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sleeping very much better.

As regards our chess match we had better hold it over till we meet, & finish it off, if we mutually feel like it, in an evening.

Have you read H. G. Wells' "First & Last Things"? It is a thoughtful piece of work even if it is rather "strong meat": & it strikes me as being extremely sane & humble.

With kind regards to your wife
Yours sincerely
Doro. Duckitt.

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YELDRHALL MANOR,

TWYFORD, BERKS.

June 1st. 1909.

my dear Bedford Pierce

I cannot remember whether I have answered your letter of the 16th ult: or no: but in case I have not, many thanks for the same and for the suggestion as to an occupation. I have decided for the moment to go over to London with my wife next Saturday & to lead a quiet 3 months, seeing if I can

produce an M.D. thesis out of
my "glycosuria" experiments of the
past two years. I shall not
therefore manage to get up to
York before then to see you.

I hope this letter will just catch
you, if you do not start with
the moves till June 4th. May
you have fine weather &
a most enjoyable change from
work.

A propos of future occupation

I should have liked to have

taken up eggs or some branch of medical work
but that was dead against it. As it is, I
take vaguely of taking up triph-culture or
doing some model experiments out of doors -

But I know nothing about either at present
so that I do not find it easy to connect
a decision about where to live or what to
do. It is far easier to find up things in
life than take up things -
How soon I
am not complaining on the trip to New
Zealand has been really a pleasure & I have returned

It would have been nice
to have seen Dr. Priestman
personally on his return.

Yours sincerely
Annals C. Inskett

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at

YELDHALL MANOR,
TWYFORD, BERKS.

March 24 07

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I enclose Cheque for
£10-17-6.

A long letter from my husband
this morning tells me of their
doings all through the week &
they seem to be very comfortably
settled at Laornima & ~~the~~
weather seems to have

reached them at length.
Their address is, in case
you have not got it:

Villa Schuler, Via Bastione,
Taormina.

From my husband's letters
I do not fancy he is in
very high spirits, but as the
weather gets brighter & warmer
I have no doubt his
spirits will rise too.

I have written back Dr.
Priestman ~~of~~ what date
he must be back in
England & also asked him
if he could leave my husband
under the care of an English
doctor there, who was at
College with my husband,
so that he should not
be left entirely to himself
in the interval, before his
brother can join him.

Ans. B.D.

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92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

March. 11. 1907.

Dear Mr. Rice.

I enclose cheque for £2.2/-
in response to your appeal. I wish I could
make a larger contribution to so worthy
an object as ^{that} you have in view, but the
claims on my purse are so many &
increasing that I really do not know
how to find the money to meet them all.

My brother spent a night with me here
on his way through town & seemed in a

fairly happy & contented state of mind
but it struck me that at bottom there
was the same mental restlessness &
much progress still to be made before he
can be said to be healthily normal.
He is no doubt a great deal better
than he was, but rather in degree than
in kind as it seemed to me.

I hope he will enjoy his time abroad.
I think he cannot fail to be the better
for the change.

Judging by the Röntgen ray photos

of his leg, the break seems to have
been a pretty bad one & I am not
surprised that he is still unable to
walk.

Yrs very truly
E. W. Jackson

Giving to the great expenses
in connection with my
husband's long illness I
feel I cannot at the moment
respond to your appeal,
much as I should like
to do so, but I sincerely
hope, that if things improve,
I shall be able to contribute
something towards the
fund.

Any account to be settled
for my husband kindly
send on to me here -

With much gratitude

Yours sincerely

Ann M. C. Inckell

at

YELDHALL MANOR,

TWYFORD, BERKS.

March 8th 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierre,

I am writing to thank you
for all you have done for
my husband while with
you & I sincerely hope that
his travels abroad will set
him up still more & in
time give him his health
back - He has written

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Once off Genoa, I
gather, & the voyage so far
had been fairly good.

I am so thankful Dr.
Priestman is able to be
with him for a time.

My husband writes, that a winter I suppose will
be constantly wishing have to be left till late.
I could be with him, but as it will depend on his
that is of course on the state of health at the
time.

the question, so I am going
abroad to Sweden in May
so as to be out of reach
when he returns to
England again & thus
lessen the temptation of
being with me.

The decision of where
he is to spend next autumn

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92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Feb. 22, 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Many thanks for your letter
and more for all the kindly & sympathetic
interest you have taken in my brother,
of whom I am glad that you are able to
give so comparatively good an account.
I don't know what we should have done
without your assistance & advice &
whatever the future may have in store
for him I feel sure he could not have
been in better hands than he has been
while with you & we are most grateful

for your care of him.

I do most sincerely trust that this time
he will profit by past experience & avoid
the dangers which have hitherto beset him,
for I feel quite sure it will be some
years before he is really free from the
danger of ^a recurrence of the trouble
& in the meantime everything depends
on whether he can be induced to lead
a judicious life.

With kind regards

Yrs sincerely

P. D. Jaeger

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GALEWOOD TOWER, G'SHELFORD, CAMBS.

Feb. 8. 1907

Wm. E. Walker Esq

Dear Sir,

Herewith enclose Cheque
for £60-6-5 & thank you
very much for your kind
letter explaining the account.
There is no need whatever
that my husband should
know anything about the
account, for we need only

CAFEWOOD TOWERS CAMP
tell him that I have settled
it & do not think he will
make further inquiries.

I am very grateful for all
the attention my husband
has had while at the Retreat
& I feel that he has greatly
benefited by his stay there.
I note what you say about
Dr. Priestman & I am writing
to Mr. P. D. Sackett on the subject.

Yours faithfully
Anna M. C. Sackett

I don't know what my brother is proposing to do during April. It seems a pity that he should return to England quite so soon if we can find anyone to replace Priestman. At the same time England, Cornwall at any rate, is often very delightful in April, & I expect he would be happier & much better here than with no companion or an uncompanionable one abroad. Perhaps you will kindly talk it over with him.

Yrs sincerely

P. W. Duxbury

P.S. I have just received the enclosed letter from my brother. I imagine you will not approve of his extending his travels, as he suggests, alone. I have written to him in reply, whether judiciously or not. I am not quite sure.

I enclose copy of my letter.

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Jan. 14. 1907.

Dear D. Pierce.

I am very glad indeed to hear that Priestman is able & willing to go abroad with my brother in March. I hope they will both thoroughly enjoy the trip & that my brother will not experience any serious wave of depression.

In reference to Priestman's payment I quite agree with your sentiments & suggestions & will write to my brother on the subject if you wish. I think however it would come just as appropriately from you, while any scruples he may feel on the subject you will have the advantage of being able to deal with them & them.

so far as this trip is concerned, it appears to be a comparatively small matter one way or the other, but I know my brother is inclined not altogether unreasonably to ponder outlay on himself at the expense of his wife & family. His recovery is however the first consideration & any expense properly incurred for adequate reasons must be recognised accordingly. With reference to the contemplated American trip I imagine that my brother will not start on this till the summer or early autumn & that he will be away at least a year. In this case therefore the question of payment presents a more serious difficulty, for added to travelling expenses it would amount to a somewhat formidable figure, & seeing what a

delightful experience it ought to be, if my brother is at all reasonably well, as we hope, I feel we ought to be able to get someone who would be only too glad to go merely on payment of his expenses.

At any rate I fear there will be considerable difficulty in persuading my brother to consent to paying anyone for accompanying him more than his expenses. He will say I expect, & not altogether unreasonably by that time, that what he wants is a companion not a doctor. Still, if Priestman were able to undertake the job, I think there is no question that it would be far better & possibly ^{in the long run} cheaper to incur the necessary expenditure & insure the success of the expedition rather than take any risk.

..... I imagine St. Pierre will not approve of your going on alone in April but I will leave that for you to discuss with him. It may be possible to find someone to replace Priestman or if no other solution offers I imagine you might do worse than spend April, which is often a very delightful month in Cornwall, at Durpan with Arthur, sailing, trout fishing, crafting fruit tins, getting out the Sympre, & still I feel with you that it is rather a pity for you to come home quite so soon, if it can be avoided.

I agree with you that late summer or early autumn is probably time enough for you to start on your American travels, which by the way I expect will prove one of the most delightful experiences you have ever had, & which I envy you.

~~Early~~ Autumn is the season for big game shooting in the Rockies

I believe, but in California there are plenty of deer & any amount of duck, snipe, quail &c to be shot all through the winter.

Early summer is the season for trout fishing in the Rockies & magnificent fishing I believe it is.

Winter is essentially the time for California.

I do not see that you are likely to be able to spend the summer better or more profitably to yourself than in boating or in England. Please do not contemplate joining Anna in Sweden. You have asked me to prevent your doing so & I mean to do my best.

If it be possible I mean to induce your complete & permanent recovery this time, taking no chances & no half measures.

You may feel well in 8 months or less but until you have

●elled with Nature for the best part of a year in the glorious air of the Rockies or the Prairies, you will not be really set up.

I don't mean that even then you will not have to be careful to live a quiet healthy life, but, given this, there is no reason why you should not be as happy & useful as you could wish with an increasing sense as time goes on that you have left your troubles behind you. But you must expect the cure first & it is going to take a year or 2.

As to making plans I am quite ready that you should make them or at any rate only fall in with those of which you approve, but I am not yet prepared to say that your judgment on the subject is necessarily the wisest.

The original Californian plan was entirely yours, yet it was not long before you unhesitatingly condemned it, & properly, as it turned out.

The Vetterlin-Duncan plan you may say was ours, & I believe it would have suited you but for the unfortunate intervention of Cambridge & Anna, but although you ~~proposed~~ never to have approved of it you never gave us the least hint as to this all the time.

The difficulty of leaving the decision as to plans entirely to your discretion lies in this, that when you are feeling well, you are strangely prone to forget past experience & so to ignore the considerations which would influence you if instead of feeling well you were feeling depressed.

Thus, in spite of all warnings & experience you would have risked a return to Cambridge next summer term, had the decision been left to you. Anyone might almost suppose that you did not greatly dread a recurrence of your trouble seeing that probably you could not well have chosen a surer way of bringing it about. After all you have suffered & all Anna has suffered, I cannot understand your willingness to take any chances or aim at anything short of a complete & permanent cure. If any error is to be made, let it be made on the side of safety.

Thus, ^{with reference to your suggestion of} ~~you have suggested~~ joining Anna again, & travelling alone in April, if I unhesitatingly ^{gave my approval} ~~approved~~, I should blame myself & as likely as not ^{be blamed by you} ~~you would do so~~ also, if by any chance the plan resulted in or was accompanied by a renewal of your neurasthenic symptoms. Please do not think that I at all desire to interfere with your plans. I very much prefer your making them yourself but you must be guided to a large extent by Dr. Pierce or whatever other doctor may have the responsibility on his shoulders.

I am very sorry that you should have had to undergo so much suffering & anxiety but fortunately there is every reason to suppose that the worst is now over, so do make up your mind patiently to go through with & enjoy the cure. It might not be difficult, for a more delightful one you could not well have.

York.
January 13th. 1907.

My dear DeWitt

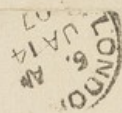
Thanks for your letter. If you would like to ~~borrow~~ ^{borrow} ~~get~~ from Mudie's or elsewhere for me Paul Fountain's ~~book~~ last book, I should be interested to read it some time. My friend Dr. Britman who has been spending 3 or 4 months helping Dr. Peice here, will be free to go with me abroad for a month about the beginning of March: and if my boy will permit it, I think I shall seize the chance of his companionship, even tho' it is but for a month & go to Sicily. The sort of plan I am sketching out for myself is to go on from there to Egypt & Greece if I am feeling pretty well: or to join one of those Orient boats or otherwise which go the round of the Mediterranean. The summer might be spent in England yachting with someone: ^{or in visiting: for instance} with Romney at Haslemere &c: & finally I might join Anna in Sweden if she has a villa there again. I see no objection in going to California in the summer, & as I am going to resign my post at Cambridge there is no hurry in going there before next autumn that I can see. I want you to realize that for any plans to suit me it is essential that I should make them, though I am very glad of suggestions & of help in carrying out any plans I make.

Yours affectionate brother
Dor.



P. D. Tuckett Esq
92 Palace Gardens Terrace
London

W.



