

Add Mss 45809

BL11 Add Mss 45809-45819 microfilms, general correspondence, hospital and nursing drafts and notes, 631 pages

Add Mss 45809, microfilm, 341 folios, reel 36, general correspondence 1888-90, Adam Matthew reel 36

signed letter, f3, pencil

f3

Ld Dufferin's Letter 16/10/88

has

Why was the Loan Act XI of 1879
ceased to be used?

Would it be possible

but if possible & ought you
will have done it

to invest the Panchayat
with a power of taxation

notes, ff4-7v, pencil

f4

I hear the Resolution everywhere *spoken of*
universally needed

Dear Lord Dufferin new departure - & praised & referred to
on all occasions as such. It will certainly become so

I would I could say what I cannot surely say how deeply
Grateful I am to Your ~~Excellency~~ for the extreme kindness
of your letter of Aug 27 explaining the lines on
which reached me (on Oct) 15

Which your beneficent Sanitary policy is to be carried
out by the subordinate Govts & sending me the
Sanitary [thankful for sending me the??]

[10:335-36]

various Acts of the various Provinces - & yet more for
the new departure upon which by the Resn of the Govt of India
of July 27/88 all over India practical Sanitary
progress may now be made It is indeed ~~a strong~~
an act worthy of you to give this strong impulse to what is
to lower the Death & Sickness Rates & increase the physical vigour

f4v

& ~~pros~~ power of ~~obtaining~~ growing food supplies of all the people of India. I hear the Resn [end 10:336]

You will be remembered with gratitude by ~~them~~
all these poor millions if the subordinate Govts do but carry out
Provincial your intentions

We hail this new departure of the happiest augury to India with delight
& hope

May you see in future years the fruits of
your policy - And may the blessings of your
Indian Millions reach you wherever you are.

The Marquis of Food Water Supply

f5

Your Excellency:

You are kind enough to tell me that you have
now under consideration a proposal for the
introduction into the Bombay Council of an Act
not only to provide for Sanitation in villages &
to establish a Executive Sanitary agency but also
to link the village community to the larger territorial
area under the control of the Local & District Boards
We shall look forward to this with joy & trust hope,
as safe guarding very important & immense tho' small
interests such as that the money raised by
taxation in villages should be spend in the village when
it has been raised, & not in beautifying ~~the approaches to~~

f5v

or in building ~~Schools or Dispensary~~ for the market
town or Head Quarters of the Local Board -

That constant ground of complaint ~~of all~~ Indian villages will
now have no longer: 'we don't mind being taxed
if only we saw the results of our money *in our own*
village: but we never do - [end 10:336]

a And perhaps if the Executive agency ~~is~~ were left wholly in the
hands of Local & District Boards, this might mean that every
mukadum or native overseer of Labour will be a
first *cousin* relative of some member of the Local Board - a thing not
wholly unknown among old Boards of Guardians in London.

Madras is far ahead of Bombay in Sanitary
matters - And in the Madras Act which you were
so kind as to send me

f6

[2]

~~I find~~ is found a provision that the District Board Fund should transfer to each Taluka Board *at least* half of the money raised in the Taluka

(a)

The Municipalities on the Western side have scarcely as yet increased powers - have they? But alas! Some have not made use even of the powers they have would it be possible b but if possible a right your excellency will have consider

With regard to the villages, ~~will they have~~ the power the question already to invest them by means of panchayat or otherwise with

of taxing themselves - [they know better than Govt how to

under of course the control of Government raise the money without causing irritation] - Govt ~~[illeg fund]~~ re-establishing by law the position of the village Panchayats, giving land as *inams* to the village menial servants & for village Sanitary Purposes - giving the village

f6v

Headman authority to punish those who disobeyed the order of the village Panchayat & to recover the *h ks* of the village menial servants by summary process

& giving the *Panchayats* or some such body power to impose taxation on their fellow villagers *with the assent of Govt*

If however a tax is put on - a house tax like the one in the Madras Act - ~~clearly stating~~ that all money raised in the villages will be spent on the *improvement of the village* & not of the Town -

would it be possible clearly to state To educate the people by strengthening the position of the Panchayat - to make the people feel that it is an honour to be elected a member of the Panchayat will to have been an act worth of your Vice Royalty

Add Mss 45809

f7

Would it be possible for Govt to say
the villages must be improved
the people will be allowed to choose their own
way of doing this - but it must be done to the satisfaction of the
Officers Govt will appoint to supervise the work -

Of course in any Act power must be given to Govt
to take *action* in case of any Panchayat being
recalcitrant

Is it possible to restore some immemorial village
system in each Province of India? workable
for their purposes?

f7v

Your Excellency's
the faithful & grateful servant
of Lord Dufferin

notes, ff9-v, pencil

f9

New Hospital for Women

[13:157-58]

-plans

-Anti septic & Nursing precautions which
succeed for female cases

-Dr Cullingworth's Introductory Lectures Obstetrics

When I am crammed, I mean to cram the
Ladies.

The poor old fellow - that's me - is still keen to
learn not so much about surgical as about
Sanitary improvements.

-Sponges made of absorbent wool
wring out in Carbolic

Add Mss 45809

f9v

Dr. Cullingworth's Ovariectomies

To see Miss Hampson, or some one of ours, who has attended Dr. C's Operations - petty & other - in Adelaide - intelligent enough to tell me the Antiseptic precaution, about sponges etc. etc. etc. etc. which he takes - in which I fear the *Lady* Practitioners are lamentably deficient - tho' not, it appears, more so than our gentlemen are "up-stairs".

To study the Records of Cases as soon as St. Thomas' Report comes out for this year -

perhaps to see Mr. Croft (as ~~soo~~ he turns over his cases to Dr. C) who is or was one of the Editors.

[end 13:158]

letter, ff12-13v pen

f12

PRIVATE Oct 27/88

10. SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE, W.

Dear Mr. Cunningham

[10:342-43]

Many thanks for your kind note & for the copies of your Calcutta Health Socy Journal. It is *you* whom they ought to thank for "my letter"! as *I* do.

I was about to write to you on much that has happened ~~about~~ as to the "*Resolution*" of Govt of India of *July 27*.

But I will now only trouble you with two

f12v

pressing questions,

(1) You see the criticism at
p. 93 of your Journal
(I enclose it for reference)
on 7. and 8. of the "Resolution"
Is this criticism just? viz
that under those Paras. 7 and 8
"local bodies of importance,
local Govts for their Provincial
Loan Funds, & the Govt of India"
might be "all in the market
together" etc. etc.

You would do me the
greatest service if you could
tell me to-day or early
to morrow (Sunday) what

f13

you would think about this
criticism (which perhaps
is yours.) For the "Resolution"
thinks that it will prevent

(2) Another question which
I know I shall be asked
to morrow: what was
the real reason for
discontinuing the lending
money by Govt to Local
Bodies (? by the Act of
1879)

to which my visitor says
he has received no
satisfactory reply.

(3) But, above all, I should
be very glad if you kindly
would indicate any subjects

f13v

you ~~think~~ wish since the
"Resolution" should
be urged upon him.
You will guess who has
appointed himself here on business
for to morrow afternoon
And it is probably, if
not certainly, the last
time I shall urge him before
he leaves England.

[end 10:343]

I wish I could thank you
for the copy of your own address
to your Public Health
Socy which you so
kindly promised - & which
I have been anxiously
awaiting.

notes, ff14-20v, pencil

f14

Sir \Raymond West {arch: end Oct. 1880}

My dear Sir\

You were so/kind as to ask
me for

Your visit was a source of such
great interest & instruction to me,
(~~this~~ I was obliged from having
been so long an Invalid to receive
you in Invalid fashion) for The
subjects you were ~~so~~ good enough ~~as~~
to discuss with me are so
near my heart.

[10:336-37]

You ~~were so good asked~~ desired me
to send you my remarks on
~~your~~ the Draft Bombay Village
which you were so good as to leave with
Sanitation Bill me And I now
hasten to do so, after having

f14v

studied it carefully. Indeed

The Bill I need not say
it is a subject which I have
thought of for years

What you kindly told me
in the course of your own valued
remarks to me you will see
I have taken into account in
those I now send -

The two transcendent merits
of the Bill which strike one
at once are: 1. all the
moneys raised in the village
are to be spent in the village
2. The village menial servants
are to have Govt lands - &
their dues are to be recoverable

f15

as part of the land revenue.

Village Sanitation is in India
so enormous a thing that ~~it can~~
What is wanted is ~~I believe~~

~~you think~~ no doubt to enable
the people to do it themselves

50 years ago it was the state of India was

The state of England - the people
~~Could you have~~ had not the power to ~~now~~ do
their own Sanitation

it. they only wanted ~~a little~~
organization. now they have
the power. The community
itself is the thing that does
the work

What is wanted is ~~you aim at ultimately is~~
as in England, an Act to enable
the people to organize themselves
in the villages - to be their own
local (rural) Govt under strict

f15v

Govt control & supervision
of course They have their
own immemorial village
organisation - which I
suppose we have done something
to weaken or destroy - and
you want to revive it

After all - it is only the
people themselves who can do it

f16

[2]

This is part of the Sanitary
Education we want.

Another part is elementary Sanitary
education for women & girls
& boys - & short paragraphs
introduced in Elementary School
books - "Give me the schools
of a country & you may make
its laws" -

I enclose a little book
(Sanitary reform) by one
Murdoch - not a Doctor
who has been his whole ~~life~~
useful life in India. And
there is a small Sanitary Primer
of his (Way to Health) wh Lord
Dufferin has introduced into
Schools, better & simpler than the
Sany Primer of the late San. Commn with
Embassy in India

f17

[3]

Are not
the "instances" given by Sir A Lyall
of the Sanitary works
imperatively needed the
"instances" you would
very ~~ones~~ adduced to show
the imperative necessity of
skilled & experienced ~~Sanitary~~
& Sanitary Engineering advice
to carry them out?
"Canal unhealthiness" --
certainly -
But supposing there are other
causes ~~pa~~ of mortality &
unhealthiness pressing still
more severely upon
millions of ~~civil~~ village
populations - not in
North India & not
directly in the neighbourhood of

f17v

canals - causes perfectly well
known to be removeable &
without any very great Expenditure
- causes too which have in ~~many~~ cases
Are we not equally "bound to
"remedy" these?
Do the one & leave not
the other undone
"most necessary to concentrate
& localize - not to "scatter"
"our funds - certainly
and you contend, I believe,
that "funds" will be wasted
without a "Central body" of
experience to direct their
application - an Executive, in
fact
come from mistaken Govt action
in disturbing ~~the~~ old native systems
of village scavengers - have not they?

f18

"Instruction" "preferred"
This is the very "instruction"
~~Ed~~ the Govt of India has
given & which you rightly
deprecate as being the only one necessary while hailing
~~the~~ fact that the Govt of India
recognize & concur in the
importance of "measures
p. 9 for promoting sanitation"
"allotting funds" etc
What unprecedented is that
no step whatever is
proposed for obtaining
skilled advice for the
Prov Govts *how* to carry
out these "measures", tho' these

f18v

when they do anything
instances are Legion of
the quarrels contests of two parties
& no one expert to decide on ~~experience~~
professional grounds which is right
~~& of~~ & on the other hand
from ignorance nothing
being done.

Is this not so?
Is not this ~~doing~~ going on
in the same endless track
only a little faster & more
persistently
"without" (1) the advice & aid
of experts: (2) greater facility
in procuring funds"
as your Draft rightly puts it

Add Mss 45809

f19 [4]

"Canals" - To" ask for a specific
"report" -

Most Certainly ~~if that is~~ Left the best
~~way~~ mode to obtain correct
knowledge in order to *ACT UPON* it
be set in motion

And as there has
~~Only~~ as we have been
"reporting" & "placing on
"record" for years & years
on Sanitary subjects
let ~~us~~ it be shown how immediate
practical result may now follow -
~~whether~~ by Executive action

[end 10:337]

f19v

"Provincial Sanitary Commn
"much more supts of vaccination
"than ~~anything else~~ Sanitary men"

It would be most important for
us if Sir A. Lyall would give
us the information where
this is the case.

[10:337]

[end 10:337]

In the Presidency Gov'ts
it is certainly ~~the re~~
very far from being the case -
And ~~Bombay~~ one is a signal
instance to the contrary -

Was not ~~Dr. Bellow~~ there one in
the ? Punjab also?

The *Deputy* Sany Commrs
may be Supt of vaccination

f20

- certainly not the Sanitary
Commn ~~whom you know~~
~~of~~ in the best cases.

But should Sir A Lyall
mean by this that ~~the all~~
~~the Provincials~~ some Sanitary
Commn shd not be the
heads of the proposed Executive
Sanitary Commissions. I
entirely concur - tho'
as before said there are is at least
one signal instances in the a
Presidency Commn where
they should

Add Mss 45809

f20v

"want nothing but funds"
"have Engineers" "know very well
"how to employ them" -
 But this is begging the
`whole question - is it not?
is and ~~you~~ surrendered the whole point
on which ~~gent~~ the draft Despatch
is based if you ~~Receipt~~ present it
even "as an alternative"
- is it not?

notes, ff21-22v

f21

PRIVATE

Bombay Village Sanitation Bill
Apparently the Bombay Govt
will have already had
letters & criticisms upon this
Draft - & will be engaged
in considering them before
producing a final Draft.
Also: some proposal must
 have been laid before
Lord Dufferin: for he says,
 "In some Provinces, Bombay
amongst the number, the
Organization of Local
Govt Agencies does not
go down so far as the

f21v

"individual village -
"We are, however, now
"engaged in correcting this
"defect, and I have at
present under consideration
a proposal for the
introduction into the
Bombay Council of an
Act which not only provides
for sanitation in villages,
and establishes that
Executive sanitary agency
to which you refer in
your fourth question: (viz
("whether the village organisation

f22

"in Bombay will be fostered)
"but will also link the
village community to the
larger territorial area
under the control of the
Local & District Board".
One does not see the "link'
in *this* Bill, unless it be
at ___ 39. But
Would it come into *this* Bill
at all?
N.B. The Govt of Bombay

Add Mss 45809

f22v

appears to be entirely
against the head Quarters
'Executive Board', as
proposed in the "Resolution"
of the Govt of India, July 27/88

It is hoped, we are told,
that ultimately there will
be a complete Sanitary
Dept in Bombay. But that this cannot be
created with a stroke of
the pen.

notes, ff23-33, pencil

f23

Draft Bill 2

The Executive seems to be
Collector
Village

At first the Village is to
show what it can do by
itself.

Then if it is found to be in
a bad *Sanitary State*,
it is to have 6 months' notice
given by Collector, perhaps
3 months more
then, if still unamended,
Part II is to be put in force
by Collector - & Panchayat
appointed.

f23v

& Part III is to be held
over their heads
in terrorem.

If still neglectful, then

Part III is to be put in
force. by Govt of Bombay.

He, the Collector, may then
name native Inspectors,
who have the right to go
into the houses - of which
the people are the most
afraid But

f24

? Who is to say whether
the Village is in a
'Sanitary state' or not?
who after the '6 months'
'notice'?

We are told: the
Assistant &
Deputy Collectors

But who is to say whether
they understand Sanitation
themselves?

If the Sanitary Commissioner
is not satisfied with
what the Collector has done,
he is to report to Govt -
Govt is to consider both sides.

f24v

& to appoint a Committee
ad hoc - for the particular
case -

The Assistant & Deputy

Collectors, we are told,
are to "dive" into the villages
to see how they are going on?
But an Assistt Collector can
just see all his villages (2 or 3
Talukas) "once a season".

Meanwhile all the drinking
water e.g. may be fouled
every day while, he thinks is
is all right

[see the Evening Walk]

f25

3

Then, who is to say when
Part II is to be put in
force?

who when Part III?

The Collector, thro' his Assistants
& Deputies?

The Collector has too much to
do already

The procedure appears to
be thus:

In the beginning, each
village shall subscribe, &
keep itself clean - Headman
being its natural head

f25v

2. If the village does not -
then (after 6 months'
notice) Collector appoints
Panchayat, of which Patel
is always to be one (& Chairman)
And the Panchayat may
raise rates - i.e. Collector may
assess a rate with Panchayat -
3 If still the village is not
in a Sanitary state, then
the Govt may sanction & the
Collector appoint a Sanitary
Board over one or more
villages - with Sanitary
Inspector or Inspectors
appointed by Collector - &
subordinates

f26

Under 2. the Panchayat
shall summon offender
before itself in his own
village - [The village
offender will not be
summonsed by some petty
native official (to a place
at a distance) who may
withdraw his summons
for 4 annas]
The Panchayat will have
power to punish by fines
of 10 rupees etc - giving
2 or 3 days to pay them in
& the fines going to the village

f27

4

p.q. But what Sanitary knowledge have "magistrates"?

(2) And what Sanitary knowledge does the "highest rank" give them?

[It takes a life-time to make a Sanitarian]

20. *Rules*

There is to be a Schedule of Rules drawn up & issued by Collector - then alternative schedules of Rules -

These Rules may be added to or modified yearly

f27v

But the "sensibilities" of the villagers must be educated up to them, Rules we are told

E.g. if Govt were to order all cattle to be kept outside the village, *now*, there would be an insurrection. also e.g. Europeans don't agree as to the unhealthiness of 'leeping' & cow-dung. How then can we make the natives agree to such a prohibition, *at present*?

It is intended that there shall be a Rule (not in the Act) that there shall be no foul deposit within ? yds of house - Houses in small villages never contiguous?

Add Mss 45809

f28

// Sanitary Commissioner
will have by this Bill
no more Executive power
than now.

But Govt will listen
to him against Collector
Sanitary Commissioner
may have native Inspectors
(like Taluka vaccinators)
under him

Village servants may be
placed under San: Board
by Collector 41

People sleep in Verandahs in villages?
have air all night
In towns} shut up like a box Smell in
Bombay} the morning, makes you faint

f28v

If Sany Commr establishes
a case, Govt will appoint
a Committee ad hoc, &
will then consider its
recommendations

f29

5

41. *Village menial servants*
Yes: they will have often the best
land in the place: because
they have the manure, & no
one else will touch it.
Yes: they will have the
dues (often hides).
dues to be recovered as if
an arrear of land revenue
Village servants ~~to~~ may be placed
under Sany Comm Board by Collector
? ? 41

f29v

p. 11 26

The Executive of the
village Executive will be

1. village servants
2. contracted "
3. voluntary service

Caste prevents first cousins
being employed by foremen employers
of village labour
caste has this good

f30

Villagers do hardly anything
in fields at certain times of
year - possibly not between
Feb. & April. Then they will
voluntarily do Sanitary work

f31

6

21. *Inspector & Subordinates*
who is this native Sanitary
Inspector to be?

What his training & knowledge?

p. 10 (c) summons

will Sany Insp. be quite
immaculate?

he will scarcely, I suppose,
be a native "passed" Doctor?
qualified

f31v

27 (a) qy pure "water"
p. 12 (2) rate shall be
collected ~~by~~ like assessment
? all appointments to be made
by Collector ???
Collector has too much to do already
32 (2) But may not the Sanitary
Board take advantage of this?
33 voting
35 10 rupee fines
37 " distress & sale?
39 Link with District or
Taluka Board -
But suppose it thinks no `sum
`proper to assign' ?
sum recoverable by rate

f32

40 Collector may assess a
rate in conference with
Sanitary Board
41 (2) ? dangerous
43 Assistant & {Dy
Collectors {(qy native)

f32v

Govt of
Bombay complains that
the Resn of the Govt of India
has begun at the wrong `end'
A member of the Govt of Bombay
repudiates Boards altogether
(*for the present*) as cumbrous
& expensive.
Then it, Bombay begins at the `end'
of the villages, & has
nothing but the old Collector
machinery -

f33

[7]

Govt of Bombay must have
had many letters since
this Draft was made.

Lord Dufferin has had
the "proposal" before him
p. 1. _____

A "general approval" (*IF*
approved) *with criticism*,
of this Draft is requested

notes, f34, pencil

f34

[4] {arch: [bef Nov 1888]}

Ld Lansdowne to drive about
Calcutta & express himself
shocked at its Sanitary state

This will be worth 20 years
for progress

~~He~~ Viceroy must show the Municipalities an
interest in Sanitary things, worth everything
{rest of page struck out}

All the Municipalities
will address him with
protestations of loyalty a
devotion - And he must
answer believingly. He must
not say: you have done nothing
Or you have done everything
badly -

Collision between Ld Dufferin
Bombay addresses

Add Mss 45809

unsigned draft letter or copy, ff36-37, pen, original 51278 f

f36

Private Nov 8/88
& Confidential 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.

My dear Sir,

I can never thank you [10:344]
enough for your kind visit

You kindly asked me
"what Lord Cross knew" of the
subject we were talking of -
And I am afraid I may not
have been explicit enough in
my answer: (1) Lord Cross
certainly knows of the
Sanitary Resolution of the
Govt of India, July 27: in
which are given

A efficient central control
& Executive Head Quarter Boards
in Presidencies & Provinces
B loans from Govt

f36v

2. Lord Cross cannot know of the
contemplated Bombay assistance
against a Sanitary Executive Board, at Bombay
which has, I believe, received
no pen=&=ink from whatever,
& which, we may hope, will
collapse.

3 He probably does not know
of the Draft "Bombay Village
"Sanitation Bill", (1888) giving
the Executive to the Collectors,
& the power of tax in the village for
Sanitary purposes, to ~~them~~ him
with a Sanitary Committee
appointed by taxing himself
This has not received its
final form even as a Draft

Add Mss 45809

f37

Of these two things I have
certainly no right to say a
word. Nor have I, except
to you.

[Lord Dufferin has received a
"proposal" for "consideration"
from Bombay, which I suppose
gives an inkling of this Bill]

[end 10:344]

signed letter, ff 38-39, pen

f38

Private Nov 10/88
& *Confidential* 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Lord Cross

You were so good as to
have some conversation with
me on the subject of Village
Sanitation in Bombay.

[10:344-45]

A Draft Bill has been
just shown to me, upon which I
could very much wish to ask consult
you. in order that you
might, if you thought it
desirable, say something a few words
to Lord Lansdowne about it
before he leaves England
on Thursday.

[end 10:345]

You think, I know, the

[10:345]

Add Mss 45809

f38v

subject of ~~such~~ vast importance
to India: forgive me for
troubling you.

Any afternoon that you ~~w~~could
kindly fix that is possible
to you. Indeed any day
& any your I am your
servant, if you would kindly
say when.

But I know how much I am [10:345]
asking to ask you to give

~~me~~ even half for one quarter of an hour before
Thursday [end 10:345]

Pray believe me ever

f39

yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

The
Viscount Cross
etc. etc.

f41 envelope addressed to FN by Cross cancelled 10 No 1888
notes kept because Lord Cross, being still alive when Sir E. Cook wrote
FN's life, Sir E.C. felt unable to say what she would have liked about
Lord Cross 45808

unsigned draft letter, ff42-43v, pencil, original 51278 ff46-51

f42

Nov 12/88 [10:345]

Dear Ld Cross

I have just received your kind commands to write to you
on the subject of the latest Draft Bill, ~~just out of th~~ entitled the
"Bombay Village Sanitation Bill, 1888", which was ~~a few~~
~~days~~ given me to read, & I hasten to avail myself of your
kind permission

This Draft contains two excellent provisions -
that all the moneys raised in the Village shall be
spent *in the Village* - the reverse of this has been
the universal village complaint
& the village menial servants are to have Govt lands
& their dues are to be recoverable as part of the land
revenue

f42v

The defects of the Bill are

that it is a return to stringent absolutism
that it leaves no initiative in the hands of the
villagers but is a Bill of active interference
by Govt Officers
that it gives opportunities for being dishonestly
worked in the directive

The movement Has not ~~has~~ been latterly in the direction to put power
into the hands of the people - to allow them to choose their
own way of doing what was necessary in their own interests x

{written vertically along the left side of the page}

x provided it was done to the

Satisfaction of the Officers

Govt would appoint to

supervise the

work

{written horizontally}

- to ~~filleg~~ revive their own immemorial Village organization -

- to raise funds by those means for the Village } Such as the village
} Panchayat

to substitute the decent villager for the corrupt petty native official

f43

This is a movement in the other (retrograde) direction

it puts the whole power & Executive into the hands of the
Collector who has too much to do already - & the
Collectors with some brilliant exceptions do not know
where to look for filth & disease causes much

A "Sanitary Committee" as it is called nominated out of the village
men by the Collector

himself ~~was~~ is to do the work - instead of a Panchayat.

The Collector is to assess ~~the~~ a rate with the concurrence
on the inhabitants of his San: Comm:

The Bill, it is to be feared, will be an engine for
private spite, for it will be delightful to the Committee
man to be able to spy out all his neighbour's & enemy's
shortcomings & summon him before themselves.

Add Mss 45809

f43v

Should not his power be thrown into the hands of the Police Patel & the recognised Headman of the village?

It was hoped by some of the best authorities that Govt would do this work

by re-establishing by law the position of the village Panchayat - ~~by givi~~ that funds should thus be raised, as the people know much better than we ~~do~~ how to do raise funds this without causing irritation

by giving the village Headman authority to punish those why disobeyed ~~who disobject~~ the order of the village Panchayat Govt of course reserving power if

[end 10:346]

by re-establishing the Panchayat is recalcitrant or San Comm ignored work of San Committee control neglectful

signed letter, ff47-48, pen

f47

Private Nov 15/88

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE, W.

Dear Sir

Sir Douglas Galton encourages me to trespass on your great kindness to answer a question which none could answer so well.

But still I am unwilling to trouble you, tho' I hope it will take you, if you are kind enough to answer it but a few minutes:

It is briefly this:

(Is there a chair of Hygiene, of Public Health & Sanitary science & practice taught in the great London Medical Schools?

not in the sense of there being a course of Lectures which ~~probably~~ there is almost everywhere on these subjects but in the sense that Dr. Parkes, whose name is

f47v

now so knit up with yours, was
Professor of Hygiene & Sanitary matters
at Netley? And should you might I
ask confidentially, be satisfied with
such teaching generally?

Hospital as it now exists with a chair of
Hygiene?
and with

~~Is~~ Chemical Analysis as now
universally taught in the Civil
Medical Schools? of London?

as also with the work taught in the
~~Are there~~ Physiological Laboratories
for practical instruction in the great
~~where work is taught~~

And are facilities for the
(including the now favourite
Bacteria (study & teaching) given
in the great
London Hospitals?

But Hygiene & Sanitary things the first part of my question & not
Bacteria

is the matter of vital importance for us so much
I see my questions have
swelled to three. My object
in troubling you is not merely
to gain interesting information,
I will not trouble you to make any enquiry
for me - I know your time is too valuable.
I only ask for such information as you have

Add Mss 45809

f48

ready in your full head
My object
But the answers will
~~materially affect the questions~~
~~problem likely to arise for~~
~~of Army medical Schools in~~
~~India or in England.~~

Pray pardon me
& trusting that I am not --
troubling you too much, I beg
to remain most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

May I ask:

is Hygiene a
part of the regular
Medical *Students'*
course at Univ. Coll.
Hospl? F.N.

G.V. Poore Esq MD.

etc. etc.

notes, ff49-50, pencil

f49

To Col Yule Nov 17/88

aid in India

Many thanks - interview with Ld Lansdowne
grieved about his being very glad local better
" " " intended resignation

If our wishes could be heard; you
would be well

When ' I saw Ld L. he was fully
convinced of the necessity of an
"Indian expert" - but not of an
A. Sanitary Comm.

I believe I am expressing speaking your views
when I say that an expert a
kind of adlatus, one at the W.O. or the G.M.S
& one at the I O. (for I.O. & W.O.
could not then be combined
could they?) without the weight
given by a Comm: of experienced
Sanitarians - a body as it were
external to Govt yes

f49v

would have little influence in
important matters. or at least
it would depend entirely on the
man to whom he would be
adlatus if he had
He does not belong to W.O or I.O
or to the Local Govt Office.

San: Comm: is not a Society
It is a Commission or a Committee
To such a body which requires
practical Sanitary experience of
value wd Cunn wd lend no weight
And it does it ~~not~~ want waiting
up.

f50

You propose Cunningham
The Army San. Comm: consists
entirely of Engineers & Medical men
with the one exception of the
G.M.S. who is & rightly its President
Cunnn is neither an Engineer nor
a Medical man. nor even a
practical Sanitarian. He is a
man who with great energy &
intelligence has worked the Calcutta
Health Socy And he is a powerful
& ready writer. But the army
He would with difficulty be accepted
by the Comm - as an extra member
as a successor substitute to yourself he
would be resented by the Comm

With regard to the questions you
ask. wd he accept it? Would he
not? Is he not anxious for it?

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, f57, pen

f57

{arch? 30/11/8} 29/11/88

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

Messrs. Day PARK LANE, W.

Gentlemen

Please be so good as to send

{rest of page crossed out, save for last line}

-Thorburn's Diseases of Women

Griffin & Co. price 21/

-Annie Hewer's Antiseptics in Nursing

Crosby Lockwood 1/6

(2 copies)

-Sir Joseph Hooker's Text Book

on Botany 1/

(2 copies)

-Miss Youman's first Botany Book

(already sent me) 2/6

-A Year's Botany 5/

-Prof: Henslow's Elementary Book

on Botany (that is not the exact title)

-Flowers & their unbidden Guests

[illeg]

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff61-62v, pencil

f61

Private Dr Poore

& Confidential Dec 8/88

My dear Sir

Pardon the trouble I am again
giving you - There is not one from
whom I can obtain anything like
the same wise valuable information &
advice - And you are so kind as
to offer it. I have
made the greatest use of your
invaluable letter but in strict
confidence. I have not mentioned
my authority.

I now come to you again, as
you so kindly give me leave
1. I recall your wise dictum
"An Army Surgeon ought to be able
to pronounce on the suitability

f61v

"of water for the supply of campus
etc. x x x

To this was replied,
the question you will see
specially regards India.

"No one can do analysis of
"water-supply in the field,
"because it is a thing which
"requires the latest knowledge
"& constant practice" -
~~2-And~~ a flood of instances
was poured upon me, & I regret
to say upon the IO., where the
"Netley Jury men reporting the
"water-supply in the cantonments
"of India" had not been utterly
wrong. as proofs of their ignorance
or forgetfulness of what they had

f62

"been taught at Netley of the
analysis of water".

~~The movement cra~~

About this I asked a friend of yours
& of mine - & he answered:

"a man can do it, not
quantitatively but enough to
save troops being destroyed
by disease from bad water

f62v

2 It was also as it was in London replied to me
that the Hygiene & Sanitation
instruction - the thorough courses
"combining lectures & laboratory
work" ~~was~~ is perfect at the three
~~Great~~ Presidency towns cities of India
& leaves nothing to be desired - no

Upon this I made enquiries,
tho' I had no one like
yourself to enquire from -
~~and from~~ and give one of the Presidency
cities as an example

I abstract

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff66-70, pencil

f66

{arch: [12 Dec. 1888]}

Dear Lady Rosebery [district]

You have asked me to say a few words on a subject which interests me so deeply that if my words would ~~suffice~~ be of use too many would come - viz the work of the Scottish branch of the Queen's Victoria Institute of District Nurses to nurse the sick poor at home

May the highest success attend the Queen Victoria Nurses.

And to ensure the highest success, the highest training must be theirs - The Nursing of the sick poor at home is the highest branch of Nursing {ripped} the District Nurse {bottom corner of page ripped} she has few Hospital helps

f66v

She

They must be thoroughly trained as "Hospital Nurses. But the District Nurse must be able to do without the Hospital appurtenances - she must know how to extemporise Hospital appliances -

And she must be trained in all this *after* she has received her Hospital training A Hospital is supposed to be a place where the sick & maimed can recover. She must make the poor sick room a place where the sick poor can recover.

She must first be a nurse but she must also nurse the

f67

room. That is an essential
part of her duties -
in cleanliness, in ventilation,
in removing all sorts of foulness.
And she must have the skilful
tact & kindness to induce, to
teach the friends how to do all
this. If she has the love &
practical knowledge necessary, they will
be only too ready & willing. She must
be a Sanitary Missionary -
not an alms-giver. For where
doles are given, nursing remains
outside the door flies out
of the window or rather
But she must know to what
Sanitary authorities to have
notes

f67v

recourse where ~~all~~ the
necessary appurtenances offices of a
dwelling are deficient or
neglected ~~By~~
She must know to what
charitable agencies to
have recourse where there
is real want of food, clothing, bedding especially
of medical comforts
She is not herself to
form another pauperizing
agency. but to de pauperize
There is no need to say
that she is never to be a
religious proselytizer - But
may she not say the little
word in seasons; without doctrines
her acts of kindness & skill however will be her best
doctrine

f68

[2]

She must know how to take
notes of cases for the Doctor
- a very different thing from
taking notes in Hospl

~~Supt~~

2. For all this she must be
trained *after* she has received
her Hospl training - She
must receive the very best
instruction ~~among~~ in those District
nursing establishments where
these methods have longest
been practised

All existing Supt Institutes are
working up to this higher
standard. & will join hands

f68v

in helping each other. to
reach it. so as to be
worthy of the poor, of the sick,
and of the Queen, the mother
of us all.

May the highest blessing
rest upon the endeavours
which must be guided by
thoroughness & wisdom - practical {continued on f69}
And the meekest wisdom is
the best

~~Three~~ We sing a Jubilate
to the Queen Victoria Nurses,
~~the~~ a fruit of her Majesty's Jubilee,
& to their helpers

F.N.

f69

not like that
 ~~that~~ practical man
 whose wisdom consisted
wisdom - ~~not~~ in practising
`the blunders of his predecessors'
but working all up to the
common aim - each supplying
his & her experience & `cunning'
 (kenning)
to the common stock

f69v

and if the District Nurse must be
highly trained what must the
District Nursing Supt be?
Hers must be the highest
training of all. For she must
literally lead her nurses who
are to live in a common District
Home with her in every thing -
~~train~~ in a Training Home, train
them in everything. For she is
not the Hospital Lady Supt or Matron with Ward
Head nurses under her.
She is herself Matron & Head
Nurse - And to have
responsibility she must have
power ~~power over~~ power over her Nurses Choose your Supt
the responsibility & trust her
of choice, of is the advice of an
judgement too old nursing woman
for your sick
understand not a losing game but to
make it win

Add Mss 45809

f70

[3]

The Home must be not a lodging but ~~one~~ a Home
where the Nurses ~~are on~~ have
every thing provided for
them - have not to 'fend for'
themselves but have all
their strength & health & wits
set free for their most
responsible task among the
poor. have all the
helps of a Home

But all these things
cost money

Will not money be given?

Add Mss 45809

typed draft, ff71-73, with FN corrections

[13:863-65]

f71

~~10 South Street~~

~~Park Lane~~

12th. Dec. 1888

Dear Lady Rosebery

You have asked me to say a few words on a subject, which interests me so deeply, that if my words would be of any use, too many would come:- namely the work of the Scottish

Branch of the Queen's **Jubilee** Institute of ~~District~~ for nurses ~~to for~~ to nursing the sick

poor at home. May the highest success attend the Queen Victoria nurses. And to ensure the highest success the highest training must be theirs. To nurse the sick poor at home is the highest branch of nursing, for the District nurse has no ~~or few~~ Hospital helps. **or but few.**

(I) She must be thoroughly trained as a Hospital nurse, but the District nurse must be able to do without the Hospital appurtenances. She must know how to extemporize Hospital appliances. **Take in A next sheet.**

Hospitals supposed to be a place where the sick and maimed can recover. But the District nurse must *make* the poor sick-room a place where the sick poor at home can recover. She must first be a nurse, but she must also *nurse the room*, in cleanliness, in ventilation, in removing all sorts of foulness. That is an essential part of her duties

She must have a skillful tact and kindness to induce, to teach the **patient's** friends how to do this. If she has the love and gentleness and the practical knowledge necessary, they will be ~~only too~~ ready **enough** and willing enough.

