# 'St Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown'

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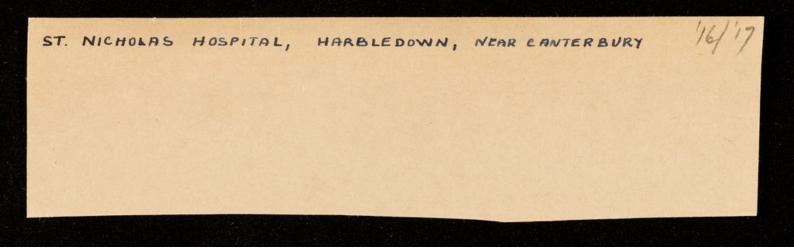
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.0 St Nicholas . Hospilal Harbledown N-banterbury July 14 1919 Dear dir I have to acknowledge the receipt of your etter of buly 11? asking for information as to the use of this hospital for lepers and the probable date when last used for some .. I am dory not to be able to give you any information which one can claim to be accurate as there deems to have been no records kept. The nearest I can give you is that the highest number of lepers here at long one time was 32. There is a flat stone in the Church under which is buried one Lennard Lovelace 1671 the is believed to be the last man who munistered to the lepers " In the abounce of any real proofs, this is the best information I can give you. I am however hoping to have something more reliable when times are better, should any thing of interest be brought to light I will dend it on to you With Kind regards, from Jours faithfully. a. Webb le. J. d. Thompson Eogs Sub - Prior 54 A Wigmore Street London. W. 1

11 July 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am glad to know you are interested in the particulars I sent you. Would you kindly give me the following information? When was the Hospital of St. Nicholas last used for lepers, and is there any record in the registers or otherwise of how many layeds in the hospital from the year 1084 when it was opened by Lanfranc until the time it was closed as a hospital for those suffering from leprosy.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

A. Wehh Esq., St. Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown, Nr. Canterbury.

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Dear Sir I have to thank you very much for your letter of the 4" inthe in which you kindly mention the result of your enquiries as to the prescois on either side of the bast Window in This old bhurch, which has ften caused a deal of commant as to who the figures really mean There now something more satisfactory to Sheak upon, I am pleased to note the models taken are going on alright with very kind regards tom di Jours faithfully a - Wile Sub-Prior

#### 3 July 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have been trying to identify for you if possible the frescoes on each side of the east window that I saw when I was last at St. Nicholas Hospital. It appears from Hastead's "History of Kent" that the church was built a century or two before the hospital was founded by Lanfranc in 1084. Therefore St. Nicholas was not necessarily associated with with the lepers. On the other hand, the figure on the right of the window (which is evidently a female) with the large pitcher on the ground by her side seems to be very probably St. Elisabeth of Hungary, who at that time was much reverenced for bringing succour and relief to those afflicted with leprosy. She appears to be carrying something like a basket or box in her left hand, and the pitcher is always associated with her. Therefore I think you may say with a fair amount of certainty that the figure on the right is probably that of St. Elisabeth.

The figure on the left is most probably that of St. Nicholas who was a bishop. These seemt to me the most probable descriptions of the frescoes.

I have not yet received the medels of the lepers' alms box

and bowl, etc. from the modeller, but he tells me they are going on very well, and he hopes to make them exactly like the originals. With many thanks to you for the trouble you have taken on our

behalf,

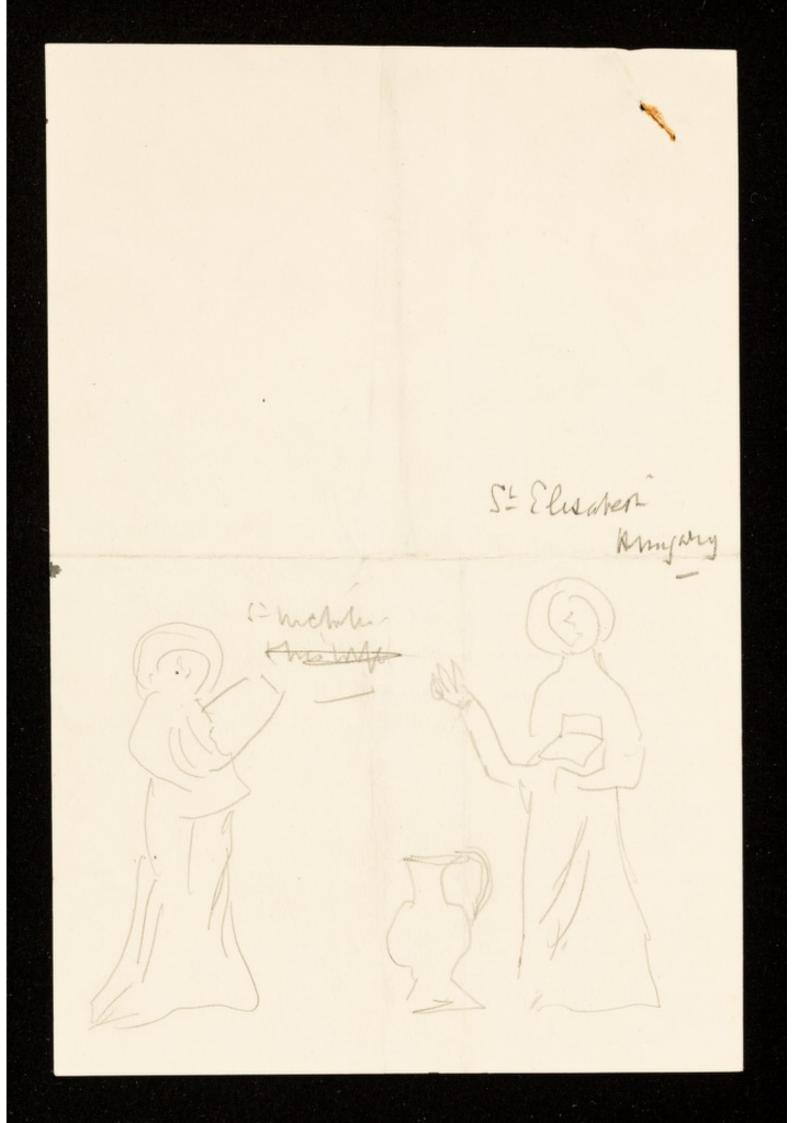
I am, Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

