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58, LOMBARD STREET,

21/7/13

Dear F. Perce

The enclosed $\frac{9}{16}$ was
given me by Miss Atkins
the daughter of the woman
who was at the Retreat,
they seem unable to
meet it, so with the help
of our Monthly Meeting
& other friends I
have raised £21. 1. 0

a cheque for which I
enclose -

I understand from Mrs
Williams that when her
Father's affairs are
settled up - there will
be £5. coming in,
which she will need
to meet the Balance
will arrange then
for a stone to be
put up.

58, LOMBARD STREET,

Will you please return
the Bill receipts
for £21. 1. 0 to

Mrs Wilkins

38 Stette Road
Hampstead.

Yrs sincerely

J. R. Lillies.

TELEPHONE 36.

HALL, PRATT & PRITCHARD,
SOLICITORS.

BILSTON.

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9th Jany, 1913.

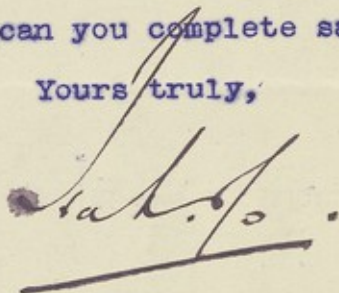
Dear Sir:-

Silvanus Wilkins decd.

From a copy of the death certificate we note that you
certified the death.

We are applying to an Insurance Company in respect of
a policy upon deceaseds life, and they require a Medical Certificate
If we send you the form can you complete same?

Yours truly,



Dr Bradford Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.

9th Jan, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

Elvina Wilkins dead.

From a copy of the death certificate we note that you

certified the death.

We are applying to an Insurance Company in respect of
a policy upon deceased life, and they require a Medical Certificate
If we send you the form can you complete same?

Yours truly,

Dr Bradford Pierce,

The Rectory,

York.

HALL, PRATT & PRITCHARD,
SOLICITORS.

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13th Jany, 1913.

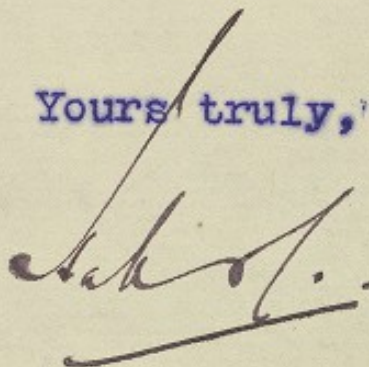
Dear Sir:-

Silvanus Wilkins decd.

We are obliged for your letter -
saying that Dr Pierce would be willing to
give a certificate of death in this matter.

We therefore enclose form required
by the Commercial Union Insurance Co, for
completion.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. H. P.', written over a horizontal line.

The Assistant Secretary,
The Retreat,
YORK.

13th Jan'y, 1913.

Dear Sir:-

Elwynne Williams dead.

We are obliged for your letter -
saying that Dr. Preece would be willing to
give a certificate of death in this matter.
We therefore enclose form required
by the Commercial Union Insurance Co. for
completion.

Yours truly,

The Assistant Secretary,

The Hospital,

YORK.

38, Estelle Road,
Hampstead
Dec: 29th 1912 N. W.

Dear Dr Pierce

We are leaving all the arrangements for my father's interment to you - for no doubt you know he wished to be interred at York in the simplest, & least expensive manner, & with the form of service of the Society of Friends - He also expressed a wish to have no flowers sent so we shall respect his desires as far as possible. I will write tomorrow to let you know which of us will be present at the interment as it is not yet settled - My mother will not be able to make the journey again. —

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins.

18. Dittell, Frank
St. Paul, Minn.
Dec 20th 1902

Dear Mr. Dittell

We are receiving all the
arrangements for our winter
to you - for our about 1000 persons to
visit to be interested in work in the
university. I think you will be
with the group of students of the faculty
of students - We also expected a visit
to have no further work to use at all
except for the winter as far as possible
I will write tomorrow for your return
which you will be interested in the
university as it is not yet settled
the winter will be with the students
the morning of the

Yours sincerely,
L. J. Dittell

38, Estelle Road,

Hampstead

Dec: 27th 1912. R.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you for sending the telegram this morning. — Mother is feeling the effects of her long journey somewhat, but is much comforted by seeing father again, & relieved to know that he has been so free from pain. — I should have much liked to come up today but do not feel justified in adding to the expenses but I shall hold myself in readiness to come up any time you think well. —
Again thanking you.

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins.

34 Castle Street

Stamford

Dec 27 1912

Dear Sir

I thank you for sending me
the report this morning
on the subject of the new
arrangement but I must confess
to be rather of opinion that
it has been so far from
what I have much liked to
hear and that I shall find
it the expense but I shall
be anxious to come up
and see it.

Yours truly

Wm. L. ...

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
Dec: 30th 1912 L. W.

Dear Dr Pierce

My eldest sister, & I hope to
be present at the interment tomorrow.
Thank you for your letter of this morning.
We were all comforted to hear that
my father's last hours were peaceful. —
I enclose a copy of a note found
in my father's desk from which
I gather several certificates will
be required. —

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

38 Little Road
Barnstable
Dec 27 1912

Dear Mr. Jones

I am glad to hear of
the success of the subscription
I thank you for your letter of this morning
I am sure all contributed to hear that
my father and I were successful -
I enclosed a copy of a note found
in my father's chest of paper which
I rather severely criticized will
be returned -

Yours sincerely
Franklin D. Jones

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
Oct: 2nd 1912 R. W

Dear Sir

Thank you for your letter of the
28th ult. —

Enclosed you should find P.O. (6) to the value
of £4..7..6 on account; & on behalf of my
father Silvanus Wilkins

It is a great relief to us that the Committee
have so considerably reduced the amount
owing, & have allowed so long a time
for the payment of the arrears - it will
be a great help to us in our present
straitened circumstances. —

With grateful thanks
Yours faithfully
Josephine Wilkins.

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Sept. 28, 1912

Dear Madam,

Your letter of Sept. 14 was carefully considered by the Committee at their recent meeting. They are desirous to meet you as far as possible, and have accordingly reduced the charge to 12/- a week from the date of the Recommendation of Westminster & Longford M.M., Feb. 16. This will reduce the arrears to £40.3.6. This amount they are willing to reduce by £20, leaving £20.3.6, which can be paid off by instalments at your convenience. Your proposed payment of £4.5.0 a month will provide a surplus of about 32/- a month beyond the 12/- a week "Recommended" rate, which surplus will go towards the arrears, and will pay off the £20.3.6 in about a year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Wilkins

1. The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year, and the second section deals with the specific results of the work.

2. The second part of the report deals with the specific results of the work. It is divided into three main sections: the first section deals with the results of the work in the field of agriculture, the second section deals with the results of the work in the field of industry, and the third section deals with the results of the work in the field of commerce.

3. The third part of the report deals with the conclusions and recommendations. It is divided into two main sections: the first section deals with the conclusions and the second section deals with the recommendations.

4. The fourth part of the report deals with the appendix. It contains a list of the names of the persons who have taken part in the work, a list of the names of the persons who have given assistance, and a list of the names of the persons who have given advice.

38, Estelle Road
 Hampstead
 Sept. 14th 1912 U.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

When I sent the last amount for the fees, (on behalf of my father) after I had seen Mr Gillett, I was under the impression, erroneous it appears, that the fees had been reduced - now I understand that the reduction was only conditional on the amount in arrears being paid - The arrears are due to the fact that I have been ill & therefore unable to support my mother & sister & myself, & it is quite impossible for me to pay the amount except in small instalments, which I shall certainly endeavour to do if the improvement in my health continues - As regards the current fees I shall be able to send all my father's monthly honorarium £4..5..5 at the end of this month - We very much regret the arrears as we are so very thankful for all the kindness & comfort that father has received during the last seven years - comfort & advantages for which we feel the fees are quite inadequate, & it is for

that reason, that, although we were, &
are, absolutely without any resources,
except the money we earn, up to last
year we have devoted the whole of my
father's income to his needs, & have
ourselves provided for mother. —
We should be glad if you would
kindly convey our thanks & regrets to
the Committee, when opportunity offers —
with kind regards.

Yours sincerely,
Josephine Wilkins.

Sept. 11, 1912

Dear Miss Wilkins,

It will be quite convenient for you to come tomorrow to see your father. He is still feeble and helpless, but there is not much change.

I expect to be away myself, but I should be glad if you will have a talk with Mr. Waller respecting the account, as our Committee will expect a report upon the matter next Tuesday.

Yours very truly,

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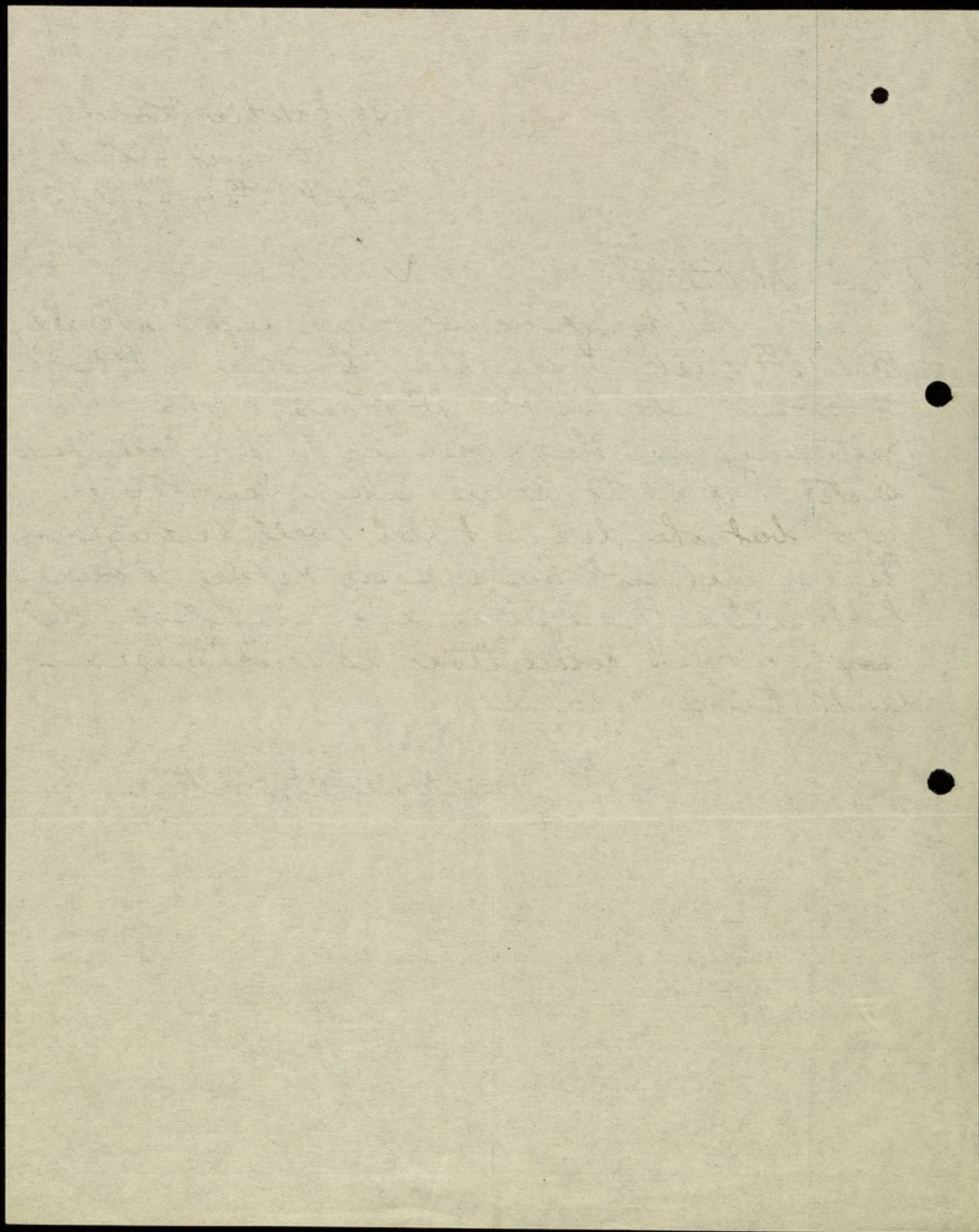
38, Estelle Road
Hampstead
Sept 10th 1912. U.W.

