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22nd December, 1916.

Dear Dr. Cash,

I saw Miss Emily Willmore last night and again this morning, and it seems clear that she is a good deal improved recently, and she has gained strength both mentally and physically. She unburdened herself freely, and evidently is much distressed in mind, being suspicious of others as well as being self depreciatory and accusing herself of unworthiness.

I see no reason why she should not progress favourably, though the history is rather a long one, and she has had one or two previous breakdowns and she appears to be of rather a morbid temperament.

I advised her to go to our branch house at Throxenby, where we have a household of convalescent and mild cases, and I think she will find congenial society there. Miss Evans is staying with her for a short time there.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

22nd December, 1916.

Dear Mr. Willmore,

I saw your sister last night and again this morning, and after thinking the matter over I advised her to go to our branch house at Scarborough as a Voluntary Boarder, and this she has done to-day. Miss Evans is staying with her there for a day or two to help to settle her in. It so happens that there is quite a nice party of ladies over there and I think your sister will find pleasant companionship.

Though I have had a good many particulars of the case from Miss Evans and from Miss Willmore herself, I should be glad if you will fill up the enclosed form as to the history of the case, giving particulars of the attacks she had some years ago.

So far as I can judge I should not think the present illness will be of very long duration, though I find it is not just merely a question of the last few weeks, but there has been mental strain lasting quite a long time, and, of course, the anxiety and trouble relating to Mrs. Willmore's long illness have had much to do with the present breakdown.

The address is Throxenby Hall, near Scarborough, but I have no doubt Miss Willmore or Miss Evans will be writing to you from there.

I remain,
Yours very truly

4 Florence Terrace

Falmouth.

16. 9. 1919.

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Dear Mr. Pierce -

I am sending you a bowl which I thought might perhaps stand on your sideboard or some such convenient place, as a holder of apples or other kinds of fruit. I sincerely could not think of anything to send you, for your own personal use, which I should have liked to do. I hope that you & Mrs. Pierce will not find this in the way. Also that it will reach you sound & unbroken - Miss Etkin told me that Miss Clark had left Throxbury, & altho' she won't quite well, I greatly hope that the change back again to her home & people, for which she longed so much, will bring back to her the joy & the fulness of life which have been hers.

I had great pleasure, a while ago, in receiving a letter from Mrs. Raper, altho' it was not cheerful as regarded herself but that I did not expect. I feel as if she belongs to me in a certain sort of way, & I would like to be able to help to make her happy. The Gregsons too I shall hope to see again one day, & my other kind friends in the North - Kendal & the North go together.

I hope you had a good holiday in Stawes, & that you will always have good news from your boy in France. My brother is also in France now, having previously joined the F. W. V. R. as a Carpenter. He is at Dôle busy in that capacity. It may be that the Committee will put him on

to other work, in connection with the stores & their distribution
in one of the districts. He is only lent by the F. A. U. as ^{present}
& if that wants him for Hospital or Ambulance work, it
would recall him to itself for it.

I find the days too short for all I wish to do, & I would
like it to be the beginning of Summer instead of the end,
but there is next summer to look forward to, when surely
the war will long have been at an end.

The news that Mrs. Morningson was not so well surprised
me much & I am so sorry. She loves Natural History
things, & I wondered if it would be any good for me to
send her anything. It might interest her, or there might
be something else I could do.

Hubert Gordon's visit to Falmouth was most welcome.
He & Violet Hodgkin came one day to see us, & we had
the most interesting of times. They & Father grew quite
excited over his corns, which Father brought out to show
them. Violet Hodgkin is so ^{re}freshing & vivid, & Hubert too
is full of liveliness. These North Country friends do us
South Country ones good.

With kind regards, & if you are ever down in these parts,
do not forget that I live here & should be glad to see you,
any.

Sincerely yours

Emily Ballmore

4. Florence Terrace
Falmouth

Jan. 23. 1917

Dear Friend -

I am much obliged for
the Cheque (£7. 6. 6) received
this afternoon - receipt for which
I have signed - & enclose
herewith.

Yrs. truly

Marian Willmore



28th July, 1917.

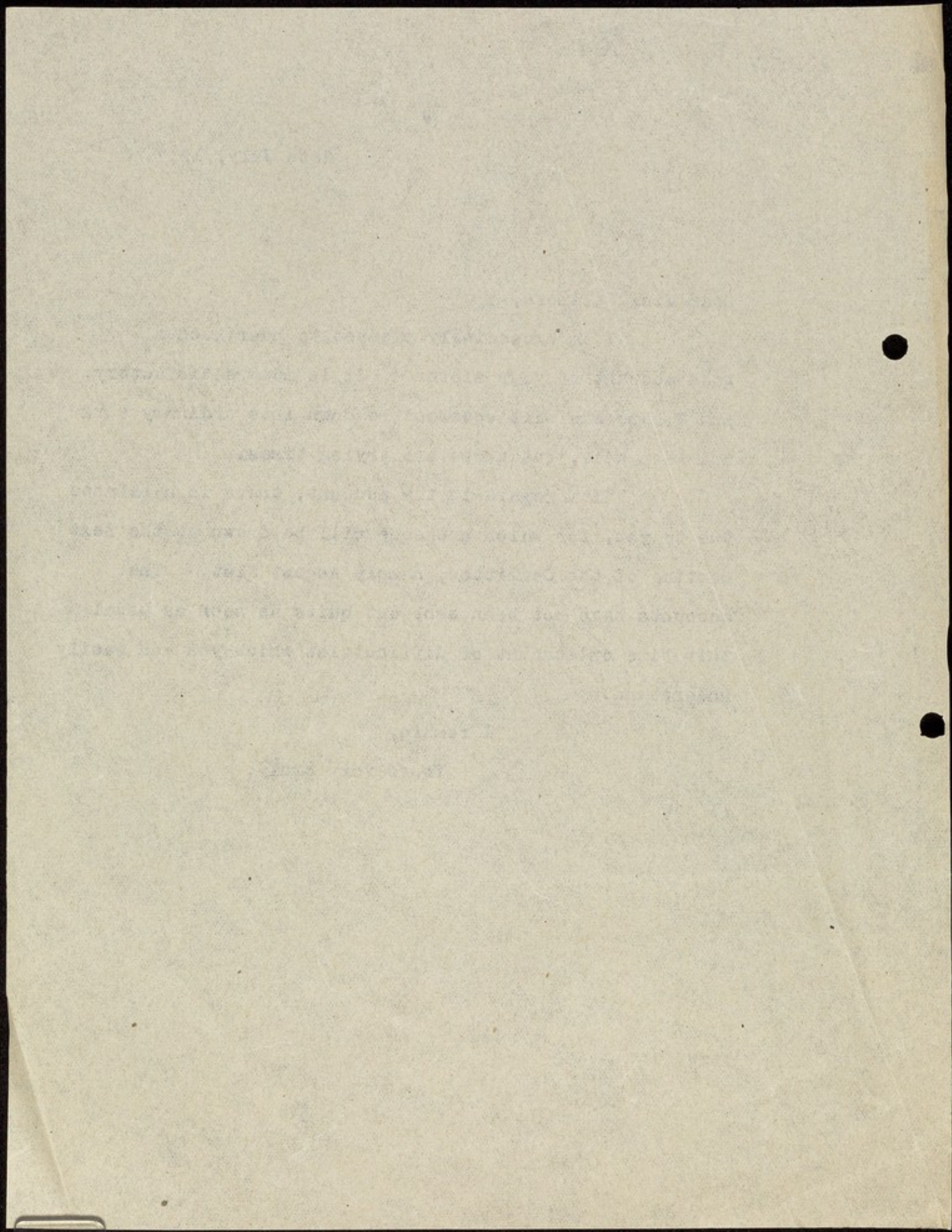
Dear Miss Willmore,

I am exceedingly pleased to hear such a good account of your sister. It is most satisfactory, and I hope she will soon settle down into ordinary work and keep well, but these are trying times.

With regard to the account, there is a balance due to you, for which a cheque will be drawn at the next meeting of the Committee, namely August 21st. The accounts have not been sent out quite as soon as usual this time on account of difficulties which you can easily understand.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



4. Florence Terrace

Falmouth

7 mo. 26th 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I thought you might like to know our impression of my sister's condition now she has come home again. She arrived on Tuesday, having come from Watford where my brother, with two others, is working for Doyle Penrose. Among his fruit & vegetables. She has greatly enjoyed the time she has spent at various places since leaving Shiocton. & I think it has been good for her to get about amongst so many friends & new acquaintances. We think her working very well - better than for a long time - Her ideas seem quite straight again, which is indeed a relief.

I rather dreaded her coming home - to the altered conditions & the blank which our mother's death has left - She has said she dreaded it too - but it was made easier than either of us had hoped.

We are very grateful to you for all your kindness & care & thought.

I believe I am right in understanding that my balance of money paid for a patient is renewed if she does not stay to the end of the quarter paid for - I paid to the end of June. & my sister left in the middle of the month, so I suppose there is a little due to me - I hope you don't mind my mentioning this - but in these days of over-pressure & strenuous work it is not so easy to remember things.

I am afraid my sister will find it rather quiet & dull
at home after being amongst so many people - & at
Jordan she had tea parties for some of the F.A.U. men
& there is nothing of that sort to do here. Our father doesn't
care about picnics now-a-days - so we get out very little -
but I want her to get all the change she can under
the circumstances.

With kind regards

Yrs. very truly

Marian Willmore

Thursenly
23 XII '16

We arrived quite safely
• thanks to your fore-
thought - exceedingly com-
fortably, no "ticket-queue"
no rush. I feel sure Miss
Willmore will settle down
here; & for me - probably a
beneficial experience to be
the anvil instead of the
hammer!

• With very kind regards
& thanks for your help
Yours very truly E. Carrie Evans

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Dr Pierce

The Retreat

York

20th July, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

I was very pleased to get your letter and to hear that things were going so well with you and that you have been able to see so much of your brother.

I have very little news to tell you. Things are going on very much as usual. I cannot say that Miss Clark is thoroughly well, but we quite expect that she will join her friends somewhere during the holidays. Mrs. Raper has gone back to Throxenby and is pretty nicely, but the cloud of depression is still there and I am afraid it is likely to remain. I saw Mr. and Miss Gregson the other day, and they seemed to be getting on very well in their new home.

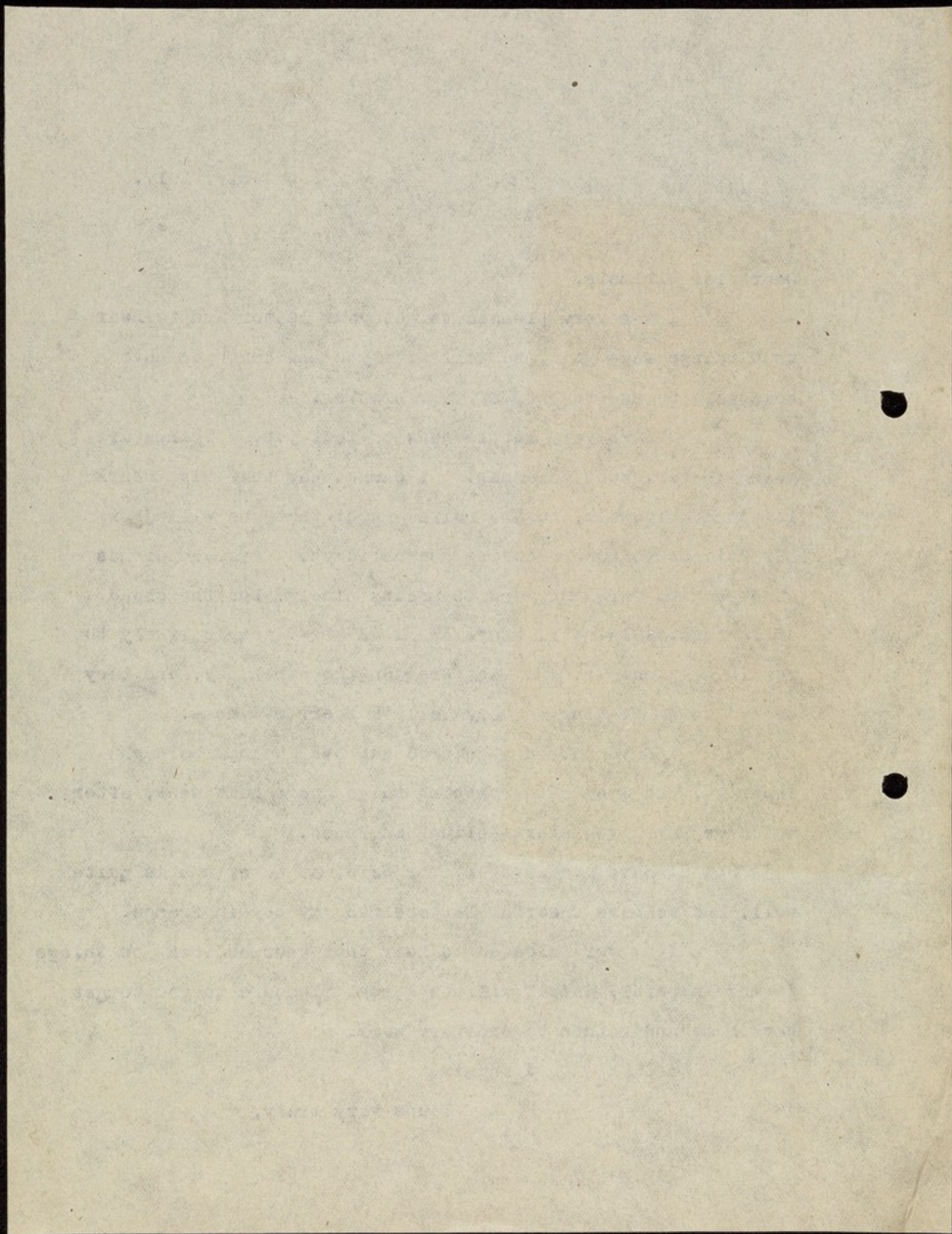
I have not been able to get over to Scarborough recently, but I am rather hoping to go there next week, after which we may have a short holiday in Hawes.

