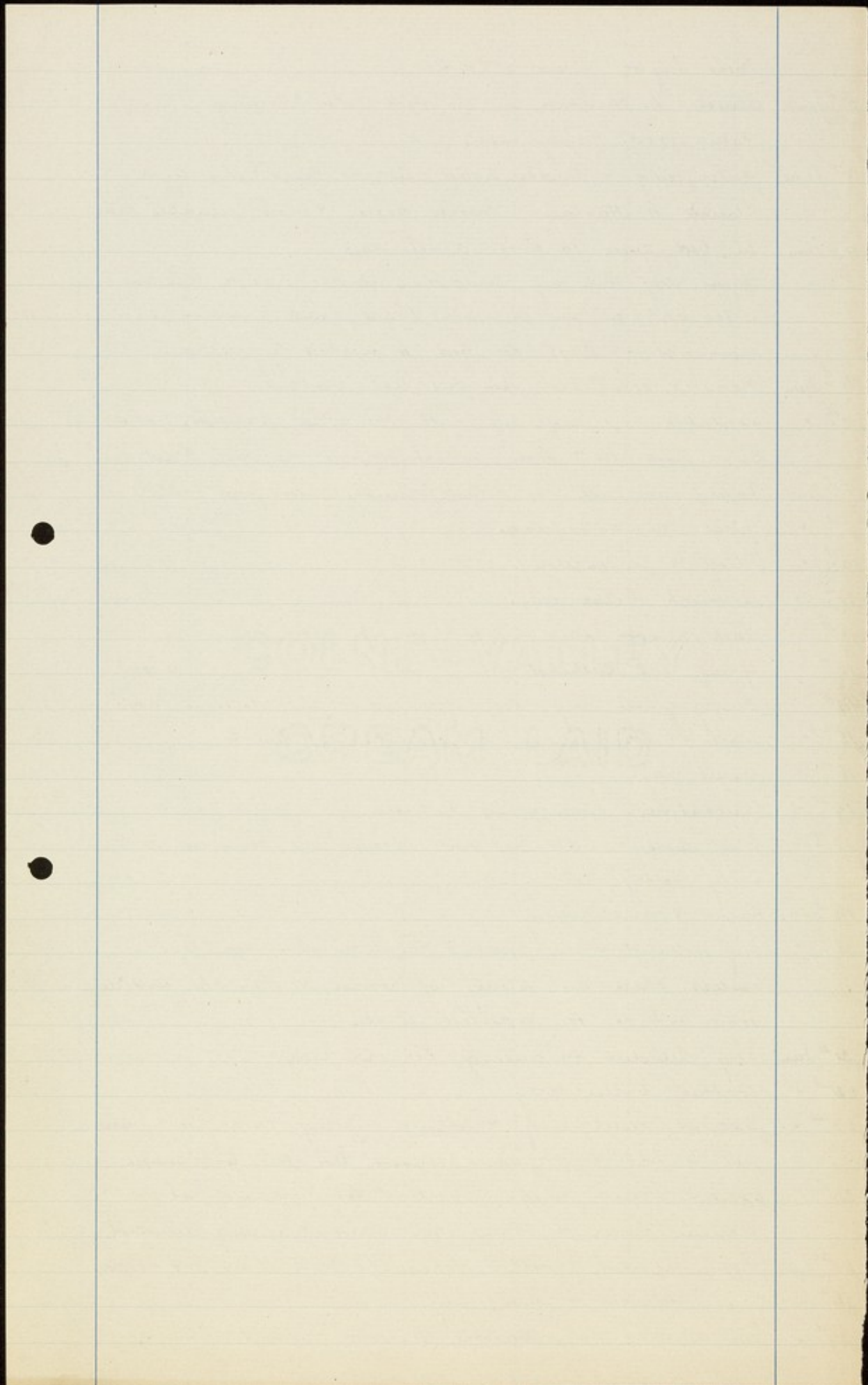




Miss Taylor June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1916.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Struck N. Thomson in the face this morning.  
Taken food fairly well.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June Interfering & badtempered in the Court this a.m.  
Struck N. Haslam. Much better & more amiable later.
- 4<sup>th</sup> June In bed since 10 a.m. quiet day.
- 5<sup>th</sup> " Quiet day but very deluded - says she has a Wireless  
Telegraph in her bedroom & she hears & answers  
messages - says her bed is worked by electricity.
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Rony & excitable ~~this~~ but not violent.
- 7<sup>th</sup> " Excitable & interfering with the other patients. got a  
blow from M<sup>rs</sup> Drew which made her nose bleed.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Interfering with the other patients. Taken food fairly well.
- 9<sup>th</sup> " Quiet but interfering.
- 10<sup>th</sup> " Rude & interfering.
- 11<sup>th</sup> " A much better day.
- 12<sup>th</sup> " Fairly good day
- 13<sup>th</sup> " Quiet but deluded. Scout.
- 14<sup>th</sup> " Fairly good day but deluded - says she is a Boy's
- 15<sup>th</sup> " Rude & interfering. violent when spoken to.
- 16<sup>th</sup> " Quiet day.
- 17<sup>th</sup> " Uncertain. interfering & rude.
- 18<sup>th</sup> " Very rude & badtempered because she could not go to  
early service at Church.
- 19<sup>th</sup> " Rude & interfering
- 20<sup>th</sup> " Very deluded & very rude & troublesome - resistive  
unless there are plenty of nurses & then she will do  
more as she is wanted to do.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June Very deluded & wanting her own way.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> " Rather better day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> " Excited. interfering & violent. Picking both pt & nurses  
put to bed before tea. refused tea but took supper
- 24<sup>th</sup> " Excited & interfering - Struck Miss Farrand at  
dinner - time & threw her dinner. very deluded.
- 25<sup>th</sup> June Rony. excited & violent when she can't have her own way
- 26<sup>th</sup> " " deluded & interfering.
- 27<sup>th</sup> " Very deluded & troublesome at noon. refused dinner.







- 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Patient admitted this afternoon, giggling at times, night. Slept 6½ hrs, quiet - restless when awake.
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Patient quiet most of day, troublesome when asked to do anything, giggling at times. B.N.O. refused aperient. night. Patient restless & deluded, sitting up in bed when awake, restless & slept 4½ hrs, again refused aperient.
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Patient impulsive & violent this afternoon, Calomel 90 III given in jam sandwiches. night Patient badtempered early night, slept 5½ hrs.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May " quiet except when disturbed, deluded, rude when spoken to, refused to wash, troublesome & destructive when washed by the nurses - Kicked the basin & broke it. Good result from calomel. Transferred to 4<sup>th</sup> Gallery.
- 27<sup>th</sup> May Quiet & took her food well. but sensitive & violent when being put out in Court
- 28<sup>th</sup> May Fairly good day on the whole. Troublesome & wanting her own way at times. Taken food fairly well. refused aperient
- 29<sup>th</sup> May Troublesome <sup>early</sup> a.m. demanded a clean nightgown & because she was refused one, she wet the one she had on. Refused to dress until she got a telephone message from the doctor to say she had to do so. dressed by the nurses & was very troublesome & violent & tried to bite N. Jarvis & N. Canney. Fairly good & talking nicely before tea. Troublesome over washing & ordered the slaves (nurses) away & because they did not go she threw water over them. Then 3 nurses washed her & put her to bed. Refused aperient & had it given by tube. made herself sick afterwards
- 30<sup>th</sup> May Troublesome early morning but no struggling. inclined to be contrary but when she saw plenty of nurses she gave in. Struck Sister. refused supper.
- 31<sup>st</sup> May Rony & interfering. Took very little dinner but had a good tea & supper.
- 1<sup>st</sup> June Very rude when spoken to today. refused aperient & had it by tube.



Name J. H. Taylor Ward Centre. Date of Exam: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 76.

General Bodily Condition

Height 5 ft 4 ins.

Weight (without clothes) 8 st 4  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs.

Nutrition Good.

Injuries (if any)

Deformities

Head & neck

Teeth

Hair Short, thick & dark.

Trunk

Arms & Legs

Skin

Complexion Dark.

Colour

Tongue Clean

Respiration 20.

Pulse 72

Temperature 98.

Mental Condition

General Appearance

Conversation

Clearness

Orientation

Memory

Coherence

Good.

Delusions & Halls.

Patient says that her teeth are being drilled from inside by electricity.

Emotional State

Complaints

Numerous.

Conduct & Behaviour. Quiet until disturbed.

c/o H. V. Scott Esqre.  
St Peter's Grove.

York.

Jan: 8. 17.

Dear Dr. Pierie

I am very much  
obliged to you for  
enquiring about  
Welfare work for me.

The form you sent  
me I filled up some  
time ago, and have  
already been inter-  
viewed by an official  
from Nottingham.



