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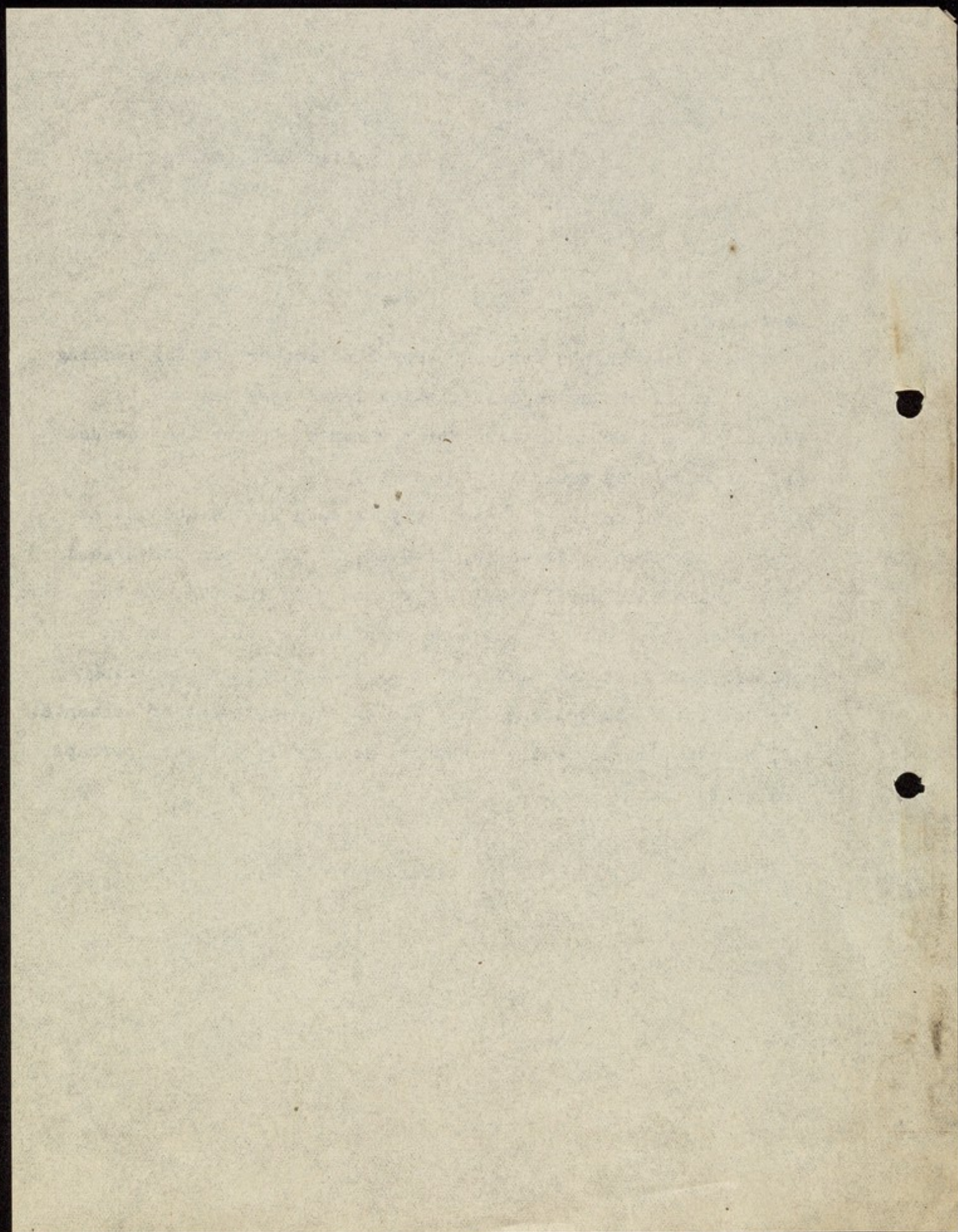
Dear Canon Wood,

Many thanks for your very kind letter and for sending me the memoir in the magazine, which I was very pleased to read. I am sending it down for the nurses to see the account as I am sure they would like to do so.

I am asking the Secretary to send in the account as soon as possible. It would, however, be much more convenient if it could wait until about the second week in July, as the tradesmen's accounts do not come in until the end of the quarter, and they are also very busy in the office preparing for Committee and getting ready the annual statement of accounts. If, however, it is really necessary to have it earlier, perhaps you would let me know.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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Telegrams :
FATHER WOOD,
Rawdon.
Telephone : 50 Rawdon.

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

13 June/17

Dear Dr Pierce

If it is not too
inconvenient I should
be grateful if you
would kindly have
sent to me the account
due for my brother
up to his death at
the Retreat, as I am
anxious to get all
his affairs settled.

But if it will be more
convenient & more in

order to deal with the
matter at the end of
the quarter please
do so.

I am venturing
to send you a
little account of
my brother &
the funeral which
may interest you

I know I need
not say any more
than I have done
to assure you

of my gratitude
& that of all his
many friends
for the constant
kindness &
attention to my
brother. The best
testimony of this
is his own deep
appreciation of
all that was done
for him.

Yrs very sincerely
J. L. Wood

✓ *enclosure.*

ROLLIT & FARRELL.
(ROLLIT & CO)
 T.F. FARRELL.
 HUGH FARRELL, B.A. LL.B. CAMB.
 TELEPHONE NO CENTRAL 482.

Cogan House.

Hull 19th May 1917.

Dear Sir,

C H Wood deceased.

The Revd C H Wood, who died at The Retreat Heslington Rd York on the 6th inst, was insured in the Caledonian Insurance Co and the Equitable Life Assurance Socy of the U.S.A. and we beg to enclose herewith Medical Certificates and shall be obliged if you will complete each Certificate by adding in the cause of death and the length of illness and then sign each Certificate where we have pencilled your name and return them to us in the accompanying stamped addressed envelope.