Dear Madam

D. Pierce has asked me to explain the enclosed account -

It was arranged by the Committee that for about $\frac{1}{2}$ the time of D. Priestman there should be an extra charge of 1½ guineas per week -

This is changed until ~~the~~ D. Duckett's return to Hall - but since his return there has been a little ~~extra~~ ^{extra} he has been so much better that D. Pierce cancelled the D. Duckett of the Retreat and he sanctions a reduction of 2½ weeks -

D. Pierce hopes that this account can be settled without D. Duckett being aware of its details - He does not know & understands that an extra charge has been made for D. Duckett's ^{Priestman} services -

When D. Pierce explained all this at the time to Mr P.D. Duckett - & also that he thought D. Priestman should receive some acknowledgment for the time he will be travelling with D. Duckett. D. Pierce thinks that he should have an allowance of 10 or 12 guineas for the month's trip -

It is perhaps unfortunate not to arrange these things directly with D. Duckett

but D. Pierce thinks it is really better not to trouble him with financial details of this kind - so he has asked ^{me} to write to you. I should explain 92, Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington. W. (107)
that we have been paying D. Priestman for this special attention all the time - Jan. 26, 1909.

Dear D. Pierce.

Our ^{half} brother Mr. A. A. Fox has been suggested by my brother as a suitable companion for him in April when D. Priestman leaves him, & as he is ready to go, has travelled a great deal & has similar tastes to my brother, I think he should prove as suitable a companion as we are likely to find. He however wishes me to obtain your approval before he definitely commits himself in case you should think his qualifications of a medical training & experience essential in

will kindly let my brother know your views
when discussing the subject with him.

Yrs very truly
J. R. Dwyer

a companion. I have told him I do
not think you will.

Apart from the saving in expense, one particular
advantage which I hope my brother will derive
from his companionship is a revived love of
painting. Mr. Fox has considerable artistic
talent, is meaning to sketch while abroad.
I look forward to reviving my brother's interest
therein. If he should succeed in doing so
it would prove a very great resource to my
brother in the years to come.

If you approve of the plan proposed, as I
anticipate you will, do not trouble to reply
to this letter. It will be sufficient if you

I still think that if a stranger to my brother
has to be selected, it would be very desirable
that my brother & he should spend a week
alone together somewhere in Yorkshire or
in any part of England before committing
themselves to a more extended journey
abroad.

After all it is as important that my
brother's companion should be congenial to
him as that he should be experienced
& discreet.

I imagine they will probably look to being
away about 2 months

Yours very truly

C. D. Duckett

(44)

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Jan. 11. 1907.

Dear D. Pierce.

I am sorry to hear of my
brother's unfortunate accident but hope that
it may to some extent prove a blessing
in disguise by helping to reconcile him to
his present quarters for the next month or 2.
I hear that the leg has been well set & will
be none the worse ultimately & I sincerely
trust that this may be so.

Apart from unforeseen developments I imagine
there is no doubt that it will be desirable
for my brother to have a change of scene
as soon as his leg is well enough

to get about on, which I imagine will be
in about 7 or 8 weeks time.

Accordingly Dr. Ege writes & asks me to try & set
any brother's mind at rest on the subject by
securing a suitable companion to accompany
him on a short trip to the Canaries, West
Indies or whatever other place may be
decided upon. He also mentions incidentally
that he thinks young Priestman would make
an ideal companion, if he could be induced
to go.

If you agree with Dr. Ege that Priestman would
be a suitable companion, I should be very
glad to hear that you could arrange with
him to go; as to the question of payment,
to which I referred in a previous letter,

I do not think this need be any obstacle
in the case of this preliminary trip, seeing
that it will last so comparatively short a
time, though of course it stands to reason
that any brother will not want to be put
to any greater expense than is necessary.

In the event of Priestman not being available
I do not quite know how best to proceed,
having no one in my mind's eye likely to be
suitable & available. Being entirely
without experience in a matter of this
kind. I imagine you or Dr. Head are
much more likely to be able to get
into touch with some likely man.

It might be worth while enquiring as
Dr. Flower though your letter mentioning
his name conveys the impression that he
may possibly be a trifle old for the job.
Still I fancy you are inclined to think
a trifle too young, are you not?

I believe Dror has answered your kind
invitation to the Staff dance in the
negative, as he has several other engage-
ments on at the same time here -

In his letter I am afraid must also
be in the negative as regards the
invitation to myself to dance -

I hope the Dramatic Company
are not worn out with their efforts
and that all the performances
were as successful as the early ones
and which Dr Kemp wrote to me

Yours very sincerely

Dror. Tuckell

14 Albion Street
Hull, Yorks.

~~GALEWOOD TOWER, GISHELFORD, CAMBS.~~

January. 4th. 1907.

Dear Dr. Peice

The day before yesterday in jumping
down from a gate in the top
bar of which the heel of my
boot jammed, I broke my right
tibia. I went to the hospital
here to have it properly treated
& nursed: & I am thankful to
say it is progressing satisfactorily.
~~Now~~ Considering how it happened

It is a wonder that I avoided a compound fracture. The surgeon thinks it will be well enough by next Wednesday or Thursday for me to leave the hospital & go about with crutches - by convenient I should like to go straight from here to the Retreat as I do not want to give the poor the trouble of having an invalid in the house, & also the

stairs there would be a great difficulty. I can be seen off all right at this end, & if I go by Market Weynton I ~~do~~ need not change: but could some one meet me at York Station to help me with my baggage &c.?

I hope the danger of infection from influenza is past, and would some day break up before than the risk of influenzal depression.

I anticipate that the rest in bed, though tedious, ^{is} rather good than otherwise, now that the pain has begun to subside.

any one proposing to join him in such a
life must however have a very decided
natural taste for the country & nature
& must not be the more ordinary
conventional individual dependent on
the comforts of civilization.

if possible, I should like to have an
opportunity of meeting the companion
proposed for the longer trip before any
definite arrangement is made with him,
as the companion for the shorter trip I take less
personal interest, discommensurate qualifications
being probably of more importance in his
case than general ones. At the same time,
although not essential, I suppose it is
desirable that the Canaries companion,
if he proved successful on that trip,
should be able to accompany ~~him~~ my
brother on the other.

Cann House, 1865
Crown Hill, P. S. O.
S. Devon.

Dec. 22, 1906.

Dear St. Pierre.

I am very glad to have
your letter & to feel that you agree with
me as to the treatment suitable for my brother.
I am also glad that you have told him
that in your opinion he would be unwise
ever to attempt to resume his Cambridge
life. This explains his alleged loss of
confidence in your judgment but I am
sure you are right. Moreover I feel confident
that he will ultimately recover his old power
of enjoyment of the simple & every day pleasures
of a quiet country life, will be able to take
to gardening, fruit growing, bee keeping &c
with the greatest interest & will be

unimaginably happier than he has been for years.

To find a suitable companion is the all important point during the next month or 2, I am afraid it will not be an easy one for it is almost as important that he should be a thoroughly congenial companion suited to the open air life which is contemplated for my brother as that he should be a man of experience or at least discretion.

I should be inclined to suggest that it would be highly desirable for him to spend a week or 2 alone with my brother somewhere in England before it is definitely decided that he is suitable to accompany him on a more protracted journey.

So far as the Canaries trip is concerned, I imagine it will be more or less purely civilised one without any particular hardships or adventures, but I imagine that the time in America, assuming my brother is much better by then, will be liable to involve at times at any rate considerable simplicity of life, to put it mildly.

I have experienced this life myself, camping out in a wild country, alone with the most florid nature & entirely dependent on one's own resources.

It is the very acme of healthy existence, the nearest approach to an earthly paradise I know, with none of the ordinary cares of life to harass one. I would I could appeal unreservedly to my brother because it is just the sort of life we used to lead in together years ago.

Ans

I suppose there is no objection to my¹⁸⁶⁵
making independent enquiries on the
subject. It is I think quite possible
that my brother's Palmyra friend Mr.
Rogers, whom we have already mentioned
to you, might be as suitable a companion
as we are likely to find for the American
trip, if he were willing to go.

He is a man of about 50, a retired
P.O. Capt., accustomed to hardships
& an outdoor life, taking the warmest
interest in gardening, fruit growing,
shooting & all outdoor pursuits, a devoted
friend of my brother & altogether a
thoroughly robust, steady & reliable person.

Yrs sincerely

P. T. O.

P. T. O.

so far as the ^{companion} ~~trip~~ for the American trip
is concerned, unless absolutely necessary,
I do not expect that my brother would
feel himself justified in paying much
more than his expenses. In fact I
think that if he felt it was costing him
more than he could afford, it would be
likely to undo much of the good of
the trip by making him unduly
anxious to complete the cure & get
home.

As it will practically be nothing but a
most delightful holiday trip with
I hope by that time no great amount
of responsibility, it should be possible
to find someone, not necessarily
a doctor, glad enough of the chance.

If their efforts fail, do you think an
advertisement in some medical or other
paper would be likely to produce
the required man?

I must thank you very gratefully for the
effort you are kind enough to suggest
making to find a suitable companion
for my brother. Mr. J. C. & Dr. Flower
are of course were named to me & therefore
it is impossible for me to express any
opinion as to their suitability.

I am proposing to return to the
Retreat on Decemr-31st or,
if mother decides to stay
here till Jan-1st, I may stay
on to keep her company till
Tuesday morning.

With kind regards to your wife:
and with best wishes for the
prosperity of all at the Retreat
in 1907.

I remain your very sincerely
Doc Duckett



HARROGATE HYDROPATHIC

Secretary and Manager: JAMES MILLER.

TELEPHONE NO 23.

Dec. 28th. 1906

Dear Dr. Price

I hope the weather has not spoilt your
Xmas "holidays!" I have got on excellently
going some good walks, and dancing
every night, but at the same time trying
not to overdo things. I do not know
what I have been felt so stable since
last Xmas as I do at the moment;
and the least war of depression which

Came along ~~formally~~ on Sunday, was
hardly ~~deserving~~ ~~worth~~ deserving of
notice. You will be interested to hear
that a friend of the Giv's who
is spending 2 weeks with them
here, remarked that she had
never met ~~such~~ ^{anyone who had} ~~as intelligent person~~
~~as~~ ^{successfully} ~~discussed~~
the state of never suffering from
depression. ~~It~~ It was a genuine
remark from a very ~~clever~~ intelligent
woman who of course knew nothing
about me.

She objected to this letter - naturally
kept till the end - is to say that

But he may not consider it again
after his mother's letter.

I entirely agree with you, that
it would be much better to
wait till the spring for him to
go abroad, & by then hope we
shall have heard of a suitable
companion for him.

I wonder if my husband is
~~any~~ settling with you him-
self, for I have not had any
accounts from him.

Yours sincerely

Wm. C. Duckett

Dec. 30. 1906

Ans

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GALEWOOD TOWER, ST. SHELFORD, CAMBS.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I hear from my mother-in-law
this morning that my husband
has written to her saying, that he
& Dr. Eve think it would be so nice
for him to go abroad with some
relations of ours Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Duckett -

As Mr. F. Duckett is ageing very
much & extremely fussy & irritable
& his wife not well, I think it
would be the greatest mistake.
They are sailing for Rangoon on
the 10th Jan. & some friends of ours
are going by the same boat, & this

companionships would be very
bad for ^{my} husband, as this particular
friend talks hardly anything
but religion & is anything but
cheerful.

My mother-in-law has written ^{back} his letters of late have been
to my husband so strongly, that
I think she has knocked this
on the head. I do not think my
husband knows that Mr. & Mrs.
F. Inskett are sailing so soon,
nor that the other friends are
going; & a long voyage this
time of year. I want for my
husband more than anything

He has not mentioned anything
to me about this plan; only told
me he was going back to you
tomorrow, but this morning he
telephoned to me & said he was
going to Hull instead, as there
was influenza at York. He
sounded so very cheerful &

quite natural & bright - I do
hope he will soon be able to
return to you though, for I do
not think he has occupation
enough at Hull.

I am writing to you about this
plan, in case he consults you
on the subject, then you would
know something about the people.

Inland Bridges into "the Retreat"
if you have a vacancy at once.
Iris is a very slight French case
of delusional insanity. He has
delusions that drugs are being
administered for the purpose of
amazing & troubling him & these delusions
have a religious basis. Another
Dr. Doctin will certify him
with me. Kindly let me know
1. Whether you can take him in
at once, say immediately after Pass.
2. Whether in these mild cases where
the pt. is otherwise quite sane
& sensible, you think it best to tell
him what is being done or then he
is going.

MAT. TEL. 1826

1, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

Dec 21st 06

S^r. Bradford Pierce

Dear Sir

I do not know whether
you have yet received any
communication from a N^o.
Bridges of Guilford or S. J. Child
of Tunkidge Hills, if not I may
say that they are my anxious
that you should take a N^o.

we should we act by getting him
to York by Saturday.
3 Whether you will send for him
or should I or someone else bring
him to York.

