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29th. Sept. 1914.

Dear Mr. Thomson,

I am glad to hear from you and I hope Miss Thomson is getting on nicely at home. I fully expected you would be pleased with the improvement she has made, but yet, as I explained, there is a good deal of ground yet to make up, and I hear indirectly that in the back of her mind there was all the time some doubt as to her personality, though the matter was not mentioned to me for a long time. She told another lady here that she hoped when she got home she would be the real Dorothy Thomson.

I think it not unlikely that if she does not get on well she would be willing to return, but as you found, it was hardly wise to press her to stay longer.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,

L. C. Thomson, Esq.,
2, Cranville Park,
Lewisham, S.E.

19th December, 1914.

Dear Mr. Thomson,

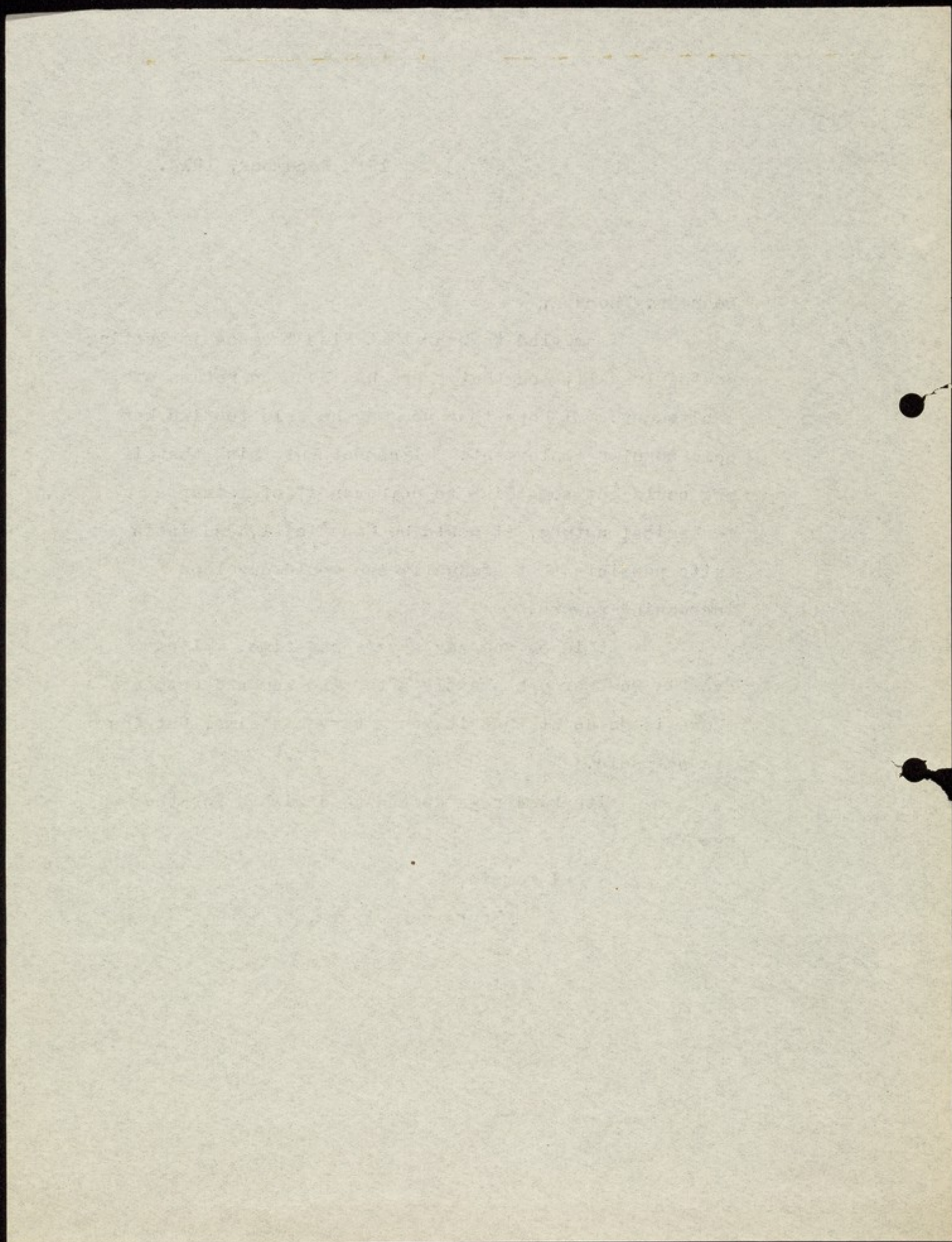
I am glad to hear that Miss Thomson is getting on fairly well, and that there has been no return of excitement. I hope that you may be able to find her some regular employment. I cannot but think that if she could get something to do, even if of rather a mechanical nature, it would be beneficial, and it is quite possible that gradually she would develop increasing powers.

It is as you say a very sad time. I was over in Scarborough shortly after the bombardment, and there is no doubt that it was a very bad time, but there was no panic.

With kind regards and good wishes for the New Year.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



2 Grawith Park
Blackheath S.E.

18th Dec. 1914

Dear D. P. Pier,

I beg to enclose receipt for Balance of
£1.2.10, on account of my daughter, J. D. Thomson

I am glad to say she is coming on better
than I expected. But I am afraid that the
view you expressed, is the true one. It would
seem as if her brain power had been quite
watered down.

I was going to add "a happy Xmas" to
you. But one feels, with things as they are,
with relations & friends at the front & afloat,
that it is a sad rather than a happy time.

Yours sincerely
Clara Thomson

Accepted by D. P. Pier
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18th Dec 1910
Blackburn J.C.
2 Grosvenor Park

Dear Sir

I have been thinking for some time of
£1.0.10, on account of my daughter, J. A. Johnson
I am glad to say she is doing well
than I expected. But I am afraid that the
time for payment of the bill is. It would
be very kind of you to pay for her
winter dress.

I was going to ask a lady to
for her one year, with things on that one,
with relation to friends of the family & others,
that it is a very better than a happy time.

Yours faithfully
J. A. Johnson

Accepted for
J. A. Johnson

2 Granville Park
Lewisham S.E. 25th Sept. 1914

Dear Mr. Purvis, I intended writing you on my return home, but I am sorry to say I caught a chill while away, & have been in bed with rather a limp. I found the state of my daughter precisely as you said. She would come home, & home I brought her the same day, as doubtless the Sister-in-Charge reported to you. All I can say is, she is very much better than I had anticipated finding her, and we must do our best. If she falls away again, I hope she may consent to ^{be} sent to you & I trust you would be so kind as to accept her at the Retreat, and please accept my sincerest thanks for all your kindness, & all you have done for her. I believe me:

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Thomson

P.S. I am desirous to add our thanks to your Sister-in-Charge for providing my daughter's things. W.T.

