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London W.

June 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

As I shall be leaving London at midsummer for a long journey abroad I am arranging with my bank (the Union of London &

Mrs L. M. Thomson's affairs are not settled yet: I have made several efforts to get the people on the other side to be reasonable; without, as you know, any success.

Thanking you for your last pleasant letter I remain

Yours sincerely
Wm. M. Davis.

Smith's) to receive & pay the quarterly account for Mrs. M. Thomson during my absence; which will probably extend well into next year.

The report I should like sent on home as usual & will consequently send you a postcard with my address from time to time, lest anything should require attention.

But I shall be moving about a good deal & probably not be long anywhere till I settle down in Rome in October, so it seems best to arrange for cheques to go direct & not run risks.

I am very sorry that

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York.

Bedford Pierce esq MD.
The Retreat
York

14 Feby 1912.

My dear Pierce

Mrs. Sarah M. Scull decd

I have at last received the Power of Attorney from America and can proceed with the winding up of this estate. It will be necessary for two sureties to be appointed to see that the matter is properly carried through. Will you act as one of them and can you suggest some member of the Retreat Committee or staff who would act as the other? It is of course quite a formal matter but one that cannot be dispensed with.

Yours very sincerely
G. H. Mennell.

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11 : III : 1911.

My dear Pierce,

Lydia Mary Thomson decd.

I have today placed on deposit at Barclay's Bank in our two joint names (yours & mine) the sum of £340 : 16 : 6 which is the net amount due to Mrs. Scull's representatives after the satisfaction of the death duties & expenses of administration.

I am,
Yours sincerely
G. H. Mennell.

TEL. NO. 6709 GERRARD.

MANN & CRIMP,
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F. J. MANN.
W. E. CRIMP.

TELEGRAMS.
"SURRECULUS, LONDON."

17, Essex Street,
Strand, W.C.

January 13th 1911.

Dear Sir,

Mrs Margaret Thomson.

We thank you for your letter which we shall bring before the Master.

Yours faithfully

Mann & Crimp

Dr Bedford Pierce.

The Retreat.

York.

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TELEGRAMS.
"SURREGULUS, LONDON."

17, Essex Street.
Strand. W.C.

January 17th 1901.

Dear Sir

Mrs Margaret Thomson (In lunacy)

This matter came before Master Fischer again today, and at his suggestion we are writing to you. — Will you please kindly let us know :-

(1) What is the amount payable for Mrs Thomson's maintenance at "The Retreat", and up to what date has it been paid? —

(2). Do you know what is the lady's age? Approximately, if not exactly?

(3). Is she quite comfortable under present conditions? — We mean, is this the recognised scale of charge at the Retreat, or could Mrs Thomson, by paying more, have more comforts, or better food, or anything of that nature? and if so, what do you suggest? —

We should be glad if you would write us a letter on these points, which we could, if necessary, produce to the Master. —

Yours faithfully

Mann & Crimp

Dr Bedford Pierce.
The Retreat.
York.

Jan. 12, 1911

Margaret Thomson

Dear Sirs,

This patient was admitted at the lowest rate, viz. 12/- a week, because she is a membe of the Society of Friends and has been recommended by the "Monthly Meeting" of the Society to which she belongs as a necessitous case. This charge is less than a third of the cost of the accommodation she receives, and she is therefore a constant charge on the charitable resources of the Retreat. We do not make any distinction between patients paying the lowest rate and those who pay remunerative fees. Consequently any increase in payments would make no difference in her surroundings, but if more money is available I hope it may be paid, as the charitable claims upon the Institution are very heavy, and they can only be extended to those patients whose funds do not permit of the proper charges being met. She is quite comfortable surroundings, is usually of a cheerful disposition, but is so demented that we cannot get her to take an intelligent interest in what goes on.

Her age was returned on her admission to the Retreat on January 1903 as 58. At the present time therefore she is about 66. The last account for maintenance was paid at the 12/- rate up to December 31st. Consequently, as

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B. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

25th. November, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON DECEASED.

The India Stock has now been sold and I have paid into your account No. 3 at the London City and Midland Bank a sufficient sum to discharge the debt to the Retreat. The balance, which I have placed on deposit at Barclays, amounts to £402:7:5.

The figures are as follows:-

To maintenance account to January 1910.	118:15:1	By cash from G. H. Mennell 14. January.	15:13:8
To maintenance account to 14th. January 1910.	1:13:0	By amount paid into London City & Midland Bank 19th. November.	61: 9:4
To Disbursements.	8: 7:0	By Do. 25:XI:1910.	55: 7:5
To Interest for 10 months at 4%	3:15:4	116 16. 9.	
	£132:10:5		£132:10:5

I propose now to pay the small sum owing to Miss Davis and to prepare the Residuary Account and pay the proper Legacy Duty.

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Mennell.

On June 9 you paid us 28 18.8

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E. Pierce Esq. M.P.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

23th. November, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. I. M. THOMSON DECEASED.

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The India Stock has now been sold and I have paid into your account No. 3 at the London City and Midland Bank a sufficient sum to discharge the debt to the Retreat. The balance, which I have placed on deposit at Barclays, amounts to £482:7:8.

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The figures are as follows:-

To maintenance account to January 1910.	£18:15:1	By cash from G. H. Mennell 14. January.	15:15:8
To maintenance account to 14th. January 1910.	1:13:0	By amount paid into London City & Midland Bank 14th. November.	£1: 9:4
To Disbursements.	8: 7:0	By Do. 28:XI:1910.	£8: 7:8
To Interest for 10 months at 4%	3:15:4		
	£32:10:5		£32:10:5

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Yours sincerely,

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TELEGRAMS,
"SURREGULUS, LONDON."

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17. Essex Street.
Strand. W.C.
October 28th 1910.

Dear Sir.

Mrs Margaret Thomson (in Lunacy).

We act as London Agents for Messrs Kitsons, Hutchings, Easterbrook & C., of Torquay, the Solicitors in this matter, who have been in communication with you.—

Acting on their instructions, we have today issued a Summons for the appointment of a Receiver on behalf of Mrs Thomson.— We enclose herewith:—

(1). Original Summons,
(2). Copy Summons for service,
(3). Affirmation as to service, which we shall be obliged if you will affirm before a Commissioner; and,
(4) Postal Order for 1/6 the Commissioner's fee.—

Will you kindly formally serve Mrs Margaret Thomson? The original Summons must merely be produced, and the copy Summons (on which we have written "Copy" in red ink) must be handed to Mrs Thomson.—

Then kindly make your Affirmation before a

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TELEGRAMS,
"SURREGULUS, LONDON."

(Continued)

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17, Essex Street,
Strand, W.C.
28/10/10.

re Mrs Margaret Thomson.

Commissioner, and return to us together with the original Summons. — We enclose stamped addressed envelope for its return. —

We should be much obliged if you could have this attended to at your earliest convenience. —

We are Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Mann & Crimp

Dr Bedford Pierce.
'The Retreat'.
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21st. November, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

I am sorry to have to return the form but shall be glad if you will go over your signature with a dry pen in the presence of a second witness who must sign his name and set out the other necessary information in the space provided.

On enquiry on Saturday at the Bank I learnt that the £61:9:4 had been received that morning and paid into your account Number 3, as desired.

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Mennell

B. Pierce Mad., M.D.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

21st. November, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

I am sorry to have to return the form but shall be glad if you will go over your signature with a dry pen in the presence of a second witness who must sign his name and set out the other necessary information in the space provided.

On enquiry on Saturday at the Bank I learnt that the £21:9:4 had been received that morning and paid into your account Number 3, as desired.

Yours sincerely,

The London City & Midland Bank Limited.

YORK Branch.

Address letters to "The Manager."

19th Nov. 1910.

Sir.