You will notice the Certificate for the Caledonian Co requires to be signed in the presence of a witness.

Yours faithfully,

Rollit & Farrell

Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D.,
 Heslington Road
 York.

1917 May 19th

ROBERT E. FARRELL
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Dear Sir,

C. H. Wood deceased.

The Rev. C. H. Wood, who died at The Rest at Heston Rd
York on the 11th inst., was insured in the Colonial Insurance
Co and the Equitable Life Assurance Socy of the U.S.A. and we
are to enclose herewith Medical Certificates and shall be
obliged if you will complete each Certificate by adding in the
cause of death and the length of illness and then sign each
Certificate where we have pencilled your name and return them to
us in the accompanying stamped addressed envelope.
You will notice the Certificate for the Colonial Co
requires to be signed in the presence of a witness.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. Thomas

Bedford Place Med. B.D.,
Heston Road
York.

AT HOME { 9 A.M.
2 AND 5 P.M.

RAWDON,

TELEPHONE No. 20.

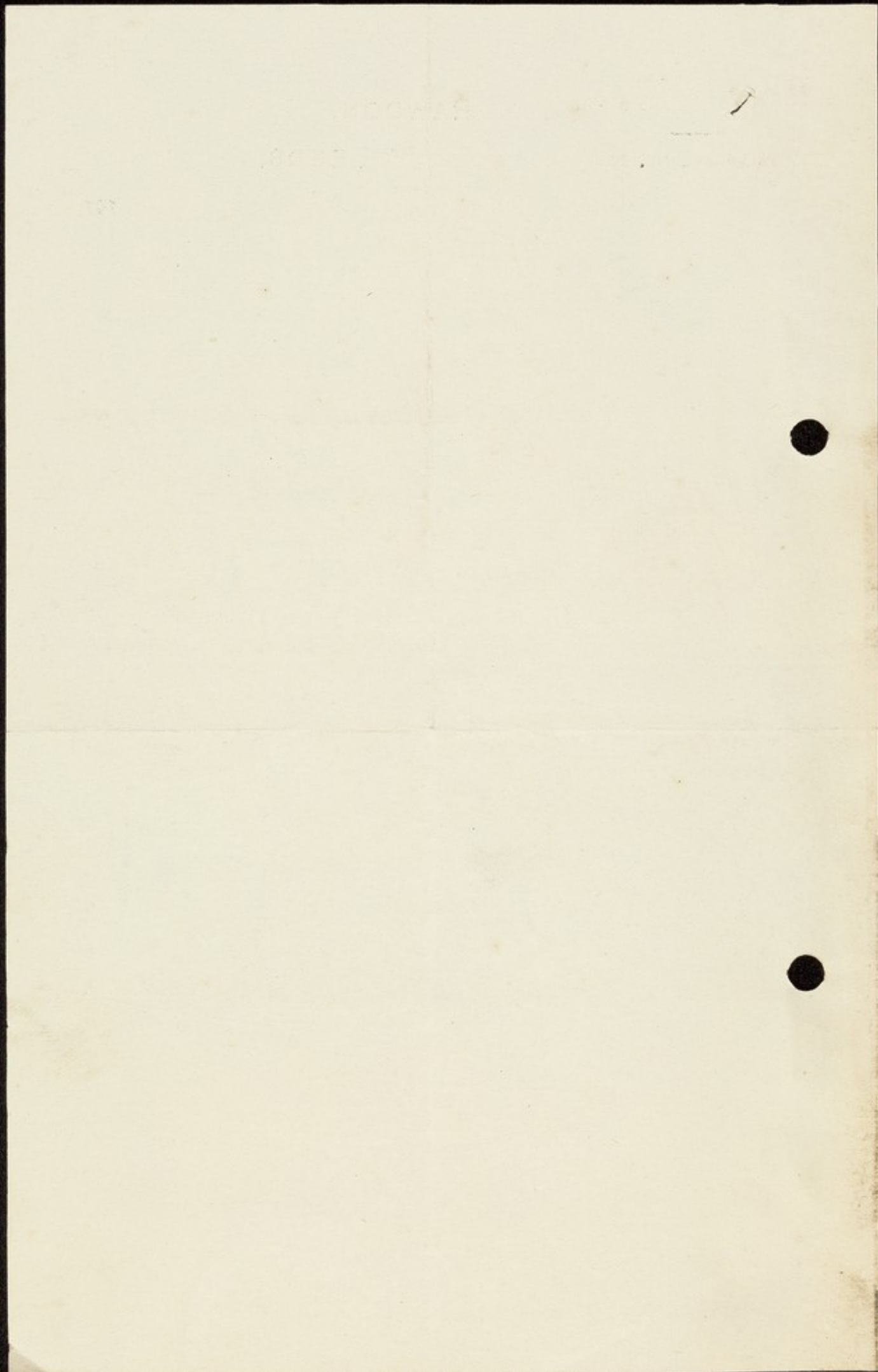
Nr. LEEDS,

May 4 1914

Dear Dr. Porel

Thanks for your
letter re Canon Wood - I must
let his bro. see it - but
what a curious end! Perhaps
just as well - Excuse Scrawl.
I'm 'Overburdened' -