Throcombe
 Scarbos.

Thursday.



Dear Mr. Pearce

We arrived here safely on Saturday & have had some very pleasant walks. I wrote home again ~~to~~ and said very much as you suggested to me that have had no reply. Therefore I write to send in my 24 hrs notice to go home. I think I can travel alone quite well.

Thanking you for all your kindness & advice whilst I have been under your care & from which I have greatly profited.

I remain

Yours very sincerely

Dorothy Thompson

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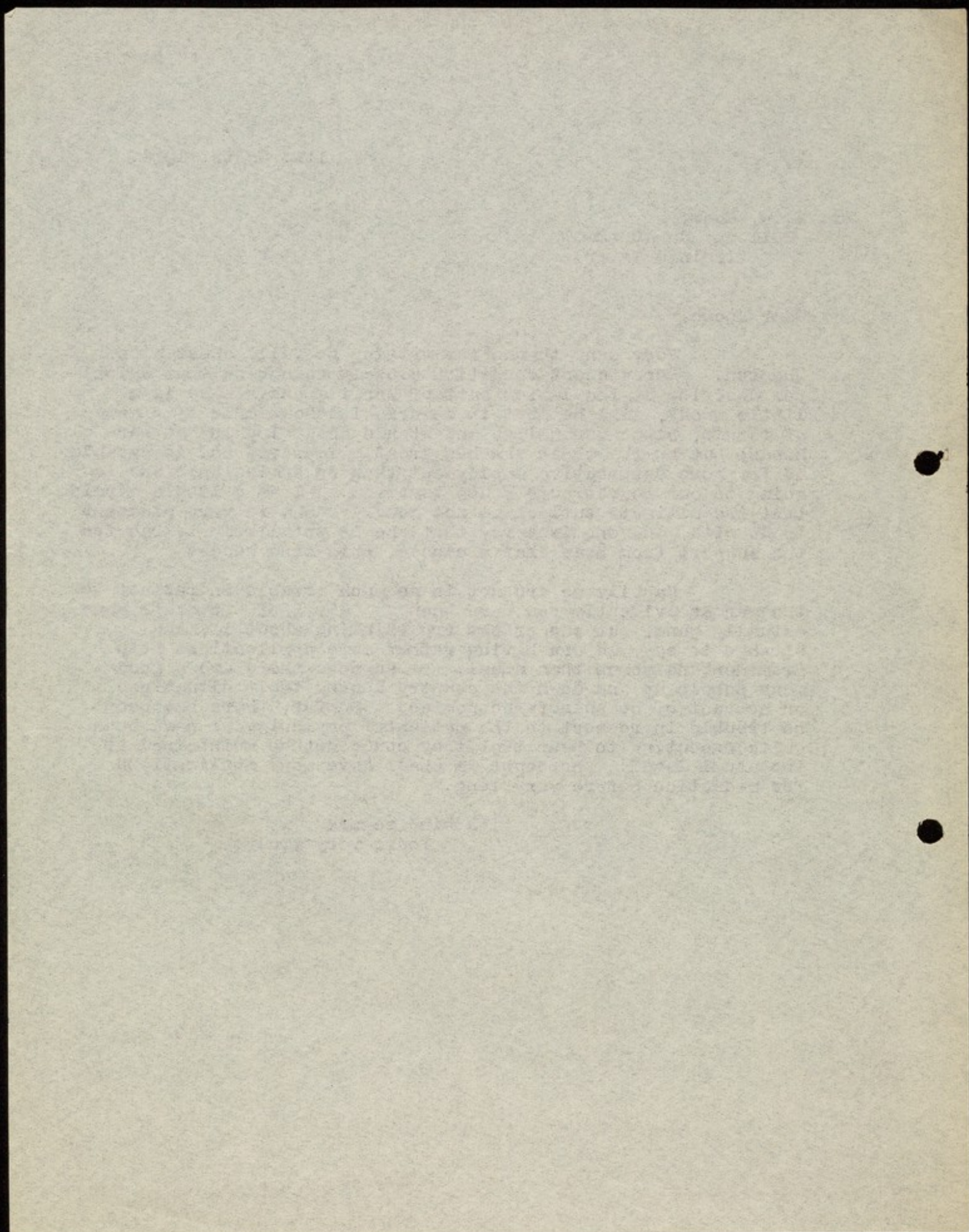
Dr. W. D. Moore,
Holloway Sanatorium,
Virginia Water.

Dear Moore,

Very many thanks for writing so fully about Miss Thomson. Her present condition closely resembles that which you describe at the latter part of her illness. She is a little moody, will be lost in reverie in the middle of a game of tennis, bites her nails, and stands about looking at her hands; but on the whole she has greatly improved and is capable of far more consecutive employment than on admission. She is going to our Scarborough House tomorrow. I am a little afraid that the ultimate outlook is not good. She is very pleasant to do with, and one is sorry that she is not likely to receive the support from home that a case of this kind needs.

Happily we are not in as much trouble in respect to the war as evidently you have been. Only 3 of our staff have actually gone, but one or two are thinking about it, and, strange to say, we are having rather more applications both from men and women than usual. I suppose there are a good many people up and down the country losing their situations on account of compulsory economies. So far, there has been no trouble in respect to the patients' payments. I have been quite expecting to hear that they could not be maintained at the usual level. No doubt we shall have many applications for reduction before very long.

With kind regards,
Yours very truly,



Chapman

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM,
VIRGINIA WATER.

Sept. 10th 1914

Dear Pierce

Miss D. Thomson was
admitted as a Voluntary Boarder
in Oct. 1911.

There was a history of an
unfortunate love affair six months
previously followed by influenza.
An Uncle was insane.

She was restless & impulsive
and somewhat dreading and
depressed. Early in November
she smashed a glass and
attempted to cut her left radial
artery - she managed to sever
several tendons which were

stitched together.

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She was then certified.
She remained very depressed with
delusions of unpardonable sin
and a strong suicidal tendency
for some months. At times
confused at times excited and
it was difficult to prevent her
scratching, and biting herself.

In February she developed
the delusion that she was not
Dorothy Thomson but someone
else.

She gradually improved and
was discharged "believed" in
August 1912. She was still
wayward & uncertain but I
did not consider her suicidal.
She was readmitted as a
boarder in January 1913

HOLBOWAY SANATORIUM
VIRGINIA WATER

7-SUPERFINE

She was mildly depressed and
very self-centred and there was
a return of the idea of dual
personality. She could not
concentrate her attention and
occasionally bit her hands.

From Feb. she steadily improved
and left on March 2nd.
In the early stages her father
was very attentive and
evidently concerned but, later,
they seemed to lose interest and
before she left I had to write
fairly strongly.

