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CONFIRMATION

TO { Pierce Retreat York

Kindly suggest to george North
at Throxenby then join me
at Bournemouth
Wright

31st January, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pickard,

Just a line to say that Mr. Wright progressively improved, and I think he is quite well enough to return to his wife, and he has done so today. I heard from her this morning and she was quite willing for him to do so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Medical Superintendent is glad at any time to answer enquiries as to the health of patients; but unless there is special reason interim reports are not sent.

The Retreat, York.

REPORT

on the health of

Edgar Brown

Mental condition

Has had a period of considerable irritability & excitement but is now better.

Bodily condition

Good. We think the excitement was partly due to attempting too much work

BEDFORD PIERCE, M.D.

Darley Hall
Chine Road
Bournemouth
27 Feb 1917

Dear Dr Pierce

I am now in receipt of the Retreat charges but before paying the bill shall be glad of a few particulars. I dont understand the meaning of "Fee during absence." Then I note you charge 1/1/0 for attendant to Malvern which seems to me excessive & now addition £3/6/6 for expenses. I cannot conceive how they can come to anything like that & shall be glad to have particulars for there must be some mistake. Then I altogether object to pay Dr. Gayner's fee. It was not the wish of either myself or my wife that he came to see me. I came willingly to the Retreat on Dr. Finley's promise that I should not be certified Insane & there was no occasion whatever for Dr. Gayner's visit. I presume he is also a magistrate & if so I think I had a right to be informed.

I am Yours sincerely
George Wright.

29th March, 1917.

Dear Mr. Wright,

I have your letter, and enclose particulars asked for as regards the charges to Malvern, I think you can understand that we cannot send off our deputy head attendant at a moment's notice without extra payment.

As regards certificates you were not a voluntary boarder but came to the Retreat under an Urgency Order, within a week formal papers were completed, and you were given the usual notice of right to see a magistrate if you wished to do so. Dr. Gayner is not a magistrate, he came to the Retreat to sign the second certificate, for which his fee was £2. 2. 0 which has been paid.

As regards the fee for leave of absence I enclose a paper which will explain matters, but as this was probably not sent to Mrs. Wright we will raise no objections to your deducting the half crowns for this item.

May I suggest that you do not allow yourself to be worried over this unhappy episode, but remember that under the difficult circumstances everyone acted for the best. I can quite believe you still think something better might have been done, and you may not agree with me on the matter; but the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and you certainly made a very rapid recovery under the treatement that was adopted.

May I point out that the average cost at the Retreat at the present time is something over £3. 3. 0 a week, and that while you were here you had a room to yourself and accommodation somewhat better than the average. Though I can quite see that the acount may be more than you would like, yet the expense is much lessthan if you had had an attack of pneumonia or typhoid fever.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dudley Hall
Chine Road
Bournemouth
30 Mch 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am much obliged for your letter to hand this morning. I quite understand that you cannot send off an attendant without charge but 1/1/0 struck me as excessive.

You are mistaken in saying that I was given notice of the right to see a magistrate I told Dr. Finley that I was willing to go to the Retreat on his promising that I was not certified. He hesited to give the promise & I said if you wont I will go before a magistrate. Then he promised. You know how he kept it. From that moment if ~~you~~ anyone can tell me of any act or word of mine that indicated I was not of a perfectly sound mind I shall be willing to give in. In my opinion any doctor who certifies a man to be insane when he knows he is not is guilty of a crime & that is what Dr. Finley & Dr. Gayner have done. Under these circumstance I cannot see that there is any claim on me for Dr. Gayner Fee. Dr. Finley presented what I consider an

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exorbitant bill to my wife & pressed for immediate payment: no doubt concluding & quite rightly that I would refuse to pay it. This no doubt accounts for his anxiety to get my wife out of Malvern before I returned.
Since writing my last letter I have learned that Dr Imlay had no thought of certifying me insane till you refused to admit me to the Retreat unless he did so. What your reason may have been I do not know but the consequences I know only too well. Of the bitter consequences to myself I will not write but it has caused a shock to my wife that she will never get over
In time I hope I may be able to forgive you.

Yours truly
George Wright.

2nd April, 1917.

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am sorry to find that you still feel grieved at your treatment before and after you came to the Retreat. I do not think it would serve any useful purpose by explaining to you my view of the situation. It would only revive incidents that really had better be forgotten.

It is, however, very unfortunate for you to continue to think that you were improperly or unkindly treated, and the suggestion I would make is that you should nominate any Friend of standing or any other person in whom we both would have confidence, to ascertain the facts; and, if you like, let him report the result of his enquiries to the Committee of the Retreat.

I am quite sure that neither I nor the Committee would wish any patient to be charged any amount improperly, and if an error occurred through some mistake or other I am satisfied they would wish it rectified as far as possible. I can only repeat what I have said before: that under the unhappy circumstances the best course was taken.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Dudley Hall
Ashley Road
Bournemouth
3 April 1907

Dear Dr Pierce

In reply to your letter to hand this afternoon. This affair is so upsetting my wife that I have come to the conclusion it will be the least expensive to settle it at once & after all the expense is only a secondary matter & no number of Committees will convince me that I have not been falsely & criminally declared to be insane.
I have deducted the absence fee which you kindly agreed to allow & also 12/10 from the expenses as By a change error you have charged 3 fares from Malvern instead of 2.
I trust this will end what has been to me a most unpleasant episode & I will try & cultivate kinder feelings towards you

Yours sincerely
George Wright

at Durley Hall.
Chine Road.
Bournemouth West.
March 8th 1917.

Dear Mr. Pierce

I have your note today & am answering it at once. I am glad to say Mr. Wright is perfectly well & I am better. The weather has been horribly

cold here for some days & today we have a good fall of snow, with a S. E. wind. We have found some nice sheltered walks about here & have been enjoying the place.

We are a party of about 20 in this house & are very comfortable.

With our kind regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

Agnes M. Wright.

P. S. The above will be our address for month or two.

The Hydro,
Langham Road,
BOWDON.

5th March, 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. and cannot see any way in which I can write any special letter to Mrs. Wright, because her keeping it secret would be a pure chance.

Neither I nor my Wife know any particulars as to what took place with reference to Mr. G. Wright's going to or leaving York, as we received very little information about it. We understand, however, that Mr. Wright is now quite well. His letters are perfectly normal and written with a strong hand, such as always indicates his being in good and perfect health. We have heard from Bournemouth several times and we are quite under the impression that his recovery was complete. We think, personally, that his name might now be taken off your books. If any opportunity, of gaining further and more precise information, occurs in the immediate future, we will take advantage of it and write you again.

I am, Yours sincerely,

G. A. Pickard

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.

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I am, Yours sincerely,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
YORK.

6th March, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

Just a line to say that Mr. Wright's name has not been formally taken off our books. I propose, therefore, to discharge him as recovered.

I hope he keeps well and that you are better. We are having an uncomfortable spell of weather just now, snow and an east wind, which, I fear, is general.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Oct. 1916

Charles Robinson

Dr. to THE RETREAT, YORK.

The Rules of the Institution require that each quarter be paid IN ADVANCE.

Overdue Accounts will be charged with interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

It is particularly requested that a printed receipt, on the Official receipt form of the Institution, be obtained for each remittance.

