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Dear Sir I have received a letter from home re your charges which seem to be beyond our purse & for which they have asked for a reduction as it is a long time since I earned very much I should like an interview with you to try and arrange the matter otherwise I shall have to give you notice of my leaving the premises I will show you the letter I have received

Yours Truly

Edgar Ellison

14/5/13

Low Mills
Ravensthorpe
Dr. Dewsbury

Sir

My Son arrived home safely about 9 pm last night looks very nicely.

I should have liked him to stay longer this Dr says he ought to have stayed 6 months at least but I am sorry I could not afford your terms. I enclose money order for amount you kindly agreed to accept to date & thank you for your kindness

Yours Respy
Harriet Wilson Rd.

Pierce Esq
York.

Memorandum.

From Mrs Wilson
Lowbullo
Rawcusthorpe

To Dr B Pierce
Erie

7/5/ 1913

Dr
Thanks for your letter kindness. I am sorry your Patient is not in a position to pay for himself having had nearly three years of bad Health. I have done my best for him & will try & send the money or what I need by when my son will come over for him. if possible as I am not well enough. I expected a letter from you the first week when I could have explained matters. Yours Respy
Mrs Harriet Wilson

May 6, 1913

Dear Madam,

When Mr. Wilson came to the Retreat asking to be admitted he was told that the terms were 48/- a week, and, though he s said it was a good deal, he said he would make an effort to pay the amount for a time. It therefore came to us as a surprise to find that he could only afford £1 a week; and if this institution was run on ordinary business lines I feel sure the Committee would expect the amount agreed upon to be paid. I have had some difficulty in explaining the matter to the Treasurer, who naturally says that the question of terms should have been decided at the beginning.
As, however, it appears that you are unable to pay so much, he sanctions a reduction to one half, viz. 24/- a week and 2/- a week for washing. The Secretary is enclosing an account for this amount up to May 14th, when Mr. Wilson is wishing to leave.

With regard to his staying and working in the garden, we think this is undesirable. He is very nicely now and should have no difficulty in finding outside work almost anywhere at this time of the year.

Yours very truly,

May 3, 1913

E.Wilson

Dear Mr. Thompson,

This man was admitted when I was from home, and it would seem that the question of terms was never properly discussed at the time. As he was rapidly improving and was also doing a lot of good work in the garden I did not press for his removal when I found out the difficulty as regards payments. He is expecting to leave now in about a week, and, with your approval, I suggest that we waive the balance o of the account, and let them pay a guinea a week since his admission. The patient is quite of the workigg class s, and is a bargee, owning one or two horses for canal work.
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Yours very truly,

AND
6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, FRIDAY } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
TELEPHONE { YORK Nº 112. LEEDS Nº 391X.

THE RETREAT,
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Yours very truly,

Buford Pierce.

Dr Pierce

In the circumstance we must make a liberal compromise but I think the patient's means & our terms should have been gone into before or when he arr^d. Had this been done he would doubtless have been placed elsewhere, to mutual advantage. I presume he has not received payment for his garden work? If so I shd recommend asking if they cannot afford half the 49 say 24/- from the commencement

R.T.

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Memorandum.

2/5/ 1913

From Mr Urbson
Low Mills
Ravensthorpe

To Dr B. Pierce
The Retreat
York

Thanks for your letter of yesterday. I do not wish you to be out of pocket but am sorry I cannot afford more than £1 per week which I will gladly pay. He says he has had no special treatment or medicine so far but likes the place very much & asks me to enquire whether you could employ him in the grounds for a few weeks at a small wage. If not the returns home this week end can you recommend a cheaper place if he should have a relapse please.

Yours truly
Hamilton

May 1, 1913

Dear Madam,

I am glad to say that your son is getting on very well, and I see no reason why he should not leave at about the end of the week. Would you kindly let me know how much you can rightly afford to pay for him, and I will submit your proposal to the Treasurer. The question of expenses ought to have been dealt with directly after his admission, but I was from home then. I will ask the Committee to deal with the case as liberally as possible, but you ought to understand that the actual cost of maintenance here is about 48/- or 50/- a week. As soon as I hear from you I will see the Treasurer on the matter.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Wilson

Admitted Mar. 12. 1913
48/-

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12/4/ 1913

From Mrs Wilson
Low Mills
Ravensthorpe.

To Supt
The Retreat
York

Sir — Re my Son Edgar Ernest Wilson.

I have received your Bill regret that I am not in a position to pay £2/8/0 for my Son per week. but if you will kindly say what is the lowest you can accept to date, my other Son has promised to assist me as Dr Mitchell recommended your Home as a trial. I have expected a medical report from you weekly as to his condition

Memorandum.

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From

To

& cost as I understand he has required no special treatment as far as Dr Mitchell recommended Electricity & massage treatment to arouse his energies. With your reply kindly say if you can arrange to have him transferred to a much cheaper institution & if possible how long it will take to effect a cure. He has been ill now for over two years & we thought a month at your institution would cure him. Thanking you in anticipation. I am Yours Respy

a widow over 74 years of age J Hirlson 66

NAT. TELEPHONE Nº 112.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Nov 8 1913.

Dear Sir,

We can admit the patient any time. We note that he wishes to come as a Voluntary Boarder.

Yours faithfully
Wm E Waller
Secy.

E. E Wilson Esq.

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Lowhills Farm
Ravensthorpe 6/3/13
W Dewsbury.

Sir

Dr Mitchell of Ravensthorpe sent you a signed agreement form a few weeks ago. Please say when it will be convenient for you to admit the patient

Yours truly
E Worlson

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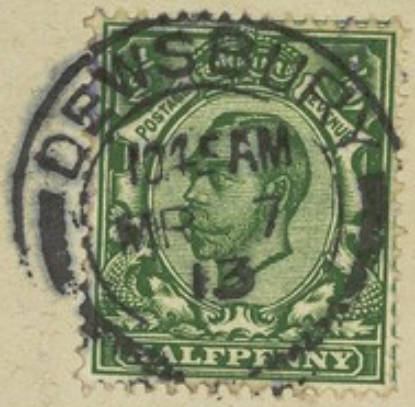

The Secretary
The Retreat
York