Since I saw you, I  
have been "invited to  
meet the Interviewing  
Board of the Ministry of  
Munitions" at Birming-  
ham, next Tuesday.

Probably my name  
will be put on a  
"panel", & later on I  
shall obtain a post.

I will certainly  
read Miss Proud's book  
& either write, or see  
her when I get to  
London.

Some years ago I  
stayed at 27 St Mary's  
Bolton, so Miss Emily  
Rowntree might possibly  
remember me.

It is a pleasure  
to find my sister  
so much better, I  
thoroughly enjoyed  
my week with her.

With many thanks  
I am yours sincerely  
Oliver H. Taylor.

It may amuse  
you to see this  
(from D. M.)  
in prison ? ! ! !  
but "stone walls" etc  
in prison

Marlborough House  
21/6/17  
12 June 1917.

X/Not wanted  
back

Dear Miss Mounnington

Don't you think you  
might add the enclosed rushes  
to your wool collection! They  
are new to me but I suppose  
you know them quite well?!

I have also discovered that  
heather bushes grow seeds and  
bilberries flowers!

We spend nearly all  
our time on the hill side -  
amongst the rocks or in the  
little pine woods. The air  
is fine and the views <sup>are</sup> lovely.  
The house and its inmates  
are disappointing and we shall  
probably move after two weeks.



At the present moment (after tea) a child is strumming on the piano in the lounge and a fat old body is snoring on the drawing room sofa.

However, the bedrooms are airy and the house is close to the moor. We eat huge meals and pay little attention to the Food Controller.

What a pity you missed Miss Green. She says you were out, but I guess you were on your bed, as she came in the afternoon.

Pippin is yearning for a walk. He is not so affectionate or fascinating as Billy! Has Mrs. Candall gone off for her visit? and how are the shirts?!

Yours affectly. Irene H. Taylor.



9th June, 1917.

Dear Miss Taylor,

It was good of you to write and say good-bye. I did not myself realise that you were leaving.

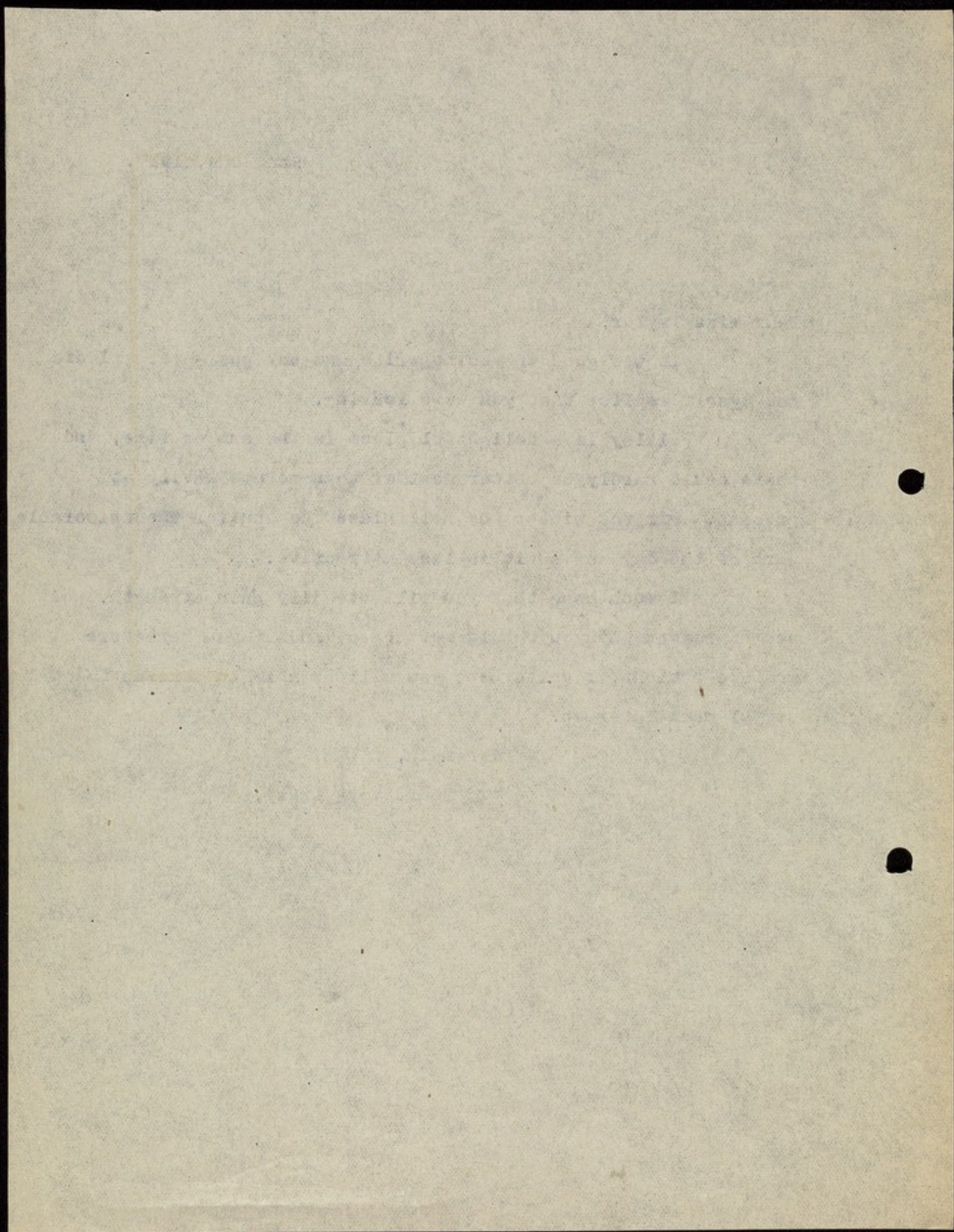
Ilkley is a delightful place in the summer time, and there could hardly be better weather than we are having at present. In the winter the hill hides the sun for the considerable part of the day and so it is less attractive.

I much hope that you will steadily gain strength. I see no reason why you should not do so, and if you persevere and are patient, I quite hope you will be able to take up useful work later on.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





537  
Marlborough House  
Egley.  
8 June 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce

This is just a  
line to wish you  
'goodbye' and to thank  
you for all your  
kindness to me. I  
did not know I should  
not see you again  
when you were last



at Throxbury.

Elkley seems to be  
a delightful place and  
the air makes us  
enjoy our meals!

We are quite close  
to the Tarn and the  
moors and spend as  
much time as possible  
out of doors.

Again thanking you  
I am yours very sincerely  
Irene H. Taylor.

2.6.17. <sup>My address at 110 Oakwood Court, 509. W. 14. London.</sup>  
<sup>on Tuesday night will be York.</sup>  
<sup>110 Oakwood Court, 509. W. 14. London.</sup>

I have now been able to arrange about  
trains, & shall be glad if ~~Dr~~ Peice  
can kindly arrange ~~to~~ see me between  
9 & 10 on Wednesday morning. Miss Taylor  
will I hope arrive at York (I have written  
to her & to Miss Elkins) at 11.49. & the train  
for Skelley leaves York at 12.18. Yours faithfully,  
Marcell. Hobson.



# POST CARD

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JUN 1



Miss Hardcastle Asst Sec;  
The Retreat  
York.

110 Oakwood Court <sup>509.</sup>  
W. 14,  
London,  
1.6.7.

Dear Madam.

I am much obliged to Dr. Pierce  
for letting me know that he can see  
me on Wednesday morning (June 6)  
& shall be glad if the interview  
can be in York, as I believe the  
Retreat is considerably outside the  
town. Otherwise can you kindly  
tell me the most direct way of getting  
there?

I am sure that Dr. Pierce will agree  
with me that as Miss Grimwood Taylor  
wishes to go away with me, when



she leaves Miss Elkins' kind care, it is almost essential to her future welfare that I should be instructed personally, as to the best way of maintaining the good established by his successful treatment of the case.

I am writing to propose that Miss Taylor and I shall meet at York Station on Wednesday, & travel together from York to Ilkley - but cannot yet ascertain the time of the train, nor how long the journey generally takes. This is awkward because of fixing the hour of the interview -

Probably I shall have to telephone to you on Monday evening, unless you will kindly send a p. card before then, if you know what time will best suit Dr. Pierce. <sup>at what time Miss Taylor will arrive at York.</sup>

Yours faithfully,  
Mary E. Robson.

33 Shaftesbury Rd.  
Hammersmith

W. VI.  
—

May 29, '17

Dear Dr. Peere

My Aunt, Miss Robson  
asked me to write &  
enquire if you could  
see her at York either  
June 5<sup>th</sup> evening (or afternoon)  
or 6<sup>th</sup> in the morning?  
She wants to



ask you one or  
two things about  
Irene before Irene  
meets her at York  
on June 6<sup>th</sup>, preparatory  
to their holiday in  
Ilkley.

