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17th July, 1915.

Dear Mr. Wigin,

We are very glad to
hear such a good account of
Mr. Wigin, and I have pleasure
in sending you a notice of
discharge.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

17th July, 1918.

Dear Mr. Wiggin,

We are very glad to

hear such a good account of

Mr. Wiggin, and I have pleasure

in sending you a notice of

discharge.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

ROBT S. WIGIN,
SOLICITOR.

83, Albion Street.

Leeds 16 July 1915

Dear Sir,

I send herewith cheque for
£16.19.0 in payment of the
billed amount. I am glad to
say my son is quite well &
at present working in the
Aeroplane Works at Leeds which
seems to be more to his liking
than Law; he has been there
now 3 weeks & is just doing the
work of an ordinary workman -

Thanking you for all your
kindness I remain

Yours truly,
R. S. Wigin
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LETTER
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AT HOME 5-5
OR BY APPOINTMENT
TELEPHONE 0253

650.
4, LEEDS ROAD,
HARROGATE.

3rd April, 1915.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Very many thanks for your letter about Wigin. I refrained from answering your letter until his parents had made up their minds what to do with him, and, as they have probably by this time told you, they would like him to stay on with you for a short time longer, and then, if you think fit, to let him go away with his mother for a few weeks somewhere in the South. Unfortunately, his mother last week sprained her ankle, which I fear will incapacitate her for some time.

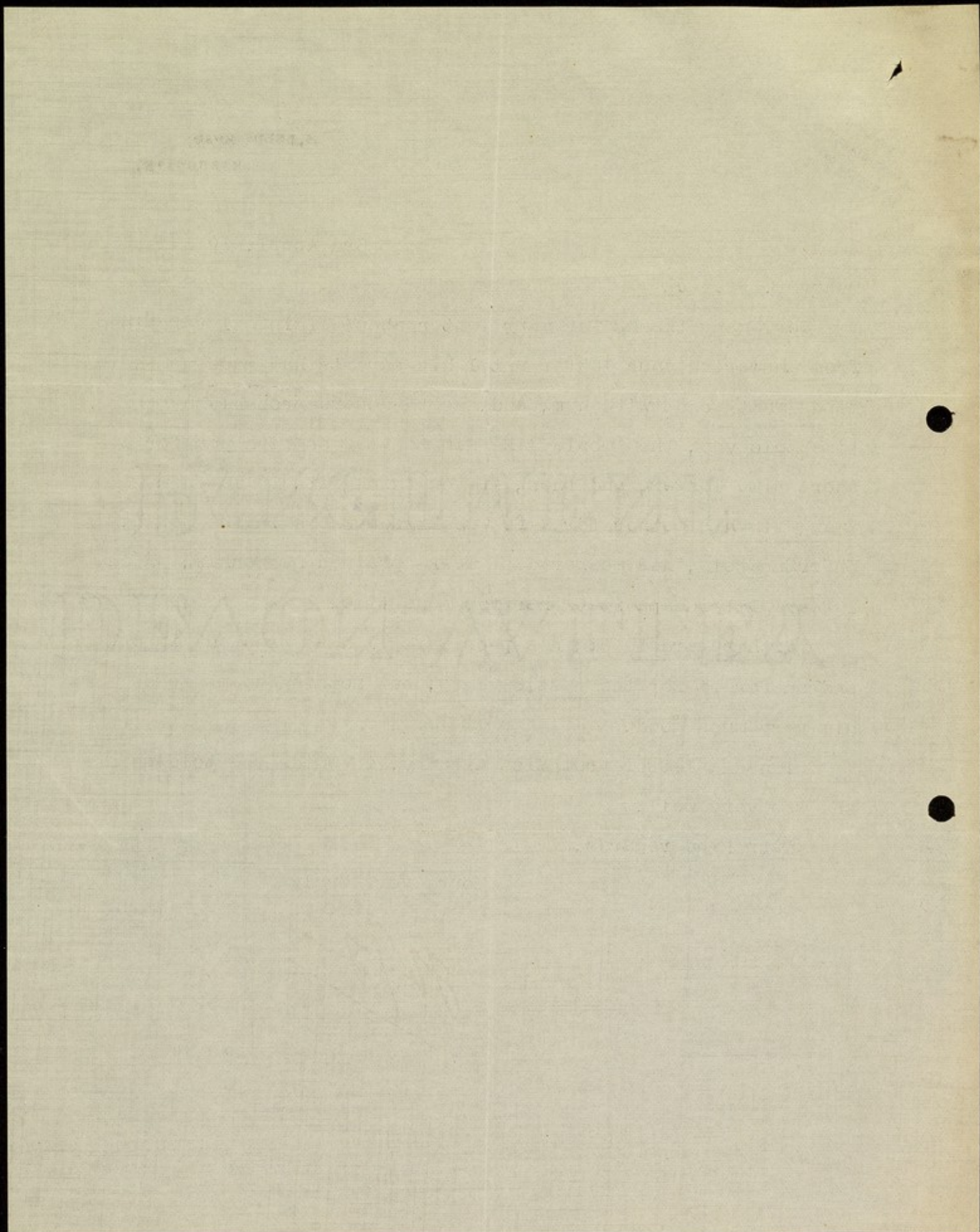
With regard to Wigin's psoriasis, I have treated him off and on for it for the past 8 years, but nothing seems to do him very much good.