Will you please let me have
the necessary certificates.

Believe me
Yours faithfully
Edward Weston

— S. D. A. R. C. P. —

so much for that.

For your general guidance as to the state
of my brother's mind it may help you to
know that he blames us, both for
having entertained his plan of going to
California this winter & for arranging to
send him to Devonshire & Cornwall & to
Cambridge for a night or 2 on the way.
He says it has entirely shaken his
confidence in the wisdom of our judgment.
He now characterises the Californian plan
as altogether mad & the other as having
been always opposed to his judgment.
It only shows how unstable he is & how
difficult to deal with, for in our arrange-
ment of the 2nd plan he gave us not
the slightest indication that it was
against his inclination. On the contrary
it was he who was so anxious to show

TELEGRAMS,
TAMERTON FOLIOTT.

CANN HOUSE,
CROWN HILL R.S.O.
S. DEVON.

Dec. 31, 1906.

Dear A. Pierce,

I did not mean to trouble
you with another letter so soon & I would not
do so now, for I quite realise the futility
of attempting to interfere with your discretion
in the treatment of my brother's rapidly
changing moods & plans, but my mother
asks me to write to you with reference
to my brother's latest plan & I think
you may be glad to have a little
information on the subject.

Apparently his latest plan is to accompany
our cousin Mr. Francis Jaeger (of Alpine
Club fame) & his wife on a tour to

Burmah, on which they are very shortly starting, if they should be wishing to have him.

They are kindly people & not realising the seriousness of his condition might be wishing to have his company, & if he were really convalescent, or whatever in his case you may please to term it, i.e. free from any serious liability to a recurrence of his trouble, there might be something to be said for their companionship, for they are interesting people & good company, but under the circumstances I believe you will agree that the trip is far too extended

& dangerously premature. Moreover it would be altogether unfair to allow my cousin, who is a very busy old gentleman over 70 years old, to be burdened with the anxieties which my brother's company would entail, & I feel sure he would not undertake it if he realised it.

There is another objection to the plan in the fact that a Mr. Alfred Barnworth, a devoted admirer & friend of my brother's, a very worthy but dreadfully depressing neurasthenic & feeble individual is sailing with a deaf & depressing invalid sister as far as Ceylon on the same ship.

I believe my brother does not know this, & it is probably better he should not, as it would probably be an added inducement to him to go.

character such as has produced the
trouble.

Except a formal letter

I have not written to my brother since he
has been with you & I am not
writing.

Yrs sincerely

P. W. Dugger

TELEGRAMS,
TAMERTON FOLIOTT.

CANN HOUSE,

CROWN HILL R.S.O.

S. DEVON.

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himself at Cambridge & he himself told
me in Devonshire that he thought nothing
would have suited him better if only
he had come direct from Hull & had
not seen his wife.

Similarly with the Californian plan, it
was largely our desire to please him & try
to get his mind at rest over plans
that commended it to us. We in no way
lost sight of the risk involved. You
insisted on his crossing in charge of a
companion & he would ~~have~~ of course
have been in his brother in law's care
when he landed. Moreover there was
a month or 2's interval in which

to cancel the arrangement, as was in fact done, in case of a relapse.

I wish he could be induced to remain quietly with you for the present, allowing us to arrange for him to go a trip to the Canaries or elsewhere with a suitable companion a little later on, while leaving the more remote future to settle itself, for as to that nothing need be definitely decided at the moment beyond his not returning to Cambridge next summer.

I quite recognize that the North West plan may be what Dr. Yellowlegs calls a sink

or swim policy, but with a suitable companion I have tremendous confidence in its success, whereas I fear any less radical treatment may prove merely palliative & not go to the root of the trouble so as to completely & permanently cure him, & above all things

I want to insure or at least aim at insuring this time, even though it does involve risk. I want to bring back his old nature, to break his mental restlessness & I believe nothing will do this but an entire change of scene & life.

Let him have plenty of work & all means of work in which he can take an interest, but surely it ought not to be work of a highly intellectual

to ask you if you approve
his coming.

I won't precipitate a decision
I hope if we both advise
leaving Cambridge!

Sy.

6 ALBERT GATE
GLASGOW.

Dec 20 06

My Dear Percy

all richest & best
Xmas blessings be on
you & yours.

Thos. Farn & Fickell
came this morning &
could ^{not} ~~but~~ promise to
give him my best
opinion if he sent me
- ask for a detailed
summary of all the
factors in the case.
I think you said he
was

on several occasions
intensely suicidal
N. also I think you said
that suicides were in
his family? at least
remember we fully
agreed that some day
that might his fate

Is my memory
correct? If so my
opinion will doubtless
coincide with yours

Of course he will not
likely give us these
facts - if facts they are

I felt exceedingly

for him and he has
evidently taken very
sympathy for super-
-ior wisdom!!

Of course he does
not know that you
see his letter.

Tell me also about
how into me when
you ~~like~~ write.

Love to all your dear
circle

His always
R. B. Crowder

We want to go to see her
at Kansas as all his child-
-ren are to be with her
Stepmother there. I told

Has not his time come? Would it not be wise
to tell him definitely that you do not think he will be
really fit to consider the question of his future life
for a year or 2 or whatever the time may be,
that you doubt whether he can ever safely resume
his Cambridge life, if you think so, as I do.

Perhaps the shock of the definite & absolute abandonment
of the Cambridge life might at first exert a depressing
influence, but I cannot help thinking that until he
knatters up his mind that it is abandoned, he will not
fairly be started on the road to recovery.

At any rate surely he ought not to be allowed to remain
in such a state of mind that it is possible for him still
seriously to contemplate a return to Cambridge for
next summer term.

I can remember when you took a keener interest in
or derived a healthier or more natural enjoyment
than he did from boating, fishing, shooting & other
kindred pastimes, but for the fact to be so
the pleasure he may have derived from them has
not been at all of the same substantial nature.

His interest in his work has become a disease from
which he has hardly ever been free for a moment
day or night.

Now, I take it, you feel that there are 2 courses or
lines of treatment open to him, either to ultimately
resume in a milder form the work & life which at
the moment are of all absorbing interest to him
or to abandon this altogether & acquire entirely new
interests.

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Dec. 18, 1906.

Dear Dr. Rivers.

Since writing to you yesterday
in reply to your letter I have heard from my
brother's wife that he is worrying about his future
plans again, not merely those of the immediate
future but the ultimate ones when he hopes to be
settled. He accordingly puts a categorical list of
questions for her to answer. I have told her how
to answer them & to say very decidedly that she will
not countenance his entertaining any plan except
that of getting well & that his return to Cambridge
next summer is absolutely out of the question.
He is apparently still hanging after his life at
Cambridge & suggests the possibility of his returning
there for next summer term although he admits that
it would be a risk.

Now after his experience he can be willing to take
any risk so simply inexplicable to me.
It was little more than a month ago that he
was beseeching me not to let him return to Cambridge.

of his wife until he was completely well, even if it were years.

He recognizes that the associations of Cambridge would be bad for him without his work & therefore he wants his wife to decide whether they are to abandon Cambridge & get rid of their house, &c. &c.

The thought of the possibility of keeping next summer term at Cambridge also makes him in a great hurry to get abroad.

He also says he has lost confidence in you, but not his liking for you — this of course in strict confidence so far as he is concerned — & therefore he means to see what Dr. Yellowlees & Eve & others may have to say on the subject.

It was just the same with Dr. Savage & all the other doctors who attended him on the occasion of his last breakdown, only worse so, & yet Savage was I believe perfectly correct in his advice, particularly when he impressed on him the fact that his fall, as distinguished from his apparent recovery, would be a matter of years & that he would be most unwise to resume his work. As you know, my brother

in his eagerness to get back to his work, & having fortified himself with the conviction that the trouble was wholly spiritual & incapable of recurring, set all doctors & relations at defiance & was in consequence besides all his own suffering & unconsciously subjected his wife for the last 2 or 3 years to an extremely anxious & wearying time, as I can testify from my slight personal experience of it.

What now if, in addition to the existing difficulties resulting from his insisting on judging his own case & making his own plans, he is going to complicate matters by trying to argue other doctors into giving contrary opinions & I imagine saying that he may safely return to Cambridge, then he is going to be more difficult to deal with than ever.

Dr. Eve I have encouraged him to look to resuming his scientific work at Cambridge but I rather on the absurdly inadequate & false ground that his abandonment of it would be such a loss to science, but Dr. Eve evidently fails to appreciate my brother's condition or at any rate did so when my brother was with him in Oct.

Is it not possible for you to bring home to my brother the importance of leaving himself in your & Dr. Strad's hands & the arrangement of his plans & other affairs in his wife's & mine, that he is not giving himself a fair chance of recovery if he insists against all reason in continuing to worry over plans for the distant future.

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

The plan I feel to be not merely eminently dangerous but impossible. That is what he has been professing to do the last 2 years. Whereas I cannot help believing the 2nd alternative to be both feasible & safe.

Of course I am not saying this by way of setting my opinion against yours or that of any other expert. I simply wish to let you know what I feel very strongly from my knowledge of my brother & my experience of his condition the last few years.

I fully believe myself that with a congenial occupation 6 months in California next winter followed perhaps by a fishing trip in the Rocky Mts with 6 months or a year in Canada (or the Western prairies to finish up with, would make a new man of him & restore to him all his natural enjoyment of life & so enable him to enlarge his interests as he could so well have done years ago, but as long as he is hanging after

the disease that set him, it seems to me
that he is not giving himself a fair chance.

It is no good taking half measures or running
any further risks this time. I feel pretty
certain that no one will suffer from nervous breakdown
after a year on the prairie or in the back wood or
anywhere where the life is natural & free & the
air ^{is} marvellous.

My brother implies that he has not been without periods
of depression while with you this last month or so
but I dare say you have been aware of this.

Respectfully

Yrs sincerely

A. D. Jackson

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

If he were to go now I have very little doubt
that I should be cabled for within a week or 2.
For you know he says that all the time he was
at St. Eves, he had only just got control of
himself, so that it would not have required
much to break him down.

He really seems incapable of profiting by
past experience. I simply can't understand
it.

I am much obliged to you for making the arrange-
-ments you have with young Dickinson.
You will bear in mind the question of a more
permanent companion.

My brother's wife suggests that it will be
simpler if you will kindly forward your
aff^d direct to her at Galewood Tower,
Great Shelford.
Camber.

To save me the trouble of having ultim-
ately to apply to her or my brother.

Yrs sincerely

C. D. Bucketo

more likely than anything to settle his mind if he could once be brought to realise that for his wife's sake no less than for his own he must definitely abandon his life at Cambridge for the far brighter & happier one in store for him.

We just heard from his wife that he is again worrying over plans & once more suggesting an early start for California.

To save myself the trouble of repeating it to you, I enclose a letter which I have just written her in reply. Perhaps, after you have read it, you would be good enough to post it her.

I am not at all sure that it might not be a good thing for my brother to see it. It might help to bring him to his senses.

He told me in Devonshire that a feature of the disease with him was his intense self-centred egotism. Such must indeed be the case if he has so little consideration for the feelings of his relations after all the trouble & anxiety he has caused them that he already seriously contemplates an early start for California.

Private

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Nov. 22. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Many thanks for your letter. I am glad to know that my brother continues to maintain the improvement with which he started this visit to you, & I see no reason why he should not go to Dr. Lee again as soon as you approve & it can be arranged, but I think it would be a mistake for him to go further from you for some time yet. It is perfectly extraordinary to me with what rapidly a state of absolute mental prostration is capable of giving place to one of placid calm as on this last occasion when he appeared practically normal the evening of the same day on which in the morning he had had nothing to

told him to life but only longed to be rid of it.
Indeed I can never too much impress on you
how bad he was while in Devonshire, so almost
impossible does it become to realise it afterwards.

I am very sorry you have had no opportunity of
seeing him really bad, for on both occasions
that he has been with you he has got over
the attack before reaching you.

It is simply too awful being with him at such
times his mental anguish is so great & from
what she tells me I am afraid it has often
been like her trying for his poor wife for many
years past in spite of his devotion to her.

For some years I have of course realised
that his mind was unnaturally excitable
& to a quite unhealthy degree absorbed in
his physiological work, but it is only
lately that I have realised how wearing

trying it must have been for his wife.