"no 3" We beg to inform you that your Account is Credited £61 : 19 : 11 per The Royal Courts of Justice.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. Bryce
Manager.

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The Retreat,
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30th. June, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

I have hopes of getting this matter through more speedily than at one time appeared possible.

Assuming that the Retreat is prepared to take out the grant of Administration as creditor will you kindly let me know whether you or the Treasurer will represent the Institution? It does not matter which acts so far as the law is concerned but whichever it is will have to attend personally at the Probate Registry here at York to make the necessary affidavits.

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Mennell

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W. E. Waller Esq.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

9th. June, 1910.

Dear Mr. Waller,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

I regret that I cannot give you any idea when the balance due to you for Mrs. Thomson's maintenance will be paid.

Counsel has advised that we must cite all the relatives to give them an opportunity to apply for administration if they wish. On their all declining the Retreat will be able to apply as creditor. I expect the Long Vacation will cause some delay but I imagine that you should obtain payment by Christmas.

Yours very truly,

C.H. Mennell.

W.H.R.

W. K. Walker Esq.,
The Estate,
YORK.

9th. June, 1910.

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RE: L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

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B. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
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8th. June, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON, DECEASED.

I send you herewith a cheque for £28:18:8 on account of the sum owing to the Retreat for Mrs. Thomson's maintenance.

This is the sum that was standing to Mrs. Thomson's credit at the bank at Torquay of which I have spoken to you. I have given the latter an indemnity in respect of it and there is a faint possibility that you may have to disgorge it but that is so unlikely that I do not hesitate to send it you.

Yours sincerely,

G. H. Mennell.

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E. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

8th. June, 1910.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. I. M. THOMSON, DRONASKEY.

I send you herewith a cheque for £26:12:8 on account of the sum owing to the Retreat for Mrs. Thomson's maintenance.

This is the sum that was standing to Mrs. Thomson's credit at the bank at Torquay of which I have spoken to you. I have given the latter an indemnity in respect of it and there is a faint possibility that you may have to disgorge it but that is so unlikely that I do not hesitate to send it you.

Yours sincerely,

Lydia M Thomson

Yr idea is good. Will enclosed draft be suitable. It will no doubt need revision as I am not in touch with the case. Perhaps Mrs Scull has already subscribed or been approached re Recreation Rm. ?

I am not clear as to yr figures £80 or £86 - This affects the margin so please fill in the correct figure. I think our estimate of 487- is exclusive of disbursements, is it not ?

Is my £1500 estr -

make of Chants within
the month ?

5 March

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March twenty-fourth
1910

Richard Thompson, Esq.,

Honorary Treasurer, The Retreat,

York, England,

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of March 9 regarding the Estate of Lydia M. Thomson, of which my mother Mrs. Sarah Marshall Scull was made Executrix in the will.

Mrs. Scull has been somewhat of an invalid this Winter. It is with regret that I cannot undertake to acquaint her with all the details of the matters that you mention, and especially with reference to contributing towards the fund of the Retreat. The useful work of this Institution she has frequently expressed appreciation of. When, however, I tell you that Mrs. Scull has contributed to the support of both Mrs. Margaret Thomson and Mrs. Lydia Thomson upwards of $15,000, I think you will agree that her obligation to such distant relatives has been fully acquitted.

I am certain that except for Mrs. Scull the Retreat would have had these two patients on its hands for many more years than was the case.

Mrs. Scull was named Executrix of the Will of Lydia M. Thomson. She does not wish to serve in that capacity, nor to appoint an attorney to act for her as such. Probably you or some officer of the Retreat as creditors will be appointed by the Courts in lieu of Mrs. Scull. May I therefore ask you to undertake arrangements so that the Estate of Lydia M. Thomson may be settled by the Court in the best way possible? If you will have prepared a Letter of Renunciation, Mrs. Scull will sign it.

Mr. G. H. Mennell wrote to me in this connection, and I asked him to prepare a Letter of Renunciation, instead

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of which he sent me a Power of Attorney. I have no doubt that you can ~~more~~ expeditiously get the Estate settled, and after the decedent's debts are paid have the balance turned over to Mrs. Scull as sole legatee.

Yours very truly,

William J. Cline

To. E. Marshall Dull.
Winston Base

Mrs John C. Winston & Co
1006 - Arch St -

Phila.

March 9, 1910

Dear Sir,

We understand that Mrs. Sarah Marshall Scull is sole beneficiary under the will of the late Lydia Mary Thomson and that there are no dependents or other near relatives likely to make any claim on the small sum of money left by her.

Seeing that the Retreat has for nearly four years cared for this patient at a rate greatly below the cost, and that as a patient she was by no means an easy case to nurse, I venture, as Treasurer of the Retreat, to ask you to name the following details to Mrs. Scull.

During the whole of the time this patient has been cared for at the Retreat the payments have been fully £40 per annum less than the average cost, amounting in all to a total loss of fully £150. When the figures were arranged by the Master in Lunacy the Court had to provide for the possibility that the patient might require maintenance for many years to come. Had it been possible to foresee that she would pass away so soon it is, I think, highly probable that a larger annual payment, involving less loss to the Retreat, would have been authorized.

Wou are also, I think, aware that L.M.Thomson's sister, Margaret Thomson, is also a patient at the Retreat, and since Jaunary 1903 has been and is still paying at the very lowest rate, namely 12/- a week, which involves a still

heavier continuous financial loss to the Retreat.

One of the special objects of the Institution is to care for the afflicted members of the Society of Friends, and to give financial assistance when such is needed. The charitable help thus given averages probably not less than £1200 per annum; but in order to do this the Institution is largely dependent on the generosity of Friends who are in sympathy with the work, and who are in a position to assist it. In this connection we not infrequently receive donations from the relatives of patients in recognition of the cost of caring for their friends. Such donations are always very welcome.

You will see from the Report that only last year the Committee succeeded in completing a much needed Recreation Room, with some additional bedrooms for nurses, and a new house for the Medical Superintendent and his family, at a total cost of about £7000, which we endeavoured to raise by donations from the friends of the Institution. The response was a very generous one, and we have received some £4473, but we have a further £2500 still to raise in order to clear the debt.

We are under the impression that Mrs. Scull will prefer not to be troubled in the matter, so venture to address the above to you, on her behalf, and to ask your kind assistance.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Honorary Treasurer

E.Marshall Scull Esq.

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The Retreat,
YORK.

7th. April, 1909.

My dear Pierce,

L. M.

MRS. THOMSON.

I have been very remiss in not writing before to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 24th. ultimo with the committee's cheque for £7:17:6 . Please express to the committee at their next meeting my sincere appreciation of the very generous way in which they have treated the matter.

It may interest them also to learn that I have begun to take steps to obtain out of Court a sum sufficient to pay off all arrears of maintenance down to the 5th. January last. I shall probably have to ask you to make an affidavit explaining the circumstances. As you already know the new arrangement runs from the 5th. January and any new arrears down to that date ought to be cleared off at once. So far as the current year is concerned you will receive in May and November instalments of the annuity amounting in all to about £30 and the balance of the year's maintenance will be raised in January next partly out of interest on the invested funds and partly by the sale of India Stock. The charges for maintenance will have to be made from the 5th. January to the 5th. of January each year.

Yours sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,

Poor Shackleton writes us a strange letter. Dear Friend I know you will be all alarmed. Lou.

Jan 18/10

Thank you for sending me the ~~report~~ account of Lydia Thompsons release - I did hear of it from Mary Morland the day before - but no particulars -

Knowing how fully your time is occupied I felt the more grateful for your kind letter —

Yours sincerely
C Impey

I fear none of her friends can will have been able to attend the funeral.