It is difficult  
to make suitable  
plans after that.

My aunt's address is  
"Miss M. Robson  
110 Oakwood Court.  
Kensington.  
London. W. 14.

Yours sincerely  
Olive. H. Taylor



19th May, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to hear that you are having Miss Taylor to stay with you. I do not think that she will give you any anxiety, as for a long time she has been at Throxenby Hall and the only difficulty has been that she is not strong physically, cannot take much exercise and is quickly over-tired, but there has been no mental disturbance for some months.

I think we could arrange for someone to travel with her as far as Norwich if you cannot meet her. It is rather a long journey for her to manage alone, and the trains from Scarborough are not very convenient.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Hopper.



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TELEPHONE E-282.

THROXENBY HALL,  
SCARBOROUGH.

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1917

Dear S. Pierce.

I have written to  
Mr. Hopper & re-assure  
him that Mrs Taylor  
will not come to her.  
I also wrote to Mrs  
Taylor's sister & suggested  
on Mrs Taylor's behalf

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to go to her Aunt, as she  
herself wished to. I then  
arrange future plans  
from there - as she naturally  
feels people will not  
want to have her if  
she goes straight from  
here - In haste

Yrs. Sincerely  
Edith C. Perkins



THORNTON HALL  
BOARDBOARD

STARSTON RECTORY,  
HARLESTON,  
NORFOLK.

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have had such a nice letter from Miss Irene Taylor, saying that she would be so pleased to come & make us a visit - that I have written her to come - My husband or I could meet her in Norwich - so that she could get <sup>here</sup> in a day - and she is to fix her own time. No doubt she will let you know - As she seems so delighted at the thought of coming it may do her good -

Yours truly  
M. L. Hopper -

Dr. Pierce -



Norfolk is either  
"Kill or Come" &  
I am told — the  
people in this  
village live to a  
great age — it is  
cold & bracing —



12th May, 1917.

Dear Madam,

Miss Irene Hope Taylor has had a serious mental breakdown, but is now convalescent and for some months there has been no mental disturbance at all, but she remains physically out of condition and cannot do much in the way of employment and soon gets tired.

She has been staying at our branch house at Scarborough and it is quite suitable for her to have a change. She is a Voluntary Boarder with us and can do just as she pleases. I should almost think that if she decides to go to stay with you, it would be almost better for you to come to see her at Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, and talk things over with her and then she could return with you, as I think it is a long journey for her to undertake by herself.

She has been very comfortable at Throxenby and I think she is not very wishful to leave, but she must take the plunge sometime, and it is on this account that I suggested a change.

I remain,

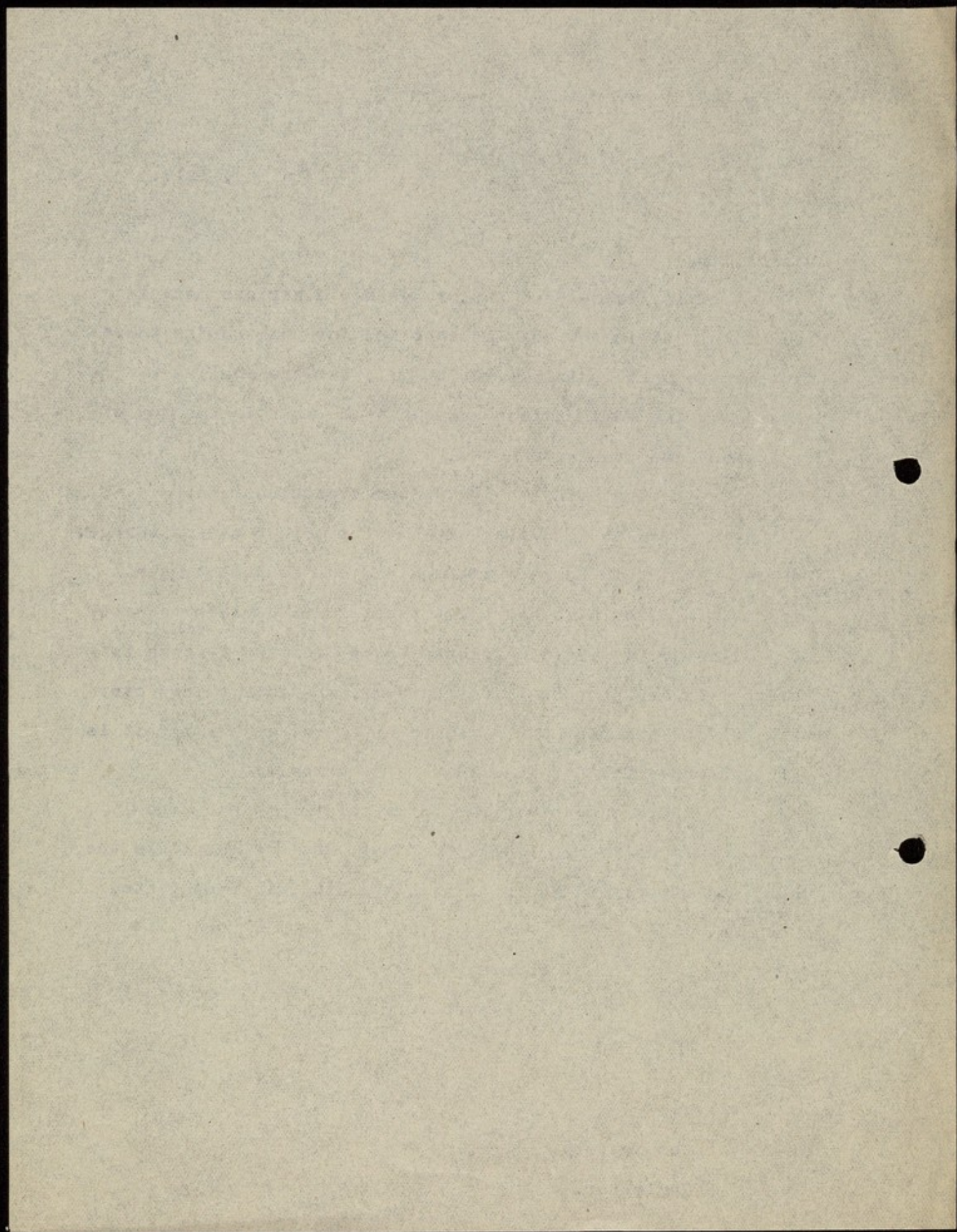
Yours very truly,

Mrs. Hopper,

Starston Rectory,

Harleston.







11th May, 1917.

Dear Miss Taylor,

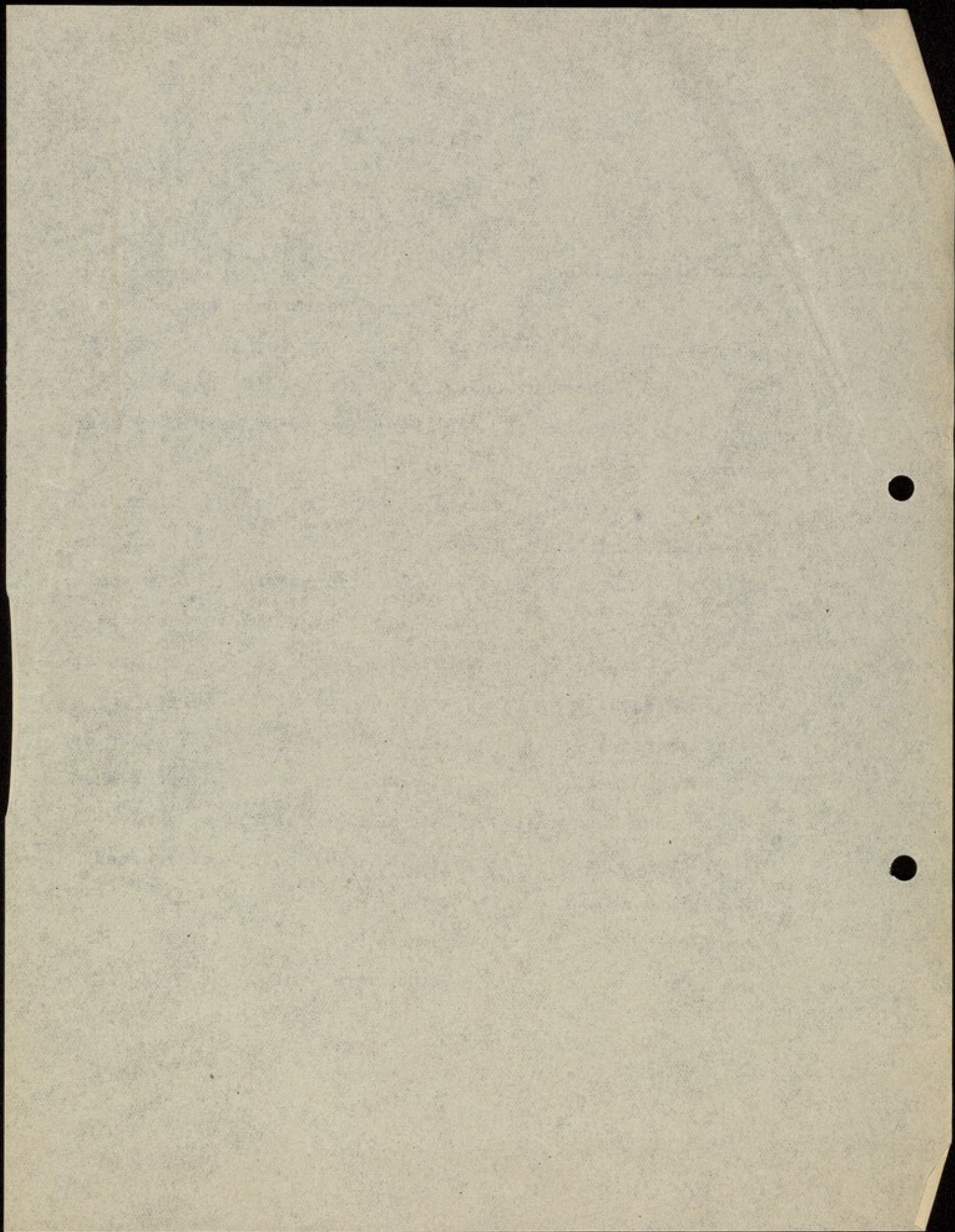
I saw your sister again yesterday, and she is most wishful that you should not in any way interfere with your work on her account, and I myself quite agree with her that there is not much advantage to be gained by your throwing up your welfare work.

