Taylor Wm. 1.
Teesdale 2.6.20
Taylor Everley 3.
Tindle, Nurse J. 4.
Taylor E.H. 5.
Timberlake J. 7.
Turton E. 8.
Tennant S.R. 9.
Taylor M. 10.21.
Tisdall A. 11.14.
Tweedy E.J. 12.
Thorp F.E. 13
Thorp Granville 15.23.
Tuke Gm. 16.
Thomson Mrs. James 17.
T. Thompson 18.19.
Tayback Em. 22.
Taylor G.R. 24.
Tennett Rev. 25.
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Thursfield S. 29.
Turnbull W.P. 30.
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Mrs Thompson

11, BEECH GROVE,
HARROGATE.

Dr Hope Pierse.

Dear Sir

Would you be so kind as to let me know your fee for charge of a patient at your place (~~Hear~~) as my husband whose mind became unhinged as we thought as result of accident to his spine but the Drs say otherwise some three years ago, & who if possible should like placing under your care so as to see if anything can be done for him, for now we cannot make him do anything such as changing his clothes & now the Zeppelin scares, he refuses to have the lights

turned down & commences to throw things about. If the fees are not too much & the "Lunacy Commissioners" will allow enough money but just now we are very crippled owing to the War our income being very much less, this present attendant (Mr G Henwick) if you will be so kind as to see him, will come over & explain to you & you would tell him on what conditions you could take him in & if he recovered you would let him out or if we provided him with a proper attendant - he could we should we think fit. He eats next to nothing & looks very ill he wants medical attention which he refuses to have at home. I am sorry to trouble you but if you would be kind you could let me have an early reply. Faithfully yours A. Thorburn

23 Dingwall Gardens 37.
Hendon
N.W.
October 9th

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Sir

I wired to you to-day to request you to send me particulars of "The Retreat".

The case enquired for is that of a young connection of mine, Mr. Ralph W. Taylor; 24, unmarried.

He spent some years in Canada & was in the Mounted Police, but broke down mentally & was treated in an asylum there for some months during 1913. After recovery he returned to England, was well, & farming, but enlisted for the War in August.

The changed life & excitement led to a mental breakdown; he was at Netley for some weeks, but was last week discharged from the Army, & to Netley.

There is presumably some hereditary tendency to mental trouble from his mother; also the exciting cause in each breakdown has been indulgence in alcohol.

We are now medically advised that he is not 'certifiable', but in a very serious condition, 'on the verge' & it is necessary he should be immediately placed under skilled care.

His means are very slender, but we are anxious to attempt a cure under favourable auspices.

He would have to come as a 'voluntary patient' we believe we could ~~to~~ induce him to do so, but not to sign any letter or paper thereon.

He is temporarily ~~lost~~ at his house & we have engaged a trained male attendant for a few days, until arrangements are made. He cannot remain here.

Should we find on hearing from you that it is possible & desirable to place him under your care, we would bring him Saturday or Sunday, first writing you, & getting a reply; (but kindly do not write details as to kind of illness) The trained attendant wt travel with him & I should come also

I am yours faithfully
(Miss) Amelia F. Tayler

To the Medical Supt.
The Retreat York

3 Esplanade Place
Whitley Bay
May 1st 11

Dear Sir

Dr McDowell of Morpeth has recommended your Establishment as a suitable place, for my daughter who is at present a Patient of Dr Gibson Welbeck Rd Walker & is 16 years old

Please let me have your terms at Earliest & when she could be admitted

Yours Truly
A Taylor

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20th May, 1916.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your enquiry I send you particulars of Throxenby Hall, our branch house at Scarborough. This would be quite suitable for a few weeks but after July it is usually full or taken up by patients from the Retreat who have a temporary change [illegible] Scarborough.

We are usually able to supply nurses from the Trained Nurses' Department, but just at the present moment all the nurses are out. I fully expect that one will be in before long but I cannot at the moment state definitely when one is likely to be at liberty.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Trotter,
5, Queen Parade,
Harrogate.

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15th December, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of the Retreat Report, which deals with the question of terms on page 31.

It is difficult to give explicit answers to your questions. A number of our patients have good bed-sitting rooms, for which the fee is usually £5. 5. 0 per week. If the patients needscontinuous attention day and night and is to be nursed in a private room, the terms are usually £7. 7. 0 or £8. 8. 0 per week. If, however, a night nurse is not necessary and a special nurse is needed in the day time the fee is about £6. 6. 0 per week. If two rooms are required the fees would have to be higher.

There will be a meeting of our Committee on Tuesday next, when I could submit any question of this kind to their consideration, and if you wish me to do this I should be glad to have some further particulars respecting the nature of the case. I enclose a form which may be of service in this direction.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

James F. Taylor, Esq.

Oxford Chambers,

71 Lord Street, Liverpool.

[illegible] 1895.

Dear Sir,

I send you a copy of the Matron's report, which deals with the question of terms on page 9.

It is difficult to give explicit terms to our visitors. A number of our patients have good sitting rooms, for which the fee is usually 10/- or 15/- per week. If the patients are bedridden without attendant day and night and it is necessary to be nursed in a private room, the terms are usually [illegible] per week. If, however, a night nurse is not necessary and a medical nurse is needed in the day time the fee is about £1. 1. 0 per week. If two rooms are required the fees would have to be higher.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

James T. Taylor, Jun.

Oxford Chambers,

71, Lord Street, Liverpool.

JAMES F. TAYLOR,
SOLICITOR.
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.
TELEPHONE. BANK 4914.

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OXFORD CHAMBERS,
71, LORD STREET,
LIVERPOOL.

14th December 1915.

Dear Sir,

Please inform me of the terms of admission of a Lady Patient at the Retreat.

1. For Board, private Bedroom &c.
2. For private Sitting room extra.
3. For special Nurse to be in attendance whenever the Patient may require.

The case is one of suffering from hallucinations, and at periods, the Patient refuses to do anything.

Yours truly,

James Taylor

The Secretary,
The Retreat,
York.

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PHONE 4400 ROYAL
Midland...
Adelphi....
Hotel.....
Liverpool.

Alma Cottage
Parkgate
Dec 8th 1915 Cheshire

Dear Sir -
Will you please send me a Prospectus of your Estabt as I am looking out for a place for a near relative.

Yours truly
Roger Taylor

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3rd June, 1915.

Dear Dr. Thompson,

I much fear that the patient about whom you write is not a very suitable case for the Retreat. The difficulty I foresee is that we should hardly be able to give him the individual care that is so useful in a case of this kind. We have, of course, somewhat similar cases, but the tendency is for them to be relegated to departments where the least intelligent patients live, and which may have a deteriorating effect on account of association with others who are demented.

If you would like me to see the patient and offer any suggestions with respect to his treatment I should be pleased to see him at my rooms at Leeds, 6 Park Square, say on Tuesday or Friday next week. It is possible that I may be able to suggest a home suitable for the case.

I remain,

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

written to Miss Thomasson

LLANROYD,
PRESTATYN,
N. WALES.

April 7th

My dear Sister

For a long time now my Mother has been suffering from softening of the brain, and lately has been getting very difficult to manage, especially at nights. She and my only unmarried Sister have lived together until about a year ago, she then

went to a married Sister because she could not be left during the day (my Sister is a teacher). We have been wondering about the "Retreat" & would be glad if you would let us have particulars as to Charges etc. We do not like the thought of her going away, but know that she would be better cared for than we could care for her. She has been such an unselfish Mother, never

thinking of self, always working & thinking of others. & now in every way she is different, in her habits, in her disposition, she is not like Mother at all. It is very terrible, but you know how people can get.

Could you please send me a line as soon as possible.

With love hoping you are well

Yours affec.ately

Edith M. Terry

if you would send me prospectus of the Home.

With very kind regards.

Believe me
Yours Affy.
Edith M. Terry

written for Miss Thomasson

Address
Mrs D. Terry.
LLANRUYD,
PRESTATYN,
N. WALES.

April 19th

Dear Sister

I wrote to you a while ago asking if you would send me particulars as to "The Retreat". ~~How~~ I expect you have been away for Easter, or have put my note on on side & forgotten it.

I should be glad

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able to get about, it would simplify matters greatly –
I am here till Monday, but it seems little use trying to persuade him to do as we want – it makes it most difficult for Miss Nainby – I do not envy her!

Yours very sincerely
Ellen E. Waite

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37, CHESTERTON ROAD,
CAMBRIDGE.

46 Blossom Street
York. 24 March 1915 –

Dear Dr Peirce –

Would you very kindly tell me how Sybil Todd is at present – her friend Miss Rayson is anxious to know, and also if it is worth while for her to try to see her – judging from the state that Sybil was in when I saw her more than a year ago, I should much doubt if the

would recognize Mrs Rayson.
- a Captn J. R. Todd has
recently been killed, ~~had~~ and
Mrs Rayson wondered if
it was her Brother Percy —
If I d. is not in a condition
to understand — be merciful
still, will you burn it, if
she is. Then perhaps you
will kindly send it back —
Poor Mrs Mac was out to-day
for the first time since his

accident. Mrs Mainby tells
me he insisted on driving &
Dennis shut and getting out
& going to a house near — ap-
parently to visit a soldier's
wife — it is really most trying.
Dr Lightlan — (Wightman's part-
ner) is most decided that he
should not be allowed to go
about alone, but evidently he
will not be willing after a
few days — he is not fit in
any respect to go wandering
about — especially when stunned.
But what can one do? If only
he was just a little less!