	£	s.	d.
To One Quarter's Board to			
,, Disbursements (as below) to			

2nd March, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pickard,

Perhaps you could ascertain from Mrs. Wright (I think it is better that I should not write to her myself) whether Mr. George Wright has not properly recovered, so that his name can be removed from our books. The last report I heard was quite satisfactory. There is, of course no hurry about it. The leave of absence can be extended longer if there is any advantage in doing so.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

3rd February, 1917.

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am very pleased indeed to hear that you have got on so nicely and that Mrs. Wright is doing well. I cannot butthink that the change to Bournemouth at this season of the year will be good for her, though I fancy Bournemouth is having quite a cold spell now. There is no doubt that it is not pleasant there on a cold day with a north-east wind, but this combination is not very common.

I much appreciate your kind reference to the staff, and I may reciprocate by saying that there was much regret when you left as you helped materially in the social life of the Lodge.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The Midland Hotel
Bournemouth
1 Febry 1917

Dear Dr Pierce

I had a comfortable journey yesterday arriving here not more than 20 minutes late. There was no opportunity for refreshments except just a cup of tea & I was therefore very glad of the liberal supply of sandwiches with which I was provided. I am glad to say I found my wife looking

very well though with evident
signs of having gone through
a trying time. She has seen a Dr.
here who tells her that the right
lung is still slightly affected &
that she will have to be very
careful for some time.
She is sleeping better now &
slept very well last night &
I trust when warmer weather
comes will soon regain her
usual health. We are very
comfortable in this hotel &
have made arrangements to
remain here at least a month
so she will have a complete
rest from housekeeping worries.
It is bright & sunny here today
but very cold in fact the frost
have been keener here than in Boston
but there is no snow.
I feel that I cannot finally
close my connection with the
Retreat without saying how
thoroughly I have appreciated
the great kindness that I have
received from everyone with
whom I have come in contact
from yourself down to the
humblest servant.
With kindest regards & sincerest thanks
for all your kindness in what my wife
unites I am Yours sincerely
George Wright

TELEPHONE No. 151.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"PICKARD,"
RACEHILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
ALTRINCHAM.
CHESHIRE.

January 29. 17

Dear Dr. Price

From the contents of a letter from G. Wright received this morning, it appears that his wife is not willing for him to return to her just yet. I am very sorry to hear this & would be glad if you would tell me whether you think him sufficiently recovered to resume normal life.

Unfortunately there is no one at liberty to accompany him to a Hydro or other similar establishment.

Judging by his letters, he appears to be very well & balanced & we thought the best thing for him & his health would be a return to his wife. Unless she is willing, we are afraid it may have a deleterious effect upon him. I am

Yours sincerely

E. A. Pickard

at The Midland Hotel.
Bournemouth West.
Jany 29th. 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I was very glad to have your reassuring letter this morning & am just writing to say, that I shall be glad to see Mr. Wright here on Wednesday evening & do not feel that there is any

need for him to take
a room elsewhere.
My maid leaves me
on Wednesday & I shall
be glad to have his help
& company.
Be kind enough to give
him the enclosed note
from me. It still keeps
bitterly cold here, but
there's some sunshine
today.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours sincerely,
Agnes M. Wright.

27th January, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

Just a line to tell you that I can speak very favourably of Mr. Wright. He is much more reasonable, and the excitement has subsided, and really there is nothing the matter with him that I can ascertain. He is quite wishful to do the right thing, and he feels that if he could only see you you would be greatly reassured about him.

I have made the following suggestion to him, that he should leave here on Wednesday morning, go straight through to Bournemouth, and that you should engage a reoom for him at a boarding house or some hotel, that he should after seeing you stay away a week or ten days until you feel distinctly better than you do at present. He might either stay at the boarding house suggested or go to Christchurch, Poole, or Brockenhurst, or some of the places near by if this seemed better. If you have any objections to this please wire as the post from Bournemouth is very slow.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

-fortable house & very
few people here & very
good plain cooking.
Do you think he ought to go
to a Hydro' alone?
Dr. Finley thinks not, I know.
Hoping I may hear soon,
what you decide,
I am,
Yours very sincerely,
Agnes M. Wright.

at The Midland Hotel.
Bournemouth West.
Jany 26th 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce,
I have been having
much more happy &
contented letters from
Mr. Wright lately, I am
glad to say. I came
down here on Tuesday
with my maid, but am
not feeling that I can

bear much yet. I still
get pains in my head &
I do feel, that it would
be better, after all,
if Mr. might come to
Somewhere for a fortnight
before he joins me here.
I have not got my sleep
back normally yet,
& I feel I ought to,
before he joins me, do
you not think so
too? I do not think
he will mind, if you
tell him this & I
will write him to the
same effect.
We were a horrid setting
here on Tuesday, but, I
do not seem to have
taken any fresh cold.
This is a quiet & com-

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RACE HILL,
ALTRINCHAM.
CHESHIRE.

Jany. 19 1917

Dear Dr. Spence

As I am not able to come myself, I have arranged for Alfred Wright, G. W's elder brother to come & see him tomorrow, Saturday afternoon, arriving York about 3 o'c.

He will return the same evening & will see me on Sunday. I hope it may be convenient for you to see him & I shall be very glad to hear the latest accounts of the patient.

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard.

of chess with him the
Sells me he gets a game
of bridge sometimes with
Sister Morris. I am very
glad, as he enjoys it &
no play a good deal at
home. I am very much
better & have been out one
this week for an hour's walk.
I shall let you have my
Bournemouth address
next week. I remain,
Yours very truly,
Agnes M. Wright.

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Woodlands,
West Malvern.
Jany 19. 1917.

Dear Doctor Pierce
I am very glad
to have your letter to-
day & to know that you
think Mr. Wright is going
on nicely. I have just
had a letter from him
& it is far the most reason-
-able one I have had.

He is willing to stay on with you, if I really wish it & then go to Matlock or somewhere for a few weeks before joining me.
I have decided to go to Bournemouth with my maid on Tuesday, as it seems hopeless waiting for better weather, so, I am very busy settling up everything this end. I shall be very glad to be away now. It strikes me that Mr. Wright is having a very good time with you; you say you played a game

weather keeps so
severe. I have not been
out of doors since Dec 10th,
so shall have to be
careful.
I am, dear Sir,
Yours very truly,
Agnes M. Wright.

Woodlands.
West Malvern.
Jany 17. 1917.

Dear Sir,
I have made the
alteration in the paper
that you desired.
One night he lost his
temper & slapped me
so soundly, that for
days I was discolored
& there were the marks
of his fingers on me

& another evening he threatened to strike me. It is most difficult for us all to know what to do.
I think it would be best for him to stay out the month at The Retreat, as you suggest & then perhaps he could be persuaded to go to Lumsley's, or some such place for another week or two, before joining me. I find his letters to me very distressing, as, poor fellow, he makes out he is quite well. I am still unable to travel to Bournemouth, as the

Woodlands,
West Malvern.
14th. Jany. 1917.

Dear Sir,
I received your kind letter this morning & quite understand what you say about Mr. Wright. I quite agree with you, that for another few weeks it will best be for him to remain where he is,

under your kind supervision. I have been quite dreading his returning to me in an excited state, as I am not strong enough yet to stand it. I still hope to go down to Bournemouth about the end of this week & am taking my maid with me & shall keep her with me for a week or two.

I could see from my husband's letters all the time, that he was not himself & so think you are doing quite the right thing & I know Dr. Finley will think so too. He has really been quite worried upset about the case.

I remain: Yours very truly
Agnes M. Wright.

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CHESHIRE.

