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the mild Christmas festivities
we have had. - We do not think
that there is any necessity for
her name to remain on your
books as a patient.

My wife joins with me in
wishing a happy New Year to
you & yours

Yours very sincerely
James Watson

Dr Bedford Pierce
York

897
3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

31 Dec 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

Many thanks for your letter
Mary continues to progress favorably
& though it is rather early to say
what the result of the operation
may be we are much encouraged
so far - She has not been to see
Dr Morrison since she left the Home
but will do so shortly - But he
told me that while under his
care she was perfectly normal
& an excellent patient - She is
happy at home & has enjoyed

8. Rosella Place,
North Shields.

31 Dec 1911

Dear Dr. Price -
Many thanks for your letter
and continued to progress favourably
I thought it is better early to see
what the result of the operation
may be. The wound is now
so - the scar has not been so
so. I have since she left the home
but will do so shortly - but as
told me that while under his
care she was perfectly normal
I am excellent patient - she is
happy at home & has no

the mind is perfectly
the same - No do not think
that there is any necessity for
her to remain in hospital
books as a patient.

My wife joins with me in
wishing a happy New Year to
you & yours.

Yours very sincerely
James Watson

Dr. Robert Price

Dec. 30, 1911

Dear Mr. Watson,

We were very pleased indeed to hear that Miss Watson is going on so well, and I much hope that she is able to enter into home life in a natural and pleasant way.

I gather there is no necessity for her name to remain on our books as a patient, and unless I hear to the contrary from you on Monday morning we shall discharge her as "relieved". I hardly think the word "recovered" can be rightly used, as I understand from her letters that she has the same prejudices respecting the Retreat that she formerly had. However, this really does not matter much so long as she does not have delusional ideas respecting her relations.

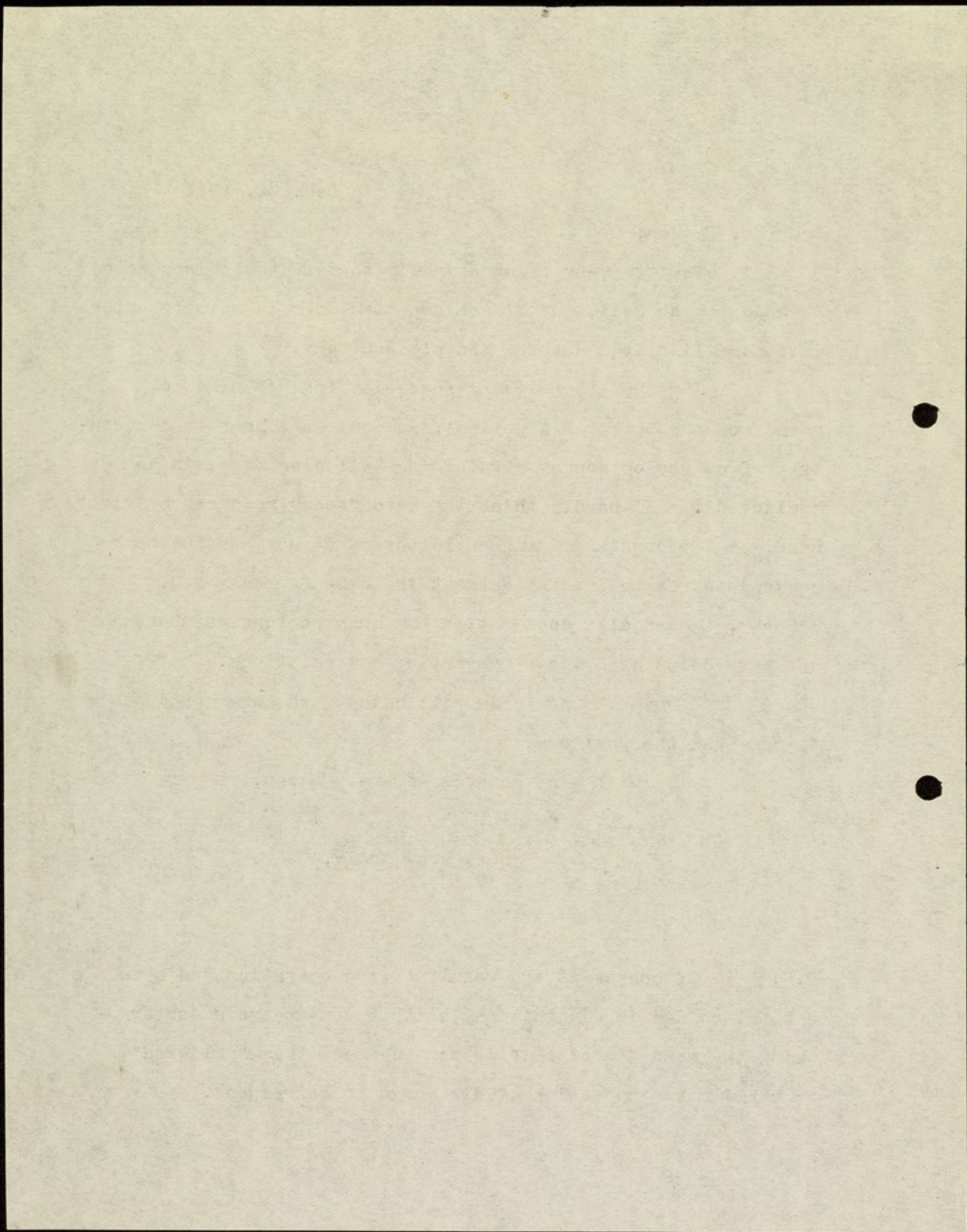
I hope the new year will bring much more happiness to you than the past one.

With kind regards to Mrs. Watson,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

P.S. Of course if the result of the operation has been a total change in disposition, so that you and your doctor think the word "recovered" is more correct than "relieved", we shall make the notice of discharge to correspond.



6, Cails Buildings, Quayside,
JAMES WATSON. Newcastle-on-Tyne.

27 Nov 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have been intending to write you for some time to tell you how my daughter is getting on - She left you on June 30th - She spent 3 weeks at Goathland Wholly with her mother, then about 6 weeks with the Dixons, after which she went to Coniston, to be near Mr & Mrs Arthur Rowntree, & returned home to us at the end of Sept - While at Coniston she was visited by, & also visited several relatives who were

in the Lake district, & throughout she has been quite normal - At Goathland, my wife noticed that her neck was much enlarged, & latterly Mary complained of choking sensations at night. We consulted Rutherford Ineson here, He ordered an operation which took place about 3 weeks ago, when he removed a tumour "about as large as an orange" from the left side of the thyroid gland.

Mary returned home to us last week & is making good progress towards recovery. Her mental state continues excellent -
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
James Watson

in the late autumn. I thought
she had been quite normal - at
least she was much improved &
better than my impression of her
before. I had been told that she
was very ill and that she was
in a very bad way. I had been
told that she was in a very bad
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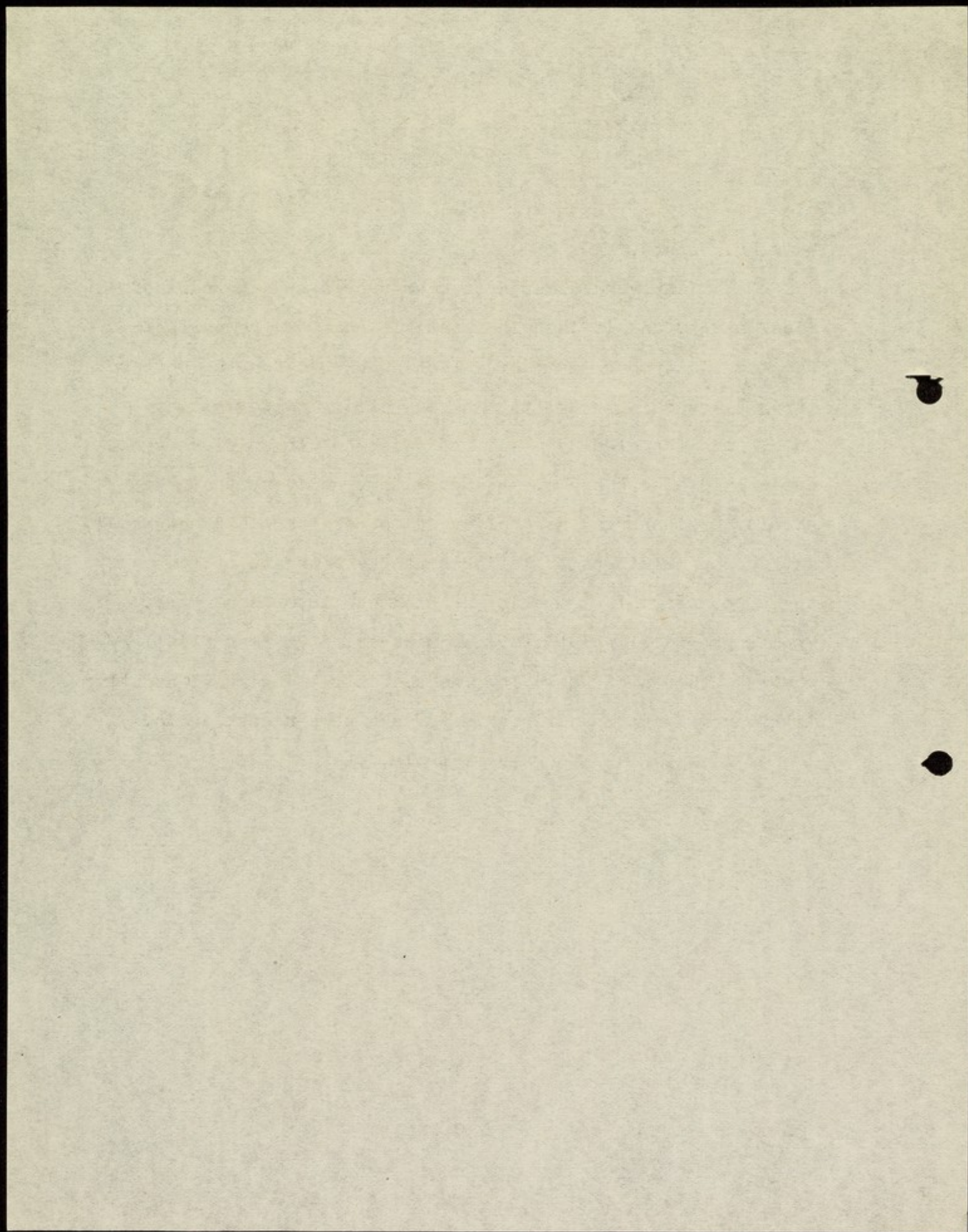
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for some time to tell you how well
I am getting on. The last year
on June 30th. The third 3 weeks
of footlock. I think with the
them about 6 weeks with the
after which the need to
to be seen for the
I returned home to us at the end
of Sept. while at the
last week for 7 days
I am very well.

Nov. 28, 1911

Dear Mr. Watson,

I am very pleased to hear such a good account of Miss Watson, and it is quite possible that the removal of the thyroid tumour may make a lasting change for the better. It is pleasant to hear that she is getting on so well at home, and I conclude you will now wish her to be discharged entirely from our books. I consider, however, that she should be discharged as "Relieved" rather than as "Recovered", as, from her letters to patients at the Retreat, there seems to be no material change in her attitude towards us here. From a practical point of view, however, it matters little ~~if~~ what she thinks of us so long as she is getting on pleasantly with her relations and is able to take up her work again.

Yours very truly,



July 21, 1911

Dear Mr. Watson,

I am very pleased to hear that Miss Watson has done so well. The account you give is very pleasing, and I hope she is forgetting all her prejudices.

I am sure Windermere will prove a charming place, especially during the summer and autumn.

With regard to Miss Hills, she has twice been away from here to live in lodgings and has come back at her own wish. We have no objection whatever to her going away again. I should doubt, however, whether it would be wise for her and Miss Watson to keep house together, though it would seem to me perhaps possible that, when Mrs. Dixon has room, a visit there might be tried as an experiment.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

for this, as I had hoped she would
 be well enough to join Mary at
 Sawrey in Sept. - Mrs Hills was
 greatly attached to my late eldest
 sister Mrs Frank Corder, & I like
 to think that Mary has been kind
 to her, & if a suitable arrangement
 could be made, we believe that
 it would be good for Mary to
 have some one to take care of.
 but not actually to nurse -
 Would there be any objection, if Mrs
 Hills were better, to their taking
 lodgings later on near W H Hills
 at Grasmere or near the Dixons at
 Sawrey?
 Yours sincerely
 James Watson

We are proceeding extremely slowly, but I think you will agree that Mary
 is better & away from you at any rate for a time

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
 NORTH SHIELDS.
 20 July 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I am glad to report that Mary
 seems much benefitted by her
 holiday at Goathland, & latterly at
 Whitby, where she has been staying
 with her mother, her Uncle & Aunt,
 Mr & Mrs Stevens, & they all say
 that she has been very happy, &
 as sunny & nice as possible. I
 spent last week end with them
 at Whitby, & I certainly thought her
 very much better - She has taken
 to sketching again & sent me, for
 a birthday gift, a pencil portrait
 of her mother which exhibits

all her old power, & is quite as good
as anything she has ever done -

We have now arranged for her
to go to the Dixons at Far Sawrey
until the end of August, & if
she settles well, we would like
her to stay on there for a time -

I went to Sawrey week before
last - It is a charming house,
& I was greatly taken with Mrs
Dixon & her daughters, but there
are 2 men boarding there now,
& they expect a Mr & Mrs Abbot
& 3 children, & they all have

their meals together - Mary is very
shy, & I am just afraid that she
may find folks rather thick on
the ground - However, Mary is
willing to try it, but would
much rather have gone into
quieter lodgings with Miss Hills
to whom she is much attached,
& who she says needs a change.
I have been in communication
with Mrs Henry Hills about this,
but your letter to Mrs Hills makes
it out of the question at present,
& if nursing is needed (especially
night nursing) the Dixons could
not do with her - I am sorry

to Mr. Hills, we have
concluded, she has not
yet reached the stage
of improvement when
we could suitably do this
in fairness either to her,
Miss Watson, or
ourselves -

It is so kind of you
to give our name, now
& again - Mr. Moorhouse
is greatly enjoying the change
& seems very contented &
happy. With our kind regards

HOME END
FARSAWNEY
NEAR WINDERMERE

13. VII. '11

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I am sorry to
trouble you - but - we
had Mr. James Watson
of North Shields here
on Sat. 7, with regard
to our undertaking

Very sincerely, Mrs. Dixon

the care of his daughter
Mary, for awhile -
Who, we understand
has been for some
time at East Villa.

Is it quite suita-
-ble for us to do this?
I would you mind

saying if there is any
direction in which
Special care should be
exercised?

Mr. Hills of Framingham
asks us too, to under-
take the care of his
Sister, along with Miss
Watson, as they are
so united, but after
reading your report

we want the plan
already proposed, to be
clearly understood
& carried out -

We are writing to Mary
in accordance with
this - & we shall be
glad to hear from you -

Yours sincerely

James Watson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

June 24, 1911.

Dear Dr Mackenzie

Last April Dr
Pierce wrote suggesting
that we might arrange
a summer holiday for
my daughter Mary,
& I met him by appointment
at York Station the week
before he went to Switzerland.