July 7. 14

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I received the enclosed letter last evening, and am taking the liberty of sending it on to you, asking you kindly to read it, and write me any advice you can offer. I should send your letter on to Mrs. Park, do please

I have thot. if possible you might know some judicious companion for the poor lady, who might not necessarily be a trained nurse, but respect the letter. Wd. be better.

dont say you have read hers, but that I have sent you particulars of the case, wh. is what I have told her I am doing. I don't at all think she would mind my sending it on, only it seems a liberty without asking

her, but I have not time to write out the parts, as I have only returned home this aft. for abt a weeks absence. Mrs Parks & the Conains are not "Friends", but I have known her for years, she is perfectly dependable. With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely
Frances Thompson

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

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Houghton le spring

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TO { Reply Paid The Superintendent
The Retreat York

Have you accommodation for Lady patient please state terms

Todd
84 Sunderland St
Houghton le spring

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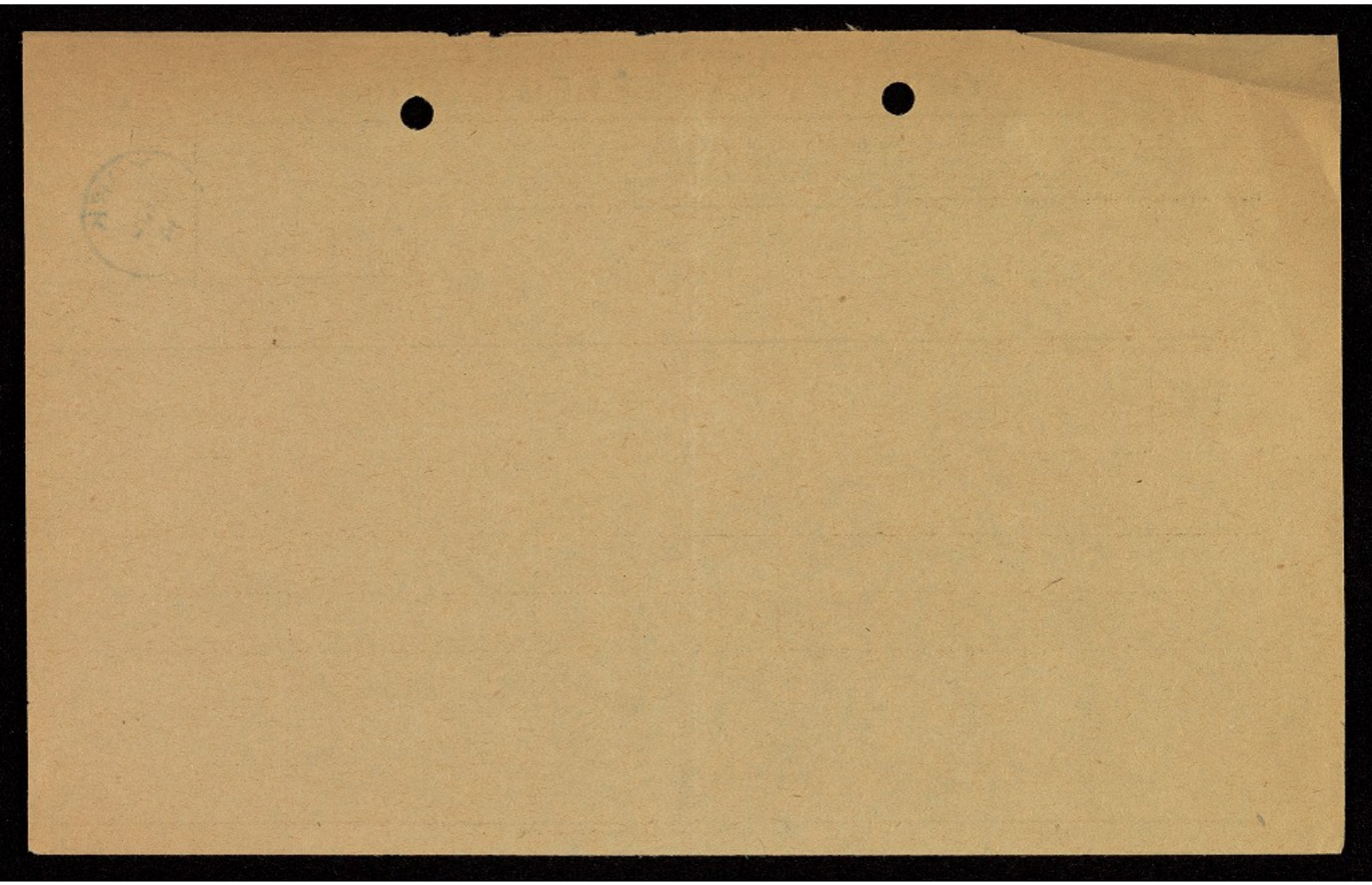

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AT HOME 2 TO 3·30
EXCEPT WEDNESDAY.
TELEPHONE Nº 86

12, WEST STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

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May.29.1914.

Dear Bedford Pierce

Very many thanks for your letter. I am afraid I do not think Throxenby Hall will do as no doctor is on the spot, so I have wired to Jeffery at Bootham Park, & he is to take the boy to-morrow.

Of course I am very sorry that you cannot do with him, but I am sure you will agree with me that for the present it is best to have him where a doctor is.

All good wishes

Yours very sincerely

George W. Thompson

12, WEST STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

27. Mar 1914

My dear Pierce.

Have a most odd case. Male aged 25. well educated - Repton School & Liverpool University. Gentle irresponsible - obstinate - & big ideas. always spending money - (His Mother has about £400 a year). I took him into Nursing Home with Male Nurse - but it does no good. He is quite peaceable & easy to manage. Could you take him to see what you think of I got him to go

a Voluntary patient -
He is on the Border
line & only Hesham
treatment will save.
If you can I do be
an fully grateful &
will you send me Papers.
I have known his face
he was 8 years old.
Write me tomorrow if
you can. So I can
communicate with his
Mother.

If you can come after
our last letter about the
Case
Yours
Dr. Dr. Carr
Geoffrey Thompson

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Feb. 4, 1914

Dear Dr. Ashmore,

I tried to get you on the telephone to tell you I had seen Mr. Tomlinson and that he had asked me to receive Mrs. Tomlinson at the Retreat, but I had been obliged to decline for lack of room. He seemed very wishful indeed for her to come to us, and he proposed that the patient should go to stay with Coulter at Knaresborough for a short time and that if this failed she should come on to the Retreat later. I explained to him the legal difficulty in this, but I do not think the Commissioners would be likely to object to a purely temporary arrangement of this kind. I also explained that a special day and night nurse would be needed, so that there should be no risk of accident.

I do not know whether this arrangement has been carried out, and I have not written to the Coulters about it, but on thinking the matter over I feel sure the patient should not remain there unless there is rapid and decided improvement.

I am sorry I failed to get a word with you at the time.

Yours very truly,

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Receipt sent
Dp. his note.

£5

August 26
1913

LYNDON LODGE
HANWELL, W.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have been very long not
out sending any subscription to
the Retreat & there are so few Tickets
now to send but those some
still do I have been very lazy for
some time in getting letters written
to reading reports & the like so that
I have only just read your last report
tho it has been waiting to be read
some time I was away at Saffron
Walden for a good part of July & the
beginning of August It is the only place
I go to now as I am too rheumatic
to get about much but the people
there know how to help me ~~more~~

than most so my son & I have managed to go the each Christmas since Dr Luke died but I think it is doubtful my going again but we like keeping up the old custom but at 85 it is not likely I can do much more I dont often go beyond my garden as my leg makes me unsteady so that I do not go about alone as I am hard for to three falls, otherwise I have good health & my eyesight is pretty good I have a niece lives with me & does much for me in seeing about poor people & the like

I wonder if you came to the Grand Lion - Crews of Drs It must have been very interesting but I did not see any Dr from a distance the Dr who was along time at Bethlehem has called since he was much occupied in seeing about people getting into their right places & says he has a good deal to do still in sending reports about

My son-in law Dr Fainsbury has not been well lately & had not the least wish to attend any Meetings or see any Drs but he & his wife are now in France very quietly & he is improving not going about much but nears the sea & bathing

I suppose there will now be not one left at the Retreat that I should know except the Irishboy I forget his name just now who was at school with my sons & pretty wild then but you sent some good reports of him quite clever & ingenious in doing things but would have nothing to do with his Mother & sister I have not seen them for a year or two I suppose your children are almost grown up Are there only two of them

Yours sincerely

E M Luke

11th November, 1914.

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Dear Sir,

I send you a Report of the Retreat which you will see is a Hospital for the treatment of mental diseases. Neurasthenic patients as a rule do not do very well here, and a good many object to associating with other patients. We can undertake the Weir-Mitchell treatment here, but not isolated from other patients except at very considerable expense. I rather incline to think from your letter that the case is more distinctly one of insanity than ordinary neurosis.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. A Tenison.

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Scalby
Scarboro'
Nov. 10. 1911.

Dear Sir

I am writing re a patient of mine a Mlle Vatter a Swiss girl niece of Mrs J. H. Rowntree of Scalby. She is just nineteen and up to a year ago was a nice cheerful girl. but then she met a man in Geneva who has completely got her under his thumb. She is now sulky, won't eat, apathetic & generally nervasthenic. As far as I can gather this man

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whom she says she loves
beyond all men, is a thoroughly
bad lot in fact he is a white
slave traffic dealer & has told
the girl if he comes to England
he will be imprisoned
of course all her people are
greatly upset so I have got
her on a course of Weir Mitchell
treatment, but find it hopeless
in the aunts house.
Do you take in cases for W. M.
treatment as in my opinion
she want a most severe course
of same
I believe one of the Rowntrees
is a director of the Retreat at
least Mr. T. H Rowntree tell
me so

I am certain with getting her
completely away from all
her friends she would do
well & be herself again.
She is at present down with
a slight attack of influenza
but as soon as she is well
I thought I would bring her
to you that is if you undertake
the W. M. Treatment
when we meet I could go
more fully into the case but
I have given you the broad
outline

Yours faithfully

A. Ernison.

I may say the doctor in Geneva has
this man under observation & says
he is verging on madness

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AT HOME { 9-10 / 2-3

TELEPHONE No. 227.

RAVENSDENE.
ESPLANADE ROAD.
SCARBOROUGH.

Dear Pierce,

January 22nd 1914.

I am sorry about Mrs.Kitching. It was rather an unfortunate case, but I think you are quite right in moving her, as they have no method of dealing with that type of case at Throxenby.

Personally, I think she is still suffering from septic absorption. I examined the bowel, and could find no trace of malignant disease, although there was a certain amount of blood passed with the motion; but this may be due to a small fissure. I could certainly find no other reason for it.

I am glad you got your cheque re Miss Greenwell's affair; I had to write to the Official Solicitor about it; and about our own account, which has run on ever since, however, it came the same day.

I will see that your account at Throxenby is rendered quarterly; I understand Everley Taylor had some arrangement with you about it, and I hope you will let us know when there is anything that you think has been overcharged, as of course, we are only too pleased to do anything we can.

Mr.Favell seems to be a little better again, and is taking his food fairly well, but he is certainly affected with delusions as regards his interior.

Yours very sincerely.

J. Hardwick Thorneley

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Yours very sincerely.

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21st January, 1915.

Dear Thornley,

We thought it better that Mrs. Kitching should leave Throxenby. It was clear that she was not rapidly going to improve, and it did not seem worth while persevering. I am very much obliged for your help in the case.

You will be pleased to hear that I got the fee from the Official Solicitor this morning, so that matter is all finished with.

Do you think that you could arrange with your bookkeeping department to send in your account quarterly instead of yearly. The Treasurer rather stared at the amount, and does not know, as I do, how valuable your assistance is, and what a real comfort it is to know that you and others of your partners are always ready to help us.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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This is to certify that

Mary Wallace Thomson

was a probationer nurse at the

Retreat from Feb. 24th 1912

to Aug. 16th 1912

and attended five (& 1 examination)

lectures.

-3 APR 1913

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Belgrave Cottage
Sidmouth
21-4-13

Dear Dr. Price

Your letter 18th has been forwarded on to me here & am very glad to have been of some service to you with the cases and have sent your cheque to Worcester for the receipt to be posted to you from the Office.

We arrived here Saturday this is a beautiful little place, my Wife's Sister who lived here some years ago is revisiting old scenes before returning to America next Month, We hope to go on to Mortoe in a few days.