January 13. 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th with copy of your letter to Mrs. Wright. I'm sorry to read what you say about G.W's conduct towards his wife; we however do not know to what you refer as we have received no complaint from her. She did tell us that he had shown an infatuation for the servant but is not this, deplorable as it is, a usual symptom of such derangement as he suffers from? He is so entirely different from anything of the kind when he is well, that such an occurrence would indicate derangement. If there is anything else, I should be glad to write him about anything which could rightly be taken up in a letter.

My wife is posting a letter by this same post, advising G.W. to be guided by your opinion. I am sorry we cannot take him here for two reasons. First we are leaving this house

will shortly go in lodgings for a time again
~~My~~ Second wife is only just down stairs from 3 weeks in
bed with a broken rib. Altogether it is quite
impossible for us to do more than help with expenses
which we have promised to do. I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard.

P.S.

I quite hope G. W. will soon feel contented to
remain a while at The Retreat

no real responsibility in the matter.

I am sincerely

A. Sparkes.

ELLESMERE LODGE,
MALVERN.

Jan 13/17

Dear Dr Pierce

I have heard this morning with much astonishment that Geo. Wright of West Malvern has been found to be of unsound mind & was sent to the Retreat a fortnight ago & that he is again at home. If you feel free to do so, Can you

give me any partic-
ulars of the Case?
we have known them for
3 or 4 years & I have
never noticed anything
extraordinary about him.
we cannot very well
go to the house & enquire
for him & offer to help
in any way, but we
are very sorry indeed
for his wife. & should
like to show our sym-
pathy if suitable
Being a person of means
I suppose "Friends" have

430.

Jan. 10. 1917.

AT HOME { 9–10 30 A.M. / 2–2 30 P.M.
TELEPHONE No. 49.

West Malvern,
Worcestershire.

Dear Mr. Pierce –

I am glad to have heard his weight is better, I rather suspect that his present condition may be some time – and surely nothing could be worse than for him to come back here. His behaviour caused a good deal of talk amongst his neighbours – and would make his return to his own home, as she put it, quite impossible. His wife was at the end of a troublesome pregnancy – and it may be hard – very hard indeed – on her account which I am bound to

his own, and of course the
direct cause of the outbreak.
I did not know his previous
history in time to be able to take
any other steps & his relations
were widowed too well acquainted with it
to be willing to help. There was
just a chance that with his brother's
help I might have got him away
as a volunteer: but this chance
very rapidly disappeared. I was
glad enough to get him away & had
little sympathy to spare for him.
and no misgivings as to having
executed him. The maid could
corroborate his statement of his wife's
previous behaviour was not
his drinking merely a symptom & not a cause. I think it would be
the kinder to declare his confession

Mrs G said Lewis said.
Dennis suspicious of Harry Fowler

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
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January 8. 1917

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am very sorry that my brother in law, George Wright has again broken down & think that perhaps you may not fully learn what I believe to be the main reason of it. Since his marriage he has seemed to be very well & very happy but unfortunately his wife has recently had an illness which confined her to bed. She suggested having a nurse but was persuaded by her Doctor to do without one. In consequence I am afraid her husband was overdone with nursing & loss of sleep & believe she fully realizes it & much regrets she did not insist on the nurse. — Perhaps she has told you about it. I am not aware of any other cause likely to bring about this attack.

I have had 2 (& my wife 1) letters from G. W. Since he went to The Retreat & judging from his last, an improvement has already set in. If you can spare the time I & my wife

would be very thankful for a little information as to present condition & future prospects.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind reply, I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard.

To Malvern for Mr Wright, Dec 29

Cab to St.	2.
Fare "	12.10.½
refreshments Elec	3.0
Cab.	6.0
30th "	
Fares "	1.18.7.½
refreshments & sweets.	2.0
Cab.	2.0
	3.6.6

J. F. Simpson

AT HOME { 9-10 30 A.M. / 2-2 30 P.M.
TELEPHONE No. 49.

West Malvern,
Worcestershire.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

Mr. Wright went off with your man Simpson - quietly this morning. I am afraid I had to say he was not going under certificate. To do otherwise would have meant a big row.
I asked you last night to find another man by the night train. Simpson said there was not a man and with previous experience for Mr. Wright was impossible & I took I managed to get an ex-policeman who is travelling with him.
Mr. Wright has been very troublesome & beyond his wife is treated rather.

I had mon been told until
Wednesday of his previous
history.
I have asked the Lorenbs wife
to call when he arrives

Yours sincerely

Harry Priestley

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To confirm telephone please send for George Wright Woodlands West malvern please send papers

Finley

18th January, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

I think Mr. Wright is going on nicely. He is calm and collected except when he becomes indignant at his detention here; he feels that he is being unjustly detained. I have tried to explain to him that if he realised properly the effect that his recent breakdown had on you and other persons he would be quite contented to stay quietly here until sufficient time had elapsed to be quite sure that he was himself again.

I am sorry to hear that you are not yet well, and as you say the weather is very unfavourable for travelling, but if you could get to Bournemouth I quite expect you would find the conditions better though I have known it quite cold there at this time of the year. The advantage of Bournemouth is that the gardens are so sheltered that invalids can get out there more than in almost any other place I know.

I think the right thing is for Mr. Wright to stay here the calendar month, and after this if he gets on nicely he could go to a Hydropathic as you suggest.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

15th January, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Wright,

Mr. Wright is extremely unwilling to stay here any longer and he declares he will not do so. I have tried to reason with him and explained that he, who had been so poorly until about a fortnight ago, should not be willing to be advised. My impression is that the best plan is for him to stay out the month here, and then perhaps he might go to stay at Harrogate or at a Hydropathic or something of that kind.

The Commissioners have returned the Statement of Particulars on account of your having stated ythat Mr. Wright was not dangerous to others, whereas Dr. Finley's certificates says explicitly that Mr. Wright had repeatedly struck you. Will you either alter the "no" to "yes" and"say has struck and threatened me", or if this is more than you would like to say put something of this kind, "though he has threatened me I did not consider him dangerous". In some way or other it is clear the alteration must be made. Please place your initials opposite the correction.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

15th January, 1917.

Dear Mr. Sparkes,

I am glad to say that Mr. George Wright has rapidly improved, in fact he is almost well, and will be walking before long.

I fancy Mrs. Wright is going away for a time to Bournemouth as she is, I understand, far from well. It is very unfortunate that he had this attack just at a time when his wife was poorly. I think the strain of nursing and loss of sleep was the explanation.

I remain,

Yoours very truly,

12th January, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have seen Mr. Wright and talked over the subject raised in your letter. He does not want to go to Throxenby Hall and is very disinclined to stay here. He minimises the gravity of his recent illness, and though he is a good deal better he really is not well or he would see that it is wiser for him to remain quiet here for a longer period. He is talkative and somewhat excited, and in this state he is always inclined to blame others rather than his unfortunate malady for things going wrong. It is quite clear that he must remain under supervision of some kind for another few weeks as he is not fit to join you or to see his friends.

I am inclined to think that the best course is for him to remain where he is for the present.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Wright,
Woodlands,
West Malvern.

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I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Wright,

Woodlands,

West Malvern.

12th January, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I send you a copy of a letter I have written to Mrs. Wright which about explains the situation.

I think some very plain speaking to him in relation to his conduct towards his wife would be a help, but I have not done so as it might perhaps make things more difficult for her afterwards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Race Hill.

I should be glad indeed if he could go there for a few weeks first & then join me at Bournemouth. My maid is very nervous of him, so I do not want them to meet at all. I shall be glad to hear from you soon.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours sincerely
Agnes M. Wright.