At this interview I told
him what we suggested,
viz. that Mary should
go at the end of this
month to Gouthtane -
with her mother, & an
Uncle & Aunt for 2 or 3
weeks, after which it

was clearly understood
that she should return
to her room at East
Villa, until some
further change, if desirable,
could be arranged for her.
As yet we have arranged
nothing beyond this,
but unfortunately Mary
has got the idea that
she is permanently
leaving East Villa now.
& she says, in a letter
home to-day, that
this is your view also.
When I saw Dr Pierce

he said you would describe
her as "absent on leave"
showing that he expected
her to return at the end
of this holiday. We agreed
that her room should
be kept for her at East
Villa, for which of course
we would pay.
As an alternative to
Goathland he gave me
an address "Mrs Dixon,
Sewrey" (please send
me the exact address)
as it has occurred to us
that we might arrange
for her to go there later on,
but in the meantime,

wire if not

3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

Tuesday. May 23rd

● Dear Dr Pierce

Mr Watton wants to see you & consult you about Mary. He proposes going over next Friday by the train reaching York at 11.28 - could you meet him at the station & have your interview there.

● He does not want Mary to know he is going. As he does not intend to see her this time -

Yours very sincerely
Marion Watton

3. Rosella Place.

North Shields.

3. Rosella Place.

North Shields.

Ans

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

April 12. 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque
for £ 17.15.0. in payment
of enclosed account.

We are much obliged
for the grant from the
Encowment Fund -

We would like some
explanation as to how
we are entitled to it.

There is not much change
in the report. Well I
hope Mary is on the
whole rather better.
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Maria Watson

3. ROSSELLA PLACE.
NORTH SHIELDS.

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care than she would be anywhere else.
I have simply told Mary that it is not
in your power to remove the certificates,
but that there is nothing to prevent her
appealing to the Commissioners, & I would
leave the matter there -

It is not desirable that Mary should
be told that we have power to discharge
her, because practically we must
follow your advice, having every con-
fidence in you - My wife is glad to
know that there would be no difficulty
about taking Mary for a short holiday,
later on, if this should be desirable, but
we have not said anything about it
to her yet, & will not do so without
further consulting you - I have been
careful to disabuse Mary's mind of the
idea that you were responsible in any way
for having her certified originally, & I have
stated that the entire responsibility rested
with the Commissioners, which I think is
the only proper line to take -

Yours very truly James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

19. 2. 1911

Dear Dr Pierce

Yours of the 18th received, & I want
to thank you for your prompt replies
to both my letters, & for the trouble you
are taking - As I said before, this
correspondence began in compliance
with a request from Mary, that I
should ask you if you thought the
certificates might not now be re-
moved - It is clear from your letters
that you do not think so, & that you
think the Commissioners will probably
take the view that she is not fit,
yet, to be a voluntary boarder -

Under these circumstances, my wife
& I would not wish the certificates to
be discharged, because we both feel
that she is safer & better under your

5. ROBERTA PLACE.
NORTH CHURCH.

Dear Mr. P.

I have just received your letter of the 2nd inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope this finds you the same. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are happy and content. I have been very busy lately but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

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altogether
is strange that Mary stays on
without appealing for removal -
She would I think, resent going
anywhere else under certificate,
& also she ^{probably} wants to avoid giving
trouble & expense to us -

Our present idea is that she should
remain at East Villa, ~~my wife is~~
~~hoping to ask~~ if possible as a
voluntary boarder, & my wife is
hoping to take Mary into the
country later on for 2 weeks or
so, on condition that she goes
back to East Villa again pending
further arrangements - Would
you approve of this
Yours sincerely James Hall

See bag.

3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

lately have been much more normal,
& I should also add, that we cannot
find that she has lately for some
time been writing those long &
somewhat incoherent letters to
any body - You ask if you might
not discuss with her leaving the
Retreat in the spring, but my
wife & I think, that it would
be inadvisable to do this, until
we know what this involves -

You speak of her going away
for some months trial. But where
& how? I do not think that it

Feb. 18, 1911

Dear Mr. Watson,

With regard to the discharge of Miss Watson, it is possible for you to discharge her at any time, and you can do so tomorrow without consulting anybody; but if you should do so she must be removed from the Retreat, as the Commissioner of Lunacy formally stated that she was unfit to be here in any other capacity than as a certified patient.

I do not myself think there is any essential change in her condition since the Commissioners saw her, and she certainly has not recovered. I can only take steps to discharge patients when they have recovered. If Miss Watson can satisfy the Commissioners that she is now fit to be a Voluntary Boarder, then no doubt they would alter the opinion previously given, and allow her to be discharged as "relieved" and remain in the capacity of a Boarder. I think, however, it is most unlikely they will agree to such an arrangement.

I suggested to Miss Watson that she should go to Throxenby Hall for a visit, but she does not wish to do so. She can, however, leave the Retreat at any time on leave of absence, and the proposal that you make for her to go away with Mrs. Watson presents no difficulties.

I have not told Miss Watson that you have power to discharge her. She asked me, but I declined to reply as I thought it might make difficulty at home.

I am sorry to say that similar ideas respecting the behaviour of Sister Margaret are arising in her mind. She thinks her impossible and foolishly inconsiderate, whereas she is one of our oldest and most trusted nurses; and her old patients are much attached to her after they have left the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

to the Commissioners, asking that
She should be restored to her
former status as a Voluntary boarder.
I take it. She cannot be at one
& the same time, a certified patient
& a voluntary boarder, & therefore,
that it would only be in the
power of the Commissioners to
discharge the Certificate, & re-in-
state her as a voluntary boarder.
If this could be done, with your
full approval & consent, we
should be glad, & we think it
might possibly be a help to her.
I have mentioned that her letters

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

17. 2. 1911

Dear Dr Purce

I am much obliged by yours
of 15th - I do not quite understand
the modus operandi for the discharg-
ing of the certificates - I was under
the impression that if you recom-
-mended it, this could be done,
subject to the approval of the
Commissioners, but you say that
they cannot be discharged while
Mary remains at the Retreat, but
you also say, that there is nothing
to prevent her from appealing

3. ROSELYN PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

dearly loved son, who was born on the 1st of January 1881, and who died on the 1st of January 1882, at the age of one year and one month. He was a very healthy and cheerful child, and was very fond of his mother and father. He was very fond of his playmates, and was very fond of his school. He was very fond of his books, and was very fond of his games. He was very fond of his friends, and was very fond of his family. He was very fond of his life, and was very fond of his death.

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3. ROBERTA PLACE
NORTH GATE
1911

15 Dec. 1911.

Dear Mr Watson,

There is little fresh to say about Miss Watson - she gives up no trouble whatever but remains very exclusive.

She is not really unmanageable as she comes to parties and receives pleasantly when addressed but she does not enter into the social life of the hospital and remains very much apart. She goes out every day a great deal but does not tell us what she does. I feared there is no work done of any moment.

With regard to the certificates, these could not be discharged while she remains here. There is nothing to

prevent her applying to the Commissioners when they come asking that she should be restored to her former status as a V. Border.

But what I should like to ask you is whether I might not discuss with her leaving the Retreat in the spring. If she were away in some months trial we could see how she did & if you were satisfied with as to how she got on the certificate could then be discharged.

The practical difficulties of this course are great as I do not know where she could live that would suit better than the East Villa & I fear anything she would involve greater expense. It is very strange Miss Watson stays in here month after

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Sept 20, 1891

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Chambers

from the without appeals for removal or discharge. This itself
is evidence of something mentally wrong. I would I think
lead to prevent the Commission saying she was recovered.

I remain

Yours very truly

Edw. D. White

10 Dec 1901

Dear Mr. White,

I am glad to hear of your recovery.

I am sure you will be able to do so.

I am sure you will be able to do so.

I am sure you will be able to do so.

I am sure you will be able to do so.

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I am sure you will be able to do so.

EDWARD J. MASON, JR.

2, ROBERT ST.

kind to present the Government with a statement
is evidence of a general feeling of sympathy for the
Government in its efforts to suppress the rebellion.

Yours very truly,

John W. Mason

October 1862

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

14 Febr'y 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

Anticipating a visit from the Commissioners at an early date, Mary has several times lately begged me to ask you whether in your opinion the Certificates might not now be removed - I promised that I would do so - My wife & I would like to know if this could be done safely. She resents being certified & it has occurred to us that it might be a help to her, if the Certificates could be removed - She has evidently been trying to merit this, & she

pleads (I think with justice), that her case may be judged by her daily life & conduct, & not only by a visit from a Commissioner -

For some months her letters have been much more clearly expressed, & more about ordinary things, & written in a more orderly way than formerly, & this we think is a good sign -

We should be glad to know what you think about it &

we hope you may have noticed the improvement which her letters seem to indicate & that it may be possible for you to give us the hope that the Certificate may be removed if not just now at an early date

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

James Watson

I should treat your reply as confidential & just give Mary the gist of it - whether favorable or otherwise

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

December 16. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I went over to
N York a few weeks ago
to see my daughter Mary
& I did very much have
liked to see you - but
I could not very well
fit it in with my visit
to Mary - I feel that
I ought to apologize for
not having written to
before to tell you that
I had seen Mary.
She looked very well,
we had a very pleasant

time together - she
seemed so well, & so like
she used to be, I felt
a good ^{deal} cheered by my
visit - Except for the
one subject, the manage-
ment of the Retreat, she
seemed absolutely normal.
Do you think it would
do any good if I were
to write to her & beg
her not to talk so
in the extreme way
in which she does -
or is it wiser to ignore it?
I had a letter from

Margaret Procter last
week, telling me how
she had been to a concert
with Mary, & how she
thought her very well.
I feel puzzled about
Mary, but I certainly
thought she was better
when I was over -

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Maria Watson

telling her that I
wrote to you.

I know her very well
both well and ill
and I think we
should both enjoy
the Concert - and that
perhaps having some
one whom she has
not seen much of
lately might do her
good. With kind regards

Yours Sincerely
Margaret L. Procter

✓
ROWANCARTH,
BEN RHYDDING,
YORKSHIRE.

Nov 12th 1910

Dear Dr Pearce

My Cousin
Mary Watson has
written asking me
whether I will go
with her to hear
Kubelik in the Festival
Concert Rooms on Dec 6th.

I shall be very glad
to do so - and am
going to write to
her to that effect:
I can quite easily
take a cab and
see her back to
Park Villa after the
Concert. I thought
under the circum -

stances, I should
like to have your
sanction - and if
it is not troubling
you too much
should be glad
to have a line
from you to say
that you don't
object. I shall
also be glad if
you will avoid

pleasant interview she had recently with the Commissioners, Mr Trevor, & Dr Needham, may lead to the withdrawal of her certificate - This hope seems to have done her good -

My wife proposes to visit her shortly, but before she does so, we should be grateful if you would see Mary, & let us know how you find her -

I think she sometimes fears that her case is being overlooked, & would be glad to see you

Yours very sincerely
James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Dear Dr Purce

17 Nov 1910

As it is some time now since we have had any report about Mary, I want to know if you have yourself seen her lately, & what you think of her state - She has written frequently to Percy Corder, & he tells me that he is struck by the increasing clearness of her letters, & we at home have noticed the same thing -

She thinks that an unnecessarily gloomy view is taken of her case, & she is hopeful, that a long &

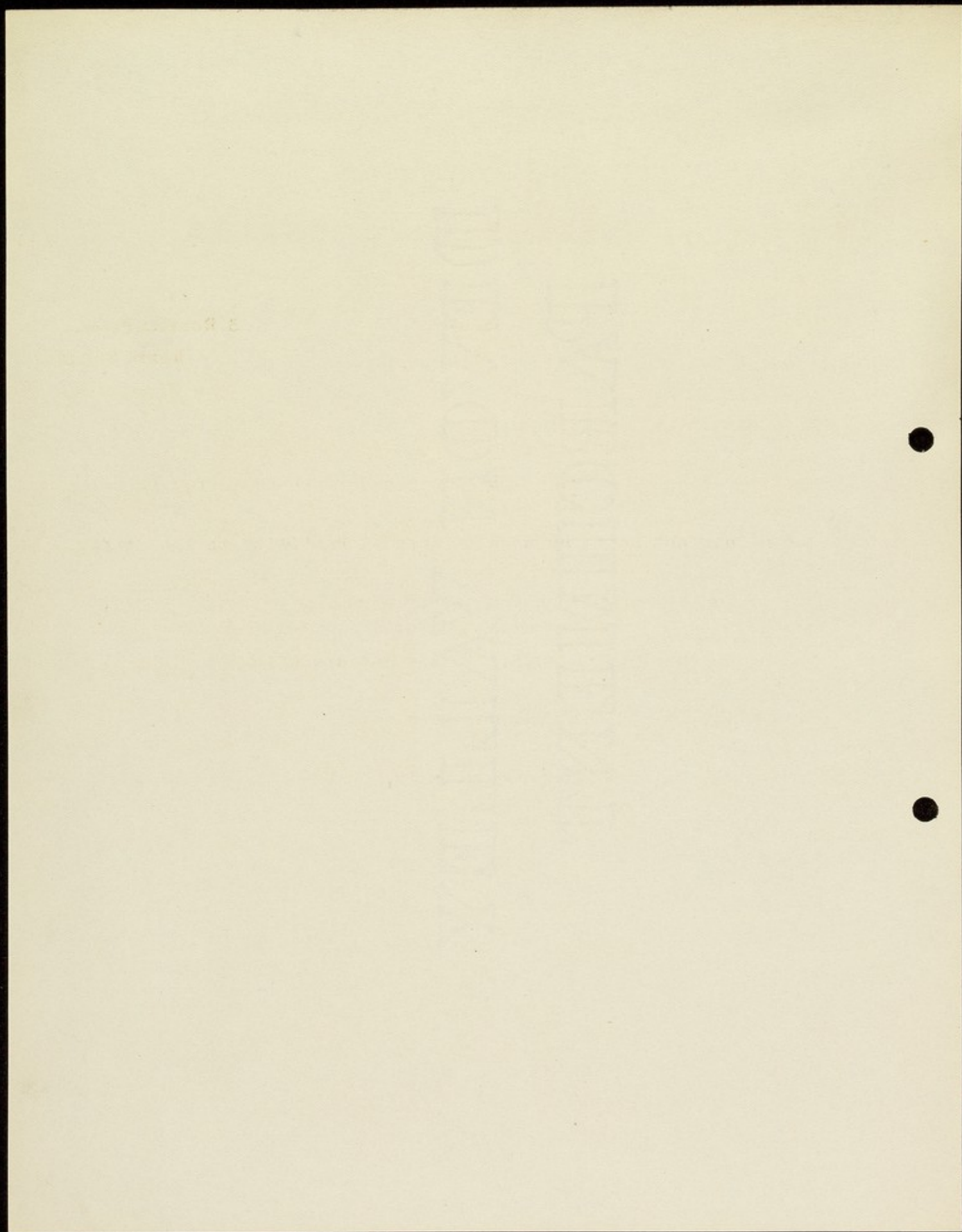
2. KOSCIUSKO PLACE.
BOSTON, MASS.

Oct. 21, 1910

Dear Mrs. Watson,

I have delayed replying to your letter to see if I could learn anything special with reference to Miss Watson. I do not think she is really any better, but there have been no fresh developments. She is pleasant to do with, and there does not seem any sign of special hostility to the staff, but as you know she is not communicative and goes her ownway, taking no one into counsel. I think she will miss Miss Hills a good deal who has gone to stay at Harrogate.

Yours very truly,



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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

October 13. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque
for £22. 17. 8 - in payment
of the quarterly account.
In the last letter
I had from Mary a few
days ago - she mentioned
that she had been
visited by Mr Trevor
& Dr Needham -
I should like very
much to know their
opinion of her state -
whether they think

she is improving mentally.
Her recent letters to me
have certainly been
much clearer & more
natural - she makes
comments on home
news, in a way she
used not to - & that
seems to me a good sign,
at least it shows that
she is less self-centred.
Would you please
tell me how she is
& whether you think
she is making progress.

My husband joins me
in kind regards -
Yours sincerely
Maria Wilson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Dear Dr. Pierce 1 July 1910

Thanks for your wire -
I am glad that Mary has
decided not to appeal.