I suppose you are in
difficulties owing to the war.
We have lost 43 men.

Yours truly
W. B. Moore

HOLLOWAY SAWYER
VIRGINIA WATER

HOLLOWAY SANATORIUM,
VIRGINIA WATER.

AC&P

SUPERFINE

2 Granville Park
Newisham SE
August. 7

Dear W. F. Pierce

I am very sorry
to trouble you but
I do feel so anxious
to know how Dorothy
is, if she has settled
now quietly, we
are so thankful
she is safe with

you, she has never but I will not
written to us except write if you see
that one letter. it is not wise
I want you to tell her when well
me if it is best was so affectionate
I should not. To us all it seems
write to her still, terrible

I should think Yours sincerely
she must feel. Julia Thomas
so utterly thrown about the water
over by her own how sad all
is

24th July, 1914.

Dear Mr. Thomson,

We have been a little anxious about Miss Thomson on account of her extreme restlessness and inability to keep at any one thing for long together. I felt obliged to curtail the amount of liberty we had given her and not allow her to be over the whole grounds at all hours. I have had a talk with her this morning and she assures me that she no longer has the idea of a second personality, she has given up biting her nails, and that yesterday she was able to play two games of croquet and three games of tennis without wandering away. She is evidently very anxious to go home but I have persuaded her to defer the matter until Monday next when I will write to you. She is certainly very excitable and restless still and there is an obvious lack of balance, but on the whole I think there is some slight improvement. She looks well, and eats and sleeps well.

Yours very truly,

2 Grenville Park

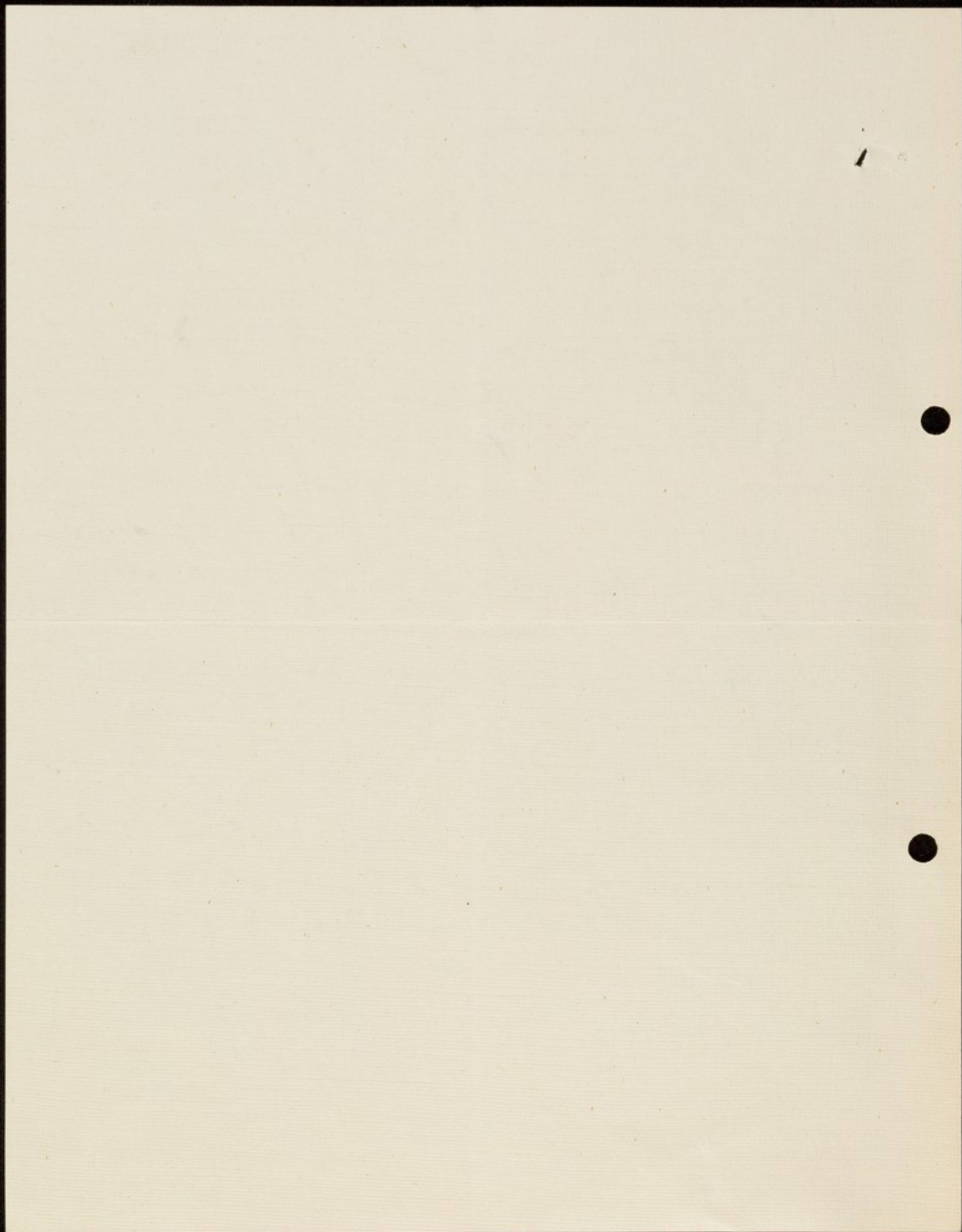
Lewisham S.E. 25th July 1914

Care of Miss J. D. Thomson

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter of yesterday's date. I am afraid her assurance, that she has no longer the idea of a second personality, & that she has given up biting her Nails, is of little value. We have had unfortunately, evidence of this, so very often - She is anxious to come home, as the restraint which is necessary is naturally not pleasant. But we have tried her coming back twice, & twice she has disappointed mentally & physically. Our Dr. here (Dr. Owen) & Dr. Clayton (Dr. Thomson of Wimborne) & my Mother (Dr. Thomson of Plymouth) as well as my old friend Dr. J. P. Adams (of Brook House, Clapton) who know her well, all concur that the restraint of some place like "the Retreat" is absolutely necessary. But of course you will know what is best. I don't want to hear her excited again, unless it were necessary,