Jan. 1, 1910

Dear Mennell,

I enclose the Life Certificate for L.M.Thomson. The old lady has been very poorly lately, having apparently had an attack of pneumonia or influenza or something which has caused a considerable rise in temperature, and she is not better yet.

Yours very truly,

L'

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My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON.

Will you kindly sign the enclosed form and return it to me?

All arrears of maintenance in this case will be paid up next month.

Yours very sincerely,

G H Mennell

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The Hotrest,
YORK.

31st. December, 1909.

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Will you kindly sign the enclosed form and return it to me?

All arrears of maintenance in this case will be paid up next month.

Yours very sincerely,

address or I would write to him as he might like to be at the funeral. If it is not troubling you too much I should like to be informed if her sister's health is upset by Mrs L. M. Thomson's death, which I suppose will not occur.

Remain

Yours truly

W. M. Davis.

31 Queensborough Gdns.
London W.
Jan. 15. 1910.

Dear Dr. Kemp

Thank you very much for your letters; I was just about to acknowledge the first when the second arrived with the news of your patients'

death. It seems very sudden I did not expect it for years to come.

I have written to Mr. Mennell who has charge of Mrs Thomson's affairs asking him to arrange about the funeral, but I do not think I can possibly be present myself.

I suppose you have much experience of these sad occasions & can see to whatever is necessary at the retreat much better than, it could be done anyother way while Mr. Mennell does any business that is requisite.

I have not her brother-in-law, Mr Alfred Thomson's

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25th. February, 1909.

My dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON.

The preliminary stage of this matter is now completed and I feel therefore in a position to report to you just how it stands.

The Committee of the estate is Mrs. Thomson's niece, Miss Eveline Marshall Davis of 31d, Clanricarde Gardens, London, W.

The bulk of the estate amounting to some £500 has been invested in India 3½% Stock and the Court has ordered that on every 5th. of January sufficient of this stock shall be sold to make up with the interest and other receipts a sum not exceeding £90 per annum for Mrs. Thomson's maintenance. When the whole of the capital has been exhausted in this way your committee has agreed to continue to give Mrs. Thomson the same accommodation and treatment as at present on payment of an annual sum of £31:7:4 which is secured by an annuity in the Norwich Union Assurance Society on Mrs. Thomson's life.

In addition to the investment in India Stock I have in hand at the present time a sum of £4:13:6 standing to Miss Davis's credit in my books and I have received a sum of £98:8:0 from the Norwich Union Assurance Society in respect of arrears of the annuity I have already referred to. I am therefore enabled to send you, as I do herewith, a sum of £103:1:6. which I hope will go a long way towards

R. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
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paying the arrears of maintenance due to you down to the 5th. January last. Any further sums due to you down to that date will be repaid to you out of the half yearly payments of the annuity which will fall due on the 1st. May and the 1st. November every year.

The legal costs, so far as the Taxing Master allowed them, have been paid. The case has been a somewhat peculiar one owing to Mrs. Thomson having no relatives or friends who would have been able to assist in many ways. The consequence was that it was necessary for me to write a good many letters and do a considerable amount of work outside the very strict limits laid down by the Taxing Master. I made an effort to obtain payment for some of this but most of the items I inserted to this end in the bill of costs were ruthlessly struck out by the Master with the result that something over £10 that I had hoped might find its way to my pocket has found another destination. I only refer to this as you have already mentioned it in conversation but, having done so, I feel that I ought to add that The Retreat Committee is in no way responsible for the payment of the sum I have named or any part of it.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Merrell

paying the arrears of maintenance due to you down to the 5th. January last. Any further sums due to you down to that date will be repaid to you out of the half yearly payments of the annuity which will fall due on the 1st. May and the 1st. November every year.

The legal costs, so far as the Taxing Master allowed them, have been paid. The case has been a somewhat peculiar one owing to Mrs. Thomson having no relatives or friends who would have been able to assist in many ways. The consequence was that it was necessary for me to write a good many letters and do a considerable amount of work outside the very strict limits laid down by the Taxing Master. I made an effort to obtain payment for some of this but most of the items I inserted to this end in the bill of costs were ruthlessly struck out by the Master with the result that something over £10 that I had hoped might find its way to my pocket has found another destination. I only refer to this as you have already mentioned it in conversation but, having done so, I feel that I ought to add that The Retreat Committee is in no way responsible for the payment of the sum I have named or any part of it.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. H. MENNELL,
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NAT. TEL. NO. 428.
Commissioner for Oaths.

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No 42

20. Castlegate.
York.

Bedford Price Esq M.D.
The Retreat

14th May 1909

Dear Price

Mrs. Lydia Mary Thomson

Please credit the account of this patient with the sum of £15:13:8 a cheque for which I enclose. It represents one half year's payment of the annuity payable by the Norwich Union Life Insurance Society.

Yours sincerely

G. H. Mennell

March 24, 1909

Dear Mennell,

The Committee considered the circumstances for Mrs. Thomson and approved of the scheme set forth in your letter of Feb. 25th.

It would seem to be necessary at an early date to make application for capital. Perhaps we may leave this in your hands to do when you think it desirable.

I am also asked by the Committee to send you the enclosed honorarium of 7½ guineasin acknowledgment of the trouble you have taken on our behalf in settling up this matter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Feb 27 1909

Dear Mr Mennell

I have now made out a fresh statement re. Lydia M Thomas. Pierce authorises me to write off the £8 which have accumulated for disbursements during the 2 yrs & to ~~&~~ 2 future to render the account at the rate of £86 a year, which is the amount ~~which~~ Mrs Scull sent.

Yours truly

W. E. Waller.

Feb 27 1907

Dear McNamara

I have two book orders
from Oakwood – Is Gordon McNamara.
Please authorize me to book all
the 48 which have accumulated
for Oakwood during the days
I am future & leave the second
of the last 48 copies, which
is the second which I have book out.

Yours truly

E. Gilmour.

Lydia May Thomson

Feb 26th 1909

Dr. to The Retreat, York.

The Rules of the Institution require that each Quarter be paid IN ADVANCE.

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		£	s.	d.
To Board June 30 1907.	21. 10. 0			
" Disbts. " "	1. 0			
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Cash 26th Feb 1909	103. 1. 6			
Balance due	£76. 17. 2			

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Cheques should be made payable to "BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D., or order," and crossed "York City & County Bank, F. R. Account.'

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To Board to Ap. 1. 1909 to Mar 31 1909 2 yrs @ £90 a year	180	.	.
To One Quarter's Board to			
,, Disbursements (as below) to			
£	180	"	"

	£	s.	d.
Washing and Mending			
Stimulants			
Tobacconist			
Stationery and Stamps			
Tailor			
Hosier			
Shoemaker			
Millinery and Dressmaking ...			
Amusements, Excursions, and Sundries per Head Attendant ...			
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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS;
"CLARK, STREET."
A.B.C. CODE USED.
RAILWAY:- GLASTONBURY.

STREET,
SOMERSET,

May 25th 1907

Dear Mr. Waller

I find your letter & the enclosed on reaching home. & Stacy Menell had also told me about the substance of it while I was at York.

I conclude that before long matters will be settled & that Lydia Thomson's funds will then all be at disposal to pay for her board &c. I suppose that 25/- weekly would about suffice for everything. I have not seen John Mailand or his wife who have had the correspondence with Mr. Scull so do not know why she has taken this step particularly.

It would appear that there will be money enough to pay any arrears, as the annuity is being held back by the Norwich Co. until legal matters are settled & there must be at least a year's moneyowing to Lydia Thompson then.

With kind regards. Yours very truly

Roger Clark.

C. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

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No 83.

.....ENCLOSURES.

25a Coney Street,
York.

W. E. Waller Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

15th. May 1907.

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it would, I believe, be possible to purchase an annuity of about £35, which, with the existing annuity, would give Mrs. Thomson an annual income of £66.