She could leave Throxbury Hall at any time provided a suitable place could be found for her, but she hesitates to go to live amongst strange people whom she does not know, and I should certainly think that she is not fit to live in London with you in a flat while you are away so much. Would it not be possible for her to pay a visit to some friends or relatives for say three weeks or a month to see how she does, and then if she prefers she could come back to us. As she is a Voluntary Boarder there would be no formalities and she could return when she liked.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







417.  
Address Mrs Hopper.

STARSTON RECTORY,  
HARLESTON,  
NORFOLK.

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Dear Sir,

We have heard from Miss Olive  
Gimwood-Laylor - that her sister  
Lucie has been under your care -  
do you think she is strong enough  
to travel as far as Norfolk? as  
we should like to have her for  
a visit. The Mother, Mrs Gimwood  
was my husband's cousin by marriage -  
so we know the family - Olive wished  
me to write for your opinion - as she  
thought the journey rather a long one for  
her sister - she could come by the  
way of Norwich - This is simply an



STARSTON RECTORY  
HARLESTON  
ROSFORD

old fashioned Country Rectory & big  
garden - where Lewis' ancestors used  
to live - ages ago!

Trusting that I am not giving you  
too much trouble in asking for  
a reply -

Yours truly  
Margaret L. Hopper -

Dr. Pierce.

went to Sheffield, the  
most probable place, we  
know very few people.

Owing to my second sister  
being detained in S. Africa  
I feel quite responsible for  
her, & my brother & I  
are anxious to do the  
best for her health and  
happiness.

Much travelling and  
visiting comes so expens-  
ive now a days unfortunately,  
I am glad to be learning  
as a "Welfare Supervisor  
and Night Foreman".

This is written in the  
factory at 3.30 a.m.

Yours sincerely Olive H. Taylor

409.  
33 Shaftesbury Road.  
Hammersmith.

London. W. VI.

May 8. 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce

My sister Irene has  
written to my Aunt say-  
ing you advise her paying  
a round of visits soon.

If you think she is  
well enough & that is  
would be a good plan,  
to be carried out im-  
mediately, would you  
let me know?

Any advice as to  
locality, or any other



hints would be most helpful. Is sea, country or town life most likely to suit Irene? Would she like to stay with friends (i.e. Mr. Egerton of Redenhall Mr. E. Hopper of Starston) in Norfolk, before coming south?

I am writing to enquire simply, if they would take her in as a paying guest.

Or my Aunt Miss Robson could meet Irene up north for a holiday, but would prefer staying at Weymouth as she has friends there who would be company for Irene.

If you think it would

be best for me to give up all prospect of work in order to go about with my sister? I can be free after June 19<sup>th</sup>. But if so, I must give this firm notice at once, as they are making alterations.

Of course I could take up a post "anywhere in England" as I am on the Panel for the Ministry of Munitions - if that would be better? But that may mean delay, & finally an unsuitable neighbourhood for Irene to live in.

We have many friends in London, whereas if I



33 Shaftesbury Road. (825)

Hammer Smith  
W. VI.

Ap. 9 1917. Thank  
you very much  
for your letter it  
would have been  
a great rush to come  
to Yorkshire for Easter.  
I expect to stay on at  
Messrs Loder & Lineolne  
2 more months. But  
if I can be of real  
use to my sister please  
let me know.

Yours truly

Oliver H Taylor.



# POST CARD

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WILKENSINGTON W

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN HERE.

2. 15

10 APR 17



Engraved and Printed at Carter's Derby Press.

Please excuse  
a card as my  
short holiday has  
been fast, & night  
duty from 6 pm. to 6 a.m. means little  
spare time.

B. Pierce Esq<sup>r</sup>  
The Retreat.  
York.



2nd April, 1917.

Dear Miss Taylor,

I understand that your sister is quite willing to stay on longer at Throxenby Hall, which seems to me the best thing to do.

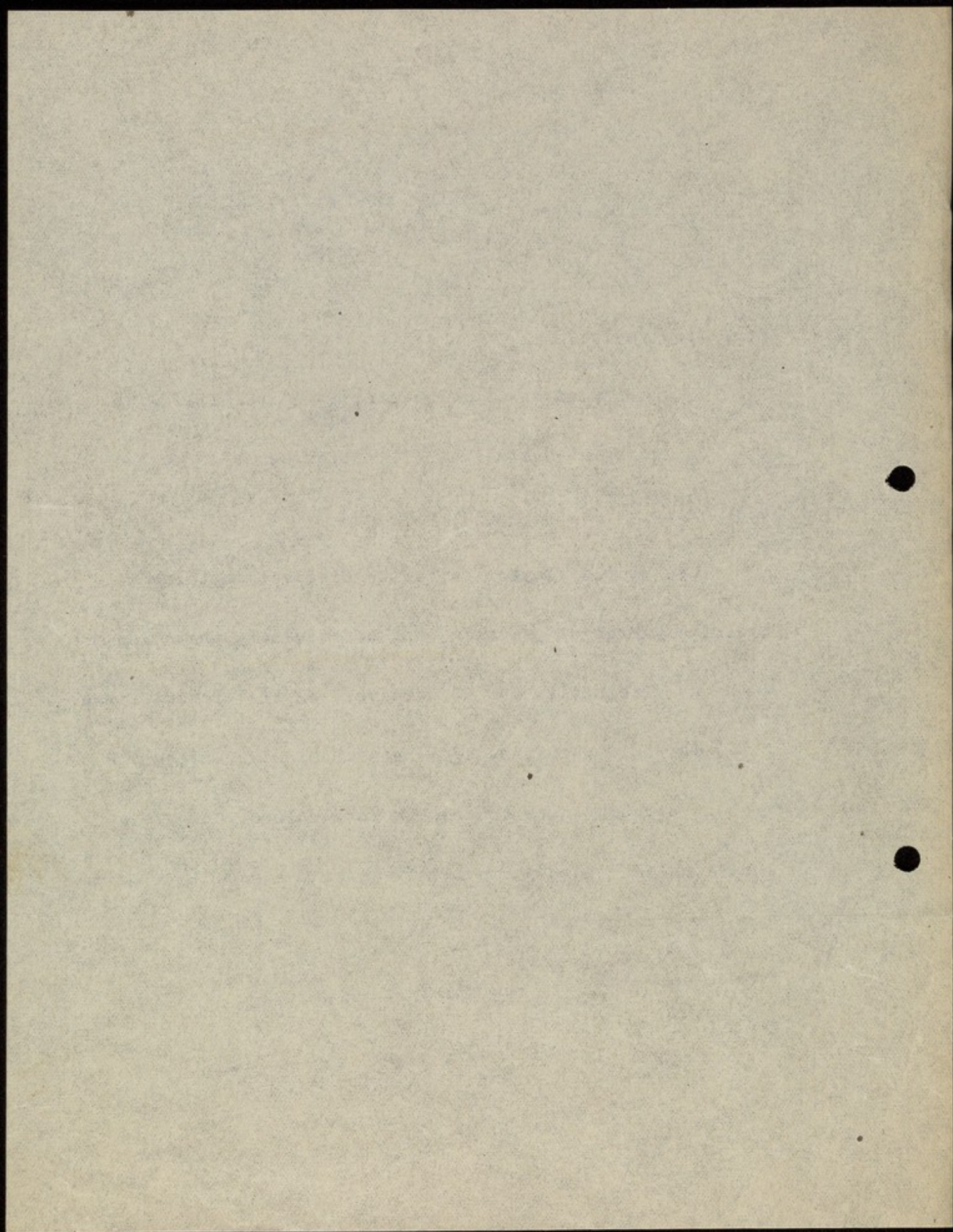
Dr. Everley Taylor failed to discover anything definitely wrong physically, and consequently there seems to be no alternative but to persevere on the present lines.