I have my daughter, Marjorie, at home, who is quite well, and we have cheerful letters from my boy in France.

I am very pleased to hear that your outlook on things is more hopeful, and it will be a real pleasure to you to get back home and return to ordinary work.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



at "The jolly bricketers"
Seer Green S.C.

W. Beaconsfield
Bucks.

17. 7. 1917

Dear Mr. Pierce

I thought I would send you a few words to let you know how I have been faring. It was a most happy time at Jordans, where I went straight from Scarborough; then I had to move on here, (just $\frac{1}{4}$ hour's walk away) as the Hotel was all booked up $\frac{2}{3}$ but I spent nearly all my time at Jordans. My next move was to Bedford, for a visit to a cousin, who knows 2 sets of cousins of Miss Elkins. There I stayed 3 weeks, paying short visits to Hitchin & Luton. At the latter place, I was with my cousins, G. H. & Marian Latchmore, with whom my cousin, Maria Latchmore, lives, during the winter, & I heard much about her. I had hoped to meet her, but found she was up at Bedford & had been to the Leeds 2.M., to which I did not get. On Saturday last, I came back here, to be near my brother for a little longer, but as he has gone to work at J. Doyle Pembroes at Oxhey Grange, Watford

I am moving on to Walford to-morrow, till Tuesday of next week, when I go down to Cornwall & home. I am very well & feel energetic & capable of plenty of work.

Some news of Throxbury comes to me now & then; very welcome. The thought of Clark is much with me, & I wish I could do something for her. If there were anything that I could do in my present position, I would gladly try to do it. Miss Elkins told me, two or three weeks ago, that she was about the same. But I hope, since then, that she has made a distinct move forward. My two letters to her have not received a reply. But I did not expect one. Miss Chatfield, the manageress at Jordan's, & whom you are sure to know, has played a very great part in making my stay in this region, so happy. My brother met your cousin, Reginald Ham, who is working in the office at Weymouth St.

I hope you have good news of your son. How ardently one desires to see the end of all this ghostly business, but perhaps it is far nearer than one thinks.

How is my dear old friend, Mrs. Raper? I'm knitting her a pair of bed-socks for next winter, but I'm quite prepared to receive an admonition from her, telling me I ought not to have sent them!

It is simply splendid about Miss Humphord. She sends me a word now & again.

From Miss Geyson too comes news, & I hope she does not feel the responsibility of the case of her father, too heavy a one.

My news from home is good of them all. Leave Blayshaw has just been to Falmouth for the weekend 2. M. And I expect it was a very good time. At Jordano, there has been a quiet weekend with Wm Littleboy. Charlie (who came over for Sunday) & I went to meeting in the morning. & were glad to be there.

There were some extremely hot days last week; the weather now is very pleasant;

beautiful Sunshine, & Sunday & yesterday
many heavy Showers, which are not needed
for the corn or the Cherries.

With kindest remembrance, & many thanks
for all the help you've given me, towards
looking at things more optimistically,
brightly.

Believe me

Sincerely yours

Emily Willmore

23rd June, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

I really do not think that I can say very much to help you in respect to further attacks of depression. There is no doubt that they are associated with physical disturbance, particularly loss of weight, general inertness of the powers of digestion with loss of appetite and troublesome constipation. I should have thought that Miss Willmore would be much happier if she is well employed, and I do not think it is likely that straightforward hard work will hurt her. She should, of course, allow ample time for reasonable recreation and sleep.

I rather discouraged her from going home immediately, so that there should be a longer interval of time before returning to the environment in which her delusional state of mind developed, and I have no doubt this is the reason for her return home being delayed.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

4 Florence Terrace

Falmouth

June . 21st 1917

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Dear Dr. Pierce -

I wonder if you have
any suggestions to give me as to
my sister's way of life when
she gets back here : or should
it go on on the old lines -
but less strenuously, & using more
wisdom?

We are very grateful to you
for all your kindness. & all you
have done. It was a great
relief to us that she was so
happy at Throscenty, & made so
many friends: she quite felt
leaving them & the place - such

a different state of mind to that
of six months ago.

My brother says how well &
bright she is - we are not
getting nearly so many letters from
her - nor such lengthy ones, which
is quite a healthy sign - as it
shows she is engrossed with the
people & things about her. She
goes to Bedford tomorrow, to
stay with a Cousin - for how
long I don't know - nor whether
we are to expect her home direct
from there.

With very kind regards

Yrs. faithfully

Marian Willmore

5th June, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

It was very pleasant to get your letter and to hear that you are so well, and also that you have been able to see Dr. Hare.

We are very glad to hear that Miss Dunford has done so nicely, and it would almost seem as if the accident had not been an unmixd evil.

I am sorry that Miss Clark is so distressed and does not show much sign of improvement, but we have to be patient in such cases, and I have little doubt that after a time she will see things differently.

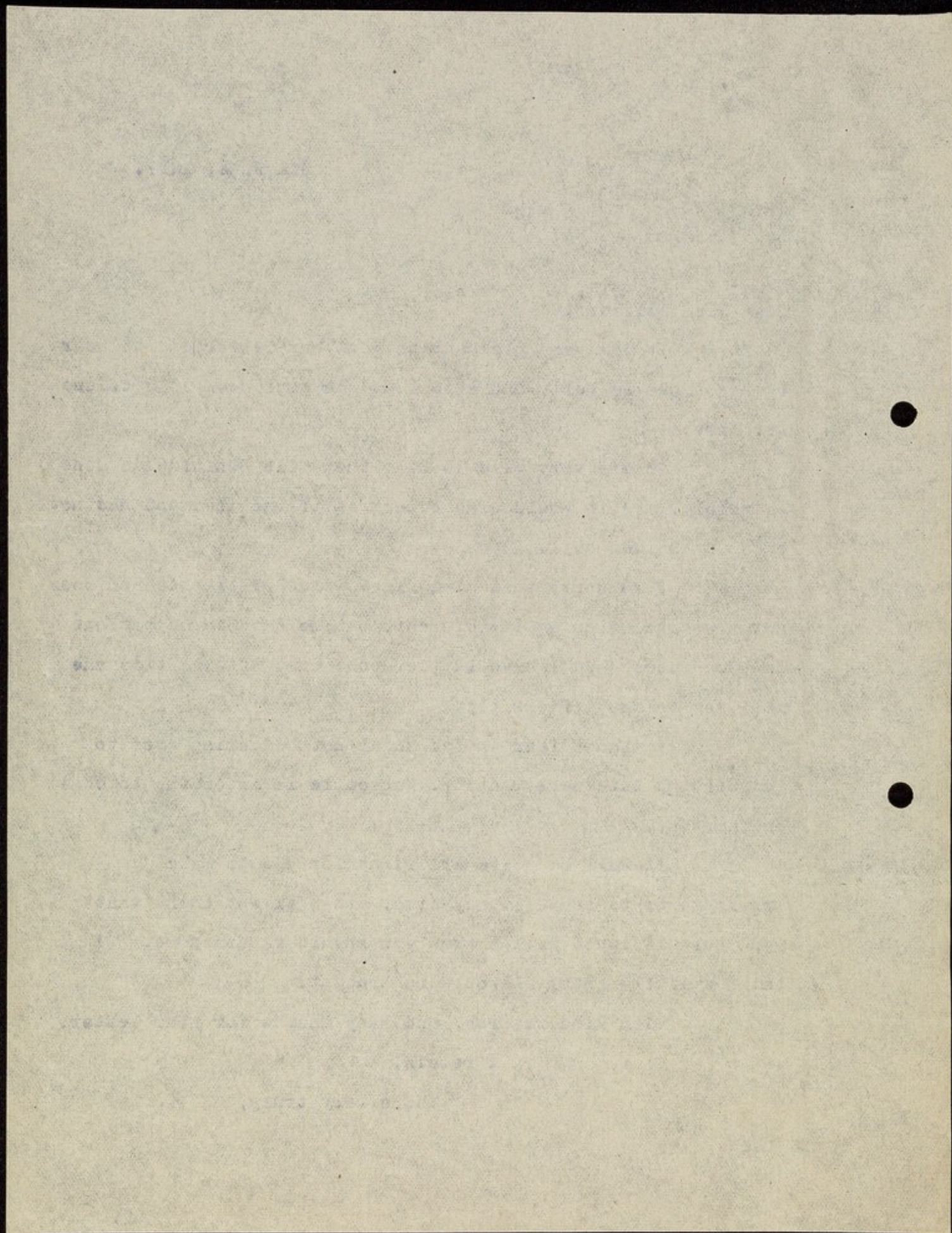
I almost fear that I shall not be coming over to Scarborough this week, but Dr. Mackenzie is intending to come on Thursday.

It will be quite all right for you to make arrangements to leave at any time, and I almost think that you yourself could decide when you should return home. I think a little interval would be prudent.

With kind regards, and many thanks for your letter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



C/o Dr. Hare
 Rye, Holme
 Low Fell
 Gateshead-on-Tyne
 H. 6. 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce -

I came here to stay with Dr. Hare
 on Saturday, & return to Throxenby to-morrow
 (Tuesday). It is my intention to go down to
 Jordan on Wednesday, or as soon as may be
 to be near my brother, who is in camp there,
 till he & his fellow-labourers are called
 to France. But so far, I have not heard
 whether a room in the Hostel is available
 for me, altho' a letter definitely saying so,
 should have reached by now, but Miss Elkins
 tells me there is no news from Jordan.

I would greatly like to have seen you again
 before finally leaving for the South, & I would
 like to have seen Mrs. Raper once more, but
 it does not seem likely. She did write to me
 a most sweet letter, you know, & I shall be
 writing to her again.

I want to thank you ever so much for the
 great help you have been to me; & you know
 that for some time past I have been really
 happy at Throxenby, & shall not leave it &

its kind occupants without regret.

I am greatly distressed about Miss Clarke. She says I am unkind to leave her, but you must not tell this to anyone else. What can I do, for I have my home-people to think of. I must get back to them as soon as may be. But I shall be sad to leave her too. How soon do you think I might go home now, or will you leave me to judge for myself?

It is so good to see Dr. Storer again, but he is very far from well. Indeed I do not know how he battles as he does, against ill-health & weakness. We have been friends for many years now, you know. And I have no better friend than he has always been to me.

On Saturday he & I set out to see Sister Hilda & Miss Humphord, & was overjoyed to see them both looking so well.

With kind regards & many thanks

Believe me

Sincerely & very gratefully yours
Emily Willmore

8th May, 1917.

