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Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead.

June 2. 1914

Dear Dr Pierce,

I must thank you for your promptness in answering my inquiries. We are very glad to have your assurance as to the management and nursing at Bootham Park, as it very strongly confirms

our own impressions.
We were perfectly satisfied on that score, but we very much missed the little refinements that she had at the Retreat, and we were very much struck with the way ~~th~~ her afternoon tea was sent up.
I would like you to know that your letter has reassured us, on the points we were anxious about, and that we shall not now think of making any change.

Yours very truly.
Edith G. West.

Sept. 23, 1913

Dear Madam,

Dr. Pierce asks me to let you know that he arranged an interview with Dr. Jeffrey of Bootham Park. He is prepared to receive Miss A.H.West at the same terms as she is paying here in the hope that a change of surroundings may be beneficial. We have every confidence in recommending her to go to Bootham Park, and as the place is near at hand we can easily manage the removal. It will, however, be necessary for you to make application direct to Dr. Jeffrey, and when you have received his reply you will have to obtain the consent of the Commissioners in Lunacy, 66 Victoria St., Westminster, London.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

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Asst. Sec.

High Meadow
Dyperth
Sep 23 '13 N. Wales

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H. C. Hunt Esq.

Dear Sir,

I wrote telling Dr Pierce that as I thought of removing to the South of England I should be glad if he could let me know the address of some Institution further South than Yorkshire. You do not say where Bootham Park is, but if it is "near at

Could not think of arranging for my sister's removal without seeing the place. Please let me know by return, if this address, there is no immediate hurry, and if possible send addresses of institutions more conveniently placed, that Dr Pierce can recommend.

Yours truly
Edith G. Treat.

hand' I am afraid it would be very inconvenient for my brain which must be pregnant. Is there no place nearer London to which he could arrange to send her? If this is the only available place of course Dr Pierce will give long enough notice to allow of my leaving the place and giving my consent or otherwise before he takes any steps for her

removal. I have another sister who has just been dangerously ill, and I am at present staying in Wales with her, but if there is any immediate hurry, I must come home on Friday, so as to take the week-end Saturday to Monday in York and arrange matters. This would be almost impossibly inconvenient, but I

I would ask you to leave me as much time as possible as I have had another sister dangerously ill, and I have had to give up my work to take care of her.

(1913)

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Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead 20 Sep.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I was extremely sorry to receive your letter this morning but from what I heard in July I can quite understand that it is almost impossible that she should stay where she is. The difficulty is that no other place of those that I enquired

about will take a chronic case. I should be very much obliged if you could tell me of any place, with fairly reasonable terms, that would take her, — preferably in the South of England, as we may be moving there, but if you can highly recommend one anywhere else except Scotland it would influence me in my choice of a place to live in.

I hope that in the event of there being a decided improvement for the change, you would consent to take her back. I may take this opportunity of testifying to the extreme patience and kindness of the staff in dealing with a most-difficult case.

Yours truly,
Edith G. West.

P.T.O.

Sept. 19, 1913

Dear Miss West,

The Committee of the Retreat find themselves obliged to reduce the number of patients in residence, and I have submitted to them a list of those patients who are not likely to suffer by removal to another Institution. One of these is Miss West, and I am requested to ask you to make arrangements for her removal to some other Institution as early as can conveniently be arranged. There is I fear little hope of Miss West's recovery, and I do not think she will suffer in any way from a removal: indeed it is possible that a change of scene may be of some benefit. For many years past I have urged the desirability of the removal of chronic patients, as experience has shown that a change of scene is often beneficial. Miss West has developed most painful delusions as regards the character of the hospital, making the most objectionable accusations against the staff. It is therefore necessary for her to have new surroundings.

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Yours very truly,

WEST

Sept. 11th 1922

Dear Miss Thompson,

We have been much exercised lately on account of the Women's side being over full, and we have had to decline several patients we should have liked to admit. I have been through the list of patients with the Committee, and two who are not likely to benefit by a prolonged stay have been selected for transfer. One of these is Miss West, whom you will remember. The reason why we think she should leave is that she has developed delusions respecting the staff and the character of the place of a painful and unreasonable nature and we think a change may do good, and certainly cannot do any harm. I shall therefore be writing to Miss West asking her to arrange for the removal.

You will be much interested in Sir Oliver Lodge's address, and though I cannot say I am entirely at one with him in all his opinions, I must admit that the tone of the address is excellent, and the warning to dogmatic people who call themselves scientific is very much needed.

We had a delightful holiday in the Lake District, and I am glad to say we are all nicely. I hope you and Mr. Thompson are now quite well and have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Yours very truly

Sept. 17th [redacted]

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Yours very truly

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead. 10 April, 1913

Dear Dr Pierce,

I have decided to come to York on Saturday, and I shall try to come up in the evening to see my sister, but I think perhaps it would be better if she did not know I was coming. We were glad to have Sister Annie's report. I shall hope to see Dr Birnie either on Saturday or Sunday.

Yours truly
Edith G. West

April 7, 1913

Dear Miss West,

Dr. Charlotte Birnie has been appointed to take Dr. Kemp's place, and is already at work. I fully expect she will be at home on Saturday, April 12th.

There is not much change in your sister's condition.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Inverkip
Park Road North
April 4. 1913.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am very sorry to hear that Dr Kemp is giving up her work in connection with the Retreat. I suppose another lady-doctor will be appointed, and if so, I should be glad if I could see her, when

next I visit my sister. This I expect to do on Saturday, April 12, but if this would be before the new appointment is made I would rather postpone my visit for a little, in order to see the new doctor. I should be much obliged if you could let me know this, and also how you think my sister is progressing, and whether you think it advisable for me to come just now.

Yours truly,
E. G. West.

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TELEGRAMS:- S[illegible]EET, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

TELEPHONE:- 11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

5 Dec 1912

Dear Bedford Pierce

Miss Edith West has seen me with a view to having her sister Annie H. West transferred from the Retreat to Haydock Lodge, will you kindly give me an idea of her mental condition. I understand she pays about £100 a year, does she cost more?!!