She must be a Sanitary Missionary besides a nurse - not an alms giver, for where doles are given, nursing flies out of the window, or rather remains outside the door. But she must know what Sanitary Authorities to have recourse to, **where in what respects** the necessary offices of a dwelling are deficient or neglected. She must also know to what

f72

[2]

Charitable Agencies to have recourse, where~~n~~ there is real want of food, clothing, bedding, **but** especially of medical comforts. She is not herself to form another Pauperizing Agency but to **de**-pauperize. There is no need to say, that she is never to be a religious Proselytizer, but may she not say the little word in season, without doctrine? Her acts of kindness and trained skill, however, will be her best doctrine. [She A must know how to take notes of cases for the Doctor's visit; very different from taking notes in Hospital, where the Doctor is always at hand.]

(II) For all this she must be trained, *after* she has received her Hospital training. She must receive the very best instruction in those District Nursing Homes, where these methods have longest been practised. And if the District nurses must be highly trained, what must a District Nursing Super-intendent be? Hers must be the highest training of all, for she must literally lead her nurses, who are to

she must initiate & supervise this work

live in a common District Home with her, in everything: [~~If a train- to~~
must be the correct Supervisor

~~ing Home, she must train them in everything, for she is not a Hospital~~
[O] ~~Superintendent or Matron with a Head nurse and nurses under her. She~~
is herself Matron and Head-nurse]; and **should to lead she must** have responsibility, ~~she must~~

O [she must have ~~the~~ power- power over her nurses.] ~~The responsibility of~~
~~choice,~~

of engaging, of dismissing, of judgment. **and let me add** Choose your Superintendent

well and trust her well. - That is the advice of an old Nurse and Supt.

The Home must be -not a lodging- but a Home, where the District nurses have everything needful provided for them, where they have not to 'fend'

for themselves, but have all their strength and health and wits set free for their most responsible task among the poor; ~~fin~~/short where they have all the helps of a home. But all these things cost money. Will not money be given?

{handwriting} But I need say no more nor so much for the Scottish Committee have fully

acted upon this principle by [?]

But if I am describing this, am I am not describing what the Scottish Committee have done? They have fully acted on this principle

f73 {typed}

[3]

All existing Institutes are working up to this higher standard and will doubtless join hands in helping each other to reach it, so as to be worthy of the poor, of the sick, and of the Queen, the mother of us all. May the highest blessing rest upon the endeavours, which must be guided by thoroughness and wisdom- practical wisdom, not like that 'practical man', whose wisdom consisted in 'practising the blunders of his predecessors', but working all up, not down, to the common aim [, each O supplying his or her experience and 'cunning' - kenning - to the com- O mon stock. & K] ~~the mixed~~ and recollecting that the meaker wisdom is the most practical †.
me ~~We~~ send a "Jubilate" to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses, ~~a one of the A fruit of Her Majesty's Jubilee~~ -. and to a "Jubilate" to them and to all their helpers, ~~not only~~ whether the help be given
in wisdom ~~but~~ or in
MONEY.

typed copy of unsigned letter, f74, with FN corrections in pencil

f74

~~10 South Street~~
~~Park Lane~~

London 14th. Dec. 1888

Dear Mrs. Fawcett

I have written because you asked me, but, over-worked and a prisoner to my room with illness with few intervals, I can feel almost all the more but write all the less for the crying necessity to Your Vauxhall working people of a Park.

If any word of this can help you in the least it is yours.

Mrs. Fawcett

Add Mss 45809

Unsigned letter, typed ff75-76, FN corrections in pencil [5:209-10]

f75

~~10 South Street~~

~~Park Lane~~

14th. Dec. 1888

Dear Madam {arch: (Mrs. Fawcett)}

You asked me to write a few words with reference to the funds desired scheme for the acquisition of the "Lawn", & the surrounding 8 acres at which the never-to-be-forgotten Mr. Fawcett lived and did so much of his good great work, to be made into a play-ground and place for rest for the people of Vauxhall. Indeed it is a work worthy of him. When we think how well-to-do people sigh for the open air, if from any cause they are confined to their comfortable dwellings, and when we know what the one room of the London poor means and how ^ much this crowding of living space has to do with filling the Public House and Gin palace, then we how the streets are the children's only playground can a little realize how to body, heart and mind and spirits ^ of these poor people, the play-ground and resting ground is not merely a refreshment, it is a necessity; to save illness, ~~and to prevent depression.~~ fever and

degeneration of ~~filleg~~ a population's physique

Among "circumstances", it is a very great circumstance in the life of all, for body and mind, whether they can have a frequent half-hour in the fresh air or not. There must be thousands, if not millions, who say like the poor washerwoman with many children 'Oh. if I could but sit down one hour ~~in a~~ any fine day in the fresh air, that would be Heaven'. It is curious how green grass and flowers and the open sky are almost always the English townsman's and townswoman's and townschild's idea of Heaven {handwriting} how constantly change of air, open air exercise are order for them

- absolutely out of the reach of the poor

Add Mss 45809

f76

{typed} Unlike the Eastern, whose heavenly idea is of gold and precious stones.

`God made the country and man made the town', only means, as it has been remarked, the Englishman's intense love of the country. And indeed his towns and streets are ugly, the ugliest in the world. Even the Model modern Dwellings, the improved Dwellings in London are but poor places for human beings with their various needs, to live in.

God speed then the acquisition of a people's Park for Vauxhall in the "Lawn" and its neighbouring acres. It is of all kindly charities the one that can least be abused. It has no pauperizing element; on the contrary it de-pauperizes.

I send my tiny mite; would it could be a hundred times as much.

With all good wishes from

Your ever faithful servant

Mrs. Fawcett

typed copy of signed letter, f76

f76 (In pencil)

10 South St.

Dec. 22/88

Dear Miss Mansel

This comes with much, very much Christmas love.

And trust in your good success for God's children, the poor sick, for "Glory to God in the highest & on earth peace, good will toward men", which you show forth so gallantly.

You were so good as to say you wished to see me - & daresay till after the New Year you have no time for anything. If *after* Thursday, Dec. 27th. you would name some day about 5. I would gladly try to make it suit.

God bless you.

Ever yours sincerely F

F. Nightingale.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff80-81, pencil

f80

To Miss Rabe 27/12/88
Xmas message of "peace & good will
- of forgiveness of wrongs, real &
 & forgetting
imaginary - most of our wrongs
now are imaginary - perhaps not
the less hard to forgive for that
of abjuring unkind suspicions.
The finest acct of a martyrdom. Stephen's
Lord, lay not this sin - My mother
 talked of it
 as yesterday
But now - we are heathens - we
count & treasure up our "wrongs".
The card: The peace the angels sang
may it be thine! And may the
child Jesus be born anew, in both
our hearts at this time
St. John's Day - *his* message -
God is love & he that dwelleth in
love dwelleth in God." how can I
if I "dwell" in dislikes & suspicions
do other than drive out God?
now let you & me bury our "wrongs"
& our "Suspensions" `full fathom five

f80v

`deep' - & never, never dig them
up again - I mean to try
 So help us God
Alas my dear, has not this
world torture enough, without
our torturing ourselves in this
way?

Add Mss 45809

f81

You who have done such
great things with yourself
could you do this one
greatest thing - make
your remaining a blessing -
on the knees of my heart

unsigned draft letter, ff82-83v, pencil

f82

{arch: Dec. 1888}

My dear Sir

Regarding Ahmedabad water supply & sewerage
I regret to say that I have
not been able to obtain
for you the papers I am
so anxious you should see,
as ~~of course~~ the official
papers have been left in
~~have been left in~~ office in
India - But something
might be done by your
referring to Mr. Hewlett's
remarks regarding Ahmedabad
in his annual Report for
1886. And would you

[10:347]

f82v

kindly call for the ~~Govt~~ Government Resolutions
~~Genl Dept~~ General Department which have
been published since on the
subject of water supply &
sewerage, especially a Govt
Resolution, General Dept issued in, I
think, April this year? And
on them would you think well
to get the Secretary of State
to enquire: *who is to be the
Engineer appointed*, - & to
point out the necessity of
his name being submitted, if
you think well, to the Secretary
of State in the first instance,
as in this the first experiment

f83

in sewerage it is so
absolutely vital that no
mistake should be made
as ~~it is~~ will probably be this
case if it is given to a
man who has never been
engaged in such works.

All over the Presidency the
Municipalities are waking
up to the necessity for
providing channels for
removal of household ~~effects~~ foul
water

I feel so guilty for
breaking in upon your
little holiday. But you are
so kind. And Runchorelal

f83v

the President of the
Ahmedabad Municipality
deserves to be helped
He has worked so hard
He has raised the funds
He has fought an up hill
battle to satisfy our
principles.

[end 10:347]

I trust you are somewhat
better

notes, ff84-87, pencil

f84 {arch: [June-Oct 1888]}

[10:330-31]

Sir A. Lyall's note
Sir A.L.'s general view as to the proper action of the Govt. Of India seems to
be exactly the same as Lord
Dufferin's - the view we have so
1. (while rejoicing in his concurrence
deprecatd as he expresses it in
2. (as to the importance of action)
the two printed Papers he ~~has~~ sent
F.N. viz that of simply urging
the Provincial Govts on ~~without~~
to do what they can
without knowing what
they do
& not giving them any assistance
toward an Executive which shall
enable them to know what to do
e.g. Our present

The contention is that the Provinces
do not "know pretty well already"
x x "what is most necessary to be
- done". or if they do they do not
know how to do it. Or else there are
two parties fighting one another
on opposite lines as to how to do it -
& no one to arbitrate on the grounds of

Add Mss 45809

f84v

experience -

Qy On this very point of "supplying
"with good drinking water e.g. the
"chief cities

one of the chief cities of a ~~the Bombay~~

Presidency not "North India", is at this moment
the scene of a most disastrous
discussion - Sir T. Hope &
a Water Engineer who has now
left India declaring one way
& the Sanitary Commn & Sanitary
Engineer on the Presidency the other way -
actual experiment, it is said,
affording a ~~way~~ proof

~~being in the act of proving~~ at this
moment that the two latter in the right together
with

~~[illeg live]~~ the native President of the Municipality, a
~~most~~ enlightened man

But Sir A. Lyall's note applies
only to North India - & probably
he could concur with you in
what ~~I am~~ we are saying.

[end 10:331]

f85v

Dice [dill?] Water

f86

Sir A Lyall [2]

"no great difficulty" about
"Sanitary Engineers -

[10:331]

I understood that this was
the very ~~bone~~ problem at issue
- your contention being that there
Are no Sanitary Engineers in
India & that there cannot
be any -

[The one above mentioned has
returned home]

~~that~~ hence the very point of
the present proposed Dispatch

hence the very point that
Lord Dufferin's present policy
(see his printed papers) is rather
like making bricks without straw
- urging the Provincial Govts to
Go on without giving them any
knowledge how to go on.

f86v

e.g. Again

"draining & cleaning" "smaller towns,"
"giving them proper conservancy
"arrangements & a system of sewage"
But is not this again the very point
at issue? not only in
the "smaller" but the larger "towns"

At this very moment a
controversy is raging which
it is understood will be decided
in what is supposed to be
the wrong way ~~against proper~~
~~professional advice~~ viz. to
adopt the 'Pail System' instead
of a proper "system of sewerage".
The professional Sanitary opinion
being on what is understood to be the right side.

Add Mss 45809

f87Col. Yule in his draft Despatch
p. put this very
point the want of Sanitary Engineers
in India [end 10:331]
~~In at~~

typed draft/copy of letter, ff88-v, with FN corrections

f88

10 South Street
Park Lane
1st. Jan. 1889

Dear Sir Raymond West

May it Please your kindness do [10:347-48]
you not ~~I have not to forgotten~~ you most kind promise to
send me from Bombay, a copy of your book upon Deccan Indebtedness & the
Deccan Agriculturalist Relief Act on which you are so very high an
authority. It will be so full of information
to me, in which ~~I am so~~ not one is more deeply interested. I was delighted
to have
the opportunity to making your acquaintance
may I ~~am also going to~~ ask you a great favour - to send me a copy
of the your (approved) Bill planning for Village Sanitation as soon as it
is published
{in pencil} I trust that the freedom of the remarks which in obedience to
your desire
~~which so was~~ to me a command I submitted to you on
the Draft Bill you were kind enough to leave with me ~~were the sort kind of~~
~~remarks you wished to~~
was what you meant & intended - ~~I wrote the~~
I had to write them hurriedly tho' the subject had been
one which has interested me for years - Had I had
more time I should have put more plainly what I always
feel : would in making any suggestions: would there be
any objection to this? would it be possible or desirable
to carry that point out? in what way if desirable would the [end 10:348]
higher authority think well to carry that out this point? would you
think well to put this in a convenient form?
But I know that you would kindly understand this which
was implied important. I will not trouble you with more words
now - but shall hope to take advantage of your kind leave to ~~write to you~~
~~on~~

Add Mss 45809

f88v

correspond with you on these & kindred matters
 & by that you will believe me
 ever yours faithfully
in if I may say so a like interest in your poor
village people
First let me wish you with all my heart a happy
New Year & many of them for all our sakes
You see I identify myself as a protégée of yours
with your clients the Ryots of India

typed draft/copy of unsigned letter, f89 with FN corrections in pen

f89

10 South Street
Park Lane
1st. Jan. 1889

My dear Sir New Year **[10:859]**

It seems long ago since you kindly
took so great an interest in India, but I feel certain that that in-
terest does still continue; has not ceased; especially now, when India
is at a sort of
crisis of her fate. Are you interested in the Indian National Congress
~~of~~
~~India~~, which has just had its fourth Annual Sitting at Allahabad ?

A friend of mine Sir William Wedderburn, who has not completed
his service in India, & was Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
~~up to his departure~~. I need hardly add He is, ~~of course~~, on the Liberal
side - would
ask whether you would kindly admit a short Article on the Indian
National
Congress with which I may add he has been thoroughly conversant from its
beginning - no man
more so.

It is a great movement and you see ~~the~~ Vice-roys and Lieutenant-
Governors have been are now giving their public utterances upon to it,
which although
often hostile, place it upon quite a different platform and are its
best advertisers, for they show to the world that they have now to
reckon with it. It is said commercially that with a good article of
commerce, any amount of advertising pays, whereas with an inferior ar-
ticle it is no use advertising.

[end 10:859]

Mr. Knowles

Add Mss 45809

typed draft of unsigned letter, f90, with FN corrections

f90

10 South Street
Park Lane
4th. Jan.1889

My dear Sir

A thousand thanks for your [10:766]
last paper on 'Indian life. The women of India.' I am sure I shall
find it most instructive.

But first let me wish you a blessed New Year to you and your
work, and may that work which has been so fruitful for India continue
to enlighten her, her men and her women in the first principles of
morality, education and hygiene.

By the way - have you seen the January number of the XIXth. Cent-
ury ? in which there is an article, including a letter from a Brahmin
school-girl. This is a revolution, but if we can get the Brahmins with
us in most things, we shall be successful with the people of India.

I shall hope to see you in England this year. You have been hard
at work, I am sure, wherever you have been, and I trust God has pre-
served your health.

Dr. Murdock

[end 10:766]

notes, f91, pencil

[1:740]

f91

Jan 11/89

Please make a nice dish for

Miss Williams of
Rissoles or
Filets of Sole à la Maitre d'Hotel
Oyster Patties or
Fish Cakes or
Macaroni au gratin or
Cauliflower au " or
Omelette aux fines herbes
Chicken à la mayonnaise
with aspic jelly
or
cutlets à la Béchamelle
or any of those thousand
and one Entrées which
I have not doubt you make
so well

Add Mss 45809

initialled recipes & notes, ff92-93v, pencil

f92

Mrs. Neild

Minced Veal 13/1/89

I think perhaps I did not make clear that the *Veal* is *cooked*, (but not too much cooked) that I mince in shreds into a stew pan. Each shred is to be tender.

I break up the bones, & put them into a stew pan with a little onion, carrot, celery, thyme, parsley, 2 cloves, a few pepper-corn, a little salt no thickening -

- I boil gently for an hour -
I strain, remove the grease, make it into white sauce, strain one half into stew-pan
- add one half to minced veal
- season with nutmeg, grated

f92v

lemon-peel, pepper & a little salt, make hot -
pour the other half of sauce over the minced veal & round the base - of the potato (or rice) hedge round the veal - which is *not* to come *higher* than the veal with poached egg on the veal - & fried small bits of rolled thin bacon round

[The veal is not to be in a hole in the potato - but to be spread out, & to be an inch deep or so]

The little bits of Veal are *not mashed* veal, but separate tender bits, with sauce poured over

Add Mss 45809

f93

Of course when you go out,
you give to Nelly the dish to do which
she can do for my dinner.
As this Minced Veal is really
a very delicate dish, had
she not better do it the
first time when you are at
home?

I shall be very tired
to-night, & want something I
can eat

Better give me the
marrow on toast for lunch.

F.N

f93v

Mrs Neild

initialled letter, ff94-v, pen

f94

Friedrich's Hain
(Friedrichs hain)
Städt. Krankenhaus
Berlin, N.O.
Jan. 17 1889

It seems the people in England
have got the *Certificate=disease*
(or Register disease)
for they attach a meaning
to such a piece of paper
which it has not got even
in our bureaucratic country,
where one gives & gets
certificates for anything &
every thing.

F.N. Luise Fuhrmann
And who is to certify our certificates?
[F.N. The germs=disease is
most dangerous & fatal -
not to the Patient but to the
Doctors. Bacteriology is
likely to prove a lethal be a fatal Epidemic]

Add Mss 45809

f94v

And who is to guarantee or train our
guarantors? who to certificate
our certifiers?

We are not Christinos -
but we are not Burdettinos
either.

unsigned note, f95v, pen

f95v

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE, W.
Letter from Fraülein Fuhrmann
to ? Miss Crossland

initialled note, ff96-v, pencil

[1:740]

f96

Dear Mrs. Neild I am sure you will make
me an easy & nourishing dinner to eat
for to-day & tomorrow - I have had, I
think, no meat for a week - And I am so poorly

Did you mean to make the Irish Stew
of the Mutton which made the Haricot? if that
was a fair specimen of it, I fear I shall *never*
be able to eat that coarse meat.

The Ribs of Lamb are not fit for me to try
again yet.

Pray think of something & get the material

f96v

You may make me, if you like, a little
Mutton Broth - a couple of Oyster Patties -
but then I must have some Meat - please

For to morrow - a little Mutton Broth
a fried ~~Fis~~ Sole

but then I must have some Meat - please -

Also: I put down a great many Entrées

Will one of those do, besides?

Jan 19/89

FN

Add Mss 45809

initialled recipe, f104, pencil

[1:740]

f104

Fresh Meat Minced

Feb 11/89 (Mince Beef)

for dinner please

Cut all the sinews out of the
Beef which must be from
the undercut of the Sirloin

Pass the meat through the
mincing machine over a
plate which will catch
the juices that fall.

put in a stew pan & stand
on the hot plate to cook
gently. serve hot.

give it me, please, instead of
the Oyster patties
Mrs. Neild F.N

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, ff105-6

f105

COPY

1/2/89

10, South Street

Park Lane, W.

Dear Madam,

I am so grieved that I cannot answer your enquiries about Miss Coghlan. I should esteem it an honour to help forward any of your undertakings.

But - I am obliged to make it a rule not to "recommend" any but those with whom and whose work I am *personally* intimate - Otherwise my recommendations would be only second-hand or hearsay from the Matrons to whom I should write -

Testimonials are scarcely ever worth the paper they are written on. A direct enquiry from the last & previous employers may bring a worthy answer.

Miss Coghlan was trained at St Thomas' for the Metropolitan Asscn. (trained District Nurses) at 23 Bloomsbury Sq. London W.C. and has I believe remained with them or their branches ever since. No doubt you have written to the Lady Supt there: Miss Mansel.

I have always heard the highest character of her - But mine, as I say, is only hearsay.

Will you excuse a pencil note from one always under the severe pressure of work & illness, & wishing you from my heart the highest success

believe me

ever faithfully yours

(Sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

f106

COPY

Had there been time, I would have sent your kind note to our Secretary for him to get first-hand recommendations for you - But the Committee meets to-morrow (Tuesday) you say.

in great haste

F.N.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff107-08v, pencil

f107

Strictly Private

Feb 11/89

Burn

Dear Sir W. Wedderburn

[10:348]

I have had ~~had a letter~~ this morning a most kind letter from Sir R. West at Bombay anent ~~he~~ his draft Village Sanitation Bill: He says

The Draft had been sent to the Govt of India for permission to introduce it & from the Govt of India it went to the Sec of State

Until Lord Cross had intimated his assent or at least the absence of objection on his part they could not take any further step. But they have now received the requisite permission to go on. x "The Bill will be published tomorrow 24 January as a project

f107v

"with a statement of objects & reasons."

[He sends me a slip of newspaper which appears to be an abridgement of the Draft Bill exactly ~~as you~~ the same as what I sent you.]

"In about a fortnight" (from Jan 23) he hopes to introduce it in the Legislative Council - no change, he says, can be made in the provisions of a Bill that has been approved as a project until it has been sent to a Select Committee "At that stage", (he then expresses himself in the kindest manner about my "suggestions")

Add Mss 45809

f108

"The experiment" he says, "if we can get it carried out is one of great importance, & I am far more desirous of getting a good work done than of carrying my own special views."

[end 10:348]

x

[I may tell you *in the strictest confidence* that Ld Cross told me what he had written to Ld Reay on this Bill. And it was, expressed of course in the most guarded manner, that he thought they would do well to consult the leaders of native opinion.]

~~What I want to ask~~

At present therefore the Draft Bill you saw is *published* but unchanged

f108v

What I want to ask your kindness counsel is - should I proceed at once with the letter to the Bombay Pres assn you so kindly drafted for me on my criticisms of the Bill? & send it on by Friday's mail? not altering any of the substance, since the published Bill is unaltered? Or will this be ~~indisposing~~ unhandsome to Sir R. West as his Sect Commee may have ~~to~~ adopted some of my suggestions Commee which he has received?

[10:348-49]

At all events I must say to my native Assocn that alterations may be made?

If I do write, must I write to both Poona S.S & Bombay P.A?

± need I have copies printed for them?

[end 10:349]

Add Mss 45809

unsigned notes, ff109-10, pencil

f109

10 South St Feb 22/89

Dear Sir Raymond West

I cannot thank you enough
for your more than kind note of
Jan

Success to your Village Sanitation

Bill You were so good as to remind me
When I had the privilege of seeing you

I venture to send you a
printed copy of
of a letter I sent just 2 years ago
on the subject of B.V.S. to the two ~~leading~~
Associations, P.S.S. & Bombay P.A -
a letter I sent them by this mail, - as on
the former occasion I thought it might
be desirable to address the leading
associations as a means of enlisting
the sympathy, the native public
in so important a matter. I
tremblingly trust that you will not

f109v

think me a "dangerous woman".

As ~~I know~~ I believe I know you are on ~~such~~ now
excellent terms you are with these Assocns
& with the educated native public
& will not consider my addressing
the Assocn as the act of a
"turbulent fellow I trust you
will feel that the drift of my
criticisms is favourable to your
view, as against old fashioned
things which you disapprove

Success again to your great objects
It would be presumptuous in me
to say that I know how much
you have the ryot at heart.
Poor fellow: he has many friends
- noisy ones - but probably not
Many such wise friends

f110

Many thanks for your promises
of your valuable little work on
Indebtedness

Add Mss 45809

draft, unsigned letter, ff111-12v, pencil, original PRO Northern Ireland
Ms 9/1071/M/B/N, L1

f111

Feb 27/89

Dear Lord Dufferin

~~I have~~ It was so very kind of you to write
to me on your voyage home to Europe - & to
send me the copy of your valuable Speech at a farewell
dinner. And I had, before, to feel know your great
kindness in sending me copies of your great
Sanitary Revolution of July 1888 - & in writing
to me with such weight & detail upon it - I have laid
that much to heart & endeavoured to work it out

[10:338-39]

I feel as if I had never thanked you enough;

f111v

tho' I have continually done so in my heart mind

If ever I have the great pleasure of seeing
you again, as I should never have dared to hope and you so kindly
proposed - but

I know well that you have had quite
other, & more important things to do - I shall
venture to ask you whether India's Provincial Govts
are really carrying out your vital weighty intentions
in the "Resolutions" - & especially if
Bombay, the recalcitrant but go-a-head
Bombay, is recalcitrating.

f112

x next page

I am sure you do not forsake your
colossal child India.

And might I ask, should such a time
ever arrive as my seeing you, whether
you gave some fatherly admonitions to the
"National Congress" who would doubtless
not only accept them with sincere & grateful respect
but profit by them They are perhaps not
so black as they have been painted - At
all events they would be touched by that
tact & courtesy, the steel hand in the

Add Mss 45809

f112v

velvet glove, which touches all the
world, & has governed in 3 Continents

And I might also ask if I dared whether you are satisfied with your
successor

at x

Bombay

cutting down

of Dy San: Comm:

from 6 to 4.

Let those millions go

on dying

[end 10:339]

unsigned letter, ff113-14v, pencil

f113

Feb 27/89

Dear Lady Dufferin

[10:766]

It was so very kind of you to call the
other day, & yet more so to say that, if "this time
"were not convenient" you still "hoped to see" me
Unluckily for me I was quite laid up then with
"Chest" - but almost any afternoon that you will be
kind enough to send me one word, when you are a
little less engaged, I should be only too glad much honoured
by seeing you ^ Unluckily

[end 10:766]

[10:766-77]

I have never thanked you but I do from my heart for so kindly sending
me your beautiful & most effective "Three Years' Work"

f113v

It has indeed been a "Three Years' Work" for
India such as few or none can show as the
beginning & root - all the more striking & effective
for ~~not~~ being a beginning & a root - of a fundamental
reform for all the ~~100-000-000~~ hundred millions of
women, which will grow & spread till
every one of these ~~se~~ millions in time to come
will find her life changed & blessed by it.
It is the difference between a growing living
forest & dead brick & mortar -

And the simplicity with which this wonderful

Add Mss 45809

f114

record is written makes it tenfold more effective.

May God bless it - And He does bless it: And millions of millions of His creatures will bless it - the men as well as the women & children of India in times to come.

And may you be blessed in the great & wonderful good you have been able to do
Ly Lansdn

~~I am sorry~~ Unluckily for me I am only able to receive one person at a time - But perhaps

f114v

I ~~shall~~ heal the more from ~~your~~ that great kindness
I trust that Lady Lansdowne knows &
carries out your intentions

[end 10:767]

typed copy of letter, f115, LMA roll 3b H1/ST/NC1/89/3

f115

March 15/89
10 South Street
Park Lane, W.

Sir,

Mr. Shore Smith, formerly of 30 York Place, who dealt with you to his great satisfaction for several years, recommends me to try your Meat as being a great Invalid & obliged to be very particular about my Meat. He tells me that you are kind enough "always to do your best to change or to improve anything."

Might I request you to send me a fore quarter of your best small Mutton - well hung - & I prefer of course four-year old Mutton, if it is to be had.

And might I ask you to be so good as to tell me what day you will be able to send me this Mutton as a trial?

I am sorry to ask you to send so far.

Pray oblige, Sir,

Your obedt [typed]

Florence Nightingale.

Mr. Welsh.

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, f116, LMA8

f116

March 29/89

Mr. Welch. 10 South Street
Park Lane, W.

Sir,

I am much obliged to you for sending the Fore-quarter of Mutton last week. We thought the Neck "ate" better than the Shoulder, tho' off the same piece.

Would you be so good as to send me a Neck of Mutton well hung & Leg of Mutton well hung to try. The Leg need not come before Tuesday, if you prefer it. It must be, please, meat which you can thoroughly recommend to an invalid.

Please to send me my Acct. as I always pay weekly.

Your obedt

Florence Nightingale.

typed copy of signed letter, f117

f117

10 South St. Park Lane W.

April 15/89

Sir,

Would you please send us a well hung neck of mutton - the last was very good - And would you direct your man to wait for your Acct. to be paid?

We did not think your last leg very good which we hung till today.

Yours faithfully,

Florence Nightingale.

Mr. Welch.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff120-21v, pencil

f120

II [4] April 28/89

Dear Ly D.

[10:767-68]

You do me the honour ~~me by~~ for the second time of asking me to join the General Committee of the National Association for supplying Female Medical Aid to the women of India.

I trust you know how deeply I am interested in your great & noble work - how anxious I am, as far as I may be able, & you may kindly call upon me, to do the least little thing you wish, to help in forwarding

f120v

that Association work - But And yet, and yet I must beg you to excuse me from joining the Genl Committee.

My little work for you I can do as well without joining it. The *Its* work of the Assocn I am entirely unable from illness & business overwork to perform - I could not attend its Meetings. I am unable to see more than one person at a time, & ~~only at~~ only by ~~h~~ appointment & cannot leave my room - I have been obliged to make it a rule not to give my poor name when I cannot give my work - & to decline

f121

even in name to have any official connection with any Association. An exception would, I am told, involve me in difficulties with others. Pardon this long explanation about self - It is only to show how sorry I am to decline - how much I hope that you will kindly employ me otherwise -

I must confess to having received the printed letter you did me the honour of sending me before. But it was so painful to me

Add Mss 45809

f121v

to decline - I was almost in hopes you
would forget it - I am in dust & ashes at not
having answered

I feel it so impertinent to ask for the
great privilege of your making another
appointment to tell me some things I would
fain ask, when it is I who ought to be at
your feet, as I am at heart - & you who
have so much to do of noble work -

Perhaps there might be one whom you could send
~~I am in dust & ashes~~

[end 10:768]

unsigned letter, ff122-27v, pencil

f122

Lady Dufferin April 28/89

Dear Ly D

How good you are to me - sending me that most
excellent 4th Annual Report with a portrait at the
beginning of one who it is impertinent to praise [whom?]
- we can only be at his feet - & which will commend
the Report to all readers. & with that beautiful
"Song of the Women" - so true, so pure, so deeply
felt, so delicately worded - which explains &
adorns the work & is adorned & explained by the
work - but not more true & pure than your own

[10:768-70]

f122v

words about the immense importance of what the "moral tone" & "gentle
manner"

of the native women - students - should be & how ~~it is~~ to be
secured. This inspires the "Song of the Women" -

x Might I ask you to ask some one to
tell me if this Report ~~is not~~ with the portrait
& verse is not sold in England where it
is sold in Calcutta, that I may send for
20 copies - as I think it will do more
than anything else to explain & give interest to
the work in India - many people here who have
not the advantage of seeing you.

f123

There are besides ~~very natural~~ questions which people here naturally often ask & which ~~it~~ one would ~~be desirable~~ like to be able to answer with authority: such as do not the young native women even if ~~obtained~~ engaged after training to serve the Govt as ~~Hospital Assistants & Apothecaries~~ or otherwise marry? & how far does this put a stop to ~~the~~ Continuing her ~~their~~ employment of the woman thus married? (So also in the employment of trained native medical women by Native States & by Municipalities. Are they already married?? Do not they marry? Or will it lead to the splendid result of young widows being employed & raised up in Such & similar questions arise which this way?)

f123v

it would be very desirable to be able to answer upon to high an authority as your own. [end]
Another ~~natural~~ question asked with regard to the statement is: ~~it appears~~ that there are "examinations" in "Sick nursing" ~~in which~~ conducted with success - is sufficient attention paid to the *practical* training in Sick Nursing & to the character/ & practical moral qualities things which can be tested by no examination & of the pupil nurses, without which success in a theoretical examination is not only useless but often misleading - As a proposal of ~~Generally~~ registering of Nurses in England upon a theoretical Exam" has ~~not only been started but has~~ perhaps not unnatural

f124

[2]
unfortunately met with good fortune, this perhaps is not an unnatural question ~~seems a natural one.~~

3

The ~~indirect~~ results of this great & noble work are great - all the greater because it has been begun by its noble foundress & mistress at the foundation & not at the top - a solid & vigorous living root has been planted, instead of cultivating a few hot-house flowers for a flower show. But the indirect results of the noble work are no less great - in the first place the knowing seeing the

Add Mss 45809

f124v

that the highest lady in the ~~lan~~ vast world of India
~~to be~~ was doing an actual work for that vast world with her own hands
& head & heart & directing herself & organizing creating a ~~gr~~
a vast organization 2 & influencing & inspiring the
~~various members of~~ it with her own experience
gathered in India - 2 is not this a noble message to the women
of India which could have been
conveyed in no other way?

3 then the Hindoos & Mohametans having
no idea before of trained professional
~~women~~ native ladies ~~or~~ indeed no idea of any
but married baby girls women seeing Here are unmarried
young native ~~girl-babies~~ women & ~~disgraced widows~~ engaged in Medical
work under Govt & by ourselves, & parity & instructed by native

f125

man-Doctors who know their language yet
Hospital Assistants - And hitherto such
~~has~~ have been the Foundress wisdom & care taking ~~pre~~cautions
that there has been no scandal, no misfortune disaster
this in itself is a great gain [But as
above said, people here naturally ask: are do
not these women already married? or do they not always marry & so the
Govt lose
their services ~~even~~ much sooner than their
engagement appointment ends - ?]
and not to them only lost to
2 then the great lessons native princes &
Gentlemen have received - that *they* are

f125v

responsible for the health & well being of their women- subjects & the ladies of their families, instead of what has been so universally much the case - the gentlemen, even when better instructed themselves, yielding as they say themselves to their ladies' superstitions

And Now informed by & participating in the work of the Foundress and not the native nobles & Municipalities ~~are~~ not only building female Dispensaries & Wards but taking the means to *officer* them by women by sending native women to be trained in the

f126

[3]

Female Medical Colleges, instead of expecting the Foundress to supply them with any number of ready made women.

Then India may perhaps now lead the way, instead of following England - Midwifery as a branch formerly despised is now coming getting to be thought indispensable as part of a Medical woman's training - and a year's training in Midwifery is now thought the least that can be required in India - Would it were so in England!

f126v

All this ~~has been started by~~ is the result of the first lady in the land having made herself ~~t~~ thorough mistress of her subject.

Add Mss 45809

f127

will it be possible ~~can be done~~ by & bye?
3 People also ask: ~~what is doing in the~~
~~way of~~ teaching native ladies women at home practical or
household indoor Sanitary things ~~such as~~ including the management of
infants ~~of which to say that~~
~~they are~~ perfectly ignorant in which would be ~~to show~~ a
~~blissful state in comparison~~ compared with their
frightful superstitions even of the ~~most~~ best
educated. In England the Lying-in Hospitals where so
called Midwives are ? trained in 3 months!!! fail to ~~teach~~ train the
midwives in their
out-door practice to teach the mothers how to manage ~~infants~~ their
babies

N.B. Dr. Murdoch whom you kindly saw
Perhaps India under Lady Dufferin's direction may come to be ahead of
England [written in between lines marked in bold]
at Calcutta told me that he would be in
in this & in come other things
England this spring - But I have not seen or heard of him

Add Mss 45809

f127v

May her great work spread all over that vast
Empire. And may its growth be worthy of its
beginning - & of her the mistress of the
subject & of hearts! [end 10:770]

x I could not read it without tears
Indeed it is true: "Lady! Lo, they know & love!"
They do know what you have done for them
& they do love

unsigned letter, ff133-v, pencil

f133

Col: Yule Ap 30/89

Private

My dear Sir How long since I have heard
or written. How many questions I have to ask you -
very anxious to hear about your health
I trust it is not worse
do not even know whether you are still at the
I.O.

It was understood some little time ago that
the S. of S. for India would be disposed to
appoint a Commission at the I.O. if the War
Office did not re-appoint theirs (the Army
San: Comm)

f133v

Might I ask ~~if~~ what is the case about this?

Have you anything you would advise me
to do?

I defer troubling you with other questions till I know that
they would ~~be~~ not be disagreeable to you
regret I have not written before
~~illness~~ & overworked & ~~death~~ (in our family &
much serious illness & anxiety)

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff134-35v, pencil

f134

Miss Gibson May 2/89 Strictly Confidential [13:682]

for yourself alone

You may be sure I am very much interested in Miss de Laney especially as she is to be your Assistant. And I have had some hours' conversation with her. I think we have had few more gentlewoman than she in gentleness manners, moral tone, absence of self-consciousness, & the case which flows from the refining influence, matters of conduct, But her strong deep religious principle & interest in the highest interests of her Patients & Nurses - not only for duty & the credit of the establishment, but for each one by himself or herself. She is an excellent admirable

f134v

Nurse & has now had considerable & varied experience

She has also done much in finding little employments for Patients in Hospital of long standing. Her influence over each individual is great.