Dear Mibs Willmore,

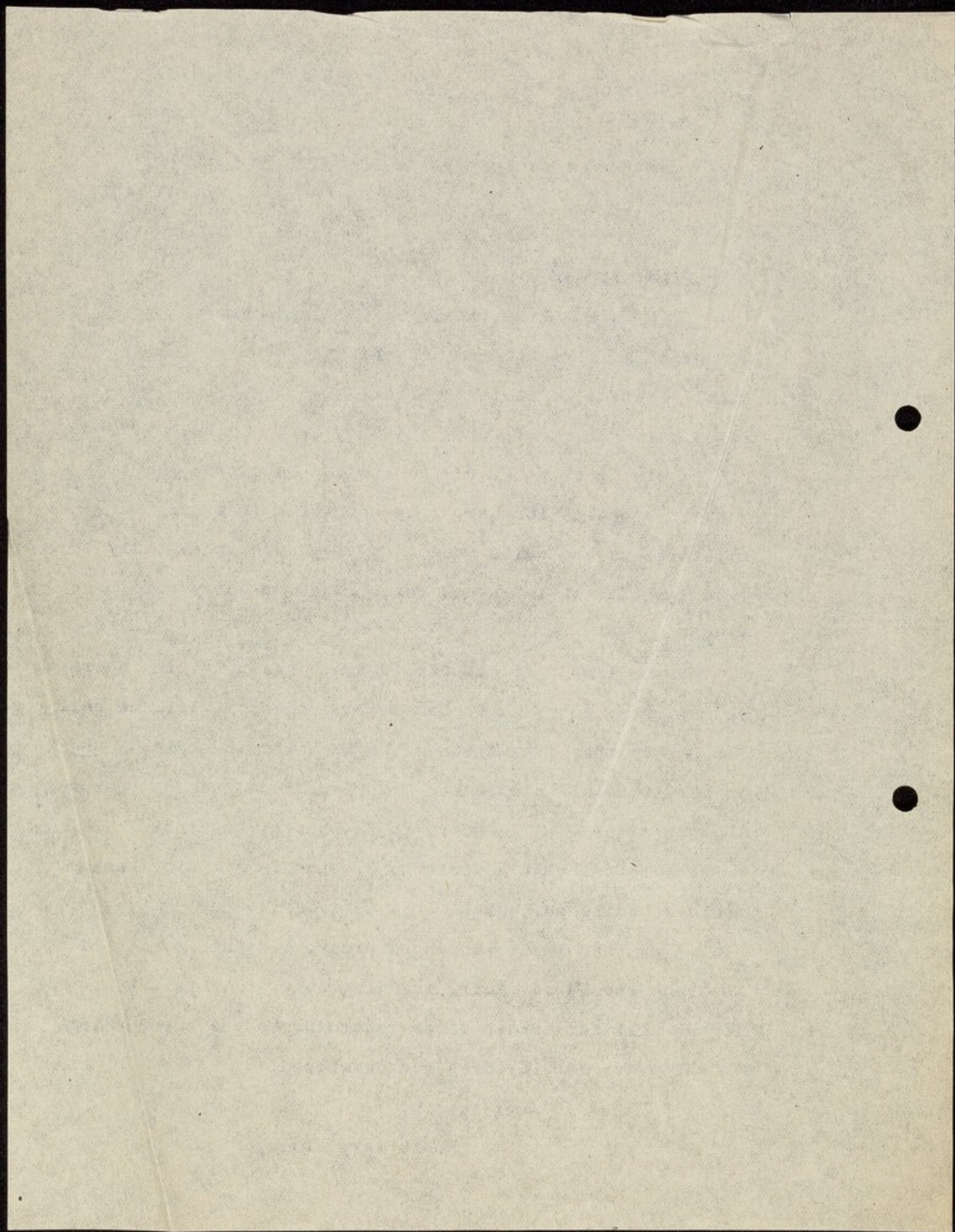
Just a line to say that your sister is undoubtedly improving and her attitude of mind is quite altered. She is cheerful, planning things reasonably for the future, and is willing to help with anything that may be required. On coming to matters closely with her, I do not think that her morbid ideas are quite gone, but they have undoubtedly faded and do not influence her conduct or worry her in mind.

With regard to the future, I do not think there is any great hurry. On the whole I think it will be well for her to stay with friends before returning home. She is very wishful to go to see Dr. Hare, and I see no reason why she should not do so if it is convenient to him. Possibly after that a visit to Preston to see Mrs. Megahy would be quite suitable.

When I saw her on Saturday, I rather suggested that she should not hurry in going away, as I felt that it was well for her to defer returning to the surroundings in which her morbid ideas had developed.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



4. Florence Terrace

Falmouth

5 mo. 6th 1917

Dear St. Pierre -

I herewith enclose Cheque
for £ 42. 12. 6 - in payment of
account received a few days ago.

It is such a relief to us to be getting such
cheerful letters from my sister - without being
told in so many words, it is easy to
see how much better she is: & it is so
good to have her say how she has
enjoyed a picnic, or an afternoon
shopping with her at Brompton's - or an
evening at the Brightons. But I am
very sorry she did not go to meeting when
you wanted her to - or to Q-M. at Leeds.

But it has often happened at home that
she has stayed away from meetings for
weeks after she has been through a period

indisposition owing to being overdone - She
says she feels the spiritual strain too much -
it takes too much out of her: but we
should be very pleased to hear that she
wanted to go - She said she wasn't very
keen on going to Leeds, though if Connie
Brighton could have gone with her she
would have gone.

I wonder how soon you will be sending
her away from Throctonby - whether you will
think it best for her to come straight home -
there are one or two places to which she has
invitations - but I don't feel sure she will
be inclined to accept them - In her last letter
she said she would like to see Edward Elcock
& his wife - if they are still in York I have
suggested to her she might manage it easily -
My brother is home for a few days while
the "Western Australia" is being painted - it seems
the Red X is going to disappear from the Channel -
the boats are being coloured grey -

Yrs. very truly
Marian Willmore

4. Florence Gerrace

Falmouth

2nd mo. 25th 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce -

Many thanks for your letter this morning.

Almost immediately after my letter was sent to you we had letters from my sister absolutely different in tone from those I told you about. They were cheerful & hopeful - & were partly explained by the fact that she had "had the very best night she had had at all" & it had been preceded by several "very bad ones" - which would largely account for her depression, would it they? for she is one who is dependent on good sleep - a good or a bad night makes a great deal of difference to her feelings. It was a great relief to us to have these bright letters. She said she had been sitting with Mr. Raper in her room the evening before she wrote. Mr. R. said to her "You will go home very, very soon" - & my sister said "I believe I shall" - & then wrote of how she is planning to take Father for winter, to be with him when he would otherwise be alone (as he is, for force now, during his absence). And in her letter yesterday she told of your visit - & said "I know I am better" -

Jim Lorry, she has had a bad cold - she said nothing to us about it. She has always been rather fond of taking remedies - though of late she has confined herself pretty much to footmarmints & Chinamon tablets.

I am glad you thought her rather better - but it is slow work - she has been away more than four months now. I wish she could establish the habit of good

nights. I believe that would keep her more than anything.

With kind regards

Yrs. very truly

Marian Willmore

23rd February, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

I was at Throxenby yesterday, and on my return I received your letter with its enclosure.

Though the report I obtained did not indicate much improvement, yet I certainly did not think that Miss Willmore's present state corresponded with her letter. It is quite a usual thing for depressed persons, when they sit down to write letters, to put down all the painful things which arise in their minds; consequently something must be taken off from what she says. It is clear, however, that her views about Miss Evans and about many other matters relating to incidents which occurred before admission, are very far from reasonable, and to some extent the same state of mind obtains.

She has had a bad cold, and is fond of doctoring herself, changing from one thing to another. This perhaps has aggravated her condition. On the whole I thought her somewhat better.

I have had one or two letters from Dr. Hare, who offers to come to see her at any time if he could be of any use. I have written to him, and have also told Miss Willmore, that if, in the course of a month or so, she does not show any improvement, I will invite him to come to see her.

I gather that there is no change in the physical condition. It is certainly no worse.

It would be well to write quite plainly to your sister and tell her that she should inform either one of the doctors or Miss Elkins of her difficulties, as unless they know of them, they are at a serious disadvantage.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dear Dr. Pierce -
 if I am, please
 forgive me. You
 will understand
 the anxiety - but
 tell me if it is
 not necessary to
 send on such letters
 as the enclosed or
 tell you when
 they occur.
 Yrs. Sincerely
 Marion Willmore

4. Florence Gerace
 Talmouth
 2nd mo. 20th 1917

much more hopeful. I hope there is no reason to give up these hope even now - I hope I am not troubling you unnecessarily. I hope I am not troubling you unnecessarily.

I feel very unhappy about this letter I have received from my sister today - following on a little more than days ago in the same strain. I feel a traitor to send it on to you, when she is trusting me to destroy it & tell no one - but I thought it might help, in revealing her mind to you, somewhat. It is so dreadfully sad. I've torn off part of the second sheet, because it had to do with some friends, & there was nothing in it to help you.

Is this only a temporary relapse? The last several letters, which were written for the family & not privately to me, have been much less bright - but previously she seemed so much more happy & hopeful - & once even said she "quite enjoyed" a game - & she made of the tobogganing as though it had been quite a pleasure - & I'm sure she enjoyed her visits to Wren Head.

What she feels is "handicapping" her, is the dread of what those swellings may be - she is fearing she may be "incapacitated from ever doing any useful work again". She had said nothing to me of having mentioned them to you - so after I heard from you I just told her I was glad she had spoken to you of them - & I hoped the medicine would do her good. I hope I didn't do wrong to speak of it, but I thought she would know - but she said she didn't know. Well I told her, what the medicine was for.

I am so sad to find she is ^{habituating} attaching untold

delusions about Carrie Evans - who was so good to her -
on whom she has always looked as such a friend - this
is quite the first hint I have had of any changed feeling.

That idea that people look at her & smile significantly is
one that was with her before she left home - she said
just the same about the people here - how they looked at
her in the town - & avoided her. I showed her every
reason I could possibly think of that there was no
slightest foundation for such an idea - but all to no
purpose. Then when she got to Gorgey - she said
was going to go into the town because of the same thing -
& now she says it was not till she was with Carrie that
it happened.

These people she indicts with spiritualistic practices.
I can say almost certainly, know nothing about spiritualism.
Miss Rose has seen the result of it in one very
unfortunate case - & hates it so much that I'm sure she
would have nothing to do with it.

In a letter a short time ago my sister said - "I
mist I had seen Dr. Hare from the beginning & as an else -
I think he could have helped me". As a matter of fact
she said ^(before she left home) to me in answer to my question whether she would
have gone to him if he had been at Gorgey she didn't
think she would. She was doubting his friendship then,
along with that of so many others. Her mind changes so
in some respects; one never knows where one is with her.
It was her wish to see Dr. Banks here, & it was her wish
to go to Dr. Cash - & the other day she was saying very
unkind things about the latter. It would be such a
wonderful relief to have her well again - & my brother's
report & subsequent letter from her had made us so

work here & cannot easily
leave it just now. If you
think it of any value, I will,
however, make a point of
coming over at any point
of time my presence might do
good. Excuse a hurried &
disappointed note, & believe me
with renewed thanks.

Sincerely Yours
Arthur W. Hare

56D.
Gateshead,

Feb. 19th 1917

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I must send you at once
my cordial thanks for so fully
replying to my enquiries.

I am sorry you cannot per-
sonally take up the case I
mentioned; — but, with the
information you have so
promptly favoured me ^{with} feel
that I may now be enabled
to advise the Family how
best to proceed. If they see
the matter as I now do, I think
they will approach one or other

of the doctors mentioned, with a request to receive the patient; or at least to consider the feasibility of so doing. In a case where so much has been attempted, with no result as yet; the hope of some definite chance of remedial treatment is in itself a great blessing to those immediately concerned.

In a few days I hope to be able to tell you of some favourable arrangement.

As regards Miss Willmore, the physical trouble is of course a new complication of her case,

of which I had no previous knowledge. This fact, however, seems to give additional ground for feeling that the mental balance is not as yet abnormally perturbed; for a physical substratum of an illusion of sensory organs is surely more normal than one of Introjection, without any such purely physical irritation at work.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, if you think my presence could in any way help her, I will put all else on one side, ad hoc; at the same time, I am very fully occupied with my

4. Florence Terrace
Falmouth

2nd mo. 4th 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am much obliged for your letter this morning.

I am very glad to know my sister has told you about the swellings - & that she is being treated for them. I do hope Dr. E. G. Taylor is right in his surmise that they are not malignant, & can be absorbed. The first I knew of them was when my sister broke down in the autumn - she told me about them but said they didn't pain her: she also told me of the length of time she had noticed them - & I told her she ought to have seen a doctor long ago - it is so much easier to deal with things in the earlier stages. but she is one who generally goes on till it has become a case of cure instead of prevention: What a pity people are not wiser! I object intensely to over-carefulness, & too much thought about health - but I do like reasonable wisdom.

I am very sorry you do not feel quite satisfied about the nature of the swellings - if you think further advice is necessary, please do whatever is for the best. Perhaps after the medicine has been taken for a short time there will be some indication which will lead to a more definite determination of the nature of the tumour. Perhaps my sister may have told you that our mother's eldest sister died from tumours in the breast, & she has been ^{dreaded} ~~very anxious~~ of such a thing happening to herself.

I am glad you think her better in other ways. Her

letters indicate a much more cheerful & healthy state of mind generally - they are quite different to what they were six or seven weeks ago. I shall be so relieved when she gets rid of the last shred of her delusions -

My brother found a great improvement in her, as he probably told you - she was much more cheery & like herself - but in time she began to talk of her imaginings, & she said that made him think he had been with her long enough for her good - we were so glad he could get up & see her: & also that he met you.

Rachel Worsdell has been in to see us tonight - she is making a prolonged stay here - & hoping Arnold may get his leave, in a few weeks time & join her here.