I do not think it could
have done any good & might
have given her pain

Yours sincerely
James Watson

2. ROSEBELL PLACE.

NORTH SHIELDS.

1 July 1910

Dear Mr. Jones

I have your letter of the 26th.

I am glad that you have

decided not to accept

of the offer of work.

I am sorry that you

have given up your

position.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. Jones

June 30, 1910

Dear Mr. Watson,

I really do not think there is any fresh ground for anxiety about Miss Watson. Her condition is really ~~un-~~ altered and she goes on just the same as ever, the only change being the altered status due to the action of the Commissioner in Lunacy.

I think you can go away for your holiday without any misgivings whatever as I do not at all expect there will be any difficulties in respect to your daughter. I am quite sure she herself would wish you to go away for a holiday.

Yours very truly,

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have for some time suffered
severely from insomnia, which
has been worse lately, but I do
not wish to leave my dear
wife unless you think I may
do so safely so far as Mary is
concerned - Percy Corder has had
3 letters ^{from her} about her appeal & she
wants to see him - I have asked
him to see her & I hope she
will not be dissuaded ^{by anyone} from
appealing if this will satisfy
her sense of justice - awaiting
your reply Yours very truly
James Watson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

29 June 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I have an invitation from
friends in Norway to go as their
guest for a fortnight or 3 weeks
leaving the Tyne on Saturday
first, but before accepting I
want to ask you if I can go
with an easy mind so far
as Mary is concerned -

My wife & Dr Wilkinson
are urging me to go, as I

will see Percy Corder tomorrow
he may tell me the position
but - I should like a wire
from you in the morning
to Cails Buildings Newcastle
as I must advise my brother
in law H R Procter who is
going with me

Yours sincerely
James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Dear Dr Pierce 30 June 1910

Thanks for your letter but
my point is this - If Mary
appeals she has until Saturday
to do it in. Ought I not to
wait & know the result & will
the Magistrate give his decision
at once - If for the sake of
argument her appeal were
successful I could not leave
my wife alone to face a
difficulty like this - I

will be very good to know

her Mother & many of her friends.
She is really affectionate but
very reserved -

My wife sends Mary a
monthly allowance for dress
&c by postal order, which
Mary gets cashed at the post
office, & we hope you have
no objection to this arrangement
continuing - I am glad you
think we are right in the
course we have taken, & I suppose
really we had no option, but it
is hard to bear - Yours very truly

James Watson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Dear Dr Pierce 26 June 1910

I am much obliged by your
two letters received since my return.

In answering the question in the
Petition, as to the cause of Mary's
illness, I said, "I do not know" -
This I think is correct, but
both my wife & I believe that
the tragic death of her cousin
Gilbert Spence ^{8 years ago} to whom she was
much attached, certainly had
something to do with it. & also
at that time at Ben Rhydding

& was much in the company
of her Aunt Mrs Henry Procter,
who was very fond of Mary,
& who was then mentally ill.
Also some years before, she was
walking with her Cousin Ruth
Corder near Sunderland, when
a tramp tried to assault Ruth,
Mary pluckily flung him to
the ground, & they both escaped.
But Mary got a great shock.
Then there were the illnesses

of her Uncle Charles Spence & her
Cousin Margaret Procter - all
these things acting on a highly
strung & sensitive nature must
have had a bad effect -

When at home she blamed
us for not letting her have
rest when she needed it,
though she always had full
liberty to rest at any time,
& the charges she makes against
the Staff, & the Committee, are
very like the charges she
made against her father

Either of them would be
willing to see her, to satisfy
her sense of justice if possible,
providing you think such
a course desirable, but
personally I do not think it is,
and I shall not mention this
to Mary myself, without your
Consent.

Yours very truly

James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

24th June 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose the
Papers concerning my daughter
Mary, duly completed.

Please let her know that
before signing I consulted
both Percy & Walter Corder,
as I promised her yesterday
I would do, and that they
both agree that I have no
other alternative.

North Street
St. George's Place

James Watson

was very pretty & com-
-fortable - & she likes
it herself. The view
is lovely, so open & nice.
I should like to have
called upon you - but
I thought Mary would
like it better, if I simply
went over to visit her.
With kind regards from
Mr Watson & myself

Yours very sincerely
Maria Watson.

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Tuesday. June 7. 10

Dear Dr Pierce

I went over to
York yesterday to see
Mary - I thought she
looked very well, & also
seemed very well -
we had a nice talk
over many things,
& except that she has
got these strange ideas
about the "administration"
at the Retreat, she
seemed perfectly well.
I thought her room

5. ROSELYN PLACE.

NORTH BRIDGE.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I have been thinking of you

very much lately.

I hope you are well and happy. I have been thinking of you very much lately.

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June 24, 1910

Dear Mr. Watson,

It was unfortunate that I was out yesterday when you were here, but I do not think I could have helped you in any material way.

I have had a long talk with Miss Watson this morning. She is quite calm and collected, and I do not think you need have any special anxiety about her on account of the certificates.

She sees slights, neglect, discourtesy in everything we do, and the Commissioner is considered quite unfit for his position, whilst the Committee of the Retreat neglect their responsibilities. On the other hand she gets on very comfortably with the Sister at the East Villa, and I see no reason why she should not go about by herself as usual. So far as I can understand, her main grievance is that the officers of the Retreat do not allow her to have sufficient rest, and that months of her life were wasted on this account, but as you will have found she is not able to sustain a conversation.

Withreference to the terms, the Committee of the Retreat considered them on Tuesday, and it was decided that they should be 35/- weekly, to include washing. I hope this will meet your difficulty,
Yours very truly,

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be grateful & any further
information that may be
required I shall be glad to
furnish

Yours Sincerely
James Watson

• RJ has replied
35 including washing
commencing 1 July
22 June '10

35 including washing

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

12 June 1910

Dear Mr Thompson

My daughter Mary Watson has
been a voluntary patient at the
Retreat for nearly 2 years, & though
her bodily health is good, her
mental condition is much the
same as it was when she went.

I saw Dr Bedford Pierce at
York on the 18th March, & he
could give me no hope of her
early recovery -

As I wrote you when she
was admitted, my means are
very limited, & since then trade

with me has been very unprofitable
Now my small savings are quite
exhausted - My wife was at
the Retreat last Monday, & found
that Mary had a very comfortable
room in the East Villa, & we are
most anxious that this should
be continued to her, as she is
sufficiently well to be extremely
sensitive to her surroundings -

The rate we are paying at
present is £ 2.8/- a week,
with washing &c extra, & I

am writing to ask if the Committee
could see their way to reduce
this charge, as it is more than
we can afford to continue to
pay - My wife & I have given
this our most anxious thought,
& with great care we think
we could pay 30/- to 35/-
a week, & I need not say
that if my financial position
improved I would at once
& gladly pay more - If you
would kindly bring this matter
before the Committee I shall

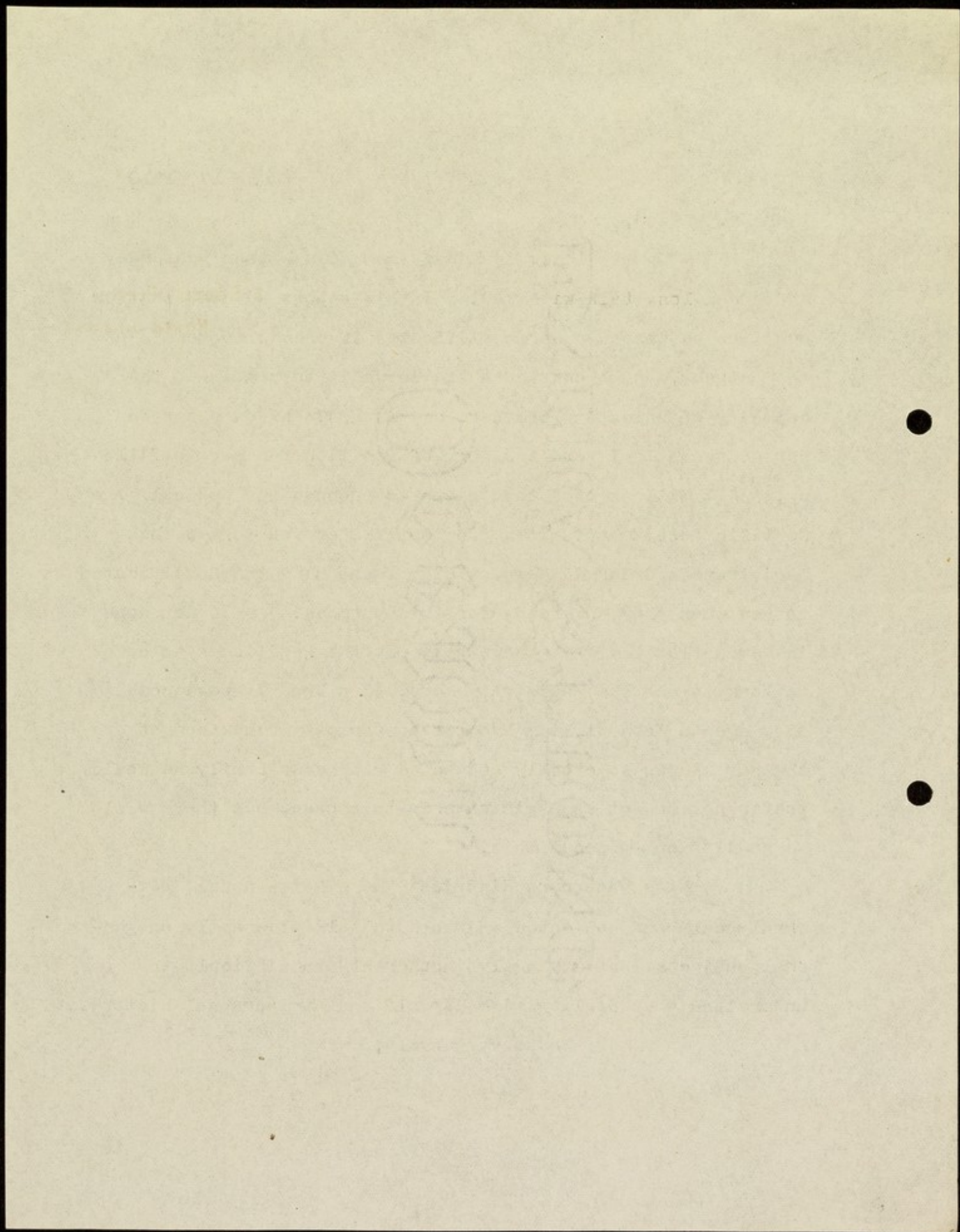
June 17, 1910

Dear Mr. Watson,

A Commissioner in Lunacy saw ~~Miss~~ ~~Watson~~ yesterday and had a long talk with her. In his report he said that she must now be placed under certificates if she is to remain at the Retreat, as he considers she is unfit to remain in the capacity of voluntary boarder. As Mrs. Watson has seen her so recently I send the form of Petition for her to fill up, and I will at once take steps to procure the Medical Certificates. Would it not be better for you to get the Magistrate's Order in Newcastle? I can send the Certificates to you when they are ready for this purpose. If not done in Newcastle it will be necessary for the Petitioner to come to York to see the Magistrate here. When I spoke some time ago to John William Procter on the matter he thought that as he was so closely connected with your family he would prefer not to act as Magistrate in this case, but there will be no difficulty about this.

Miss Watson remains just the same as usual, outwardly calm and collected and able to talk pleasantly on general subjects, but strangely incoherent and difficult to understand when dealing with herself and her personal history.

Yours very truly,



she had no suspicion
that she was to be
certified, & she seemed
both shocked & indignant
● that it sh'd be so.
We had a long talk, in
which she pleaded for delay
& for her right to be heard.
She wanted to telegraph
at once for Percy Gorder,
who is our solicitor, & I
have promised her that
I will see him first thing
to-morrow morning, & that
● if he cannot come over,
I will ask him to write
to her, to satisfy if possible
her sense of justice.
Dr Kemp has given me
the Doctor's certificate

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

June 23rd 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I was over at York
to-day & regret exceedingly
your unavoidable absence,
as there were some
points I wanted to discuss
with you personally.
Dr Kemp informed me
that Dr Fraser & Turner
had already seen Mary,
& Dr Kemp was under the
impression that Mary
w'd know the object of
my visit? Mary asked
me immediately why
I had come, & I found that

4 I will see a magistrate
in Newcastle to-morrow
& forward the papers to you.
Mary wanted me to take
her home at once, & I have
assured her that we
cannot do this after
the Commissioner's report.
I have also told her that
for the same reason,
you had no option, but
to have her certified.
She is feeling this deeply
& will need all your
care & kindness during
the next few days.
Please give my thanks

to Dr Kemp for her kindness
to me to-day.

Yours very truly

James Watson

write to Mary to tell
her that we have consented
to this step?

Yours very sincerely
Markie Watson

D. S. We should very
much like Mary to leave
the change to Scarborough,
if she was willing to go.

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A.K.
3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

June 20, 1910.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have just received
your letter, & write to
say that as the decision
of the Commissioner must
be considered final,
we agree that it is best
for Mary to remain
at the Asylum under
certificates.

It is a great relief to us
to know that there
will be no change in
her surroundings, or in
her liberty.

Do you advise that I

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management & staff of
the Retreat, & she is evidently
tired of being there,
& desirous of a change, which
we think not to be wondered
at, & quite natural, considering
how long she has been there.
● When I saw her about a
fortnight ago, I thought her
looking better physically,
& except for her views about
the management of the Retreat
thought her mental condition
if anything rather better
than when I saw her last
autumn. In fact, since
I came back, I thought of
asking you whether it w'd
● not do for her to go into
lodgings somewhere not very
far from York, if we c'd
find a kind & trustworthy
landlady, & to let her go
with or without a companion.

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

June 18. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Your letter received
this morning with
enclosures was a great
shock to us - as my
husband & I were feeling
that, if anything, Mary
was rather better.

Her letters to me, &
several that she has
written lately to Walter
Gorcler have been more
coherent than formerly.
Mr Gorcler has been
much impressed by this.
though for some time
she has expressed dis-
-satisfaction with the

3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH CHICAGO.

Would she not be better if she were away for a time from the somewhat depressing surroundings of the Retreat?

Is the Commissioner in Lunacy an expert in mental cases, or is he simply an official? (Please excuse this abrupt question). And for what specific reason does he consider she is unfit to remain in the capacity of a voluntary boarder?

When my husband saw you in March, you agreed with him that it was most desirable that she should

remain a voluntary patient for as long as possible - & we still feel very unwilling to have her certified, if it can possibly be avoided, as we dread the consequences to her, & we do not quite see how she w'd be benefited by it.

Can you tell us whether Richard Thompson is at home, as my husband wrote to him last Sunday about a revision of terms, & has had no reply.

Yours very sincerely
Martha Watson

Have you personally any fresh reason for thinking she ought to be certified? or could you not fall in with our wishes for a while longer?

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

April 18. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose a cheque
for £33. 5. 6. in payment
of the accompanying
account.

Would you please
tell me whether you
think Mary has settled
fairly contentedly in
her new room (she
has never alluded to the
change in her letters
to me). With kindest regards
Yours very sincerely
Matilda Watson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

19 Mar 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Yours to hand this morning
with document - I gather from
it that I had better come without
Dr Wilkinson on Monday & try
to induce Mary voluntarily to
remain at York - I will in this
case come by the train arriving
at York at 11.28 & come right-
up to the Retreat - I am however
awaiting your letter & will be
guided by what you advise

Yours sincerely
James Watson

2. BOSTON, MASS.
MAY 1910

Dear Mr. Paine

I have to thank you very much
for the document - I gathered from
it that I had better come earlier
to the Museum on Monday.
I have been very reluctant to
leave it - I will in this
case come by the train arriving
at 11:28 & come right
up to the Museum. I am sure
that you will be
glad to see me.
Yours very truly
John P. Paine

known Mary nearly all
her life, & who attended
her about two years ago.
& who knows her case.