I almost ~~feel~~ regret that she is removed to a larger pool greater sphere away from that of Nursing But I do earnestly trust & believe that she will make you the Assistant you want. She has the dignity & self-respect of absence of self & tenderness for her poor fellow creatures. Her & power of management of large numbers will have to be tested but under you I have no doubt she will succeed

f135

She has a great gift of sympathy. she now goes to you without a holiday because she ~~thinks~~ knows you are so tired which I am sure you must be dear Miss Gibson And she has the most earnest desire to help you in your own way, as an Assistant should, & not in her own way.

I told her what you told me ~~th~~ about the Nurses' want of training & content with themselves but that they had fallen into your wishes & rules & teaching with readiness. And I thought her remark showed insight & observation of character she said: ~~then - M~~ but quite simply & modestly: Then Miss Gibson has the way of presenting things

Add Mss 45809

f135v

so as to secure willingness of obedience & not
opposition in the minds of those under her
She has I think considerable insight - the insight
of forgetfulness of self & ready entering into
others' feelings

You have the power by friendliness of
commanding her whole help to you in your
great work.

She has good health

unsigned letter, f136, pencil

f136

Private

Dear Lord Cross

Mindful of your kindness

I beg to send herewith an

official letter on the

subject of funds for Village

Sanitation for your

favourable consideration.

I hope that I have
expressed it in proper
& regular form

Jan 13 4

Feb. 10 4

March 9 2

22
10 —

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff137-39, pen, original 51278 ff84-86

f137

CONFIDENTIAL May 3/89

{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE, W.

Dear Lord Cross

Your extreme kindness to me
in matters that lie so near my
heart as the Sanitary interests
of India encourages me to
endure once more to trouble
you with a question: Might
I trespass upon you so far
as to ask if you have
decided yet what steps are
to be taken to preserve some
control over the Sanitation
of India?

It would take some time to
bring Lord Dufferin's proposal
the Sanitary "Resolution of the

f137v

"Govt of India". [Simla, July 27, 1888,]

even if it be carried out,
into working order in the
several Presidencies & Provinces

Until it is in working order,
you are doubtless retaining
the important power of using
some means to criticize Sanitary
Reports from India such as
was afforded by the Army
Sanitary Commn; & quickening
these means too. At this
moment it is more & more
important in India, instead of
less

But it is impertinent of me
to be suggesting considerations

Add Mss 45809

f138

to you. I believe I am only
echoing your own views in
saying that an "expert" would
be a bad substitute for the
re organised Comm: at the
W.O. which should include
as heretofore representatives of
the different aspects of
Sanitary questions Medical.
Engineering, General, & especially
Indian & that the
Comm: should actually meet
& discuss together the matters
referred to it Also that
their proceedings should be
expedited, especially as
regards India.

But that a solitary "expert"

f138v

at the W.O. should be
permitted to exercise the
same supervision over Indian
as over Imperial service
Reports would be a fatal
mistake, & can come to
nothing. The W.O. "expert"
may be quite without
Indian experience or the
capacity to review Indian
conditions. And your
view which I believe was
understood to be that, if
the W.O. were to abolish the
Army Sanitary Comm: you
would yourself appoint one
for India is surely the
right & the only one.

Add Mss 45809

f139

Forgive my intrusion & ~~my~~
~~impertinence~~. It is your
own kindness that is in
fault
I need hardly say that it would
by my highest privilege if
you could spare ~~a quarter~~ half an hour
& would be so very good as
to make an appointment to
see me some afternoon -
on these matters
& give me your verdict
But I am not so utterly
unprincipled as to hope for expect it
The times are too busy

unsigned letter, ff141-42v, pencil

f141

2

Miss Wood

Well you know we are by no means not entirely without experience
as to the effects of Registering.

The name of the Hospl Training School is a kind of
register St Thomas' & St Bart's at Miss
Firth's Private Nurses' Est command 2 Gs a week. instead of one
Doctors always ask for them

The Nurses are taken without recommendation
after 2 or even 3 years at the Hospl. They may
have a Doctor's certift but the 2 years are enough
Look at these Nurses again after 2 years Private
Nursing - they may have forgotten everything - they
can't make a poultice so well as your own maid

f141v

they have been carefully taught e.g. to test
home. they have forgotten all about it
& they as you to tell them

Miss Crossland. Why did you take one of ours
(Rees) for your Nurse? Why didn't you
take of one Miss Pyne's always under
observation?

Add Mss 45809

£142

A nurse who poisoned herself with Chloroform for
toothache & was with difficulty recovered
had to leave the Hospl. She was immediately
taken on at Miss Firth's - Is that a proper
Nurse? Would you take her for yourself?
I believe the Matron had not the least idea of not recommending her -
that makes
it worse

Self control	What
surely one of the	progress will be
first things a Nurse	made? If a Nurse
should have	does not go forward
	she falls back

f142v

Well, you have no doubt collected what experience which is not small there is of Private Nurses trained in the best Training Schools after 2 years or more in the Hospital

What should you say it was

that is a sort of Register

How does a R. Charter obviate the necessity of private enquiry?

Add Mss 45809

initialled notes, ff143v-44v, pencil, seems dictated then amended
transcribed in bold; on letter from Miss Ward

f143v

Keep Miss Ward
a copy

My dear Madam

I am so much interested
in every movement [?]
connected with Nursing

**& care so much for this
object of my life**

that I am ~~anxious~~ glad to
hear anything that
you may **kindly** wish to say **tell me**

as you propose

& ~~to talk over~~ respecting
the B. N. Assn but

I beg you to excuse me if I ask you to

I shd wish you to
understand distinctly
that there appears to
me to be grave objections
to the course which the
Assocn ~~appears~~ are
represented to be
pursuing with reference

**on that very account comes of this that I care
so much for what has been the main
object of my life**

Add Mss 45809

f144

{printed address:} 5, HYDE PARK SQUARE,
W.

to the registration
of Nurses- I must consider maintain
that the time is not
yet come for an application
for a Charter. &
such being my views your

kindness will readily ~~see~~
that I am

will readily see that

not prepared nor
able to discuss any
"points" arising ~~upon but~~ out of
~~up~~ the purposes "Charter"
~~no~~ & you will kindly

see at once

understand that **why** I
could not

do not wish to be
consulted ~~nor~~ to advise
upon it **as you propose If you still**
wish to see me this Wed I would gladly

f144v

make time & strength to see
you on Saturday at 5,
should that time be perfectly
convenient to you
faithful servt

FN

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff145-48v, pencil

f145

Col. Yule May 13/89 Private Confl

My dear Sir I cannot thank you enough for

your most kind letter. And amid ~~my~~ our deep regrets that we lost you at the I.O., I cannot but rejoice at what you are good enough to tell me about your Pension & your health, & I trust that it will yet farther improve with your well earned comparative rest May it be so!

You are so good as to say that I may write to you about I.O. affairs before you leave.

I trust that you will be able to say something to Lord Cross about having an Army Sany Commn

f145v

for the I.O., if Mr. Stanhope does not re-organize his -

Who after you will help the cause at the I.O? and who of the IO. ought to be

your successor if there is one the an A.S.C, if there is to be one? And if unfortunately there is not ~~to be~~ to whom in our cause to look to in the I.O. to do what you have done?

Give us your advice - And know we may depend ~~I hope~~ upon you to recommend & explain the cause ~~at~~ to some one at the I.O. & to instruct him. [this is confusing]

f146

I think I did not trouble you with a letter I was asked to write to the Bombay leading Native Assocns about the Village Sanitation Bill - which I find has been translated, & favourably commented on in the Bombay (not Govt) Gazette - But I have not heard ~~the~~ what the finally revised Bill is to be. It is in the charge of Sir R. West, who was good enough to call upon me when in England

I hope you will not trouble yourself about this

Add Mss 45809

f146v

or about what I am going to say, unless you have something particular to tell me - It is all about Bombay Presy

You were good enough to interest yourself about the water-supply & drainage schemes of the President of the Municipy of Ahmedabad, Mr. Runchorelal Chotalall

You have often said besides that there are no Govt Engineers in India to whom Sanitary structural works could be entrusted - or I should hardly venture to say what I am about to say

f147

~~Mrs. Codlin~~
~~69 Chippenham Road~~
~~Harrow Road~~

W

{rest of this folio and next one upside down}

[2]

They are waiting for the sanction for borrowing 1½ lakhs for sewerage a corner of the city Mr Runchorelal is not strong enough by himself to get the Municipality to pass a Resolution to have a Skilled Engineer from England. The Bombay Govt has offered their Engineer at 2 ½ p.c an who is said to be

"admittedly not competent
And he has been accepted

f148v

[3]

It has been suggested (not by me) that the Viceroy should be asked to "lay down a rule that no money would be sanctioned, or that permission to borrow money on loan wd not be granted to Municipal bodies, unless the Govt of India approved of the Engineer to whom the work would be entrusted -

But would not this be asking the Viceroy to interfere in what is strictly Provincial business
Please say

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff149-50v, pencil

f149

Runchorelal Chotalall: to Hewlett May 20/89

I beg to acknowledge with many thanks your kind note of & beg to tender my thousand apologies for the delay in writing x x

My absence from Ahmedabad, indifferent health & pressure of business are my excuses. Above all, I was waiting to see whether I could give you any definite information regarding the Sewerage scheme for which you take so noble & warm interest

Doctor MacRury was pleased to come up here x x He has approved the same site which you were pleased to approve when we went together

ff149v-150 {written upside down}

{f150} [3]

The Sanitary state of Ahmedabad cannot be improved until we get some good system of Drainage & get our *Khalcoos* abolished

I have been long enough in the Muny x x but continue with a hope that we may see the scheme of Drainage fairly settled

As for the water supply there is no fear now. x x It will be a great boon but the Drainage is a *necessity* without which we cannot expect much improvement in Death rates. {f149v}

I feel highly gratified & obliged to Miss N for her kind enquiry about me - may I request the favour of your kindly presenting my best respects to her - you might have read by this time the account of the opening of the Female Dispensary at Ahmedabad on April 1 last

Good & able Collector Mr James my esteemed friend Col Ducat to whom Ahmedd is so much indebted for his very able Report

Add Mss 45809

f150v

[2]

The Govt of Bombay were pleased to offer to carry out both the Water Supply & drainage scheme the Collector & other friends advised - & taking every thing into considn I also thought it advisable to agree but -- the Munny will be free from any responsy We shall be able to supply 20 Gallons per head as originally suggested by you

May I take this opportunity of asking your opinion about the Shone system of Drainage

Cholera very heavy last year Surat

Fire as well

as Cholera

unsigned draft letter, f151, pencil, original is National Library of Scotland 10088 f41

f151

May 30/89

[10:220]

Dear Lord Rosebery

Day[?]

You ~~were so very~~ had the goodness to ~~say~~ appoint
~~that you would see~~ Mr. Hewlett
ex Sanitary Commissioner of Bombay

Ld Lansdowne
George & Edith
Thursday

wishing to be Assistant Officer of Health to your County Council, to see you to-day at noon at your Office

I ~~am very sorry~~ grieve to have to say that he has had a sudden attack of serious illness, & his Doctor will not allow him to stir - It is his wife who writes to me -

___ I trust that so valuable & good a man will ~~he~~ soon be restored, & that I may still have leave to ask your kindness to give him an ~~appointment~~ time to wait upon you 38 Berkeley Square

yrs faithfully

[end 10:220]

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff152-53v, pencil

f152

June 21/89
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.
Messrs. Harvey & Nicholls
Gentlemen
Would you be so good as to
make me 6 gowns like
the pattern I enclose,
which I think was made by
you - & mark them F.N

6

1889.

And how soon may I expect
them, please?

2. Would you kindly send
me a flannel, *gauze*, *all*
wool, not green - not heavier than
the flannel pattern of the ~~jacket~~
I enclose, but a ~~much~~

f152v

The pattern has only been washed once
but it washes badly
better flannel

If you can send me such
a flannel as I describe,
please send me 4 yards.
by Messenger.

[I shall want a good
deal more, if I like it.]

3. Can you be so good
as to send me a *scarlet*
flannel, all wool - ~~not~~
for flannel belts - ~~no~~
as light & soft as the
red flannel & enclose,
which has been of course
quite washed out in colour?

Please send pattern, if

Add Mss 45809

f153

you are not quite sure
of ~~matching it~~ having one as light
All the articles to be
without dressing.
~~And the flannel not to~~
~~for the jacket not to~~
~~be green~~

Please return me
my two flannel patterns
I fear I am giving
you much trouble, but
shall be much obliged
to you, as I am a great

f153v

Invalid, if you would
kindly take this trouble
& send me an answer &
the two flannels, or patterns
of flannel, by my Messenger
or your own
The articles must wash well
without shrinking
I am sure yours will
Pray believe me
Gentlemen
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff154-55v, light pencil, better in LMA roll 3b [13:698]

f154

My dear Miss Pirrie

[see her letter *June 23* in General Nursing packet] 1889

It does always rejoice me so to hear from you
brave woman! making progress as ~~a~~ so brave a woman
deserves And thank you very much for sending me
the photograph of your people

I hear of your desire to make give all your Probationers
Midwifery training with fear & joy - (i.e. Ward ~~to~~ await

You have, I believe, ~~a Midwifery~~ Lying in Wards (Lying In with
Delivery Wards, qy two, that one may always be
standing empty to be cleansed & aired, & Recovery
Wards - ~~how many~~ what is the average number of Lyings-In ~~do~~ Annually?
& what is the average Death-rate among them? mothers & babies?

f154v

& of Puerperal Fever Cases, or Septicaemia, if any?

You have I understand, a good old fashioned
Midwife & her Assistant. I am sorry to say that
the really good old-fashioned midwife is generally
a much more useful & thorough person than the
3 months' old practitioner (trained ~~for~~ as they please
to call it) for 3 months in a Lying-in Hospital here
And I suppose a Doctor for the abnormal cases
& the sick cases - (over) Who probably gives

Does he give the Probationers
instruction? Does he come in from the ~~other~~
medical & surgical wards to the Lying-in Ward & go out
from it to the other Wards?

{over What is your proportion of normal-
verso
normal abnormal & what of abnormal cases?

Add Mss 45809

f155

After a good thorough 3 months practical training
such as you can approve, in your Lying in Wards
under a good midwife - do your Probationers
have any out door practice among women
Lying in *at home* afterwards?

I think the examination & Certificate of
the Obstetrical Socy is good as giving them a standing
But beware of thinking that it is anything more
that it teaches anything - A young woman of good
education used to set up subjects & put her knowledge into words can
pass the examination triumphantly

f155v

& get a first rate certificate - & know no more
what to do in practical midwifery than an
ignoramus or much, much less than an good old fashioned

~~I~~^{sup} Midwife who could not pass
the Obstetrical Socy's ~~cert~~ Exam to save her life

I presume that your 3 months Probationers are
not to be considered Midwives - but Midwy Nurses
& to know abnormal from normal cases - & ~~how~~
when to call in a Doctor
Over what is your proportion of normal
normal abnormal & what of abnormal cases?

notes, ff156-57v, pen [this is not to be relied on, and I haven't fixed
thoroughly and probably isn't worth it]

Add Mss 45809

FN annotations transcribed in bold

f156 [See his letter re Pension Fund June 4.89-7 [ignore, not in FN hand, or only corrections]

Mr. Burdett

**I beg to thank you for
your note of June
& to hope that your**

Dear Sir **kindness will**

~~You must~~ excuse some
delay on my part in
acknowledging it/ ~~your letter~~

under the severe pressures of business &

~~I cannot~~ always **to keep**
illness, my ability is not equal to
up with my correspondence

my willingness

with reference to the
National Pension Fund
I am ~~certainly~~ greatly interested
any scheme which
is ~~the subject of~~
tends to promote thrift
among the nurses
~~No requirement of~~

To none who joins it

Add Mss 45809

f156v

~~{illeg} {illeg thoughts?} or~~
{illeg ask able?} or keep up
{illeg these?} payments it
will undoubtedly
be ~~{illeg}~~ {illeg} beneficial
in the event of {illeg}
coming upon the Fund
though it may be doubtful whether
any but a {illeg} 10 {illeg supporters?} will do so
but ~~it does not appear~~
~~to me that~~ **is** there ~~is~~
any call for a special
recognition or reward
to those who have joined ~~{illeg}~~
the fund ? - **Has not** {illeg Near?} {illeg motion?} has
been the **(right)** time to benefit
themselves, **but** not to ~~{illeg}~~
~~{illeg know?}~~ incur any wish
for the ~~{illeg}~~ advantage
{illeg of those?} ~~{illeg}~~

f157

{first seven lines struck out}
{illeg} to think that
the tendency of two day
in granting {illeg testimonials?}
and {illeg belonging?} & making
much of individuals
~~for~~ for doing nothing more
than their {illeg}
 {illeg Do?} now
that I am not speaking your
to her & say that
{illeg line}
saying that
special recognition to
individuals for something
they may have done or
otherwise to {illeg bring?} their names
 {illeg line}
{illeg us?}. To my must {illeg really?}
to be depreciated &
especially in the case
of **us** Nurses, who in
consequence of the {illeg **excessives?**}
~~large a {illeg mural?} of {illeg attention?}~~
the fashion, in short, which has been

Add Mss 45809

f157v

opened like a sluice upon Nursing matters

have by no means benefitted in real

~~What has been {illeg longest?}~~

Nursing thoroughness or character &

~~to bear upon the~~

Nursing matters are

~~become much~~

apt to ~~see~~ {illeg}

~~become & pedantic~~ not in the

~~& conceited -~~

right direction fashionable

can scarcely

I ~~will not~~ avail

at present

myself of your need

Nor to call as ~~there~~

there is **really** no **particular** reason for

~~{illeg from?}~~ {illeg viz?} {illeg cupone?}

~~{illeg}~~ & my

health renders ~~{illeg conversation?}~~

f me ~~unable to~~ unfit

for ~~most converations~~ more than

a small amount of

talking -

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, ff158-59v, pencil

f158

June 27/89

my warmest &

deepest interest

~~My dear~~ Sir [arch: Bedford Fenwick]

I beg to acknowledge with thanks your note of June 22 & beg to tender my apologies for will you excuse my delay in answering ~~as due to the will you accept~~ severe pressure of ~~overwork~~ business, & illness are my excuses.

But the future welfare of the

"profession of Nursing" as you truly say always is so near my heart that ~~I would gladly~~ when I find you are please to make an wish to appointment to see me ~~as you kindly propose,~~

I am anxious to hear whatever you ~~are~~ may be good enough to wish to tell me about the now

"elaborated Scheme" of "Registration of

Nurses" "by the B.N.A" as you propose But on that very account

I beg you to accept my excuse ~~me~~ when I explain if I ask you

feel compelled to planning take this opportunity

to understand distinctly that ~~there~~

I venture to think the reasons

~~appear to me to be grave~~ objections against

~~W~~ the course ~~which~~ of the Assocn ~~are~~
weighty

~~represented to be pursuing in this~~

Add Mss 45809

f159v

are weighty ~~neither can I~~
important matter ~~& that - I cannot~~
~~think~~ Also that the time is not come for an
application for a Charter
Such being my view though you will
perhaps you see that I ~~could~~ or am
~~not~~ not prepared or ~~nor~~ able to give
the advice & assistance which
you ~~so much~~ honour me of by wishing to
obtain from me And ~~you will~~ that
~~kindly understand why~~ I could
not be consulted as you propose
at the same time, if you ask me the favour
of ~~should you~~ still wishing to see
me, may I mention name Saturday next
at 5.15 or at 6 or Monday or
next ~~Tuesday~~ at either of the same hour
if perfectly convenient to you
If not pray name mention some afternoon
that would suit you & allow me
to remain your faithful servant
Bedford Fenwick MD. FN

notes, ff160-61v, pencil

[5:408]

f160

June 30/89

As for signing the Petition (Women's Suffrage) -
people asking me to sign. The Postman resigned his
situation. It was too heavy -
But I could not sign it either - Some one must "prepare
"the way of the Lord" - *prepare* the women to have
the suffrage. That I *would* vote for - But this Irish
business makes one see that to "prepare the way" is
necessary.

Nearly every woman Unionist, nearly every woman Home
Ruler has shown herself unfit for politics at present - neither knowing
what she
or the other wants - or knowing who she is really asking
for - what is feasible, what has been done, what has
failed, what is historically true or historically false x over
Training has become almost a fashion for every other

Add Mss 45809

f160v

walk of woman's life. But is there any training
in politics, administration, contemporary political
history - for women?

x And the more ignorant, the more furious. There has
been fury, *not* discussion, on *both* sides

We have now a dreadful schism in the Nursing
interest - which I had never expected to see in
my time - two rival Associations touting,
canvassing, furiously abusing each other -
each with a R. Princess -

The simplest knowledge of administration -to

f161

use a ~~simpler~~ smaller word. management would, I
think, have saved us from this

f161v

jackass - not Knight errant
have done nothing but matters for which I was directly responsible
You are so good - You will know that
I have not thought of or loved you the less but this
more - for my busy inability & silence

unsigned letter, ff162-63, pencil

f162

{arch: June 1889}

Dearest Arthur You didn't take me in on Wedy
Nor do I deserve any credit for this. I know
what you are feeling - And I give you joy with all
my heart & may you have hope for your perfect success.
I too cannot express, "Them's my sentiments But
my sentiments are strong & deep for you & your lady love
And they are in great suspense to know what comes
of it. Thank you for telling me
I have had so much *dark* & *sad* business since I saw
you so as not to be able to write. But all the more & not
the less I was thinking & hoping for you -

Add Mss 45809

f162v

Won't you & Sam come & dine here soon? & after dinner
you can enjoy have a shindy with Aunt Parthe who will
trail poor darling her coat tails, or you yours. I
~~Rosalind dined here on~~ don't know ~~forget~~ which - all over Amerikay
& green Erin for you or her to tread upon - Only don't let
there be any scalp wounds - for we have enough of
those in Hospl after a rainy Bush Holiday

Rosalind dined here on Friday - but Sam went
to Embley - so on Saturday she had another Nebucha
Nezzar to eat grass with her. I did my
on their way to Ipswich

f163

humble best to collect grasses for them just as London
would can now. most of which came from N. Africa
with the swallows And they were pleased to
approve of my selection - in spite of distressing
the Goddess of simplicity. But of all the
superstitions grass is the worst greenest.

draft letter, f164, pencil

f164

Dear Sir July 1/89

Let me thank heartily & deeply you for your most valuable
Confirmation

Classes & for your great & persevering kindness ~~in~~ in giving my
two girls so much spiritual instruction fitting them for their
Confirmation which I
trust F.G. & E.H. [?] will be really a new spiritual start in life to a
birth of

which I know is really all the thanks we desire
F.G. the elder belongs to another Congregation in London. And we
are the more obliged ~~to you~~

I have not waited till now to thank you in my heart.
but always under the severe pressure of work & illness .
If any delay in writing will I hope be forgiven by your
kindness. May God bless all your work is the sincere &
fervent prayer of your faithful servnt F.N

Add Mss 45809

unsigned draft letter or copy, ff165-66v, light pencil

f165

Memorial Brit N.A

July 4/89 *Private & Confidential*

Dear Sir Wm Bowman

Very many thanks for your kind note of yesterday. Suggesting a "Sixth Paragraph" to be added to the present Draft as signed.

I return your proposed 6th Paragraph of which I have taken a copy.

As you kindly ask my opinion, I think your 6th Paragraph meets the difficulty - viz. of the Memorialists appearing to oppose what the BNA

f165v

will say then never intended - & to propose what the BNA will say they always intended

With regard to whether the protest is required *at all* I think it will ensure their proposing a much more moderate scheme than they might otherwise do even if it does not succeed as we hope {rest too faded}
Registration for some time

In its present limited form it is far less) alarming than it was. But what *is* alarming

f166

tho I hope not impossible is the evil which the stir is doing the Nurses who should be God's Nurses

It is forming us Nurses into two hostile camps, the BNA.s, & the anti BNAs - the very thing most to be dreaded.

The two Associations, BNAs, & National Pension Socy, which has taken full powers of registration, are each touting for Nurses, not to say bribing them to come in while the BNA is making its 2500 members

Add Mss 45809

f166v

tout for subscribers. You have probably
seen the Circular it has issued to each member
backed by a Memr from the President, the Princess,
charging each member to bring in from her
friends OR PATIENTS 5 (guinea) subscription
Do you think it

~~It is im~~ possible, to depreciate too much
the tone of either Assocn not to speak of their
~~furious~~ abuse of each other? But ~~the~~ forgetfulness
of all that should most characterize ~~the~~ a) Nurse Nursing
is most auspicious in this latter charge.

initialled note, ff167-v, pencil

f167

Private [2]
& Confidential

I send you this note which I should
have liked to make less hurried, with my
thanks for all your kindness to us Nurses
which are not hurried, because think
as you are going into the country tomorrow,
You may probably wish to see Dr Steele *to day*
~~tomorrow~~ about your proposed 6th Par
which is very important, as guarding the
Memorial from making an exaggerated case

f167v

May every good from country air &
quiet come to you
to the fervent work
of yours ever sincerely & gratefully
FN

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff168-69v, pencil

f168

10 South St Park Lane W

Private July 17/89 [13:213-14]

My dear Miss Winterton

Your letter grieved me very much and I have not answered, not because I thought too little of it but because I thought too much, for I lent it to Mr. Bonham Carter to help me in my thoughts. And he could not find it before he went with his wife to Norway for a much needed holiday. He is not come back.

Pray - you have accepted of your own accord a good responsibility = pray carry it

f168v

through "like a man". Don't fail or be discouraged You are like a General beaten before he has begun to fight. Have patience. Fight the good fight of faith - faith that God is on the good side Be cautious - be hopeful You have won a beginning already with Nurse Mold, to whom my kind regards - Be sure you will have more victories. (There are two ways of doing everything) not in haste - for victories

Add Mss 45809

f169

to be sure must generally
be slow. You have been
in your present post so short
a time. Write to me
again - & again 6 months
hence. You will see it
will fare better

They never would have
sent you Nurse Mold if
you were to give up so soon

Let me know how you
are getting on -

Miss Airy was appointed
on Monday to be Lady Supt
of the Royal Victoria Hospital

f169v

at Bournemouth (25 beds)

She wished for it very much
She & Miss Hincks were the
two selected out of a large
number.

Now God bless you my
dear friend.

And let us hear better
tidings.

You will be glad to hear
that Sister Arthur is doing
well

God bless you again. I
feel very much with you
Anxiety is human. But trust
is divine. ever yours affectly

F. Nightingale

[end 13:214]

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff170-71v, pencil

f170

10 South St. Park Lane W

[13:244]

Private July 17/89

& Confidential

My dear Miss Wyld

Your letter grieved me indeed: saying that you had been getting yourself into trouble with the authorities at Darenth by refusing an applicant on the score of religion for your Assistant, & the friends taking it up. To have Roman Catholics on the Staff is indeed a thing to demur at. But, tell me:

f170v

are there not two ways of refusing them? And could it not be done with such tact as not needlessly to offend? I know nothing but from your own letter - Perhaps you have done all that could be done to show such gentle tact as to disarm your Committee which, I understood from you allowed you a great deal of rightful

Add Mss 45809

f171

liberty in various ways -

It is a very great pity
both for yourself & them
if it has been rendered
impossible for you to
remain there.

The R.C. difficulty has
occurred & will occur.
very often - But I have
never known it not to
be conquered by prudence
& goodness & tact -

I shall indeed be sorry
if you fail. And I am sure
Miss Vincent would give the

f171v

best advice in such a
case: how to refuse
& yet not to offend

Re=assure me if you
can

ever Sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale
Miss Vincent is gone on her
much needed holiday

[end 13:244]

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, ffl72-v, pen {Dictated by FN}

f172

July 26, 1889 The old Nurses & sisters who were there before I came were

continually interviewed by the Lady Secretary of the British Nurses Association. She met them in the street & she had them to her own office during their hours of leave. She told them that I had said that I must get rid of all the old nurses & sisters or I could not carry on the hospital. This was totally untrue for many of them I particularly esteemed and many of them were extremely loyal to me & to my new arrangements & to my work generally. (I had \ it is true, been obliged to get rid of the old housekeepers

& the old cook for proved dishonesty in selling things out of the hospital. They had been taken in the act & there was no doubt about it. I had for similar reasons been obliged to get rid of some of the old servants.)

I had told the sisters & nurses that there was no truth whatever in what had been alleged to them: namely that I had said that the hospital could not go on till I had got rid of the old nurses & sisters. And I did not intend to take any further step, but the thing was repeated over & over again, to such a pitch that it came to the ears of the Hospital Committee thro' the Doctor to whom the nurses had spoken of it even after I had convinced the nurses as I thought that there was not a shadow of truth in what they had been told by the Lady Secretary. The hospital Committee insisted on taking cognizance of it. They examined me, they examined my private books & reports to themselves because I am obliged to report to them everything for they have the power of dismissing the nurses & I have not. They insisted also upon Confronting me with the nurses in full committee. The Vice-Chairman

f172v

then spoke to the nurses before me, and read out to them, telling them that it was quite contrary to usage—to communicate to the nurses the matron's private reports about them but that they would see that so far from my intending to get rid of them or my being dissatisfied with them, I had in all instances of reporting them to the committee spoken favorably & even highly of their good work in regard to the patients, of their loyalty to their duty & to my rules & of my great satisfaction with their progress.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, ffl73-v, pen Dictated by FN, not in FN hand

f173

July 26. 1889

Diphtheria broke out among the children in hospital - we lost every one but one. 2 Nurses & 1 Sister had it - all caught in hospital & I had it. The hospital had to be closed for 2 months. The drains were thoroughly examined & no fault whatever was found in them. But after ~~qu~~ strict investigation we found the following errors of management which had it appeared been under my predecessor.

The whole of the patients' linen & bedding was washed together so that the children & patients who were in the hospital for other medical or tropical diseases received the garments from the diphtheria ward with all the little diseases & fluffs adhering to them & so with the sheets. It appeared certain that this was the main cause of the disastrous outbreak. ~~its~~

Another cause apparently was that the milk & beef tea & other things for the children were kept in the lavatoire of each ward & appeared to have been contaminated by the [illeg] of the children. It was a terrible time.

Another thing is that the sister & nurses were the same over the diphtheria ward & over the ~~adj~~ nearest ward. And went in & out from one to the other without change in dress or anything, and it was in this ~~wad~~joining ward that the greatest number of diphtheria cases appeared. The doctors also. ~~The diphtheria~~

The diphtheria cases arising in the hospital were most virulent and were almost all ~~trach~~ operated upon for tracheotomy.

another thing was that the much depended upon arrangement of a gas-pipe in the hutch where the evacuations of the poor little things were put for medical inspection which gas-pipe was to heat the air & carry it up by a tube above the roof appeared really entirely useless. The smell was terrific & in fact the thing had ~~to~~ be {sideways, printed} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

f173v

abolished.

All this has been altered now: the diphtheria ward is separated by the garden from the rest of the hospital. It has its own Nursing. staff, Its own linen arrangements, its own everything, and the doctors go to the ward after they have done their other patients, or if called in suddenly, for a case of tracheotomy, they must be a whole hour before they reenter the other wards - We have not had a single case of diphtheria arising *in* the hospital since - but we must not sing till we are out of the wood.

Truly we must say that the first thing in a hospital is to do the patients no harm. The out patients department was under the wards & communicated with the wards by the staircase. We had at that time a very great number of diphtheria cases, their mothers of course bringing them in in the out-patient department. I regret to say that both under the old building which is only 14 years old - & under the new wing now to be built there will be the out patients department. We have ground to build it separate but it will cost £1200 more, and this, the economical but active & shrewd Vice-chairman who is not a doctor objects to.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, ff174-v, pen {Dictated by FN}

f174

July 26. 1889 I found that it was the custom for sisters & nurses to be sent for by the hospital committee to report directly to them any complaints against the doctors or others instead of thro' the matron, as also any complaints against me. I represented to the committee that this was not acting straightforwardly to me as I was acting straightforwardly to them. ~~The committee talked it over with the doctors & the doctors all but one, who had been a military doctor~~

The sisters & nurses also according to established precedent made all their complaints to the doctors in the wards (as also their reporting of what the Lady Secretary of the B.N.A. said to them), instead of their complaints passing thro' the matron to the doctors. I hesitated exceedingly whether I should bring this up before the Hospitals' Committee, but at last I did, & the committee asked the doctors what they would wish. The doctors all with one accord excepting one who had been a military Dr declared for the continuance of this system. The military Dr stood up staunchly for the discontinuance of both system, declaring that these customs were subversive of all discipline. Both matters however still went on because I was naturally averse to making a determined stand being rather a new broom. But matters got to such a pitch in both cases that at last I had in reporting to the Hospitals' Committee to say that I could scarcely carry on the nursing on these terms, & the Hospitals Committee probably convinced by the Military Dr saw the truth of what I alleged, & determined to grant what I asked which is indeed as you know, the rule in the Hospital where I was trained. This is not the end of my story. After these new rules had been passed & communicated officially to the sisters & nurses & doctors (for I must say that when the Hospital Committee

Add Mss 45809

f174v

was once convinced, it carried out its new rules in the most business-like manner. Some of the nurses went to one of the Drs at his own house, where it appears that they had often been before reporting, & again reported to him that the Lady Secretary before mentioned of the B.N.A had renewed her information to them that I was trying to get them out. By a strange chance the Military Dr came in to pay his colleague a visit, saw the nurses there & in a half-joke asked his colleague what the nurses were saying, who immediately told him apparently without any reserve He, of course, reported it to the Hospital Committee with the other's sanction & the Hospital Committee of course had to send for the nurses & ask them how they could again repeat what had been to con-vincingly denied. They said that the Lady Secretary had been at them again. & so persistently that they believed it. The Hospital Committee felt themselves compelled to dismiss 4 of the nurses, but on the ground of insubordination, because the nurses had been ordered not.

I am quite aware that many of the nurses still continue their intercourse with the Lady Secretary of the B.N.A. either meeting her in the street or at her office, but I have entirely refrained from forbidding any such intercourse, it being my considered opinion that it was better not.

unsigned letter, ff175-76, pen {Dictated by FN}

f175

10 South St.
Park Lane
July 27. 1889

My dear Sir,

I am so sorry that I have not yet sent you a copy of my printed letter to the leading native associations in Bombay Presidency. I now beg to enclose it, though I am afraid it will not be of much use to you.

Mr. Hewlett has his pamphlet on Village Sanitary Rules for the Natives nearly ready, and he hopes that you will find in it something

[10:349-50]

Add Mss 45809

f175v

for your invaluable tracts to be translated into the vernaculars. That was very curious, what you told me, about the natives preferring calf vaccination, because they consider it more of the nature of a sacred rite. I have enquired of Mr. Hewlett about it. He was quite in its favour, but I am sorry to find that he says that the subject was thoroughly thrashed out in Bombay Presidency, & that they find that the expense of keeping up a supply of calves was quite prohibitive of the practice.

f176

Was it in Madras Presidency that you found the calf-vaccination practised, that you calf-vaccinated yourself? I suppose they had found it practicable there. Could you tell me?

[end 10:349]

My Sister & Sir Harry Verney have left London, but I hope I shall see you again before you leave England.

[10:349-50]

[end 10:350]

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, ff177-78v, pen & pencil {Dictated by FN, with corrections}, actual letter in Columbia C195

f177

Private Bombay
 Village Sanitation Bill

{too faded to transcribe}

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

July 29. 89

Dear Sir Raymond West,

Allow me to thank you ~~most~~ heartily
for your most kind letter of July 8th.
about the Bombay Village Sanitation
Bill in committee.