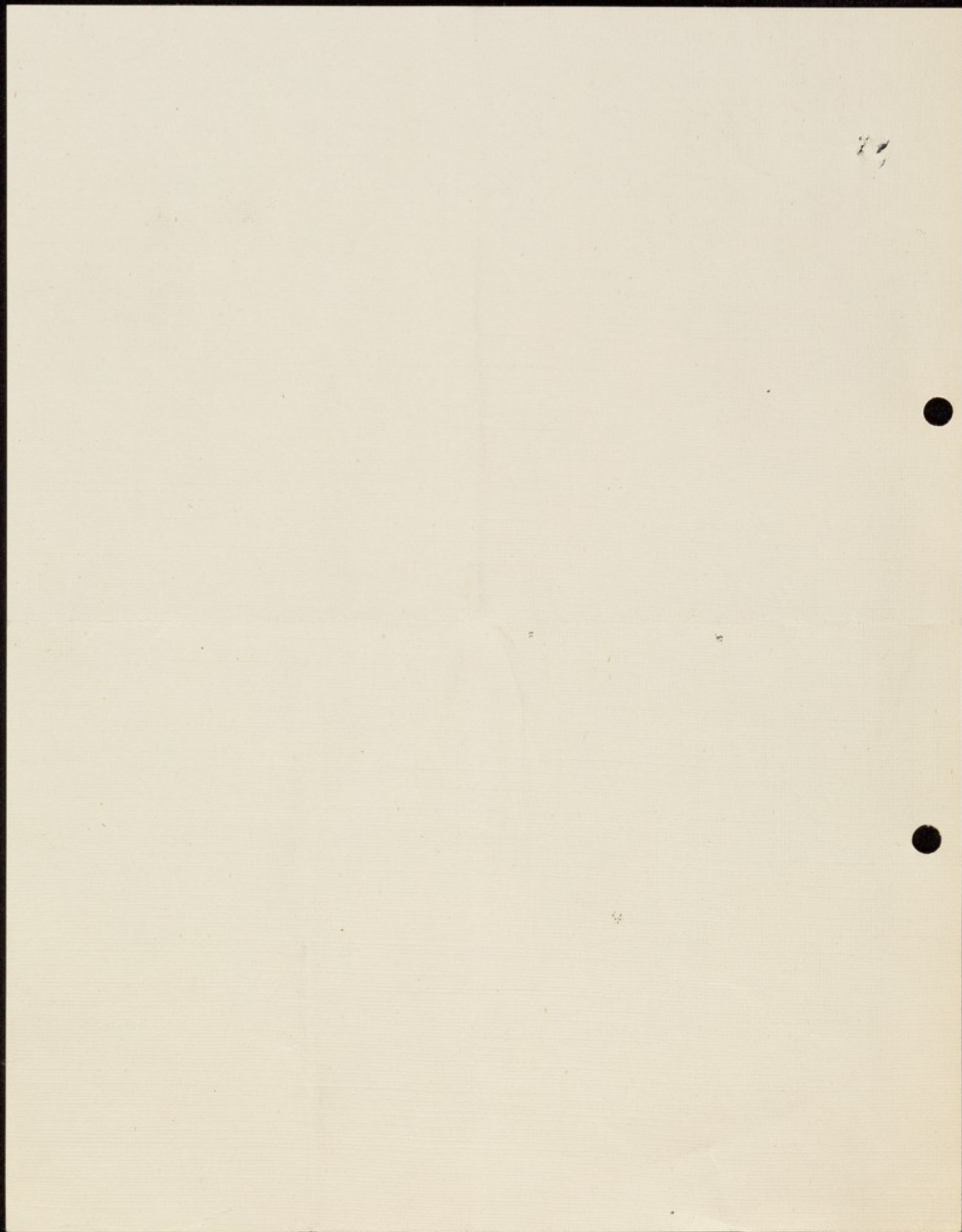
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I have sent herewith, some work to
do - Kindly read my letter to her, and
if you think it desirable, would you
leave it to her -

Believe me: Yours faithfully
Oliver Thomson

P.S. We were much interested in reading
your letter in the "Morning Post."
Yours
O.T.



3 Encl.

2 Granville Park
Horsesham S.E. 24th July 1914

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of yesterday's date, and in reply to enclose cheque for
£34.2.6. Would you please convey to your Com-
- mittee my sincere thanks for the reduction of the
fee for the first six months -

I am ^{also} enclosing the Form of Guarantee, duly
signed, as requested -
and Acknowledgement.

