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18th December, 1917.

Dear Madam,

We are very pleased indeed to hear that Mrs. Thompson is so much better, and that she is attending to her household work, and is eating and sleeping well.

I am accordingly sending the formal notice of discharge to Miss Ramshaw.

I am much obliged for the kind remarks at the end of your letter. It would have been a great pleasure to us if we had been able to discharge Mrs. Thompson as really recovered.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Thompson,

Hastings House Farm,

Littletown,

Durham.

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Hasting's House Farm
Littleclough. Durham

Dr. Pierce

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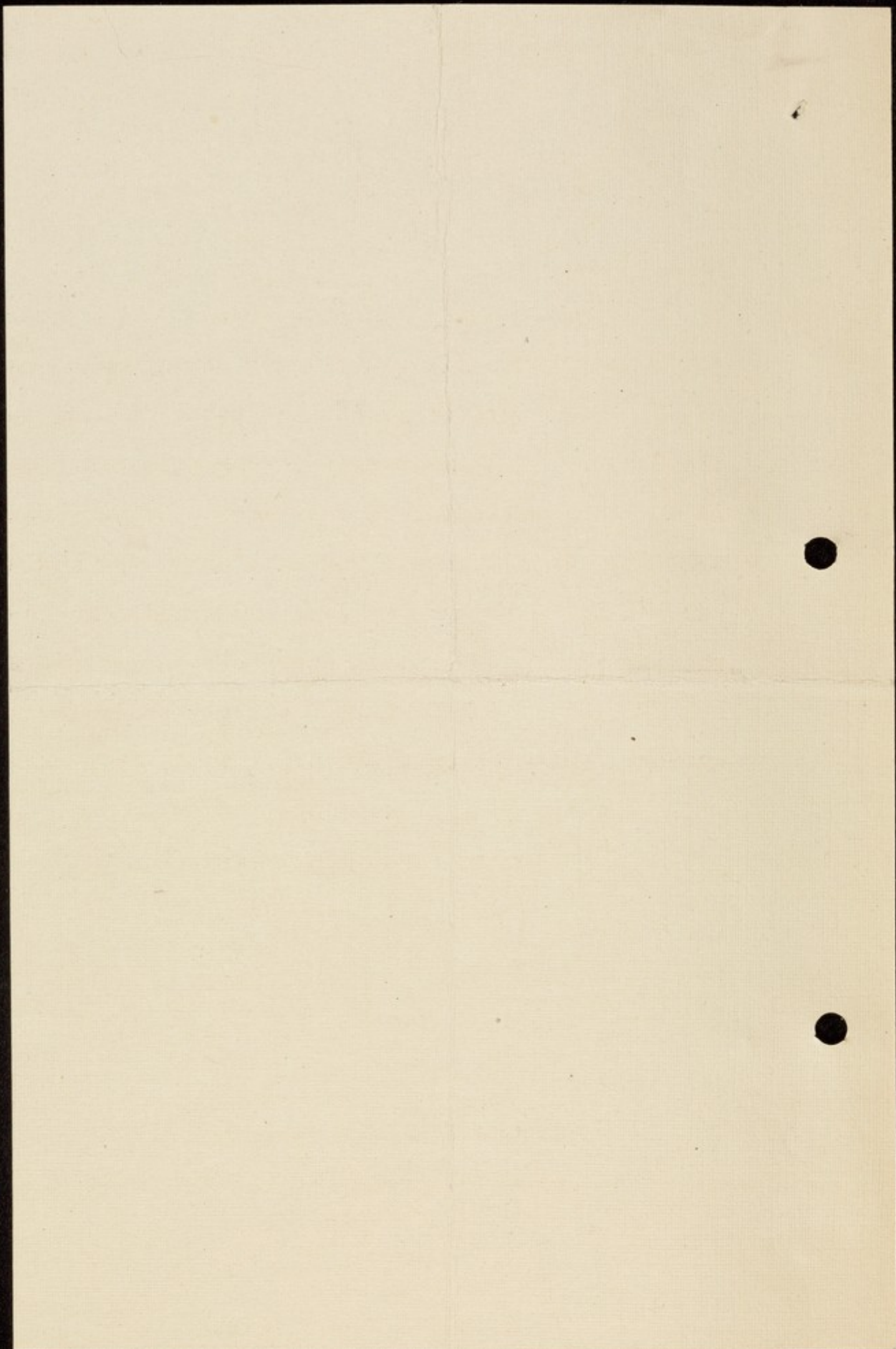
Dear Sir,

I have been in Newcastle & seen the letter Miss Ramsdell received from you regarding my Mother, Mrs Eliz. Thompson. We have decided to have her discharged as relieved. She is much more cheerful & able to attend to her household duties, & has a splendid appetite, she also looks well & sleeps considerably better.

I guarantee to take every care of her & will you please let me know how the account stands during her absence.

We thank you very much indeed for ^{your} ~~her~~ care & attention during her stay at the Retreat & are confident she has benefited from same.

Yours Truly J. Thompson



9th November, 1917.

Dear Madam,

It would seem hardly desirable that Mrs. Thompson should remain indefinitely under certificates seeing that she is not doing very well, and the better course would be to discharge her as "relieved". Her certificates must lapse in any case early in the New Year. If your doctor recommends that they should remain in force until the end of the present year, I will ask the Committee to extend the leave until then, provided, of course, that there are no grounds for anxiety.

I send with this the usual paper about leave of absence, which perhaps you may already have had.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Ramshaw,

160 Portland Road,

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY
TELEPHONE { YORK N6112.
LEEDS N92877.

being arrested etc.

We would prefer not to
have her discharged
for some time yet
until we see how she
really turns.

We are doing our best
to help her by getting
her out a lot, & plenty
changes.