It is possible that the Retreat Committee might be prepared to consider the acceptance of a lump sum down of whatever is available, say £450, and the existing annuity of £31. This would be equivalent to their granting the further annuity themselves instead of its being purchased in the ordinary way.

I am,

Yours very truly,

J. H. Mennell

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C. H. MENNELL,
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IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
Nº 42.

ENC. 1.

20, Castlegate,
York.

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
York.

1st. January, 1909.

Dear Pierce,

MRS. L. M. THOMSON.

You will probably remember making an affirmation in this matter on the 27th. April last and my paying your fee of £1:1:0 in respect of it. I regret to say that the Master declines to pass the item in my bill of costs unless a voucher is produced and shown to him. Will you kindly sign the enclosed receipt and return it to me.?

Yours sincerely,

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

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

June 17, 1908

Dear Mr. Mennell,

I have submitted your letter of the 11th inst. to the Committee and am requested to say that they think that under the circumstances the arrears owing to the Retreat, £89.0.2, up to the end of March, should be paid, together with the £21.10.0 board for the current quarter. I should explain that the rate charged, about 33/- weekly, is greatly below the average cost of maintenance here which is about 48/- a week, so that all along this patient has been received at a loss to the institution. I should also inform you that during the last few weeks her health has not been so good, and though I cannot give any definite prognosis it would seem prudent to defer buying an annuity for her. The Committee suggest that the present rate be continued and that at the end of three years the matter be reviewed. There is no danger of this trifling call upon the capital making the slightest difference to the comfort of the patient or imperilling her position at the Retreat, as it is in such cases as this that the Committee accept full responsibility. Mrs. L.M.Thomson is a member of the Society, and as such has a claim in case of need upon the charitable resources of the institution which the Committee will certainly continue to recognize. There is therefore not the slightest risk of her being deprived of any care or attention here through financial loss or deficiency.

If this be explained to the Master I should expect he would sanction an arrangement such as is now suggested.

Yours very truly,

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11th. June, 1908.

Dear Pierce,

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This matter seems to be at last approaching completion but the Master in Lunacy has made a new proposal to the effect that the Committee of the Retreat, instead of receiving the amount properly due to them, should accept whatever balance may remain of the sum now due from the Norwich Union Assurance Society for the arrears of their annuity after the costs have been paid out of the same fund. The annuity is one of £31:7:4 per annum and it is paid in half yearly instalments on the 1st. May and the 1st. November every year. At the present time 5 half yearly instalments, amounting in all to £78:8:4, are overdue and in addition the Society has agreed to pay interest at 3% per annum on each instalment after it became due. The costs will probably amount to £30 at least and perhaps more so that under the proposed arrangement a sum of about £50: 0:0 would fall to the Retreat instead of the £90 - £100 really due.

You will of course appreciate the fact that any abatement made with regard to the sum now due will result in a slight increase in the annual sum that will be paid in the future, so that, as Mrs. Thomson's physical health appears to be good, a present sacrifice on the part of the Committee means a probability of some ultimate gain.

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On the other hand if the Committee prefer the bird in the hand there is no reason why they should not say so when no doubt the Master will drop his proposal. An abatement of £50 off the amount owing will result in an increased annuity of only about £4.

Will you kindly bring the matter before the next meeting of your committee and let me know what course they prefer to take?

It looks as though there would be a total income in the future of about £65 to £70 per annum so that some reduction in the future charges of your Committee will be necessary in any event and will, I hope, be granted. Perhaps you will also kindly let me know as to this after the meeting of the Committee,

Yours very sincerely,

J. H. Merrell

G. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

1 ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
No 83

20, CASTLEGATE,
~~25a Coney Street,~~
York.

20 March 1908

Bedford Pierce Esq MD.
The Retreat

Dear Pierce

James Thomson decd

Referring to your letter of the 17th January 1907 I send you herewith a cheque for £1:1:0 your fee in connection with the two affirmations you kindly made with regard to the incapacity of the Executrix & her sister.

I hope you are all right again,

I am
Yours very truly
G. H. Mennell.

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20, Castlegate,
York.

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
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30th. April, 1908.

Dear Pierce,

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I enclose the sixpence I owe you, and am

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

NATIONAL TELEPHONE No. 199.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.
York, 23 Mar 08 189

Dear Dr Pierce

Re L. M. Thomson

for 62 years old

The papers returned herewith do not give L.M.'s age, without which it is difficult to estimate the amount purchasable by the balance of the £600, after the payment of the Retiral arrears: & another QR will be due next week.

But if she is only middle-aged I think G.A. Mennell's proposal to reduce to £57 per week & disbursement is a reasonable one. If, however, she is

an elderly lady perhaps
it would be a 26/-

I think you can
quite suitably arrange
the exact figure with
F.W.M.

Yrs very truly
Rich. Thompson

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York.

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

23rd. April, 1908.

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MRS. L. M. Thomson.

Will you kindly take an early opportunity to call here to sign and afterwards to affirm the affirmation in this matter of which you recently approved the draft.

If you will let me know beforehand by letter or telephone when you are coming I will make an appointment with a commissioner as, unfortunately, the law does not permit me to act.

Yours very sincerely,

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16 March 1908

W. E. Waller Esq
The Retreat
York.

Letter book

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I shall also be much obliged if you will let me know when Sarah Scull ceased to pay for Mrs. Thomson what the total indebtedness now is.

25/3/07 to clearing end of March

There will be a total income of approximately £70 a year the whole of which, subject to the payment of necessary expenses, will be paid to the Retreat. I take it that the Institution will find the patient not only in clothes but also in any little luxuries that she may reasonably demand. I think, for Example, that she takes & enjoys an American paper called "The Outlook".

Yours sincerely
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H. C. Hunt Esq.,
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She is entitled to an annuity of about £30 and when her affairs are finally settled will in addition have a capital sum of certainly not more than £600 out of which the overdue Retreat charge will have to be paid.

In all probability the balance will be invested in the purchase of an annuity and in any case it is quite clear that the whole of Mrs. Thomson's future income will be paid to the Retreat. It seems likely to be sufficient to pay the institution about 25/- or possibly a little more per week.

It seems to me that your committee may take the view that in order to avoid any very great discrepancy between the past and future charges it might be well to make a retrospective reduction of

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Under the circumstances I should like to suggest that the charge be retrospectively reduced from 33/- to 25/- per week from the time when Mrs. Scull ceased to pay it down to the appointment of the committee ofthe estate which will be in a few week's time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

S.H. Meinell.

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Under the circumstances I should like to suggest that the charge be retrospectively reduced from 35/- to 25/- per week from the time when Mrs. Scull ceased to pay it down to the appointment of the committee of the estate which will be in a few week's time.

I am,

Yours very truly,

LYDIA MARY THOMSON

Admitted Mar. 23, 1906

G.H.Mennell to W.E.Waller, Mar. 16, 1908

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There will be a total income of approximately £70 a year, the whole of which, subject to the payment of necessary expenses, will be paid to the Retreat. . . . . .

H.C.Hunt to G.H.M., Mar. 17, 1908

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The last payment made by Mrs. Scull was on Mar. 25, 1907, and cleared the account to the end of March. I enclose the account as it now stands in the ledger. On the 31st of this month another quarter's board will be due, together with another account for disbursements. This only represents what has actually been incurred, leaving out of account the quarter's board due in advance.

L.M.Thomson

Account as in Ledger, Mar. 17, 1908

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L.A.T. Group

Account in Ledger, 31st. Dec. 1908

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		1. 0	
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G.A.T. to L.A.T., Dec. 19, 1908

. . . . . Sir, I do not be a Life-long member of t e Society of Friends, and have for long an exceedingly active and useful member. The is entitled to a quity of about £30, and when or if it are finally wound up, this condition have a capital sum of certainly not more than £300 one of which the overdue interest on it will have to be paid.