Yours faithfully
Cliff. Thomson

W. L. Waller Esq.

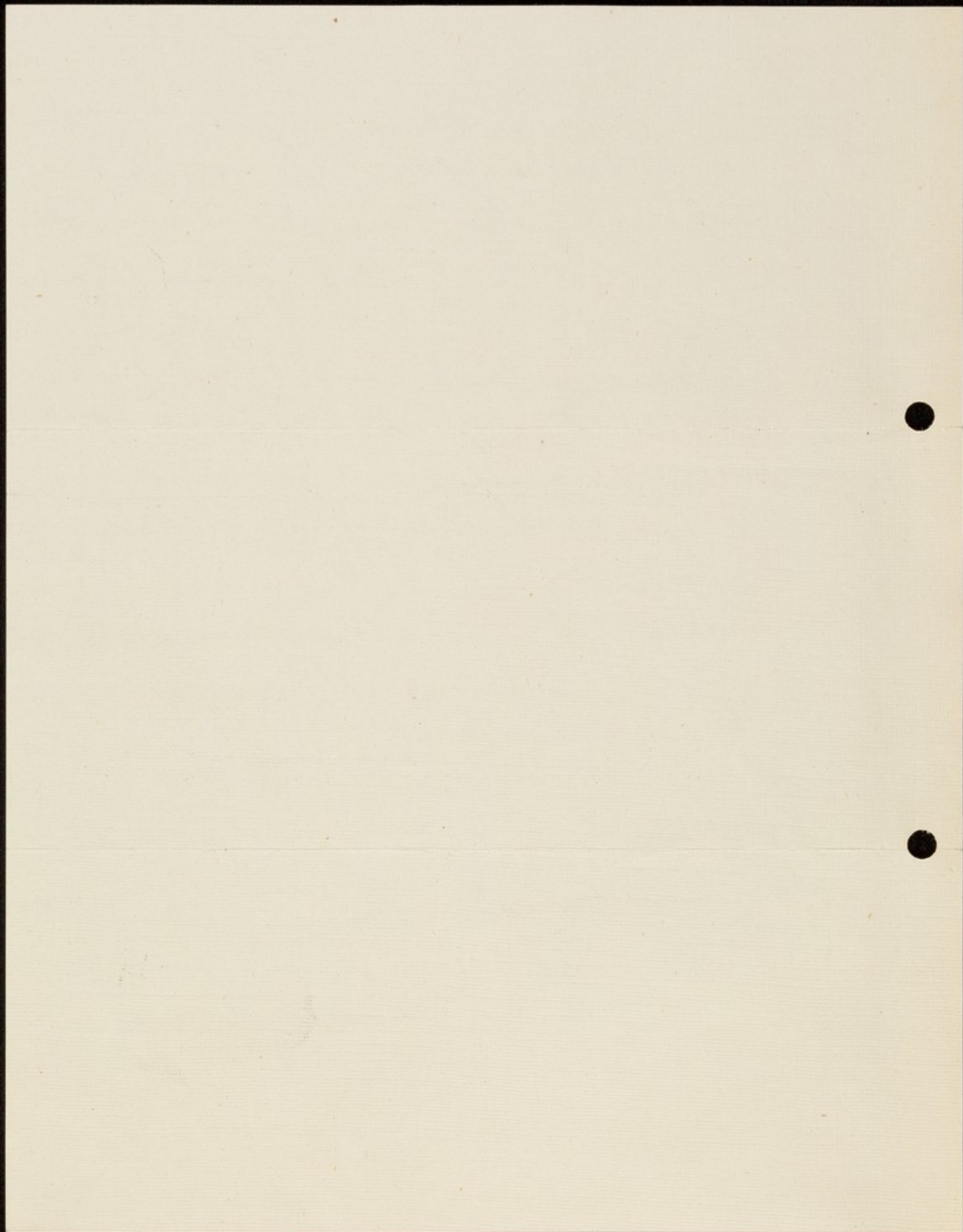
The Secretary

The Society

York.

P.S. I was glad to read Mr. Parnall's in-
- teresting letter, in the "Morning Post" -

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2 Granville Park
 Lewisham S.E.
 24th July 1914

Dear Dr. Purvis,

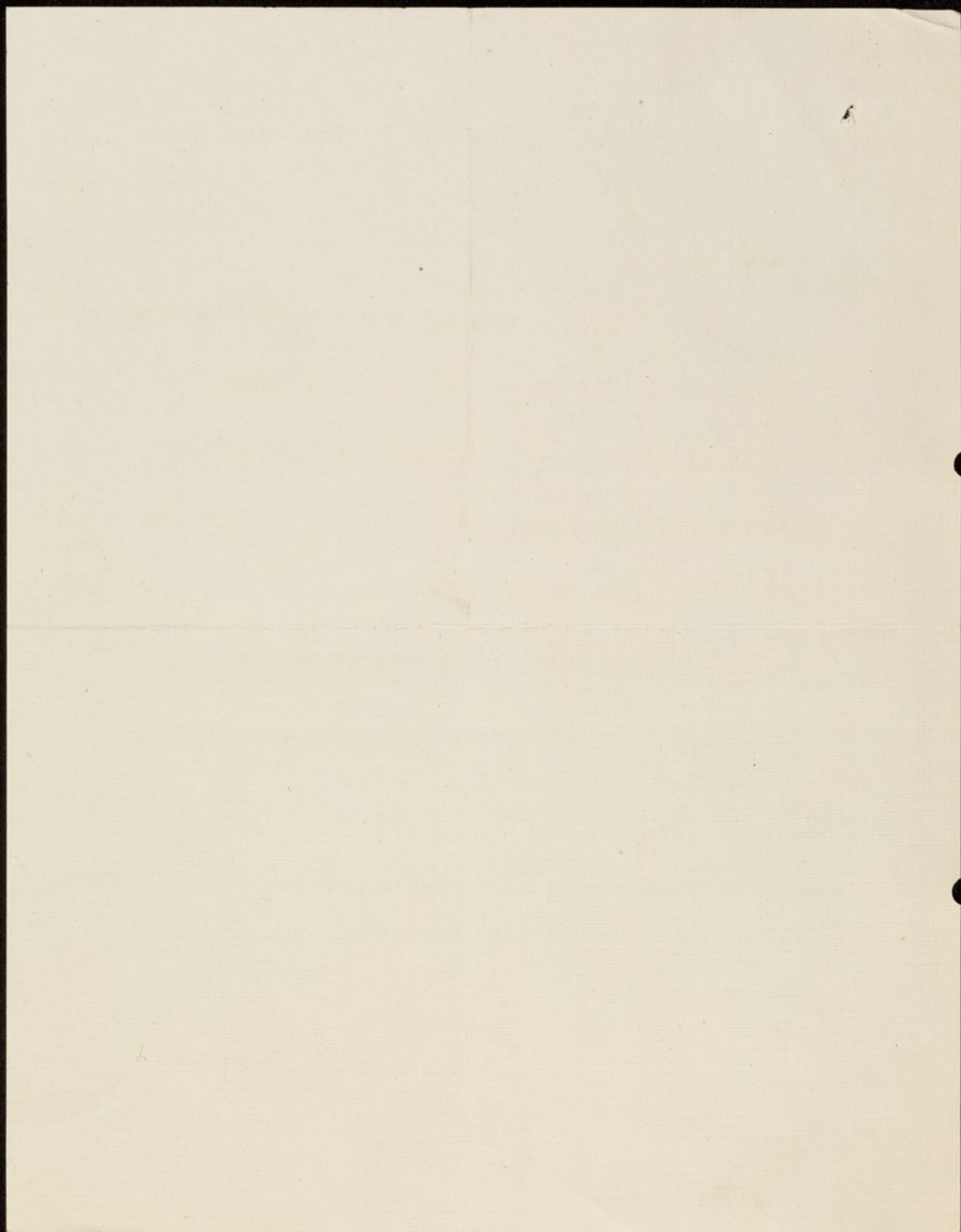
(case of Miss J. D. Thomson.)

I am enclosing the first & only note I have received from my daughter - Of course, she is not in a fit state to be at home. We have tried it twice, & twice she has failed. Perhaps you would be able to manage her - At times, I have thought her sufficiently not-normal to be certified - But at your leisure, I shall be glad to hear from you, & believe me.

Yours faithfully
 George Thomson

Respectfully
 Alfred Purvis Esq.

P.S. I was wondering whether the promise of her going to Scarborough would keep her quiet?



4th July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have received y e further statement,
and we shall be pleased to see Miss Thomson on
Tuesday as arranged. I hope the stay at the
Retreat will be neneficial for her. I enclose
the photograph which you sent me.

Yours very truly,

For info, 1911

1911

I have received your letter of the 10th

and am glad to hear that you are well

and hope the same for you

Best wishes for the future

Yours truly

John A. Smith

2 Granville Park

Lewisham S.E. 3rd July 1914

Dear Sir,

Care of Miss J.D. Thomson.