Very truly
W.D. Ambulane



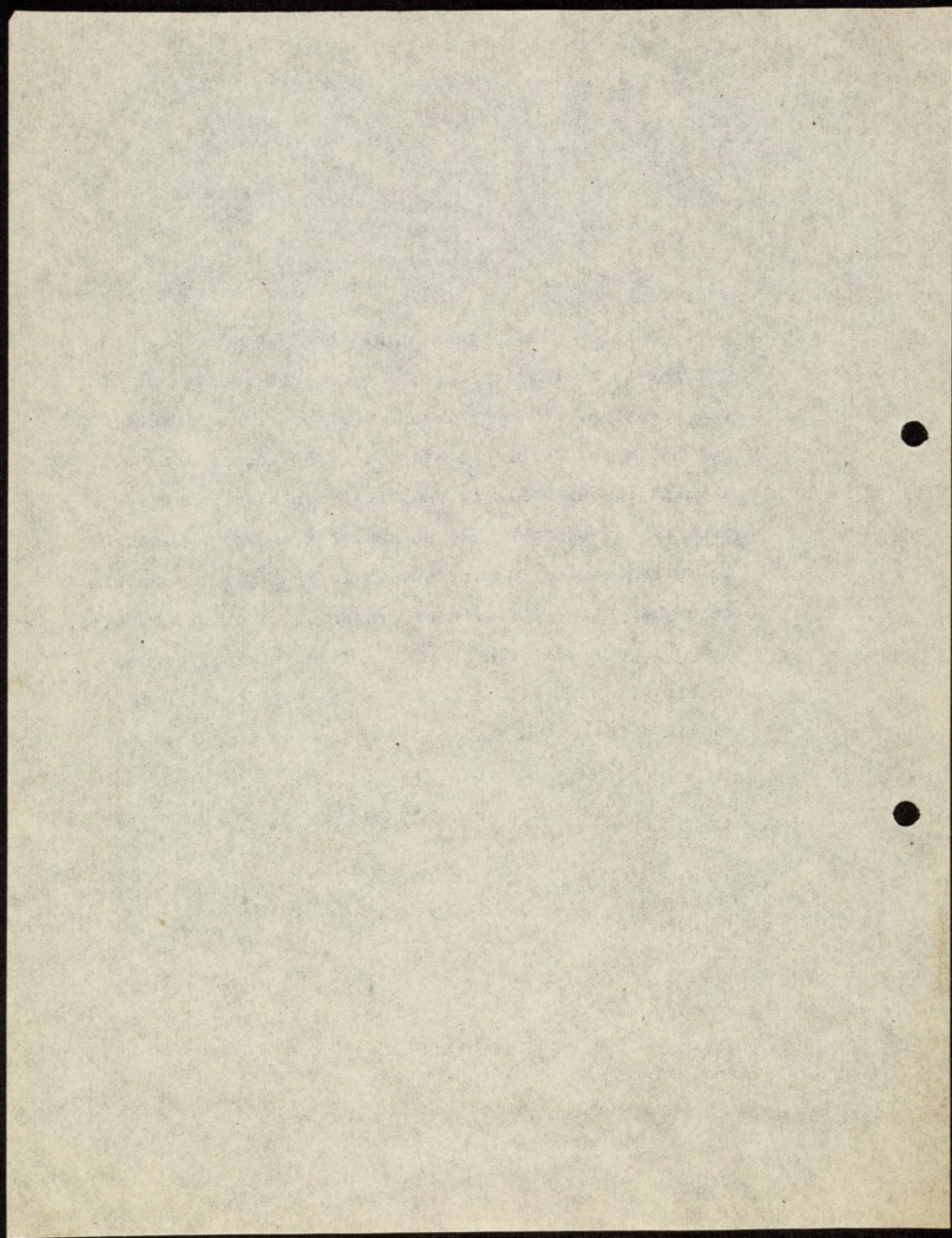
April 3rd, 1917.

Dear Canon Wood,

We think Canon Wood is distinctly better, but a journey to Ireland is for the time being quite out of the question, not only is the weather too inclement, but he is too feeble to attempt to go such a long way. I think it quite likely that next month we may have much better weather, and he may then be strong enough to be removed to Dublin, but it is really not possible to say anything definite at present. I think, however, I should arrange with the authorities at Stillorgan, telling them that it is quite hoped that it will be possible to remove him in the course of a month.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

2 April/17

Dear Dr. Pierce

We are having
such a severe snow
storm this morning
that I have decided
not to go to York
to-day (Mon.) & shall
not be able to come
now till next Monday
week. Will you kindly
allow me to defer
the payment for

this quarter till
I have seen you
& know what you
have decided as
best to be done
for my brother.

If he is to go to
Stillorgan or elsewhere
might it be better
to leave it over &
settle them for the
part of the quarter

he remains.

Yrs sincerely
F. L. Wood

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

P.s. I have not yet written
to the convent at
Whitby, but if there
should be a prospect
of his being well
enough to be moved

I think it would be
better if you would
kindly write to them
Address Rev. Mother
Convent
Whitby.
I forget also to mention

that in the worst of
his going would
it not be better
for him to be taken
in a Home bar,
for which I can
get a friend of
his to pay

to have got your community
to reduce the fee
to the £100 per
annum which is
really the limit of
the allowance our
fund is able to
provide for our sick
Priest. I feel ashamed
to have to make this
request as you have
already dealt with us
so generously. If you
are not at home on Monday
will you kindly let me know
& I will come some other day.
Yrs sincerely
F. H. Wood

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Telephone : 50 Rawdon.

THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

29th/17

Dear Dr Pierce

I have written to
the Nuns at Whitby
to ask them if they
would be able to take
my brother, but
they have replied
that they cannot
undertake to receive
him. The Bishop
went to see my brother
a short time ago
with Canon Hall

who has taken a very special interest in my brother's case from the first, &

They are both anxious for him to be sent to the private Asylum of St. Kilgoban near Dublin, where a great many Priests have been taken care of. It is a Catholic institution kept by the Brothers

of St. John of God, with a fully qualified staff for dealing with mental cases.

I intend to come & see my brother on Monday, & I hope ~~we~~ may be able to talk the matter over with you. In the event of his not being able to be moved, I hope you will have been able

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

18 Feb/17

Dear Dr Pierce

I feel ashamed
of not answering your
kind letter for so
long, but I kept
hoping to get over
to see my brother
each coming Monday
& I have been prevented.