Yrs. very truly

Marian Wilmore

4. Florence Gerrace

Falmouth

1st mo. 12th 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I'm sorry I had no time yesterday to write: though I fully intended to.

I think in only two letters to me has my sister referred to her fears of ruin which is coming on the family through her fault - but she spoke of the "plot" to my brother when he saw her rather more than four weeks ago - before she left home in October - she constantly talked to me about them - & each day some fresh friend was being dragged in as a plotter - it seemed an eternity before I could get arrangements made to get her away from here. We hoped then that as her physical health improved her mind would get normal too - but she got very well bodily, but her brain still kept these distorted ideas. But, judging from her general letters, her mind is certainly in a better state than it was some weeks ago. And it is a great encouragement that she is satisfied to be under you, & twice she has said she wished she had never seen ^{one} anything else.

Yes, her letters are on the ordinary things that fill her days - & comments on hers we have told her - & so on: true, there is over-much of longing for home, regret for her uselessness - & a wishing for time over again to do differently with it - I do my best to induce her to let the past go - & fix her thoughts on the present, which is all we can make any practical use of: but what I say

doesn't seem to have much effect.

With regard to the Cousin from whom money came to us - my sister & I never even saw her. She was only a distant relation - my mother was her last "next of kin" legally understood. They knew each other - but not intimately - my mother always used to call on her when she happened to be in the same place. She was quite an ordinary person; romantic, so my mother always said - but quite normal. The weird part of the story was her connection with a certain person who called herself a Countess - having married a Russian Count (presumably.) This Countess started an Order - The Order of the Temple - & gathered round her a group of people - all those who lived in the house with her were women, and as far as we understood, people of a certain amount of means, more or less. Our estimate of her was that she was an adventuress, who used her magnetic power to attract these rather weak-minded women with incomes - & lived on them - The money was ^{awarded} used for the "Order" of which she was the centre. She always wore a kind of head-dress which covered the whole of her head & face except her eyes & nose to just below her nose: in letters belonging to my Cousin ~~she was always~~ any pronoun relating to the Countess was written with a Capital, & at the end of the letters was the sign of the Cross - She seems to have imagined she was a re-incarnation of Christ - or rather to have got those round her to believe some such thing, & they practically worshipped her. The head quarters of the order was a house in North Devon in a very out-of-the-way place - This house was our Cousin's property, & should have come to us & two other Cousins - but the lawyer advised selling it - & the 'Order' bought it - one of the lawyers went there. & told my parents what a strange, uncanny atmosphere there was about the house - in one room iron fences all over the walls, & a lamp was

always kept burning. They had another house in Battersea - there the mother of the other two Cousins interested in the mill - called on the Countess - & she spoke of the weird air of the place - she felt that if she sniffed enough she would be narcotised, or something of the sort. My mother too, in calling on her Cousin in

Jorquay said there was a feeling as though there was someone behind the door or the curtains listening - & she said her Cousin seemed uneasy as though she knew they were not alone. Then when our Cousin died it was all very unsatisfactory - the lawyers were not made acquainted with the facts till a very short time before the funeral - one of them went up, not knowing anything of the queerness of the conditions under which she lived - & arrived just before the funeral - he saw the body - but said he wouldn't have recognised his client - she looked like a girl of 17 whereas she was about 70 - but there was not enough ground for suspicion to take any action.

Amongst the letters I spoke of above were a number from the Countess's reputed son - a man of middle age (who afterwards lived in a little Devonshire village & was looked upon as mad by the people round about) - in these letters which were written to his mother he spoke of her

"medicine-chest" which she knew ~~how~~ so well how to use - & said something about a cross she forced our Cousin to wear in such a way that it pressed into her flesh -

It is years ago that I heard all this & can only write from memory. By the terms of our Cousin's will the

income from her investment was to be paid to the Countess ^{during her lifetime} by the lawyers who were the executors. They

felt the whole case was odd, & even my particular
to get a witness of this own firm to be present when the
payment was made & the receipt given. One of the lawyers
once said to my father he shouldn't be at all surprised if
the "Order" was a secret political organisation - & he
didn't like being mixed up with it - that is what my
sister is thinking of when she says we know how glad
the lawyers were to get the estate settled up - only she
puts it down to reasons which affect her & us. The
"Order" was said to have branches all over the world -
that fact too has taken hold of my sister's mind, &
she seems to think this world-wide order's one object
was to ruin us somehow through her mis-doings - &
she harbours the delusion that many of our friends
& acquaintances - (utterly unknown to each other though
they be) are linked up together in this plot to bring
disasters on us all. When the Countess died the
lawyers were very glad to settle up the estate - but
simply because they were relieved to be rid of their
dealings with the Countess - my sister said in one letter
to me 'you know how glad they were to settle things' -
but as a matter of fact they were rather
deliberate - & really took a long time over it - they
didn't seem at all anxious to get it done in a hurry.

I'm afraid I have written rather a vague story -
but it is vague - we never knew anything more definite.
But you may find in it some points which will
help you to understand a little how my sister is
entwining them in a sequence leading up to this
plot. Now I hope she will soon lose the ideas -
but weird things have always rather taken hold of her

Imagination - & she has always been interested in
superstitions, although she said she never believed in any
of them: but I think she has done at a bit.

If there are any other questions you would like to
ask me at any time, I shall be only too glad to
answer anything I can that may help.

Your mention of hallucinations of hearing is the first
I have known of it - I know the last Sunday she
was at home she was especially nervous & over-wrought -
& I got her to lie down, & I sat in the room with her -
& every few minutes, at every creak of the door or
slightest sound she was up, & going over the house to
find out what it was: but I can't remember that
any of the sounds were entirely imagined. However I'm
glad to know there has been nothing of the kind at
Throxbury - I hope it is one bit of the disorder having
disappeared.

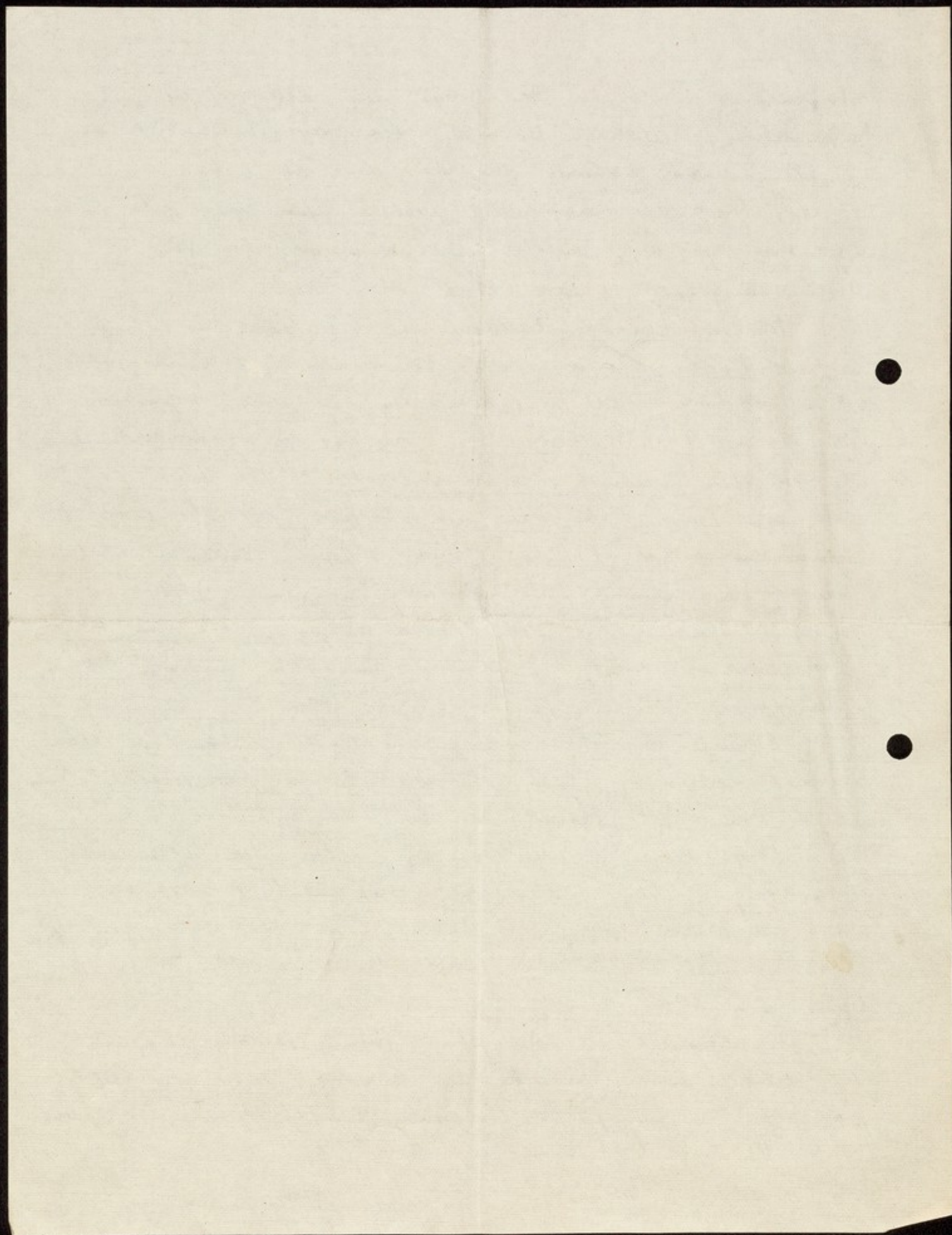
Thank you for letting me know about the fees:
I will willingly pay the £3. 3. 0 per week. Does
that cover everything? or are there extras?

My sister's letter to my father this afternoon
was very bright, & absolutely normal all through.

I am so glad she helped with some washing-up
the other day - I feel sure it is a help to her to
know she can be of use in any way at all.

It is difficult to give her "jobs" at this distance -
but I have asked her to do a little household sewing
for me - perhaps by the time that is done I may be
able to think of something else.

Yrs. very truly Marian Willmore



4. Florence Terrace
Falmouth

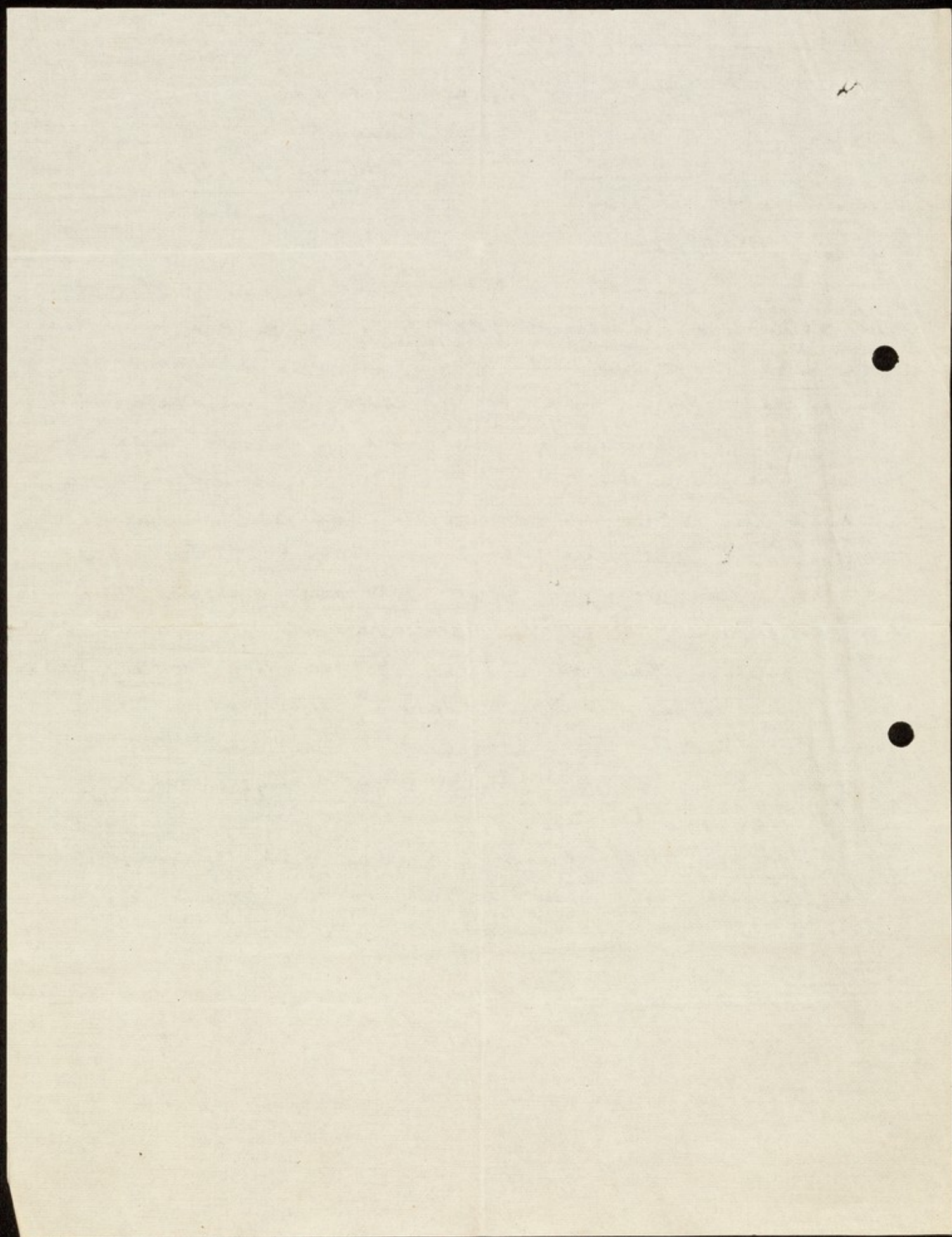
1st mo. 9th 1917

Dear Dr. Purie -

I mentioned to my brother yesterday that I had received a depressed letter from my sister - & that I had better send it to you in case it might help you to see a little more of the state of my sister's mind. She periodically sends me a private letter, in which she says things she doesn't say to other people. But this one is not so bad as the last one I had from her, & a good deal of it is normal. Her usual, "public" letters are quite bright as a rule - except there is always running through them a longing to be at home with the home people. And ~~that~~ I shall be so glad to hear of her writing to her friends & welcoming letters besides those from the family - for correspondence has been such a pleasure to her - & her friends have always meant a great deal in her life.

