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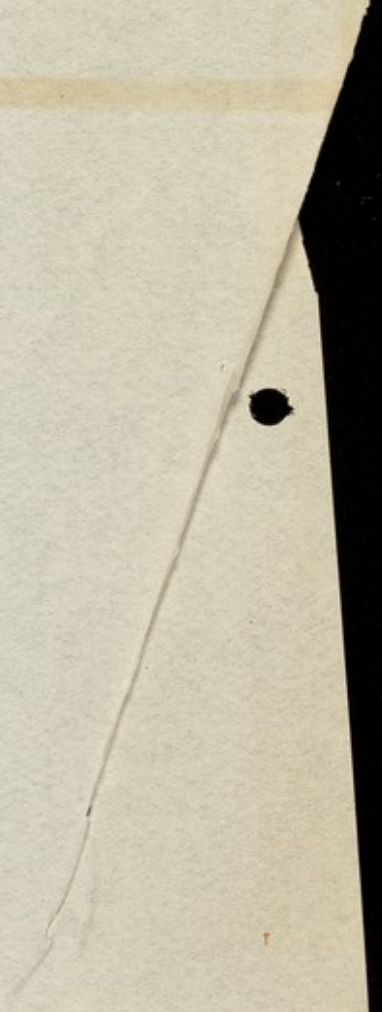
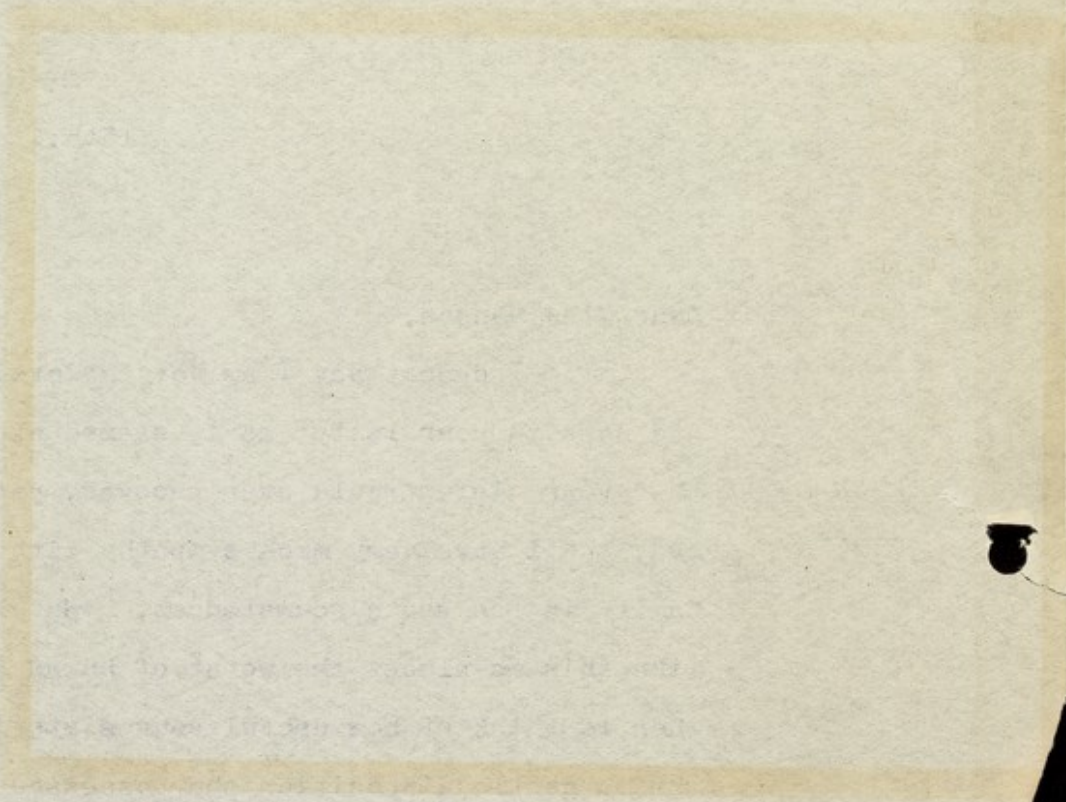
15th. April, 1914.

Dear Miss Hanson,

I cannot say I am very grieved at hearing the sad news in your letter as it seemed exceedingly unlikely that your sister would ever recover, yet it is all very sad, and I have very much sympathy with you and the family in the sad circumstances. Surely an illness like this is almost the worst of human afflictions, and when we think of how useful your sister's life was, and what a gentle disposition she possessed one fails to understand how it all comes about.

There is very much sympathy here with you in the matter, for your sister was very much liked (I might almost say beloved) by patients and Staff.

Yours very truly,



3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

April 14

Dear Dr Pierce.

My poor sister
was released from
her suffering on Friday
last & passed away
at 2 a.m.

She had not been so
well & was depressed.

3019 BELLE VUE PLACE
CHICAGO
she managed to get her
-self on fire - died
from shock & injury.
She died happily and
peacefully - during the
last few hours of her
life all traces of
mental trouble seemed
to disappear.

We miss her very much. she
was very dear to us.
I am sorry to say my
brother is still suffering
from delusions - is now
having a rest cure.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely
Annie Hanson.

3. Belle Vue Place
Cheltenham
Nov 2.

Dear Mr Pierce

Thank you so
very much for so kindly
getting this bill re-
-duced. I am so very
grateful.

With many thanks

Believe me,
yours sincerely
Annie Hanson.



Oct. 30 1913

Dear Madam

I please to thank you for the acknowledgment
the receipt of your letter of the 24th day that
he is sorry the matter was overlooked.
The Committee are willing to make
a reduction of five pence & I am
enclosed corrected statement

Yours faithfully

W. C. Walker Secy

Miss A. Hanson.

Oct 30 1913

Dear Madam,

I have made the best possible
effort to give you the best
of my power and ability to make
the Committee on History & Art
a subject of your interest & I am
certain that the result will be
-

Yours faithfully
W. B. E. [Signature]

Miss A. [Name]

Grace Melba Hausman

Oct 30 3

To Bal. App. 1.	12	17	1
" Board App. 1 to July 5.	32	19	
" Disb't.	6	12	9
" Expenses to S. Hall	2	17	1
" Fee for nurses " "	1	1	
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Cash. App. 4, May 5. Am't	24.00		
Allowance for book	7.00		
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Greenwood Station

Oct 20

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To Bal. Ap. 1.
 " Bond Ap. 1 to Ap. 2.
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 " Expenses to date
 " for balance

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Cash. Ap. 1. 24.00
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 Working printing charge 1.80

 Reduction printed of cost 2.80

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of 5 pines.

3 BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM

Oct 28 .

Dear Mr Pierce.

I hope you will
excuse my troubling
you but could you
let me know if any
thing has been arranged
about my sister's bill.

3 BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM

Should be so glad to
get it settled as I am
worrying a good deal
about it. My sister is
going on much as usual
& we are placing my
brother in the St
Barnabas House for

the Clergy.

Thanking you for all
your kindness

Believe me,
yours sincerely
Annie Hanson.

3 BELLE VUE PLACE
CHELTENHAM

Oct 17.

Dear Mr Pierce.

Thank you so
very much for your kind
letter, it is so good of
you to try & help us. I
will let you know
how my sister goes on.
With many thanks,

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
Annie Hanson.

3 BELLE VUE PLACE
CHELTENHAM

Oct. 15, 1913

Dear Miss Hanson,

Just a line to say that I should like to submit your letter to the Committee of the Retreat. My justification for doing so is that for a long time your sister did very useful work here, and moreover that she was a member of our profession. I do not know what the Committee will say, but at any rate I should like the matter considered by them.

Only to-day a patient was asking after Miss Hanson, and I was glad to be able to give a fairly good account of her.

Oct 15, 1933

Dear Miss Garrison

I am sorry to hear that you are unable to attend
our paper for the Committee of the National...
for... and moreover that you were a member of our
profession... will help
but at any rate should like the matter mentioned to them.
I am, Miss Garrison,
and I was glad to be able to give you a fairly good account of

to trouble you, but when I
sent her to York & Clage
Shaw assured me it would
be only for a few months.
Grace is going on fairly well
at Coto Hill, she seems
depressed & misses you all
very much. I will let you
know from time to time
how she goes on.

With many thanks
yours very truly,
Annie Hanson.

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3 BELL VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM

Oct 14.

Dear Mr Pierce.

Thank you so
much for your very kind
letter. I shall be quite
willing to pay whatever
is really owing. I do not
want to inflict any
personal affairs on you.

but now as my brother is
ill I am the only one in
the family able to pay.
An Aunt left me just enough
to live on, but out of
this I have to help my
brother keep Gracie
at Coton Hill - help
^{my brother}
pay things expenses as well.

I have three brothers but
they are only making enough
to support themselves, -
my three sisters have mar-
ried, but their husbands
are not well off.
I have now a paying guest
- have been out as a Com-
-panion so I can manage
quite well. I am so very

in the same way as my
sister - it is very difficult
to meet these unexpected
expenses.

£5.50

1913

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3 BELL VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM

Oct 12.

Dear Dr Pierce.

My brother-in-
law forwarded your
bill to me this morning.
It was a very great
shock, as I always clearly
understood the £8 a
month covered all my

3 BELL VUE PLACE
CHITTENHAM

sisters expenses. I cannot understand what the Balance to April 1st of \$12.17 is for. We have always paid regularly every month. I feel sure there must be some mistake, as you told us yourself the \$8 a month

wanted cover everything. Would you kindly send the bill back to me when you have examined it. of course I will pay it somehow.

Believe me,
yours very truly
Annie Hanson.
My brother is afflicted

Oct. 13, 1913

Dear Madam,

I have enquired into the enclosed account and am sorry to find that, owing to the Matron's illness, the Secretary was not reminded of the allowance made by the Committee for Miss Hanson's useful needle work. This was at the rate of 10/- a week, and he will therefore send you a revised account. We are also deducting the charge for washing and mending. If you should find that this revised account comes to more than you can rightly afford, will you write to me asking for a reduction and stating the reason. I will then submit it to the Committee on the 21st, when perhaps something may be done.

I am very sorry to hear that your brother is so seriously out of health. It is indeed a time of trial.

We have not heard a word about Miss Grace Hanson since she left here, and there have been many enquiries about her. We should much like to know how she gets on at Cotton Hill.

Yours very truly,

J. J. O

Oct 22, 1916

Dear Helen,

I have replied to the enclosed account and am sorry to find that you are so tired. I hope you will be able to get some rest. I have not been able to get any sleep for the last few days. I am very sorry to hear that your brother is so seriously ill. I hope he will get better soon. I have not been able to get any sleep for the last few days. I am very sorry to hear that your brother is so seriously ill. I hope he will get better soon.

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Yours truly,

John A. Smith

16. Bounfield Road
Clifton
Bristol
July 20

Dear Mr Pierce.

I feel I should
like to write once more
& thank you & your
staff for all your
kindness to my sister,
I am so very sorry to

be obliged to ~~sumone~~
her. My sister is still
very ill & my brother is
worse so I have not
been able to go & see
her yet, I cannot get
away in term time as
I am teaching, except
for a week end.

With many thanks

Believe me,
yours very truly
Annie Hanson.