I am coming over
to-morrow (Mon) & I
shall be very glad

if I can see you
Kind regards
for sincerely
F. L. Wood

31st January, 1917.

Dear Canon Wood,

It is quite clear that for the present your brother is quite unfit to be moved. I went over his chest carefully to-day and found that there was some trouble in the base of the right lung. There seems to be some pleural effusion, but exploration with a needle did not disclose any fluid.

There is no special anxiety, and he himself says that he is very comfortable, but his temperature is still up and he coughs a good deal.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Owing to the very exceptional circumstances they agreed temporarily to provide the sum required for his maintenance at the Retreat. However, your past kindness & consideration for us have been so great, I feel sure you will endeavour to meet us in the matter. I hope to get over to see my brother in about a fortnight.

Yr - sincerely
W. L. Wood

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
NR. LEEDS.

30 Jan/17

Dear Dr Pierce

"Thank you very much for your kind letter received this morning (Wed). I have often been wondering anxiously how my brother was, & what were the possibilities of his being moved.

From what Mr Wilson told me of his visit to him a few weeks

ago there seemed little
prospect of his being
well enough to be
moved, especially
in the severe weather
we have been having.

From what you
say of his condition
I fear there is not
too much chance
of his ^{ever} being well
enough to be moved
& should it be necessary
for him to stay

on at "The Retreat" I
must remind you
of your kind offer
to let the fee reduced
(though it is already
very generous) reduced
to meet the allowance
our Fund for Pick
Priest is able to
give. £100 per annum
is the sum allowed
& the Treasurer tells
me this has never
been exceeded
up to my brother's case

29th January, 1917.

Dear Canon Wood,

I write to let you know that your brother is not very grand. He has been slowly failing lately. His temperature is usually up a little, the cause of which is obscure, but it may be connected with some tubercular trouble, as he is getting thinner and certainly losing ground slowly.

He is now being nursed entirely by women nurses and quite easily. He has only had two fits within the last two months.

When you were over we discussed the possibility of his being moved to Whitby. This would be quite practicable now if the weather was suitable, but I do not think it would be prudent to do it, in fact he is not well enough to be moved, but should he get a little better in the spring I see no reason why he should not stay in the Convent Home of which you spoke.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

I write to let you know that your letter is not

very strong. It has been already falling lately.

Temperature is usually on a high, the cause of which is

obvious, but it may be connected with some structural

change. It is better to have a certain feeling

of the body.

It is not being caused entirely by human hands

and quite small. It has been the same since the

last two years.

When you were over we discussed the possibility

of the being moved to the right. This would be a

or otherwise new if the reason was structural, but I do not

think it will be present to be in fact as it is not well

known to us now, but perhaps the reason is not in

the spring. I see no reason why we should not stay in the

same house as when you were.

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

16 Vernon Road
Hanover

Oct. 4. 1916.

Dear Pierce. Canon Wood's ac-
count was due. He has on the 1st inst.
As there was no receipt of it I wonder if
it is gone astray in course of post,
but things are not uncommon in
these days. Yours faithfully
J. M. H. Allen.

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10 weeks + 2 days

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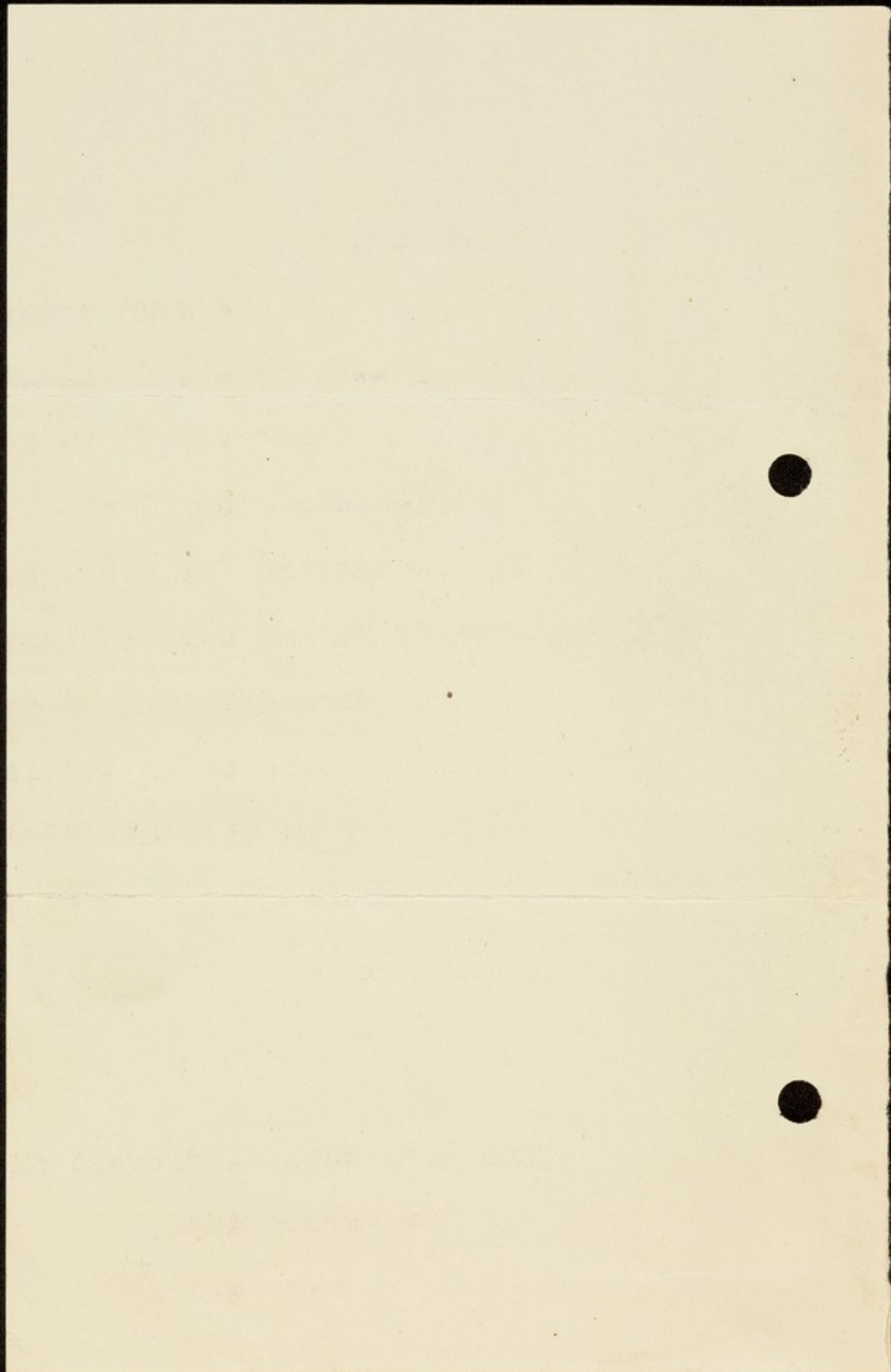
16 Vernon Road