We were very glad to get these Evans' report; & she told me she had passed on my request to you that all accounts should be sent to me for payment.

Yrs. very truly
Marian Willmore.



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 Emily Willmore of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Drigook, The Manor, 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 30th day of January 1917

Name Marian Willmore

Residence 4 Florence Terrace Falmouth

Occupation

SIGNED by the said Marian Willmore

in the presence of Arthur H. Willmore

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Arthur H. Willmore

36 Trevelyan Road, Falmouth

Accountant

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.



АЛЕКСАНДР
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БОРИСОВ



Dear D. Hare,

Many thanks for your letter of sending me the letter Mr. Williams wrote to you in July. - There is no doubt at all in my mind that the strain & anxiety in relation to her mother is the cause of the break. - I am ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~that~~ ^{aggravated} ~~not~~ ^{doubt} by the tension produced by the loss in a specially sensitive & sympathetic individual.

The singular feature of the case is that she herself cannot realize this but puts it all down to events that happened years ago - She thinks that persons have conspired to watch her - that she is singled out for ruin on the family, & on discussing this with her they all refer to some distant relative who is now dead but who she thought was uncanny or 'gobby' as she says. I conclude these incidents have all the time been on her mind but it was not until she was worn out that it did this trouble her. There is moreover some recently strong of disappointed affection.

I agree with you that she must recover satisfactorily -

If she does not improve reasonably ^{quickly} ~~well~~ I much hope you will come over to see her, for I have 2 or 3 on whom you would help her.

In any case I hope you will write to her.

We think she is already improving but does so reserved that it is difficult to know ~~at~~ ^{how} deep the depression is. She is industrious & always willing to help in any way possible.

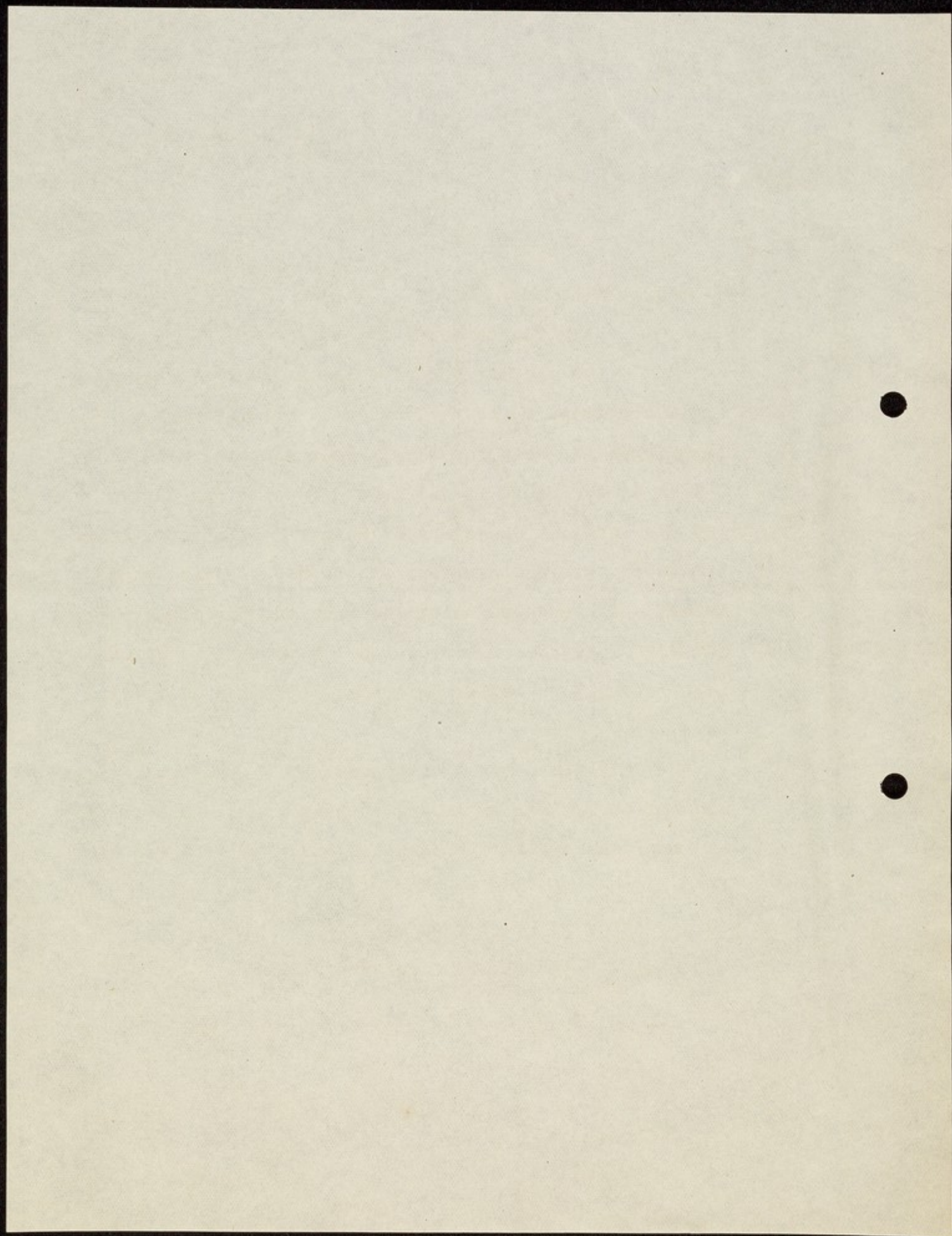
Yours v. t.

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D. H. A. W. Hare -

16 Beaconsfield Avenue -

Low Fell
Gateshead



15th January, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

Many thanks for your letter.

The account you give is extremely interesting and there seems to be no doubt that this strange experience has been dormant in your sister's mind for a long time, and it is owing to her being run down and over wrought through your mother's illness that she has woven this old experience into her present morbid ideas. It is satisfactory to know the particulars, and when I see her again, which I hope will be before long, I shall be better able to talk things over with her.

I had a nice letter from Dr. Hare, who offered to come to see her. I replied that if your sister did not improve rapidly I thought it would be well for him to do so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

15th January, 1917.

Dear Miss Elkins,

The enclosed letter is really interesting, as
throwing light on some of Miss Willmore's peculiar
ideas.

I must try to come to see your family before
long, but I am doubtful as to whether I can manage it
this week.

I mentioned Throxenby Hall to a Mrs. Monnington,
whose daughter I have seen before, and who is a very
cultured woman. It is possible that she may be coming
to Throxenby Hall.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

NAT. TEL. 137.



T. MORRISON CLAYTON,
M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M., M.S.A., F.R.S.E.
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF GATESHEAD.

16 Beaconsfield Avenue / Low Fell
Health Department, Gateshead
Swinburne Street.

Gateshead, Jan 12th 1917

Dear Sir,

I am deeply interested in hearing of Miss E. Willmore's unhappy illness; I shall be very glad if any information I can give will prove of value in promoting her recovery, which I think will certainly occur; I hope, not long hence. When she was under my charge in my private nursing home 10 1/2 yrs ago, I became well acquainted with her mind & characteristics & our friendship has since been maintained. I think I can best help her, by sending you the enclosed letter which is the last I received from her, & which I feared at the time foreshadowed the break down which has occurred. I do not like this; but I think the letter shows the almost breaking strain she has been subjected to, her reference to her mother & business matters, in one so patient & naturally reserved, shows an unusual disturbance in a life usually calm & essentially sane. Her illness is I feel sure fundamentally physical & physiological in its etiology - neurasthenia, brain fog, & cerebral anaemia. Ten years ago she improved rapidly under Weir Mitchell Treatment Milk, Massage & complete isolation. I also noted the value of Sarsaparilla & Alcohol in mod. doses, suitably disguised. The anaemia of the brain fully accounts for illusions of hearing, & apparent illusions are not always delusions. She has I believe exceptional powers as a clairvoyant or 'clair-audient'; if Science can permit the use of such terms for special spiritual insight? If I can be of any further use, or

even if a personal visit from me would be of value, please let me know. I value Mrs. W. so much as a personal friend that nothing will stand in the way, if by any means I can help her.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur Clayton

May letter. If we be addressed with my initials, please - as I am the younger - or better. I like the plain Quaker way of address.

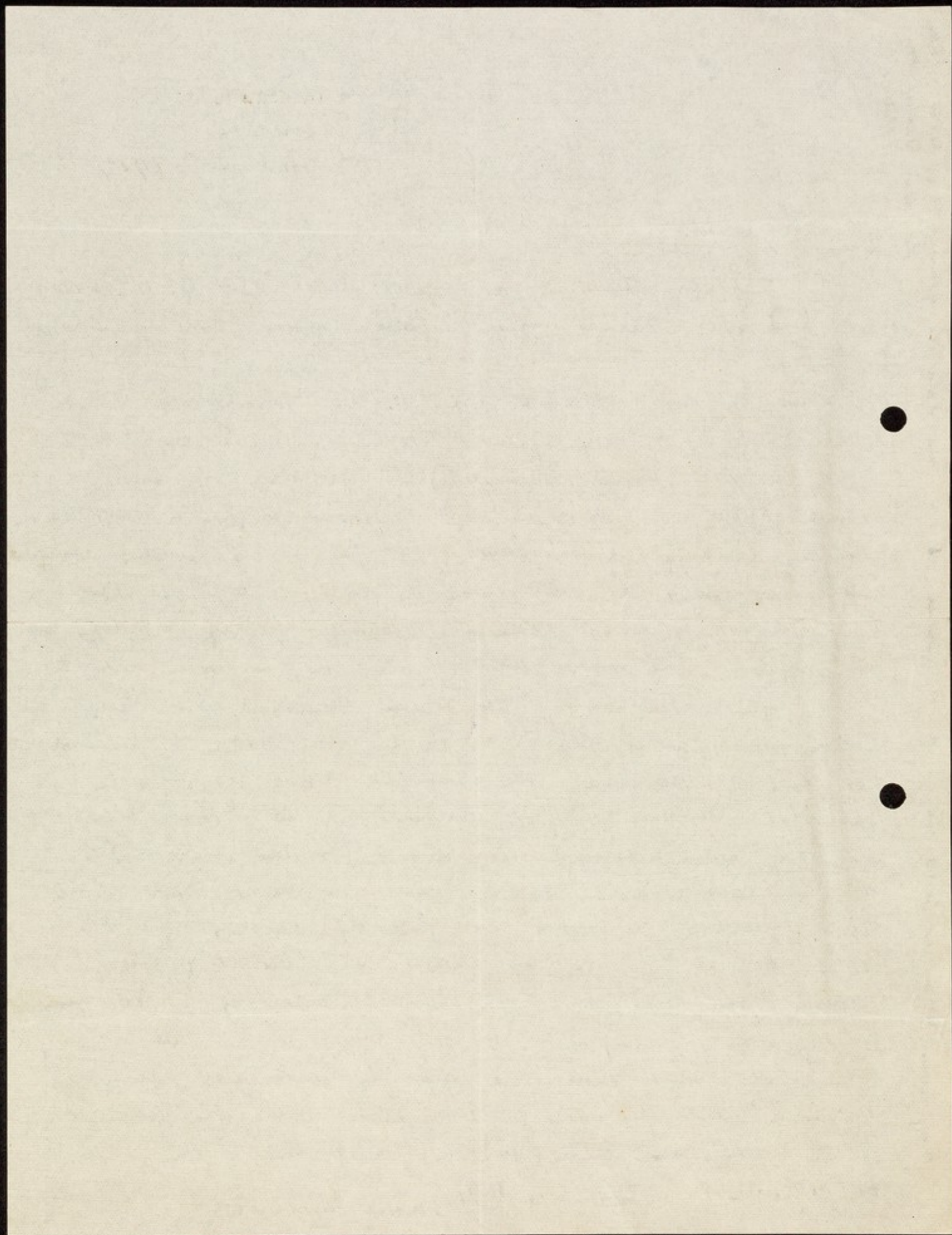
4. Florence Terrace
Talmouth
1st mo. 15th 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce -

Many thanks for your letter of this afternoon which I will answer when I have more time - I hope to-morrow.

