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would perhaps encourage the
correspondence. This has had a
good effect & she is much
brighter now. I am sure
we keep a watchful eye on her.
She is very obedient & anxious
to please - much quieter than
used to be, & a little more
"childish" - in her ways but has
gradually got more normal
& I hope ~~with~~ ^{now} may now be
considered cured & discharged
fully from the Retreat.
With kindest regards & many
thanks for all your kindness
at York.

Yours truly
J. Walker

Thanks for enquiries - my wife
& self are fairly well now.

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KNOWLE HOUSE,
MIRFIELD.

6/10/12

Dear Sir

My son has handed
you letter to me. -
He thinks Hilda quite as well
perhaps as one could expect
after ^{such a} long illness. She is
eating & sleeping well - but I
do not think she is perfectly
recovered - the remembrance
of her illness & enforced residence
at the "Retreat" troubles her & we
had to check her beginning to
write in the old Melancthon
religious way to an old friend
of hers - (a Wesleyan Minister
who we were afraid would not
understand the situation)

Oct. 3, 1912

Dear Capt. Walker,

We have not heard anything lately respecting your sister. Absence of news is certainly satisfactory. It is not the sort of case where a prolonged leave of absence seems desirable. Can you rightly say that Miss Walker has recovered and may be discharged from our books?

I hope both your parents are better, and that the period of serious anxiety you have had has now passed away.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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29th July, 1912.

Dear Mrs. Walker,

I am very glad to hear that Miss Walker is again away from home and I do hope that the arrangement will prove a success. I cannot but think that the plain speaking will have done a certain amount of good and that Miss Walker will see that she cannot be allowed to behave as she has done in the past. I saw Mr. Ellison and explained to him what I thought. He seemed disposed to minimise the gravity of the situation. I do not in the least say anything further in respect to your visit to our house. We will gladly do what we can to help. I think you paid the nurse's expenses and we should not propose to make any fee for the little journey of this kind. I am going away this week for my holiday but I am sure that either Dr. Mackenzie or Dr. Kemp would be glad to give you any help they could,

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Walker,

The Lawn,

Belper.

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July 10, 1912

Dear Mr. Walker,

I fully expect to be at home on Friday, though as it is the day on which I offer to go to Leeds it is just possible I may be called over there. If you could come a little earlier in the day I shall be at home.

Miss Walker is rather disappointing. The latter part of last week, and up till Monday, she was convalescent, bright and cheerful, and to all intents and purposes normal. I was on the point of beginning to relax supervision, when yesterday she became irritable, depressed and despondent, and she has not yet recovered properly.

One must make some allowance for her disappointment at having been ill again and having been away from home just when she was most wanted. Still, on the whole she is decidedly better, and I hope you will come to see her. I feel sure you will be pleased.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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KNOWLE HOUSE,
MIRFIELD.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am hoping
to be able soon to come
over to see my Daughter Hilda.
She has a great longing
to come home, but should
prefer her, when fit, to go
away a little first.
She seems to have a fear

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that she would get better,
& may have to stay
altogether, & I wondered
if she had a change
of scenery, and surroundings,
whether it might help
her improvement. Of course
one or ^{perhaps} two nurses would
be required. On both
former occasions she has
had a shock, previous
to recovery, scarlet fever
the first time, she

spread on the record.

Your candid opinion would
greatly oblige

Yours sincerely
Mary E. Walker.

30/4/12

KNOWLE HOUSE,

MIRFIELD.

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Walker

Dear Sir

Thanks for yours—

Hilda is no worse - we hope
a little better - & seems glad
to be with her friends who
are doing all they can -
We can only hope for the best

Enque £6/6/0 enclosed.
Kindest regards

Yours truly

J. Noel

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Dr Pierce

KNOWLE HOUSE,
MIRFIELD.

Dear Sir

I only returned from London
last night - & am much obliged for
Your letter - I have written asking Mrs Foster
to return Kelda's letter to me - & no doubt
She will do so - My father & mother both
are rather letter - but, I have not shewn
them the last two letters my sister wrote,
they are too pathetically depressing - Please
let me know, anytime you would like me
to visit her - her Leeds friends also are
very anxious to do anything possible

With kindest regards

Yours truly

James Walker

Has my sister all the necessary clothing etc?

KNOWLE HOUSE.
MIRFIELD.

28/April 1912

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FIRDENE,

COMERSAL,

NE LEEDS.