I think she is thankful to be relieved for a time
from the perpetual strain & anxiety of it all
& I don't believe she wishes to have him back
any more than he wishes to come back until he
is well. At any rate she & I have made

up our minds to see, so far as we can,

that he really does get well this time

& not merely gets well enough to set about
breaking down again, as before.

I imagine he will go to California for next
winter & then I shall be strongly in favour
of his going to the Rocky Mountains or Canada
for the summer of 1928.

I regard his returning to Cambridge &
resuming his work there as simply out of
the question, but it is not necessary to
decide that now as it will be at any rate
2 years before he could do so & by that time
the problem of his future will probably have
solved itself. It would however I cannot
help thinking be an excellent thing for him

6 ALBERT GATE
GLASGOW.

Jan 7. 07.

My dear Dr Pierce,

I have along life history
from Dr Fickett & also a
very good long letter from
Dr Eve. After cogitating
I sent this letter to Dr
Fickett ^{who will forward} ~~with a copy~~ to Dr Eve

I thought it well that you
should see it too.

I accept your see his
brother's suggestion & your idea
- If this does not cure him I
shall nothing will. To spend
the rest of winter in California
& the summer in the Rockies
& Canada's far west & Kansas
is ^{an} excellent plan.

2 things essential: the animal

not be given to young abt. his
future not now. He
must have a congenial
companion. Both are
difficult to secure.

On his recovery he must
lead a quiet country life
with brain work only in the
forenoon. If he overwork,
he will be ill again and —

Supposing him to be quite
well he is an excellent
guardian & companion to
a quackish Boarder if
he uses this to augment his
income!

Mr. Walker cannot be got

for Mr. McCowen some
must look about for
some one else — for his trial
in London.

Do you
mean a trial for a month
or two or shall you take
her name off when she leaves?

All best Regd. always
+ love.

WJ

The Brother's letters herewith
returned.

suitable companion, with one whom I doubt
whether it could be safely undertaken,
for however desirable change of scene
may be, I imagine the incidents &
excitements of foreign travel are almost
certain to exert a disturbing influence
on his mind at times.

I am interested to hear that N. Yellowlegs
has seen my brother. There is certainly
no question as to the gravity of the case,
but to my mind the really great difficulty
in dealing with it will arise in a year
or two's time when we hope he may feel
himself apparently well again, for the trouble
is so deep seated & of such long standing
that, as I have before told you, I feel
convinced myself that a return to his
former life is certain to bring about a
recurrence of it; & yet, so self-willed
& so well memoried does he seem to be,
that I expect it will be a difficult
matter to bring him home to him.

Yours sincerely
P.D. Dwyer.

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92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Dec. 17. 1906.

Dear N. Pierce.

I am much obliged to
you for your comprehensive letter, with
which I fully agree.

I see no objection to my brother's spending
Xmas with N. & E. & it would certainly
have been a mistake to try to prevent him
after he had once set his heart on it.

~~Whether he is at~~
With reference to his subsequent movements
during the next month or two I am
necessarily dependent on your judgment
& I am quite content to leave the
decision in your hands.

Whether he is at York or Hull does not seem to me to be of prime importance provided he could, if necessary, return to you from Hull, but if his going there will prevent this, then I think there is much to be said for his remaining at York, for the suitability of Hull to me lies in the fact that it is within such easy reach of York & I shall be surprised if in due course he fails to have another attack of depression.

At Hull he apparently spends every morning playing golf, but I imagine he has to more or less amuse himself all day, having no regular companion.

Whether he is likely to be more fully or congenially occupied at the Retreat is a matter entirely for you to consider, as I have had no correspondence with him lately & do not know his feelings on the subject.

At the time Hull seemed to suit him in some sense, but he then professed to have become, perhaps yet humiliatedly, somewhat bored at the Retreat & in spite of all your care & kindness I can well understand that he will not be sorry when the time comes for him to leave the Retreat, ^{finally} but this of course would afford no reason for his doing so prematurely.

As to the Canaries plan a little later on I have no doubt that it would do him good. I know he longs for the sun. But it will not be without risk & the all essential point is to find a congenial &

I am so thankful my husband has Dr. Priestman's congenial companionship for the present.

I am sending you a prospectus of a hydro in Sweden & though you can not gather much from this little pamphlet, yet I have heard of the great blessing & help it has been to many, who have suffered from my distress: insomnia & neurasthenia. It might give you some idea of what sort of a place it

(994)

at

YELDHALL MANOR,

Dec. 8. 1906

TWYFORD, BERKS.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I hear my husband is leaving you for Dinas. He is going with Dr. Eve to Harrogate for Dinas. From what I gather he is going to a hotel & Dr. Eve & his mother to the hydro. Not knowing all the circumstances

I venture to write & ask
you, if it is with your
permission, that he is
going by himself to an
Hotel, especially at a
time like Xmas, when
depression is so apt to
set in.

I know how much he
will be thinking of us all
at that time, for we generally
make a great fuss of

Xmas at home, & therefore
I felt it doubly important
that he should not be
left to himself at that
time or be given time
to brood over his separation
from his family, which
he is bound to feel very
much at such a season.
I hope Dr. Eve realises
my husband's condition
& will watch over him
carefully; for I suppose
you have not found him
any companion yet?

I consider it best for
my husband not to
receive any letters
from his relations. So I
am the only one corresponding
with him, & thus I know
what is told him & am
careful not to be in any
way emotional.
With very many thanks
for all your great kindness
to my husband.

Believe me

Yours sincerely
Anna H. C. Ince

YELDHALL MANOR,
TWYFORD, BERKS.

is, in case you think it
might be beneficial to
my husband later on
in the spring, before he
thinks of going further
abroad.

This proposal is of course
subject to our success
of finding a suitable
companion to accompany
him, one on whom he
could lean & have con-

finance in, but I am
afraid they are very
hard to find.

I hope you do not mind
my sending this prospectus,
but my brother-in-law
told me he had mentioned
the place to you.

Do you object to any
Shuas gifts being sent
to my husband at Shuas,

or would it be better not?
I & his mother are sending
him a few useful
things now, as I do not
want myself to be the
cause of any sadness
or to add to the hardship
he has to endure in be-
ing separated from us.
And then I intend to let
Shuas pass as usual
as possible, just with
my ordinary letter.
He writes brightly & says he
sleeps in the afternoon too.

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Nov. 14, 1906.

Dear Mr. Pierce.

Just a line to supplement
my letter of last night & to tell you
that my brother has had a splendid
night (having had a strong sleeping draught)
the most refreshing one he has had
for some weeks. This morning
he is really quite himself, normal
& undrugged. How long it will last
I cannot say. In some ways I
fear it will make the return

to you increasingly distasteful
to him.

He is now entirely free from the pains
in the head which have been more
or less constant the last week.

Although he is apparently for the
moment quite well, remember that
24 hours ago he was as bad as
he could be.

Yours truly

W. D. Quaker

it by himself - ~~for~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{moment} ~~he~~ ^{he} sleeps better he believes
himself practically well
& thinks he ought to fix his
own plans. I am so very
happy thinking of him
with you, sad as it was, that
he was obliged to return so
soon.

I must apologise for troubling
you, but I was not sure if he
had your leave or not to
receive letters.

Would you kindly let me know
what you think of my husband's
condition, having seen Dr. West
in town, as I heard from my brother.
How long do you think he ought
to stay with you? Please send
the acct. straight to me -

Yours sincerely
Anna Duckett

at

YELDHALL MANOR,

TWYFORD, BERKS.

Nov. 22. 1906

Dear Dr. Purse,

I hear from my gardener
that my husband has
written to him asking
him to forward any letters
that come for my husband.
When last I saw my brother
Debell Duckett, I understood
from him, that you only
wished me to write to my
husband - that is why

I am writing to ask you if it is alright for him to have letters from other people.

As you know, I am so very anxious to do all I can to help towards the complete recovery of my husband's health, that I would gladly give up everything, that was in the least doubtful & might worry him. Seeing him so very poorly

in Devonshire makes me so very anxious to do all I can -

He also wrote to me for my brother's address in New York, so that he might write & fix his plans with him. This I have not sent; for I feel very strongly that planning his ^{California} journey ^{now} would only upset his mind & I have no doubt that you feel the same, for the present. He says he is going to fix plans with you & I am comforted to think he is not undertaking

✓ 14 Albion St
Hull, Yorks 828

Nov. 1st - 1906.

My dear Dr. Price

I had intended to come over &
leave tomorrow (Friday) to see you:
but on the whole I have decided
not to do so, as I do not really
think there is anything to be said
which you have not already
said to me: and I dare say you
will be engaged or busy.
I am writing to say goodbye before

leaving the North and to thank
you finally for your most friendly
advice & help. You have treated
me so kindly, that I shall not
hesitate to come to you as if
I were an old friend, at any
future period when I require advice
on some contemplated course of
action, if I cannot see what is
wise clearly myself.

And if you, through neglecting your

advice as to taking things quietly
& confidently, I give way to worry
& have another break-down, I shall
certainly turn up at York to put
myself in your hands.

I go back to Cambridge on
Monday, and I am thankful to
say that I have steadily continued
to improve since my stay with you.

With kind regards to your wife.

Yours very sincerely

Ever Duckett.

AT HOME.
TUESDAY MORNING, TUESDAY AFTERNOON,
THURSDAY MORNING,
SATURDAY MORNING.

TELEPHONE 2003-PADDINGTON.

(929)

143, HARLEY STREET,
W.

Nov. 13. 1906.

My dear Dr. Peice,

Ivan Tuckett was brought up to me today from
Broms-hire by his mother. He was acutely suicidal
and said he had been haunted by the thought
of making away with himself ever since he
left home.

I have strongly advised that he should go back
to York and have arranged that if you can take
him he shall go tomorrow in the Company of a
trained nurse.

I have told him that the most "altruistic"
thing is not to commit suicide. For he put
it clearly to me whether it would not be better
for his wife if he killed himself. He said he would

gladly live all his life in an asylum if it was better
for her happiness -

He also was very anxious if possible to
have a Companion - His mother will be most
gladful & will willingly pay if some person can
be found who is congenial to him to act
as his Companion - Amongst others Tuckett himself
suggested a patient of yours who is a dipomaniac
Tuckett says he must be forced to employ himself
and that he always gets better after his brother's
foreman had made him prune or cut down a tree
however much he may have disliked doing it.

It is my sad as I hoped he was out
of the wood at present for the present

I am Y^r Obedt

Jenny Brad

581r.

✓

(837)
14, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

October 24th 1906.

Dear Sir

Herewith I enclose a cheque for
£ 22.2.1 : but I am surprised
to find that you charged £21
for the month after what Dr. Peirce
said to me, when I requested
that I might move into a less

expensive room, ^{if} ~~this~~ by doing so I might
incure less expense -

However if I misstake Dr Price's
meaning, & you have consulted him
& he said that you were to charge
£5-5-0 a week, I am quite
satisfied.

Yrs faithfully
Geo. Duckett

The Heath Club
The Heath
York.