Dear Dr Pierre

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I propose to come up on Thursday
the 12th just to see my father - I hope
to come up by the 10^{am} train, & shall be
returning in the evening to London - My
sister hoped to come up a few days
ago but she did not feel well enough -
As we did not have any reply to our
last letter of enquiry we suppose that
~~my~~ father's condition is unchanged -
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins



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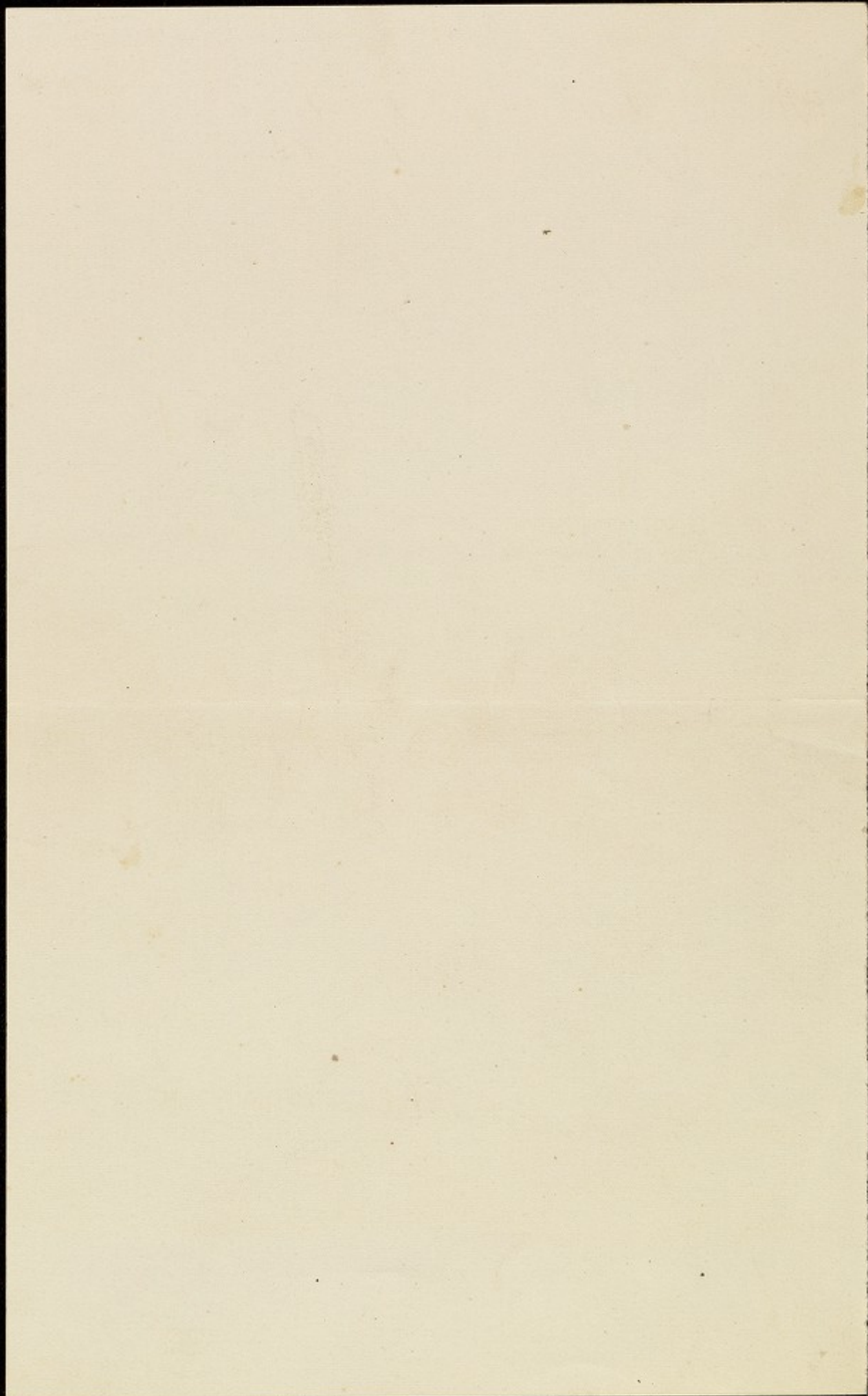
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Recommendation. Digned. 16 Feb. 1912

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Belle Mead

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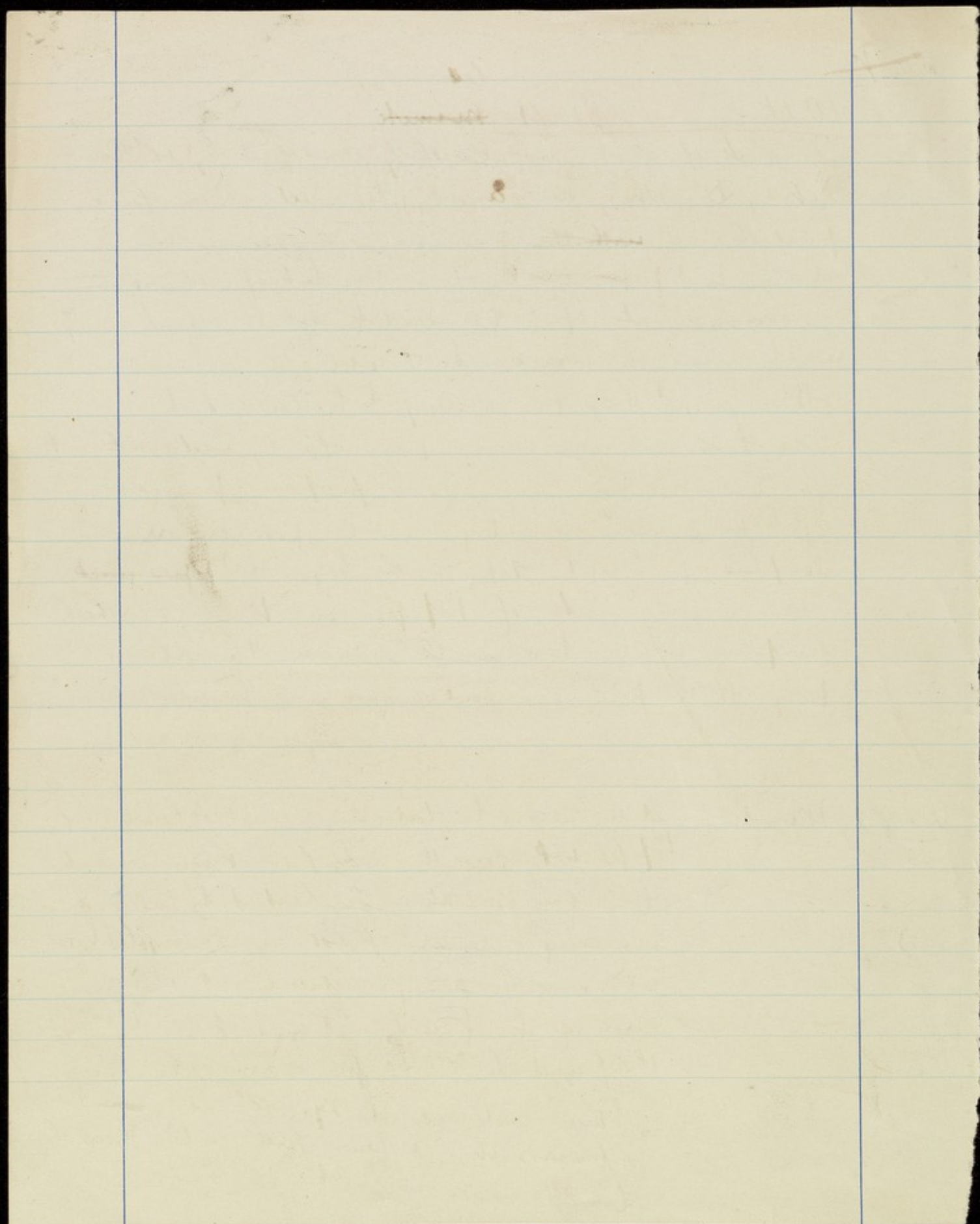
Draft ~~Minute~~

For note of — was ^{7th} Carefully considered by the Com^{tee} yesterday & they are anxious to meet you as far as possible — & ~~with this~~ have accordingly reduced the charge to 12/- per week from the date of the recommendation of W & L M^{rs} in Feb. 16 This will reduce the arrears to £40.3-6

This amt they are willing to halve — & to pay £20 — which can be paid off by instalments at your convenience. The proposed payment of £4.5.0 per month will provide a surplus of about 3/- per month beyond the 12/- ~~per week~~ "recommended" rate of 12/- per week — which surplus will go towards the arrears & will pay off the £20 in about a year

Draft Minute

It is decided to date the reduced terms of 12/- per wk from the date of the Recommendation of W & L M^{rs} in Feb last, & to halve the remaining arrears of £40 — say to £20. wk. may be paid by instalments at the convenience of the family. They propose to continue the payment of £4.5.0 per ann. the excess of the amt over the 12/- rec^d rate, — will go towards the arrears, which will thus be discharged in abt 12 mos



TELEGRAMS "ALERT, SHEFFIELD".

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CODES USED:
A.B.C. 5TH EDITION AND
COMMERCIAL 2ND EDITION.

TELEPHONE
Nº 79

7. Parade Chambers, High St.,

SHEFFIELD.

17th. July 1912.

S. Wilkie

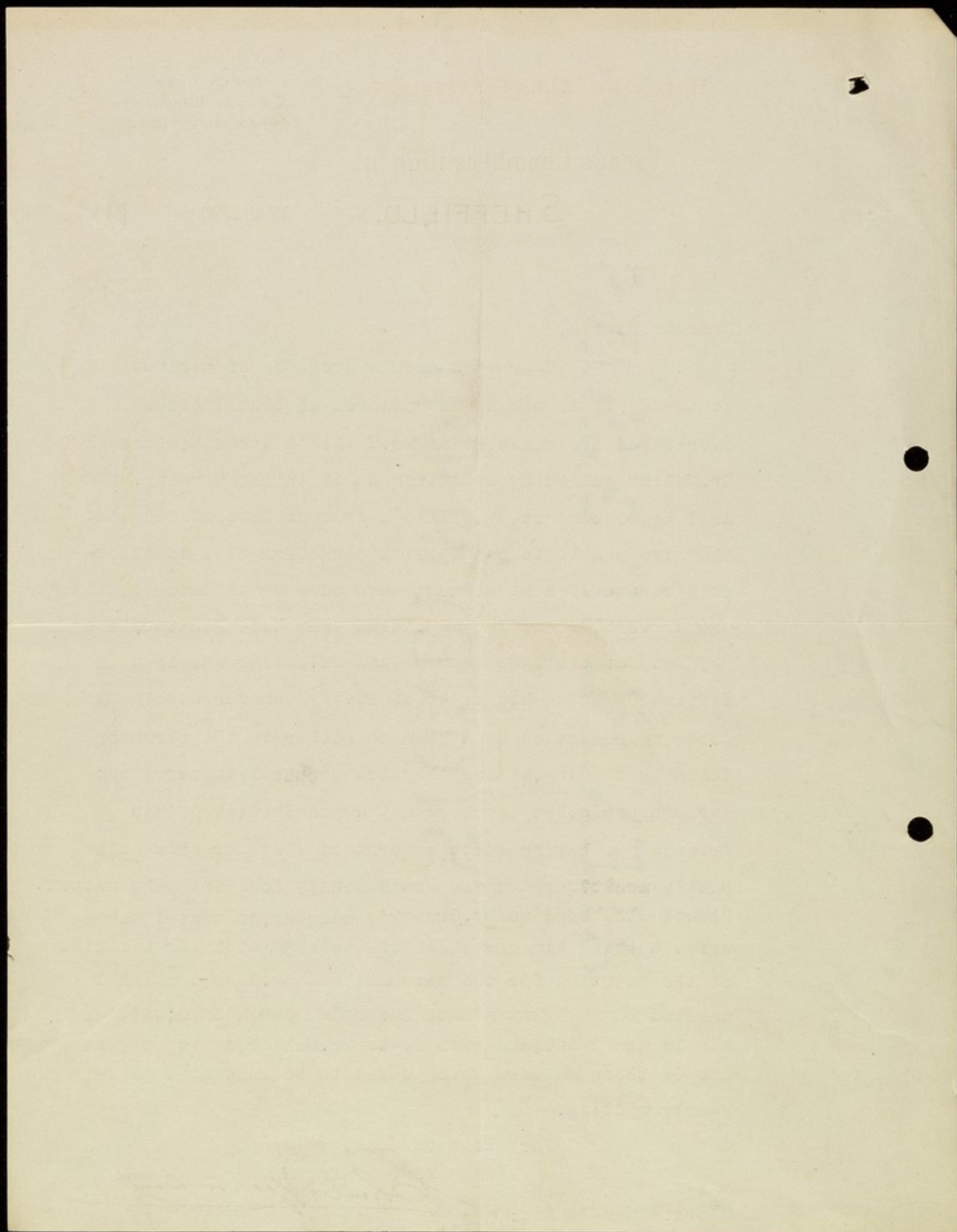
Dear Dr. Pierce,

There was such a pressure of business yesterday it is not to be wondered at that I quite overlooked the position of Mr. Wilkie's account, although Mr. Waller called my attention to it in the morning. As I understand it, Mr. Wilkie's friends have stated that they are unable to comply with our offer of a considerable rebate if a settlement were made up to date of all the arrears, but at the same time they have remitted the payment for the last quarter, and Mr. Waller was in a difficulty as to how to treat it. If I am correct in my facts, no reduction must be made either in the terms or the amount owing, unless they are prepared to carry out our proposals, but is there not a possibility of his friends not having quite understood what our proposals really meant? Perhaps you would kindly look into the matter. Please also send me Mr. Gröner's address, so that I may write & thank him on behalf of the committee for his gift of the painting for the Recreation Room. Also, I think I omitted to make any minute recording our thanks; will you kindly draft one, and give it to Mr. Waller, as it is just one of those matters which ought to be read at a half-yearly meeting.

