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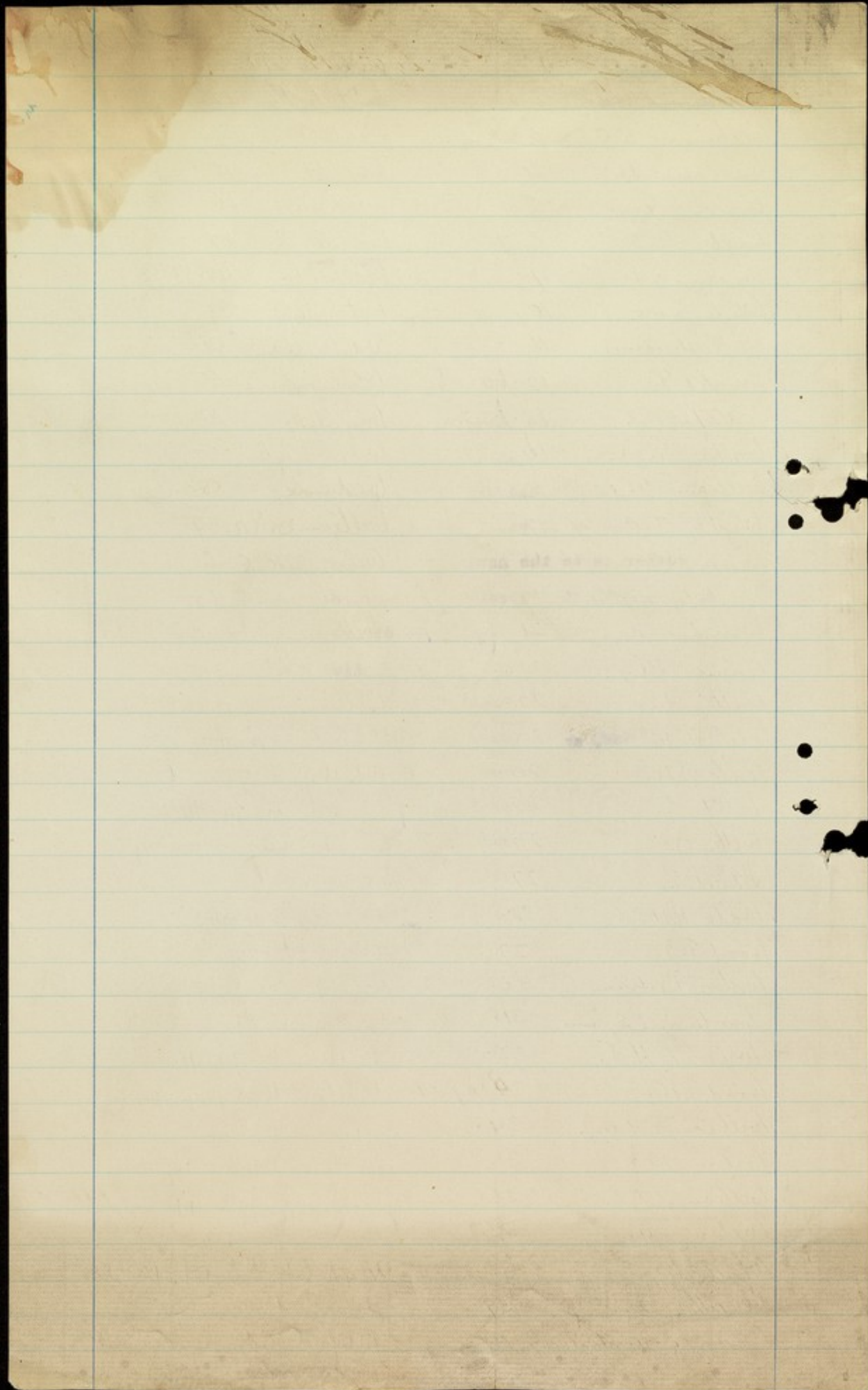
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20th May, 1916.

Dear Douglas Wilson,

I cannot but think that the best thing for your unfortunate patient is for him to come here, or some similar institution, as a voluntary boarder.

It is of course possible that he might decline to stay long enough to get any benefit, still if that were so it would have had the chance and it would give us the opportunity of going into the case fully and advising better as to the next step. I am quite aware that many patients resent the suggestion that they should go to a hospital for mental disorders. They not unreasonably resent the association with persons of unsound mind, and feel the consequences of being placed under care. I think your patient, however, who has knocked about the world a good deal will see the advantages of the course I suggest. The conditions of life are vastly more comfortable than in almost any nursing home with the beautiful gardens and many interests that are going on here, the outdoor games and all kinds, and at this time of the year life is certainly very pleasant at the Retreat. I enclose a voluntary boarder form and also a report of the Retreat which if you think suitable you might show the patient. There is no objection whatever to him coming over to look at the place if he likes.

There are unfortunately very few places in the country where borderland cases can be satisfactorily nursed. I enclose one of Coulter's cards where things are done very well indeed, but of course he has not the resources that we have here. There is also a home for such at South Beacon, Buckstead, Sussex but I personally do not know very much about it, but neither of these places provide the constant medical care which seems to be so important in a case of this kind.

I return your letters.

With kind regards,

I remain

Yours very truly,

5 Sussex Terrace,
PLYMOUTH.

19. 1. 16.

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To the Superintendent.

Dear Madam,

I wish to engage next week a male nurse or valet for a gentleman, aged forty-six, who has for many years been mental, in the sense that he is silly but not violent. He suffers from weak nerves, becoming frightened if left without a companion for any length of time. He has no bodily disease.

The patient resides with a Doctor in Plymouth. The attendant's duties are really those of a valet, no special nursing knowledge being required. The patient, accompanied by his valet, takes daily walks in the town and district, and goes to church on Sundays.

The valet should be between forty-one and sixty years of age, and must be a total abstainer.

The valet sleeps either in the room of the patient or in the small room adjoining the room of the patient, who requires practically no attention after he is in bed.

The valet takes his meals with the other servants.

The present valet, who is leaving shortly, has been with the patient ten years.

Please advise me by return of post

- (1) Whether you have such a valet on your books?
- (2) When he would be able to come?
- (3) What is his fee per week?
- (4) Whether you can personally vouch for the valet's good character or who would give me a reference?

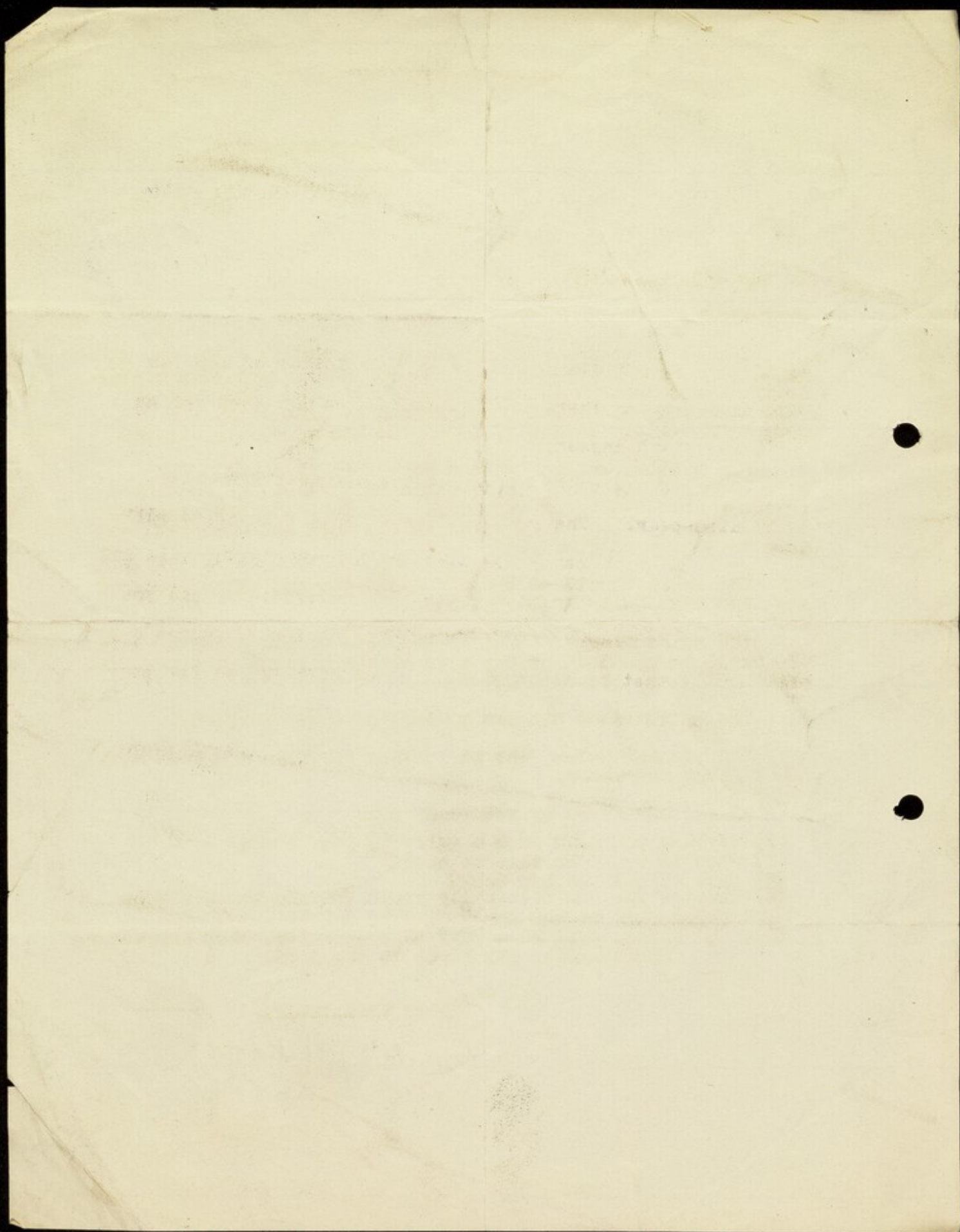
Also (5) Kindly send me a copy of your rules, with any other information pertinent to the case.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C, Hamilton Whiteford.

M R C S & R C P



19th January, 1916.

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Dear Miss Wadman,

I did not reply to your letter of the 8th instant, as there did not seem to be any need for an immediate answer.

I quite hope that the difficulties will disappear. The fact that your Father is blind will make it much easier to make arrangements as he will not be able fully to appreciate his surroundings, and yet if he were brought from Wincanton to York I cannot but think that he might be distressed at being so far away from friends and accustomed surroundings.

Perhaps I may see you one day to talk over the subject.

I return to you Mr. Rutter's letter.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

14th January, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I have not yet received your letter of the 11th
instant, as it has not yet been sent to me. I am
unable to answer.

I am sorry that the difficulties will
be so great. The fact that the matter is still
pending is a great disadvantage, as he will not
be able to give any definite answer, and yet
it is necessary to give a definite answer to you. I cannot but
say that the matter is being so far away
from the point of view of the
company and the government.
I am sorry that I cannot say to talk over

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

Yours truly,

John G. G. G.

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✓ Glendower
Rackworth
Gloucestershire
8th Jan 1916

Dear Sir

A few years ago
your name was mentioned
to me by a lady (a member
of the Society of Friends) as being
specially interested in people
suffering from mental trouble
& that you had such patients
under your care.

I am writing to ask you
if this is correct, & if so would
you kindly send me your
terms & particulars.

I am very much troubled
about one of my brothers

who has broken down under
the severe strain of business, &
has been very neurasthenic for
months, & is now showing signs
of mental unsoundness - not
violent & only once slightly
suicidal tendency. Generally it
is just that he is not equal to doing
anything, & is very depressed.

It seems that he ought to go away
& be specially treated somewhere,
but his means are very limited,
& we are most anxious if
possible to spare him the
stigma of an Asylum. He has
a wife dependant on him.

If you are unable yourself
to help, could you recommend
some place to us - I would be
most grateful.

Yours faithfully
R. M. Ware

8.1.1916.

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of Mrs J. Henderson
Ingle side
Haybridge
Surrey.

Dear J. Pierce.

I received the forms etc. some days ago, & filled in the Petition, forwarding them all to Clarence Rutter at Wincanton. I have since got a letter from him wh. I enclose.

It seems they feel it would be better to defer the matter for the present to see how ~~the~~ ^{he} gets on. It is a very difficult matter to decide what is best to be done, & my own feeling is that before long they will find it necessary to have him ^{away} from Wincanton.

I have heard this A.M. from another source, that he is very unhappy, but then of course he has been so for the last nine months.

I think for the present I will leave the whole matter in Clarence Rutter's hands & just await events.

Thanking you very much for so kindly forwarding all particulars.

When I return to Exeter I should very much like to have an opportunity of seeing you & talking the

matter over.

I go to Kendal on Monday for the remainder of my holiday.
With very many thanks.

I am

yours sincerely

E. Emily Wadman.

1.1.1916

High Street
Wincanton
Somerset.

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Dear Mr. Pearce

I am writing to ask if it would be possible for my father (Henry Madman) to be admitted into "The Retreat".

He is quite blind, & since last March when my mother died, he has shown increased signs of mental trouble.

He has been living with his nephew & his wife since March & has not been at all settled or happy. He has been very stubborn & difficult, & extremely suspicious of those around him, frequently accusing them of dishonesty.

In August when I came to see him, he several times threatened to take his life.

He seems absolutely unable to control himself, for when once an idea seizes him, no amount of reasoning with him will hinder him from pursuing it.

For some time now he has had an idea that he must get married, & has made himself a frequent source of annoyance to several single women

Monday week & my address will be: -

C/o J. Henderson Esq

Ingle side

Weybridge

Surrey.

I shall be grateful for an early reply, as I want if possible to get things settled before going north.

I am

Yours sincerely

E. Emily Nadman.

29th October, 1915.

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Dear Miss Hodgkin,

I submitted the correspondence respecting Miss Wilson to the Chairman of the Committee, and he thinks it is probable that the Committee would sanction the reduction to £2.12. 6 per week, which is half a guineas less than the lowest rate, under the circumstances explained in your letter. He is inclined to think that the connection with Friends is not sufficient to justify further reduction. You will readily understand that the cost of materials and everything else required has risen so considerably that the Committee have to be exceedingly careful that the payment for patients is kept at a high level. I have no doubt whatever that the £2.12. 6 will be decidedly below cost this year.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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The Manse,
Felton,
Northumberland,
13th Aug. 1915.

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Dear Sir,

On behalf of a friend, whose daughter is at present a patient in a Home near Darlington, I am asked to make enquiries about the terms on which patients are admitted to your Institution.

The case in question is that of a young lady, whose mental condition has not improved, in spite of medical treatment in various private Homes, and it is now thought advisable to seek admission for her into some Institution, where she could undergo treatment for an indefinite period.

If I am correctly informed in applying to you, I shall be greatly obliged if you will be good enough to furnish me with the needful particulars, which I need hardly say I shall treat in the strictest confidence.

I am,

Yours faithfully

The Medical Superintendent (Rev) James A. Wilkinson
The Retreat,
York.

13th Aug. 1912.
Northumberland,
Gt. Britain,
The Manager,

Dear Sir,
The object of a friend, whose name is
at present retained in a house near
I am writing to make enquiries about the
the various patients are admitted to from
the case in question is that of a young
lady, whose present condition has not improved,
spite of various treatments in various parts of
and it is now thought necessary to send her to
her into some institution, where she could receive
treatment for her nervous system.
If I am correctly informed in applying to you,
I shall be greatly obliged if you will be good
enough to furnish me with the best possible
information as to the best place to send her to.

Yours faithfully,
The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

30th June, 1915.

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Dear Mrs. Williamson,

I was away from home when your letter came. I was very glad to hear that you have been able to make arrangements for your unfortunate Belgian patient. We are at the Retreat uncomfortably full and I doubt whether we should have been able to receive her.

My wife and I have had a very delightful holiday for ten days in North Devon. I only got back late last night and must write the shortest possible note as there are considerable arrears of work.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

John Doe, 1918.

on the 21st of the month of
the year 1918, I, John Doe, of the County of
State of New York, do hereby certify that
the within and foregoing is a true and correct
copy of the original as the same appears
from the records of the County of
State of New York, and that the same
is a true and correct copy of the original
as the same appears from the records of the
County of
State of New York.

JOHN DOE, Clerk.

11, NORMANTON AVENUE
LARK LANE, 734
LIVERPOOL.



Monday,

Dear Purice

Many thanks for your
letter, I did not think you
would take Mr. Waether.
She is no catch for altho
she pay 5 pence a week
she costs every penny of it.

My rank is that of Major,
I am in Command of a
Squadron of Yeomanry

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His Reserve Regt.

I ~~came~~ back to my old Regt.
to their men to go to the
front, not to go myself!!
& I don't expect they will
require me until we
come to the last man &
last shilling, but our men
knows, I am very fit for
my age & they are losing
a great many officers,
however at present I am

within easy reach of Haydock
& am fully in touch with it
and am much relieved by
Dr Wootton who is a very able
man & I hope will be with
me permanently.

They talk of putting us
under canvas near Blackpore
but even then I shall be
within easy reach of Haydock

Yours sincerely
Charles Street

18 MAY 1915

10th May, 1915.

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Dear Madam,

I have your letter
respecting Mrs. Walker's removal,
and I am writing to Dr. Street
on the subject, and will write to
you when I hear from him.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Armstrong,

20 Moss Grove,

Prenton,

Birkenhead.

10th May, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter

concerning the proposed removal

and I am writing to you to

on the subject, and will write to

you when I hear from him.

Yours very truly,

Wm. A. G. G. G.

20, Grosvenor Street,

London.

Wm. A. G. G. G.

20, GOSSETT GROVE,
PRENTON,
BIRKENHEAD

9-5-15

To Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter

of the 7th inst. about my mother

Mrs W. S. Walker. My father has

given his full consent & has

asked me to arrange with

Dr. Street & yourself to arrange

for her transfer from Haydock

Lodge to your home at

the Retreat. - Would you be

good enough to write to Dr. Street

& make the necessary arrangements,

I told Dr. Street in my letter today

that it is father's wish to have

her conveyed first class railway

carriage, or motor car by road,

whichever is most satisfactory.

I should like to have accompanied

her with the attendant but

owing to the state of my health

am afraid that I will not

be able to do so, -

Yours
A

With regard to the printed enclosure,
father went thru all the formula at
Ulverston before Mother was
moved to Haydock Lodge.
He was accompanied by Dr. Edward
Brathwaite of Egremont, Cumberland,
our medical attendant, and also got
Dr. Paterson who is a magistrate at
Ulverston to sign the forms, as he
himself also did, & hopes it will
not be necessary to sign over again.

I should like to mention that
Mother's trouble is not hereditary,
but commenced with her change
of life, at which time she

was under the strain of a great
deal of domestic trouble & anxiety.
We consulted Dr. Ballantyne of
Edinburgh who recommended a
certain form of rest & treatment which
was not carried out & which we
feel sure she would have received
much benefit from, instead of which
she remained at home for 2 or 3 years.

It is now about 10 years since
she went to Haydock Lodge
& we are all anxious that
she should have a change at

20 MOSS GROVE,
PRENTON,
BIRKENHEAD.

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The Retreat - with you, as
advised by Dr. Bott.

I shall be glad to supply
any information you may require
also to hear from you in due
course.

Yrs faithfully,

Claraant-Amstrong.

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20 Moss Grove
Brenton
Birkenhead

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20, JESS GROVE,
PRENTON,
BIRKENHEAD

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Dear Dadam,

Thank ya for your
letter received this mornig.
We are glad there is a
vacancy in the home & shall
be pleased if ya will reserve
it for us. — I am writing
to my father today ^{in his sanction} & to
arrange about the transfer

I shall let ya know^{701.}
at the earliest possible
moment, so that ya will
be able to assist us in
the same. —

Thanking ya for your
kind attention,
Yrs faithfully,
(M^{rs}.) Clara and Amstung

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20, Moss Grove,
Preston,
Birkenhead

20 TOSSE GROVE,
PRENTON,
BIRKENHEAD

3-5-15

Dear Sir

I received the report-
ya kindly sent in reply to
my letter of February last.
I have since been ill and not-
able to proceed with the
matter. At that time ya
said ya had only a vacancy
for a male patient, &

I wondered if there is any ⁶⁹³
likelihood of your having a
vacancy in the women's
department soon, if so
if ya would let me know.

My mother (the patient)
has been in a private
home for over 9 years &
if ya are unable to take
her, can ya recommend
us to another suitable

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home, similar to yours.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yrs faithfully

Margaret Amstrong

Dr. W. Gibson Bott.

29th January, 1915.

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Dear Madam,

I enclose a copy of our last Report, which will, I think, give you the information you require. It is necessary for the certificates to be completed before the patient comes, and I can send forms if you write or wire for them.

The Retreat is divided into a number of different departments. On the women's side there are eight, so that it is easy for the patients to be suitably classified according to the requirements of the case.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss A. Willis,

Holly Lodge,

Exchester,

Co. Durham.

1911

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst.
and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration. It is necessary for the
proper authorities to be satisfied with the proposed course of action
and to be satisfied that the proposed course of action is in the
best interests of the Government. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
J. H. [Name]
[Title]

Very truly yours,
[Signature]
[Name]
[Title]
[Address]

✓ Holly Lodge
Ebbchester

G Durham
Jan 28th / 15 -

Dear Sir,

I am writing to ask
you a few details of
Y. Institution - we
would like to know
if you have separate
houses for cases that are
not bad? so that they

would not come in
Contact with the bad
Patients. We would
also like to know what
your plans are for getting
Patients there who are
unwilling to go, & also
what is necessary about
Certificates? Must it
be obtained beforehand
or can you arrange it
afterwards? In this
case the Patient has

not been in any Doctor's
hands for some time.
tho' a year & a half ago
two Doctors were willing
to sign one.

We would like also
like to know y^r terms.

Yours sincerely

(Miss) Amelia Willis

Personal

50 Wellington Rd

Bridlington

WEST & SON,
SOLICITORS.
TEL: NO 47.

15th Jan 7 1915

Dear Sir

Will you kindly say
the lowest terms on which
private patients are received
in your Institution - I have
a son (Curlieid) under private
care but I find this too
great an expense for my means

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully

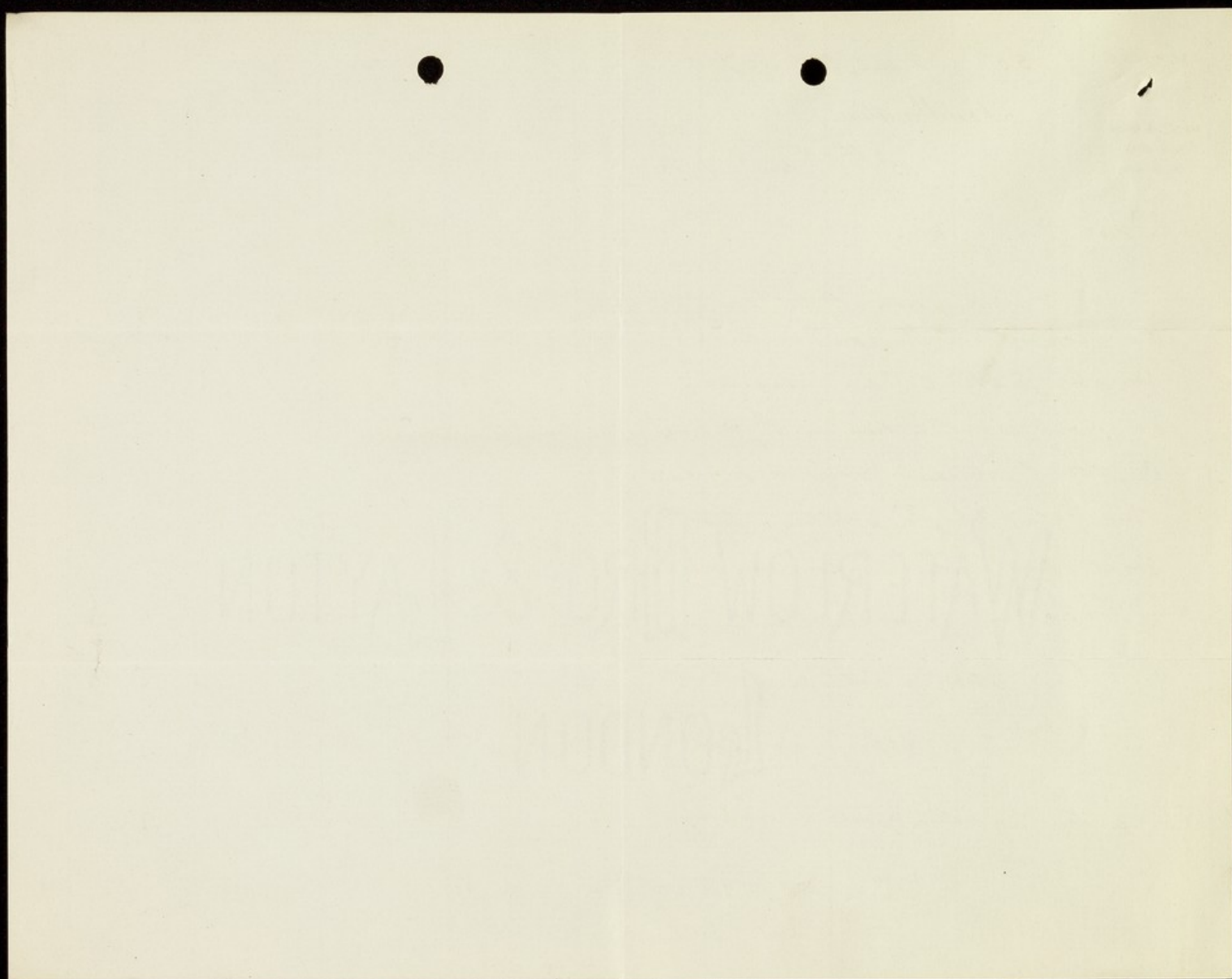
Alfred West

Kindly send your reply
"Private"

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I Prioby Road. Kew Green.S.W.
Jan.18.1915.