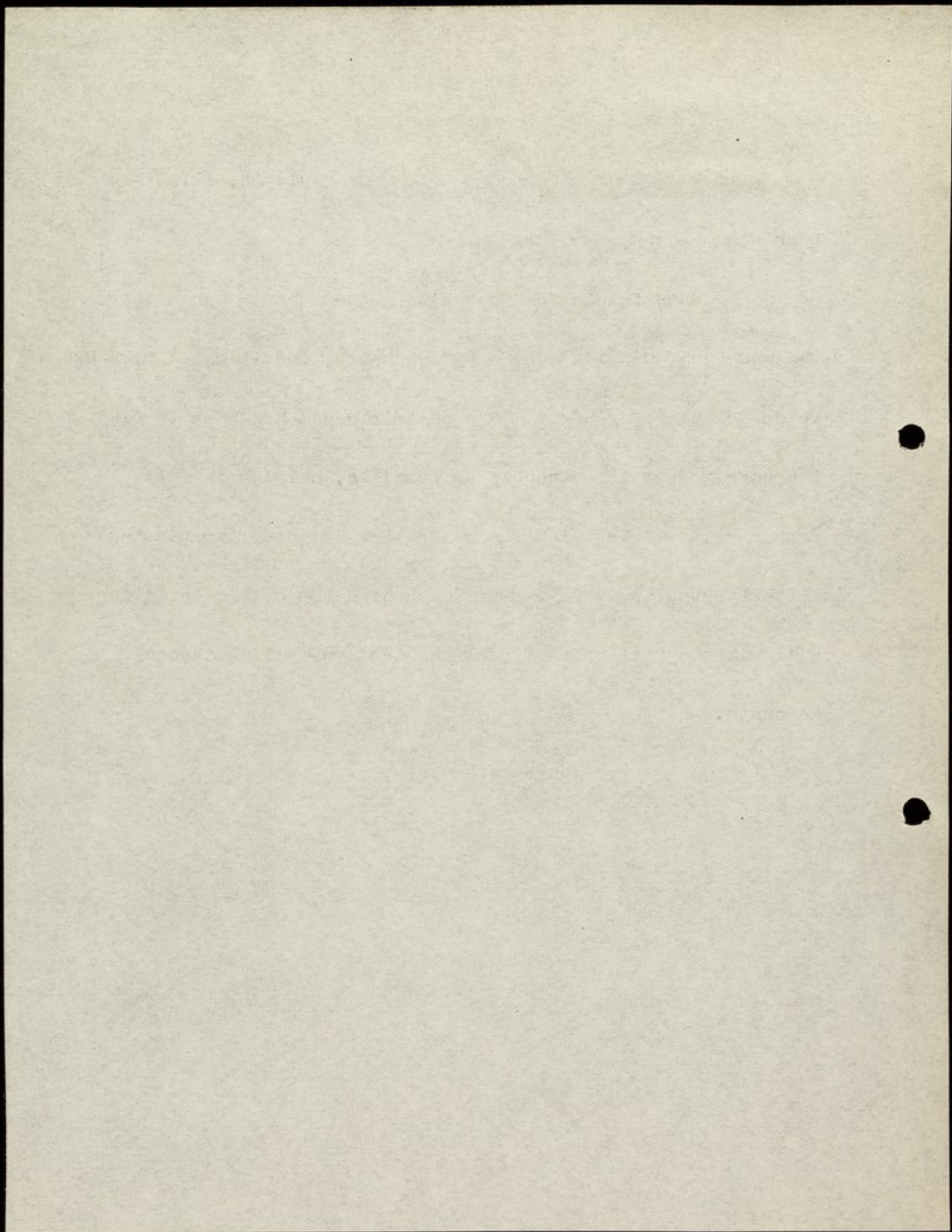
July 24, 1913

Dear Miss Hanson,

Many thanks for your kind letter about your sister.

She was very much liked here by everybody, and it was a pleasure to do anything for her. She certainly did her best to give the nurses as little trouble as possible, helping them in many ways. We think she was rather brighter towards the latter part of her stay, and I much hope the change to Coton Hill will be really beneficial and that you will get good accounts.

Yours very truly,



ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,

RUGELEY,

STAFFS.

5. July. 1912.

Dear Sir,

Enclose cheque value £8.

for Miss Grace Harcourt's Monthly
Expences. Please acknowledge receipt
of cheque to me at

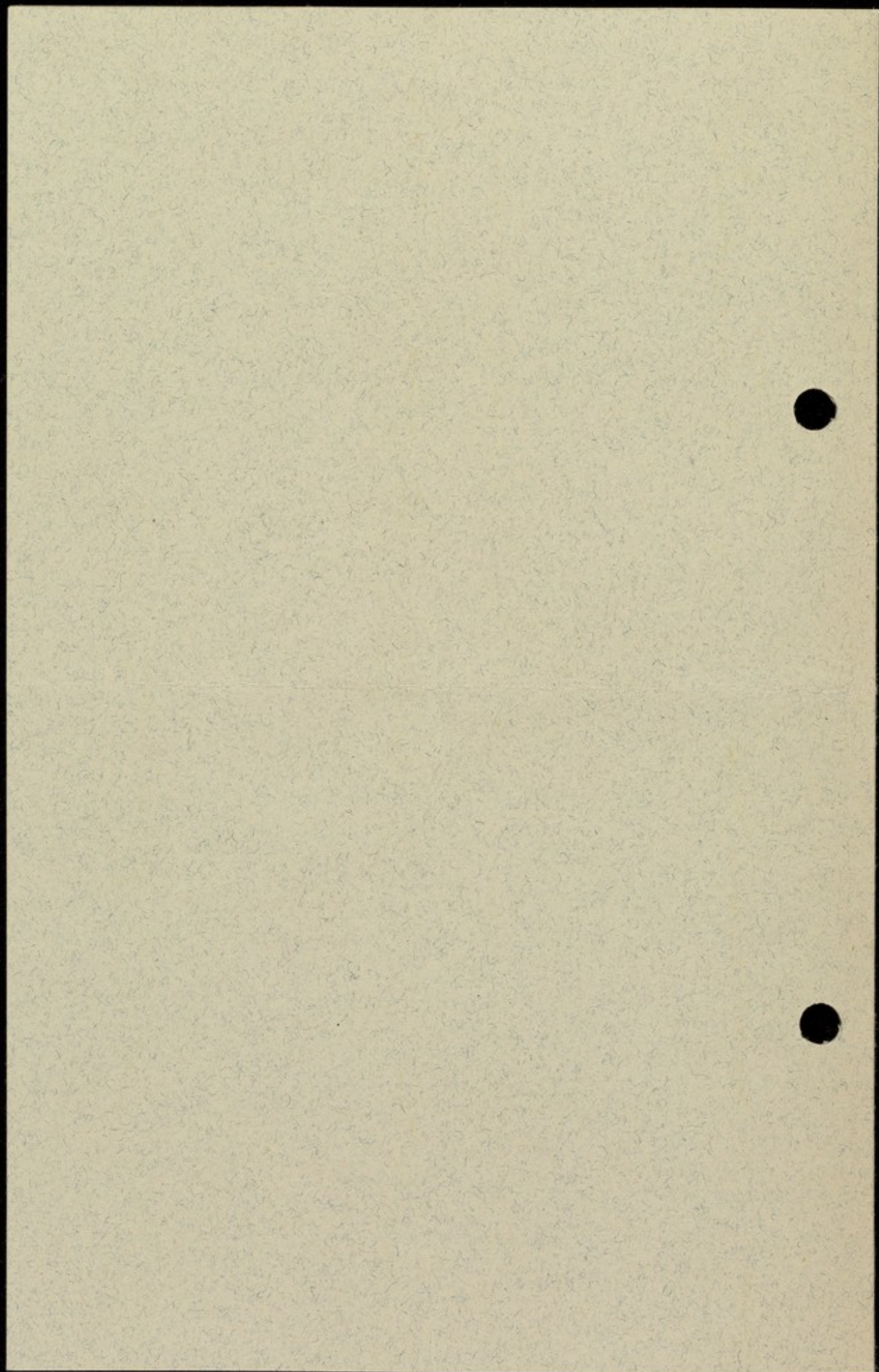
Bremstead Lodge,

Surrey Road

Wotton.

Yours faithfully

William. Ed. Thompson.



Thanking you for all
your kindness & attention

Believe me,

yours sincerely,
Annie Hanson

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3, Belle Vue Place
Cheltenham
July 17.

Dear Mr Pierce,

As my brother in
law is arranging everything
I have written & asked
him to wire if he thinks
I had better go. We are
in great trouble at

present, my clergyman
brother has a mental
break-down & delusions
- we cannot leave him
for a minute. My other
sister is seriously ill, there
is no hope of her recovery,
so I have left Mr Thompson
to arrange who had
better go.

would it not be best to
explain to Grace it is
simply an account of
the expense we are making
her. Coto Hill is just
half your fees - there
are no extras. I am extrem-
ely sorry to move her
but I really have not
the money.

NAT. TELEPHONE CO.
STAFFORD No. 14.

Coton Hill, Stafford.

1 July 1903

Dear Dr. Peirce,

I have received the
"Notice of Admission" for
Miss Hanson from the Rev.
W. E. Thompson & he tells
me he has sent both Orders
to you.

Kindly let me know when
you propose to send the patient
as I can receive her at
any time.

Sincerely yours,

R. W. Lewson

Med. Supr.



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ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,
RUGELEY,
STAFFS.

1. July. 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter, and can well understand that Miss Harrison does not like the thought of leaving the Retreat; but for financial reasons it is unavoidable. Please explain to her that it is quite impossible for any of her relations to go to York to see her at present; and

indeed I scarcely think for
their sakes that it would be
advisable. Human nature
can only stand a certain amount
of strain, and Miss Hanson's
Clergyman brother is at present
completely out of his mind; and
his brother or doctor are taking
care of him. I have only come
home today from seeing him,
and may have to go back to him

next Monday. Please tell
Miss Hanson that I know that
everything that can be done for
her comfort will be done at
Cotton Hill, just as I know you
have done your best for her
comfort at the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

William. Ed. Thompson.

W. Medford. Pierce.

June 30, 1913

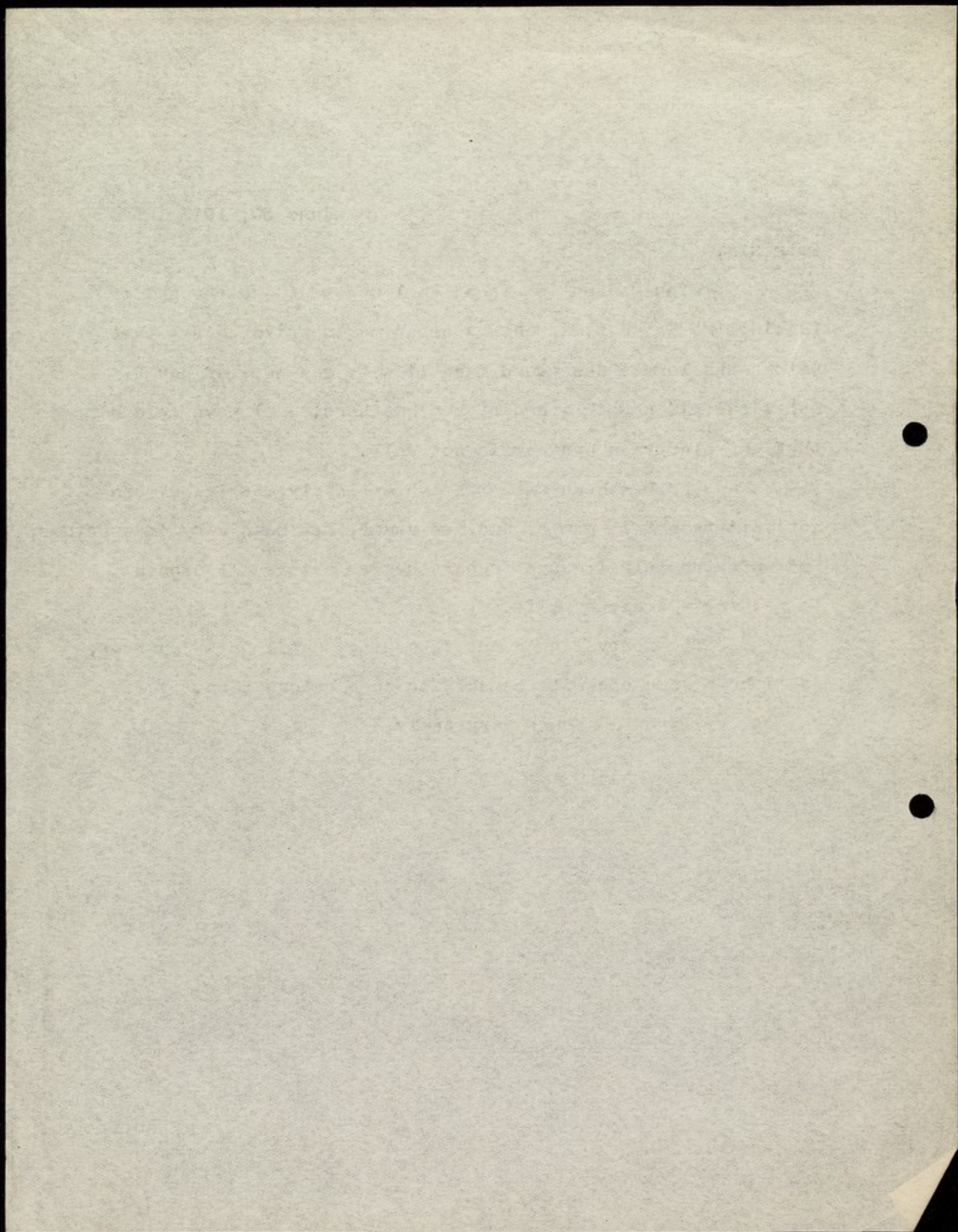
Dear Sir,

Miss Hanson is a good deal upset at the thought of leaving the Retreat. She has asked me to write to say that before she leaves she would much like to see some of her relations; if possible one of her brothers. I have told her that her clergyman brother is not well.