Thanking you very much
for your kind attention

I remain Sir
Yours faithfully
M. Parnham

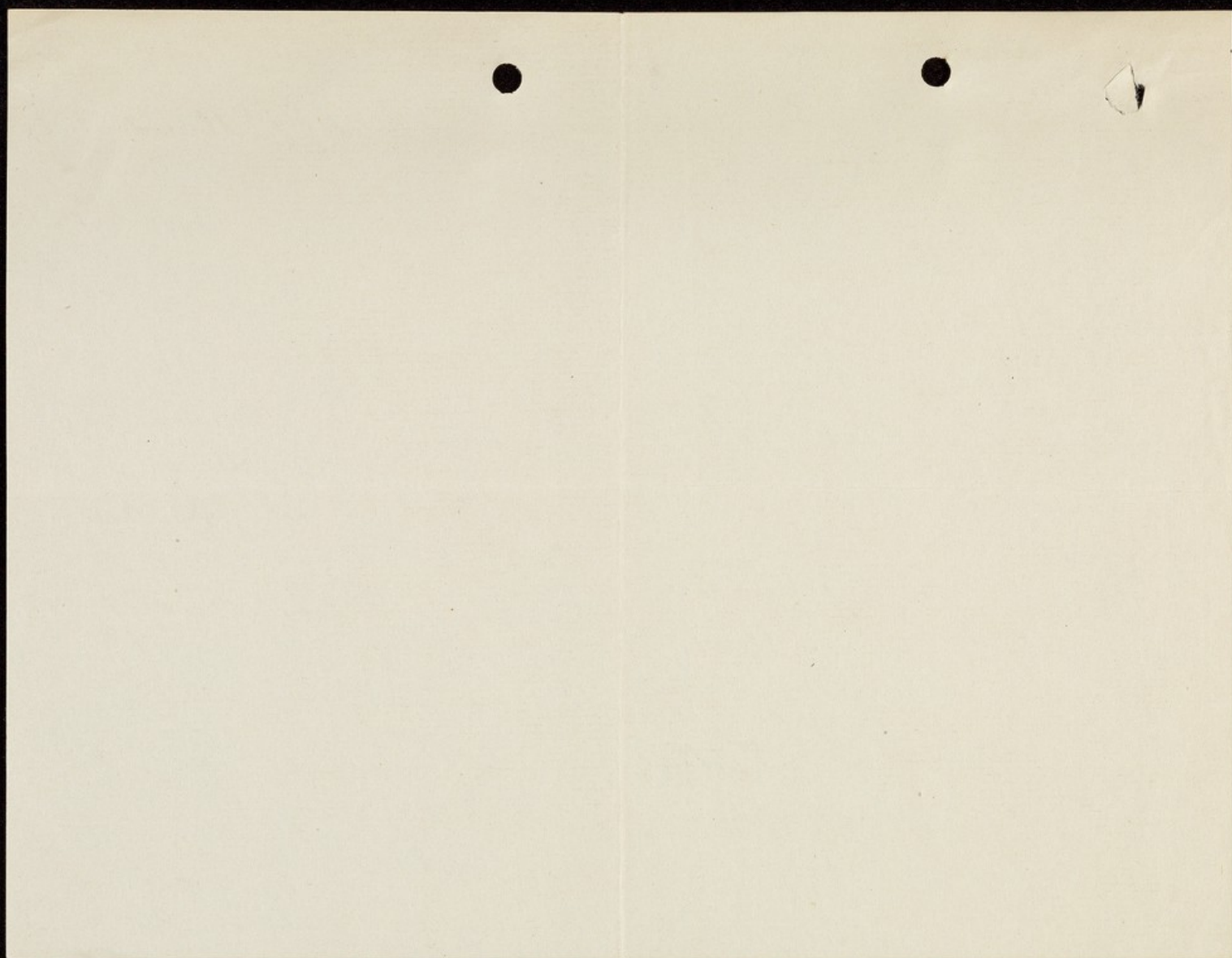
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160 Portland Rd
W/c
Nov 5/17.

Dr. Pince

Dear Sir

In answer to
your letter regarding Mrs
Elizabeth Thompson, I am
glad to say she has
derived some benefit
by her stay at the
Retreat, she is certainly
much relieved but not
quite recovered.
She still has
delusions such as



had decided to
extend her leave. &
I myself & brothers
wish you to accept
our best thanks for
all your kindness
& attention which has
proved so beneficial
to our dear mother
while in your care.
Thanking you.

Remain
Sincerely yours
C Thompson

621.
Hasting House Farm
Littleton
Durham
June 27/17.

To Dr. Perre

Dear Sir

I wish to let
you know how my mother
Mrs Thompson is progressing
she is improving daily
eating well & rests very
well.

The only fear she has

stay a month with her
& she is pleased to go.
So the change there
too may help her.

She has shown no
bad symptoms whatever
& is quite easy to
manage in fact if it
were not her talking
sometimes about the
arrest she is like her
old self.

I was pleased to hear
through the Matron for

had Bruce returning
home has been off
being arrested & taken
away but as the
day goes by & nothing
happens she is becoming
more content.

She employs her time
all day by doing
different household
duties.

My Auntie in Newcastle
wishes her to go &

7th June, 1917.

Dear Sir,

re Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

Up to a certain point Mrs. Thompson has improved since coming to the Retreat, but she is still worrying a good deal. She employs herself, and does not give us any cause for anxiety.

She is always wishing to go home, and I have at last agreed that she shall have a trial at home for a fortnight. I have written to her daughter explaining that it is very desirable that the case should not be allowed to drift on indefinitely, and it would probably be better for her not to remain at home longer.

I am sorry that we have not got her quite well, but there seems a reasonable hope that she will ultimately recover.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Livingstone,

38 Heaton Road,

Newcastle on Tyne.

7th June, 1917.

Dear Miss Thompson,

We will arrange that Mrs. Thompson is ready on June 12th as proposed. I much hope that the visit home will be a success.

As I explained to your brother, we are proposing to give Mrs. Thompson leave of absence on trial for a fortnight in the hope that she may do well, but we are not willing for the leave to be extended beyond that time. The danger with a patient of this kind is that she may drift on and gradually get worse, and hence I would suggest that you consult your doctor directly you are not satisfied with her progress.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Hastings House⁵²⁶

to Uxbridge

June 5th

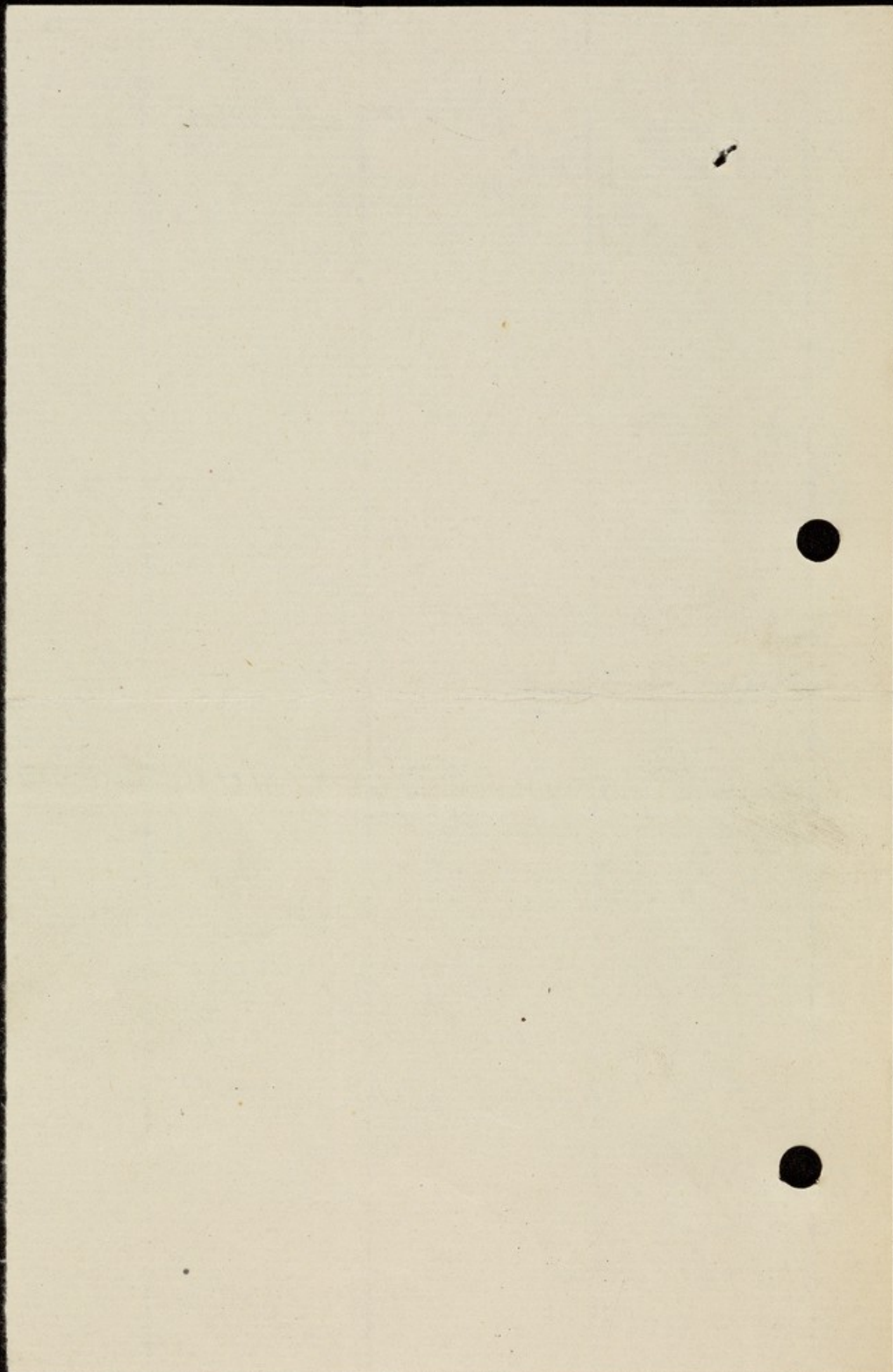
Dear Sir

We have decided
to bring my mother home on
the 12th & will come for her on
that date

Yours very truly
Bessy Thompson.