I had a letter from Miss Astbury, in which she told me she was very well.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

J. H. Jones



10th March, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Wigin,

By all means come and see your son. About a month ago he improved in a striking way, but unfortunately relapsed and became very talkative and noisy. He has now improved again. Yesterday he was particularly well, quiet and orderly and sensible. He is keeping nicely to-day, though he still talks in a confused excited way a little now and then. His physical health is excellent.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

10th March, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Wigan,

By all means come and see your son. About

a month ago he improved in a striking way, but unfortunately relapsed and became very talkative and noisy. He has now improved again. Yesterday he was particularly well, quiet and orderly and sensible. He is keeping nicely to-day, though he still talks in a confused excited way a little now and then. His physical health is excellent.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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"SOUTHCOTE",
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

M. G. Gorch J.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Kindly let me know if I can
come to see my son Bobbie and
Thursdoy or if you think it
would do him harm.


With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely.

J. B. Higgin.

Southwest
Park Drive
Harrogate

"SOUTHCOTE,"
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

Feb: 10th


Dear Doctor Pierce,

To-morrow (Thursday)

I am coming to see
my brother again, about
two o'clock. -

Hoping this arrangement
is quite convenient to you

I remain

Yours sincerely

Clarissa Wigie.

Southgate
Park Drive
Harrogate

2nd February, 1915.

Dear Mr. Wigin,

There is a very decided improvement physically. Mr. Wigin is putting on flesh, and now looks well. He is still excitable, and talks a good deal of nonsense. In between times he is fairly rational for a few moments, but he can rarely sustain a conversation for long. On the whole there is considerable mental improvement, but he is still far from convalescent.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

and February, 1917.

Dear Mr. [illegible],

There is a very decided improvement
physically. Mr. [illegible] is getting on his feet, and
now looks well. He still excites, and takes
a good deal of exercise. In between times he is
taking rational for a few moments, but he can receive
and a suggestion for long. In the field
there is considerable mental improvement, but he
is still far from conversant.

Yours truly,

[illegible]