She has been rather brighter lately, taking a more active interest in games, and, as usual, has been very industrious, but unfortunately I cannot report her as being well enough to return to ordinary life.

The removal need not take place until this day week, and I hope some one will be able to come before then.

Yours very truly,



ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,

RUGELEY,

STAFFS.

27. June. 1913.

Dear B. Pierce,

Enclose duplicate copy
of Couceet for the transfer of
Miss G. W. Hanson to Cotton Hill.

Will you please furnish me with an
account of all monies due to the
Retreat on behalf of Miss Hanson,
and will you please send her
jewellery box to me as it contains
some rings & amethysts belonging

to her sisters. —

With very kind regards, and our
grateful thanks for your care
of Miss Hanson at the Retreat,

Yours sincerely,

William Ed. Thompson.

B. Bedford Pierce.

The Retreat.

York.

LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

24 June 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that their consent to the transfer of Miss *Grace M. Hanson* from your care to *Boston Hill Hospital* has been given on condition that the Patient be accompanied, during the removal, by at least two efficient and responsible persons.

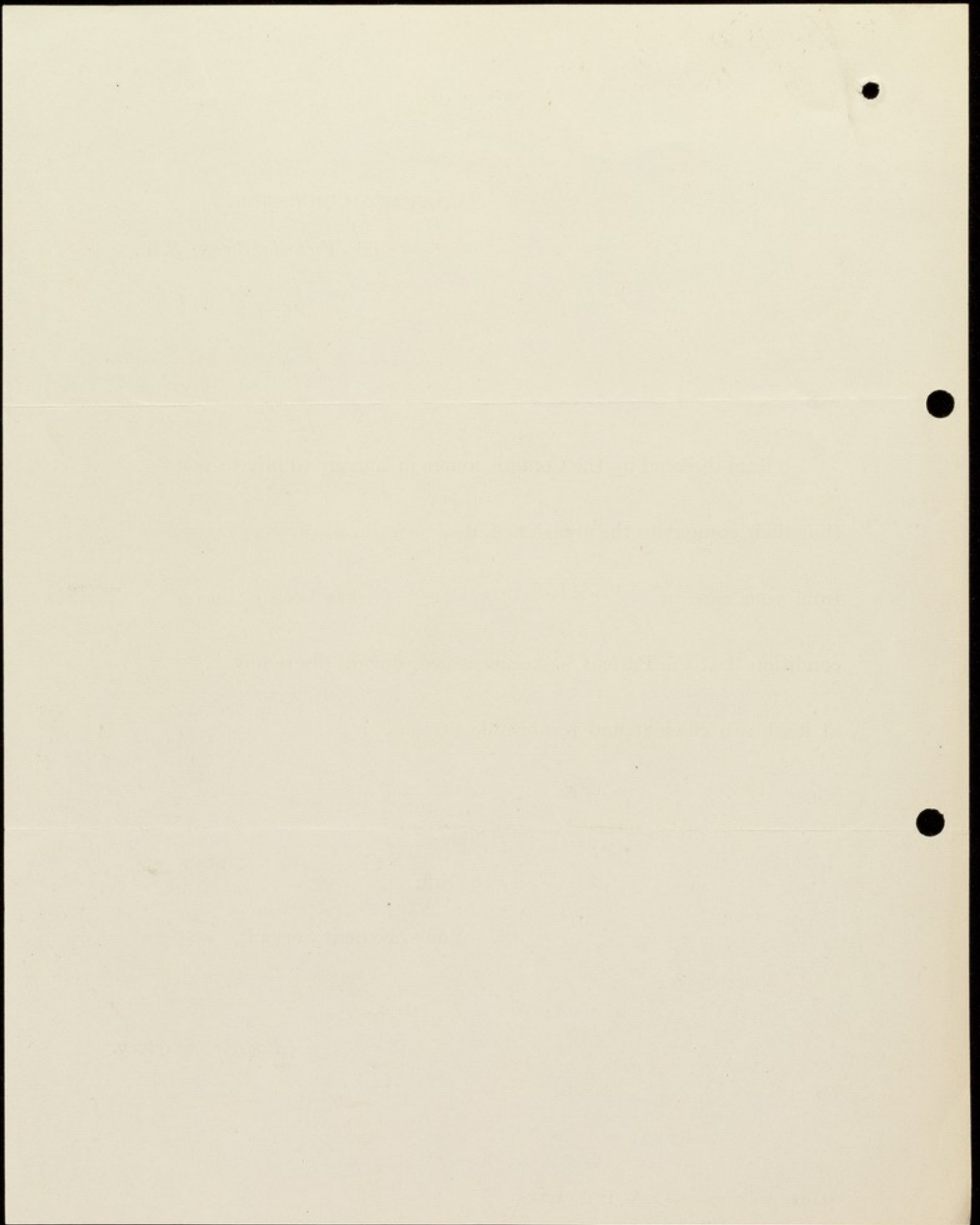
I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*W. J. S. Rose**For the Secretary.*

To *The Medical Dept.*
The Retreat, York



LUNACY COMMISSION,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

27 June, 1913.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to inquire whether
Mr. Miss Grace Mabel Hanson
is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another
Institution.

Is this patient either suicidal or dangerous, or inclined to be so?

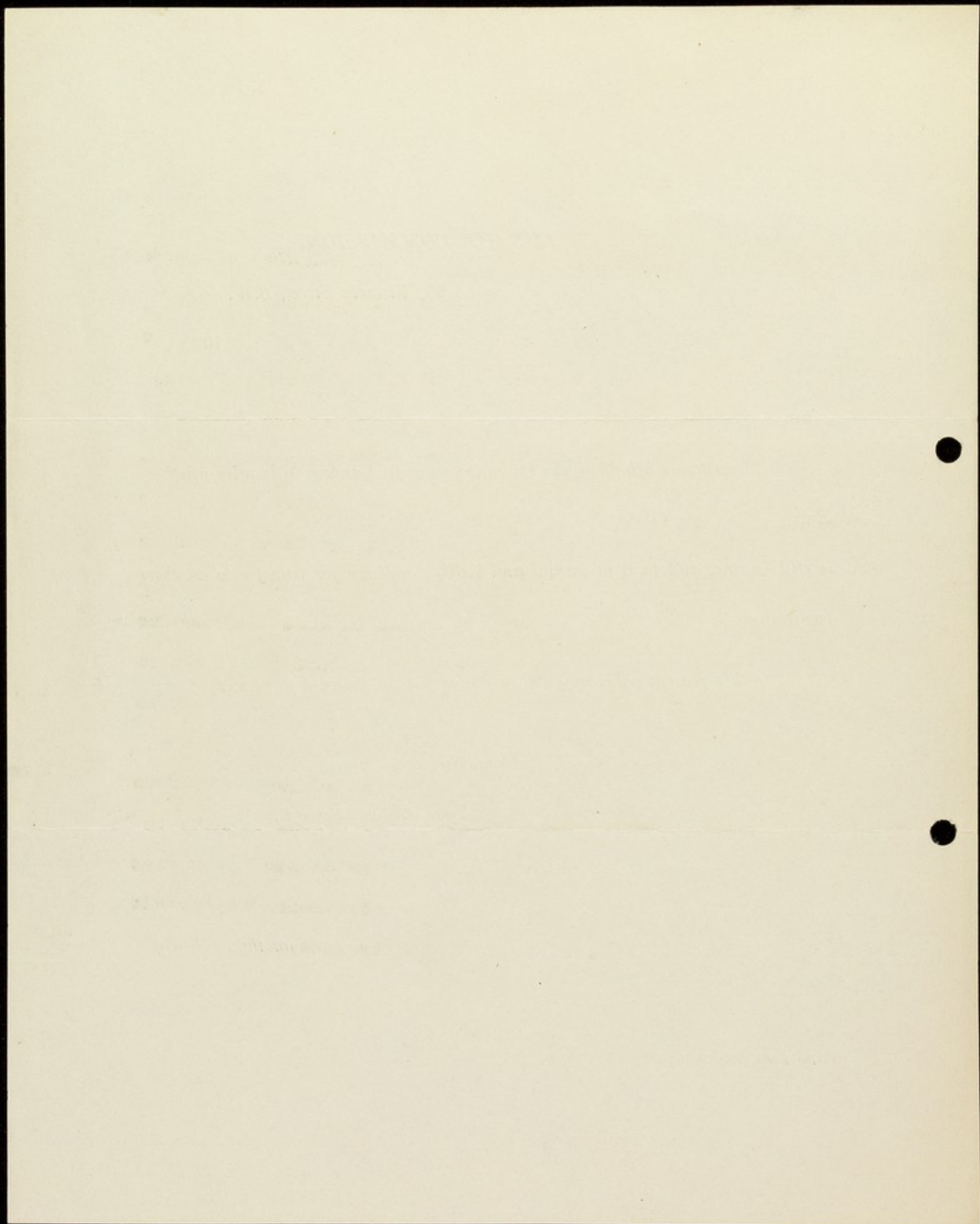
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. J. S. Rose

for the Secretary.

The Medical Supt.
The Retreat, York



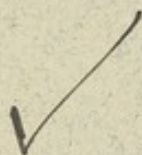
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ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,

RUGELEY,

STAFFS.

7. June. 1913.



Dear Mr. Pierce,

Thank you for your letter about the transfer of Miss Hanson to Ston Hill. I have not obtained a signed letter from Rev. A. K. Hanson resigning the responsibility for his sister's treatment & care &c. This I enclose. It is written by his father Capt. G. J. G. Hanson and signed by Rev. A. K. Hanson. This will I think give you the

Necessary authority to act.

Will it now be necessary to write
to the Lunacy Commissioners?

If there are any further steps
necessary will you kindly let me
know what to do, & I will follow

your instructions. Please return

Mr. Hanson's letter to me when

you have finished with it.

With very kind regards,

Yours very truly,

William Ed. Droupton.

THROWLEIGH,

ST JOHN'S ROAD,

CLIFTON.

June 17th

Dear Madam

I forget your
name, & being
from some place have
not your letter.
(I return some
on Thursday)
You suggested
that if my
daughter wanted

THROWLEIGH
ST JOHN'S ROAD
GLISTON

anything in the
way of Dress, that
it would be,
lead from York
& charged for
with the fees,
but please let
me know of
anything you
pay for in clothes
& not include
it with fees.
Keep it separate;

I do trust my
daughter is begin-
ning to make
some progress
towards recovery.
Does she go to
Church, & take
the Holy Communion?
How often do
these times of
depression come
on? With
kind regards
yours truly
Lilia M. Hanson.



Hanson

June 12, 1913

Dear Dr. ~~Stacy~~

I understand it is intended to transfer Miss Grace Mabel Hanson to your care. I should explain that the Petitioner, her brother, is ill, and I have advised Rev. W.E. Thompson to write to the Commissioners explaining this so that he can sign the necessary authority for the removal.

Miss Hanson is a particularly nice patient. She is industrious, exceedingly clever with her needle, she joins a little in games, and generally is a favourite of the household. She is unfortunately troubled with hallucinations of hearing. People tell her she is not wanted, and on more than one occasion she has got away with suicidal intent. Some years ago she had a trial with relations and got into the sea at Eastbourne, and a year or two ago when out cycling with a nurse she deliberately outrode her up hill and was subsequently found on the railway by a policeman evidently trying to make up her mind to end her life. As the depression has never cleared up we have since then kept her under continuous supervision, although sometimes it has seemed hardly necessary.

Yours very truly,

June 12, 1913

Dear Mr. Thompson,

We shall be very sorry for Miss Hanson to leave the Retreat, as she is quite a favourite patient and is liked by everybody.. The last few weeks we have thought her just a little better, but there is no fundamental change, and we do not feel able to trust her. She is still industrious and is quite useful with needle work.

There will be no difficulty in arranging the transfer to Coton Hill as soon as the necessary consent of the Commissioners in Lunacy is obtained. Seeing that Rev. A.K.Hanson is the Petitioner it will not be so easy to get this now that he is ill. I would suggest that you write to the Commissioners, 66 Victoria St., Westminster, explaining the facts of the case (that you have been responsible for the payments for Miss Hanson for some time and that the Petitioner is not able to act) and asking them whether your name can be substituted for his. They will no doubt then send the necessary authority to you, which, when you have signed it, please send on to us, and we can arrange the transfer without any trouble.

Yours very truly,

any account be communicated
with in this matter. I am willing to
accept full responsibility for acting
on behalf of Miss Hanson's family
in this matter. -

With kind regards,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Willie W. Ed. Thompson.

Dr. Medford Pierce,

The Retreat,

York.