I will take her, if you want
her removing, unless she
is exceptionally troublesome

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Charles Sheet

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TELEGRAMS:- STREET, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

HAYDOCK LODGE,
NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS,
LANCASHIRE.

TELEPHONE:- 11 ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD.

13th December 1912.

Dear Bedford Pierce,

I have seen Miss West's sister, and have declined to take the patient here. I would have done so if she had been a recent case, but I have too many chronics like her.

I am much obliged to you for so kindly telling me her mental condition.

Yours very truly,

Charles T. Street

The Retreat,
York.

18th December 1918.

Dear Redford Pierce,

I have seen Miss West's sister, and have decided to take the problem here. I would have done so if she had been a recent case, but I have too many chronics like her.

I am much obliged to you for so kindly telling me her mental condition.

Yours very truly,

The Matron,
York.

Oct. 22, 1912

Dear Miss West,

I do not think there is any special cause for anxiety about your sister. Her physical health is much as usual. She is not improving mentally, and that we can hardly expect, but I do not think she becomes much worse.

She always enjoys your visits, so by all means come on Nov. 2nd. I could not possibly say whether you would be able to see Dr. Pierce on the Sunday or not, as I do not know what engagements he has.

Miss West takes her food quite regularly. She does not sleep very well as she is very restless and has been inclined to tear her sheet. She walks about in the garden a good deal. She occupies herself a good deal with writing and occasionally a little drawing: otherwise she does nothing. She does not appear to be at all tired or listless, and she takes practically no interest in the other patients or in the nurses.

Yours truly,

N.K.

Sept 12 1912

Dear Madam,

Dr Pierce has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter this morning & to say that Miss West sleeps very late, often not more than an hour during the night. She is not at all fit to go to Scarboro. When in the garden she constantly tries to run away from the nurse. Her appetite is good.

Dr Pierce will write you with reference to the latter part of your letter shortly. He has to be away today.

Yours faithfully
W. E. Waller Secy

Mrs E. G. West.

Sept 12 1922

Dear Professor:

Williams has asked me to thank you for receipt of your letter this morning & to say that this week ought by rights, after we have been on from during the night – she is not at all fit today & Dr Osborne – when I telephoned this morning – I have every confidence that she will be quite well in a few days – The appetite is good – Williams has made up his mind to the better part of your letter exactly: he has to be away today.

Yours faithfully
Geo. Wheeler Scott

Mrs Gilbert.

Appetite very fair
Sleeps very better - The fire
not at all fit to go. When
in London always trying to run away
from nurse

c/o Miss E. H. West
High Meadow
Dyserth N. Wales

11.9.12

Dear Dr Pierce,

I wrote to you on the 2nd of September asking whether there was any likelihood of my sister's going to Throyenby this month, and making enquiries about her health, whether she is sleeping better and eating well. I have had no reply at all, though September is now nearly half through. It may be that she is not well enough, but in any case I am anxious to know how she is. Dr Kemp said she K. would be away all September, and that it is not adivsable to write to the Sisters, but that you would answer any enquiries. My sister seems anxious about her business affairs, which of course are in Chancery now. She seems to have heard something of the arrangement, and I think perhaps it would relieve her mind if I told her plainly how matters stand. Would you advise this, or not?

I shall be here till Friday morning when I return to Birkenhead. "Inverkip" Park Road North.

Awaiting an early reply.

Yours faithfully.
Edith G. West.

June 12, 1912

Dear Sirs,

I beg to return Miss West's letter, and should point out that Miss West has been a most anxious case on account of repeated serious suicidal attempts. She has swallowed a considerable number of articles and attempted to strangle herself many times. It is therefore not safe to give her much liberty.

The last time she went to a Communion service in the town she went a second time to the altar rails, thus taking the sacrament twice within a few minutes. We have not allowed her to go into the city again for this purpose, but she has frequent opportunities of taking communion in the Retreat, as the Vicar of St. Lawrence, Rev. E.G.Hutchings, has many times arranged a special service. Miss West is dominated by hallucinations of hearing, and generally at the last moment, when a service is arranged, she has declined togo.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

The Commissioners in Lunacy

All communications should be addressed to—
THE SECRETARY,
Lunacy Commission,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.
Communications relating to different subjects should be made in separate letters.

LUNACY COMMISSION,
66, *Victoria Street, S.W.*

11th June, 1912.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to send you the enclosed letter, which they have received from Miss A.H.West, and to request you, in returning it, to favour them with your observations on the parts marked in blue.

I am,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

O. E. Dickinson.

Secretary.

The Superintendent,
York Retreat.

May 20, 1912

Dear Miss West,

I should have answered your letter before this, but unfortunately I have not been well.

There is no change in Miss West's condition. She is silent and depressed. I have seen her busy with her pencil, and she is out of doors as much as possible.

By all means come and see her tomorrow.

Yours truly,

BATESONS, WARR & WIMSHURST.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BATESONS, LIVERPOOL."

TELEPHONES,
703 & 753 CENTRAL.

14, Castle Street,
Liverpool, 16th Jan. 1912.

Dear Sir,

re MISS WEST.

We sent our agents the copy of the Certificate which you sent us and we enclose a copy of a letter which we have received from them this morning.

Have you got what the Master seems to require, or can you obtain it for us ?

Yours truly,

Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

Dr. Pierce.

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14, Castle Street,
Liverpool 20th Jany. 1912

Dear Sir,

RE MISS WEST.

We submitted your last letter to us, to our agents, and they write us that what they want is a certificate under section 38 Sub-section 9 of the Lunacy Act 1890. They have, however, written to the Commissioners direct for it, so that it will not be necessary to trouble you further about it.

Yours truly,
Batesons Warr Wimshurst

Dr. Pierce.

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14, Castle Street,
Liverpool, 11th Jany, 1912

Dear Sir,

MISS A. H. WEST.

The Master in Lunacy made an Order yesterday appointing Miss Edith G. West Receiver, without security, for her sister. Our agents write us that a reception order only remains in force for 12 months and that the Master requires us to get a certificate from the Lunacy Commissioners continuing the reception order. Can you attend to this for us ? Possibly you have such a certificate already.