Mr. Pearce

Dear Sir

With reference to

Your visit to Mursfeld Yesterday - I
went to see my Sister in Leeds today
She seemed much brighter & more
capable than when last I saw her
Mrs Pulcliffe (with whom she is staying)
said that she broke down last night
but that she slept very well indeed
she talked quite rationally when I
was there, I enclose a letter she
gave me to take home, which I have

not shown my father who is much
upset today - I think it might be
better if you used the enclosed
envelopes when writing to me - as I
have generally some territorial
correspondence from York, & it will
not be likely to be noticed - I will
call & see you in Leeds on Tuesday
& report

Yours truly

James Walker

Please address letters

Captain J. Walker
Knowle House
Murfield

Telephone
86. Murfield

May 22 1912

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the
Retreat Committee the terms for
Miss H. A. Walker were fixed at
seven guineas a week -

I enclose the usual form of
agreement which kindly return to
me when signed & interested -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Secy.

J. E. Walker Esq.

May 22 1912

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the
Robert Committee the basis for
this H. H. Walker was fixed at
seven guineas a week -
I enclose the usual form of
agreement which will refer to
the above figure & interest -

Yours faithfully
W. H. Walker
Secy.

W. H. Walker

caused by the operation seems
to be perfectly healed, tho' she
has felt it once or twice if
stretched or suddenly starts
herself. She did not
wish to go to the Italian
Riviera & as it was very
inconvenient to her Mother
I did not press it & am
watching & waiting to see
if the South of England
is equally as good.
How long do you think
she ought to stay from
home? - She is anxious to
return & take up her usual
duties - my only fear is
that her ordinary palpitations

KNOWLE HOUSE,
MIRFIELD.

26/1/11

Dear Sir

I enclose cheque to
balance a/c. You will be
pleased to learn that my
Daughter continues quite
normal & in good spirits.
I took her to Torquay 15 days
ago & stayed 12 days with her
Mr Walker is with her now
I have just got news that
they have gone on to
Bournemouth. The wound

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are not quite sufficient
to keep her busy.

At present I think my
step she enjoyed lodging,
& dining, & the ~~change of~~
Hotel life.

kindest regards & many thanks
for your great interest
in my daughter

Yours truly

J. B. Walker

20 Jan. 1910.

Dear Mr. Walker

Absence from home is the reason for the delay in replying to you and the 26th.

We are extremely glad to hear that Miss Walker remains so very well - it is a pleasure to me to send you with this the formal notice of discharge as ~~now~~ recovered.

With the weather we are now having I should fully expect Miss Walker will do every bit as well at Bournemouth as in the far South - except of course the Riviera

affords a greater change. I think there are greater facilities for open air sketching than is usual in England at this time of the year.

I agree with you that it is important that when she comes home her time should be well filled up. I do not think close work - even long hours of useful work will be other than beneficial.

The difficulty is the finding of the right kind of occupation - some form of applied art may supply the need - one cannot paint all day - in all weather. Such things as embroidered leather work, clay modelling, wood carving may be found useful.

St John 11/10

Dear Mr Waller
I have been thinking of the delay in replying to
your letter of the 2nd.
We are extremely glad to hear
that your Waller remains so very
well - it is a pleasure to write
and you wish it is the former notice
of which we are so much
glad the weather was so
kind & should feel great
pleasure to hear that you
are so well as in the
first - except of course the
river

of the river is a great change. I think
there are great facilities for
in obtaining them is a great
benefit at the time of the year.
I agree with you that it is
important that when the river
has time to be well filled
up - I do not think it is
ever dangerous at such a
time as this. I think it is
likely to be the first of the
night time of occupation - some
found of which at the end of
the river - the river is
very - in all the
there is a great deal of
very much, and many
the former way.

Besides, there is special bundle of needlework, lace making and the like. When Miss Walker has acquired some proficiency in these she might like to take a class of work girls.

In some districts the such classes have done a great deal of good & many of these girls find what they can earn of course this means ~~very~~ ^{very} interesting but this is extremely useful.

of good & many
extremely useful.
I conceive this means ^{also} ~~terminative~~ ^{terminative}
determination which may be beyond her strength but this
probably you could readily judge yourself -

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Jan. 30, 1911

Hilda Annetta Walker

Sir,

With respect to the extra report asked for on behalf of Hilda Annetta Walker, by this time you will have received a notice of discharge.