Dear Dr.Pierce,

Many thanks for thy kind letter about my brother in law, Dr.Whitney.
and also for the Report of the Retreat, which came duly to hand.

Dr.Whitney has been decidedly better the last three days, it is only temporary
of course, still my sister will not take any steps to send him away unless
obliged to do so. He IS a Member with Friends, and has been so since 1890
when he joined whilst spending the winter in Baltimore, U.S.A. His name is
still on our books in Baltimore, and as a Recorded Minister. In fact it has
been impossible to move the certificate to England, as would have been done
during the last three years, as this has been one of the points on which he
has been specially sensitive. He is so convinced that he is a disgrace to
everyone concerned that we do not dare to call his attention to the fact that
he is a member anywhere. If the reduction could be made on the ground of his
position as a doctor ^{and a minister}, he holds a medical degree in England as well as in the U.S.A.
I expect it would be best.

1770000 Road, New Green, E.A.
Jan. 18, 1915.

Dear Dr. Paine,

Many thanks for my kind letter about my brother-in-law, Dr. Whitney.

and also for the report of the Festival, which came duly to hand.

Dr. Whitney has been decidedly better the last three days, it is only temporary

of course, still my sister will not take any steps to send him away unless

ordered to do so. He is a member with friends, and has been so since 1890

when he joined whilst spending the winter in Baltimore, U.S.A. His name is

still on our books in Baltimore, and as a recorded member. In fact it has

been impossible to move the certificate to England, as would have been done

during the last three years as this has been one of the points on which he

has been specially sensitive. He is so convinced that he is a disgrace to

everyone concerned that he is not dare to call his attention to the fact that

he is a member anywhere. If the resolution could be made on the ground of his

position as a doctor, he holds a medical degree in England as well as in the U.S.A.

I expect it would be best.

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Another thing that has greatly worried and excited him lately has been a fear that he would be in some way connected with the Germans, and though I think he is a little less fearful now, I do not think it would at all do for him to go to a "prohibited area" where he would as an American citizen, be obliged to register as an alien. This puts your convalescent home at Scarborough out of the question. I only mention it, as it is one of his hallucinations.

We have always found a change the most helpful thing in his case, and should he continue quiet and comparatively happy as he has been during the last four days it is possible that we may arrange for him to go, under the care of the Friend at present in charge of him to the latter's home for a few days. If this can be done and the result is as beneficial as has previously been the case, I think it possible that the evil day of sending him away to York may be somewhat postponed. Please understand that I do not myself feel that for him to go to York would be an evil day but the former experience at an asylum near London was so extremely unsatisfactory in EVERY way that my sister greatly dreads any similar experience.

Again thanking thee very much for thy kind letter and asking thee to let us hear again from thee, I remain

Thine very sincerely,

Anna B. Thomas

another thing that has greatly worried and excited him lately has been a
fear that he would be in some way connected with the Germans, and though
I think he is a little less fearful now, I do not think it would at all

do for him to go to a prohibited area where he would be an American
citizen, he obliged to register as an alien. This puts your conversation
home at Southampton out of the question. I only mention it as it is one of
his hesitations.

We have always found a chance the most helpful thing in his case, and
should he continue quiet and comparatively happy as he has been during the
last four days it is possible that we may arrange for him to do, under the
care of the British at present in charge of him to the father's home for a
few days. It can be done and the result is as beneficial as has previous-
ly been the case. I think it possible that the evil day of sending him away
to York may be somewhat postponed. Please understand that I do not myself
feel that for him to go to York would be an evil day but the former experience
at an asylum near London was so extremely unsatisfactory in every way that my
stater greatly dreads any similar experience.

Again thinking that very much for my kind letter and asking these to
let us hear again from time, I remain

Yours very sincerely,
Thomas H. ...

13th January, 1915.

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Dear Mrs. Thomas,

I am exceedingly sorry to hear that Dr. Whitney continues so poorly, and that he has had a seizure which has seriously aggravated his condition. If it is necessary for him to come to the Retreat we will, somehow or other make room, though at the moment we are uncomfortably full. I do not know whether Dr. Whitney is actually a member of the Society of Friends. If he is a member there will be no difficulty in his being admitted at a low rate (on the recommendation of his Monthly Meeting he can be admitted at as low a rate as 13/- per week), but even if he is not a member I am sure that the Retreat Committee would sympathetically consider any application for reduced rates on account of his connection with Friends and the work for the Society which he has done.

I send you a copy of our last Report, which will give you information respecting the Retreat.

It is painful to hear that Dr. Whitney so dreads the thought of going from home, but if there is a serious tendency to self injury private care is very difficult, and I have very little

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doubt that when he is really here his mental state will be less distressing than when he is at home. We have at the present moment an elderly friend, held in good esteem in this neighbourhood, who has been satisfactorily nursed to convalescence, who at one time was in a very painful and distressing condition, and it is possible that Dr. Whitney may improve, though from what I remember of the case it did not appear to be a favourable one.

With kind regards, and much sympathy with you and the family in your anxiety.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1 Priory Rd. Kew Green
Nov. 11. 1915

Dear Dr. Pierce

I believe that one of
my sisters wrote to thee
some time ago (possibly
as much as two years)
About poor Dr. Whitney.

Dr. Whitney was very
much better for a time
though never free from
delusions but about

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whether you make any special
arrangements in such cases. My
brother in law has a great dread of
being taken away from home and is
continually calling on his wife to provide
adequately that she will not stand him
any longer. I don't know quite how
it is to be managed but it is no harm
to know what it would mean and
whether it is feasible. I send my thanks
to Dr. Hewitt & Thomas & am sure that
they in order to be near the Whitney's and

two months ago he
had something of a
paralytic seizure,
since which he has
been much worse -
very low and depressed
and twice he has tried
to end his life. He has
a male attendant but
we don't know how
long it will be possible
to keep him at home
as the strain on his

family is very great. I am writing
today simply to ask for particulars
as to the Retreat - probable expense
&c. Dr. Whitney has given his skill
and strength so freely in ^{unpaid} missionary
work in Japan and I need his
health and now I am doing to day
my sister finds herself very much
hampered but of course she wants to
know what is right. I don't know

"THE GLEN,"

WINScombe,

Nr. WESTON-S-MARE.

July 19th. 1914.

Dear Dr Pierce

My sight has failed so that I now use a typewriter, but I expect you will remember me in connection with my daughter Mrs Williams, she has never quite recovered tho' she continues to have bright intervals and with a pleasant companion and changes does not seem very unhappy, in fact at times seems to enjoy life in a childish way. However it is not about her I am writing to ^{you} now, but with reference to a poor cousin of mine who is at Wells Asylum.

He has a small income, I think about 14/- per week and is about seventy years of age, and tho' he has always been of weak mind, he married a very nice wife when young and had one son who proved a bright young fellow and went to America, where he did fairly well, in a small way, but the father drifted in to Wells County Asylum where in some way he lost his foot, . All this is ancient history now .

I have visited him several times and did so the other day and tho' he is so deaf that it is not easy to talk much to him, I did not feel satisfied with his surroundings considering the way he has been brought up in early life. I wrote a few lines to Dr Pope who replies the only thing he can suggest is that he might go to York, so I am writing to ask what your terms are for such a case.

He has a sister living but she is not well off, but it is possible something could be raised to place him in more congenial surroundings.

I ought to add that he is not a friend, as his father lost his membership fifty years ago I suppose owing to business failure.

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"THE GLEN"

WINSOMBE

N. WESTON-SMARE

1911

I really do not know that anything can be done to help my poor cousin who is sufficiently sensible to know that he is weak, and also to feel very much his being at Wells, where he particularly dislikes the associates he has to be with.

What struck me was not so much the associates as the frame of mind he was in, which tho' probably part of the complaint may I should think be partly influenced by the surroundings.

However thanking you in anticipation I remain

Your sincere friend

Edward West

TELEPHONE:
69 HEADINGLEY

June 27. 15

591.
HOLLY BANK,
HEADINGLEY.

Leeds

Dear Mr. Rufus Pierce
Very kindly send
Particulars and terms to
E. H. Watson. Esq

40 St. Andrew's Lane, Ld.

123 St. Port Louis St.

London. W.

Yours faithfully

H. Arnold Old Smith

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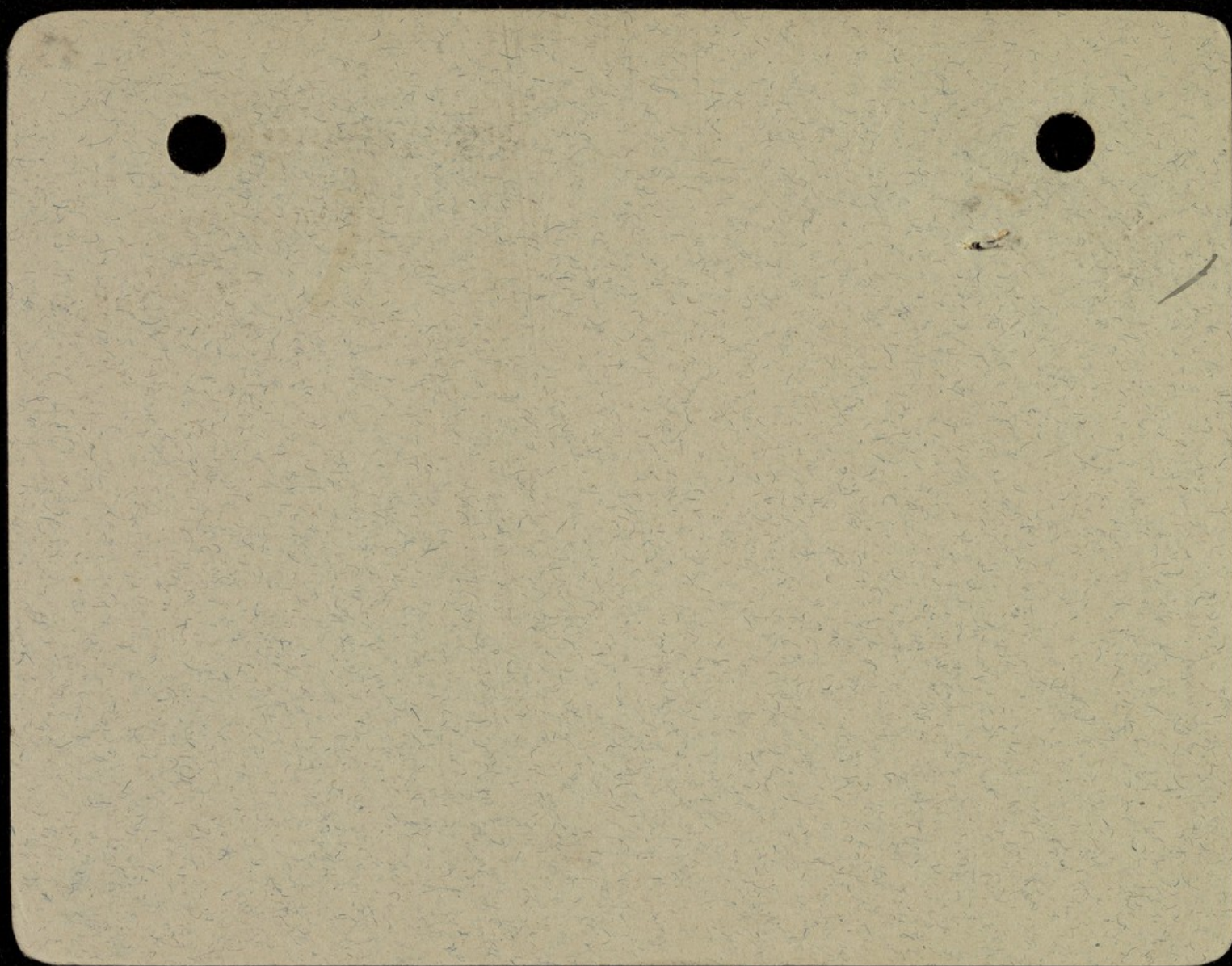
TELEGRAMS,
GREAT CHART.

Feb.

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BUCKSFORD,
ASHFORD,
KENT.

Dear Mr. Pease,

It has now been thought
better not to move my
lighting, so I shall not be
coming to York. Truly
Yours C. Nimmo



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TELEGRAMS,
GREAT CHART.

Me 1st

BUCKSFORD
ASHFORD,
KENT.

I find I am
obliged to put off coming
to York till next week

will let you know again

Truly
C. W. Whitrop.

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Dr Bedford Parrell
The Rectory at
York

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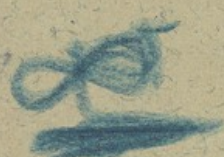
TELEGRAMS,
GREAT CHART.

May 27th

539.
BUCKSFORD,
ASHFORD,
KENT.

I shall try and come
to York next week at the 14th
3rd will let you know
Sincerely

Edmund Winthrop



Mr Bedford Pearce
The Retreat
York



'Ar.

25th. May, 1914.

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Dear Mr. Winthrop,

I have had a letter from Dr. Soutar giving me some particulars in respect to Miss Winthrop's condition. We shall be glad to try and make her comfortable if you should decide for her to come to the Retreat.

I expect to be at home almost every day excepting Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and on June 3rd, 8th, and 11th I have appointments out of York. It would be certainly more satisfactory if you can arrange to come over to York, and we could talk the matter over and I would show you something of the Institution.

Yours very truly,

delay in replying to your
letter, but I must put
it aside for me, and I
extended my leave for two
days longer than was
expected. With kind
regards from my sincerely
Yours: Freig Soutar.

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BARNWOOD HOUSE,
GLOUCESTER.

✓
Dear Sirs. May 24. 1914

Miss Cecil Winthrop is about
43 years of age. She has been
here for ten years. She is an
intelligent even an intellectual
patient who is capable of
appreciating & enjoying many
things to the full. She reads,
gardenes, goes to concerts
lectures etc. in Gloucester &
Cheltenham. By giving her much
change & variety of interest
her morbid tendencies have been

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kept in check fairly well.
She is suspicious & is apt to
take offence without reason. She
then becomes very difficult. She
has a bitter tongue which she
uses with effect - in abuse of
doctors, nurses & patients & in
the expression of discontent with
everything. After so long a resi-
dence here I find that - Gloucester
& Cheltenham & the district
round no longer afford her
the stimulus of novelty which

helps to lift her out of her
morbid groove, & lately, she
has been less happy than she
used to be. The place has
grown stale to her. I have
therefore advised a change
of surroundings. She has a
bed. room with her nurse, &
as she is rather a timid
creature & prone to fear, it
is well for her to have a nurse
sleeping with her. Her people
are well. to. do I can afford
your full fees if you take the
patient. Pardon the

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TELEGRAMS,
GREAT CHART.

✓
May 24

BUCKSFORD
ASHFORD,
KENT.

Dear Mr. Pears

Thanks for your letter. If
you should think of taking any
length, I would come to
York to see your house

probably in a weeks

Time. Shienog

C. W. Winthrop

Buckford
Ashford Kent

May 27th

Dear Dr. Pearce

I don't know if you will
write to me at Harring X
Hotel. anyway I have not
had any letter from you
Dr. Souter at Barnwood
Kents my daughter to have
a change. she has been there
10 years, & a non healing
Chinable broke better for
her. Have you any

Chances of a vacancy
within 6 months
I feel. What are your
terms.

Sincerely
C. Winthrop

21st. May, 1914.

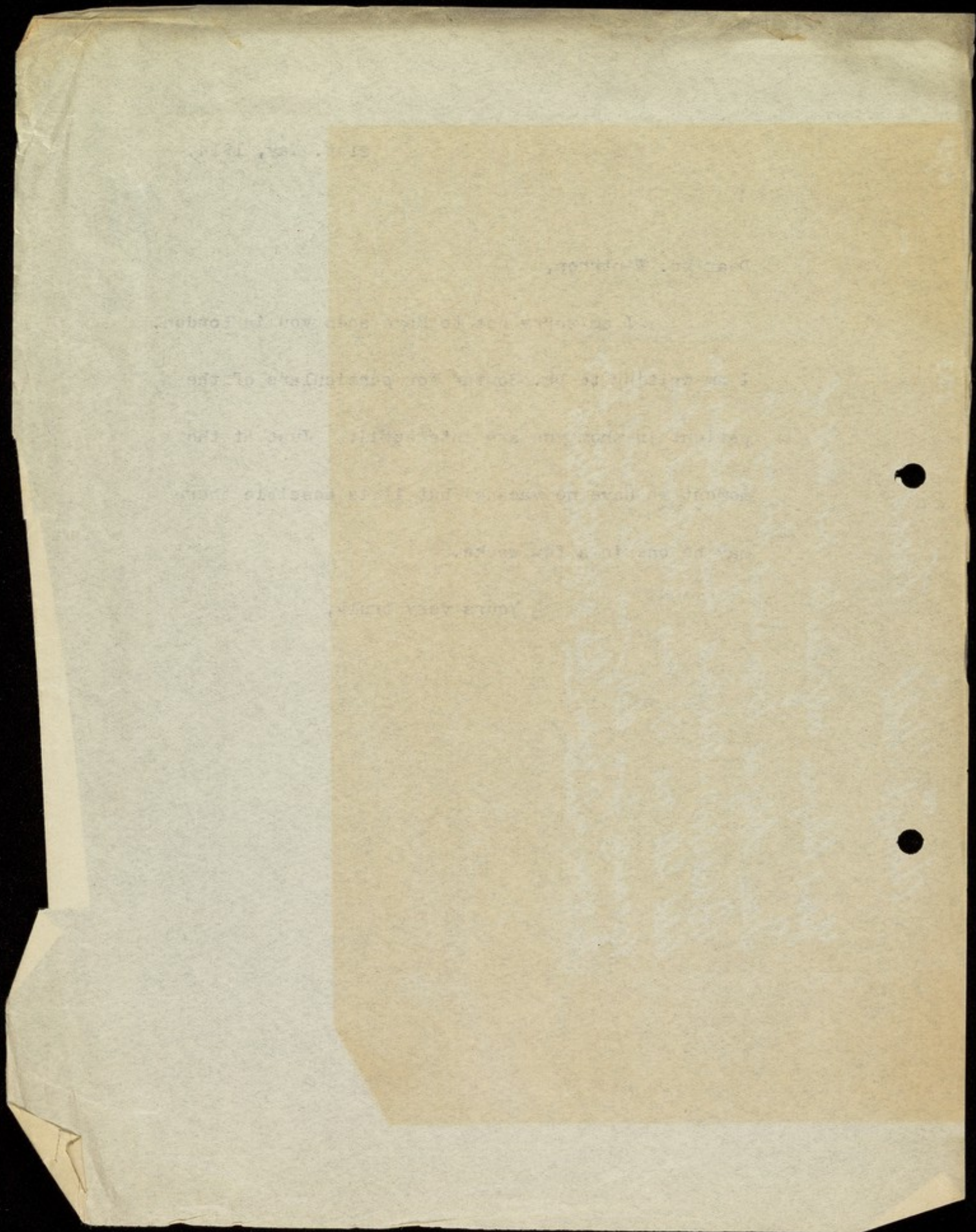
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Dear Mr. Winthrop,

I am sorry not to have seen you in London.

I am writing to Dr. Soutar for particulars of the patient in whom you are interested. Just at the moment we have no vacancy but it is possible there may be one in a few weeks.

Yours very truly,



Charing X. Hotel

Tuesday

Your telegram only reached me at 11 o'clock
 I am obliged to go home today to
 Backford - Ashford Kent. Perhaps you
 could tell me if any likelihood of a
 vacancy for a Lady in the course of
 the year. ^{Dr Soutter} ^{thinks a change & good for my}
^{don't like} ^{business} ^{so} C. Winthrop.

LONDON

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Dr Bedford Pearce

Knjley Hotel

Art St

Bloomsbury

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

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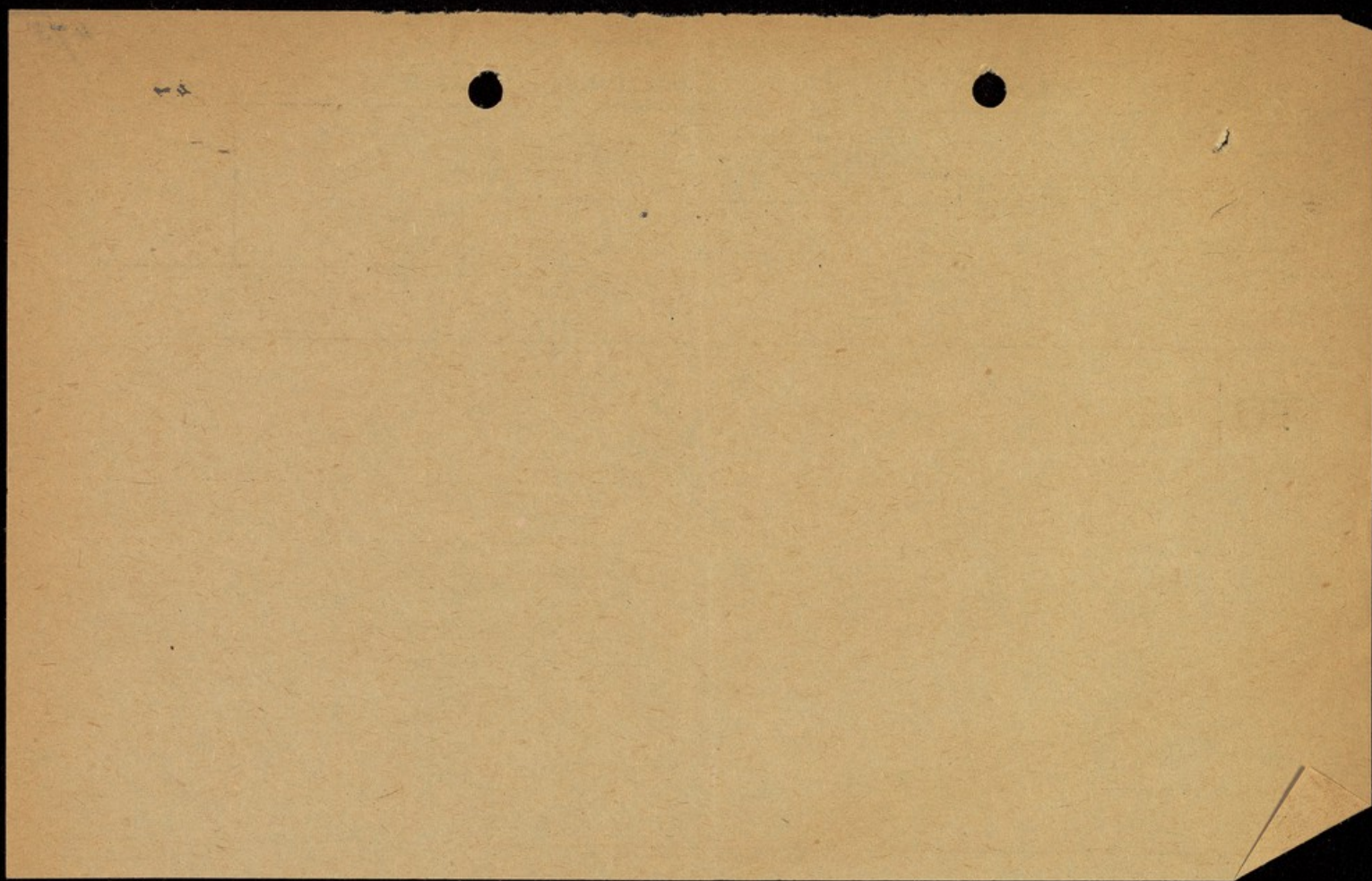
TO { Reply Paid Bedford Price

The Retreat York

Please tell me your charge
a week for patients have
you a vacancy in about
a month Winthrop Charing Cross
Hotel London

for vacancy for male patient

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Atten the great difficulty of
keeping the factory going with
a limited number of hands
working short hours. Many thanks
for your kind enquiry in this

Yours very truly

Maxford Warner

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26, ABERDEEN PARK,
HIGHBURY, N.

