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In Lunacy

In the Matter of Grace Audrey Wilson Spinster
a person of unsound mind not so found by
Inquisition

and

In the Matter of the Lunacy Acts 1890 to 1908

Let all parties concerned attend Master Thoburn
one of the Masters in Lunacy at the Royal Courts of
Justice Strand London on Tuesday the 25th day
of November 1913 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon upon
the hearing of an application on the part of Hugh
Townshend Wilson of Puotts Heydon near Royston in
the County of Herts Clerk in Holy Orders

That the said Hugh Townshend Wilson and
Jane Beaumont Wilson of Puotts Heydon near Royston
in the County of Herts Spinster may be authorized
on behalf of the said Grace Audrey Wilson to receive
and give valid receipts for any rents and profits income
or interest which may be payable in respect of the
share of the real and personal estate of the Reverend
Hugh Owen Wilson to which the said Grace Audrey
Wilson is entitled under or by virtue of the Will of
the said Hugh Owen Wilson dated the 15th day of
January 1864 and also for any income and interest
in respect of the share of the funds comprised in
the Settlement dated the 17th day of August 1857
executed on the marriage of the said Hugh Owen
Wilson and Charlotte Elizabeth Wilson payable to the
said Grace Audrey Wilson and also for any income
or interest in respect of her share of the property comprised
in the Will of the said Charlotte Elizabeth Wilson
dated the 1st day of October 1903 and also for any
rents and profits income or interest which may be

payable in respect of the share of the real and personal estate of Catherine Ann Watson to which the said Grace Audrey Wilson is entitled under or by virtue of the Will of the said Catherine Ann Watson dated the 7th day of September 1907.

2. That the sum of £200 per annum may be allowed for the maintenance of the said Grace Audrey Wilson as from the 10th day of May 1913.
3. That the Trustees of the Will of the said Hugh Owen Wilson may be ordered to lodge in Court to the credit of the said Grace Audrey Wilson the share of the personal estate to which she is now entitled under the said Will.
4. That the Trustees of the said Will of the said Charlotte Elizabeth Wilson may be ordered to lodge in Court to the credit of the said Grace Audrey Wilson the share of the funds to which she is entitled thereunder.
5. That the Trustees of the said Will of the said Catherine Ann Watson may be ordered to lodge in Court to the credit of the said Grace Audrey Wilson the share of the funds to which she is entitled thereunder.
6. That the premium payable by such Guarantee Society as the Master may accept as the Sureties of the said Hugh Townshend Wilson and Jane Beaumont Wilson may be allowed to them out of the estate of the said Grace Audrey Wilson.
7. That the reasonable and proper costs of the Applicants of incident to and consequent upon this application may be taxed and paid out of the estate of the said Grace Audrey Wilson.

Dated this 10th day of November 1913.

This Summons was taken out by Messrs May

How Oliver of 49 Quibus Inn Fields in the
County of Middlesex Agents for Messrs
Peele How Stokes of Shrewsbury in the County
of Salop Solicitors for the Applicants.

To the above named
Grace Audrey Wilson }

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In Lunacy

Re
Grace Audrey Wilson
Spinster

Summons
for the appointment of Receiver

To ^{Ms} Grace Audrey
Wilson

The Registry
York

Take Notice that a Summons of which a copy is
attached hereto was on the 10th day of November 1913
issued by Messrs Messrs How & Helver of 49 Lincoln's Inn
Fields London W.C. and that in pursuance thereof
orders may be made on the ground that you are
lawfully detained as a lunatic for the purpose of
retaining your property or the income thereof available
for the maintenance or benefit of yourself and that
if you intend to object to such orders being made
notice of such objection must be signed by you
and attested by a solicitor and filed at the office
of the Masters in Lunacy within 7 clear days
after your receipt of this notice

Dated this 12th day of November 1913

A. W. Badger

A Member of the firm of Messrs
Wickham & Leman & Badger
Solicitors York.

Messrs How & Helver
49 Lincoln's Inn Fields

per

Pick How & Stokes,
Shrewsbury

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

The Board of Control,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
Letters.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

23th. September, 1915.

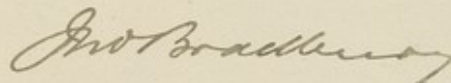
SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners of the Board of Control
to inform you that their consent to the transfer of Miss G.A. Wilson
from your care to The Lawn, Lincoln, has been given on
condition that the Patient be accompanied, during the removal, by
at least two efficient and responsible persons.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,



For the Secretary.

To the Medical Officer,
York Retreat.

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THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

25 September. 1915.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners of the Board of Control, to
inquire whether Miss Grace Anway Wilson
is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another
Institution.

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

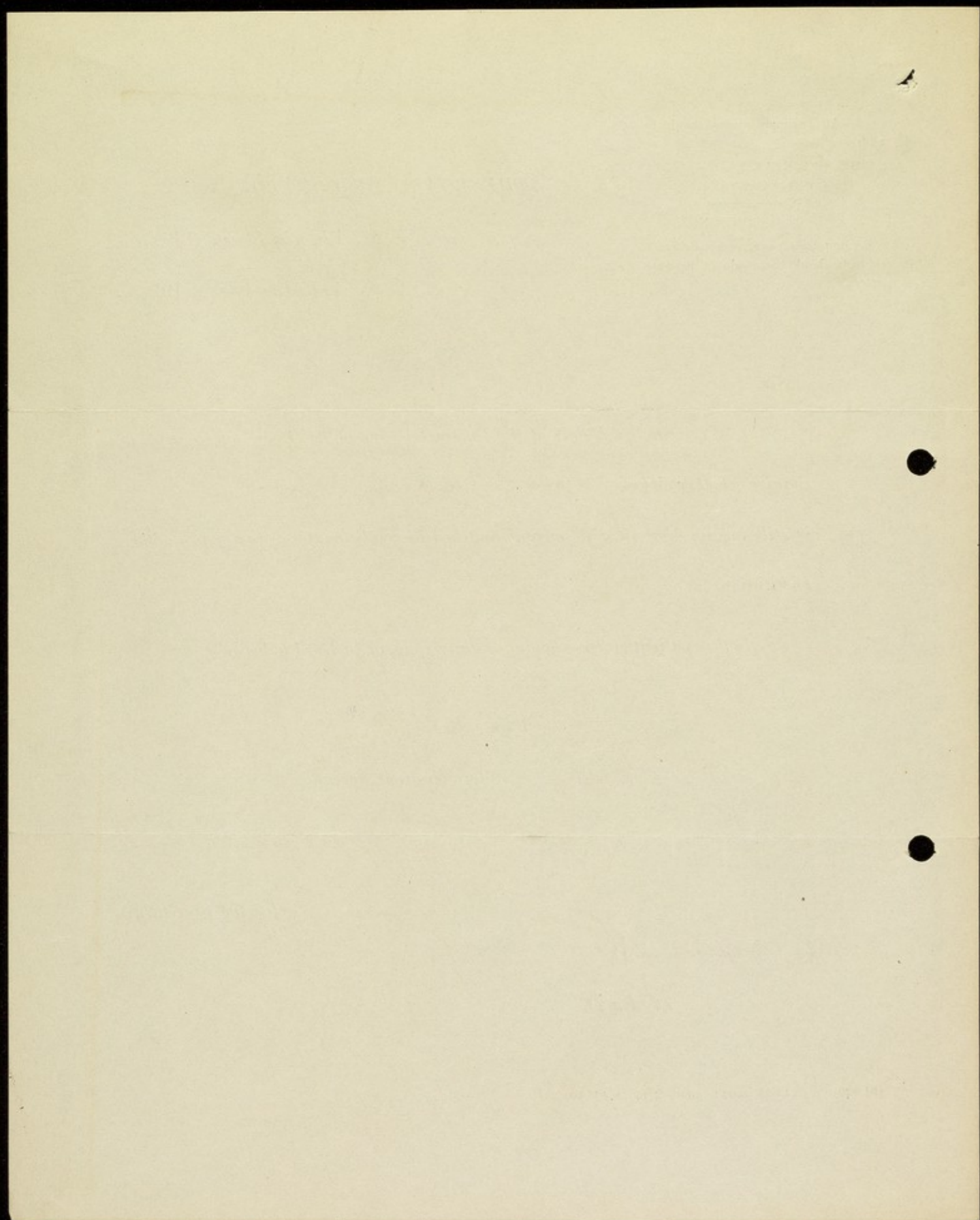
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. Bradbury

for the Secretary.

The Medical Officer,
The Retreat,
York.



Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I should like my sister to go to The Lawn-Lincoln, and have written to the Board of Control for the necessary permission.

I am afraid that my sister has often been very trying, and am most grateful for all the kindness shown her, and can only trust that the change may distract her mind