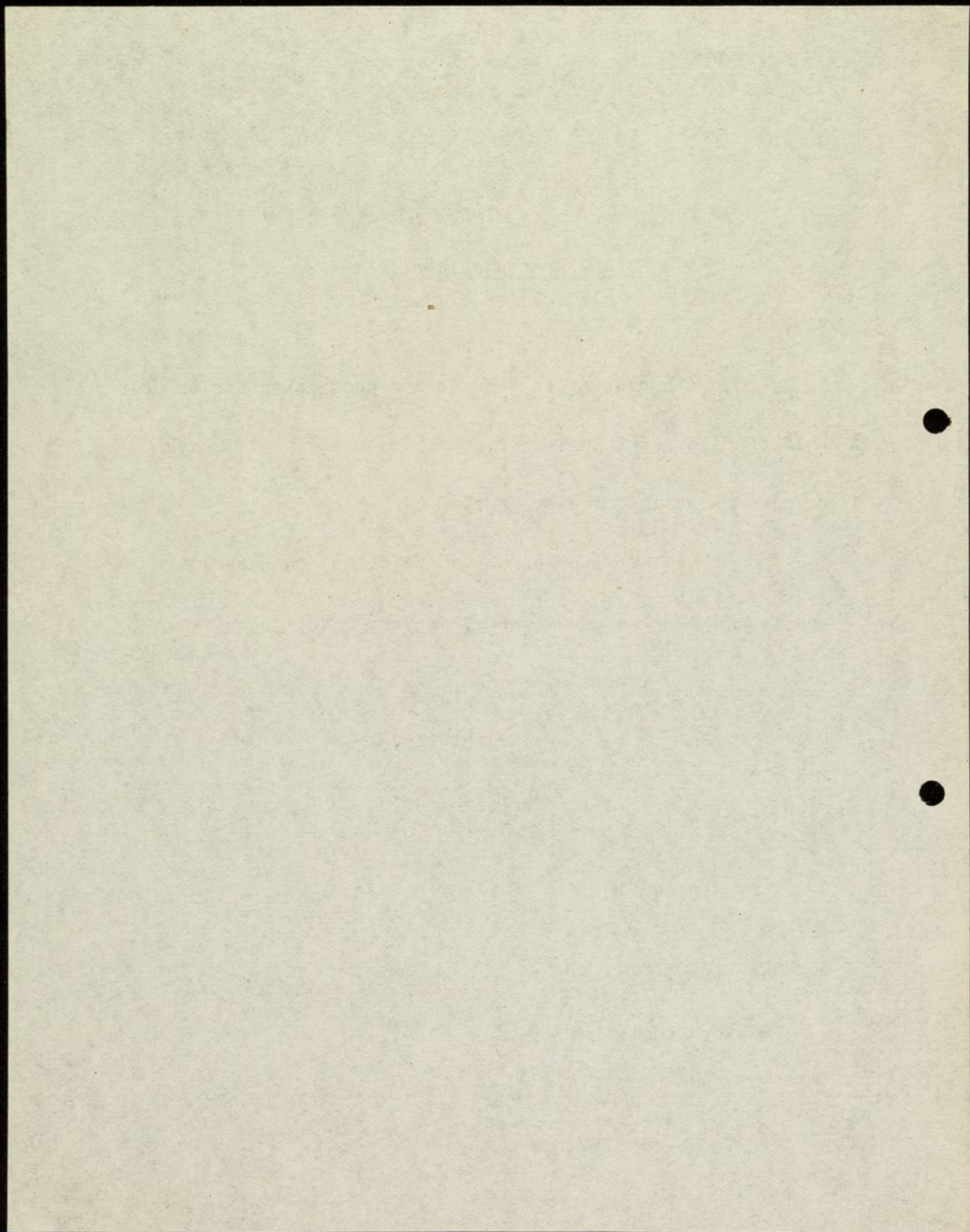
She left the Retreat on trial on December 20th and was discharged on Saturday, January 28th, recovered.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

Lunacy Commission



KNOWLE HOUSE,
MIRFIELD.6/12/10

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Enclose Dr. Robinson's
cheque. The Porter's -
must have been
invaluable in this case.
We are very thankful
& delighted to have
such good news about
Bilda & trust it will
continue. With kindest
regards. Yours truly
J. D. Walker