45 Park Ave
Harrogate 20/1/15

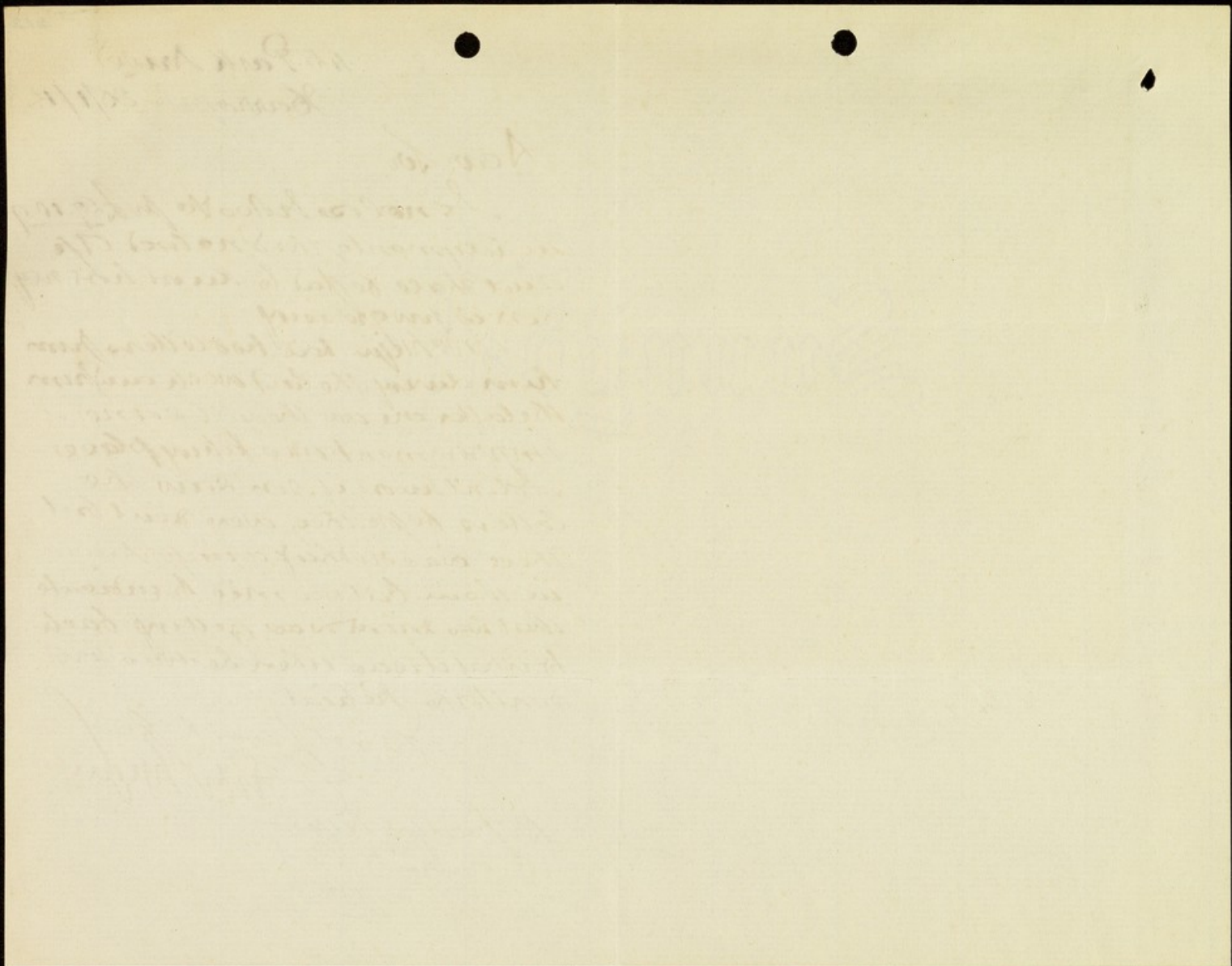
Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith £5.10.9
in payment of the Dr. Lord's fee
and shall be glad to know how my
son is progressing -

Mr. Nevin had two letters from
him during the last week and from
the latter one we thought some
improvement was taking place -

I don't know if you saw the
letters before they were sent but
there was nothing of importance
in them, but seemed to indicate
that his mind was getting back
to what it was when he was first
sent to the Reheat -