Yours truly,
Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

Dr. Pierce,
The Retreat, YORK.

London
15th January 1912

Dear Sirs,

re Miss West

We have yours of the 13th inst with copy of medical certificate but what the Master requires is a certificate of continuation of the reception order

Yours truly
Sd Held Roscoe & Co.

Messrs Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

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14, Castle Street,
Liverpool, 13th Jany. 1912

Dear Sir,

MISS WEST.

We are much obliged for your letter enclosing copy special report and certificate which we are sending on to our London agents.

Yours truly,.

Bateons Warr & Wimshurst

Dr.Pierce .

Jan. 12, 1912

Dear Sirs,

A Reception Order expires at the end of a year unless it is renewed by a special Report and Certificate.

I enclose a copy of t e special Report and Certificate in the case of Miss West. Another one will be required in April, which we shall attend to in due course.

Yours very truly,

BATESONS, WARR & WIMSHURST.

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G. C. WARR.

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TELEPHONES,
703 & 753 CENTRAL.

14, Castle Street.
Liverpool, Dec 2nd 1911.

Dear Sir
"Miss West"

We are much obliged for your letter & enclosures.

We do not think that the mistake you mention is of any moment but it can easily be put right if necessary.

We shall send the Summons to a solicitor for personal service. Shall we send it to Mr T. H. Simpson, or is there any other solicitor whom you would prefer.

Yours truly
Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

Dr Pierce
The Retreat
York

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
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TELEPHONES,
703 & 753 CENTRAL.

14, Castle Street,
Liverpool 29th Novr. 1911

Dr. Pierce.

Dear Sir,

MISS WEST.

We have received your letter and have reengrossed the affidavit which we return herewith together with copies of the order and certificates which you sent us. If the Master in Lunacy requires to see the originals at any time hereafter, no doubt you could arrange for them to be sent to London for his inspection. Under the circumstances we do not suppose the Commissioner will require a further fee than the usual one for declaring you to your affirmation and marking the exhibits which amounts to 4/6. We have, therefore, pleasure in sending you a cheque for £3. 7. 6 to cover your own fee and the Commissioners charges.

Yours truly,
Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

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TELEPHONES,
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14, Castle Street.
Liverpool, 27th Novr. 1911

Dr. Pierce.

Dear Sir,

MISS A. H. WEST.

We are much obliged for your letter and enclosures.

From the latter it is evident that we have put you to a good deal of unnecessary trouble, but we have been misled by Mr. H. Cope West who distinctly told us that the reception order was limited to 6 months which turns out not to be the fact. There is, of course, now no difficulty, and we have engrossed your affidavit in the form in which you have already approved of it and shall be glad if you will affirm to it.

With regard to the last paragraph, we think that the date should be the date when Miss West was first received into the Retreat prior to the reception order being made. This date would be either the 30th or the 31st March 1910. You should also fill in, in the same paragraph, the date when you last saw her. We think it will be necessary to exhibit

Dr.P. No. 2.

the original reception order and certificates to the affidavit and we propose that these should be marked "A" "B" and "C".

Perhaps you will be good enough to complete the document before the Commissioner whom you generally go to in these matters, and as he will have to mark the exhibits, he might charge an extra fee. If you will kindly pay his charge and let us have an account of it together with your own fee in the matter, we will let you have a cheque for it.

Yours truly

Bates Wan Ewin Murch

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14, Castle Street.

Liverpool 24th Novr. 19 11

Dr. Pierce,

Dear Sir,

RE MISS A.H.WEST. (2494)

We have communicated with our London Agents, who have a very large experience in lunacy matters, with regard to your last letter to us, and we have heard from them this morning.

They write us that if proceedings are instituted upon subsection (C) there must be evidence of "lawful detention" and that a detention order must be ~~enforced~~ in and exhibited to the affidavit together with the medical certificates which accompany it. They add that they know of no other procedure under this subsection. We submitted the draft of your affidavit to them, and we enclose a copy of it in the way in which they have altered it, and which they consider would be sufficient to justify proceedings under subsection (D). We should be glad to know whether you would feel yourself justified in making the affidavit in the form in which it stands.

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Dr.P.No. 2.

Perhaps you will be good enough to return us the draft when you write us as to this; we send you an envelope for the purpose.

From a conversation which we have had with Mr.H. Cope West, we gather that his sister is detained with the approval, if not under the direction, of the Visiting Commissioners, and if this be so, we would ask our Agents whether this fact would not be sufficient to justify proceedings under Subsection (C). Perhaps you will be good enough to let us know whether what Mr.H.Cope West states is correct.

Failing proceedings under subsection (D) or any evidence which we can obtain as to "lawful detention" under subsection (C) being sufficient, we see no way out of the difficulty except to obtain another detention order.

Yours truly,

Bates Dow & Walker

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BATESONS, LIVERPOOL."

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14, Castle Street.

Liverpool 22nd Novr. 1911

Dear Sir,

MISS A. H. WEST.

We are much obliged for your letter and are communicating with our London Agents upon the point.

It certainly is not worth while to go to all the expense and trouble with regard to obtaining a new detention Order if it can be avoided.

Yours truly,

Batesons Warr Wimshurst

Dr. Pierce.

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"BATESONS, LIVERPOOL."

TELEPHONES,
703 & 753 CENTRAL.

14, Castle Street,
Liverpool, 20th Novr. 1911

Dr. Pierce .

Dear Sir,

RE MISS A. H. WEST.

We are much obliged for your letter with reference to this matter .

We believe that before Miss West went into the Retreat, her family Doctor took her to see a female specialist on several occasions, and we might perhaps pursue this point further with a view of proceeding under the disease sebsection of section 116 of the Lunacy Act 1890. However, it occurs to us that it might be simpler and less expensive to proceed under the subsection entitling the relations to have a Receiver appointed of Miss West's Estate as being a person "lawfully detained as a lunatic" though not so found by Inquisition. This would necessitate a fresh detention order being obtained.