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ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,

RUGELEY,

STAFFS.

12. June. 1913.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Miss Hanson, of Cheltenham, and

I find that it is quite impossible
for us to continue to meet the expense
of keeping Miss Grace Hanson at The
Retreat. My sister-in-law tells me that
she mentioned the possibility of such
a contingency arising to us some few
months ago. Now, owing to fresh cases of
illness in the family, it is imperative
for us to make a change. You kindly
suggested a home at Manchester + also
one at Bedford where the patient might
possibly be sent, but both are we find
quite full. I have today seen the
Medical Superintendent of Ston Hill

at Stafford,
Asylum, she tells me that as I
am Vicar of a parish in the County of
Stafford my sister-in-law (Miss Grace
Hanson) can be received there at a
greatly reduced fee.

Under the circumstances, may I ask
you very kindly to communicate with
Dr. Hanson, Cotton Hill, Stafford, giving him
a short history of the case and arranging
with him for the transfer of Miss Hanson
& his care?

If you will kindly arrange for one of
your Nurses to accompany Miss Hanson
on her journey, & to see her safely to Cotton
Hill, we will gladly pay the necessary
expenses. On behalf of Miss Hanson's
family and myself I beg to thank

you and your Committee for the
consideration they have extended to
us over this case, and also for the
care & attention you & have given to the
patient whilst she has been under
your charge.

Miss Hanson of Ketterham is staying
with me until the 21st of this month,
and if the transfer could be effected
whilst she is here it would be a great
kindness to her & her family. —

You will doubtless remember that
owing to the breakdown in Rev. A. K. Hanson's
health I have been acting on his behalf
in this matter. I regret to say that he has
had another breakdown in health & is
now quite unable to attend to any
business and therefore must rest on

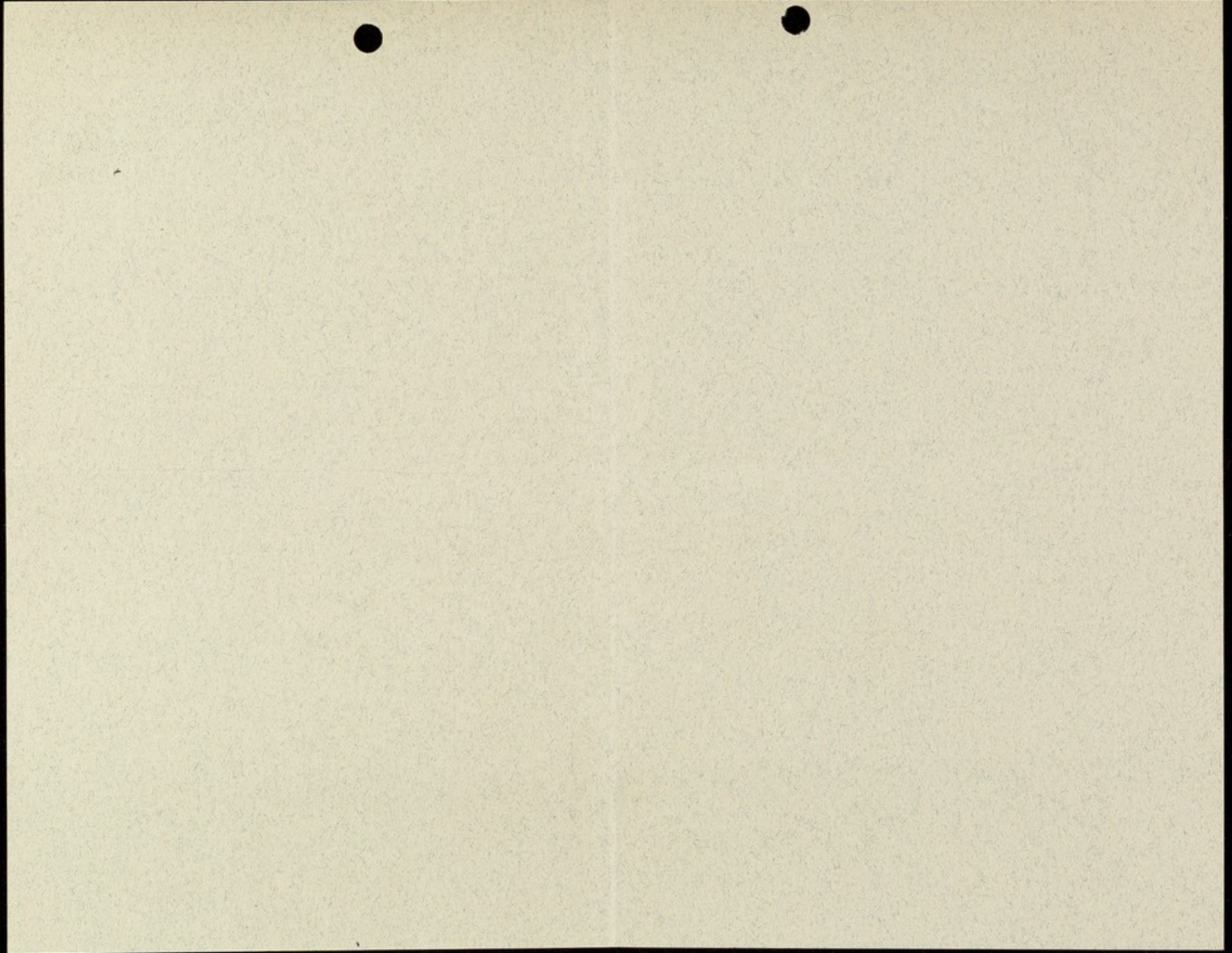
ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,
RUGELEY,
STAFFS.

5. Dec. 1912.

Dear Mr Pierce,

I enclose cheques for Miss Pease
Hansover's fees, viz. £8. for the month,
and £3.1.5. quarterly extras.
Will you please in future have all the
Accounts sent to me, as I am undertaking
the payments for the family.

Yours very truly
William. Ed. Thompson.



ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,
RUGELEY,
STAFFS.

14. March. 1912.

Dear Sir,

Enclose cheque value £9.10.0.
being, £8.0.0. monthly fee due
on account of Miss Hanson, and
£1.10.0. Matron's list of charges for
last quarter.

Yours very truly,

William. Ed. Thompson.

I hope Miss Hanson's state of health
is somewhat more satisfactory.



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3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Dec 30

Dear Mr Kempe.

I have just had
a very distressing letter
from my poor sister Grace.
she says she is very miserable
& so much dislikes sleeping
in the Ward with L

many others. My brother is
also ill with a severe
breakdown & has had to
give up his Curacy. so I
am managing myself at-
present, & cannot possibly
pay any more.
I suppose nothing more

can be done. I do not think
it would be any good my
coming to see her she
would only beg me to
take her away.

Believe me,
yours very truly
Annie Hanson.

ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,
RUGELEY,
STAFFS.

3. Jan. 1912.

Dear Sir,

Enclose cheque value £8.0.0.

on behalf of Miss Grace Hanson's
expenses at The Retreat.

Please send receipt to me; & will you
please send future communications about
this patient to me instead of to my brother-in-law,
Rev. A. K. Hanson who is still too ill to attend
to business.

Yrs faithfully,

William. Sel. Thompson (Ret.)

S. Hedford Peace.



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3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Jan 1.

Dear Mr Pierce.

Thank you very
much for your letter.
I hope we shall not
have to remove my
sister from the Retreat
It is most good of you to

3 BELLE VUE PLACE
CHICAGO

Take my sister at these
reduced terms - I hope
we shall be able to
keep her with you till
she is well.

The 'voices' must make
her very miserable, she
needs no doubt, alluding

to them when she wrote
to me.

Thanking you again for
your kindness,

Believe me,
yours very truly
Annie Hanson.

Abbots Bromley
Vicarage
Rugby.
Staffs.

Dec. 4.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

I enclose a cheque
for my sisters fees for
this month. December.
I am very sorry that
I was unable to write
to you in October when
you wrote to me about
my sister, but I am
very grateful to you
for so kindly writing

to my brother in law, the
Rev. W. S. Thompson, & letting
us know how matters were.

I have been obliged
to give up my work
at Leytonstone as I have
been knocked up & had
to take a rest. This address
at Alhambra Bromley
will be my address
for the present.

Yrs. Sincerely

A. V. Hanson.

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ABBOTS BROMLEY VICARAGE,
RUGELEY,
STAFFS.

12. Oct. 1911.

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I am writing for my brother-in-law Mr. Kingston Hanson to thank you for your telegram, and to enclose a cheque for £16.0.0. for Miss Grace Hanson's expenses of board, &c.

The Rev. A. K. Hanson is staying here with me for the present as he has got run down with the strain of work in East London on the top of the family anxieties & worries. Will you therefore for the present, kindly address your letters to him here.

I do not think he will be
able to go back to Leytonstone; but
will probably take some lighter
work in a Country parish; but we
will let you know his address
when he settles down to work again.
at present letters sent to him
here will always find him.

I am trying to save him all
unnecessary worry at present; so
perhaps if you have anything
especially urgent to communicate

it might be better for him if
you write or telegraphed to me. His
sister is my wife, so you will
understand my reason for writing
on his behalf. He is at present
doing as little letter-writing as
possible.

I remain,

yours very truly,

William Ed. Thompson.

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HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

Sep. 22nd

Dear Mr. Pierce.

1911

● I must thank you for
your most kind letter, &
trouble you have taken
for us in putting my letter
before your committee.

It is very good of them
to credit my sister's

account with with 10/-

● a week, for the little
work she does. I am

writing to my sister

at Cheltenham & will let

he know the committee
decision.

I have myself been rather
knocked up, & tired out,
& the doctor advises
me to take a months rest,
& I shall go to Abbots
Bromley in Staffordshire.
It is unfortunate as we
are busy at this time, but
no doubt a rest will
be a great benefit.

Yrs Sincerely

A K Hanson.

Sept. 20, 1911

Dear Mr. Hanson,

The question of terms for your sister at the Retreat was considered by the Committee yesterday. It was pointed out that Miss Hanson was as comfortable here as her unhappy condition admits, and I am sure she would be extremely sorry to be transferred to another place. Seeing that she requires so much supervision and is already paying the lowest rate the Committee felt that they could not do much to reduce the terms.

She is, however, very industrious in respect to needle-work, and I am authorised to credit her account with $\frac{1}{2}$ -10/- a week, dating from the first of the present month, while she continues to do such good work. I hope this arrangement will to some extent meet your difficulties.

Yours very truly,

June 10, 1911

The publication of your letter has been
considered by the Executive Committee. It has
been decided to answer you as follows: The
Committee has, and will, do its utmost to
bring about the best possible arrangement
for the relief of the distressed.
The Committee has, and will, do its utmost
to bring about the best possible arrangement
for the relief of the distressed.

Very truly,
Yours,
The Secretary

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HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

Aug 31

Dear Dr. Kemp

1911

I must thank you for
your kind letter about
my sister, in answer to
my letter to Dr. Pierce.
I shall be very much
relieved if some arrange-
ment can be made as
to the reduction of fees.
Unfortunately it is impossible
for us to pay so much.
I have not of course
mentioned anything about
it to my sister as it would

only up to her.

I have heard of one or two institutions where they might possibly receive her, though I have not made any inquiries for the present, until I hear again from Dr Pierce. I hope she may be able to stay at the retreat, as I know she is as happy as she can be & well cared for. I should be very sorry indeed if she could not remain with you. I am very pleased to hear

that she is interested in needle work, & enjoys bicycle rides, so that she takes an interest in things.

Yrs Truly

A R Hanson

The Cottage in the Park.
Witcombe

I had:

Aug. 19.

1911

Dear Dr Kempe.

I think my brother
has written to you and I
am so sorry but I fear
we cannot afford to
keep my sister much
longer at your excellent
Home. We all thought

she would not be ill
for long, & of course
could have managed it
for a short time.
Unfortunately I am not
at all strong & cannot
help much myself. We
have heard of a Home
where they would
take her for £50 a
year. but we shall be
very sorry indeed to
have to move her.

I have begged her to
let me know if she
wants anything in the
way of clothes & hope
she will do so.

Thanking you very much
for all your kindness
to her

Believe me,

yours very truly

Annie Hanson.

which has been a most
- perfect heavy expense.

I should be grateful if
you would kindly advise
me the best ~~thing~~ ^{thing} I can
do. I should like to
remain at the retreat.
It is only the question
of expenses that I feel
is the difficulty.

It is very sad my sister's
mental condition does
not improve, we are all
very fond of her & it is
a great grief to us her
break down which has
been so serious

Yrs Sincerely
A K Hanson.