D. Pierce

The Reverend



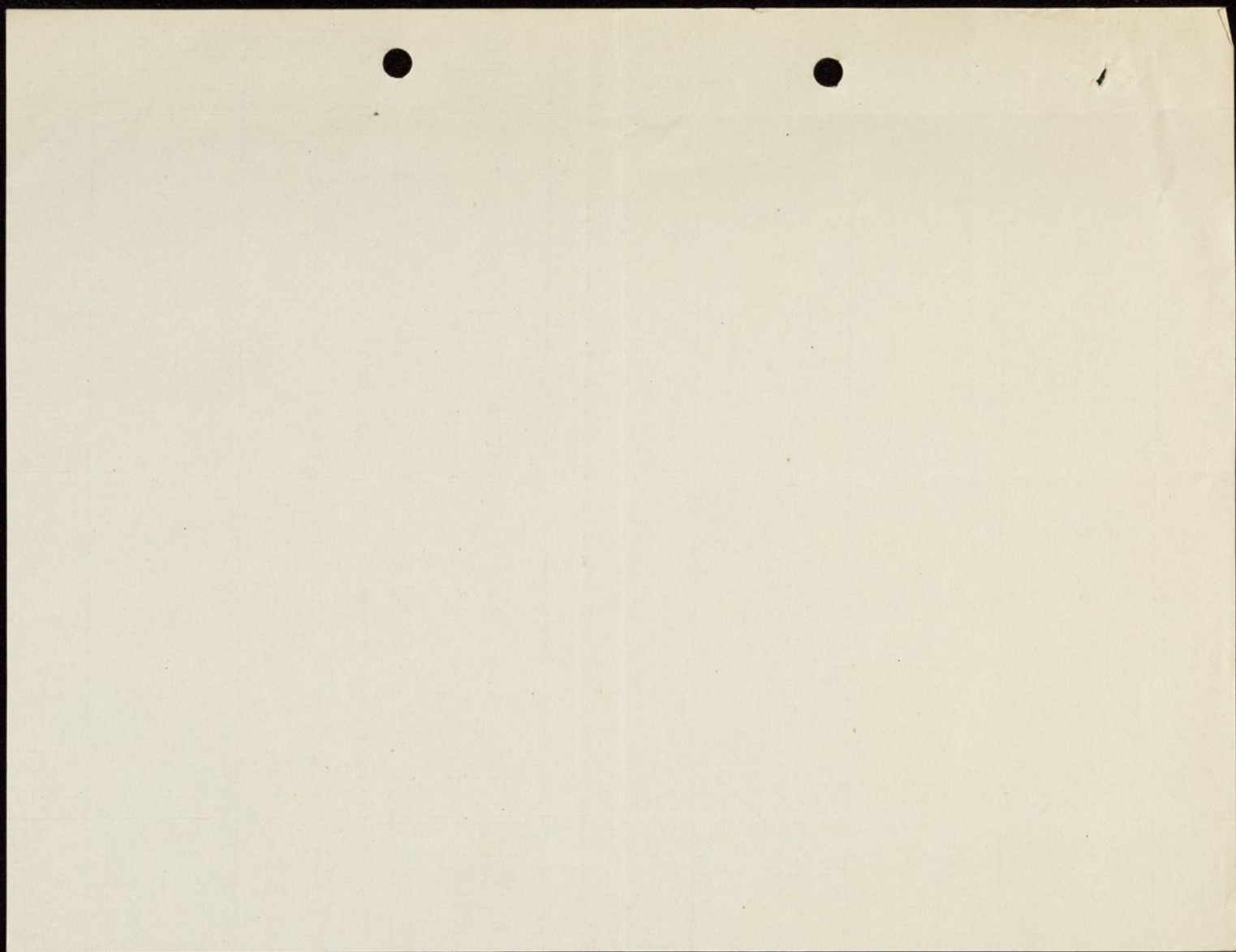
Hastings Home ^{502.}
to all letters
May 31st —

Dear Sir

We are making
arrangements to bring my Mother
home shortly & give her a trial.

We will write again before
we come to bring her home.

Yours very truly
C. Thompson



April 11th, 1917.

Dear Madam,

In a few days you will receive a statement of account, this will be for three months from the beginning of this month. It will however be quite all right for you to pay part of this monthly if it is more convenient. We shall of course return any excess payment if Mrs. Thompson leaves before the expiration of the time for which payment is made.

Mrs. Thompson is certainly a little better, but she worries continually about going home, if she would only settle down it would give her a little chance, but she worries and frets about it all the time; yet she is not well enough to leave.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Thompson,

Hastings House,

Littletown

April 11th, 1917.

Dear Madam,

In a few days time you will receive a statement of account for Mrs. Thompson, this will be for three months from the beginning of this month. It will, however, be quite all right for you to pay part of this monthly if it is more convenient. We shall of course return any excess payment if Mrs. Thompson leaves before the expiration of the time for which payment is made.