We have seen Mr. H. Cope West to-day and he has authorised us to write to you to know whether you could arrange for this to be done. It would, of course, mean that 2 fresh cer-

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tificates by independent Doctors would have to be obtained, and we rather think that the examination must not take place at the Retreat, but you, of course, will be familiar with what is necessary in this respect. If Miss West's removal for the purpose of examination by the Doctors is necessary, would there be any difficulty about it?

We shall be glad to hear from you on these points.

Yours truly,

Bates, Low & Co.

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We shall be glad to hear from you on these points.

Yours truly,

West

Nov. 28, 1911

Dear Sirs,

I fear I must return to you the draft affidavit once more. The originals of t e Order and Certificates are not my property, and in any case we cannot part with them. It was on this account that I sent you the copies, which if you will return endorsed, in the usual way, I shall be able to state I have compared with the originals and found them true and correct copies. I conclude this will mean a re-writing of the affidavit.

My fee will be three guineas, exclusive of the Commissioner's fee.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Batesons, Warr & Wimshurst

Nov. 21, 1911

Miss A.H.West

Dear Sirs,

I quite fail to see why Miss West's affairs should not be dealt with in the way in so many of our patients' affairs are, viz. under Sec. 116C of the Lunacy Act. If this is done there does not seem theslightest reason why a fresh Order and certificates should be required.

This step is frequently taken for patients who have been here a considerable time, and I have never heard of a patient being discharged from Certificates in order that this might be done. Moreover there is no reason why we should be put to the trouble of all the technicalities involved in a re-admission; and I am sure the Commissioners in Lunacy would object to it.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Batesons, Warr and Wimshurst

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TELEPHONES,
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14, Castle Street,
Liverpool 17th Novr. 1911

Dr. Pierce,
The Retreat, YORK.

A. H. West

Dear Sir,

We are much obliged for your draft affidavit.

The evidence of insanity appears to us to be amply sufficient, but we are not sure that the draft as it stands is sufficient to bring the case within the disease section of the Lunacy Act. We are communicating with our London Agents on this point, and also asking them whether they will require a copy of the reception order and certificate. In the meantime, we should be glad to know whether you could supplement your affidavit by some statement of your opinion as to the origin of Miss West's present condition. As we think we have already mentioned to you we were led to suppose that it had its origin in some female disorder, and if this be so, we think it would be desirable to state it.

We note as to your fee which we will remit you when we send ~~you~~ the affidavit to you to be sworn.

We shall be glad to hear from you on the point which we have mentioned.

Yours truly,

Batesons Warr & Wimshurst

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The Retreat,
York,
September 24, 1910

Dear Dr Pierce,

I should be very much obliged if you would write me another pass for the Museum & Abbey, & also give me leave to go to the joiner's shop, to look in my box for my sketching-pad & colours, as I should like to go & sketch in the Abbey Gardens, today or

Monday. I have asked Dr. Kemp to let Miss Abbatt & me go for a little shopping to the town, when we have our drive this morning, & perhaps after that we might go & sketch the Abbey.

Yours sincerely,

Annie H. West.

Whitby
August 29. 1910.

The Secretary,
The Retreat, York.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you some weeks ago, when you first sent in the account due for my Sister's residence at the Retreat for two quarters, to tell you that I understood from Dr Pierce that the terms were to be either £2·8 or at the outside £2·10 a week, whereas the account sent in was for £73·16. I think the £3·16 was for extra expenses (I did not keep a copy of the first account) but you will see that £70 for the half-year is at the rate of £140 for the year, £2·10 a week being only at the rate of £130 for the year. I asked for an explanation, and you said it could stand over till Dr Pierce's return. The account has now come in again for £43·16 which

with the £30 already paid comes to the same as the original account £73.16. I am sorry to trouble you again, but I should be glad to know if this is the sum agreed upon by the Committee before writing a cheque for the amount.

Yours truly

Edith G. West

Home-address.

Inverkip

Park Road North

Birkenhead.

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Liverpool 13th Novr. 1911

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Dr. Pierce,
The Retreat, YORK.

Dear Sir,

MISS ANNIE HARTLEY WEST.

As we understand you are already aware, we have been instructed by Miss Edith G. West and her brother Mr. H. Cope West, to take the necessary steps to have a Receiver appointed of the income of Miss Annie Hartley West who is now under your care at the Retreat. We are anxious if possible to proceed under the Disease Section of the Lunacy Act, which is, of course, the simplest, quickest, and least expensive method of procedure.

We have not liked to question Miss E.G. West too closely in the matter, but we rather gather that her sister's present mental condition has its origin in some female disorder, and if this be so, it would enable us to adopt the above course which we prefer.

It will be necessary to support the application by medical evidence, and we think that under the circum-

Dr.P. No. 2.

stances your evidence would be sufficient without obtaining evidence from a second Doctor as is some-times done.

We understand from Miss E.G.West that you would be willing to make the necessary affidavit, and we enclose draft affidavit in duplicate in skeleton form, and we should be glad if you would return us one copy of this draft with the various blanks filled in, when we will have it engrossed, for signature.

With regard to this draft will you please fill in your full name and qualifications at the commencement giving in particular any special qualification which you might have in lunacy matters.

In paragraph 2 will you please fill in the date when Miss Annie H.West was received into the Retreat, and state what she was suffering from at the time of her reception. If it be the fact, you will, of course, in this paragraph explain that her condition upon reception had in your opinion been brought about by some disease which you would particularize.

We should like you to check the facts in paragraph 3 which have been given to us by Mr.H.Cope West.

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Dr.P.No. 3.

In paragraph 5 you would explain your reasons for being of opinion that she ~~was~~ is not capable of managing her own affairs.

With regard to paragraph 6 we presume that you see Miss West daily or almost daily, but we should be glad to know this.

We shall be glad to hear from you in the matter at your early convenience.