16/11/914

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am much obliged for your
letter of yesterday with enclosures
giving me full particulars. Miss
Stall at once said to my friend
who made the enquiry. As I was
asked in confidence I feel I
cannot mention the name at
present. The terrible error
does matter me much. - The
ever present awkwardness of all

20. Aberdeen Park
Highbury, N.

at her daughters home is
an impossibility. I was afraid if
I could give the information I
thought it would be some time
before I could.

With kind regards & trusting that
you & your family are well

Yours very truly

Alexander Warner

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26, ABERDEEN PARK,
HIGHBURY, N.

13/11/914

Dear J. Pierce

Will you kindly let me
know on what terms a
lady Friend could be admitted
to the Retreat. She is about 78 years of age
has no means of her own. The
circumstances of her friends make
a difficulty in finding the means.
She has shown signs of mental
weakness for some few years. But
is getting worse & more her ^{condition} _{is} ^{consequent to} _{her}

ED. ARTHUR J. CARL
HICKORY, N.C.

Chas. Ford
Walston
or Conventry
May 8, 1914.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I am writing to
know if you have arranged
to a lecture this summer?
If not, I should very much
like to come again if possible.
I have been here since mid.
November, coming straight
on from Sawlish, & have
had a fairly busy winter.

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I shall be staying until
the ~~end~~ of this month
& then I hope to take boat
to the Channel Islands & Mr.
Maudsley for a holiday, returning
to town by June 22nd, so
that if you want a locum about
the beginning of July it would
suit me very well.

I have just had a week's holi-
day & was at home for one night
last week. On my return I am
almost sure I saw Roy get
into a Birmingham train at

Coventry. I hope he had a
ticket this time!

Hoping to hear that you have
not made any arrangements
to a locum yet with
kindest regards to you all.

I remain
yrs very sincerely
Frank Whitby

you know of the matter, as it
is a momentous question.

Is Miss Dugout at the Retreat
still - if so, will you kindly
put me into communication
with her - if she is not, tell
me where I can communicate
with her.

Her signature is on the A. R. Jones
deceased two telegrams in her
name - & she has not sent
either.

I wish an answer as soon
as my solicitor or I can
respecting this last development
of the affair - which is very
very serious. For the honour
of the position as Med. Super. I trust
you will help me to find out
where the crime is.

Awaiting a speedy reply.

Yours truly

Edith Fuller
Ellen Whitlock

45. Rulay Rd.

Waltham Mass.

13. 1. 04.

Sir. Will you kindly answer
me per return. I wish an
explanation of the following.
Miss Dugout was an attendant
in your asylum.

In 1904. Sep. to Jan. ¹⁹⁰⁵ my
correspondence did not reach
her. Three letters, also one
from my Cousin Louisa Paine
sent from Waltham at my
request. She was certainly
isolated for Scarlet F. but
she received her other letters.
I reached her by telegram.

& reopened our correspondence.
Received two letters from
her & she two from me - silence
again. The last of those two
letters ^{copied by my nephew Fred} informed her of my
preparation for going abroad.
That letter did not come from
me. I had not the slightest idea
of so doing. Her last letter ¹⁹⁰⁵
contained a P.O. for 5/- which
did not reach me.
Consequent on my finding out
serious tampering with my
letters ^{with other people} I wrote again. I had
four letters of explanation &
a sudden stop on Miss Wright's
part.

I opened up the correspondence
again with her at the ^{Retreat} ^{the 15th} ^{part}.
result strange complication.
I was visited by a woman.

on Thursday who told wild
tales of Miss Wright's guardian.
she - a common woman only
an asylum attendant said
she was one - & threatened me
with all kinds of penalties
if I dared write my friend
Miss Wright again. arrest
was one of her wild threats.
Now of course this is utterly
absurd. ^{please} I am writing to you
for enlightenment on this most
serious affair -
Will you please inform me
who copied the A.P. I saw I
sent. It was sent to the
Retreat & ostensibly left there
only a day - This woman
acknowledges Miss Wright did
not sign - & that I am sure.
Will you please tell me what

Hope the Reheat is
going on with its usual
prosperity;

Yours truly
J M Williams.

Wm Bensford Pierce.

Mrs. Wally Winte

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May 24. 1913.
Oak Villa,
St Mary Church,
Torquay.

✓
Dear Mr Pierce

I came across the
enclosed letter written
by my father to Caleb Williams
in 1836 addressed to the
Committee of the Reheat.
which I thought might
be of interest to you. You
need not return it.

W J



1000 1000
1000 1000
1000 1000



9 Albemarle St
Clerkenwell Ec
Mar 29/13

Dear Sir

I desire to open up
a correspondence with you
upon several matters, of
almost vital importance to
me, at the present time.

You have had I think
under your care my mother
Mary Esthild Woodhead. daughter
of Samuel William Wright of
Mansfield. Thomas Woodhead
— now elsewhere? and
Lizzie Woodhead. his half sister
my father's brother & half sister.

No less, (& no greater) an authority,
than my own father, predicted
& published some 13 years ago
that my own mental balance

was not secure, & I may²²⁷
say that many estrangements,
in our family depend, & turn
upon questions of mental
incapacitade.

I will commence by
introducing the subject in
my own way & will ask
you to correct me from
your own standpoint.

I ask you to regard the
mind — the brain — & the
pineal gland as one
combined instrument. I
ask you to consider the
soul as something which
uses that instrument. I
ask you to classify insanity
into diseases of the soul,
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which are incorrigible; idocy:
and diseases of the mind,
or instrument, which the soul
must use in order to perform
its normal functions of life.

If the eye distorts the
man is partially blind and
what he sees is distorted.
Therefore one gives him a
glass to "correct" the distortion

I enclose you a letter from
Gopwill B Burtt a 3rd cousin
on my mothers side ~~some way~~,

His "father" was I think
"under treatment".

I may have added to
his "distortion" or "disturbance"
by writing or saying or allowing
him to know of or think
about something "too weighty"

for him.

He asks me to go &
live at Crich and if I
could devote myself to
him, instead of the
passage, I have underlined
in his letter, I might
cure him; but, I am
almost without funds, in
an attic in London at
1/6 a week rent. —
and excuse me for saying
so — no one "cares"
(or "knows" how to "care") ???
except.

Yours Sincerely.

Charles G. Woodhead

what the future may be

My mind has been working on
enough I think in similar lines
to yours.

I try to learn of your possible
for Glasgow Call and see
me if you can if you so

May be going south for health
sake and ~~you~~ would much
like to leave you here to carry
a various work — I mean of course
I would like you to be left here if
it were the will of God. I as Sopside
But neither desire to move or

leave you (Helen mine eye)

There is a nice house at Arth
empty when Helen was ~~there~~ ^{my friend} or
you beautiful boy could live well
I think you will excuse a scribble

During the last month I have been laid up by a cold & I do not write
as we are all in bed & we must look
at each other
and all
then
I feel I
can write
just to you
that you
can understand
Sopside's
Dimitri Bank
Arth
Mattiok
Mar 2 19

Many thanks for your last of the
5th inst. with its very interesting pictures
I am so glad that the 2nd was sent
and of use the more so since they
I have sometimes been very short or bad
just sent it when I did thought it
have had the knowledge of being a pure
not you such benefit as it has done

It would be easy to write you sheets
but it is impossible & I believe
unnecessary

The thought contained in your rough
draft about the parallel parallel
between our times & those preceding the
Revolution seems to me very important

But my own as you know it is more
now useless to catch pearls before swine
And just as God never showed himself

so we must be careful in our
own sales and let of our fellows
how we show the hated Truth
to people not ready to receive

True Knowledge like the Rhymer
of heaven works like leaven and
believe me under right conditions
put in the right place works just

But what good could be gained
to put in the few even with
a little dough to work upon to show
its wonderful powers!

People in this scientific age
might talk about it and gape but little
good would result

But surely hidden in plenty
of dough with out any talk any
explanation any gapping behold
mould bread results etc

people are fed

And so with truth and the
unknown of it which come with
such appalling clearness to
some of us some times.

Sometimes it must be kept
hidden in and out our hearts
so many kept the knowledge shut
from their eyes. Sometimes it must
be passed to us or two or
very few

Think of St. Sallat preaching
a what ^{was} seemed an empty field
but one man outside heard
and ~~was~~ converted & through
him thousands!

For the Truth may not be
for the public press Let us wait
Let for every man who see where we
are, and they are not few, and
still hope for a vision of

Strictly Private

Is this insane? 227
March 29/13

Honour the Poor, Grace the discredited
& comfort the forlorn.

Chas. G. Woodhead.

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April 3, 1913

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of March 29, but I really am at a loss to know in what way I can help you. It surely is profitless for me to enter into a discussion as to the relation of mind and matter, of which we have no positive knowledge. The old epigram is as true as anything "What is matter? Never mind. What is mind? No matter!"

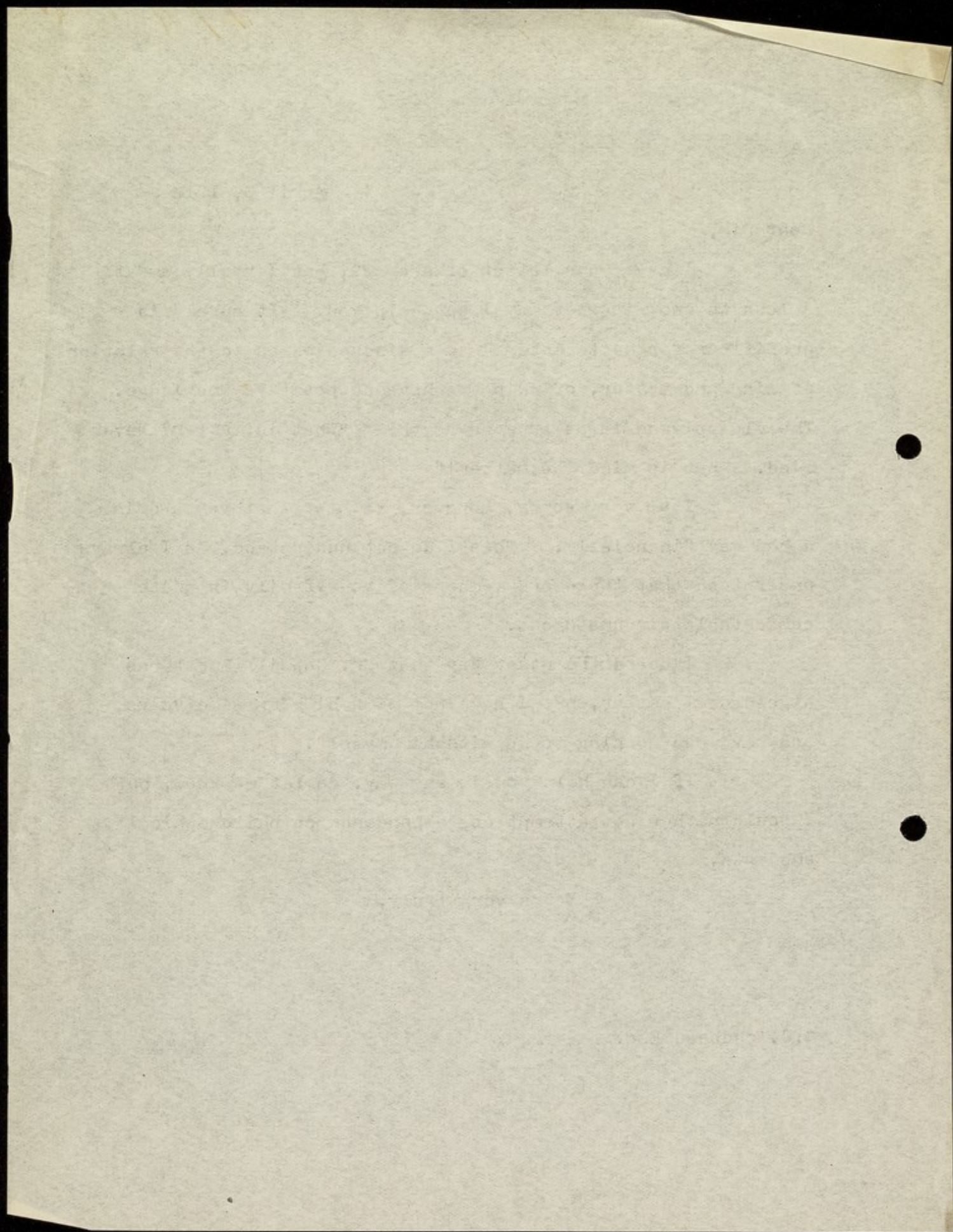
I am very sorry, however, to hear that you are in a bad way financially. This I do not understand, as I always understood that there are members of your family in quite comfortable circumstances.

I heard the other day that Mr. Gopsill Burtt was a good deal better, but I have not seen him for some years, and have had nothing to do with him myself.

If I can help you in any way, do let me know, but I would rather not attempt correspondence on philosophical subjects.

Yours very truly,

C.G. Woodhead Esq.



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Edward Wilson has for 14 months been employed
at the Retreat as Junior Attendant. He is
trustworthy and careful, is industrious, and I look
upon him as being fit for a responsible position,
and confidently recommend him for the position of
Caretaker of the Mun. Sec. Sch. for Girls

Medical Superintendent

The Retreat, York

Sept. 28, 1912

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THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1918

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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My object in writing so fully,
is to put you in possession of
all the circumstances of the
Case, partly because I think
your past long continued care
of and kindness to him makes
some such account due to you,
and partly because we have
wondered whether the widow
who is about 40 years old
could be of any use to you
for taking charge of ^{family, their attendants,} Convalescent
patients. She is a very nice
woman, strong and healthy -
the four children of her
last marriage, three boys
and one girl, are described
by most people who have

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RACE HILL,
DURHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM.

Nov 5th / 12

Dear Dr. Price,

You may have heard
of the death of Fredric Wright;
it occurred on October the 25th.
He was only ill for five
days. I have not seen the
doctor's certificate, but
I understand that it was
something in the nature
of Apoplexy.
Since he married, he has
had five children, four

of whom are living. As his wife had been previously married, and had one son the family now consists of her and five children. I believe that notwithstanding some little trouble caused by a tendency to spend more money than he had coming in, he has lived a happy life since leaving the Retreat, especially since his marriage, and the

birth of his children. He was very devoted to these and was apparently much liked by and popular with his neighbors and acquaintances.

Unfortunately he has against our advice, and without our knowledge surrendered his Life Policy in the Friend's Provident Institution. Inasmuch as all his estate was invested in an Annuity this surrender is disastrous. After his debts are paid, there will be nothing left except the furniture in his little house and about £ 25 in cash.

RACE HILL,
DURHAM ROAD,
ALTRINCHAM.

Seeu them, "as beautiful
Childrew" - strong healthy
and of fine physique. The
house is a nice one, though
small - the village is small
and quiet, and is situated
in the midst of fine country,
and is about two miles
from Ripon.

Should there be any possibility
of this suggestion being
entertained, it might be
very helpful. I might add
that Mrs Wright has a nice

sized, well furnished sitting room, and good bed room with two beds in it, that she would be able to let. —

Whilst writing I should like to say that George Wright's marriage has so far turned out a great success. He is very well and very happy, much happier I believe than he has ever been before; he and his wife are devoted to each other, and have settled at West Malvern. They have taken and furnished a nice little house, and are

both comfortably off and comfortably situated, of course in a small way. He attended his brother's funeral and was very helpful in connection with it.

I am with kind regards

Yours Sincerely
G. A. Dickard

DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM ONLY.

CONSULTATIONS,
9.30 A. M.
AND BY APPOINTMENT.

TELEPHONE, MAIN 648.

DR. TOM A. WILLIAMS,
1758 K STREET, N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

My Dear H. Peaver,

8/1

1912

I have sent you numerous reprints,
but have not heard from you all this
long time.

I wrote asking
for a pathological report of the
adrenals of Miss Babson which
the pathologist promised. Can you
not obtain it for me as it is of
great practical importance to know if
the adrenal tubercles there are of dystrophy
was in cause.

I am now near
here & shall shortly send you

some case of hysteria & simple
type cured by me. In next
number of Brodureau's Journal
für Neurologie und Psychiatrie
You will find my little monograph:
study of occupational dysthinesia.
I came over for International
congress & wrote to address that
subject then wrote the secretary
but received no answer. Will
tell you they with kind regards to you all,
I am
Yours a. well

East Perce
W. M. Perce

Dear Sir,
 It is very good
 of you to wish to
 give the whole I had
 sent you one or two
 each, but wanted to leave
 other such contributions
 S.W. will only the balance
 to meet. I have wanted
 A. I will wish to
 I have endorsed
 will be

but no doubt I have thanked J.R.
 do so also. I will wish to
 the cheques I think I have endorsed
 well that I should be
 cashed, so as not to
 show D.M. where it
 comes from
 R.H.

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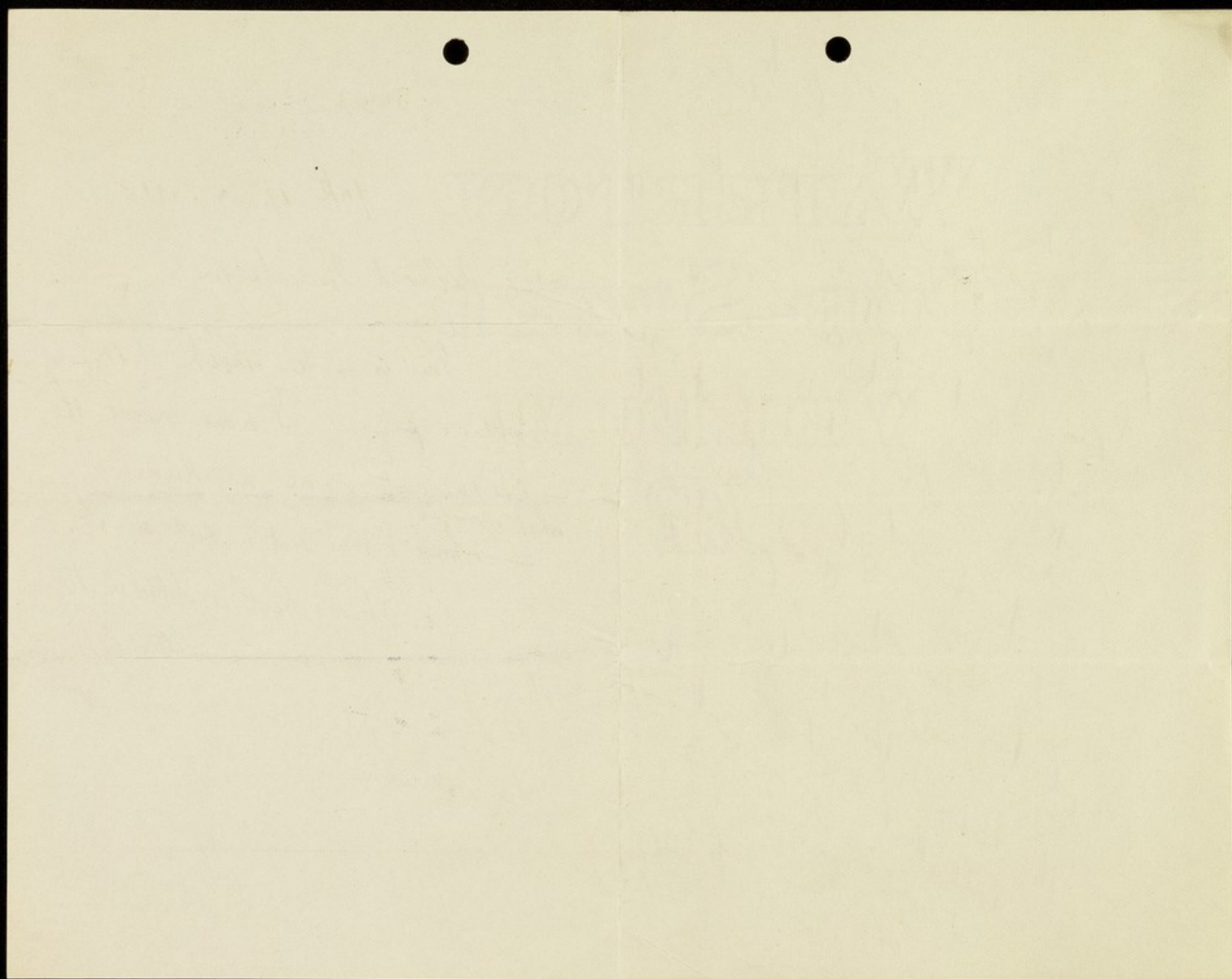
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Dear Richard Thompson

This is an 9c which I sh^d
like to pay. I have made the
cheque out to you, not knowing
what name
~~to make~~ it was best to put on it.

I always feel indebted to
you for your service on the Retreat
& it is a pleasure of one ^{can} not
all ^{give} expression to it.

Very truly,
Joseph R. Acworth



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I have written to the
pathologist & shall probably
be able to arrange for
taking the cerebro-spinal
fluid tomorrow. I have
also advised Salmons &
the intra-auricular inject:
apparatus.

Shall I be justified in
injecting before the ^{report of the} brain
reaches me or soon if it
proves negative!

The friends would like to
know we are again born -
they thought that tomorrow

BEWHOLME,
SHIPLEY.

Dec. 4th 1888

Dear Dr. Price

Many thanks for
your note concerning the
hypnotism. The medical
has not come yet but
we have used tumal-
with undoubted advantage
as against sleep & pain.

I will see that no more
is used unless there is great
difficulty in control.

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was to some extent your
previous visit to be
the advantage it would be
later, especially as the
condition of the patient had
not materially changed.

I personally think the
mental condition is as
better - perhaps rather
more improved - and the
pulse is losing its irregularity
& volume. I might I intend to
give some strychnine & iron.

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
H. Ward-Smith

Shipler ~~5.9~~ 5.9.
Lead 5.36

Lead. 3.55.
Shipler 4.27.

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Nov. 27, 1911

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of Nov. 19th,
the Committee at their recent meeting decided to
raise the terms paid for Thomas A. Thomas from
12/6 a week to 16/- a week.