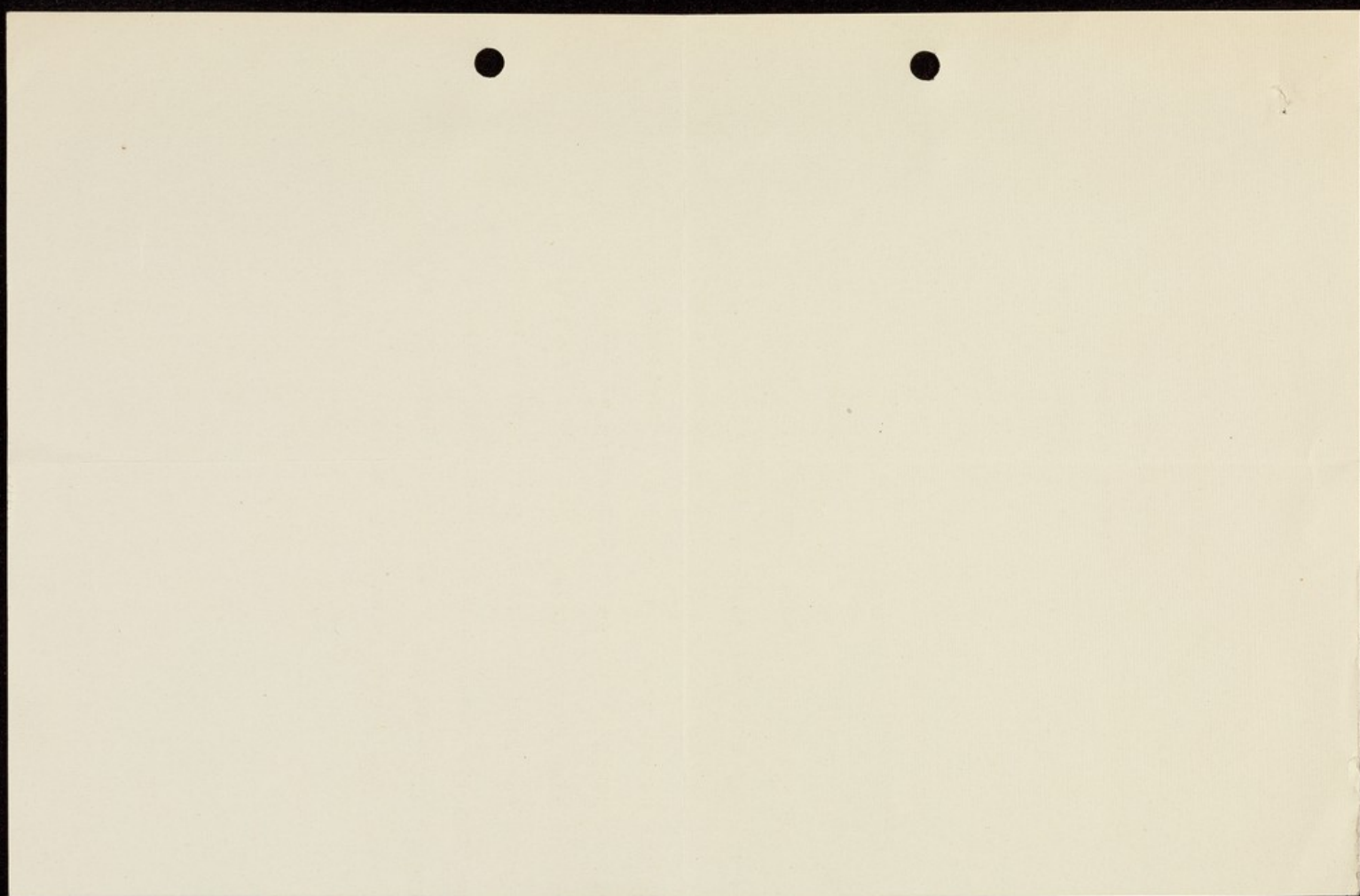
Hastings House 814
Litchfield
April 4th

Dear Sir

Re Mrs Thompson. Will you
kindly let me know if I should
forward cheque for the next three
months or if we could pay monthly

Yours very truly
Assy Thompson

Dr Pierce
The Rectory
York.



6th March, 1917.

Dear Madam,

On the whole we consider that Mrs. Thompson is beginning to improve. She is still depressed and worrying, thinks she is not wanted and that she ought to be at home, and she is also worrying about her clothes. She is, however, taking more interest in things, is beginning to be employed and is doing some useful work. I quite hope that she is taking a turn for the better.

It will be quite suitable for you to come to see her, but you must expect an appeal to take her home at once.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Thompson,
Hastings House,
Littletown,
Durham.

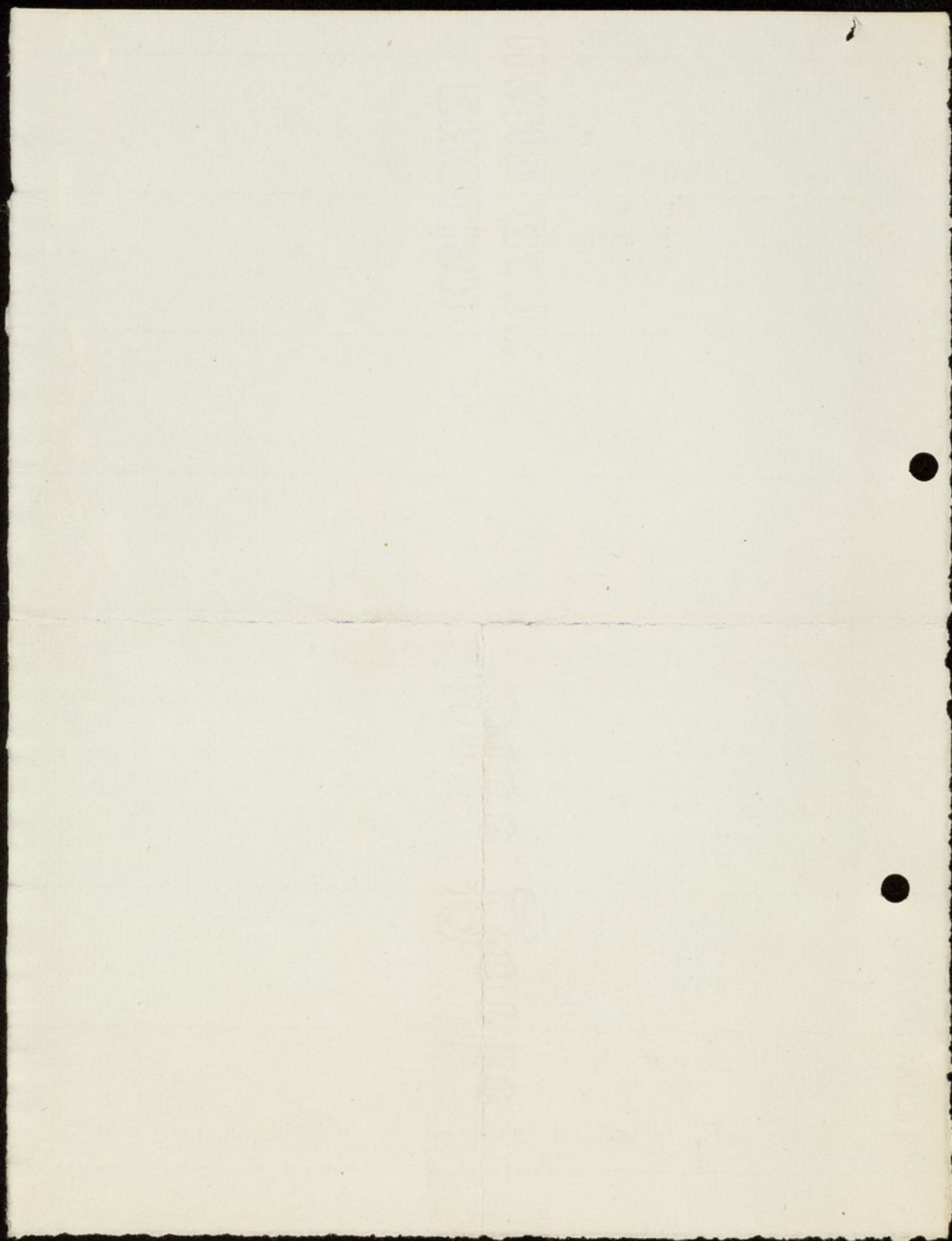
616.
Hastings House
Littletown
Durham
March 5th - 1871

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir

Will you kindly let
me know as early as possible how Dr.^{ss} Thompson
is now & if I may visit her.

Yours very truly
Cissy Thompson



NAT. TEL.
2811.