Very kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Charles J. Gorman
Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D.,
York.



last letter: - & also
that Mother keeps
up wonderfully -
with kind regards

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

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38, Estelle Road
Hampstead
July 4th 1912. G.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

By this post
I am forwarding
the fees, at the reduced
rate; for the quarter
March to June 1912. -
I regret I am unable

to send any of the
arrears this time
we should be glad
to hear how father
is as we have not
heard since I was
up in York in
February. —

If possible we

should like him
to know that we
all thought of him
on his birthday last
Sunday, & that
my brother in Australia
is keeping well
& sent all good
wishes to father in his

38, Estelle Road
Hampstead
July 4th 1912 U.W.

Dear Sir

Enclosed with
this you should find
one B. of E. note for
£5 & Postal Orders
to the value of
£3.2.6 (total amount

£8.2.6) in
payment of fees,
at reduced rate;
from March to
June 1912...on
behalf of my father
P. Wilkins. —

I am sorry
I am unable

to pay any of
the arrears this
quarter

Yours faithfully
Josephine Wilkins

Drac Sharp writes that his
Qm funds were not available.

J R Fillett was here Mrs
Wickins ^{found out} ~~say~~ what her means
were - I can send your letter on
to him & ask what he thinks.

Yours sincerely
Charles Gordon Smith

RICH^d F. & C. L. SMITH.
TELEPHONE NO 13861 CENTRAL.

26, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London
W.C.

22nd Mar 1912

Dear Beapro Pierce

Servanus Wickins

I am obliged for your note.

His very awkward about his man-
dry monthly meeting does not seem
inclined to find the £35 arrears. It
was suggested we should apply to
his Quarterly meeting & we did so but

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March 1, 1912

Dear Charles L. Smith,

Many thanks for the recommendation and guarantee. We quite understand that you cannot guarantee any payment of arrears. The Committee, however, were willing to allow the reduction in terms to be retrospective for three months, provided some arrangement could be made for the payment of these arrears; and they would also make a grant of £5 or possibly more from the Endowment Fund.

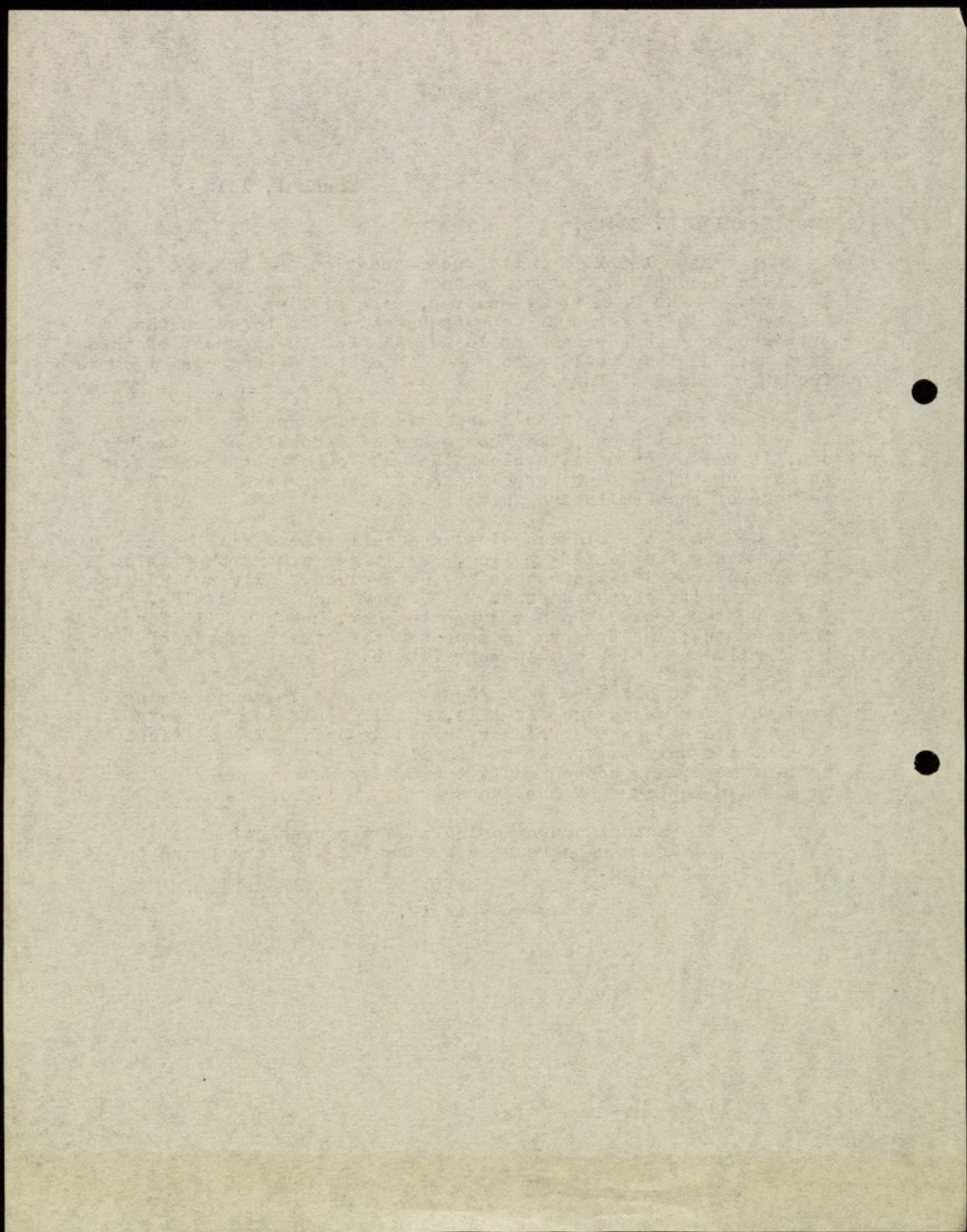
I have seen Miss Josephine Wilkins and gone over the question with her, and though she will do all she possibly can, it seems to me quite clear that she ought not to be asked to make up this amount herself; and it appears that no other members of the family are able to help.

When the old man dies apparently there will be a little money from a life policy, but it seems hard that this should be used if it can possibly be avoided. Silvanus Wilkins has an annuity of £50 a year. There is an invalid wife. The daughter I saw, who has supported her, has been ill for three months; and from various causes the other members of the family are able to help very little.

I do not know what funds there are in your meeting available for cases such as this, but it would seem to me ^a eminently a case where Friends should assist. The difficulty is that the only member of the family who is a Friend is the patient here, and consequently the matter has probably not been under the care of the Overseers at all.

The actual amount owing at the present time is £ , which can be reduced by about £ by the Retreat as I have explained.

Yours very truly,



and his guarantee can only
run from now - I asked

Mr. Gullett to see Mrs. Watkins re
wrote down about his financial
state of his family but it is
wonderful he has not yet done so
as until we could get his papers
back we had not his address which
I am sending him today,

Sincerely yours

- Chas. L. Smith

forgot to say it has not
been with me

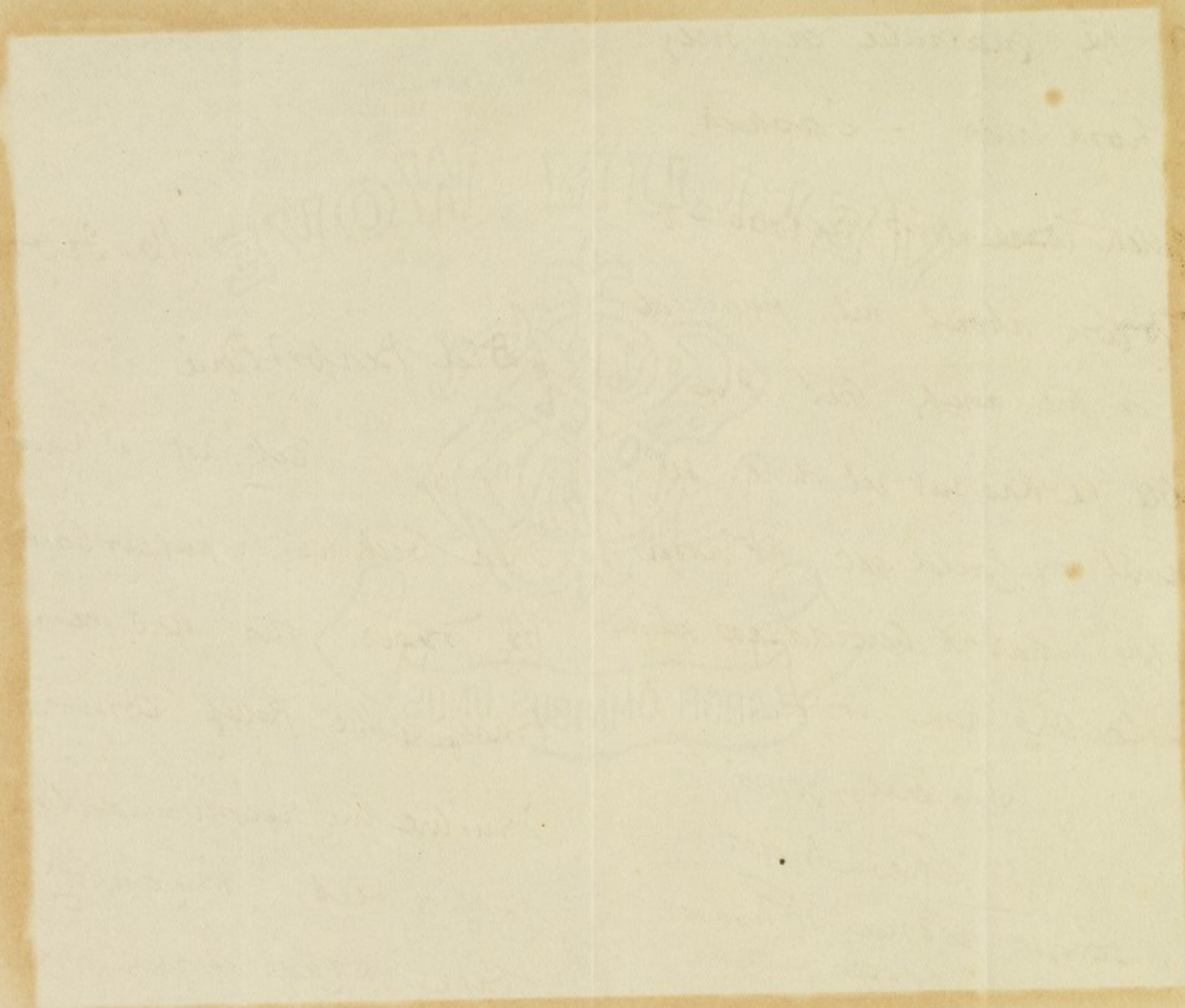
RICH^d F. & C. L. SMITH.
TELEPHONE NO 13861 CENTRAL.

26, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London,
W.C.

16. Feb 1912

Dear Bradford Piers

at last I have got
Mrs Watkins papers back from
Mr. Frazer who had them on
behalf of the Relief Committee &
I enclose the recommendation for
12/6 a week. We cannot under
take to clear off any arrears



WESTMINSTER & LONGFORD MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

CHAS. LAWSON SMITH,
CLERK.

62, ST. MARTIN'S LANE,
LONDON, W.C.

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Dear Beaufort

Dear Perkins.

The meeting decided on Tuesday to
make the recommendation but I have
been too busy since then in the form

of my call. I shall be at my

Office 26 Lincoln's Inn Fields on Monday

at 11 or 12 or 10.20 - Feb. 13. 1861. Yours

Sincerely

Chas. Lawson Smith

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The Secretary is instructed to obtain the signature of the Clerks of privileged Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to the annexed form, before the reception of a patient recommended for admission to the Retreat, at the lowest rate of payment. (A privileged Monthly or Quarterly Meeting is a Meeting having the right to recommend patients at the lowest rate).

THE RETREAT, YORK.

(date) 16 of 2nd month, 18/912

To the Treasurer of the Friends' Retreat, York.

I, the undersigned *Charles Lawson Smith*

Clerk of *Westminster & Longford Monthly* Meeting,
hereby recommend *Silvanus Corleius*

for admission to the Retreat, York, at the lowest or "recommended" rate of payment
[which is at present ^{twelve} ~~fourteen~~ shillings per week, but is subject to alteration]; and I
hereby undertake on behalf of *Westminster & Longford* Meeting, and by
its direction, to guarantee that the quarterly payments shall be made as they become due,
in accordance with the rules of the Institution.

Charles Lawson Smith

Clerk to *Westminster & Longford Monthly* Meeting.

N.B.—The rate includes the charge for Board, Lodging, and Medical care, and 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.