Yours faithfully
Wm. Nevin
Dr. Bedford Street
The Reheat
York



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

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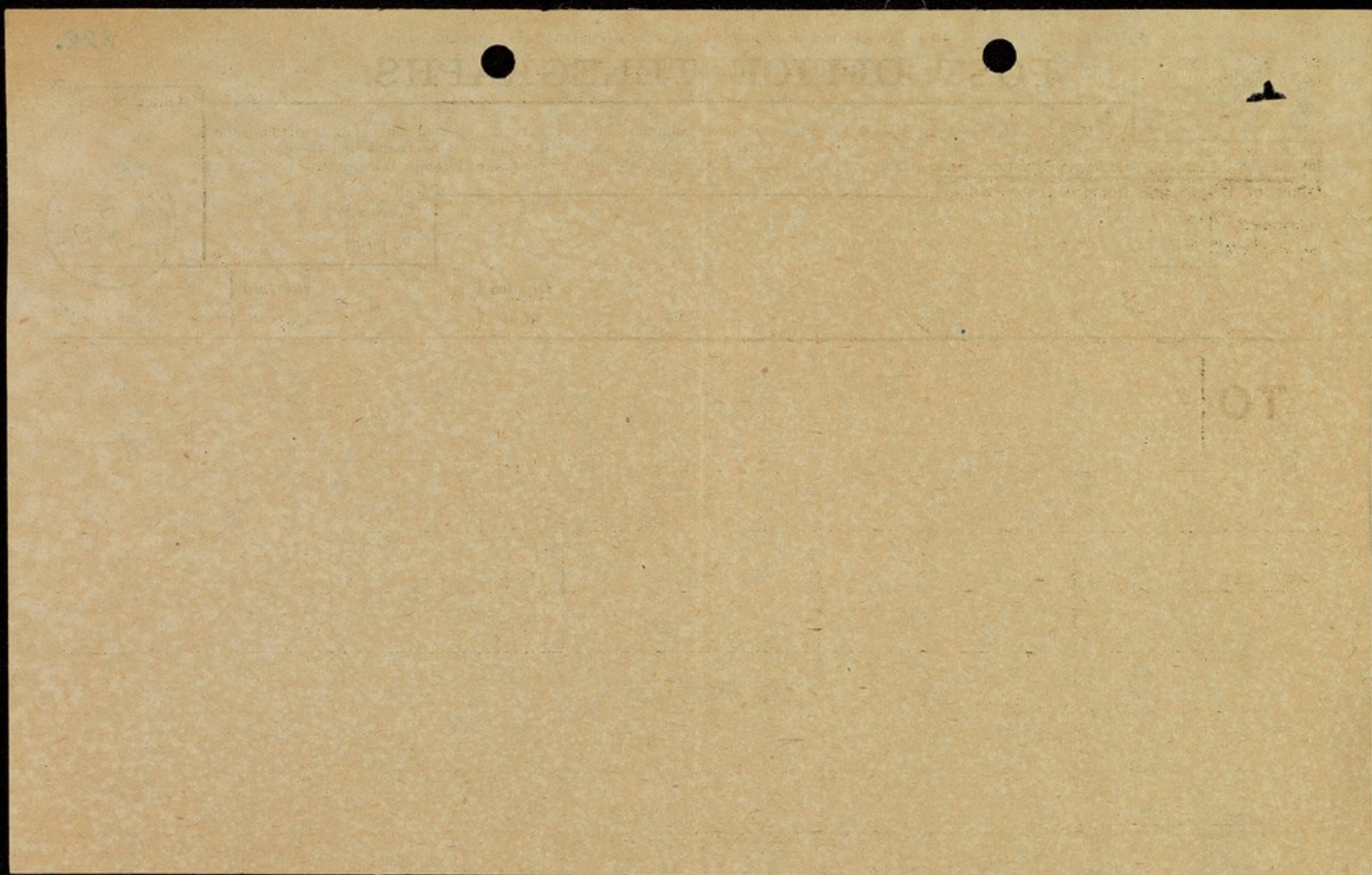
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TO { Doctor Bedford Pierce The Retreat York
Thanks for letter shall come
to visit brother early Monday
afternoon
Wigin



8th January, 1915.

Dear Madam,

In reply to your letter of enquiry I do not think a visit will do Mr. Wigin any harm whatever, and it is possible that it might do him good. It is long since he has seen anyone from Harrogate, the last being Dr. Johns, and he has improved a good deal since then. If you come over, however, you must not be disappointed if you find him quite unable to sustain a conversation, and he may possibly be very excited and even noisy. He will certainly know you, but unless he is much better than usual it is impossible to retain his attention for more than a moment or two. Thus when I told him that you had returned from Germany he seemed to understand, but his mind wandered away immediately and he took no further notice of the matter. The objection to coming is that you may have quite a painful interview, and it will certainly be distressing for you to find your brother in such a wandering state of mind. I should like to know if you are likely to come so that we can arrange the interview as comfortably as possible.

We think that your brother is slowly improving. He is still pale, but he looks much

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better, and he is much easier to nurse than he was
when he first came.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Miss Wigin,

The Firs,

12 Queen's Road,

Harrogate.

know what would be best.

Please forgive me for
causing you so much
bother, but you may
imagine it was a
dreadful shock for me
to hear the news of
my poor brother & I
want to help him if it
is only possible.

With many thanks in
anticipation I remain
Yours very sincerely

Please address to
Clarissa Wigie,
C/o Mrs Pearson,
The Girs,
12. Queens Road,
Harrogate

319.

C/o Mrs Pearson "SOUTHCOTE,"
12 Queens Rd. PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

Wednesday.