✓
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HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

Aug. 15.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

1911

I am very sorry to
trouble you, but I should
be glad of your advice
regarding my sister.

I am most grateful for
the care & kindness she
is receiving, but we feel
that the fees at 8/- a week
are beyond our means,
to continue for a length
of time. My brother in
India helps us a little,
& my sister at Cheltenham,
bears most of the expenses.
This being an east end

parish my own stipend
as curate is limited, &
I do only wish I could
do more to help my sisters.

We feel that £120 a year
in more than we can afford
to pay. 25/ or 30/ a week
would be more within our
means. I know it is too
much to ask if she may
remain at the retreat
at such reduced terms.
as I know my sister has
to have a special nurse,
one constantly with
her.

Other wise I feel we must
see whether there may
be a less expensive
home for her. Though I
should be very sorry
indeed if she could
remain under your care,
as you & Dr Kemp have
been most kind to her,
& she likes her nurses.
She is as happy & well
cared for as she possibly
can be. & receives every
kindness.

Most unfortunately my
other sister at Clifton has
just undergone a serious
operation, & has been in
a very critical condition.

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

July. 6.

Dear Dr. Bedford Price 2.1911

I enclose a cheque
for my sister's fees for
these next two months.
I should like to hear how
she is getting on. I cannot
hear from her as she never
writes to me, & seldom
to any of her relatives.
I was very pleased to
hear that she enjoys
walks & drives, &
I do hope she is making

propose, & does not
suffer so much from
depression.

I shall be away myself
next week for a holiday.
Perhaps the secretary would
kindly send the acknowledge-
ment for the cheque to
my home address 44 St John's Red-
clipton, Bristol.

I am hoping to go for
a fortnight to Switzerland
which will be a good
change, & refreshing.

Thanking you for all
your kindness

Yrs Sincerely

A K Hanson

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LUCERNE

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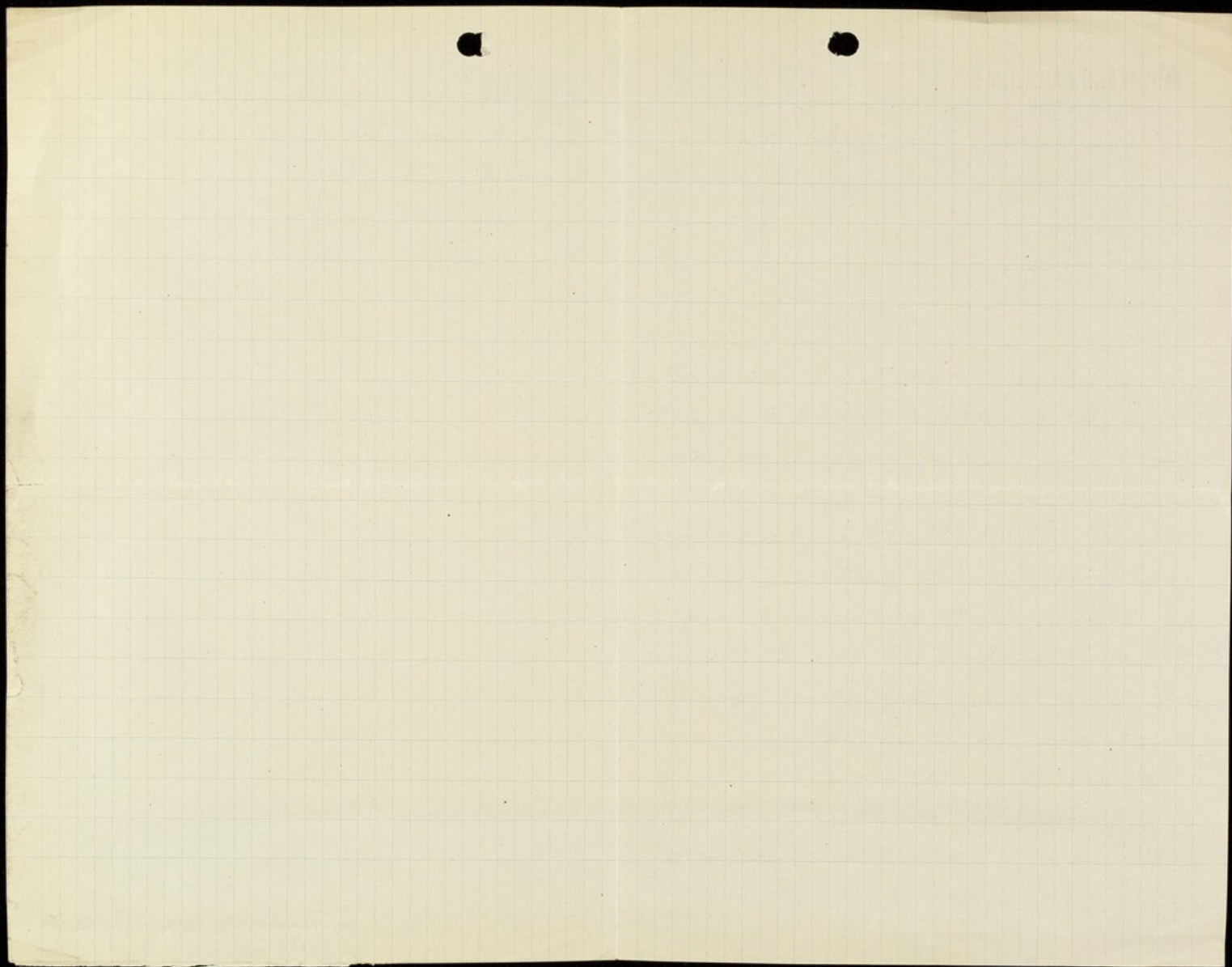
July 29.
Lucerne

2,1911

Dear Sir

I must thank you for sending
to me Mr. Bedford Pierce's report
about my sister, Miss Hanson,
which I received forwarded
to me. I should be glad if
you will kindly note as to
the statement of remittance,
I sent a cheque for £19.4.0
on July 6th payment for
expenses for July & August.
I received a receipt for you.
It appears to be omitted in this
statement. I shall be glad if
you will kindly see that all is

correct. My address next
week will be. 44 St John's
Road. Clifton. Bristol
Yrs. Sincerely
A. H. Hanson



v has not strength of nerve
at the awful moment.

May I now beg you to make
all arrangements with my
brother v take no notice of my
mother, as it complicates things
so much if two are trying to
arrange different things v my
mother is getting old v must
give up the reins. My brother is
responsible for all payments
etc. If I can give any further
help please let me know

Believe me

yours truly

L. C. Sercombe

23 Kelsey Park Rd

Beckenham

Tuesday (2.19.11)

Dear Dr. Pierce

As Miss Hanson escaped from
my house perhaps I had better
give my account of it to guide
you. She left here early Wednesday
morning she says, walked 2 miles
to Kent House station, trained
to Eastbourne, waited about
all day v tried Thursday night
~~to~~ to throw herself over Beachy
Head, but was prevented by lack
of nerve the first time v the
strong wind afterwards, v I believe

a constable the third time. In the end the constable found her sitting in a shelter on the sea front at 3 o'clock Thursday morning & took her to a Refuge Home for girls. Fortunately she gave the Matron our address & she wired to us. Miss Hemon was then drenched to the skin & in a sad condition. She told the Matron she was a murderess & felt it her duty to give her life for the life she had taken. She told me if she had not kept me a dreadful calamity would have come to the house besides she said people in Beakenham were beginning

to stare at her & had evidently found her out. I asked her if she had thought she had heard us talking unkindly about her & she said yes. All this will guide you as to the state of her mind. After her departure I found four handkerchiefs badly stained with blood & she cut off & tried to burn the bottom of her night dress which was splashed with blood. So she evidently tried to kill herself in her room & not succeeding tried other measures. Fortunately she is only a weak little woman

✓
A. R.

1911

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

April 5

Dear Mr. Pierce.

I enclose a cheque
for the retreat fees
for my sister, for
this month. I think
I should send
something more
for the charges for
washing, if you will
kindly let me
know what it comes
to, I shall be pleased.

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE
LEYTONSTONE E
I hope my sister is
getting on well, &
not so depressed,
making progress.

I will try & get an
opportunity at the
end of this month
or in May of coming
to see her, again

Yrs Sincerely
A. K. Hanson

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Holy Trinity Vicarage
Leightonstone
London E.
1911
April 24.

Dear Mr Pierce

I enclose a cheque
for £ 16.. 9.. 6. for my
sister Miss Hanson's
expenses, which I think
covers expenses to the
end of June). I received
a receipt from the Secretary
for my last cheque for
April, & also the account
to the end of June, for 16. 9. 6
which I should like to
settle.

I hope it is not inconvenient

our paying monthly,
I see that there is a rule
that payments should
be quarterly. However
it is much more convenient
for me to send a check
for each month, as we
have usually done, & I
hope that will be
all right.

I was very pleased
to see from Mr Kemp's
letter that my sister
was doing needle work,
which will be something
she will enjoy doing.

Yrs Sincerely
A K Hanson.

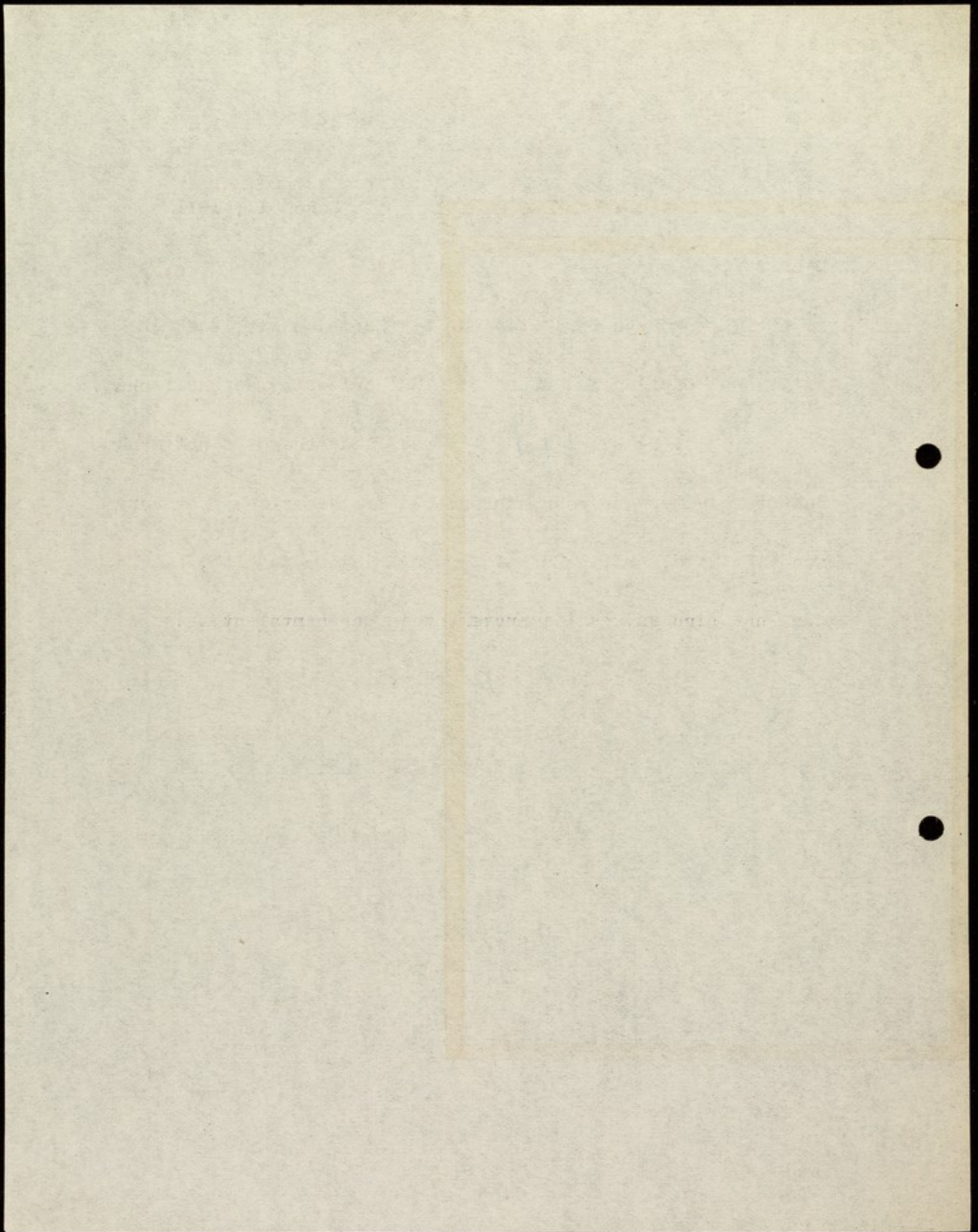
March 11, 1911

Dear Sir,

Thankyou for returning the Petition with the additional particulars about Miss Hanson's stay at Cheltenham.