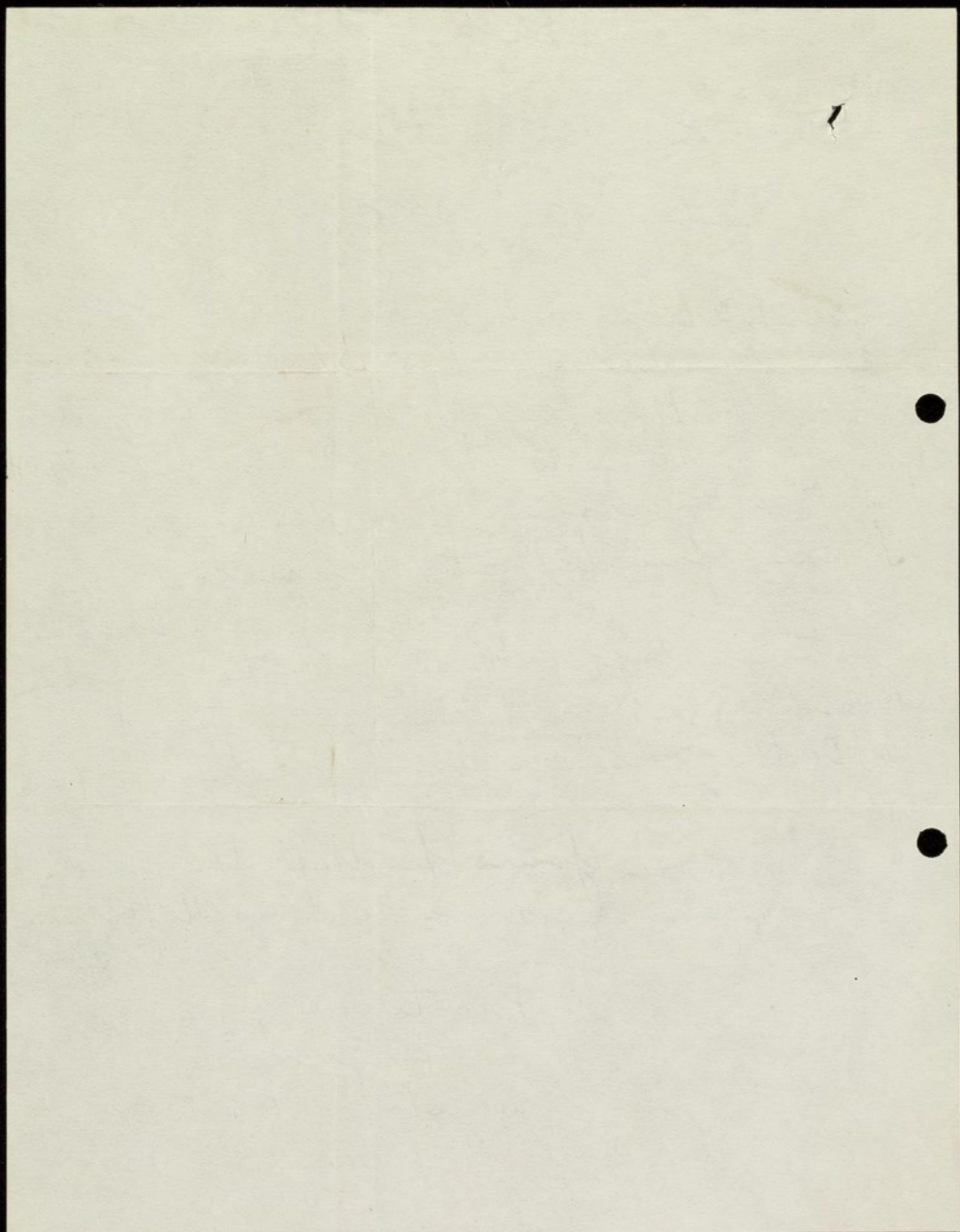
Yours faithfully
Janie Beaumont Wilson

Picotts

Heydon

Royston. Herts

Sep 23rd 1915



Picotts
Heydon
Royston. Herts
Sep 17. 1915

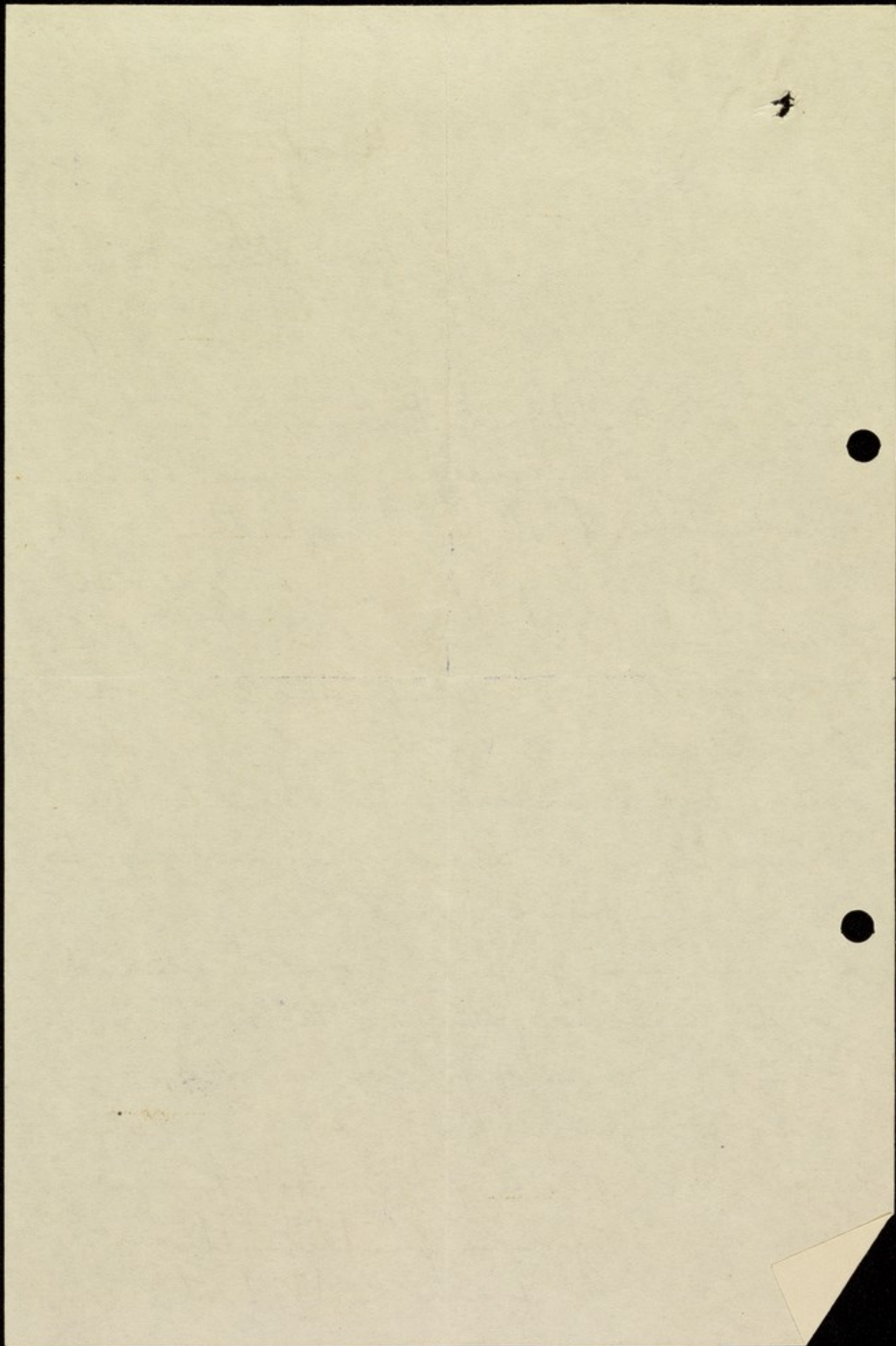
Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

My sister seems so very miserable, that I think the only thing is to try if a change may distract her thoughts a little.

I am most grateful for all the kindness and patience, which have been shewn to her at the Retreat, and am very sorry to take her away.

On hearing from you, I shall visit a few places, which have been recommended to me, and will let you know, as soon as possible, where I think of sending her.

Yours faithfully
Jane B. Wilson



Wray Wood House
Northallerton
Aug 16.

Dear Doctor Bedford Peirce

I am hoping to come
and see my sister one day
this week, but as she wrote
a short time ago to say she
was going to Throscenby Hall.
I think it wiser to ask if I
am likely to find her at the
Retreat this week if I call.

Yours truly
Janie B Wilson

(Home address

Picotts. Heydon
Royston. Herts



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TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

August 4th/15

Dear Dr. Pierce,

As I did not see you on Tuesday, when over I am writing to tell you that Miss Wilson is very anxious to go & see Dr. Godfrey, as he knew her some years ago she says, & will set something straight, which is bothering her, she wrote

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a letter to him which she shewed to Miss Ellins on Tuesday, but of course it was not sent. She walks about with her hat & gloves on already to go & has told us both that she wished she had more pluck to go out of the gate! If you don't wish her to go, I should suggest she is sent back to York, as she is not doing any good here, or enjoying herself at all, neither is Miss Harris, who is

always getting herself
dressed to go off, so far
Miss Barnes has not taken
any notice of anything
or anyone, but perhaps
you would like her to
be tried a little longer.
The rest of the family
are well & happy, we
wish the weather were
better for them, it is
not at all summerlike.
I was very sorry not to
see you, if only for a
few minutes, & enjoyed

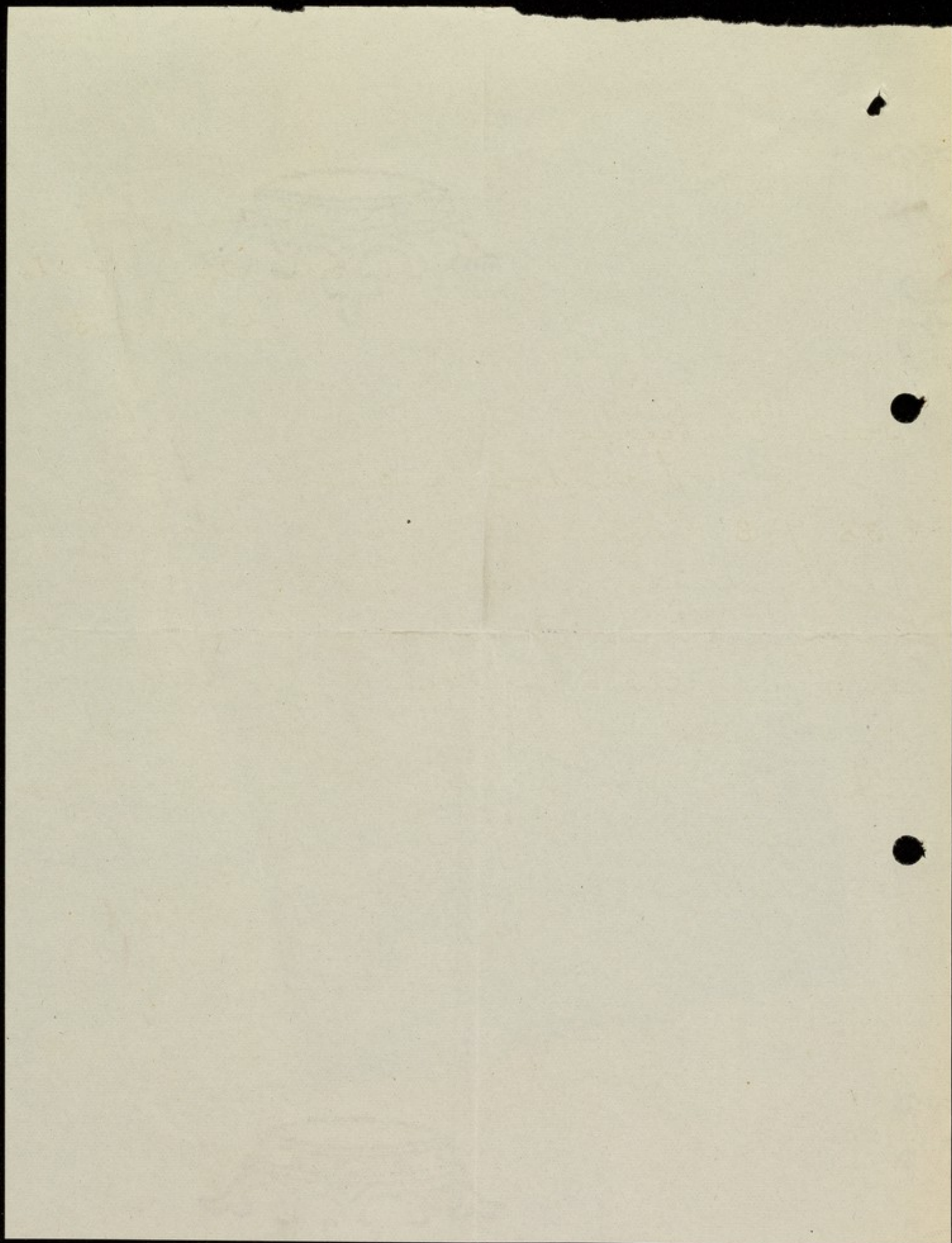
a nice chat with both
Miss Head & Miss Cochrane.
Miss Elkins goes on well
thinks she might take
up her duties again now,
but I tell her I think
she ought to wait until
this party has returned
& the next will be much
quieter. The maids are
doing nicely & the third
comes on Sat.
With kindest regards in
which Miss Elkins joins
Yours sincerely
Hilda M. Hale

Picotts
Heydon
Royston Herts
April 15.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose a cheque for
£38. 7. 8, and am very grateful for
the kindness, which I know is shown
to my sister. I hope to come and
see her next week, and shall be
very much obliged, if you could
take two rooms (bed room and sitting room)
for me at Mr. Thornton's or elsewhere
for Wednesday April 21st.