Dear Doctor,

Kindly excuse my
writing to trouble you
about my brother Robert
Wigie who I learnt, on
arriving home from Germany
about three weeks ago,
is at present at the
"Retreat" York, under your
care. — Mother has told

me that my absence
in Germany upset him
very much & perhaps
helped him to become
'as bad' as he is at
present & I wondered,
Doctor, if, if he were
to see me it might
bring him back to
his usual state of mind. & I would be so grateful
Do you think it would if you would be kind
do him any good if I enough write & let me

were to come to York
to see him? My
parents do not wish
me to do so as they
fear it would only
make him worse, but
you know best, Doctor
& so I have written to
you unknown to them

45 Park Drive,
Harrogate.
2 Jan'y 1915.

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad if you
will please inform me at
your convenience how my
son is progressing?

Yours faithfully
R. W. Vignier

Dr Bedford Pearce
The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
J. M.

Dr. J. B. Allen
Baltimore
Maryland

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of
the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you

that the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities
for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. B. Allen

14th December, 1914.

Dear Sir,

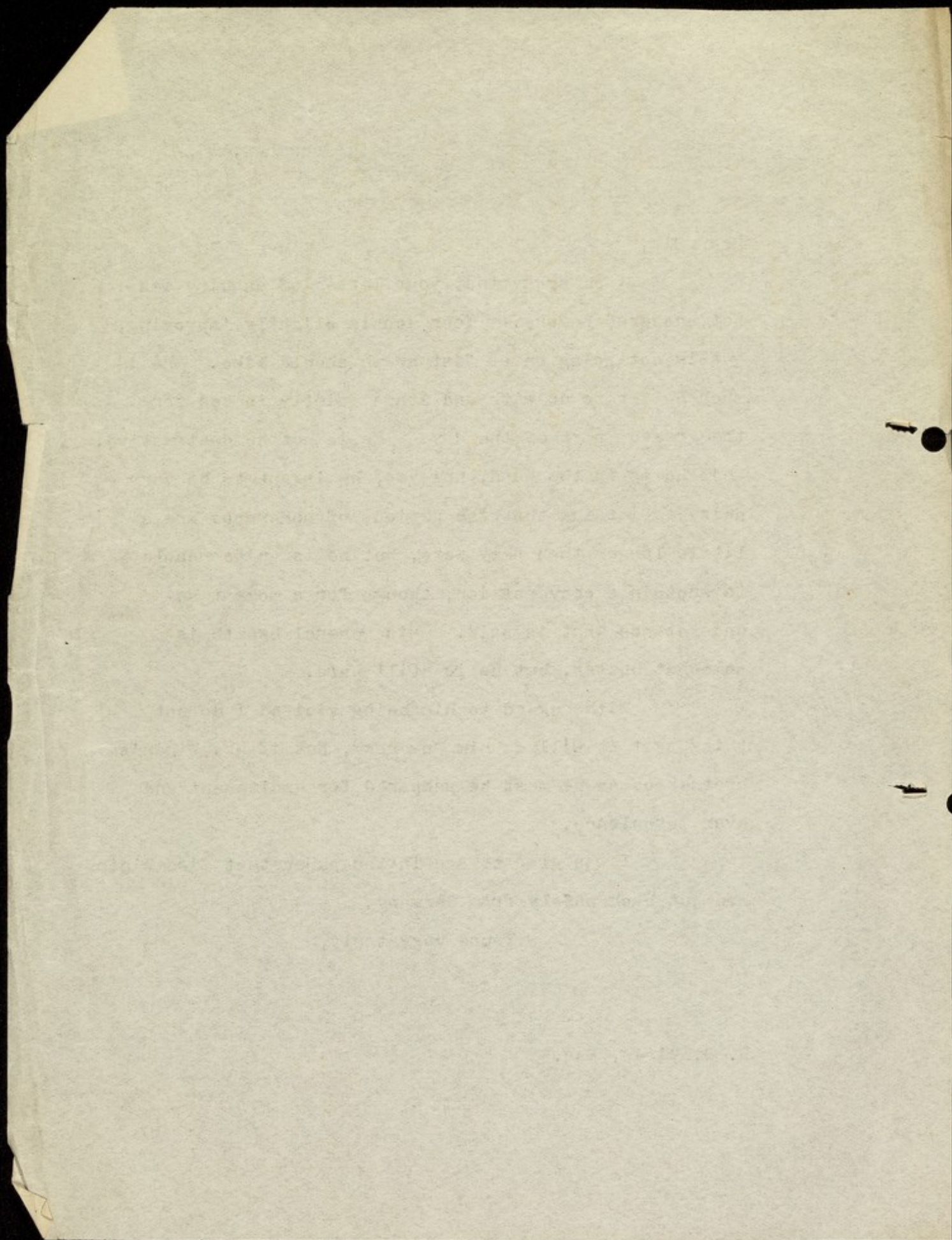
I am sorry that your letter of enquiry was not answered before. Your son is slightly improving, but is not going on as fast as we should like. He is much better to do with and stays quietly in bed for the greater part of the day. He is not so destructive. When he is in the ward, however, he is apt to be very noisy. I think that the periods of coherence are a little longer than they were, but he is quite unable to sustain a conversation, though for a moment he understands what is said. His general health is somewhat better, but he is still pale.