Harrogate, Aug: 9. 1916.

Dear Sir. I shall be much obliged
if you will kindly settle Mr. Constant's
accounts and debit me with the amount
paid. I would have sent cheque but Mr
Constant would be rather informed with-
out the £10 or more. I shall be grateful
if you will favour me with a line at your
convenience to say what ^{is} your opinion
of Mr. Wood's case. Is there been any
speaking any chance of improvement? If
there is then may the improvement be
likely to show itself? I am asking for these
information officially as Treasurer of
our side from the resources of which we
are somewhat straitened.

Yours faithfully

Amundson



10th August, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We are much obliged for your letter, and we will attend to Mr. Constnat's account immediately.

With regard to the prospects of recovery in Canon Hood's case, I am afraid they are no good. The probability of his recovering sufficiently to be able to resume work is unlikely, although there may be some improvement, and he might after a time be able to leave the care of an Institution, but that, I am afraid, would only be when his mind is pretty much broken down.

Yours very truly,

The Very Rev. J. Provost Glover,
16 Vernon Road,
Harrogate.

10th Avenue, 1911.

Dear Sir,

We are much obliged for your letter, and we
will attend to it as soon as possible.
In regard to the necessity of recovery in
cancerous cases, I am afraid they are not good.
The probability of cure is covering sufficiently to be
able to remove with is entirely, I believe, that we do
some improvement, and the right after a time we will be
leave the care of an institution, but that, I think,
would only be when the mind is pretty much broken down.
Yours very truly,

The very Rev. Mr. Henry, Dover.

10 Vernon Road,

Battersea.

24 Apr.

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BISHOP'S HOUSE,
MIDDLESBROUGH.

Dear Sir.

May I ask
you to favour me as
Canon Woods' Bishop
with a report of his state
& the prospects of his
final recovery? We



WILSON & SONS
100 N. 2ND ST. PHILA.
PA.

shall necessarily be
guided very considerably
in settling his future
by whatever report you
may think well to furnish.
Perhaps you could give
his friends an idea
as to the place most

Suitable for his sojourn.

Believe me

Yours most truly

+ Rich^d? Lacy

B^y of Middlebury

D. Pearce

Quakers' Relief

York

in better hopes till
I put this letter
ie. to Rev. J. R. W.P.
on the Tuesday
forwarded to
me ~~so~~ by the Priest
at Howland.

Yours sincerely
J. L. Wood

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

19 April/16

Dear Mr Pierce

I am in receipt
of your letter of 18th inst
& I am more than
grateful for the
generous way in
which your committee
are dealing with my
brother

I am glad you are
able to make a better
report of his condition

I fear it would be
a terrible risk for
both my brother
& his friend
if he were allowed
to pay any visit

By the bye he has
written twice, if not
more to Rev. J. B. Wood

St. Joseph's

Low Law

60 Durham

This is a brother of
ours who died nearly

20 years ago. If he
should write again
to him, I wish you
would kindly
forward the letter
to me.

The last time he
wrote to him was
on Dec 12 the very
day on which he
wrote the most
clear & sensible
letter I have had
from him, & it
made me feel quite

1st May, 1916.

My Lord,

I am extremely sorry that your letter respecting Canon C. H. Wood has not been answered before this, but I have been away for a short holiday, and the matter was left until I returned.

Canon Wood has had a number of seizures, and connected with this his memory is seriously defective; indeed he is not able to remember anything for more than a very short time, - thus when he has a visitor he has quite forgotten all about it in a few minutes. He has no idea how long he has been here, nor has he any conception as to the gravity of his illness.

Canon Wood is restless, constantly wishful to leave and to go back to Hull, and it is quite impossible to make him understand that he is unable to do this. It is, therefore, necessary that he should remain under supervision, and seeing that he is still subject to seizures I hardly see how it is possible that he could live anywhere else than under skilled care. At times he is quite difficult to manage, being entirely lost as to his surroundings and resenting any interference whatever with his liberty.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Bishop of Middlesbrough.

Jan. 20, 1915.

My Lord,

I am extremely sorry that your letter received

January 15th has not been answered before this, but I have

been away for a short holiday, and the matter was left until

I returned.

I am sorry that I have not had a chance to answer you more

fully, but I am so busy at present that I cannot do so.

I am, however, very glad to hear that you are well.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
The Bishop of Adelaide.

The Bishop of Adelaide.

18th April, 1916.

Dear Canon Wood,

The question of the terms for your brother was considered by the Committee this afternoon, and I am instructed to say that they are willing to make a reduction from £3. 3. 0 to £1.12. 6 per week dating from the beginning of this month. The Committee are sorry that they do not feel able to make a further reduction, but as you will understand with the present high prices of everything the expenses of maintenance are specially heavy.

