21st Oct. 1917.

My dear Pierce,

Many thanks for the Retreat account Relative to my Cousin for which I have pleasure in enclosing Cheque. I shall ever feel grateful to you for your great kindness & invaluable help. D. Robertson

report

Gwendoline very nearly
well but thinks she should
have cure the should stay
2 or 3 weeks beyond the
3 months this I shall
agree to
Note nothing is debited
for your fees should this
must be an oversight
yours very truly
Dr. Benjamin Pierce. WM R. WOOD

824.

Dr George M. Robertson.
Telephone No. 1391 Central.
At Home, 2 p.m.

Tipperlinn House,
Morningside Place,
Edinburgh.

9th August, 1917.

Miss Wood.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

Miss Wood so far has strongly the symptoms of a case of Mania. She has been elated, talkative, restless and excitable. I understand, however, from the Assistant that she also expresses delusions of suspicion and persecution, but to me these have not been at all prominent. She therefore seems to me so far to be a case of Mania; and she is being treated in a phthisical shelter by herself in bed in the open air. Her general health is good and I hope these symptoms of elation will pass off.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

George Robertson.
(Lun. M.D.)

Tuberculosis House
Hunmanby Place.
Edgbaston.

6th August, 1917.

Miss Wood.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

Miss Wood so far has authently the symptoms of a case of Mania. She has been elated, talkative, restless and excitable. I understand, however, from the Assistant that she exhibits extreme delusions of persecution and persecution, but these have not been at all prominent. She therefore seems to me so far to be a case of Mania, which has taken rather the publicated answer by herself in bed lasting some six. Her general health is good and I hope these symptoms of elation will pass off.

With kind regards,

Yours truly,

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TO Pierce Retreat York

Will be in York all tomorrow Could be at Retreat at 12 or between 3 & 5 Telephone office —

Wood

Dear J R Ward,

I had a long talk with your cousin Miss G. Ward yesterday ~~& quite apart from what I heard about her the impression I obtained was unfavourable & that unless she can speedily recover her self-control ~~she will a she can no longer be~~ ;~~

and the general impression I obtained was not favourable, & it is clear she cannot continue as at present.

The serious feature of the case was that she seemed to ~~have little self-control and~~ be blind to the trouble and inconvenience she caused other people - ~~& by i~~ and unless she speedily can recover some self control the intolerable disturbances that she makes will render it inevitable that she is placed under ~~care~~ legal care.

~~Quite apart from anything told me~~ I have no doubt ~~that~~ this deficient self control is really due to mental infirmity and if it were desirable I am quite ready to sign a medical certificate to this effect or that she can be kept safe in some home for mental disorders

But ~~though this will have to be~~ I do not wish to take this step and I am sure you would not wish it if it can be avoided ~~if at all possible.~~

~~I therefore write & make the following suggestions which if Dr Thompson & you approve of them I would suggest that Miss G Ward be informed in the plainest possible way that ~~you expect her to~~ the most advisable~~

The advice ~~without any~~

~~This, however, can not be avoided pro~~

I see no way of ~~escaping this step~~ escape unless Miss J. Wood ~~herself~~ will assist us in promoting her ~~the~~ recovery. ~~appears to fall in with our proposals. To~~ ~~I am going to assist her to~~ ~~the end~~ It is of the first importance that she recovers self-control & gradually becomes stronger mentally. To this end I would suggest that Dr Thompson be asked to find if possible a new home for her in the country ~~if possible~~, ~~that she is not visited~~ & that she be encouraged to take up some out-door occupation on a farm or garden. I would further suggest that ~~she be left~~ you should not visit her, ~~or even write to her after the new arrangements are started~~ that all correspondence be firmly discouraged. ~~and that she should~~ ~~when~~ ~~that for a few weeks at separate~~ ~~she be left~~. ~~and that if possible a nurse or companion be sec~~ but instead of the incessant complaints as to her

If she responds to healthy ~~order~~ out door life and gradually becomes useful ~~she will of course~~ ~~the question~~ all parties will be delighted ~~to~~; but if she refuses to be advised and continues to give unreasonable trouble, then it is clear that ~~other~~ steps will have to be taken as scenes such have occurred at Harrogate, York and Scarboro' cannot be permitted in her interests, to say nothing of those of others.

But a the needful recovery of mental balance can hardly be effected ~~in a day or~~ in a short time, and consequently Miss J. Ward must be prepared to follow Dr Geo. Thompson advice & fully 3 mos - I cannot ~~do~~ expect to return to ordinary life until he gives the word.

In a word this means that Miss Ward voluntarily places herself unreservedly ~~into~~ under medical care and she ought to know that if she will not do this ~~she with~~ ~~I am of the opinion~~ other steps will have to be taken.

H Chapman
Ansfom. W 3491

Dr George M. Robertson.
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Tipperlinn House,
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Edinburgh.

27 July 1917

My dear Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter.

I will do what I can for this wood.

If the dog will come in as a voluntary, I enclose admission papers as requested. Directions:

1. The Cousin must sign in the three places marked with a cross

2. The questions in statement on page one, to be filled in more or less

3. One English doctor to sign the first certificate & also the Certif. of Emergency.

That is all that is necessary for her admission. The standard rate of Board is £3 a week, with privileges. There is a lower rate, but it is partly charitable. — I am glad to hear that you see a possibility of a holiday

and I have just seen an opening in the clouds for me. I hope I shall manage.

Your kind regards

Yours truly

George Mushkelow

AT HOME 2 TO 3·30
EXCEPT WEDNESDAY.
TELEPHONE Nº 86.

12, WEST STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

23 Feb 1917

Dear Dr Wood -

I am so sorry you are ill & hope you soon will pick up - I feel sure it is wisest not to show this Word D' Pierces letter at present. She is trying to exercise control & we must give her a chance - If she read the letter now we should have a terrible scene. I have been quite frank with her from the first & told her unless she

This to follow our advice & exercise self control she will have to be put under restraint in an asylum - I also told her many times during the past month if she did well & tried hard I would, when you leave, try to find her work at a farm - I am convinced that might be her salvation.

Her address after Wednesday will be
c/o Miss Johnson
13 Valley Bridge Parade
Scarborough:
Leaves Fri. 4 a.m. week

Yours truly sincerely
Geoffrey Dawson