In all probability the balance will be invested in the purchase of an annuity, and though even it is quite clear that the whole of this. The annual future income will be paid to the Institute. It seems likely to be sufficient to pay the Institution about 25/- or possibly a little more per week.

It seems to me that your Committee may take a view that in order to avoid any very great disproportion between the past and future charges, it might be well to make a retrospective consideration of the former so that the Institution be brought more nearly to the

L.M.Thomson

G.H.M. to H.C.H. (cont.), Mar. 19, 1908

probable amount of the latter. In any case it is clear that the sum now due will have to be paid out of capital, and that the less the latter is reduced the greater will be the future income.

Under the circumstances I should like to suggest that the charge be retrospectively reduced from 33/- to 25/- per week from the time when Mrs. Scull ceased to pay it down to the appointment of the committee of the estate which will be in a few week's time.

G. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

.....ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
№ 42

20, CASTLEGATE,
~~25a Coney Street,~~
York.

W. E. Waller Esq
The Retreat
York

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Dear Mr Waller

Lydia Mrs Thomson

I am much obliged for your letter of yesterday with its enclosures.

I will write you further in the course of a day or two with regard to the certificates if, as I apprehend, copies of them will be necessary.

I do not think there is any reason why Dr. Peice's fee should not be paid.

Yours very truly
G. H. Mennell.

C. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

2 ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
No 42

20, CASTLEGATE,
~~25a Coney Street.~~
York.

Bedford Pierce Esq MD.
The Retreat.

5 : iii : 08.

Dear Pierce

L. M. Thomson

Will you kindly look through the enclosed draft affirmation and fill in the blanks.

You will see from it that I hope to get Miss Davis appointed Committee very shortly.

Perhaps you will kindly look through the draft summons which I send with the other document & let me know whether you find it in order

Yours very sincerely
J. H. Mennell.

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G. H. MENNELL,
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NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

.....ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
No. 83.

25a Coney Street,
York.

Bedford Pierce Esq MD.
The Retreat

14 October 1907.

Dear Pierce,

J. Thomson decd

Many thanks for your letter. I rather gathered from Dr. Mackenzie yesterday that the committee of the estate would not have anything to do with the "person", which would be a great relief to me if I underlook the duties of committee. I should hope that Catherine Impey, the original "Petitioner" might continue to make her periodical visits.

Yours sincerely
G H Mennell.

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.

Oct. 3, 1907

My dear Mennell,

I see no reason whatever why you should not act as Receiver of Mrs. L.M.Thompson's estate. It will involve little or no responsibility under the circumstances. We should look upon uou as "Petitioner" seeing that you will be paying for her, but this involves no trouble that I can foresee except that you ought to see the patient once in 6 months. If you were dissatisfied with the treatment you could remove her to another institution.

With regard to the ages, we do not know exactly, but we believe they are

Margaret Thomson: 62

Lydia Mary Thomson: over 61

I have been from home; hence the delay.

Yours very truly,

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C. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

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No 83.

.....ENCLOSURES.

25a Coney Street.
York.

Bedford Peice Esq M.D.
The Retreat,

1. Oct: 1907.

Dear Peice,

James Thomson Decd

I think I told you some time ago that John Morland had asked me if I would undertake to act as Committee of the Estate of Mrs Lydia Thomson at a small fixed fee per annum. My answer was, & it would still be the same, that I had no desire to occupy the position but that if it were thought the most desirable arrangement I would not refuse.

Do you know from your experience of any objection that could be advanced against such an arrangement, or in the alternative, can you suggest any York friend who might be approached? The duties of course will be light & will chiefly consist of receiving certain annuities & paying them over to the Institution.

Yours very sincerely
C. H. Mennell.

My dear Mennell —

I see no reason whatever why you should not act as receiver of Mrs L.M. Thompson's estate — It will involve little or no responsibility under the circumstances. We should like you for us "petitioner" — seeing that you will be paying for her but this involves ~~not~~ no trouble that I can foresee — except that you ought to see the patient once in 6 mos — & ~~[illegible]~~ If you were dissatisfied with the treatment you could remove her to another institution —

With regard to the goo cases — we do not know exactly — but see them before.

2172 M. ~~L.~~ Thompson to be 62
2303 L M. — to be over 61

~~Yours~~

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№ 83

25a Coney Street,
York.

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York.

27 Sept 1907

Dear Pierce

Jas. Thomson dec^d

It seems now necessary to inform the authorities at Somerset House of the ages of Mrs. Lydia Thomson & her sister before this matter which has dragged on so long, can be proceeded with. I shall be much obliged if you can furnish me with the dates of birth of these two ladies.

Yours sincerely

G. H. Mennell

C. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

.....ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
№ 83

25a Coney Street,
York.

Bedford Peirce esq M.D.
The Retreat
York

20: June: 1907

Dear Peirce

Jas. Thomson decd.

I am obliged for your letter of yesterday. After many weeks of trouble Miss Davis's brother declined to have anything to do with the administration of his uncle's estate & then his sister was approached. No answer was received from her for some weeks when it transpired that she had been abroad. She expressed her desire to consult her father & brother before agreeing to act as administratrix & no doubt her letter to you is the outcome of the consultation. If she declines her sisters are likely to follow suit and if that happens I really do not know what we shall do. If the estate once gets into Court it will be eaten up in no time

Yours sincerely C. H. Mennell.

that this drafte £21.10
closes the year of which
I agreed to pay as this rate
I shall send nothing more
until I hear how they
have made out with the
sinking fund. which I di-
rected to be made of the
Life Ins. Policy. I sent
to Mr Morland for information
about it some weeks ago
& have heard nothing yet.
I am unfortunate in having
mislaid the bill but
think £21.10 is correct.
Please send me a receipted
bill & oblige my much obliged

Yours truly
George M. Coulter

729 Pine St
Philadelphia Pa
3. 14. 1907

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Dear Friend
Jr. Pierce -
Your letter of Feb. 25.
in regard to Margaret
Thomson's funds I do not
know - but I was informed
by her years ago that she & her
husband had nothing - so
that for 14 years I was
supporting them as well
as James & Lydia Thomson

with all their household & personal expenses — when by accident I found out that they are using my money & saving their own! — whereupon I shut down on mine. Neither of the Thomson men had any business ability. Lydia M. T. was the clever one when she was at her best. I have been very much surprised to find from some of the leading members, whom I know very well, that the English friends have little or no funds for assisting or supporting their needy members. They are the richest Yearly Mtg in the world. & our Phila. Y. M. is the next. & we have large funds for every contingency. Now I have been taking the part with these two Thomson families — properly belonging to the English & Dutch friends — & I am really very tired of it. I believe

Feb. 25/07

Dear Mrs Scull

I can scarcely reply to your letter without explaining the financial position of the Retreat. I send under a separate cover a copy of our last report. Margaret Thomson is rec.d at the our lowest rate on the recommendation of her Ex. m. viz. 12/- a week, whereas her sister as you are aware has been received under a private arrangement with you. In both cases the payments are greatly below cost. The average cost per patient at the Rt. is about 18/- weekly and if you ~~compare~~ at our class in St. in America you will find that it is impossible to provide the best modern treatment under comfortable conditions at any rate much below this. We have some 35 patients paying the lowest rate & the deficit is made up by people who are better off. You will readily understand that the Rt. could not continue to be maintained if the number of patients at the lower rate were to be materially increased.

If we have been misinformed as to the means of Margaret Thomson and she is really able to pay more we should be glad to know but so far as I know she & her husband are in very reduced circumstances & no increase of payment is possible.