38, HEATON ROAD,
HEATON,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

Re Mrs E Thompson

Dear Dr

Enclosed are the two
reports which I hope you will
find of value. I am glad to
hear of Mrs Thompson's improvement
I hope it will be maintained

Yours very sincerely
Arthur Langdon Esq

20/1/17

38, Hinton Road
Hinton
Newcastle upon Tyne

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38, HEATON ROAD,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

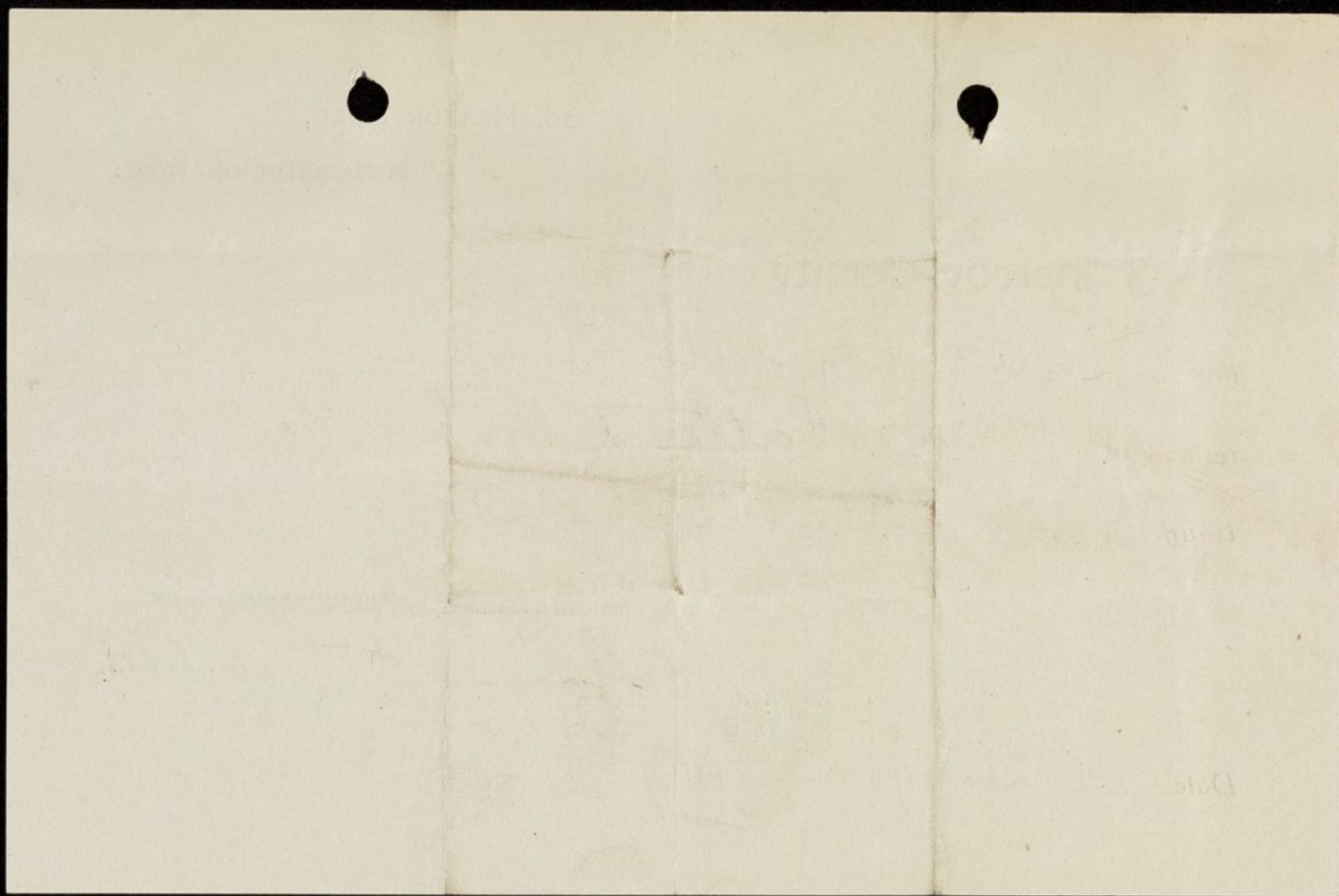
I Hereby Certify

that Mr. Ernest Thompson
residing at 160 Portland Road Me.
is suffering from Melancholia

and is unable to follow his employment

Signed A. L. Thompson M.D.

Date 5 Dec January 1917



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



YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mrs Elizabeth Thompson of 160 Portland Road
Newcastle-on-Tyne as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Drugsdale, 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 19th day of January 1917

Name Elizabeth Ramsdell

Residence 160 Portland Road Newcastle

Occupation _____

SIGNED by the said _____

in the presence of

Witness's Signature, _____

Address, and _____

Profession. _____

John Ramsdell
160 Portland Road
Carting Contractor. W/C

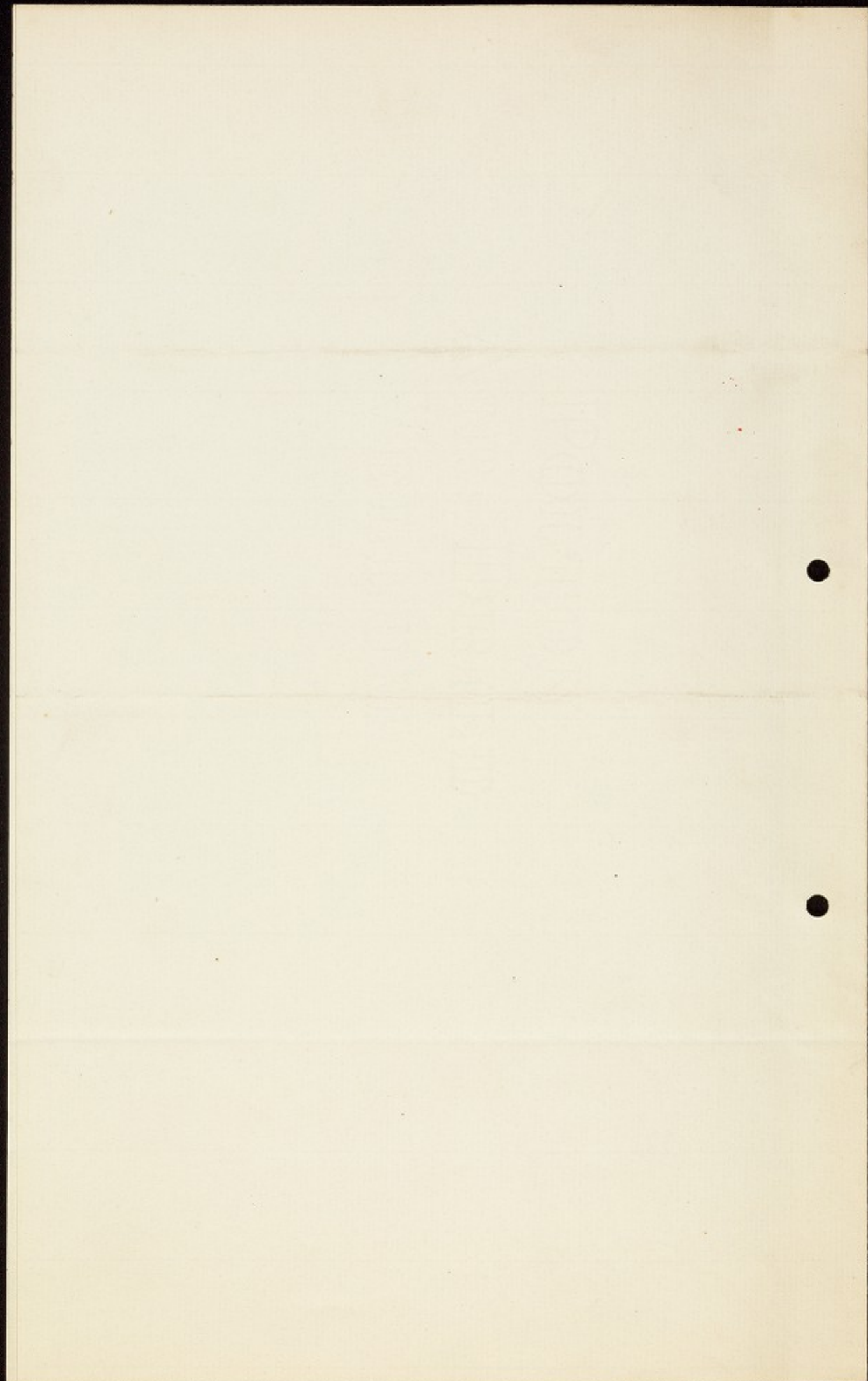
N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

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16 CORNELL COLLEGE



Name Mrs Thompson. Ward 6012. Date of Exam.