Yours truly,

Bateman & Co

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead.
7.3.11

My dear Dr Kemp,

I have written to the Income Tax people to ask them to send the returned tax here, and I will bank it to Annie's account. But if there should still be a mistake and they should send it to York, please send it to me. I am sending another dividend for signature. We were very pleased to get what seemed a better account of Annie from you, especially as Dr

own last two letters have seemed much more cheerful and she thoroughly enjoyed the drive into the Country. She does not mention the Communion Service. I wonder if it has been possible to arrange for it yet. We should very much like to know, when you next write.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Edith G. West.

Sept. 21, 1911

Dear Miss West,

I am sorry your letter was not promptly answered. There is no cause for anxiety, and your sister is quite comfortable. We are keeping her in bed, and she has no pain; and there are no signs of the foreign bodies giving her any trouble. It will be quite suitable for you to come to see her, but I do not think a prolonged stay is desirable, so I have sent a reply wire to that effect this morning.

Yours very truly,

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Inverkip
Park Road North
19 September.
1911

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am much obliged for your keeping us informed as to my sister's condition, but although we feel sure that all that is possible is being done for her, we are still very anxious about her. We think of coming to stay in

York again for a time, so as to come up and see her, from time to time, as you think it advisable. It would at least relieve the tedium of the long hours in bed for her, and it might cheer her a little to see us now and again. I should be glad of a wire from you tomorrow morning in confirmation of this arrangement, unless you think there is any reason against it. On receiving your wire, we will try and arrange to come on Friday or Saturday next. Of course we should make arrangements to stay on for some time, as we think the case is now so serious.

Yours truly,

Edith G. West.

Sept. 19, 1911

Dear Miss West,

There is nothing fresh to report about Miss West except that she passed a needle on Saturday. We had Mr. Jalland, the surgeon, to see her, and he advised that she should remain in bed and that nothing should be done further than what we had been doing. He did not think that any operation could be entertained in her present restless condition, and consequently we have not troubled about the X ray examination. She is comfortable and there is no fever, but she still refuses food.

Yours very truly,

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Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead 16.9.11

Dear Dr McKenzie,

I have to thank you for your letter received this morning. We are very much distressed at the further bad news. I understand the examination is to be made soon. Please let us know as early as

you can the result of the examination, and if there is any serious injury, what you suggest doing.- also, whether, as I asked before, it would be of any use for one or both of us to come to York again. Nothing shall stand in the way if we can be of the least help to my sister in any way. Might it possibly turn her thoughts into another channel?

Yours truly,

Edith G. West.

~~Inverkip~~.
442 Park Road North
Birkenhead. Sept 7.
1911

Dear Dr Pierce,

We were very much shocked at your news today, and have to thank you for so promptly letting us know. Under present arrangements I am leaving by an early train for Ambleside tomorrow, Friday morning, for the week-end but should not think of going if you say there is any cause for immediate anxiety. May I ask you to let me have a wire ~~if~~ <u>before ten oclock</u> tomorrow (Friday) morning if you think it would be advisable for me to postpone this visit so as to be at hand in case you sent for me. If you wire "No need for immediate anxiety" I shall understand that matters are going on satisfactorily for the present. If the X ray examination is <u>necessary</u>, by all means have it; but we hope that the means you suggest may get rid of the difficulty. My sister will remain at home in any case, and will receive any letter you may send with details to this address, and you will understand that either or both of us are ready to come to York again, if we can be of any help to Annie. Again thanking you,

Yours truly Edith G. West.

Sept. 11, 1911

Dear Miss West,

Your letter of Sept. 7th did not reach me: I was away from home on urgent business. Moreover it did not arrive in time for us to send the wire requested.

Miss West is going on rather better. She is taking her food better and is in no pain. She says we need not worry about the hair pin; it was only a small one , and she swallowed it the right way downwards. As there are no symptoms we are doing nothing. Up to the present there has been no sign of its being voided. There is certainly no ground for immediate anxiety.

Yours very truly,

Sept. 4, 1911

Dear Miss West,

I am sorry to say that your sister is no better and that she is constantly making suicidal attempts. She was allowed her own clothes today instead of strong ones, and she at once tied some tape round her neck in a dangerous way, and in my presence she frequently tried to tear off portions of her clothing to use for the same purpose. It is quite clear she is unfit to sign the papers you send, and there seems to be no likelihood of her being able to do so. It is quite irregular for patients as bad as she is to be asked to sign ~~d~~ documents, and we cannot in future do it.

I, therefore, return to you by registered post, all the various dividends we have, and would suggest your seeing your solicitor, so that application may be made to the Court of Chancery for the appointment of a Receiver to deal with her property. This is the only course that can be taken, and though it involves a certain amount of expense the result will be much more satisfactory than the present arrangement.

Yours very truly,

Dividends Returned etc.

4/83	Bank of Liverpool	Receipt for tin box
	European Petroleum Co.	22. 10. 0
	British Cables	1. 8. 3
	L. + N.W.R.	11. 6. 0
	New Grand Hotel, Birmingham	1. 17. 8
	W.F. Stanley	2. 18. 10

Dividend warrants which Dr Kemp said she would leave with the secretary, as my sister refused to sign them before. There is no great hurry about them, but it might be as well to get them all done, if she seemed amenable. You will have heard that we stayed a few days in York and saw a good deal of my sister, and were relieved by the end of the time to think that she seemed to be better, and to be coming round to a more normal state of mind. We had an encouraging letter

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead. Sept 2.
1911

Dear Dr Pierce,

May I trouble you to get my sister to sign these two papers. She has shares in the European Petroleum Company, ~~and they~~ which stopped payment some months ago. The enclosed document is to direct payment of the first instalment of 22½% to be made to her banker.