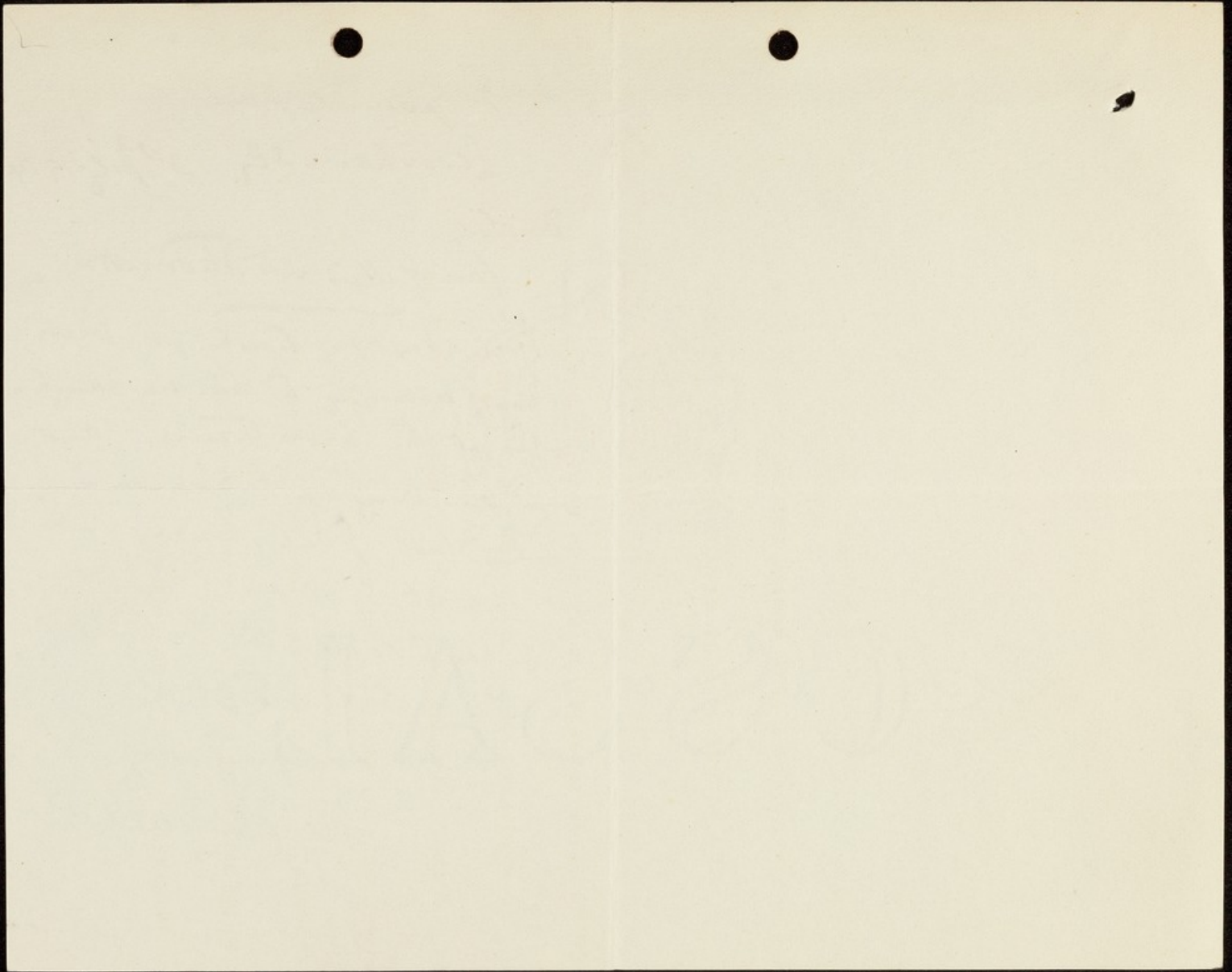
I can accept my thanks for your
kind arranging to take my daugh-
-ter at the lower terms - and
I will bring ^{her} up to York, on Tues-
-day next, 7 July, arriving at
York, at 5.40 pm.

I beg to enclose the further note -
-ment, as directed -

Yours faithfully

Wm. Thomson

Respectfully
to V. {



2nd July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have communicated with the Treasurer, and he sanctions the reception of Miss Thompson for a limited time at the terms you mention. I enclose the usual Voluntary Boarder form and further statement. We shall be pleased to receive her any time, and will gladly do all we can for her. At this time of the year there is much that is of interest going on at the Retreat.

It is desirable that we should have at least a day's notice before Miss Thompson's arrival.

Yours very truly,

and July, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have communicated with the Treasurer, and

the association the receipt of this Treasurer, for a

limited time at the same rate. I enclose

the usual Voluntary Report form and further statement.

We shall be pleased to receive your reply and will

remit to all we can for you. At this time of the

year there is much that is of interest going on at

the present.

It is desirable that we should have at

least a day's notice before this Treasurer's meeting.

Yours very truly,

2 Lymanville Park

Louisiana S.G. 30th June 1914

Case of Miss J. D. Thomson.