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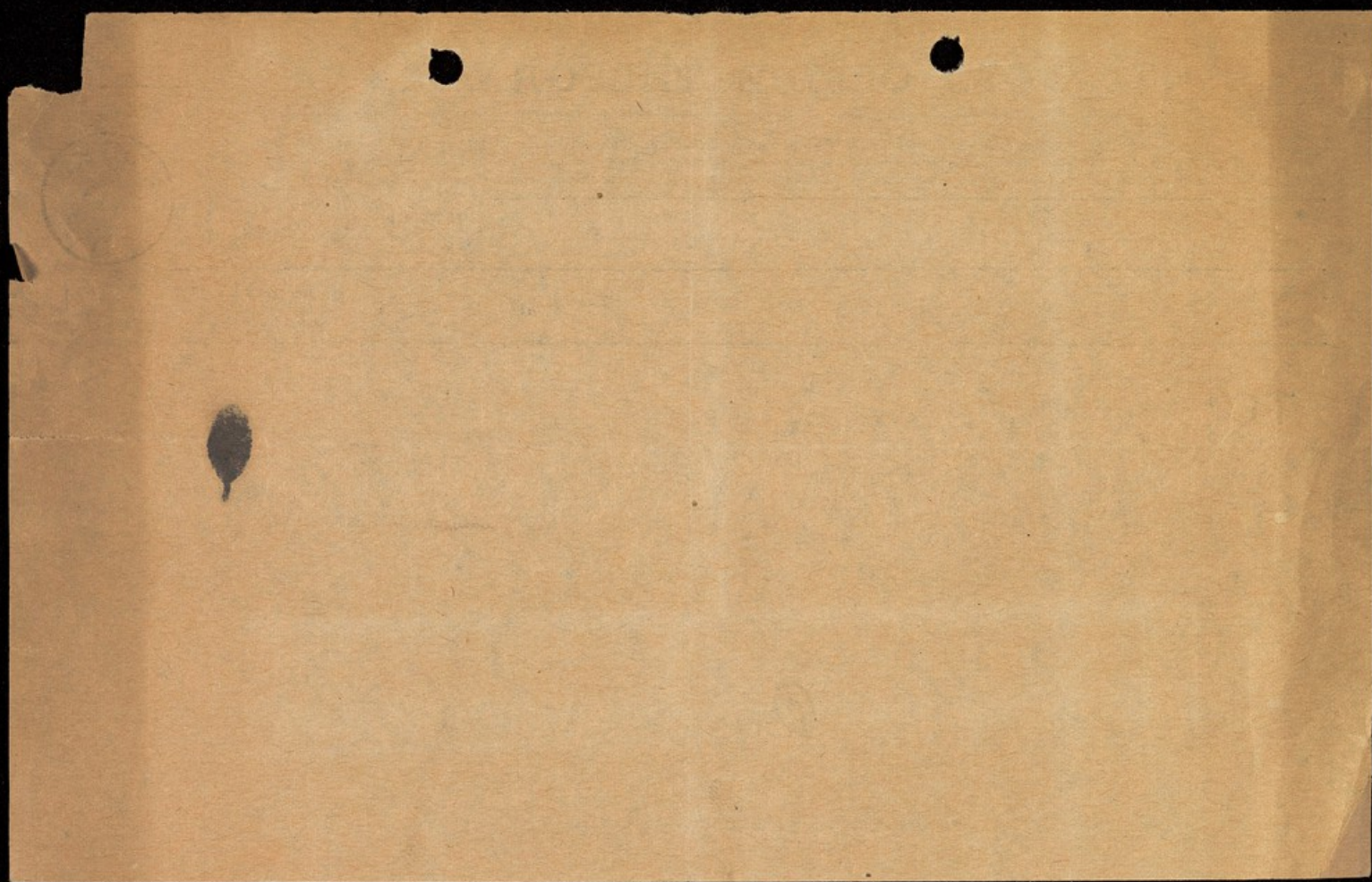
TO {

Dr. Bedford Pierce
Retreat York.

My brother being taken to
you tomorrow much worse than
before great care required

Debell Tuckett

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



to fully accept the physical basis of the
disease, he is perfectly logical, clear headed
& rational, but he has lost all hold
on life & its interests except his affection
for his wife, & in his depths of depression
he comes very near thinking that his death
would be a happy release for her as well
as for himself.

At the same time that she is his one
hold on life, there is no doubt that she
exercises the most powerful influence
on his disease & that the more he
can keep her out of his thoughts the
better. He begs that he shall not
be allowed to see her again, however
well he may appear to be, however much
he may wish to do so, until many
months or years after he has apparently
recovered.

(919)

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

Nov. 13. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have just returned from
Northshire with my brother. He has been
dreadfully bad, although not entirely
sleepless, the last few days, & dangerously
suicidal. He has several times warned
me that he has almost reached the
limit & this morning he completely
broke down & appealed to me to save
him from himself if I believed that
his wife would prefer his ending his
days in a lunatic ^{asylum} which at the moment

was the only alternative to suicide in his
mind) rather than ^{at once} end his troubles here.
I have taken him to Dr. Head this afternoon.
He is extraordinarily better, really quite
cheerful this evening, but I doubt if
it will last. at any rate you must
be on your guard. In my opinion
he has been far worse this time than
when I brought him to you 2 months
ago, in a far more hopeless & dangerous
state of mind, & although he is
reconciled to the prospect at the
moment because he regards it as a

supreme act of self sacrifice for the
sake of his wife, he dreads the prospect
horribly. He has quite lost the power
of concentrating his attention on things
& he consequently expects to be dreadfully
bored at the Retreat.

He warned me just before I took him to
Dr. Head, that if we decided to send him
again to you he hoped we should realize
what a serious responsibility we were
taking upon ourselves, & how great would
be the risk in view of his dread of
the surroundings.

He has entirely abandoned his abstinence for
the moment, but I want to warn you
that it will probably return & you will
have to be very careful with him.

He has abandoned all the religious notions
of which he was previously full, he seems

92, Palace Gardens Terrace,
Kensington. W.

He says he was on the ~~edge~~ ^{brink} of
breaking down all the time he was at D.
Eve's, although in a way ^{the life} ~~the~~ suited him,
that he was really in a far less
healthy state of mind when he left
the Retreat than when he went there.

He will of course not be fit to go to
California or anywhere else of that kind
for many months.

I find his mental troubles are of very
much longer standing than I had
supposed. apparently he was beginning
to get in this state 8 or 9 years ago.

I hope he may maintain his present
cheerful frame of mind & find something
in which he can really take an interest
while with you. It is of the first importance
that something sh^d. be found in which
he can take a pleasure & interest
if it be possible.

When he is better again in a month
or 2's time, I should think he
could not do better than go to
St. Eric's again for several months
if St. Eric can have him. It will

have the advantage of being near you
in case another return to the Retreat
should prove necessary.

Yrs sincerely
P. W. Duckett

~~at~~ Netherton. (918)
Newton Abbot.
S. Devon.
Nov. 9. 1906.

Dear F. Pierce.

Immediately on my
brother's reaching Cambridge on Monday,
all the old symptoms revived. He had
had no sleep since & consequently
has the pain at the back of the head
& is intensely depressed.

It is a great pity he came South,
as it turns out, since he is clearly
as bad as ever again, so that in the
event of his ~~again~~ failing to sleep
tonight I see no alternative but

to take him back to you tomorrow
if you can have him.

It is a great pity that it should
be necessary & must prove very
disappointing to him, but in his
present condition he is clearly unsuited
to be with his wife or to live
the simple country life I designed
for him here, for he seems to
have developed a peculiar susceptibility
to physical discomfort & to be
unequal to the physical exertion of
even easy outdoor work.

He has however been out ~~all~~ of doors
all day ~~long~~ today & is a little

better this afternoon. Hence I propose
to give him a last chance of
sleeping tonight, for I am very loth
to abandon the idea of the country
life we designed for him if it be
possible to avoid doing so.

Should he be as bad as ever
tomorrow I shall have to take
him to you.

Yours sincerely
W. Jackson

that effect.

Yours sincerely

O. H. Duckett

Netherton (916)
Newton Abbot.
S. Devon.

Nov. 10. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

My brother got some sleep
last night & is a little better today though
he is still little if any better than when
I originally brought him to you.
I shall however try & keep him down
here & avoid returning him to you
if I possibly can, as I feel sure
you will agree with me that the
healthy & natural surroundings here
ought to be the very best things for
him. Unfortunately I myself
have to return to town on Tuesday
but he will have some one with

him.

I have sent his wife away this morning. He blames us for letting him see her & says it is the entire cause of his further breakdown & he begs that he may not be allowed to see her or Cambridge again until he is absolutely & entirely well beyond the possibility of a recurrence of the trouble. The more I see of him the more fairly convinced am I of the seriousness of his condition & of the absolute impossibility of his ever so much as contemplating a return to Cambridge or his physiological work.

We talked about his making the decision in 6 months on his return from California. I cannot ^{now} believe that he will be fit to go so far as California for some months & I don't believe he will be in a condition to decide anything of importance for himself for some years to come.

He is quite unbalanced.

The future will probably decide itself.

If he should get worse again within the next few days I should consequently have to ask you if you would be kind enough to take charge of him again, I will send you a wire to

92. Palace Gardens Terrace.

~~YERFORD MANOR.~~

~~TWYFORD, BERKS.~~

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Oct. 21. 1956.
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Dear Mr. Pierce.

For the next few weeks
I believe my brother is proposing to
stay at my farm in Devonshire or
at his cottage near Falmouth.
at either place he will have a
companion who will be kept occupied
all day. Do you feel strongly
that it will be unwise for his wife
to be with him, of course occupying

VERMONT
TOWN OF
a separate bedroom.

She is very anxious to be with him
to cheer him up in the evening.
I provide for his comfort, the
accommodation at both places being
simple if not rough, & she thinks
the presence of a third ^{party} would
present any tendency to sentiment-
ality or undue emotion on his part.

I am afraid he has been inclined
to be depressed again lately, judging
from the tone of some of his letters
which apparently bear upon the
theme of his want of faith, &c.

Yrs sincerely

W. D. Phelps

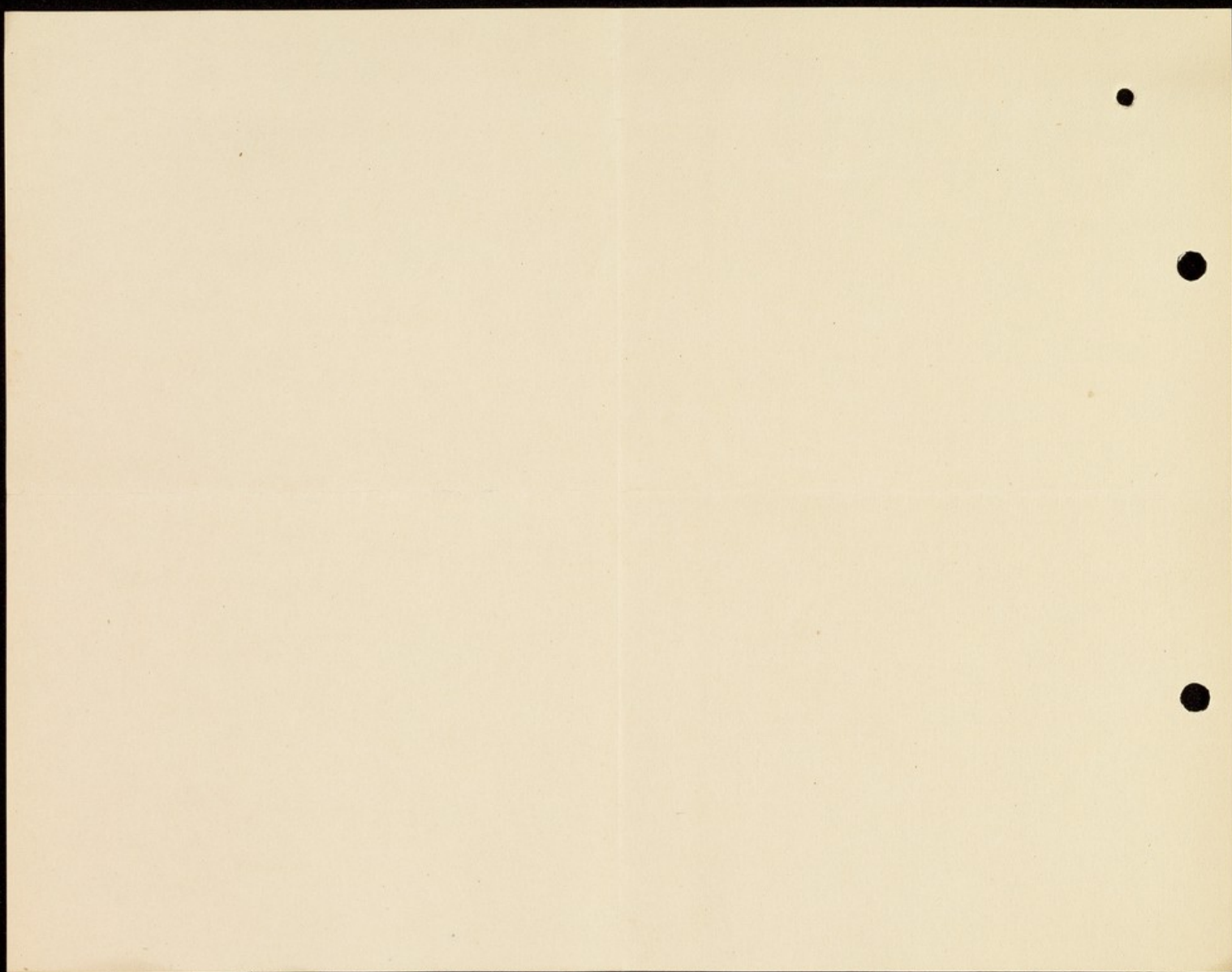
14 Albion Street 809
Hull Yorks
October, 12th 1906.

My dear Dr. Pierce

Just a line to express in writing
my appreciation of all the kindness
you & your wife have shown me
while at York.

I promise you to do my best to
show the reality of my gratitude
by deeds : & in particular
by following your advice of
fridney strength in quietness &
Confidence.