This request at the foot of the larger paper must be signed by her. I think for the "full postal address" she had better put "c/o Miss E.G. West, Inverkip, 442 Park Road North, Birkenhead" as that is the address to which all her dividend warrants are sent now. You will notice that they require her debentures to be sent to them, but I cannot get them out of the sealed box at the bank without her written authority. The banker has therefore made out the written form, which I enclose, and if she will sign it, it will authorize me now, or on any future occasion when it may be necessary, to have the box opened without troubling you for her signature again. I am writing to her by this post to explain it all to her, and I hope there will be no difficulty about it. If she should refuse to sign the papers, there is, I suppose nothing for it, but to let the matter stand over till she seems better. But if she is ready to sign it, I should be very glad if she would sign the other

from her since we returned but you will understand that we are still very anxious about her. It is a great relief to us to hear from her, and we thought it very kind of them to allow her to write at once. We should be very glad to know exactly how you think she is now, especially after our visit. Is she sleeping better, and does she take good meals? She had an idea that the strikers were plotting against her. I hope she is free from this illusion now, as I think it frightened her at night

Dr Kemp advised me to write to you this time, as she was going away for her holiday.

Yours truly,

Edith G. West.

Inverkip
Park Road North
Aug 23.
1911

Dear Dr Kemp,

I enclose another Dividend warrant for signature and I am asking my sister to sign them all. I hope she will consent to do so. We have had no word from her for a very long time. I hope she keeps well.

Yours very sincerely,
Edith G. West.

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Dear Dr Pierce,

I do not want to go home at Christmas, unless Miss Abbott is well enough to go home. Please let me stay till she is well.

Yours sincerely,
Annie H. West.

POST CARD

ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE.

A HALF-PENNY STAMP TO BE PLACED HERE.

Dr Pierce

N.S. 5

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead 14/1/11

Dear Dr Pierce,

I am writing to ask you if it would be possible to arrange in any way for my sister to take the Communion regularly. She has always been accustomed to doing so, and I believe it has been a very real trouble to her. She had hoped that we would have arranged to take it with her when we came, but that did not seem feasible, and she was much disappointed.

I quite understand what the difficulties are, but I thought that at the church the patients are accustomed to attend, any eccentricity would be less noticeable, and in fact, I think it most unlikely that anything unusual would occur again. But if you do not think it wise to risk it, I think the clergyman of the parish would be willing to arrange to hold the service at the Retreat from time to time. I have not mentioned this to her, as I do not wish to disappoint her if it should be unmanageable, but we have been hoping that it could be arranged before the first Sunday in February. Of course, she would like to know a day or two beforehand. We do not hear from her as frequently now, as formerly, and she ~~is~~ makes suggestions about leaving The Retreat, but I think she really understands that that cannot be yet.

May I trouble you to pass the inclosed Dividend warrants to her for her signature.

Yours truly,
Edith G. West.

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Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead Christmas Day

Dear Dr Pierce

I am thinking of coming to York on ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday this week with my elder sister, who has not been before. Unless you think it not advisable, we would like to come up on ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday afternoon or evening for an hour or so

and possibly again on ~~Thursday~~ Friday morning, if all goes well on ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday, as we shall stay the night in York.

I should be glad if you could let us have a line by return to say how my sister is, and whether you think it will be all right for us to come. I suppose it will hardly be wise, to arrange for any sight-seeing or shopping with her?

With the Compliments of the Season,

Yours truly,

Edith G. West.

Excuse untidy letter but I have had to change the day.

it may be premature and possibly quite out of place but your kind reception convinces me that you will not let its unsuitability annoy you.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

The 6 months expires Nov. 3rd I think.

Jn.R

20. Devonshire Road

JUNIOR CONSERVATIVE CLUB, LIVERPOOL.

Claughton. Cheshire

Nov 2. 1910.

TELEGRAMS:-"LOYALTY."
TELEPHONE No 5656.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am uncertain whether I am bound personally to visit my sister by tomorrow as my sisters have been in the meantime. I should like to know how she is before coming

over. She says in
a letter that she is
quite well again and
fit to take up her
parish work. This
may not be quite
correct though probably
indicating an improvement.
The one point on which
it seems reasonable
to base any hope is
the approaching "change
of life", and I have
been wondering whether
your mental cures could
be assisted by some
other advice from a
specialist in womens
ailments. I make
the remark knowing

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead 19.7.10

The Secretary
The Retreat, York.

Miss West would have written a cheque at once for this account, but she thinks that the Secretary will find that the agreement was for £2.10 per week for board. She may have misunderstood the arrangement but as this makes a difference of over £6 in the year, she thinks it worth while to mention it. If the Secretary will return the account

Corrected, if there has been any
mistake, it shall be paid at once.

Annie H West

Aug 13th 1910

Dr. to The Retreat, York.

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

Overdue Accounts will be charged with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

It is particularly requested that a printed receipt, on the Official receipt form of the Institution, be obtained for each remittance.

	£	s.	d.
To One Quarter's Board to June 30th + one day	34	10	
" " " " Sept 30th	34	2	6
,, Disbursements (as below) to	3	1	3.
" 2 Medical Artificials	2	2	.
£	73	15	9

	£	s.	d.
Washing and Mending	1	19	
Stimulants			
Tobacconist			
Stationery and Stamps			
Tailor			
Hosier			
Shoemaker			
Millinery and Dressmaking... ...			
Amusements, Excursions, and Sundries per Head Attendant ...			
Sundries per the Matron	1	2	3
Extra Carriage Drives			
Extra Nursing			
.....	3	1	3

Less Cash
Mar 20. £20
June 8. £10 — 30. 0 0

£ 43. 15 9

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

in her power & your advice will be much appreciated.

Mrs F. Thompson wrote to you the other day & it was about this case. Any further information that I can give you I shall be glad to place at your service.