Dr. Pierce wishes me to add that there is not much news to give you of your sister. She seems to go on very much the same, and, as usual is very nice to do with, but he does not find any real improvement in her mental state.

Yours sincerely,



Holy Trinity Vicarage
Jeytonstone
London. E.

March 10.

1911

Dear Sir,

Miss Grace Hansen
was at Miss Lane's nursing
home, 5 Royal Parade
Cheltenham, from Oct. 4
to Oct. 21st 1910, not
certificated, while there.
I have filled in that particular
in the margin.

I was not absolutely
certain of date, so wrote
to Mrs Hansen at Clifton,
or else would have replied
by return.

Also I find her age is 34.

Born June 3rd 1876.

I have altered on the
form 37 to 34.

I hope all particulars
are now corrected. &
in order. It is indeed
distressing, & ~~as~~ my
sister's illness very sad.
But I know all is being
done for her that can
be done.

Yrs sincerely

A. K. Hanson

To the Hunt Sec.

March 3

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York.

1911

Dear Dr. Pierce

I forgot to mention that
our Sister at Wantage ^{Sister} Lucilla
died last Tuesday,
we had the sad news that
day, so she was buried
yesterday. My sister
Grace asks about her.
but I have not told her
of the death, will you
do so when you think
right. She asked me
I only said Lucy
had not been so well.
Well Grace noticed Mrs
Percombe was in block.
at Kings Cross.

Dr. Douglas gave her
gold watch & chain &
gold rings to me. ~~what~~
I will let her have them
back when advisable.

But you think she might
have her gold watch without
harm.

I was pleased with my
visit. I felt all were most
kind & sympathetic.
I feel happier now I have
seen her surroundings
to myself, & she will be
com for table.

Yours sincerely

A. K. Hanson

Returning to London by 2.30 train

AND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.
BY APPOINTMENT.
TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }
TELEPHONE { YORK N° 112.
LEEDS N° 391X.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Feb. 28, 1911

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to hear of Miss Hanson's breakdown, but as you will be aware we were decidedly anxious about her when she left York, and I sent a letter to her sister explaining my fears.

It is most providential that she was found in time. We are quite willing to have her back here. She was indeed a favourite patient and was liked by everybody, though she herself said that persons avoided her and thought her wicked.

If she returns she must come as a certified patient as she is unfit now to be a voluntary boarder. I therefore send you the necessary forms for admission.

With regard to terms, we unfortunately have no funds available for the reduction of terms for those not connected with the Society of Friends, and the lowest rate is 48/- a week. This, with a charge for washing, brings it very close to the 50/- previously charged. Perhaps the Committee will agree to reduce the charge for washing, seeing the patient has been a nurse.

I may say that the change from being a voluntary boarder to being a certified patient makes no difference as regards treatment.

Yours very truly,

Rev. A.K. Hanson

ALFRED H. WATSON
V. JAMES H. WATSON
BORN 1870

her. I would come if
desired with her, but I
have appointments to keep
next week.

would it be possible for
you to have her at perhaps
a little less than 50/- a
week, I am glad to do
what I can but it is
a strain at present. I have
another sister dying at
Wantage, & one recovering
from an operation at
Bournemouth. However
we will find 50/- a week
as before if ~~it~~ it must
be so. ~~But~~ we
think it might be should
be certified, if you
also think advisable.

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.
London.
Feb. 25.

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Dear Doctor

1911
Please excuse my
~~last~~ ^{last} letter, as I write
in haste. I am grateful
for your telegram & I
received it at Eastbourne.
It is most unfortunate
my sister gave way to
depression again, she
had been happy & better.
Wednesday night she
disappeared from
Beckenham, we had no
news Thursday, Friday
afternoon we heard she

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE
LEYTONSTONE E.
was at Eastbourne, she
had been found by the
police, about 3 Am
Friday morning attempting
to throw herself off
Beachy Head. The police
took her to a diocesan
rescue home, my sister
was Sercombe & I ~~saw~~
her Friday evening, & then
I managed to arrange
for her to go to Dr. Bowles
10 Southcliffe Rd
Eastbourne.

She is quiet & in a sense
well, not worn out with

exhaustion as I expected.

Dr. Bowles is quite
willing to have her there,
& thinks she would get
well again before long.
I arranged for her to
be there a week, & give
her time to communicate
with you. I cannot
afford to leave her there,
too expensive $\frac{7}{2}$ a week,
what is beyond our
means. Could you have
my sister back at York,
on Thursday or Friday
next. Send a nurse
from York to take her back,
or two if necessary,
or would you propose
an Eastbourne nurse
accompanying

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE,
LEYTONSTONE, E.

Kindly reply to me,
my mother is much
worried, & I gladly am
willing to make arrangements,
I have expense wired
to ~~Mr~~ Clifton & told her
facts.

my sister says she
was happy at the Retreat
& is sorry ~~she~~ how that
she left.

Yrs Sincerely

A. Kingston Hanson
(Ree)

Mr. N. Pierce

HOLY TRINITY VICARAGE
LEYTONSTONE E.

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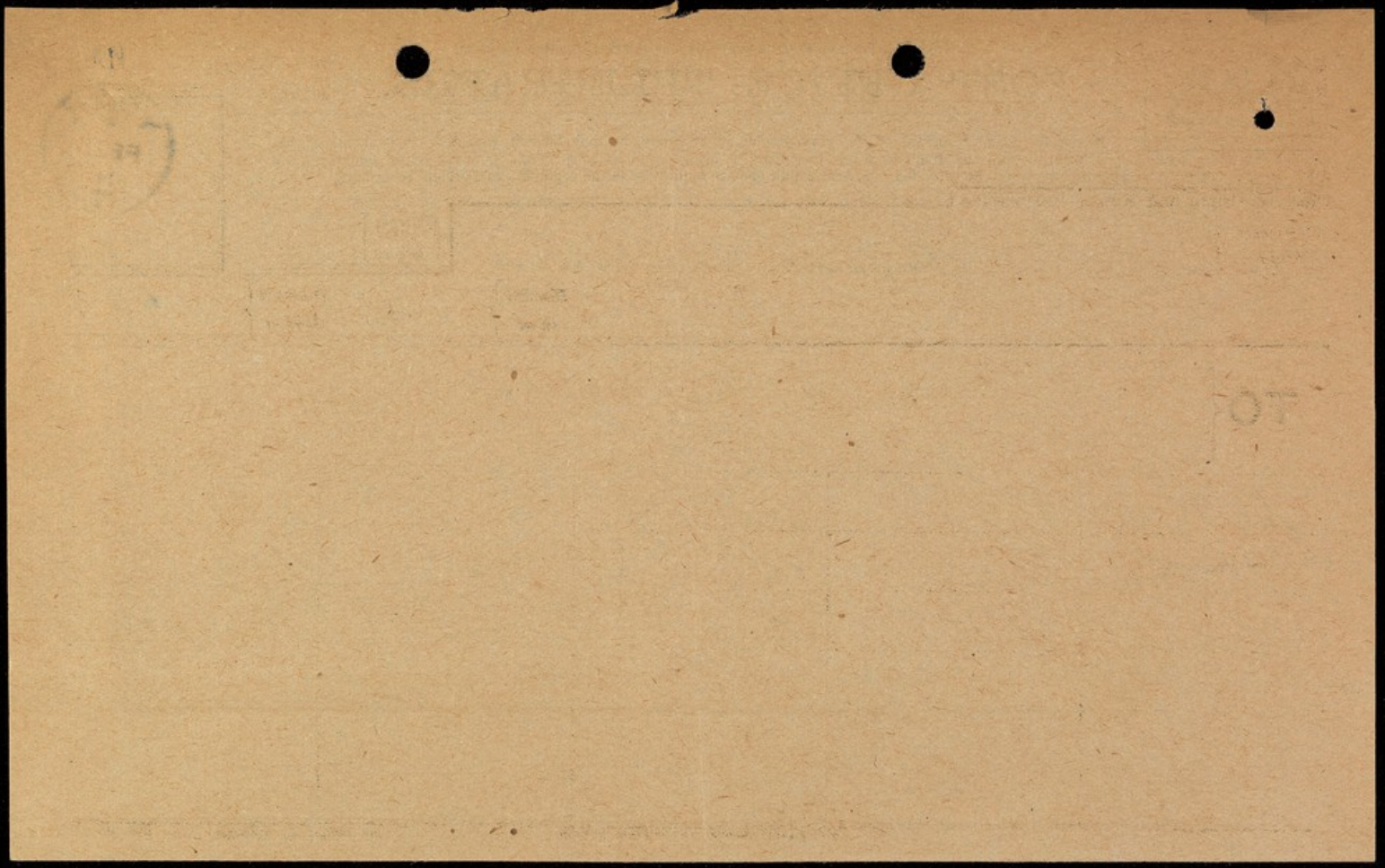
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will leave sister here under
doctor and nurses few days
will write to you Hanson



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Charges to pay

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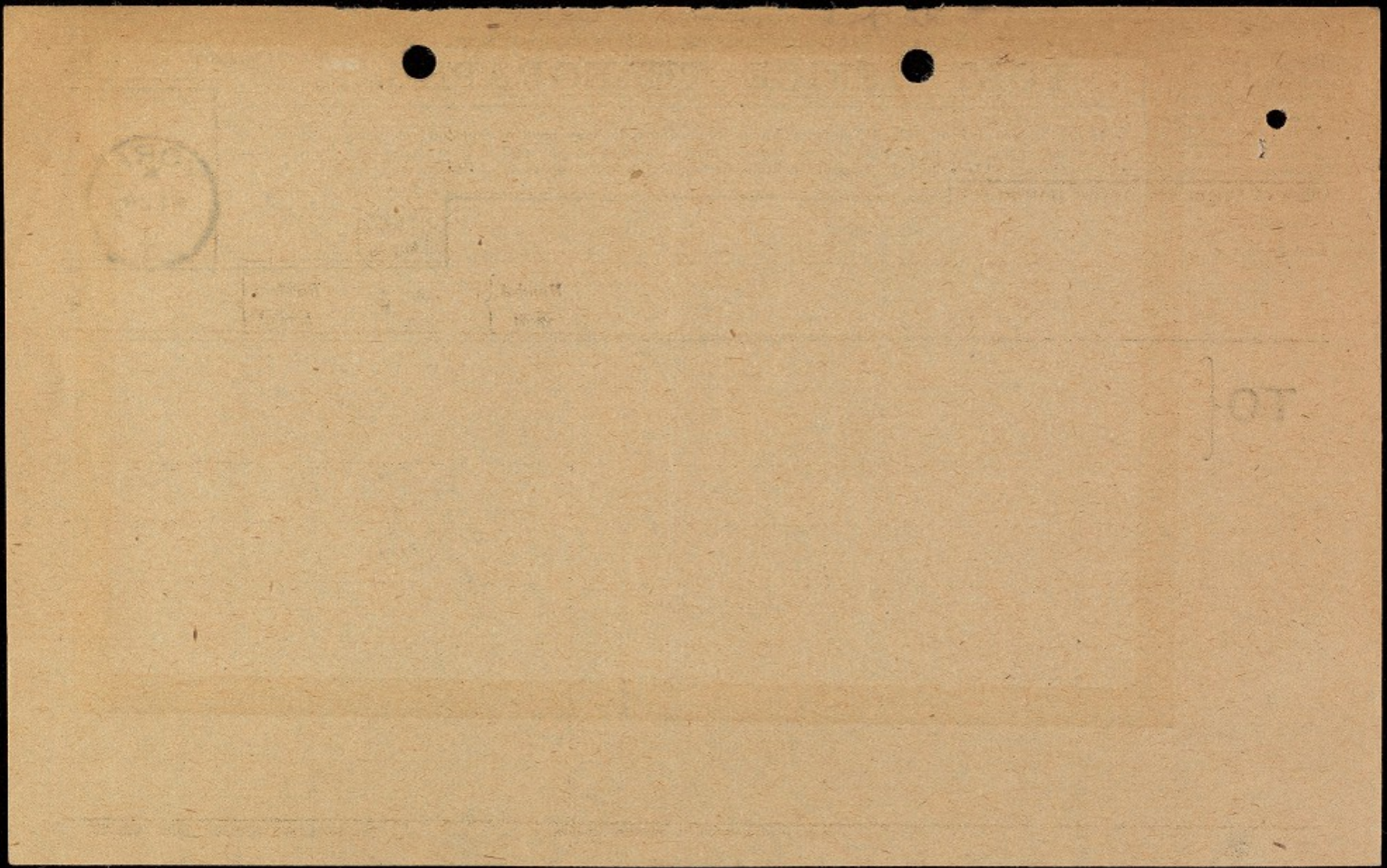
Reply pd Dr Pierce

York

Can you find 61

at Eastbourne reply to Willowfield Road Eastbourne Hanson

tomorrow



Holy Trinity Vicarage

Leytonstone

London. E

March 15.