Woodlands,
West Malvern.
Jany 11th 1917.

Dear Sir,

I sent you a line this morning about my husband, George Wright. I know from his letters that you seem pleased with his recovery. At present I am in a very nervous

that I am not sleeping
very well & I do feel,
that it would be better
for my husband not
to come here at all,
as Dr. Tuley says.
I am arranging to
leave this house &
warehouse the furniture
& as soon as I can
travel go to Bourne-
mouth. I shall take
my maid with me, as
I do not feel equal
to travelling alone,
after my own long illness
& then the shock of
Mr Wright's attack,
when I was only
convalescent. I am
just afraid they will
not want him at

TELEPHONE No. 151.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"PICKARD,"
RACEHILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
ALTRINCHAM.
CHESHIRE.

January 11. 1917

Dear Dr. Piers

I am much obliged for your letter of the 9th & very glad you are able to send such a good report of my brother in law's condition & health. He writes us frequently & his letters show a continuous improvement – one to hand this morning is quite rational & normal.

As regards a suggestion as to where he should go when well enough to leave the Retreat, we were hoping & expecting that his wife would take him somewhere for a rest & change but from what she says in a recent letter, it appears that Dr. Finley (her Doctor) advises her that G. W. will not be well enough to be with her for 3 months. We had written suggesting that we hoped very differently & also suggesting her communicating with you on the matter

He ~~that~~ think that if she attempted to carry this out it would have a disastrous effect on G. H.

He mentioned to her that The Retreat had a Convalescent Home at Seaborr. & wondered whether she had thought of his going there for a time.

Is there any chance of finding anyone who could go away with him for a week or two?

Hoping you have already heard from Drs. Wright or will soon do so. I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard.

9th January, 1917.

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I am glad to say that Mr. Wright is getting on very well. He was excited and talkative and restless when he came, but he has rapidly improved, and though perhaps rather buoyant and self-satisfied he is on the whole very well.

He explained to me that his anxiety had been through his wife's illness and his loss of sleep in consequence, but I gather that at the time he refused to be advised and made matters exceedingly difficult.

I should be glad of some suggestion as to what he should do when the time comes for him to leave here. I hardly think he ought to return home, and yet I should not like him to remain here long if he continues to improve at the rate he is now doing.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

January 4th, 1916.

Dear Dr. Finley,

Just a line to say that Mr. George Wright is beginning to improve in the same way that he did before, when a few days after admission he began to clear up. If he goes on like this it will be difficult to detain him long, still he is not well yet, is excitable, talkative and gives a garbled account of what happendd before he came.

As he did before he blames everyone else besides himself and when asked about his conduct explains it away to his complete satisfaction. He especially blames you for his breakdown! By the way, he declares that you promised that he should come as a Voluntary Boarder and not under certificates, and he does not know that he is certified. Perhaps we can manage that he does not learn this, but of course if he asksdhe can find out. Anyhow for the time he is quite pleasant to do with and gives no trouble. The difficulty will begin when he is better.

I should like to know whether Mrs. Wright is or has been seriously ill, and whether there is independent evidence of his treating her badly. Also do you think recent intemperance had anything to do with this breakdown?

I remain,

Yours very truly,

With kind regards,
I am
Yours sincerely
Agnes M. Wright.

Woodlands.
West Malvern.
Jany 2. 1917.

Dear Dr. Pierce
I was so glad to
have quite a rational
note from my husband,
George Wright, today.
I do hope he is really
better & less excited.
What he needs is sleep

& fresh air, as he has had many disturbed nights & unfortunately been in my hot room, when I was ill.
Should he have any collapse, as he did last time, will you please communicate to Arthur Pickard Esq.

Rose Hill.
Altrincham.
Cheshire.

as one of them wanted wish to come to him & I am quite unable to travel at present.
I should be glad to know what you think of him, if it is not troubling you too much.

AT HOME { 9-10 30 A.M. / 2-2 30 P.M.
TELEPHONE No. 49.

West Malvern,
Worcestershire.

Dear Sir

I have (when
have got time
of course)
Sunday

yours,

Humphrey Ridley

Your other questions
have omitted to fill in
line 5.

29th December, 1916.

Dear Dr. Finlay,

I send with this a set of papers for Mr. Wright. I am sorry to hear that he has broken down again.

I also send in a separate envelope an Urgency Order in case it is not practicable to get the ordinary papers completed in time. We should not be prepared to take him unless he is properly certified, and the Urgency Order would suffice for a week, within which time we could arrange for the other certificates.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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LUNACY ACT, 1890.
Second Schedule.
Form 8.

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

[1] Name of Patient.
[2] Insert residence of Patient.
[3] County, City, or Borough, as the case may be.
[4] Insert profession or occupation (if any).

In the matter of [1] George Wright
of [2] Mansfield Notts
in the [3] County of Nottingham
[4] none an alleged Lunatic.

I, the undersigned, Walter Charles Halpine
do hereby certify as follows :—

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the Medical Profession.

2. On the Sixth day of March 1911
at [5] Livermead House Torquay
in the [5] County of Devon
[6] (separately from any other practitioner), I personally examined the said [1] George Wright

and came to the conclusion that he is ~~a (lunatic, an idiot, or~~ a person of unsound mind), and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

[5] Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the Christian and Surname of occupier.
[6] Strike the pen through this where only one certificate is required.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz. :—

(*a.*) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination, viz. :—[7] I found him in a highly emotional state — quiet at intervals followed by period of excitement

[7] If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination, the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.

(*b.*) Facts communicated by others, viz. :—[8]
Edwin Smith. proprietor of Livermead House, Torquay. says: Mr Wright — violent behaviour — numerous small assaults on various visitors — throwing food about. misbehaviour in Church — continuous hallucinations as to food. Shouting at night.
Dr. Pedley of Winchester — says — giving money away — cheque for £5-0-0 to small boy. reciting indecent stories before ladies, Save wedding ring to chambermaid

[8] The names and Christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.

4. The said [1] ~~George Wright~~ appeared to me to be ~~(or not to be)~~ in a fit condition of bodily health to be removed to an Asylum, Hospital, or Licensed House.[9]

[9] Strike out this clause in case of a private patient whose removal is not proposed.

5. I give this Certificate, having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

Dated the Seventh day of March
One thousand nine hundred and eleven

(**Signed**) Walter Charles Halpine
of [10] Falkland Lodge. Torquay. Devon.

[10] Insert full postal address.

Extract from Section 317 of the Lunacy Act, 1890.

"Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour."

LUNACY ACT, 1890.

Second Schedule—Form 12a.

In the matter of

~~*A PAUPER LUNATIC.*~~

~~RECEPTION ORDER.~~

~~*Date of Order,*~~

CHAS. KNIGHT & CO., LTD., TOOLEY STREET S.E.—(S 1311-1909)
Lunacy No. 12A.

but strange to say
I have not heard from
Dr Littlewood, except
a telegram asking for
certificate.

They came here from
Mansfield - Notts

Yours truly
W. C. Walpole

Dr Pierce

FALKLAND LODGE,
TORQUAY.

8: March
1911

Dear Sir

Mr Wright left
Torquay on Monday after-
-noon, in charge of
Dr Littlewood & an ex-
-policeman - their proposed
destination when they left
here was The Retreat

this youth - who actually suffered travelling without an attendant.

I expect they were very glad of his services afterwards.

It is not very hard to read between the lines.