Yrs truly
P. Proctor

West, 17 Hamilton Square
Birkenhead
March 25 1910

Dear Dr Pierce

The case of Mrs A. West referred to you is one that I have been professionally concerned with for some years. She has given her family a lot of trouble & anxiety by her waywardness & impulsiveness & absurd behaviour, complicated by hysteria & slight delusions at times, alternating with periods of perfect rationality & calm. She has seen several doctors here

for fancied complaints but no definite disorder can be made out. Dr Hawkes made a careful examination of her pelvic organs, & found nothing definite in the pelvic organs, so it would seem to be a functional derangement of the brain & nervous system. —

I think if some strong will could be exercised over her & some steady occupation given her she would be benefited. At present she is casting about to do some parish work & tried to get into a society for the purpose in Birmingham but had to be sent home for some absurd behaviour in walking about the house at night. —

If you could get her for a while as a voluntary case under your observation we think you could help us in determining the best thing to be done. —

At present she is in a rational mood & calm & I don't think there is any delusion present that would justify her forcible detention, & she seems willing to place herself under your care. —

The bearer will give you all the information

July 21 1910

Dear Madame,

Dr. Pierce is away for a few days so that I cannot consult him as to the arrangement with respect to terms. The Retreat Committee by minute fixed the rate at 2½ guineas a week — but if you wise allow the matter to stand over for a few days wise show Dr Pierce your letter on his return —

Yours faithfully

Dr. E. Waller.

Mrs West

Feb 21 1910

Dear Professor,

Mr Davis is very grateful for the offer of the arrangement but regrets it leaves – the School Committee by himself – just the role of a figurehead & tool – but if you wish also the matter taken up for you drop him also & Davis will leave it to his lawyer –

Yours faithfully

F. Schaeffer.

Mrs Grant

"Inverkip"
Park Road North,
April 30. 1910.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

In answer to your letter received this morning by my sister I will come to York on Monday arriving at the Retreat, as I have some business to do, about 3.30. as there are several

points we should like to discuss before arranging anything final. I will call at your house as I think it will be advisable to have a talk with you before seeing my sister.

Yours faithfully,

H. Gee Nash

Dr. Bernard Pierce,
York.

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead.

18.4.10

Dear Dr Pierce,

We had a letter from my sister by the first post this morning, which caused us some uneasiness but it was followed within a few hours by another, which relieved our anxiety, as it seems to show she has decided to stay on at the Retreat. I send you both the

letters, as it seems wiser that you should know exactly how she has felt about it. Up to this morning, her letters have been very encouraging and we gathered that she was not only contented and happy, but that she wished to prolong her stay indefinitely. The question of expense had occurred to her, but she thought some reduction of terms might be made, if she undertook some duties in the house. All this seems to shew a very sensible view of the case, and we hope there will be no further indecision. At the same time, I should be very glad if you could spare time to let us know what your impression about her is, now she has been with you nearly three weeks.

Yours truly,

Edith G. West.

I hope you got the G. & S. W. charge safely.

The Retreat,
York.
April 17. 1910.

My dear Edith,

I am sending you back the share-list. Will you write to the Offices for me, please, giving Inverkip, c/o yourself, as my address, & put the list back in my tin box, when done with.

It was a stupid idea to think again of taking parish work at Birmingham. I could not undertake it without blinking my eyes to the

fact that I have behaved in such a silly way that any sort of life has become impossible for me, & a Retreat is the only thing left for me.

I look on my being here as an acknowledgment that I have been literally too silly for anything, & I will stay here till you, Emilie, Harry & the others are satisfied that I can be trusted to behave like a sane & responsible person.

Thank you all very much for so kindly volunteering to help towards the expense.

With best love to all,

Your affectionate sister,

Annie H. West.

The Retreat,
Ayr,
April 17. 1910.

My dear Edith,

Thank you for your interesting letter. How pretty the house must look now it is spring-cleaned.

I am returning the cheque, signed. I forgot to put it in when I wrote before. I am not sending the list of shares, as I am thinking of writing again to Mr Richards about the Birmingham work, but I am giving myself till Tuesday

to think it over, as I want to go about it steadily & systematically.
My machine & books came yesterday, rather a pity, as it will be so much the more to take to Birmingham.
Not that I do not want them there, but they might as well have gone direct
You may as well keep the things from the laundry now, & send them on to me at Birmingham. I intend to write to Mr Richards on Tuesday, & if he wants me to come, I expect it will be without much delay.
The people here as I told you before,

are very nice. There is a great deal more brightness & fun & homelikeness about the place than you would think, as there is a large number of quite sane visitors, who have come for insomnia or some other, comparatively slight trouble. There is also a large number of imbeciles & idiots, who have to be led about everywhere by the nurses. We meet them in the grounds, & occasionally we have supper with them, but other meals we do not have with them. — There is one nice old lady amongst the sane patients who has very defective sight, but is very bright & jolly when she begins to talk.

She used to live at Huddersfield as a girl, & remembers a little schoolfellow there called Miss West, who was the daughter of a Wesleyan minister. I think Grandpapa was at Huddersfield once, & as the date, & age of the little girl would make her about Aunt Annie's age now, I expect it would be her. I think I must stop now, with best love to all.

Your affectionate sister,

Annie H. West.

written have advised her to stay. Of course, she knows that she is not now free to go if she likes, but we feel that if her own will is against her detention, it will interfere very much with the possibility of a cure. She writes as though she was keeping well, and I am sure you would let us know if she were ailing or depressed.

Yours truly,
Edith G. West.

Inverkip
Park Road North
13 May.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I should have written sooner about the terms for my sister, but I understood that Miss Thompson had very kindly promised to ask the Comittee at the next meeting for some concession in our case.

I do not know whether there has been a meeting yet, but I have not yet heard what arrangement has been made. When I hear, I will make out another cheque for the amount which will then be due.

We have been rather uneasy at receiving letters from my sister, saying that she wishes to take up her work again in Birmingham or here. Of course, this would be impossible, but we hope the desire for freedom is not affecting her health or spirits. We have written, persuading her that it will be wise for her to remain until her brain trouble is cured, and other friends to whom she has

the form signed. I did not ask about the sleeping accomodation, and she is hoping to have a room to herself. Is this possible? She is, I think a little bit uneasy about the other inmates, but on the whole she has been very happy since she knew it was settled. I have written at such length as I thought it might be impossible to speak privately tomorrow. We are taking the train leaving L'pool 10.55 and arriving at York at 1.42. We shall have had lunch and I shall return by the afternoon train.

Yours very truly

Edith G. West.

Inverkip
442 Park Road North
Birkenhead

March. 29.