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.

The undersigned is authorized to obtain the signature of the Secretary of the State of New York to the following certificate of incorporation of the New York State Board of Health, and to execute the same in the name of the said Secretary of the State of New York.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the said Secretary of the State of New York, at Albany, New York, this 1st day of January, 1901.

JOHN W. ALLEN, Secretary of the State of New York.

JOHN W. ALLEN, Secretary of the State of New York.

$$\begin{array}{r} 50.00 \\ \underline{4.34} \end{array}$$

$$37.10.0 - 8 \text{ Dec } 31$$

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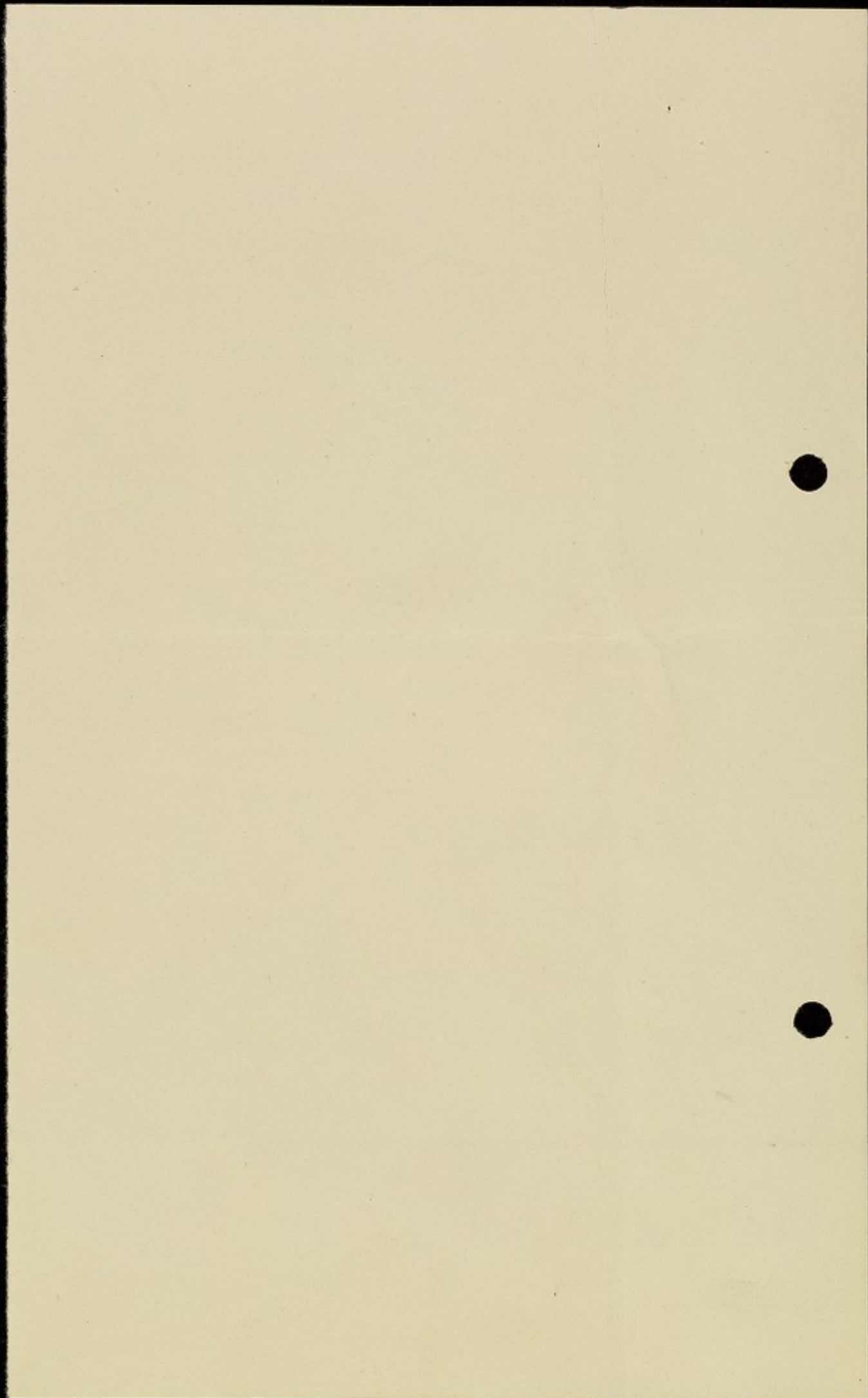
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£ 50.

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Mr Wilkins total income is £50 -

Mr Wilkins is 73. Has no private means.

What she had was spent before husband came under care.

Mr W. has been supported by children.

None in rock position.

Son - in Australia. can send over my little.

only £2 a week.

daughters - Mother of Orpington Home.

J. daughters - profusely - nurse has been ill for 6 mths.

daughters - invalid - ~~costs~~ + ~~cost~~ a care.

daughters - paint miniatures. only just keeps herself.

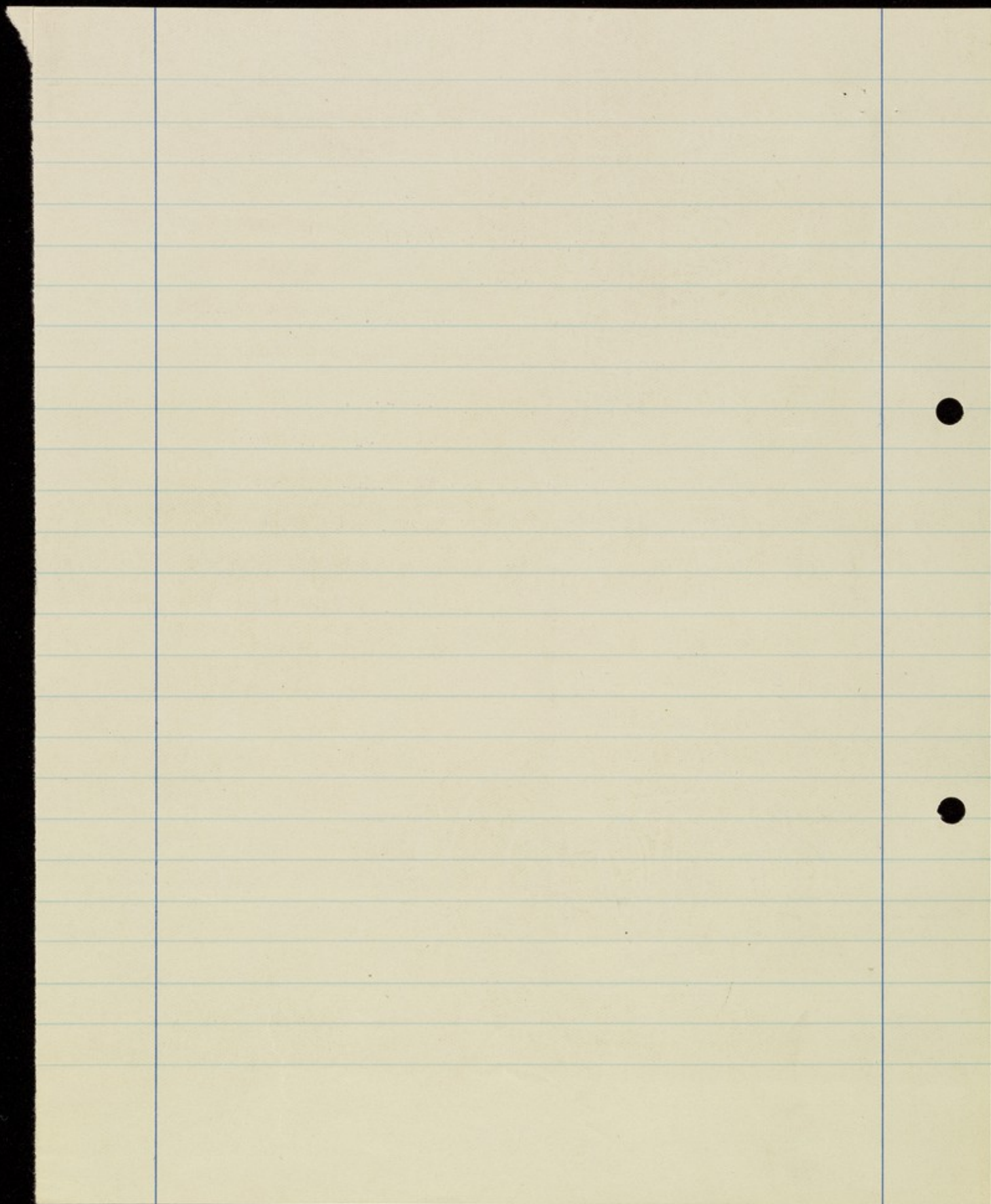
The children are not friends. Mr Mr Wilkins

About £35 is wanted.

There is a policy in existence kept alive by the bank.
but there are some charges on them.

The daughter pays £2 a year for two other policies.

daughter fully expects to repay the £35 in time.



Jan. 25, 1912

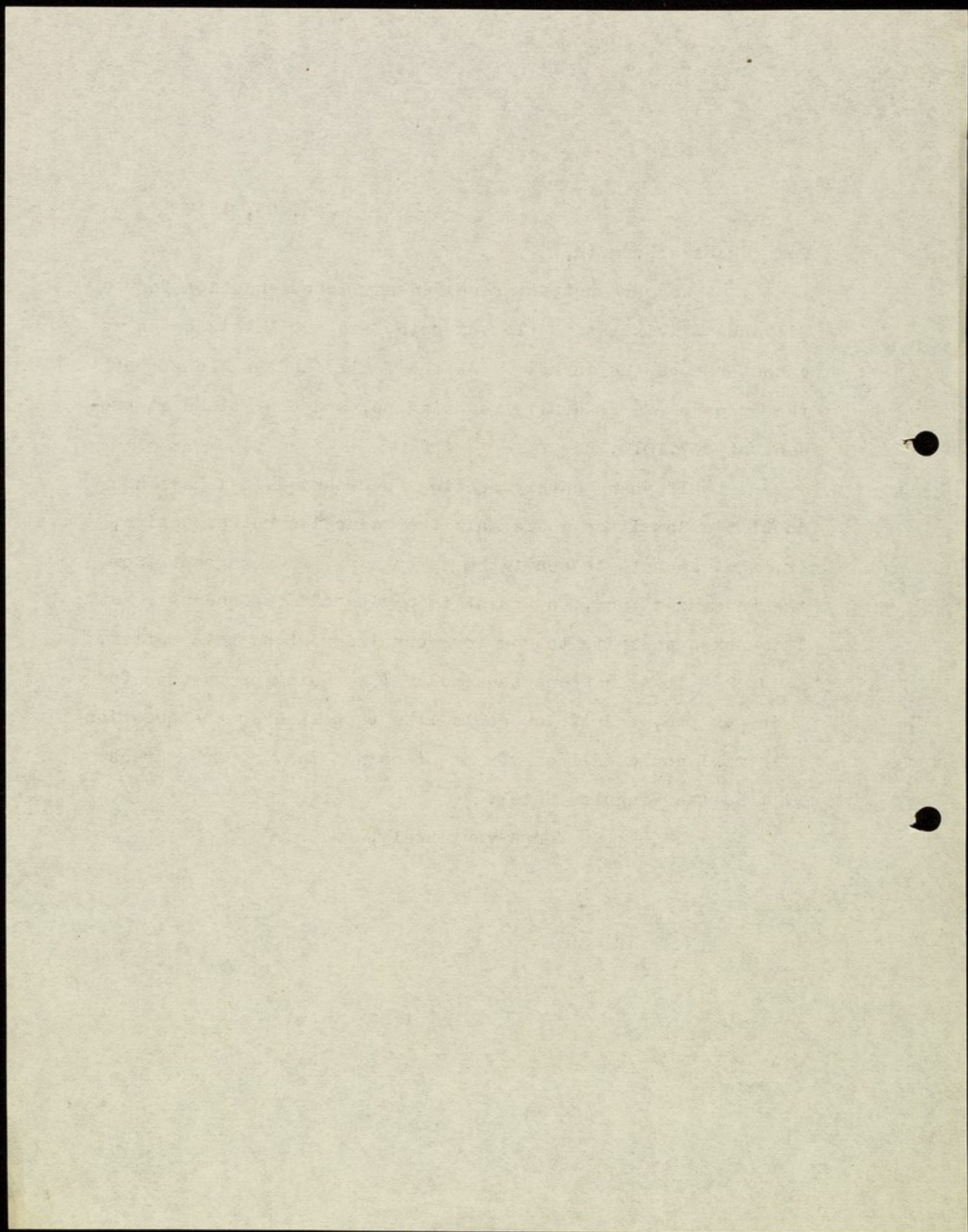
Dear Charles L. Smith,

We have not yet received any Recommendation for Silvanus Wilkins at the lowest rate, and until this comes we cannot reduce the terms. As the family are unable to pay the arrears are gradually mounting up, and they stand at present at £37.10.0.