Yours truly
J B Wilson

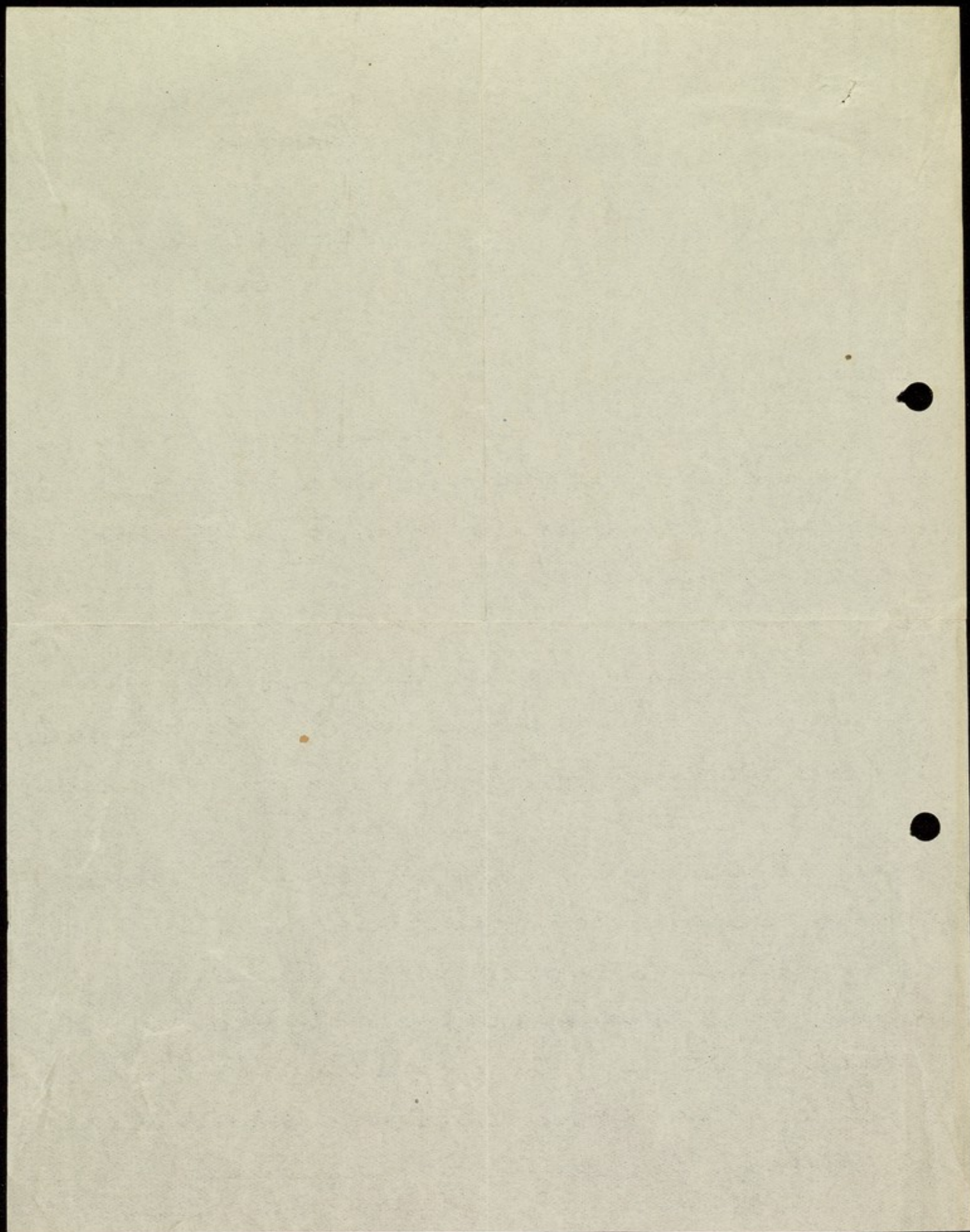


Picotts
Heydon
Royston Herts
Dec 12th 1914

Dear Dr Peirce

Canon Bell was very kind to my sister, and she seemed pleased with her visit. He wished me to tell you, that if you thought it comforted her, he should be pleased to see her sometimes. (perhaps once a month) he is always at his church on Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock, except before some Festival such as Christmas or Easter, when he would be too busy to see her. I hope to come again before long, so perhaps she will be content to wait until then.

I am very grateful for all the kindness which is shewn to my sister at the Retreat and am so sorry that she should speak so rudely to you. Yours truly
Janie B Wilson



ST. OLAV'S VICARAGE,
YORK.

Dec: 10: 1914

Dear Sir

I saw Miss Wilson who
came with her sister
H. Olave yesterday.
As you say I can give her
no direct help. But
I told her sister what
of coming & talking to
me was any consolation
then of any sort, I

Could see her at S. O. Adams
occasionally, if someone
would bring her. I am
always in Church from
3-4 p.m. on Friday
afternoons. You will
be the best judge as to
whether coming to see me
is any indirect help
to her or gives her any
satisfaction. If you
think so, I could see

see her as above if
I might have a note
and say she is coming
again or has before been

Yours very truly

C. C. Beck

8th December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I think you will remember Miss Wilson, who paid you an unexpected visit late one evening. She is extremely anxious to see you again, and it would be very kind of you if you could possibly spare time to give her an interview. Her sister is staying in York, and proposes to call on you at a little before ten in the morning in the hope that you may be able to fix some time in the afternoon. I am sadly afraid that Miss Wilson's mind is too confused and her reasoning powers too seriously impaired for you to be able to give her very much direct help, but I am sure that it would be a real relief to her to have a talk with you. For some reason Miss Wilson does not wish to see the Rev E. G. Hutchings, though he has been exceedingly good in trying to relieve her of her mental difficulties.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Rev. Canon Bell,
St. Olave's Vicarage,
York.

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results and their implications.
The final part of the report is a
conclusion and a list of references.

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4th December, 1914.

Dear Madam,

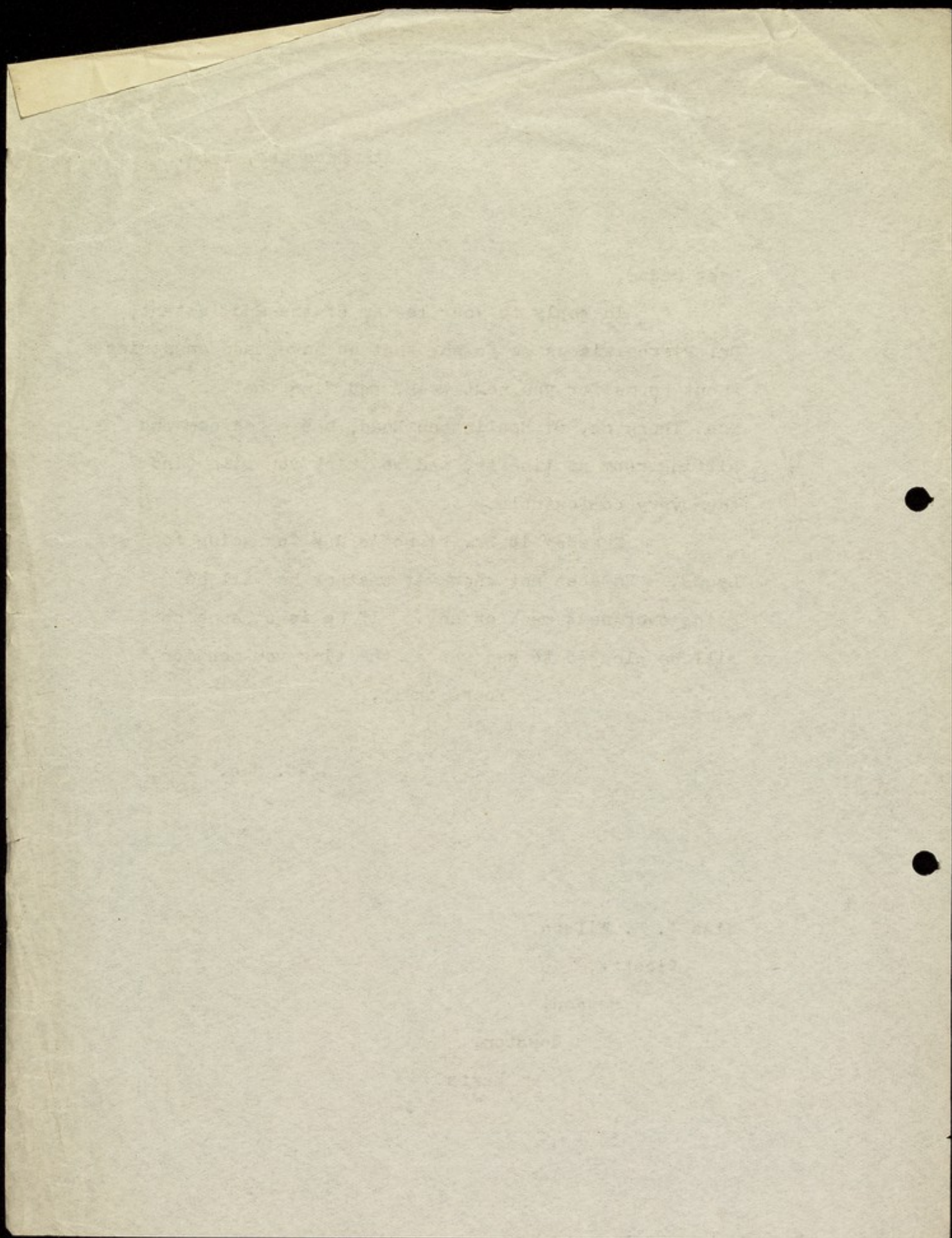
In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, Dr. Pierce wishes me to say that we have made enquiries about rooms for you next week, and find that Mrs. Thornton, 87 Heslington Road, has a bedroom and sitting room at liberty, and we think you will find them very comfortable.

Tuesday is Dr. Pierce's day for going to Leeds. He does not know yet whether he will be going over next week or not. If he is at home he will be pleased to see you at the time you mention.

Yours truly,

Asst. Sec.

Miss J. B. Wilson,
Picotts,
Heydon,
Royston,
Herts.



Picotts
 Heydon
 Royston Herts
 Dec 2nd

Dear Dr. Pierce

My sister is very anxious to see one of us, so I am Hoping to come up on Tuesday next, and shall be very much obliged if you would tell me of any rooms (bedroom & sitting room) that I could have for two nights. I

If it was convenient to you I should be very glad if I could see you when I arrive (about 2.30) before I see my sister.

Yours faithfully
 (Miss) Janie B Wilson

Janie
 making enquiries.
 Thornton.

897 Stratford Road.

12th August, 1914.

Dear Miss Wilson,

Miss G. A. Wilson is at the Retreat, and it will be quite convenient for you to come and see her at any time next week. We can hardly tell whether she would be pleased to have you spend a few days in York or not, but I would suggest that you should come and see her, and then if your sister wishes it perhaps you could arrange to stay a few days. Dr. Pierce is on holiday at present.