[10:350]

I know that I may trust you to
press all that you think wise in the
popular view of the case. I rejoice to
think that you have "got in the thin
end of the wedge", because we know
that you will follow it up till you
have got in the thick end also ~~of the~~
~~wedge. not by [illeg] coercion, but by your~~
~~infinite tact,~~ making the people see
worked for the same cause with me that I have felt
emboldened to say these few words on his behalf.

I need not say

Add Mss 45809

f177v

or at least think that it is their own
doing ~~and~~ as well as for their own interests! I shall
gladly see the copy of the report of the
Select Committee which you ~~kindly~~ promise,
and I will make any suggestions that
occur to me, as you are so good as to
desire. But it is in the *administration*
of the act that lies the pith of the
whole matter, and where, I feel confident Sir Raymond,
West will ~~do the~~ continue his good work. The best act in
the world may, as we know be administered
or neglected so as to remain a dead
letter or, worse, set the people against it,
while a not altogether good act may
succeed in its object, bringing sanitation
among the people, if worked in the manner
that a great Administrator in India so well
understands. I am hopeful that You will tell your Assistant
Collectors or Sub-officials to carry it out

f178

in a sympathetic matter among the
people - ~~Not in a domineering way~~
~~You will tell the Officers who have to~~
~~carry it out that the Government attaches~~
~~importance to the Lel [?]] - that they care for~~
~~it, and did not pass it merely under~~
~~pressure - but that they will see with~~
~~pleasure the good working of it. If the~~
~~Assistant-Collector or Officer who worked it~~
~~well were mentioned with praise in an~~
~~Administrative Report, then, as you have~~
~~taught me, the other Assistant-Collectors or~~
~~Officers would be sure to make it work in~~
~~and in a sympathetic or popular manner,~~
~~letting things drop that they found were~~
~~offensive, as you say, if even to the "defects or~~
~~"prejudices of the people." The good administrator~~
~~of an Act is a hundred fold more important~~
~~than making an Act perfect. I c~~

Add Mss 45809

f178v

have even hopes that
I ~~think~~ I shall see in an Indian paper some
day, Sir Raymond West, or Lord Reay,
making a speech to a new Municipality
~~and mentioning the Village Sanitary Act~~
~~as if he cared for it, as if he wished to make~~
~~Local Government succeed.~~ referring to the [these 3 lines in FN hand]
VII. Sany Act as a measure to which
the Sirkar attaches much importance. **[end 10:350]**

F.N.

recd. Aug 1 (3)

[resumes in other hand]

I am sure you will be sorry to hear **[10:178]**
that poor D. H. is in a critical condition on
account of a very serious affection of the
throat. the doctors had just held a consultation
& regard the situation as grave. I trust there-
fore you will excuse me mentioning that in
his weak condition the censure he has re-
ceived from Government weighs heavily on his
mind. No doubt he has been wanting indis-
cretion, but his zeal of mistaken, had no selfish
object, without altering the decision passed on
his report, could not a resolution be issued re-
cognizing in general terms his long service &
zeal in the cause of sanitation? This would
I am sure relieve his mind from much fanci-
ful despondency. I do not at all know if such
a course wd be possible. but if you thought so,
might I venture to ask you kindly to mention
the subject to Lord Reay? Dr. H. has so often

[end 10:178]

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of unsigned letter, ff179-84

f179

COPY

10 South Street,
Park Lane,
Aug. 5. 89

Dear Mr. Burton,

I am very much obliged to you for your letter, and for its very satisfactory enclosures. And I was very much pleased to see (what you did not tell me) that you had kindly offered prizes at the Village Horticultural Show for the best collection of leaves from Trees, with the names appended, by the schoolchildren. That is the way to make them observe.

And - I should very much like to know whether you have found any opportunity of teaching the children the ways the leaves grow, and the ways the flowers are made instead of the common way of teaching them classification and Latin names, usually called Botany.

And have you been able to make use of the collection of fossils and spars and specimens to teach them the simplest geology which all Derbyshire Children should know ? I forget whether I mentioned to you that the man who supplied the small collection I sent you, and who is, I believe, a Fellow of the Geological Society, offered me, for a few shillings more, to make that collection complete, and such as would be used in the Kensington Museum and Society of Arts. Would you like this

f180

to be done? I should be so very glad. I was so pleased with what you told me of your taking down the boys into the mines (at Burton-on-Trent I think you said) and shewing them the fossils and the strata. It is worth anything to make the children observe to teach and to train *themselves* when they leave school - that is the real meaning of schooling. I have sometimes thought that the real test of a schoolmaster or mistress would be whether the children go on after they have left school liking to inform themselves, liking to observe, liking to read up a thing, or whether they forget all they have been taught, never open a book, and even forget how to read or write correctly.

I had a good deal of talk on Saturday with a General who is my Sister's nephew, and who cares for his men so much that I learn from him a great deal, He was so amazed to tell me, and I was amazed to hear that out of 350 recruits for the Guard whom he was going to inspect or talk to, 60 could not read or write.

(You know perhaps that in the Guards they are obliged to be particularly careful that every man should read and write well, because the men of the Guards have to do so much mounting guard at important buildings in London and at the Palaces. They have their written orders, often very important ones, given them every night, which they must be able to read correctly.)

My General was going to see every one of these 60 men, each by himself, to ask them where they had been at school,

f181

to get them to wish to go to school now to the Regimental School-master, because there is no *compulsory* schooling allowed now in the army - and to get into their confidence. I told him that it would be most important for civilians as well as for the Army what we should have this information, because it tells us really what are the results of elementary education. Soldiers are almost all recruited from the country; they are almost all in their teens 18 or 19; and therefore hardly any of them can have left school more than 5 years. There are, I imagine, either Lending-Libraries or Night-Schools or Institutes of some kind or other (only I fear they don't all admit boys as early as 14) almost everywhere, and therefore the boys can scarcely lack all opportunity of continuing their own education. I am sure that the boys and girls who have completed their education with you, would not have forgotten how to read and write in 5 years.

I was very glad to see the successful report on the religious instruction of the children, and especially on the "tone" of the School. And I have no doubt that the religious teaching is really impressed into the children's hearts and practical lives by you and Mrs Burton, and does not remain as a mere book of History and Geography to them.

It very often happens to me to have to do with girls from 15 to 20, chiefly when they have gone into domestic service, I will tell you one recent experience. It is that of a very nice girl of 15 from the country. - a particularly good

f182

and intelligent girl - She had been ten consecutive years, from 4 to 14, at a national school. I had occasions to take her through and make her recapitulate each of her Confirmation Classes as they went on, for she was just going to be confirmed. She could not bring back one single idea from any of her classes, and she was unable to write a single sentence, I had to write down for her answers to every one of the printed questions, and even then, she could not fit them on to the questions. As for discovering the moral, she was quite incapable; tho, to my great joy, I found that, after I had given her some of them in a sort of familiar way, she had repeated it all to one of her fellow-servants. But the most curious part remains to be told. Tho' she had had Scriptural instruction every day for 10 years, I found she was apparently quite ignorant of the Gospels. I therefore told her, without allowing her to look at the Testament or looking at it myself, the principal events and parables of our Saviour's Life, and especially of the last week of His life, and she was evidently very much interested; but she did not recognise one of them. I attribute this to her having been in a school where the children only read verses in rotation, when of course they can only be thinking of their own verse, and not of the story; and where the master gives no oral Religious Instruction. But I am sure this would never be the case with your children.

Among all the country girls still in their teens, whom I have known or taught, and who had been probably for

f183

8 years at elementary schools, I have never known one who knew, or wished to know, the names of trees or flowers, or plants, not even of the commonest wildflowers, (they might know a rose) nor of the common birds when they saw them, nor what made it possible for birds to fly, nor of any of those common things which they had been seeing every day of their lives. I am almost afraid of asking you, whether your boys and girls know, (as well as the England names and ways and habits of common birds - because the boys are only too ready to throw stones at birds, and to rob their nests. But do they know that birds' bones are hollow, and like lungs, and the way which enables them to fly ? Do you know any good book which teaches this? The Rev. J.G. Woods' Readers were the best - but even these are not satisfactory, I think. I don't think they give a clear account of how the bird flies. Bishop Stanley did, but his book is not for children.

A niece-in-law of mine, the one who wrote that leaflet on the elements of Botany I gave you visited this year many of the best Board Schools in London for her own instruction. She thought them greatly improved from those of 10 years ago, But she found no teaching of History. She suggested to one excellent Schoolmaster the teaching of the History of *London* 'Why not, " she said, "label the places which they pass every day with their genuine history - the place where the Great Fire of London began or stopped - that of the Great Plague - the most picturesque incidents of the Tower of London - the execution of Lady Jane Grey

f184

of Lady Jane Grey - and so on - and so on - the familiar history of London "

She was very much pleased with the teaching by the school mistress of Health - of the Value of Foods - e.g. of Milk to children - of Domestic Economy

Add Mss 45809

signed note, ff189-v, pencil

f189

List of Books to be sent to F.N

3/6 Poems by Longfellow. Routledge's Illustrated Edition 1
7/6 " " Tennyson 30 including Puff 2 2/8
to St T.'s August 7/89 5/8
Tennyson's: New Poem: "Despair and m/o [?]
3/6 Adam Bede 3 2/8
6/ Donovan 4/6 4
0/ We two 4/6 5
6/ Life of Chas Kingsley 4/6 a by his wife
6/ Good News of God ---- 4/6 6 Chas Kingsley
5/ Christian's Mistake ----- 3/9 7 Mrs. Craik
{written sideways below} 2 copies of each
1/6 Golden Chain Miss Marsh 8 @ ½ [Nisbet]
2/ English Hearts & English Hands 1/ " @ 1/6 " 5/
2 copies (1)
3/6 Life of Arthur Vandelens 2 copies ----- a " @ 2/8 "
c/6 Victory Won----- 2 copies ----- a " @ ½ " 1/6
2 Rift in the Clouds ----- a " "
2 From Dark to Dawn 6' @ 5 d a " " 6d
2 General Gordon 11. @ 9d Swaine (a) Cassell
2 " " 2/6 @ 1/11 Sir W. Butler Macmillan
2 Livingstone a 2/6 J. Hughes (a) 1/11 "
2 Nobody Loves Me a 1/. Walton 9 R.T.S.
2 Story of a Short Life (1) a 1/. @ a Ewing 12 S.P.C.K
2 Jackanapes a 1/. @ 119 "
2 Dandelion Clocks a 1/. " 9 "
1 British Butterflies: Colored illustrations Coleman: Routledge
3/6 @ 2/8
{all above titles crossed out except: Tennyson: New Poem; Golden Chain;
& Rift in the Clouds}

Add Mss 45809

f189v

[2]

- 1 Little Church by Andrew Murray 2/6 @ 1/11 a
 {2 copies of each title with a "2"}
- 2 A Hero in the Battle of Life - Miss March Nisbet
 a 2/6 @ 1/11
- 2 Crossing the River 1/. @ 9' a "
- 2 The Brownies 3/6 @ 2/8 Mrs. Ewing 10 George Bell
- 2 Heroes of the Mine 6' @ 5' Miss Marsh a Nisbet
- 1 Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome 1/. @ 7' (a)
- 1 Storm Warriors: Gilmore 6/. a 4/6 ~~Has~~ Macmillan
- 2 Jessica's First Prayer 4 @ 9' 9 (1) a (2)
- 2 Alone in London 1/6 @ ½ Hesba Stretton (a) R.T.S
- 2 Lost Gip 1/6 @ ½ a
- 2 Cassy 1/6 @ ½ a
- 2 What Might Have Been 1/. c 9' a
- 2 Shining Light 1/. @ 9 Miss Marsh a Nisbet
- A Peerless Princess O.P. {all other titles but this
 one crossed out}
- 2 Our Coffee-room 3/6 @ 2/8 a
- 2 More About our Coffee-room 3/6 Lady @ Hope 2/8 a Nisbet
- 2 Lines of Light: dark Background 3/6 @ 2/8 a
- 1 Nothing but leaves 3/6 S. Doudney 2/8 (a) Hodder & Stoughton
- 2 Christie's Old Organ 1/. Walton 9' (2 copies (a) R.T.S.
- 1 Southey's Life of Nelson 5/. @ 3/9
 April 23/89 F. Nightingale
- 1 Life of Ld Shaftesbury - in one 3/6 Vol 2/8 10 South St (a)

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff190-91v, pencil

f190

Aug 11/89

Sir W. Wedderburn

Very many thanks for your letters

I have had an answer from Sir. N. Chamberlain declining to be on your Indian Reform Assocn on account of health I am sorry. He thinks in most respects so like yourself wh I need not say is right thinking, that you may possibly still wish to have his name - I prepared him by your desire what you might write to him [perhaps you have] of or wish to see him if in London - He is the most modern of men.

f190v

I enclose send his Private letter

wh: please return

I return a touching letter to Lady Wedderburn whi

Most Private & Confl

Dr. Hewlett

[10:224]

is I rejoice to say much

We are told that for India better. ~~I believe~~ work - & an acknowledgment from the Bombay Govt - might prolong his life & powers of work for years & years -

The work I believe we shall be able to give him here - for at the 11th hour we are going to win one of our objects ~~the resuscitation of our 30 years Home & India Sany Commn~~

Add Mss 45809

f191

But this must be a secret
for the present.
In the mean time I am
rather in a dilemma, f in
which your kindness & wisdom can advise
me.

I received your most kind
answer to my supplication
on Aug 1. & wrote to Sir
R. West (almost in your
words which I enclose for
reference) on Friday August 2,
i.e. last Friday week -

I wish for an acknowledgm
more than ever of his services
by the Bombay Govt
But I am in this dilemma that
it wd certainly do him much harm
if Sir R. West were to represent

f191v

him as in an ~~ver~~ almost
hopeless condition from which
nature & treatment seem to
have released him. It
might perhaps prevent his
employment here - which
would probably kill him

I think I ought to telegraph
to Sir R. West. But how to
put it & when to send it
so as to meet ~~the~~ my letter
without which he would
not understand it - & how
to put it so that every one
else may not understand it
I do not know how to frame
without your kind advice
I must not mind spending £4 or £5
I need not say Dr. H. knows nothing

[end 10:224]

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff192-93, pen

f192

August 12/89
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square, W.
My dear Sir Charles Bernard
I have (unwillingly)
refrained from troubling you
for some weeks past
Have I earned by my
reticence some claim in your
further kindness? Might I venture
to trouble you now to ask
some one to send me the
names of the Sanitary
Commissioners for
Madras
Bengal
Central Provinces
Punjab & indeed all the
Provinces of India ?

f192v

Would it be troubling you
too much to ask further
for the names of in
MADRAS the (special) Sanitary
Engineer whose appointment
is to be sanctioned by
the S. of S.
Bengal: the (export) Sanitary Engineer
(not a whole time Officer)
who is to be on the Sany Board
Central Provinces: the SUPG ENGINEER
who is to be on the Provincial
Sanitary Board
indeed, on any of the Provincial
Sanitary Boards, the Engineer
who is to be?

Add Mss 45809

f193

I have not forgotten your
great kindness in coming
to visit me. Might I
ask for another visit
some time?

Pray believe me

Yours faithfully & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

typed copy of signed letter, ff194 original LMA roll 3 89/11

f194

10 South Street
Park Lane, W.
Aug.16. 89.

Dear Sir,

I am so very much grieved for the terrible
loss that you have had, which is your little children's
loss as well as your own. I hope you will be able to
make arrangements satisfactory to yourself as to the
care of them. But the loss is irretrievable. My
deepest sympathy is yours. We may believe that the
gain is hers. God be with you and your children is
the earnest prayers of

Yours faithfully,

Florence Nightingale

Mr. Welch.

Could you be so good as to send us a nice sirloin of beef
for tomorrow about 12 or 13 pounds. Thank you for the
care you have taken about supplying us.

Add Mss 45809

f195 typed initialled letter, ff195-201, with FN corrections

night Schools - ask them what they want (would like)
& give it to them

10 South Street,

[15::564-67]

London, W.

24 ~~10~~ Aug. 1889

25

Dear General,

It is so very important the information which you were good enough to give me about the number of recruits unable to read and write whom you were going to talk to, when I had the privilege of seeing you. I don't for one instant expect that you will have time to write to me what you found, but it will be most important for Civilians as well as for the Army that we should have this information, because it tells us really what are the results of elementary education.

Would it be possible for it to be put down in print in such a statistical form as would show at what schools those 60 men had been, so that it might be available for a few interested in Civil Elementary Education. You know I think, that at Elementary Schools, even in 6 [?] years, all that can be done is to teach the boys and girls to teach themselves afterwards, [handwritten in: against this the influences of the 'black board illustrations' at home of the code, of the irregularity of attendance are all adverse]

[typed] and I think, pardon me, that a schoolmaster or schoolmistress who could not do this, is only fit to keep the pigs. You remember the old story of the Yorkshire schoolmaster whom some intrusive friend was surprised to find as an instructor of youth and ~~who~~ he was told that the man was too old to keep the pigs, and therefore they were obliged to make him schoolmaster. All that we can learn on this subject is important

f196

b

I cannot but think that except in the case of some idiots to be found in all classes, the schoolmaster must be somewhat in fault, or at least the system of education, for boys to lose all their reading and writing powers in five years. There are, I

Also as to -----

imagine, now almost everywhere, either Lending Libraries, or night Schools, or Institutes of some kind or other, (only I fear they had your illiterate young recruits

don't all admit boys ~~and girls~~ as early as 14) and therefore boys can scarcely) lack all opportunity of continuing their own education. If the schoolmasters have not been enabled to excite the smallest interest in the boys which would lead them to go on informing themselves or to care for any sort of book, there must be a screw loose either in the schoolmaster, the system, or the boy

The Code is, most people believe, rather in fault, and a really zealous Educational Minister would be very glad for supplementary information like yours. I don't leave out of the question that yet more the greater matter of homes. A schoolmaster has uphill work indeed if the home is nothing but an opposition school to his.

Will this be better in the next generation ?, when the present boys and girls have become fathers and mothers Are the present elementary schools the schools of the future fathers and mothers and of practical life ? as well as of the three

Rs

so on to c 3

f197

The master is sometimes not sufficiently sympathetic in his relations with the boys. He is too dictatorial. Authority must be obtained and kept, but a schoolmaster's authority is always greater where he himself shows that he takes a personal interest in the individual welfare of his boys, apart from that excited by their power of increasing his percentage of passes.

The little progress that is made in much elementary teaching is due in a large measure to the necessity the schoolmaster is under of earning large grants and securing a heavy percentage of passes among his scholars. He is too much fettered by codes, he cannot afford to waste time in taking up anything that is not absolutely a grant earning subject, he needs more liberty.

The teaching given in school too is often done away with by the home associations which are frequently vicious, and where not absolutely so, the parents are too busy or too ignorant themselves to follow up and enter intelligently into that which the children have been taught during the day. So that - too often - the theory obtained at school is quite opposed by the - if I may so call them - blackboard illustrations which they see at home.

We want to take more account of the human side of our boys and girls. The human and spiritual natures are so closely connected that we cannot neglect one without injury to the other.

f198

[2]

We want more men of the Charles Kingsley type - who can find sermons in everything in nature, in a blade of grass even, and can lead their boys up from nature to nature's God

Defective knowledge given to young people about themselves. There is a widespread dislike to inform boys and girls about their own physical powers from a sort of notion that there is something indelicate in it and that it is better to keep them children as long as possible. If ignorance of these things were possible for any intelligent child in the face of all that it sees and hears daily, something might be urged for this course, but it is not so. There are very few, if any, children, of even the most ordinary intelligence, who do not soon obtain a knowledge more or less full. What is needed is surely, for parents to recognise more clearly the awful responsibility that rests upon them that their children shall not be simply equipped for the battle of life, (which in a greater or less degree each must fight) with a certain number of mental attainments, but that they shall above all be able by a right knowledge to choose the good and reject the evil which surrounds us all. We need parents to enter into these subjects with their children (as only parents can do), tenderly, lovingly, and truthfully

We want the glamour which so often envelops the knowledge of evil when illicitly obtained, to be stripped off by a frank, honest facing of the facts and by that wise, and sympathetic counsel which would save so many the

f199

[3]

bitterness of the knowledge of experience.

Great towns are often under the reproach of immorality but in many country districts it would be difficult to find a lower depth in any town. This is I think partly due to the absence of any interests for the peasantry which would provide them with some other outlet for those faculties which God has Himself given them, and which are in full vigor at just that age between childhood and manhood. Where there is much leisure, and large opportunities mischief is sure to ensue if some other interest is not excited.

We are too fond of *sermonising* and dogmatising & talking Spiritual to our young people

What they all want is not so much driving as guiding

Children in the upper classes are often worse off than those in the lower ranks of society as they are left so much more to the care of servants who alas too often treat these things with a degree of levity and coarseness which is only too demoralising {from start to folio to here, all struck out}

Genl Smith C

It is most important for the Council of Education to find out what the results of Elementary Education are in forming *parents*

talk over *with* their boys
who will ~~take~~ the things wisely, *human* things, physical things which are now only told to chil

i.e. talked over before their boys & girls as jest & gossip
dren in the most objectionable way and who will bring up boys and girls who, as *parents*, will look into these *human* things and put more

reality into life and instruction. *human* reality into *spiritual* instructions

The matter is one of such immense importance to young soldiers & young Officers

Add Mss 45809

f199v {in light pencil}

to boys in their teens of all classes - who fall headlong
into vice almost without knowing it & may be
hardened almost before they are out of their teens or else
learn only from unutterably miserable experience
If boys could be kept innocent it would be different
But they can't Gentle boys hear all about it from
the under servants or at school *Poor* boys hear
it all at home Rural boys are partly because
they have so few interests - as immoral as city boys
Little is done to shield them except a little spiritual
~~teaching~~ lecturing. And how many of the rising
generation are lost before they are of age?

The evil in India is ferocious, No "Acts" will stop it
Your Physical Exercises will do much to make the men
more manly. Militaryism means Loafing
Real interests will do something. So will anything
that stops drink. But there must be home
teaching & home feeling to train them in purity
(*not ignorance*) & to prevent nasty tricks while
they are almost children

And then there is the enormous question
of decent dwellings for the poor in town
& in country

Add Mss 45809

f200 [pencil]

2 Will your young recruits willingly attend school from your
Regimental Schoolmaster now that it is not compulsory

[typed with corrections]

Suggestions for conducting a Class of Adults
Genl Smith for Reading.

I should prefer to use some one of the very cheap and
well printed standard works published in the "National Library
as a text book, as half a dozen of those can be purchased
for the price of one or two good reading books; and I should
select some book of travel, or biography; or else a good
work of fiction,

Then for the purpose of fixing the main points on the
minds of the class, I should procure a few good photographs,
and some large well-executed, drawings or engravings,
of a size large enough to be seen by all in the class. A
very brief summary introduction of the book to be studied might be
given by the teacher, before starting, and the illustrations
only shown just at the right moment. All depends on the
School master.

Any words which caused special difficulty, either from
pronunciation or unusual meaning, might be written on the
blackboard, and pronounced several times aloud by the men,
and then copied down by them before the end of the lesson.

The books published in Cassell's National Library are
small, and handy to hold, have capital type, and are cheap
enough to be given to the men when they have mastered the
contents.

[end 15:567]

I think grown up boys people would more readily appreciate

f200v [pencil]

Spelling taught in writing
not in reading
ever yours gratefully
(for the men)
FN.

Add Mss 45809

f201

tell them a story

3

[typed] a consecutive story or work than the scrappy bits which are found in the usual Educational Readers, and it would not seem quite so lowering to their dignity to learn to read from them.
{rest in pencil}

But Nelson's Reading Books are very good

I have ordered a doz copies each

of Waterton's Wandgs in S. America

Cricketts in the Hearth

Macbeth

Plutarch's Lives of Sintram

Warren Hastings Lays of Ancient Rome

& wd send them

for you if you thought well to have then

Each would in the hands of a good Schoolmaster be full of lessons for the recruits. E.g. in Warren Hastings you give them a little graphic discourse on our great Descendancy - then you sketch to show them Hastings' amazing ability. then his being all for ambition & self. then you sketch to them Sir John Lawrence - all for the good of the natives. all for his God & his country the two different men

unsigned letter, f202, pen (Dictated by FN?)

f202

[4]

Boys of 18 or 19 might be interested just as children of 4 or 5 by object lessons - given by a spirited teacher with drawings & writings on a black-board - letting the pupils contribute any knowledge that could be extracted from them as to the subject in hand - and making them afterward write (perhaps with illustrations) some account of what they had learnt.

Add Mss 45809

typed unsigned note, f203, with FN corrections

f203

No.2

We had together a little conversation about the A.S.C. You will be glad to hear that since I saw you the S. of S. for War has determined upon reorganising it. Will not a ~~A~~ great deal of work ~~will~~ fall immediately to its share in helping to spend its money for the Sanitary & Restoration of Barracks, and in what you were speaking of, with regard to forming Camps? instead of Barracks for healthy discipline & teaching the Art of War.

have you memorialized Mr. Stanhope on this?

initialled letter, ff205-v, pen

f205

Aug 24/89

Dear Sir R. Thompson

Sir Douglas Galton has telegraphed to me from Paris suggesting that as is your note to him of yesterday's date you had told him that Mr. Stanhope was so kind as to wish to see me to "talk over the future of "the Army Sanitary Committee" I should venture to write to you.

Most gladly will I see Mr. Stanhope *any* afternoon that he will be good enough to fix ~~after~~ beforehand. *After to day*

f205v

And I will gladly put off my departure from London till afterwards

I am obliged to ask for an appointment because I am an overworked Invalid 5 pm or 6 pm would be my best time. But I am sure you will kindly understand {page cut off} that I would make Mr. Stanhope {page cut off} time mine any afternoon

Pray believe me
you fful servt

F.N

Add Mss 45809

initialled draft letter, ff212-13, pencil

[8:1029-30]

f212 [bold indicates sequences]

Strictly Private

Dear Sister Laura

Thank you for coming to see me. I was very glad to hear of you again if for *her* sake

With regard to your request, I ~~am sorry~~ regret to have to say that we could not admit anyone to St T's "for a fortnight" for the purpose named "**picking up**" because more & more **our experience** we **leads us to deprecate it**. As yours would too are convinced of its futility. It is a request so often made us: tho' not for quite so short a period. We are obliged to adhere to our principle of a year's training, more especially for persons going out to foreign posts ~~India~~ except in rare instances where the candidate being just out of a competent training elsewhere, & having a

f212v

post assured her, wished to qualify, generally for not less than 6 months, in London Hospital methods

We were consulted when the first India Mily Hospl Sisters were sent out, & if I might tell you the The conditions we submitted & which were adhered to you

I am sure have met with your approval - would have seen see what our experience in these matters leads us to consider essential. & which these I believe ~~you would agree in~~ have met with your approval

Might I ask whether the Warminster Sisters desired for the work ~~for India~~ are all London Hospital trained?

I conclude that those who are sent out to India will pass undergo some kind of Medical Exam by authority

f213

And I need not ask! for I am sure you will insist upon ~~see to~~ it. for yourself & others -

alas they have had a thorough recent Hospital training

Has the Warminster Sisterhood a training Hospl of its own?

Yes indeed I remember very well, the 25 years ago, wishing you would train for India ~~our~~ nursing practice has ~~much~~ enormously developed since then & with the great expansion of the Nursing profession our difficulties

Success to you in the highest sense [illeg] suppose

yrs ever sincerely F.N.

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, ff214-15, pencil

f214

To R. Robinson Sept 4/89

I sympathize very much with your daughter at Derby. Tell her that a great man has said that "much patience & not much rest is to be "desired" - yet not to weary herself unnecessarily by anxiety anxiety is the most unnecessary thing, but to grow up a very happy good & helpful woman by "quietness & confidence" in God. Does she remember the Ps.. "Except the Lord build the city, they labour but in vain that build it" - & then "the watchman waketh but in vain". And so he giveth His beloved sleep (or rest) - The "so" refers

f214v

(Mr Calvert) to the first two verses - that is, that in the least little daily things, it is the Lord, not we, who manages it all - who gives us the power to do it. "I thought it a matter" of course (Mr Calvert) that I should be able to get out of bed, to dress myself, to write a letter, to do this or that I found it was not a matter "of "course" It is He who gives the power; if He takes it away, it is He who is able to restore it ' And this gives us rest *in God*

I pray that she may have it She is

f215

embarking on a most useful & important life - the generation now being born depend mainly on what their Schools (after their homes) will be What the homes will be, that is the future fathers & mothers, depend mainly on what *their* ~~homes~~ Schools (& *their* homes) have been. It is not only on cramming the children with a certain number of subjects, but on the *spirit* with which these necessary subjects are put into the children, that it depends. God bless Mary Robinson

Add Mss 45809

initialled note, f216, pencil, slightly different version, copy also in Claydon bundle 437

f216

Offered to the
sorrowing parents
of their darling little child
Violet Milsom
the *Good Shepherd* of this little lamb
who tenderly took her ~~home~~ in His own arms
& carried her home to love - live with His & own Father for ever
before she had to bear her Cross -
F.N.
Sept 20/89

signed letter, ff217-20, pencil

f217

Claydon Ho: Sept 23/89

Dear Mrs Neild

I will return you your book with your
Accounts made up till Saturday last, on one
page (which took me a whole morning
to correct) and in which you will see
that, instead of having spent £ 12 11 10 ÷
you have spent - - - - £ 27 1 10
& that there is due to you £ 7. 14. 10
instead of your being in hand
some £ 6. 15. 1 ½

f217v

At the same time I shall be very glad
if you can show me I am wrong.
Show me that the £8. 16. 11 ½ ending Aug 24
which you have not
put down at all
has been paid otherwise.
And show me that Ice £2. 0 0 ending Aug 31
has been paid otherwise
[You have not reckoned
it in at all]

Add Mss 45809

f218

2.

About the Ice, I was of course very much surprised to have a Bill of £2 for Ice which spoilt all my food & which I had forbidden presented to me at last.

During your absences I found Nelly - in cool weather & with the best Larder in London next door - popping every thing into the Refrigerator exactly as if it were the Larder - And of all that food I believe one chop was all that I was able to take. It was so hardened.

f218v

I am sure when this is pointed out to you, you will gladly prevent its ever happening again.

3. And I am sure that you would not like Nelly, a nice, clever, willing girl, if she were your daughter, to know & be able to do as little as she does (excepting Sweets) - after 3 1/4 years - of what good cooking is. And as soon as I come back, we will set to work to remedy this, will not we? And - we will teach her variety.

f219

8 [3]

Would you be so good as to write to me

how you make your sons & my Peptonized Cocoa? I have had some here for Sir Harry - And it is too thin -

9

Lizzie Holmes likes the things very much -

The Doctor says she is "sinking". Her mother writes every week. Please continue the things. She still takes nourishment.

Add Mss 45809

f219v

I have not mentioned your son. But you
know I am always thinking of him
And I pray that "He that hath mercy on
"us" *shall lead you & him*. And so
you pray that He may lead *me*.

Whatever ~~you~~ he wishes, take him, please
I am not able to write any more now.

f220

I am glad to hear something at last
about the house & the work-men. Please
write again about it

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

signed letter, ff221-22v, pencil

f221

Sept 26/89
{printed:} Telegraph,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks.
Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

{pen} Dear Mrs Neild
I am glad that your son
is not worse.

Yes: I think you had
better send another bottle of
Lemon Jelly to Lizzie Holmes
this week. You must not
call her "poor" - in the midst
of terrible suffering, she & her
mother are the richest persons
I know - I will tell you why
another day She hardly
sleeps two minutes together -
nor her mother either who
sits up every night with her.

[8:993]

Add Mss 45809

f221v

Yet they are always comforting
each other. God is one
with them.

[end 8:993]

Please thank Frances for her
letter. I will write to her
to-morrow.

You will receive Fluffy's
hamper to-morrow. Fluffy
is gone to Lizzie's mother.

Please put *Jubilee* in
Fluffy's hamper, to-morrow,
(Friday), the day you receive
this - & take her in the
hamper to *Euston* to
come by the 3 o'clock train.

f222

- give a shilling to the
Guard to take care of her,
& put her out at Bletchley.
where they change
Put on her address
This side up. With care.

A live cat.
Miss Nightingale
Sir Harry Verney's
Claydon Station
Bucks

per L & N.W. RAIL. 27/9/89

We will send for her to
the Station at Claydon

f222v

If you are busy with
the Jelly, *Frances* might
take her to *Euston Station*

If you cannot sent ~~her~~ the cat,
telegraph to me that she
is not coming.

God bless you both
yours ever faithfully
F. Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

draft signed letter, ff223-25v, pencil [actual letter in Trinity
Cambridge Houghton]

f223

26/9/89

Dear Lady Galway How can I thank you for
your great kindness in remembering me &
our friendship with him who is gone
to make eternal progress in what was so ~~deep~~
& eminent a part of his character here, love &
helpfulness to his fellow man, no matter how degraded,
no matter how distinguished. Each was fellow man
to him -: His brilliant talents in conversation,
whether political, social or literary, were inspired
chiefly by goodwill towards man But he had

f223v

the same voice & manner for a dirty brat
as he had for a Duchess - the same desire to
give pleasure & good. His will & kindness were
for both

Once at Redhill, the Reformatory, where we
were with a party & the chiefs were telling us
the system, ~~we were~~ in the middle of the courtyard
a mean stunted villainous looking boy ~~stole~~ crept across
the yard. (quite out of order) & stole his ~~poor~~ dirty
paw into Mr Milnes' hand. He staid quite quiet
& quite contented if he could to touch his benefactor who
had placed him there but was evidently not

f224

merely his benefactor but his friend - We ~~the~~
party passed not a word passed
on. The boy dispersed. Could there be a tale
more tenderly, more tellingly told?

I remember his saying to my father that he
seldom or never Subscribed to Institutions or Charities
that was only giving away mercy. He liked to find
out individuals & to do the best he could for them
That, tho' he did not say so, was giving away time,
thought, fellow fishing with money.

Add Mss 45809

f224v

He had, I believe, the genius of friendship in philanthropy nor philanthropy but treating *all* his fellow mortals as if they were his brothers & sisters -

In conversation he never allowed his unique power of ~~wh~~ humour to say an unkind thing

Once he said: I would not have accepted a Peerage but that all my friends in the Ho of C are gone This was his Genius of Friendship

Once he said If there is any good in me it is that I wish to say out my life, or some word to that effect in doing good service to others

f225

How I should like to know something more of his last days, his last day, which you alone can tell.

May I say how deeply sympathy with your "insupportable & touching loss", fills the heart of

yours, dear Lady Galway,
sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

f225v

[2]

An eminent woman of Paris said that the English only thought of doing good to the poor, whereas the rich wanted doing good to them quite as much.

I think that was his spring of action the thread of his life upon which hung what may truly be said of ~~his~~ at the rest of his remarkable activity of ~~h~~ intellect, imagination, heart.

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, f226

f226 {arch: Original owned by Mrs. Neild}

COPY Claydon Ho: Oct. 14/89

Dear Mrs. Neild

Thank you for your account of the going 'home' of your dear son. I feel with you & for you more than I can say at the loss of your only child. But he is gone into the Immediate Presence, where we all hope to be; into the Father's arms which are tenderer than ours. He had suffered much: how can we wish him back? Rather let us firmly resolve - & ask God to keep our resolve for us - to "present our bodies" to Him "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God," as St. Paul says, "which is our "reasonable service." Let us go right away this very day, & give it up to the Lord once and for all,

& say, "Here I am, Lord, take me altogether, make me Thine, Thine for evermore". There is no doing things by halves - I pray for you, & do you pray for me - And we will both give it, please God - And the Lord will rejoice in heaven - And your son will rejoice in heaven - And he will say: 'Come to me, dear Mother, when it is time - You have yet something to do for the Lord on earth' -

I prize very much the kind message which he sent me by you - I conclude & hope that you were with him at the time of his death.

It is a solemn time, but he was happy, I hope his wife & child are well, & that God is with them -

God bless you

ever yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

I should like very much to hear more from you about him.

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, f227

f227 {arch: Original owned by Mrs. Neild}

COPY Oct. 15/89
 Claydon House,
 Winslow,
 Bucks.