Unfortunately we have no funds available for the reduction of terms for persons unconnected with Friends.

Your brother keeps very nicely. He had an invitation to go and stay with some parishoners at Harrogate, but I explained that he had had a seizure lately and was not well enough to go away unless they had trained nurses in attendance. Of course, anyone visiting him would hardly recognise how far from well he really is.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

of God. Though it is
a Catholic institution
& the cost £1 per week
less personally I should
very much regret his
having to leave 'The
Retreat'.

What I would ask is this
Would the Committee, taking
into consideration, the
special difficulties in
the case, allow my brother
to stay at 'The Retreat'
for 2 guineas per week.

I will undertake if fund
become available to make
up the deficit. As you can
see from Mr Wilson's letter
his hands are already
full of anxieties, & it

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

7 April 16

Dear Dr Pierce

I am sorry to have
to write & say that we
are in great difficulties
as to meeting the
fee for the maintaining
my brother at 'The Retreat'.
The enclosed letter
from Mr Wilson will
best explain our case.
We all regarded the
£3.3.0 per week as a
most reasonable &
most generous
charge for the treatment

+ care my brother require
+ I feel ashamed to
ask for any reduction
In Mr Wilson's letter
there are three points
that need some explanation
1) the help that he might
get from the Yorkshire
Brethren. This is a fund
that we have for the
support of Priests
who through age
or sickness have
had to give up work.
But help from this
fund is not given
as long as a Priest is

in charge of his mission
or receiving support
from his mission.
According to the rules
in force, my brother
would not be entitled
to help till a successor
to St. Wilfrid had been
appointed. That will not
be till you have to decide
that there is no reasonable
hope of his being fit
for his work, & in my
case the Bishop will
not take action for
some months to come.
2) P. Killarney is a Catholic
Seyler in Ireland
Kept by Brothers of St. John

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

will be ~~an~~ an immense
relief to him, if he could
hear from you
that he can be freed
from the weight
that my brother's
maintenance puts
upon him.

If you do write to him
kindly don't mention
that I have sent his
letter to you.

I have an uncomfortable

feeling that I may
be making a most
unreasonable request,
if so I must lay
the blame on the
great kindness
that you have
shown throughout
in dealing with us.

I remain

Yrs very sincerely
J. L. Wood

ST WILFRID'S,
HULL.

31/3/16

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed
cheques £49.2.9 in pay-
ment of accompanying
account.

a fortnight ago I sent
Canon Wood a cheque &
receipt to sign. I heard that
he lost the cheque, but that
you have it now locked up
in the safe. It was from
The Hull City Treasurer,
Thomas Melner for £1.12.8.
Would you kindly have it
returned to me, also the
receipt duly signed by Canon
Wood. I am
yours faithfully
Thomas J. Wilson

ST. WILFRIEDS
HULL

January, this delay
would not have
occurred, but it is
really the great
Kindness &
consideration you
have shown us
that ^{makes} me sorry &
amused that
I should have to
cause The Retreat
management any
inconvenience.

Yrs sincerely
F. L. Wood

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

30 Mch/16

Dear Dr Pierce.

I have received
to-day (thurs) from the
pro-Secretary of The
Retreat the amount
due for my brother
(£49 .. 2 .. 9) & a request
to pay it by 31 inst.

Had I known a
little earlier I could
have arranged for

for the payment
by 31st inst. As this
is the first written
intimation I have
had of the terms
for patients, it has
taken me at a great
disadvantage.

I shall try & get
the account paid
with as little delay
as possible. The
account will have
to go to Rev. J. Wilson

Prof. Wilfrid's, & all my
brother's estate, who
has charge & disposal
of the funds for
payment for my
brother.

I am exceedingly
sorry for any
inconvenience caused
by delay, but had
I got today's notice
as the pro Secretary
says I ought to
have ~~on~~ done in

P.s. It may be well to
take a note that
all accounts should
be sent to Rev W.
Wilson, St Wilfrid's
Hull, & not to
me.

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

30 March 16

The Secretary
The Retreat

Dear Sir

I am in receipt
of your letter dated
27th inst to day (Thurs)
owing to the delay
in my receiving
the amount I regret
that I can't possibly
set it paid by

31st inst.

It will have to go to the Rev. J. Wilson of St. Wilfrid's, Hull (my brother's curate in charge) who has the charge & disposal of the funds available for payment for my brother.

I am exceedingly sorry for any inconvenience this delay may cause

but this is the first written intimation of the terms of payment I have had. I will send the account & your letter to Mr Wilson to day (thurs) & the account will be paid at latest at the beginning of next week.
Yrs truly J. F. Wood
P. S. O.

Say we can have him
moved. Does he know
what is the matter with him
if not; don't you think it
wd. be well to let him know
feeling he might want
to return to Hull or of
course that wd. be quite
out of the question, if you
wd. kindly give him to
understand that it must
be either The Retreat, or Scotland.
May I ask you for a note
by return. + oblige
Yours faithfully J. H. W. C.

MAT. REC. 1398

168, HESSLE ROAD,

HULL 20. iv. 16.

Dear Dr. Pierce,
I attended Canon Wood
during the time he was
here, we are most anxious
to know when you think it
will be safe for him to
leave the Retreat and go to
a Convalescent Home, there
is one in Scotland would
accept him, when you

HULL
165 HESSE ROAD

WATFORD 1904

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STATION, HARROGATE.
TELEGRAMS, STARBECK.
TELEPHONE, HARROGATE 503.

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RUDDING PARK,
HARROGATE,
YORKSHIRE.

17 Feb/16

Dear Dr Pierce.

Your letter had to be forwarded to me here, hence my delay in answering it. I am exceedingly sorry to hear that my brother seems to be getting so restless & so difficult to manage.