General Bodily Condition. Good.

Height 5' 5. inch: 6.

Weight (without clothes)

Nutrition Good.

Sts 12. lbs 3.

Injuries (if any)

Deformities Swelling right side of neck.

Head & Neck

Teeth poor.

Hair Grey.

Trunk

Arms & Legs

Skin clear.

Complexion Fair.

Colour. Fair.

Tongue Furred.

Respiration 18.

Pulse 48.

Temperature 94².

Mental Condition

General Appearance. Good.

Conversation. Good.

Clearness

Orientation. Good.

Memory

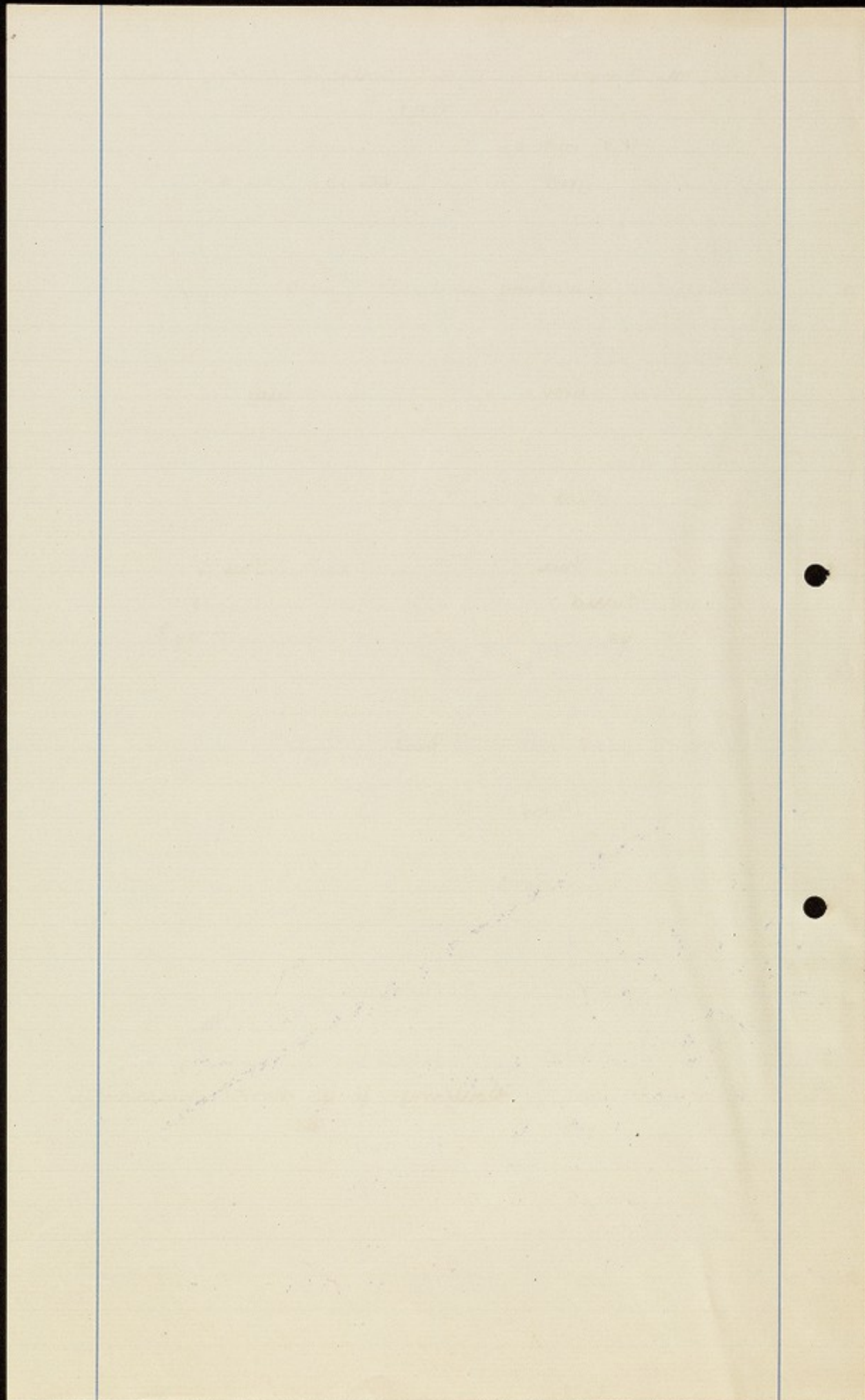
Coherence

Delusions & Halls. No evidence.

Emotional State. Agitated - depressed -

Complaints. Wanting to go home incessantly.

Conduct & Behaviour. Good.



Name. Elizabeth Thompson. Age. 58. Date of Adm. 12th Jan. 1917
Address. 160 Portland Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Description Widowed? farmer.
Religious Persuasion. Primitive Methodist.

H. P. C.

Attack began about September. 1916. Worry over
appeals to be made for exemption.