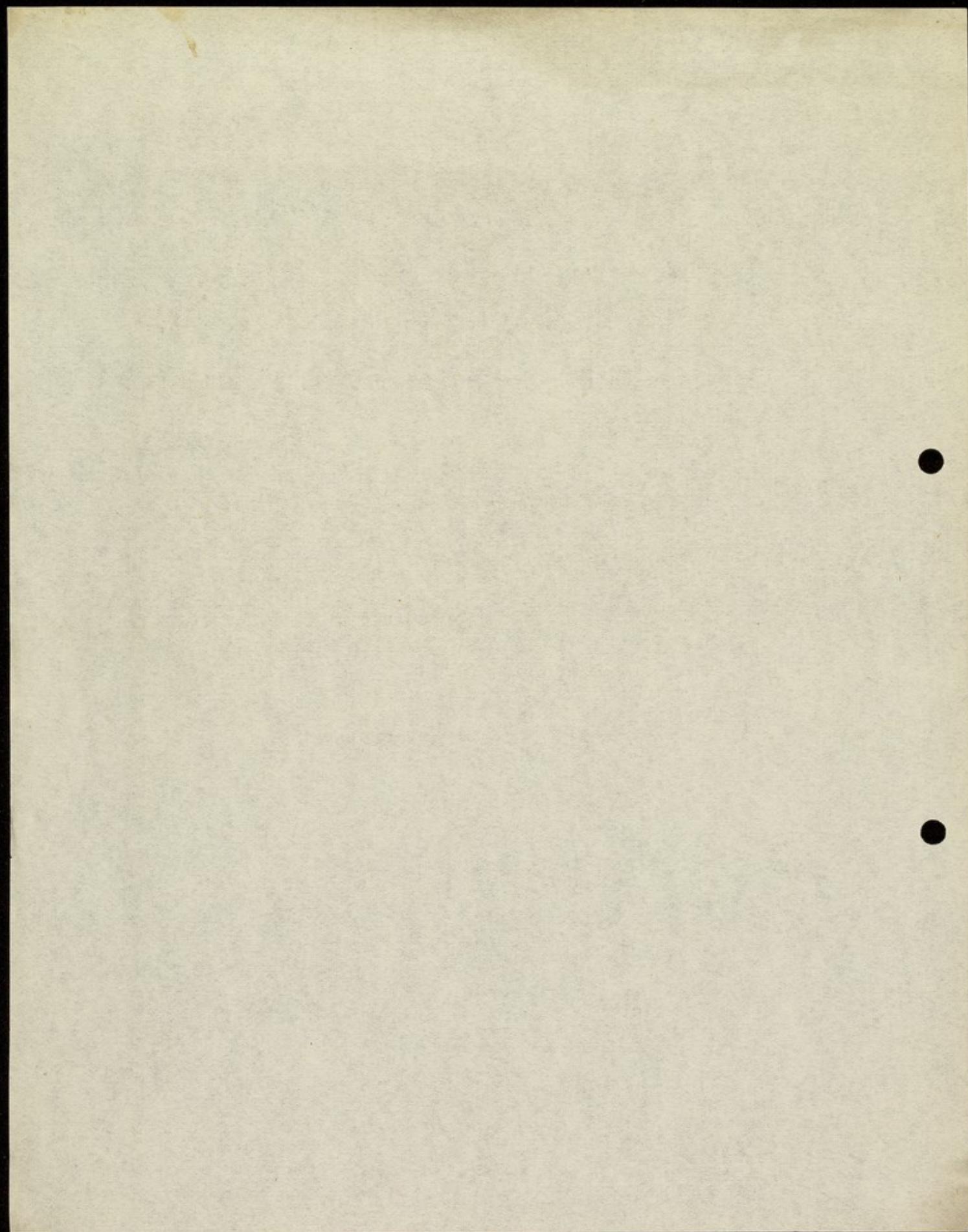
I remain,

Yours truly,

Secretary

Mrs. Wright,

Acomb



Com
The Poplars
Acomb

Nov 19th / 11

Dear Sir

I am taking the
liberty of writing to you
in regards to the remuneration
which, I am receiving for
the care of Thor A Thomas.
I shall be very much obliged
to you if you could
see your way dear
to recommend that I should
receive more than I do at
present.

I remain
Yours sincerely
M. Wright

to
Dr. Pierce

What the cost would be -
Hilda's father John
Capper - was a friend
Jan.

Sincerely yours
Margt. Whiting

25, REGENT PARK TERRACE,
LEEDS.

Ans
Aug 14-11

Dear Friend

A relation of mine
is wanting to know if it
is possible to get her sister
into the Retreat - At present
she is living with her &
her family at Exeter - It
has really not been fit -

for Hilda - (the sister) bles
with the children but
they have kept her on
account of a faithful old
servant who cd. not bear
to part with her. Now
the servant is hopelessly
ill. They wish to get Hilda
away as soon as possible.

She is practically without
mind - has fits at times
I am afraid the fits
will preclude her from
the Retreat but I thought
you might tell me of
some other good
institution where she
cd. be received.

If the Retreat is
available. Kindly say



University Press,
Cambridge.

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30 May 11

Dear Mr. Thompson,

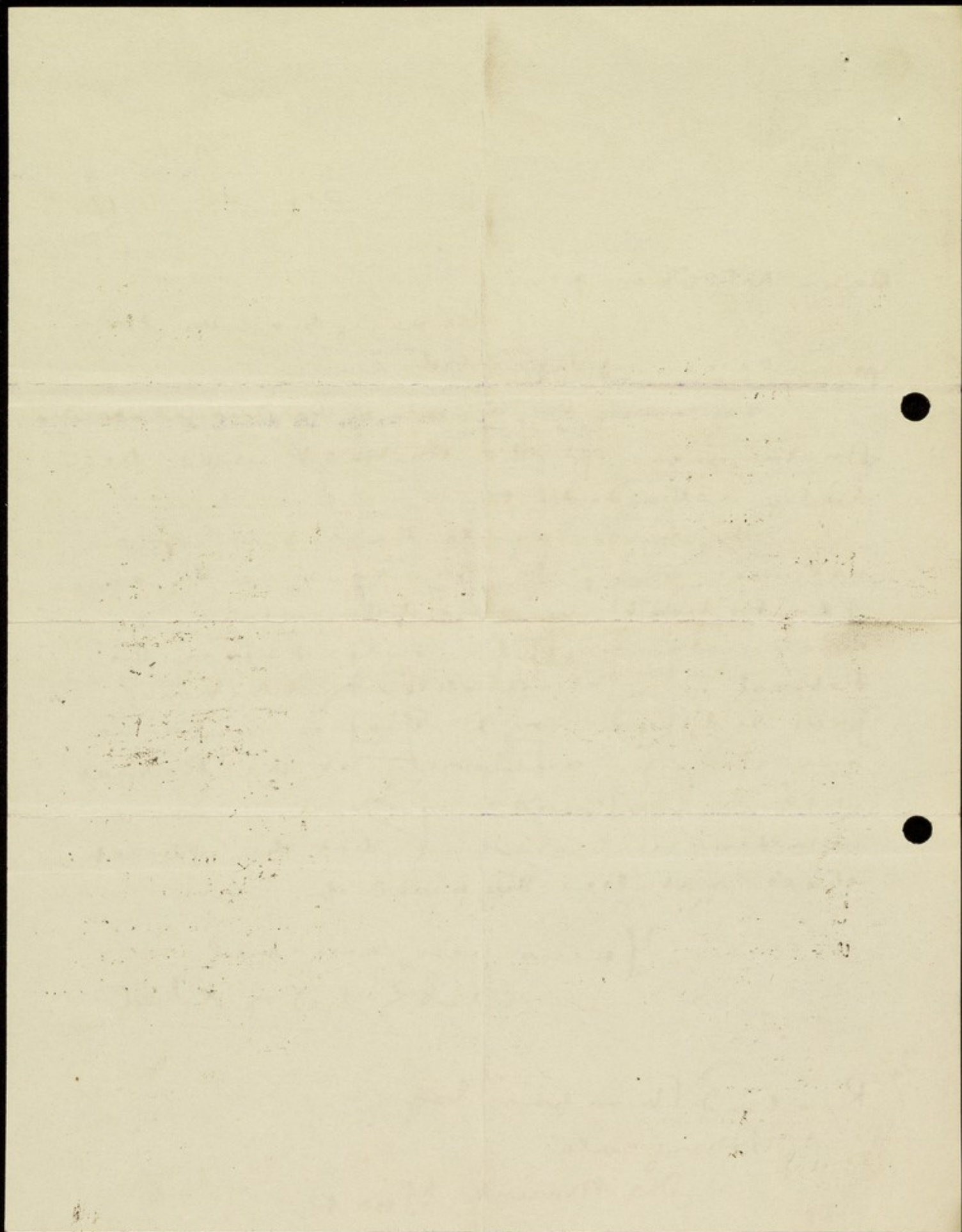
Many thanks for
your letter of the 26th.

The order for a set of the Encyclopaedia
Britannica for the Retreat will be
duly attended to.

The rule as to the return of one
volume may be broken in the case
of the Retreat, in view of the special
circumstances of the case & since the
Retreat is a charitable institution,
provided you or Dr Pierce or some
one else in authority at the Retreat
will be so good as to send me a
written undertaking that the old set
shall not be disposed of.

Yours very sincerely
A. R. Waller

To/ Richard Thompson Esq
Dringate
The Mount York



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ST.

30th May 1911.

Dear Mr. Waller,

Encyclopedia Britannica.

Many thanks for yours of 27th, in which you are good enough to arrange to waive, in the interests of the Retreat, the return of the volume of the old edition. We shall have pleasure in under-taking that the old set shall not be disposed of, and I enclose formal statement to this effect, signed by the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Pierce.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A.R. Waller Esq: M.A.

University Press,

Cambridge.

25
30th May 1911.

ST.

Dear Mr. Weller,

Encyclopedia Britannica.

Many thanks for yours of 27th, in which you are good
enough to arrange to waive, in the interests of the interest, the
return of the volume of the old edition. We shall have pleasure in
understanding that the old set shall not be disposed of, and I
enclose formal statement to this effect, signed by the Medical

Superintendent, Dr. Pierce.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. R. Weller Esq. M.A.
University Press,
Cambridge.

May 30, 1911

Encyclopedia Britannica

Dear Sir,

Our Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Thompson, Dringcote, York, hands me yours to him, of the 27th inst, and I have to thank you, on behalf of the Retreat, for kindly waiving the return of a volume of our 10th edition, against the £5 allowance to "old buyers".

I have pleasure in undertaking, on behalf of the Retreat, that the old set shall not be disposed of. It will be placed in another part of the Institute, where it will continue to be used and appreciated.

The Treasurer has prepared a minute for the January Committee meeting, recording this undertaking, and we purpose placing a suitable memorandum in each of the volumes as a further reminder.

I shall be glad to send a cheque for the amount, £27.4.0, I think, after the next Committee, June 27th, or earlier, if desired.

Yours very truly,

Thin paper, sheepskin	30. 9. 0
Less allowance against 10th edn.	5. 0. 0
	<u>25. 9. 0</u>
Book case	1.15. 0
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Yours very sincerely.

P. Witchurley.

16 Park Hill St.
Discons Green
Dudley.
March 10th 11

Dear D^r. Pierce.

Thank you very
much for your letter
received this morning.
I very much appreciate
the kind way you
have spoken of my work
during the time I was
at the Retreat, & your
good wishes for my
success.—

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My happiest days, I am quite sure were spent at the Retreat.

I thank you for your kind invitation to join the Swiss Party. I don't think I shall be able to do so this year, as I am having my holidays now.

I hope you will have a very enjoyable tour, & good weather. - I shall never forget my Swiss Tour, I did so enjoy it. Again thanking you

March 9, 1911

Dear Sister Phyllis,

I am very pleased to hear that there is a prospect of your going to help Sister Phoebe at St. Lukes as I feel sure you will be able to give her the kind of help she is needing. The excellent work you did here for so many years makes me feel thoroughly confident that you will be able to take a post of considerable responsibility and discharge the duties with conspicuous success. This is the more so now that you have had a course of hospital training.

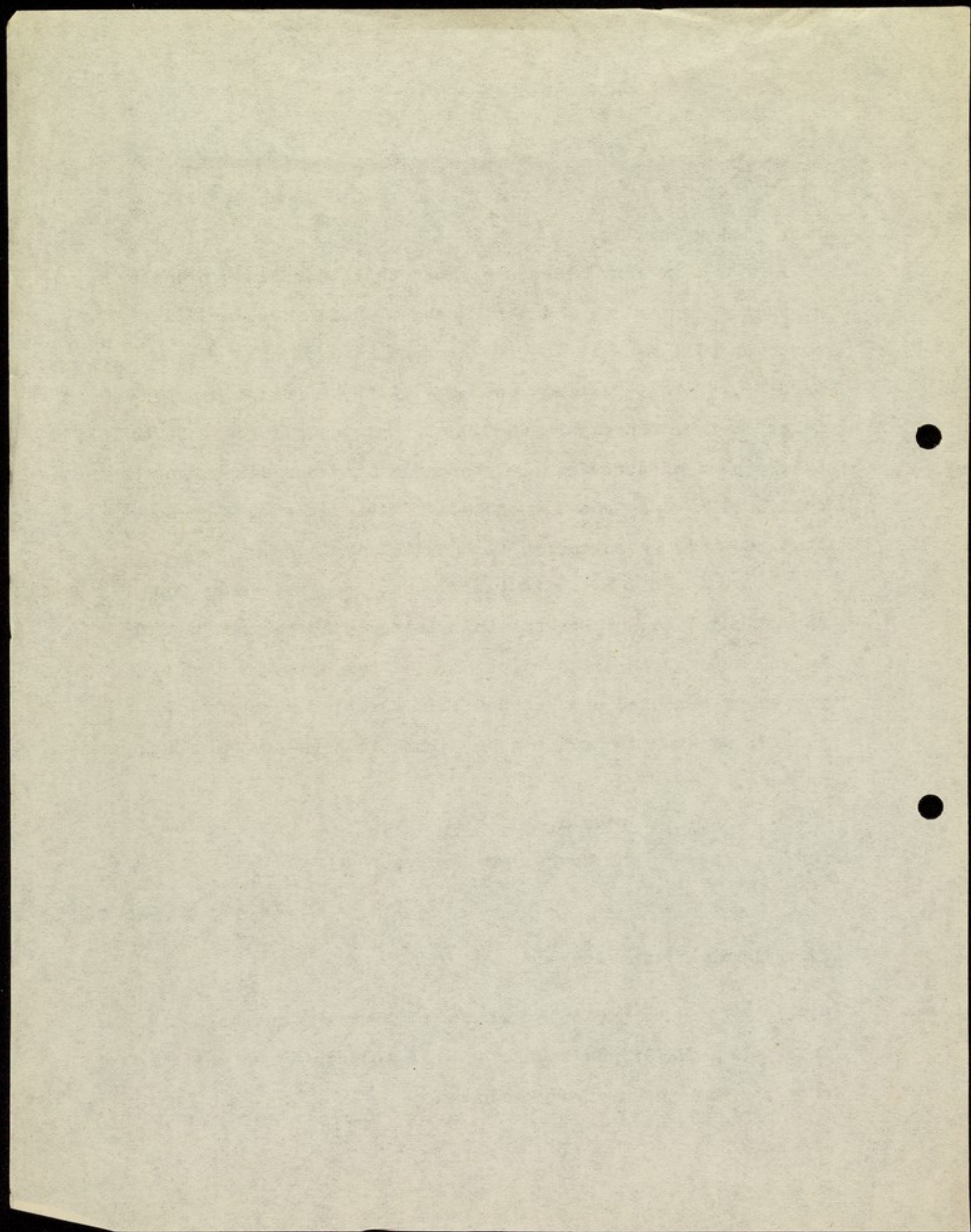
I shall be quite glad to act as a reference for you at any time. Perhaps this letter will be more useful to you than a formal testimonial. I can only say I wish you every success, and had not this superior post offered itself, we should have been very glad to have you back amongst us here.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Phoebe Witcherley

P.S. We are having a Swiss party for the nurses again this year, and if you should be able to join it we shall be very pleased to have your company.



Dec. 8, 1910

Dear Mrs. Walker,

I am not surprised to hear the unfavourable account which you give. I believe the best plan will be for you to apply to Dr. Hitchcock, Bootham Park, for the admission of your daughter. We are at the present time very full at the Retreat, and moreover there is a good deal to be said against Miss Walker coming here under any circumstances. They would probably take Miss Walker at Bootham Park at 20/- or 25/- a week, and you can be sure that everything possible would be done there. Should you decide upon this I think you had better bring her to York to my house, or again to the Station Hotel, and I and one of my colleagues here would sign the necessary certificates. I think we could see the thing through either on Saturday or next Monday.

Should there be any special objection to York, I believe you could arrange for treatment at about 25/- or 30/- a week at either Scalebor Park, Burley-in-Wharfedale (Dr. Gilmour) or Cheadle Royal, Manchester (Dr. Scowcroft). There are of course a number of places where she could be cared for at about two guineas a week.

Will you thank Miss Walker for her kind letter.

Yours very truly,

27th June

Dear Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you that the 5th volume of the "Annals of the County of Devon" is now ready for the press. It contains a full and complete account of the county from the year 1800 to the present time. The volume is bound in half leather and is sold at the price of 10s. 6d. per volume. It is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for delivery in a few days.

Yours faithfully

Wm. D. D.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

CORONER, YORK.

TELEPHONE NO 22x.

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12, PAVEMENT, YORK.

21st April 1900.

Dear Sir,

Daniel's Trust.

I am obliged for the Requests signed by the Holders of the £90 Consols and am lodging them with the Bank of England and London Joint Stock Bank respectively -

Yours faithfully
J. M. R. M.

W. E. Waller Esq.
Secy
The Retreat
York.

21st March 1900

Dear Sir

Yours truly

I am sorry for the
delays in getting the
500 pounds and am sorry
that with the bank of England
and London Joint Stock Bank
consequently -

Yours faithfully
J. B. Walker

J. B. Walker Esq
The Bank
21st March 1900

Running Water Cottage 50
Jaffer Lane

7. Dec. 1910. Hattiesburg
Miss. near W. Pierce.

Once again I have to
thank you for your very
great kindness to me.
I greatly fear I must take
your advice, altho' I feel
quite heartbroken over it.
We have had two violent
attacks since we came.
Do you think knowing
our poor father was at
the Retreat & then being
there herself would be harmful
to her?

What can I better do?

I know ^{no} one here & I
think I had better come
direct from here to York
& join us then to see the
two factors. Please excuse
& believe me, respectfully,
Very truly yours
Mary Pitt-Rivers

M. Hayley per year;
(1) third of her father's
estate, I will do all I
can from what I have.
also many thanks for
writing D. Collier.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:

CORONER, YORK.

TELEPHONE NO 22X.

12, PAVEMENT, YORK.

*Returned
Apr. 11. 1910*

15 April 1910.

Dear Sir,

Damio Trust

I enclose Request to the Bank of England to transmit dividend Warrants by post and also Request to the London Joint Stock Bank, York, to place the dividends when received to the credit of The Retreat account and I shall be obliged by your having the documents signed by the stockholders and then returning them to me.

Yours faithfully,

John B. Wood

W. E. Waller

Secy.

*The Retreat
York.*

12. GAVENMENT, WORK.

CO-OPERATION

10. The City

City of

Chambers Street

I am sure that the
city of New York
is one of the most
important cities in
the world. It is the
center of the world
and the most important
city in the world.
It is the most important
city in the world.

10. The City

City of
Chambers Street

my poor daughter, (altho'
 recovering now) has had a
 nervous break down & my
 younger one has been & still
 has her brain affected.

I have been here 6 months
 with a doctor, but he don't
 see ^{any} material change in
 her condition & we are ex-
 tending to Belchville on

Wednesday next. Most of
 my husband's medical friends
 are dead now & the great pain

I have to ask is, we all passing
 through York on Wednesday,
(from 2.27 to 3. P.M. we shall
 be there - at the station I mean)
 would you see her there &
 tell me what you think.

at Old Manor Cottage 639
Saltwick 48
W. Whitby

24. Nov. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I hope you will
 forgive me for presuming
 to ask a very great favour
 from you, you can but say
 no, only I feel terribly
 nervous about writing.

My poor husband died
 last June as you may
 have heard, & since that
 time I have been a most
 unhappy woman, for

You will always be kind to me the
the first that I venture to write
You know you know, for I think
there is nothing a more sad & unhappy
woman than I am at present in
the land. The one or two friends left
all feel that I have had little experience
in financial ~~affairs~~ - Case or I would not
have written to you to ask such a plain
question. You're very truly yours, F. W. M.

Old Manor Cottage
Saltwick

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26. Nov. 1910.

Dear Mr. Pierce

Thank you very very
much for your most kind
letter. I am most grateful
to you for I am indeed
in some trouble.

I think it would perhaps
be best if you would
take me a loan for a
couple of weeks at the
Station Hotel, as I am
not at all certain now

we shall go on during
the journey, but instead
of taking the 3. P. M. to
Sheff: we can ^{if you think necessary} wait for
the 4.40. P. M. We are
going to Hathersage where
I have taken a cottage
for a month.

I am so afraid of the
travelling & seeing so
many people may cause
an attack of excitement
^{to come} ~~to come~~ on. Our train is
due on Wednesday at

2.27. (The 1.15. from Leeds;
we travel via Leeds) & we
will go direct into the Hotel,
unless you think it would
do if we went straight to
Midland Train Wh. is always
waiting & empty on the
siding where there will
not be so many people
about. I am most anxious
to do what will suit you & also
cause the least fuss, at
this miserable time.

Respectfully & Sincerely
Yours
Mary St. John

I do indeed thank you
for your very pleasant kindness.

you were to Father - & never had
an opportunity of thanking you.

I hope Mr. Pierce & your daughter
are well & that you have good
news from your son.

Mother is nearly heart-broken
about Maymie - I read the
consequences to her; ^{when M. has gone.} she has
kept up all his time whilst she
had "hope".

With grateful thanks.

Believe me.

Yours sincerely

Please excuse
village paper.

Dorothea Walker.

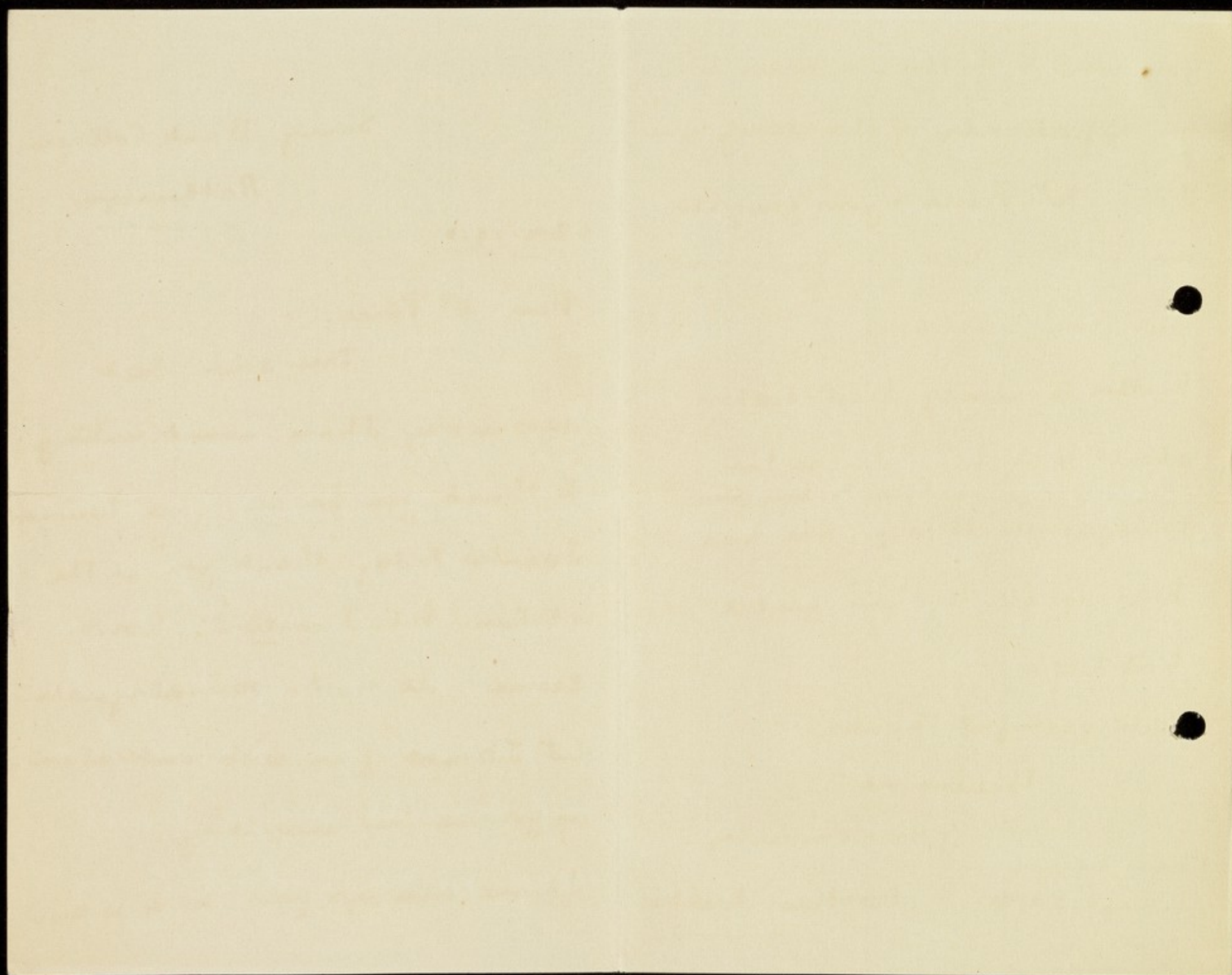
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Sunny Bank Cottages.
Aathers age.