Dear Mrs. Neild,

I have written to Frances & Nelly that we shall be home on Saturday. I earnestly hope that you will take all the time you wish for your sad duties which must follow on your dear son's loss - & not trouble about me.

God bless you. You have my deepest sympathy & my prayers

Yours ever sincerely
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

typed copy of signed letter, f228

f228 {arch: Original owned by Mrs. Neild}

COPY Claydon - Oct. 17/89

Dear Mrs. Neild,

I do join with you in rejoicing that your dear son is so happy & that you can see it even in the mortal part he has left behind -

The day of the funeral will be a great trial. But *he* is not there: *he* is in the Good Shepherd's arms.

Let *us* live so as to meet him again.

I am glad that you are with your daughter, to whom pray give my true sympathy -

Do not hurry back - There is no occasion - I shall not expect you -

Frances & Nelly will do, I am sure, very well.

God bless you

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff229-30, pencil

f229

Dear Mrs. Neild

I am not able to write much
May ~~Lizzie~~ we all learn ~~our~~ God's gracious lesson from
Lizzie Holmes' life & death, & from her mother's life
with both of whom God was always first, whereas
with us He is often not even last

God calls you - especially in regard to your
son - that you & he may be examples to one another

~~God calls our~~ You could not surely have
meant to disgrace him a dying may by trying to prove that he was
living with a woman not his wife. You could not
have meant it. You were not yourself.

God calls our little household. I will mention

a thing, tho' it is comparatively small. The girls might
have gone out every day in the week. There were weeks
when they did not go out once or only once. Then on
Sunday I take a Charwoman from her home ~~to an~~
& prevent her from going to church to enable them not to
go to church but to go on walking. I am sure when this is
There are many others pointed out to you, you will
things our Father's gladly, arrange it shall never

May I too learn God's gracious lesson so that He may be first in all
things Pray for
me as I do for you & you ask happen again
Allen

Add Mss 45809

f230

to our very dear Ida on her wedding day
with Aunt Florence's heartfelt love
And may joy & the richest blessings ~~be~~ poured out
not only on this day but on all the lives
of her & her husband

Oct 30/89

And may these poor flowers be the tokens of pure joy
& ever-green hope & trust ~~poured~~ & the richest

Derby Infy leading
Important for discipline of Nurses
no certn or testimonial should be given by Physician
or Surgeon without first consulting the Matron
& that none shd be given by Hd: Surgeon or Assistant H.S.
without concu
rrance of Matron
or otherwise that none shd be given by any Medl
Offr except in accordance with regns to be made
by Weekly Board

initialled letter, ff231-33

f231

Private

My dear Miss Eames

[13:563-64]

Let us hear from you - Our hearts &
prayers are with you - God's blessing will be yours.

Uphill work there will be but that is
better than downhill

No advice will be of any use while we
know so little We shall be so anxious to know
about your Hospl, your Nurses, your Medl Officers
& your Patient Committee

One thing I need not say: there must be not the faintest shadow ~~the~~
of
proselytizing on our part You can scarcely tell how

Add Mss 45809

f231v

if any ~~appears~~ suspicion of such a thing
gets abroad how it mars all the good we can
do Standards especially are "High"
Roman Catholics The example of a good Xtian
in a nurse is what is needed and this you will
give them in God's name
 May He ever bless you
 & He *will* bless you

£232

Have not sent you any Obstetrical books
We don't know whether you will have any women
And if you have you have had little or no
Obstetric practice. ~~it is so~~ you know how dangerous it is to dabble
in Midwifery or Obstetrics ~~by means of~~ out books ~~one~~
But if you in course of time you tell me you would then practise then I
will
gladly send them out to you
FN

f233

Offered to [13:563]
our dear Nurse Charlton
on her way to duty in a Buenos Ayres Hospl
with Florence Nightingale's
affectionate love & prayers
~~that~~ she may be a faithful follower
of Christ
in this work for the sick
Advent Sunday
Dec 1/89 [end 13:563]

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of unsigned letter, ff234-39

[10:709]

f234

COPY of LETTER to Dr. Murdoch Dec/89

My dear Sir

I was extremely glad to have that conversation with you on Saturday. You were so good as to ask me to think over and you talked it over with me what subjects seemed most pressing for your admirable small cheap tracts for working people in India.

I. You told me that Botany was a great favorite with Hindus and it seems to me that little books really about trees, plants, leaves and flowers, their ways and habits, not their nomenclature, is quite a sine-quanon, not only for Hindoos but for English children. I had a heap of Botany books on the table on Saturday to show you but there was not one which gave what you want children and all classes of peasantry to observe. Dr. Watt's little book which you have, although by far the most satisfactory is not altogether so and the wood-cuts, though good being uncoloured strike so little the unaccustomed eye, but I suppose coloured wood-cuts are beyond the power, on account of their expense, either for India for cheap publications in England. I venture to send you a bit which I printed out of a letter from my niece Mrs. Verney to me. It seems to me just the way that I should like to begin Botany classes and Botany books; she herself though always living at high pressure gives Botany classes to her poor people in Anglesey, which are most successful, but it is a disgrace to us this is really the only

f235

2

instance of the kind, I know. Now you must go ahead of us and make more progress in India than we have done in England, especially as you say that Hindus do study plants for medicinal purposes and care for them more than for their animals.

II Next to Botany I would put Zoology. [end 10:709]

a. Birds first, because they are a sort of mysterious being living between earth and heaven as it were, and we always find them sovereignly interesting to children. Children personify them so much. Birds have such different dispositions. In the early morning when you hear them whispering to themselves or rather to God and singing in their low-toned way, not shrilly, it always seems to me as if they were singing their little prayers to God and I used to talk to my little grand-nieces and nephews in this way. But though there are heaps of scientific books about birds there are none which teach children the way they are able to fly and their extraordinary feats in flying and their lightness which their hollow bones ensure, and I never met with a grown-up person uneducated or even educated, who knew these things in a simple way. Let us go at the Bird subject.

b. But it has often struck me on hearing of the ill-treatment of their animals by Hindus and their carelessness about them that a little tracts about domestic animals and animals for cultivation would be so useful to them done in a plain-practical manner as you would do it. When I see from my couch the horses in Park Lane, it seems to me

f236

3

that they are so much better than human beings. The horses in the hansom cabs have evidently been gentlemen's riding horses or even hunters, you can see this by the fineness and beauty of their legs. What a humiliation and what a change to them from hunting or riding upon beautiful turf in an English country place and having to go as fast as ever they can upon the hard pavement drawing a hansom cab, yet they go to the last; you see them putting forward their utmost power and all for duty as it would seem. I do think such horses must go to heaven. Then the omnibus horses pulling from the shoulder-never swerving from their work, although in these slippery streets you see them tumbling down. I should like, if I were you, to write a tract upon animals for the Hindu peasantry. There is an enormous change since my young days in the treatment of horses and donkeys in London streets, and I do think that a great deal of it is due to Lord Shaftesbury; certainly he was the deliverer of costermongers' donkeys. You know he enrolled himself as a costermonger. Should there not be something of the same sort in India? **[10:709]**

III Parables to replace the abominable little tales of successful cheateries which Hindus read, seem to be the great desideratum.

[end 10:709]

Almost anything can be taught in Parables, and our Lord's example in this has been so little followed, except by Mrs. Gatty. I venture to send you a cheap edition of her 'Parables from Nature' and a copy of 'Earth's many Voices' although I know you know them and they are, of

f237

4

course not at all fitted for Hindus, but still I live in hope as you asked me that you will do something in this way. No Englishman could write anything which do for the Hindus, but you could.

I also venture to send you Dickens' "Cricket on the Hearth" cost 4 ½ d.

it is one of Cassell's inimitable series.

[10:352-53]

IV. But above all you know I wish that some very simple tract on a Hindu's duties to his village for natives, should be written to fol-

- - - - -

low Mr. Hewlett's work. He was the only man I have ever known who knew how to enlist the natives on his side or rather on their own side in what you may call Public Sanitary work. He did do a great deal through the Panchayets and I could tell you wonderful stories about this. It seems to us such a pity that so remarkable a man so practical an enthusiast should have been taken away in the height of his usefulness. I send you a copy of his pamphlet the last thing he ever did; I could send you more copies if you liked it. Copies have been sent out to the Government of India by the Secretary of State for India but the greatest good which could be done and you would do it so well would be if a tract could be written for the natives upon those lines,

The pamphlet is, of course, only for the Government.

I send Thorold Rogers' "British Citizen", but it is a great deal too elaborate even for Englishmen, only this; if Englishmen can read this book because they have had liberties for nearly ±800 years, I always

f238

think when I look at the immemorial machinery of Indian villages each village being a republic with a governor of its own, how comparatively easy, much more easy even than in England, it would be to revive that constitutional machinery for the purposes of village health and village law in India. You know so much more about these things than anyone else, though Mr. Hewlett was an adept in village administration and municipality administration that I fain would hear that this great work of putting the villages on their Sanitary mettle was in your hands; and that was why I sent you Mr. Hewlett's last pamphlet.

[end 10:353]

[10:786-77]

V. I venture to send you Edward Clifford's "Father Damian", though it would not do at all for natives, but perhaps something might be written upon leprosy for them and I hope you will kindly tell me the name of the Sisterhood which has offered to send out sisters to nurse the lepers in India. Would you tell me? has the proposed Act been carried for taking care of and providing for 'vagrant lepers' by sending them to Hospital?

(Years ago, Dr. Van Dyke Carter who is, I believe, the greatest authority

on leprosy and who is, I think, still in Bombay wrote to me on the subject. It is one which interests me very deeply. If I had not my business cut out for me here, I-~~think~~, have often thought I would go out and nurse the lepers but it is nonsense talking about that when

f239

6

I can hardly move from my bed. Pray God that something may be done for this great and crying evil.)

VI. Only one thing more.

[10:710] [end 10:787]

Would it be possible to make a very brief simple transmogrification of the Pilgrim's Progress' fitted for Hindus? [end 10:710]

initialled note, f240, pencil

f240

{arch: [1889]}

2 Shall I tell you that I never can forget the expression on the face of one of the noblest of our Anglo Indians after death? It was that of the child entering into the Immediate Presence of the Father he had darkly loved & served. the expression of ~~surprise~~ & rapturous surprise
yours for ever

FN

I have had the kindest of letters from Miss Yule, telling me of your ~~state~~ increased suffering I am so glad she is with you with which we so sympathize

Add Mss 45809

draft letter, ff241-42v, pencil

f241

H.S. Snell - {arch: [1889]}

My dear Sir

How long it is since you ~~were so very~~ in your great kindness sent me an admirable Carriage Clock I dare not enquire - Nor how long it is since that I have delayed my thanks on paper tho' not in my heart.

It was on the eve of your departure for Montreal - & you ~~said~~ wrote saying that you were leaving for Canada the next morning. And you kindly sent me two views of your new design for the proposed Hospital

f242v

I trust that you have concluded to your satisfaction this great work ~~the~~ designing the Building according to true Sanitary Principles adapted to the Canadian Climate I shall always be deeply interested to hear how it is going on

I will not weary you with ~~excuses~~ reasons alas for me too true including illness, putting off writing till your return. overwork but beg you kindly to receive my reasons & my thanks at once & to believe me

letter, ff248-51v, pen Please return this to FN in FN hand

f248

Dictated

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Grosvenor Square, W.

Please Jan 4. 1889

return this 90

to FN.

You ask *me* upon one of the most difficult subjects of the present day, namely: "To the rule inexorable by which families where an unmarried daughter has had what they call a "misfortune" should be turned themselves (with her) out of their cottages?" I should rather ask of *you*. In these days the subject is so much

f248v

more complicated. Besides, the sin is *not* in having an illegitimate baby, but in the sin which precedes it. And the new doctrine about the connection of the Sexes is new. I am told, so widespread among the lower -classes, that it is quite an open secret. Thus, the great danger is that man & woman do learn how to commit the sin without the consequence. A public schoolmaster, of gentle boys, I mean, who has particularly studied the subject, & has succeeded in maintaining purity among his boys, to a degree, I believe that no other Public School does, though

f249

many do a great deal, has obtained the most varied information from ministers, Anglican & Dissenting & from Roman Catholic Priests, who commonly knew more about this than any other ministers, and he declares that this open secret is more and more extensively practised among the poor. (You probably know that quite respectable socialists have printed this. and, on one occasion, a very superior bookseller was prosecuted for publishing a book of this kind, and condemned.) This appears to me greatly to alter the whole question.

f249v

2. The danger of increasing child murder is so obvious, that it is scarcely necessary to mention it
3. Again, it makes the case so different if the woman marries the man. We may charitably suppose that they intended to follow God's Law of one woman to one man, and it is quite different if a woman has had 2 or 3 children by different men And it is so dangerous if a woman for her first offence is condemned to disgrace.
(In all institutions now, a difference is made between primiparae and women who have fallen 2 or 3 times. Indeed there are institutions,

f250

- as I think so wisely, which take in only primiparae, and then help the woman to service and to maintain her child herself instead of sending it to the workhouse - Otherwise its usual fate. These woman are generally recovered. One of our cousins is actually a prime mover in a division of one of our east London Workhouses for this object.)
4. I need scarcely allude to the nonsense which is talked among the very poor, about the honour of being married at sixteen; which I know leads almost unconsciously on the young woman's

f250v

part to sin with this purpose.
But this is very different
from the coarse brutish sensuality
which leads men & women to
behave like animals.
You know that very superior
upper servants even, will talk
this sort of jingo among themselves.
"I think it is time for Miss
(mentioning one of their Mistresses
friends) to 'go off' "- This means
to be married, or course you know.
All this sort of thing, like the
publications of perfectly respectable
socialists, leads to mischief, without
the poor young thing knowing it
is mischief. And now, when so
many know that the mischief

f251

can be done without the consequences
this is a very serious consideration.
I am far from thinking that
these considerations are final.
I know how much may be said
about maintaining a high
standard of morality, by the
Landowner in his villages; but
I think, that considering the
almost promiscuous mixing up
of young men & women in the
cottage bedroom, & the London one
room, this sin is almost inevitable,
and I think the chief hope, which
it will take 2 or 3 generations
to fulfil, is in the better moral
education which we may hope to see,

Add Mss 45809

f251v

and which will prevent fathers
& mothers from jesting openly
before their young children or
the most delicate & sacred sub
jects in the rooms of the poor.
5. The man is not punished, &
the more villainous the man,
the more he escapes.
unsigned note, f301-v, faint pencil

f301

party, party March 19/91
Committee of Observation
Deputation to B. of T.
What has been done?
Register or *Certificates disease*
who are to guarantee our guarantor?
2 *who are to certificate our certifyers?*
Provincial Hospls
want something real to sign
or short letter telling them
how to protest to B of T
3. me to name representative
nurse to ~~Sir~~ Mr Burdett Pension Fund
{ Sir Andrew Clark
{ would not be against B.N.A.
we are not Cristinos but
we are not Burdettines
Burdett's Official Directory
how to take the Nurses off

f301v

4 if there was not party
-party spirit
battle
party of the kites & crows
battle - frogs & mice
Cristinos
Burdettines

f302 letter to FN 20 March 1890 from E. Bertha, Mother Superior, London
asks FN opinion of Mrs Johnston who did not get headship of General Hosp
at Honolulu

unsigned note, f304, pencil

f304

Offered to
Nurse Mannings

Add Mss 45809

with Florence Nightingale's love
 & earnest prayers
 for her here & hereafter
in the fellowship of the love of
the Good Shepherd
for His little lambs
 March 24: 1890

Add Mss 45809

incoming correspondence, listed by Margaret Griffin

ff1-2 Oct 8 1888, Gertrude A. Wyld, The Pavilions, Darenth Asylum, W. Dartford, Kent, progress report on setting up pavilions

ff3-7 FN

f8 Oct 19 1888, Mary Clarke, East Claydon, thanks for cheque

ff9-10 FN

ff10v-11 Oct 27 1888, Ulrike M. Linicke, The Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, S.W., thanks for statuette

ff12-34v FN

f35 Arthur Payne letter to FN 5 Nov 1888. confidential. I have been asked by the India Office to write a note to the Netley School and have written one. Before I deliver it I shd much like to talk the subject over with you if you will give me the privilege of doing so, and will allow me to call upon you at such time as may be least inconvenient to you.

f36 FN

ff40-41v Nov 10 1888, Clinton E. Dawkins for Viscount Cross, India Office village sanitation {note on env.: "I have kept these because, Lord Cross being still alive when Sir E. Cook wrote FN's life, Sir E.C. felt unable to say what he wd. have liked about Lord C's readiness to carry out FN's behests. I am directed by Viscount Cross to acknowledge his receipt of yr letter of this day's date. Lord Cross would be very glad to impress upon Lord Lansdowne any suggestions that you may have to make upon the subject of village sanitation, but his lordship is leaving town tonight and his movements at present are uncertain. Lord Cross would, however, give careful and immediate attention to any observations in writing.

ff42-43v FN

f44 Wed Nov 14 arch: [1888?], Arthur Payne, 37 Courtfield Gdn. S.W., confirming appt. to see FN. If I do not hear from you to the contrary I will use the privilege you give me and call on you at 5 pm on Monday next. Yours very truly Arthur J. Payne

ff45-46v, Nov 15 1888, William M. Ord, 37 Upper Brook Street, Grosvenor

Add Mss 45809

Square, W., courses offered at St Thomas'

ff47-50 FN

ff51-52 Nov 21 1888, Lord Cross, embossed India Office, Whitehall Bombay Village Sanitation Bill. I have to thank you for your letter of the 12, which and for your valuable criticism of the proposed Bombay Village Sanitation Bill, and I am glad that you have been able to send an expression of your views to the Bombay Govt. ..Lord Reay will carefully consider all you illeg as I am myself much interested in the matter which is so vital to the well being of our Indian fellow subjects.

I propose to tell the Bombay Govt how glad I am that they are so earnestly talking of the function of village sanitation in a methodical way, that I do not object to the bill, but that I anticipate that local and native opinion if carefully collected may lead to modifications which will make the bill still better situated to secure the excellent object in view.

Hoping that you are now in better health I am very sincerely yrs,
Cross.

Add Mss 45809

ff53-54v Nov 22 1888, Lydia Constable, Gordon Boys Home, thanks for pictures

ff55-56 Nov 23 1888, Miss Lucy Bull, Ebrington, Campden, Glouc., wants FN to recommend her for a pension

f57 FN

ff58-59v Dec 2 arch: [1888], Marian Buchanan, St Thomas', thanks for contribution & re Miss Pringle. How very very good of you to send such a delightful contribution to our illeg cupboard! There is no fear now of the supplies illeg. Miss Pringle is so pleased as I am sure she will tell you. You should not speak of asking me a favour--I feel honoured by being allowed to help you.

Miss Pringle was troubled at the idea of going away just now, at this very season and thinks she shd be at her post in the midst of us. She is certainly looking better for the little rest last week and perhaps she wd more thoroughly enjoy a longer one early in the year. She thinks I must have given a very glowing account of her. But I tried to make it truthful. Thanking you warmly for the kindness you have shown us I remain yours faithfully, Marian Buchanan

f60 Sunday 9 Dec arch: [1888], Arthur Payne, confirming appt with FN re India correspondence. I will avail myself of the permission to call on you about 5 pm on Wednesday next. Meanwhile I send the correspondence from India. If you shd be able to read it before Wednesday it may save time. Time is only worth saving because I do not know when I may have to make official use of the papers.

ff61-62 FN

ff63-65v arch: Dec 10 1888, Hannah Rosebery, Dalmeny Park, Edinburgh, Forward, asking FN for a letter to be read out at a meeting re Scottish Branch of Nurses Institute, & Queen Victoria Nurses. the work with regard to the Scottish Branch of the Nurses Institute is progressing well. I will send you the private report I made at the London governing body. I am very glad you were able to see the secretary Miss Guthrie Wright. The object of my writing now is this: funds are greatly needed and a public meeting is going to be held on Monday next in Edinburgh, to which most of the charitably inclined residents and neighbours besides many of the clergy and of the medical men will be invited. illegs

Dr Balfournick? Sir Arthur illeg the rev Dr MacGregor, Professor Annandale and others are kindly to address this meeting at which the Lord Provost will take the chair. If you would be so very kind as to write me a letter which might be read at this meeting I am sure great

Add Mss 45809

good would be done, by thus showing your interest in the movement, the public will believe in the scheme more readily. I hope you will kindly consent to this and if so perhaps you would touch upon

1. the need of the highest instruction in this work for the nurses and their better training, which are the view of the Queen Victoria nurses.

2. The good they will do the poor--by helping them in illness, which not interfering with them in any way (religious or domestic)

3. the advantage of not discouraging any existing institutes, but of helping them to attain the same higher standard.

I only mention the 3 things because I find they are misunderstood. I ought please to receive some letter by Saturday, do not take the trouble to write it out, if writing fatigues you, pray dictate it, only you cannot imagine what good a letter from you will do

yrs sincerely

Hannah Rosebery

ff66-76 FN

ff77-77v Dec 22 1888, Miss K. Perssé, superintendent, Paddington & Marylebone District-Nursing Assoc., 510 Edgeware Road, W, Aberdeen Place, thanks for Xmas things

ff78-79 arch: c. Dec 25 1888, C.E. Barff, Rose Brae, Hereford Road, Seaforth, happy Xmas

ff80-93v FN

ff94-94v Jan 17 1889, FN hand. Luise Fuhrmann, Friedrichshain, Städt. Krankenhaus, Berlin, N.O., people in England seem to have "Certificate" or "Register" disease

Add Mss 45809

ff96-96v FN

ff97-103v January 28 1889, Miss C. Loch, Station Hospital, Rawal Pindi, station nursing in India. Red pencil und. Thank you very much indeed for your kind & encouraging letter. I can't say how proud and glad I am that our work this first year has been looked on with so much approval. Of course I think we have been greatly helped by the kindness & generous support of the medical officers under whom we have actually worked, but I do think also that the sisters who came out with me have worked very hard indeed, and I am more than thankful that they have succeeded in establishing a growing confidence among the authorities--I cannot help feeling very anxious however as to the future; we have as yet heard nothing definite of any more sisters being sent out from England, altho' this is just the time we were appointed last year and we came out not too early before the hot weather. I hope very much a few more will come this year, even if the whole scheme of enlargement is not settled on yet. The authorities are too apt to scatter us about on the principal [yes] that 2 or even one sister in a station is better than nothing, and the Roberts themselves are very much inclined to approve this view. I am very strongly opposed to it, and I am glad to say I have the support of the chief doctors in this place. As we cannot possibly nurse all the stations or all the individual cases that need help, I am unwilling to attempt more than we can satisfactorily accomplish, and I maintain that less than 8 sisters cd not possibly organize the work in any station hospital, and with less than 3 they cd certainly not do any regular night duty. It seems to me it is no use adopting temporary shifts because we are few in number, for what we do now will form more or less of precedent for what the sisters will be called on to do in the future also and I am esp eager that the scheme shd succeed equally well in each successive place where it is tried, and it is unfair to have to neglect bad cases in a station where we are already est, for the sake of half nursing others elsewhere--2 sisters are now est at Sialkot, a station about 12 hours journey from this, and the c in chief was very anxious to est 2 others at Peshawar, however on earnest representations from Dr Bradshaw and myself it was agreed to postpone Peshawar and maintain 3 at Sialkot and 4 here, but since then there have been sudden orders for special cases, so one sister is gone to Agra and another to Meerut, so we are short handed and have had to give up illeg, but I hope only temporarily one of the wards we have always had charge of--I cannot understand how the authorities expect any systematic or satisfactory work to be done, if they only provide 16 sisters for the Merrat and Lucknow districts which contain, on their own list, 31 stations! With regard to the religious sisterhoods, I hope very much they will find it practicable to obtain a sufficient number of trained nurses for I am sure that at the best it wd be many long years before the govt wd

Add Mss 45809

undertake the expense of sending a really large number of paid nurses out to this country, tho I confess I feel selfishly a little afraid that after the first 5 years they mt let us dwindle away in favour of the cheaper system. I suppose the real difficulty is to feel certain about the training of religious sisters as the majority have of course entered their sisterhoods with quite other motives and only take to nursing as an after result and also because the unfit ones cannot be weeded out as secular nurses quickly are during their training, if they prove themselves incapable of improvement. The St Denys' Sisterhood here are properly speaking a teaching not a nursing sisterhood, tho possibly, if required, they mt be able to send out some trained nurses, only one of them, Sister Blanche, is in any sense a trained nurse and she has gained the affection and confidence of everyone about her. There is also a Mrs Broadhead, who is only an associate, not a sister, she has been working the Numre station hospital with Sister Blanche all thro the summer but w/o sister Blanche's mgt and control I do not think she wd effect much. Sister Annie, the sister superior in India, is a most charming person and I have the greatest admiration for her powers of work. She has not only the whole work and resp of the sisterhood and the mgt of 2 large boarding schools (Mumre and Lahore) but during the summer had the mgt and nursing of Lady Roberts officers hosp at Nurme and till the home was suddenly broken up by an outbreak of cholera among the servants and orderlies she was never w/o her full complement of patients and very bad cases. I believe she never had any regular tr in England but she must have a good deal of experience by this time of the sort of cases one meets with in this country, but unfortunately she is far from strong and has overworked herself, and I believe has been ordered to England on account of her health, where I find the necessity for the first rate tr and experience of the nurses is most imp is in counteracting the astonishing ignorance or carelessness of some of the young med officers in the simplest things--such as diets and stimulants which are generally stingily, sometimes recklessly administered, also some doctors are almost as indifferent as the orderlies to a typhoid patient being sat up or even got out of bed, of course a half trained nurse wd have no opinion on such matters, but difficult as it is, a good deal can be effected by influence w/o wounding their susceptibilities.

You ask about the cholera last year at Mrmee and down here--the worst of the outbreak was immediately after we had changed places, with the 4 sisters who went to the hills for the first half of the hot weather and I am very thankful it was so, for the 3 sisters who had been down in the plains with me during the hot months of June and July were much fagged and quite unfit at that time for an extra strain of work--the other 4 with Sister Betly at their head gallantly undertook the nursing of all the cholera patients who came to the station hospital, which was the larger number--it was the report of their work sent in by Dr Walsh

Add Mss 45809

which I presume you have seen--at Murmee owing to the numerous separate camps, and the still more scattered cholera camps clothed all over the hills of course we saw less of it. Curiously enough Kuldanna camp where Sister Latch and Kelly were, was the only one in all the district which escaped absolutely and the med off in charge wd not hear of their going to seek it elsewhere, at Topa where I was with Sister Wattens, we were also fortunate having only 4 cases in the camp itself and 2 of those were natives. However we applied for and got permission to nurse the soldiers--and eventually we were called upon to go every day to another camp just opposite ours where the outbreak was very severe, and they got it in their married quarters, there the poor women were in great straits as there was absolutely no one to attend on them but their own husbands who of course cd not nurse day and night too, so we took the day and left them to sit up at night--it is not satisfactory doing half the work but it was the best we cd do--and also everyone of the cases proved fatal. You must not think that I have any influence with Mrs Oxley or with the sisters in Bangalore, for they are entirely independent of me. I keep up a corr with Miss Oxley but not at very close intervals. The last letter I had from her was written in very good spirits and apparently they seem getting on very well now. They had several difficulties to contend with at first. I think besides the fact of their being scarcely expected there till the last moment. They were very few in number and they were not all of one mind. Dr Payne failed in their case in this one theory of success, which was that the beginners shd be all from one hosp--which I am sure has been a great advantage to us. With regard to the sisters salary I think so far it has proved very fairly sufficient, when living quietly together in one station it does very well. Tho when scattered suddenly about altho the railway expenses are defrayed, still incidental expenses arrive which make it rather more difficult. You see we have to supply cooking utensils crockery and table linen etc for each place, still it can be done. But I do not think that it is enough for an acting supt who not only deserves to earn more but has actually more expenses than the others; she is expected to take the lead and to manage the housekeeping out of pocket in one way or another, also I think that as the sister's pay is not too much by any means they ought to have something more to look to in the future either an increase of pay with years of service or a probable rise to a better paid post as acting supt as it is they will spend the best of their life an strength in this country and return to England with little or nothing saved, considerably at a disadvantage if they wished to compete with those who have always been at home for any better paid post such as an English matronship.

ff104-17 FN

Add Mss 45809

ff118-19 [arch: April 1889] HBC draft {in upper left corner:} Lady Dufferin, printed addr: 5 Hyde Park Square W, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in which you ask me to join the general committee of the Med Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the women of India.

I am as you are greatly interested in the work of the Assoc and am anxious as far as I may be able to assist in forwarding the aims and yet I must ask you to excuse me from joining the general committee. The state of my health has compelled me to decline even in name any official connection with any association and my acceptance would I am advised involve me in difficulties as to others.

ff120-27v FN

Add Mss 45809

ff128-32v April 29 1889, Miss Pauline Peter, Supt., The Queen Victoria Nurses' Institute, Scottish Branch, 5 N. Charlotte St., Edinburgh, re cases attended during Maternity Training (forms encl.) and "District Visiting" rather than "District Nursing"

ff133-39 FN

ff140-40v handwr May 1889, Bedford Fenwick, M.D., C.J. Wood, Secretary & Helena, Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Park. "As president of the BNA I earnestly hope that every member will do what she individually can to obtain subscribers, subscription requests for BNA funds "If every member would persuade five friends or patients each to subscribe one guinea annually to the association... will you send one of the enclosed papers with an earnest request for its favorable consideration to everyone you know who is able to assist?"

ff141-42v FN

ff144-44v Printed address: 5 Hyde Park Square, draft, not FN's hand but with annot'ns by FN, re Miss Ward

ff145-55v FN

ff156-57v arch: [June 4/89] draft, not FN's hand but with annot'ns by FN, to Mr. Burdett re Pension fund

ff158-71v FN

ff172-74v by FN but not in FN's hand July 26, 1889 re nursing/diphtheria

ff175-76 by FN but not in FN's hand

ff177-78v by FN but not in FN's hand

ff179-84 FN

ff185-88v Aug 6 1889, Pauline Peter, update on how they're doing with 2 encl: list of cases since March & list of committee members

ff189-205v FN

ff206-07 Aug 29 arch: 1889, Maria Church, The General Hospital Cheltenham, thanks for books

ff208-09 Aug 30 1889, F.M. Sandwith, Cherry Burton Rectory, Hull,

Add Mss 45809

thanks; death of Miss Hughes; Cairo Nursing Fund. So many thanks for the two previous which have just been forwarded to me here and which I shall study with the greatest pleasure.

I have just heard of poor Miss Hughes having typhoid in Cairo and also in a round about way the dreadful news of her death. If this is true, it will be a terrible blow to us all and to the Cairo Nursing Fund. We must try and build quarters for the nurses apart from the hospital.

where?

sanitary state of cases very bad indeed. Typhoid very prevalent in European quarters. Alexandria Port not worse than other Eastern ports. Baldwin Lathan has been sent for to report difficulty then how to raise the money, but they are thoroughly in earnest about it with Sir E Baring at their head. Difficulty consists in these different consular jurisdictions (Capitulations) this difficulty will be extreme because every consul is sort of governor or autocrat over each nationality and each nationality's interests and even dwellings. Dreadful capitulation, but they are so much in earnest and the life and death question is so urgent and Sir E Baring so powerful that if the French can be got over I suppose we shall have it our own way.

Memo to find out what Paris Conference did exactly say.

It is said that the Times is wrong on its paragraph, as it always is.

I was consulted by a lady who wanted to bathe in the sea and I was able to point out to her exactly the places wh were quite safe. the mischief of the sewage being discharged into the port is not greater than it is in many places in Europe, nothing to compare in danger with Port of Bombay and it might be remedied by carrying culverts out to sea beyond Port.

f210. Dr Sandwith. New Women's Hospital Kasr el dini, Cairo. The new Women's hospital nursed for first time by Mahomedan women chiefly girls from school from 15 to 20 under an English trained lady supt and trained lady nurse and 3 other lady nurses who vibrate between private nursing in Cairo and the hospital. About 130 beds are for women and children besides very large Out-Patients' Dept for women and children, like the hospital the first of its kind. Of course chief thing is to inculcate cleanliness. Mahomedan infants (but Coptic Xtian infants are worse) generally have ophthalmia the first week. (The mothers take no pains to prevent flies settling on the ophthalmic eyes. The children are never washed. The mothers generally go out same day as their lying-in and even after craniectomy they will be out on the second or 3rd day.) In the case of the ophthalmic children they are generally not brought to the Outpatients' dept or to any doctor till too late. If they don't come in the first week they are generally stone blind for life with those terrible white eyes. But now we insist upon their coming before it is

too late and we pay the greatest attention to teaching them sanitary habits. Now when a poor infant is brought stone blind for advice we hold it up to the other mothers and we say "Now look here, you've brought your children in time and you've kept them clean as we order, and their sight will be saved if it please Mush Allah." And then with a majestic manner we order the mother of the blind infant out of the place. (It sounds cruel, but nothing could be done for the blind child) and then we hear a murmur of self-complacent pride running in Arabic thro all the mothers who have done what they were bid, pointing like Pharisees at the poor women who are sent away and murmuring "stand aside, we are better than thou." This is very salutary.

But the important part is the effect upon marriage among the Mahomedans of these Mahomedan nurses. It is the first time that women have been employed, that there has been a career for unmarried women. These women (who come to hospital as nurses at 15) has been very far better educated than any of the men of their class. The woman are always sharper than the men. The hareem has always the whip hand of the gentleman and now we find that these women don't choose to marry inferior men and men are afraid of them and won't marry them, and that it appears likely to begin quite a revolution in Mahomedan ideal.

Will this not make great difference in lives and ideas of marriage of Hindoo women (see Lady Dufferin's work). There has only been 1 marriage among the Mahomedan nurses and that according to our English principals a scandal. We had a patient--an elderly woman with incurable ovarian disease. No man of course enters any of the wards or sees any of the women patients excepting the men doctors who don't count. No visiting even of husbands is allowed, but the doctor touched with compassion unhappily once allowed the husband of this poor incurable woman to come see her. Most unluckily a beautiful girl of 14 had presented herself as probationer an at that moment we sent her into the ward to see what it was like. The husband saw her for a minute and married her (outside the hospital of course) and took her home and divorced the wife. After a time we could not keep her because she was incurable and we have no right to spend the hospital funds upon such cases. But the nurses tho' they have only a poind or two a month wages actually clubbed together and paid for the poor woman's food and so ended this curious case.

Add Mss 45809

ff209v-42v FN

f243 Jan 2 1890, Arthur Payne. has info for FN re Indian Nursing Scheme; wants appt. I have now got as much information as there is to be had about the Indian nursing scheme and shall be glad to present myself with it at your convenience.

ff244-45v Jan 3 1890, Georgina W. Walker, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, recovery of Miss Spencer; Xmas. May I send you a few lines to thank you very warmly for the beautiful little book you so kindly sent me, & for what I value even more the kind words which accompanied it?

You will, I am sure, be pleased to hear that Miss Spencer is better though not yet able to leave her room. WE have missed her greatly at this time, her absence makes such a blank both in the hospital & in our home.

We had the last of the season's gathering on the 1st when the ward assistants, stairwomen, the laundresses and servants had their New Year's Day dinners, & the probations their tea party. The latter is always a very lively time and much enjoyed.

They have all passed off happily, if not quite as brightly as in previous years.

A true family feeling pervades all classes of workers here, both nurses and servants, much more so than in any other hospital, I believe. We always think it is due to Miss Pringle's kindly influence while here, and the wonderful power she had of drawing everyone into closer bonds of sympathy. both with regard to their work and to each other.

With much esteem & best wishes...

ff246-47 Jan 4 1890, Amy de Lewes/Leuw, 10 Berkeley Place, Wimbledon, London, S.W., would like to talk to FN re training nurses in Holland About a year ago I asked for the privilege of calling upon you, and you kindly answered that this would depend from the length of my visit in London. Meanwhile you gave me the address of your friend Mrs Craven, who received me most obligingly and answered some of my questions.