Again apologising for troubling you

Believe me

Yours truly

W. J. Halpin

31: Aug 1911.

Dear Sir

Pray pardon me troubling you - I write in reference to the case of Mr George Wright, of Mansfield.

I applied to young Mr Littlewood, of Mansfield, for my fee, for certificate I sent you, & I had the following impertinent (I take it) reply.

"With regard to your letter requesting a fee for a certificate

re George Wright, I found out from the medical man at the Asylum that your certificate was not in order, & could not be accepted; & a further certificate had to be made out before admission was possible

It is necessary for a petition to be made out by a relative of the alleged lunatic which was not complied with

Yours truly
S Littlewood "

Littlewood left here for York with Mr Wright & an attendant.

From Bristol he telegraphed to me for a certificate, which I filled up & sent to you - knowing at the time that it was only an emergency certificate, available for 48 hours. He says he had it from you that my certificate was not in order. I don't think he is correct in this statement?

Of course I know all about the relatives petition &c - but Mr Wright was a stranger to me - & in any case he was not under my charge at the time.

I telephoned to Dr Littlewood, about Wright & he sent down

July 19, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

Yesterday was Committee day, and I was very busy, or I would have written before.

I am much obliged for your letter respecting Mr. and Mrs. George Wright. As you know, I viewed this marriage with considerable apprehension. Still, I must admit that, sometimes, things turn out vastly better than one expects. Let us hope it will be so in this case.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

(2)

I attended the wedding wch took place in Llandrillo Church. Rhos. N. Wales.

The Bride is a lady about 6 years younger than her husband & has been living on her means much in the same way as G. W. himself –

Everything passed off very nicely & the Honeymoon is being passed in quite an Arcadian manner in apartments on a Farm near Ruthin. N. Wales.

We receive letters quite

TELEPHONE No. 151.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "PICKARD," RACE HILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
DUNHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM,
CHESHIRE.

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July 15. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce

I should have written sooner but was waiting for the account wch reached me a day or two ago. I wanted to tell you that since I wrote last my brother in law Geo. Wright recovered day by day until he was married on June 20th.

My wife, my son &

(3)

"Status quo" & no reference is now made to the unfortunate occurrences which interrupted the courtship. I have sent him the account and expect he will elect to pay it himself.

17th I have held this letter over pending instructions re the account. These I

in a letter yesterday in which he says he will attend to it himself.

Thanking you for all you have done to help us in this unfortunate breakdown, I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard.

& Rhôs to be near Miss L.
who is also going there and
their intention is to be
married there & not take
a house until afterwards.

In conclusion I may say
that we find ourselves in a
very difficult & delicate
position. we do not feel that
we can safely say more to
either Geo. W. or Miss G. they
mean to take their own course.

My brother in law's Mansfield
address is 149 Nottingham Road.

I note you say you will send the "discharge" to me. G.W. expects you to send it to him. I am

Yours very truly

G. A. Pickard.

P.S. Two remarkable things have happened at Torquay. Mr. Smith the proprietor of the Boarding House at wch. G.W. was staying & Dr. Pedley of Winchester who was also a visitor there & principally attended to him have both since died. Dr. Halpin sent in a bill including 21/- for a certificate wch. he says was sent to you. Is this right? If so, it makes 3.

end of June. in the meantime G.W. is very anxious to be discharged so that he can do as he likes. My wife & I think that Miss Grant's presence has a soothing and calming effect upon him & we think that apart from some deterioration of judgment and temper he is himself again now.

He leaves us tomorrow for a few days at Mansfield to pack up his things as he is leaving & going to Colwyn Bay

RACE HILL,
DUNHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM.

May 3. 1911.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter of the 1st.

We had heard that Miss Grant had written you & I think I told you in my last that she also wrote Dr. Littlewood who came over here on Saturday the 22nd & went over to see her next day. I specially impressed

on him that he should tell her the truth. George Wright came here on Wednesday the 26th & has spent long days with her at Latchford generally getting back here at 10.30 p.m. One day Miss Grant spent with us & so they have been constantly together and the brother has had ample opportunity of making his future brother in law's acquaintance.

I feel quite satisfied that we have done everything that we could rightly do to make Miss Grant understand what she is risking.

If my recollection is right, you said that marriage when completely recovered would not be detrimental but might even be beneficial. It appears they are thinking of a quiet wedding towards the

Telephone No. 151.

Telegraphic Address: "Pickard," Race Hill, Altrincham.

Race Hill,
Dunham Road,
Altrincham,
Cheshire.

April 26. 11

Dear Dr Pierce

I found my brother in law at Scarboro. quite as well as I expected & arranged for him to go to Mansfield on Saturday last & I am expecting him here this afternoon. He was willing to come to Altrincham first or indeed to do almost

Warrington on Sunday afternoon so as to have a personal interview.

This gave us an opportunity of further explanation & of again imparting information as to the past.

Since his arrival G.W. has asked me to write & ask you for his paper or papers of discharge. I think these might be sent or at any rate, subject to your opinion, I would suggest they should be sent provided all goes well during this week after he has seen Miss Grant.

I am Yours very truly
G. A. Pickard

P.S. In your last letter 18th inst. you say "I honestly think the ultimate outlook is serious". I should be very glad if you would kindly explain more precisely what you mean. It is not very clear to me as it stands.

Chg. Dr. L.

anything if I would "order" him to do it but I did not feel able to go so far.

Throughout Hall is very nice & I think is an ideal place for your purposes.

Herewith I enclose cheque £10.6.11 to balance the two accounts rendered.

Evening

G. W. arrived early this afternoon & seems to be quite himself & very well in health. He is going over tomorrow to see Miss Grant & much depends on his interview with her. On Saturday last Dr Littlewood of Mansfield received a letter from Miss Grant asking his opinion about the desirability of marriage. As the result of a conversation on the telephone, he came on here that evening & went over to Latchford near

he smashed his golf locker damaged his bicycle & his billiard cue & we were very frightened of him damaging Someone with his golf clubs I enclose his letter for your inspection altho' the writing is much better he is still in an elated frame of mind.

He keeps writing to his late landlady in Mansfield for various things including his bi-focal eyeglasses which I am afraid he has Either

STONE CROSS,
MANSFIELD.

April 3 1911

Dr Piesse

Dear Friend.

I have received a letter from George Wright asking me to forward his golf clubs I thought before sending I had better hear from you as to whether to send or not.

Where he was at Mansfield

thrown or given away as they cannot be found.

Awaiting your reply I am

Yours faithfully

Frederick Pickard,

TELEPHONE No. 151.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
"PICKARD,"
RACE HILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
DUNHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM,
CHESHIRE.

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March 31. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce,

We were very pleased to hear thro. your letter of the 28th inst. that George Wright was both better & more reasonable & that you were sending him to Scarborough.

My wife rec'd a letter from him this morning announcing his arrival there & written in

all but a normal style.
I have to return home tomorrow
Saturday for special business
on Monday & hope to come
back here on Tuesday or
Wednesday = at any rate
my address until Tuesday
morning will be at home.

I hope that as G. W. is so
much better & is at Scarboro.
it will not be necessary for me
to go over to see him as I want
to get back here as soon as
possible. I am Yours very truly

G. A. Pickard

at Heathfield.
Fairfield Road.
Latchford.
Warrington.
March 27th 1911.

Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your kind note of yes-terday. I am very glad indeed to have a so much more cheering account of

Mr. George Wright's condition ~~& that~~ you hope he may leave for a change one day this week.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Agnes M. Grant.