This is just to ask you whether you would consider it advisable for my younger brother (who is an F.A.U. orderly on the "Western Australia") to go & see my sister should opportunity allow - next week. He has a short leave, & he is going to rise on Saturday to find out, if he can, about how much longer he can depend on having - & if it should be long enough to allow of the long journey & a day or perhaps two with my sister. He would like to go - only he would like to have your sanction. He came to us a few days before our mother died - & on the way back to his ship he spent a little time with my sister & Miss Evans, & the visit did her so much good, & cheered her so, that it helped her very much through the time of trouble which had to come. We thought another visit now might help almost as much. Her letters are full of longings for the home people - much too much so: but they often contain some quite bright passages - especially a letter from my brother to-day was a very bright one - It is only to me she writes those that show the unbalanced state of her mind most definitely. Your question about the Cousin through whom money came to us involves more than I can write to-night. -

Yours very truly
Marian Willmore



9th January, 1917.

Dear Sir,

An old patient of yours, Miss Emily Willmore, has come to Throxenby Hall as a Voluntary Boarder.

She is greatly distressed and has delusions of persecution of a vague nature, thinking that there is a conspiracy against her and that she is to be the cause of ruin to the whole of her family.

I understand that some years ago she had an attack of depression and was under your care. I should be glad if you could give me some particulars and say whether it was a ~~simple melancholia~~ melancholia or whether at that time there was evidence of hallucinations of hearing.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Arthur W. Hare,

New January, 1915.

of Friends, I have no doubt the Committee would make some reduction of terms.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

9th January, 1917.

Dear Miss Willmore,

Many thanks for sending me your sister's letter to see. She does not in any way refer to the persecution and fears of disaster which have been so prominent in her mind. When I saw her at Throxenby a week ago these ideas were as firmly fixed as ever, and I should like to know whether the cousin, from whom the family received some money five or six years ago, was really a strange person given to spiritualism. This appears to have been dormant in your sister's mind ever since, and she now thinks that there is something uncanny in the whole business, and that in some way or other she is bringing ruin on the family.

When one discusses the matter with her she is quite unable to say how it is that these ideas have only lately come into her mind nor why she and not other members of the family should be troubled in this way, and she seems quite unable to understand that her other explanation, namely anxiety in connection with your bereavement, is a much better reason for her unhappy state of mind. Of course it is useless to argue with her, and one hopes that by a change of scene and simple ordinary occupation and interests these painful ideas will fade gradually.

When I was there she was writing letters almost continuously. This seemed to me to be a mistake, and I

suggested that she should not write so much, especially before going to bed as it would interfere with her sleep. However, if these letters are on general topics and do not deal with her troubles it matters less.

I fear that there is no short cut to recovery in a case of this kind. The most disquieting symptom has been the evidence of hallucinations of hearing, but so far as I know that has ceased at present and nothing of the kind has occurred at Throxenby.

Miss Willmore is quite right in saying that the war has been a cause in the illness of several of the patients, but it is not the entire cause. The fact that your sister has had a previous breakdown suggests some constitutional defect.

A telephone message from Throxenby reports that Miss Willmore is really somewhat better. She has not mentioned her particular troubles at all and appears to be brighter, and at the present time is washing up in the pantry.

With regard to the question of terms. There is a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday next. Perhaps you will let me know before then as to what fees you would wish to pay for your sister. The lowest ordinary rate at Throxenby Hall is £3. 3. 0 per week, but if this is more than can rightly be afforded, as your sister is a member of the Society

36 Trevelthan Road
Falmouth

29/12/16

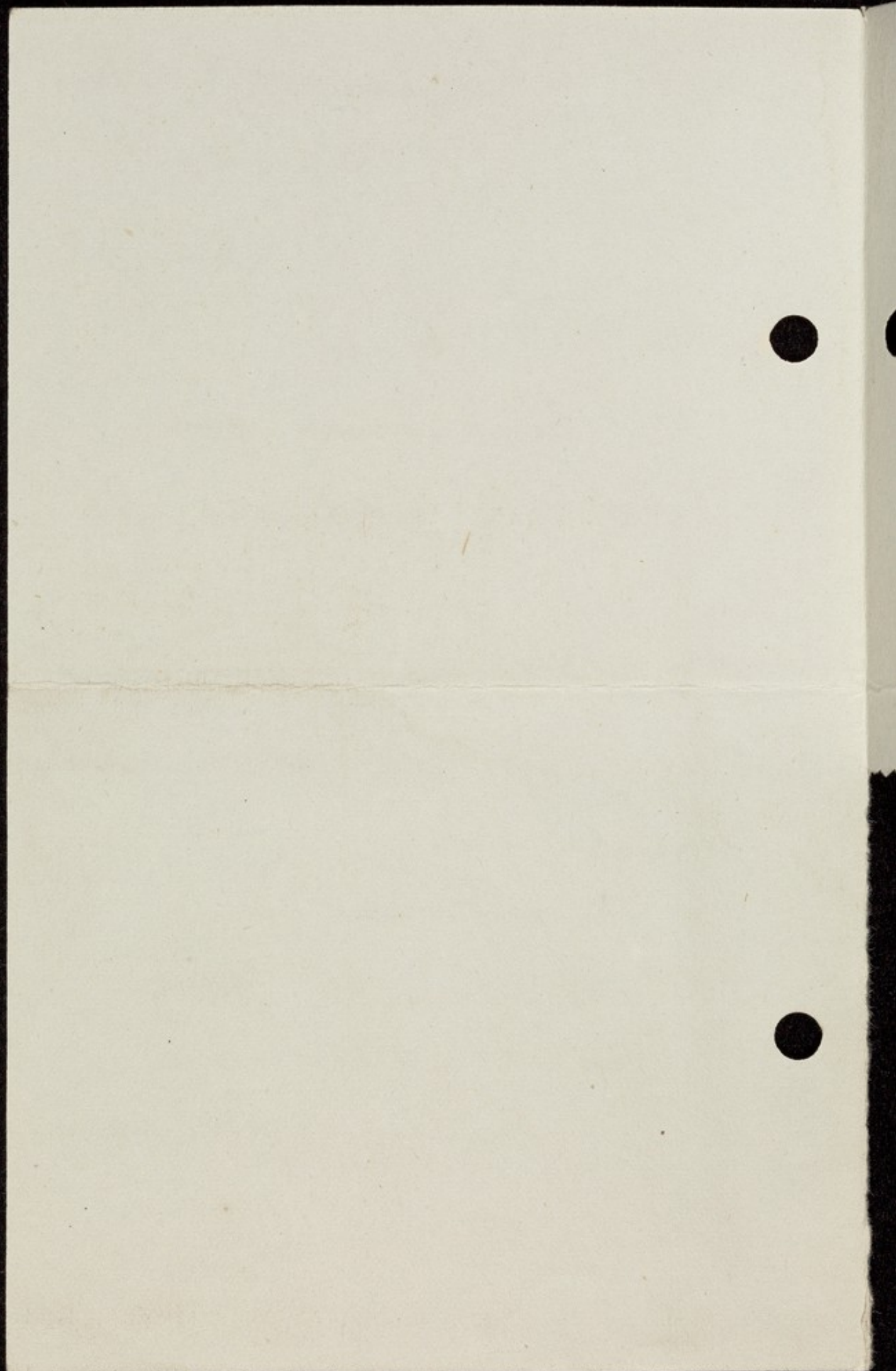
Dear Dr Pierce

I have now got
Dr Hare's address. He
had my sister under
his care in 1906 at
Newgray as previously
mentioned.

The address is: -

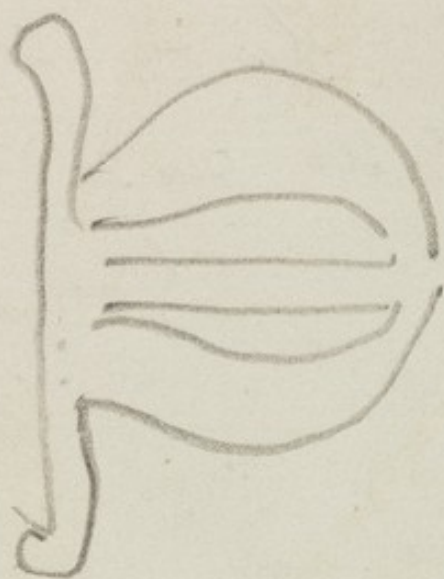
Dr Arthur W. Hare
c/o Mrs Riddell
16 Beaconsfield Avenue
Low Fell
Gateshead

You will now be able to



Communicate with
Or have should you wish
to do so.

Yours sincerely
Arthur H. Willmore



I enclose the ways list;
you will see I have raised
Cork £1.

I hope you all had a
nice Christmas -

Kindest regards

for Lucy

Edith A. Ekins

TELEPHONE 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Dec 27th 1916

Dear Mrs Hardcastle.

Miss Williams of
the Anti Corn Law sent to
her. Miss Marian Williams
4. Florence Avenue
Falmouth.

In case you had not
been told I thought
I had better mention it -

THROBENBY HALL
SCARBOROUGH

Burn this at once 9. 12. 1916.
please

Dearest Meggie -

I am certain there is a
great something on foot to harm us
all; do you know it has come over
me lately that that money that came
so forthly & curiously to us, was only
a trap for us, & that we would have
been wise to refuse to have it.

And you know how glad the lawyers
were to be rid of the whole business.

Altho' by right the money was in
one family -

Everyone, who meets us nearly, looks
at me with such a curious smile.

It was just terrible to go out at
Torquay. And one day I met Mrs
Sutherland & it was just the same
with her. I did not speak to her

It is just as if I am being hunted &
Some of those whom we thought our best
friends are our worst enemies. I have
not tried to think this; I have tried
to believe beautiful things of all. But
the other certainty will not go. "Yes,
mine own familiar friend: I do
know it will come out right in the end;
& that my own mistakes have caused it.
God be with thee, dear, brave, true sister.
I find thy love in spirit Truly

Marian
Creswell

36 Trevelyan Road
Talmouth

Dear Dr. Pierce

24/12/16

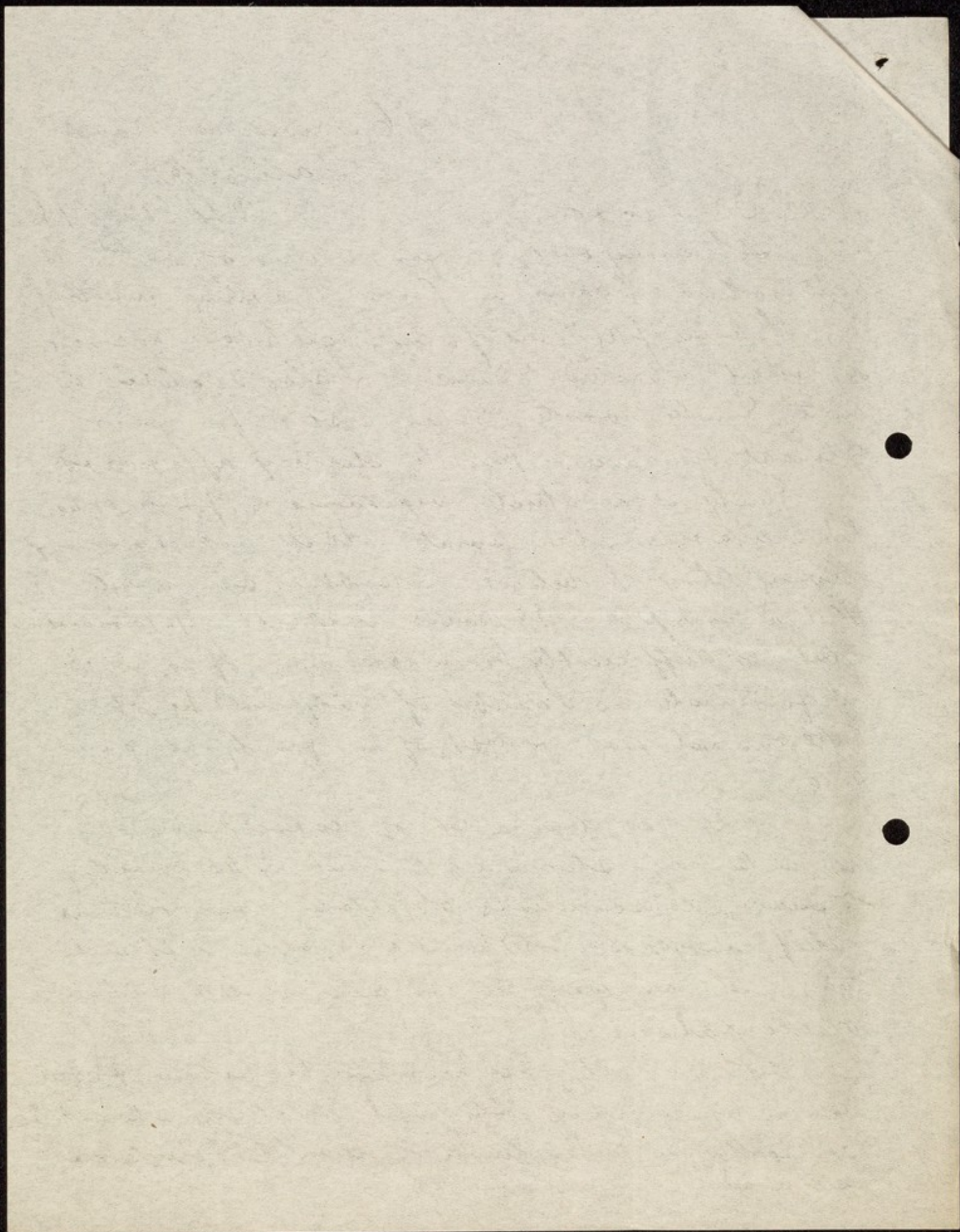
Thank you for your letter of 22nd to hand when I came in from morning meeting.