Knowle House
Marsfield

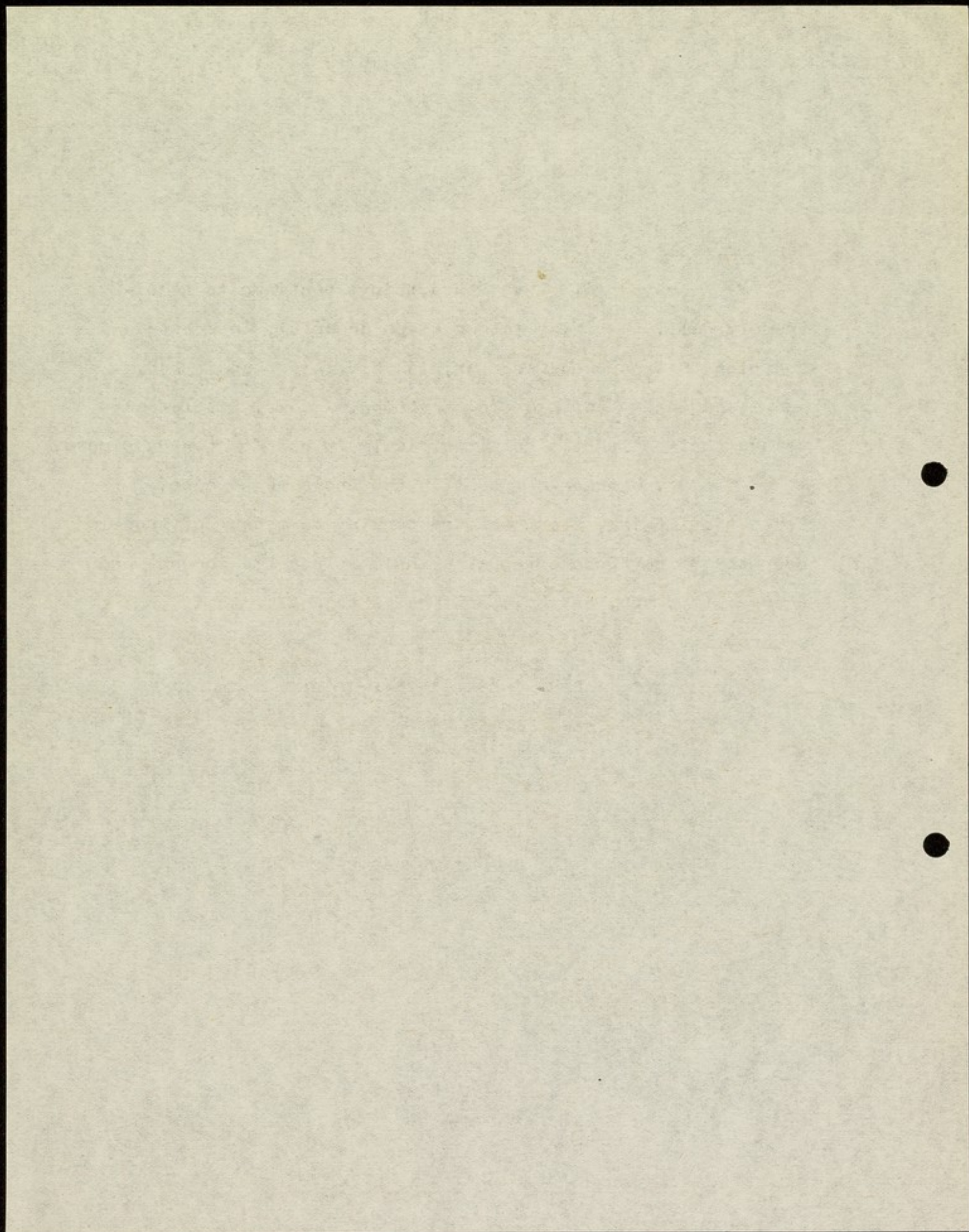
Dec. 5, 1910

Dear Mr. Walker,

As you will have heard, things continue to go extremely well. Miss Walker keeps cheerful, interested in anything that comes before her, is able to sit up in bed, and is beginning to take ordinary food. Mr. Littlewood thinks that she should remain strictly in bed for ten days more.

Dr. Bateman has sent in the enclosed account. You were, I think, aware that he took a great deal of trouble over the "X ray" photographs. Shall we pay the account and charge it to you, or would you prefer to deal with it separately?