But having been a hospital sister and occasional superintendent of a private hospital in Holland, where your merit as a reformer of modern nursing is much appreciated, I should greatly enjoy the opportunity of making your personal acquaintance and to speak to yourself about a couple of difficulties in the education of nurses. I may think you would do a good work by receiving me.

Of course I could come at day or hour you would prefer, and being a rather quiet Dutchwoman I dare hope my presence would not be too troublesome during a few minutes.

Trusting you will grant the favour of a positive answer if possible....

Add Mss 45809

ff248-51v FN but not in FN's hand

ff252-53v Jan 6 arch 1890, Dorothy F. Solly, St Thomas' Hospital, S.E., will FN approve her applic'n for post of matron at Hosp? With FN comment Please return to F.N.

ff254-59v Jan 6 1890, E. Aston, Eastern Hospital, Homerton N.E., disputed authority/Xmas dancing in the wards asking for advice. Please return to F.N.

I had an interview with Dr Collie (the new supt) on the morning of the last committee meeting, he then proposed that we shd consult together as to the subject of my report before each meeting, and that I shd afterwards write the report and take it to his office for his signature, this of course means two journeys to his office during the morning and is a somewhat humiliating position, however I agreed to this and at once put it into effect, so the matter was not mentioned to the chairman.

But tonight a very unpleasant experience has befallen me. I arranged for a Christmas tree in a scarlet fever ward, and a number of patients, chiefly children, were moved from the various wards to take part in it. There has never previously been any understanding that the tree and the piano moved from the nurses' room were provided for the entertainment of the nursing staff. They however, as I was pleased to see, mustered in large numbers and when the toys and crackers were distributed to the patients the nurse in charge of the ward, Nurse Barnes, came and requested that they might be allowed to dance in the ward. I said I thought during an entertainment purely for sick children that dancing could take no part, and would not be at all amusing for them, and that, further, it was in, in my opinion, most unsuitable.

Nurse Barnes replied that Dr Collie had said they could have "misrule for the evening." Miss Webb and Dr Morrice were present for a short time but not during this conversation.

Nurse Barnes then proceed to waltz with some of the small patients in her arms to which though though evidently bravado I could not object, however about 7.30 Dr Collie entered the ward, this is contrary to his usual practice on such occasions and I think he was sent for. I went to him at once and I mentioned my objection to dancing in the ward and he replied very nicely that he had told Nurse Barnes they might "dance and they should do so." I tried to reason with him by representing that I shd have been glad to know his views earlier in the day so that I might not have been in the position of giving counter orders and he only repeated that they were to dance and that his having "told Barnes so was sufficient."

There was, I thought, no alternative left for me but to go out of the ward and I left at once. Unfortunately this public ignoring of my authority is likely to bear fruit in

Add Mss 45809

ff260-61 Jan 9 1890, Nina Shalders, Westminster Nurses Home, Queen Anne's Gate, thanks for book, she's a probationer

ff262-63v Jan 10 1890, A. de Laney, The Infirmary, two nurses have been painting to decorate the wards/Xmas celebrations

ff264-65v Jan 10 1890, Emily Aston, resigning her post. Please return to F.N. I shall regard all correspondence in connection with my present difficulties as entirely confidential.

I had decided to resign my appointment at the next meeting of the committee Wednesday 15th ult.

The Cyprus illeg has apparently passed into oblivion. I have heard not word of the Hon Sec. Though she was almost wildly enthusiastic when she called here and scarcely less so when I met her at Norfolk House a few days later.

I have therefore neither plans nor prospect of work for the future.

If any employment for which you think I am fitted shall come under your notice I shall glad to hear of it.

I am not guided solely by ambitious motives and I shall be very well content with a second post in some hospital where the governing powers desire progress and the exercise of the common civilities of life.

With all appreciation for your sympathy and help...

ff266-69 Jan 11 1890, Pauline Peter, difficulties of district nursing, 3 or 4 deaths a week from consumption & cancer, necessity of authority for nurses coming from committee & not individual doctor

ff270-71v Jan 16 1890, E. Stains, Nurses Training School, Dover Street, Liverpool, tel. #187, opinion of Mrs. Gordon as matron of St T, description of their new facility, she is a Nightingale nurse, if only FN could visit

ff272-73 Jan 20 1890, Ellen E. Moriarty, St. Marylebone Infirmary, Notting Hill, thanks, hopes FN will avoid epidemic, if only FN could visit

ff273v-274 blank

ff274v-75 Jan 17 1890, Annie Grant, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, writing to say Miss Pringle will write tomorrow, anxious re Miss Spencer

ff276-77v Jan 21 arch: [1890], D.F. Solly, has no certain info about when Matron returning, but will telegraph as soon as she does. We have not had any intimation tat matron is likely to return tomorrow, but if she does do so I will certainly do my best to take care of her and make

Add Mss 45809

her rest and carry out your directions for her welfare. I should think that to come to you at 12 would give her the best chance of really resting after her long journey and shorten the day which if she did not go to bed at all would be so terribly long. We did not hear this morning from her and yesterday her letters said she could not fix anything about returning for a day or two. I find that the train is not due at Kings Cross till 7.10 a.m. so she can hardly get here much before 8 a.m. but as ... I will telegraph to you I am afraid she must be really knocked up it is such a grievous time for her, but she says nothing of herself in writing to me.

Add Mss 45809

ff278-79v Feb 3 1890, E.M. Mowat & A.E. Jackson, The Nurses' Home, The Workhouse Infirmary, Birmingham, belated thanks for Xmas gifts & best wishes for new year

ff280v-81v Feb 6 1890, Annie Grant, writing for Miss Spencer to say thanks for bust of FN

ff282-3 Feb 15 1890, Kate D. Forrest, Curragh Camp, letter of thanks. Thank you so very much for your kind and useful letter which I received on Thursday. I would have written before to thank you but this is my first day out of bed illegs

f284 Hosp for Women, Soho. Will you please accept my best thanks for the books you so kindly sent me yesterday, I shall find them both *most* useful, the *larger* one for myself to study and the smaller one on antiseptics for the nurses. I have been illeg ever since I came, that I knew more of this special work but now I have my book to refer to I shall understand everything, (especially the operations which I attend) so much better and I shall if possible feel more interested.

I know you will be glad to hear that in time I think I shall settle down here very comfortably and like the work very much At present everything is still very fresh to me. The nurses are all very young, but they seem nice intelligent girls and very interest in their work. In many ways I could almost imagine myself in the Nightingale Home again, Miss Sutcliffe seems to have adopted so many of those ways and rules here.

I am at present trying to get "sisters" for the night superintendent is leaving next week from and the other sisters the end of next month. Don't think please I have driven them away, they had arranged to go before I came.

I have no lack of applicants for the post, but the difficulty is to make the selection. I hope I have not wearied you with this letter, but you seemed so kindly to take so much interest in my new work that I have ventured to tell you a little about it.... Marian Squier 15 Feb 1890, .

f286 from Lauder Brunton 3 March 1890 to FN was in Hyderabad said he wd get info for her re nursing, but the nurse engaged in bad case of dysentery, now has her letter, enclosed, 10 Stratford Pl. London, enclosing letter re nursing in India (military hospitals) see ff287-89

f287 letter to Lauder Brunton from J.E. Oxley, Bangalore re nursing in India, mil hosp, one large hosp at Secunderabad for 2 infantry regiments and 2 hosps in Bangalore for which has only five sisters (lots of FN und). You were kind enough when I met you in Hyderabad state an interest in our work out here among the soldiers in the mil hosps to which we are attached, I want to tell you where our great difficulties arise. We are too few to do much good, I have under my charge *our large hospital at Secunderabad* [FN red und] for *2 infantry regiments* [FN red] and *two hospitals in Bangalore* [FN red] and I have only *five sisters* [FN red]. I take a full share of *duty myself*. I will [FN red] a year I have to go to *Secunderabad* [FN red] to see how the work is progressing there, it is *two days journey from Bangalore* [FN red] illeg. travelling *day & night*. *Typhoid fever* [FN red] in a most virulent form raged in *Secunderabd* [FN red] last year we had also a large number of cases *here* [FN red] Our work consists in *teaching* [FN re] the *European soldiers* [FN red] how to nurse their comrades. They do exceedingly well, except *at night* [FN red] when do what we may we cannot always keep them awake. At *Secunderabad* [FN red] keep *3 sisters* [FN re] 2 for day duty & *one for night* [FN red] to go round se if all is well and bad patients being looked after In

Add Mss 45809

Bangalore [FN red] there are very serious cases we have to do *day & night* [FN red] we are not obliged to by the mil authorizes but any nurse who has a serious case naturally likes to look after him. I had a very bad case of *tetanus* [FN red] in a young cavalry *officer* [FN red] I nurse him *night and day for 3 weeks* [FN red] and very thankful I was he recovered and has now gone home to England. At present I have only 3 *sisters, two* [FN red] having *married* [FN red]. It was most unfortunate, but I do hope they will be replaced by others. Sisters out here I am afraid will marry. I think there ought to be a *fine* [FN red] or make the sisters pay the *passage* [FN re] of the new ones out from England if *they marry* [FN red] within 2 or 3 years. It seems so sad to give up the nursing out here on that account. Nurses are really badly wanted, so often "the tommies" have only the *natives* [FN red] round them, if they come out from England *mere boys* [FN red]. I think sisters at a mil hospital must do good, the new illeg swear before and keep better habits in every way. ... typhoid, abscesses

f290 letter to FN from Ulrike Linicke 9 March 1890 re cases admitted

ff291-92 letter to FN from Clara Peddie, KCH 10 March 1890 asks her to vote for George Buckeley, bro of a nurse

f293 Mar 10 1890, F. Andrew, The Royal Hospital for Incurables, 106 Queen Victoria St. London E.C., encloses list of types of cases admitted at his facility (don't have enclosure)

f294 letter to FN from A.G. Burgess, 13 March 1890 nurse, matron for Dr Barnardo, from Babies Castle, Hawkhurst Kent, had nursed Duchess of Portland & has been asked to nurse the Duchess's daughter, had been matron for Dr Barnardo

f296 letter to FN from Kate Stone, Treas House St T, 16 March 1890 thanks for kindnesses at loss of husband, & Sir Harry Verney during her shock & grief at losing both her husband & St Thomas'; anxious as to who will be elected

f300 blank

Add Mss 45809

ff302-03v March 20 1890, E. Bertha, Mother Superior, 18 White Lion Street, Norton Holgate, London E, asking FN's opinion of one Mrs. Johnston (who did not get the headship of the General Hospital at Honolulu)

f304 FN

ff305-05v Mar 25 1890, Sarah Rice, Luke Ward, St Thomas' Hospital, I beg to offer my sincere thanks for the beautiful Bible which I received from you yesterday, also for the useful medical work and your kind thought, sympathy for us. And we trust you may be spared for many years to help us in our work by your prayers and ever ready sympathies. Believe me, dear Madam, in Christian love, yours faithfully, Sarah Rice

ff306-07v Mar 25 1890, Albert M. Shutte, The Vicarage, Mortlake SW, has the £5 she's sent for Nurse Monk. Has given £2.10.0 & will give rest later, recd from the chaplain at St Thomas'

ff308-09 Mar 25 1890, Susanna Mannings, Luke Ward, S. Block, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth, I beg to thank you very much for the beautiful Bible & most useful book you have sent me. It has been a great help to us to feel we have your generous sympathy in our work, for we do get depressed at times, and think we ought to have better results, but as dear matron tells us, we must do our very best and leave the rest to Higher Hands, and thanking you again for your great kindness and sympathy, believe me yours most respectfully, Susanna Munnings

ff310-13 April 2 1890, E. Bertha, 18 White Lion St. Accept my very best thanks for your kind offering to our work "at this holy time" at the east end & we are very grateful to you for it and it is so good of you to send it as there are many calls upon you....

Thanks for the trouble you have take to endeavour to find out about Mrs. Johnston who must be an adventuress as what she said about Dr Pusey and his two daughters is not correct, as by the --40 is too old to set out to Honolulu to nurse the lepers; were nurses at military hospital in Plymouth trained by FN?

I fear she may be an adventuress as what she said about Dr Pusey and his two daughters is not correct as by for Honolulu she must be more than 40, rather old to start for Honolulu to take care of the lepers. A lady who told me about this knew all Dr Pusey's family well.

I am so sorry to hear your health fails and writing tires it so much as worries and anxieties. I do think they increase everywhere, especially amongst the older standing works, as people seem always to be seeking for something new.

But failure and disappointments although so trying at the time leads me to believe it is illeg. as He who could do all things must in the eyes of the world to fail, was there the greater gainer as he illegs

I shall be in London for at least a fortnight and it wd give me much pleasure to come and see you dear Miss Nightingale some afternoon if you have the time to spare.

I do remember you and yours daily in my morning prayers. I hope you

Add Mss 45809

remember me in yours.

ever yours affectionately, E. Bertha, mother superior
I have often wondered if those nurses that they have at the mil hosp
Plymouth were trained

ff314-15v Good Friday, L. Constable, Gordon Boys Home, thanks for
graphics & books, afraid to write sooner in case it would give FN
influenza as so many of the boys had it, which I dare say Mr Verney told
you, one boy had pleurisy and pneumonia very badly that for a couple of
days I thought we shd lose him, but I am happy to say he is quite strong
and well again. He came to tea with me last Sunday week and was very
happy at the prospect of going into the merchant service, he wants to go
to sea not into the army. I was in town on Wed and saw dear Miss Vincent
which was a great pleasure. She is looking very well again now tho I was
sorry to hear how v poorly she had been. I have only 2 boys in hosp now,
one with bad eyes and one with skin disease, but I have generally a good
many outpatients esp in the cold weather. Wishing you a very happy
Easter..., yours obediently L. Constable

ff316-17 April 6 1890, C.E. Barff, Manchester & Salford Sick Poor &
Private Nursing Institution, 8 Adelphi Terrace, Chapel Street, Salford,
I was so delighted yesterday to receive your kind present. I shall value
the books very much and do indeed thank you for your prayers for illeg
in our work. It is a large work. I have 14 districts and the Children's
Dispensary to superintend. We are hoping to start a new home soon in
Hulme which will take 5 of my districts from me. I hope my sister may be
appointed matron, many of the committee are strongly in her favor.

I hope you are feeling stronger. With many thanks and earnest prayer
for your restoration to health and strength... My nurses are so anxious
to know if you recd their photograph and liked it, last Christmas.

ff318-20v April 11 1890, Emily Aston, Great Bealings Lodge, Woodbridge,
Suffolk, thanks for sympathy, can't hope for reform while Dr. Collie
remains, expects difficulty in finding a new place, making enquiries
about nursing in Japan. Your letter is most kind and I fully appreciate
your sympathy with regard to my difficulties at Homerton. As someone has
said, it always remains true, that if we had been greater, circs wd have
been less strong against us. Still I doubt the possibility of reform in
its full sense while Dr Corlie remains on duty, and the chairman
believes in him. My resignation has apparently placed me in an
unfavourable position for future employment, but I cd not have stayed at
the Eastern Hosp with any prospect of future influence with the nurses
w/o reporting the dance in the children's ward and to have done so w/o
resignation wd have meant a gradual withdrawal of all authority, so
resignation seemed inevitable. Acting on the advice of a member of the
Met Asy Board I have sent a statement of the facts connected with my
leaving Homerton to the president of the Local Govt Board, up to the
present I have recd no reply beyond the formal ack of the document. I
have tried for two appointments, the matronship of a small hosp at Wigan
and the same post at Fulham Parish Inf and have failed. I did not expect
success in the last case but thought it worth the attempt, esp as Dr

Add Mss 45809

Bridges advised it, tho he was equally doubtful as to the result. His letter was marked "private." I will therefore ask you not to mention this circ. I am making enquiries about work in Japan, there seems to be no present opening that something may be done later. I ave also asked Dr Bridges as to the poss of a second trained inspector being appointed to visit the various wkh infs in London and the provinces. I heard before Miss Wood was appointed that two nurses were to be chosen. If there is still a vacancy I shd apply. I am sure there is much need for skilled supervision and one insp must be insufficient for travelling purposes. I shall do my best to obtain employment --if a ..

ff321-22v April 14 1890, A.M. Messum, Leopold Ward, St Thomas' Hospital, thanks for wonderful selection of boys books (including From Powder Monkey to Admiral). Will you allow me to thank you most heartily for your kind gift to our boys. The stock of boys books was getting low. A set an old dresser had left us was sadly out at backs. Miss Glover and I mean to cover them this evening before lending them out. Today in a weak moment I gave way, and lent Powder Monkey to Admiral to one of our lads who has long ago finished the book case store. Such a nice lad suffering from a big tumour of jaw that is beyond hope of removal. I told the boys who gave the books. The delightful selection will be a stronghold against those weakening penny papers the boys and men so often buy for lack of better food.

ff323-24v April 15 1890, Kate Stone, printed stationery Treasurer's House. leaving the week after next, if FN will set date & time it will be her pleasure to come and talk to her. Re Miss Pringle must feel unhappy today in saying good bye to so much. She has been so kind and so thoughtful to everyone, even in the small things of life that often give great pleasure or great pain. I dread my leave taking.

ff325-26 April 17 1890, Kate Stone, will come at 4

ff327v-28 April 17 1890, Rose Adams, Sec., Ladies Sanitary Assoc., 22 Berners Street, Oxford Street W., London, does FN know of any plans for improvement in the sanitary arrangements of the London Hospital? Or conditions for nurses & probationers there?

ff329-32 April 18, 1890, Ella Pirrie, 1 Sunnyside, Princes Park, Liverpool, winter news; new wing for infirmary, going on prescribed holiday to Switzerland. Being replaced by Miss Newman who trained at Wolverhampton 6 years ago & whose sister is supt. of nurses home in Belfast. I shd have written to you before this, and thanked you for your kind remembrance of me at Christmas time, and have told you of our winter doings. We have had a hard winter and with so much sickness, and our wards greatly overcrowded, so much so that the guardians decided to at once build a new wing to the Inf for 300 more beds, to be ready for patients before the new year. It is to be three storeys high and we intend putting new lying-in wards on the top landing. This will entail our having six new probs. My present three will then be qualified for staff nurses. The board have decided to admit senior medical students to

Add Mss 45809

some of the wards for a few hours, on certain days in the week. The students have been anxious for this for some years, as the Royal Hosp teaching is very limited.

I am writing from Liverpool where I am staying for a short time with my cousins, on my way to Switzerland for a long holiday. I have not been strong since Christmas time and lately have had some symptoms of blood poisoning. The doctors have ordered me off for three months rest. The board very kindly giving me a substitute and granting what ever time the doctors considered necessary. I have left Miss Newman in my place (her sister is lady supt of the Nurses Home in Belfast). She herself has been six years I hosp work and has been trained at Wolverhampton. I hope all will go well until I return at 1st July. I am travelling with my eldest sister who intends remaining in Germany for two years. We hope to stay near Lucerne for a time until I feel more rested. I have never been in Switzerland before and am looking forward with great pleasure to my holiday and hope to return strong and well again to my work. I saw Miss Lennox just before leaving. I thought she was looking better and brighter than in the winter....

ff333-34v April 19 [1890], Sister Victoria, St Thomas' Hospital, S.E., thanks for the lovely picture. Our dear matron brought it in herself, one of the last days she was with us and carried it round for each little one to see. I shall always associate it in my mind with her leaving us, although no reminder will ever be needed to tell of her ...love and tenderness to the little ones, and to us all. She loved them everyone,

ff335-36v April 23, 1890, Harry V. Toynbee (one of the council) 12 Upper Westbourne Terrace, W, asking for a contribution to the nascent Metropolitan & National Nursing Assoc. in Hammersmith. Efforts are being made to form a branch of the Metropolitan and National Nursing assoc in Hammersmith, where the work is greatly needed. One nurse is already at work and lack of funds also prevents the movement from progressing. Most of the local doctors, clergy and others have joined the assoc and in May Mr W.B. Richmond the artist has agreed to have a drawing room meeting on behalf of the movement.

In the meantime every effort is being made to raise funds, and I venture to hope you may be wishing to help us with a contribution. Hammersmith is such a poor district that it is impossible to raise much money locally....

f337-38v April 26, 1890, Ella Pirrie, Lucerne, thanks for 5 guineas and ready sympathy, encourages her to work on. My cousin forwarded your letter to me here. It was so very good of you to think of sending me the give guineas. I thank you very much. My sister and I are enjoying the rest here so much. We have a charming view of the lake and mountains from our windows. We are rather early but we enjoy the quiet out of the rush of tourists.

I feel much better already and hope after another week's rest to go to the Italian lakes. It is all new ground to me, never having been in either Switzerland or Italy before. I am so sorry you are into stronger

Add Mss 45809

and better...

ff339-41v April 28, 1890, Isabel Eames, Hospital Ingles, Calle Solis y Caseras, Buenos Aires, they are discouraged by facility & doctor, they work with & wonder if any good can be done. Hope in new Commission. Another nurse is "Charlton". Please return to F.N. I fancied you might be interested to get a letter from us, although I know you have heard of us and seen letters. Sometimes we think we are settling down and feel hopeful. Then again, everything seems most discouraging and we feel we will never do much good. Our resident we do not much like. After the doctors we have been accustomed to work with in St Thomas' we feel it so terribly if only he were a man whom we cd at least respect...I often say if Mr Croft were here his heart wd bleed to see our surgery, esp hips. We have one dear little boy in now who I feel sure wd get well were he under Mr Croft. The committee too are all businessmen who have come out here to make money and have no time for anything else. There is at present no linenry, no female servants, med room and only one small store room. I am hoping to get ...when the steam laundry is finished, but it ..some 3 years in building, already all these things we feel so acutely coming from the discipline and organisation of St Thomas. Still we must not give up hope. A new com has just been appointed and we are wondering what they will do. Although called the British Hospital we take all nationalities. Many of them sailors. ..wards are circular. I don't think I like them very much. We have no night nurse in the surgical ward and no room to put her in at present even if we had one. The whole power is vested in the resident, visiting surgeon and

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45810, microfilm, 273 folios, 58 pages, general correspondence 1890-91, Adam Matthew reel 36

f1 incoming, from A.C. Gibson, Matron's Office, Workhouse Infirmary, Birmingham. I am coming to town on Thursday to a meeting of work nursing Assoc wh is to be held on the evening of Friday the 9th. I shall leave again on Saturday, so that my time is very short. If you are not too much occupied, I shd like very much to see you, but I hope you will not allow me to come if you would illeg not.

f2 from Alice Bonham Carter to "Dearest Flo" 7 Hyde Park Mansions Marylebone Rd NW. I hope that the enclosed report will be a little comfort to you, as it shows an opening for real experience and practice to the advantage of those women doctors who are preparing for India with terrible responsibilities. Miss McCall, who has started their female maternity hosp of twelve beds seems a most devoted and efficient young woman. Sibella and I went to see the hosp--one for the purpose of seeing whether she cd trust any of her deserted girls and mothers to Miss McCall for their confinements, and she was quite pleased with the arrs. Miss McCall never allows all the twelve beds to be filled at once, and has only three or poss four together in one room, and never allows the actual confinement to take place among the others hearing, a separate room for each confinement.

The windows were all open at the top--the day we were there--even in the room where a woman had just been confined. (The day was a warm sunny day.)

I enclose you also a letter from a deserted maid of leisure Mary Evans, whom I have known for years, one whose opinions about servants I quite trust and believe she will quite take in the needs and the difficulties of your situation. I tore off and sent her the particulars you gave in your last letter to me. This Boxall was so devoted to Mary Evans (now dead) that one year when the Evans received no illeg from Admiral Evans's Irish property she Boxall gave back and remade the clothes--gown or mantle &c, that her mistress had given her (but which she had not used herself). Boxall was Mary Evans' housekeeper for several years. Every affect Alice B.C. Do not think of answering till you hear either from me again or from one of these cooks.

ff4-5 from Hawthorn, St Agatha's May 7 1890, Enclosed is my tardy report for last year. Let me take the opp of thanking you for your kind message to me thro' Amy. I was so interested to hear of you from her, indeed I am always asking after you if I get hold of anyone likely to know the truth as to your health. I have been so grieved the last year, or more to hear such indifferent accounts, and I have wished often I could see you again. I fear it must be very weary and trying for you having to keep so much again to your own room, and with your whole soul in that glorious work you inaugurated, which you cannot any longer see personally after.

Still few can feel the intense feeling of thankfulness you must have, in the knowledge of the amount of good you have done in this suffering world. I shd scarcely say knowledge of the *amount* for *that* you can *never*

Add Mss 45809

know in this *life*; the good has spread far, far and wide in a way that does *now* and ever will make your name a dear and treasured one in England and other lands as well! I think that happy peaceful though must help you to bear these years of much quietness and weary illness in your own house and room. Your own "Nightingale Nurses" of which I am *proud* to say I am one, can never either repay or thank you sufficiently for enabling the name of Nurse, and making us feel what an almost sacred calling it is, I do so often wish my health and strength cd have kept me in hosp work, but it was not to be, and indeed even here, *now* I feel I have not the breath to stoop to do any small care, more than the illeg show the one working under me what to do.

Why it was of 8½ years having had to leave, from her health failing in this work for a time. I have decided to keep a late under-nurse and just to show her the slight and few cases there may be to do.

Excuse my writing again, but I had a great wish to do so; I never feel sure from year to year now how long I may be spared, or able to continue as I am, but as long as I am permitted to go on with a few children here, it is a great happiness to me, tho I am not worth much as a *worker* now, yet I can hold the reins at present and am loth to drop them while I can@ with my love and veneration, believe me, yours affly always, I . Hawthorn.

Signed letter, ff6-7, pen, black-edged paper [1:405]

f6

Ascension Day

12 o'clock 1890 [15 May]

I am very much obliged to
you, dear Mrs. Neild, for
kindly offering to stay
with me over Sunday;
in order to save me
from having a stranger
just at this time
of grief.
which I own I dreaded
very much. But on thinking
it over, I should be so
sorry to make any change
in your arrangement with
Mrs. Grey, because I was
so glad that you were
going back to her, even if only for a time.

Add Mss 45809

f6v

And I *have* engaged a
cook. housekeeper to come
to me on Saturday, tho
I suppose she will not come till evening.
The wrench *must* come,
and it may as well come Saturday as Monday -
thank you all the same.
Let us rather try that our "*hearts and minds*"
may "ascend up" where
my dear sister and your dear son are gone.
And as I try to do what

f7

my sister would have liked,
so I am sure you will
try to do *in every thing*
what your son would have liked.

Almost the last words she said that last time I saw her were: "pray,
pray
that I may have done
what is right in London,
and now that I am
going to Claydon, that
I may do what is right
there."

So I pray
for you that you may
do what is right ~~in~~ now

f7v

that you are going to leave
me. And do you pray
for me.

This is the hour of my
sister's burial; or rather
not her burial; ~~but~~ for
she is now alive with
God, as your dear son is.

Florence Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

f8 J.C. Bird to FN May 17 [1891] from St Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to Most honoured Chief

f9 19 May 1890 letter to FN from hon sec of British Nurses' Assoc, C.J. Wood, re furthering interests of nurses

f11 letter to FN May 22 1890 from S.E. Hughes Belsize Park Gdns S. Hampstead asks for help to get a hosp appointment, has been private nursing for over 2 years, hosp work suits me best, was at St T. over 4 years with Wardroper, thought of applying to the new matron, home at Institute, Holloway, Derby, often thought of visiting her. This a medical home, but no surgical work at all.. With FN note: Please return to F.N.

F13 letter to FN June 16 1890 from Pauline Peter, Victoria Nurses' Inst Edinburgh, thanks for book on district nursing. FN note: Miss Peter. Please return. Lots of FN underlining

f17 undated letter [May June 1890] to FN from E. Hatcher, Luton. In the first place I must thank you so very much for the kind letter I recd from you. I shall always keep it.

Also for the £5 you sent to me through Miss Crossland towards furnishing my little cottage. I cannot find words to express myself, but at the time it brought to my mind that little passage where it says not one sparrow shall fall to the ground unnoticed.

It is now 25 years since I left the hosp. It has been said to me to give up all that was so dear to me for so many years.

Although I feel sure I have done the right thing, my health has been failing for several years--I strained every nerve to try and keep on. My heart and soul has been in my work. I was always so fond of it.

Ophthalmia ward to me always had such ties--patients so sadly afflicted needed so much sympathy, so much mothering they were so terribly depending on other people in their helpless affliction for cheerfulness and comfort. My nerves had got so shaken I often had to battle with myself in the op theatre to keep from falling, had to shed my eyes while I passed the knife to the drs and rush in the operation basket, to get a smell from the ammonia bottle, I kept all this to myself until I cd keep on no longer.

I think I lost ground because I have got so very stout the last few years and was not able to take enough out-door exercise. I cd not walk and do any ward duty too. I cannot now realize that I am not to o back again.

I have been to London once since I left, on a little business so-called into ophthalmia, it was so strange to be treated as a visitor, but so beautiful to hear the patients call out when they heard my voice, *oh, there is Sister.*

I am sure our Sir Harry Verney feels his loss very much, but what a comfort to him to feel that Lady Verney had completed all her earthly work and was quite ready when the call came, poor thing she bore her sufferings so meekly. I saw the account in the paper.

Thank you so much for kind enquiries about my sister Temperance. Her

Add Mss 45809

eyes are still very troublesome. I am afraid it is all due to her health, the place is too damp and relaxing for her. I have never mention this to her as I knew it wd be utterly impossible for her to leave her little family. I never saw a more devoted mother, if there were more such ones I shd not have the hosps filled with so many poor little diseased creatures there every want has always been supplied with care and discretion. I have her oldest little girl with me, she is now 15, such a gentle simple minded little girl, so different from the poor girls I so often had had under my care.

I am afraid I am intruding on your valuable time, so will close and remain always yours very faithfully E Hatcher... PS I am afraid dear Madam if you have not returned to town this cold weather will be very injurious to your already shattered health.

f20 July 5 1890 receipt to FN for Miss Marsh's Convalescent Hospital, Black Rock, Brighton £4.4.0

f21 July 7 1890, letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson. Westhill, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight. FN blue pencil: Lothian N. No. 1. My dear Florence, I have just hear from Miss Luckes that one of the witnesses *against* the London Hosp in this enquiry which is being carried on by a com of the House of Lords is a friend of yours and I naturally jump to the conclusion that you will see version. I wd however beg you to reserve your judgment until you see the other side of the case. I wish to be as charitable as poss towards the relative who is conducting this prosecution which is an official one. He has one chaplain he has found it necessary to get rid of him and this his message. I do not myself think that the com was wise in its treatment of him, they shirked the obvious duty of holding a regular inqu into his conduct and illeg his resignation. But I also believe that tho to the public this course may not appear to have been quite fair, it was in fact the better for him as there were reasons for supposing that in investigation wd not have issued in his favour. At any rate I expect my request that you will reserve your judgment. I return home on Wed.

F23 July 9 1890 letter to FN from lady supt, Blackrock Convalescent Hospital, Brighton re her patient, male, if can sleep in cottage wd receive him

f24 Emily Aston to FN 51 Fonnereau Road, Ipswich, Suffolk July 9 1890. The rules concerning the Hong Kong post were not satisfactory, but it seemed probably they were hurriedly prepared by officials not accustomed to the task and the crown agents thought the position wd ultimately be pleasant. The governor of Hong Kong is in England on leave and was to be consulted with regard to the tile of the senior official. The crown agents suggesting matron or supt of nursing in lieu of head nurse. When I called at Downing St my appt at Gibraltar had been arranged and it was to late to interrupt negotiations with a lady who had applied for the senor post at Hong Kong.

I regret very much the loss of the appt, so much can be done in the tropics if one has only a few European assistants.

Add Mss 45809

Mr Blake, the crown agent, said my solitary appt in Ceylon was not wise, and he thought in the future all hosps in crown colonies wd be placed under a trained head with "sisters" or head nurses, to supervise the native workers.

I am daily expecting my sailing order for Gibraltar. I need not say how much I appreciate your letter [missing]. I shall hope for a successful career at Gibraltar tho until I have mastered Spanish my efforts must be

July 9 1890.

f26 July 10 1890 letter to FN from Julia Brinck asks for book back on leprosy, needs for summer trip to Sweden

f27 July 11 1890 letter to FN of A. Messum The Cottage Cleeve Hill S.O. Gloucester. Your letter (missing) was sent on to me here. Thank you very much for all it contains. Will you allow me to defer my visit to the Army and Navy Stores (for which I have a ticket) until my return, which will be in another ten days. I thought it would be pleasant to talk over with Miss Glover (she is now taking duty for me) the games that wd be most suitable.

Our boys are a great help to us. I wish I cd do more for them, but beyond occasional letters the pressure of work prevents following them after they leave us. Three of the lads who so readily gave up their papers have gone to convalescent homes. Two are at home, but they all write us such amusingly simple letters. It gave me more pleasure than I can express to receive a letter from you, but the kind manner in wh you spoke has humbled me very much. Your kindness will be a greater power to me than the fresh air and rest of these summer holidays. With most loyal affection, dear Miss Nightingale, yours very sincerely

f29 July 11 letter of Lothian Nicholson to FN from printed War Office, thanks for her kind letter, re Miss Lückes. I really cannot thank you sufficiently for your most kind and illeg letter. I wd indeed a stupid illeg of mine illeg Miss Yatman but I hope you will illeg the truth I have given you. But I amnot altogether sorry for poor Miss Luckes is going through a terrible ordeal and illeg I will read to the [hard to read]

I am certain [illegs] illegs ... but I fear that this wretched enquiry will do us no end of harm as no matter what they on the strength and value of rebutting evidence--first impressions are irremediable and those illegs. By the clergyman .. Miss Luckes made cross examination yesterday was simply splendid, and her... not strong woman and I admit self dreading the effect all this may have upon her.

f31 July 16 1890 letter to FN from Charlotte Elkington, St T. thanks for her kind gift of toys, St T

f34 July 17 1890 letter to FN of C. Elkington ack £2.1.0 spent on the toys she got

Add Mss 45809

f35 July 19 1890 from E.G. Hanan -[Hannen E. Grace] Crumpsall Inf, Manchester very pleased to receive Mr Rathbone's book on district nursing, your autograph and good wishes. I have been actively engaged for many years in training nurses for all the various fields of nursing work, but I have most sympathy with district nursing and am glad to believe that this branch will now rapidly spread in town and country.

Manchester I am sorry to say has still large districts of very poor streets in which it is quite impossible to procure the services of a district nurse. Pray accept my thanks andthe assurance of my great esteem. I am yours faithfully, E.G. Hanan

f37 July 20 1890 letter of Lothian Nicholson to FN re London Hosp, Lückes. FN red pencil

London Hospital

with Miss Lückes letter. I shd have dearly liked to have had some talk with you about this abominable H of L Com... Poor Miss Luckes [hard to read, lots of FN red pencil und]

...

ff39-48 July 13 1890 letter to Lothian Nicholson from Eva Lückes London Hospital You will know that I found your brief note and the sight of Miss Nightingale's beautiful letter very encouraging and that I was feeling sorely in need of the illeg and support which they so generously afford. It wd be quite as well founded as the rest of their statements for them to spread about reports that they were related! To Miss Nightingale and that she disapproved of the mgt of our tr school! Such a romance wd serve their purposes well and I am constrained to believe that is the one consideration wh influences their statements, it is shameful altogether.

If you have an opp of telling Miss Nightingale how deeply grateful I am for her sweet and noble trust in the strength of the right and the renown of our hosp, please do. I would not trouble her myself until the storm is over and her faith in us most clearly justified. No one will understand better than Miss Nightingale how one's whole heart goes out in fullest thankfulness to those who believe in us *all through* and perhaps it will show the truest appreciation not to intrude further upon her own sorrows, and work when she has already put them aside to help and sympathize with us.