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Race Hill,
Dunham Road,
Altrincham.

March 22/11

Dear Dr Pierce -

My husband has just come in & I have given him your message - & he says he will put off going Corfu till Saty - as he could not manage the long journey after being at Yprs the day before - & will be with you to-

morrow if he possibly can – he is not very well. but unless you get a telegram in the morning to the contrary will arrive at York Station 1.40 & by at the Retreat by 2 o'clock – & return by the 4.20 o'clock vehicle will give him nice time to see my brother – We are so glad to hear of the improvement – his letter to me this morning was almost normal – I would go to see him myself – but I am here suffering from a bad attack of neuritis in my head for the last 2 weeks & it makes me very giddy & unable to do much –

With kind regards.

Believe me

Yours very sincerely

Jane. C. Pickard –

P.S. Fancied he had written –

I have to come home to serve on the Cheshire Grand Jury on April 3rd so if necessary or desirable could come to York on the 4th but if not necessary, I should return to my wife on that date I am

Yours very truly

G. A. Pickard.

TELEPHONE No. 151.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "PICKARD," RACE HILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
DUNHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM,
CHESHIRE.

March 21. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter rec.d this morning – we are greatly pleased to hear a better report of my brother in law. I hope he will gradually improve from day to day. I enclose a list of clothing which has been sent from Mrs. Scott, his landlady at Mansfield. My wife &

I go to No. 12 Carrier Terrace
Seaton
Sath Devon
on Friday leaving here about
8.15 a.m so we should like to
have a line or telegram sometime
on Thursday. I have written
to G. W. by this post - perhaps
it would have been better to have
enclosed it with this for you to
read but I posted it before
writing this - you must open it if you think
best. It appears that Miss Grant-George's
fiancée has no idea of doing anything other
than going on with the engagement - a fact
that I think you should know. I think I told
you we never heard of her before hearing by
letter of the engagement 3 weeks ago. She seems
to be a nice lady but we know nothing more
than that they met at a Boarding House.

May 1, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I Am pleased to hear that Mr. Wright is so nicely and that you think he has reached practically his normal condition. On hearing from you again that you consider the improvement is well maintained I will send you the notice of discharge "recovered".

I had a letter from Miss Grant asking my opinion on the subject of marriage, but I was obliged to tell her that my relations with Mr. Wright are confidential and I was not able to give her any information except at his request; but if you, however, as his responsible relative ask my opinion on the question of his marriage I should not have the same difficulty in replying, though I think it is extremely unlikely that anything I say will make any difference.

With regard to the concluding sentence of my letter of April 18th, "I have little doubt that after a time he will return to his normal state, though I honestly think the ultimate outlook is serious and that he will relapse sooner or or later", my opinion is that it is almost certain that sooner or later he will relapse and have another attack of maniacal excitement: probably he will have many more. It is impossible, however, to say when or how this will happen; and of course there is just a possibility that they may be long deferred. We find as a general rule the relapses are similar in type to the previous attacks. Sometimes, however, prolonged attacks of depression take the place of excitement. But there is not much prospect of mental decay or enfeeblement.

I am much obliged for the cheque, duly received, for which I believe you have already had a receipt.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,

West Dene,
Westmoreland Road,
Bromley, Kent.

22. 10. 11

Dear Dr Mackenzie

I should be extremely grateful if you will, at your convenience, drop me a line saying how my brother is & if any further signs have developed since you last wrote.

With kind regards

Believe me yours sincerely

G. C. Wright

at Heathfield.
Fairfield Road.
Latchford.
Warrington.
21st April 1911.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you now, to ask you, to be good enough to give me your candid opinion of Mr. George Wright.

I should like to know what you think in the matter & am asking you now, professionally.

I should be glad of a reply, as soon as possible.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. W. Grant.

I understand from him, that he may be leaving Scarborough tomorrow for Race Hill, Altrincham, on a visit to his sister & we shall probably meet early next week.

Do you think, if we wait 3 or 4 months & he keeps well, that there would be any great risk in our marrying? Before I meet him, I

April 18, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

Many thanks for your letter. At the same time I received one from Mr. Wright asking to leave on Thursday so that he may be able to see your brother at Mansfield before he goes away.

I find the situation somewhat perplexing, as it seems to me clear that Mr. Wright is not really well. On the other hand I do not think he is likely to improve further by staying much longer at Throxenby. I therefore propose, unless I hear from you to the contrary, to allow him to leave at the time previously arranged, viz. at the end of this week; and I suppose he would go on one month's trial to see how he gets on.

I am still of opinion that it would be better for him not to go to Mansfield in the first place, and I am writing to tell him this and that I think it would be better for him to stay at some hydropathic establishment for a few days before going there. I expect, however, he must be allowed to do as he likes, as the indications of mental disorder are not sufficiently pronounced to justify restraint. I have little doubt that after a time he will return to his normal state, though I honestly think the ultimate outlook is serious and that he will relapse again sooner or later.

Yours very truly,

April 18, 1911

Dear Mr. Wright,

I am sorry that you are not willing to take advice. Long experience has showed me that the patients who are really convalescent are willing to be guided as to what they should do when they leave our care.

I shall not be able to arrange for your leaving so soon as Thursday next as you propose in your letter, but I hope to be able to arrange for Saturday. I am going away for a few days towards the end of the week, but I will arrange with Dr. Mackenzie that you have ample notice in order to make arrangements.

Yours very trly,

Throcenby Hall
17 Apl. 1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I understand that Arthur Pickard has written you suggesting my going to them at Altrincham on Tuesday the 25th inst. but since then I have had a letter from my sister to say that they are uncertain as to when they will return from Seaton & that they have no objection to my going to Mansfield first if you do not object. I should prefer to go to Mansfield for a few days for many reasons if possible I should like to get there before Friday because Fred Pickard (Arthur Pickard's brother) tells me he is going from home on Friday & I should like to see him before he goes as he has kindly taken charge of all my affairs at Mansfield. So if this can be arranged conveniently I shall be glad.

I am Yours Sincerely
Geo Wright

Dr Pierce
The Retreat
York

TELEPHONE No. 151.

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CHESHIRE.

(2)

With reference to what you say about Miss Grant, she herself told my wife in a letter that G. W. had "behaved most honourably that told her everything about his past life". again: my wife has thoroughly talked it all over with her + I personally have told Miss Grant's brother (she has no parents living) that

this made the fourth attack. We are carefully refraining from paying a single word of encouragement but I am convinced indeed from that if he had been willing, he could have been married now & was again any time this last 30 years. notwithstanding his drawbacks. I have rec.d the enclosed account which appears to be made out under the impression that he is likely to stay at the Retreat or Scarboro. a long time. perhaps this is a clerical error. In conclusion, you will of course understand that whilst we are anxious that G. W. should be liberated as soon as possible, we do not wish to say anything to interfere in any way with your judgement & discretion.

I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard

P.S. We should like a few days notice of the discharge when imminent.

to Mansfield from Scarboro.
we have asked him to come straight
to us at Race Hill. Altrincham
& then after a few days time go
on to Mansfield for a day or two.
but he has not yet accepted our
invitation saying he wishes first
to communicate with Miss Grant
& must in any case go to M: field
first. We have therefore said that
if he is determined, he must go.
He lately in his letters shows a
decided disinclination to be guided
by us & strongly objects to go anywhere
with anybody. My wife feels
uneasy at the prospect of his being
with us unless he is really well
so that we can only as already
stated rely upon you to liberate
him when he is ready & when you
think it suitable & safe ——

We expect him home on Wednesday next

TELEPHONE No. 1

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "PICKARD," RACE HILL, ALTRINCHAM.