A. Webb Esq., Sub-Prior, St. Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown, Nr. Canterbury.

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St. Nicholas Hospital Harbledown No banterbury June 19/17 Dear Sin Jour letter to hand this morning The day. (Thursday) and time (11-30) will be quite convenient for one to meet your representative. Twill be on look for him you will perhaps remember when you were here we were looking at some preseres on the sides of the bast Window, you said you would try and find out who they really were. it would be most interesting if you could tell me, perhaps you could send word by your representative on Thursday . Jam Sir Jours faithfully A. Webb Sub: Prior C. J. S. Thompson lesge 54 A Wigmore Street Covendish Square London . Tr. 1



18 June 1917.

Dear Sir,

Referring to the permission you kindly obtained for our modeller to examine the lepers' alms-box in the hospital, concerning which you wrote me on March 10th last, will you kindly let me know if it will be convenient for you to get it out for him to look at and measure on Thursday morning next at 11.30. I am trying to arrange for him to come to Canterbury on that date, and if the time is all right for you, kindly let me know by return of post, so that I can give him directions.

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

A. Webb Esq., St. Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown, Near Canterbury.

10 Larch 1917.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of the 9th inst. informing me that you have obtained permission for our modeller to examine the Leper alms box in the hospital. I saw him yesterday, and told him about it, and he said it would be necessary for him to see and measure it before undertaking the work. He is very busy just now, but I will arrange for him to come down to Canterbury at the first opportunity, and will advise you two or three days before he comes, and fix a definite time for his call.

With many thanks for the trouble you have taken in getting the permission, and for your courtesy to me when I visited the interesting hospital,

Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

A. Webb Esq., St. Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown, Nr. Canterbury.

H.M.M.

A Nicholas Hospital Harbledown Manterbury min 9: 1914 b. J. Thompson boge Dear Sir I have made inquiries as to your having permission to take measurements of the old Leper almo Box in this Hospital I have obtained permission for you to do to and now have the key in my Reeping to shall be able to allow you the privilege asked for. Tow will let me know the day when you will be coming or sending to that I can be at frome, with thind segards Jam Fours respectfully a-Mett Kut-Trior

22 February 1917.

Dear Sir,

Since writing to you I find that Monday will suit me better than Tuesday to come to Canterbury, and I hope to call upon you as arranged between eleven and twelve o'clock. Trusting that will be equally convenient for you, Faithfully yours,

C.J.S.T.

Mr. A. Webb, St. Nicholas Hospital, Harbledown, Near Canterbury.



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Jours faithfully a. Webb

Sub . prior

21 February 1917.

Dear Sir,

I hope to be in Canterbury on Tuesday next, and will call at the St. Nicholas Hospital between eleven and twelve o'clock.

Trusting that will be convenient for you, Faithfully yours,

Mr. A. Webb, Sub-Prior, St. Micholas Hospital, Harbledown, Near Canterbury.

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Feb 3 - 1914

6. J. d. Thomson bogs,

Dear Sir

I received your letter of Jan 3/" and in repty I beg to state that the lepor relies of this Hospital. are open for the inspection of visitors at all times and it is only duty as dut - prior to ach as quide to visitors do I shall hope to have the pleasure of conducting you round the Aropital . The small fee of four pence is charged for this, If you can bend me a Post band firing the day and the probable time in the day when you will come I would make a special point of being at home

Jam dir Jours faithfully a. Webt Sub. Prior Montern 11 believer welve

#### ST DUNSTANS VICARAGE

#### CANTERBURY

29th Januaryb1917

Dear Sir ,

I should have answered your letter before. All the relics that tere are can be seen in the Frater Hall at the Hospital . The Sub prior , Mr Webb , is usually in attendance during the the greater part of the day, and if he is not there some one else id deputed by him to shew visitors round. I will however hand him your letter. Itvis a very interesting place and worth a visit if you are in Canterbury . I am the Reader . There is no Vicar . The bishop Walsh is Master.

I am

Yours truly

Chas Muanley

H.M.M. Official

23 January 1917.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly let me know if among the Leper relics of the hospital of St. Nicholas, which I believe are preserved in your Church, there is a pair of clappers as used by the lepers Although I have a photograph of the interesting relics in this Nuseum, I have never seen them, and as I hope to be in Canterbury soon, will you kindly let me know a convenient time for me to see them if I call.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours.

C.J.S.T.

To the

Vicar of St. Nicholas Church, Harbledown, Canterbury. W.H.M.M. Of.

Jan. 31. 1916.

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Dear Sir.

I wrote to Mr. Manley with reference to the leper relics at the Hospital of Saint Nicholas as I should much like to see them. In reply ha has kindly sent me your name and asked me to communicate with you. I hope to be in Canterbury about the mi dle of next month and should be glad to know if I called whether it would be possible for me to see the leper relics, in the early afternoon.

faithfully yours,

The Sub prior,

Saint Nicholas Hospital, Canterbury.