Yours very truly,



• fee, - if you think they
 should & could pay the
 extra guinea perhaps
 you will let me know
 & then I can make it
 out a peck; you see I
 do not know their circumstances
 at all.

• Please do not bother about
 your poor patient, I am quite
 content to help you in that
 way at any time.

With many thanks

Yrs very truly
 H. W. Haleman.
 P.S. Do you really
 want my Ray
 apparatus?

48, MICKLEGATE,
 YORK.

December 3rd 1910

Dear Pierce

I enclose the cp &
 as you will see I have
 included the Certificate &
 I have charged $\frac{1}{2}$ 2-2 each
 for the first & last visit
 & $\frac{1}{2}$ 1-1-0 for the intermediate
 one instead of the full

43, NICKERBOUR
YORK

Dec. 2, 1910

Dear Bateman,

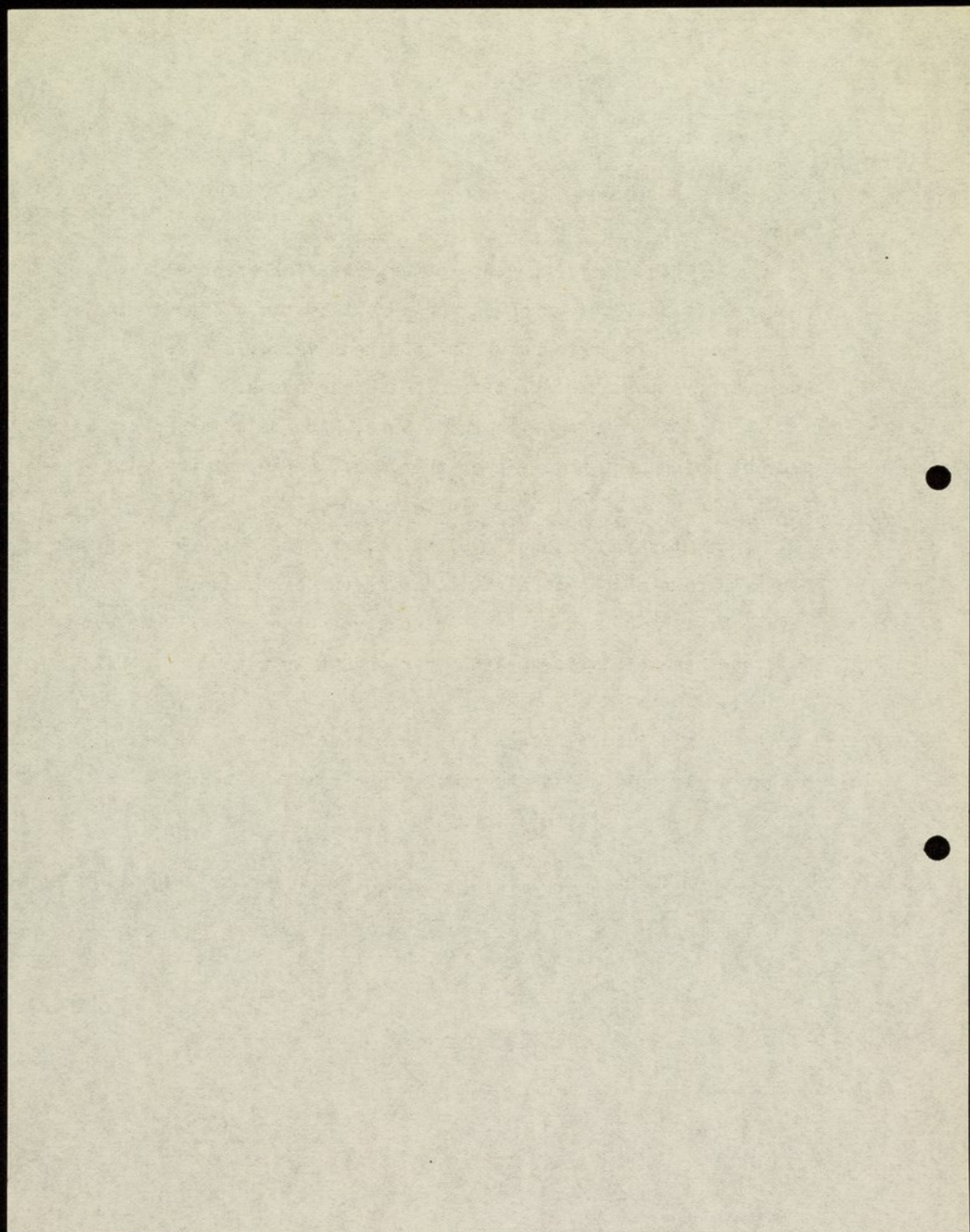
With regard to your letter, Miss Walker should be charged with all the expenses incidental to the diagnosis in her case. The skiagrams were of great value, and were necessary, altogether apart from the other cases.