With kind regards
Yours very truly
Ernest C Thomassen

I enjoyed my little trip to London very much. Miss Thomasson stood the fatigue of it all very well indeed. It was most interesting to see Dr. Mackenzie, & I liked him very much. He was very quick in all he did, had no very elaborate apparatus. He took a tracing of the radial pulse & of the jugular at one & the same time. It did not quite satisfy him, nor did the triple rhythm of the heart. You have heard from him, no doubt. He wanted something else done, but the only man in London who could do it, was

April 25th 1913

Dear Dr Pierce,

I would have acknowledged before this your kind invitation to the dance, but as a matter of fact I have only just got my note paper. I had waited for it to come. I was sorry not to be able to accept it, but patients come at all hours of the evening to be seized on just now, & as I was away for two nights, I did not want to be away a third.

in bed, it had to be left over until Miss Thomasson was again in London. He encouraged Miss Thomasson to think she might recover, & looked upon it as a rheumatic manifestation. He sanctioned her travelling alone to Marlboro & her going on to Bath later. I have had a card from Miss Thomasson from Marlboro to-day. She had been very tired after her journey, but had accomplished it safely.

would it be at all convenient to you to witness Dr. Fraser's signature & mine, to the deed to-morrow? If it would, what time would suit you? If agreeable to you after 4 o'clock would suit us.

With kind regards,

yours very sincerely

Norah Kemp.

Would you send me a telephone message?

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TELEPHONE:
4584 MAYFAIR.

133, HARLEY STREET, W.

April 23rd, 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Miss Thomasson called to see me to-day, and I entered very carefully into her history and her state, and I find she is one of those obscure cases which often puzzle me.

To begin with, she has a certain amount of emphysema which embarrasses the heart in its work, but I think there is also some active change going on in the heart, dating from two years ago. She is subject to those sub-acute rheumatic attacks, such as lumbago, and in my notes of a series of cases, I have found that sometimes the specific rheumatic element attacks the heart muscle and gives rise to symptoms such as she describes.

Unfortunately she does not give a satisfactory venous tracing, and I was not able to get a good record of what the different chambers of the heart were doing, so I wished Dr. Lewis to take an electrocardiogram of her, but unfortunately he was poorly and was not able to do so, but I hope that this may be arranged on her return to town.

The triple heart sound which she has got also makes me suspicious, because of late, by means of the electrocardio-

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TELEPHONE,
4584 MAYFAIR.

133, HARLEY STREET, W.

graph, Dr. Lewis has been able to recognise in a few of my patients , a fibrotic invasion of the heart muscle, which has damaged the branch of the auriculo-ventricular bundle leading to the right ventricle, and in these people, the triple heart sound was a conspicuous sign.

I have therefore told Miss Thomassson that she should take a pleasant restful holiday and look forward to the time when she can resume her work.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

J Mackenzie

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MATAKIA,
BICKLEIGCOMBE PARK,
ILFRACOMBE.

Dec. 22. 1912

Mrs P. M. Turner

Dear Sir,

My wife having heard such good reports of "The Retreat" & knowing Mr & Mrs J. B. Braithwaite & Miss Moscrop, even now she is wishing to go to York - as she believes that these things might be different to -

Unless you know that the system of the Retreat is more kindly, than is usual at other places & that therefore it would be wise to try to move her any in 6 weeks -

Might I presume on your christian kindness & ask you to write privately to Miss Fletcher on my wife's behalf - as she would be a personal friend of yours -

I fear Dr Morton might think I was interfering in the management if I wrote being the Husband of one of the Patients -

Whereas your writing on behalf of Miss Moscrop & other friends, could not be so construed -

I enclose two stamps to cover postage to Miss Fletcher & myself -

Sincerely thanking you

I am, dear Sir

Yours very truly

Mark L. Turner

Dr Bedford Rivers
The Retreat

3 Bicklescombe Park
Ilfracombe - Nov 29. 1912.

Mr P. M. Turner

Dear Sir,

My wife, (the patient) went to London early in October when Dr. Giles there was to have operated & removed one of the Ovaries & some other obstructions, that were upsetting the digestion (& causing foul gases to that turned like poison giving my wife the idea that her food was tampered with) but before it was done. Dr. Hydes was called & he stopped it. A few days after at their suggestion, I agree for her "to be certified" presuming that when in "Bethlem" the first thing that would be done was "an Operation", but this was not done & now she is in another Home & so far they are not going to operate - Both of the Homes say theirs is a Mental Hospital & not a Surgical one. I believe that surgery would in this case remove the cause of the mental upset.

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As I know of two cases that were cured at "The Retreat" Mrs Peart, of Burnham, Essex & Mrs Waterfall, of Redland, Bristol -

And Mr. J. B. Braithwaite, of Barnet, whom I saw when in London, assured me that "The Retreat" was now thrown open to others besides Friends. That is why I am writing -

My wife is & will be for a short time a Bed Patient - & Dr. Giles recommended that she should continue for a time to take all her food predigested if possible -

Benger's - lightly boiled eggs & white fish boiled. & thin bread baked to an olive brown -

She must have cheerful cheerfulness surroundings & people about her -

Which do you think would be the better way to reach York & where should & could we stop on the way from this district?

My wife is 55 years of age & we have only one daughter 19 - she is at home -

As you will know there is a regular formula to go through before consent of the Commissioners can be obtained. Mr. Blackburn 66 Victoria Street London W. mentioned your name & promised to do all he can to help us at any rate.

Therefore when telegraphing me tomorrow, terms & the date you could take my wife in, kindly put your Christian name.

Thanking you in anticipation

Believe me,

Yours very truly

Mark L. Turner

Dr Pierce

The Retreat

York

3 Bicklescombe Park
Ilfracombe Dec. 3. 1912

Wm. P. M. Turner –

Dear Sir.

Finding, as I think I must have told you in my last, that my wife was getting no better & that Dr. Turner & Fisher, seemed to decide to treat my wife as a lunatic only – because she complained, & made those around her uncomfortable, owing to her constant system of complaining of the foods – Having Dr. Giles, testimony, personally to us, that the Ovarian troubles were the real cause. I felt compelled to take her away, as the surroundings of "an asylum" are not the place for those who are well except on these points.

Dr. Hyslop stopped Dr. Giles from proceeding, because he feared my wife might become

really insane & then have to be certified.

So to avoid that I agreed to Dr. Giles & Foreman giving certificates of these strange delusions in order that if the operation, caused her to lose her reason she would be, just where she could be properly looked after.

Therefore I should be agreeable for a month or two, to pay a little over your regular fees – which I heard in London were £2-2/ not £2-8/ – so that she might have special bed attention & food.

So far, the "Nurses & Doctors seem to think she ought to "get up" thus really injuring "the vital parts" & delaying the recovery –

When we heard that the "Retreat" was full – we found a nice Home at Ingway – an expensive one, but again

I fear that they will not keep her, because, outside a Mental Home, being anticipated. Doctors seem extra nervous of having anything to do with her case –

I offered to pay say £21-00 as a fee for an outside Surgeon to operate – I would have paid £26-15. 25 Guineas what Dr. Giles was to have charged –

Will you please let me know when you will be having a vacancy, so that I may possibly be able to avail ourselves of it –

Mr. Peart & his family have left Burnham & gone to Cambridge – I fancy to Chester's – but am not sure –

Again thanking you for your letter

Believing, that my wife will, by the mercies of God, be again restored to us –

And trying to do what little we are able to further the matter.

I am very truly yours

Frank E. Jerome

Dr. Bedford Pierce

The Retreat –

York –

London -

But when I am sure of there being a vacancy & also sure that my wife, wishes to go - will be time enough to inquire -

As a rule I presume you know a week or two before a Patient leaves, that there will be a vacancy if such is, or is not the case, please give me all the time you can for me to decide, as my wife is not at home & I trust will not be, until she is decidedly better than she is now.

I presume you do not want the Report returned, it will be useful for reference -

Thanking you for it & also for your prompt attention

Believe me
very truly yours
Mark L. Turner

Dr. Pierce -
The Retreat

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MATANIA,
BICKLESCOMBE PARK,
ILFRACOMBE.

Dec. 6. 1912

Dear Sir,

Unfortunately, just about last Xmas, we engaged "a Nurse-Home-Companion" for my wife & she said, she knew that persons were not well treated at Worcester House - of course at the time, we never thought that her experience, or what she heard, would ever be likely to be applied by my wife -

But later my wife heard, that the lady in question, I will mention no names, had herself been an Inmate, so that has dark all thoughts, of willingly going there, out of her head -

As we both know of the cures of Mr C. J. Waterfall & Mr Peart – if my wife consents to go anywhere – I fear it will only be The Retreat –

Mr Bradbury of London, also mentioned the likely change of temperature, as per north – But I presume the greatest trial would be the journey, as of course going Home, would be as warm as required for general health – We have no other Homes in the British Isles –

Mr W. B. Waterfall our managing Director "The Avon Manure Co Ltd" Bristol

& Mr C. J. Waterfall our Analytical Chemist

are both Friends & we are personally known to J. B. Braithwaite & Miss Morris –

Would this enable us to pay on a lower scale?

As I can assure you, I find it most difficult to find the money required – not being an Active Member of our Company now, but only an ordinary of the Directors –

Anyway will you kindly let us hear, whenever you have a vacancy –

You know all particulars & thus can readily decide where my wife could be best kindly treated.

Since I last wrote I have been looking at the Guards, & think that via Bristol & the Midland Railway – York could be reached as well as via

Dec. 24, 1912

Dear Sir,

I do not think I can suitably write to Miss Fletcher respecting Mrs. Turner, as I know without writing that everything possible will be done for her at Wonford House. I may say that only this week I have had independent testimony of the consideration that is shown to patients there, from a relative of a patient who has been there recently. I cannot but think the proper course for you is to leave things as they are until the treatment has had a reasonable trial. If after three or six months you think it worth while you might ask Dr. Morton whether he considers it likely that a change is likely to be of any value. If he should then recommend a transfer it is very probable that we should have room at the Retreat. You will remember that York is a very cold place, and there are considerable advantages in Mrs. Turner being at Exeter during the winter.

Yours verytruly,

is, that she would be much happier where there were children as she dearly loves them, & has never had any family, unfortunately - She is almost 40 - kind of a very affectionate sympathical temperament. Not a Friend, though her husband is, like myself, a born Member - We want to find a simple kind of busy, yet quiet, regular life for her, & at reasonable terms, as my brother is not endowed with wealth, but is prepared to pay everything in his power, to make her happy & comfortable, & her old bright self again. Apologising for writing at such length & hoping for a reply at your earliest convenience

Private

Rock Edge,
Upper Park,
Birkenhead.

Jan. 8. 1912

Dear Dr Bedford Pearce.

You will not know me, but as you are a friend of my sister-in-law, Frances Thompson, (I am wife of Wm Phillips Thompson) I venture to ask, if you will be so good as to give us the benefit of your advice, on a difficult question -

Jan. Yours sincerely, Dora Thompson -
I would be glad to go to see you any evening you might mention
to give more details of the case if necessary.