If your Monthly Meeting recommended it I have no doubt the Committee would make the reduction retrospective, or, what amounts to about the same thing, make a grant from the Endowment Fund, to assist in paying off the account, but I am asked to write to you for your judgment on this matter.

It so happens that today I am going up to town for a day or two, and if you would like to talk over the question with me I could call on you at Lincoln's Inn. My address will be the Kingsley Hotel.

Yours very truly,



any difference in the
Yours faithfully
C. E. Wall

Jan 8 1912

Dear Madam

Mr. Wilkins

The account for Mr. Wilkins
is how so much is so near that it
will have to be submitted to the
Committee when they meet next
week. It would be well if you
could send at least half the
amount by then. We have not
heard from the Monthly Meeting that
the recommendation for reduced
terms has been carried through.
As that I am not able to make

any difference is to be
 given forthwith
 Wm. B. Allen

Jan 8 1912

Wm. B. Allen

Dear Madam,
 The account for the collection
 is now so much in excess that it
 has been the subject of the
 Committee when they have met
 last - It would be more proper
 that such a large sum should be
 accounted for than - We have not
 heard from the Society for some time
 the communication for the
 year has been received through
 so that we are not able to make

38, Estelle Road
Hampstead
Jan: 11th 1912. G.W.

Dear Mr Waller

I beg to acknowledge your letter re the overdue fees - I have been waiting a reply from Mr Gillett, & have now written to him for a definite answer on the matter.

Yours faithfully
J. Wilkins

30, Little Road
Weymouth
June 11th 1912

Dear Mr. [illegible]
I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the 10th inst.
concerning a copy of your book
on the subject of the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

8/10/1911

31, LYNTHURST ROAD,
HAMPSTEAD, N. W.

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Mrs D. Price

I have received an application
from the daughter of S. Wilkins
who is an inmate at the 'Retreat'
& a member of Westminster M. M. C.
asking the Monthly M. C. to guarantee
the quarterly payments for her

father at reduced fees - I

Suppose we are right in doing
this? His daughter named

far from strong —

Yrs
Jonathan Lullier.

38. Estelle Road
Hampstead
Sept. 16th 1911. L.L.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

I hope to come up to
see my father on Tuesday the
19th inst. I shall be coming up by
the train that gets in at 1:30 p.m. so
shall be up some time in the
afternoon -

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins



Sept. 4, 1911

Dear Miss Wilkins,

We have duly noted the change in your address.

It will be quite convenient for you to see Mr. Wilkins at any time. You will find him feeblor, both in body and in mind, than when you last saw him. He spends a good deal of time in bed, and does not take much interest in what goes on around. I will tell him the news about your brother.

Yours very truly,

1911, 1912

1913, 1914

1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920

1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930

1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940

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1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960

1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970

1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
Sept 1st 1911 G.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

We have let the house at Harrow, which my brother took, as we were unable to keep it on now he has gone to Australia & we have returned to our old rooms at 38 Estelle Road Hampstead - I have not been well myself & have not been able to do much nursing this last 10 months but I hope to send the account the end of this month - I should be very grateful if you could ask the Committee to grant me this grace - If you think it will not confuse my father will you tell him that we have returned here - He might also be pleased to hear that my brother is feeling better for the voyage & has started light outdoor work in Melbourne & hopes to do better if his health continues to improve.

I hope to come up to see my
father this month. It seems a
long time since I have seen
him. —

Yours faithfully
Josephine Wilkins

My brother has been
ill again, & is having
an enforced rest, &
is most likely going
out to Australia
for 6 months later
on in the summer,
so wants to take
this opportunity of
visiting his father -
With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

15 Parkfield Road
South Harrow
April 26th 1911

Dear Dr Pierce,

My brother
proposes to come
up to see my father
on Friday or
Saturday - He,

will most likely
only stay in
York the one
night. —

I have not written
to my father to tell
him my brother
is coming in case

it should excite
him too much. —
I thought perhaps
it would be better
to leave this matter
in your hands — I
expect my father will
be very pleased because
they have not seen
each other since my
father's first illness. —

Please note Change of
address.

15 Parkfield Road
South Harrow

April 15th 1911

Dear Sir

With this you
should find two
B.O. £; notes for £5--
& Postal Orders to the
value of £2.10.0,
(total amount £12.10.0)

in payment of the
enclosed account
on behalf of my
father S. Wilkins.-
We were very pleased
to hear that his
condition was
improving

Yours faithfully
Josephine Wilkins

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.



Mrs. Watkins

38 Estelle Rd NW

Gospel Oak
Hampstead
London

confer with Dr Pierce please
I think I am in my last
moments here
Sewanus Wilkins

POST CARD.

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Dear Sir

I think I am in my
last moments. I thought it
best to notify you.

Ever gratefully

John Adams Webster

ence

The Retreat
York

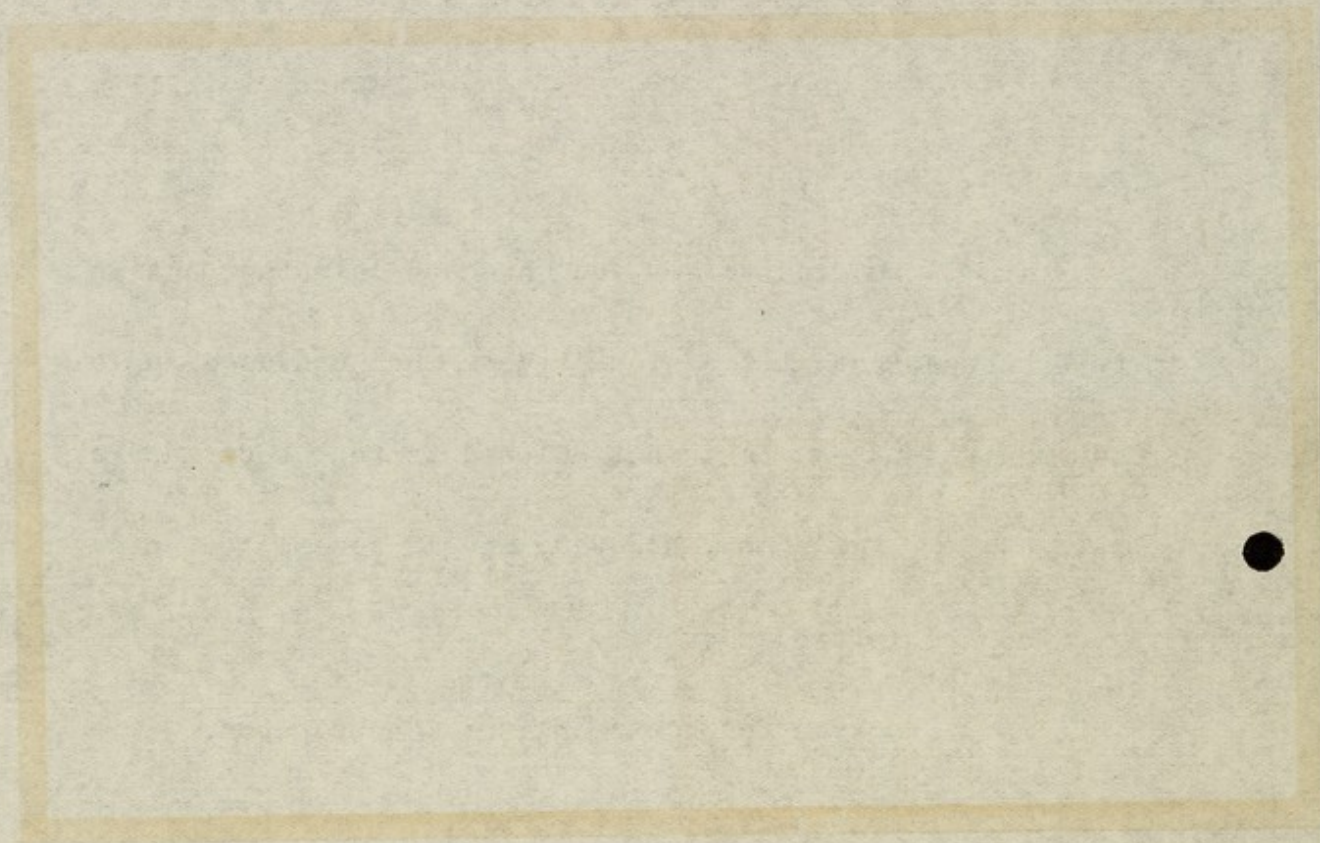
March 24, 1911

Dear Mrs. Wilkins,

I am glad to say your husband is rather better than he was, but at times he is very much confused and can not understand why he is not allowed to roam about as he pleases. He is not, however, nearly so excited as he was when he left Scarborough.

Thankyou for returning the Census paper.

Yours very truly,



15 Parkfield Road
South Harrow
March 22. 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose census
form & much regret
mistakes I read that
Column as meaning where
Mr. Wilkins was now
living but found
on further inspection
it meant my husband's
birthplace. - Of course
I will fill in another
paper if necessary, and

the above is my new
address.

I trust Mr. Wilkins is
going on comfortably &
in better health, but
no doubt the cold
weather must have
tried him very much.

With kind regards,

Yours Truly,

Julia Wilkins.

Feb. 27, 1911

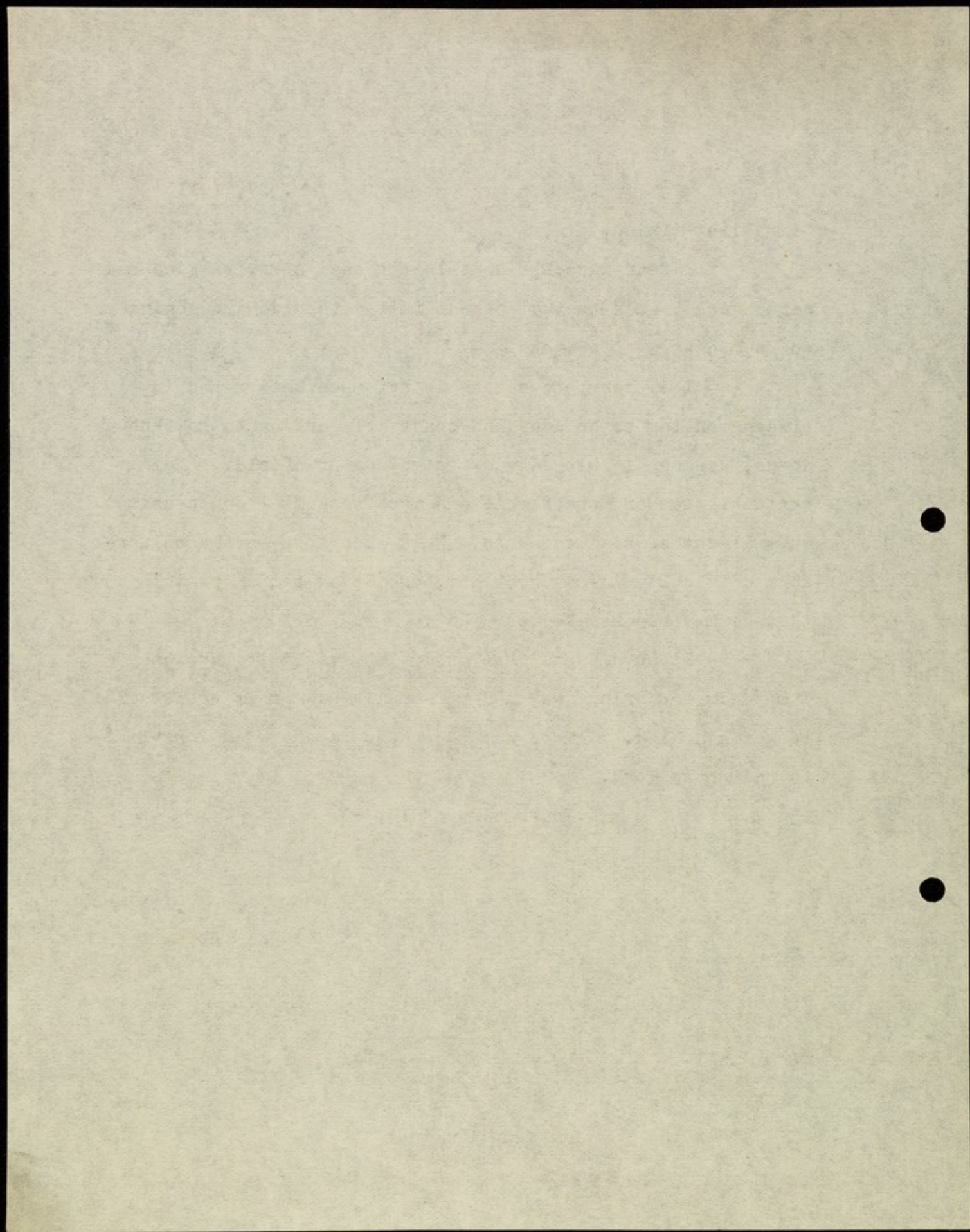
Dear Miss Wilkins,

I fear Miss Elkins's letter saying Mr. Wilkins had been brought back to the Retreat failed to reach you owing to your change of address.