I have filled out form, with one answer on sheet attached to same. I also enclose a note Emily wrote to her sister for your perusal & guidance. Kindly destroy afterwards.

Emily is a strict vegetarian from the humanitarian standpoint. Will not hurt any living thing I believe - doubt if she would kill a wasp. Dr. Bant's is against vegetarianism - diet not sufficiently brain feeding. If so, it is unfortunate as I doubt if Emily could be got to take animal food. Most of her family are on her side.

Emily has done a lot of correspondence late in the day staying up to midnight writing to friends, conscientious objectors, war victims relief workers. When it was suggested it was too much one was told it was a rest & change of occupation.

When Emily has recovered her balance & can return home may I suggest that she should be counselled as to her limits of mental & physical endurance?



(2)

Emily's nature is obstinate but most well intentioned. She should, I think, put the brake on, at the least suspicion of any brain-fag feeling. She, however, has been concerned with present urgency & apparently just fails to learn by experience - or to appreciate the balance between the two.

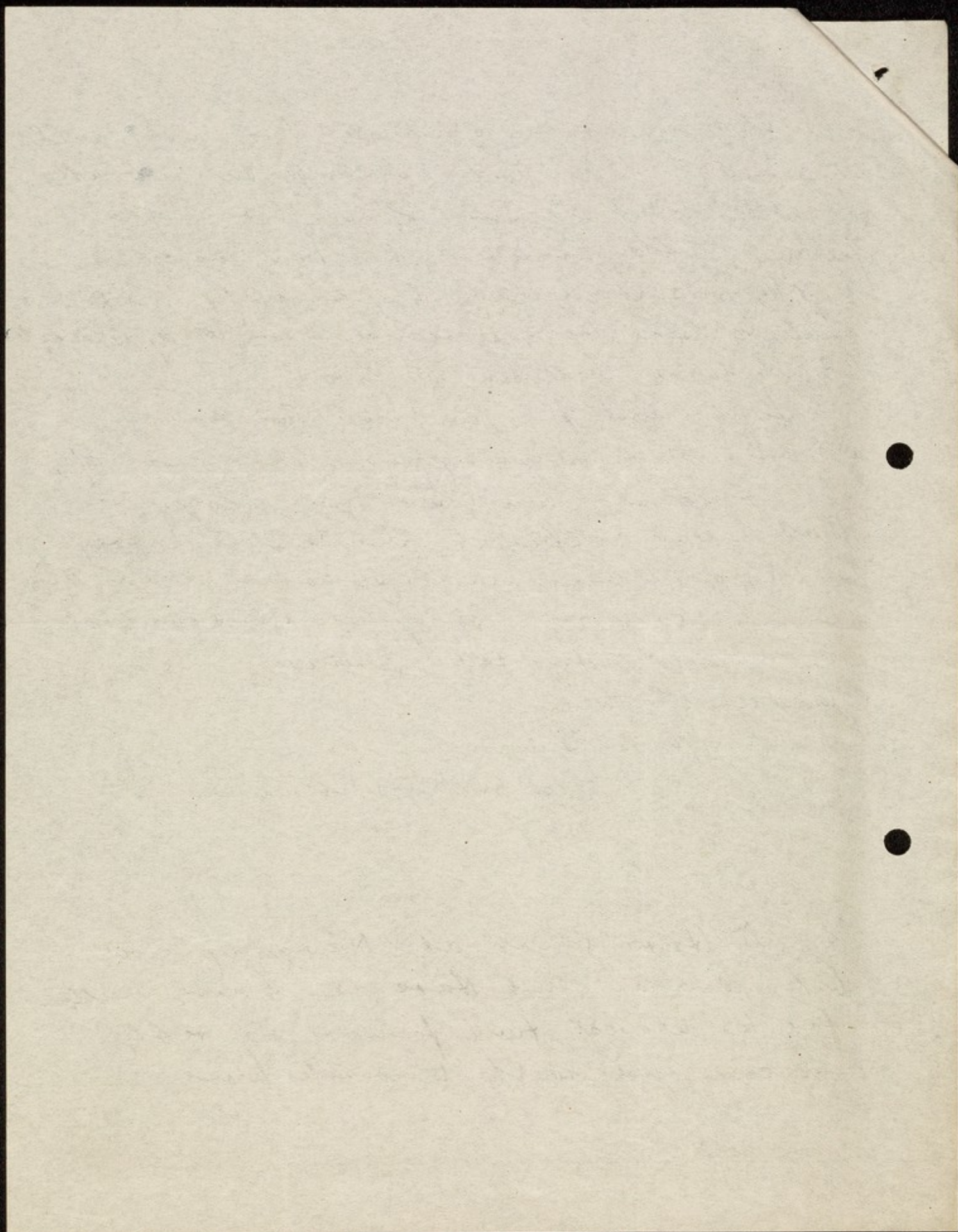
I thank you for giving me Scarborough address - which as you suggest - I had heard of.

If necessary I will ^{send} you a copy of Mother's death certificate. I understood the ~~fact~~ ^{fact} matter of the brain was perishing & that this was the cause of loss of power & control of muscles. Her fall, I believe, much accelerated the end.

Yours sincerely

Arthur H. Willmore

P.S. Dr. Hare is not at Newquay now but understand Mrs. Hare is. I have written for his address & will forward on reply in case you wish to write him.



Fernlea

Wootton Courtenay

N^o Taunton,

18 XII 16

Dear W^d Pierce

Emily Willmore & I propose travelling to
Lisfail Fulwood Preston tomorrow (Tuesday) ar-
riving 10 p.m. Arthur Willmore jun. suggests that
I bring her to see you on Thursday & that I myself
come to see you about her on Wednesday.

I am quite ready to fall in with whatever
you consider the best arrangement, & ~~will~~ Will
you write or wire to me at Preston whether to come
alone on Wed. or put off my interview with you
until we come on Thursday & if the latter please tell
me if Emily is to bring her luggage & be prepared to
stay. I can of course be at The Retreat or elsewhere
at any time you suggest that gives me time to get
from Preston - (I do not mind an early start)

Nine weeks ago I should not have been at all surprised
if the doctor had signed a certificate for her at once. She
is ~~so~~ infinitely better now, yet at times it is apparent
the delusions are not altogether gone.

It is hardly necessary to write more as I expect
to see you.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours very truly

E. Caroline Evans

On second thoughts - as your time with me may be
limited I enclose a few notes of the case.

Re Emily Willmore

1916

Sleepless & deluded at home

(13?) 10 days? Oct 8th - 18th

(Felt compelled to do things by will of someone else - connecting all sorts of people into scheme agt her - reports growth of long standing in groin - thinks everyone is looking at her, wished she were dead - very suspicious of postman, mother's nurse etc.)

Kent House Nursing Home

5 wks Oct 18 - Nov 22

During last week 4 times put herself in danger's way - very unhappy

Torquay lodgings

2 wks Nov 22nd - Dec 5th

● Steady improvement. Absolute absence of tendency to self. injury from first. At first mutely fell in with every plan for day's programme re. At end of fortnight had opinions of her own, & would pick up a book or knit on her own initiative every now & then old delusions present. Otherwise talks perfectly rational.

Woolton Courtenay lodgings

2 wks Dec 5th - 19th

Taking & enjoying long walks of 15 mls & 7 mls
alternate days. Features becoming much more
normal. Smiles occasionally gives housekeeping
orders ~~for meals~~ each morning at first as duty
now in natural way. Deluded talk (except great
very unnecessary - regret for past delinquencies)
almost absent, but conspicuous in letters.
People here note a very great improvement in looks
& habits of conversation

E. P. Evans
Dec 18th '16

Trinity

36 Greveltham Road
Falmouth

Dec: 16. 1916

Dr Pierce

The Retreat, York

Dear Sir

My sister, Emily Willmore, has had a mental breakdown. After consulting Dr Banks here she went to a nursing home - say 8 or 10 weeks ago - at Torquay under Dr Cash, Limerick, Torquay. She was in the home several weeks & fainted physically. Then two weeks in apartments with Nurse Carrie Evans, who I believe knows you. For a week or so she & Nurse have been & now are at Fernlea

Woolton Courtenay
nr Falmouth.

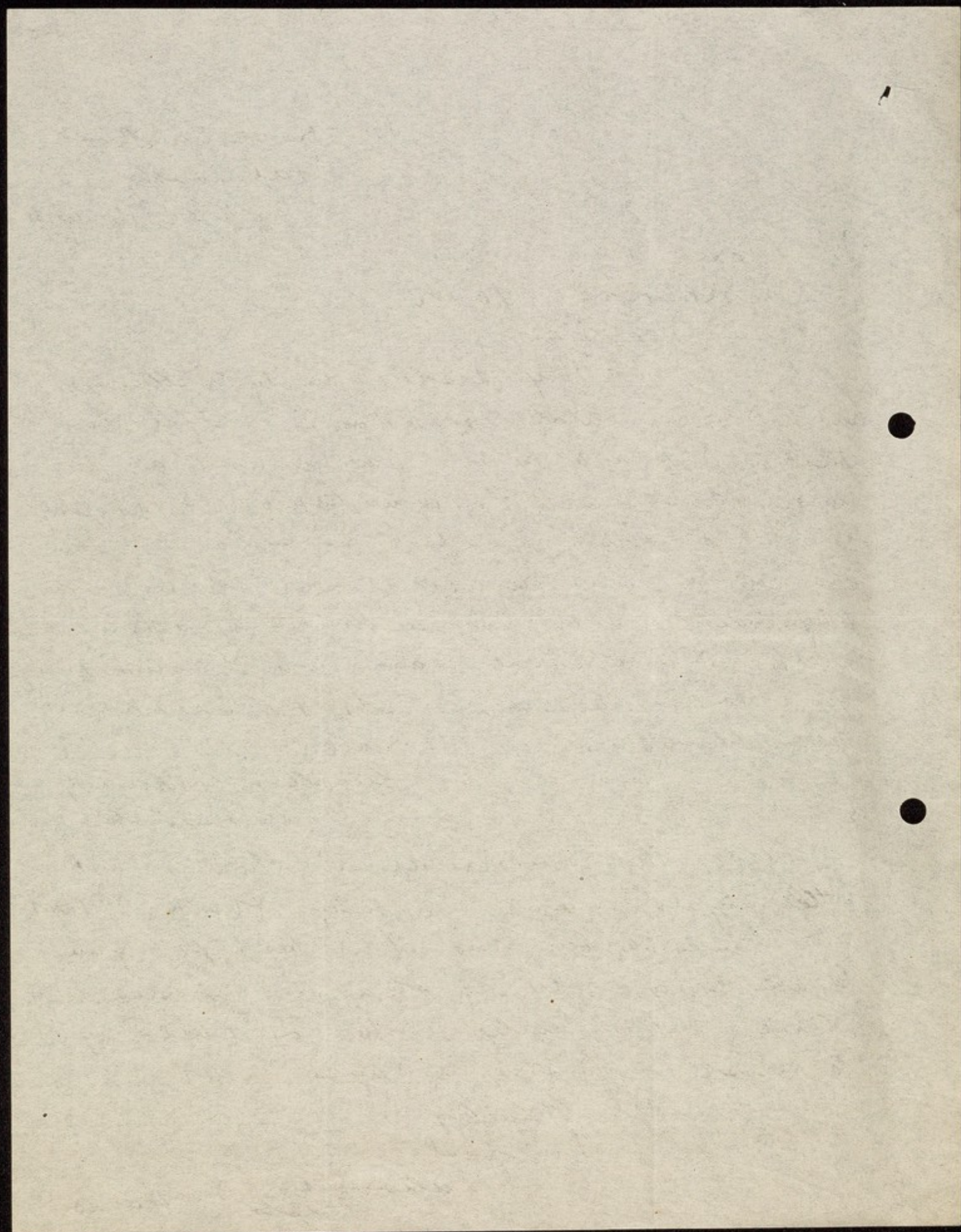
Altogether, we are afraid there is but little improvement mentally. Both Dr Cash & Dr Banks agree that it is best for you to see Emily. With that end in view Nurse takes Emily either ^{Monday} or Tuesday to Preston to stay a day so with

Mrs Megaw

Trisfail

Fulwood
Preston, Lancs.

a great friend



from where Nurse can make an
appointment ^{with you} so forth. It is however
possible they might come direct to you - we
are so fixed we have given her authority
to make all arrangements.