It seems to me only reasonable that

in his present condition that his correspondence should be supervised.

His two letters you forward seem to show no approach to any clearer in his memory.

It is curious how he still thinks I am here. I have to go to

York a week next Tuesday & so I will try to come & see him on that day.

It is a mercy he did not go to the Home at Whitby, as I so much hoped at the time, as I am quite sure they would never have been able to manage him. Yrs sincerely
F. G. Wood

~~THE~~ COTMAN STREET

~~17. 10. '16.~~

17. 10. '16.

Dear Madam,

Thank you very much
for your letter this
morning about Canon Wood.
We thought that even a
few days change might
give him pleasure & do
good, but it seems that
he is not well enough.

Yours very sincerely
Janet Holmes.

THE COTTMAN STREET
HULL

Killinghall nr. Harrogate.

~~573 COLIN STREET~~

J

~~1111~~

15. 11. '16.

J. M. Watson
of The Retreat.
York.

Dear Madam,

I saw Canon Wood
yesterday & he is so anxious
for a few days in Harrogate
it is the first time I had
seen him since November, &
he seemed so much better—
do you think, under the
care of his attendants, it

THE COLMAN STREET
HALL

would be possible for
him to have the little
Change? Sometime after
Easter when the Town is
not so full of visitors:
we, his old parishioners, are
staying here, since the Hull
arrivals, & could be with
him daily.

Sincerely yours,
Janet Holmes.

3rd February, 1916.

Dear Madam,

Canon Wood has been here to see his brother, who is not quite so well, and his memory is so bad that it seems as if he should not leave here just at present.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Galvin,

Nursing Home,

Chubb Hill Road,

Whitby.

Old Factory, 1911.

Dear Madam,

I have just received your letter of the 12th inst.

and am glad to hear that you are well and happy. I am
very glad to hear that you are well and happy.

Yours truly,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. L. G. Davis,

Washing House,

Grubb Hill Road,

Whitby.

Nursing Home,
Chubb Hill Road,
Whitchy, Yorks.

The Superintendent.
The Retreat York.

Dear Sir,

Kindly excuse delay in reply
to your letter of 30 inst.

Your recommendation of Canon
Wood's cure enables us to decide on
his admission to the Institution
here, where he will be well cared for
if the sad cause of his stay in York
is thoroughly gone.

Terms will be arranged with

his friends, I dare say. We shall
be pleased to know further
at your convenience.

With kind regards from
Sister Superior & self. I am
dear Sir,
yours faithfully
S. M. A. Calvin.

Telegrams :
FATHER WOOD,
Rawdon.
Telephone : 50 Rawdon.

THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

30 Jan/12

Dear Dr Pierce

I am coming over
to York to-morrow^(Monday) to
see my brother & to
make arrangements
I hope for his going
to Whitby. I shall be
at 'The Retreat' about 2.30 p.m.
The great danger we
have now to guard
against is his getting
back to Hull & to work
& I hope you may be able

to persuade him to
rest for some weeks
before returning to
work.

I cant say how
grateful I am to
you for the wonderful
recovery you have
been able to effect.

Yrs, sincerely
W. L. Wood

26th January, 1916.

Dear Dr. Chamberlain,

Just a few lines to say that Canon Wood is a good deal better, and he has regained his memory in some degree. He has no recollection of his illness, does not appear to know that he broke down at Cragwood, and does not seem ever to have heard of you, but in the ordinary small affairs of life he does a good deal better, though, of course, he is confused.

He says that he would like to return to his work at the end of the week, and he really does not understand his position, though for a moment or two he seems very nicely. He is quite good to do with, indeed he is a charming patient.

It is difficult to see much into the future, but we are quite hoping that the improvement will progress.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th January, 1911.

Dear Dr. Chamberlain,

Just a few lines to say that Canon Wood is a

good deal better, and he has regained his memory in some

degree. He has no recollection of his illness, does

not appear to know that he broke down at Graywood, and

does not seem ever to have heard of you, but in the

ordinary small affairs of life he does a good deal

better, though, of course, he is continued.

He says that he would like to return to his

work at the end of the week, and he really does not

understand his position, though for a moment or two

he seems very nicely. He is quite good to do with,

indeed he is a charming patient.

It is difficult to see much into the future,

but we are quite hoping that the improvement will

progress.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

18 Jan/16

Dear Dr Pierce
Father Wilson
(my brother's b mate)
& I are coming
over to York to see
my brother about
8 p.m. I of the
excitement of seeing

visitors may make
our coming at present
undesirable I shall
be quite content if I can
hear from you or Mr
McKenzie how the
patient is going. I am
afraid our hopes were
rather unduly raised
by a comparatively
sensible letter he wrote,
but his Housekeeper's report of
visit last Friday is not encouraging.
Yrs truly J. L. Wood

30th December, 1915.

Dear Canon Wood,

Just a few lines to say that Canon C. H. Wood has been calmer the last three days. He has taken food well, has been rather drowsy and quiet and there has been no undue excitement and no seizures. I cannot report any improvement mentally for he is quite lost as to his surroundings. We are still keeping him in bed in a room by himself for we find that the fewer impressions passing before his mind the better he keeps. He has been as you will have heard quite difficult to manage occasionally.

I am sorry I cannot give a more satisfactory account.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1904-1905, 1911

Dear Canon,

Just a few lines to say that Canon E. W. Wood
has been called the last time to duty. He has taken food
well, has been rather drowsy and quiet and there has
been no undue excitement and no sickness. I cannot
report any improvement in his condition as it is just as
to his surroundings. We are still keeping him in bed
in order by himself for as long as the fever
improvement is slow. He is still the same as before.
He has been a very good man and quite difficult to
manage occasionally.

I am very truly,
Sincerely,
Your very truly,

20th December, 1915.