Yours very truly,

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(Home address)
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Royston Herts)

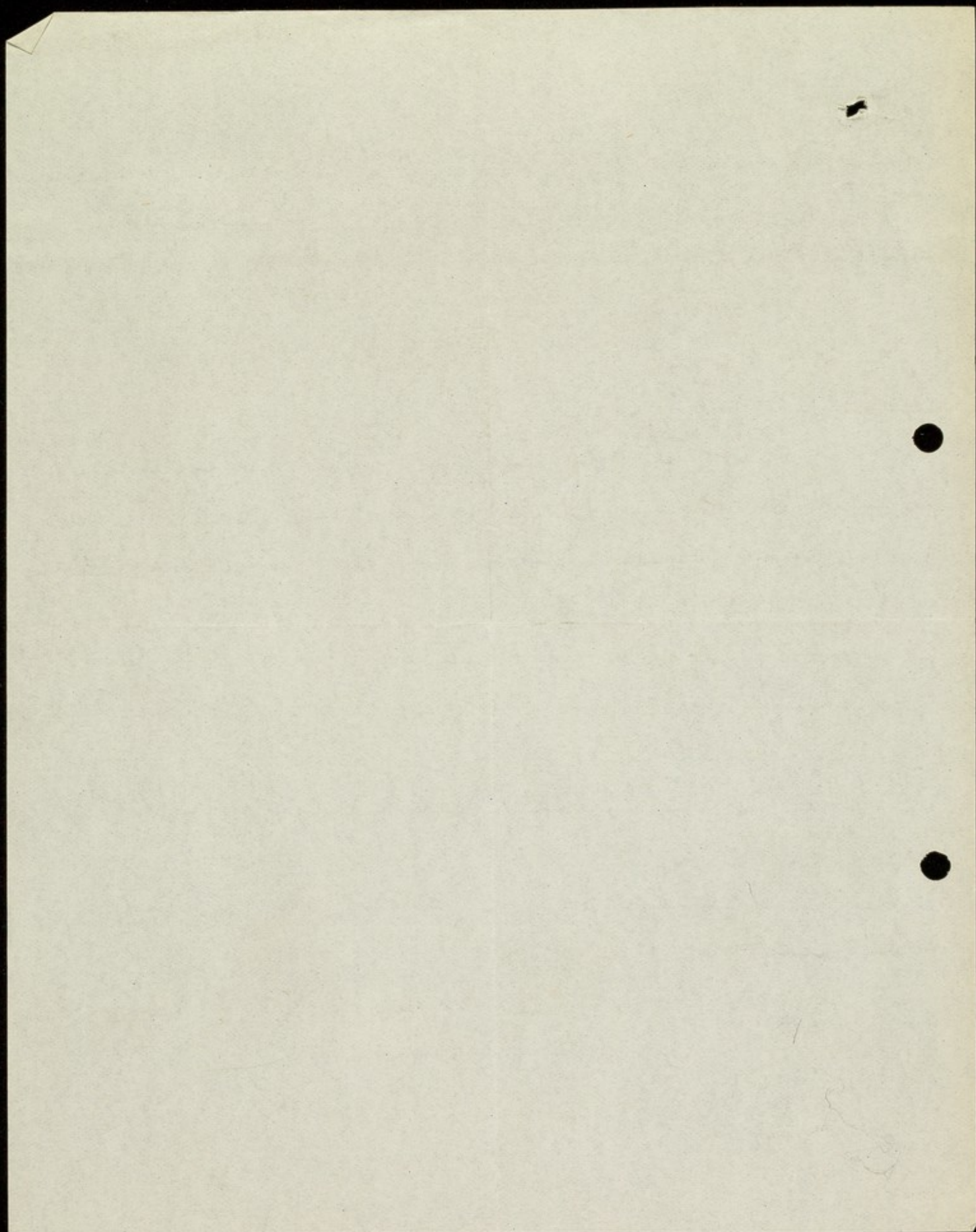
Rainsford Lodge
Chelmsford
Aug 11th

Dear Dr. Pierce

As I am having my holiday, I hoped to be able to come and see my sister Miss Grace Wilson sometime next week, but as she never writes to me, I am not sure if she is at The Retreat or Throsenby Hall, and shall be much obliged if you could let me know.

If she is in York, and you thought it would give her any pleasure, I might take lodgings for a few days there and see her every day.

Yours faithfully
J B Wilson



TELEGRAMS:
AGREEMENT HOLB LONDON.
TELEPHONE N^o 1012. HOLBORN.

49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

22nd October 1913.

Dear Sir,

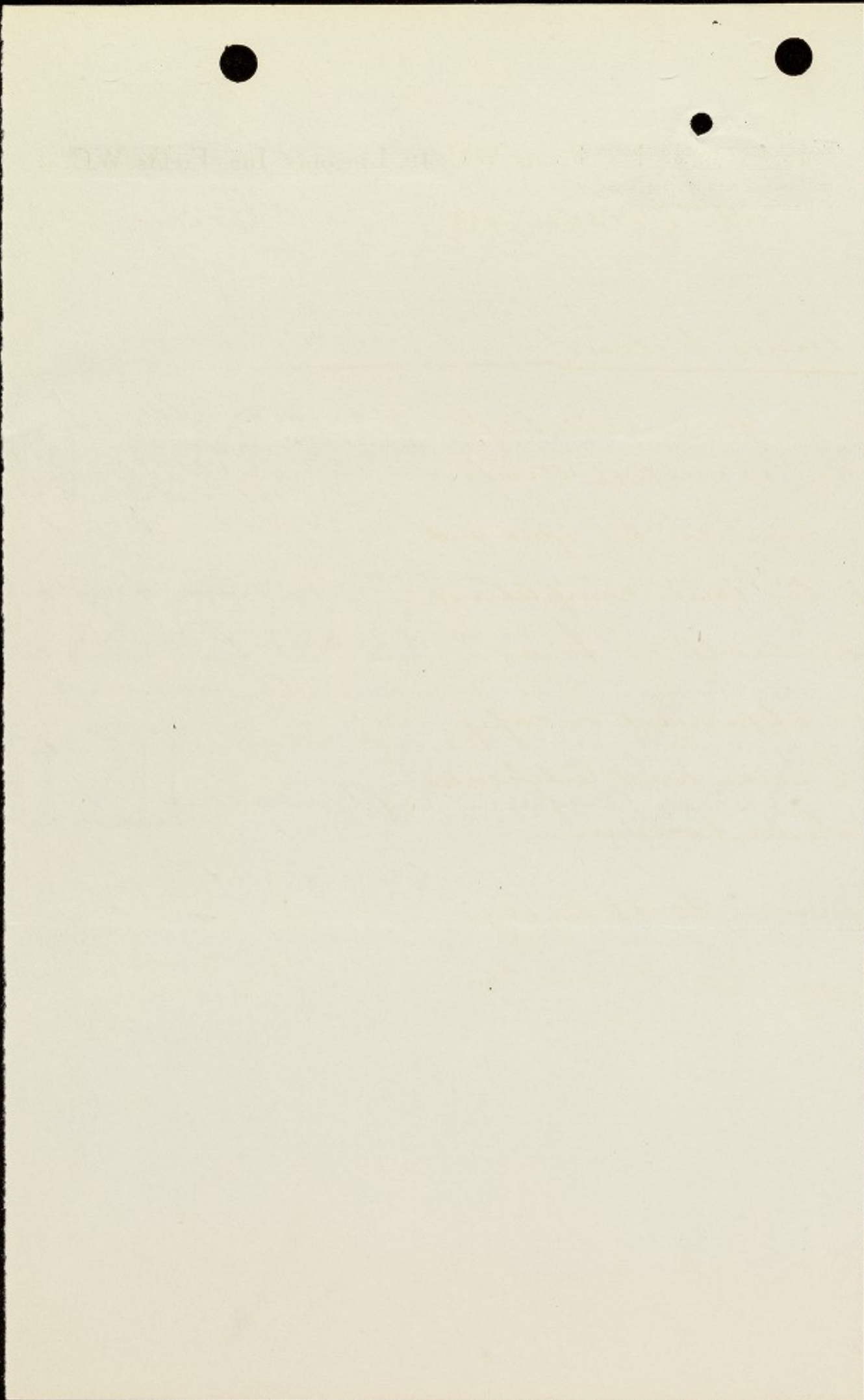
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Miss Grace Wilson.

Referring to our letter of
yesterday's date and the draft Affirmation
sent therewith, it occurs to us to ask
whether there was any order for the
transfer of Miss Wilson from the
Holloway Sanatorium to your care,
if so, it may be necessary to exhibit
copies to your Affirmation.

Yours faithfully,
May Nowt Silver

D^r Pierce.



49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

21st October 1913.

Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Wilson.

Referring to your letter of the 14th inst. we beg to enclose draft Affidavit to be made by you and shall be obliged by your completing the same and returning it to us.

We have obtained a copy of the Reception Order and Certificates from Holloway Sanatorium.

Yours faithfully,
May Dowd Chilver

D^r Pierce.

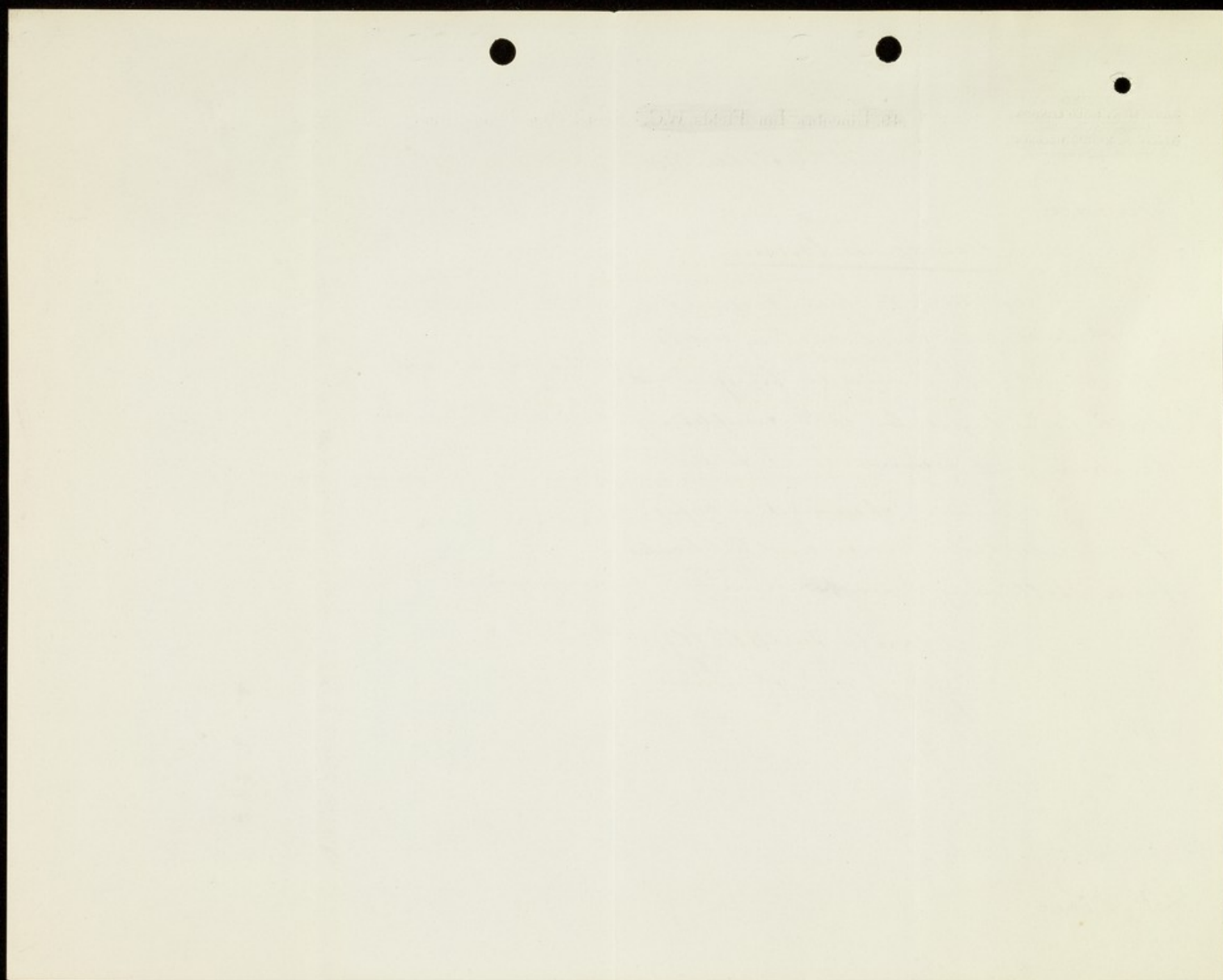
it is helpless if she is in this position. Looking out for her qualities - all destructive under this force - she says I have done to touch her faith that she ought to have a veil over her & no such blindness is permitted

that she has been abused. that she has been exposed to herself, cannot say what has been cruel - intellect & dishonesty to her nature, must be allowed to use her faith not in any one particular way. am very so unconscious. she had

she seems not improve her body - As it is impossible to find anyone to love her - she wanted someone to protect her heavenly life -

she wept - as if mentally suffering often began a sentence & not finishing it. she knows she seems to be dishonestly.