Yours very sincerely
Dor. Duckell.



the weak points of the latter
+ more pleasant scheme.

(4) If you can, do let him
come + stay with us for a
spell. I can't bear to think
of him in an Asylum a day
longer than essential.

Of course he might miss your
dominant though gentle person-
ality, + when cycling + walking
he wd. be a good deal alone.

My mother's cheery, young, +
simple character wd. do him
good. I wd. try to wean him
from analytical habits of mind.

I am so glad to have got to
know you + your magnificent
institutions. Thanks for all you did.
Yours sincerely

Frank C. Lee.

Oct. 5. 06 (802)

14 ALBION STREET,
HULL

My dear Dr. Pease

I do not wish to
bias your judgment in
any way with regard to
my unluckily friend, except
to mention here the di-
rections in which ^{I think} (my in-
timate knowledge of him
being my only excuse) his
complex personality will
find happiness + satisfaction.

We had further conversation
after leaving you + concluded:

(1) That he will not be satisfied without some ~~more~~ intellectual work

(2) That resigning his post (of 200 £ a year) will mean recasting his line of life - probably living in a smaller house with attendant worries.

(Please find out if the unsuccessful Physiological advanced work means his lectures. There he has no intention of continuing. Demonstrating to the large

elementary class is surely within his capacity?)"

(3) If he is not condemned to relinquish his post it seems to us both

that he should do some mild Physiological work (say mornings only) either

~~at~~ editing his Diabetes experiments or working in Heidelberg under & for

Professor Magnus, & living in a German family he likes.

Lack of supervision & the chance ^{large sums of} of his again giving away ^{money} to distressed fellow sufferers are

trouble to be mastered. He regards it as entirely due to his "cowardice" that a break down has occurred at all. He considers that had he had the strength of mind which religious faith should have afforded him, he would have resisted the "temptation" to break down & would never have put himself in a doctor's hands. His desire to regard himself as cured, on the first unconscious consciousness of improvement in his physical health is not therefore necessarily a sign of mental health but may be a proof of the persistence of his mental perversion, his submission to physical treatment having I fancy been largely a concession to our feelings & of ours rather than in accordance with his own convictions. One of the last things he said to me before I left him was that he would rather die than be cured by physical means, since that would involve his spiritual death.

I am glad to believe that since he has been under your care he is decidedly better thanks to his eating & sleeping properly but there is nothing either in your letters or this to suggest that his mental outlook is materially different from what it was & until it is a complete thing that he will be in any sense cured. When I was telegraphed for on Sept. 4. I travelled

92. Palace Gardens Terrace.

747 W.

Sept. 29. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have been very glad to learn from your letters to my mother & my brother's wife that he is progressing so satisfactorily & taking so kindly to the life. It is the greatest comfort to us to feel that he is in such experienced & sympathetic hands & that his recovery is in consequence likely to be effected more rapidly than would otherwise have been the case. Your last letter however has filled us all with dismay, not because we should not be overjoyed if his condition warranted it suggesting the possible advisability of his returning to Cambridge this autumn.

But because we feel so absolutely sure that his condition cannot warrant it. With us it is not a question as to whether it is wise for him to return to Cambridge this autumn

but whether it will be possible for him ever to return to Cambridge to live, not whether he will ever be able to resume his scientific work but whether it will be possible for him to so regulate his life as to escape the very grave risk of becoming definitely permanently insane. Personally I feel very strongly that the risk is too great to warrant his resuming either his life at Cambridge or his scientific work & I believe his friend St. Auberon is inclined to take the same view. At any rate it seems to me out of the question that he should do so yet.

Having happily seen spared the experience of seeing him seriously afflicted, I think perhaps you hardly realize how bad he has been or how long standing the trouble is.

It was years of mental overstrain that brought on his previous breakdown from which it took him the best part of a year to ~~re~~recover even superficially. That he never really recovered has become increasingly evident. I've have all along feared that so it would

prove, for Dr. Savage impressed upon him the importance of several years of mental rest. His conviction however that the trouble was purely spiritual in its nature rendered all arguments or advice useless. He was positive that under no circumstances could he possibly have a recurrence of the trouble. Consequently during the last 2 years he has acted on this belief to mortify his body & ~~drive~~ work his brain in a way no sane man would do after the experience he had had. It has been good work however rather than physiology to which he has been devoting himself & I have no doubt it is because he is longing to resume these that he now contemplates an early return home.

You must remember that his denial of the physical basis of his disease is its worst feature & it is long as that is his mental attitude it seems to me that he will have in him that which is inherently destructive of his peace of mind, yet I expect it is this that makes him regard a return to his normal life as the most effectual means of mastering the trouble or proving the

be only a question of time for him to become
mad in that respect.

This time it seems to me to be essential
to secure the recovery of his mental balance
even though it take years.

Of course I write simply as a layman
& much that I have said you may disagree
with, but at least I am sure that his
condition is serious & one not to be trifled with.

Yrs sincerely

P. D. Jacques

I can well believe that as my brother gets better
it may be difficult to control his mode of life.
As however he is a free agent, we can of course
do our best to persuade him to do what
we believe to be for his good.

I will come up & see you again in 2 or 3 weeks
if necessary or desirable.

from Falmouth to Cambridge. I found him
apparently absolutely normal & well both 747
mentally & physically. I returned to Falmouth
on Sept. 9. On Sept. 10, I was again summoned
& returned on Sept. 11. to find him about as bad
as he could be, so much so that when I
insisted on taking him to ~~Dr. Head~~ a doctor
Dr. Head said he would not have the slightest
hesitation in certifying him as insane.
Throughout the trouble had been religious & there is
no doubt that ever since his last illness
his mind has been increasingly perverted by
religious delusions. While fully recognizing
the genuine earnestness of his religious convictions
& yearnings, it is impossible to shut one's eyes
to the fact that his ~~own~~ mind has been
extraordinarily susceptible to the most
extraneous & suggestive or in other words
that he has been suffering not from honest
religious doubt but from what is essentially
religious mania.
His great friend & religious adviser, Rev. B. H.
Cummings writes to me to day that he entirely
agrees with my view of the seriousness of his
condition & that he feels himself helpless to
relieve his spiritual anguish spring to his
distorted mental condition.

when the breakdown was at its worse, the mania was constant & overpowering, but at other times when his mind could be diverted from religious considerations he was sane enough just as no doubt he appears to you to be now.

The question to my mind therefore is as to whether he can safely be treated as cured until he has recovered his mental balance in religious matters. I don't suggest that the Retreat will necessarily continue to be the best place for him, but I do suggest very strongly that religious or mental activities such as he must necessarily be subject to at Cambridge are the very worst thing for him.

My own feeling is that he can never return to his physiological work or to the Cambridge atmosphere of mental speculation & religious scepticism with safety. I mean to impress on him the wisdom if not the duty of living a quiet ^{an atmosphere of} out-door life in the country away from mental activity. There is no reason why his life under such circumstances should not be equally full of interests & equally useful.

What his wife has suffered during the last year or more no one can realise & I am determined

to save her a repetition of it as well as to save my brother from himself if it be possible.

As to his physiological work at Cambridge, I fancy that latterly this has not amounted to anything very much. I also have an impression that the value of his work to ~~us~~ us is no longer regarded as highly as it was owing to its being coloured by his extravagant views, but Dr. Anderson tells us doubtless you anything you want to know as to this. I thought my brother recognised that his scientific career was ended.

Although this time he has been nothing like so prostrated physically as he was 2 years ago, yet I am inclined to think that his mental condition was, if anything, more alarming. That was his own view when I was with him 2 weeks ago. That is Dr. Anderson's view &

I believe Dr. Head thought seriously of him. At any rate my very strong conviction when I left him was that if he should come to again regard himself as cured by spiritual means, i.e. if he should again return to ordinary life without being rid of the religious mania which during the last year or two has coloured & distorted his whole life in spite of the underlying high ideal, then it would

I am
Yours very truly,
Irwyn Brad

TELEPHONE 2003-PADDINGTON.

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AT HOME.
TUESDAY MORNING, TUESDAY AFTERNOON,
THURSDAY MORNING,
SATURDAY MORNING.

143, HARLEY STREET,
W.

Sept: 26.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Please accept my best
thanks for your long letter about
Ivor Tuckett. I have very little
doubt that he is a true instance
of Insanity in alternate cycles
of excitement and depression.
But the stage of excitement is
so like an exaggeration of
his normal character, and

is associated with so
much that is admirable
that it is universally held
by the generality of his friends
to be a period of health. Some
of us, however, who have
known him for many years
have been much alarmed
for nearly a year by the
extravagance of his conduct
and opinions.

I am delighted to hear that
he has settled down, and
have no doubt that under
your care he will rapidly
pass out of his phase of
depression.

I should have written before
had I not been called
away towards the end of
last week on a journey
from which I am only just
returned.

& I wish he was well enough
 to see some of the numerous
 sympathetic letters I have
 received from friends, who
 value his friendship so much.
 I know how bad it is for him
 to argue or try to explain things
 to him, so you may feel quite
 easy about that. I would never
 venture to do such a thing.
 Thanking you again most
 warmly for your care of my
 husband & I should be grate-
 ful for a line now & again.
 Do you approve of his developing
 photos ^{plates} for he has a good many
 plates with him to do.

P.S. His great friend
 Rev. B. H. Cunningham
 who is now at
 Leithen, Shireburn
 Peebleshire, is the
 one who goes to see my husband
 and I have been waiting to.

Yours sincerely

Ann C. Dusketo

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GALEWOOD TOWER, Gt SHELFORD, CAMBS.

Sept. 20. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am very grateful for your
 kind letter & I am so happy to
 hear that my husband is sleeping
 so well. He writes himself &
 acknowledges this. And his
 letters are very bright & he
 has many directions to give
 me, for he left in the middle
 of furnishing a men's
 Institute in the village, in
 which he takes a tremendous
 interest.

Dr. Head writes to me, that it is most important people in Cambridge should not know where my husband is, that he might not write nor receive letters from anyone but myself -

I dare say you have already discouraged his writing to anyone, but in case he does not know, I am mentioning it to you, hoping you will forgive me -

My husband told me how he had attended a service you had on Sunday & how he had met a "sister", who had known his grandparents, which pleased him very much. I never write to him about anything but little instances of home-life & domestic affairs & never ask him as to his health & last time the only thing he said about himself was, that he slept excellently.

I did forward to him the letter from his Clergyman - friend

been of great use in some cases. - As you will see from the following words written by one of his friends lately "I regard Ivor as the kindest & most Christian friend I have in the world. For not only did he do more to restore my health mental & bodily than anyone else but he acted the part of Evangelist in Pilgrim's Progress & pointed out the way to a higher & better life. Moreover by his example in self-denial & self-sacrifice he has been of the very greatest help to me."

But he is not in a fit state himself for such efforts.

I shall indeed feel most thankful if you can persuade him to take care of his body as well as his soul - & to stay away from home as long as possible as I feel sure it is most important.

This is written for me as my eyesight is so imperfect.

YELDHALL MANOR,
TWYFORD, BERKS.

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Sept 27. 08.

My dear Dr. Pierce,

I have not been very well since returning home & have therefore delayed answering your ^{first} very kind & valued letter & now I have to thank you for a second received on Tuesday giving me a continued good report of Ivor. He writes brightly to me & seems warmly to appreciate your kind-ness & understanding sympathy & he speaks of your "attractive personality."

When Dr. Savage saw him in 1903 he said he had no doubt of his ultimate recovery if he obeyed directions - but added "at the end of a year he will think he is well - but he will not be & he ought then to have another year's rest & change - a voyage or

long journey. In the spring of 1904 Ivor went to the Canaries &

Madeira with a friend for some months - but in the summer, before the first year was up - he thought he was well enough to take his case into his own hands & refused to have any more advice from doctors.

Perhaps you know that he has been very energetic in his own village & the neighbouring one in starting a club, a district nurse, lecturing to the people ^{2 or 3 times a week} & organizing industries - training poor lad &c & in addition to this has done some teaching & research work in Cambridge. One of his friends there writes "Probably the teaching work is too exacting especially when

combined with research - & research carried on done in the arduous & thorough way in which he carried it out".

I am mentioning these particulars so that you may understand that an over-full though unselfish life he has been leading - & would allow we feel sure - lead at home - I feel most anxious for several reasons at the idea of his resuming this life for a long time to come.

