Fill in the blanks using the suitable word (s) from the box.

a doctor	**police**	**Joseph Merrick**	**donations**	**The Queen**
reading	**Shop**	**two years later**	**Chairman**	**six**
April 1890 dies	**a card**	**friends**	**country**	

Dr Frederick Treves, 1)_____working in a London Hospital, meets a creature in a 2)_____one day in 1884. The creature is known as the Elephant Man due to his appearance. After the meeting, Dr Treves learns the man's name – 3)_____. He also asks to examine Merrick more carefully at the hospital. He pays some money to the shopkeeper and made arrangements so he can take Merrick to the hospital.
The next day, Dr Treves arrives at the shop and takes Merrick to the hospital in a taxi. During the trip to the hospital, Dr Treves talks to Merrick and gives him 4)_____ with his name on it. Merrick keeps the card in the pocket of his trousers. In the hospital, Dr Treves examines Merrick and makes notes about his observations. Later that day, Dr Treves takes Merrick back to the shop.
The next time Dr Treves meets Merrick is 5)_____Merrick is brought by the 6)_____to the London Hospital after they see Dr Treves' card with him. Dr Treves wants Merrick to stay in the hospital so he tells the 7)_____of the Hospital about Merrick's story. The Chairman writes a letter to the Editor of *The Times* to seek 8)_____Many readers contribute their money and it is enough for Merrick to make a home for himself in the hospital.

Merrick spends his time 9)_____and talking about books. Dr Treves visites him every day and talks to him. Dr Treves also wants Merrick to meet more people. Dr Treves' friend, a beautiful young woman, comes for a visit. After the first meeting, the young woman visits Merrick a few more times and once comes with a friend. Merrick begins to have 10)_____More people read about him so he receives many visitors including several important people. One day, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, the Queen of England, visits Merrick. 11)_____visits Merrick several more times and even sends him a Christmas card. Merrick, then, writes a letter – his first in his life – to the Queen.

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With Dr Treves' help, Merrick goes to a theatre to watch a children's Christmas play and later, stays in a small house in the 12).....He spends 13).....weeks in the country alone. He enjoys his time there thoroughly and writes to Dr Treves every week. Merrick returns to London when summer ends.

In 14).....– six months after returning from the country – Merrick 15).....in his bed. The following day, the Chairman of the Hospital writes, once again, to the Editor of *The Times* about Merrick's passing.

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