With regard to his being visited I do not think that it will do him any harm, but if Mr. Wigin's brother comes he must be prepared for excitement and even turbulence.

I was glad to see in the paper that Miss Wigin had got back safely from Germany.

Yours very truly,

R. S. Wigin, Esq.



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R. W. Higgins

45 Park Drive

Barrogate

28th Nov 1914

Dear Sir,

Will you please be so
kind as to let me know how
my son is going on and if
there is anything required
at present.

Mrs. J. W. Higgins

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

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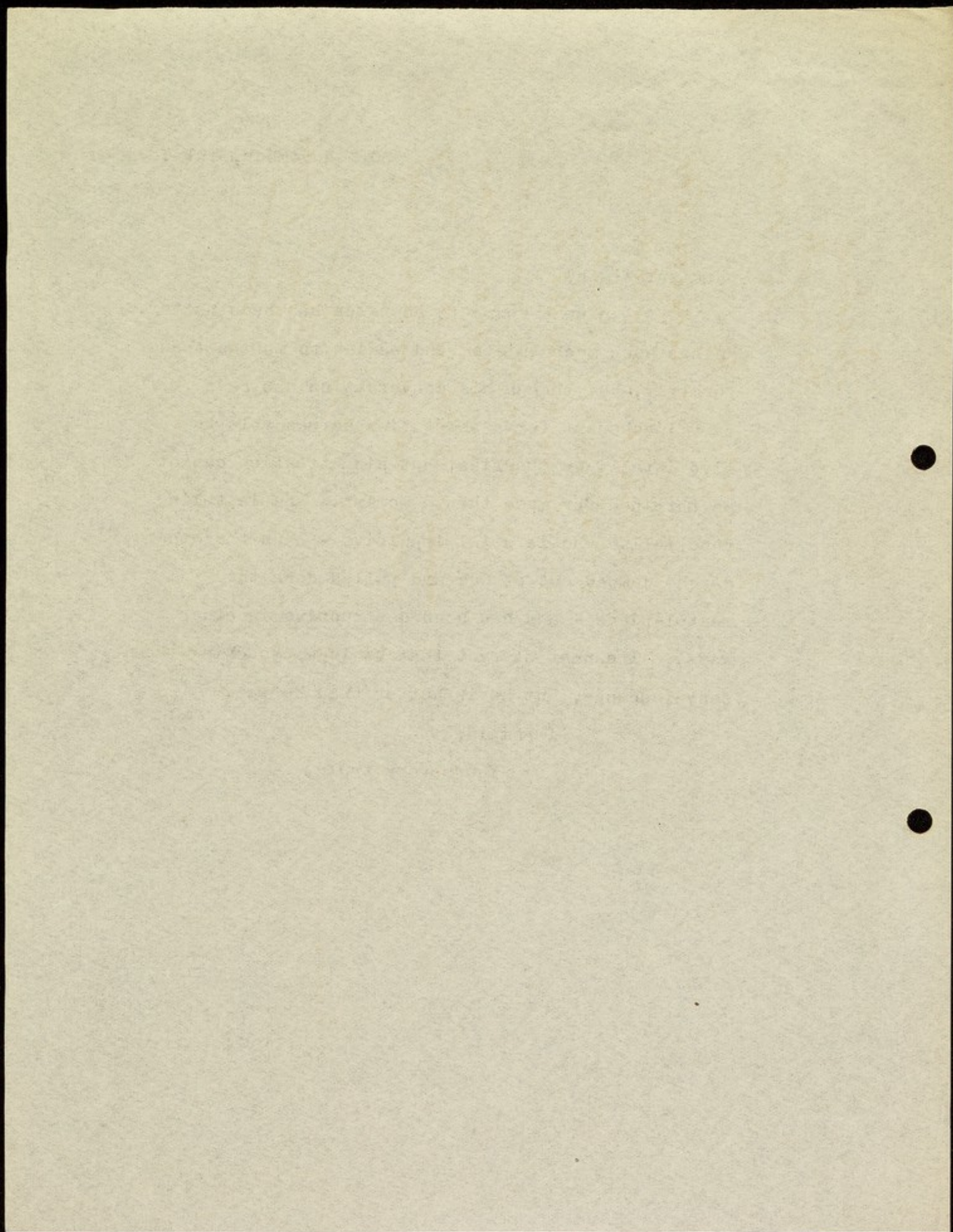
30th November, 1914.