qualities in her for her to earthly things - that there is a burst in a chest a burst of terror - if allowed to use her faith & feel a child of God & not held down & that when she came under the law she closed. It's real fact that a force she is under holds her down



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AGREEMENT HOLB LONDON.
TELEPHONE N^o 1012. HOLBORN.

49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

12th November 1913.

Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Wilson.

It will be necessary to serve this lady with a copy of the Summons for the appointment of Receivers.

tel. 07 We are writing Messrs Wilkinson Leman & Badger with instructions to attend and serve the Summons.

Will you kindly write to them saying at what time it would be convenient for them to attend and serve Miss Wilson.

The service should be made not later than Friday.

Yours faithfully,
Maylow & Silver

D. Pierce.



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TELEGRAMS:
AGREEMENT HOLB LONDON.
TELEPHONE N^o 1012. HOLBORN.

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49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

14th Nov^r 1913.

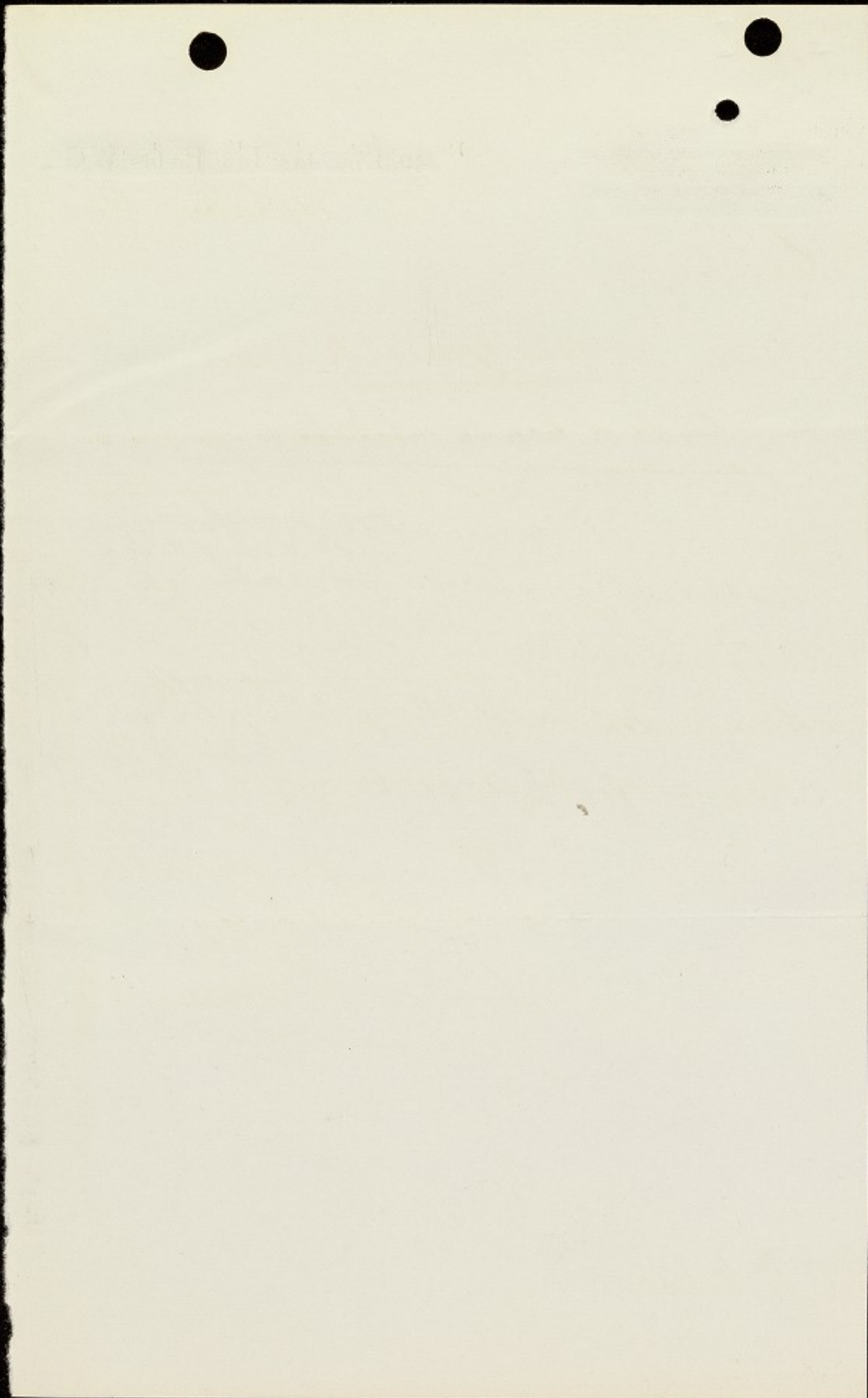
Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Wilson.

We are obliged for your
letter of yesterday's date returning
Affirmation and copy Order for
Transfer and beg to enclose
cheque for £2.4.6 your fee.

Yours faithfully,
May How Silver

D^r Pierce.



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GRAMS:
AGREEMENT HOLB LONDON.
TELEPHONE N^o 1012. HOLBORN.

49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

1st November 1913.

Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Wilson.

We beg to enclose engrossment of Affirmation and shall be obliged if you will get the same completed.

You will notice that we have incorporated into the affirmation a paragraph certifying the Transfer Order which you sent us a few days ago

Yours faithfully.
Mayhew & Silver

D^r Pierce.



Oct. 7, 1913

Dear Sirs,

We have not got the original papers under which Miss Wilson was first received as a person of unsound mind. She was transferred here from Mead House, Hayes, Middlesex and we have only copies of the papers. It would appear that she was first sent to Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, and no doubt the authorities there will give you the necessary copies and certify as to their accuracy.

I can give the necessary affidavit as to her mental state and her unfitness to transact her affairs. I may state that, being a member of the Society of Friends, I affirm and do not swear, and that Miss Wilson was admitted here on July 1st, 1912. I will fill up the blanks on a draft if you will forward it to me.

The usual fee in a case of this kind, exclusive of Commissioner's fee, is two guineas.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. May, Clow & Chilver

Oct. 7, 1915

Dear Sir,

We have not got the original papers under which
Miss Wilson was first received as a person of unsound mind.
She was transferred here from Head House, Hayes, Middlesex
and we have only copies of the papers. It would appear that
she was first sent to Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water,
and we should be authorized to give you the necessary
copies and certify as to their accuracy.

I can give the necessary affidavit as to her mental

state and her condition at present. I may
state that, being a member of a Society of Friends, I believe
and do not expect, and that Miss Wilson was brought here
on 11th Jan, 1915. I will fill up the blanks on a draft

if you wish forward it to me.

The usual fee in case of this kind, exclusive of

Commissioner's fee, is two guineas.

Yours very truly,

Wm. J. W. W. W. W.

TELEGRAMS:
AGREEMENT HOLB LONDON.
TELEPHONE N^o 1012. HOLBORN.

49, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.

6th October 1913.

Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Wilson.

An application is about to be made to the Master in Lunacy for the appointment of a Receiver of this lady's income.

We understand that she is under your charge, and in these circumstances we propose to ask you to make the usual Affidavit in support of the Summons.

If you have not already supplied a copy, will you let us have a copy of the Certificate and Reception Order under which Miss Wilson was detained as a person of unsound mind.

Yours faithfully,
Mayhew Silver

Dr. Pearce.

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PEELE, HOW & STOKES.
SOLICITORS.

W. M. HOW.
CLEMENT PEELE.
A. HUDLESTON STOKES.
TELEPHONE No 143.

20, Dogpole,
Shrewsbury.

23rd September, 1913.

Dear Sir,

We are as you know, acting for the late Mrs Wilson's Executrices, and we have also been consulted with reference to the appointment of the Revd: Hugh Townshend Wilson and Miss Jane Beaumont Wilson as Receivers for Miss Grace Audley Wilson who is under your care. Have you the papers showing the steps taken when first she was placed in the charge of a medical man at Virginia Water, and if so, will you kindly lend them to us? In order to complete our affidavit in support of the application for the appointment of Receivers we wish (1) to ascertain the name and address of the medical man who first took charge of

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her (2) to make sure that it was on a petition by the late Mrs Wilson that she was certified and (3) to hear from you the average amount of the disbursements for her in each year in addition to the fixed charge of 48/- per week which comes to £124. 16/- a year.

£23.4.6 incl nearly £10^{or mother's} funeral. Yours faithfully,

Peele How Stokes

2599 July 1: 1912

Dr Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

13. 23rd September,

Dear Sir,

We are as you know, acting for the late Mrs Wilson's Executors, and we have also been consulted with reference to the appointment of the Revd: Hugh Townshend Wilson and Miss Jane Bennett Wilson as Receivers for Miss Grace Annie Wilson who is under your care. Have you the papers showing the steps taken when first she was placed in the charge of a medical man at Virginia Water, and if so, will you kindly lend them to us? In order to complete our affidavit in support of the application for the appointment of Receivers we wish (1) to ascertain the name and address of the medical man who first took charge of

her (2) to make sure that it was on a petition by the late Mrs Wilson that she was certified and (3) to hear from you the average amount of the disbursements for her in each year in addition to the fixed charge of 48/- per week which comes to £124. 10/- a year.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Pierce,
The Rectory,
York.

20 Dogpole,

Shrewsbury,

31st July 1913

Dear Sir,

We think we should explain that the telegram of which we enclose a copy was sent to you this morning from this office in the hope of obtaining an answer by this evening's post because we are anxious to complete the papers which we have in hand for Probate of Mrs Wilson's Will, and we think that, as she used to pay for the maintenance of Miss Grace Wilson in your establishment, there must have been something due to you from her up to the date of her death on the 10th of May last, after which date the payment of your charges will have to be provided for from another source.