I am sorry to say he is not much better and is always wanting to be away and constantly asking to go through doors, apparently with a view to going far afield. He is certainly rather more feeble and much resents the necessary curtailment of his movements. We therefore have considerable difficulty in managing him, and it is not impossible that he may become excited again.

It so happens that on my last visit to Throxenby I met him wandering away and personally had great trouble to get him back. This was the reason I arranged for him to return to York.

Yours very truly,



Sister to kindly
let me know how
he is. —

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Josephine Wilkins

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Richbors'

Parkfield Road

Roseth

South Harrow

Feb. 24th 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am writing

to tell you that we
have changed our
address — My brother
who lost his wife in

November has asked
my mother & us to make
our home with him
for the present so we
have given up our
rooms at 38 Estelle
Road Hampstead
& have joined him
at the address
at the top of this

letter - I have written
to Sister at Roseneup
Hall to tell her of the
change so that she
can remind my father
if at first he forgets
the alteration -

We have not heard
from father for some
weeks & I have asked

I should be relieved
if the visit could
be put off until
then —

With kindest regards

Yours truly
Josephine Wilkins

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead

Sept: 30th 1910 L.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

I last saw
my father on March
30th, & I intended
to come up again
early this month

but am just
finishing a case
of Scarlet, & shall
not be out of
Quarantine until
about the 12th prox
(Oct) possibly a
few days later. -
I should be glad

to hear from you
if that will be sufficient
near to the date to
carry out the ~~trial~~ ^{trial} ~~worthy~~
Agreement - because
it will be rather
difficult for me
to arrange for anyone
else to come up, &

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead

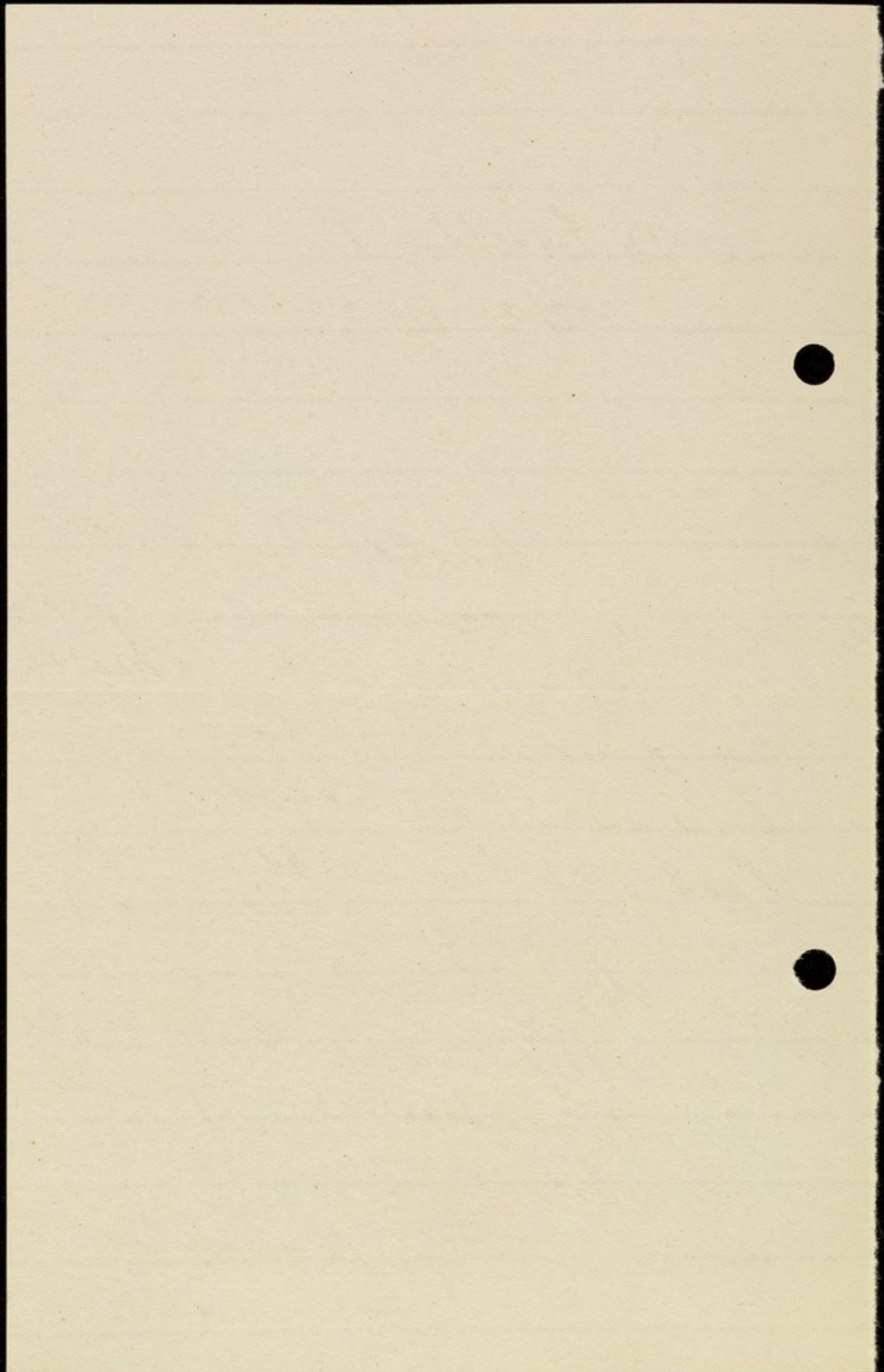
July 14. 1910

Dear Sir

I hasten to acknowledge account & satisfactory report of Mr Wilkins' health so hand to day.

Please convey to the Retreat Committee our very grateful thanks for the grant of £5—so kindly made towards the maintenance of my husband.

I am
Yours truly
Julia Wilkins



house, & I shall be
going away on Wednesday
so shall not be able
to look after him.
I shall go through
to Scarborough unless
I hear from you altering
the arrangements.

Yours truly
Josephine Wilkins

483

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
Sept. 23rd 1909. G.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

I have had
a postcard from
my father this
morning telling
me not to come

up because he is
waiting for a letter
from you. I had
settled to come up
on Saturday by
the 10:35 a.m. so that
I could use a cheap
weekend ticket. &
I should like to keep

to that arrangement
unless I hear to the
contrary from you.
I hope my father is
not wishing to come
down to us because
it would not be
convenient. We have
no room vacant in the

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
July 16th 1909

Dear Dr. Pierce

As my nurse
daughter is not returning
from duty so soon
as she expected, I
hasten to ask you to
accept & convey to the
Retreat Committee
our grateful thanks
for the generous grant
of £5 - towards Mr. Wilkins'

expenses. It comes
very opportunely.

We are all much
pleased to receive
so satisfactory a
report of my husband's
state - tho' no doubt
he has found this
scorching summer
somewhat depressing.
With kind regards
& many thanks

I am
Yours truly
Julia Wilkins

be too much for
him. —

I am sorry to have
been so long answering
your letter. I went
off to a serious case,
& have not had much
time for sleep so
left my letters
unanswered. —

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

32 Estelle Road
Hampstead
July 13th: 08 H.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

Thank you
for your note, & the
offer of the "grant" which
will certainly settle
the difficulty of
the expense. —

Our landlord has
kindly said he will
allow us the use
of his daughter's room
while she is away
for her holiday
which will commence
about the 24th of this
month; - & I will
let you know for
certain which date

will be convenient.
but it will not be
before the 24th -
I do hope my father
will not try to do
any business when
he comes down -
because that seems
to be his intention.
I feel the effort would

I thought perhaps
it would be unadvisable
for me to discuss the
subject with him. —
We were all sorry
to hear of W^m Swan's
illness, & hope her
condition is improved.
With kind regards from
Mother

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

(937)

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead
Nov. 19th. 08. N.W.

Dear Dr. Pierce

We hope you
thought my father
not much upset
by his visit home. —
We were glad he did

not stay longer
because he was
already worrying
about money and
doing business, &
was not having
good nights.
We were also
distressed to find

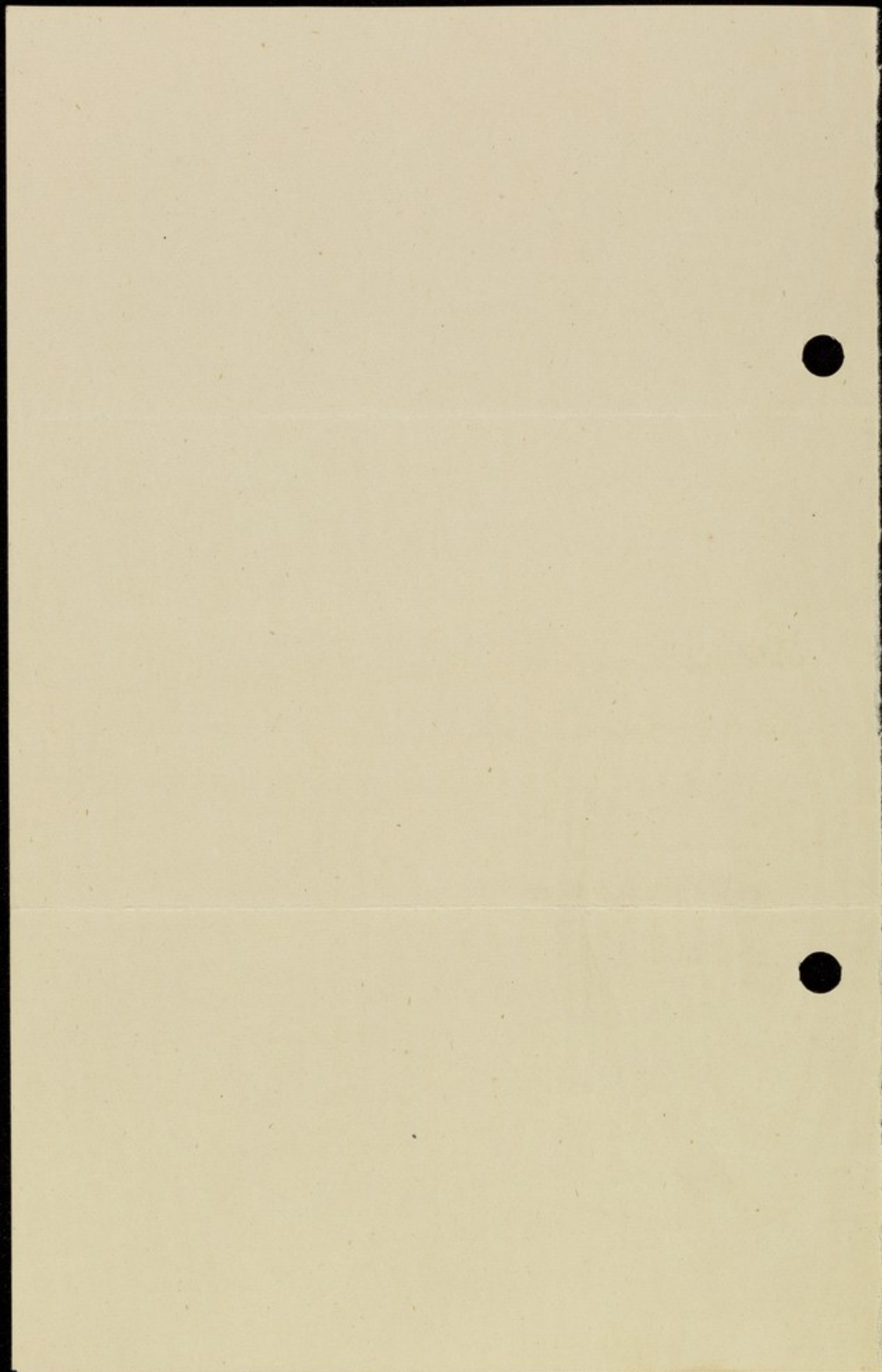
that he seemed quite
convinced that he has
~~not~~ been ill, & that
we have plotted
to ruin him, & send
him away - I
asked him to have
a talk with you
about this - because

38 Estelle Rd.
 Mount of 29th. Oct. Hampstead
 N.

Dear Dr. Bedford Tiers

Thanks for your letter with
 which I agree all round as it
 will carry me into the month
 of "reaching London particulars" to
 which I am native born and I
 stipulate for Monday the day
 farthest off. I will not fail
 in honoring my parole but why
 not let "grace abound" & extend
 it another 3 weeks otherwise
 it excises time that would
 be most profitable to me &
my family but needs must
 when the superintendents coax.