It would certainly seem not worth while under the present circumstances to come to York unless you have a longer holiday than seems likely to be the case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,







33 Shaftesbury Rd.  
Hammersmith.

Mar/30/17. W. 6. (786)

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for  
your letter about my  
sister. As I have only  
just got this appoint-  
ment, I do not yet  
know if I shall have  
even 4 days holiday  
at Easter.

I should be very  
glad if you will tell  
me what Dr. B. Taylor's



thinks about my  
sister, & the wisest  
plans for her future.

It is so very expen-  
sive coming even to  
York, & I only know one  
(expensive), boarding house  
in Scarborough:- so that  
unless it is imperative  
for me to come, under  
the circumstances I would  
rather not. Of course I  
feel responsible for Irene, &  
I am most anxious to  
help her in every way.  
I would be on duty both  
Thursday & following Tuesday  
nights 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. anyway.  
Yours sincerely Olive H. Taylor.



24th March, 1917.

Dear Miss Taylor,

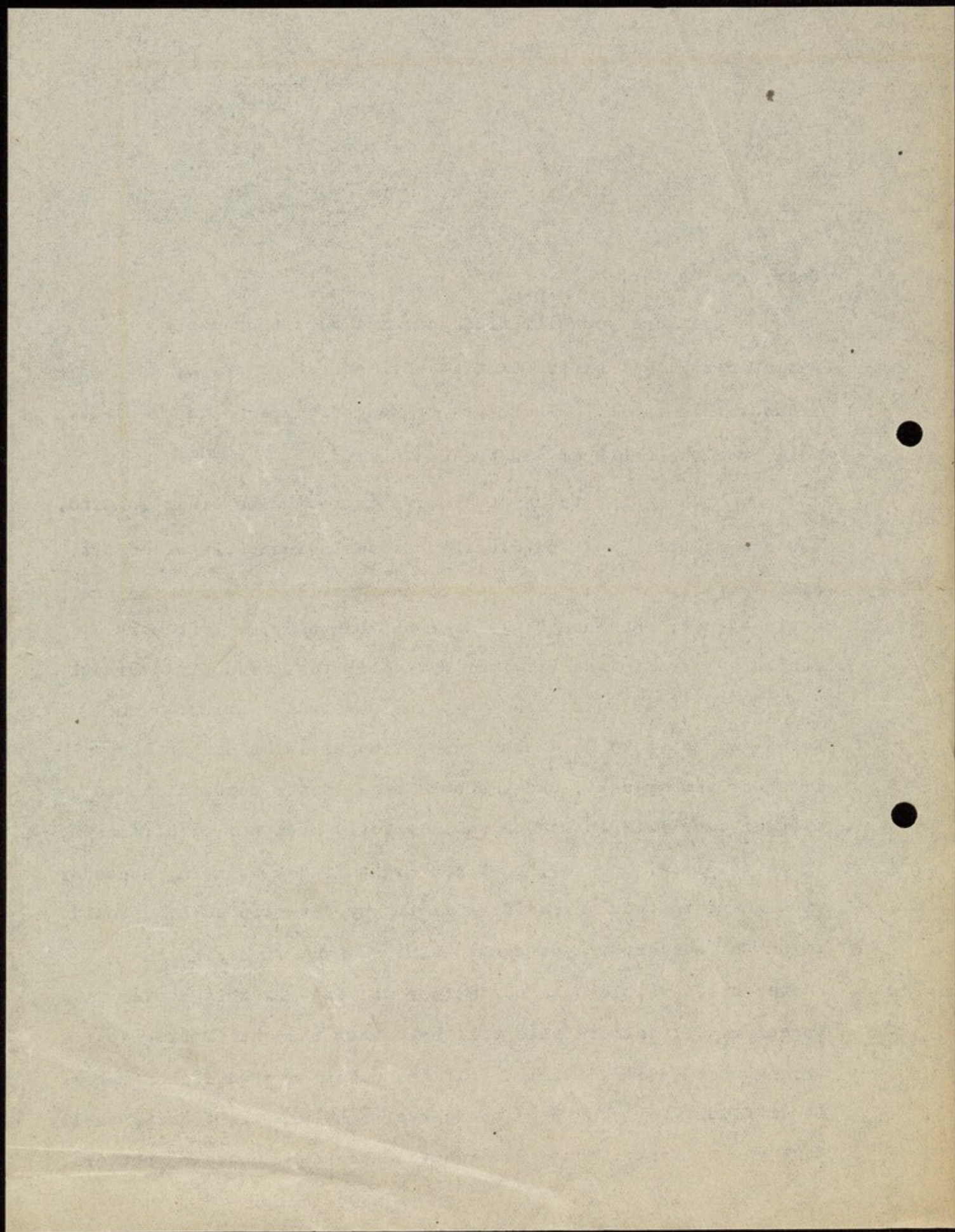
I hope you will find your new work thoroughly satisfactory. I expect that it will be rather trying and arduous some times. There are so many prejudices to overcome, both from the employer and the employed.

I am glad to say that Miss Taylor keeps clear in mind, but she is still weak physically and seems incapable of effort, either mentally or bodily. She is not getting as strong as one would expect, and when I was over on Wednesday, I left work that they were to ask Dr. Everley Taylor to thoroughly overhaul her to see if he could find anything physically amiss. She certainly seems to need some general supervision and an easy life for the present, and I should be a little doubtful as to whether Club life in London would exactly meet her requirements. It is possible, however, that you might find a Boarding House or Club where she would receive a little sympathetic care. Would it not be better, if you can possibly manage it during the Easter holidays, to come to see her and to talk things over together. I believe this will be better than attempting to arrange things immediately. If the question of distance makes it difficult for you to go to Scarborough, she might quite easily meet you in York, though I daresay Scarborough would be better.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





751.  
at/33 Shaftesbury Rd.  
Hammersmith.  
W.6.

Mar/22/17.

Dear Dr Pierce

I am writing to  
enquire what you  
think about my Sister?

Now I have secured  
a post as a welfare  
Supervisor in London, as  
we settled - she does not  
sound keen to join  
me, in or near to  
Hammersmith.

It is no use my



spending my spare  
time hunting for a nice  
club for us to live at,  
if she has other plans.

This month I am  
on night duty, (6. p.m.  
to 6. a.m.) which accounts  
for this bad ink & pen  
at the factory.

Do you think Irene  
ought to stay on at the  
Hall, or go elsewhere  
for a holiday. She  
sounds nervous about  
herself, & says she gets

very easily tired. The  
weather of course is  
most upsetting for  
everyone.

Please excuse my  
writing but I do  
want to do the best  
thing for Irene.

Yours truly

Olivia H. Taylor.

P.S. I have put my  
address for this month.



Fressingfield

506.

6th Feb 1897

Littleover

Derby

Wm J. H. Taylor

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you  
for your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst.,  
& I am glad to hear my  
visit is all right again  
mentally, & also that she is  
willing to stay on at Throncote  
as a voluntary boarder.

It is to be hoped she will  
benefit physically by remaining  
there, & that she will not  
lapse off again as she did  
before & have to be placed  
in custody. I am afraid

never a recurrence is not  
unlikely, some time or other.

I am

Yours truly

L. Grimwood Taylor  
R.N.R.



*Believe me  
The Respect  
Yours*



PORTSMOUTH  
CARD  
10.30 PM  
6 FEB 17



LETTER

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3rd February, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to be able to say that your sister is now very nicely, except that she lacks confidence and her general health is not very robust. She complains a good deal of her eyes and says that after a quarter or half an hour's reading they begin to ache, but we have examined them and find nothing decidedly amiss. She is also easily tired.