Although you have been paying considerably more for her sister Lydia at Thomson the terms paid are ~~considerably~~ still much below cost. ~~In fact~~ ~~otherwise~~ though your willingness to help her, the Rt. is losing less on her than on her sister. for which ~~we~~ we are grateful.

I have been requested by a member of the Com. to send you a copy of the enclosed appeal for funds towards building a new Rec. Room & as I am now writing I send it with this. You will have understood from the foregoing that with so much charitable assistance to give it is hardly possible for the Rt. to meet capital expenditure when it becomes necessary.

No doubt you have many claims nearer to you than this country, but ~~it has been suggested~~ still that seeing your unfortunate ~~sis~~ relatives are being nursed here & sharing the benefits the Retreat gives you may be sufficiently interested in the Rt. to help us in the present ~~circumstances (need?)~~. need

Winter address 1729 Pine St.
Philadelphia Pa.
Feb. 14. 1907

Bedford Preice M. D.

Dear Sir -

This a mistake the present quarter's bill of Margaret Thomson was sent to me - by which I see what is being paid for her at the Retreat - what a different sum I am paying for her sister Lydia M. Thomson.

nearly three times as much

before I pay any thing on
Lydia M. Thomson's bill
I would like to have an
explanation, & to have
her bill made to read
nearly harmonize with her
sister's. The food & care
are all of same quality
& L. M. T. is now in the
regular hospital & not
in private rooms.

Yours very truly

(Mrs) Sarah M. Scull

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G. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

2 ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
Nº 83.

25a Coney Street,
York.

16th. January 1906.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.
The Retreat,
York.

My dear Pierce,

JAMES THOMSON DECEASED.

I have been instructed to do what is necessary for proving the will of Mr. James Thomson late of Long Sutton, Somerset.

His widow Mrs. Lydia Mary Thomson who is, by the will, appointed sole executrix and legatee, is, as you know, a patient at the Retreat.

After considerable trouble I have ascertained that, the estate being a small one, the Probate Registrar will grant probate of the will to the next of kin of Mrs. Thomson provided certain affidavits are made which will prove her own unfitness to act.

Unfortunately not only Mrs Thomson herself but all her nearest relations also, are mentally afflicted and it will be necessary for me to get similar affidavits made with regard to them. One of them Mrs Margaret Thomson is a patient under your care.

I send you herewith two draft affidavits in the form required and shall be grateful if you will fill in the blank spaces and if you will determine on some nurse capable of joining in the document with you.

When you have satisfied yourself that the affidavits are in a form that you and the nurse can properly make will you kindly return them to me when I will have them engrossed for signature?

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I am sorry that you should be troubled in the matter but I am afraid it is inevitable.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

S. H. Merrell

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Believe me,

Yours very truly,

C. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

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No. 03.

.....ENCLOSURES.

25a Coney Street,
York.

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
The Retreat.

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Dear Pierce.

Jas. Thomson dec^d.

Many thanks for so promptly returning the draft affidavits in this matter.

I shall, of course, be quite glad to hand you a fee for your trouble.

The only point as to which I am a little in doubt is with regard to the affidavit referring to Mrs. Margaret Thomson. In this affidavit you state that you have attended Mrs Thomson for four years, and that she has been four years at the Retreat, while the nurse, Miss S.E. Clark, states that she (Mrs. Thomson) has been three years at the Retreat & months under her care. Should not this "three" be "four"?

Yours sincerely
C. H. Mennell.

West Falmouth
Sept. 5. 1906. Mass.

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Dr Bedford Price

Dear Sir

I send the receipt on London for Lydia May Thomson bond at the Retreat for the half year ending Sept. 30. 1906.

Please send your receipt bill to me at Cambridge Pa. my winter home.

She will be leaving here in three weeks.

I trust my poor Cousin
is pretty comfortable.
As soon as matters can
be arranged – I wish the
Ins. Policy & the money
into a sinking fund at 10 p.c.
to pay toward her board –
the little Annuity of £30. & her
own for clothing & washing &c –

Yours sincerely

Sarah M. Scull

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SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

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No. 83.

25a Coney Street,
York.

17: Sept: 1906.

My dear Peirce,

James Thomson decd.

It becomes necessary for me to ascertain the names of all the next-of-kin of the late Jas. Thomson as, in all probability, one of them will have to be appointed administrator of the estate.

Your information that Mrs. Margaret Thomson a sister of James Thomson's widow, is a patient in the Retreat, leads me to ask whether the former is a widow or whether her husband is or was a brother or other relative of James Thomson.

It is possible that information as to the name of the person who pays your charges may put me on the track of a relative. In any case I shall be very grateful for any information you can give me. So far the nearest relation I can hear of is Mrs. Scull, a cousin of the widow's, & presumably no relative whatever of James Thomson's.

Believe me
Yours very truly
H. Mennell.

Bedford Peirce Esq M.D.
The Retreat.

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G. H. MENNELL,
SOLICITOR.
NAT. TEL. NO. 0428.

.....ENCLOSURES.

IN ANY REPLY PLEASE REFER TO
No. 83.

25a Coney Street,
York.
14: September: 1906.

Ans

My dear Peirce,

I have been instructed by John Morland of Glastonbury, with the consent of Mrs. Sarah Scull of Philadelphia, to act in winding up the affairs of the late James Thomson of Long Sutton.

I am informed that his widow, Lydia Thomson, who is the sole executrix & legatee under her husband's will, is of unsound mind and a patient in the Retreat. I do not know, however, under precisely what circumstances she is under your care — whether a lunatic so found by inquisition, or a voluntary inmate, or what — and I shall be very much obliged if you will enlighten me —

Believe me,
Yours sincerely
G. H. Mennell

Bedford Peirce Esq M.D.
The Retreat.

West Falmouth
Mass.
Aug. 16. 1886.

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Dr Bedford Pierce -

Dear Sir -

Your bill for my Cousin Lydia Mary Thomson - was rec^d last - yes - & should have been paid at once - but her two nephews in New York offered to pay $60 - a year each for this year, & I have had to remind them of it so many times -

& had no one dependent on them!! they should be able to pay full board for her at the Retreat. L. M. T. has a mt of £12. a year of her own & every thing I have had for the last 14 years - except the had an occasional present from a friend - I hope to put the Ins. Policy of £500. into a sinking fund - at 10 p.c., & so get £50. a year which will help with her board at the Retreat, & the $100 sinking fund of £30 income will provide her clothing - I intend to let my two Cousins her nephews forward their part without sending it to me - & perhaps they will be more prompt. I hope to send you a draft in a few days - I have to

that it has caused delay.
The bill states that pay-
ment must be in ad-
vance each quarter - but
the first quarter was ending
last before the bill was
sent. I have had the
entire expenses of Mrs. Thom-
son & her husband to pay
for many years - also their
life Ins. servants wages &
every thing of every kind, & as
Mrs. T. was not specially
economical it took con-
siderable not less than £200
a year.

It was the same for many
years for Mrs. Alfred Thom-
son & her husband ~~Alfred~~
& I accidentally found the
latter couple were taking
it when they had enough of
their own & I cut it off.
but - I have continued L. M. T.
until the present time.
James T. has just died, so
that I shall not have
any further house keeping
expenses. I explain this to
you because of your writing
to either Mrs. Morland or
Mrs. Warner, that if they could
afford to pay an Ins. Policy &
Mrs. Thomson &c.

send to Philadelphia for it - to my banker -
I should like to know when the board bills are due -
We have agreed to pay the board for one year at a time - so that there is no agreement beyond the present year, that is till next Spring
I am very sorry for this delay in payment but have been unwell & avoid it this time -

Yours truly
Sarah M. Scull.

PRATTS,
LITTLE WALTHAM,
CHELMSFORD.