My brother's wife has, since an operation last spring become more & more sleepless and nervous, & under special advice was placed in a Liverpool nursing home where she remained for six weeks.. She then came to stay with us here, & I had entire care of her - but as her condition has not improved, and she is increasingly weak in control over her nerves, & is obsessed with the idea she cannot sleep, except under the influence of sleeping draughts, we are much puzzled what to do, & her Doctor (not a specialist) does not seem able to help us in the matter.

Can you tell us, of any one either a medical man, or a mental nurse, who would take such a case into their own home, for a while & treat it wisely and kindly? My own idea

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Dear Dr Verne

Millers paper quotation need not be returned if no use. He is a persevering advertiser, but is cheap.

I forgot to ask you for yr signature to the Dr Anderson postcard circular

As to names of Comee I see I have a memo. to consider those of J H Merrill

J. H. Rountree
J. H. Davis
& Fred Fryer

along with those we have considered today when a vacancy arises, & especially if we want Jack men. We can hear them & mend

Yours truly

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Dec. 7, 1911

Dear Miss Thompson,

Our Head Laundress is leaving to get married, and we have an application from a Mrs. Burtt. I enclose copies of her testimonials: she is, I believe, now in the last named place.

It is a matter of great importance to us that the Head Laundress should be a person of good character and likely to have a good influence over the girls working under her. You will readily understand that the post involves a good deal of responsibility.

Do you think you could ascertain from private sources something respecting this applicant. At first sight it seems a little strange that in two years she should have been in three situations.

Perhaps you will return the testimonials: I enclose a stamped envelope.

Hoping you and Mr. Thompson are both well,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

There are at the Retreat 27 patients recommended by their Monthly Meetings, paying only 12/- a week; and besides these there are 34 others who are members or closely connected with the Society who pay less than their cost of maintenance. Beyond the annual value of the land and buildings there is practically no income from endowment, and the debt upon the Institution, which is gradually being re-paid, is about £8125. There is an income of about £60 from the Endowment Fund, which is used by the Committee in further relief of the patients paying low rates. It is much to be hoped that this Endowment Fund may receive from time to time additions, so that the charitable assistance given to the poorere members of the Society of Friends may be increased.

Stanecliffe.
Mount Villas.
Feb. 27th 1910

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I duly received your letter & your criticism of my article on Hallucination interested me very much. You see I treat of the Physiological limits of normal Hallucination,

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thought & imagination as going between and ~~see~~ to be something astonishingly different to what we have hitherto ~~supposed~~ it to be, & that thought is literally more creative than we have yet imagined.

I may be wrong but time will show.

Believe me to be

Yours sincerely

H. Dennis Taylor

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

because as you know there is such a widespread belief in the efficacy of brain physiology to explain them. I agree with you that some if not all of so called visual hallucinations are of psychic origin, largely independent of the brain.

I have convinced Macdonald of the impossibility of a brain originated hallucination being apparently located in space & he gets out of the difficulty by supposing that in all such cases the percipient is unconscious of his immediate surroundings. I believe this is sometimes the case, but the cases you site clearly imply the contrary. My third article will better explain the views I incline to & I will send you a copy when it comes out. I believe the whole mechanism of visual

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Aug: 26th -

WADSWORTH HOUSE,
BEDFORD.

Dear Sir -

State for any vacancy in your Home? for an acute Suicidal Case - I am sure he is not well enough to move at present

Yr

but he is most
anxious to try
your Horse – & has
begged me to write
to you. Very truly yours
Emily Thornton

P.S. I only hope if
possible you will kindly
try, for we have no
vacancy at present,
so that I may
show the letter to the
Patient –

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

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

5. Dec. 1910.

Dear Mr Simpson

The Burial Ground special Comte have been considering fees & other matters & have deferred coming to any decision. but propose to send in an interim report adopting my suggestion that the notice in the meeting book should be altered as appended overleaf.

There is no time to consult the Rn Comte so I send it to you to ask what you think.

Yours very truly

Rudyard Pierce

"The Heslington Road Burial ground is open to ? Friends ~~visitors~~ at any time, and the key can be obtained at ~~the Entrance~~ gates at the Retreat

The most convenient times for visiting the ground are between 12 & 2, and between 4 & 5 pm daily & on Sunday afternoons, when the approaches are unfrequented by patients & staff. The Superintendent of the Retreat will make special arrangements for privacy at other times if sufficient notice be given

Visitors are requested to keep to the carriage road on the East boundary of the Retreat premises"

? Gates at the main entrance to the Retreat

The Retreat Comte will not raise any objection to your proposed revision of the wording, wh seems to me to be an improvement on the old paragraph.

Do you think "Friends" is ~~any~~ better than "Visitors" in 2nd line? We don't want to announce that any inquisitive visitor may be free of the place

Entrance fates. Is there any danger of enquirers going for the key to the East Villa?

R.J.

5 Dec 10

I have not had the opportunity of a word with you since you call at Seacroft & the other day. We may meet on Sunday

Yrs v. truly
Ruth Thompson

Dringcote
22 July 10

Suggested ad^ns

I Statistics
II Finance
III Arrangement of a/c
IV Trained nurses Dept
V Pension
VI Rec Rm & New House
VII med Sup. Report
VIII Garden Improvement
~~X~~IX Nurses Staff
X Annual Holiday
XI Changes in Staff

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Dear Dr Vere

Retreat Report

I have now gone thro' the, & disfigured lamentably, yr tidy draft, with my suggestions, wh. may, or may not, be improvements.

I have also indicated in the margin a new order for the pars, by Roman figures, but it does not seem altogether satisfactory.

It will I think be well to send the final copy to Geomans for her approval, when we have agreed on our recommendations

Feb. 13, 1911

Dear Sir,

After what I had heard from you, I must confess that I was disappointed at the result of my examination of your son today.

It is of course clear that his general behaviour is quite correct, and I concur entirely in what you say, viz. that he is conscientious, careful, and wishful to do the right thing.

But I was not satisfied with his intellectual powers. The strange ideas that he had before have not entirely faded. On the contrary they are still frequently in his mind, and when talking about them it is really difficult to understand what he means; and he uses expressions, some of which are medical terms, in peculiar ways, indicating a grave departure from sound reasoning. I have taken abundant notes of illustrations of this which I need not mention in a letter.

The conclusion I reach is that he is not recovered, though he is somewhat better. I am satisfied that it would be altogether futile for him to return to Edinburgh as a medical student, and I see little prospect of his being fit to do so. The work of a student is hard and requires unusual strength of character and fixity of purpose; and even if a degree is secured, it is of little use unless the medical man can gain the confidence of his patients.

Feb. 13, 1911

Dear Dr. Horn,

Fearnley Thompson was sent to me again.

His father said he was quite well, but I found him very far from recovered. He talks about "revelation" and the "taking away of energy" and "congenital syphilis" and "tuberculosis" and "motor nerve cells" in just the same silly way, though the ideas are not so vivid as previously.

I thought you would be interested in seeing my reply to his father.

Yours very truly,

William Thompson Esq.

I see no alternative but for him to take up some out-of-door work, although I realise that farming is distasteful to him.

I fear you will be disappointed with this report, but I thought I had better reply quite frankly to your letter.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 30, 1910

Dear Taylor,

If you ask Brett he will give you an old report of the Retreat which will tell youabout the admission of patients and Voluntary Boarders. The latter are admitted without any formalities except that they are expected to sign an undertaking not to leave without giving 24 hours' notice in writing.

Unfortunately we are at present so full that I do not think we could admit another patient easily, of either sex, though we might possibly be able to admit a man who does not require very much care and who would be willing to share a room with another; but you will gather that we would really prefer not to admit a patient just at present as it would be difficult to give him proper attention. As a matter of fact Voluntary Boarders generally give more trouble than certified patients.

Any hospital for the insane can receive a Voluntary Boarder. For instance Cheadle Royal, Manchester and Bootham Park, York. They may also be received at Crichton Royal Institution or in any of the district asylums in Scotland, but they cannot be admitted to any public institution in England. I expect to be over on Friday.

Ever yours truly,

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THOMPSON & CAPPER

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TELEPHONE No. 2670.

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Jany 10th 1911

Dear Bedford,

I am writing for on behalf of one of my customers who has a daughter age 28, who for some months now has been going wrong mentally & has naturally caused her relatives a great deal of anxiety. As they are comfortably off, they have had her under medical treatment as far as local doctors could deal with such cases — but they are all in turn of the opinion that she ought to be sent away. The girl herself is so anxious to get away that on several occasions she has run away but did not get far.

Latterly she has become very cunning & has to be watched every moment. Her mother, with the girls attendant, brought her into the shop to-day about 5pm & all the time the girl kept walking round & talking rubbish to herself, & her attendant told me she had been doing that since 4.00 this morning. Of course

considering the girl's mental condition, there is nothing strange in all this.

Her mother asked my advice as to a home or institution where the girl could be placed, and I strongly urged her to send her to York & mentioned your name. I promised to write to you for particulars of admission of patients & said you would either write to me or to the Mother direct. Her name is Mrs Bert, & she lives at 3, Havelock Sqre, Sheffield. (3 min walk from Mr Jeromano's house).

As I say, the people are comfortably off and will be quite able to pay for her. I hear the girl gets very excited & destructive now & then. I think something ought to be done with her soon.

I hope you and Mrs Peirce are keeping well & the children too. We are capital!

With best wishes for the New year, & always,

Yours very sincerely

W. E. Hambley

May 27
1910

SWANPOOL,
FALMOUTH.

Dear Dr Pierce

Looking over drawers in the Study during cleaning time I came upon this old book which I had forgotten but which I believe you will like to have among your various treasures it also brought to my mind that it seems a long time since I gave any subscription so my niece has done up the heavy book & I have written a cheque for five pounds so I shall feel easier in my mind

Nor I shall be sorry if I have burdened you with what you may have. I hope all is going well as can be expected in such a company. If my old friend Sarah Sanderson still lives & remembers me please give her my love when I wrote last thinking "S.S." ~~be~~ must be her you were saying was for S. Sanders whom I also knew nearly seventy years ago at Whitby where my grandmother & I staid a couple of nights after a visit to a newly married ~~aa~~ aunt at Sunderland We were visiting J & J Sanders who lived there & used to visit my grandmother at Scarbro for a night or so to attend a M. Meeting S.S. showed me about Whitby & I thought her very precious then & I believe she needed care not long after. How is Ernest Jacob? about the same?
Also Mr Lidbetter whose family I know Mr others I think.
I hope Mrs Pierce and your children are well Nearly grown up I suppose like my ~~ch~~ grand-children The eldest is twenty & her two brothers are very tall like her & the last one some years younger promises to follow their example
With very kind regards
Yours sincerely E M Leake

13 Markham St
York
8 Oct. 1910

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To Dr B. Pierce

Sir

We beg to enclose our brother's letter which we received this morning, as we think it best

Yrs

for you to see his
present state
of mind. We heard
such good news
on Wednesday
evening from
Mr Ford.
Apologizing for
troubling you
I remain
Yours truly
E. Turner

accept case
N.K

TELEPHONE P.O. HAMPSTEAD 2322

26, ELLERDALE ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD, N.W.