She herself feels somewhat discouraged because she cannot make any plans for the future and everything is so undecided. She, however, discusses these matters in a perfectly reasonable way, gives no trouble whatever, and it is, therefore, impossible to sign the special report and certificate which are necessary if her certificates are to remain in force. I am, therefore, deciding to discharge her as recovered. This word refers to her mental condition, and she is willing to stay on at Throxenby Hall as a Voluntary Boarder.

I am writing to explain the situation to you, but there is nothing to be done, as her certificates would lapse in any case on the 12th.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. G. Taylor, Esq.





St Mary's Gate  
Derby.  
22/10/16.

Dear Dr Perce.

Thank you very  
much for your letter. As  
Irene is not well yet  
we think it will be  
better not to suggest the  
journey, particularly as  
Mother was most anxious  
she should remain under  
your care until really



convalescent - My aunt  
& sister <sup>Olive</sup> think of going to  
see Miss Elkin to discuss  
other plans for when she leaves.

Would you please ask  
your Committee if they  
could reduce their fees  
for Irene while she is at  
Throtenby, as the expense  
is very heavy, & we find  
it difficult to meet it.

Again thanking you for  
your very kind help -

Yours sincerely.

Eva In Taylor -

ST MARY'S GATE,  
DERBY.

Dec. 20, 1916.

Dear Sir

My brother desires  
me to thank you  
for your letter of the  
14<sup>th</sup> inst, & for the  
concession your  
Committee has made.

I enclose a cheque



ST MARKS GATE  
DERBY  
for £ 60-3-11, receipt  
of which please  
acknowledge.

Yours truly  
(Miss) O.H. Taylor.

B. Percie Esq<sup>r</sup>—  
The Retreat.  
York.



Oct 19. 1916.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

A sudden idea came to me on my way home this afternoon as a solution to the problem about my sister - When we saw her at Scarborough she expressed a great wish to travel & wished she was going with me to S. Africa, to see my sister & to stay with the three little children, of whom she is very fond. My passage is booked on HMS Saxon for Nov 4<sup>th</sup> & an aunt travels with me - If you think her well enough, shall we suggest that she goes too? It would be a great rush to get her things ready, but I think we could manage it, & the more I think of it, the more I feel it would give Irene



201-10-20



the thorough change she needs & would do more than anything else to divert her thoughts from herself. Can you let me know by return if you think this too ambitious a scheme or if it has your sanction. I believe Irene rather clings to me at present - she used to be a bad sailor -

Thanking you for your kindness to us today.

Yours sincerely,

Eva M Taylor.

I believe my aunts would help with the passage money etc, so that question need not hamper us.



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thoughts from here.

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to understand a system of it has

our connection. I believe believe  
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Thinking you for your thinking

to be taking  
I believe in

For the future.

I believe my current work with  
the passage from it so that question  
and not longer is.

St Mary's Gate  
Derby.  
Oct 10. 1916.

Dear Sir -

My sister & I

I find we can go to  
Scarborough next Monday  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> & should be  
glad of your permission  
to visit our sister at  
Throxenby Hall on  
Tuesday & Wednesday -



We should also like if  
possible to see you on  
Thursday on our way  
home, if you could  
make an appointment  
for us sometime during  
the day.

Yours sincerely  
Eva M. Taylor.

S. Mary's Gate  
Derby.

26/9/16

Dear Sir.

Owing to my brothers absence  
at Portsmouth on naval service, I am  
attending to the business necessitated by  
my Mothers death, & am writing to ask  
you, how far you think it either right  
or wise to tell my elder sister about  
the breaking up of our old home? May  
I explain things to her in connection  
with my Mothers will, & ask her wishes  
about furniture, jewelry books etc or  
must we make all plans without  
consulting her?

I should be glad  
of your guidance on this point & also  
whether to accede to a request in her letter  
last <sup>week</sup> asking us to forward to her a  
valuable (£30-£50) gold watch given to her  
some time ago.

Should she to see letters of sympathy  
from friends, some of them written to her? Yours truly  
May Taylor.

Should it be a help if any of us visited her? An old friend of  
the family (The Rev H Oxley) who lives at Filey has also offered to do  
so, if you think it advisable -



2. 1900

1900

20/9/00

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in connection with the business

concerning the business of the company

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3.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by The Retreat.

## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive *Miss Anne Hope Taylor* of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with *Richard Thompson* of *Brinsford, The Mount, York* the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or cause to be paid, to the said *Richard Thompson* as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *August* 19*06*.

Name *S. E. Hope Taylor*

Residence *36 St Mary's Gate, Derby*

Occupation *Widow*

SIGNED by the said *Sarah Elizabeth Hope Taylor*  
in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