6 Dec. 1910.

Dear Mr. Pierce.

Ever since last
Wednesday I have meant writing
to thank you for all your kindness.
I wanted to say "thank you" at the
station - but - I could not. Words
seemed to do now - so inadequate.
but I know you will understand -
as you "see" them everything.
I have always felt too how kind



34 Victoria Rd

Merbo 47

Mr Rotherham

Feb 6th 1909

To Mr Pearce

Sir

I am writing to thank you
very much indeed for setting
me at liberty from your
service at such short notice,
& to ask you if it would
be possible for me to have
my months wage, I was
very sorry indeed to put
you to so much trouble

you & explained matters,
I thought perhaps you might
be able through the kindness
of the Committee to get it

for me

Thanking you in
anticipation I am

yours Obediently

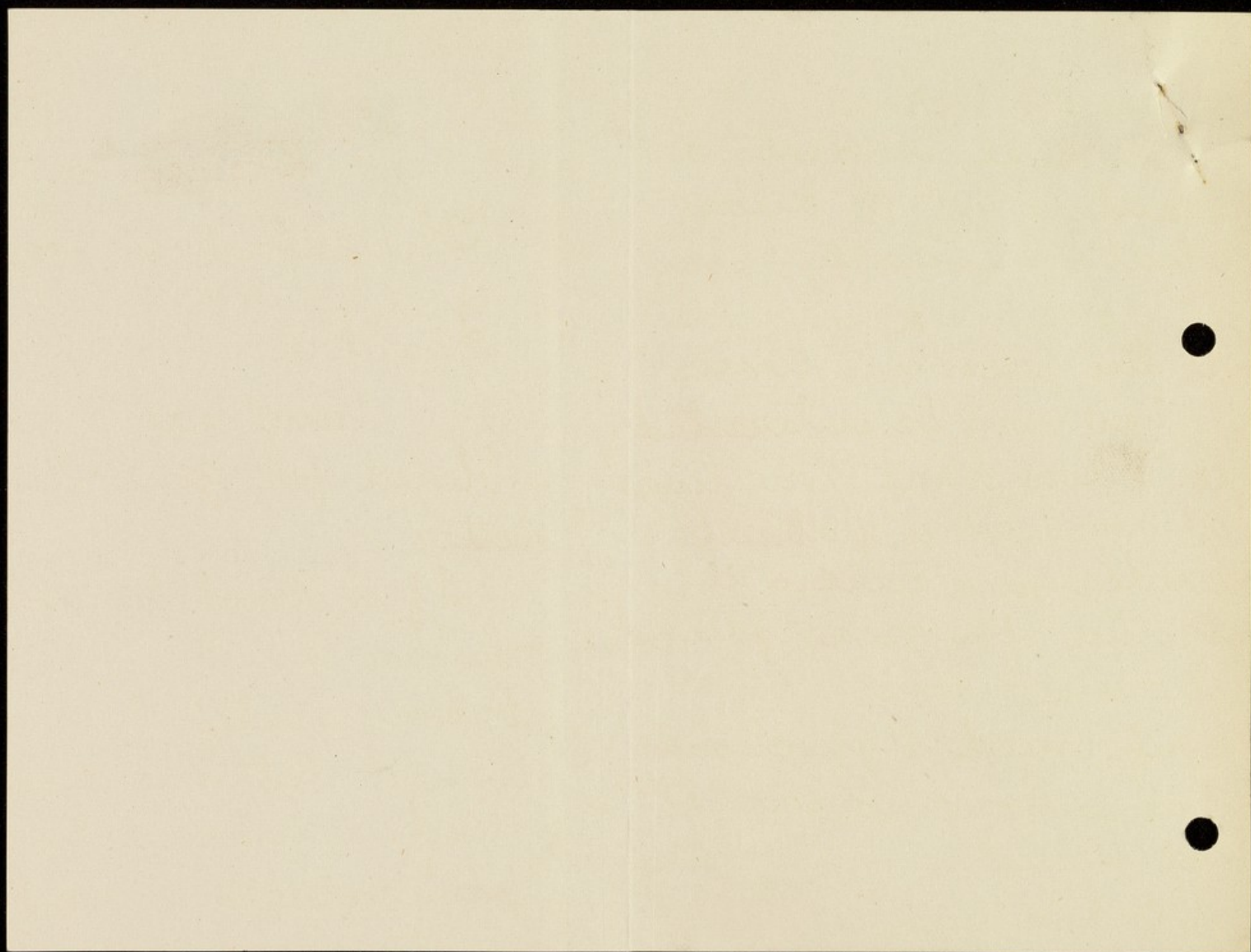
Heannah Wormley

but my brother was most
anxious for me to come to
look after him & his home
& family, in his great
trouble, through the death
of his wife, & I was the only
one he could turn to, in this,
his time of need, apart from
that he has fits brought on
by an accident in following
his employment & through
which he has lost his work
I know quite well I am
not entitled to any thing
whatever, but if I wrote to

Belle Vue House,
Heslington Road,
Feb 1909 York.

Annals Wrenley to
Belle Vue, as Annals of
at £16 per annum. Period
to Jan 1 - 1909.

in leave Friday Jan 29.
to return Monday Feb 1.
Come back that day.
Left being Dr. Pence. &
Wages left to Committee's credit.



fed.

I have experimented a good deal in diets & want to get to know what is usually given at asylums & hospitals at the present time.

You may be interested to know that Eric Lings - at one time a patient under your care, & the brother of a great friend of mine - has become a confirmed hypochondriac but is now no trouble at home.

Many thanks again for your letter.

Faithfully yours
M. Stanley Wood

13/12/10

CHEADLE ROYAL,
CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

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D^r Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir

I am very much obliged for your kind letter.

If it is not troubling you too much, I should be very grateful if you would let me know the diet you would use (particularly amount) in the case of a patient in fair physical condition who was being regularly

12/12/10

St. Joseph's Church

Dear Sir

I am very much
obliged for your kind

letter of the 11th inst.

in reply to my letter of the 10th inst.

and am glad to hear that
the committee have decided
to accept of the offer.

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in reply to my letter of the 10th inst.

3 Is forcible feeding more or less common in your opinion than formerly?

4 Is it more common on the Male or Female side?

5. Have you had any unsatisfactory results & of what nature?

Very sorry to trouble you but Dr. Sutcliffe - with whom I once met you at Wakefield advised me to write to you.

Faithfully yours
M. Stanley Wood

10/12/10.

CHEADLE ROYAL,
CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dear Sir

I should be very much obliged if you could answer me a few questions on "Forcible Feeding" on which subject I am doing some work.

1. What diet do you make use of?

2. What method do you usually adopt?

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Radgate House.

Kilham

Driffild,

Dec 20. 1910

Dear Sir.

I have a patient suffering from acute mania
The friends are anxious to find a suitable
institution to which he may be sent. I have
asked if you will send me a prospectus and
also state whether you could take him if they
should decide upon you.

Yours

Yours sincerely.

Leonard J. West.

1892
 Dec 20
 1892
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 1892

Dear Sir,
 I have a patient suffering from acute rheumatism
 the joints are swollen to such a degree
 that it is difficult to get him to move. I have
 been trying if you will send me a prescription and
 also state whether you can take him up the
 stairs and back upon your.

Yours sincerely,
 J. J. J. J. J.

BRYN DEDWYDD,
ABERGELE ROAD,
COLWYN BAY.

Jan 28/10

Dear Friend
Dr B Pierce

Since writing you
about my dear wife's
state in Dec, she has im-
proved gradually & is
now quite sane & there
has been no need for her
removal from home.
She does not eat at all &

F
F

the nourishment she
takes is administered
by the nasal tube twice
daily by the Doctor.

She talks very little & we
can't induce her to say
more than "yes" or "no" to
questions, but she knows
all that goes on around
her & has seen several
relatives & friends for a few
minutes at a time each.

Thanking you for your
letter I am

Yrs Sincerely
Geo. W. W. W.

27th July, 1910.

Dear Dr. Thorpe Waite,

You will have wondered why I have not replied to your letter, but I have been extremely pressed with work lately. I do not think our Committee would be inclined to introduce a new kind of fire extinguisher. Besides our ordinary fire hydrants, we have a number of "Rex" extinguishers and Dreadnoughts, and have also ordered some of the powdered variety, "Kyl Fire", and so we are pretty well filled up with apparatus of this kind. I fear it would be useless to introduce the subject to the Committee at present.

With kind regards, and hoping you keep well,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

EXHIBIT



RECEIVED

July 9, 1910

Dear Mr. Winterbotham,

I enclose Dr. Salter's letter, to hand this morning. It has occurred to me that possibly you would arrange with Dr. Marion Mackenzie of The Valley, Scarborough, to receive your client and his attendant. She is accustomed to receive patients and has a vacancy at the present time and is quite a competent lady who would certainly make any one staying with her comfortable. Of course there may be special reasons why your client should not stay in a house with women, but if not I think you would find it difficult to do better should Dr. Salter's not be suitable.

I should explain that the latter is in very good practice in Scarborough, and I expect he does not think it worth while to take a resident patient unless the fees are considerable. I have not mentioned the matter to the lady doctor. Should you think it suitable perhaps you would write direct to her.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF THE
BUREAU OF THE
CENSUS

6 Jan. 1900.

Dear Dr. Williams,

I received the cheque safely and am much obliged for it, and I enclose with this the Medical certificate which I think will be in order.

With reference to the Retreat, I have better send with this a copy of our Annual Report. You will see that our lowest terms are 100/- per week, and with ~~board~~ ^{or} washing, there is not much change from 2½ guineas per week.

If it is ~~could~~ ^{could} rightly be afforded, we should be glad to have Dr. Williams here.

It will, however, be rather a long way from Bournemouth and probably not easy for any relative to come to see him easily.

My certificate as you say will not be available for the Retreat and another medical man would have to be called in to see him.

I remain

Yours very truly

Edmond Pierce.

The will, however, be within a long way
 from Government and probably not
 ready for any relative to commit see
 him easily.

My certificate as you say will
 not be available for the latest and
 current overhead even when we
 take all this in to see him.

I remain
 Yours very truly
 Charles B. Jones

I am, Sir,

Dear Mr. Williams,
 I received the cheque early
 and am much obliged for it. I
 enclose with this the business certificate
 which I think will be in order.
 With reference to the latest, I
 have better send with this a copy of my
 business report. You will see that
 our latest terms are not far from
 what we were working on. There is not
 much change from 2 1/2 years ago
 - It is more slightly
 to afford me some to have to
 be paid in Mr. Williams here.

July 4, 1910

Dear Sir,

An attendant here, aged 21, who has only been here three months has had an attack of haemoptosis. The case appears to be quite a mild one. The physical signs are slight, and his temperature, taken with special care, only reaches 100.6.

I should be glad to know whether you can take him at Withernsea Sanatorium. Part of the fees can be paid by the Committee of the Retreat, and the lad's relatives will make up the remainder. He has been having open air treatment here for a fortnight and is doing well, and the case would seem to be just the kind that is likely to do well in a sanatorium. I much hope you will have a vacancy before long.

Sir James Reckitt informs me that application must be sent beforehand to Dr. Daly. Could it be arranged that Duff (the attendant in question) should go over to Hull prepared to go into the Sanatorium at once if Dr. Daly is satisfied as to the suitability of the case? It is important to avoid needless travelling about. I should of course write fully to Dr. Daly giving the particulars and ~~the~~ history before the journey is undertaken.

Yours very truly,
The Sec., Withernsea Sanatorium

REQUIRE TO
EXTRACTION

Moor House 39

Spennymoor.

July 9th 1910.

Dear Sir.

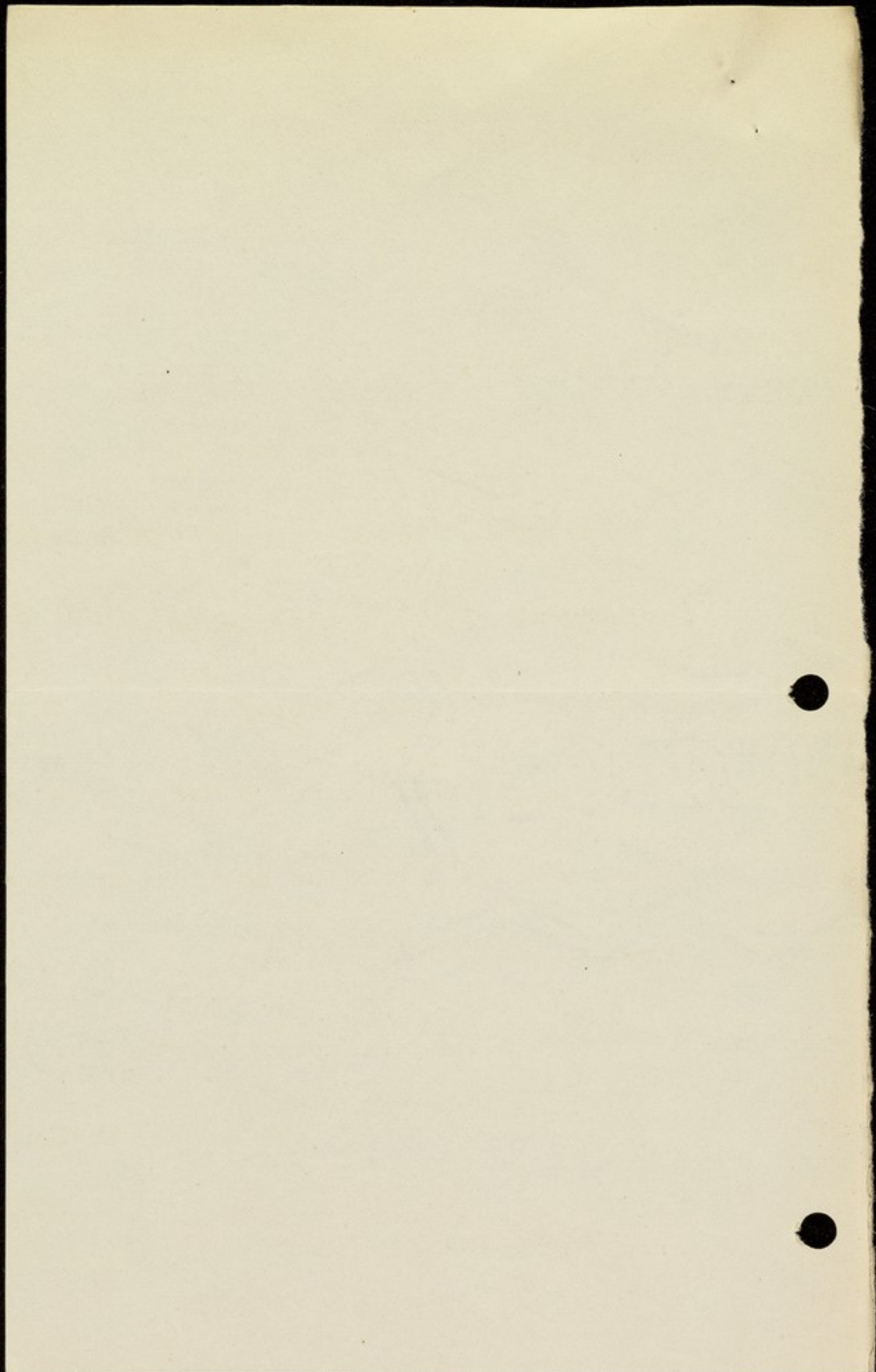
Your letter to my sister
was duly received this morning, as
she is away from home I am
replying to it.

The report which you
mention in your letter, has up to
the present time not been received;
perhaps you would be good
enough to see that it is forwarded
on.

Yours truly

A. Wraith

Dr. Bedford Price
York



July 8, 1910

Dear Madam,

I am sorry your letter was not answered yesterday.

I enclose a recent copy of the Retreat Report, giving particulars respecting terms.

The difficulty I see is that elderly patients with excema generally need a very great deal of special care, and if this should be so the Committee may require an extra fee to cover this special attention.

You will see that the lowest rate is 48/- a week.

Yours very truly,

Miss F. Wraith

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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MOOR HOUSE,
SPENNYMOOR.

July 6th 1910

Dear Sir.

Would you kindly
send me by return of
post a prospectus giving
the terms, etc. of your
home.

We are endeavouring
to place my mother in
a suitable establishment,
she is quite insane but
not violent: she is at-

MOOR HOUSE.

SPENNYMOOR.

present suffering from
eczema.

Yours faithfully
(Miss) F. Warrth
(Matron, Nourse Hospital
Johannesburg)

The Medical Superintendent -

to arrange for the patient's removal
to your District - So would
you please send to 49
Ardara St. Blackpool a
male attendant to take
charge of patient's removal -
& please send by the attendant
a form for me to fill up
emergency order - as I have not
one by me - Please send the
attendant so that Mr Whittaker
may be removed on Sunday -
Mr Whittaker is the District
Coroner Surveyor of Clayton West

724
38
"Hydene",
Park Avenue,
Blackpool.

May 30 1909

Dear Sir

I am attending here
a Mr. Whittaker of Clayton
West - York - He is
insane - He is a member of
your order - His wife has
sent for Mr Sadler of High Flats
Denby - who she says is
known to you to come at once

is not without means -

For
your list

Attended your

Should be obliged if you would send me
copy of the attached will soon -

TELEPHONE
1622

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22 WAVERLEY PLACE

ABERDEEN

Feb 2. 1910

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let
me have your scale of
charges ~~and~~ further details
of the Retreat. A patient of
mine, a girl of 24, daughter
of a clergyman, has developed
suicidal mania with melan-
cholia must be removed
as soon as arrangements
can be made. Kindly let

22 Waverley Place

ABERDEEN

TELEPHONE
1892

we know the most moderate
basis for such a case
as expense will be a serious
consideration in this case.

Yours faithfully

Americus Watson.

FERRY SIDE R.S.D.
GARDINERHILL

✓
July 15:09

Dear Sir,

I shall be much
Obliged if you will let me
know upon what terms
patients are admitted to
the Infirmary at York, as I
have a sister whom I
should like to put under
your care if we can get
her certified.

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I may mention that her
mother is the widow of a
medical man, and not in
very good circumstances.
So the question of expense
has to be considered.
The case has been mentioned
to you by Miss Balkwill,
whom I met at the
Salvation Army Home at
Walthamstow a short time
back, and you kindly
gave an opinion on the

Can^{to her}, after she had written
to you describing the symptoms.
Mr. Baskin is I believe
going up to York tomorrow.
And she will probably speak
to you again about the case.
I shall be glad to hear
from you at your early
convenience -

Yours faithfully
D. Lewis Williams
Surgeon

0.2.8.1012 YRND
RECEIVED
JAN 10 1902

here about Easter - his London
Address is

32 St George's Square
Regent Park.

With our kindest regards

Yours sincerely

E. T. Watson.

My mother always entertained
warm recollections of you: she
remembers how you did not
at first suspect partly Father &
Mother. A stamp power has
done it now.

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DAYLANDS,
QUEENS DRIVE,
LUXLEY.

March 18th 1910

Dear Dr. Pearse

My mother has
asked me to write you on
behalf of the male nurse who has
looked after my father during the
past sixteen months. I know
you will be sorry to hear that
Father passed away last Friday -
the cause of death being a
malignant ^{catarrh} growth, & apparently
not brain-disease as was at

first feared. I think you will
remember seeing Father in Dublin
eighteen-months ago: one of my
brothers is Dr B. Watson of
Harrington, the other brother has
just married Dr Thorp's daughter
of Liverpool.

Mr Bullen is anxious to get
another case; he has a wife &
two children. He was at St. Mary's
Hospital had a four years'
medical training, but owing to

home circumstances & loss of
hears was unable to take his
Final Conjoint Board Examination.
He has had twelve years'
experience of various cases,
surgical, medical & mental - we
always found him most kind
& reliable - he was exceedingly
helpful with my Father, & his
medical knowledge is most
useful. It also made it pleasant
for my mother myself having a
man who was a gentleman
with us: otherwise the continual
intercourse would have been very
trying. He is a Kentishman.

If you could arrange
to put any work in his way
my mother would be very
grateful to you. He is leaving

✓ H.K.
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3, OSBORNE TERRACE,

JESMOND,

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Dear Sir,

I should be most
grateful if you would let
me know the correct
terms at which ^{patients} ~~patients~~
are admitted to the
York Retreat. The patient
for whom I am making
inquiries is a lady of
74 a senile case with
an income of £100 per
annum
Yours truly
C. M. H. Williams

3. OSBORNE TERRACE

1850 A.D.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

6th September, 1910.

Dear Mr. Wood,

If it be convenient, Mr. T.R. Kitching and myself propose to call on you at 12 o'clock to-morrow, to ask you a few questions about our valuation forms.

I shall have some news for you respecting the Retreat, and Frank Baker's salary, which I expect you will be pleased to hear. I have not yet been able to see Joseph Rowntree.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Pierce.

A friend of mine has come to me in great trouble about a daughter of his who appears to be in a serious mental condition that will probably demand treatment.

He is a clergyman of the Church of England and ~~and pretty poor~~ wife & family of 3 or 4 children. He is pretty poor as so many of our church folk are - I expect his total income would not exceed £300 and a house.

He knows how rapidly our daughter improved under your good care and his

thoughts turn to the Retreat in his trouble.

I don't see however how he could possibly spare £150 out of such an income for one child. and I wonder whether any arrangement would be entertained in such a case by the Committee for some sum which he might be able to manage if necessary.

There will perhaps be a difficulty in the applicant not being a member of the Society of Friends or connected as we were: but I promised him I would make the inquiry.

You will be glad to hear Beatrice continues well, and very busy with our poultry and pie at our country house.

Yours very truly
Harthred Stuart Wright
Bedford Place My. Ind.