P. H.

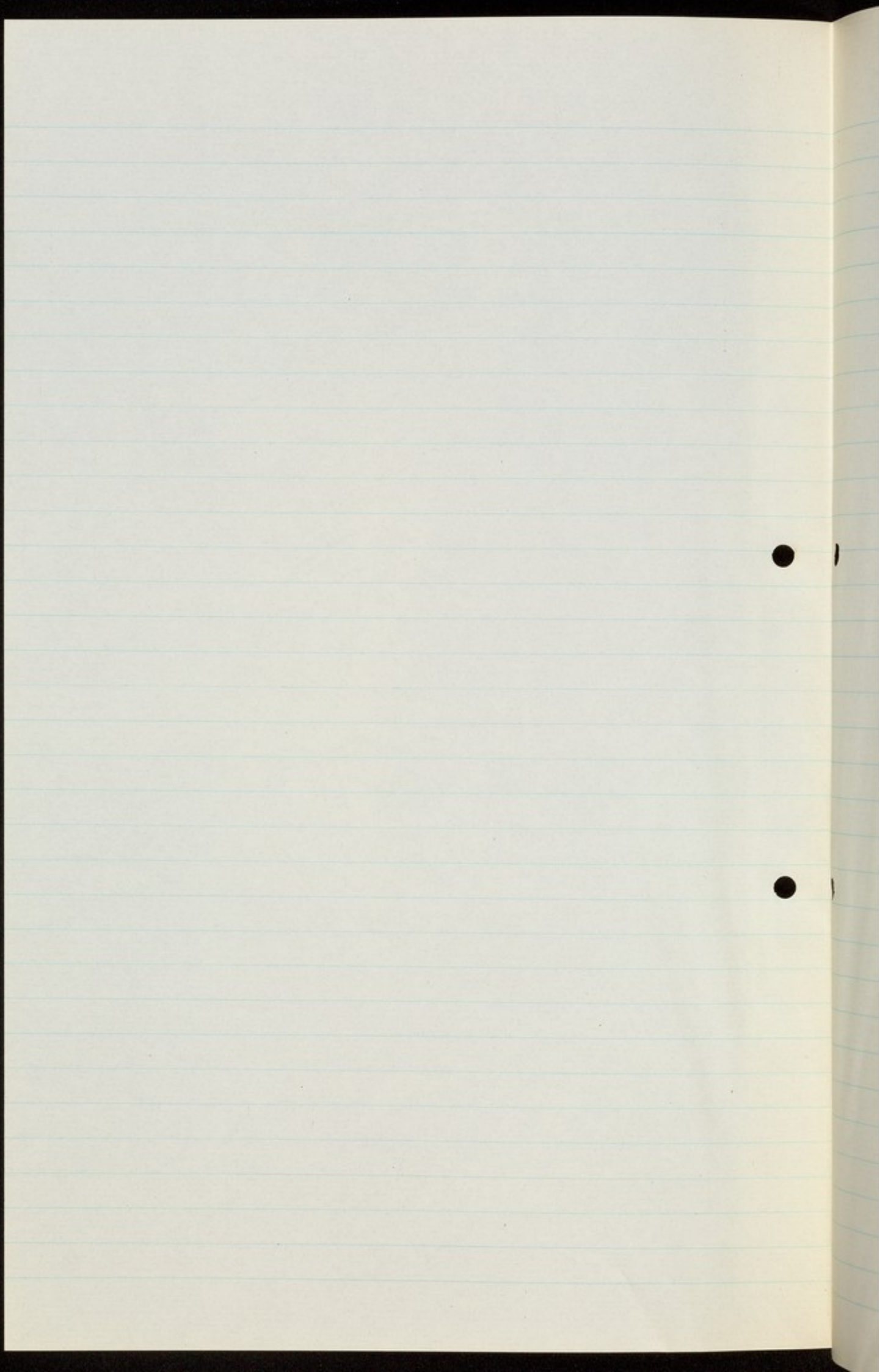
Good health, excitable temperament, nervous,
insomnia. Good business abilities.
Previous attack four years ago. death of husband.

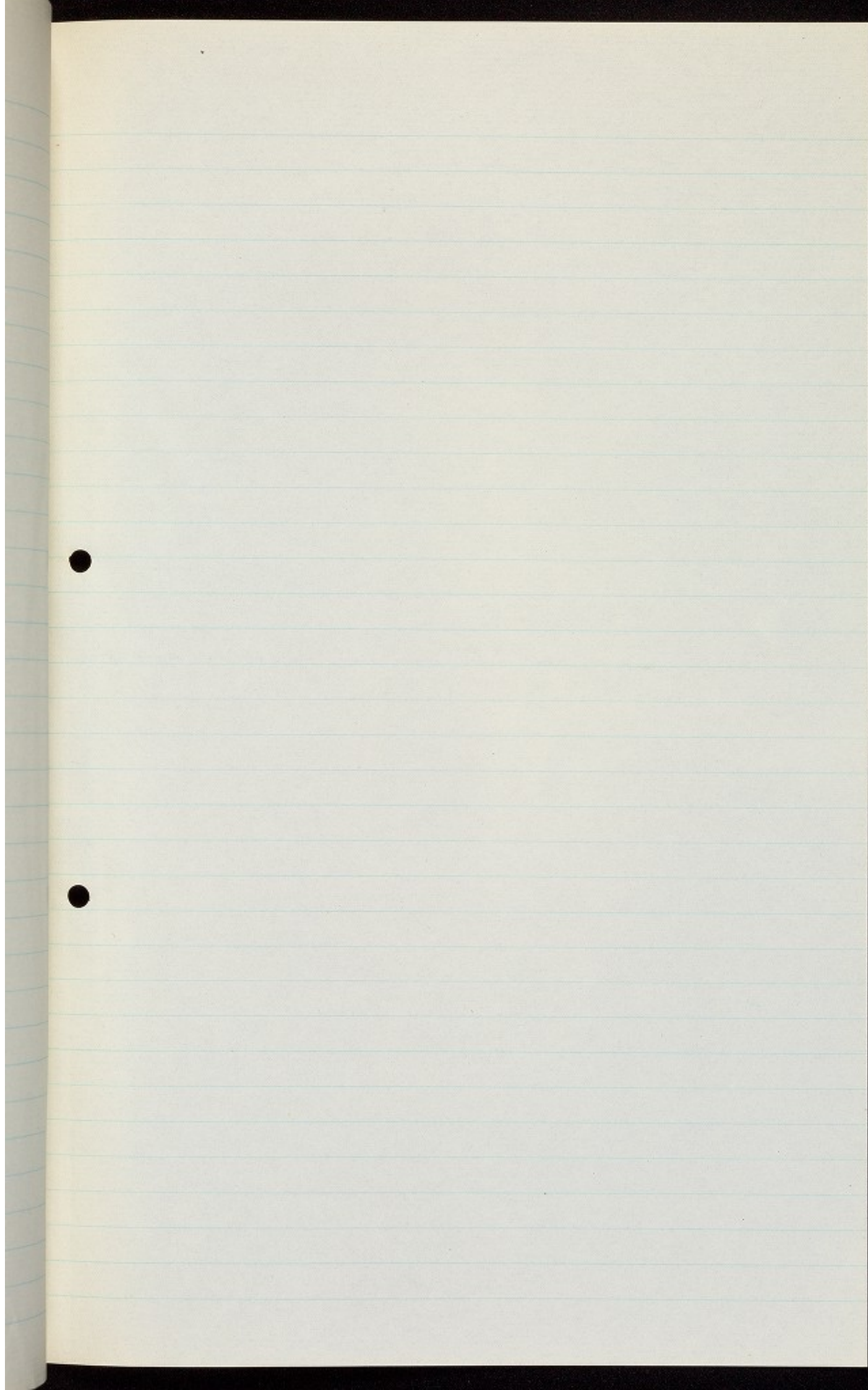
F. H.