31. July '06

Dear Friend

We are looking for a will of my late uncle James Thomson: we have found one made in 1870 but we have reason to believe that there is a later one, & we have been wondering if his wife took it to America with her, as she took away his gold watch. If you would kindly order a search amongst her belongings & would let us know, we should be really obliged.

Sincerely yours
S. C. Marriage

and
N.K.

27th 7th 1906

Dear Friend

Would thou kindly tell me how Lydia Mary Thomson is & is there any hope of her recovery. She is a very old friend of ours & we have deeply regretted to hear of her condition, she & her late dear husband

Dear Friend Jenny

Susanna Newton

Dear Friend many days
write us & we write
them, & we cannot
hear from anyone
Now she is on her
sister Margaret Thomson
whom we also know
well, so I thought I
would write to the
direct.

Wyndal
Glastonbury
July 25/

Dr Friend Dr Piesse

Thanks for thy note of the 23rd. It is rather a comfort that L. M. J. should not understand about her husband's death. I was afraid she would be in a sad way and blame everyone round. He was very kindly & carefully cared for to the end by the old nurse who was there last autumn. We expect to attend the funeral tomorrow. I will write to her, giving her some particulars, and thou canst let her have it or not as seems best. Mary Grace reports that she recognized her and was pleased to see her when she called at the Retreat, and told her that she felt her friends had done right in placing her where she was. I have sent the account forwarded to us, Sarah Scott, and asked her to send the money to York. Hope she will attend to the matter promptly.

I remain sincerely
thine
Mary J. Morland

Address to Sarah

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat
York

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Reigate
July 24.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Thank you very much for your letter received this morning.

The same post brought me one from Mrs. Colbenham in which she suggests another change for my boy

with a younger son
offers to a relative
in Wales.
Gerald it seems to
wishing to accompany
Gordon Tottenham
to Wales when the
Beachley visit is
concluded, & I am
winding to make
arrangements.
I think this may
cover the time you
are away from home.
You suggestion
of a voyage I will
bear in mind.
I am.
Yours very sincerely
Maude Taylor.

Mrs Tottenham writes
"Nothing more has been
said about work. I expect
the idea has died a
natural death, & have no
intention of reviving it."

ANNANDALE,
LANGPORT,
SOMERSET.

July 18.

My dear Sir

I am attending Mr. Thompson of Langport near here. He is suffering from an impacted fracture of the neck of the femur. Would you kindly let Mrs Thompson know. The accident happened last Friday night. At his age (84) and with a constant dribbling of urine and a

good deal of swelling — if the thigh of course the prognosis is bad. But even if you could allow her Mrs Thompson to travel it would be no good for her to come. Indeed mentally her Mrs Thompson I should say is as bad as she is.

Yours sincerely

James V. Delamere

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Wyral
Glastonbury
VII mo. 10/17

Dear Friend
I hear from Long-
sutton that James
Thompson has broken
his leg, or thigh. I
do not know par-
ticulars, but shall
probably go over
there this afternoon.
I do not think

there will be time
to catch the frost
there to day. but some
one will write to-
morrow. Of course at
his age it must be
serious. I thought this
would judge whether
his wife should be
told. I remain
Yours truly
Mary J. Morland

Peter
a wise says he is settling up
anything & probably there
will be no need for me
to go over

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"CLARK, STREET."
A.B.C. CODE USED.
RAILWAY:- GLASTONBURY.

STREET,
SOMERSET,

6/26 1906

Dear Bedford Pierce

The enclosed has been in my possession for nearly a month, & by a strange chain of accidents has never been opened till now, when I find that instead of a cheque there is this demand for signatures - Can you get Lydia Thompson to sign this? She would not previously sign a declaration about income I believe - but you can assure her that both Francis & J. Clark & I are quite positive that her husband's income is less than £150! It is really less than £120 - I hope you will be able to cajole her - if so I will get it signed by the old man when you return it - Yours Roger Clark.

It is somewhat ludicrous to know that it is a joint affair - husband's income as to whom it really belonged!

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STREET,
SOMERSET,

1 7 1906

Dear Friend

The uncle and has come for Mrs Thompson & she as been arrested on a warrant. He and other people have to battle to get the money which wanted for the maintenance of her husband.

James Thompson and Have you ever had any similar cases I suppose Lydia Thompson is hardly fit to act as solicitor or magistrate

It is a very sad state for the Thompsons to be in, & I fear from your report that Mrs Thompson is hardly

likely to be any better.

If she can sign this I suppose it will be in order with out any further trouble

I have never had the pleasure of playing another game of golf with you I hoped ere this you would have

tried our Burnham Links

Trusting you are well.

Believe me
Yours very truly

Francis Clark

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Long Sutton,
via Langport,
Somerset.
24 Ap 1906.

Dear Friend,

I understand from Mrs John Morland that I had better write to you to help me to get back a nice fur cloak, which I lent to Mrs. Lydia Mary Thomson, and also a small white woolen shawl. If you could be so kind as to post these two things to me I should be much obliged, and will at once repay the cost of postage. I hoped Mrs Thomson might have returned them before now, but as I am about to go to Ireland and shall require them I thus apply to you. I suppose Mrs Thomson did not quite understand.

She also brought back from

America with her, for us, two handsome glass dishes and five lbs of extra good tea. I think Mrs Morland may have written to you about these; she suggests that you might be spared the trouble of sending these last named things here, by sending them to Fielden Thorp's house, in York.

I should be pleased to hear how Mrs Thomson is getting on, if you can send me a line with the cloak and shawl.

Yrs sincerely
p.p. (Mrs) Anne E. Warner.

WYRRAL,
GLASTONBURY

April 15th

Dear Friend
D. Pierce

I am sorry to say that we have not yet had a reply from L. M. Thompsons nearest relations who are living in America, as to payment of maintenance &c. We have

We at Street cannot help much as their home is a nine miles drive from us. I saw him yesterday, he seldom talks of his wife.

I remain
thine truly
Mary J. Morland

little doubt that the money will be forthcoming. I told them I thought the rate would be about £100 per annum. we want more particulars as to rates &c. I believe she has an annuity of £30. but it is difficult to find out. & also to appropriate.

If James Thompson joins her. his relatives must be responsible. How is she now? What arrangement would they recommend for them if they could be together? He takes one person's time & care to look after him at home, and there is a servant as well.

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Wyrral
Glastonbury
April

Dear Miss Goodson

I had a letter this morning from my sister Amy Thorp respecting extra expences for poor Lydia M. T. Her cousin in America pays the expences £6 a year for her. As her husband is little feeble-minded the great difficulty is to ascertain what income they really have. & we do not yet know how her expences will be covered but hope to ascertain shortly. I think she must buy more wool. She had ~~not~~ £4/-/- when she reached York and Mary Grace gave me £5/-/- for any thing she might need, and that I can go toward her clothes & the wool &c. I do not suppose she will be needing fresh clothes &c as she took a good outfit to America and Mrs Amelia has left much here so up in her house. If any are needed. Please Warner Lipscomb Esq at Mrs Beyo's Longsight would make a search for any thing. She has been seen in Manc. to board somewhere.

Kind Regards Bruce Warner.
Thinks Miss J. Bartlett.

Mrs Goodson
Belle Vue
Headingly Road
York

Not Hyde Park
Leeds

Returned
Again

Our present. The reverend
J. Mc Mc Meeting here
looking as Broadway for
Mrs. affairs. but Hyde Park
time relative may

√ DP.

Dear Friend April 25

We are obliged for note from Mr. Waller received on Monday. We are very anxious to get the latest report of L. M. Thompson's condition, with thy present opinion as to the probability or possibility of her recovery. If it is unfavourable, it will probably be best to give up their house as soon as possible and for James Thompson's

relatives to be communicated with, that they may undertake future responsibility for him: but we can take no steps until we receive thy report. I fear that the rate of payment, suggested by Mr Waller for Jas J. 2½ guineas weekly is more than could be raised.