*H. Bennett*

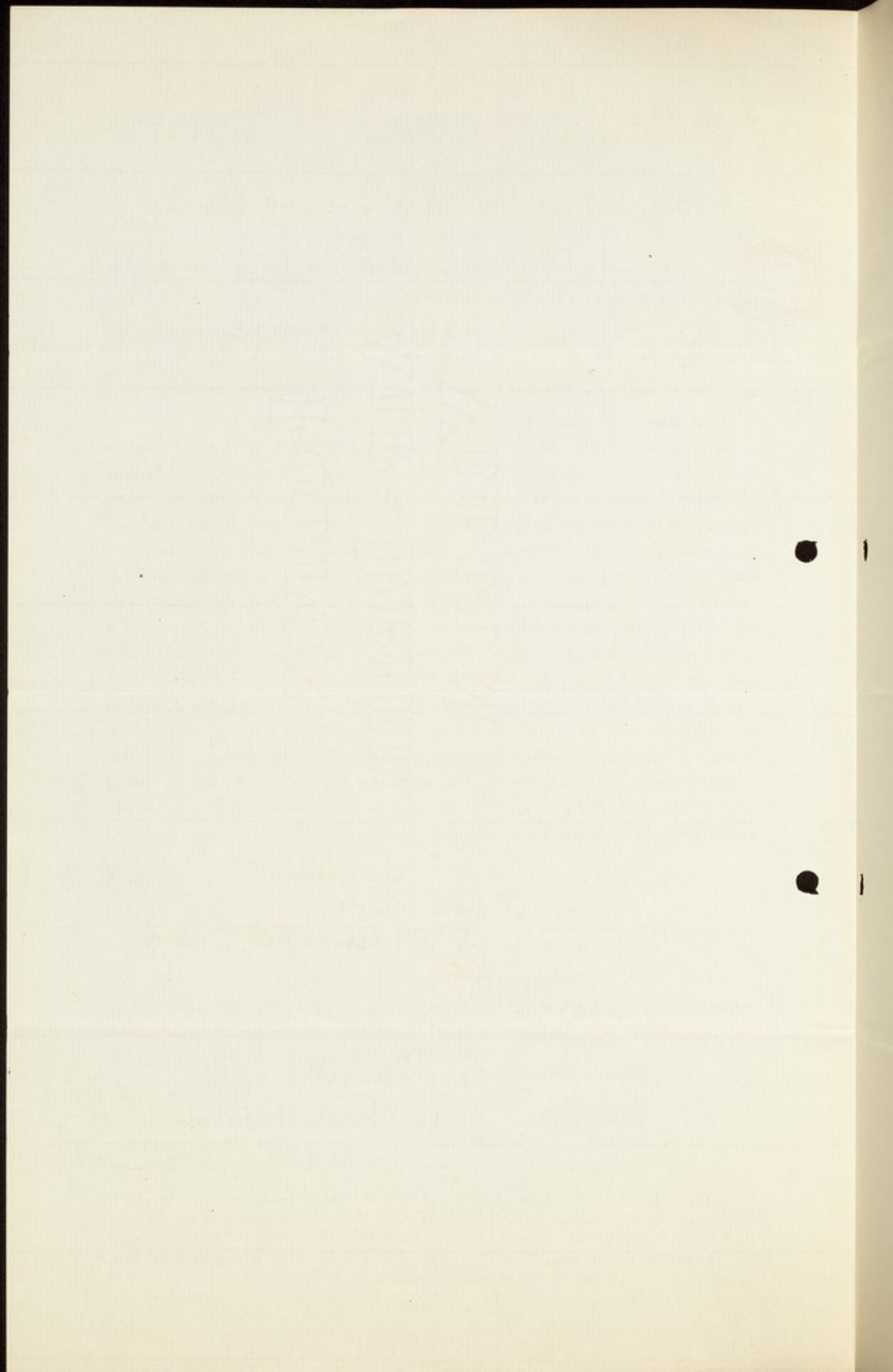
*26 Chestnut Avenue, Derby*

*Solicitors' Clerk*

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

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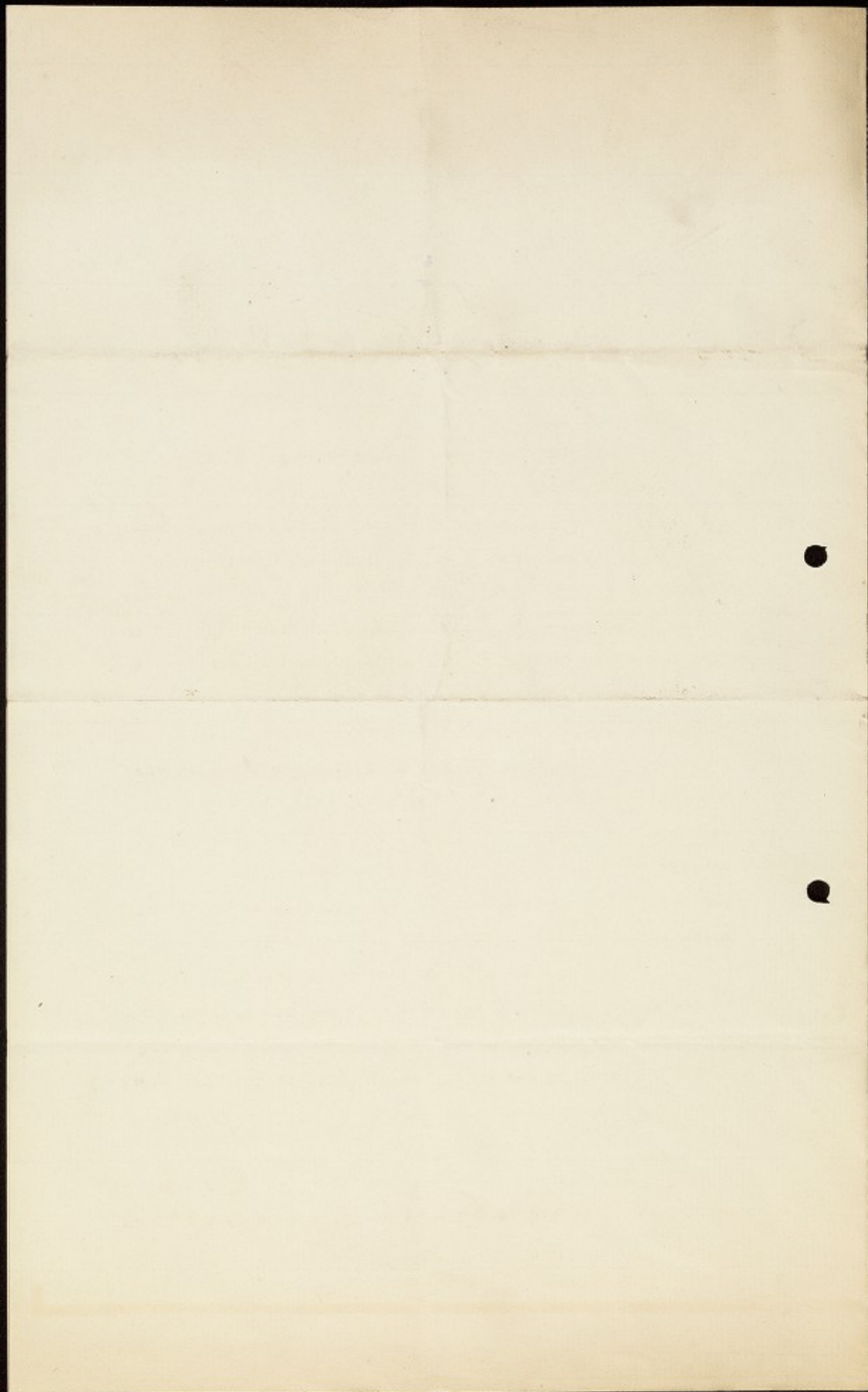












21st October, 1916.

Dear Miss Taylor,

I do not feel free to recommend you to take Miss Taylor away to South Africa as suggested. We are not sufficiently sure that she is satisfactorily convalescent, and though she has parole and is perfectly orderly and correct in her behaviour, she is a little abrupt in manner and is reticent. On communicating with Miss Elkins I find that she does not feel that Miss Taylor is thoroughly out of the wood yet. This being so I do not think I could take the responsibility of advising such a long journey at this time.

On the other hand it is quite possible that your suggestion would work out excellently well, that the sea voyage would improve her health, and that after the first dangers of the Channel, a removal to South Africa, away from the war, would be beneficial. Consequently we shall not raise the slightest objection if you decide to take her.

Much depends upon whether the sister you are going to see would be able to help you. I may add that an excellent nurse of ours, Miss Constance E. Kent, is going out, I believe, on the same boat in order to join her sister in Natal, and she might be a help to you on the journey, should help be needed.

I am sorry not to give you firm advice in this matter, but I really feel that I do not know enough of your



sister to judge.

If on thinking it over you still would like to try, it would be well to telegraph to Miss Elkins and ask her to talk the matter over with your sister. She could then, I think, judge to some extent whether the proposal would be a wise one. So far nothing has been said to her on the subject.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



12th October, 1916.

Dear Madam,

It will be perfectly convenient for you to visit Miss Taylor at Throxenby at the time you mention. Any time will do and there is no need to advise us beforehand of any particular hour.

With regard to this day week, I can hardly say whether I shall be at home then, but I have no reason to think that I shall be away. Perhaps when you are at Throxenby you might telephone over and I should then be able to let you know how I am situated.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Taylor,  
St. Mary's Gate,  
Derby.







29th September, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have been to Throxenby to-day and seen Miss Taylor and am glad to say that she is doing very well. She is quite clear in mind and interested in all that goes on. She is perhaps a little dull and depraved and says she has nothing special to do, but she is really not able to do much and feels tired easily. With regard to the matter you mention I should certainly send her the letters and consult her about things but for the present I do not think she ought to take any decided responsibility. Indeed I would suggest that you defer for a time things directly affecting her. There seems no reason why she should not have her watch.

By all means go to see her as soon as you can conveniently. Throxenby Hall is about two miles from Scarborough - and it will be quite suitable for Mr. Oxley to do so.

We quite hope Miss Taylor is convalescent, but in this type of case it is really difficult to see far into the future.

Yours very truly,

*Miss Taylor.*



1915. 1916. 1917.

Very much

I have been in emergency to-day and need more water

and am glad to say that the water is very good

and is quite clear and has no objectionable taste

and is quite good for drinking

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Yours

Very much

Miss Thayer

Warrant Officer Inen

H.M.S. VERNON,  
PORTSMOUTH.

15 Sep 1916

Irene H. Taylor

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter. My mother died on Wednesday, & the funeral is on Sunday at 2.30.

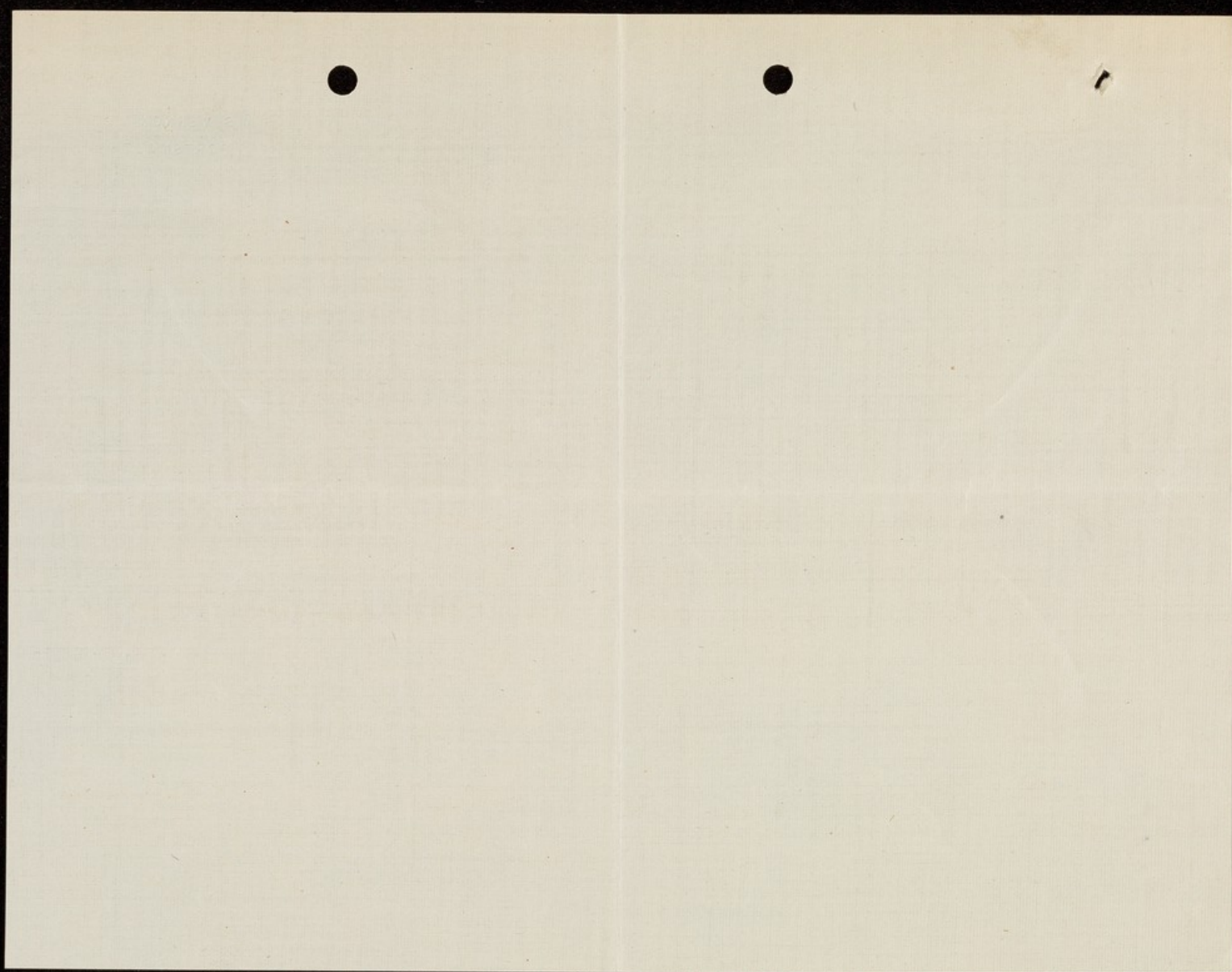
I am attending it myself, but we are not expecting my sister Irene.