He will come with my
husband on Monday,
by the train arriving
at Aford at 2.9. in the
afternoon. They will
drive straight up to the
retreat, if you will
arrange for the Aford
doctor to meet them.
Please write to Dr Wilkinson
& to us to-morrow, to say
if this time is suitable.

Yours very sincerely
Maudie Watson

I return the letter from Mary.
We are not telling Mary that
Mr Watson is coming over on Monday.

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 18. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

My husband
has told me about
his interview with you
to-day. I am much
grieved that it has
had to come to this.
but I quite agree with
him & with you, that
for her own safety
she must be certified
at once. My husband
has seen our family
doctor, Dr Wilkinson
of Invermouth. who has

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 20. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

I have no letter
from you to-day,
I am a little in doubt
as to the best time to
come - but on further
thinking it over, I propose
to come by the train
arriving at York at 2.9 -
& if you consider it
quite suitable, I would
meet Mary at the
main door of the Minister,
say at 2.30. I sh^d leave
about an hour with her,
& I will try to induce her

to withdraw her notice
to you, & to remain
voluntarily -

I will then drive up to
the Retreat with her,
& see you.

Under this arrangement
my train does not leave
Newcastle until 12.30 -
& I sh'd be at my office
(Cecil's Buildings, Quayside,
Newcastle on Tyne) until
12 o'clock - Please wire
me if you think I sh'd
better come straight to
the Retreat.

I have not written to

Mary, so please tell her
I am coming, & where
to meet me.

Yours sincerely
James Watson

anywhere else - We hope that
your conversations with her,
& the change you are making,
may remove some of her ideas
about the Retreat; for a time
at any rate -

My wife joins me in thank-
ing you for your kindness to
Mary & to us in this very
trying time - With very
kind regards

Yours sincerely
James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

21 March 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Your letter was a very great
relief to my wife & to me - It
is very much better that Mary
should remain as a voluntary
patient; we are hopeful that
the pleasant change of room
you so kindly propose for
her, will do her good - She
is fond of York, & we are
sure that she will be happier
better under your care, than

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

17 March 1910

Dear Dr Pirce

I wrote to Mary proposing to
come over tomorrow & spend a little
time with her on her birthday

I have a letter from her begging
me not to come for the present -

I have ~~also~~ written her to say
that I will put off my visit
to her as she does not wish me
to come -

But I want to see you & will
be at York Station at the book
stall at about 11.30 tomorrow
as arranged Yours truly
James Watson

2. BOSTON PLACE
MARCH 21/1910

Dear Mr. Jones

I want to thank you very much for the letter you wrote me on the 17th inst. I have a letter from Mr. Jones in answer to the letter you wrote me on the 17th inst. I have the letter from Mr. Jones in answer to the letter you wrote me on the 17th inst. I have the letter from Mr. Jones in answer to the letter you wrote me on the 17th inst.

I think I want to see you soon. I am at the Black Station in the town. I shall be at about 11.30 tomorrow. I am very truly
Yours,
J. B. Jones

June 6th 1910 .

There sh^d be now a complete
discontinuance of the contemptible
pretence in regard either both
to Dis' (or Superintendent's)
work & profession and to Watson,
— or and her work & profession.

Any, all & any Retreat opinion as
to Mr Watson's ability or
Retreat expression of goodwill
to Mr Watson as its opinion its
goodwill is to have no standing
until there has been an exact
statement in detail of what
allegiance to this opinion or these
opinions there has been in the
exact performance (and in any
reference to Mr Watson's condition,
conditions (to the scale of that ability)
& everyday (conduct behaviour) in its
referred ob. of mind)

detail in a treaty with the
Retreat and in the Retreat Side
of a treaty beginning
August 29th 1809.

(Will Dr. Pierce explain exactly (i.e. detail)
what he considers his claims on
Mr Watson's goodwill).

~~For~~ And would Dr. Pierce prefer
to wait until he is less
slovenly less uncleanly less
idle in mind before coming into
Mr Watson's room (a place of above)
or when on his own professional
place of above — or, ^{and} when he is
less alienated from manliness
courage soundness of good taste and
from professional (or authorized) qualifications
This use of a position as a lion's skin
only as to courage intelligence or qualifications
can not possibly so on. Mary Watson
June 6. 1910.

February, March 1910.

"Talents for others"

Do not let us ignore (or neglect, or leave out, or overlook it, from "public spirit")
the medical talent for others.

i.e. professional "talent"

claim to qualification,

significance of position

on this territory

territory of this kind

Here it is a Degree of a quite
matchless incoherence, and selecting
for a particular pitch of that
incoherence and disorder its own
especial (selection) "knowledge" and
significances (a principle) which it
has here in especial focus (~~which is~~ ^{the focus}
~~being~~ ^{its} knowledge: selection education awareness).

You (profession on this territory)
have pronounced, insisted upon,

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emphasized yourselves to be in the same exactly the same or worse (generally worse) state of mind and body as patients (r Voluntary or Voluntary bonders etc.....) - and ~~and~~ thereby incapacitated and therefore are quite incapable of and disqualified from judgment estimate control of theirs (or yourselves).

If one knew that this place was for patients in the profession only that the profession were patients, the patients, of course nothing would induce one to avail oneself of your incapacity.

Unfortunately in this you balk at Unanimity, your great principle, (and yet to which you have such decided objections) having missed out some conditions without which Unanimity

of right reasoning and administration

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(a name you select to apply to your treatment technique of "public spirit" if you c^d be said to have such a word as "public spirit" in your vocabulary) is impossible.



Emergency course

Certificates by Dr Pierce - Dr Kemp

+ sent to Crichton Royal Instⁿ

Dumfries

(Dr Easterbrook)

Alternative

Dr Hunter to see ~~her~~ her + sign certificate
another York Doctor —

Remain at Retreat under certificate.

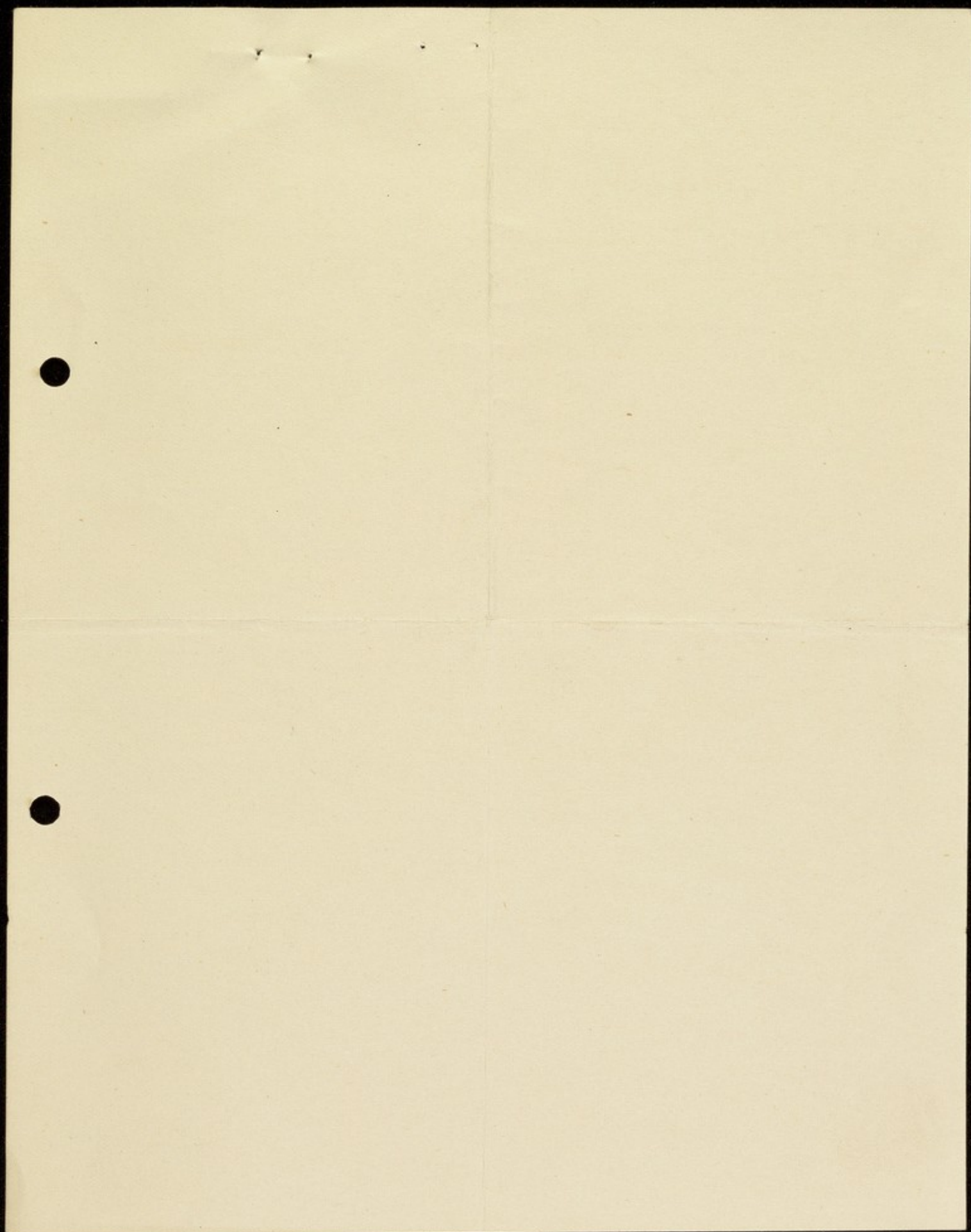
A relative must see her + sign a paper.

March 17th 1910.

To Dr. Pierce,

As one sh^d notify one's leaving
the Retreat the day before leaving
and March 18th was the date
mentioned for doing so — I am
sending this note to say that I
cannot get off on Friday 18th, but if
amenable with Retreat
arrangements (and including spring cleaning
regarding which one's complete departure is
perhaps the most thorough & satisfactory
clearing out) to stay over the
week end or go a day early in the
week or not later than Wednesday^{23rd}
at latest.

Mary Watson



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in any movement or dealing or communication of M. Watson with her parents (or relations, or any movement of M. Watson's)

— And the advisability, until that is included, until then, of entirely excluding any attempts at 'science' (knowledge) (all opportunities for gratifying scientific ambition resource and versatility being now quite past, out of place & out of date) in any connection with M. Watson.

Those in practice of this profession unconscious of their surroundings and uncertain... of the breed or qualities of those to whom the practice of this profession is directed can remember and not forget, their own breed, and cannot be unconscious of the peculiar tenets of that peculiar people, this profession here

— Mary Watson

March 5th 1910.

Dr. Pierce will of course understand that his connection and his only one or communication with one's parents (or oneself) or representation (representative) is the exact performance of every day in its detail (in a treaty with the Retreat & in the Retreat side of a treaty beginning Aug: 29th 1908)

— and will understand and recognise the advisability of withholding reserving any opinion (or action or act) (or communication) until that presentation of the Retreat Side of a treaty is included in detail.

— And the advisability until that is included, until then, of entirely excluding anything whatsoever that can be summarized in "Honour thy father thy mother" (St. Watson's inheritance)

✓
H.K.

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 15. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

It is now more than a week since I received your letter, in which you suggested we sh'd wait a few days, see if Mary w'd write & tell me what her plans were. I wrote last week & asked her definitely to tell me what she wished to do - but in her letter in reply (received yesterday) she gives me no idea what she proposes or wishes to do.

She says she will write directly she has finished her work. & adds "What I am, among other things, about to finish, can be done nowhere else but here".

She does not wish me to go & see you, but of course her father or I w'd go at once if necessary.

We have an invitation to go & spend a week at the Lakes at Easter, which we sh'd like to accept if we c'd feel quite settled about Mary.

She must on no account

be allowed to leave your care, unless some definite plan, approved by you, is made for her.

I quite agree that she ought not to come home - if w'd never do on account of her younger brother & sister - we do not think she can possibly be under better care than yours.

With kind regards

yours very sincerely
Maria Watson

We have no friends or
relations with whom she
could stay - at least no one
whom I could ask - it w'd
be too much responsibility
for them. Either Mr Watson
& I ^{or both} will come over in the
course of a few days to
see you. In my last letter
to Mary I asked her to let
me know if she w'd like
to see me, & I generally get
a letter from her early in
the week. Would it be
possible to meet you at
the Station Hotel when we
go over? - & after seeing you
one or both of us might
go to the Retreat to see
Mary, if you considered
it advisable.

Yours very sincerely
Maria Watson

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 7. 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you for
your letter. Like you,
we have no idea what
Mary wants to do, or
of the work on which
she is engaged -
I am afraid she will not
tell us any of her plans.
We have always found,
when it came to the point,
that she would say, as
she has implied to you,
that she wanted all her
strength for her present work,
& there the matter w'd end.

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I told her that we had
been consulting you about
her neck - this morning
I have an independent letter
from her, protesting that
her neck is not troubling
her at all & angry that
she has not been consulted
herself first. If she is
so strongly opposed to having
anything done, it makes
it difficult to know how
to act. My husband
thinks of going over to see
you next Friday - would
you say what hour w'd
be most convenient for you?
He would like to see Mary
(but not unless you think
it desirable) - if it is
suitable would you tell

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

November 15: 09.

Dear Dr Pierce

In reply to your
letter received on Saturday
we gather that you
think it w'd be best
to consult the London
specialist, Dr James Berry.
We should want to know
how much this would
cost - & to consider who
would have to accompany
her before we could
decide upon anything.

I wrote to Mary on
Saturday, in my letter

her beforehand.
She seems very anxious
not to be disturbed or
interrupted in some
work she has on hand.
Do you think there is
any immediate necessity
to consult a specialist?

Yours very sincerely
Marie Watson

B. No. 1/52.

Dear Mr. Watson,

I should recommend either
Mr. Littlewood or Mr. Dwyer, who of Leeds
to be consulted - unless it is possible
to consult Mr. James Berns of London
who is one of the greatest authorities
of the day about Thyroid enlargement.

The fee for an opinion would be
either under £2. 2. 0 -

If Leeds be selected I think my
colleague Dr. Kemp might suitably see
you - and there would be no reason
why you should not also see the
consultant.

I fear there is no real improvement
in the Mental state - Miss Watson
lives the same isolated life but she
still joins in some games goes to
a few entertainments and walks
out a good deal with one or two
patients that she likes.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Esperance

After there is no real improvement
 in the mental state - then the
 brain is more involved life like
 still from some other good
 a few extra treatments and will
 not a few days with me in two
 patients that the idea.

of course

from and then

Chapman

10. 11. 1907

Dear Mr. Watson,

I should recommend either
 Dr. Littlemore or Dr. Thompson of the
 to be consulted - unless it is possible
 to consult Dr. James Dean of London
 who is one of the greatest authorities
 of the day about chronic enlargement.
 He has an opinion on this in

which would be £2.5.0 -

of course he would be able to
 suggest to keep myself suitable to
 see - and then come to my house
 and you should not lose a minute
 consulting.

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Nov 12. 1909.

Dear Dr Kemp

Mr Watson & I
think it would be
desirable that Mary
should see a specialist
about the gland in
her neck ^{to decide whether an operation is necessary}
Also would you recommend
what would his
probable charge be?
Would it be advisable
that her father or I
should go with her -
or would you send

Someone with her?
And when do you think
she should go?

I should like very much
to know whether you
think there is any
improvement in her
mental state.

Yours very sincerely
Marice Watson

12
A. R.
3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

November 9. 1909.