I remain
thine sincerely
Mary J. Morland.

WYRRAL,
GLASTONBURY.

April 17

Dear Friend
Dr. Pierce
I have received a letter this morning from L. M. J.'s cousin Mrs. Scull of Overbrook, Philadelphia in which she says willing to pay $86 for Lydia M. J. at the

I remain
thine truly
Mary J. Morland

Retreat; agreeing for one year at a time only." I believe that part of Lydia M. Thompson's annuity goes toward payment of an insurance policy. The rest would be available for clothes &c.

This is all we know definitely at present as to her affairs. We should like to know their present opinion of L.M. Thompson's condition and also what rate her husband would have to pay and whether they would see one another frequently.

To D. Pierce

April 27

Dear Friend

I am much obliged for thy letter which contains just the information that was needed. We have not yet found out exactly what the Thompson's financial position is, but I believe they have nothing beyond their furniture & the £20 annuity and the insurance. The amount of which we do not know. The cousins in America, who say she will pay £16 per annum for L. M. T. has very generously allowed them a moderate income for some years past

but I understand this was less regularly paid of late, and she says that she cannot undertake any responsibility for James, nor can his relations expect her to do so. She says L.M.T's visit to America, fees to doctors, oculist, &c cost her £200. I believe the cost of nurse for Jas T. has been paid by another friend: the rent and home expences have been very small. We must make a try now to ascertain what Jas T's relatives and friends in Ireland can do. He is 89 years old and very feeble, but much happier than his wife.

Remain
Yours truly
Mary J. Moreland.

we noticed that it was dated from Belle Vue.

I remain, with thanks for thy letter (of the 26th) & encouraging report of Mrs Pearl, Thine truly

Mary J. Morland.

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GLASTONBURY

April 5
1906

Dear Friend
Dr Pierce

Perhaps thou hast been expecting to hear from some one in our meeting respecting Lydia M. Thompson's affairs. I believe there will be no difficulty about the payments, but as her nearest relatives live in America, and there is no one closely

connected with her in this
No meeting: the
necessary correspondence
takes time. but I trust we
shall be able to give a
definite reply as to funds
before the 18th. Annie
Warner is very poorly
now, and lives a few miles
drive from us. so that
we cannot consult much.
If thou writes to ~~Roger~~
Clark or myself we
should, ~~letter~~ forward the letters to
A. Warner

~~Farmer~~ I have not heard
any thing of James Thomp-
son lately. he is no better,
and we think will need more
care soon he is 80 years
old. We shall be glad
to hear any fresh partic-
-ulars of Lydia M. Thomp-
son's present state, and
what thy judgment,
and advice would be, as
to her future. I have
written to her once.
She wrote a touching
letter to Annie Warner,

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"CLARK, STREET."
A.B.C. CODE USED.
RAILWAY:- GLASTONBURY.

STREET,
SOMERSET,

3/26 1906

Dear Redford Price

Lydia Mary Thompson

This poor woman has just been deposited in your care & as an overseer of our M.M. I have been asked to write you to ask for

① An opinion as to her mental condition & whether there is any chance whatever of recovery.
② What is the lowest rate for which she can be taken in at the Retreat. They have no means.

Her unfortunate husband is quite as crazy as she is & as soon as the warm weather comes we must look to getting him off too!

Is there any reduction for man + wife!? -

If any one else has written you to the same effect please excuse my troubling you. It is difficult to be sure, as they are not members of our particular meeting.

With very kind regards

Yours

Roger Clark.

there seem no relations in England who can undertake any responsibility. For the present there are limited resources from elsewhere. I remain

thine sincerely,

Mary J. Morland.

You will be glad to hear that Mrs. Merrick seems bright & well. I see her occasionally. I hope Mrs. Pearl is making progress toward recovery.

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To Dr. Pierce March 23

Dear Friend

I believe our poor friend Lydia M. Thompson was taken to the Retreat yesterday. We are very sorry about her, perhaps her condition may improve but it hardly seems likely. A letter came yesterday from her cousin in America, that Katherine Impey should have seen, but

there was no opportunity of forwarding it. Mrs Scull says "she had with her £6/10/. in gold with her keys in a purse fastened to her corset. also in purse in her pocket a £10 bill for Stewardess, who had previously received 5 dollars & 2/50 for table steward & 2/50 for bedroom steward with duplicate keys. she also has in her boxes 2 cut glass dishes sent to friends in this neighbourhood. and a fur cloak that she had was one borrowed from our friend at Longsutton. We thought it would be best to tell you of these things lest there should be any mistake. We do not yet see how expences for L. M. J. will be met. her poor husband's mind is very weak, he also needs care & watching. Our overseers must consult on what course to pursue. They do not belong to our part of the country,

interest of others —
Her sister already work-
ing is Margaret Thomp-
whose husband lives at
Torquay —
I shall be glad to ~~[illegible]~~
go on at once to Bir-
mingham — so do not
intend coming farther
than York Station though
I hope Bernard Shewell
may be able to — to deliver
papers &c —
Yours sincerely
Edth. Tupey

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55 Shaw St
Liverpool
Mar 22/06

Dear Friend. B Prince

We have decided
our Irena must needs
go to your care for
awhile — Dr. H Horb
& Dr Wilson have filled
out needful papers
& a JP has endorsed
Bernard Shewell & I
think Lu Thompson
will unsuspecting hand
with us to York Station

where we expect to arrive at 1.28 (from Liverpool St.) 9-20 am) Will you please have carriage or Cab & attendant to meet us at York Station We fear we may have a sad difficulty then as the poor lady thinks we are on our way home where she is longing to be -

The ship arrived last eve - 8 pm - & took her to Lawrence's Hotel where I slept in same room with her. She was haunted with fear of evil men, & spies &c - & kept springing out of bed to hide from them & search them out for the first 3½ hours - after which she had about 5 hours pretty solid sleep. - She has complete trust in me It is hard to be here betrayed (It may be for her good - but is taken in the

Confidential & Urgent.

Street
Somerset
May 18/06

Dear Dr. Pearce

On Tuesday I have offered to meet (at Liverpool) on her arrival from America the friend Lydia Mary Thompson who was two months ago refused permission to land by the U.S. New York authorities on the ground that she was an "insane" & therefore an "undesirable alien"

week Dr. Hunter & Hugh & I came to see the Ship's Dr. & Stewardess &c & decide whether she is fit to return to her home at Long Sutton or not. In case it is the latter I thought I had better write these particulars in case we have had to appeal for your assistance. I believe she has a peculiar horror of York - having a sister there (another sister is in an Irish Asylum) Would it be possible if she has to be put under care - for her not to be with the sister?

His friend (who lives at Longpetton in our mts) has an aged husband at home now of failing intellect, & she for the needed change from his long tax upon her nerves, her visit, but her cousins so was encouraged to accept an invitation from wealthy relations in Philadelphia to spend 3 months with them. There was a rough passage over & what had seemed peculiarly & intuitively before this took place. More definite form.

As L.M.J. became calmer in our mts sent to York evon. She has no relation who can attend upon her. & our landing this

urgency - I shall be
~~much~~ grateful -
Please address
Catherine Impey
c/o Laurances Hotel
Clayton Square
Liverpool

~~I'd~~ I am invited to spend
Tues. night at Dr
H. Hopps, 55 Shaw St.
Either address would
find me -
Yours sincerely
C. Impey

If one wire - could you send
an attendant to fetch the patient?

Yes with pleasure. Will
the patient be in a state of
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Our Overseers who have the care under their care, & in whose behalf I am going to Liverpool - Know that I am write this informal letter Of course you will understand me cannot tell me see the patient dead on our course. nevertheless if you can supply me with necessary forms for filling out - in case of