Dear Mr. Wigin,

In some respects your son has been better. He has been much quieter and easier to manage than formerly, but though his conversation has been very incoherent for a short time he was able to give intelligent replies, but his attention cannot be retained for more than a moment. He is taking food well. He is still impulsive - thus the other day he jumped out of bed and pulled down the mantel-piece - and has been destructive in other ways. I cannot say yet that he is approaching convalescence, but he is better than he was.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



45 Parkside
Barnstable
2 Nov. 1914

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
31st ult^o with explanation as to
the charges & am glad to hear
there seems to be some chance
of improvement in my son's
health & I hope that I may
shortly hear even better news.

Yours faithfully
Arthur. W. Wain

The Secretary
The Appeal
Fund

Dear Sir,
I have the
pleasure to
acknowledge
the receipt of
your letter of
the 10th inst.

and in reply to
inform you that
the same has been
forwarded to the
proper authorities
for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very
truly, your obedient
servant.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. [Signature]

✓ "SOUTHCOTE,"
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

You will never know the comfort
your most kind letter does to me.
I am so so grateful for any news
of my boy and yet fear to be a
trouble in asking too often so
leave it to your extreme kindness
to let me know what you like and
when you like about my dear boy.

Ever gratefully Yours.
J. B. Wiggin.

SOUTHCOTE
PARK DRIVE
HARRISBURG

31st. October, 1914.

Dear Sir,

The Committee placed the terms at a somewhat higher rate than was expected on account of the large amount of care that Mr. Wigin requires. It is fully expected that this will no be necessary for long, in which case the terms would be reduced.

Dr. Pierce wishes me to say that though there has not been any decided improvement for a few short intervals Mr. Wigin has been better, and we hope this is the beginning of an improved state of affairs.

Yours faithfully,

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45 Park Drive
Harrgate

29 Oct 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your
letter of the 26th inst & herewith
enclose undertaking duly &
signed Talroche. for £ 02. 4. 0
I understood when I came
over that the charge made would
be probably £ 3. 3. 0 per week
and am rather surprised it
should have been fixed at
£ 4. 4. 0 however I will try &
pay it & can only hope it will
not be required for a long period

Yours faithfully
R. V. L. L. L.
The Secretary
The Retreat
York

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"SOUTHCOTE,"
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

Dear Sir, 6 Oct 1914

I thank you very much
for your letter of the 5th and I am
very sorry to hear there is no
improvement in my son's
condition but I sincerely hope
we may have better news in
a short time.

I have seen Dr. Johns who
will telephone to you tomorrow
about coming over -

If you don't think I am
asking too much we should be
glad if you would kindly let
us have a short rest - perhaps
to time as to his progress -

With many thanks

Yours faithfully
A. H. Pearce

I am yours faithfully
W. J. H. H. H.

Southwest
Park Drive
Winchester

is anything in the way
of Ashby etc that he
'requires so that we may
and what is necessary