He seemed to have a great sense of peace in spiritual communion till within the last three months but has been much disturbed lately by the different influences - mystic R. Catholic & agnostic surrounding him - Perhaps you have read "Pastor Kii" - It is a remarkable life & had a very great effect on Ivor & seemed to start him on the question of demon influences & their cure. He has really

YELDHALL MANOR.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

for his permanent recovery
that he should avoid all mental
effort & all discussions for some
time to come. I wish he would
take up a quiet useful country
life in some place where there
was less mental stimulus
than Cambridge.

With warmest thanks for your
most kind letters & sympathy
for all you & your staff are doing
for him & assuring you that it
is the greatest rest & comfort to
me to know that he is in your
hands I am sincerely yours
Rachel E. Trickett

YEDHALL MANOR
THORNDON STONE

c/o Dr Frank. Eve
14 Albion St
Hull -

(860)

Oct. 22nd 1906.

My dear Dr Pierce

I thought of writing to you yesterday before
you telephoned, & now I hasten to do so to
say I am sorry I was out, & to let you
know how I am - I am very glad
to be able to send a good report of
myself. I feel a different being to
a week ago, & am sleeping very
satisfactorily. By spending the morning
every day on the golf course trying
to reclaim the game properly with help
from the professional, I get a good
deal of fresh air & have my time filled

with an interest.

I am planning to be here another fortnight or so: and then about Nov. 5th to have a week with my wife at my father's farm [if you do not disapprove]: as she is stopping at my mother's, which is half way on the journey from Cambridge to Devonshire. Then about the middle of November the friend whom my father mentioned to you, will be free to join me in Cornwall: & when he does so, I suppose my wife will return to Cambridge.

The rest is
unmaterial
D.D.

There are two requests I have to ask of you. 1. May Darley take me fishing one day at Stamford Bridge? He took me there once when it rained all day: & he said he would be pleased to repeat the expedition, if you would give him leave. Next Friday is the day I

thought of. I am writing to him to suggest it & saying I have asked your permission.

2. Would you ask the office at the Admiralty to send me my account before I leave here?

Hull during the past week has been occupied with a german bazaar, which

Lord Roberts came to open^{*} the first
day. They had some rather good amateur
theatricals done; as well and I not only
went twice, but also to the theatre
in Hull, so that I have been going
about a bit.

The Wilberforce Museum here is full of
rather interesting mementos of the Campaign
against "Slavery" & also of the days
when whale-fishing was Hull's chief
industry.

It is possible that I shall come over to
Leeds next Friday week to see the Count
& to say good-bye to you -

~~Will~~ Please remember me to your wife &
Edmund & wish him from me many happy
returns of his birthday today and
believe me your grateful friend
Dor. De Witt

92 PALACE GARDENS TERRACE,
KENSINGTON W.

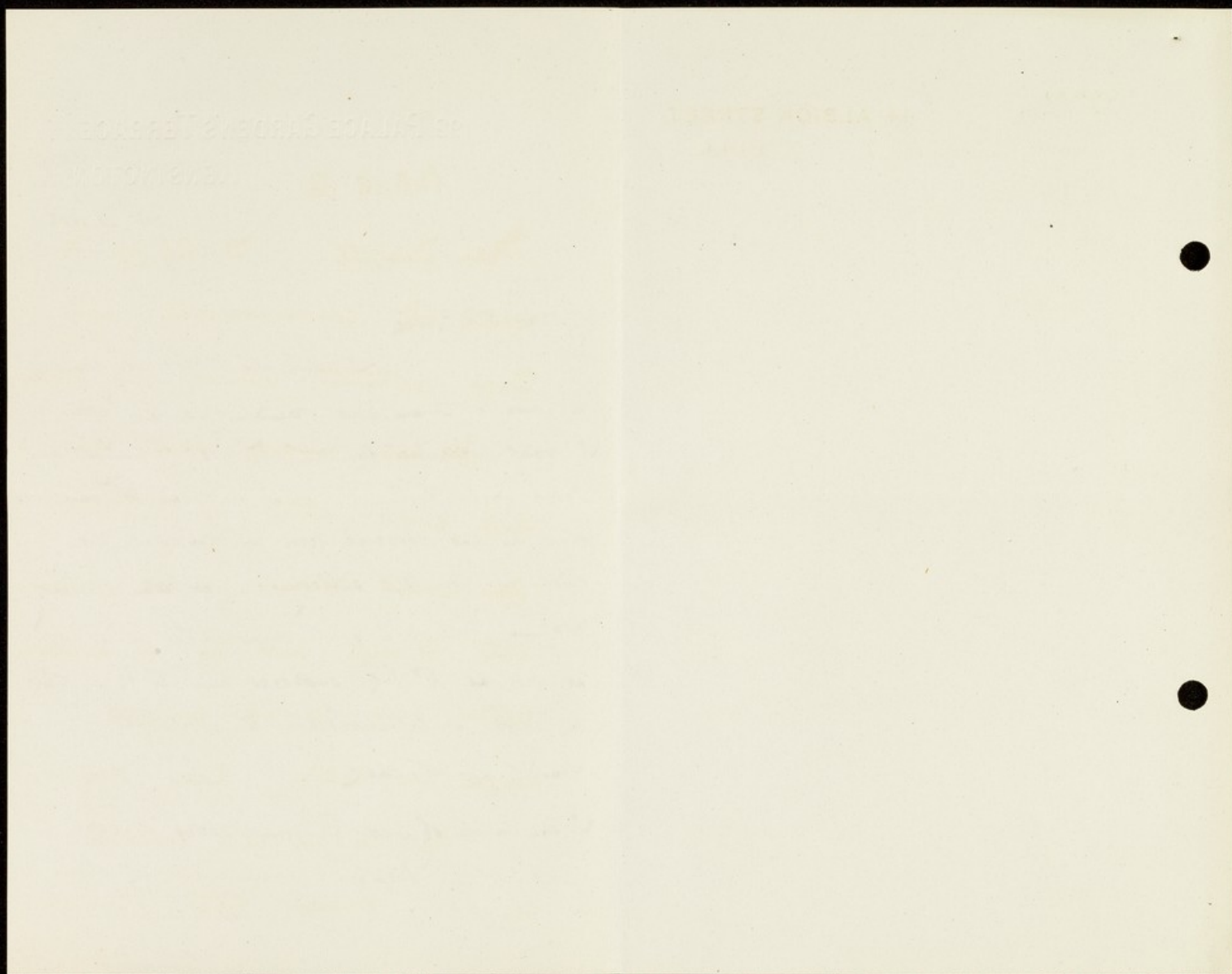
Oct. 25. 1956.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I return the letters you enclosed
in yours & I am also sending you a letter
I recently received from the Rev. B. H. Cunningham
Iroquois great friend. I am glad to learn
that he has recovered from the depression from
which he was then suffering - less than a week
ago - but it is quite clear that he is not
as well as Dr. E. C. supposes him to be & that
the latter fails altogether to appreciate the
gravity of the case.

I am much obliged for your letter & shall
look to my brother's carrying out the plans
suggested.

Yrs sincerely
P. H. Dwyer



TEL. 2096 NAT.
HOURS OF CONSULTATION
9-30 TO 1.
AND BY APPOINTMENT.

Oct 21. 56.
14, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Very many thanks for your
kind letter & telephone mes-
sage. Sorry I was out.

I am very glad to say my
friend seems really al-
most himself again. He
is cheery & busy & happy
& sleeps & eats normally.

He can discuss the knotty
problems of life in quite
a sane & healthy way
so that one's conversation

with him can be quite
natural & easy, & the former
limitations & restraints are
no longer necessary. He goes
to bed at 10, does not over-
tire himself, but otherwise
^{are no limitations}
there is ~~nothing~~ to discourage
the regrowth of his mental
self-respect & confidence,
& I always ask for his
opinion & guidance when-
ever possible - in the
old way. By mother &
he get on splendidly.

TEL. 2096 NAT.
HOURS OF CONSULTATION
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14, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

As he was evidently beginning to feel the want of definite plans, we have today fixed up the following - subject to your approval.

- (1) Stay here till Nov 6
- (2) Stay 9 days on his brother's fruit farm in S. Devon (with his wife probably?)
- (3) Nov 15 go on to Cornwall + pick up gardening tips from his friend Rogers.

(4) Show himself for a night
in Cambridge en route,
+ drop superfluous baggage
there.

at present the journey to
Cambridge appears possible
unaccompanied?

But we can have him
here longer if you think
his cure would be unstable
after so short a time.

Congratulations on the Retreat's
glowing report in this week's
B. M. J. yours sincerely

Frank C. Lee.

Oct. 18. 86

Dear Duckett. I told you I
would not communicate with
Dor without letting you know.

He has, however, sent me
such a sad letter on the lines
you would expect - "Lors Vachin" etc
but I feel possibly a simple
letter such as he enclosed
might be better than silence.

For he might construe
silence to mean that "I had

no message" for him etc - &
so deepen his dependency.

have your discretion -
I go Santa Monica (Friday)
so just send a p c to
The Bishop's Hotel
Famham

as to whether you have sent
the letter or not - I shall

not be offended whichever

way you decide.

Yours sincerely

B. K. Cunningham

(778)

FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
NE CAMBRIDGE.

Oct. 5. 1928.

Dear Bradford Paine,

I saw Langley yesterday
who asked about Tuckett - Langley
wishes Tuckett to do whatever
is thought best for him. If it
is considered better that he
should not come back this
term a substitute can be found;
If he comes back, Langley
will be very glad to see him

back again -

Telegraphed to you to
this effect - But Ivor Buckett
should write to Langley
soon - His leave of absence,
if he requires it, must be
granted by the Vice Chancellor.

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Anderson

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92 PALACE GARDENS TERRACE
KENSINGTON W.

Oct. 3. 1906.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Thanks for your letter.

I shall hope to see you as soon as an opportunity offers, a talk being so much more satisfactory than letters.

I am engaged this Friday & Saturday all next week except Sunday & very much for some weeks to come so far as I can foresee, but I think I could arrange to come to York for this Sunday night if you do not think it premature for me to see you & if that would be convenient to you. Believe me sincerely
an early reply will oblige.
P. D. Quirk.



the independence of spirit ~~from~~ matter,
and at the Club in the same way
he felt it useless, I believe,
to attempt social work which
was not based on 'spiritual'
powers.

And supervision
at this time was not readily
tolerated - I do not know
whether he ^{has} told you how he
went to a boys' club this
summer conducted by his ^{only} very
close friends, "an agnostic" - and though he
had agreed not to introduce
religion, yet he hired a barn

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FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
N^o CAMBRIDGE.
October 3. 1906.

Dear Bedford Price,

I think myself Tuckett had
better not come back to teach this
term, ^{that the demonstrating by itself would not be hard work.} I know Langley does not
expect him back this term, and
can easily find a substitute -
~~and~~ I quite agree with you that
a formal application to Langley
might place him in an
awkward position just now.
But I felt I could not
myself be more definite
about the future or even the

past because Langley might
not share my opinions.

I know Mr. Tuckett junior
thinks Mr. Tuckett should not
return this term and so, I
believe, does his brother Estell.
A new Institute has been
opened in Shelford and I
know Mr. Tuckett wishes
to be here to look after it,
but if he were to work as he

did before his last illness I
do not think it could be good
for him - He was ^{excited} by the work.

The suggestion you make of
Toynbee Hall presents to my
mind the same danger as
the Club here - In the past
Mr. Tuckett did not keep
his ^{concerning religion} ~~religious~~ views, out of
his social life - Even at
a lunch party ^{with strangers}, he would
proclaim his views about

and possibly if he had to
give up physiology, the
employment of labour in
farming might ^{help to} satisfy his
desire for social work, and
at the same ^{he might} interest himself in
farming and make it profitable -
or ~~that~~ if he comes back ^(to work at physiology) here, he
would find his knowledge
of farming most useful on
his own land - But perhaps
you would not think farming
good for him, just now at all events.

FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
N^R CAMBRIDGE.

and held a religious service -
^{he told me,} This caused his friend to ask him
to leave - Now Mr Tuckett
told me, when depressed this
last time, that he acted
against his ~~better~~ reason, in
holding this service - Yet he
did it - I mention this,
because in the past I feel
he would not have been
willing to do social work
except as he saw by help of

'spiritual' proofs" - But
in his present mood, he may
act very differently -

Of course, I feel that so
much of what Tuckett says is
true, but the mysticism of
Pastor Shi and of R. H. Benson's
"Light Invisible" had a fatal
fascination for him - But
even here I could well
understand that he was ^(reasonable in)

trying to produce proof of ~~these~~
views he had espoused on
trust.