Dear Dr Pierce

We have been
thinking over the suggestion
in your last letter to me
(dated Sept 30) of the
desirability of having
some further opinion as
to whether there should
be an operation on the
gland in my daughter
Mary's neck. May I ask
first whether it would
be possible to reduce the
gland without an operation
by treatment of some kind?
as I personally am very

averse to the idea of an
operation - Is there any
specialist in N York whom
you would recommend
to consult? And do you
notice any further enlarge-
ment of the gland?

Of course we are most
anxious to do whatever
is most likely to lead to
the recovery of her mental
health -

Yours very sincerely
Marianne Nichols

J
3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

September 1st 1909.

Dear Dr. Horre Kemp,

Do you think
you could find out
from my daughter Mary
whether she w'd like
or feels in need of any
change of air - I am
asking you to do this
because Mary has expressed
a wish that I shouldn't
ask questions of this
kind when I write to her
so it makes it difficult
for me to find out
what she is really feeling.
When I was over last

3. ROSSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

Dr Pierce I think said
that there might be a
possibility of getting
to Hornaby (?) Hall in
September. But of course
if Mary prefers staying
at York, we will not
consider it at all.

If she should take to the
idea, we should want
to know all particulars
as to expense &c.

Would you kindly let
me know before very
long - I sh'd be much
obliged. With kindest regards,
yours very sincerely
Mr. Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

September 29. 1909.

Dear Dr Pierce

I saw my daughter
Mary about a fortnight
ago, on my way from
Liverpool (perhaps I should
have consulted you before
asking her to come & lunch
with me in York - but
without much reflection,
I simply wrote & asked her
to come (meet the train)
I felt rather dis-couraged
after seeing her - she
wasn't - nearly as contented
as I had found her on

my previous visit - some
months ago. I am
writing to ask if I may
have a rather fuller
report of her this quarter.
I want to know if it is
your opinion that the
Retreat is the best place
for her in her present state.
Could you suggest any
other life for her?
I cannot help feeling
that a change in her
surroundings might be
good for her, but as
she herself is against
any proposed change,
it makes it very difficult

to arrange anything for her.
Do you think a change to
Seaborough w'd be desirable?
We do not want to unsettle
her in any way, unless an
obviously better course
can be suggested.

I thought her neck looked
a little more swollen
than it used to, but this
may have been fancy
on my part.

With kind regards

yours very sincerely
Martha Watson

We are arranging to
give up her studio &
get her things stored in
Newcastle - we have to
give notice the last day
in July. I feel that we
must tell her that we
are doing this, but not
for another week.

I shall be very anxious
to know how she takes it.
With kind regards

Yours very sincerely
Matie Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Tuesley - 20.7.09

Dear Dr Pierce

Herewith enclose
a cheque for £33.4.7 in
payment of Quarterly
account. I had such
a nice visit to Mary on
Saturday, she seemed
glad to see me, & showed
me lots of interesting old
street houses round
about the Minster.
We never alluded to the
subject of any change.
I hope my visit did not
do her any harm.

3. HOBKIN PLACE

NORTH SHIELDS

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

Friday July 9th 91.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I want very much
to see you about my
daughter Mary - I mean go
over almost any day
next week - would you
kindly let me know
what is the best time for
seeing you? I should like
to see Mary, but will not
do so, unless you think
it would be wise - Some
little time ago (perhaps about
6 weeks ago) she wrote
asking me not to go over

3. ROSSETTA PLACE

NORTH SHIELDS

to see her - but I will
be entirely guided by you.
I could go either Monday
~~Tuesday~~ or Wednesday -
Will you kindly let me
know by return of post.

Yours very sincerely
Marian Watson

✓ 3, ROSELLA PLACE,

NORTH SHIELDS.

Tuesday July 14th

Dear Dr Pierce

I should like
to see you on Saturday
next if it suits you,
I will go over by the
9.30 from Newcastle
arriving at York about 11.30

I have not said anything
to Mary about coming
& if you think it best, I
will not see her this
time - Could you send
me a line in reply by
return of post, as the
sheet this time will suit.
Yours very sincerely
Matth Watson

3. ROSSELLA PLACE.

NORTH SHIELDS.

Wednesday July 11th

Dear Mr. Pearce

I have just

received your letter of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear

that you are well.

I am writing to you

to let you know

that I have just

received your letter

of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear

that you are well.

I am writing to you

to let you know

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

April 17. 1909.

Dear Dr Pierce

It is a long time
now, since I have asked
for a report of my
daughter Mary's progress.
But I am anxious to have
your opinion now.

I saw Mary for a few
minutes in the station
at York on the first of
March - I was on my
way home from Italy,
& wrote suggesting that
I sh'd come & see her.

proposing to spend a few hours with her - but she evidently thought it w'd be best only to see me for a very short time. I had a nice chat with her, & she seemed glad to see me - I thought her looking fairly well, rather thin & rather pale. Do you think it is time for her to have a little change of air? She herself does not seem to desire any change, she told me so in writing a little while ago.

And it w'd be a great pity to unsettle her if she is content. I had a very nice letter from her just about a week ago - much more consecutive & neat than her letters sometimes are. I thought it was a good sign & but then again this morning I had one very disjointed & curiously expressed - so I am puzzled what to think.

Would you tell me what you think both of her physical & mental health. I should very much like to go over & see her - but I am afraid of unsettling her - With kind regards
yours very sincerely
Indiana Watson

On the invitation of my niece Miss
Spence, my wife went to Switzerland
last Monday for a month. She sadly
needed a change & I think she will
call at York on her way home -

I do not want to worry her with
any suggestion of change for Mary
while she is away. & I should be
grateful if you will send me a
short note, with as cheerful a
report as you truthfully can, that
I may send on to her now

Yours very truly

James Watson

✓ 3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

(57)
16 Jan'y 1909

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I am obliged by yours of 15th,
& later on, I should be glad to
consider any change of plan or
of treatment that you may suggest;
but I agree that it is best not to
think of any change at present

I presume Mary is content; & we
had hoped that she was rather
better as we do not hear that she
has written any of those long mor-
bid letters lately, & her short notes
home are cheerful & more orderly.

2. 10. 1909
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10. 10. 1909

Dear Mr. Alfred Jones

I am obliged by yours of 12
I have not yet had time to
consider any change of
of treatment but you may suppose
that I agree that it is well and
I think it is a chance of success
I have been in contact with
and expect that the new action
will be in the end that the
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to the institution of the new
I have not yet had time to
consider any change of
of treatment but you may suppose
that I agree that it is well and
I think it is a chance of success
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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

December 13. 1908.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

It is just about
a month since I received
a rather improved report
of my daughter Mary
from Dr Noah Kemp.

But I was disappointed
to find that just about
that time, she had
written a strange, long
incoherent letter to Walter
Gardner - he is Mary's cousin,
& lives next door - & she
has often consulted him

on artistic matters, as
she has a great respect
for his opinion.

But this letter was all
about herself - in the
same strain as she had
been writing before she
went to York - so we felt
rather discouraged.

I had had some thoughts
of going over to see her,
but I did not mention
this to her, but a few weeks
ago, she asked me not
to go to see her - also not
to allude to it in writing to her.

I don't think she has
any idea of wanting to
come home for Christmas,
but even if she had, I do
not think it w'd be at all
good for her. The unsettle-
ment, excitement of seeing
so many relations & friends
w'd, I think, upset her
very much. I should
be very grateful to you
if you w'd let us know
how you think she is
progressing. She writes
short notes to me frequently,
not very much in the
but she seems content.
With kind regards
yours sincerely
Maria Watson

Jan. 18, 1909

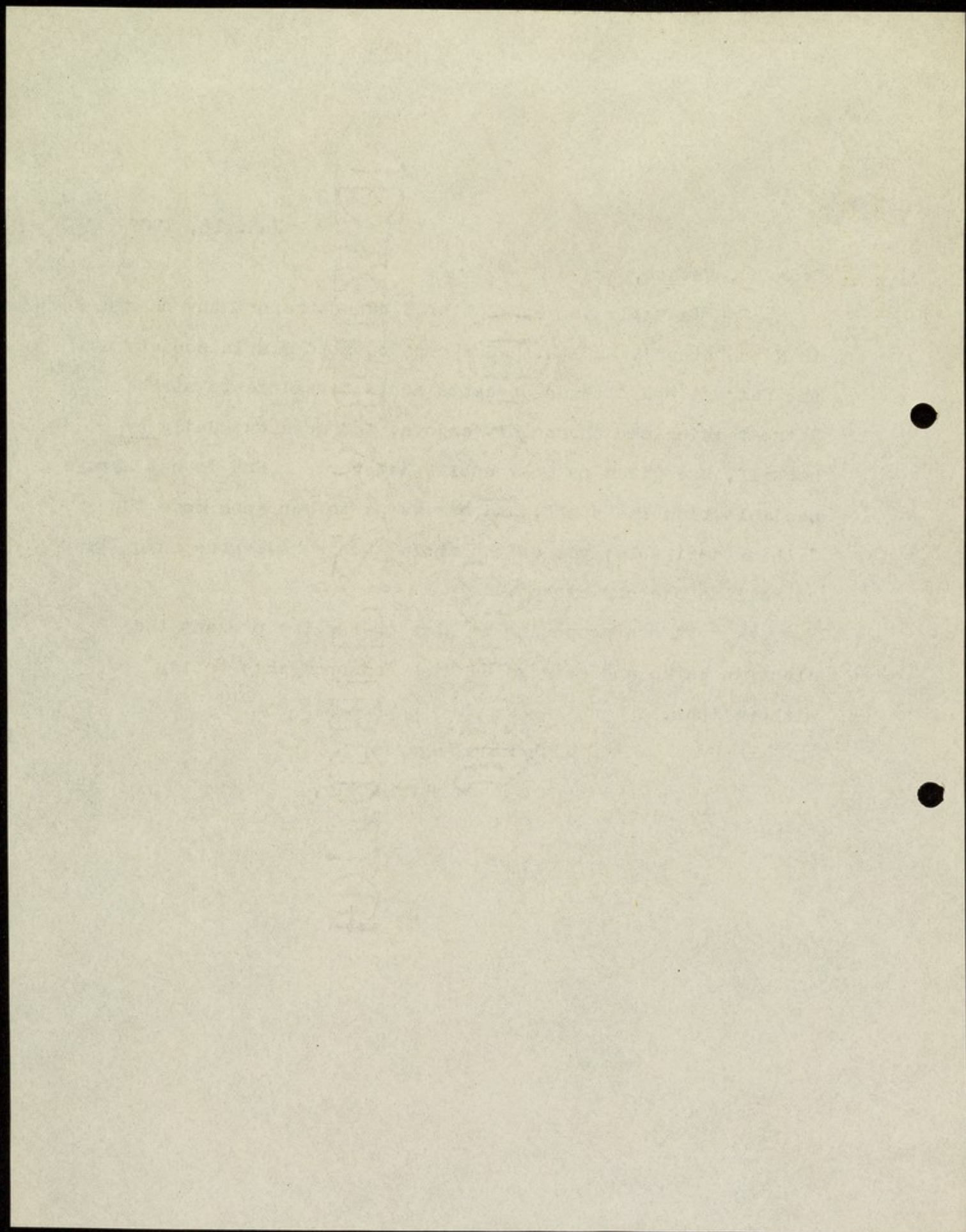
Dear Mr. Watson,

In reply to your letter I cannot report any change in Miss Watson's health. She continues to mix in society at the Retreat and attends concerts and entertainments at the Retreat which she thoroughly enjoys, and goes out daily by herself, and gives us no trouble whatever. She is not always sociable with the staff, and she keeps to her room more than I think desirable; yet on the whole things have gone on quite as well as one can expect.

We are proposing to give up for the present the electric bathe and massage as Miss Watson wishes to try without them.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



a month now, since
the massage treatment
was begun. I should like
to know how it suits her.
She writes to me every
week - just a very short,
quite practical letter -
but she does not tell
me very much. She said
she liked the massage -
she also told me she had
plenty of interesting books
to read. She never expresses
any desire to come home.
I am very anxious to
know whether you think
that she is improving -
I'd be most grateful for
a short report, as soon as
you can let me hear of it.
Yours very sincerely - Maria Watson

Dr. K.
Mary

3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

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November 15: 1908

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I am writing
to ask if you would
kindly write me a
short report about
how my daughter Mary
is getting on. Whether
you think she is
making progress, &
whether her ideas
about herself are more
normal & natural.
I think it is more than

8. ROSEBUD PLACE.
NORTH SHIELDS.

the Thyroid treatment, but I do
not know whether this would
be at all applicable to Mary's
Case?

Yours very truly
James Watson

North Shields 756

30 Sep 1908

Dear Dr Bedford Perce

Many thanks for yours of 29th -
What you say about Mary agrees
exactly with what we have seen
for some time past - I do not know
how far these incoherent letters
may be considered by you to be
a safety valve, but I have felt
for some time, that inasmuch
as a morbid introspection &
Self centredness, is at the bottom
of all her trouble, the constant
writing about herself, must
accentuate the mischief, &
should if possible be stopped -

We have always noticed that when she is not writing about herself, her letters are coherent, in the main. I enclose her last letter to her Mother, as an example of this. At the same time, she has been writing frequent letters to her cousin Stephen Procter which are impossible to understand -

In April last, Dr Hume tried to induce her to undergo the Weir Mitchell treatment; & at that time she would not hear of it. She said then, that she wanted a quiet rest in the country

away from her relations, & under Dr Hume's advice we sent her to Ban-
burgh for 4 months. So far as her mental state is concerned, this was not a success & I think it is possible that ^{now} she might be willing to undergo a systematic rest cure. I think it might be wise not to call it the Weir Mitchell treatment; in speaking of it to her - My wife & I quite ap-
prove of your trying this treat-
ment - I saw something in the paper the other day about

in your treatment of her.
as her conversation is
so different in tone to
her letters

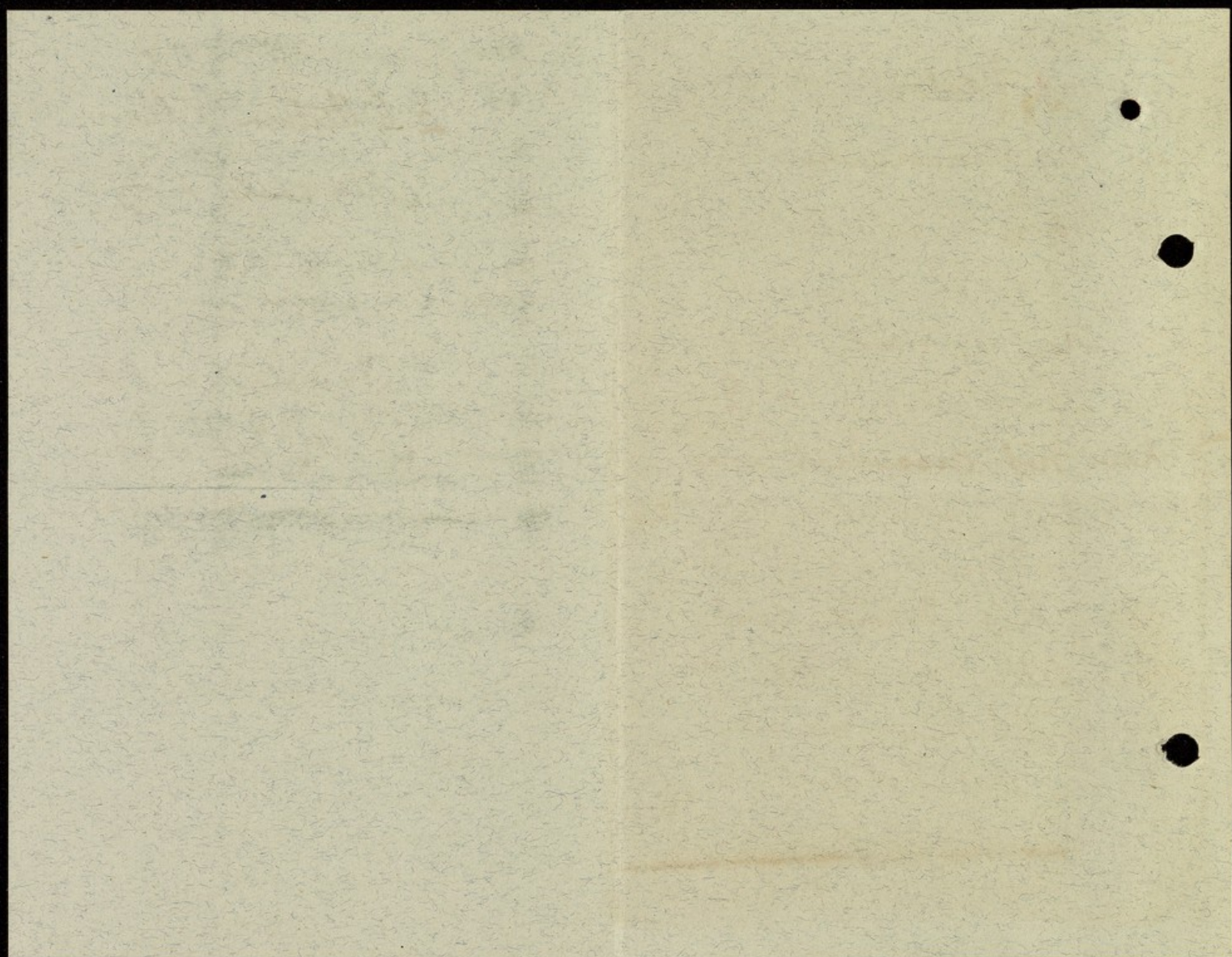
They are nearly all of
the same tenor & I
have not answered any
of them

Please do not let her
know that I have sent
this letter on to you, as
she would think me very
false but I thought it
better you should see it.
Yours faithfully,
Stephen Procter

697
2 Otterburn Villas
Newcastle-on-Tyne

Dear Dr Pierce.