Your adage of kind people being
 cruel is best brought out by Dickens
 in his exclamation of O! the inconsis-
 tency of things! Ever yours truly,
 Bed's respects to
 all home circle, Silvanus Wilkins



I can see somewhat of
 an excitement strain
 upon him. —
 I may have to leave
 home any day after
 Friday. & He does not
 seem equal to going about
 alone in the rush of
 motor traffic in town.
 Everyone who has seen
 father is surprised at
 his wonderful return
 to health & strength under
 your care. — I believe
 father is writing you tonight
 with sincere thanks
 Yours truly
 Josephine Wilcox

38 Estelle Road
 Stamford
 Oct 26th:08. N.W.

Dear Dr Pierce
 Dr Mackenzie
 wrote me that tonight
 let you know how
 long it would be
 convenient for my
 father to stay with us.
 I should like him
 to return Friday but

certainly by Monday
the 2nd Nov: —

Father has Reph very
well, & has been
very busy going
down with me to
The British Museum
to see if he could
gain some information
for you about John
Newton, & is I think
a little disappointed

He has not been successful.
He is now talking of
studying the Shinto
faith with the view of
writing a paper; & also
of staying in town to get
some Directorships.
I am anxious he
should return before
he overstrains his
strength — because
the visit home has been

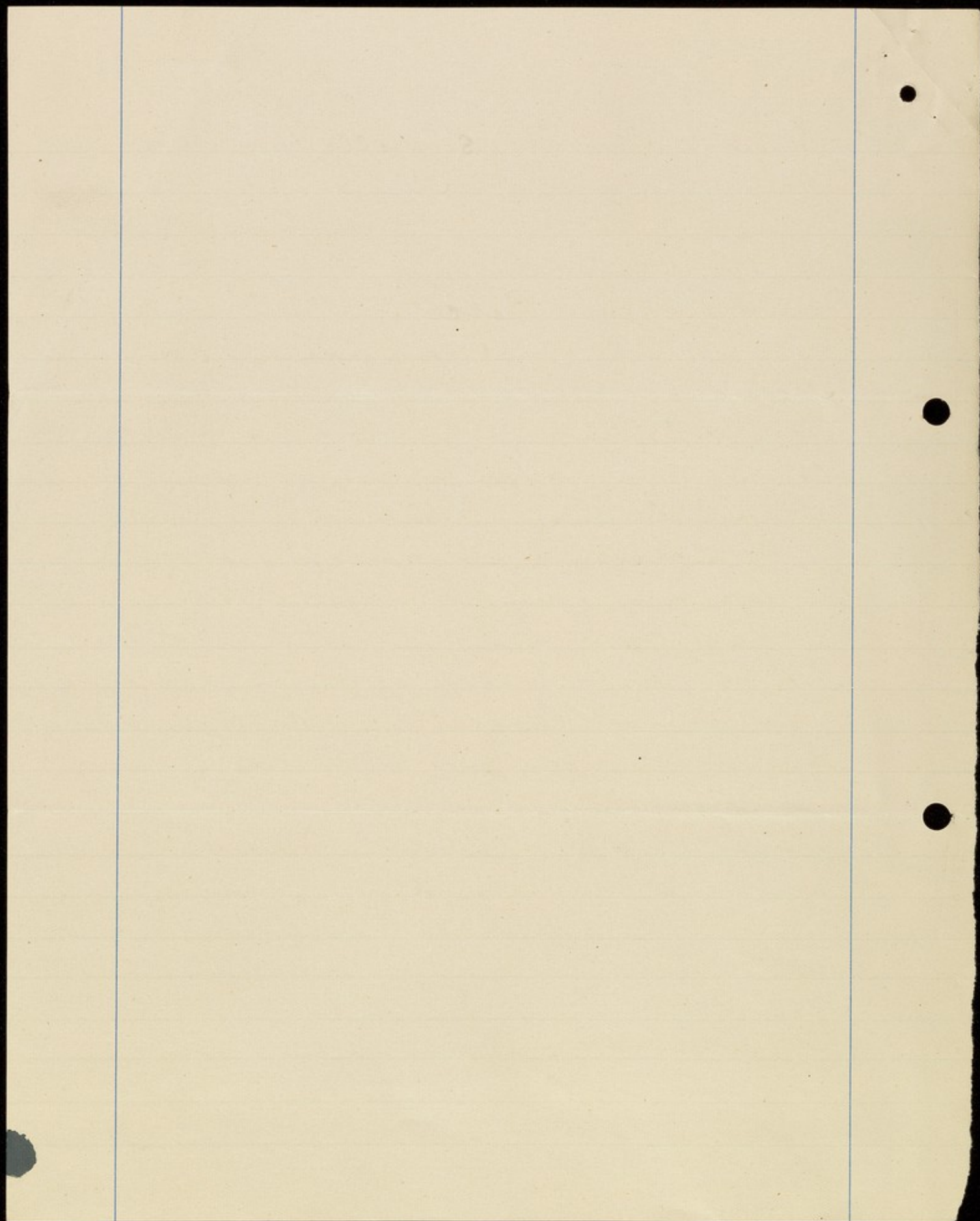
38 Estelle Road
 Hampstead. U. W.
 27. Oct 1908.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce.

My first four days in town (the second at the White City) with making calls, & being called upon, were reduced to little more than 3 hours each day, with my daughter, at the British Museum library.

I had perhaps over earnest hopes before the 28th that I should have called out to you the famous word "Eureka," but I am sorry to say all my research so far has been unavailing. But "John Newton" is, I may say, a massive subject.

The "works" by him, about him, of him, from him & to him, number nearly 200. He wrote over 260 Hymns. His letters, Table-talk, Authentic Narratives, &c &c run into a few hundreds. The Hymnals roundly over 500, in many of which might or ought to be found the special note relating to the slave freight, has fairly beaten me, but I am not in despair, quite otherwise, if



time & strength he granted me. I have scouted around it & have eliminated a great deal, clearing it aside for any future work.

"Conversion" is a condition or state that guides or tends always to a final or perfect beauty of holiness - from sin to saving.

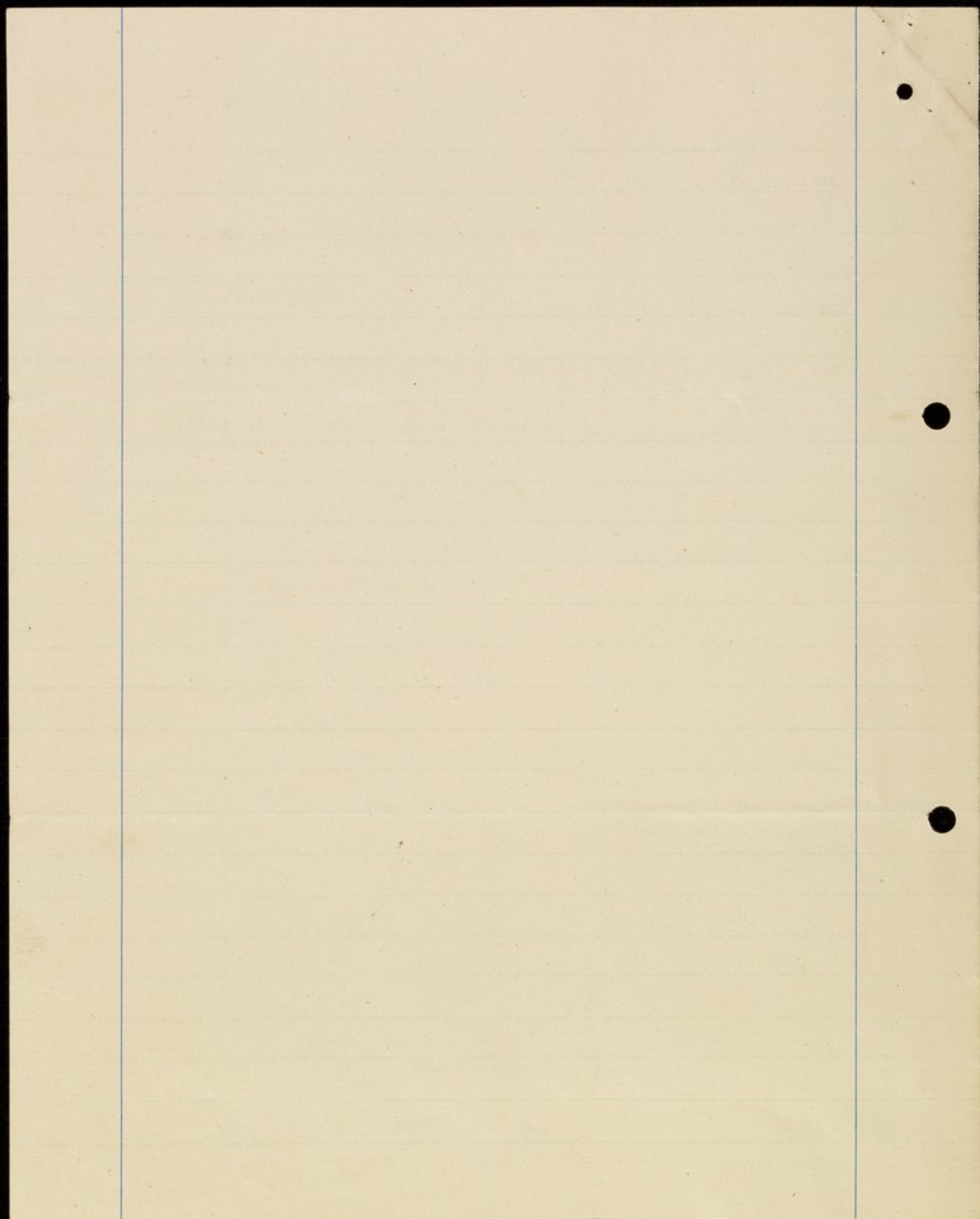
Newton's life is an example more complete than I knew of or thought.

I sense no ill-effects from the "diversion" except my old complaint "anno domini."

My best respects to Mr. Pierce to whom I shall feel greatly obliged if she will send me photos of your daughter and son.

Ever gratefully yours

Levanus Watkins



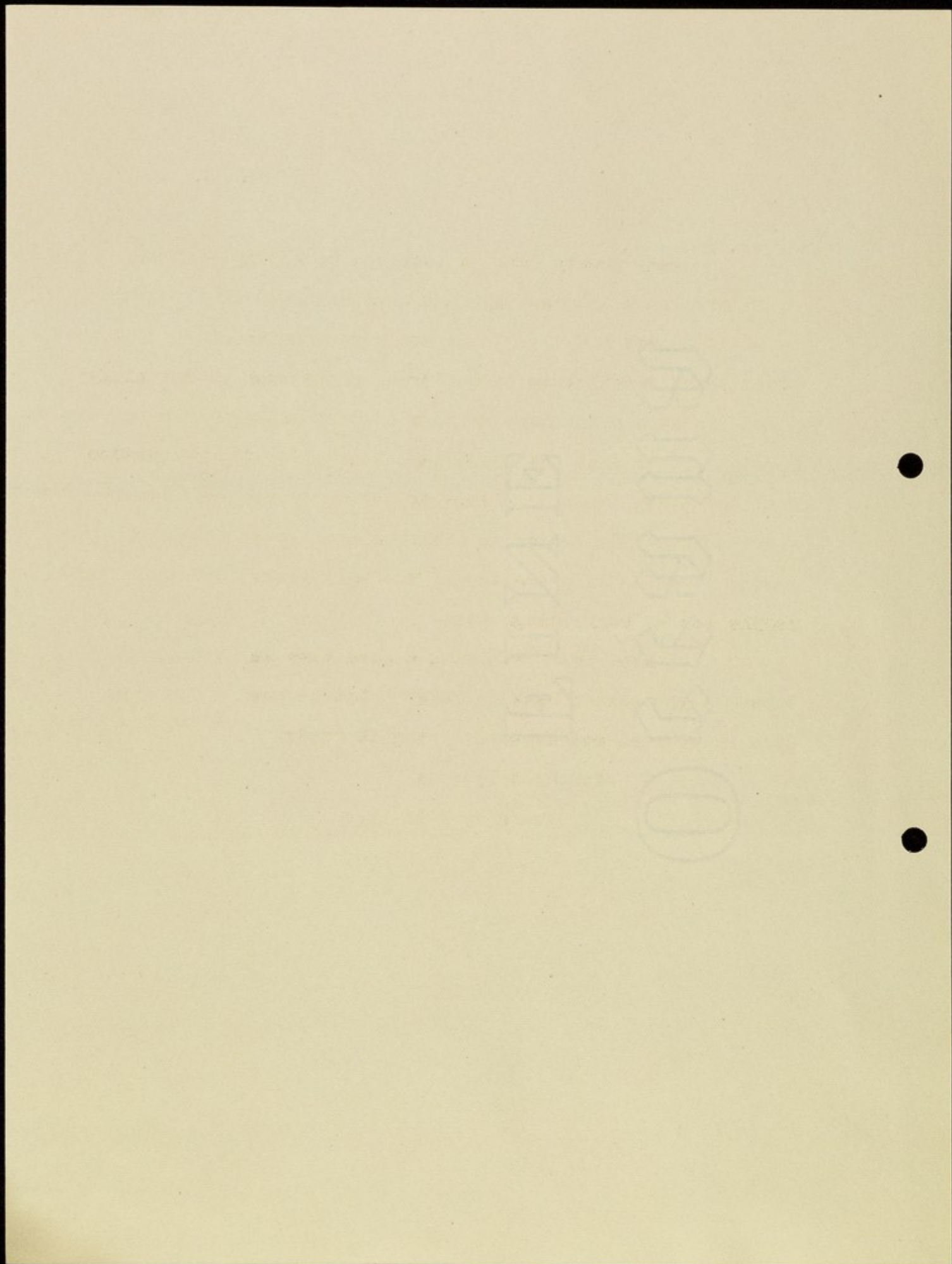
Oct. 29, 1908

Dear Mr. Wilkins,

Many thanks for your letter. We shall be quite ready for you on Monday next. I, myself, shall be away from home, and so shall not see you for a few days after your return.