With reference to the others, Miss Dell is a poor patient and cannot pay. We, therefore, hope that you will let the Retreat off lightly in that case.

Miss Murton should, I think, pay the ordinary fee for skiagrams which you might take in your own house. We are hoping to arrange for her to have another one taken, but just now her mother is visiting her and it is not easy to fix a time.

You will be pleased to hear that Miss Walker goes on extremely well and that mentally she remains clear.

Yours very truly,



• Patient's chest there
was not any injury
visible.

With many thanks

I am

Yours sincerely

Hunter Watson

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48, MICKLEGATE,
YORK.

November 30th - 1910

Dear Alice

I asked Mr. T.
Lloyd to know if he
for Miss Walker before
long - but just tell me
what you think would
be correct to do & how
you would like the
matter arranged.

1st - Is Miss Walker to pay
the whole of the cost of
hire & carriage of
Accumulators from
Leeds or shall I
divide it equally
between your three
patients -

2nd - Should my fees be
divided for the three? or

3rd - Should Miss Walker be
charged a maximum
fee & the other two
reduced fees as
second patients under
one visit to an Institution.

As soon as I know your
views on these points
I will write again.
With regards to the

the negatives when you
have done with them, one
you have not yet seen,
1. & in which the pencil
above and is forked.
As regards the tooth I
confess I do not quite
understand but I think
it is the R^h upper jaw.
You will see two or
rather four nearly
alike these will

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42, MICKLEGATE,
YORK.

November 26th 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I was gratified

to receive the news of
your successful operation,
it is interesting to know
our guess as to its location
was correct—

I shall be glad to have

be the two lower pairs, & as I only took one
the Rth upper pair it should not be
difficult to discover the standing side.
At all events I think here we can
get better ones & I shall be glad
to make an appointment with
you for the 15th or 16th -

For Sunday cannot send a sufficient
staff with her or if you prefer
I could fetch all in the 'car'.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Watson

Hawthorne

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BEECHGROVE,
KIRKFIELD,
YORKSHIRE.

Nov 23. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I send herewith the
form filled up, as nearly as I remember,
in the same terms as the previous one.
I am sorry to hear of the relapse - On
the Tuesday & Thursday before she went
I had thought she was almost all right again -
& she was quite conscious that she had
been wrong - as if in a horrid night mare.
I hope she will soon get permanently well.
I have no great experience in these cases
quite like her but I have never seen a case
quite like hers, getting so well & clear and

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them wrong again so quickly.
Hope there will be no trouble with the
pencil.

Thanking you very much for your prompt
help, and for making things so easy for
us

Yours faithfully
A. Anderson.

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DEEPINGROVE,
WIMFIELD,
YORKSHIRE

Nov 14. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Miss Walker slept
4 or 5 hours the night after you saw
her. Some time after you went she asked
to see her father and enquired about you -
when he told her you had admired her
paintings she brightened up & said she felt
ever so much better - When I called yesterday
morning she was sitting up in bed quite lively
& she talked to me very energetically - she told
me she had been in a trance when we called
& she was very glad as she had got to know

Some things she had been bothering about
and she did not think she would have to go
into a trance again. She was still on spiritualism
but she kept pretty well through the day &
the night ^{last} night. This morning she seemed
pretty well at first. I had an interview with
fairly satisfactory results; but after a time she
stopped talking & took to writing letters. One
a long one to W. F. Stead telling him he must
come as God was speaking through her - &
a lot of other stuff. When I saw her she would
not speak, but wrote for me to read, then she
was a medium & could not speak, but must go

on writing, and that I must promise to take
her telegram to Stead & send it off - I said
that would be all right, but that was not
enough - she went on writing at a great speed
till to me - and I had to leave her still
going on at it.

Yesterday I thought she might not have to go
away, but today she was very excited & I
fear it will be necessary.

I should be glad therefore if you would kindly
send me an agency order for use in case
of need.