I enclose a letter
which is only one of about
a dozen I have received
from my Cousin Mary
Watson since she went
to York. I thought
perhaps it might be of
some assistance to you



2 - The lady Dr. W. who
came to me the one
I can't hold on a one
was so wrong. She
does this. I understand all
Dr. P. is angry about (I think
what it is) but she
alone she is self at all but
enforce other
things with people

It is a book - now
then we

I want me to
So I to
this man Smith
(a people) that
sent him
with health
the best
instance to me
Selfish - needs
much

LETTER CARDS

9d.

People who

can for more
- don't receive
advice

Dear Stephen I hope not to ^{be} prevented
prevent your say ^{to} ^{the more} ^{Dr. Pierce}
how over much personal play ^{is}
Doing one has had. If only you
e. for Friday eve. a Sat morn.
let him receive. The tardy Dr.
arrives Sat. I w. speak to Dr. P.
now only there is so much to be done
to collect mts. such as I showed you is
before many facts before he w.
understand so as to help ~~me~~
Mentals in my room it is a part of
any one's routine the routine ^{here}
I do so need ^{time} ^{after} ^{ill}
so simple a way of getting some
rest (one e. do even ^{the more}) -
It is not possible for me to speak
to the lady, Dr. naturally I mean her
way. I don't make it impossible:
blows I do not want to speak
things. Before my efforts are of
a right value before I can speak
it is so hard not to get over come by
limiting of things. I can't say I like a
tolerate how to show feelings if they
go to something - wrong one. I do so
need every chance given with. I need freedom
from ^{pleasure} Please do your best to
get that over & to other ^{my} ^{other}

Stephen Porter Esq
2. Marlborough Villas
Jermond
Newcastle - n. - Tyne



LETTER CARD



Urgent.

IF USED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD THE ADDITIONAL POSTAGE REQUIRED SHOULD BE
SUPPLIED BY MEANS OF ADHESIVE STAMPS.

Dear Stephen

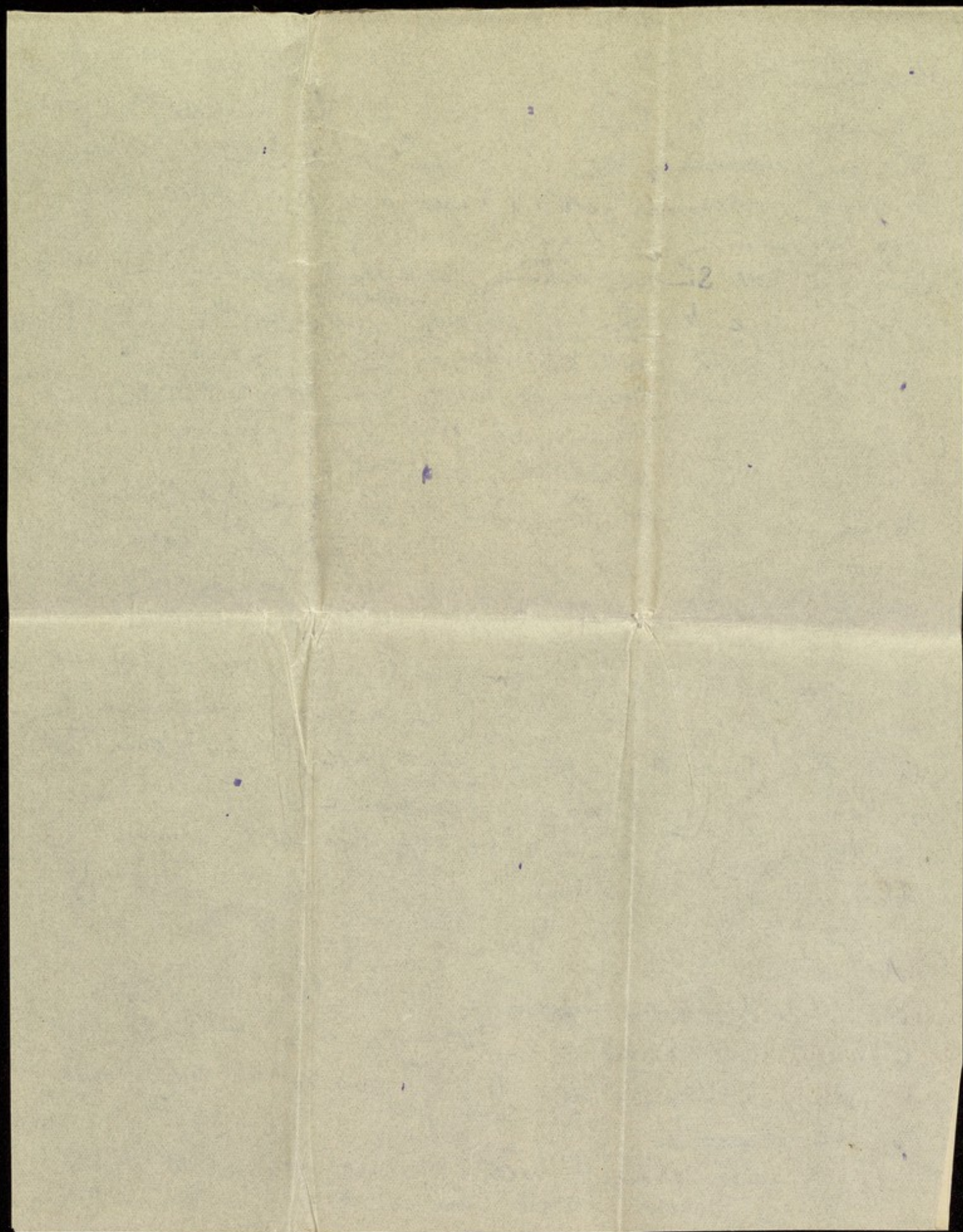
It is no use my trying to get a thing written hurriedly. I feel that in ~~meeting~~ the jobless - or other having no other causes & reasons yet I have not yet made my own necessity really felt enough.

Can you let Sunday morning prevent you writing to Dr. Pierce by Sat. morn. ^{his secretary} if possible or if that cannot be (but please do all in your power) the very next earliest Sat. morn. or Sun. morn. (please things must be put to interview evidence of Pease's which is so out.)

It is only planning to rest from people here. The lady Dr. is on the way back so much. I do not need to interest myself in people here (it is a wrong idea altogether) to take myself out for myself that is a great mistake is an idea. It is nearly exhausting that the thing that has tired me to exhaustion & caused the cause of exhaustion habit a illness (I have wished to be thoroughly physically ill with a name, last autumn after I hardly drag about. You may have in 77. few delusion seen apparently otherwise.)

It is ~~to be~~ ~~planning~~ to exhaust really to have the same same part on to me that has made one to tired made to me have to be at

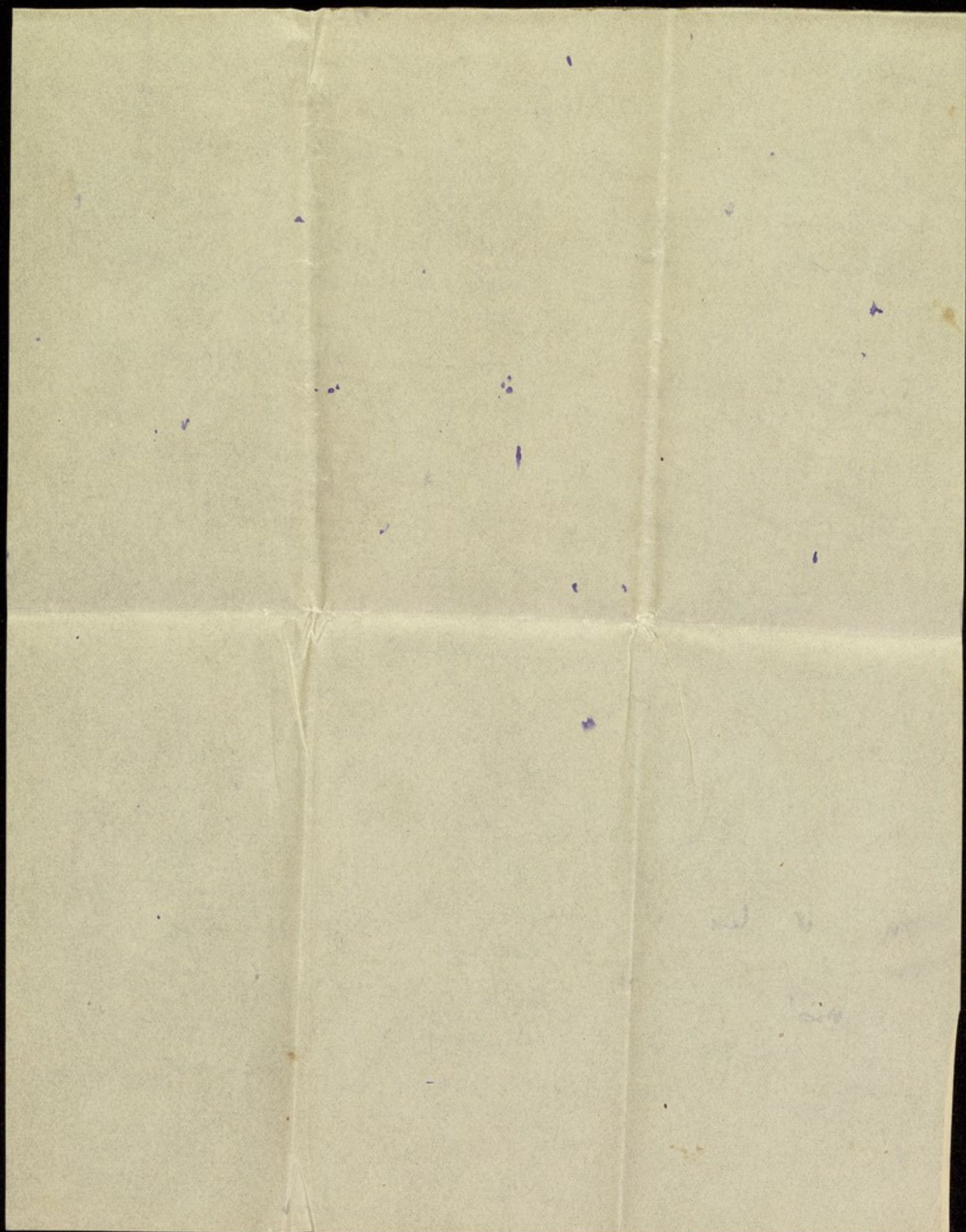
As I have mixed with people very much too much the more this is unpleasant



need not be.

I don't want to threaten but it has
been with Stoicism one can ignore
because attacked - pushed all along
I find at times not to be ill in
our ways the nervousness
is perhaps as horrible as anything
people have not been aware of I have not
by any means been always "poor".

Please say that it is a frightful mistake
about other about I say I must
do is to please be ~~strong~~ more in the
line of ~~strength~~ for people's sake.
I must. ~~The last time I was~~
If I lie just like nothing in bed
for half-days sometimes then work
again. My tiredness (there is no doubt
I suppose must be one of these times to
forget it all has passed off but one
must lie at rest by tiredness may
make me sort of weak & a bit ~~stupid~~
not ~~wise~~ melancholy looking a little but
I want just to be tired not have
to have the terrible nervousness - ~~stupid~~
of



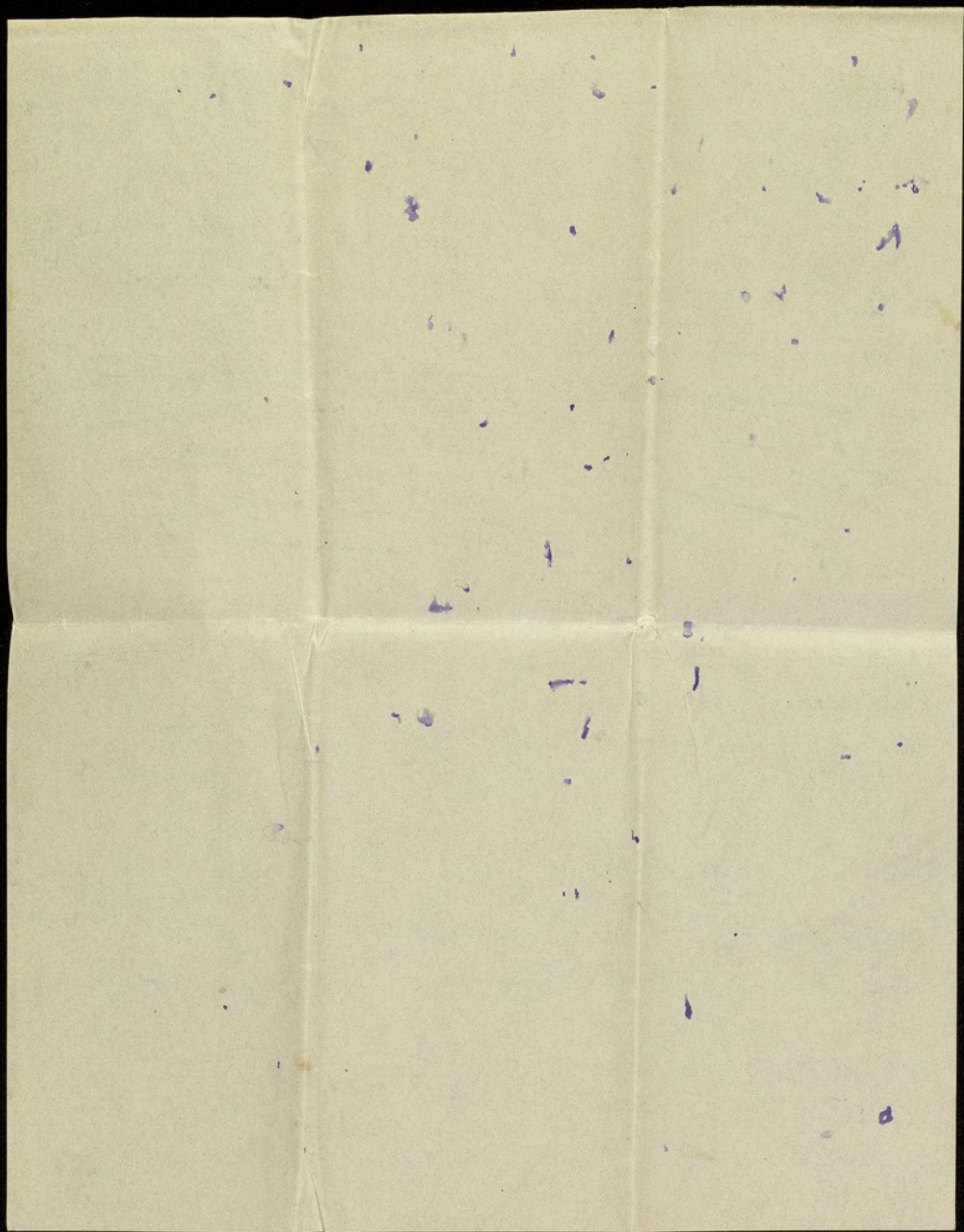
I wish I had written this in the night
when N was down & asleep
if lightening days to come if
accomplished.