Feb 25. 10.

Dear Dr Pierce

Can you kindly let me know if there is at present accommodation for a lady – not a member of the Society of Friends – ~~or not~~ suffering from the early stage of melancholia, as a voluntary patient at the Retreat. She is a recurrent case & she has been certified on three

previous occasions but only when she has been a good deal worse than she is at present. She is 65 years old — I am only writing now to ascertain what are the possibilities in case a move from her present quarters proves desirable.

Believe me
Yours faithfully
A Hugh Thompson
(M.D.)

Lot - Report sent

THE HOLLIES,
OAKWORTH,
KEIGHLEY.

Oct-19/10

Dear Sir,

Will you be good enough to forward me a circular & particulars re "The Retreat". I have a mental case (married woman with a family - about the menopause) in the incipient - stage of melancholia quiet & easy to deal with.

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They are not in very good circumstances but she does not wish to go to a public asylum – they could afford to pay £2 or £3 a week for a period. Could you accomodate such a case at the Retreat?

Yrs faithfully

J Thompson M.D.

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DEPARTMENT OF BRITISH AND MEDIÆVAL ANTIQUITIES
AND ETHNOGRAPHY,

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W.C.

14th September '09

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Y O R K.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your letter of the 10th instant, I regret to say that I have been unable to trace the seal, which you state was in the possession of Dr. Thurman in 1848. We have neither the seal itself nor an impression of it.

Yours faithfully,

C. H. Read
Keeper

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ROWLAND THURNAM, M.D.
STATION:-
BURRINGTON, 5 MILES.
TELEGRAMS:
NORDRACH, BLAGDON.

NORDRACH-UPON-MENDIP,
BLAGDON,
BRISTOL.

27th September, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned and am most interested to find your letter about my great-uncle's excavations. Although I have heard a great deal about the work in Wiltshire, I did not know of the tumulus he found in the grounds of The Retreat. I think probably his eldest son, Digby Thurnam, would be able to tell you what became of the seal; in fact he may have it himself; his address is Lincoln's Inn. The book on craniology is rare and quite difficult to get; I should think Blackwell of Oxford might hunt it up for you. I have seen several copies; I remember there was one at Bethnell House Asylum in the library, when I was M.O. there. I am sorry I cannot make any other suggestions; but please write to me if you think I can do anything further.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Rowland Thurnam.

Sept. 29. 1904.

Dear Sir

In reply to your inquiry, I would gladly help you to every extent in my power. To trace the seed discovered by my father in 1848.

My father died in 1873, & my

Memory is not very distinct as to the extent of his various collections 30 years ago.

Some I have seen in the Welsh Museum (chiefly Wiltshire Arch. Antiq.), but you seem to have made inquiries there, without result. His collection of skulls went to Italian.

Other Anthropological Museum also Cambridge. It might be worth inquiring at the Blackmore Museum, Salisbury.

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know. Possibly the Rev. Dr. Greenwell, Durham, might assist you. Yours faithfully,

W. Digby Thurnam

Dr. Wolfson Pierce

Raven Hotel. Shrewsbury.

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Sir John Soane's Museum,

13, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

19th Sept. 1909

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst. has been forwarded on to me here.

I am sorry to say that the brass matrix of the seal to which you refer is not in this museum. I may mention that nothing has been added to the collection since Sir John Soane's death in 1837.

I am
Yours faithfully
Walter L. Spiers.
Curator

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.

THE MUSEUM,
YORK Sept 16th 1909

Dear Bedford Pierce

In reply to yours of this morning. I have been talking to Platnauer & he thinks that your best plan is to ask the British Museum people if they would undertake the work of making a cast from the seal impression & what they would charge you for doing it.
They have all the proper appliances there for this kind of thing & are used to the work.
Have you tried the Worcester Museum to see if they have the original there, by any chance?
With kind regards.

Yrs very truly
Oxley Grabham

THE MUSEUM,
YORK Sept. 9th 1909

Dear Bedford Pierce

We have an impression of the seal you mention. but not the original. I can only suggest that Dr Thurnam may have presented it to the Worcester museum - or to the Joan museum Lincoln's Inn Fields -

I should have been very glad to have let you had a copy of the "Proceedings" for 1848. but as we have only two of them. I am afraid that we cannot part with one -

I shall be very pleased you give you the lecture I promised. a bit later on. whenever it will suit you -
With kind regards -

Yrs very truly
Oxley Grabham

THE MUSEUM,
YORK Sept. 14th 1909

Dear Bedford Pierce

I must apologize for the delay in answering your letter. but I was away on Saturday. & yesterday had to attend a funeral.

Of course. I shall be very pleased to lend you the impression of the seal. but I should advise you to have the cast done by an expert in these matters.

If you will let me know where to send it. I will have it packed up & forwarded.

Yrs very truly
Oxley Grabham

Sept. 28, 1909

Dear Sir,

We are putting together some of the curiosities we have here, and unfortunately the cast of the seal discovered in the tumulus, Lamel Hill, by Dr. Thurnam in 1848 has been damaged beyond repair. We should very much like to get another made, but cannot find out where the seal is. Dr. Rowland Thurnam suggests that you may be able to help us.

The seal is this shape and belonged to the keeper of a chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Morton Folliot in Worcestershire.

If you have it or can help us to find out where it is we should be very much obliged. Enquiries made of the British Museum, the Worcester Museum, the Soane Museum and the York Philosophical Society have proved fruitless.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Digby Thurnam Esq.

Lincoln's Inn

NAT. TELEPHONE No 112.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Sept. 8, 1909

Dear Oxley Grabham,

I am writing to ask whether the Yorkshire Philosophical Society possesses the brass seal which was found by Dr. Thurnam in the tumulus in our grounds called Lamel Hill which was opened by him in 1848.

We are putting together some of the curiosities we have here, and the cast of this seal has unfortunately been damaged beyond repair, and I should very much like to get another one.

The seal is this shape and belonged to the keeper of a chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Morton Folliot in Worcestershire.

If it is not in York I should be glad to know if you can tell me to whom I may apply besises the Keeper of Seals in the British Museum.

Would it be possible for us to purchase a copy of the Proceedings of the Philosophical Society for 1848 as I should like another copy of Dr. Thurnam's pamphlet.

We are quite looking to have a Natural History lecture from you this Autumn. Our room will soon be dark enough in the evenings for lantern lectures.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Sept. 30, 1909

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I wrote to you respecting a seal which was found in a tumulus in the Retreat grounds. I have been unable to trace the original, but there is an impression of it in the York Museum. The authorities are willing to have a cast made from this impression so that it may be reproduced, and if this can be done I should like to send an impression to the Worcester Museum, and, if you cared to have it, to the British Museum also. The Curator of the York Museum, however, is wishful that the matter should be placed in competent hands, and I write to ask whether you could arrange for this to be done at the British Museum. We should of course be glad to defray expenses. If you would be able to undertake this for us I will ask the Curator to send the impression to you.

Yours very truly,

C.H.Read Esq.

British Museum

Sept. 30, 1909

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter. I fear we shall hardly be able to trace the original seal. I fancy Dr. Greenhill of Durham is deceased if my memory serves me right. There is an impression of the seal in York Museum, and I am hoping to get casts made from this, so that we may still have a memento of this interesting find.

Yours very truly,

W.Digby Thurnam Esq.

Sept. 30, 1909

Dear Sir,

Some time ago I wrote to you respecting a seal which was found in a tumulus in the Retreat grounds. I have been unable to trace the original, but there is an impression of it in the York Museum. The authorities are willing to have a cast made from this impression so that it may be reproduced, and if this can be done I should like to send an impression to the Worcester Museum, and, if you cared to have it, to the British Museum also. The Curator of the York Museum, however, is wishful that the matter should be placed in competent hands, and I write to ask whether you could arrange for this to be done at the British Museum. We should of course be glad to defray expenses. If you would be able to undertake this for us I will ask the Curator to send the impression to you.

Yours very truly,

C.H.Read Esq.

British Museum

Oct. 2, 1909

Dear Oxley Grabham,

I have the enclosed letter from the British Museum. You will see they are willing to undertake to make a cast, and we shall therefore be very pleased if you will send them the impression you have. We should, of course, wish to bear all expenses in relation to the matter. I have heard from Dr. Thurnam's son, but he is unable to help us in the matter.

When will you be ready for the lecture? Would one day this month suit you, as we have not many engagements just at present.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 2, 1909

Dear Sir,

I am very much obliged for your letter of the first, relating to the seal. I am forwarding it to the Curator of the York Museum, Mr. Oxley Grabham.

If you are successful in making a good cast it would perhaps be well to have several impressions made from it. We should be glad to have two or three of them here, and some might be sent to other museums.

Yours very truly,

G.F.Warner Esq.

October 1. 1909

Dear Sir,

I am glad to hear from you by letter of yesterday that you have found an impression of the seal in the York Museum. I hope you may be able to get a photographer to make them it, in default of tracing the original.

Dr Greenwell is happily alive.
I told the Law Society's on Durham
Cathedral yesterday!

Yours very truly.

D. Digby Thurman

Dr Alfred Pierce

Sept. 15, 1909

Dear Oxley Grabham,

I am much obliged for your willingness to let us have a copy made of the impression of the seal that was found here.

I find that the Keeper of Seals at the British Museum knows nothing about it. I should think the seal has got into some private collection, but we will make a few more enquiries.

Can you help me as to what person can be trusted to make a good copy of your impression? I am afraid I do not know of any one. While we are at it we might perhaps have another copy made and send it to the British Museum, seeing that they have no note of it there.

I quite agree with you that it should be done by a person who can be trusted. Failing any professional person could we not get a dentist to take up the matter for us. It is their daily business to take casts of wax impressions and I should think it would be quite safe in their hands.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

DEPARTMENT OF MANUSCRIPTS,
BRITISH MUSEUM,
LONDON: W.C.

10 Oct. 1895

Dear Sir,

My colleague Mr Read, to whom your letter was addressed, has handed it to me, as impressions of seals are kept in this Department.

If you will send me the impression which you speak of I shall be pleased to have

a cast made from it
here and hits return
it to the Curators of
the York Museum

Yours faithfully
Rev. F. Warner
Keeper of Mill.

THE MUSEUM,
YORK Oct 7th 1909.

Dear Bedford Pierce

In accordance with your request I sent off yesterday to the British museum - an impression of the Morton Follicle seal.

Yours very
Oxley Grabham

Green Bank
Leominster
29th Sep 08

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

I trust you will pardon me for writing to you but knowing the Soc'y of Friends have an institution for Mental Cases I venture to bring the Case of my wife to your notice hoping you will be able to do something for me.

My wife gave birth to a son on the 20th June last — the delivery was an exceptionally easy one — & went on very well for a fortnight when she began to get very worried & thought everything was going wrong & within the month she got into a very morbid ~~& depressed~~ condition. I was advised to take her to the sea for a change & she was away for 7 weeks & is no better save the absence of a decided vacant expression.