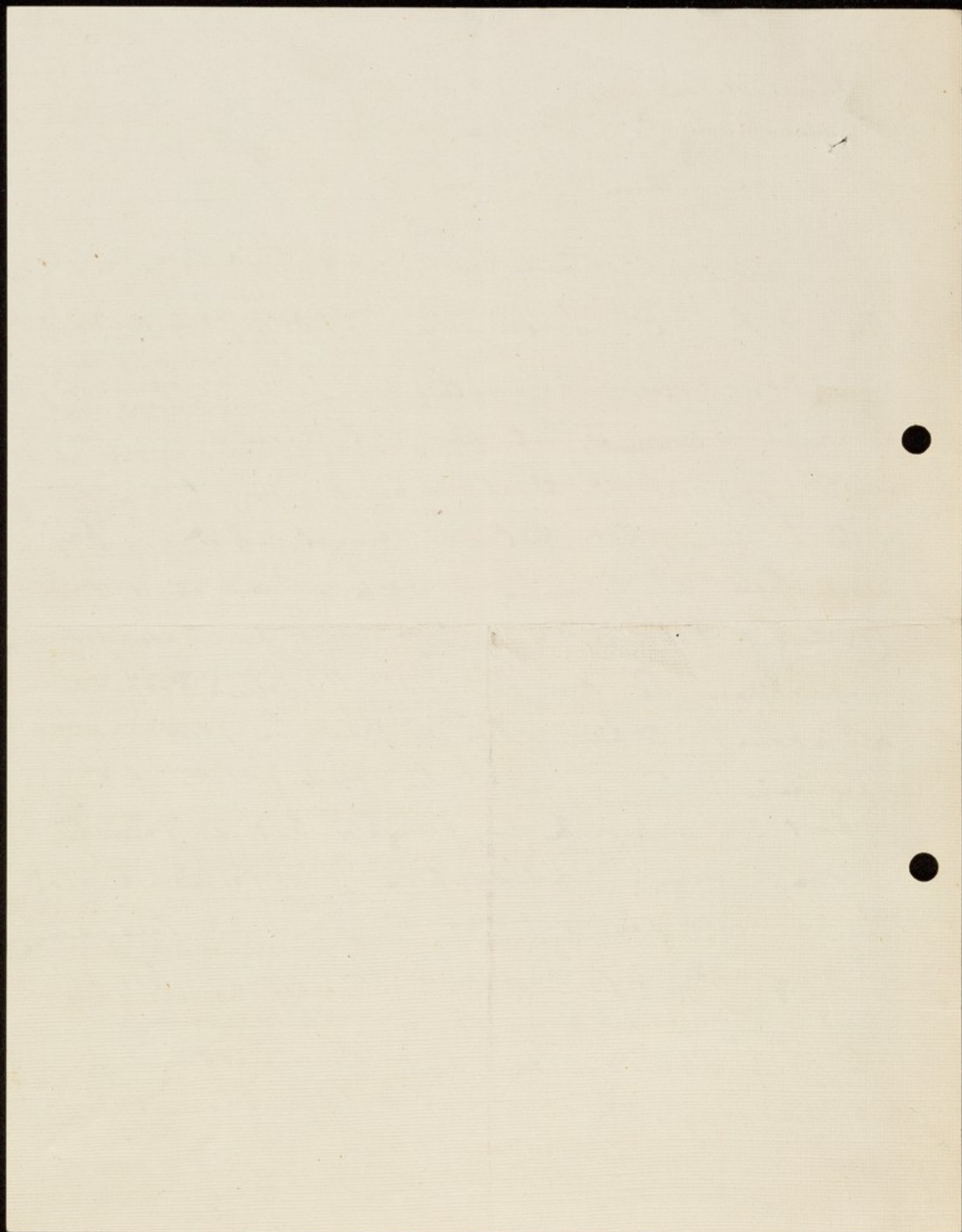
Dear Sir,

allow me to thank you for your kind & explanatory letter of 29th Inst. I have seen Dr. Mosley, my medical man (Roper & Mosley, Blackheath) and he is of opinion, in which I concur, that her best chance is an institution, and I should like to bring her up without delay, but that I cannot afford to pay more than 2½ guineas a week, I am an old Government Pensioner (Admiralty) and have been for many years the Hon. Secy. of St. John's Hospital Louisiana, and having this in view, the people at Nipponia Water agreed to this sum, altho' for about 3 or 4 months my daughter had a private room, & much consideration. I should be glad if you could see your way to grant me this favour. I may add my daughter is not living ^{beckhill} trouble, and Dr. Comber whom she is with, allows her to walk about alone. But she is losing flesh, & unhappy, which is not satisfactory. Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

(I enclose photo) Clara Thomson

13. Cause of Meadows a love affair



29th June, 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of June 28th I fear it would be impossible to arrange for a new patient to go to Throxenby Hall for a few months as it is fully occupied by patients from here having their summer visit. There would, however, be room at the Retreat, but I am sorry to say that the Committee have been obliged to raise the terms and the lowest rate under ordinary circumstances is £3. 3. 0 per week. The enclosed portion of the circular letter which has been sent round to the friends of the patients explains the increase. However in acute cases where there is a prospect of recovery in a reasonable time the Committee are willing to entertain applications for a reduction of terms, and possibly Miss Thomson's case might be so dealt with. I enclose a copy of the old Report which will give you further information respecting the Institution.

Yours very truly,

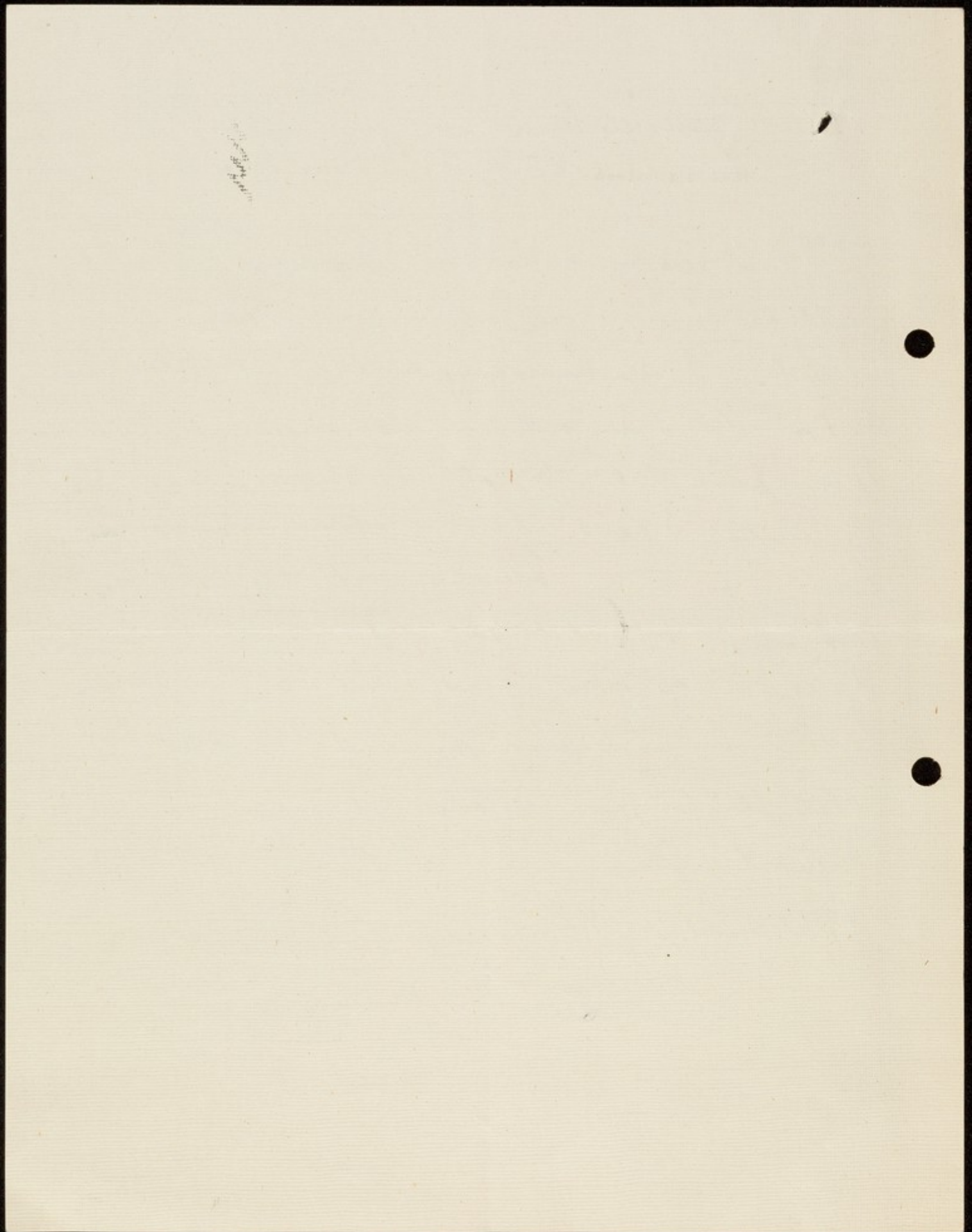
L. C. Thomson, Esq.