Only if you say N is safely this will be
allowed to relax or rest or be tired
in presence of home: N is tired.

~~What a mess but I am sure N is safely
in the hospital. Tell just before I come here to let
me rest with a perfect nurse. I let
to be able to feel well & safe
... that is the way to be able to feel~~

Say this is the way that has
caused me illness. The last Dr. has this
extremist utterly. The last Dr. has this
motion: N is unnecessary. N is absolutely
highly to drag at me to interest
in this. I fear I can not but not
his way. It is fact she be held off it rather
I am going to write to Mrs. R. before
the end of the day. ask her to write of say to Dr. P. I will
ask you to, I don't think it can be done
without, if you write something on Sunday
perhaps. because Dr. P. they might
discuss. Dr. Hume & Papa's
"lump" on me. can't I have
just from this dis-

to be and
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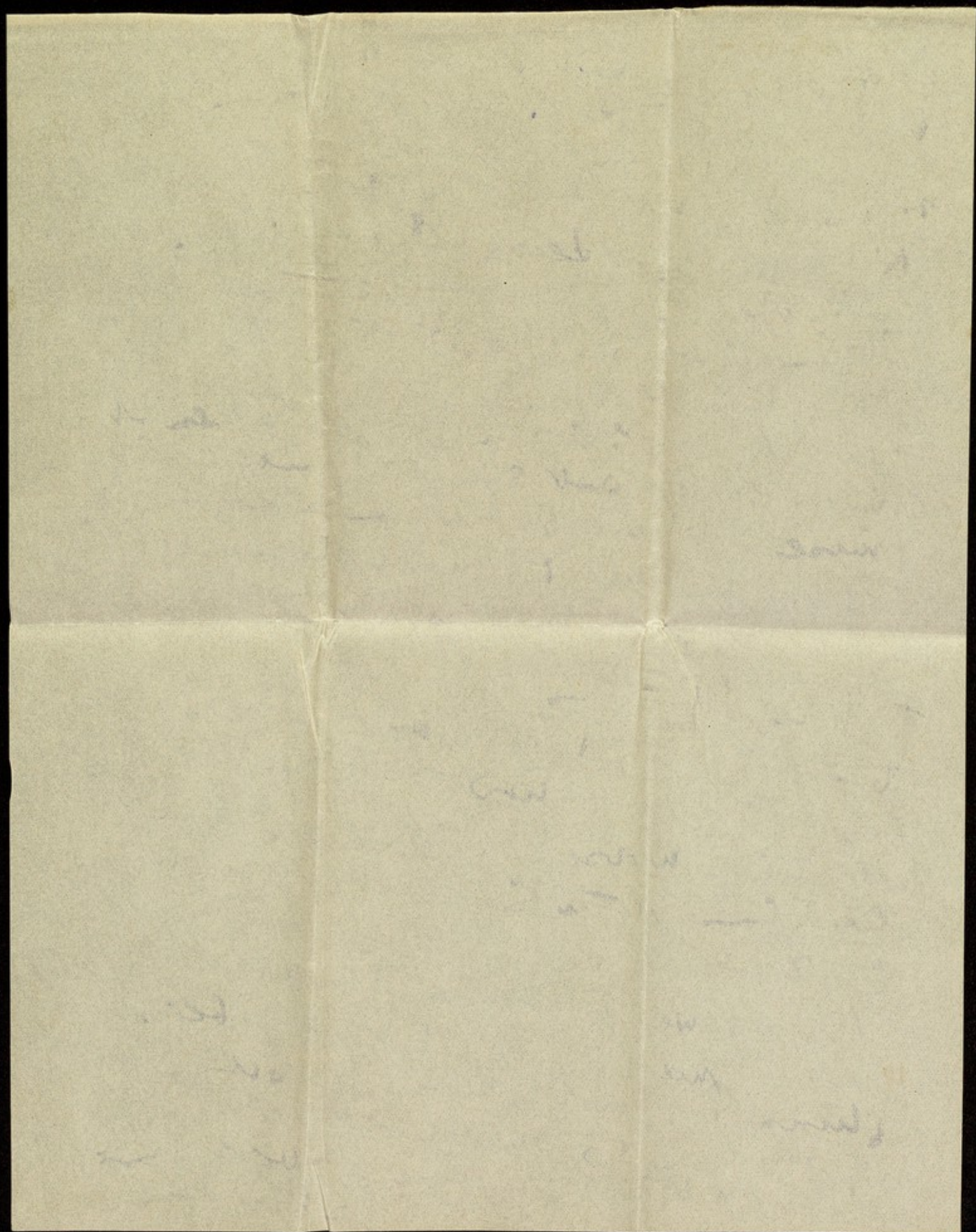


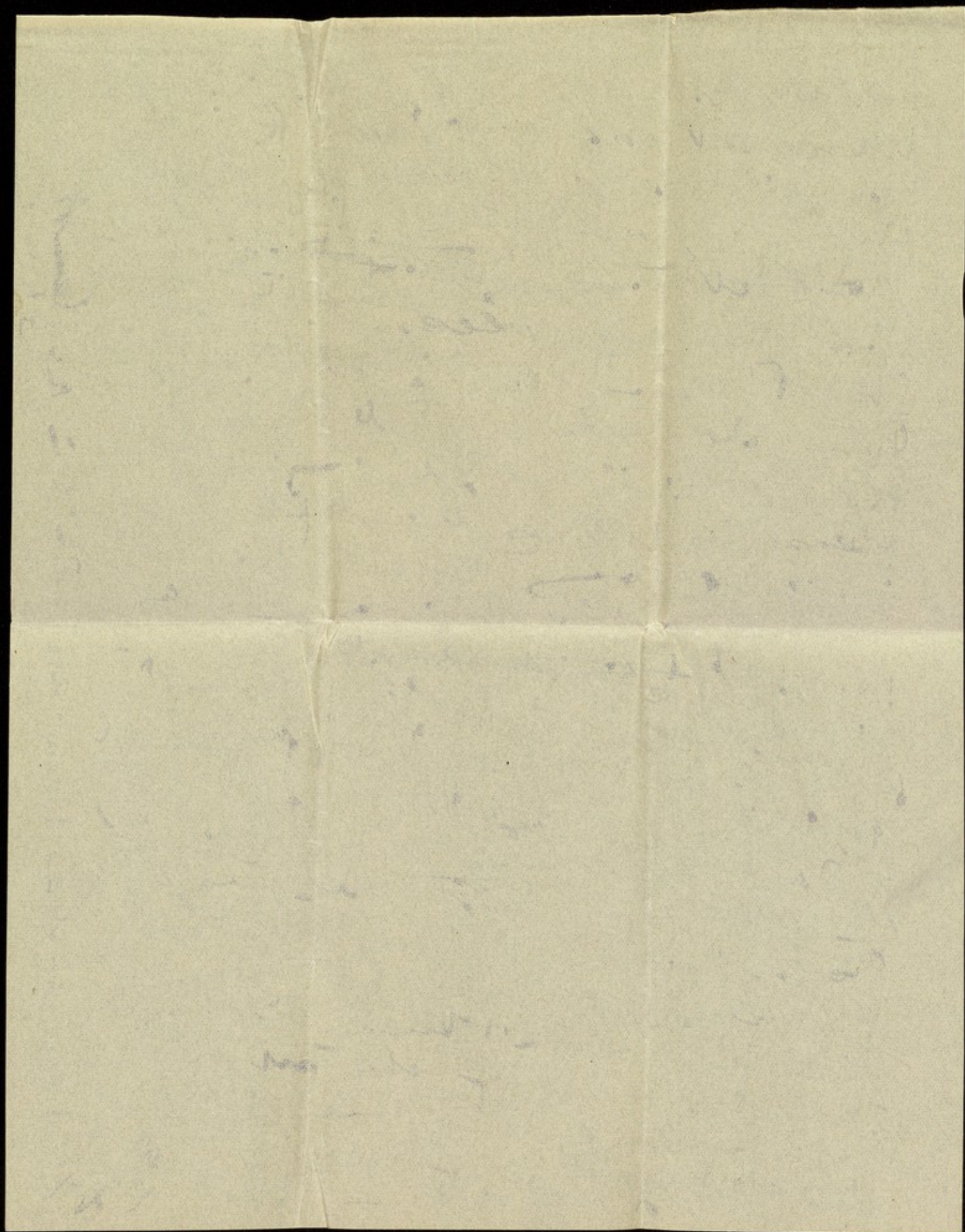
Crossing you see it makes
liabilities to me's actual living.

I have had an incentive rather
to work (but I must have my self
strength) Less ~~John~~ Spang has
invited me on from direct work
but (Committee looks at it & etc.)
(a thing snatched
+ ~~the~~ Mr. Adams' job which it
comes with part something at my
pause. I work free on my
I have had far too much pleasure
I have much work to do

= It is all along so
~~to be~~ to have work to do
say a help in ~~the~~ work is
all the worse! unless we have
condition rather simpler & more ready
to do it.

= Do not weigh whether I have not
rested mentally I have been
stunned; one is in the position
of making too much effort
not making enough new ideas





Q You give some slight general
impression to "Titty" Mrs R.

It was a comfort to see her
but I think I mustn't go there
much yet ... me w' like to be free

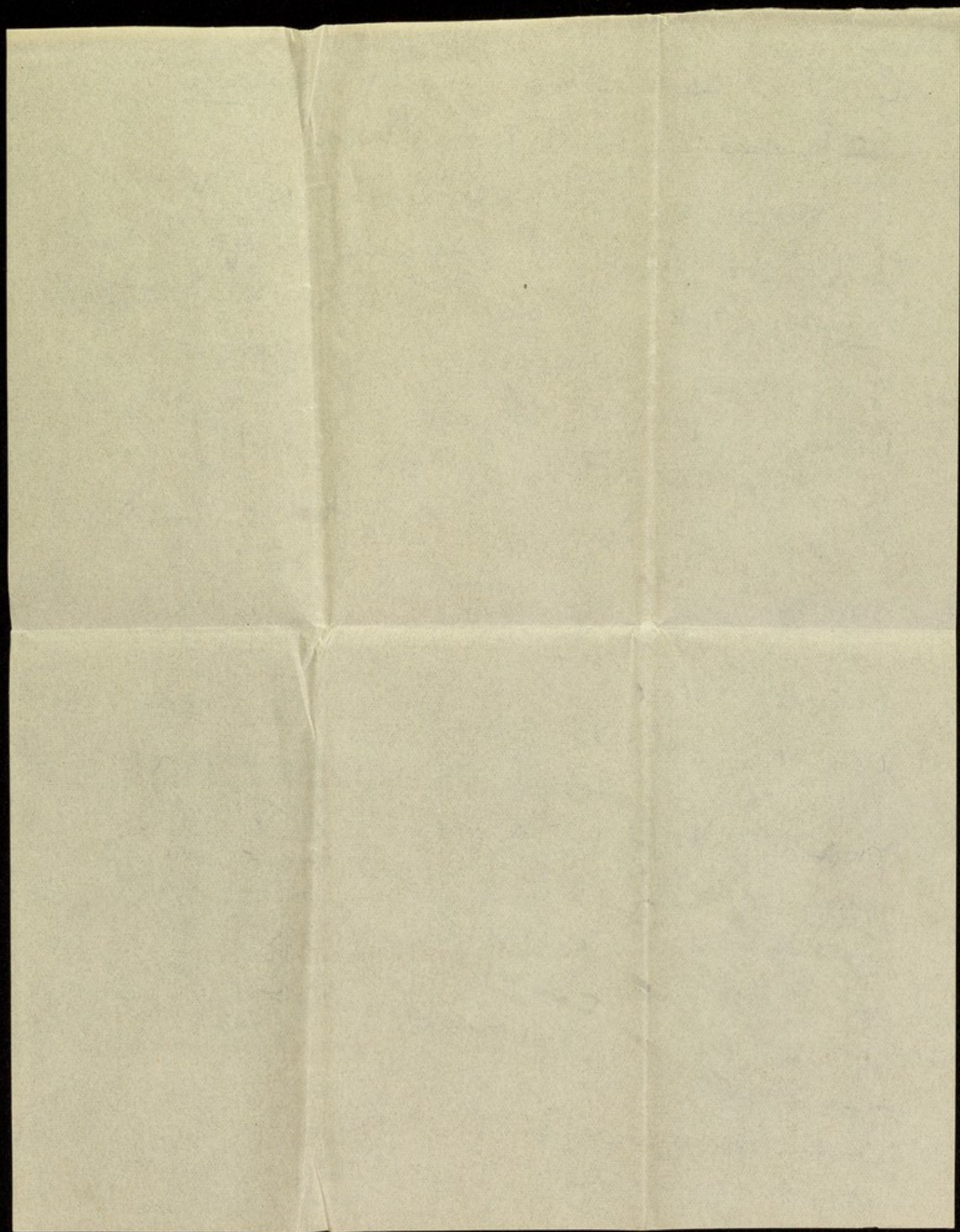
of feeling my effort a burden &
though it was agreed ^{what was}
the good of being friends if one
can't be loquacious there is so

much more so much I don't know
sort of ~~what~~ in ~~some~~ ^{the}

I better keep it a little ^{the}
comfort itself makes one want
to be a good ^{to have}
oneself helped again to realize to
other people what one needs so

badly, Free for personal
in that line

One does not wish to give up
impression of mental here ...
But nurses in the sister
make friends, the sister Dr.



Not if arrive at King's
and when we can work
subliminal to take on too much
more -

In letter and ~~to~~
"wrong me" one means wrong
King's one has to personally say
to help Pat - I only want it
be taken simply -
I am not complex because of
all this -

~~Judy D. is sort of like a nice
Miss S. I have intellectual
I can't help people - Yuh
I'm sure she is a good
person to be with King's but
Miss S. is one of those all over the
place~~

In haste. Many
Please don't think me all unrel

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Stephen Procter Esq.
2. Otterburn Villas
Jesmond
Newcastle - on - Tyne

Sept. 29, 1908

Dear Mr. Procter,

Very many thanks for sending me on the letters which certainly give me some idea of Miss Watson's mental perplexity. She has explained to me that she feels unable to mix in society and wants very much to be alone and to rest. One would naturally suppose in a person in this state of nervous exhaustion that she would write few letters, but I fear she is unable to take rest in a reasonable way.