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Bristol. 30-6-1908

Dear Dr. Pierre

Thanks for your note.
Yes: we think our daughter
seems quite right and
cheerful: she certainly
looks better than she has
done, ever since her attack
of diphtheria, which in our
own minds we cannot
help connecting with her
break-down. We think you
will be right in discharging
her: indeed we thought this
was really done when your
folk gave her into the care

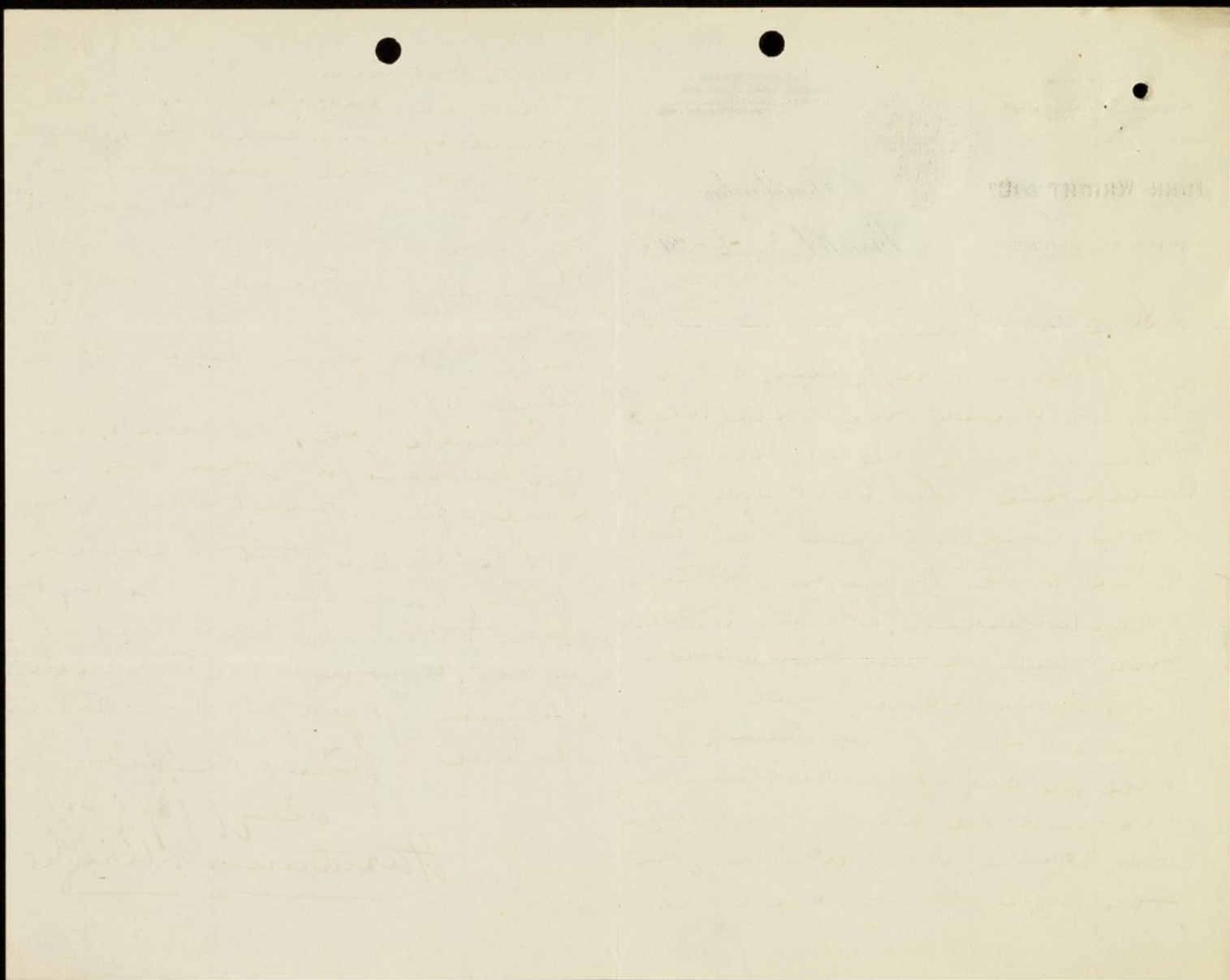
of her brothers.

We are moving into our
Country residence next week,
all being well, and intend
there to buy and dispense with
one of our maids, so that with
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground to look
after, Beatrice and her sister
will not have much spare
time.

Thanks you, Dr. Kemp, and
the nurses for your kind
care of her whilst with you.

I assume that a portion
of my last cheque is by &
bye to come back to me is
it not, through the Committee
I believe I paid up to the end
of June. Kind regards

Very truly yrs
Harriet and J. Wright



Sept. 28, 1908

Dear Sir,

A nurse of the name of Lucy Woodmansey has applied for the position of nurse at the Retreat, and she has been for some time at the Durham County Asylum.

I should be much obliged for any information respecting her and should like to know whether you consider her of good character and fair education. We are very wishful to improve the status of the nurses, and I do not wish to receive any unless they are women of a good type. Of course your reply will be considered confidential.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very truly,

Medical Superintendent,
Durham County Asylum



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Dear Hearder,

I was sorry to hear on my return that Miss Thomasson had no alternative but to decline to supply a nurse. But just at present the Retreat is quite full and the cases are very heavy, and besides this we have six nurses doing private work. After the November examinations, about a fortnight hence, we could possibly liberate one, but I fear there is no hope of it being done before this.

Bertram Watson wanted me to write to Mrs. Watson if the compromise broke down, and support him and you in getting her to go right away. On hearing from you I will gladly do this if you wish.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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14 MARLBOROUGH ROAD.
BRADFORD.

July 14. 1908

Dear Mr. Price ✓

would you be kind enough
to let me know (mark your office)
^{to do so}
if you take any patients at the
Retreat at less than full fees.

I have a young lady the daughter of a
minister who I am afraid will
have to be put under care and if this
is necessary I should much like
that she come under you. I will
of course give you what details I
can if the matter matures, but
in the meantime I should be glad
to know the charges at your institution.

You will remember seeing Mr. Vos
with me last year at his home -
he has I believe got all right again

He had a great trouble in the autumn
his only son went to school abroad
& was desperately ill with typhoid
Mrs. W. has been there almost up
to the present time, since the end
of September. I have heard nothing
about the father's melancholy
for a long time - I suppose the
other matter distracted his
attention from his own imaginary
troubles.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely
J. James Wood

North Ferriby,
East Yorks.

13th Nov 1909

Dear Sir

I am sorry to say a
relative of mine needs placing
in an Asylum, & I have been
recommended to write to you
about your terms for private
patients - Will you kindly give
me particulars of the accommodation
& privileges offered - The patient
has not shown any signs of
violence so far as I am aware.
His condition or ailment is

described as paranoia, & has
been developing for some time,
and has shown itself in the
writing of letters to people in
high positions - and occasionally
in making remarks to persons
by in the streets -

I have been recommended to
write to you amongst other
institutions, by the Medical
Officers at Beverley Asylum -

I suppose private patients are
allowed to wear their own
clothes - read books newspapers
etc - and smoke -

Yours faithfully
A. N. Wade

The Medical Officer
The Retreat
York

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124, Bermondsey Street.

LONDON, S. E. 30. Aug. 1909.

Dear Friend.

Doctor Bedford Pierce

The Retreat York.

I am writing you these lines in haste, with reference to a friend of my employer, Mr. I. Wiener.

This friend of his has been suffering from melancholia & depression for about eighteen months, brought about, in the first place, as I understand, by his becoming obsessed with the idea that he had, by some complexity in the accounts of his firm, defrauded the Income Tax Commissioners.

After a time, he got over this but then got the idea that his Will, of which Mr. Wiener was one of the Executors, would give the latter so much trouble to carry out, as it was not drawn up correctly. In course of time this matter was settled for him by a lawyer, who assured him that the will was a perfectly good one. Then he worried himself about his money.

I believe he is quite well off & has sufficient to live on, without his business, also that he has never really had any money matters to worry about really, personally. He is in the stockbroking line. However, he seems to have got the idea that his money is not sufficient or that it may cease.

From what Mr. Wiener has told me, I believe that this is not the case, but that he is well provided for.

Now I come to the point. Is he a suitable case for The Retreat, or for one of the other places in connection with it?

He cannot be described as a lunatic, as he can argue sensibly & seems only to be wrong on this one subject that occupies him at the moment. He is in a private home, with day nurse & night nurse.

He is a Dutchman by birth, but has long been resident in England.

He is not a Friend & of course, is able to pay for the attention required. Could he come as a Voluntary Boarder for a time or do you think it is a case for a certificated removal?

In one fit of depression, after he had read of the suicide of the Banker Montague by throwing himself under a train, this gentleman went out & tried the same thing on, but was only badly bruised.

I should be glad if you could spare time to advise me in this matter & with apologies for troubling you, I am,

Yours very sincerely.

Ernest Harrod

124, Bernoulli Street.

LONDON, S. E.

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Dec. 11, 1909

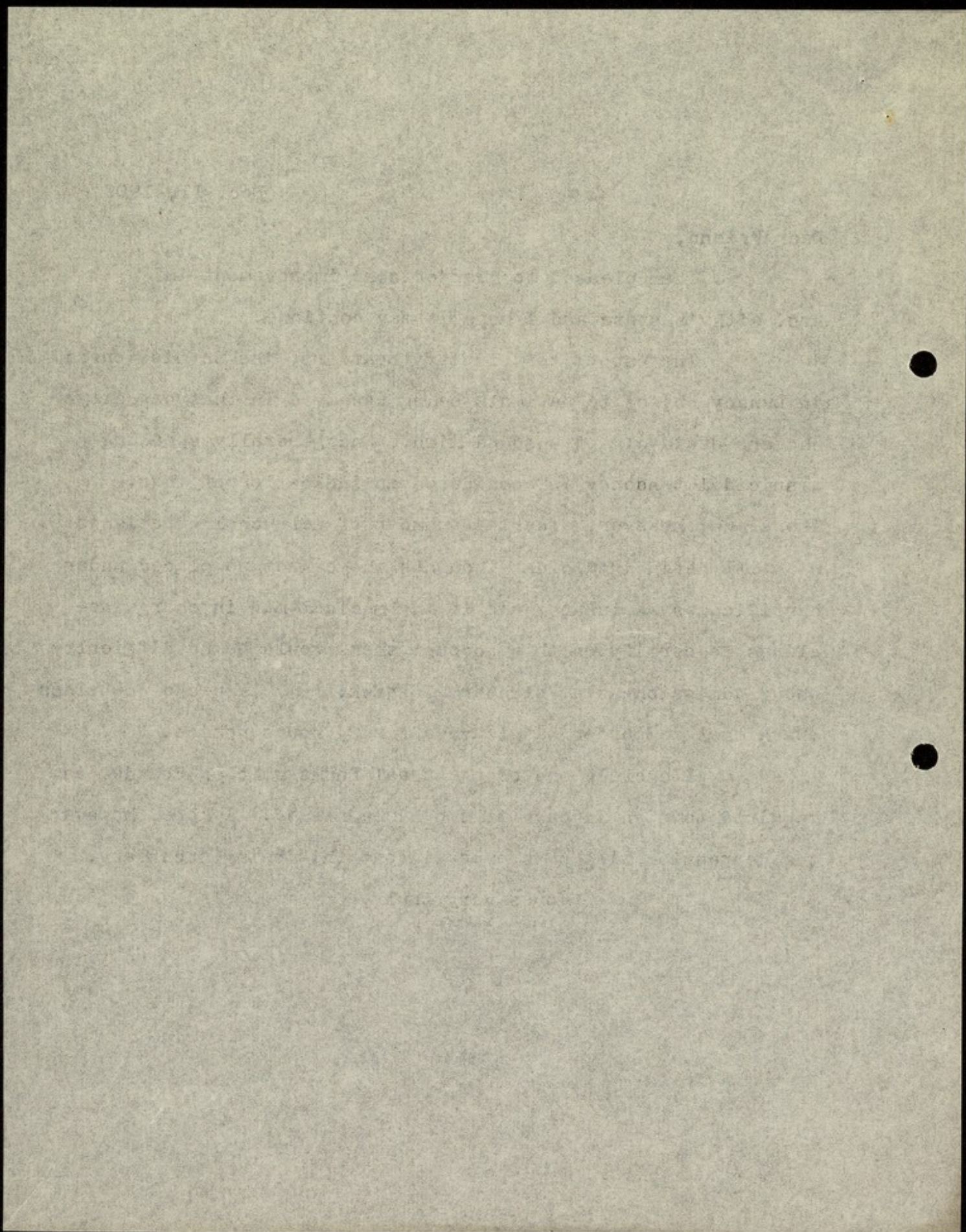
Dear Friend,

I am pleased to hear of some improvement in Mrs. Withy's state and I hope it may continue.

In respect to Voluntary Boarders, the Commissioners in Lunacy object to patients being received in that capacity who are decidedly of unsound mind, and generally speaking a suicidal tendency is considered an indication of this. There are, however, a certain number of melancholic patients with ill defined suicidal thoughts who cannot be placed under certificates as insane, and if the medical man in charge declines to certify on this account there would be no difficulty about admission as a Voluntary Boarder. You are doubtless aware that a Boarder may leave after 24 hours notice.

I enclose one of the usual forms which a Boarder is required to sign in case it should be needed. I hope, however the depression will pass over without this being necessary.

Yours very truly,



PRYN DEDWYDD,
ABERGELE ROAD,
COLWYN BAY.

Decr 10.09

Dr B Pierce

Dear Friend

Many thanks for
yours of the 9th. My
wife is so much less
depressed today that
could not decide
what to do - I note
from yours that she
could not come to the

Retreat has a Voluntary
Patient - she has done
herself no harm as
yet except a bruise
on the fore head done
with a hand glass in
the bedroom. We do
not leave her alone.

I will communicate
with you again & must
thank you for offering

to make room above
if necessary -

Yours faithfully
George Withy.

The Retreat
- York -

Bryn Dedwydd,
Abergele Road,
OLD COLWYN, North Wales.

Dec 8/09

Dr B Pierce
York

Dear Friend

I want to ask

the terms at the Retreat
for a Voluntary Patient.
My wife is so Melancholy
& tries to harm herself
that we are nearly at our
wit's end. She is quite
sensible of all she does
& talks generally quite

coherently. Our Doctor²⁶
here says she ought to be
away from home.

She is a member of
Wilmslow meeting since
1902. We have been here
some months now -

Waiting the favor of a reply
early. Yrs truly

Geo Wisby.

Dec. 9, 1909

Dear Friend,

I regret to hear that Mrs. Withy is so seriously depressed. A patient who attempts to injure herself cannot be received as a Voluntary Boarder and if she comes it must be under Certificates. As we are very full it is not very easy to make room, but I gather the case is one of urgency, and if you wire we will arrange to receive her at any time. I enclose a set of forms and also a copy of our Annual Report. The question of terms must be left for the present: they can be arranged later.

It very often happens that admission to a Hospital such as the Retreat is the turning point of an illness of this kind, and I feel sure you will be doing right in removing the patient from the possibilities of risk which necessarily exist at home. Where there is no temptation there are greater possibilities of mental rest.

Yours very truly,

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BRYN DEDWYDD,
ABERGELE ROAD,
COLWYN BAY.

Dec 14/09-

Dear Friend

D. P. Pierce

I am much obliged
for yours of the 11th inst
enclosing Voluntary
Boarders form & have
also rec'd another today.
At present we have a
day & night nurse & I
cannot decide any-

thing just as present-
until I see how my
wife gets on - She is
very restless today & ^{at}
could not sign a
letter I wanted her to -

Yours truly

George Wither-

H. SNAITH,
SOLICITOR.

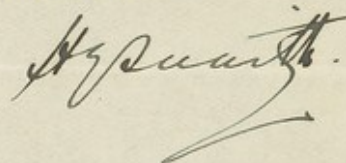
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10, New Street,
Boston.

2nd March 1910

Dear Sir,

Please quote me your charges for the maintenance of Mr George Ward a farmer of this neighbourhood at present at the Lawn, Lincoln, for whom a change is considered desirable He is a man of about 60 years of age able bodied, but he has delusions about his relatives and his food.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,
York

2nd March 1910

Dear Sir,

Please quote me your charges for the
maintenance of Mr. George Ward a farmer of this neighbourhood
at present at the Lawn, Lincoln, for whom a charge is
considered desirable. He is a man of about 60 years of age
able bodied, but he has delirium about his relatives and

his food.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Rectory,

York

March 3, 1910

Ward

Dear Sir,

Just at the present moment we are very full on the men's side. We assume that as the patient is now under care there is no immediate hurry.

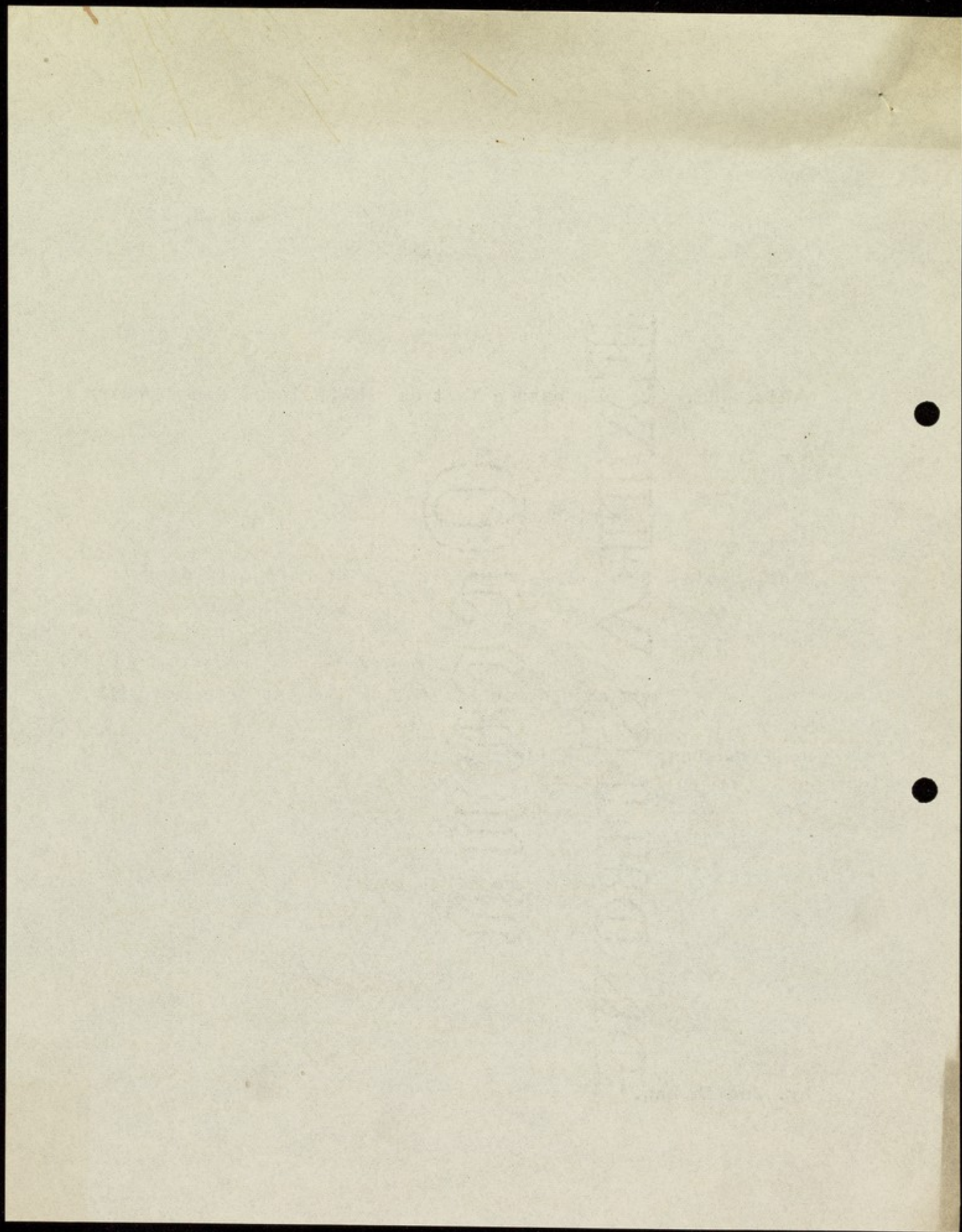
Our lowest rate is 48/- a week. Patients in the Gentlemen's Lodge pay 3 guineas a week or more according to circumstances.

If you should wish to follow the matter up we will ~~send you forms for admission.~~

Yours very truly,

*Further statement**+
Report sent*

Hy. Snaith Esq.



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SEALE-HAYNE COLLEGE,
(AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL.)

PRINCIPAL:
B. N. WALE, B.Sc.

NEWTON ABBOT,
DEVON.

Apr. 4/10

Dr. Pierce

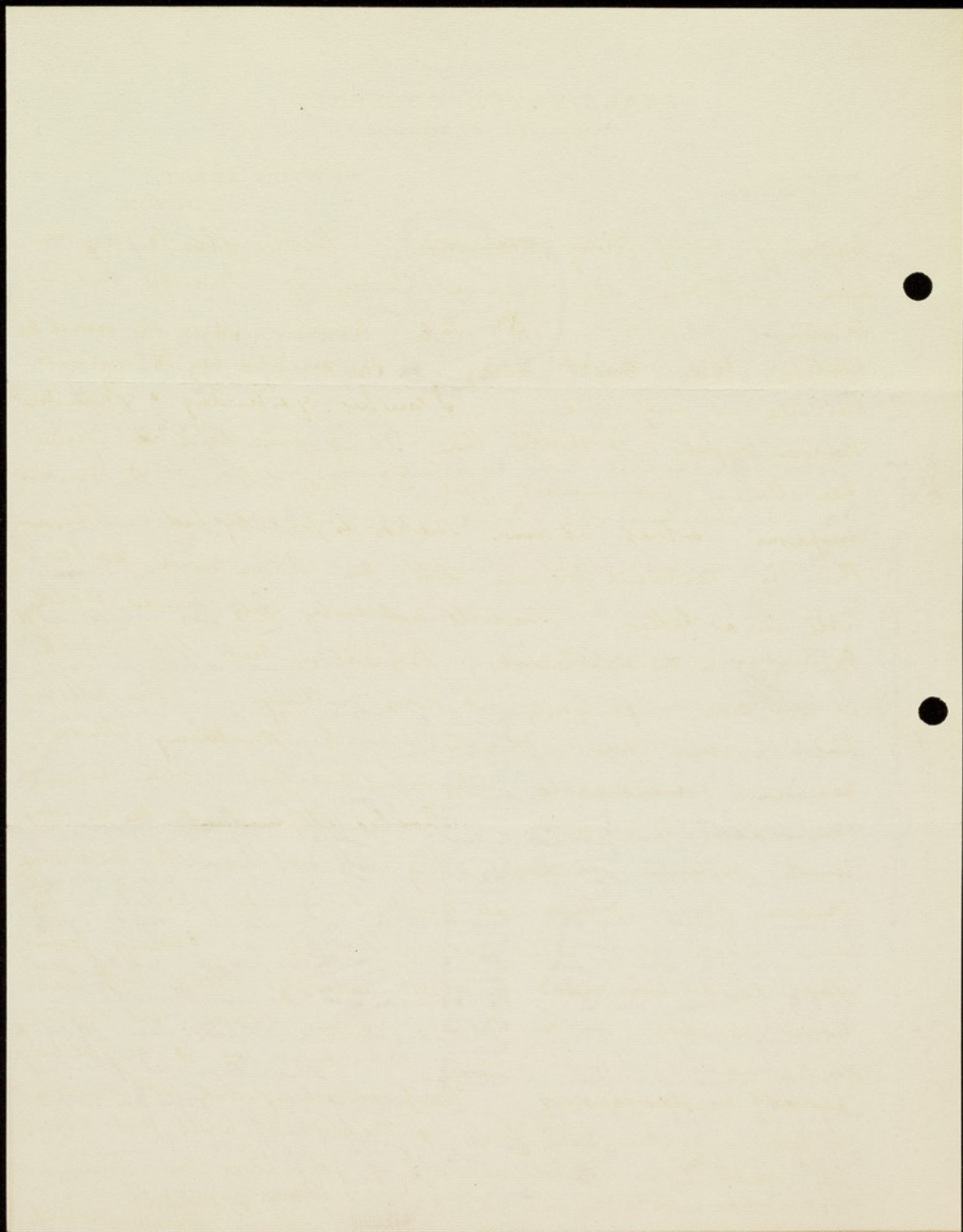
Dear Sir,

I have been talking the matter of the removal of my wife from the Coppice Nottingham - over with Dr. Clifton & he insists she recommends me to send her to you at the Retreat, York if you have a vacancy.