2 Granville Park

Lewisham S.E. 28th June 1914.

Dear Sir, Would you kindly inform me, if you have, or shall be shortly having, a vacancy for a lady patient? I am enclosing a short medical history sheet. As I am only an old-fashioned Pleurotic, I am afraid I could not afford more than the 2½ guineas I paid at V. Water. Could you she come to you as a Voluntary Pat. under the certificate of Dr. Brody, her best doctor? She is one of those Cases put on the Portland - I am hoping you might be able to send her to your Branch at Scarborough, without passing her thro' the The Retreat - & Delamere. Very faithfully,

Levin: Thomson



Case of Miss J. D. Thomson -
daughter of Applicant. 4

Age 34.

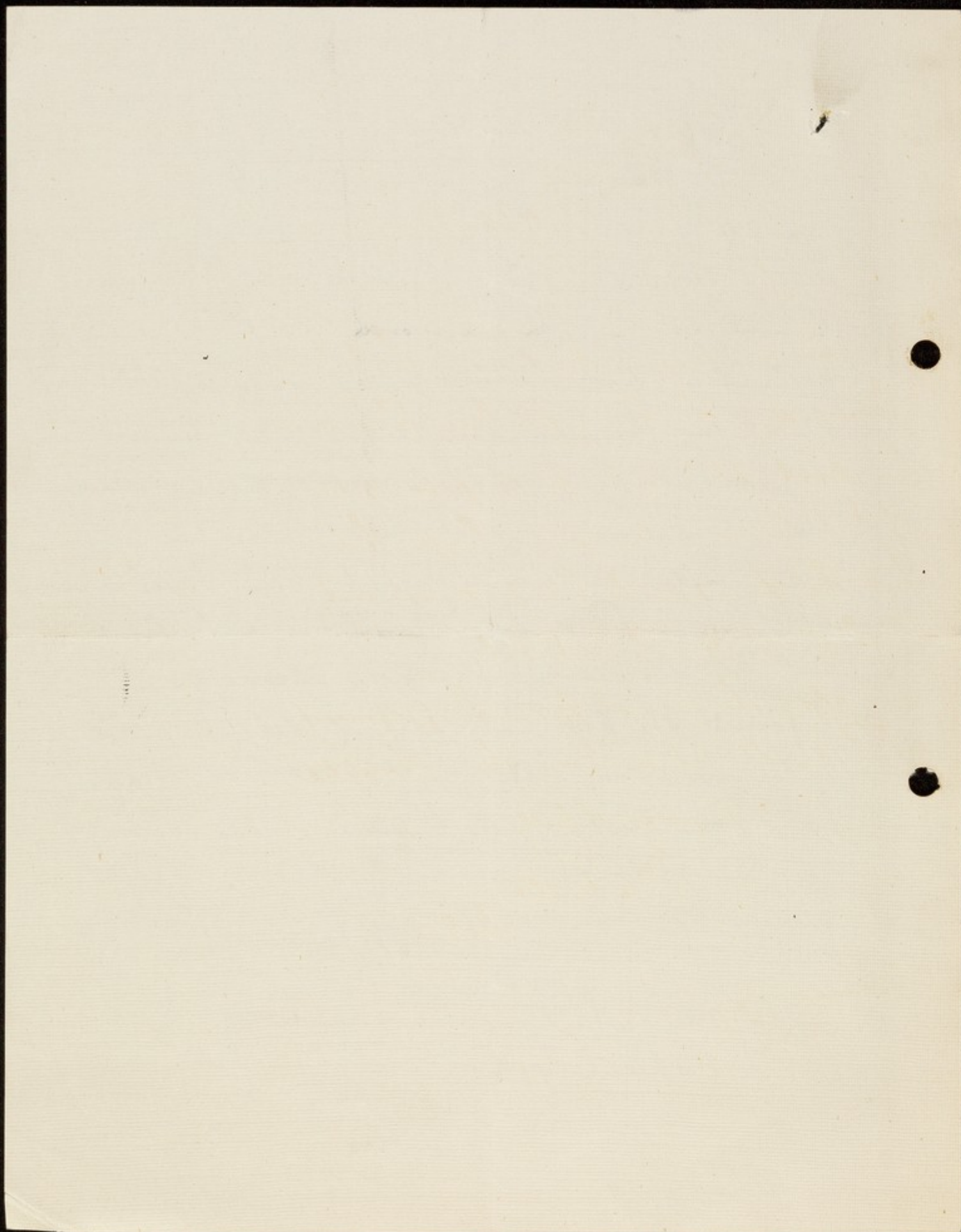
Went to Virginia Water (D. Moore Esq.) about
2 years since - ~~In 12 months~~ as a Voluntary
patient - But was certified soon afterwards.
In 12 months, was discharged, very much
improved, & came home - Relapsed, & again
went to Virginia Water, as a "Voluntary" -
Was drafted 6 months ago, to this Sanatorium
at Canford (Dourmouth) & 3 months ago,
she was discharged cured, & came home.
I found she had not perfect self control
& she has been with Dr. Combe of Dorking
for some time. But I fancy, she should
again be under more control -

Lewis Thomson

2 Grosvenor Park

Lewisham SE

28/6/11



Aug 28 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Retreat
Committee the terms for Miss L. C. Thomson
have fixed at £2.12.6 for the first 6 mos.
If Miss Thomson remains longer then
that the fee will be £3.3.0 a week,
which is now our lowest rate.

Enclosed the usual form of agreement
which kindly return to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller
Secy.

L. C. Thomson Esq.

July 20 1914

Dear Sir,

At the recent meeting of the Select Committee the terms for this Thompson were fixed at £2.12.6 for the first 6 mos. of this Thompson. Numerous copies have been sent to the fee for this £3.3.0 amount, which is now our lowest rate.

Enclosed the recent form of agreement which clearly shows how these amounts

Yours faithfully
W. E. Coleman

J. E. Thompson Esq.



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 Ida Dorothy Thomson of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dringate, 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 necessities, 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 twenty fourth day of July 19 14

Name

Residence

Occupation

Ida Dorothy Thomson
2 Francis Park SE
Retired Civil Servant

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

E. C. Thomson
Professor of Music
The Conservatory of Music
Blackburne SE

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.



ALFRED
WILKINS
BOITOM