As a

f49 July 25 [1890] letter to FN from D.F. Solly, St T, encloses names of books you gave me, notes which in library

f51 July 26 1890 letter to FN from A.M. Messum, Leopold Ward, thanks for gift, dominoes, draughts, is getting 2 spelling books

f53 undated letter to FN from E.M. Mansel Metro and Nat Nursing Assoc. I think you may like to know that on Monday I was summoned to appear before the special ctte on Metropolitan hospitals. I cannot tell why *I* was selected, and how they had got hold of my name, but on Friday last I recd an order "requesting" me to be there on the following Monday at 1

Add Mss 45809

o'clock. The paper gave *no information whatever* as to what they wanted with me, so I had no idea whether it was to be about hospitals, our assoc or anything else. No choice was given me as to whether I wd go or not, so I felt compelled to go. I went at 1 o'clock Monday as desired. He evidence about the London Hosp was going on, so it was getting onto 3 o'clock when I was called. They made various inquiries about the assn and of course I answered all the questions put to me. They had not very much time as it was getting late, or I wd have been able to explain more to them. In case you have not seen it, the report is in Tuesday's Times.

Yesterday, at our ctte meeting, Mr Craven produced the sheet of the Times and ask me to explain about it. I told the ct about the very summary notice I had recd, and also what I told you above. Mr C said I shd have told him and he wd have told the ctee. I must say I cannot understand why? For one thing there was very little time between Friday and Monday, also there was nothing said about *what* they wanted to ask me. The London Hosp seemed the absorbing question. I cd not tell if it might not be something to do with that.

In any case, if I had thought it necessary to inform anyone, I wd have written to Mr Bonham Carter, *not* Mr Craven who lately (I am *really* sorry to say it) has by no means acted the part of a friend to me. Why I cannot imagine. The cttee do not know the difficulties I have had to put up with.

I had no wish to appear before this special ctee, indeed it was an effort to me to do so, but I felt obliged to go. I know that it is only natural that Mr Craven shd think that Mrs C ought to have gone and she of course wd have done far better than I, but I don't see that I cd have passed on the order to another.

I hope you will excuse my troubling you with this long letter, but I have no one to speak openly to, as of course I never allow a word to be spoken in my hearing against either Mr or Mrs Craven by any of the ruses.

After all the work is so interesting an absorbing and my ctee as a whole are *very kind*, so I ought not to mind, but sometimes it is rather wearing when people are always trying to find a flaw....

Mr BC thought that the mistake of the reported about the patients *all* paying ought not to be left unnoticed, for the sake of the public, so I wrote a short note to the editor of the Times asking him to insert a correction.

f55 July 31 1890 letter to FN from A.M. Messum, Leopold Ward sends photos of some of the boys, games

f59 August 8 1890 letter to FN from Norman Moore, Warden's House St Bart's re names of sisters who have gone to live at Gravesend, who came here from Addenbrooke's Hosp, trained about 20 years ago at St T. Sister Faith Welton, Sister Henry? Smith

f60 Aug 15 [1890] letter to FN from L. Constable GBH thanks for graphics recd Friday

f62 Aug 20 1890 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham re arrival of Philip

Add Mss 45809

Tomes at Edward Ward St T, happy here, measured for a truss by Mr Croft's instructions

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, ff64-67

[5:228-30]

f64

August 28/90

10 South Street, Park Lane, W.

Sir,

I trust to your kindness to forgive an overworked Invalid for not having answered you sooner

The work your are doing at Manchester in rescuing boys 'had up' for their first offense from gaol is one of overwhelming im-portance. And yours is, as far as I know the first or the only one of its kind.

Forty years ago, Sir John Herschel, in his review of Quetelet on Probabilities, propounded to us that the *results* of punishments was a subject we ought to study with careful statistics before legislating.

It is astounding that a practical nation like the English should have done this so little.

We have a vague idea that 75 p.c. of the boys committed to reformatories for a first offence - is it? are reformed & do well. We have a vague idea that 75 p.c. (say) of those committed to gaol return there again & again, alas! some ending by being hung.

But as far as I know yours is the only machinery in England which, profiting by the First Offenders' Act, attends at the Police Court, the fountain head, & offers the magistrate the means of carrying out the Act successfully. May every blessing attend your work!

I pointed out, in a P.S., I think, to an Article of mine in

f65

Fraser, I forget how many years ago - that it was a complete *non-sequitur*, that, because a boy stole your watch, he should be supported on your rates in gaol perhaps for life, & suggested that he might be made to work out the price of what he stole -

This was answered, *not* by pointing out the too obvious practical difficulties, but by saying that the "punishment" would bear so unevenly on different cases.

That the 'punishment' of gaol is not deterrent, experience too sadly proves.

But 'punishment is, perhaps, not a word in God's vocabulary at all, & if so ought not to be in ours.

It would be of immense importance if you would again & yet again, keep placing before the Public the Statistics, well worked out (not the ordinary superficial ones) of the influence of punishments on crime, - of that of Gaols v. Reformatories on Juvenile Offenders -

It has been truly said that *Crimeology* is much less studied than *Insectology* -

that the age, the charge, the sentence of all our convicts at their *first* conviction were no where known, or at least not easy of access. (Criminal Statistics could only be of use if supplemented by what might be called Criminal 'Social Physics' & their practical application.)

Might I ask if these data are now known or easily procured?

Might I ask what sort of proportion of Magistrates make use

Add Mss 45809

f66

of the First Offenders' Act - or of the Reformatories where the case to be tried comes within that scope?

You do not perhaps find that your boys come from the Workhouses?

It is another subject of Statl. research: do paupers return again & again to the Workhouse? in what proportion do the *same* names appear generation after generation on the books - even from those (separate) excellent Union Schools?

Is it to be feared that the girls especially are so little prepared for good domestic service, that they do not keep their places but fall into sin, return to the Workhouse - & there they are, - ruined by a first fall?

Do you know a little (not new) unpretending book, called 'The Gaol Cradle'?

Would you kindly send a copy of your "Brief for the Boys" (Police Court Mission) to Capt. Verney R.N. M.P.

Plas Rhoscolyn

Holyhead

(if you like it, putting a mention of my name in the corner) and 2 or 3 copies to *me*?

There is, I think, a Congress in Belgium next month on Reformatories, is there not?

I could write much more, but I must cry you mercy. I have no power of following up this subject, tho' that of Social Physics has interested me all my life. But for the last (nearly) 40 years I have been immersed

f67

in two objects & have undertaken what might well occupy 20 vigorous young people. And I am an old & overworked Invalid. I beg your acceptance of a mite of a sum - Asking you kindly *not* to give my address -

God bless you & your work & multiply it 1000-fold,

Your faithful, servant

(Sgd.) Florence Nightingale.

ALEX. DEVINE ESQ.

Add Mss 45809

f69 Aug 29 [1890] letter to FN from R. Paget, inspector of Nursing, 28 Boltons, S.W. Queen V's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, pleasure to get her info

f70 Sept 9 [1890] letter to FN from L. Constable GBH thanks for graphics, reports on boys in hosp

f72 Sept 20 1890 letter to FN from R. Adams, secy Ladies Sany Assoc re Miss Yatman letter. FN red und. IN a letter from Miss Yatman I learn that the H comte of the Lon Hosp reproach Miss Y with having failed first to bring forth privately to their notice before giving evidence to the Lords Comtee. Illeg she replies she did do so illegs. In fact you kindly at most assured her of the day when her letter re shd be laid before said comtee and this message was a comfort to Miss Yatman and her friends I am assured.

She now asks one who assured Me the complaints wd be laid before the Ho Comtee seeing said comte duly having recd any comunic from her. I am unwilling to give your name without permission for your letters to me about? Your powerful intercession are endorse "private and confidential."

I have therefore answered I would write and ask permission. May I say that assuring message came from you? Or will you ask that friend and relative who so courteously sent it for their relief to remind the H comtee of his action &c and so recall fact to their recollection.

Awaiting your reply and regretting that I have no alternative but to intrude upon you, I remain dear Miss Nightingale ... Rose Adams.

f73 Sept 23 1890 incomplete letter to FN from [Ada Bermingham, from handwr] Edward Ward, sorry for leaving letters so long unanswered, re good account of our patient, re ointment, Mr Lankester, Croft, house surgeon

I am very sorry For leaving letter so long unanswered, time has not been sufficiently elastic these few days. I am very glad to hear a good account of our patient, as well as I remember it was zinc ointment we gave him, that is what we generally use for all such purposes, it is not so oily as the vaseline and is perhaps more healing and cooling. There is no reason why it shd not be used for blisters in little things like that Mr Croft generally tells me to give them something. I don't think I have ever heard him express any definite wish. The surgeon who took the maid was Mr Clutton, but he had not anything to do for P Tomes as Mr Croft had arranged all for him before he let. The house surgeon was Mr Lambert, but he has left the hosp now and we have a Mrs Lankester, a young man but very kind and gentle to the patients, he is training for mission work abroad. We use zinc ointment very largely for bedsores and find it wonderfully healing, if the sore is too far gone for it to be effectual, we generally have a chlorinated soda dressing twice a day and return to the ointment when the sloughing has been cleaned away by the soda. I thank you much for your kind sympathy expressed in a formal letter with my recent trouble, death leaves a blank under

f75 Sept 25 1890 letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson, had an accident,

Add Mss 45809

recd her letter. I am very busy. I had a illeg accident having fallen from the top of a ladder ...

Laid before the House comtee and as I am quite unable to answer this without ref to the hosp I will write confidentially to the sec with a view to ascertaining exactly what took place, this however will cause a delay of a few days which cannot be avoided as under the circs it is as well to be accurate in what one says, and does these people in whose composition there is so much of the pall of bitterness will at once make use of any flaw to our disadvantage. I am sure you will be glad to know that Miss Luckes has recd from all sides most satisfactory marks o f approval of the evidence she gave before the Lords comtee and of the whole of her life of work at the London Hosp. We shall of course suffer from all that has taken place but I am convinced that in the end the administration will be pleased and the result satisfactory. You shall hear from me again in day or two. Yr affect cousin,

f77 Sept 26 [1890] letter of Lothian Nicholson to FN with private letter. I have recd the enclosed from Mr Roberts the sec which affords I think a sufficient expl of all the circs connected with Miss Yatman's action. I had not remembered that Miss Yatman's letter was not signed and hence the use of the work anonymous which she perhaps mt take hold of as not due to her desire but to an intention on my part to take from her the credit of bringing the matter forward. The circs connected with the letter are not sufficiently distinct in my mind, but as all occurred long before Miss Yatman made herself so distinguished in the attack upon the hosp it stands to reason that I cd not have been influenced by any feeling against Miss Y to keep her name back. Indeed I recollect at the time being extremely grateful to Miss Y for having brought the matter forward. I think you cd not do better than send all these docs excepting Roberts' private letter to me to Miss Adams as I think they afford a very sufficient reply. I return Miss Adams' letter and hope that I have succeeded in explaining the matter sufficiently and I hope we shall not hear much more from Miss Yatman at any rate on this subject. I think I am getting a little beater.

f80 Sept 25 1890 letter to Lothian from Roberts, London Hosp. ON Aug the 26th i.e. eight days before the last court Mr Yatman wrote to make himself a life governor and that was the only commun to that date that I had ever recd from anyone named Yatman.

ON Nov 8/89 you wrote to m e officially to enclose an unsigned commun saying "The report comes to me thro my cousin Miss Florence Nightingale and tho it is unsigned there can be no doubt of its bona fides."

This anonymous report was carefully considered by the comee esp as the whole qu of the san condition of the hosp was under the consideration of the comee under the following circs: On May 3/89 Dr Gilbert Smith as sec of the Medical Council of the hosp wrote and expressed the strong opinion of the med staff that the regulations existing with regard to enteric fever cases shd not be altered but suggested that a sub-com of the staff shd be appointed, assist the house govr in advising the h comee in regard to san cond of the hosp. This sugg was accepted by the comee.

Add Mss 45809

The next important record is that the matron in her report of Oct 22 1889 spoke of the perplexity of the members of the staff (Dr illeg and Mr Treves) at that time attending all sick nurses as to their symptoms.

One of the members of the comee then present said that he having been trained in san matters had at the request of the comee at a previous meeting inspected the hosp in company with Mr Thornhill the surveyor and that he wd continue his investigations. On Nov 5th Mr Scarthe's full report was read and Mr Plumbe the architect of the new bldg was directed to report on the best method of reforming the san arrs and the drainage system. On Nov 13th Dr Gilbert Smith asked for and obtained an interview with the comee and asked that a subcomee of the staff mt join a subcomee of the house comee. On the same day your letter was raised by the comee laying before the members the anon commun now found to be from Miss Yatman.

A subcomee was appointed with the result of the present reforms being undertaken. I am very sorry that it was quite impossible for me to thank Miss Yatman for her kindness in bringing her ideas before the comee as I shd most certainly have done had the commun come to me direct. You will understand the spirit in which I write when I assert most positively had Miss Yatman written direct as a late nurse any of her complaints wd have been attended to with every bit as much attention as when coming through you or any other member of comee.

If Miss Yatman did allude to the san questions before the Lords comee, the house comee most certainly wd only thank her as it wd be a good advertisement for the necessary funds for carrying out the necessary work. I may say that the report of Dr Parkes, the statements with regard to Queen Victoria wards, of which wards Miss Yatman mt be supposed to have some slight knowledge, were found to be without foundation.

I do not know that the comee have ever reproached Miss Yatman in any way, certainly not through me, their only means of comm as their sec.

At the court certainly one of the governors, who is also on the comee, expressed the opinion speaking as a governor that Miss Yatman's complaints as made before the Lords comee with regard to the *nursing* shd have been brought before the comee.

Mrs Hunter made herself a governor three weeks before the last court of govs she attended and attacked all the nursing arrs and stated definitely that she had herself brought forward the witnesses before the Lords comee and that therefore there was no 'clique.' She said in her interview with the Pall Mall that these matters had been brought before the com by a friend.

Mr Valentine alone wrote to the comee re the nursing and his letter was carefully considered on the 17th April 1890, but as he swore before the Lords' com that he had had no comm with Miss Yatman this *cannot* be the letter. Perhaps the letter of Miss Adams to Miss Nightingale, which Miss Nightingale alludes to as having considered worthy of notice is meant. If so of course that never reached the comee.

It appears now then from Miss Yatman's hankering after the credit of all reform that she was most anxious for notoriety. I hope Miss Nightingale saw the Pall Mall Gazette of Sept 13th containing an answer from us to Mrs Hunter's statements.

I enclose your letters from Miss Nightingale with a copy also of Miss

Add Mss 45809

Yatman's complaint as sent by you.

Most certainly we are all deeply grateful to Miss Nightingale for her very great kindness and sympathy with us. Yours sincerely, G.Q. Roberts

f82 large envelope to Miss Nightingale, Claydon House... stamped cancelled

Fn red pencil

1

2

3 with Roberts' letter to Lothian

4 illeg F.N.

f83, pencil & pen [13:146]

f83

no 2 Sept 27/90

4

Dear Madam, In further answer/reply to yours of ~~the~~ Sept. 20 I have received the two enclosures.

from Sir Lothian Nicholson ~~sent~~ communicated to him (in answer to his enquiry) by Mr. Roberts, the Secretary of the London Hospl. ~~being~~ The one marked "Copy" is a copy of "Miss Yatman's complaint" as sent by Sir L Nicholson. It was as you know unsigned - hence the word "anonymous" in Mr. Roberts' letter Sir L. Nicholson is I am sorry to say laid up ~~with the results of/affect~~ from a severe accident, or he wd have written to you himself. FN

Miss Adams

f84 ca October 1890 undated letter of Louisa Hogg, head sister 3 Notting Hill Square, London. Haslar printed. I think you may like to know that I am staying here until Monday week (Oct 13th). I have not seen home sister yet, to hear how you are, so think it is quite possible you may not be feeling well enough to see me, but if you would like me to come you know I shall only be too pleased to have a little talk with you, though I shall quite understand you are too busy, or not able for it, so with much love I am always, yr affectionately Louisa Hogg

f85 small env Miss L Hogg, Head Sister

Haslar R.N. Hosp

pencil note: very sorry to find you away, but hope you are better.

Add Mss 45809

f86 letter to FN from Janet E. Vibert at Ly Rosebery's request, re Sybil's writing her at her mother's request but did not understand the purpose of the message, Ly Rosebery has typhoid, asks if any dodges for alleviating, has diarrhoea from impure drinking water, polluted spring, nights terrible, re bed pan, any more modern invention? Dalmeny Park Edin.

f90 Oct 22 1890 letter of Lothian Nicholson, 4 Gliddon Road, West Ken, W. to FN re charges against the hospital by Yatman and investigation, wants to see her if she is in London. One house com has decided to appoint a subcom to go into the charges brought against the hosp by Miss Yatman and their investigation is to commence at once. I think this is a mistake but I was not present when the resolution was arrived at and so cd not illeg against tit but it seems to me that if he Lords com shall report that the charges illeg somewhat absurd position in having thus investigated them so it...

I scarcely therefore think it fair to ask you but cd illegs I well know that a few words from you would undoubtedly be of the greatest weight with the outside public, but if you see reason for not doing this I can easily give sufficient explanation to the sub com

Shall you be in London again soon? If so I will come up and see you some Sunday afternoon .

f92 Oct 22 1890 letter to FN from Edith, who once nursed Lady Verney at Claydon, nurse of the Homeopathic Hosp. I do not suppose you will remember me, but I once nursed your sister, the late Lady Verney while you were at Claydon

Knowing what a vast amount of interest you take in our work, for though we are homeopaths our work is the same, to care for the sick, I venture to ask your help in filling up my subscription card for our New Bldg Fund. You will see by the card the sum required for that purpose, and what we have towards it and what we required to enable us to begin bldg. Trusting I am not troubling you too much...

f94 Oct 23 1890 letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson encloses Mr Cobb's letter f96 23 Oct 1890. You will see by the enclosed that you can give the sub com illeg assistance if you have time, all they add though I know that you will look upon that beyond proper limits if you feel that it is right to give an opinion illegs

... the governors at the quarterly court in Oct and I cannot say how thankful we shall be if you could help us, as to the technical question I dare not give my opinion but I may say with regard to Miss Luckes all her anxiety and devotion to duty that I believe no woman illegs

I think it wd be better if I may venture an opinion, that if you wish to what Cobb asks that you shd write to me rather than to Mr Cobb. Our most affect coz,

f96 letter to Nicholson from Thos Cobb 23 Oct 1890 18 Craven Hill Gardens W 23 Oct 1890 Thanks for your note. My idea is that we ought to abstain as far as poss from going into the details of the cases wh are, so to speak, subjudice on both sides only how far the complaints with

Add Mss 45809

whatever animus they may have been made ...

I want to get as much independent evidence as I can. Do you think you cd get Miss Nightingale to write a letter either to you or me (she knows my firm Mr Janson having acted as her solicitor) giving her opinion (1) as to the importance of giving the matron power to dismiss probs for incompetency (2) (that altho 2 years training may be required by any hosp before giving a certificate, a nurse who has had one year's training only may properly be described as a thoroughly trained nurse, of course if she shows aptitude for nursing (3) in what estimation Miss Luckes is held in the nursing work. Such a letter wd help us materially.

I quite agree with you that we must do nothing to weaken her authority lest discipline shd suffer.

f98 Oct 25 1890 letter to FN from M.A. Vousden St Marylebone Inf thanks for her kindness, will come for visit Monday

f99 letter to Aston Oct 28/90 from Halkin

f100 Lothian Nicholson to FN Oct 29 1890. 4 Gliddon Rd, West Kensington W., I did not write in reply to your note of the 25th (missing) because I fancied you meant to write again and I feared confusion and more trouble to you from the crossing of our letters. But now it is better that I shd send a line or two to ask you not to bother yourself any more at present at any illeg for I can see Cobb and so I find that the subcom are taking all possible precautions against the dangers that you had feared and that they mean to limit the scope of the inqu so far as poss. I think there is no use in my giving you the trouble of writing another letter. Cobb is very wise and being a good lawyer he is just the man to ditch the weak points of our adversaries and ... where we are strongest.

F101 Oct 29 [1890] letter to FN from M.A. Vousden thanks for beautiful day, will help her do better work for the Master, Ruth and Lettice kind

f103 Oct 31 [1890] letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson re Cobb and committee

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, ff105-09, pencil & pen, draft for 45811

f105

MMV.

Oct/90

to teach the girls to write down.

What to do with their beds, not to make the beds except after airing,
brush & comb,
the cleanliness of their rooms, ~~not~~ the dust & fluff
under their beds, not to shut up a wet towel or
duster, the state into which wet towels and dusters
wd come - the care of crockery - how dirty
your jugs get inside not to make the bed except after airing.
you must have something definite for the boys
to write down - not merely an idea
& then they will be able to write letters.
X how few boys & and girls can write a letter
now. a girl who has been 8 or even 10 years at school, if she goes
to service, cannot ~~even~~ write a decent letter
for her mistress, not even at her mistress' dictation - doubtless raise
her wages.

f106v

write down what you would like to be in after life

You have a flower show at Holloway

boys **gardeners bring out their knowledge of vegetables & flowers
for preferring this or that**

& there would be an opportunity for them to show their
love of knowledge of animals if any in especially donkeys
boys - *gardeners, sailors, coachmen,*
& your reasons for preferring this or that. & the rig of the vessels they
wd describe.

[shd read: you have a flower show at Holloway. Gardeners bring out their
knowledge of vegetables & flowers, for preferring this or that, & there
would be an opportunity for them to show their love & knowledge of
animals if any, especially donkeys [in ink written between lines]
Write down what you would like to be in after life. Boys: *sailors,*
coachmen

& your reasons & the rig of the vessels they wd describe. Girls to have
the care of children
& what you would do
hygiene, superstitions
train their minds to think]

Add Mss 45809

girls to have the care of children
 & what you would do.) train their
hygiene superstition) minds to think
food lean & fat bacon (~~fat~~ bacon
salt provisions & soak bacon
value of milk. of brown bread. whole meal
ripe & unripe fruit - stone fruit bread
 diarrhea & constipation
ignorance
fat bacon often given as a remedy to puny infants & no milk

f107

to teach the girls to give up their superstitions
& ignorance
to teach them how to take care of babies
 You must have

It is quite common in many counties for people
who could well afford a moderate quantity of
milk for their children to send all their
milk up to London, or to sell it at the
neighbouring town. Thus also there is no
milk to be bought by the villagers in their
own village, unless the Landowner sells it out of
kindness.

f107v

Drill in London Board Schools in the open air or under a shed
 boys then girls - did not do the climbing
 not the dress
 open their chests
Voluntary Schools can't afford the apparatus
 Board Schools the one bright spot
 in all that misery

f109

Miss Beaver - the girl of 12.
 pain in my chest. must go home
{in margin} small Hosp= St. John's 5 children & father's dinner
now father you sit down there
& I'll tell you what you must do
the rent is in the saucer. you mustn't touch that
& she told him all the pennies & what
each child was to have
 & now father. I've told you enough for today
but come again tomorrow - & I'll tell you
for tomorrow-

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff110-11v, pencil [1:725-26]

f110

Nov 5/90 Claydon Inkerman Day
My dearest Ruth I am so glad the "paw" is better. Thank you very much for dear Lettice's nice letter. I have heard nothing this morning yet. You know I had a Telegram last night from Mother, safe at Bridge St. having left Lettice, all safe, with Father. She sent her "dear love". She is not coming here, I am afraid; but is ~~to~~ for Liverpool today. Perhaps we should have eaten her up, if she had come here.

This is a greater day than Gunpowder

f111

Treason Day. It is Inkerman Day 36 years ago. It is called the *Soldiers' Battle*. Because they, our men, were not able to go into action under officers & orders, all planned the day before, or at least some hours before, as is generally the case with great battles. The planning was all on the Russian side. We were surprised. In a dark thick fog, some hours before dawn, the Russians with an immensely superior force, came upon us. Yet every one of our men stood for himself, for his comrades shoulder to shoulder, & for his country. There was no confusion Not a man expected to come out of it alive. But they were determined to stand to the last by their country & their God. And God was with them.

That is the way God expects us to fight; my darling, standing by one another,

"With a purpose true" & with the truth of love, as mother does, & is doing things possible & impossible for others, "without a thought of self".

Our men were without food. Of course

Add Mss 45809

f111v

our Officers & Regiments came up without food as
fast as possible. & the Officers behaved
magnificently. But there was no
confusion even when we were first
surprised. And I told you
how the French came up And after to help us,
playing *British* tunes. Still in the
dense fog. & what our men said
ever your loving
Aunt Florence

unsigned letter, f112, pencil

f112

Inkerman Day 1890

If it had not been for those handfuls of
our men standing to their posts on
that dark November morning, ~~the Russ~~ &
holding their posts till success came up
against the whole Russian army, the
Russians might have swept our Army
away like flies into the sea; and, who knows? swept
all over Europe. And the whole course of
history would have been changed.
Purpose *untrue* Standing by a purpose *true*
Heeding God's command
Honour them, the faithful few
All hail to Daniel's Band

f113 Nov 5 1890 letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson re Cobb

f115 Nov 9 [1890] letter to FN from Isabel Eames, Hospital Inglese,
Buenos Aires, thanks for remembering us in our exile, thanks for
telegram just after the revolution. I feel it is so good of both you and
Mr Croft to remember us in our exile (I fear you will think that rather
a strong term). Thank you so much for your telegram recd just after the
Revolution. I thought it was from Mr Bonham Carter and wrote to thank
him. We have been several times since on the eve of another, but I
sincerely hope people have settled down, at least for the present. One
such experience is enough.

I was so sorry to see in the papers the death of Lady Verney, although
she had been long an invalid it was a sorrow to you. I remember my visit
with the probs to Claydon and her kindness to us.

I am so sorry to hear Mr Croft has been so unwell Will you give my
very kind remembrances to him and Mrs Croft, with love to home sister. I
trust you will let them read this letter, as I feel they will both hear
about us. We are still struggling. But I am so thankful to tell you I am
quite well--better than I have felt for two or three years. I don't know
what it was, but I suppose during all the very hot weather the hard work

Add Mss 45809

and anxiety for the first 6 months it was almost a struggle to live, I had my old trouble far more than I had had, until I cd hardly get upstairs without stopping. I tried Mr Croft's prescriptions without avail (of course could not rest). And had no faith in the resident and no visiting doctors came. How I missed the kindness and consideration of Mr Croft and all in St Thomas'. But as I say I am now perfectly well, in fact feel quite sprightly. I do hope in details at least we are improving the nursing of the hosp our visiting surgeons poke very kindly about it the other day and many of the patients are grateful. Nurse Charlton has had some very good cases of double pneumonia and typhoids which she has pulled through and really under the present regime as much depends on the nursing. There seems no fighting with death. Our resident leaves in December. We are lacking our faith in his successor whoever he may be. Although they have had testimonials from England I think they will appoint someone who is in Buenos Aires.

The com are well meaning, I believe, but think every improvement is an extravagance and they will not make settled rules, at least I have a "knowing" or an apology for one out of doors and in which all the dressings &c are kept damp and badly drained-and septic, but without building, which they will not or cannot do, I cannot make the improvements I want, poverty is their plea. We have not the hot water laid on yet. This is what the com say, "The nurses are well housed, well fed and well aid, what can they find to grumble at." under those circs it seems rather hopeless to look for better things from them. When they come with the most ridiculous questions I assume a very nonchalant attitude. It is the only thing here. For instance we hear, *but of course we don't believe it*, that a private patient was found dead and had been so for hours and no one was there." And that the small laundry was heated and used 14 cwt of coal to wash *two* of the doctors' shirts, my reply to the member of the com was this: I am very sorry, but if you have no more confidence in us than that and you wish to believe those rules, of course do so. Yet they say they are more than satisfied &c. Now. To me those rules are amusing, but as our curate was saying the other day, ever since there has been a parish hospital in Buenos Aires, it has been mis-managed, and one cannot expect to destroy the old landmarks in one or two years. But must be satisfied with what we have already done. I suppose it is the proverbial dog with a bad name. But we are not going to have him just yet, at least not without fighting for him. I hope you are not wearied with these details.

You ask about our nursing staff. There is one trained nurse beside those I brought out, who has always had the surgical ward of 20 patients with one desk. Nurse Charlton has the medical with one desk. The Scotch nurses--one has the female ward and one the 5 private patients rooms with one prob between them. We have one other training and as soon as she is a little older in the work I hope to et a night surgical nurse at present this is an anxiety. One of the old nurses is leaving in a few days. I am sorry, but feel it is my duty, she has been cautioned so many times about sleeping on night duty until at last I cd look over it no longer. She explained, she was a very light sleeper and easily wakened. At first she thought she was very hardly treated, but now she has got over that, she has been here some years and s not at all strong and I

Add Mss 45809

felt rather like an executioner, but for my own credit's sake I cd not have patients complaining. She speaks Spanish well, so I hope will get private nursing. Our visiting doctors are very tiresome, no regular time for coming all hours of the day. The sam with operations, they telephone up a few hours before, no system. I suppose the reason is we are so far from the town and they have their own practices, our surgeon is Dr Watkins, I believe of the Middlesex, the other Dr Greer, who has been here 20 years. We are supposed to have an asst and dispenser combined. They mainly stay about 2 months. I have seen five at present, just arrived is Dr Hall, everybody is Dr out here, he is I believe MRCS of LSA London was H.S. at the London Hosp, also at Margate, seems to be a very nice gentlemanly fellow, already rather disquieted, has had some appt up the country and I suppose he will stay until March, when he hopes to pass his exams in Spanish and then practice in the town and so we go on.

We have a dear little boy in now with hip disease, whose people are taking him to |England soon, to Great Ormond St I think. I wanted at first to tell them to go to Mr Croft, but it has gone on so long and been so mismanaged with little cuts and pricks, with blunt knives, still incisions, I fear it is too late and will not be a credit to anyone. He is such a sweet child.

Our summer is just beginning and mosquitoes arriving, with a wealth of flowers too, but with not half the perfume of our old English ones.

It seems so difficult to do anything here in little things, just a word here and there seems all one can do. Our English clergyman comes sometimes and the fathers are very good to their people, but one cannot institute any regular systems. I go to the women ward sometimes but we get, particularly among the men so very *many* nationalities in one ward one could hardly have regular prayers at home of course there it was so easy. I am so afraid here of offending some, and so ding more harm than good. I cannot see what is the right thing to do. Nurse Charlton sends many thanks for your kind remembrance of her, she is quite well.

f121 Nov 11 1890 note to FN from Nurse Edith, thanks for kind sub and good wishes

Add Mss 45809

initialed letter, ff122-23, pen draft

f122

Dear Mrs. Hicks Nov 22/90 [12:536-37]

Private Your letter has been forwarded

I am so grieved & sorry that you are about to give up Hospital work. You are taking away a pillar of the Nursing slate which can ill afford it. I had not heard of it till I received your kind note. I trust it is not health that makes you leave us - may I say "us"?- Perhaps it is a return to Home life, or an entrance into it.- any how I am very, very sorry. I can only wish you all happiness wherever you are. But it 'would be a poor tribute to you, if I did not say that it is with a deep regret.

With regard to the other thing about which you write to me - the "Official Directory of Trained Nurses" under the Editorship of a Committee of the Nurse Training Schools which it is desired to publish by Christmas, ~~the~~ Mr. Bonham Carter has had to leave London for a time unhappily on the score of health But he did write to/ communicate with me about it

f122v

~~before he left~~

Without at all saying or thinking that benefit may not be made to arise ~~from~~ out of it for the good cause & sincerely hoping & praying that it may, it can scarcely be thought that St. Thomas' [~~illeg~~] can give in his unqualified ~~decision~~ adherence at a few days notice, without having the opportunity of giving it the attention it deserves.

One difficulty you will yourself suggest to me. The proposal makes the Certificate the test or at least the half test of whether a Nurse is fully trained or not. St. T's T.S. as you are aware

Add Mss 45809

f123

does not give certificates at all: which by
no means injures the Nurse but rather
binds a good one to her mother-house
for furthering her in her career- It is
so well said that a "great object/good" is done to/in
attracting Nurses to their training Schools.

Can it be expected that St. J's J.S.
will either "at once" commit himself to the
test of a Certificate- or allow the "uncertificated"
to be set down as untrained or not
fully trained Nurses?

I know that I may trust you to
consider that this opinion is *by no*
means for the public must not be given to it & is from myself
alone. But I cannot otherwise
I very heartily wish that time & opportunity had
been given to our authorities to discuss
it. & thrash out the proposal.

f123v

I ~~deep~~ regret the unavoidable delay
in answering you. I am overwhelmed/imbedded
with/in, work, in very bad health, I am
detained away from London with
my widower'd brother in-law, who
has great anxieties about his g. ch-
& whom I cannot leave, for ~~neither~~
~~not or~~ neither sons nor daughters-in
law can be with him. Forgive me
I need hardly assure, you that you have my very
best wishes

& pray believe one
ever sincerely yours

FN

A letter to my London home will always find me.

f124 Dec 8 1890 letter to FN from Emily Aston, Colonial Hosp Gibraltar.
I have recently recd the enclosed letter and newspaper cutting from Miss
Maude Stanley on the subject of the pending enquiry at the Eastern
Hospitals, Homerton. I send also a letter I recd from Nurse Hallun some
weeks ago. I have written to Miss Stanley corroborating most of the
statements in the letter to the local paper, and I have offered to go to
England to give evidence if it is considered that I can at all help in
the matter.

I hear that Dr Collie, the steward, and the matron, are trying to
convince the authorities that I left the hosp in a very bad condition as
to linen, clothing for patients &c and that my mgt in general was
extremely faulty. Of course the enq has happened at a very unfortunate
time for Dr Collie, his pension is, I believe, just due and he intended
to apply for it before the present chairman Sir John Tilley withdrew

Add Mss 45809

from office. I do not know the present matron but I fear she has acted entirely with Dr Collie, and has been in all things subordinate to him as, I think the chairman desired.

I have not been fortunate in my experience since I left Liverpool. This hosp is chiefly under the mgt of the native sec, who is half Italian, half Spanish, his stepda a young woman whose private history will not bear investigation, has been appointed "Sister" and very little authority rests with the surgeon or matron. The surgeon is a pleasant but extremely weak man, and not inclined to battle for his rights though quite aware of the reports about the general tone of the ward managed by the native sister, and many other matters in connection with the mgt.

Several govt officials who make up the board seem afraid to give their opinion since the col sec, who acts as chairman, is content to let the native element prevail.

This climate is very trying and few people seem to preserve their energy. The East wind called "levanter" is constant, and it seems to get into ones bones producing aching and a general feeling of lassitude. I never felt so little inclined for exertion as since I arrived here.

The English sister left in Oct to be married, her place has not been supplied; two native nurses are now working the ward, the remaining English sister, a very capable woman, leaves towards the end of January. She objects to the native sec interfering in her ward, and also to the presence of his stepda, whose early and present history is well known in Gibraltar.

The matron's rules forwarded to me in London are more or less mythical, speaking in some instance of people and conditions non-existent and in other instances of duties now discharged by the sec, with, it appears, the knowledge and consent of the board. The matron's quarters were given to the dispenser some 3 years ago. I am lodged in two private wards. There are no cupboard in which brooms, brushes etc can be kept, so everything used in cleaning my rooms has to be kept in my bedroom.

The natives of this place are the most untruthful people I ever met--far worse than Orientals. There are numerous priests and churches but very little real religion is apparent. The wards are all ventilated and large, the bathrooms however are supplied with cold salt water only, and the water for a warm bath has to be carried from the kitchen. The wards are heated by gas stoves placed in the middle of the wards and arranged without any ascending flue, the smell of gas is often very trying. There is however very little cold weather. The native sister tried for the matron's post and still hopes to succeed me. Sh was trained at S Bartholomew's and I find Miss Stewart did not think very highly of her.

I do not feel hopeful about the future of this place. It is almost impossible to work reforms unsupported.