As Thursday is an early closing day in Shrewsbury we have to write this letter without waiting till the afternoon for a possible telegram.

Yours faithfully,

Reuben Horn Stokes

Dr. Pierce.

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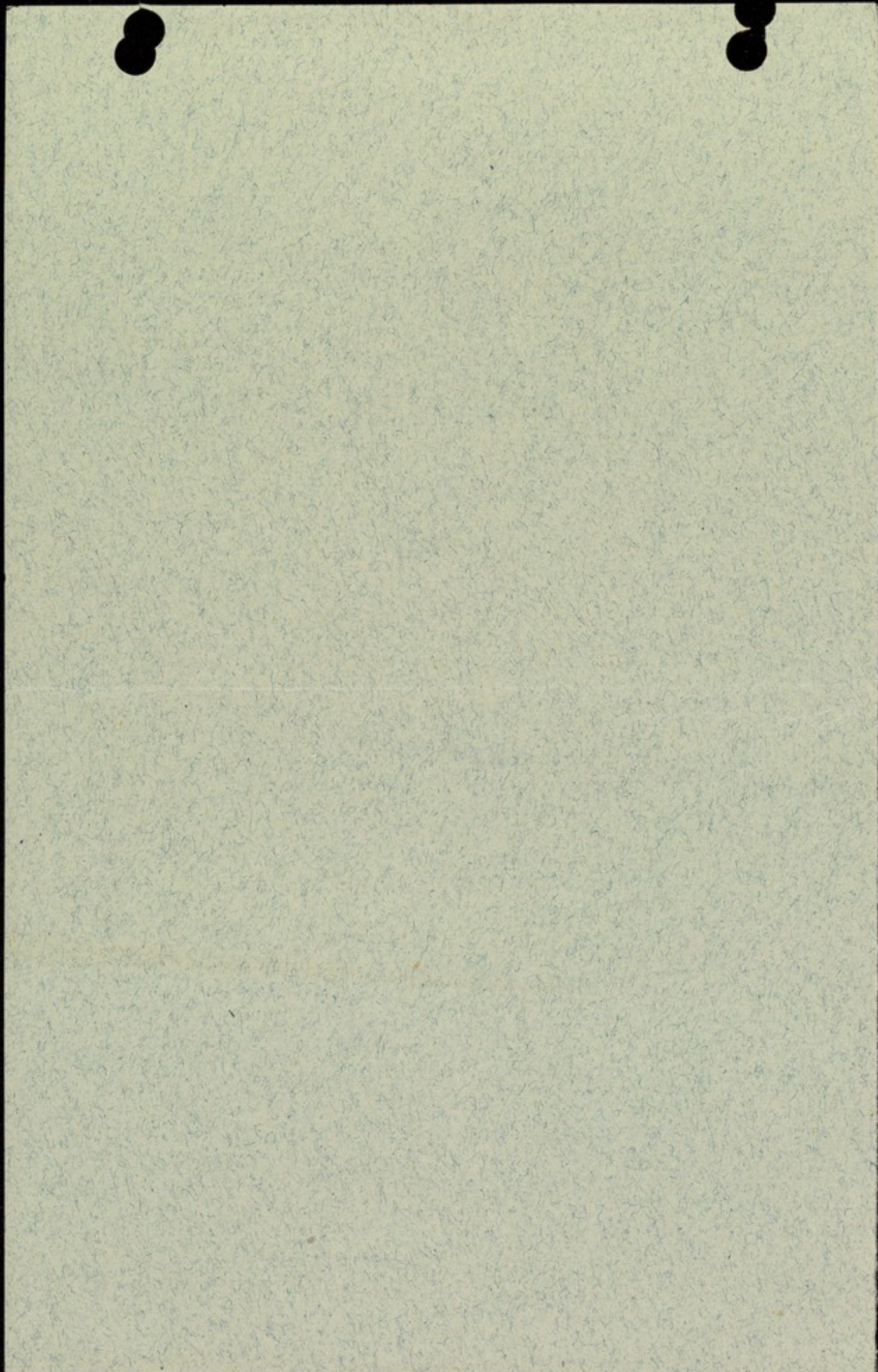


Heydon
Royston. Herts
July 14

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque
for £ 47.19.8. in payment
of my sister's account.
I am sorry to hear that
she has not been so well
lately.

Yours truly
Jamie B. Wilson



Copy.

Dr. Pierce

The Retreat, York.

Please telegraph or write proportion
of charges for Miss Grace
Wilson which was due up
to 10th May

Peeles, Solicitors, Shrewsbury.

Copy.

Dr. Pierce

The Retreat, York.

Please of Wilson to
telegraph charges which 10th
or for was May
write Miss due
proportion Grace up

Peeler, Solicitors, Shrewsbury.

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



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to pay } s. d.

Shrewsbury

Handed }
in at } 10.58 A.M.

Received }
here at } 11.28 A.M.

TO { Mr Pierce The Retreat York

Please telegraph or write proportion
of charges for miss Grace
Wilson which was due up
to 10 ¹¹/₂ M May

Peeles Solicitors
Shrewsbury

30
10
40 days
@ 407

2.506
14.80

July 31 1913

Dear Sir, Re Miss Grace Wilson

The fee for Miss Wilson is $\frac{487}{100}$ a wk
so that of the amount £ 47. 17. 8
paid on July 15, books to May 10 @ 1/-
would be included. As regards the
disbursements we could not say
separate them.

Yours faithfully,

B. E. Wilson

July 31 1913

Dear Sir, Re New River Station

The fee for this station is \$100.00
as that of the amount of \$17.17.8
paid on July 18, 1913 to May 10 1913
should be included - As regards the
disbursement of the cost of this
station there.

Yours faithfully
W. C. Brown

TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

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Sept 21st 1912.

Dear D. Price.

I had a talk to Miss
Wilson. She assures me
she would never do any
harm to herself & I need
not feel at all anxious -
as she knows she must
suffer whatever is to come
to her - & she will do so
even tho' it leaves her

Quite an idiot" - So I
feel more at ease about
her - I asked her about
her sleeping, & she says
she is sleeping better now.
Also if she felt better for
being here - or would
rather return to York.
She says it is no easier
for her being here - that
your influence over her
is just as strong - but she

does not want to return
to The Retreat, everything
here, surroundings etc are all
what should make her
happy - & she admits
that all she says about
herself must sound very
silly to us -

I feel happier about her
now - I am sure the poor
girl tries to help herself -

Yrs very truly
Edith A. Elkins

The Beauchamps⁴¹¹
Hatherley Rd
Cheltenham

May 15.
1913

Dear Sir

I was very grateful
for your kind letter,
and for the trouble
that was taken to
send my sister to Church
Streeton. I thought
she looked very well
and bright, though I
only saw her for a
very short time as I
had to return here.
I trust it was a little

comfort to her, and
that she will be the
better for the change.
She looks so well, that
it is terribly sad, that
life is such a misery
to her. Thanking you
for your kindness,
I remain

Yours truly
J B Wilson

May 13, 1913

Dear Miss Wilson,

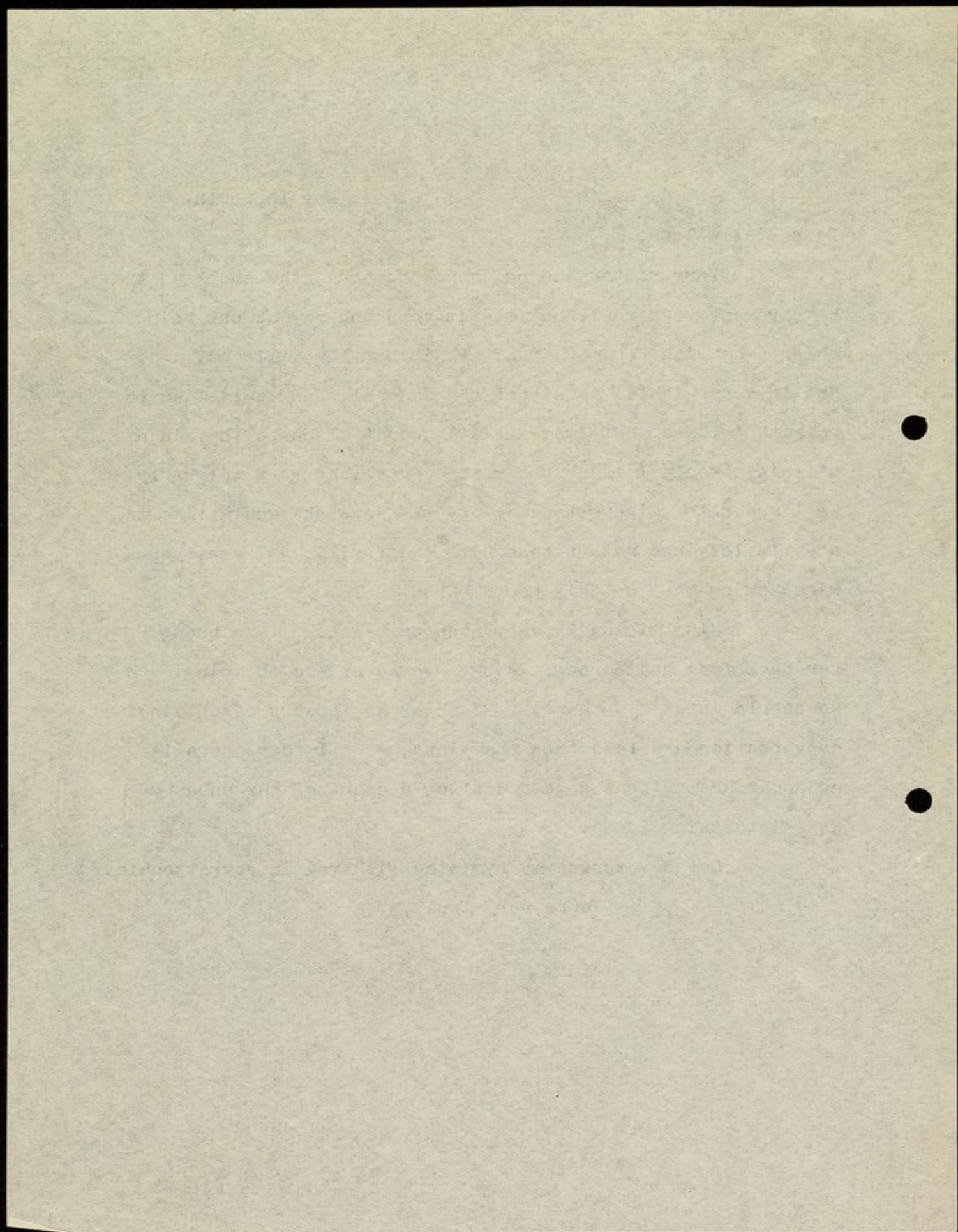
Your sister has on the whole borne the shock of the bereavement very well, but she is very unhappy at not being able to be with her mother at all in her last illness.

She is very wishful to attend the funeral, and would like to go with a nurse, but I am a little doubtful as to the wisdom of this, though I think she would control herself tolerably well under the circumstances, and she says she would like to stay in lodgings rather than with the family. I sent you a wire asking whether this would be suitable.

Miss Wilson is very much as usual. We brought her back from Scarborough as she seemed unable to join in the household interests there. I think her powers of sustained conversation are less than they were. I fear there is no doubt she suffers a good deal on account of her unhappy and distressing ideas.