Yours faithfully
A. Anderson

to say, but I don't
suggest to tell her
to do exactly as
the nurses brother
would not be an
unwise thing.

Yours truly
J. W. Walker

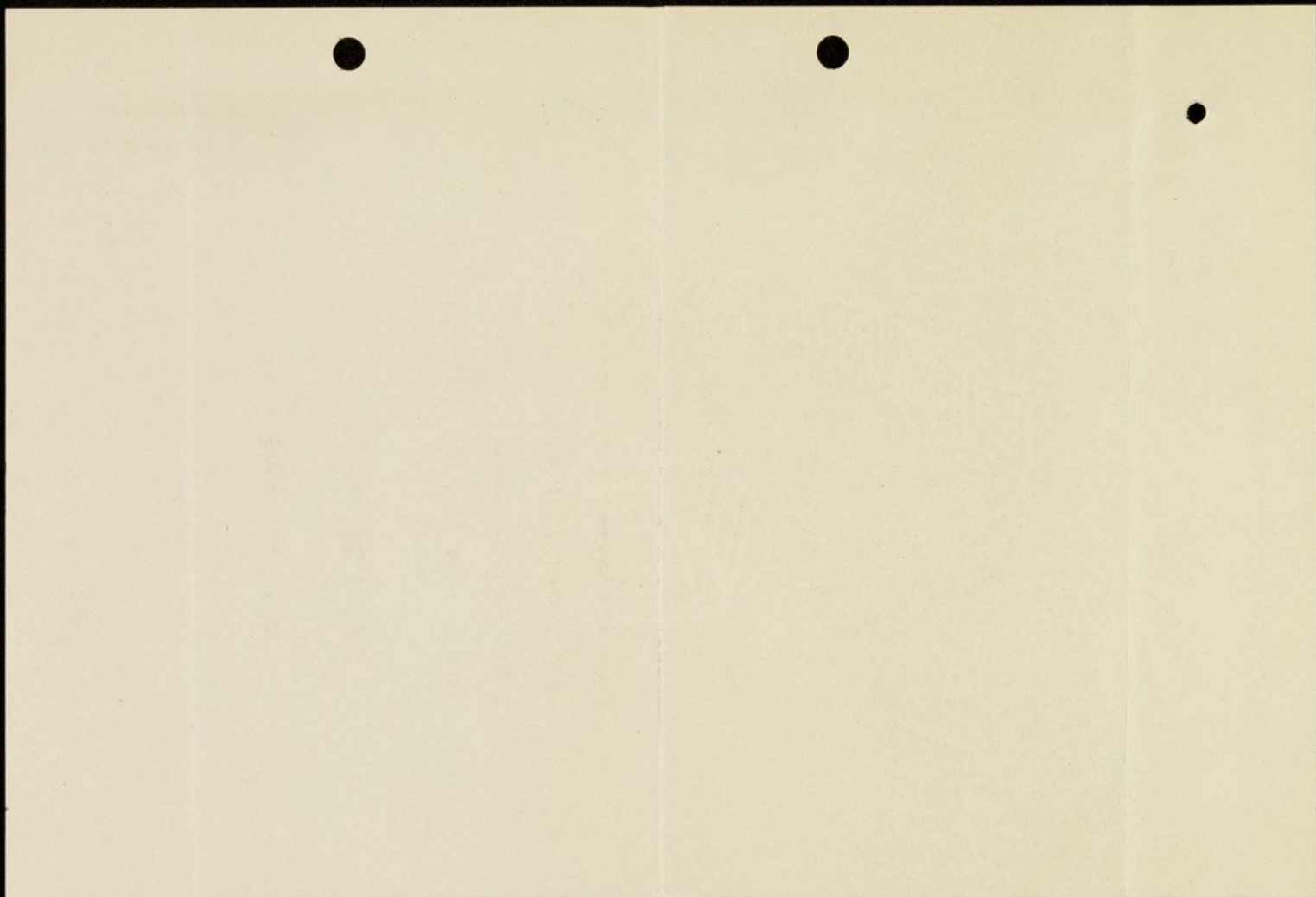
Dr. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

Tel.
86.

Knowle House,
Mirfield.