Dear Dr. Pierce

1911

I enclose a cheque
for the school fees
for the next fortnight
for my sister.

I must thank you for
your report of her last
week, which I have
sent on to Mrs. Hanson, &
hope she will begin to make
progress soon

Yrs sincerely

A Rington Hanson



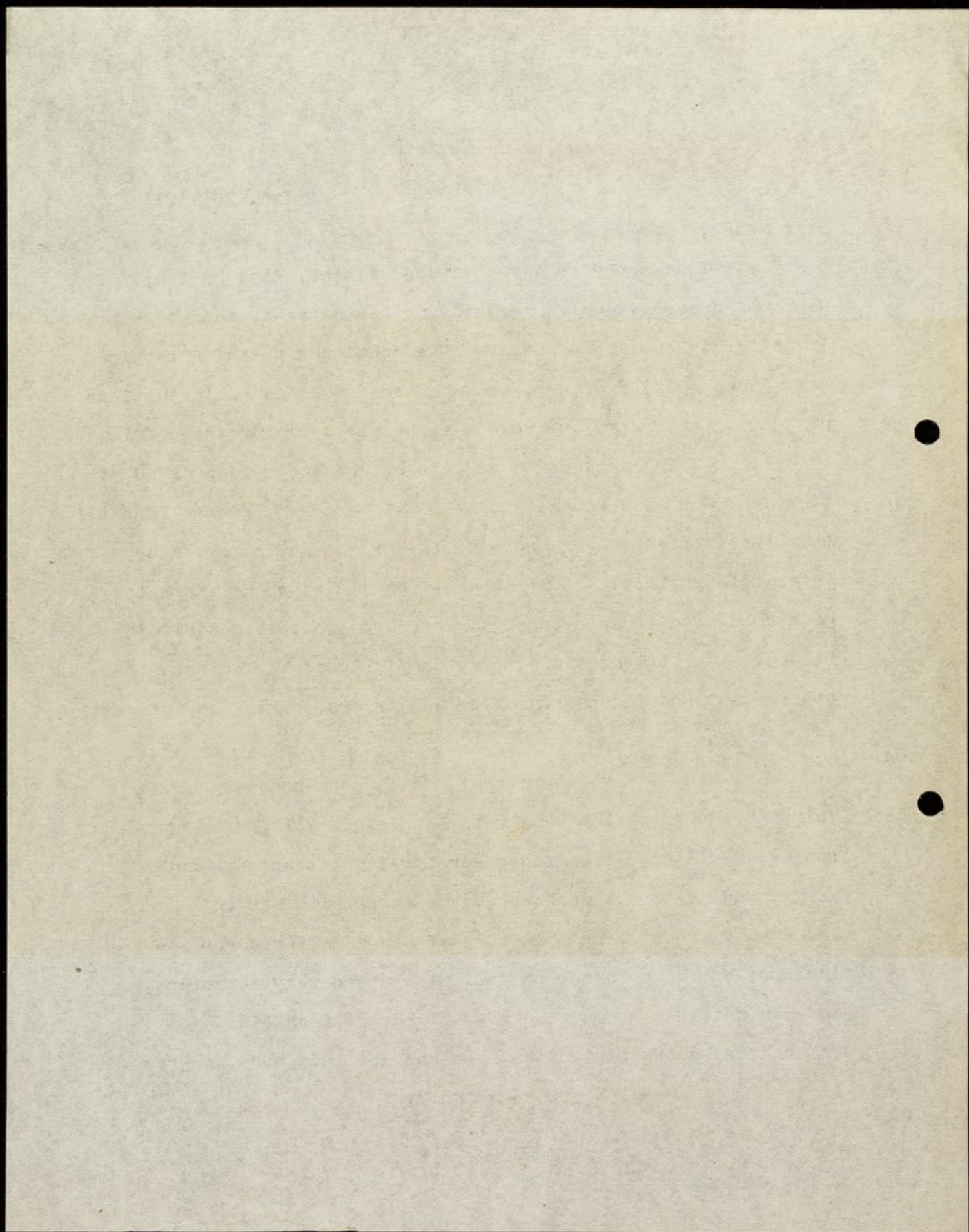
Jan. 201 1911

Dear Madam,

I am sorry to say that your sister, Miss Hanson, has not recovered during her stay at the Retreat, though she is better in some respects. She continues to think people have a bad opinion of her, and she sometimes has hallucinations of hearing and hears the voices of people saying reproachful things. In consequence of this she gets very depressed at times. She said recently that if it were not for the fact that the people here are so kind to her she would have made an end of her life. At other times she says she wants to go abroad altogether amongst strangers or to lose herself in London. Notwithstanding this she is tolerably bright at other times and is cheerful and industrious, taking an interest in what goes on.

You will be aware that Miss Hanson has been a Voluntary Boarder at the Retreat but is not willing to stay longer. I do not consider her fit to be trusted about alone, and we have therefore sent a nurse with her to Beckenham, who will be able to give you some further particulars; but Miss Hanson has all along been very secretive, and has not told the nurses much of her difficulties. We are very disappointed that she has not made more progress.

Yours very truly,



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Bristol M

Charges } s. d.
to pay }



Handed } 10/5 .M., Received } 31/5 .M.
in at } here at }

TO { Bedford Place The Retreat
York
Making arrangements for London will
write today Hanson

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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THROWLEIGH,
ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Jan. 12th

Dear J. Bedford Pierce

You kindly said
where my daughter
came to the
treast that
I might pay
monthly instead
of quarterly.

May it remain
so? I have

received a notice
that \$24-15-0
is due. But I
thought perhaps
the arrangements
had been forgotten
& so venture to
send \$9-12-0
as before.

I am thankful
to note my daughter

is not so depressed.
It is strange she
thinks people hate
her, as she has
always been a
favourite with
everyone.

How long do such
cases take in
general recovery?
yours very truly
Lilia M. Hanson

THROWLEIGH,
ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

always has been
wherever I have
went. Has been
over anxious to
do all. I have could
for other. For if
she had not
overworked
herself I have would
not be in the
state. She is in

now. If she
is not yet to
leave. or the
end of the
three months.
I hope you may
be able to per-
suade her sign
another form.
I do trust the
next will be a
better report.

I am
yours very truly
J. M. Hancock

know. It was remains
of a legacy.

My daughter Mrs
Mcbrideham is
much occupied
with her children
& could not give
her much super-
vision.

I am glad she
is a favourite
as it must make
the poor dear
happier. She

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THROWLEIGH,
ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Jan? 3rd

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

I thank you for yours
of Dec. 14th.

It was distressing
to hear my daughter
is not recovering
as well as she
seemed to at
first. It seems

Strange she should
think she is not
wanted anywhere;
as I & her sisters
have repeatedly
asked her to
come & stay with
us, but she was
upset & angry
when we did.
You mentioned
she had expressed
a wish to go
to her sister near

London. (She is at
Beckenham.) I think
the reason might
be that she thought
she might escape
into London, & go
into rooms by
herself, & tell us
she where she was.
But how would
she live. She had
£50 in Bank when
she went to York.
How much she
has spent we don't

THROWLEIGH,
ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Wm
Dear Sir
I enclose cheque
for £9-12-0
for my daughter
I am glad there
has not been
any difficulty
as to her wishing
to leave just

safety, but
distressed that
she is not so
well, & that it
is necessary for
her to have a
nurse with
her at night.
How long are
such cases
as hers in recovering

as a rule?

The first month
my daughter

appeared to make
rapid progress.

She still never
writes to me

or her sisters.

yours very truly

Lelia D. Hanson

Dec^r 15th

to me. When
she leaves you
I hope she will
go to her sister's.

Who lives near
Chester. She is
a widow & has
bright girls. &
is a very sensible
person. I do
not think she
should go to
Cheltenham
too many associates

Throwleigh,
St. John's Road,
Clifton, Bristol.

Nov. 16

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear
from Dr. Kemp
that my daughter
is becoming rest-
less & speaking
of leaving.

That must not
be until she
is considered

recovered, &
willing to be
with her own
family, or she
might go away
alone. I not tell
any one where
she was. That
is what she
was threatened
to do.

If she does not

consent, willing
to remaining
with you,
she must of
course be con-
fined, & I give
my consent
to it. being done
much as I trust
it will not
come to that.

She never writes

Am

Throwleigh,
St. John's Road,
Clifton, Bristol.

Mabel, she is
willing to come
here. I cannot
consider her
quite herself.
As she & I have
always been
good friends,
never had any
difference

In fact she
was always
rather a pet
in the family.
I enclose cheque
for £9-12^{/-}
due on 15th.

Has my daughter
ever tried
to do any violence

to herself since
with you?

Was she any
delusional?

I am
yours very truly
Lilian W. Mansook

or so, she might
try. She used
to be such a
bright girl.
Do be very kind
to her. I'm sure
you will. I
return home
tomorrow my
address. Throthigh
44 St John's Road
Clifton
Bristol
Yours truly
Lilia M. Dawson

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3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Oct 23^d

Dear Sir
I enclose cheque
for fees for one
month as arranged
£9-12-0. As my
daughter told
you. I had no
idea her sister
would be in an

3. BELLE VUE PLACE
CHATELAIN
Oaylenee. I am
afraid seeing the
circumstances in the
fall of her arrival
must have been
a great shock.

I do beg of you
not to leave her
certified if it
can possibly be
avoided. I am
sure the consequence

would be she would
become worse.

I trust you will
not think I am
interfering when
I say that if you
told her, if she
used her will
power, & not allow
herself to think
over delusions she
might be well
& able to come
away in a month

THROWLEIGH,
44 ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Dear Sir

I see from the
form & was told
before that pay-
ment was paid
quarterly in advance
but Mr. Medford
Pierce told my
daughter who

to be in order
up to the 21st
that I could
pay monthly
I had for the
month the 21st
I am yours truly
J. M. Thomas

Hawson
?

Nov. 2, 1910

Dear Dr. Claye Shaw,

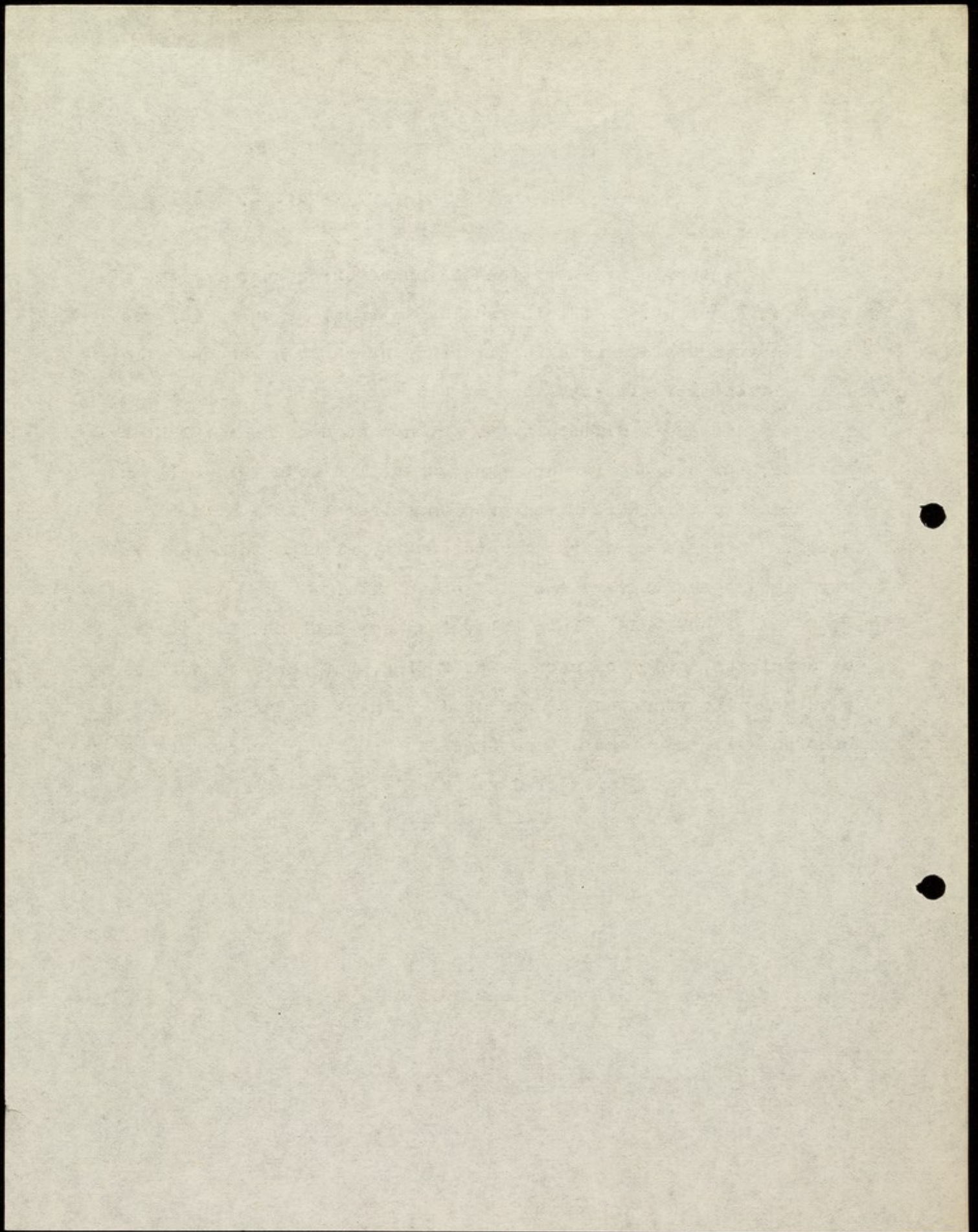
I should have written to you before respecting the nurse you sent us. I think she has already begun to improve and I have today arranged to withdraw the night nurse and allow her a little more liberty than we did at first.