RACE HILL,
DUNHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM,
CHESHIRE.

12, Service Terrace
Seaton
S. Devon
April 16. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for yours of the 13th. —

My brother in law is not yet like himself in one or two ways.

When in his usual health he is unselfish, kind, courteous, gentle,

thoughtful tomedeed for others – is very boastful and is a general favorite with both men & women.

He appears very judging from what you say from the tone of his letters to me, self assertive, cantankerous, impatient & even bad condition

Entered very forcer may be principally accounted for by the fact that he is pining under a sense of injustice & unnecessary restraint.

As you point out, he appears to think that everybody has muffed everything & that he need never have been placed under restraint.

I remember that he was much the same after his attack many years ago.

There are of course plenty of cantankerous men who are not under restraint so we can only wait your decision as to the time when G.W. is ready to be discharged.

As regards his going

April 13, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

There is no doubt that Mr. Wright is very much better, and sometimes he appears to be practically well. I did not know him before, and consequently have some difficulty in judging whether he is in his normal state.

There is, however, a self assertiveness and tendency to speak of himself and a failure to understand the feelings of other people. No doubt he himself is quite unaware of this. He still minimises the gravity of his recent illness, forgets or ignores the facts, says it was due to a doctor administering a sedative or "the mismanagement of young Littlewood" etc. etc. He declares that his engagement had nothing to do with it. One can readily understand that it is pleasanter for him to try to explain things away.

The very small amount of restraint at Throxenby appears to irritate him, and I doubt whether a longer stay than another week or two will do any good whatever. He still wishes to go to Mansfield, says he has some clothes on order, and wants to look up some things. My view remains that it would probably be better for him not to.

With regard to his staying with some relatives of the Grants, I see no reason against this, provided a short time elapses after he leaves here, to make sure that he remains all right. At Throxenby the feeling is one of great sympathy with the fiancee, and I am not sure that it would really be kind to them to let them see something of him pretty soon, and certainly the family should be informed without reservatinn as to the repeated attacks of this kind that George Wright has had in the past. If they are not discouraged under such circumstances, then your conscience will be clear. I think you told me you had explained matters already, but I think it is probable that the family has not properly grasped the situation. In any case I think a speedy marriage would be altogether unwise,; but people are not easily advised on this point.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

different after Easter. but it is too far away again & we cannot find anyone to accompany him.

In a letter I rec.d from a Torquay Dr. it was stated that whilst there G.V. had a slight epileptic attack. I thought perhaps, that this was a mistake but this morning I have a letter from an old friend of mine & G.V.'s, a medical man, the says that the last attack ~~was~~ 11 years ago was brought on by G.V. being tricked into drinking champagne which brought on a slight epileptic attack & inasmuch as we know that he had been drinking a lot of whisky in the smoke room at Torquay it appears likely that taking an intoxicant caused the trouble & breakdown. It appears that whilst feeling excited about his engagement he unwisely bought a bottle of whisky to celebrate the occasion among st his fellow gentlemen guests at the Boarding House. I am Yours sincerely G. A. Pickard

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12 Seaview Terrace
Seaton
S. Devon

April 11. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I duly received your letter of the 6th & have been trying to make some arrangement about my brother in law's entertainment immediately after his discharge but cannot see any other safe & likely course than his coming to my house at Altrincham for a week or so. – I shall be home towards the end of Easter week & should therefore be ready for him on

Tuesday the 25th inst., if you consider him well enough by that date.

My wife has recd. a letter from him in which he says he must go to Mansfield first but we think he should come to us first.

We also have a letter this morning from Miss Grant who is now staying with her married brother at Latchford near Warrington & she suggests that G. W. should go & visit them at her brother & sister in law's express invitation. What do you think of that plan? — in any case, he should come to us a while first — my wife does not think it very suitable but would be very glad of your advice as to whether it is advisable for him to marry almost at once as we gather from what has been said from time to time by both that such a course is contemplated.

We do not think "Huntly" suitable tho we know it is very full just now tho perhaps it may be

April 6, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I was over at Throxenby yesterday and was pleased to find that your brother in law is doing exceedingly well. He is very much more reasonable, and is giving no trouble; and he is not now complaining in the same irritable way. He is still a little superlative in his conversation, says he is better than he has been for many years, and I have no doubt he fails to realise the gravity of his recent illness. Though I did not know him previously I should be inclined to think he is now very much in his usual state.

I think the time is approaching when plans should be made for his leaving us; and I told him that in about a fortnight or thereabouts I thought he should be departing. He said he wished to return to his lodgings in Mansfield, but I suggested that possibly this was undesirable as he had been very bad there and it would be wiser to let a longer time elapse before returning to Mansfield.

I asked him whether he had any other suggestions to make, but he did not seem to have anything else in view. I should be glad to know what you think about this. I should myself prefer that on leaving us he should stay for a few weeks with some family or in some place or other where he would not be left entirely to his own resources.

How would Mr. Carpenter's, Huntly, Bishop's Teignton do? I have heard this well spoken of. Perhaps now you are in that neighbourhood you might be able to make some enquiries about it.

Yours very truly,

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April 5/11

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd. I returned to Seaton yesterday & have arranged to stay until Wednesday the 19th on wch. day I expect to return home. We feel very pleased & thankful that Geo. Wright is so much better – his letters are all but now normal; & are indeed quite so were it not for the fact that he still limps a little at his being quite well. I should be glad if you would advise us

as to what it will be best to do when he is ready to leave Scarboro.

A Should he go to his home at Mansfield?

B or should he go to some Hydro.

C or should he come to us? here or at Altrincham?

My wife & I would (both of us) like to have him with us a while were it not for the strain on my wife who is not very strong — It appears to us to be a very difficult thing to arrange.

He has not recently mentioned marriage but we know he is in frequent correspondence with Miss Grant & perhaps he may himself have some decided plan or opinion. Dear

Yours sincerely

J. A. Pickard.

March 28, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

The last two days I am glad to say Mr. George Wright has been more reasonable, and he appears to be much comforted by my proposing that he should go to Scarborough, to Throxenby Hall, this week. We think of sending him on Thursday.

I do not think the suggestion that he should go away with a doctor is for the best. It would be very expensive to secure somebody, and I should think he had better become decidedly convalescent before he leaves the Retreat or Throxenby.

He has a swelling in the calf of his leg, the nature of which is obscure. I think it is possibly due to some inflammation of the vein with interference with the circulation. It does not seem at all a serious matter, and perhaps it may be useful in keeping him quiet.

Yours very truly,

afraid his recovery is being retarded

I am sorry I cannot propose his coming here as I am sure it would be very detrimental to his sister's health as she feels this trouble very acutely & has been very far from strong since my long and trying illness. I hope he is not all along in the distressed condition of mind suggested by his letters. ~~[illegible]~~

I shall be glad to hear what you think of his present condition & of my suggestion. I am

Yours very truly

G. A. Pickard.

P.S. I just caught my train on minute in hand

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South Devon

~~Race Hill,~~
~~Dunham Road,~~
~~Altrincham,~~
~~Cheshire.~~

Dear Dr. Pierce

Besides the personal appeal made to me when at The Retreat last Thursday, I have had 2 long letters full of protest & appeals for liberty from my brother in law

I am replying by this same post and have written very plainly both as to the justification for his being placed under restraint & as to the impossibility of his being discharged until

you can advise it. I have
with the view of convincing him of the necessity of restraint
given him some few particulars
of his doings between leaving
Torquay & arriving at York &
have done all I could in a
letter to quieten & soothe his mind.