I do not know what the fees are which you Committee charge but I have been paying £2 per week at Nottingham & hope to find your fees are about the same. I should be glad if you have a vacancy if you would kindly send for my wife as soon as possible as Dr. Clifton thinks a change decidedly required by my wife.

I suppose particulars will be sent you by Dr. Tate of the Coppice, if not I shall be glad to give you any information. I may say that my wife gave birth to a child in Sept. 1908. Soon after this she became ill & was with her people until Jan. 1909. During this time she attempted to commit suicide by suffocating herself with coal gas. I took her to the Coppice Jan. 1909 & she has remained there ever since. I have thought she has improved but it seems to me very slow lately & she has taken a great dislike both to Dr. Tate & the Coppice & I cannot help thinking this is inimical to her progress as she is

P.S. I am writing the Commission for permit to remove by this post - will Dr. Tate tell me if I am desirous of leaving from you.



SEALE-HAYNE COLLEGE,
(AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL.)

PRINCIPAL:
B. N. WALE, B.Sc.

NEWTON ABBOT,
DEVON.

naturally high & sensitive. The best of me to bring her home each time she sees me & says if I would, she would be alright at once. Dr. Tate however says she must be watched both night & day & she might try to commit suicide at any time. I saw her yesterday & I am sure she was brighter & stronger than I had ever seen her since her illness commenced. Yet Dr. Tate tells me she does not improve & that at times she has to forcibly feed. I know she is certainly for some well as I can never get her to write me a letter. She will not enter into James & although she used to do needlework they tell me that she only takes it out now & looks at it, but does nothing. She tells me that she wants some physical work something which requires considerable physical exertion, & this remark seems natural enough. She also tells me that she is very much bothered because they will not have the bedroom windows open & there are quite a number of people in the same room — this naturally is a great change from what she has been used to as we always sleep with bedroom windows wide open. I am of course not suggesting her windows should be wide open now as it might very probably be dangerous. The pariental did not want me to take her further ^{away} from home & she probably will put about it but Dr. Clifton spoke so highly of your place that I thought it would be better for her own welfare. I am faithfully
Bernard N. Wale

April 5, 1910

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that at the present time the Retreat is quite full, and we do not expect to have a vacancy shortly. It is, therefore, not possible for us to make arrangements to receive Mrs. Wales.

If the transfer is really desirable would it not be suitable to remove her to Wonford House, Exeter? Dr. Morton is the Medical Superintendent, and the Matron was at one time Assistant-Matron here.

I am sorry the Retreat is not available, but as there does not seem to be any prospect of a vacancy at an early date I fear we must decline the case.

Yours very truly,

Bernard N. Wale Esq.

trans for. all this
takes time.

Yours truly
(Min) T. M. Wells

D. Bedford Peirce

at/

NORTH PLACE,

HATFIELD,

HERTS.

April 3rd 1908

Dear Sir

Thank you for sending me
particulars of the Retreat. I
am trustee for one of my
younger sisters, & for the
last two & a quarter years,
she has been in the
Isle of Wight County Asylum

She feels the heat very
much & requires a change.
I could come & see the
Retreat one day next week
(not Thursday) & give you
particulars of the cases.
How far are you
from the station

I can arrive at York about
1-30 leave about 4.30,
if that would give time
to come out & see the
Retreat. Then I should have to
give notice at the Isle of
Wight by train & get the
Permission of the
Commissioners for the

of age, although going
to school regularly,
having done so since
he was 7 years old.

He has always avoided
the company of other
children, not had the
slightest desire to join
any of their games, &
amuses himself still
by playing at school,
teaching & punishing
imaginary scholars.

We are quite unable
to support a man,
mentally deficient,

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W. Hpool.

Feb. 12th 1908.

Dear Sir, I would
feel extremely grate-
ful if you will help
me in the case of my
son, 15 years of age.
He is very backward
mentally, seemingly
not more intelligent
than a child 6 or 8 years

in the home comfort we have done
the child, to red our more anxious
than ever about his future & so he
attended we are pursuing the right
course with him, or if he would
improve under altered conditions,

— is he hopelessly deficient?
If you think it advisable that you
should see him, I will bring him
though do you or if it is not in your

Province can you recommend
me to someone who sees such cases
and give me some idea of the fee
I would be required to pay?

Newcastle is the nearest large town
to Dr. Hoped. A reply by return
will be very greatly obliged

Yours truly,
W. Pratt.

The 24th, if I pay your usual
 fees for Nurses. She expresses
 her willingness to do so if it
 can be suitably arranged. She
 is such a comfort to my wife, that
 I shall be very glad if it can be
 so arranged without any inconvenience
 to myself or any of my patients.
 My wife is getting on "but it is very
 slow as she finds it so difficult
 to walk in even a small degree

I am, Sir,
 Yours truly

George F. True
 Medical Director

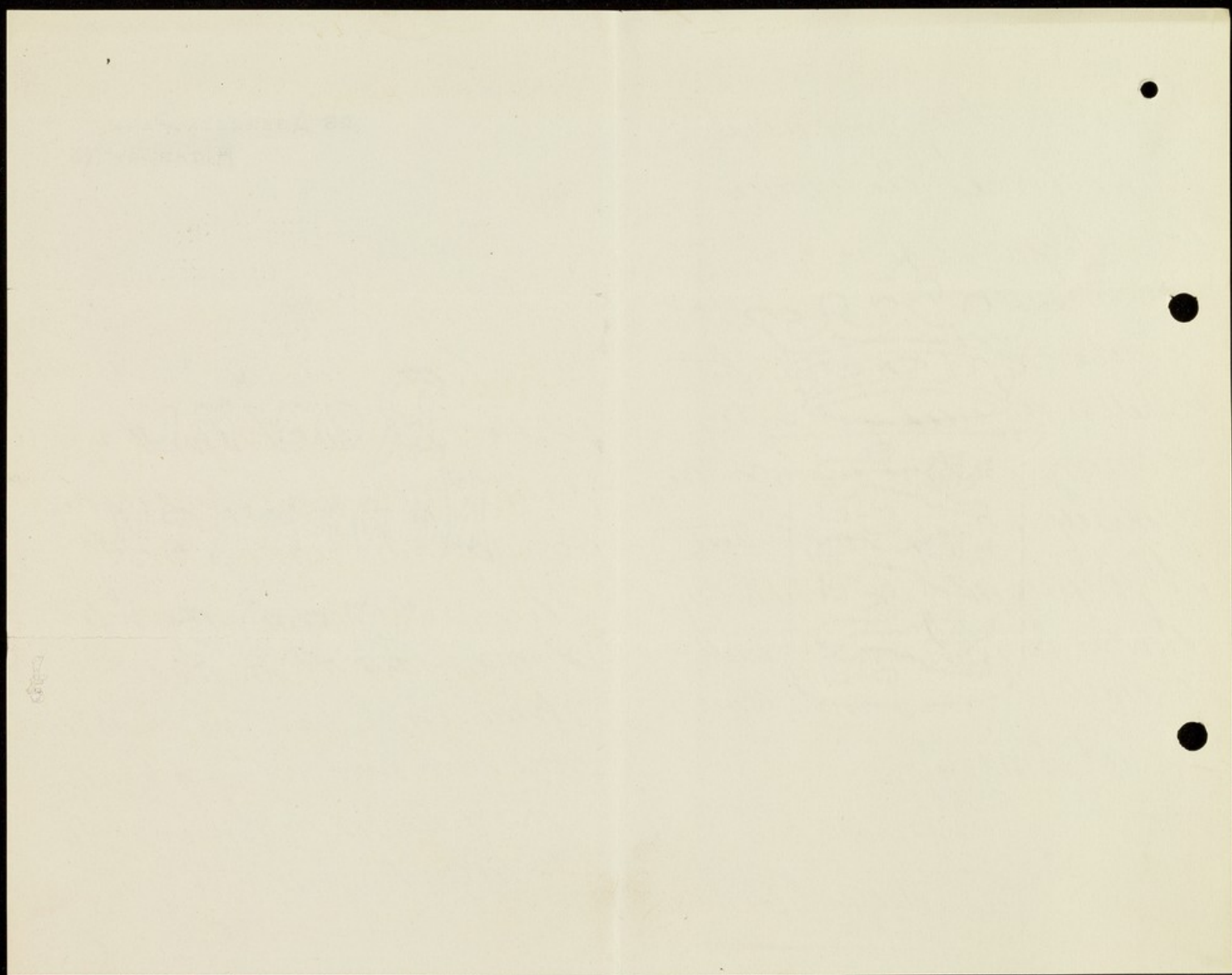
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26, ABERDEEN PARK,
 Highbury, N.

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Dear Sir

I am very glad you are aware
 that Margaret Hudson has
 most kindly been spending her
 holiday here, devoting herself
 to the care & comfort of my wife.
 I understand that her holiday
 time comes to an end on the 24th
 and I am now writing to ask
 you if she might remain with
 us for another fortnight after



DUNCOMBE PARK,

HELMSLEY.

11th Sept. 1907.

Dear Sir

I shall feel obliged if you will let me know if you can take in a Patient - in the Retreat. He is over thirty & has suffered from Epilepsy for the last twenty years. He is at present at an Epileptic Colony but requires more guarding than they can manage. The Resident Physician writes that he will

gradually become insane & advises
that he be placed in a private
Asylum.

I shall be glad to learn the exact
terms upon which he could
be received & also when you
could receive him.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
(Miss) R. F. Willets

914
Ulvers. Linda Rd. Bruton
Nov 3rd 07. 70.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Thank you for
your letter. I am to see
the Doctor again on Monday
hope to be pronounced free.
My husband has been very
busy every way - I will get
him to add a little to
this. I used to have a
Nurse Knight who is married
who could always come and
stay. She has, sent - Nurse
E. Hitchmans, Harkwood Rd,
Boscombe, Bournemouth.
address. if ne ever wanted keep
in care of illness.

I have had a severe poorly
time this week too.

Such damp wet weather
my husband says he has
six inches of rain this October.
I hope November will be
finer.

My wife has asked me to
add a few lines to above,
you will be glad to see that
what she thought was
croup has nearly gone.

Many thanks for your letter
and all your kindness

Yours sincerely

Chas. J. Waterfall



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My mother has lost her
reason can you send a
nurse today or Thursday to
take her to York the
next day Miss Hardwick knows
her also send necessary papers.

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

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Hornbl- Rd

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Ice
Hornbl- Heats
London Bridge

£40 per annum for his keep,
I should pay £50 per annum
at his cost; but cannot
afford more, I should be much
obliged if you would let me
know whether you could take
him on those terms (£40 to £50
per annum), I may say she is
quiet for some time; then breaks
out into fits of almost uncontrollable
frenzy.

Waiting an early reply,
Yours faithfully,
J. L. Wilson.

The Medical Officer,
The Retreat,
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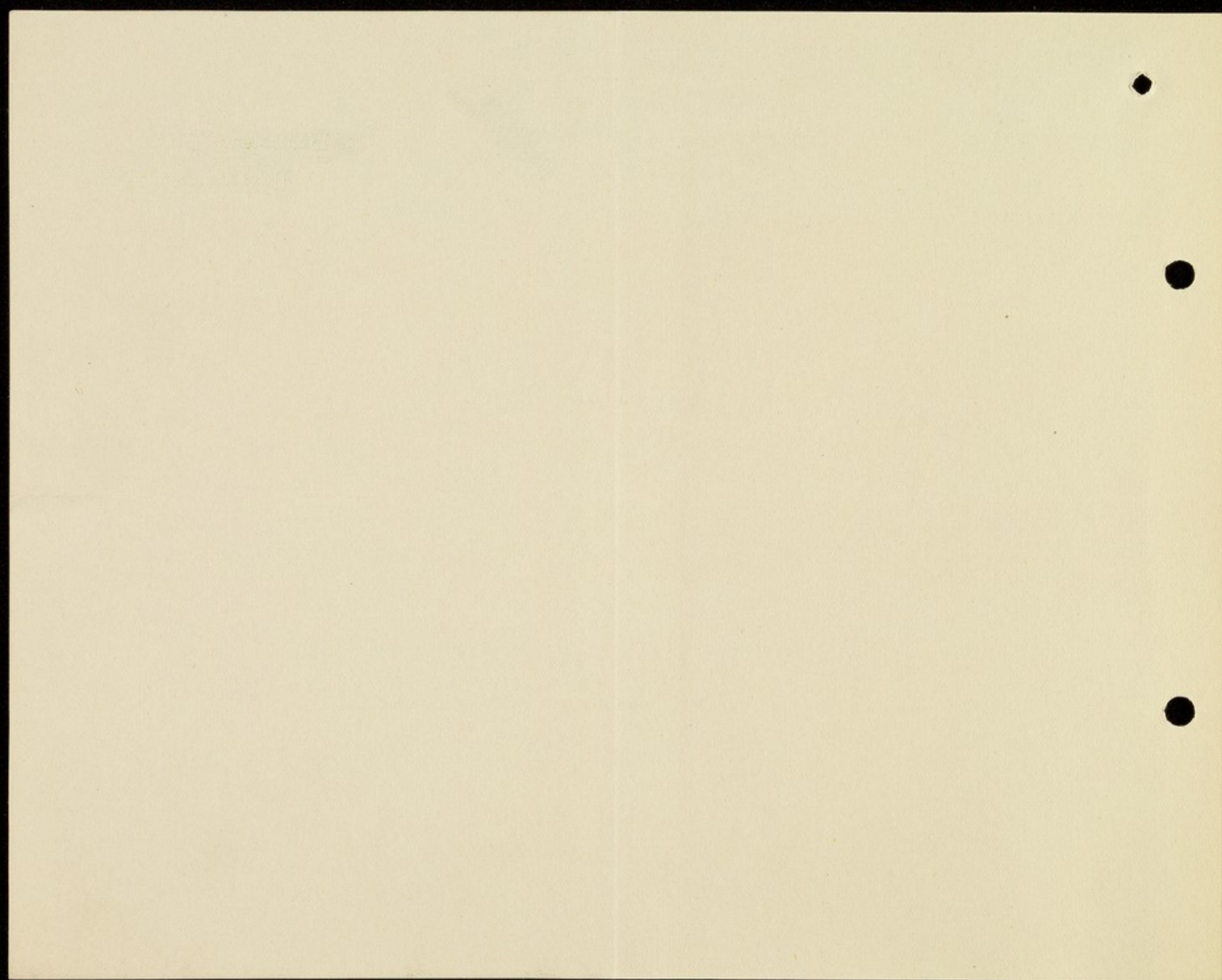
4th July 1891.

Dear Sir

My sister-in-law
has been in Montrose Asylum
about five years; as she
seemed much better we
took her out & placed her
with a friend in Edinburgh,
but as she has been worse
lately, I think she should be
under medical supervision
again, when she was in
Montrose Asylum I paid

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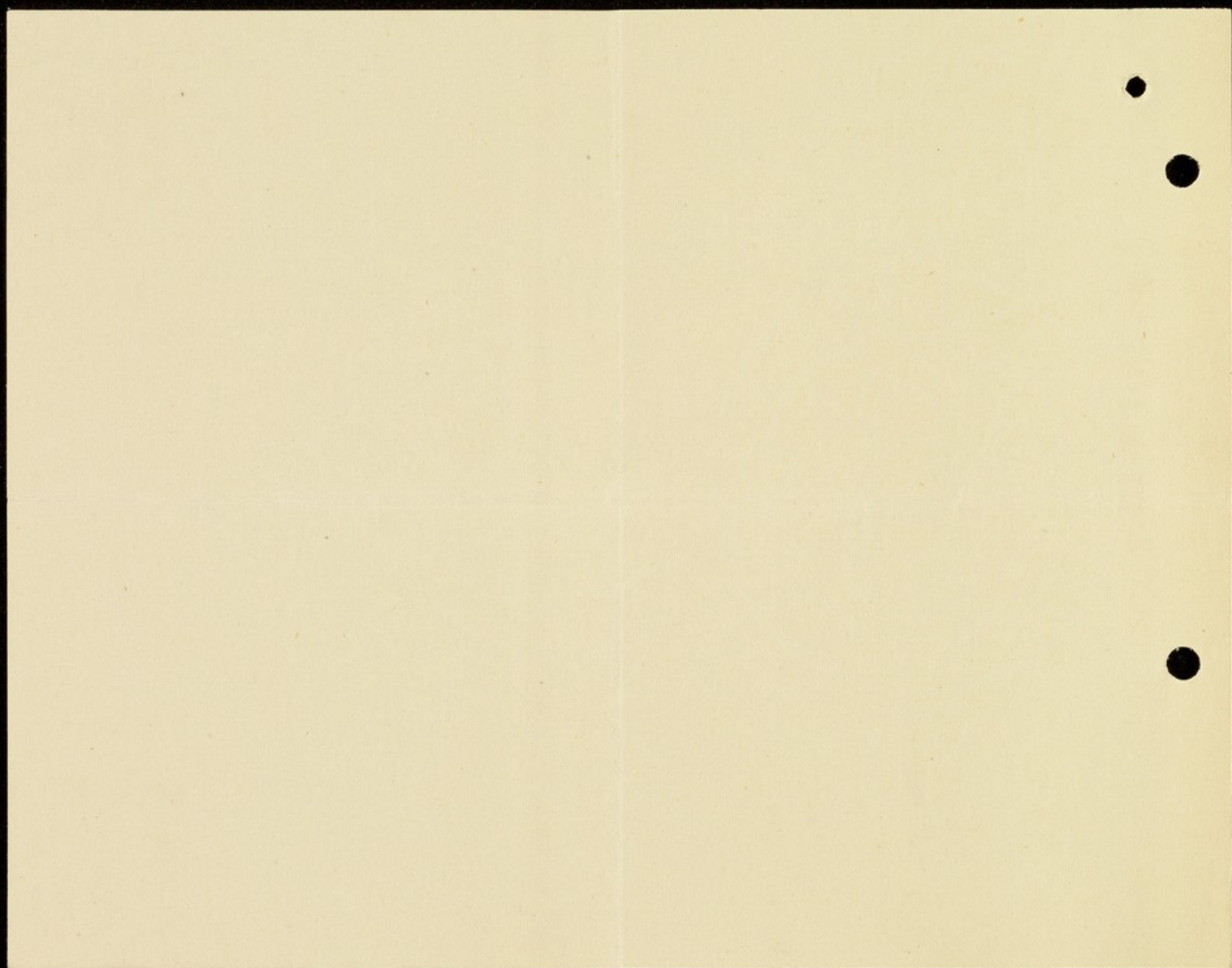
Dear Edmund

I received the enclosed
this morning. I should recommend you
to let the S. at York see it - as
it seems that she is not to be trusted
and it would be better for them not
to let her have any chance to buy
anything.

In haste

Yours truly

J. P. Whaley



D. Williams

29 York St

Portman Sq

London

Q Locum wanted probably for two
months at least writing.

Purci

June 1st '07 ⁴⁶
29 York St 16
Portman Sq W.

Dear Dr. Purce,

I quite agree that
an interview is the most
satisfactory way of
reaching a decision
as to your locum tenens.

But before recommending
action until Friday next,
I should like to be informed
of the probable time in
which you require a sub-
stitute, on the only indica-
tion of its duration so far has
been my request of a posi-
tion "for the summer".
I shall take it as a favor,
therefore, if you will let
me know by Monday
morning an approximate
time at least during which
I should be able to remain at

the Retreat provided matters continued satisfactory.

I may say that that I consider abiding in another position would have to be in a position to decide before Friday^(sat. day), yet I prefer a private institution in the country; & hence if there is a reasonable prospect of our arranging, I should like to await Friday.

As to my wife, it was quite understood that I should probably have to live in bachelor quarters in any institution which I was appointed; so that no obstacle is presented by that necessity.

I may add that your report appeals to me & makes me think that I should like the work quite very much.

I have just received a letter of appreciation from Dr. Byron Bramwell, who

has not only sent me a Journal testimonial, but declared his wish to seek for me in case I need. Dr. Purvis Stewart of the Westminster Hotel here, who has also known me many years, wishes to do all he can for me. My acquaintance with Dr. Brewster & the London Alliance is relatively slight; but perhaps even there a good word might be said, at least as to my knowledge of certain forms I would discuss.

Thanking you for your prompt reply,

I am

Yours faithfully,

John A. Williams.

4. Harrington Road
Richmond
May 25th

Dear Sir,

I am writing to
ask you whether you are
likely to require a locum
tenuis in your institution
this summer.

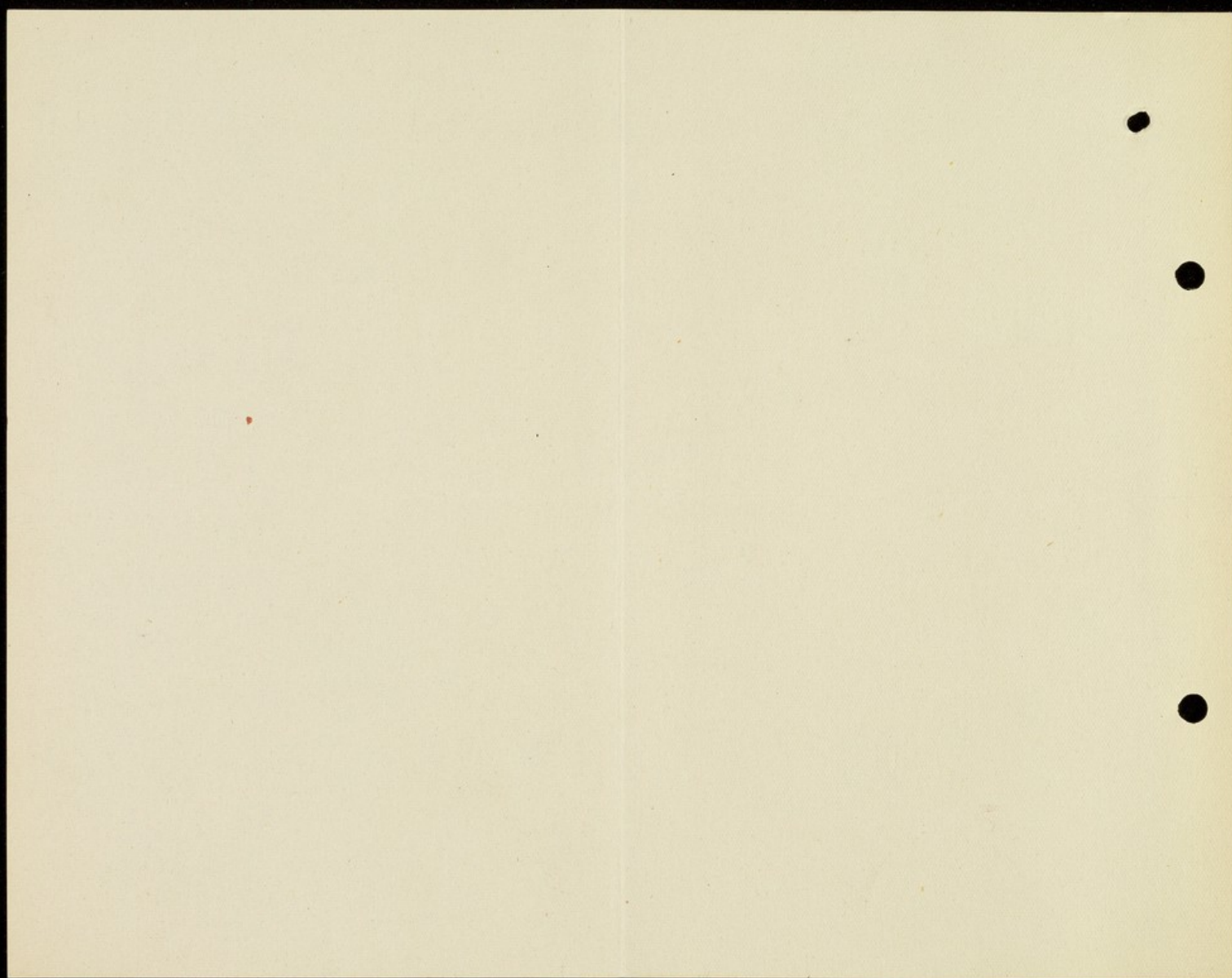
I have just returned
from Paris where I have
spent eighteen months
studying nervous and
mental diseases, and
am desirous of obtaining

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a clinical insight
of English speaking patients
before re-commencing
practice as a specialist
in the United States.