I have seen your report of 1907 & note your lowest fee is £2. 8. 0 per week, which unfortunately is more than I am in a position to pay for any long period especially as I have to pay for the child to be nursed (out) & extra expence of housekeeper &c.

I am a Clerk & live with

my wife's father who has assisted in this district at the Friends' out preaching places. We attend the Moravian Church & the father is a Rural Missionary employed by the same & helps all the churches when desired

The Case is known to most of the Friends of this town & any of the following Lady & Gent will I'm sure recommend the same to your kind consideration

H S Newman Esq - J.P.
Theodore Nield Esq BA
E B Reynolds Esq - Editor of the Friend
The Misses Southall

All Friends

The Doctors who attended my wife are Dr. O. Edwards and Dr Hart Smith who wd. give you any information

I shall only be too pleased to give any further information & trust you will kindly give the case your consideration

I am, Dear Sir
Yours very respectfully
M. J. Thomas

P.S. The Doctors think it advisable to send my wife from home.

25/9/08

HOLLY BANK,
SETTLE.

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Dear Sir,

May I ask you to send me a prospectus of the York "Friends' Retreat?"

It has been mentioned by the Commissioners as a suitable place for temporary residence for a certain patient (certified) now in single

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care in a doctor's household.
What institution, if any, should be chosen is not definitely determined, but
Kindly say how much
notice you wd require
if it were decided to
send this patient (a lady)
to you, and how much
notice in default of
previous agreement it
wd be reasonable to give
the doctor in whose house
she now is.

yours very faithfully
W. P. Turnbull.
(husband of petitioner).

The Superintendent
of The Friends' Retreat
York.

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S. Thursfield,

TAILOR,
CLOTHIER & HOSIER.

27 & 29 Beulah Street,
Harrogate,

1. IX. 1908

Ans

Dear Friend,

Wm E. Waller,

I am writing on behalf of a man I am slightly acquainted with, who is in trouble on account of a son whose mind is hardly balanced aright.

I do not know if Dr Pierce gives advice to relatives or not, but if such a thing were practicable the father would very much like to come over to the Retreat & explain the matter to him. I was on the telephone yesterday

but both Dr. Pierce & yourself were away just then, so thought perhaps I might write to you in the first place.

I do not know what the terms are for patients at the Retreat, but it is only fair to say the man is a Congregationalist, & with very reduced income, so would I am afraid at the most be able to pay but a very small fraction of the cost of his son, supposing he were admitted: & the son himself, who is about 30, would be unable to contribute anything I believe.

Would it be troubling you too much to tell me if it is likely Dr. Pierce would

S. Thursfield,

TAILOR,
CLOTHIER & HOSIER.

27 & 29 Beulah Street,
Harrogate,

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give advice to the father? if so, would there be any fee? Also, are non-Friends ever admitted free as patients in the Retreat? or even for the payment of a few shillings per week?

I am afraid I am showing my ignorance of the rules of the Retreat, but would like to help the man if possible.

I am
yours truly
Sidney Thursfield

I also has had a dis-
appointment in love
which has caused the
mental trouble, she has
never been dangerous &
she was sent to Dawlish
Convalescent Home from
Xmas to March last, then
became more excited &
sent back to Winford House
I kindly let me know
yours terms as soon
as possible yours sincerely
Sarah J. Tucketts.

19 Westfield Park
Redland
Bristol
Aug. 19th 1908

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Dear Sir
I have a daughter
aged 24 suffering from
delusions she has been
staying at Winford House
Asylum nearly two years
& is in splendid bodily
health but her brain

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does not improve as we
could wish. Dr. Barclay
Baron thinks perhaps
a change might be
beneficial & referred me
to you. I believe Miss
Dell is with you now
My Mother went to
Sidcot Friends School
with her. Could you
kindly let me know
lowest terms if you
could take my daughter
as I am a widow
with a large family
dependant on me.
My daughter had a
1st class education &
her brain was quite
round up to her 20th year
She worked in our
City Mission too hard

Even more patients there, it must, & I fear does, lack the importance of the lady, and she can hardly wonder the poor hardly cares, for she probably knows more about it than her employer –

I indeed sympathise with you in your difficulty of a middle path, but we are all in many ways fallow sufferers if that is any comfort to you

Yours very sincerely
T. Sigismund Rice

Chiswick House,
Chiswick.

3/11/09

Dear Dr. Wedgwood Rice

I trust that your kind note (on the business side I mean) was not quite serious – I really wrote for your personal perusal, though I did not just specialise on the letter. Some

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Rudyard has been there I do the in private pains that are taken to keep the best people, and I see that only the best people get the certificate. The extraordinary ~~temperature~~ held out inducements to the nurses & attendants "to undertake cases", and the fuss that is made of them, is largely to blame for the way that some of them lose their heads - and give themselves airs of peculiar knowledge. Of course some of them do know a good deal about it, but when our London neurologists keep country "homes" & some very off-town in charge of a "mental nurse", & send six or

Chiswick House,
Chiswick.
29/10/04

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I have been trying my hands to come to your lecture tonight and attend the meetings tomorrow, but I have my hands, by anxiety about one of my things, and rather the worse for the

Let it by any means be known that I am with hygienic institutions, &c, & that the country as full-fledged medicine practitioners, as a few seem sometimes (to me) to do.

I trust that you will have a good meeting & with kindest regards

Ever yours very truly

T. Seymour Tuke

cruel treatment of the last few days. I am sorry, I have been keeping time, & trying yet for some time, but I really don't feel up to it, and must be excused. The question of the R.P. Antiquities has always interested me, and I should have liked my mind to assist in the formation of the new Syllabus, I feel sure that it is in the best possible hands, and we are all greatly indebted to you and those who have worked so hard at it all with you. The thing has seemed always so to be, but to work it, and make those masters think that because they

Dec. 28, 1909

Dear Sir,

With reference to the Territorial Force Nursing Service I think it would be better if you omitted the name of the Retreat from future editions of the circular. The nurses trained at the Retreat are not qualified to undertake surgical work as their training entirely concerns nervous and mental disorders. Moreover as the Retreat is under the care of the Society of Friends, the traditions of which are so strongly opposed to military service, it is perhaps better that the Retreat should not be mentioned; though of course if individual nurses who are properly qualified wish to enrol their names they will be entirely free to do so.

Yours truly,

Col. De Burgh Birch

To
The Matron
The Retreat
York

16 de Lacy Terrace
Leeds
21 Oct 1909

Dear Madam

I have ventured to put your name onto the General Committee for the Territorial Force Nursing Service and trust that you will allow your name to be so placed.

This does not necessitate any attendance (or subscriptions) on your part at meetings unless you should desire to be present.

It implies merely that you will be willing to assist if occasion should arise to obtain

nurses for the Territorial General Hospitals at Leeds or Sheffield in the event of emergency.

or in the event of a nurse desiring to join you could kindly refer them to Miss Fisher the Principal Matron of the 2nd Northern General Hospital (General Infirmary at Leeds) which is to be formed at Leeds on mobilisation or Miss Smedley at the Royal Infirmary Sheffield for the Hospital to be formed there.

I am very anxious that all the institutions in which nurses are employed, in Yorkshire which forms our recruiting area should be represented on the General Committee.

The actual enrolment is carried out by the Local Committees in the two cities mentioned.

Only fully qualified nurses are admissible on the staffs of the T.F. Gen. Hospitals.

Although the staffs of 121 in each case of matrons, sisters & nurses has now been enrolled, vacancies

must arise and we shall be glad of the help of all who can to keep up the supply.

An application was I am told addressed to you before with the conditions of the service but I am unaware that a reply has been received from you

Believe me yours truly

A S Burgess Birch

Colonel,
Administrative Medical Officer,
West Riding Division Terr. Force.

I trust that you will favour me with an early reply in the affirmative

Dear Ei.

Your letter of the 21st has been handed to me, as Miss Thomasson our Matron is at present away on holiday. She returns the end of next week, & will, I know, let you have a reply as soon as possible, as, of course it will be left over for her to decide what she wishes to do ~~with regard~~ in the matter.

~~Miss~~ I may mention, Miss T. is a member of

the Society of Friends; or
quite likely she may
not be willing for her
name to appear on the
Committee on behalf of
which you write —

Territorial Force Nursing Service.

President: Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

President for Yorkshire: The Countess of Harewood.
Vice-President for the West Riding: The Countess of Scarbrough.
" " *East Riding:* Lady Nunburnholme.
" " *North Riding:* Lady Bell.

The General Committee for the three Ridings:

The Countess Fitzwilliam; *The Lady Mayoresses* of Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, and York; Lady Bodington; The Mistress Cutler of Sheffield; *The Mayoresses* of Barnsley, Batley, Beverley, Bridlington, Brighouse, Dewsbury, Harrogate, Hedon, Huddersfield, Hull, Keighley, Middlesbrough, Morley, Ossett, Pontefract, Pudsey, Richmond, Ripon, Rotherham, Thornaby-on-Tees, and Wakefield.

The Matrons of Hospitals and the Heads of Nursing Institutions in the following localities:

Barnsley: The Becket Hospital.
Beverley: The Dispensary and Hospital.
Bridlington: The Lloyd Hospital and Dispensary.
Bradford: The Royal Infirmary, The Union Infirmary, The City Fever Hospital, The Royal Eye and Ear Hospital, The Children's Hospital, St. Catherine's Home for Incurables.
Driffield: The Cottage Hospital.
Halifax: The Royal Infirmary, St. Luke's Hospital.
Huddersfield: The Infirmary.
Hull: The Royal Infirmary, The Victoria Hospital for Sick Children, The Orthopoedic Hospital.
Kirkburton: The West Riding Asylum (Storthes Hall).
Merton: Cottage Hospital.
Middlesbrough: The Nursing Association.
Northallerton: The North Riding Nursing Association.
Sheffield: The Matrons of The Jessop Hospital for Women and The Queen Victoria District Nursing Home; the Superintendents of Private Nursing Homes: South Grove, 78, Clerkenwell Road, 20, Oakland Road, 36, Wilkinson Street.
Wakefield: The Clayton Hospital, The West Riding Asylum.
York: The County Hospital, The Dispensary, The City Asylum, The Retreat.

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR LEEDS (2nd Northern General Hospital):

Chairwoman, The Lady Mayoress of Leeds.
Deputy Chairwoman, Mrs. J. E. Eddison, The Lodge, Adel.
Mrs. Chas. Lupton, Carr Head, Roundhay.
Mrs. T. P. Teale, North Grange, Headingley.
Miss Hopper Greenwood, Greenholm, Burley-in-Wharfedale.
The Principal Matron of the 2nd Northern General Hospital, Miss E. Fisher, Superintendent, The General Infirmary at Leeds.
Matron, 2nd Northern General Hospital, Miss E. Wreford, Matron, The Women and Children's Hospital, Leeds.
Matron, 2nd Northern General Hospital, Miss E. A. Gittens, Matron, The Union Infirmary.
Mrs. Doran, Matron, The Leeds City Fever Hospital, Seacroft, Leeds.
Miss Barlow, Superintendent, District Nursing Home, Lovell Street.
Mrs. Brothers, Superintendent, Yorkshire Nurses' Co-operation, 22, Clarendon Road.
The Secretary to the Local Committee, Miss E. S. Innes, General Infirmary, Leeds.