I had thought myself, better
it might be good for Tuckett
during 3 months to learn
agriculture on his brother's
farm in Devonshire - My idea
was that he would find ~~that~~
scientific ~~knowledge~~
interest him in agriculture

be so glad, but in the past
I have felt that I possibly
was the worst of companions
for Ivor Tuckett, because I
also had broken down
professionally, and because
^{known} my dissent from mysticism
aggravated Tuckett, ~~also~~
~~also~~ with kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,
Hugh Anderson

FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
NE CAMBRIDGE.

Ivor Tuckett wrote to me recently
asking me to send him Evelyn's
natural Religion, a book I have
mentioned to him with admiration
in the past. I told him I
thought he had better wait
a while before he thought
about religion again and that
he should not read the book
now - But I mention this
because it seemed to indicate
to me that even now Ivor Tuckett

is seeking to clothe his religions
in a new form and at
settlements there is much to
stimulate discussions on
religious subjects.

I know so little about
mental trouble that I feel
helpless in saying whether ^{Mr. Thinks}
Door should or should not
come back this term, but if
he does come back I think
he ought to promise not

to undertake all the work
at the Institute, which he
proposed to do - but I fear
he will find things not
done as he would do them
and then be irritated so that
he will take them over
under his own direction -

If I can be of any
service in any way I shall

• closest friends here, and that
the fear I have expressed above
is purely personal. Again
• I am judging by the past year,
during which he was often
working with but little sleep
and food, and while doing
much extraneous work. Indeed,
during the past year his mind
• has been almost entirely
absorbed by reflections
on psychological problems.

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FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
N^E CAMBRIDGE.

Sept. 30. 1905.

Dear Bradford Pierce,

I have been away from home
for the last three days - Hence the
delay in my reply.

The questions you put before me
are not easy to answer.

I have no hesitation in saying
that I think Ivor Tuckett has
not been fit to do research
during the past year and that
the little research he has done

strained him - and with this opinion I know that Elliott, his colleague, would agree.

I have also reason to believe that the eight advanced lectures he gave in the Lent term were not a success and I do ^{not} think he was then equal to this task.

The Elementary demonstrating did not seem to tire Tuckett much, and he liked the occupation. Professor Langley

as far as I know, was satisfied with Tuckett's work. But, to be quite frank, I am afraid that Tuckett could not continue to be efficient as Senior Demonstrator if he did not devote more time and thought to physiology than he has during the past year. You will realise of course, that I am writing this as one of two Tuckett's

level than a more dispassionate
observer would be. and I
may also read into his
laboratory work tendencies
I have seen elsewhere. I
do not think, therefore, that
I am the person to express
an opinion with regard to
~~the~~ Tuckett's fitness to
hold the demonstratorship
indefinitely, quite apart
from the question of prognosis
of which I know nothing.

FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
N^o CAMBRIDGE.

In two recent letters (the last
of which I enclose for your
guidance) Tuckett expresses
views so different from those he
held till recently that I
trust the future may be
different - But here you,
not I, can judge -

My fear is that if he
came back so soon as next
term he might be tempted

to work again at the Club and
elsewhere in his old feverish
and excited way.

During the past year I have
again and again wondered if
Tuckett's work in physiology
did not tend to increase
his proclivity to worry over
the mysteries of life, and if
so, whether his present post
was good for him since he
seemed to feel acutely the

apparent antagonism between
the views he had adopted
and the conclusions held
by most scientific men. But
in his present frame I do not
think he would feel this
conflict in the same way.

I have been so close a
friend of Tuckett that I
am perhaps more conscious
of how far his mind has
fallen from its former high

near future - If I can
help in any other way, please
ask me. Of course, I will
speak to Langley if you wish,
when he returns, but, on the
whole, I think it would be
better for you to write directly
to Langley if you wish his
opinion.

With kindest regards to
you wife and yourself,

I am, yours sincerely,
Hugh K. Anderson.

FOX HILL,
GREAT SHELFORD,
N^o CAMBRIDGE.

Professor Langley in my opinion
alone can judge adequately
in this matter. Iron Tuckett has
worked under Langley's close
supervision and Langley alone
knows what he expects from
his senior demonstrator now
and in the future. Langley
has a great respect for Tuckett,
and would I am sure be very
sorry to lose him as demonstrator.

unless it was best that
Tuckett should not go on.

For myself, I should be
deeply sorry if Tuckett had to
give up on account of his health.

I am afraid this letter
is not well expressed though
^{have} I tried to say frankly what I
feel but so much seems to
my mind to depend on the
prognosis you can give
and on Langley's views
on the matter.

It was a great comfort to me
to know that poor Tuckett was
to be under your care, and I know
he feels implicit confidence in
your advice.

The three months I worked
under you at Bartholomews
was a great pleasure to me
and I have always felt deep
gratitude for your kindness
in teaching me medicine.

I hope we may meet
again some time in the

cure" was not ordered, for that is the one thing, which I am certain would harm him -

Everything is going on well at home, so there is nothing for him to worry about.

I was wondering whether he was quite happy alone at night, or if he has anyone to sleep with him.

Forgive all questions & the trouble I give you in answering them.

Yours sincerely
Anna H. C. Duckett

GALEWOOD TOWER, ST. SHELFORD, CAMBS.

Sept. 16. 1908

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce;

I have been much comforted by the accounts my brother Debell Duckett brought me of my husband, & I feel very happy to hear he has found a home with you - with you kindly let me have a line now & again as to how he is progressing, if it is not asking too much, but I know, you can well imagine how anxious I am to have news of him. That a great deal of patience

faith are required I know well,
I hope I shall never lose faith,
but believe that some day he will
be restored to me again -

He had evidently written to his
great friend the Rev. B. K. Cummings
ham, for a letter arrived this
morning in answer to it, saying
Mr. Cunningham would come
to see my husband ^{here} on Tuesday
next. The letter ought to be a comfort
to my husband, if he is in the right
mood for it, otherwise it may be
wiser to keep it from him till a
little later on - I am therefore

writing to ask you, whether you ad-
vise me to send it him or no -
My brother-in-law told me you
thought I might write to him &
so I have sent him a line to-
night - if however, you should
find letters from home are not
desirable, I am willing to make
any sacrifice, whatever they
may be.

I am sending off all his clothes
tomorrow by passenger-train
& among his things is a case
of 7 razors, of which I thought
I ought to tell you. He brought
with ^{him} another one in a single
case -

I am so thankful he is in such
good hands & also that a rest-

write such questions is
not very important to
shield him from all ex-
-citing subjects surely
you ought to see every
letter before he does wd
he not think that as he
is under your care to
fit well he must follow
your advice in every way
he is so anxious to do
right & to do his Father's
will that I hope you will
find him reasonable the
hot journey to Town & on
to Cambridge I have
brought on this small
state of things he cannot
stand hot sun on his
head he had a small
breakdown in Madeira

Cambridge (701)
1906 Sept 17th Falmouth
Dear Dr. Pierce
It is such a great
relief to know that my
Dear Son Ivor is under
your wise & tender care
I am very thankful
for this Dehell has
told me all particu-
lars & I write at
once to ask if it is
wise to let Ivor have
every ones letters? I
am most anxious
& would interest you but I must if he
should feel
as I do
I would interest you but I must if he
should feel
as I do

that the Roman Catholic
Hugh Benson's should
not teach him for it
is his books, that have
put all these ideas that
Devils are assailing
him he read one of these
books to me 3 weeks since
describing one of these
marvellous saints who
for 30 years was perse-
cuted by devils violently
shaking his curtains &
making knocking &
every night during this
period & a great deal

more that on the face
of it could not be true
God never allows His
Children to be treated in
this way for 30 years!
Mr. Cunningham is a
good simple minded
earnest Christian & his
influence is good in every
way but ought not to re-
ceive letters on religious
subjects at the present
time. I was once desired
is to serve the Lord & if
only he can be sheltered
from discussing these
things till his brain
is perfectly rested
& natural & able to cope

Forgive mistakes I
see very imperfectly
& cannot read what
I have written -

I remember you so
well when we were at
Cudds Hill House &
have always felt very
grateful to you for all
your kind attention to
us then

Ever sincerely yrs

Rachel Tuckett

^{Patrol}
The book St J which he
has got with him is a
most interesting book

from this cause -
We feel Cambridge is
the worst possible place
for him to live at if
he does not get perfect-
ly well & strong. A quiet
country life away
from all intellectual
doubts & discussions
where he can lead a
useful natural life
& work for others is
what I believe we
must look to, he went
to college when only 17½
& did splendid work
& I fear overtaxed his

brain he has always
been a good man &
earnest to do good
in every way & never
gave us an anxiety
I trust God will bless
your efforts to restore
his mental balance
with time & patience
I wd rather he were
under your care than
any one - I trust
in the future he will
be able to see that

Gods will is that he
should do other work
for Him than that he
has set his heart on
for so many years
I go home next Thursday
my address will be
~~Mr. Buckle~~
Letchhall Manor

Iwyford Berks

I suppose we can't
address our letters to
any place but The Rectory
the world will soon
know where he is if
we & his wife write
to that address

when you decide that a
change will be best it will
need great wisdom & medi-
cal knowledge to decide
you will consent Deholl &
I when the time comes
I've went to meeting at
Falmouth 4 weeks since
& gave a short simple
address on "By the Grace
of God I am what I am"
he was not the least ex-
cited down here but was
too restless & perplexed
with the book H Benson
had lent him I long to
keep him with friends for
he really is one in heart
& life & it was after his
last illness that he joined
the Church because of the
sense that he must be
baptized & take the Sacrament
forgive my troubling you

709
Glenbury Ave
Sept 18th 06
Dear Friend
I feel I left a few
things unsaid which
which will be a relief
to say to you I enclose
a note for Ivoor if you
think it best to give it
him I always write to
him every week & he
to me so he may think
it strange if I do not
write you must tell me
exactly what you think
best. I feel a little an-
xious lest being with
people who are not right

in their minds he may
lose ground by intercom-
with them. I know you
will watch carefully the
effect it has on him.
I believe his vocation in
life was to have been a
minister among friends
& I still hope this may
be the result of this present
phase of illness & religious
disturbance he is really
so good & unselfish &
heavenly minded & has
spent too much strength
& energy in helping others
forgetful that his own
brain needs to be re-
membered & considered.
I feel books like Stephen
Pellet & Loving Service

would quiet & soothe &
help him much more than
the erratic exciting (& I be-
lieve mostly untrue) letters
of R C Saints written to
stir up the emotions & to
work on the imagination
he was ill for 4 months
at my house nearly 3 yrs
ago so I know how diffi-
cult it is always to know
what is best to do or say
The best cure tried then
& before did not seem
the wisest thing as he
needed fresh air & exercise
& occupation. I trust he
will remain with you
long as you feel sure he
is getting. Brain rest &
is steadily improving

TELEPHONE 2003-PADDINGTON.

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AT HOME.
TUESDAY MORNING, TUESDAY AFTERNOON,
THURSDAY MORNING,
SATURDAY MORNING.

143, HARLEY STREET,
W.

Sep. 15. 1906.

It is a friend of Trin. Coll.
Cambridge & Teacher
of Physiology

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I have seen Dr. Van Tassel again this morning and find him already better. He was delighted at the idea of coming to you for he says the whole matter is spiritual and he must figure it out alone among people who will look upon it from a spiritual point of view. He is most anxious to be occupied with work such as carpentering or gardening especially if it helps others; he also is willing to do scientific work provided it is for others. But he says it is important he should be "kept at it".

I told him yesterday that faith was not
an intellectual matter and that he would regain
his belief suddenly. This has heartily cheered him
He has agreed to take his food because I told
him that his condition led to "visible weakness".

& loss of Physiological Control.

Yesterday he slept at intervals ^{within a few days} which
he has not done for many nights. But whenever
he was sleepless he rose & prayed -

He talks quite openly of "the suicidal
tendency" but says he can fight it. He has not
made the faintest attempt during the last two weeks
that he has been ill.

I hope it will be possible to keep

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AT HOME.
TUESDAY MORNING. TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
THURSDAY MORNING.
SATURDAY MORNING.

143, HARLEY STREET,
W.

him as a voluntary boarder and if he should
improve rapidly I have suggested that with
your permission he should go to his brother's
farm in Devonshire with a dear friend
there there is much work which he would
like to do "because it is for others".

Please accept my best thanks
for your kind invitation. I heartily
wish I could accept it - with many thanks
I am Yr. Obedt. Servant
Jenny Brad

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