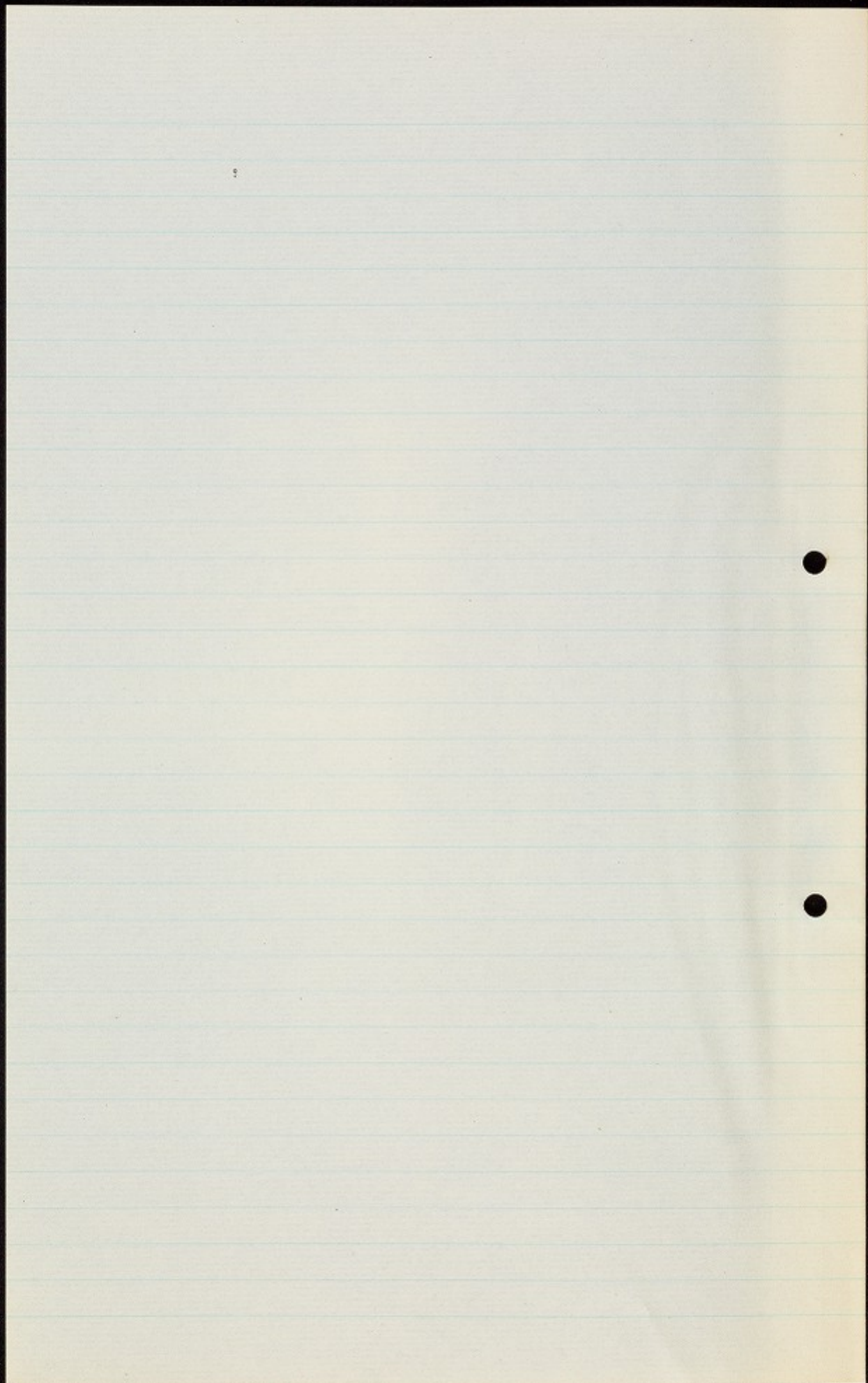
Mother died of strokes and cerebral softening.

Abstract of certificate.

Is restless, constantly wringing her hands, has a dread of
being arrested as she has deserted her farm and would
be treated as a deserter. Said there was something
constantly hanging over her she did not know what.
No one in the house is to speak above a whisper
as the house is being watched.







Mrs Thompson admitted to Bentley. Friday Jan: 12th. 1914.

Distressed, wringing her hands, patient worries incessantly about her clothes - imagines they are not paid for. & other times that they are not hers. If anything is asked for in the room where she is sitting, she at once thinks & says we think she has them, greatly agitated over it,

Patient says she never sleeps - reported each night as having a good night - excepting on the 16th, 19th, 24th, 25th - having on these nights between 4 to 5 hrs sleep.

Patient has remained in bed until the 19th, when she got up for tea; thus she continued to do, until the 31st up each day since from 11 a.m.

Still very distressed & wringing incessantly to go home, has not the proper clothes to stay here. Weight 125 lbs.

Patient says she never sleeps - reported sleeping well - troublesome to get down to dining room for meals - says she eats too much - would rather have nothing, just to go home that's all she wants, as she will never get well here. Visited by her daughter on 6th Jan.

Patient goes out each day in grounds when weather permits.

Very worrying still about her clothes, says she has none here, (all clothing shown patient) says they are not hers (all new clothing was sent in to Mrs Thompson after her arriving here) this has worried her, as she thinks they are not paid for.

Slight improvement, brighter, less worrying over her clothes. Still worrying to go home, patient has been unable to settle to anything - reading, sewing or anything - but yesterday patient was reading - & also wanting to do some work.

Patient has improved during the week, sewing & doing a little housework, but worrying incessantly to go home. Food taken well, sleeping well on the

- while, 6, 7 to 5 hrs nightly - w
- March 4th Patient remains about the same - still worrying incessantly to go home, says she ought not to be here. Weight 12 lbs 10.
- " 11th Patient more occupied - does not like doing housework here. At home she wants to go. enjoys doing plain sewing. troublesome to get her to go for meals. says other patients stare at her, to think her clothes not smart enough.
- " 13th Visited by her daughter - went into town with her.
- " 15th Patient worrying all day, to go home that's all she wants, says she will never get better here. patient attends meeting every Sunday evening, also attends lectures to entertainments - does not appear to enjoy them, all the time she says she is thinking to longing to go home. Food taken well - sleeping well.
- " 14th Removed from Small Room to now sleeping in no 12. Patient says she never sleeps - 5 or 10 minutes that's all.
- " 25 Patient remains in same worrying condition, appears to be unable to get her thoughts from "going home". very worrying all day. food taken well - sleeping well at night's.
- April 1st Patient has had a better week, less worrying. has had a letter from her daughter saying she is coming to visit her next Tuesday. patient says Dr. Purce has said that she can go home if her daughter will take her. feels confident that she will take her on Tuesday. straight home - to her boys. Sleeping well at night's. also taking food well.
- " 8th Patient has had a quiet week. was very disappointed that her daughter did not visit her last week to take her home - sighing a good deal. to says she is very unhappy here. wants to get home. Occupied fairly well. But each day when fine.

April

sleeping well at night's. patient still continues to say that she never sleeps.

Sleeping in No 3. since April 5th

Patient appears brighter the last week. less worrying. 15 ..
food taken well. & sleeping well

Patient worrying this last week to go home. says she 22 ..
has been patient, now it's time to go - they all want her to go home - not to stay here.

says she never sleeps well at night. reported that patient always sleeps soundly -
out each day when weather permits.

Dwelling on the 14th

Patient has been very worrying this last week, says she 29 ..
will go home. difficult to get to meals. very troublesome in grounds. wanting to go outside. trying to leave nurse,
weight 12 Sts. 2 lbs.

Still continues to say she does not sleep. reported that patient sleeps well. Sleeping now in small dormitory. 6th May.
visited on the 1st by her sister & daughter.

Patient worrying to go home all day long.
food taken well, & sleeping well. patient still continues to say she never sleeps.

Slight improvement. some days during week, patient less 13 ..
worrying.

Sleeping well at night's -
food taken well -

very worrying all the week. troublesome when out in 20 ..
grounds always wanting to go outside. to get home. food taken well.

Sleeping well at night's, patient still continues to say she never sleeps.

Less worrying during week (visited by her two sons on 24 ..
food taken well; & sleeping well. (the 20th)

Patient varied during week. cheerful one day. 27th June
worrying. & says she never sleeps the next -
very anxious to go home -
sleeping well

June 7th On the whole a good week - working
to go home - out each day in grounds -
patient does little housework each day - also
sewing & reading - attends Meeting each
Sunday.

" 12th Mrs Thompson left the Retreat for home to
day - Tuesday - June 12th 1914.

G. Lindsay