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SHEFFIELD (3rd Northern General Hospital):

Chairwoman, The Lady Mayoress of Sheffield.
Deputy Chairwoman, Mrs. Sinclair White, Ranmoor.
Mrs. P. Wake, Handsworth Grange.
Mrs. Pye Smith, 405, Glossop Road.
Mrs. J. Marshall, Woodville, Broom Hall Park.
Mrs. A. Connell, 79, Hanover Street.
The Principal Matron of the 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss W. C. Smeeton, Matron, The Royal Infirmary.
Matron, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss A. L. Earle, Matron, The Royal Hospital.
Matron, 3rd Northern General Hospital, Miss I. M. Turner, Matron, The Hospital, Rotherham.
Miss E. Lewis, Matron, The City Fever Hospital, Lodge Moor.
Miss A. Berry, The Montague Hospital, Mexborough.
Miss L. E. Pountney, Children's Hospital, Western Bank.
The Secretary to the Local Committee, Miss M. Mee, Assistant Matron, Royal Infirmary.

Temporary Hon. Secretary to the General Committee,
Colonel de Burgh Birch, C.B., A.M.O., W.R.Div.T.F.

N.B.—The General Committee includes the persons named in the Local Committees.

THIS leaflet is published for the information of Nurses desiring to join the above Service.

The Nurses who enrol in the Territorial Nursing Service will not be sent on foreign service. Their duty will be—in the event of the embodiment of the Territorial Force—to serve in one of the two General Hospitals now being organised in Leeds and Sheffield.

Each of these Hospitals will have attached to it a roll of 120 Nurses—a larger number than is actually required—in order that 91 may always be available.

A candidate for enrolment as sister or nurse must hold a three years' certificate from a recognised Hospital or Infirmary; and in the case of a candidate employed in a Hospital, shall obtain the consent of her matron.

A sister or nurse must not be under 23 years of age at the date of enrolment; she shall retire at the age of 50.

A candidate for enrolment as sister or nurse will be required to fill in the form of application, which will be supplied by the Organising Matrons.

On the 1st January in each year she will be required to return to the Organising Matron the card of membership, giving particulars as to her employment during the preceding year, and notifying any change of address. Failure to comply with this regulation will necessitate the removal of her name from the roll.

A sister or nurse who has ceased from active nursing work for a period of two years or more shall retire from the service.

A sister or nurse may retire at any time, or may be removed from the roll by the Advisory Council.

Discipline.

Sisters and nurses when on duty in a Territorial Force Hospital will be required to conform to the ordinary discipline of a civil hospital, and to such military rules as may be necessary. The nursing staff will be under the control of the matron, who will arrange the duties and work of each member.

Uniform.

A distinctive badge will be issued to members, which must be returned on their leaving the service. No other uniform or allowance in lieu will be issuable in time of peace.

When called up for duty on embodiment sisters and nurses will wear a special cap and cape, in addition to their ordinary indoor uniform. These will not be worn except on embodiment.

The different ranks will be indicated by distinctive stripes upon the sleeves.

Emoluments on Mobilisation.

The following will be the scale of pay and allowances on embodiment:

Rank	Pay per annum			Board and Washing Allowance per annum	Uniform Allowance per annum	When quarters are not provided	
	Initial Rate	Annual Increment	Maximum			Fuel and Light Allowance	Allowance Lodging
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nurse ...	40 0 0	2 10 0	45 0 0	39 0 0	8 0 0	11 3 0	41 1 3
Sister ...	50 0 0	5 0 0	65 0 0	39 0 0			

When called up for service on embodiment, and on the termination of such service, members will be entitled to their travelling expenses between their places of residence and the hospital.

Candidates for admission are requested to apply to the Organising Matron either at Leeds or at Sheffield.

The Organising Matrons of the two General Hospitals for the West Riding of Yorkshire are :—

Miss Fisher, Organising Matron 2nd Northern General Hospital.
Address: The General Infirmary, Leeds.

Miss Smeeton, Organising Matron 3rd Northern General Hospital.
Address: The Royal Infirmary, Sheffield.

Candidates, when applying for admission, are asked to indicate their readiness to serve on the staff of either Hospital, should the one for which they apply have already been filled.

October, 1909.

STATION,
CLAPHAM JUNCTION.

S. P. G. HOSTEL,
39, SPENCER PARK,
WANDSWORTH COMMON,
S. W.

July 1. '10.

Dear Sir

Would you kindly send me all particulars about the Retreat, as to the kind of patients you receive, the terms, &c &c. A friend of mine is trying to find a suitable institution for an ~~ex~~ extremely difficult case, & we so hope that the Retreat will prove to be the suitable place. I am writing to Mrs Crosland, Cheetham, as well, as I believe that she

has a special interest in
your Institution.
I should be much obliged
by an early reply, as the
case is urgent.

Yours truly
(Miss) Alice W. Flemming

Private & confidential

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Ans.

THE RECTORY,
MOOR MONKTON,
YORK.

Aug. 19th, 1910.

Dear Sir,

Will it be convenient to you to give me & my married daughter a short interview next Monday 22nd inst.?

My daughter is married to a Dr. Mackay whose brother is an inmate of your institution & as Dr. Mackay is unwell, we feel that an interview with you might

be of much service to us.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Taylor, Vicar of Byker

P.S. I am residing at the above address for a few weeks.

Dr. Bedford Pearce,

The Retreat,

York.

N.B. We do not wish the contents of this letter, nor our proposed visit to be known to any of the Mackays.

27th July, 1910.

Dear Mr. Thorp,

You will be interested in hearing that the Annual Registers have already very greatly interested a gentleman patient here, and he has volunteered himself to put new labels on the binding where missing, and generally to look over the books and put them into good repair. We can find a good place for them, where they will be well taken care of, and I am quite sure they will be much appreciated by not a few patients, as well as by the staff, as they contain an extraordinary amount of interesting contemporary historical records.

I have been remiss in not writing to thank you for them before, and the Committee have not heard of your kind thought for the Retreat, or you would have received an acknowledgment from them. We will be sending the boxes back in a day or two.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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132. Vincent Road
Sharrow
Sheffield
Feb 24-08

Dear Madam
Thank you for the Report of "The Retreat" re-
-ceived this morning, but it is particulars concerning the admission of patients that I wish for. my Mother aged 78 is in a state of Dementia & I am anxious to hear of a suitable home for her

~~been~~, she ~~has~~ been a widow many years, & her means are small, therefore she could not pay much, from what I see in the Report it is only members of the "Society of Friends" who are admitted by paying a small sum if that is the case, she would not be available for admission.

I Remain

Yours Truly

E. M. Tyzack

4. Savile Rd
Chapeltown Rd
Leeds

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Nov. 20.

Dear F. Pearce.

I saw F. Barrowclough
morning, he with
F. Platts say they can
give one another Certi-
ficate for my son
Gerald Taylor, who
was with you in
May 1906. F. Barro

added however that he would prefer me asking you first to give it.

Myron is at present in London, but the people he is with do not wish to keep him long & I can find no one else.

He has never been well since he left the Retreat. We have no peace with him. At liberty, so that I feel there is no alternative but to an asylum. & think can find one within our means.

With kind regards
Yrs sincerely
Maude Taylor.

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THE AVENUE,
CLIFTON,
YORK.

4 Nov: 1907.

Dear Dr Pearce

Thank you much for your Report of your visit to my poor Wife. It is a sad one, but I was not hopeful of anything much better.

I shall note in due

time to hear what you and Dr. Hitchcock may consider our wisest course. I rather gather you expect some more distinct outburst to occur, when return to the Warneford might be the only course.

I shall be pleased to know what fee I may send you — You have been most kind and helped us much in a position of great difficulty, for which I am grateful, but a proper fee must be added to this.

Believe me

Yours very truly,

Wreasdale.

The Retreat
York.

1 Queens Terrace
Flamborough
Hull

Sept. 28th. 1907.

Mr. Teasdale having received from Miss Black of her near approach to taking her holiday, writes to assure the authorities of the School that she has been a kindly, indeed most kind companion, and

friend to her during the
whole of the eleven weeks
she has been with her,
in the Mountains, and
here at Flamborough —
& Mr. Tennyson upon
learning, too that
her husband has
planned for the
same arrangement
to continue in regard
to her companionship,
she is naturally hoping
that the same con-
-ditions of freedom
& allies of a coming
'companion' Rather
than an oppressive
'nurse' in form may
be supplied her, until
these taking authority
over her do understand
her case —

much lep.

With many thanks to the Jour-nitter & yourself for the kind consideration you have made, and for your trouble

Believe me,

Yours sincerely

W Teasdale

The Retreat
York

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THE AVENUE,
CLIFTON,
YORK.

23 Prince of Wales Terrace
Scarborough
26 Feb: 1907.

Dear Dr. Price,

I was much obliged by your kind letter, of 18th inst., though somewhat disappointed that you were unable to name a lower fee for Miss Black. I now enclose cheque for £17.10.0

for 10 weeks at 35/- up to Saturday last. Perhaps you will kindly have a receipted account sent? I feel the cost at present is more than I can afford for any length of time, but for the present it must go on - I should therefore be greatly obliged if you could arrange for a substitute, as nice a person as may be, to take Miss Black's place during her 3 wks holiday, as to which I have suggested she should write to the Matron.

Perhaps, as you have so kindly interested yourself in my sad trouble, you may know of some lady with suitable qualifications who is now unattached to the Retreat, and who could be recommended, & would work

THE AVENUE,
CLIFTON,
YORK.

16 Sept. 1907.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

The experiment of my Wife's absence on leave seems to have been very successful so far, but the cost of it has been great, indeed so much that I could only undertake it for a short time. Your Nurse Miss Black seems to have played her part

indefinitely on terms I could afford I should feel it a great relief. I suppose you could supply a substitute during Miss Black's holiday?

With many thanks for your kindness in this matter.

Remain,

Yours sincerely,

T. Teasdale

The Retreat
York.

admirably, and so long as present conditions continue I should deem it a great misfortune if we had to part with her. I feel it is time I paid for her services, the fee for which was I think not quite definitely arranged - It would be a great boon to me if as great a reduction from the usual fee of £2.0

her week as may be possible could be made.

Miss Black told me the other day that she expects her annual holiday of 3 weeks next month. She added that after she had had it she would be very glad to return to Mrs Teasdale if it could be arranged. She said the duties had so far been almost nominal, imposing no strain whatever.