We had a difficulty to get her to stay as a Voluntary Boarder, but now she is here she has settled down very well and has begun to gain weight and gets on extremely well with the staff. She is an extremely nice woman, wishful to help in any way and she is very easy to get on with.

I have had a long talk with her about the delusions of suspicion, and they seem to be fading, but she does not yet put them altogether out of her mind. There appear to have been no hallucinations of hearing since she has been here.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



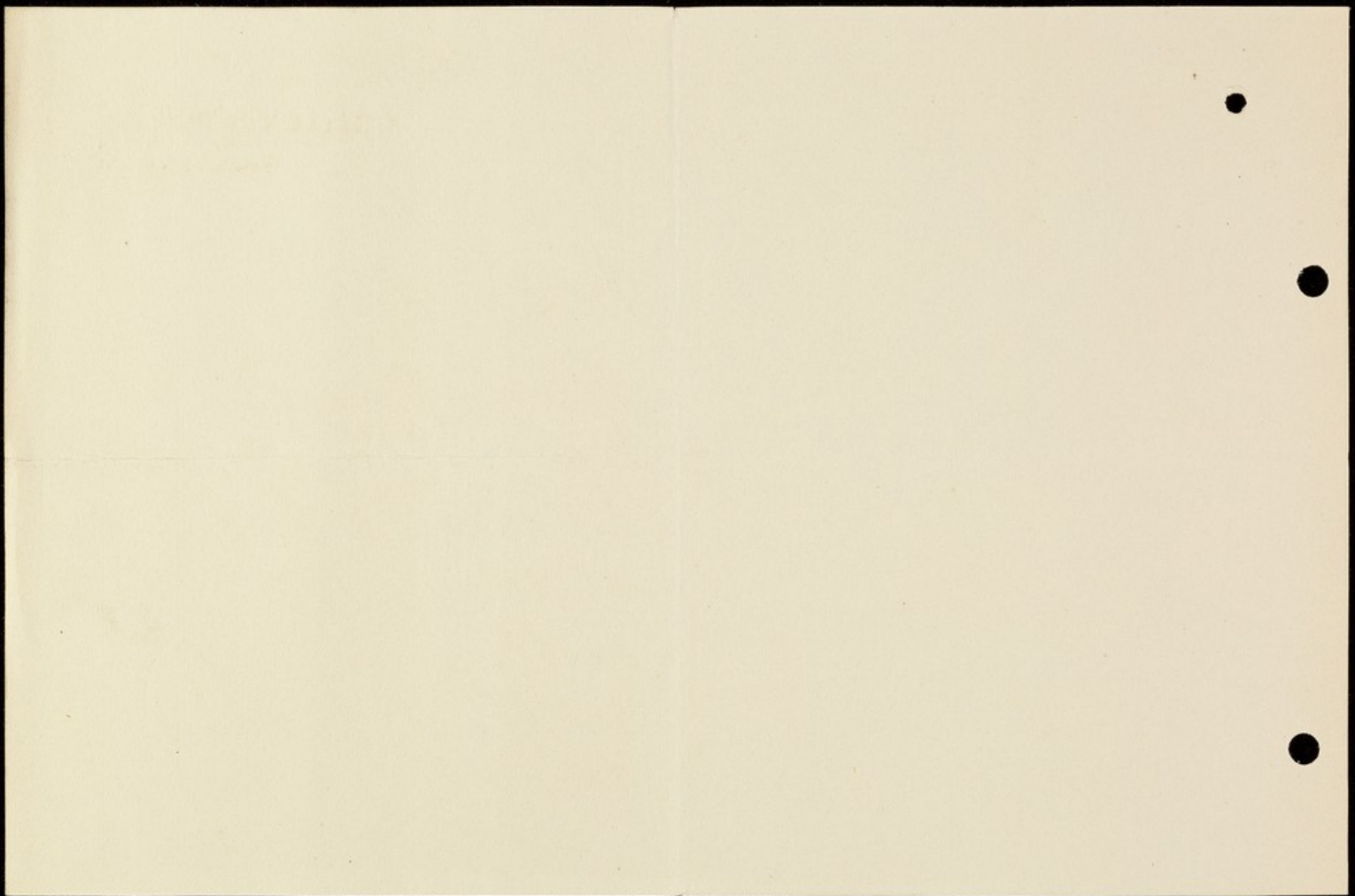
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THROWLEIGH,
ST. JOHN'S ROAD,
CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

Oct 24th 1910

Dear Sir

I thank you very
much for writing
to me about my
daughter. I am
so the subject. She
settled the matter
quietly. I am
yours very truly
Lilie M. Hancock



affectionate.

I shall be grateful
if you would
kindly write
to me on Monday
as to how my
daughter has
settled down.

Address Mr. Hanson
Throulugh
St John's Road
Clifton, Bristol

Dear Sir
21st
Mr. Hanson

3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

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I fully intended
coming up with
my daughter
today, but it
is found to be

advisable not
to do so, as one
of her Jauncies
are averse
to seeing me.

I went to the
Nursing Home
yesterday, & after

that she was
very excited, &
said she would
not go to York,
if I went with
her. Needless to
say there has
never been any
disagreement
between us.
& her letters are

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3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Oct 20th

Dear Sir,

1910

I hear from D. Playfair
that you can
receive my daughter
who he writes to
you ~~to~~ about.
& that the terms

will be \$2-8-0
per week.

I am bringing
her to your house
tomorrow Friday
We arrive at
York at 3 o'clock
I have great hopes

that under your ^{care}
with the good
Yorkshire air
my daughter will
quite recover her
normal state.
yours truly
L M Mansour

30 Harley St. ⁵⁷⁵
W. 75.

Oct. 20. 1910

Dear B Bedford Peice -
Many thanks
for your letter. Mrs Hansen
and another daughter will
bring the Patent on
Friday (tomorrow) -
and Mrs H. agrees to the
terms you have stated.
I have told Mrs H. that
if it becomes necessary
to certify her she had

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better leave the doing it
in your hands, as she
may well trust you
not to require it unless
necessary - This also
she agrees to.

They propose to leave
Cheltenham by the 10.45
wh. arrives at York at
3 pm.

Hoping for good results
Yours sincerely

T. Clay Shaw

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for a fortnight.
Can you take her at the
end of this week?
The sooner she goes to you the
better.

Please address our reply to
me at

10 Berkeley Place
Cheltenham

to save a post.

Yrs. sincerely
T. Kaye Shaw

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30 Harley St.

About Oct. 1910

Dear Bellor & Piere.

Will you receive us
a Boarder at the Retreat
a certain Miss Hanson, a
formerly a lady-nurse at
the Birmingham Hospital?
She is a good case for this
treatment and will, I
think, get well.

She was overworked and
now has an idea that
she allowed patients to die
and that people talk about
her - No hallucinations, but

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she has made 2 or 3
abortive suicidal
attempts, and ^{she} requires
some intelligent super-
-vision. She does not
require watching, but if
she should become
so there would be no
objection.
She is a very nice sort of
person and you will
find her useful.
They will pay the fees
for her residence with you.

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By the way, when you tell Mrs. Knorr to tell
you can ~~take~~ her please name the weekly
charge -

Mrs. Knorr is quite willing to go to you
and to stay. Will say a good deal
in the view of our ultimate goal. I have
Frank's analysis done in regard to a case
of Mrs. C. I have done a few affairs
at the bottom of it. She has been doing
a very nice work in a house

but never went out except after dark, she imagined a paper had published her photo & an account of her misdeeds, so if she went out the people would recognise her & catch her.

Aug: 1st We went to Parthoune, she tried to get a post far away in Canada or Africa, & became more depressed when she found no one would have her. We generally bicycled right out into the country & spent our sleep alone in the fields.

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History from Sister
re Miss Hanson
3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Rec'd
Oct. 1910
January Blood-poisoning
In April she began to lose her memory, in May she arranged to pay several visits & completely forgot having done so.

June 2nd She tried with a pair of scissors to cut her arm, but thought she saw someone looking at her through the window & got into bed. The next day she told the matron & left the Hospital.

3 BRIDE YOE PLACE
CHELTENHAM

She said she wished to die because she was so miserable. The inmates of the Hospital accused of having done things she had not done, & it was her fault a woman in the Ward had died.

June 3rd She went into the country for a fortnight & seemed much better.

June 17 She came to Cheltenham & on June 20th she went

with me to Normandy, we were there for 3 weeks. During the whole time she thought she was being followed by the relatives of the dead woman, they wanted to catch her & hang her: she was always depressed, & insisted on thinking we were saying things against her. During July she was calmer & brighter but refused to see anyone except myself. She returned with me to Cheltenham

was full of spies. Left early the
next day. She went to London
but after wandering about a
little came back with me to
Cheltenham. She was very fright-
-ened in the train, she thought
all the men were detectives.

Oct: 2 She wrote me a fare
-well letter, saying she must
die etc. During the night she
tried to run away, as she
declared the men were on
the roof & would take her if
she did not. During the day
she left very peacefully.

Oct 3 She saw P Longridge etc.

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3, BELLE VUE PLACE,
CHELTENHAM.

Towards the end of August
the delusions grew worse.
She declared the papers
were full of things about
herself. Crippen was herself,
& the "Cotton-strike" repre-
-sented the nursing Ward.
I was afraid to speak, as
almost everything I said
she thought meant some
-thing different.

On Aug 29th she returned to

8 BELLE VUE PLACE
CHELTENHAM

Cheltenham she was wonderfully better & I left her alone for two days, then suddenly on Aug: 6th all the delusions returned, she wanted to go into rooms by herself as she declared my house was besieged & people shouted at her through the windows. She still refused to see anyone & begged me to keep my brother away.

Sept 13th She tried to take her life, using a little knife.

Sept: 17 We went to Clevedon, for about 5 days she was much better, then again she said she was watched & followed. she ate very little & got very tired though she spent nearly the whole day resting.

Sept 28th We went to Windsor, she intended to go into the Sisterhood of Clewer.

Sept. 30th She declared the Home

during the whole time she never lost her brain-power, she studied French & read, but got very mixed if she tried to talk about current events

She was in a violent temper each time she tried to cut herself. I do not think she ever really intended to take her life as she used nail scissors or a pocket knife while she had a razor & a sharp little instrument in her box.

She usually slept very well.

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one night we had a fearful
thunderstorm, & she slept all
through it. She never ate much
as she complained of indigestion.
There were a great many other
depressions but the ones I have
mentioned distressed her most.
Her age is 33 or 34 & she
has nursed for nearly 10 years.
She often told me she was
going to be fellooned till
Christmas, & then she would be free.
She said it was her attachment
to some of us that stopped her
actually taking her life.

N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by the Retreat.

YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mrs Mabel Hanson of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Braycliffe, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or

cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessaries, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 3rd day of November 1910

Name M^{rs} Hanson

Residence 44 St John's Road, Clifton

Occupation Briester

SIGNED by the said _____

in the presence of

Witness's Signature

Address, and

Profession.

Emily Bennett Crease
44 St John's Road, Clifton
Clifton

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.