Dear Canon Wood,

Owing to to-morrow being Committee day here I shall not be able to be in Leeds, but could see you there on Friday if you wish.

There is nothing fresh to say respecting your brother. He remains very confused, but for the last day he has not been so restless, and on the whole he has been quiet. There have been no fresh seizures. There is, however, no improvement to record, and he is quite unable to understand his surroundings.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

St. Louis, 1915.

Dear Canon Wood,

I am glad to hear that you are well and hope you will be able to come to St. Louis for the conference on Friday if you wish.

There is nothing fresh to say regarding your letter. The conference was postponed, but for the last day he has not been so well, and on the whole it has been a failure. There have been no fresh suggestions. I have not been able to do much for the conference, and have quite a lot of work to do at home.

Yours very truly,

John A. Wood

at the rate of 3 guineas
per week, & if you will
kindly let me know
the expense incurred
in taking my brother
to York, I will send
you a cheque.

I don't know if there is any
immediate danger of my
brother's dying, but we thought
it well to fix on certain
arrangements in case of
his death. We should put
all arrangements in the hands
of Messrs. Moses, Undertakers,
Brook St. Hull, who would see to
his being brought to St. Wilfrid's
Hull. Yrs sincerely
F. H. Wood

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FATHER WOOD,
RAWDON.
Telephone: 50 RAWDON.

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

31 Dec/15

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for
the report of my brother's
condition you have
kindly sent me. One
would like, of course, to
hear a more satisfactory
account, but I shall
always be grateful
to hear just exactly
how he is however
bad his condition may

seem to be. It is a
great relief to me
to hear that he is
less troublesome
than he was.

As I have to be in
Leeds on business
on Tuesday, I should
like very much to see
you for a few minutes
if I can do so without
trespassing too much
on your time. I shall
be at liberty any time

from 1 p. m. & if there
is any time you can
find which will
cause you the least
inconvenience. Kindly
let me know & I will
come then. I was
sorry I could not
come last Friday
& last Tuesday also
I was engaged.

I understood from
Mr Chamberlain that it
was usual to send a
monthly fee, so I
enclose herewith for £12..12..0

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Rawdon.
Telephone: 50 Rawdon.

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

19 Dec/15

Dear Dr Pierce

If I can do so
without putting you
to any inconvenience
I should much
like to see you for
a few minutes
when you are at
Park Lge. Leeds on Tuesday.
I would come
at any time you fix

between 1-30 + 4 p.m.
or before or after
your hours of
attendance if that
will suit you better

Yrs sincerely -
F. L. Wood

10th December, 1915.

Dear Canon Wood,

I enclose two medical Certificates and a form for the Petition partly filled up and a blank form for the Order. These papers must be completed before the 15th instant. If it is not convenient for you to get the Magistrate's Order at Rawdon I can probably get it here if you send me a request to do so.

I cannot report any real improvement in your brother's condition. At first he got on very comfortably here and was quite pleasant to do with, and though quite unable to recognise his surroundings yet he readily responded to any suggestion. Unfortunately last evening he became quite excited for no apparent reason and there was a good deal of difficulty in management, resulting in it being necessary to call in assistance to control him. This, however, passed off in the course of an hour or two and since then he has been much as usual. I gather it was due to some alarming delusional ideas entering into his mind which entirely dominated his actions, but which appear now to have quite passed away. There has been no further seizure and no increased weakness. This tendency to unreasoning excitement makes it quite clear that it is right that he has been placed under care.

10th December, 1918.

The Vicar of the Parish, who was seeing other patients here, called on Canon Wood, but he was not able to converse with him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Letter Sat
night

Telegrams:
FATHER WOOD,
Rawdon, 50 RAN
Telephone:

THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

12 Dec/15-

Dear Dr Pierre

Just a line to
say I got your letter
to-night (Saturday) too
late to send reply
till to-morrow (Sunday)

I will see Dr Chamberlain
on Sunday with regard
to the filling in of
the forms required
by 15th inst. As I had
arranged to go to Hull
on Tuesday to see
about my brother's affairs

I may have to fall
back on your offer
to get Magistrate's
signature, but
I will write to-morrow
(Sunday) when I have
seen Dr. C. Hamberlain

From your letter
to-night (Pat) I think it
is all the more important
that I should see you
as I can give you
information as to
my brother that
may help you in

dealing with him as
my conscientious
Priest. The fact of
his not having
a fit for as long
an interval has
rather raised my
hopes

Yrs sincerely
F. L. Wood

• Request
for obtaining
Magistrate's
Order
Will bring
form I have
to sign
tomorrow

Telegrams:
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Rawdon.
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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

Sunday
12 Dec, 15

Dear Dr Pierce

As the time for
getting the Magistrate's
order is so short &
as I shall be very
much occupied
between this & the
15-th inst, will you
kindly get the
Magistrate Order
for my brother
Charles Henry Wood
to be kept at the

Reheat"

Yours truly
F. L. Wood

I beg to remain
Yours sincerely
W. L. Wood

Telegrams:
FATHER WOOD.
Rawdon.
Telephone: 50 Rawdon.

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THE PRESBYTERY,
CRAGWOOD,
RAWDON,
Nr. LEEDS.

11 Dec/15

Dear Mr Pierce

I should like to
come to 'The Retreat' next
Monday afternoon
to see my brother
Canon C. Wood

If I can do so
without putting you
to inconvenience, it
would be a great
satisfaction to me
to hear from you

what course the
ailment seems to
be taking.

Thank you so
much for your
kindness you
have shown &
the absolute
confidence I have
that all that is
possible will be
done for my
brother. If it should

be necessary to send
any urgent message
I am on the telephone
(Bawdon 30)

Please don't trouble
to answer this unless
for any reason it
may not be convenient
for me to pay my
visit to the Retreat
on Monday. If I don't
hear from you

I shall try to get
there about 3 p. m.