If her stay with my wife could anyhow be arranged for

Eshton Villa (467)
West View
Clitheroe 19

June 10

Dear D. Mackenzie:

I write to confirm arrangements:— the funeral to be at York, Thursday next, 2.30 pm.; and if possible the grave to be near to that of our infant brother Frederick Thompson, in the corner, near the grave of John Ford. As I cannot come down before ~~Thursday~~ the morning train that leaves

King's Cross at 10 am, and arrives at 1-42 pm, I shall not be able to make any personal arrangements, save by letter.

I tried to get you on the telephone this morning, but spent 2 fruitless hours at the Telephone Co's office here in the vain attempt to get a connexion through to York.

Poor Mrs Thompson is terribly broken down, though calm. I doubt whether she will be in a fit state to attempt to be present.

I return to London this evening.

Yours very truly,

Silv. P. Thompson

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MORLAND,
CHISLETT ROAD,
WEST HAMPSTEAD. N.W.

May 31. 1907

Dear Dr. Pearce:

I am very sorry to learn of my brother's very unexpected break-down; and thank you for your letter about him. If I can do anything by coming north please let me know at once. It is well that he has so promptly put himself under your care, which has been so beneficial in the past. I am writing him by same post to cheer him up.

Yours very truly,

Silv. P. Thompson

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Eshton
West View
Cheltenham
June 4th

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Allow me to thank you for writing. I was feeling very, very sad about Tom, & to hear that he was taking food well was a relief! I fear he is still much depressed or he would have written to me himself - I was very grateful that he had

such a nice room.

Tom was too depressed to see the comfort of things but as soon as he is brighter - then he will appreciate his room & the lovely grounds!

I am enclosing a letter to Tom, hoping that he has begun to improve.

With kind regards & thanking you for the kind attention to Tom.

Yours sincerely,
Fanny Thompson

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54 Richmond Gardens, W.
June 18th 1907.

Miss Davis presents her compliments to the Superintendent of the Friends' Retreat, York & as she is being asked to take out letters of administration in the affairs of her aunt Mrs James Thomson would be much obliged if the Superintendent

would inform her whether Mrs Thomson's condition admits hopes of recovery in the future; & also, if not, what would be the annual sum necessary to provide for the suitable care for her health & maintenance.

Miss Davis apologises for giving this trouble & encloses a stamped addressed envelope, accompanied by her thanks in anticipation of a reply to her questions and any other information that the superintendent is good enough to add about Mrs. Thomson.

To
The Superintendent
Friends' Retreat
York.

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June 1. 1907.

Easthorpe
Cookham Dene
Berks

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BANCROFT, HITCHIN.

Private

Dear Dr. Pierce

A friend of mine here Mrs Carter widow of a late Asst. master at Eton. is anxious to learn all the can about the Retreat. She has a son of about 30. who has lately been mentally afflicted & who is at present in a private asylum

in care interest in Mrs Carter in this anxiety—

I hope the Retreat continues to flourish & Believe me

Yrs sincy

C. M. Luke

and fairly well – but still
requiring care & protection –
The private asylums is very costly
& Mrs Carter's means are small
& she has a large family –
She asked me if I knew of any
really well arranged & managed
home for such cases – & naturally
I thought of the Retreat in which
James Hack Tuke & his family for generations
they have been so closely interested –
Will you be so very kind as to ask
your secretary to send to
Mrs Carter
Austins
Godshaw Dene
all the information he can
on the subject. treatment &
care of patients – & their
varying costs.
Trust you are well & treat
you with excuse my writing
myself instead of to the
Secretary – but I feel a

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8 Stafford Road,
Handsworth,
Birmingham.
9/10/07.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask if you will kindly send me particulars & terms of admission to the Retreat. One of my sisters has been so very ill: commencing with a nervous breakdown, some time ago, the malady has developed until now her mind is quite unhinged, & the doctor's opinion is that

she cannot remain
at home.

I have heard of the
"Retreat" through a relative
of my wife's, — Mrs Corning,
widow of the late Thos Corning,
of Leeds; & should be
grateful if you
would oblige me
with particulars.

I am, Madam,
Yours faithfully,
Granville Sharp.

Many sisters would not want any special nurse only the general attention usually given - she is usually fairly sane - but goes queer over religious matters etc.

I am Dr Sir
Yours truly
A. Fisdall

TELEPHONE,
1469 P.O. HAMPSTEAD.

25, KIDDERPORE AVENUE,
HAMPSTEAD,
N.W.

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4-3-07

W. E. Waller Esq

Dear Sir, I have your note of Report - of the Retreat, - but by neither do I get what I really want - & that is what accommodation do you give to a patient paying 40/- per week - what sort of bed room etc -? & what would be the difference say for one paying 60/- per week?

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ROSEDENE,
MOORTOWN,
LEEDS.

March 6th

Dr Pierce –

Dear Sir,

You will probably have heard that Miss Connie Nugent has been heard of as staying with friends – As the daughter of the Revd Philip Nugent many years Chaplain to the Bishop of Lahore I judged that her training had been of the right sort.

When you applied to me for a reference, I did think her suitable as a probationer, and I was pleased to hear from various sources that Miss Nugent was just in her element at the Retreat. I knew she was headstrong, & accounts reached me later that she did not get on with her Mother but there are others who turn out well amongst strangers — who will not help at home —

Yours Truly.

Frances. E. Thorp.

Mr. Mar.

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Truro Vean.
Truro.

Dear Sir,
Will you kindly send me some particulars about the Asylum / The Retreat, which is under your care. May I have some Reports & the Terms. Will you tell me whether the inmates are all people of a social position, above

Mechanics, & Whittier
~~Have~~ Members of the
Society of Friends are
received at a reduced
rate
I am sorry that I do
not know ~~the~~ exact
address or your name.

Yours faithfully
E Jane Lundy.

to a country residence that is carried on in a kindly spirit & not as a prison - my sister was of the Church of England - do you object to patients of the Established Church?

Yours truly

A. Tisdall

TELEPHONE, 1469 P.O. HAMPSTEAD.

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25, KIDDERPORE AVENUE,
HAMPSTEAD,
N.W.

26-1-07

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.

Sir

Kindly forward me full particulars of The Retreat with terms & accommodation you give for the various classes. I have a sister, at present at the Royal Bethlem Hospital, of feeble mind who I wish to remove during the coming spring

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11. Nequel Park Terrace 10
Headingley
Leeds

Dec 20

Dear Sir,

I think the term 'Recovered' might be applied to my son. He is now in Jamaica & the one letter that has reached is satisfactory.

Yours truly
M. Taylor.

Elmdene
St John's Road
Driffield
19/12/1906

Dr Sir

I regret to say my mother has been very bad with shingles for several weeks she is now better but regret to say her mind has gone wrong Dr Brand Driffield says I am to ask you to let me have a female nurse for her to that complaint at once, I shall come to York in the morning (Thursday) and come straight down arrive in York about 9-45 a.m. I hope you will

do let you in to me let me have a nice gentle nurse as I am in great distress

Yours truly
S R Tennant

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1, ALBION STREET,
HULL.

Dec 28th 86.

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your letter but regret that the relatives of my patient do not see their way to send him to the Retreat. In these circumstances I return you the forms & certificates you kindly sent me again

Thank you.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours faithfully

Edward Lister

Thorntree Farm
Copping
Mark
Nov 14/06

To
Resident Director
The Friends Retreat
York

Dear Sir

Thanks for Kindly
forward me particulars of
"The Friends Retreat" with terms
also if you have any
vacancies for patients

Yours
Jas Fairbairn
Timberlake

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THE AVENUE,
CLIFTON,
YORK.

11 Nov.: 1906.

Dear Dr Pierce

Dr Hitchcock tells me you are still willing to receive my wife at Throxenby if she can be induced to come. There are one or two matters on which I should like an

opportunity of speaking to you before we take any steps towards bringing her to Scarboro', and I wonder if you could see me in the city on some early day when convenient. My office No. 6 Tindal might be a convenient meeting place, if you would kindly give me the pleasure of a call, or if any other place suits you better, I would attend to it. My Telephone Number is 0222 -

Thanking you much for your kindness in this matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

W. Teasdale

Dr. Bedford Pierce
York.

5 Nov 1906

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Dear Peirce

Mr Teasdale thinks his wife might now be willing to be for a time under your care at Thorpe Perrow but before taking any steps he asked me to write & ask if it would be convenient for you to have her there now?

Sincerely yours
C. K. Hitchcock.

Nr 29 & 97
Mar 4 1902

Bay

Sebastopol House
Selly
Oct. 8th 06.

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Dear Mrs Thomasson.
You may be surprised
to hear I have not
gone to Bournemouth
After I got all my
papers filled up & all
references. The Matron
said as I was only
qualified for one branch
of Nursing She could not
promise me permanent work
So I decided not to go
I have had a nice long
holiday. I am looking out-

for a private case.
would you kindly give
a written testimonial
Do you think Dr Pierce
& Dr Kemp would give
me one also.
With kind
regards
I remain
Yours Sincerely
J Kindle

TELEGRAMS:- GLEN. LEEDS.
TELEPHONE 104 HEADINGLEY.

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OAK LEA,
CARDIGAN ROAD,
HEADINGLEY.

14 Oct 1906

Medical Supt.
The Retreat
York

Dr Sir,

Kindly say if you have a vacancy for private patient & terms which must not exceed one guinea per week. The gentleman is about 40 & very quiet.

Yours faithfully
C. H. Taylor.

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TELEGRAMS:
"EVERLEY TAYLOR, SCARBOROUGH."
TELEPHONE No 1
AT HOME, 2 TO 3.30 P.M.

34, QUEEN STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

19th July 1906.

Dear Bedford Pierse,

Many thanks for your letter . I will communicate with the Watsons and try and get some definite understanding with them. I do think however that it would be wise to get him from Scarborough as we suggested before we resort to any legal steps.

I am going to have your letter and the letter from Mr Watson copied so that there will be a delay of the post in returning Mr Watson's letter.

Yours very truly,

W C Everley Taylor.

Dr Bedford Pierse,
The Retreat,
York.

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The Warneford,
Oxford.
July 10th 1906.

Dear Pierce,

I have been from home for a few days, or I would have replied to your letter of the 5th at once. I am quite in favour of sending Mrs Teesdale away for a temporary change, to Throxenby Hall, or any place that her friends may think desirable. But the first thing to be ascertained is, if she will go; and that is doubtful. I will speak about it to her,

however, and let you and
her husband know what
her feeling about it is.
Believe me to be
Yours sincerely
James Neil

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat
York.

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TELEGRAMS:-
BURTON-IN-LONSDALE.
STATION:- BENTHAM (MID.)

GRETA BANK,
BURTON IN LONSDALE,
KIRKBY LONSDALE.

26th March 1906

Dear Sir,

Beatrice Hewl- has applied to me for situation as second nurse, of two, in this small private asylum, where there are a few chronic patients. She tells me she has been

8 months with you, and wishes to go to a smaller place.

Do you think she is a suitable nurse for the post? I want a sensible, steady person, who will carry out orders and take an interest in her work.

I shall be much obliged if you could reply soon.

Yours truly
Mary A. Taylor.