Yours faithfully
R. W. Negin

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat
York

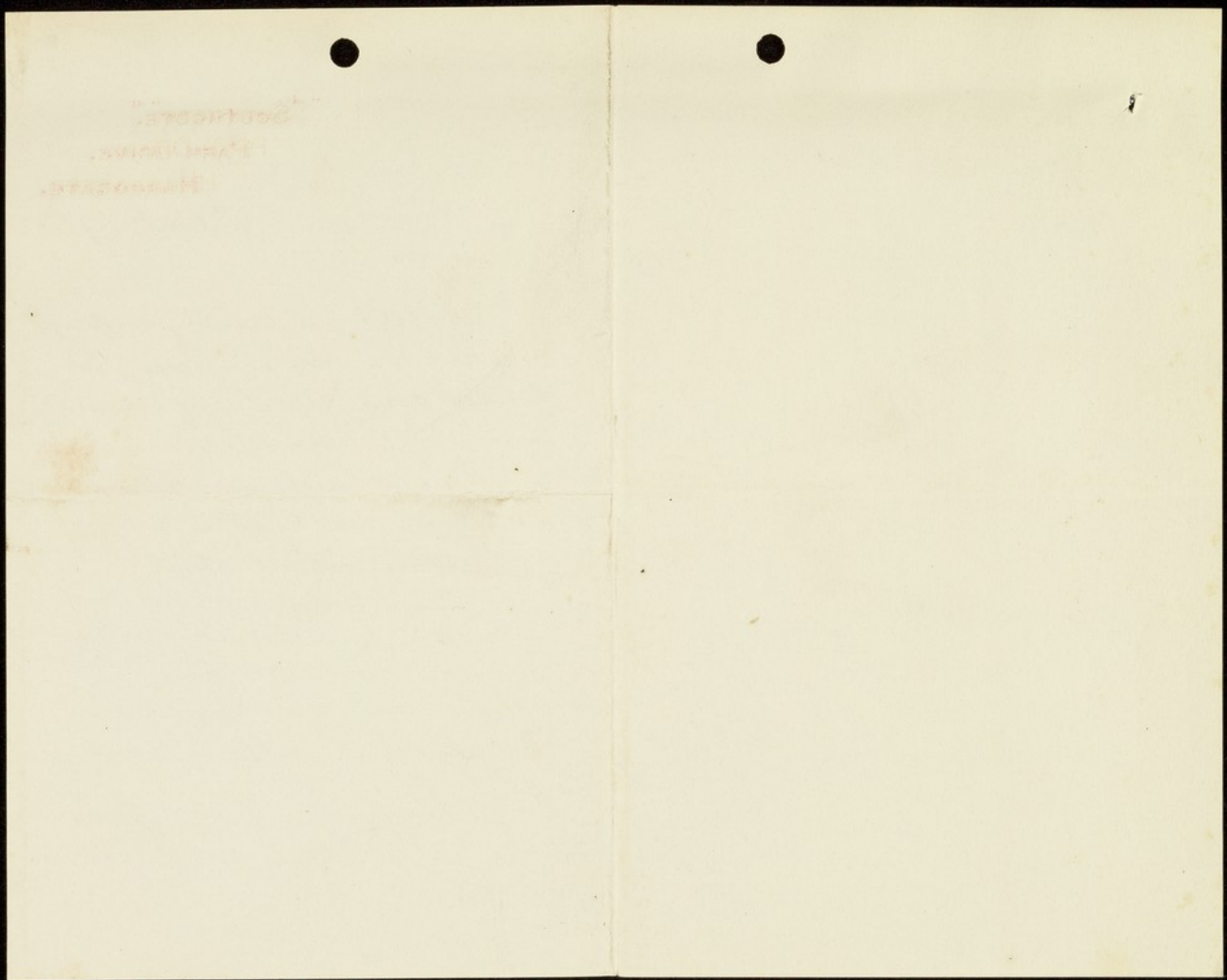
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"SOUTHCOTE,"
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

4th Oct 1914

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform
me how my son is getting on
if you can report any change
since R. John's telephoned you
about a fortnight ago, as we
are very anxious to know
something about him.

Do you think it would be
advisable for Mrs Negin or myself
to come over to see him? As
John says we should not
do so until we hear from
you - Will you kindly when
writing please say if there



✓
"SOUTHCOTE,"
PARK DRIVE,
HARROGATE.

Saturday

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

They say you are so wonderfully
clever will you also be wonderfully kind
and listen to me for a moment? I am
not an hysterical woman but a Mother
whose heart is simply breaking.
Doctor Can you give me a little
hope that my boy will some day be
right again? You don't know what
he was so clever & bright so strict

loved by everybody. Yesterday
I saw a lady who only three
months ago was under your care
she is so well now, it gave me hopes
and the courage to come and write
to you. Pray excuse me troubling
you my excuse is my great love for
my boy & my faith in your cleanness.

With kind regards,

Sincerely Yours

J. B. Digin:



--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 Robert Wignin 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 29th day of October 1914

Name

Residence

Occupation

SIGNED by the said

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

Belling Marquiss

Surgeon etc.

83 Albion Street Leeds.

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.