If you should have any letters which indicate increased agitation or distress of mind perhaps you will let me know. I will not tell Miss Watson that I have heard from you.

Yours very truly,

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JUL 11 1931

"discomfited" towards the Lady
Doctor, but she is sure she has
got the wrong idea of what she
wants. She is grateful to you
for letting her go on unhindered
with her drawing & have meals
by herself. But she is in
terror that she will have cheerful
companions who won't let her
alone. She was almost
her delightful old self when
she came down to the van
the other day, & I did enjoy
having her. Only once

Watson

49, Bootham,
York.

Friday

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Sept. 1958

Dear Bedford,

I have just had a long gadget
from my friend, the girl who
came down to see me the other
day, in which she enlarges
on what she tried to tell me
then. — I hope that I will
tell you something of it.

She is deeply dreading
the return of Dr. Kemp tomorrow
because of what Dr. K. said

she thinks she will want
her to mix with others, & be
cheered &c — & what
she most intensely wants is
rest rest rest with no
hindrance to her drawing &
painting. What has
exhausted her more & more
for years is trying to fulfil
her obligations to other people &
go on with her Art to its full
extent too — & she says
she is so utterly weary
of pretending she is not

tired, & meeting the continual
small demands on her attention
or cheerfulness, that she feels if
that is to go on here there
is no hope for her.

She has an idea that you
understand but she implores
in a most pathetic way that
she may at last get some
real peace & quiet, with no
social demands on her toward
others.

She knows this
is selfish & she is painfully
anxious there should be no

49, Bootham,
York.

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or twice she expressed herself
graciously — or I should
never have guessed she were
anything but tired.

That time at Skelley when her
Cousin was gradually going
the same way, preyed upon
her badly; & lately she
says she has been doing
her utmost to spare her
father's nerves, & is
utterly exhausted.

I hope Edmund got on
all right & is gaining
weight again -

Yours sincerely
S.A.R. ✓

Studio but I am sure it ought
to be given up, but how to
get Mary's consent without
upsetting her. I should be
glad of your advice as to this

Yours sincerely
James Watson

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

20 Sep 1908

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I am much obliged by your
very kind letter of the 18th,
& I gratefully accept the rate
which you suggest for my
daughter 48/- a week - Will
you please convey my thanks
to your Committee for the
consideration they have shown
me - Your remarks about
Mary agree with our own

observation - If she could be induced to give up this morbid introspection & to take up some work, or play, that would bring her into natural contact with other people, she would be much better. I am afraid it is this Solitary Studio Life that is largely the cause of her trouble - She has said that she has been overworked

both in domestic & artistic work, but this is quite a delusion, as she has done little or nothing, either at home or in her Studio, but her time seems to have been mainly occupied in brooding, or in writing interminable letters, mostly incoherent people, some of whom are not in her family circle - I am still paying rent for her

I ought perhaps to say that my
life is insured for £2000 with
the Friends Provident & I might
raise money on these, but the
Policies are deposited with my
Bankers as collateral security,
in case at any time I should
require to overdraw -
Kindly ask the Committee to treat
this as confidential -

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

2 Sept 1908

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

As suggested by Mr Waller I enclose cheque £40 on account of my daughter Mary who came to you last Monday week as a voluntary boarder. - The terms of her admission are I understand not yet settled, but Dr Hume was very anxious that she should have a bright cheerful room, my wife chose a room when she was over, which she thought would be nice if the terms are not too high -

I think it only right to say that I have only a small income, & my resources were greatly reduced some years ago by losses in business.

Mary's illness has gone on now for 4 or 5 years, has cost a great deal in Doctors fees, Foreign Travel & providing frequent changes for her in England & Scotland. She has just returned from a stay of over 4 months at Bamburgh. I do not want Mary to suffer because

I am in straitened circumstances & I shall be grateful for any consideration the Committee can give me - I may refer you to Percy Corder Pilgrim House Newcastle who is my solicitor, & also to my brother in law Prof Henry R Procter, Ben Rhydding, as to my position - I would like to come over to see you at an early date, if you will let me know when I can usefully do so -

P.T.O

Yours sincerely
James Watson

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RYE & SPOTTISWOOD, LONDON.

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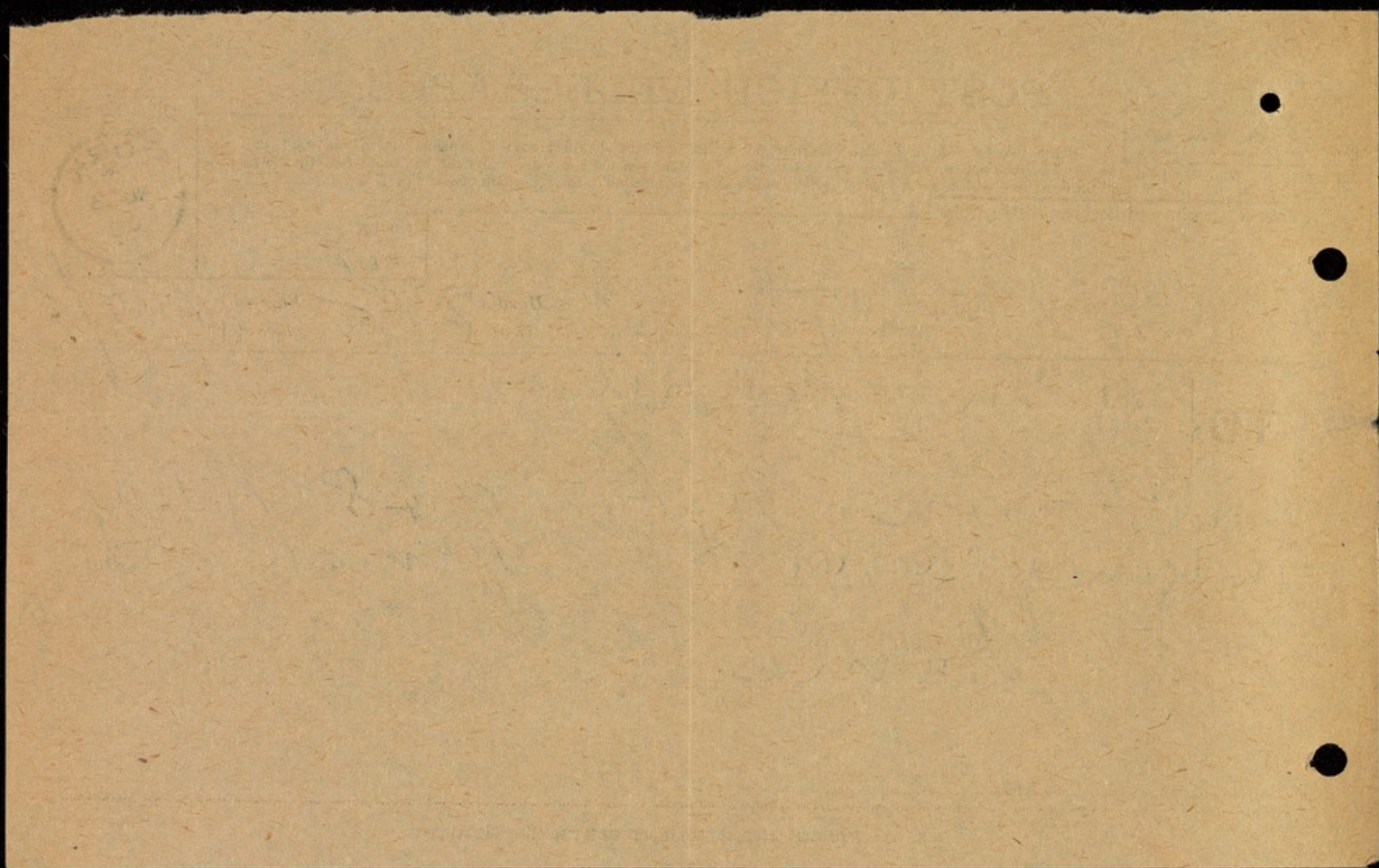
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M.

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TO { Dr Mackenzie
Retreat York
Expect you by
Emergency paper & by
Anne
9.48 Bring
female attendant

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



with you. I do not
know that it will be
possible to effect her
removal on Monday.

It must if possible
be with the patient's
Consent: & in that case
her father & mother
would go with her
to York.

If I can I will
meet you at the Station:
if not will you kindly
come to my address
Yours sincerely J. H. Hume

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4, Ellison Place,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Aug 22. 1888

My dear Sir

I telephoned
you this morning
asking you to come
on Monday to see
a patient at N. Shields.
The patient is Miss
Watson daughter
of Mr. James Watson.

3 Rosella Terrace
North Shields.

It is now proposed
that the patient
should be brought
here tonight. You
and I shall be
glad if you can
come by the train
leaving York at

9.48 and arriving
at Newcastle at 11.10
Miss Watson will be
here at 12. It is
very desirable I
think that she should
be placed under
proper care as
soon as possible
and I shall be
obliged if you
will bring all
necessary papers

Yale
Sept: 26th

Dear Mother

While I remember The Studio is not registered
as a newspaper therefore can't come for
halfpenny: I believe I forgot to mention
this am not sure but it means $3\frac{1}{2}$ (or
the more 5 - I don't know why).

(I have just received paints I ordered
from a cheaper place than getting here a $\frac{1}{2}$ p
but not large tubes must always cost (I
guess you used also) I have the acct. with
them.) Were you pleased at special
invitation for Baby in a pink frock - +
Leeds Spang Committee.
The leaves are fluttering down rather awful
must hurry up w. paint.
The "Suffrage" element seems very active
(Suppose we do do "Suffragette" & try to
for do the dignity of things so to speak).
I saw Mrs Rountree last Monday. The
Arthur also turned up. I went to them
pleasant. Joan is at school at
Siswick. // I bought walking shoes
not boots any boots will do for weather at no
very shabby looking shoes less than the cost
alternative not at all in same fortnight - keep
each other alive & wearing.

Have you been to Washburn yet
is the Linto etc. There
I suppose not -
Thanks very much for making

in better. David Both
that I have it. Shall I
send you my card as reply -
date to you Alaska

from Mary.

Mr. Adams tells me he is sending
you further detail to go upon. I am expecting
it.

The Illinois warmish
location is distinctly a team
In the there have been
some warm well heavy
highly sudden due

hurry. I think must have been
at somewhere else as it is
trouble now.

Aug 27th 1908

Dear Sir,

With reference to the payments for Miss Watson, our rule is for payment in advance & as the terms have not been fixed by the Committee of Management would you kindly send cheque, payable to D. Bedford Pierce, for say, £40 on account.

Enclose the usual form of agreement which please return to me when completed - You may also be interested in seeing our last Report -

Yours faithfully

J. Watson Esq.

W. E. Waller Secy

Aug 27 1918

Dear Sir,

I have reference to the statement
for this statement, and also a for
statement is shown to the same
have not been part of the Committee
of Management and also in itself
sent copies, payable to the
firm, for say, \$100 or account.
I enclose the usual form of statement
which please return to me when
completed - You may also be
interested in seeing our last report -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Wilson Sec.

private

TELEGRAMS - FLORIN, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

P.O. TELEPHONE NO 547.

JAMES WATSON.

6, Cables Buildings, Quayside.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.

26th Aug 1908

D^r Mackenzie
York

Dear Sir

Mrs Watson tells me
that she arranged for a room
for our daughter.

If it is usual to pay in
advance, kindly let me
know the amount and to
whom I should make the
cheque payable.

I am going from home
today, but return on Tuesday.

when I will attend to this,
+ also forward the paper
that you left with me.

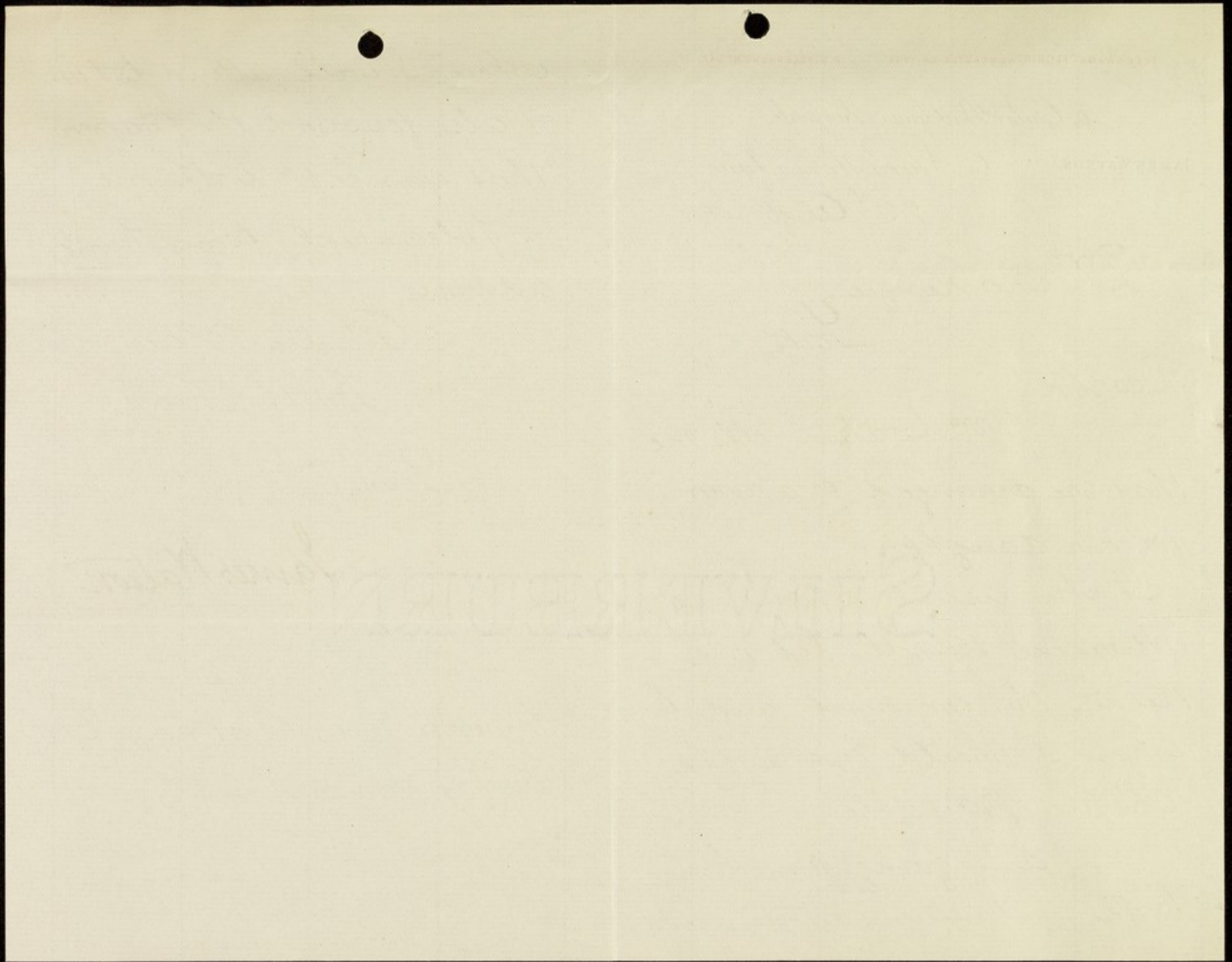
Please reply to my home
address

3 Rosella Place
North Shields

Yours truly

James Watson

My wife will be at home till
Friday morning.





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 Mary Watson of 3 Rosella Place North Shields as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringate, The Quay, 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 First day of September 1908

Name James Watson
Residence 3 Rosella Place North Shields
Occupation Iron Merchant & Lighter Owner

SIGNED by the said James Watson
in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Walter Shewell Gordon.
4 Rosella Place, North Shields
Chemical Manufacturer.

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.