Dear Dr Pierce,

My sister has been very much interested in all I told her about the Retreat, and I have shewn her the Report, as you said. She is not only willing, but anxious to come at once, and as she will be ready by tomorrow, we think it wiser not to postpone it any further. Our doctor's wife, Mrs Proctor,

has a wonderful influence with her, and she undertook to explain to her the nature of the Retreat, so that she perfectly understands. The doctor thinks it is fortunate that Mr Thompson is giving his lecture tomorrow as that will help her over the first evening. He thinks she may be trusted to return, if she goes out alone, and that she might have as much liberty as you think advisable. She wishes to send for her books and sewing machine if she is allowed to have them. We have not encouraged her about the books, as you may not think it advisable for her to have them all. I see that a Quarter's fees are required in advance but as the terms have not yet been fixed, I am bringing a blank Cheque on her account at the Bank of Liverpool to fill up as you direct. She has given me power of attorney over her money during her absence, and I should be glad to know how to arrange about the money she will require for dress &c. She suggested that you should take charge of it, but no doubt there is some suitable arrangement about that. She is coming, of course, as a Voluntary Boarder, and will bring

Immediately convenient

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442 Park Road North
Birkenhead
March 26. 1910.

Pierce

Dear Dr Pierce,

As your letter only arrived at 12.20, it was impossible for my brother to arrange to go to York today. I hope you will be able to see us on Monday afternoon any time between 3 & 5.30. If we do not hear from you to the contrary, before Monday morning at 10.0 a.m which is the time at which we must leave this house, we will come to York on

Monday, but my brother is obliged to return the same night.

Yours truly,
Edith E. West.

I hope you will get this in time to let us know in any case.

June 8, 1910

Dear Miss West,

I get about two letters a day from Miss West, each expressing a contrary wish to the previous one as to what she would like to do. It is quite clear that there is no improvement in her mental condition. She is quite well in health, and, as you say, does not give a great deal of trouble.

The lowest rate for persons unconnected with Friends is 48/- a week. I do not gather from your letter that you wish a reduction below this, but as I understand Miss West is in no way connected with the Society of Friends I do not think it likely that the Committee will sanction any reduction of terms, but I shall be pleased to submit your letter to them. It will be quite suitable for her sister to come and see her at any time, but I fear it will not make much difference in respect to her unsettlement of mind.

Yours very truly,

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead

June 7.

Dear Dr Pierce,

As I told you, I have been waiting to hear from Miss Thompson before writing to you again about the terms. As she is away from home, and it seems uncertain whether she would be able to influence the Comittee as to than usually unsettled, and we have been wondering whether it would be a good thing for my other sister, who has not been yet, to come over & spend a day with her early next week. We should be much obliged if you or Dr Kemp could kindly write and let us know how Annie is just now, and whether you think this would be a good time for this visit. Of course my sister would be delighted to have the opportunity of seeing her again.

Yours truly
Edith G. West.

a concession in our favour, I am writing to ask that we may be put on the lowest terms that are compatible with my sister's having a room to herself, and all the ordinary advantages of the institution. I inferred from what you said that the terms are different in different cases, and I should imagine that my sister's case is among the least troublesome to deal with. I am sending another cheque - this one for £10, and I shall be glad to know how long a time in advance that will cover, when the Comittee have decided what we are to pay. My sister writes regularly and until quite lately, we have been quite satisfied, but in the last few letters she has seemed more

April 29, 1910

Dear Miss West,

I think you fail to understand that we cannot keep Miss West as a Voluntary Boarder, seeing that her behaviour is so uncertain and she has so frequently expressed her wish to leave. I fully understand the difficulty in which you are placed, but there is no doubt your sister is of unsound mind and could be certified as such. As regards the Retreat there are two alternatives: she must either leave or be placed under certificates.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

P.S.

~~If~~ If they don't decide by Monday a nurse will be sent home with Miss West.

influence. I should be glad to know what has caused her conviction that she ought to go to Llandrindod. Did she think my father wished her to go, or is it some other fancy? Thanking you again for keeping us informed as to how matters stand,

Believe me,

Yours very truly

Edith G. West.

Inverkip
Park Road North
Birkenhead

April 28.

Dear Dr Pierce,

We were much concerned to hear from you again about my sister this morning. If she cannot be persuaded to take food, one of us must come over and see her, but I am very much afraid a visit now, might unsettle her to no purpose.

We think it advisable that she should remain as a Voluntary Boarder for as long as you can arrange to keep her, and she will consent to stay – unless she continues to refuse to take her meals. This will give us time to consider and consult before taking a step, which we (of her family) all feel to be quite the last resource. At the same time my brother is of opinion, that unless she comes round to a more reasonable view of things it would be well to put before her quite plainly the possible consequences that may ensue, if she refuses to take advantage of the opportunity she now has, of voluntarily accepting the conditions most beneficial to her. He offers to write to her to this effect; but would send you a copy beforehand, so as to have your opinion as to whether his letter would have a beneficial

Inverkip
Park Road North
April 26.

Dear Dr Pierce,

We were very sorry to hear that my sister continues to be so unsettled. It was quite impossible for me to go to York yesterday, but we wired to Mrs Proctor, who was staying in Leeds, and she most kindly arranged to go over in the afternoon. We have not yet heard from her, but she has so much influence with

my sister, that we hope she may see the wisdom of staying on at the Retreat, at any rate for the present. When we hear from Mrs Proctor we must consider whether any further step is still necessary, but we are most anxious to avoid the necessity of certification.

Thanking you for your two letters received lately, which I shall answer more fully when I hear whether my sister is likely to settle down again.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Edith G. West.

Ans

442 Park Road North
Birkenhead
March 24

Dear Dr Pierce,

Shall you be at home on Saturday afternoon? We are anxious to place my sister under your care, either as voluntary boarder or otherwise, at the earliest opportunity. It is the case in reference to which Miss Frances Thompson made

inquiries from you last Saturday.

My brother and I would like to see you about it. It is much more satisfactory to explain things verbally than in writing, and we shall be glad if you can give us this opportunity. Kindly wire reply.

Yours truly
(Miss) Edith G. West.