Let me express my sympathy with you in your trouble.

Yours very truly,



G. A. Wilson

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The Beauchamps
Chaltenham

Saturday May 11.

1913

Dear Sir

My mother Mr^s H V Wilson
died suddenly to-day from rheumatic
fever, following a severe chill. I
am afraid it will be a great shock
to my sister. We will write to her
to-morrow; the notice of my mother's
death will be in the Morning Post
on Monday, so perhaps you will kindly
keep that from her until our letter
arrives, and prepare her in any way
you think fit

Yours truly
J B Wilson

Home address

Heydon
Roxton. Herts

11. President
Washington

Washington, D.C.
May 11, 1862

Dear Sir,

Very respectfully to-day from the
President of the United States, I
am pleased to inform you that
the report of the Secretary of the
War Department, that a number of
officers of the United States Army
have been appointed to the
position of Major-General, and
that the President has approved
the appointment of the same.

TELEPHONE: 282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

May 4th 1913

Dear F. Price.

I am enclosing the
letter that came for
you this morning -

Miss Wilson will come
with H. Lister & Mrs. Brantley
by the 10.35 train to-morrow.
She spends most of the
day in 'Dreamland' &

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writing rubbish which
she tears up - Her con-
versation is nil - & if we
talk to her we get no
more than monosyllables -

Miss Clark seems a very
nice girl, & is appreciating
the food and quiet here.

Yrs very truly
Edith A. Elkins.

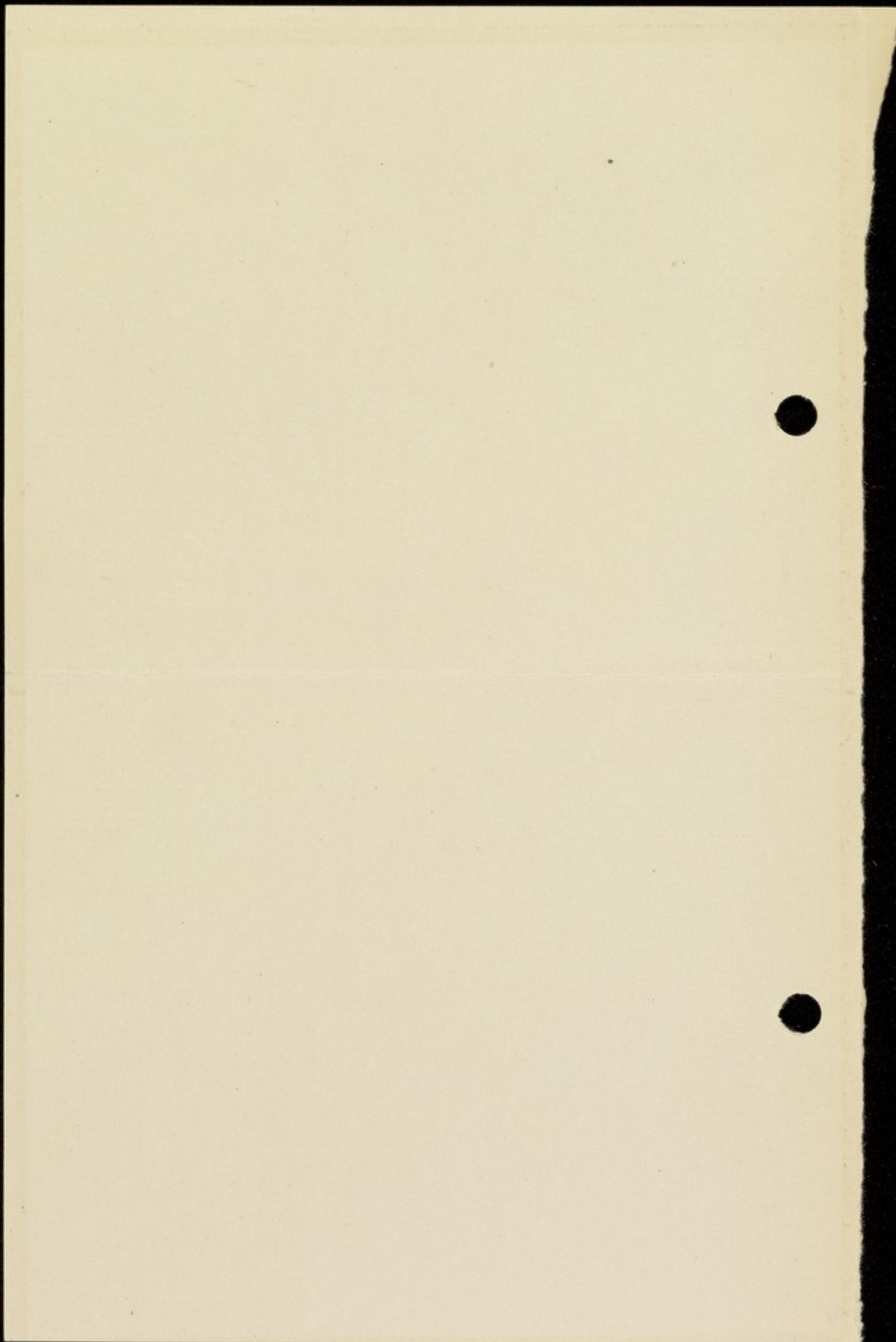
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Little Strutton

May 1913.

Dear J. Pierce.

I think it would help
me to stop here a few
days, till Monday if
or night, thank you
for letting me come.

Yrs truly
Grace A. Wilson.
May we know please.



The Beauchorns ³⁸⁵
Hatherley Road
Cheltenham
Wednesday
1913 (?)

Dear Sir

I was sorry not
to reply sooner to your
wire, but was out
when it arrived.

I do not know if it
is possible for ^{my sister} ~~her~~ to
arrive so early at Church
Stretton, and if it is
not, my brother or I
will come as soon as
possible to see her.

My Mother was only
ill three days, and
until the last morning
we did not know how
serious it was. so could
not have let my sister
know before.

Yours truly
Janie B Wilson

TELEPHONE-282.

THROXENBY HALL,
SCARBOROUGH.

Jan 25 1913.

Dear J. Price.

Miss Wilson confessed to me this morning that she had got a letter posted "to the Church". She would rather not tell me to whom it was addressed. But she would tell you if you wish. It is to a very wise person & she hopes the letter will eventually be returned to you.

Miss Wilson did not wish to

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say who had posted it for her unless I wished her to tell me. Which of course I explained to her I must know. It was Miss Holmes. Miss Holmes knows better than this. She is a very naughty old lady.

Of course they are both very sorry. I have pointed out to Miss Wilson that such an act entirely spoils the privileges & home life of a house like Throxenby where we put people on their honour. Besides making me feel that my care of her has been inefficient.

I blame Miss Holmes more,

because she is quite sensible
enough to know that it
was being deceitful - & should
have handed the letter to me -

Mrs Wilson was afraid she
might be sent back to York,
& this letter was to be posted
if she was to return to The Retreat.

Since your visit & talk to
Mrs Wilson she really has
been rather better - is fondling
again - & taking more interest
in her personal appearance.
So I hope you will not think

it necessary for her to return
to York at present -

I hope you will both
have a very nice holiday.
I must write Mr Price to whom.

Yrs Sincerely
Edith A. Elkins

Very much -
~~W. E. W.~~ Send a/c. ref. - m. l. l.

W. E. W.

Piotts

Heydon

Royston. Herts

July 22nd

1912

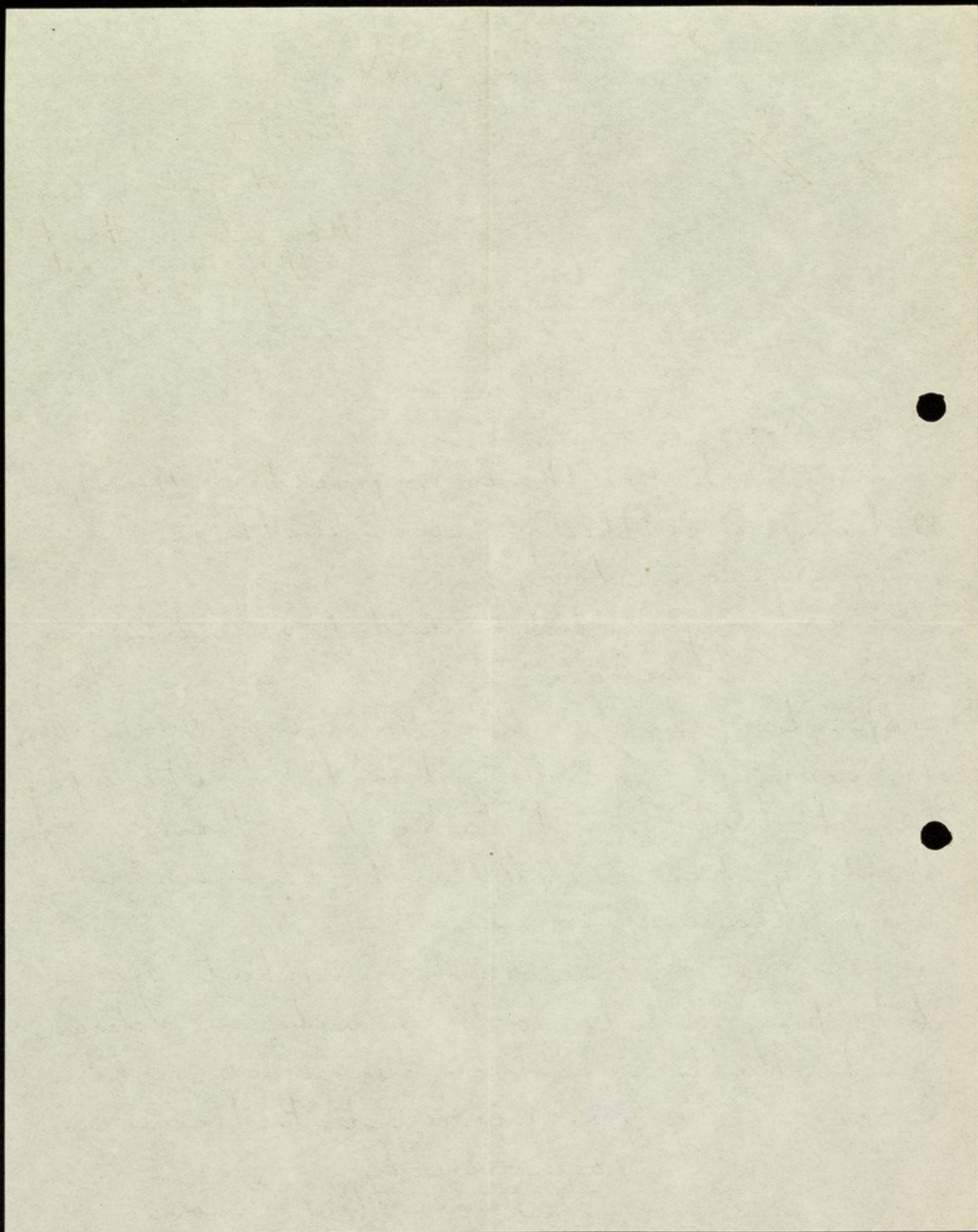
Dear Sir

I hope that my sister Miss Grace Wilson is settling down well in her new surroundings.