I believe that when he was
unhinged 30 years ago, he found
fault with everybody just the
same as he is doing now.

There is one course wch if
possible tho' recommended by
you as safe & reasonable might
be taken that is — to send him
to some quiet place for a week
or two under the care of a
young medical man if a
suitable one is available.
In this way he might sooner
be relieved from the unhappy
condition of mind in wch
he appears to be living. —
I have told him that I am
suggesting this course for
your consideration & approval.

His letters indicate such a state of
mental anguish &
disappointment that I'm

reconcile him to staying where he is for another week or ten days, or whatever the term may be, if I came up to stay in the near neighbourhood & could see him now & two each day. I think it would cheer

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Heathfield Villa,
Fairfield Road,
Latchford,
Warrington.

March 25th. 1911.

To
Dr. Respd Pierce.

Dear Sir,

I went over to Altrincham to see Mr. & Mrs. Pickard yesterday afternoon to hear the latest news of Mr. George Wright, who is

at present under your
care. You have probably
heard him speak of
Miss Grant, his fiancée.
You have also spoken to
my Brother on the tele-
-phone here.
I am so thankful he is,
now, so much better &
is getting stronger.
Mr. Pickard told me
how hard he feels it
to be where he is,
being himself again.
I have been wondering,
if it would help to

so my Brother may be
rather averse to it, but
he does not know
Mr. Wright, as I do.
I would ask then you, to take
a bright, sunny bed-sitting
room for me, not to far
off. It would be advisable
perhaps, to say nothing to
Mr. Wright, about this, in the
meantime.

Heathfield Villa,
Fairfield Road,
Latchford,
Warrington.

him up considerably
& I have a soothing,
not exciting, influence
over him. Please
write to me & tell me
what you think about
this suggestion. Perhaps

if I came, say on next
Wednesday, there would
then be no need for
Mrs. Pickard to go
again to York.
Her Mrs. Pickard
have gone down to
South Devon today,
for a much needed
rest & change, after
all the strain they have
gone through recently.
If you wish me to come,
as I suggest, when you
write to me, say it as
if it came from Jersey,

You quite understand, I am sure, that I only want to do, what will be most beneficial to Mrs Wright in this matter.

Awaiting your answer, I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly

Agnes M. Grant.

P.S. I could not conveniently come before Wednesday.

March 20, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I am glad to say there was a decided change for the better yesterday and Mr. Wright still remains less excited and more composed. He forgets many details of his illness. He is now remaining quietly in bed. He sleeps better, and we hope there will be no return of the acute excitement. There is now no immediate anxiety in respect to his bodily health. What we feared was that he would become exhausted if the intense excitement had continued much longer.

Yours very truly,

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March 19. 11

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am obliged for your letter of the 17th & for Dr. Mackenzie's to hand this morning. I am sorry that my brother in law's condition is so serious and understand that his physical as well as mental health is critical. I will come over to see him anytime you think

it necessary or desirable & his sister, my wife is very anxious that should he be very ill and want her, you will let us know so that she could come over & be at hand in case he should be in a reasonably proper condition for her to see him. He possesses such a kind, unselfish disposition and character that as I told you, he is greatly loved by his near relatives & esteemed by all who know him.

During the last 9 months he has not been so strong as usual & has not felt equal to playing golf much. However he seemed much better when he went to Torquay 3 weeks ago. I am

Yours sincerely

G. A. Pickard

March 17, 1911

Dear Mr. Pickard,

I am sorry to say that Mr. Wright is becoming increasingly excited and his condition is approaching one of acute maniacal excitement. He is also taking food very badly, so that I think we shall be obliged to feed him today. I understand from Mr. Darley that he is not worse than he was in the previous attack, but I am myself surprised to find how rapidly the attack has developed.

Mr. Wright did bring with him a rain coat and an overcoat, but no stick nor umbrella.

Yours very truly,

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March 15. 11

Dear Doctor Pierce

I believe my brother in law Geo. Wright had a top coat with him at the Hotel. I remember him speaking about it but am doubtful whether he took it with him in the car – also either an umbrella or stick.

My wife has telephoned Mansfield to send some warm clothing & wishes me to say that if you will let her know of anything we can may be

that she will arrange for it to be sent. Not living nearer than 70 miles away she does not know what has already been sent & having heard that her brother had changed his winter under clothing for summer ones, feels anxious about it.

I hope he is settling in without much difficulty & that we may shortly hear improving accounts, I am with best thanks for your kind consideration

Yours sincerely

G. A. Rickard.

Rain coat
Has been

Not Stick or Umbrella

March 15, 1911

Dear Dr. Littlewood,

I expect you will feel much easier now that you have got rid of your troublesome patient.

He has been bad and restless since coming here, and there is no doubt he is in the right place. I cannot but sympathise with you in the worrying time you must have had with him.

I enclose a form for your sertificate which I should be glad to have as soon as possible. It may be in similar words to the one previously signed, or, if you prefer, it may be dated a day later and describe the extraordinary conduct at the hotel.

I hope next time you come to York it may be on a pleasanter errand and we may be able to show you somethin more of our work here than circumstances permitted this time.

Yours very truly,

For Geo. Wright

List of clothing sent to Jap

about Mch. 19. 1911

3 suits winter pyjamas

½ doz Handkerchiefs

1 pr Shoes

1 pr Trousers (thick ones)

1 great coat

3 pr winter Combinations

3 " pants

2. Vests. & he had another with him

1 Shirt & two others with him

2 pr socks

9 Collars

1 Smutted waistcoat

He has all his underclothing but one pr summer combs

is best for me to
write to him or not -
but if it would be
any comfort to him -
will you give him
the enclosed - sealed
leave it open - if
you will kindly
close it & give it to
him if you think
it suitable to do so -
With kind regards -

Believe me

Yours very sincerely
Jane. E. Dickard -

Race Hill,
Dunham Road,
Altrincham.

Feb 18/11

Dear Dr Pierce -

I am hoping
that before now you
have received my
brothers things from
Mansfield & that
he will have got
some warm under-
-clothing on. I heard
he had taken it
all off one day last
week. & felt very
uneasy about it -
He ought to have

plenty of every-thing
needful. as I wrote
to his Landlady to
pack a portmanteau
& send it - but my
brother has lived under
a long way from me
for many years now.
that I cannot be to
his things as I have
often done - & shall
be so much obliged
if you will let me
know. if there is
any-thing short - or
else be that it is
bought for him -
He has plenty of clothes
clothes I know - but
am not sure about
under-clothing & night-
attire - We are very
sorry to hear in your
letter to my husband
this morning that
there is no improve-
-ment to report yet -
but hope there may
soon be a change
for the better - I do
not know whether it

George Wright left all his winter clothing off last Friday & changed into summer weight clothing so that I am sending his warmer things

Yours sincerely

Frederic Pickard.

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Stone Bros

Mansfield

Mar 15 1911

Dr Pearce

Dear Sir:

Mrs Pickard of Altrincham asked me to forward some clothing for George Wright to-day, as several things were at the Laundry it has proved impossible to send until to-morrow. I hope to despatch by 11.40 passenger train & it should arrive in York at 3 p.m. It appears that