Kindly let us know by what train you are coming.

Yours very truly,



Oct. 27, 1908

Dear Mr. Wilkins,

Many thanks for the book you so kindly sent me. It is extremely interesting, and Miss Hamilton in particular is very pleased with it. It would seem quite clear that my story about John Newton is not true, and though he certainly paced the deck of a slave ship he did not write a hymn while he did so, but that the hymns came long after the connection with the slave trade. Please do not worry yourself further about this. The matter is really a small one, and I only wanted it as an illustration of the well known fact that kind people can be very thoughtless.

I hope you are having a good time in London. When are you coming back to York? Let us have a few days notice as we must see that your room is ready.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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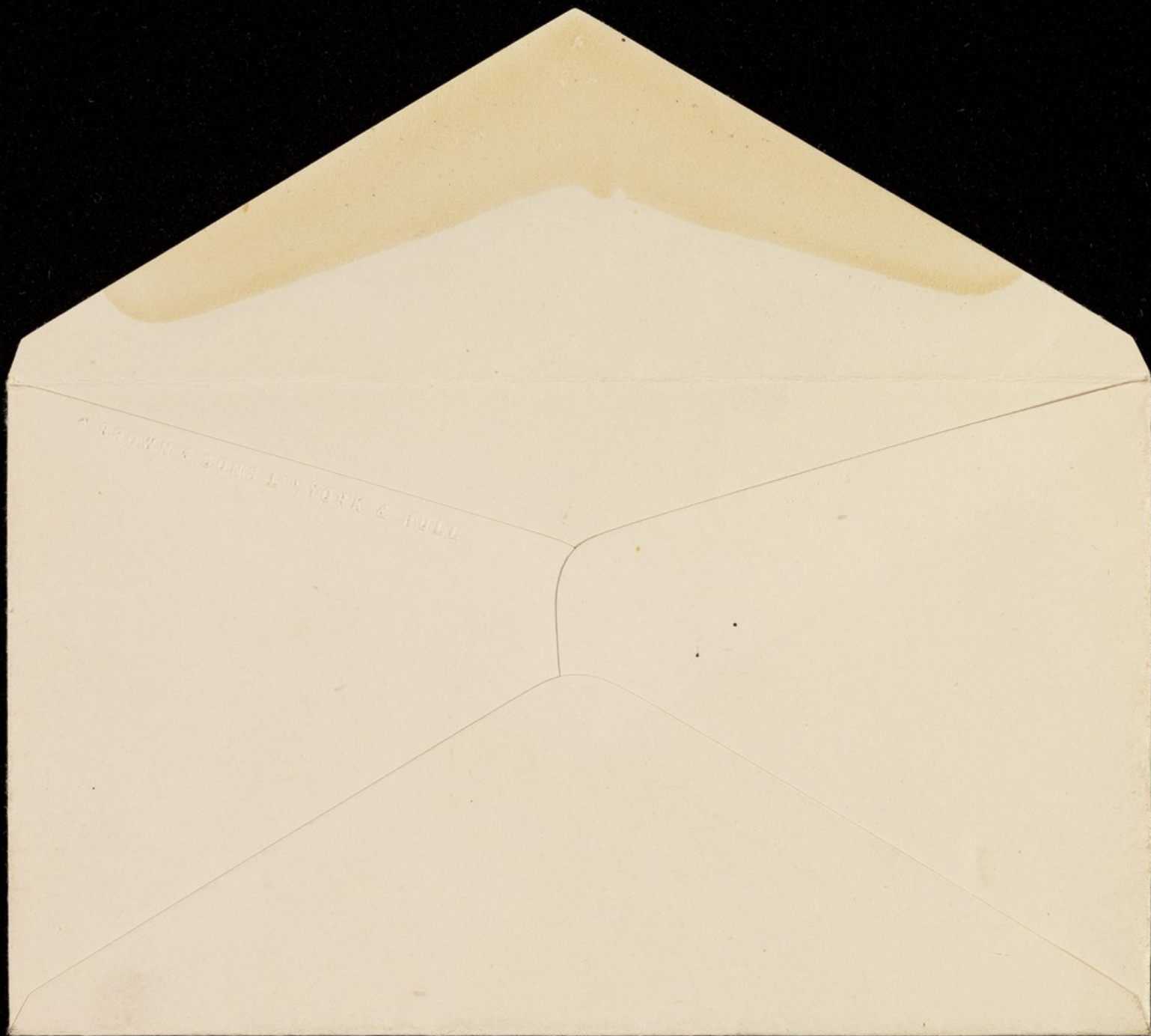
M^r John Rockwell

Winchendon

Massachusetts.

H. S. A.

S. Watkins



If he comes home I do
hope he will make
a real holiday of
it & not try to do
any business -
With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins

Write address

30

38 Estelle Road
Hampstead

Oct: 2nd: 08. D.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

Am writing
to tell you that we
have moved from
32 Estelle Road to

38 in the same road.
My father has ^{telegraphed} ~~written~~
to ask me to go
up on Monday
to see him. —
I have written to
tell him that I can
come up Tuesday

week but if you would
still like him to come
down to stay with us for
a fortnight — I could
arrange to be with him —
from Tuesday 12th. —
If not I would come
up to stay with him. —

he comes. —

We feel it is most
Kind of the Committee
to make this grant
towards the expense
of the visit —

I will forward the
money for L. Wilkins
account the first
week in August. —

Yours faithfully
Josephine Wilkins

547

32. Estelle Road

Hamfstead

July 24th:08. h.w.

Dear Sir

Thank you for
your note of the 21st.
inst: which has been
sent on to me. —
I am down at

Cambridge with a
patient at present
& shall not be
able to arrange
for my father's visit
until my return
to town. —

Directly I do return

I will let you
know the date, & the
train by which we
should like my father
to travel —

I will arrange for
him to be met at
King's Cross — when.

in the country by the
Doctor's orders so
altogether it would
be most inconvenient.
& I hope you will
be able to persuade
him to defer the visit
until later in the year.
With kind regards &
many thanks for all
your kindness
Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkin's

476

32. White Road
Hampstead
July 6th/08. U.W.

Dear Dr. Pierce

My father has
written to mother
to say that you have
agreed to allow
him to come down
here on a visit if

we could arrange
it. —

I have had to write
to tell my father
that we cannot
arrange a visit
yet a while. ~~because~~
since he has been
away we have
given up one room
(we are living in rooms,
not a house) in

order to reduce our
rent, & it is now
occupied so we are
unable to have it
until later on in
the year —

Also I can not
afford the money
so soon after the
expense of bringing
mother up to see him.
My brother is now away

BEAUCASTLE,

BEWDLEY.

3. 3. 08

Dear Sir

I don't understand
what Mr. Wilkins wants
but will send some kind
of reply - he was a member
of R. George's Guild & gave
Mr. Ruskin very liberally
but these amounts are
not loans but gifts -
Some few years ago as
Master I lent him £15 &
he deposited with me

at some security a
microscope which is
here - I fancy he is
troubled about this &
has a heavy idea of
giving it to the officers
of the Retreat -

I know nothing of his
financial position but
think the "Duke" gives
him some annuity

Yours truly
Geo. Parker

(990)

32 Edelle Road

Hampstead

Nov: 29th/06

U.W.

Dear Dr Pierce

I find I shall
be able to come
up to see my father
on Monday Dec:
1st - I shall come

by the 10 am train
from King's Cross
& shall go on
to Scarborough
unless I hear
to the contrary
from you. —
I expect I shall

have to return
on Wednesday
I have not written
to anyone at Scarbro:
to say I am coming
(except my father)
but I suppose I shall
be able to get a
room. —

Yours sincerely,
Josephine Wilkins

(603)

32 Edelle Road
Hampstead

Aug: 18th / 06. H. W.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you
should find 2 B. & E. notes
for £5, & Postal Orders for
£2. 10. total £7. 10. -
on account of S. Wilkins -

I am sorry I am
unable to forward
the amount for the
travelling expenses
this time but will
endeavour to do so
next quarter. — Please

convey our thanks
to Dr Pierce in this
matter. —

Yours faithfully
Josephine Perkins

better; & he seems
eager to see
my mother. —
Please let me know
if this arrangement
agrees with your
wishes

Yours sincerely
Josephine Wilkins
would you please address
the reply to
32. Estelle Rd
Hampstead
U.W.

347
At
Miss Hearson
1 Clifton Lawn
Ramsgate
May 21st/06.

Dear Dr Pierce

As I am to
have 1 wk's holiday
from the 25th inst. —
I thought of going
home on that date,
& on Saturday the

20th I propose to
come up to York
with my mother
to see my father
P. Wilkins - we
should stay over
Sunday, returning
Monday or Tuesday.
I should like to
stay with Mr.

Longhorn if she
should have a
room vacant.
I shall not bring
my mother up unless
I think when I see her
she is equal to the
journey - but I believe
it would be a comfort
to her to see my father
now he is so much

(239)

26, Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London.

W. C.

RICH^d F. & C. L. SMITH.
TELEPHONE NO 13861 CENTRAL.

24 Mar 06

● Dear Friend

I am obliged for your letter
of 22nd as to Silvanus Wilkins
and am writing to Claude Taylor
asking him to arrange matters.

It is of course understood that
the monthly meeting takes no sure
no guarantee as to the payments - though
I do not doubt the relatives will
pay all right

Yr. faithfully

Yours faithfully

Chas. F. & C. L. Smith



Wm
addresses
nm

(214)

25. Wellington Rdth
Brighton
17. 3. 06.

Dear Sir,

As my brother has
recd a P.C. from my
father asking, my bro-
ther to try his utmost
to come & see ~~him~~
as soon as possible
to receive his parting
words & to place some
papers of importance
in his keeping -
I shall be glad if
you will kindly
send me a reply
as to the present state
of my father's health

^{state}
if there is any danger
of sudden death -
May I ask you too
to give the enclosed
note to my father

When my mother
wrote me last
week she said
father's health
varied as usual -
So concluded from
this there was
at present no im-
mediate danger -
In case of any
sudden relapse
will you wire
to my mother & to
my brother whose
address is as follows

M. Wilkins
90. Riley Road
Sewes Road
Brighton

M^{rs} Wilkins
32. Estelle Road
Hampstead
London. N.W.

With apologies for
having to trouble
you -

Believe me
Yours sincerely
Miss B. Wilkins
(eldest daughter)

FIRM

W.H. DUIGNAN,
G.D. ELLIOT,
CARL DUIGNAN.

TELEGRAMS
"FINAL, WALSALL"
TELEPHONE NO 41.

Walsall.

February 6th, 1906.

Dear Sir,-

I have received a letter from Mr. Silvanus Wilkins, which he dates from "The Retreat, near York". It is a sensible enough letter, but I suspect from the address that he has been confined as a lunatic. He asks me to come & see him. I have known him for many years, & should never have suspected him of being of unsound mind; but I have not seen him for ten or twelve years, & do not know Mrs. Wilkins's address. I should feel obliged if you would give me any information you possess about him, or give me the address of the family.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Superintendent,
The Retreat,
Nr. York.

W.H. Duignan

February 6th,

Dear Sir:-

I have received a letter from Mr. Silvanus Wilkins, which
he dates from "The Retreat, near York". It is a sensible enough
letter, but I suspect from the address that he has been confined as
a lunatic. He asks me to come & see him. I have known him for many
years, & should never have suspected him of being of unsound mind,
but I have not seen him for ten or twelve years, & do not know his
Wilkins's address. I should feel obliged if you would give me any
information you possess about him, or give me the address of the

family.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

The Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

*Been here for the last 12
years. I should like to see
him.*

(62)

32 Estelle Road
Hampstead

Jan 25th/06 D.W.

Dear Sir

As I was unprepared
to meet such an
increased account
this quarter, I am
unable to send
you the whole amount
(£25.9.5) at once.

I am sending
£15 (3 B. of £. notes £5)
now, & will let
you have the
remainder as
soon as possible -
I should be glad
if you would
send me a

form of application
for the "recommended
rate" —

Yours truly
Josephine Wilkins



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 Sylvanus Wilkins of 32 Estelle Rd
Hampstead as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Dringsted, The Mount York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or
cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson
as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or
Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging,
Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the
Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed
by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or
extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of
the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in
the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay
or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said
Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said
Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any
accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days
from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital.
AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the
said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary
or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 27th day of June 1905

Name Sylvanus Wilkins
Residence 32 Estelle Road Hampstead
Occupation Hospital trained Nurse

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Mal: Murrells.

8 South Hill Park Gardens.

Nil: =

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.