I am a graduate of
Edinburgh University,
and for some years was
in private practice.

I am well known to
the leading neurologists
in Paris and to a consider-
able number in this
country.

I am,
Yours faithfully
Jm. A. Williams



3/6/11 (4th)
29 Fort St 16
Portman Sq
W.

Dear Dr. Price

I shall be very
pleased to meet you
at the Royal College of
Physicians on Friday
at 1 o'clock with
you after.

I have seen Dr. Percy
Smith who has been
kind enough to allow
me to refer you to him.

With regard to my
writing, it is never good
but sometimes better
than this, when I am
not living so irregular
a life as at present.

But as a rule my
wife does all our
secretarial work, & with
your consent, she would
assist me in entering
up the case books.

Thank you for the
wire.

I am

Yours faithfully
J. M. A. Williams.

and
cry

Chinden Rd.

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? Bristol

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old address. Chelvey House

Wotton Park

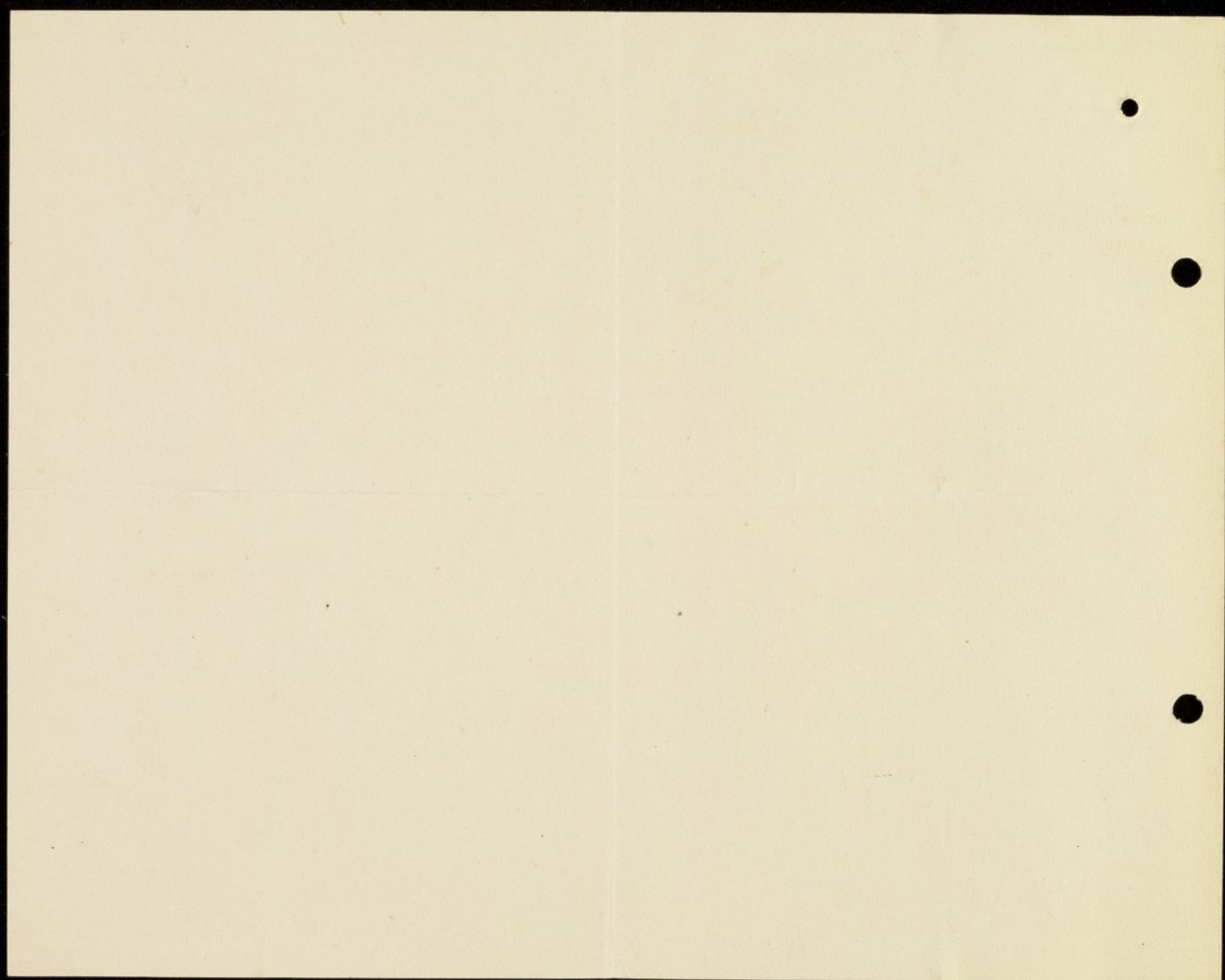
Clevedon

Bristol.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I sent a
parcel for Miss Caroline
Robinson for the 3rd of June,
it has been unacknowledged
so far. Will you kindly
ask the Mailman Miss
Thomasson (if still with
you) if it arrived safely.
There were two parcels.
and will you kindly say
how Miss Robinson is.

E. J. Waterfall



SOMERTON,
BARBURY.

May 2-1907

Dr Medford Pierce

Sir,

Will you send me
terms and particulars of
Thoscenty Hall, Scarborough.
I have a son (35) who is
suffering from nervous disease
his chief ailment being that
he will not get up in the
morning often staying in
bed until 12 o'clock and
sometimes until 5 o'clock (F)

in fact any hour between the
time I have mentioned.
Our medical man Dr. Peacock
& Stephen Austin strongly
advise that he should
go away where he would
have I get up. and also a
complete change. When
he is up he appears quite
well excepting that from
the continual staying

in bed makes him weak con-
sequently ^{he has} no energy for action
with. The Doctor's opinion is
that he is not miserable
& that it is a pity to let
it go on. I may say that
we are in business &
farming & quite middle
class people. That I can
not afford very high terms
Awaiting your reply
I am yours faithfully
(Mrs) M. A. Walton

Dear Dr Pierce.

Post Office Ambleside

I have received your letter of 26th 13
enclosures (forms) which I will very
carefully attend to.

I think the course you propose
~~regarding~~ regarding coming to Leeds is the
best but I will write you fully.

I prefer visiting her home as she is
for the moment bright & cheerful
& her letters to her friends most
interesting.

I am sending

I will write again after I
have seen her doctor & let you know
times of arrival at Leeds &c. With many
thanks. Yours sincerely

Chas. J. Waterfall



IF USED FOR TRANSMISSION ABROAD THE ADDITIONAL POSTAGE REQUIRED SHOULD BE
SUPPLIED BY MEANS OF ADHESIVE STAMPS.



LETTER CARD

Dr Pierce
The Retreat
York



I should like to bring her
to you myself but she would
not like it if she knew where she was going.
I may perhaps add that
she seems getting to the
end of her time of life.

I shall be here until
Tuesday night and I shall
not be able to leave her after
my return unless I get
fresh nurses or get her under
your care.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Chas. J. Matfield

I am stopping at Mrs. Malone
the Galt. Ambleside. But
please address the Post
Office. Ambleside.
State called for
letter. & I will call for the

Post office

Ambleside

Mar. 29 '04.

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Dear Dr. Pearce

I regret to say that
my wife has not been so
well of late & on my return
home with her I shall be
compelled to ask you to be kind
as take care of her again at
the present, for a time, if possible.

She is quite irritable & nervous
for the great part of the
time and then has occasional
outbursts generally for a
period of one or two hours once
every few days & sometimes
for a day or two together.

I have had a nurse for
the last fortnight but am
looking after her myself

here for Easter.

She denounces my
neighbours very violently
& breaks the crockery &
has also outbreaks of
extravagance. I had hoped to
have kept her at home but
I find out of doors that one
must cannot restrain her.
She is rarely violent when I
am about & then only to a
limited extent.

Of course I am obtaining
our doctor (& another) &
the magistrates ~~report~~ declar-
ations.

I wanted particulars
to know whether you could
take her now & if to what
is the best method to pur-
sue in getting her to
York. I have some business

in Yorkshire and she
would readily accompany
me to Leeds, say. Is there
any way of getting her to
York without using any
such device? Or is this
necessary? I want to know
what is ^{the} best for my wife
~~power~~.

I should feel happy if you
had her in the thought that
she would be kind & &
yet wisely treated.

My doctor & friends have
been urging me to put her
under special treatment for
several months & the result
is now so strong on the brain
I am doing her no good
restraining her that I feel I
have no ^{other} course left, & in
any case I must have two
nurses as my neighbours
will not stand her conduct
to them any longer.

From

Dr. Rabagliati,

Telephone 2015.

1. St. Paul's Road,

Bradford,

22 June 1907.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

There is a Mr

Fredrick Wright of Harrogate
whom I have seen for insurance
in the S.P.S. He tells me that he
has been an inmate of the Retreat
for about 16 years, leaving in
about 1900. He seems well built
& well kept enough so far as one
can see. He told me he did not
want to rouse up when in the
Retreat - not that he could
not, but that he would not.
Our Directors must be knowing
you can tell us any thing about
him beyond what I could see
for myself. Of course they wd.
like to know whether in view
the great length of time that he
was under care, there is ^{any} likelihood

likelihood of the condition recurring
if so, whether it would be like
shorten his life. I assure you
I'll remember the man. He
lives now in Harrogh.

My kind regards,

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Abraham

Thursday-

I am

Yours very truly

Joseph F. Clark

Sister Margaret	}	£ 35/-
Mrs Westworth.		15/-
Dr. Stabler -	10	£ 15/-
Mrs Robson	10	
Sister Etta.	10	
Mrs Pearce	10	
Mary Maskell	10	5
Ellerton	10	5
Keenom	10	5

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Dunstable 98

Jan 30. 1907

Dear Dr. Pierce;

You will remember that after my aunt's funeral, I told you true of us wished to make a present to Sister Margaret the light and day nurse who had so much attended to aunt during the time she was in the hospital.

The delay in sending it has arisen from time needed for correspondence.

I have now much pleasure in enclosing

Cheque £5.10.0. The
following relations have
contributed -

M. E. Clark nephew
J. F. Fyfe —
M. F. Gosland —
S. B. Woodhead —
J. F. Clark —
Jane husband niece
A. B. Woodhead niece
Ellen C. Pearson niece

We shall be much obliged
if you will appropriate
it in such shares as you
think fair amongst
those who have had the
care of Aunt.

I believe we act with
that Sister Margaret

should have a larger
share than any of the
others - & that the night
nurses should share
with the day nurses

I believe Michael has
written for the Rehearsal &c
and also for the Funeral
charges -

A good part of Aunt's
income came from an
annuity. She did not have
much besides - and the
bill goes to Mrs. S. Smith
who is in straitened
circumstances.

I hope to see you at
Jock tomorrow a

7. Glenholme Rd.
The Bramhall (1028)
Dec. 20th W. Stockport. 10

Dr Pearce,

Dear Sir,

I have heard your
Retreat very highly
spoken of by a friend
whose brother was resident
patient in the "East Villa"
for some months. -

I should be glad if you
would kindly let me
know what your terms

would be for a patient,
perfectly sound in mind,
but who ~~has~~ has lost complete
control of his urines.

He is at present being
treated privately, but in
the event of this not being
beneficial I should be
pleased to receive information
regarding your Review.

Faithfully yours
Doris White.

summer, I shall be very
glad to see you. I hope
that it will not be long.
I shall be so much obliged to
you if you will send me the
money. I like to pay the bills
as soon as I get them.

I was sure you would enjoy your
holiday it would do both you
and Mrs. Pierce so much good
it must be very lovely there. From
all our regards and love of those
years. Please remember me very
kindly to all my friends and
accept my kindest regards yourself
and believe me to be

Yours very sincerely
Jane F. Piercing.

June 10th 1906.

Edmondsham House
Terrace Road (385)
Bournemouth 9

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have already
written how very much I am
grateful I have been not to
see you on your return home
I had not been quite well for
some weeks but I was taking
medicine from Dr. Groves. and
then took cold last Sunday
coming back from the East Cliff
it was a lovely day and had
it remains in bed on Monday
my cough was very bad during
the night, Turpentine was
applied to my chest. On Thurs

I might mention Sister Gellie's
name as physician for
the Assurance Society when
my husband entered
Charles, Frederick, Woodman.

Yrs truly (in briefest
faith.)
Mary A. C. Woodman

8 (140)

186 Lancaster Hill
London S.W.

20.2.06

Dear Friend

Three more I appended
to you, as my husband
is still pursuing his duty
to the public as a chemist
& Druggist of the United
Kingdom.

It is of
course again so close to the
new moon, & he is swearing
at the rail that goes to
make up these dreadful
Lunaratic fits. Seeing that

it is 13 years since I first
spoke to ~~you~~ the Friends
at Wichester in the person of
Mr Clarke Bancroft
I was in hopes he would
have been removed ere this.

If he cannot be placed
with you, could it be
managed that the
Hospital Bethlem
Lambeth, or the room
from here, might be
his abode. He has
lived here 13 years,
his life is assured
in the Provident Institution
also.

I am trusting entirely & completely
to your own benevolence (as has
proved now in a most changing time
in principle) never to come to read
a letter to me on the subject - as you
know as a Physician it would be
entirely unavailing. I should twice
pay you any expense incurred
after, when he is taken I should
prefer any one in to see me than



✓ PROSPECT HOTEL,

HARROGATE.

Oct 29th 1906.

Dear D. Redford Pierce

Thank you by husband
that Miss Collier is practically
engaged to come to Miss
Darell. Dr. Black has just
been in and thinks she
had (if convenient) better
come on Friday, so will you
kindly arrange for her to
do so. I am trying to get
some nice rooms for them
to be in, but of course she

would be here for a day or so.
We had a very good day with
Miss Darell yesterday, but today
she is very depressed again.
I am so very glad that Sir
Sirel has at last consented
to have her under proper
treatment, and am very
glad you saw her.

Believe me

Yours very truly

S. Francis L. Weller

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FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN,
STONEHOUSE,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Oct: 27: 1906.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your
letter, regarding Miss Darrell
whom you saw yesterday -
I have shown it to Sir Lionel,
(her father), and am writing
this at his request - I also
telegraphed to you, to see if you
could secure the services of
the lady you mentioned in
your letter - Sir Lionel wishes
you, if you will kindly do

So. to undertake the treatment
of Miss Darrell. for it is really
a special case, and not
quite one for an ordinary
practitioner; and naturally
he wants the very best
done for his daughter -
He is waiting you fully, &
also writing to Dr. Black.
Naturally he is most anxious,
and wants all done that

can be: I hope it will be
successful; but am afraid
that it will take time.
I hope you will excuse
my leaving written to you
but Sir Lionel much
wished me to, and I would
do any thing I could for

I am
Yours truly
Charles J. Weller
or Bedford Pierce
York

Telephone.
No 18 Cranleigh.
P.O.

Sept 21 - 1906 (716)

Cranleigh,
Surrey.

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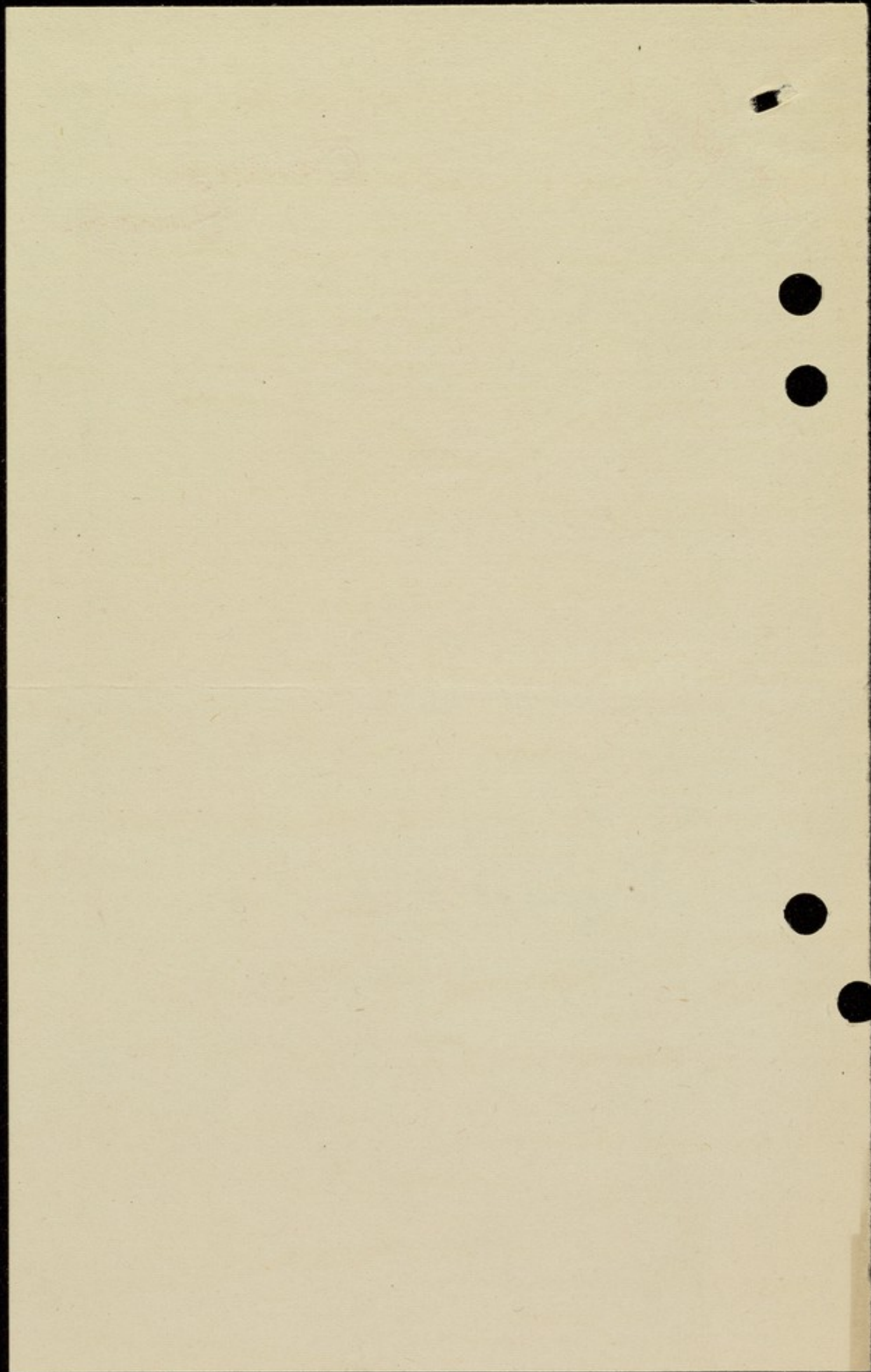
Dear Sir,

At Dr. Reickhardt's suggestion
I write to ask you to kindly let
me know whether you have a
vacancy for a lady patient
liable to attacks of a suicidal
nature, & what your fees are.
The lady in question is unable
to pay a large sum.

Yrs faithfully

Amulvelch -

Dr. Bedford Pierce.



are port-epileptic (as per your letter to me). Ever since his release last time he has been more or less violent & on two occasions has nearly strangled his wife.

He has had many violent attacks always illusing his wife & children, has turned them out at nights and altogether behaved as an insane person does.

On Wednesday Oct 17th he very much abused one of his sons & I have no doubt would have killed him with a razor had not the

TELEPHONE
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BEECH HOUSE,
HOLMFIRTH,
YORKSHIRE.

Oct 18th 06.

Sir.

No doubt you will remember having a patient Arthur Barrow of New Mill in the Retreat on two occasions, sent in as a maniac. When with you I believe he has always behaved in an exemplary manner in fact so much so as to lead you to express the opinion that his attacks

neighbours interfered in time. I am writing
to ask you now what you think is
the best thing for us to do with him,
shall we send him back to the
Retreat or can we get him to an
Epileptic Colony under you, also will you
please tell me the mode of procedure.

Apologising for troubling you

Believe me

Yours faithfully

H. W. Williams,

Ans D. 4

D. Bedford Price

The Retreat

York.

✓
N.H.
CONSULTATIONS:
9 TO 10 A.M.
6 TO 7 P.M.

INGLEMERE,
THE AVENUE,
STARBECK.

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5 Sep. 1906

Dear Sir,

I have at present
under my care a female patient
(aged 42) whose husband is
desirous of sending her to the
"Retreat". I understand that
a certificate of insanity is
required for this. This
I cannot grant at present
as the patient is only ~~eccentric~~
and has no delusions, although
she has previously been under
restraint at Menston.

I should esteem it a
favour if you would advise
me in this matter.

She is not in a fit

condition to remain at
home with her children,
& her husband is anxious
to get her away for some
time to give her a chance
of recovery. Unfortunately
his means are very limited.

Could you give me the
terms at "The Retreat"?

Do you know of any Con-
valescent Home, which would
suit the case?

Apologizing for troubling
you

yours faithfully
S. Carter Wilkison.

Dr Bedford Pierce.

(450)

186 Lavender Hill
London S.W.

26.6.06

Dear Dr. Pierie

I thank you for
your prompt answer, which
am sorry that the stress
of the heavy Chemist's business
my husband has made
not to have been to before.

I had no idea, that
my Dr's address was not
included in the letters
I have written, he has

kindly do not care about me
except for kind attention
during the illnesses of
our family. He is in
fact, nearly, & I am not
so sure but what he is
a second cousin of
mine, who was looked
for me known as to keep
away from home
studying during my
single girlhood.

I thank you also for
your kind advice, it was
the relieving officer
Dr. Savage told me to go
to before, & which am

From Emily
Hester A. G. Hordland & others.

And now what friends!
showing up of every location.

well. I was with themselves
+ Annie Deane. What long
days they were, so much time,
with my sister dead at the
of them, + no work for any
showing up of every location.
And now what friends!

Should you not be
Annie, a girl & a woman,
but are not here.

afraid was the real cause of sending
us to Dr. or at once. A dreadful state
of things to encounter, I assure you.

My trip & self are going to Hingham
about the third week. I will stop
you a few then as to where you
may send some, to say what I
am in debt to you.

I did hope the friends would
have had him with us in the October.
I can remember you at school with.

They the receipt by
me of the first part
in morning.

I cannot have him
away with us, this
end of July & Aug:
holidays.

It is only the grace
of God enables me to
manage him at all
every other things
here during these
awful times & then

no! Please come
his scribble, he is
in the house.

186 Cananda Hill
London S.W.

25.6.06
The President Physician.

Concerning my
application & application
about my husband
Charles Frederick
Woodward.

My said husband

Ans ⁴³⁹ 2

was worse again on
Saturday, hurting
me several times.
My Dr. I mentioned
to you as at 24 Bedford
Sq. Blapham Common.
Says he has not
heard from you
which I suppose
to be an untruth
after so long

waiting on my part.
Please write to me Mr. Hodgson,
10 Mr. Dickinson,
60 Dalhousie St.
Finsbury Hill
London E.C.4.
as I never get before it is not
quite well, as something might

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3, ROSELLA PLACE,
NORTH SHIELDS.

March 26. 1906.

Dear Dr Beelford Pierce

My husband
& I have been very
anxious for some time
past about my eldest
daughter's mental state.
I am writing to ask if
you would make an
appointment with my
husband for Wednesday
or Thursday (Wednesday
preferred) as he wishes
to consult you personally.
Would you kindly reply

whether he will have
to go up to the Retreat
or whether you could
meet him anywhere else.
He would have to leave
Newcastle either by
the train getting to York
at 2.23 - or by the road
arriving at 3.48 - as he
has to return the same
evening. May we have
a reply by return of post

Yours sincerely
Dr. Watson.

(Mrs James Watson)