One of my brothers will probably go to see her before long, but as he is an inspector under the Board of Agriculture he would not be able to write beforehand, but must take his chance of finding her in. I think she will be very pleased to see him.

I see in your Report, that you like payments to be made in advance, and shall be glad to do so, when I receive your account. Believe me

Yours truly
Janie B Wilson



1. Enclos.

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Brandsby,

Easingwold,

Yorks.

11th. July, 1912.

Mr. Watson

Dear Pierce,

I have received the
enclosed letter which I do not quite
understand. Do you think it needs
a reply? We got back from
Switzerland yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

Osca Rowland

J. M. Jones.

Brinsford,

Reading, Wilt.

York.

11th. July, 1912.

Dear Peter,

I have received the
enclosed letter which I do not quite
understand. Do you think it needs
a reply? We got back from
Switzerland yesterday.

Yours sincerely,

3. Rosella Race

North Shields

July 5th 1912

Dear Mr. Rowntree

I enclose the following extract (sheet 2.)

and, if I may, ask you if you will include it to take some whereabouts and place in the programme of your thoughts (before utterance or communication of any kind) — in regard to all individuals connected with the position of a patient in an institution such as the Retreat, York, — in regard to such positions and all individuals connected with such a position or who compose it, its authors and prescribers.

When acknowledging the receipt of this, would you please send a mere acknowledgment only — but if you would at the same time enclose the name and address of the Chairman of the Retreat Committee I would be very much obliged.

Yours very truly

Mary Watson

3. The House
of Representatives
July 5th 1912

Dear Mr. Thompson

I enclose the following card (about 2) and if I may say so I will include it to take some interest in the House of Representatives of your thoughts (before entrance or communication of your kind) in regard to all individual concerns with the position of a member in an institution such as the National York in regard to such position and all individuals connected with such a position or who confer it. It is a matter of some importance when regarding the records of this body and before being a more adequate member. It is if you want it the same time as the House and

Chairman of the National Committee
I would be very much obliged

Yours very truly

Henry Watson

" You will realize and know that there is an impartiality of outlook and scrutiny which has not, during the time I have spoken of (page 2) in its impartiality omitted to include all professions of impartiality and responsibility in a strict and alert outlook and scrutiny — that these professions of impartiality and responsibility have equally been subjected to a "test" and have equally been "on trial".

Mary Watson

You will realize and know that there is an
 importance of attitude and security which
 has not during the time I have spoken of
 (page 2) in the importance of attitude to security
 all forms of importance and responsibility
 in a short and clear outline and security -
 that these forms of importance and
 responsibility have really been applied to
 a test and have really been in fact

Mary Baker

TELEPHONE,
12 HILLINGDON.

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**HAYES PARK,
HAYES, MIDDLESEX.**

June 29 - 12.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I will certainly
send Miss Wilson on Monday next with one of our Nurses
to Kings X station at five o'clock on Monday next, & will
give your description of the Nurse they are to meet, our
Nurse shall wear her dark blue uniform.

I hope you will find the papers & everything in order
& I think you will like Miss Wilson as a patient.

Yours truly,

J. W. Stifferson

HAYES BARN
HAYES BIDDLESEN

COSSMOS



BOND

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TELEPHONE.
12 HILLINGDON.

**HAYES PARK,
HAYES, MIDDLESEX.**

June 24 - 12.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I enclose you

the Order & Consent for the Transfer of Miss Wilson.

Miss Janie Wilson wishes if possible that the Transfer should be effected at the end of this quarter.

Could you send a Nurse over for Miss Wilson on Monday next the 1st of July, we have got two of our Nurses from Mead House away then on thei holiday.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Wilson

BOND

James H. Hays
James H. Hays

COSMOS



BOND

June 17, 1912

Dear Dr. Higginson,

Many thanks for your letter
respecting Miss G.A. Wilson.

I have written to the relatives
saying that we can receive her as soon
as the necessary formalities are com-
pleted.

Yours very truly,

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Hayes Park

Hayes Middlesex.

June 12 -12.

Dear Sir.

There is absolutely
no reason why Miss G A Wilson should not be transferred to your care.

She has been a patient at Mead House since last July
She has not required close supervision & for the middle three months I granted her parole, but had to stop this as she took herself off one morning before breakfast to London, with the idea of throwing herself under the protection of the Duchess of Bedford, I know both at Virginia Water & Barnwood House, she failed to keep the confidence that had been placed in her.

Dr Soutar sent me the enclosed letter when she came to us, & as it is still I consider very descriptive of her present Mental condition I send it on to you.

Miss Wilson is as a rule well behaved & although she did run away I have lately trusted her to some extent again, she is kind to others and a nice lady about the house, & is fond of doing some gardening.

Yours truly,

J. H. Wilson

Letter to Mr. [illegible]

London, 1st June 1911.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

The Board of Directors have been asked to consider the proposal and to report thereon at their next meeting. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but I am sure that you will understand the necessity of this course. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
[illegible signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
[illegible signature]

Very truly,
[illegible signature]

June 11, 1912

Dear Sir,

I have an application from Miss J.B.Wilson with reference to the proposed transfer of her sister from Hayes Park to the Retreat. I should be glad to know whether there is any reason why the change should not be made, and any particulars respecting the case, would be welcome, more especially whether the patient requires close supervision or needs special care in any direction.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Higginson

June 11, 1912

Dear Madam,

Dr. Pierce requests me to
acknowledge your letter, and to say
that he will be writing in a day
or two.

Yours truly,

Asst. sec.

Miss J.B. Wilson

Yes.

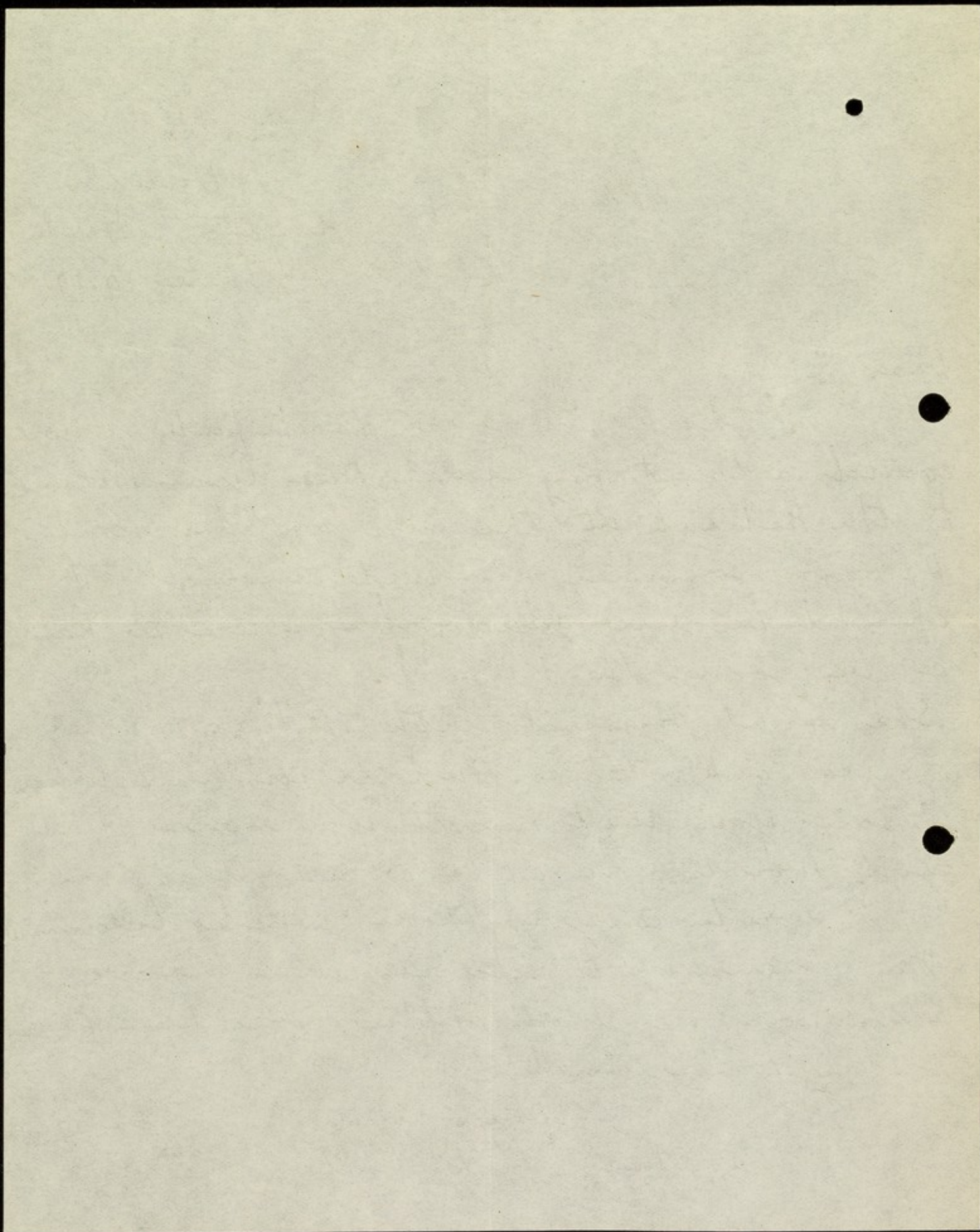
Piotts
Heydon
Royston. Herts
June 10. 1912

Dear Sir

I shall be very grateful if you could admit my sister Miss Grace Wilson to the Retreat at the end of this month. If you consider her well enough, I should be very glad, if she could have a bedroom to herself.

She is at present with Dr. Higginson Hayes Park. Hayes. Middlesex, and when I saw you last month, you said that you would be able to admit her, if I wrote to you three weeks beforehand. My permanent address is as above, although my last letter was headed Abbey House. Ludlow.

Yours truly
(Miss) J. B. Wilson



in the fields for some time
before we found her. She was
very glad to come back and
was a good deal ashamed
of herself for giving so much
trouble, especially as she
seems to have ^{had} no definite
object in view in going
into the fields instead of
going to church.

Yours truly
John Craig Soutar.

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BARNWOOD HOUSE,
CLOUGHER

20 July 1911

Dear Dr. Higginson,

Miss Grace Audrey Wilson
has been here since last October.
She came to us from Virginia
water and payment is made
for her at the rate of £3.3.0
a week.

She imagines that she is
being compelled to act against
her conscience, that she is
therefore being untrue to her
God and her religion and
that she can have peace only
if she has the opportunity of

obtaining the assistance of two men, one I think is a clergyman in London, and she is desirous of being in some place where it would be possible for these friends to visit her from time to time.

I do not consider that she is suicidal, nor has she any bad habits. She sleeps in a dormitory with other patients and she has had no special attendance. She was a nurse in one of the London

Hospitals and she is an intelligent woman, whose conversation and conduct, outside the range of her delusions make her a pleasant patient to deal with.

The only difficulty which we have had with her, occurred on the 9th of this month. She was then in one of our separate cottages and had a good deal of freedom given to her. She took advantage when all were getting ready to go to church of the opportunity to walk out of the house. She wandered

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 Mrs Audrey Wilson of Abbey House
Ludlow as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Dringale, 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 29th day of July 1912

Name Hugh Townsend Wilson
Residence Heydon Royston Herts
Occupation Clerk in Holy Orders

SIGNED by the said
in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Jane Beaumont Wilson
Ricotts, Heydon, Royston, Herts
Spinster

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.