Emily dwells on the past - would like it
over again. Thinks various people are
working against her & us. Yearns for
home & that end wants to get well.
Some of her letters are normal - movingly
expressed, others, & particularly private Notes
to her one sister, reveal the trouble.

Mother has been seriously ill - this has not
helped her of course - now we have to tell her
that Mother passed away last evening.

Emily is apt to be, at times, reserved, quiet,
brooding with a far seeing look of eyes.

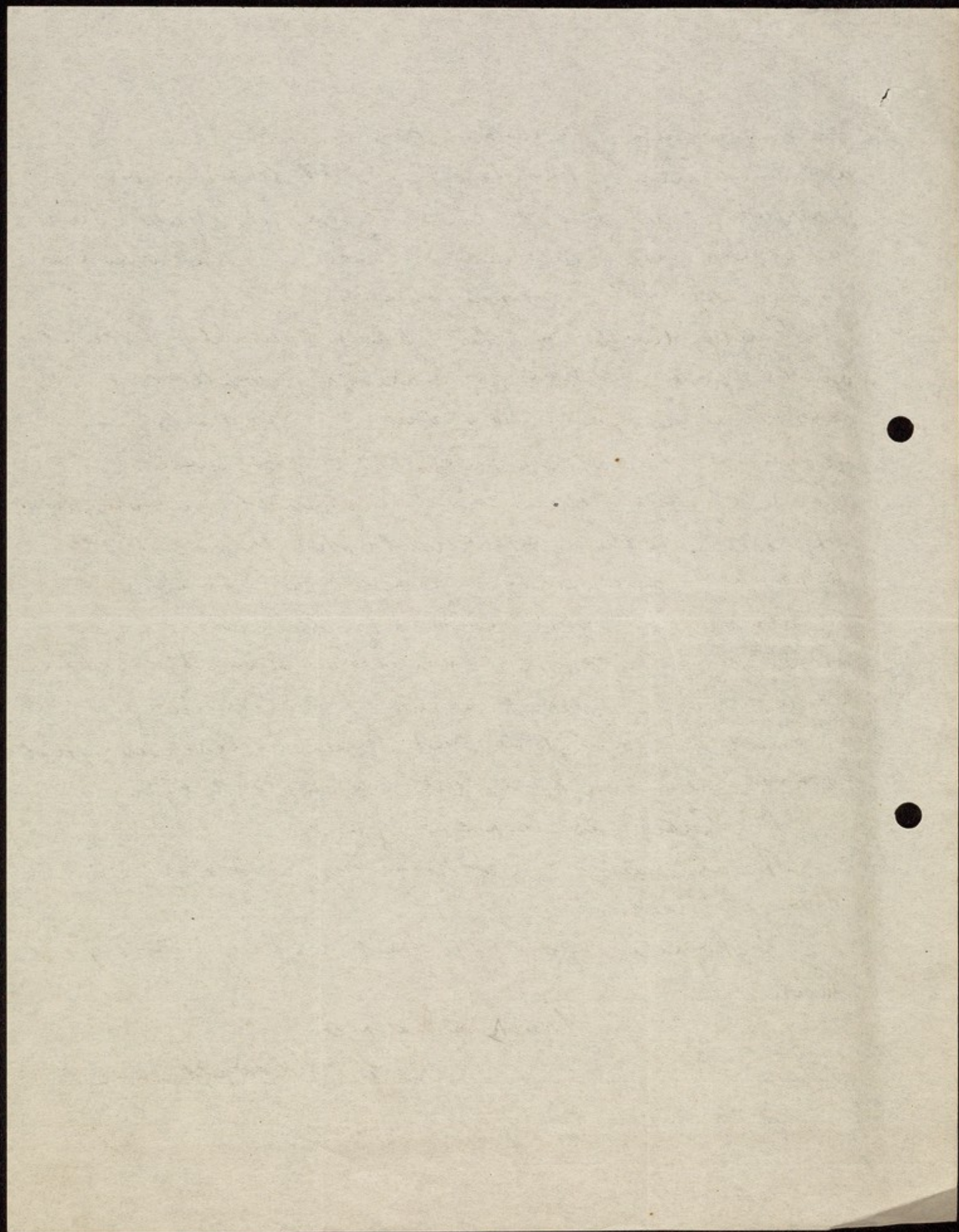
Dr. Cash is writing you.

Have given Mrs Megalyn's address in
case of need.

Hoping for the best arrangements for
Emily

Yours sincerely

Arthur H. Williams



partial treatment
as more in a Home
under your care
than the Retreat
might be sufficient
but you will judge
otherwise.

With kind
regards
Yours sincerely,
A. Midgley Clark

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LIMEFIELD,
TORQUAY

Dear Dr. Redford, Pearce
I have been attending
Miss Emily Willmors
of Falmouth & her
brother has asked me
to write you as to
her case with the
view of placing her
under your care.
She has broken down
under strain of her
mother's illness. She
has been also admitted
(Voluntarily) to you
that she had been
formerly addicted to

marked? She has
delusions of persecution
& morbid melancholia
also she is full of
of the unrealizable
fear of (James told)
that one of them (her
two sons) might kill her sister.
Because she is deeply
affected
with all she has
James weighs 8
stone & is well.
I have had her here
in a home for some
weeks & I feel her
up - with & malice

& a poor diet (she
is a vegetarian & is
faddy in many
ways). The catarrh
is regular & she
is not more amiable
or very bad mentally.
Cecilia seems to have
a slight increase
of what has always
been a moody
unpleasantness. Her
tastes for the, strong
& anxious views.
She is away now
at Minehead, &
her nurse friend
Miss Evans is
with her.
I had thought some

If thought to be suicidal or homicidal, five reasons.

While in nursing home, during walk in Torquay, the nurse patient was with, reported he deliberately walked in front of a tram in motion, which was pulled up sharply. Something of this kind occurred 4 times. She was resentful towards everyone at the Nursing Home. ? did she do it to frighten them?

In a letter to a friend about the same time, she said "if this should be the last letter I ever write you" &c.

Before leaving home she said to her sister "there is that and there is that" "I want you to have everything"

Since Emily has been with nurse Evans there has been nothing of this.

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FURTHER STATEMENT.

To be supplied before or immediately after reception at The Retreat, York.

Patient's Name Emily Willmore

Occupation Home occupations Born the 22nd day of March 1872

Aged 42

Before treatment is undertaken it is important that a full account of the history and habits of patients be given. All replies to questions are strictly confidential.

Informants are requested to read the suggestions given in the margins, and when information cannot be given they are asked to say so, and to leave no blanks.

SUGGESTIONS FOR REPLIES.	HISTORY OF PRESENT CONDITION.
<p>Onset.</p> <p>What signs were earliest?</p> <p>Was onset gradual or sudden?</p>	<p>1. When did signs of mental disorder first appear? Describe the earliest symptoms.</p> <p><i>Mental disorder began early part October last, consequent on mental & physical strain for some time. Suspicion of people - constantly including fresh individuals - thinking they were all in league to ruin her family.</i></p>
<p>Causation, Physical factors.</p> <p>Illness or injury.</p> <p>Intemperance. Bad habits.</p> <p>Privations or insanitary conditions.</p>	<p>2. Was the patient out of health at the time of the onset? Did any bodily disease contribute to the attack?</p> <p><i>Run down physically.</i> <i>Suffering from sleeplessness.</i></p>
<p>Causation, Mental factors.</p> <p>Domestic troubles.</p> <p>Bereavement.</p> <p>Business difficulties.</p> <p>Solitude.</p> <p>Worry or overwork.</p> <p>Love affairs or shock.</p>	<p>3. Was there any mental strain or unfavourable influence affecting the mind that may have contributed to the illness?</p> <p><i>Mother's illness which has resulted in death since (18/10/16). Two intimate friends had interested her in astralibration & visualisation. Her trust in them is now gone and she feels they are involved in plot indicated above. How can one tell when the old friendship is restored on the patient's side? Had shared with friends interested in spiritualism. Once attended a seance with them. Thinks she has been hypnotized.</i></p>
<p>Course.</p> <p>Improved or not.</p> <p>What special treatment.</p> <p>If away from home.</p>	<p>4. Describe the course of the disease since the onset.</p> <p><i>Improvement physically.</i> <i>Delusions thought to have less of a hold.</i> <i>On Oct. 16th Dr Banks (Greenbank, Falmouth) advised removal from home. From Oct. 18th for 5 weeks at Nursing Home in Torquay under Dr Cask. Then fortnight in rooms there with Nurse Evans & still under Dr Cask. In accordance with his advice moved to Wootton Courtenay (E. of Exmouth) stayed there till going to York.</i></p>
<p>Present condition of patient.</p> <p>State the symptoms that require special care in treatment.</p>	<p>5. What are the present difficulties in respect to management and treatment?</p> <p><i>Nurse Evans will probably have answered this.</i></p> <p>If thought to be suicidal or homicidal, give reasons.</p> <p><i>See enclosed</i></p> <p>Are personal habits clean? <i>Yes</i> Does patient refuse food? <i>No</i></p> <p>Is patient sick or infirm? <i>No</i> Have there been any seizures or fits? <i>No.</i></p> <p><small>N.B. - Epileptic patients are not admitted into the Retreat.</small></p> <p>Has there been trouble in respect to correspondence?</p> <p><i>Correspondence dealing with spiritualistic matters has been stopped.</i> [OVER</p>

PREVIOUS HISTORY.

1. What was the state of health during childhood and youth? Was there any delayed development or mental deficiency?

(1) Good but not robust.
(2) No

2. What has been the state of the bodily health during adult life?

Nervous breakdown 1906
under Dr Hare at Newquay, Cornwall
who said another breakdown would be serious.
A subsequent breakdown was taken in time to
prevent anything serious. Since 16 has had measles once
& influenza several times.

3. What are the mental characteristics and temperament?

Vigorous mentally - Good ability.
Intropective temperament highly strung
Imaginative.
Fond of languages & literature.
Some irregularity in meal times

4. Have there been any previous attacks of mental disorder, and, if so, how many?

No

When was the first attack and what was the supposed cause?

When was the last attack and was recovery complete?

SUGGESTIONS FOR REFLEXES.

Childhood and Youth.

Infantile convulsions.
Night terrors.
St. Vitus's Dance.
Nervous complaints.

Bodily Health.

Rheumatic or other fever.
Consumption.
Intemperance.
Nervous disease.
Other diseases.

Mental State.

Mental vigour and ability.
Industry and perseverance.
Favourite pursuits.
Eccentricities.
Irregular living.

Previous Attacks.

Date and duration.
Supposed cause.
Where treated.
Was recovery complete?

FAMILY HISTORY.

1. Had the patient's parents good BODILY health? If deceased, give cause of, and age at, death.

Father living - Yes
Mother (give maiden name) Wolfe. Died Dec. 15. 1916. Age 69.
from shock caused by fall resulting
in broken collar & blow on the head,
acting on degeneration.
Was there any blood relationship between them? No

2. Is there any history of MENTAL disease in the family, or any of the other conditions given in the margin? (If not known in any instance say so).

- a Father
b Paternal grandparents
c Paternal uncles and aunts
d Mother
e Maternal grandparents
f Maternal uncles and aunts
g Brothers
h Sisters

3. If the patient has any children, give the number, and ages of eldest and youngest.

Have the children good health?

Family History.

A careful return as to each of the undermentioned conditions is very important.

1. Mental Disease, including minor forms of mental disorder, undue depression or excitability, weak-mindedness, whether certified or not.
2. Epilepsy.
3. Nervous Diseases, in particular Hysteria, Spasmodic Asthma, Neurasthenia, Chorea.
4. Eccentricity (in a marked degree).
5. Alcoholic intemperance.
6. Deaf-mutism or other congenital defects.

Name of Informant

Arthur H. Willmore [OVER
Dec 24 - 1916