Yours truly

S. H. Taylor

R.N.R.





FRESSINGFIELD,  
LITTLEOVER,  
DERBY.

12. Sep. 1916

Irene H Taylor

Dear Sir

I thank you for  
your letter & am glad  
to hear my sister is  
well enough to have  
a change.

My mother had a  
stroke on Sunday  
evening & has been  
unconscious ever since.

She is slowly sinking  
I am afraid.

I must leave it to



Yours discretion whether  
or not to inform my  
sister, or to wait

I am

Yours truly

S. Greenwood Taylor

Bedford Pierce Esq

3rd August, 1916.

Dear Dr. Minchin,

It is years since I heard anything of Mrs. Jackson until her brother wrote and asked me for some addresses, and I gave him your name. They are, I gather, comfortably off, middle class people, but not well to do.

We had a nurse once with the patient, and I understood that she ~~was~~ has a chronic delusions of suspicion, but was well able to look after herself in most directions, the sort of patient who does best when left alone.

Miss Taylor is unfortunately a very troublesome patient, restless and excitable, complaining and making accusations without cause, and is generally disagreeable. At times she can be quite nice, but I cannot report any satisfactory change for the better.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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25<sup>th</sup> May 1916.

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ST MARY'S GATE,  
DERBY.

Dear Dr. Keirce,

I hope I have filled in this paper correctly. I never heard a name given to the disease from which my dear Husband suffered, only that cases like his had been known before, but no cure had been discovered. His Grandmother & Aunt (unmarried) were both bed-ridden for some 3 or 4 years with apparently the same kind of illness. I never knew the former but the Aunt was very much cleverer than ordinary women. My Husband's own parents were both strong healthy & clever. I find I have omitted to say that his Sister (my sister-in-law) was hysterical, & finally had to be certified, she was in an Asylum for twelve years, I think, she is now & discharged. It was supposed that her illness would not have occurred if her bodily health had been attended to, but I can't be sure. You will kindly let me know if at any time, it would be wise for any of us to write to or visit my Daughter? I have had no communication with her since she left home and



understand she does not wish to hear from  
us. Personally it is too painful to me to  
see her so unlike herself, that I would  
rather not do so, unless it would be  
good for her. I hope she will not give  
much trouble, when I see you the week  
before next. I had not heard any of  
the things from Dr. Munchie, that he  
has since given particulars of, and so  
hope that she was behaving better.

Believe me to remain

Yours truly

H. Greenwood Taylor

I am much obliged to Dr. Wilson for his  
letter, and good report.



20th May, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Just a line to acknowledge your letter of the 17th May, and to say that we are ready to receive Miss Grimwood Taylor at any time, though if possible it would be a convenience to have a day or two's notice.

It would not be very easy for us to send a nurse to assist in the removal, as just at present we are very shorthanded; still if no other course is available I daresay a nurse could be liberated to go by an early train, returning the same day.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. Grimwood Taylor, Esq.

St Mary's Gate,

Derby.



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May 18th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Minchin,

Many thanks for your letter. I have written to Mrs. Grimwood Taylor saying that we will give Miss Taylor a trial, and as soon as formalities for transfer can be carried through we shall be ready to receive her. It certainly does not look a promising case, still it is possible that the discipline of institution life may be beneficial.

I have ~~also~~ noted in my diary that you are likely to have a vacancy for a new patient in case anything suitable should turn up.

I remain,

Yours truly,





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ST MARY'S GATE,  
DERBY.

17th May 1916

Dear Sir,

Miss Irene H Taylor

I have opened your letter to my Mother, as she is not expected to arrive in Derby until late tonight.

I think the terms you propose, £4:4:0 a week, fair & reasonable, and on my mother's behalf I write to accept, on the understanding that your committee may be able to reduce the terms after a time if my sister settles down well and there is no need for close supervision.

I gather that as "it only remains to write to the Board of Control" you



can take my sister in practically immediately, and I am accordingly writing for the sanction.

I am also writing Dr Minchin so that he can fix up a day for the transfer.

I do not quite know how this transfer is to be carried out. Dr Minchin's nurse could accompany her on the G.N.Ry from Etwall to York, but I should imagine two nurses are better than one.

If it is possible I think my mother would like you to send a trained nurse to assist. We can pay any extra fee for this, and she can spend the night here.

I could accompany my sister, but she resents family interference with her

affairs.

I hope she will not prove to be a troublesome case. So far as I know she merely seems childish and silly.

Yours truly,

*S. Greenwood Taylor*

Bedford Pierce Esq M D

16th May, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Taylor,

At the meeting of the Committee to-day the application for Miss Taylor was duly considered in the light of a letter we have received from Dr. Minchin. The Committee felt that under the circumstances they were not justified in receiving Miss Taylor at less than £4. 4. 0 per week in view of the nursing and supervision required. If after a time she settles down well and there is no need for close supervision, the Committee would be quite willing to reduce the terms to the sum I mentioned.

If you agree to this it only remains to write to the Board of Control asking for their sanction to her removal to the Retreat.

I am sorry the lower terms could not be sanctioned, but I think you will understand that at this time nursing is very expensive.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



11/11/11

Dear Mr. Taylor,

At the meeting of the Committee to-day the  
a motion for Mr. Taylor was considered in the  
light of a letter we have received from Dr. W. W. W. W.  
The Committee felt that under the circumstances they were  
not justified in receiving Mr. Taylor as a member.  
The Committee is of the opinion that the matter and discussion  
required. It is after a time the matter will and  
there is no need for close supervision, the Committee  
would be quite willing to return the matter to the  
I mentioned.

If you agree to this it only remains to write  
to the Board of Control and to the Board of Control  
for removal of the subject.  
I have been thinking of the lower law and of the  
action, but I think you will understand that  
this is a matter of very importance.

Yours very truly,

I should be greatly obliged  
if you would keep me  
in mind, if at any time  
you hear of a suitable  
case requiring a quiet,  
comfortable home —

With kind regards,  
I am

Yours very truly,

P. Wm. de Minton

Private & Confidential.

THE GROVE,

ETWALL,

DERBYSHIRE,

14<sup>th</sup> May /16

Dear Dr. Pinner

I am afraid I  
cannot give you a very  
good account of Miss  
Taylor — She has been  
with me for three months.  
At first she showed  
some slight signs of  
improvement, but during  
the past month she has



THE GROVE  
ETWALL  
DERBYSHIRE

got steadily worse —  
About ten days ago she  
cut her hair quite close  
with a small work  
scissors — She has  
attacked her nurse —  
and threatens to do so  
again — She is always  
up to mischief of some  
sort or other, hiding her  
own or other people's

things, she — She is  
very clever, and will  
write letters to all sorts  
of people, and use all  
sorts of tricks and  
devices to get them  
posted — I hope you  
will be able to take her  
in, as she is too much  
for us here with our  
Nurse, and they can't  
afford another one.  
My wife is a daughter  
of the late Sir John Pitt-Rivers.

May 12th, 1916.

Dear Sir,

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Dr. Minchin,

The Grove,

Etwall,

Nr. Derby.



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