14/11/10

Dear Sir,
I have been
compelled to promise
to send the enclosed
My daughter is worse
this morning, but not
so bad as when you
saw her. If you think
wise to reply you
will know best what



Nov. 25, 1910

Hilda Annetta Walker

Sir,

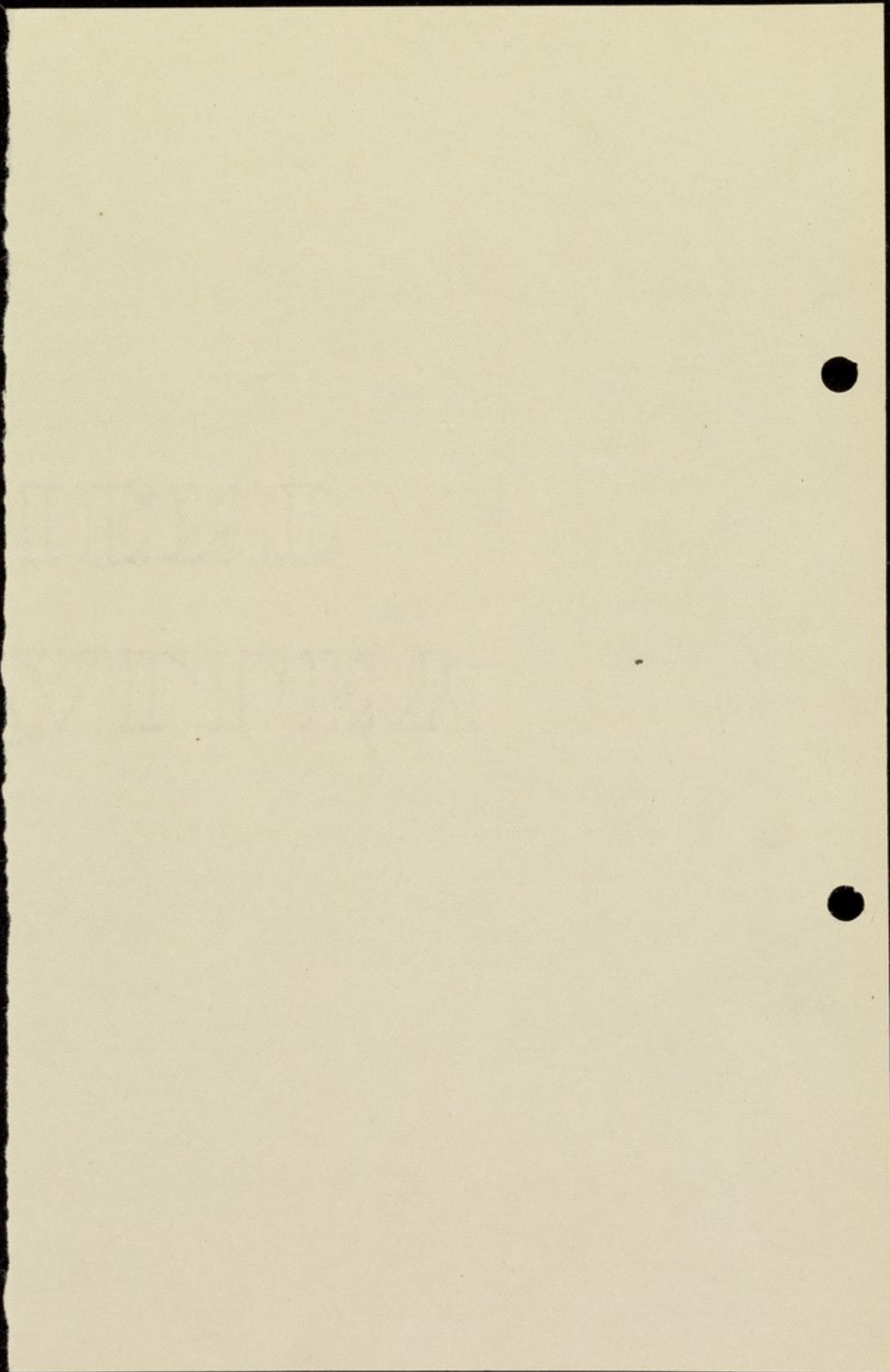
With reference to the above-named patient, I should perhaps inform you that yesterday Mr. Littlewood of Leeds performed a laparatomy and removed a pencil case four inches long from the duodenum, The patient is doing well.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,

Lunacy Commission



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



YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to

receive Hilda Annetta Walker of _____
as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Bringington, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital,
to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

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

WITNESS my hand the 23rd day of May 1912

Name

Residence

Occupation

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

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

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