I hope I have not taken up too much of your time, and I trust you will approve of my intention to appear at the Eastern Hosps enquiry.

f130 Dec 20th? [1890] Maude Stanley letter to Aston, will be an inquiry at Homerton

Add Mss 45809

draft, Add Mss 45810 ff131-36, pen

f131 A [10:857-59]

May we not say now that the day is
passed when we need use 'calkylations'
~~to~~ of how few or how many educated natives
there are in India-. For a Viceroy by no
means of the alarmingly radical type,
Lord Dufferin, has urged upon the Home
Govt- it is understood in the strongest
terms.- a measure of reform in the Indian
Council- introducing certainly (a modification
of) the elective principle into the Provincial
Council- & certainly a modicum of *political*
power,

It is understood that the present Viceroy
hold similar views- Viceroys are now far beyond
the I.O. Council

Of course an Act of Parliament X is necessary
for any change in the Indian Councils.
Had this not been the case, it would probably
have been made already

Hence the importance that attaches now

X There is perhaps no rearing horse more dangerous
than the Ho: of C. when it is "*high-Faluting*" in ignorance. See the
whole history of the wretched Crawford business.

But the mischief of that was, there it raised the old
cry- see the native magistrates to whom you wish to
entrust political power. But in this instance the Bombay Civil
Service to a man were in their favour

Add Mss 45809

f132

B

to the Bills that are to be brought forward.

[see Draft (amended Bill C to be brought forward by the Liberal Party.)]

Lord Cross's insufficient Bill last Session never came into the Amendment stage

{2 lines in margin} I will add a summary of it. if you like-

It is impossible to describe the (unconscious) subserviency of NOMINATED Indian members.

If the govt of India wish for responsible native advisors, they must have a (modified) principle of election for them.

[Bengalee native member will give an unqualified & absolutely ignorant assertion about the N.W.P.]

Viceroy now far beyond the I.O. Council.

It must be remembered that even an unanimous veto of the G.G.'s Council cannot out the G.G.'s official advisors, as in England

Immense importance of proposed addition (desirable to be urged by Viceroy), addition to Ld Dufferin's Recommendations, which already grant political power to native elected ~~po~~ members of Provincial Councils that these should elect members to G.G.'s Council.

Great importance of Viceroy not allowing officials to withdraw moderate men from Indian Nat. Congress to meet at Calcutta about Christmas

f133

"To introduce more natives into the Municipal
"Governance of India". [end]

As to municipal Govt/administration properly so called
nothing little more, they think required than to
work the existing law "*significantly*"/*humanely*- that is, what is
mainly wanted is that the govt should make
it clearly understood that their officers best
merit approval when they can get & teach
the people to *do the work themselves*-
officials are naturally apt to be a little
jealous of popular authorities, & inclined
to regard popular failure as a gratifying
proof of official superiority. The govt
should make it clear to them that a
popular failure is *their* failure & a popular
success *their* success, for in each case (looking
to the all pervading power of officialism in
India/ the result is owing to the measure
of ability, industry & tact of the local
official Ahmedabad Ranchoalal

The most important thing is to get the
best natives into authority, that is, those
who are most independent & *most respected*
by the native community. Are high English
officials often antagonistic to these men?
& do they sometimes prefer those who
understand the arts of flattery?

Add Mss 45809

PS, a
He is the great viceroy who just seizes
the moment to give the First-instalment
of a representative element- neither waiting
till the educated native people snatch
it- nor forestalling their understanding it,
desiring it, wanting it, but ~~in~~ with in a
graceful fatherly manner giving it as
merited boon

Add Mss 45809

f134

2

2. As regards *Provincial etc. Councils* a representation element should be introduced into their composition as recommended by Lord Dufferin's Govt

A see "India's No. 2, p.p. 26-29
(for as much of Lord Dufferin's minute on the ~~What~~ Councils as was made public with or without authority

AND the *Provincial elected members* should be given power to elect members to the Gov. "Gen!"'s Council in limited numbers. This would be the smallest but an important concession, tho' perhaps not enough to satisfy.

approach the G.G. from Ld Dufferin's recommendations not from the Indian National Congress side.

At the same time, is there any thing more important then that the Head of the Government should maintain an attitude of sympathy or at least benevolent neutrality towards the I.N. Congress which is so soon to meet at Calcutta. By foolishly boycotting the movement *prohibiting native officials joining & using all their influence to withdraw those who are most moderate, & friendly to themselves* the officials are doing their best to force the leadership into the hands of the less moderate

f135

3

& less responsible.

read ~~see~~ paper showing latest development of Indian Councils question for you not to read B

Of course an Act of Parliament is necessary for introducing the representative element into the Councils.

the draft Bill) I enclose ~~is~~, it is laid, would as how amended) C
Satisfy the Indian people & not less. But this should not be used as a threat [stick to Ld Dufferin's proposals *plus the concession of the Provincial elected members electing to G.G.'s Council*]

Add Mss 45809

f136

4 C

Mr. Bradlaugh's paper: *Indian Councils question*
two main conditions

(1) recognition of elective principle as regards
C additional members

(2) substantial increase in their number
in no way bigoted as to exact method by which
elective principle should be applied, provided it is real
& not a sham

& that a reasonable number of intelligent people
have a voice in the Elections.

Within these limits leave questions of ~~intelligent~~
of methods to authorities **[end]**
see Draft Bill C

Congress has put forward various schemes
only as suggestion
as showing how in opinion of Indians themselves
object desired can best be attained in practice
Congress bound to supply to govt best suggestions
& they have been put into legislative form
because like M.D. Courtney men say that
there is no use in a general principle
unless put into a Bill.
Bill as now amended C would give satisfaction
to Indian people sought not to alarm any **[end 10:859]**
one.

[Ld. Dufferin's attitude
to I.N.A. St. Andrew's Day]

f137 Dec 10 [1890] letter to FN from Lydia Constable, Gordon Boys' Home

f139 Dec 11 1890 letter to FN from Lothian Nicholson from printed War
Office. Our matron Miss Lückes is most anxious before going away for a
very illeg holiday, wh she much requires after her recent worries, to
pour out her whole soul to you and to thank you for all the interest you
have taken in her case and she has asked me to find out whether you
would wish her doing this by letter. She would however of course far
prefer having an historian in which she could say more than she could
write and be more successful in putting you au fait of the whole
situation, but this I fear is out of the question as I can just illegs
She is to learn on the 7th January so that if you are to come back
before that date perhaps you wd prefer her seeing you alone until you
can take an opportunity of receiving her.

f141 Dec 13 1890 letter to FN from K. Perssè. I have sent to Mrs Zanelli
who is quite in our district. We can attend to her and carry out any
nursing treatment ordered. She seems very poor and needy. I will see the
district visitors and learn from them if she can receive some help from
the Church Friends. She is in Canon Leigh's parish which is well looked

Add Mss 45809

after. This failing I cd find out what she needs most and have it sent to her if you approve of this arr. We are just now furiously busy. This fog and frost taking effect upon the ill fed ailing poor.

I regret to hear you are in the midst of illness, this early winter has been most unhealthy.

f143 Dec 19 1890 K. Perssè. The enclosed letter of Mrs Zanelli's state and that she is being looked after. If you think a little addition necessary it could come through the same source, without our appearing, but I shall see to her occasionally in case she required a little messing and care.

f144 letter to FN from J.? Hamilton Locke or Cooke? Or I.or T. Hamilton Western General Dispensary, Marylebone Rd re Mrs Zanelli, not suffering from disease in any acute form. FN pencil note: Please return to F.N.

f146 Dec 23 [1890] letter to FN from Lydia Constable, Gordon Boys' Home

f148 Dec 25 1890 letter to FN from C.E. Barff, Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Assoc. Please accept enclosed card with my very best wishes. I have only good news to tell you, the work is growing yearly and more and more interest is taken by the people and we have been accepted by the Queen as her nurses.

I am very busy just now, the cruel bitter weather has caused so much sickness and illeg. I am trying to get enough money for a tea party and entertainment for some of my ill patients, many of them are so poor they never have any pleasure. My kind and good friend Mr Oliver Heywood proposed by doing so, and will I know help me. I hope you do not suffer from this cold weather and are feeling pretty well. I find great difficulty in getting nurses for district work. I wish more ladies wd take it up. Ladies are every year I feel surer illeg most fitted for district nurses and they have so much more sympathie and are not so particular about doing what is called menial work.

Wishing you a very happy Xmas.

f150 undated Happy Xmas and New Year card of Pauline Peter, Victoria Nurses Inst, Edinburgh to FN, supt and Queen's Nurses in Edinburgh

initialed note, f151, pencil

f151

The communication which you applied/asked for from me ~~is~~ of course precludes entirely ~~from illeg~~ my name being made ~~of any~~

Used to anyone whatever

Dear Madam

In reply to yours of 20 Sept which has only just reached me, it is as you suppose in the application wh you made to me

some months ago, you are

entirely precluded from making any use of my name in the matter to anyone

Add Mss 45809

I will forward your note immediately to the gentleman in question. ~~But~~ he may be out of London & this may cause some ~~small~~ little further delay

Your obedient ~~Serv~~

Miss Rose Adams

FN

{arch:?1890}

f152 1 Jan 1891 K Perssè letter. Thank you very much for the help you have kindly sent for our work. Our new cases taken on in 1890 were 1227, nursed by five nurses, with occasional help from the supt. I hope very much we shall be able to have a sixth nurse this year.

I shall see about some coals for Mrs Zanelli and if they cannot be provided for by the Church Friends will let you know. But I think it can be managed.

It was the wisest arr then made for district nurses that they were not to give relief of any kind, it has relieved us of a great difficulty and put us quite in our place and much appreciated and tonight after the nurses are without any demoralizing or pauperizing which doles are certain to create. With kind remembrances, believe to be most faithfully yours, K. Perssé.

f154 New Year's Day letter to FN from A. De Laney with new year's greetings, from 30 Marine Parade, Brighton. I left Birmingham yesterday for a few days' rest and am taking first opportunity to write to wish you a very Happy New Year and I know you will like to hear a little of our Xmas doings.

I think we all had both patients and nurses a very happy Xmas and I hope our dear chief had as well. It was very pleasant to go round the wards and hear the universal expressions of content & pleasure and general satisfaction with everything. The nurses have worked extremely hard to make their wards pretty and they were very successful. It is very difficult to say which is the nicer.

Miss Gibson gave the grannies besides their Christmas fare a good tea with cake and jam, and each a box of peppermints with a Xmas card attached, and the dads had a packet as well besides their tobacco and the dear children had a big stocking full of toys illeg and sweets besides an entertainment for young and old in the evening.

The Christmas tree and extra good toys we had on the 26th and the children had a real good time.

We begin classes and work in earnest the week after next.

The home is quite full now and we have a nice lot of nurses, some very promising ones.

F156 2 Jan 1891 letter of A.C. Gibson to FN, Nurses' Home, Workhouse Inf Birmingham, A very happy New Year to you. I am coming to town on Thursday next till Sat, shall be there till Wednesday the 14th and it wd be a great pleasure to me if I mt see you.

I am going to town to study hard to read

f158 2 Jan 1891 letter of Alice BC to FN. 7 Hyde Park Mansions, Marylebone Road N.W. FN pencil: Please return to F.N. Dear Flo, I have today been to ask at the Women's Hospital about the amount of

Add Mss 45809

superintendence given to the two probs, and find that it does not extend over the two hours of duty, the two nurses when they are at liberty to go out, which arrangement is, I suppose, the same as at St T. However, there is no arrangement with the doctors to give them instruction, the practical training being given entirely by the assistant matron, who is a properly trained nurse, and till this year, 1891, a ward sister in the hospital or a capable woman and the nurse who was undertaken hitherto the ovarian operations nursing. The so-called, Miss Bayter, is the matron really, but training in the small old hospital, always undertaken the secretary's work, who has always been called Secretary. She is a very efficient matron and keeps the nurses well in hand and knows their weak as well as their strong points, very correctly, it appears to me, judging by the smooth way in which she keeps them working and obedient to keep orders. I have myself no knowledge and no opinion about them. We have two probs, educated young women of about 25 years of age and may have to sleep together as the matron-secretary finds that the private ward patients require so much attendance, that she has been obliged to have a trained nurse extra to wait on them instead of having a third prob, requiring to be trained or instead of giving the probs separate rooms. Miss Bayster the matron-secretary is unwilling to take such young girls as these Sidney sisters?, believing that she has no time nor has the assistant matron time to look after them or their education when not in the wards. The nurses have a nice little sitting room and the probs live with them and the assistant matron, I believe, was four weeks with them, but I did not ask the question. To conclude, it will not trouble M Verney to write anything about it by Jan 8 as I find that the matter is not going to be brought before the Managing Committee whose meeting comes on Jan 9. The house committee.. The hon sec. Miss Vincent presides will settle it with Miss Bayster the matron, sec, some time when Mr Brown next applies about the matter. We did not expect to have the oldest man taken before next June (Do you know anything about the transfer of the probs at the Children's Hospital? Does the new matron take trouble about it? I hear that there is a Children's Hospital near Chester where probs are taken and most carefully trained and the lady in charge is sometimes ready to take them under the usual age of 24 or 15 years of age. Miss Nola Gordon, superintendent of the Kensington District Nurses was the authority for the above statement of fact.

As to the Midwifery School, will it not be easier for you to speak about it to me, if you really are able to see me sometime and the school will not be started for three months probably.

Wishing that the New Year could and would bring you some happiness and satisfaction, believe me yrs affect, Alice B.C.

f160 10 Jan 1891 letter to FN from Elizabeth Grundy, 3 High St., Maidenhead, I am sure you will be surprised to hear from one of your devoted band who left you on a sick bed out in Balaclava, and such a long time ago.

I last Monday saw your name in the "Telegraph" as a visitor to Sir Harry Verney, so I will try to reach you through his address.

I went to see your mother and sister, who were both very kind to me,

Add Mss 45809

but Sir James Clarke was quite the reverse, and the matron of Middlesex Hosp stopped me from getting work, why I could never understand, still it is nice to feel there is an all ruling "Power" that helps us to live down our troubles.

Dear Madam, I will not say more and hope you will kindly pardon the liberty I have taken. I beg to remain,
yours very respectfully, Elizabeth Grundy

f162 Jan 13 [1891] year est letter of Lydia Constable to FN. Please accept my thanks for the parcel of graphics which I recd on Sunday morning and allow me to wish you a very happy New Year.

You will be pleased to hear that the boys are keeping very well on the whole through all this severe weather. I have only 4 in hospital today and those only slight cases.

I have had a good many chilblains to dress but otherwise they have not suffered from the cold, we have now about 200 in the Home altogether. Trusting that you are keeping petty well,

ff164-67 Jan 15 1891 letter of Pauline Peter, Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute. I fear what I can say will not be of much use, but I will tell you exactly what we are doing in country places at present. Our nurses are in small country towns, pop. Not under 4000 2 or 3 illeg a radius of 5 miles from this, but most of the work is in the town or village. Jedburgh tales in 5 miles round. There if the people can afford the expense of conveyance they are expected to illeg; if they cannot it is provided from funds of local assocs, occasionally a doctor will drive out the nurse and Lady Lothian whose house is near occasionally provides her carriage and the nurse walks 3 or 4 occasionally.

On some occasions the nurse has remained in the patient's house for 3 or 4 days continuously, in an acute pneumonia or typhoid, as those isolated little houses have 2 or 3 rooms generally. They take provisions as far as they can with them. This is only when other cases can be left for the time. We have as yet no rules about this, they are an emergency, occur seldom illeg varies for in circs surrounding it seems impossible to make rules and much less to be left to the nurses' judgment I have been trying for some time to make a definite plan but as yet fail. Each place and case so different in surroundings. In Scotland it wd be a mere chance if the minister's home was near. And whether there was infection or not I doubt if the nurse wd be willingly recd, there is such a fear of infection.

I do not think it shd be a strict rule that she eats and sleeps at home, in some cases it wd not be poss and mt make her useless if adhered to.

Four of our nurses have illeg opportunities of practising midwifery. They have all been left so fully employed with gen nursing that the 2 could not have been combined they have plenty illeg of monthly nursing

As in being under the nearest hospital supt, that in Scotland I feel sure I wd not do, there are so very few cottage hosp and the matrons I think wd not be so well trained or perhaps so well educated as the nurse. To put them under one, who knows nothing of district work, or of

Add Mss 45809

their surroundings, mt cause trouble with their local com. I keep as close a supervision as poss. When in a difficulty the nurse writes and reports to me once a month.

As yet our nurses are in small country towns, pop not under 4000 with 1 or 2 small villages near, that if reqd they go illeg in the way I have said, in one place Galston in Ayrshire there is railway to the next village. A nurse has gone this week to Loch Bruie in Mull and there the wealthy lady of the district has undertaken to provide conveyance.

I fear this is not much help but I have just said what we are doing here. I have now got Miss Robin again as illeg, and this will lighten the work a little. Want of funds to help country districts is the only thing that prevents the work from spreading much more rapidly than at present.

ff168 20 Jan 1891 letter to FN from K. Hayward, Haydock, St Helens Lane, I venture to send you the last hospital report. It will, I think, interest you when you find time to look it over and I believe will see we were justified in doing what we cd to get a cottage hosp for Haydock. The place is increasingly useful and we are not hampered in want of funds. Help has come beyond our, re their cottage hospital. The place is increasingly useful. Not hampered by want of funds, but help has come beyond our expectation.

The report is made up to the end of June, the end of our financial year, but only printed a month or two ago. Since then we have had some very interesting cases.

I hope I do not trouble you. I shd grieve to do so. You have so much to keep mind and pen busy. I sincerely trust your health is better. May God indeed bless you.

signed letter, f169, pen

f169

Jan 20/91

Dear Mrs. Neild

I am sincerely glad
if you have found a
satisfaction

I regret that it is
impossible for me, as
you are aware, to see
the lady

If she wishes for your
character, she will write
to me. yours faithfully

& hopefully

F Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, Add Mss 45810 ff170-71, pen

f170

London January 30/91 [14:1037]

Madam

I regret to be quite unable
to furnish you with any
information about the
person you describe.

I have never ~~having~~ seen or heard of her, as
far as I am aware; and
certainly no such person
was ever on my "Nursing
"Staff" in the Crimean War.

Here I might stop;
but as you have kindly
furnished me with date
~~(tho' not with the "name"~~
~~of the person which you say~~
~~is on her "head stone")~~
you may wish me to

f170v

remind you of a few dates
which render the statement
impossible.

You say that this person
died in 1865 at 29 years
of age, when you were 9
years of age.

The Crimean War was from
1854 to 1856: when she
was from 18 to 20 years
of age. No one so young
or anything like so young
was ever admitted into
my "Nursing Staff." Further,
~~3 years of that time you~~
~~must have been on your~~
~~way into this world~~

Add Mss 45809

f171

I return your Portrait of
her: But I hope your
kindness will excuse my
saying that, always under
the severe pressure of
overwork & illness, I am
not able to answer, or even
to read, much less to return
enclosures in the letters
addressed to me by
multitudes of persons
who are strangers

[end]

I remain
your obed servt.
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Ellen Hill

pencil rough draft, Add Mss 45810 ff172-78, pencil [final letter is in
Galton Papers University College] **[5:110-13]**

f172

To Mr. Francis Galton Feb 6/90 *Private*
Sir D. Galton has given me your most kind
message saying that if I will explain in writing to you what
I am desirous of having done/ think needs doing - you will be so good as
to give it your/ the experienced attention it so much ~~nee~~ wants
of so gre without which it would be useless
By your kindness It is this: ~~I want~~ a scheme is wanted from some one
of high authority as to what should be the work in
teaching Social Physics & their practical application
if we could obtain a Statistical Professorship or
Readership at the University of Oxford.

I am not thinking so much of Hygiene &
Sanitary work, because this ~~he~~ & the Statistics
[~~illeg~~] for this have been more closely studied in

Add Mss 45809

f173

England than probably any other branch of statistics tho' much remains to be desired - as e.g. the result of the food & cooking of the poor in the children of Infant Schools & those of ~~a~~ somewhat higher ages

But I would mention as other branches in which we hardly know anything. e.g.

A. the results of Forster's Act now 20 years old.

We sweep annually into our Elementary Schools hundreds & thousands of children - we spend millions of money -

do we know (1) what proportion of children forget their whole education after leaving School X where all they have been taught is a pure waste.

[the almost accidental Statistics of guards recruits wd point at a very large proportion]

(2) what are the results upon the lives & conducts of children in after who do *not* forget ~~all~~ which they have been taught

(3) What are the methods e.g. in Night Schools & Secondary Schools in preventing the primary education from being a ~~pure~~ waste

If we know not what are the results of Forster's Act upon our national life, is not this a curious gap in reasonable England's knowledge

Add Mss 45809

f173v

B. the results of legal punishments.
e.g. the deterrent or encouraging effects upon Crime
of being in gaol.
Some excellent hard working informers
tell you/us: whatever you/we do; keep a boy
out of gaol- work the First Offenders' Act
once in gaol, always in gaol. gaol is the
cradle of crime
then equally zealous & active reformers say
a boy must be in gaol at least once
to learn its hardships before he can
be rescued.
Is it not strange in practical England
that we know no more about this?
career Workhouses

f174

B(2) Is the career of a criminal, from his
first committal- and a for what action? to his
last? a the gallows- or b rehabilitation
recorded?
It is stated by trustworthy persons that no
such statistics exist - & that you can
only catch the criminal & learn from himself in friendly confidential
friendship
what his career has been from being in gaol for taking/stealing a turnip
for a comrade's feast.
or for breaking a school room window,
because he has been thrown out of School for noise to
murder or honestly/morality
In that case all our legislation must be
experiment, not experience, Any experience
must be thrown away.

Add Mss 45809

f174v

C. We spend millions in rates in putting people into Workhouses - & millions in charity in taking them out. What is the proportion of ~~people~~ names which from generation to generation are always in the Workhouse?

What is the proportion of children de pauperized children or pauperized by the Workhouse? do the large Union Schools or the small or boarding out return pauper children to honest independent life?

On girls what is the result of the large Union School in fitting them for honest little domestic places? & what the proportion of those who falling into vice have to return to the workhouse

f175

B. 3 what effect has education upon crime? a. some people answer unhesitatingly as education increases, crime decreases
b. others as unhesitatingly - education only teaches to escape conviction or to steal better when released from prison
c- elementary education has nothing to do either-
~~fif~~

f175v

These are only a few instances -
What is wanted is that so high an authority as Mr. Francis Galton should jot down the other great branches upon which he would wish for Statistics for the teaching how to use Statistics in order to legislate for & administer our national life.

Add Mss 45809

f176

IV D- India [3]
One ~~great~~ authority was consulted & answered
that we had Statistics & that govt
must do it. ~~My reply~~ The answering question is: ~~is not~~ does not they the
govt ~~is just the chief ignoramus of the~~ uses of Statistics it had in
legislation and administration! (except to hurl
/deal damnation across the floor of Ho of C at the opposition Why?
Because
tho' of Cabinet Ministers, of the ~~vast~~ army of executive subordinates,
of both the Houses of Parlt, the great
~~W+~~ All legislation & administration must
ultimately rest on this basis - or it is only
experiment - see-saw-doctrinaire
shuttlecock

f177

majority have received an university
education. What has the University education
taught them of the practical application of
statistics? Many of the govt offices
have splendid Statistics. What use do
they make of them.

One of the last words of Dr. Farr of the
G.R.O. to me was - yes ~~do~~ you must get an Oxford
Professorship - don't forget it.

Quetelet gave me his Physique Social
& Anthropométrie. & said - like Sir
Isaac Newton: These are ~~this~~ only a few pebbles picked up
~~by~~ on the vast sea shore of Statistics

You know how he reduced the most
apparently accidental carelessness to ever recurring
facts *so that as long as* the conditions
exist the same "accidents" will recur With
absolutely unfailing regularity. I presume
that ~~every~~ no one but vaguely understands how that, if
you can alter the conditions wisely, the evils will diminish
of course.

[give us this heals of a scheme -
He said & Sir J. Herschel repeated after
him: put down what you expect from
such & such legislation - after -years, see

Add Mss 45809

f177v

whether you have it - but you change your
laws & your administering of them
without enquiry, after results past or present
Might I ask for your kind answer in
writing as to heads of subjects for the
scheme? Then that you would:
make an appointment some afternoon
as you kindly proposed to talk it
over & advise me?

f178

D [4]
~~India that~~ & the 250 millions of our fellow
subjects there enters so little into practical English
public life that foreigners scarcely know where
it is. It forms scarcely an element in our
calculations.

Whether the people there are growing richer
or poorer under our rule. Whether their
physical powers are deteriorating or not.
what are the manufactures or production
for the largest customer in ~~England~~ the world
the Govt of India which could be had as well

f178v

good as cheaply in India as in England
whether the native trades & handicraft are being
ruined or encouraged under our rule X
these things are I will not say hotly
contested, for nobody cares either in the Ho
of C or out, but the opposites are
positively asserted
X
what has been the result of Sir C. Wood's
Education of 1853?

F179 15 Feb 1891 letter to FN from E. Babb, Shoreditch Inf, asks to see
her, have often longed to see you. I am a Nightingale trained nurse but
have never had the chance of seeing you, but has been reading her
letters to the probs, has male ward 37 patients

Add Mss 45809

f180 16 Feb 1891 letter to FN from Sunnyside House, Princes Mall, Liverpool thanks for her telegram of good wishes to Royal Southern Hospital on opening of nurses' home Saturday [get date], poss Alice Adamson signature. It wd have done you good to hear the heart cheer that echoed through the hospital when I finished reading our telegram. B this post I take the liberty of sending you a photo of the nurses home also a programme of Sat's proceedings and a newspaper with full report all of which please do not return.

f182 Feb 27 1891 letter to FN from Wainwright, Treas St T. re making acquaintance, sends resolution

f184 letter to FN from Charlottenburg, Germany, in bad English re becoming a nurse, Marie van der Osten née de illeg. I take the liberty of writing to you on the following object. I ask of you the favor to allow my coming over as I shd like to take part at a course of nursing patients in your Thomas hospital on the first of April. You wd indeed greatly oblige me, Dear Madam, if you wd let me have a kindly answer as soon as possible, and if you would inform me of the conditions under which I wd enter into your place.

f186 March 12 [1891] letter to FN from M. Gertrude Scott, Johnstone District Nursing Assoc, I have been asked by Miss Peter, lady supt of the QVJ Institute Edinburgh to send you our report. I feel it quite an honour to do so.

Our population is 10,000 and our nurse has been a great success and the work goes on so nicely. We trust the work may continue to go on as it has begun an be a comfort and blessing to many.

I hope I have not trouble d you with my note, and perhaps you will look over our report.

ff188-91 March 13 1891 to My dear Sister from E.M.M. Snodgrass from Fort Pitt, Chatham. According to promise I must write and let you know how I am getting on in Chatham. My reception was most kind, all 3 sisters combined to make me welcome and with the arrival of a newcomer they seem to have "buried the hatchet" and all are united in trying to make things pleasant for me. I ignore the fact of their having been sworn foes and take it for granted that they enjoy each others' society and that each wishes the other's welfare--the consequence is we talk together of things of common interest and whereas before I believe even the meals were eaten in hurried silence.

My work is not heavy just now. I have been given what is called the Pneumonia Ward and is supposed to be purely medical, but I have an old fracture, a zynoviths? And a lumbar abscess so they evidently are not particular to keep out the surgical element.

I have only 15 beds just now but if more bad cases come in shall have another ward with the same number of men who must die I fear, a heart case with complications of dropsy and jaundice and a case of tubercle of lung and acute nephritis. The patients of course are nice-soldiers sick are very good. There is one orderly to nurse under you in each ward, but his time is chiefly occupied in running about, stretcher drill, and

Add Mss 45809

scrubbing and cleaning, so that very little of the actual nursing falls to his share.

We live in a genuine fort ramparts, and a dry moat all round. The hospital was the Army Medical School before Netley was built, then became a military lunatic asylum before that was taken to Netley, now we are simply a mil hosp about 250 beds, only the surgeons, medical staff corps men and sisters live in the fort, so we are quite a little community by ourselves. The surgeon in charge of my ward Mr Bond, seems a nice quiet gentlemanly man who knows and does his work. We are not far from the town and railway station, only about a ten minutes walk. The railway tunnel just before entering Chatham Station runs right under our fort. Our own quarters are old but roomy and comfortable and we are each allowed a fire in our own rooms every day,, so we are not tied to each others' company. I am settling down nicely, one's work is always such a help.

A Mrs Tyron has gone to St Thomas' to be operated on for fistula-she is known to my old nurse's sister Mrs Bell and she wrote asking if I cd get anyone to visit her that she mt not feel so lonely. She is a widow with 4 small children. The baby only a few months old. Her husband died last autumn the day after an operation in the throat for cancer. I do not know which ward she will be in but if you cd take a look at the poor thing I shall be very glad.

Miss Norman is taking her tour of inspection--we expect her here on Monday, her first round of the smaller hospitals since she was appted lady sup at Netley

I must close now, so with love, believe me, yours affectionately

f192 March 23 1891 letter to FN from [end of letter missing] 108
Brompton Road, London S.W. I take the liberty of writing to you for three reasons: 1st the interest you take in the women of India, 2nd the fact of my being a "Nightingale nurse," 3rd that Miss Crossland and Miss Persse have both encouraged me to do so. In order that you may be able to identify me, tho never had the privilege of seeing you, I will state a few particulars concerning myself. I went to St Thomas Hosp as prob in 1881, with a view to increasing my usefulness in the foreign mission field. When free to go abroad, the following year I went from district nursing to 500 Edgeware Rd and spent over two years very happily working under Miss Persse.

I 1886 instead of joining a Missionary Society, or going to ordinary Evangelistic work, such as I had for long looked forward to, the call came, clearly and distinctly, to a very bad, but terribly needed dept of Christian work, i.e. to the rescue of our degraded sisters of all nationalities in India. Miss Walker, who had been a fellow worker under Miss Persse, and who was one of the first district nurses under Mrs Craven, joined me a year later. The enclosed booklet will give you some idea of what we have been enabled to do.

Industrial Home for Women, Tardeo, Bombay

That some efforts shd be made to stem the tide of moral corruption and the unrestrained efforts of evil persons to ruin the bodies and souls of our sisters is an urgent necessity. You will see that the work is now on a sound financial basis, also that I have hitherto carried it on mostly

Add Mss 45809

at my own charges. The time has now clearly come to place the work on a broader foundation, both in order to enlarge its scope and to ensure its permanence.

I venture to write in the hope that you may feel drawn to use your great influence in interesting others in this effort. I have as yet only raised £530 towards the [breaks off]

, asks for help in raising money for, from 108 Brompton Rd. Was probationer in 1881, never met FN, then district nurse at Edgeware Rd with Persse, 1886 instead of joining missionary society went to work on rescue of our degraded sisters, Miss Walker, enclose booklet

F194 Ap 4 1891 letter to FN from Gertrude Wyld was elected out of 14 candidates matron at Infirmary Archway Rd., Upper Holloway, 650 beds, what I have wanted for a longtime, asks to come and see her.

f196 April 10 1891 letter to FN from Jean A. Wilkinson, 241 Shaftesbury Av, New Oxford St., London re letter (missing) she sent to her mother, Mrs Jason Wilkinson re tr for cousin Florence Shore, asks advice for her own becoming a nurse. I have a letter dated Sept 30 1882 wh you were kind enough to write to my mother, Mrs Jason Wilkinson, when she was making enquiries as to the best course of training in nursing, for her cousin Florence Shore. My cousin was, however, then too young, and has since taken up other work. It was this letter from you that first made me determine, when I was old enough, to become a nurse.

I now venture to ask if you will kindly advise me as to my best course. Perhaps, if you are able to see me, you will allow me to call and save you writing.

I shall be 25 next Dec, and since I lost my dear mother, nearly 2 years ago, I have had no special ties, so that I shd very much like to begin work with the new year. I find at St T. they do not take special probs till 26.

I shd, I think, eventually prefer hosp nursing, and I am anxious to get the best tr poss. I know I shd love my work. I hope you will forgive the liberty I have taken in writing to you, known how much you must have to do.

f198 April 11 1891 letter to FN from T.W. Evans, Allestree Hall, Derby, thanks for her most kind letter; the committee meets on Thursday eve, I will explain the matter to them and I am sure that they will be most anxious to meet your wishes in all respects

f199 April 22 1891 letter to FN from Lilian Parmiter, Parchment St., Winchester asks advice re books and articles for studying rise and progress of nursing, has been a hosp nurse for 6 years

f202 May 8 1891 letter to FN from L.M. Debenham, Ivy House, St Peter's Saint Albans, re district nurse for large and poor parish, with note about reply

f204 May 8th 1891 letter to FN from Rosalind Paget, Queen Victoria

Add Mss 45809

Jubilee Institute for Nurses, Regent's Park, sends enclosed from a Miss Noble, nursing in Australia, she has known her and Miss Lückes has

draft, ff205-05v, pencil, black-edged paper [10:840-41]

f205

Mr. S Digby

A. Letter from H.H. Thakore Sahib of Gondal
says he does not like to subscribe to a London
fund for all countries dated Edinburgh
important reigning prince from Katty a war - plenty
of money. studied medicine in this country.
(difficult to answer - must ask Sir W.W.)

B. Letter from Honble Iaverital &c Yajnik
member of Bombay legislative Council
expresses great interest as member of municipal Corp. May 12/91
in its daily questions. advises to invite experts [printed address]
to read papers on drainage, water supply etc. of large
10, South Street,
cities like Bombay, Calc, Mad., &c &c &c &c Park Lane, W.
Ollivant, Mun. Commissioner for 9 years returns home this May

f205v

C. Bombay Univ' will nominate delegates
how many?

D. Calcutta Trades' Assocn. nominates
Knight
Brookes in London as Delegates
[end 10:841]
Caithness

Bengal Chamber of Commerce
nominates as delegates
Sir A. Wilser [Sydenham [Wilson?]
very important man
Mr. McCann the other nominated

Add Mss 45809

ff206v-07 to FN from Gertrude A. Wyld, Holborn Union Workhouse Inf, Archway Rd, Upper Holloway, N. May 18th 1891, thanks for her texts: It wd not be possible on paper to tell you how the nurses received the beautiful texts you so kindly sent them...feel the honour. with enclosed letter 18th May f209, signed asst. matron May Jones, charge nurses, etc.

F210 21 May 1891 Wainwright letter to FN encloses list of those medical men who have signed the Medical Memorial, copy of which I sent a short time ago

f212 May 25 1891 telegram to FN from Wainwright, license refused, letter recd from board of trade, copy follow

f213 Wainwright note to FN herewith sends copy of bd of trade, f214, dated May 6 1891

f219 May 28 1891 letter to FN from E. Stains, Nurses Tr School, Liverpool, sends certificates as Rathbone requested
FN blue pencil note: No.! With the Certificate accompanying
FN pencil Private Nurses

f220 May 30 1891 letter to FN from E. Stains re certificate
FN blue pencil note No. 2

f221 June 10 [1891] letter to FN from Baroness von Rosen, 96 Earls Ct Rd, Kensington, was probationer at St Mary's Hosp, asks to meet. May I as a stranger since years has been one of your greatest admirers in London see you? Ten years ago I was a prob at St Mary's Hosp under Mrs Norris. Lady Strangford was a great friend of mine. I take a very active part in nursing. There are many things I would like to hear your opinion.

I am obliged to leave London on Wed, wd it be convenient to you to receive me Monday or Tuesday? Will you kindly let me know if you will see me at what hour?

f223 29 June 1891 letter to FN from Sarah Chapman Hand, Cyprus Society, Church House, Westminster, asks to visit, seeks FN's recognition of Cyprus nurses, Miss Chapman Hand begs to present her complts to Miss Nightingale and to request the privilege of seeing her on Sunday or Monday afternoon-for a very short interview relative to the Cyprus Nurses.

F224 letter 29 June 1886 [looks like 1896] printed Cyprus Society, the Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster SW Permit me to once again endeavour to obtain *your recognition* of our Cyprus Nurses.

A very pleasing testimony of the value of our two nurses' work at Nicosia will be given by Sir Elliott Bovich on the 7th July.

Since the very commencement of this organization I have *keenly* desired some touch of recognition at your hand, knowing so well that wheresoever and whensoever it is bestowed, it is a source of the highest satisfaction to nurses, and all those who are in any way helping forward

Add Mss 45809

their work, whether at home or afar.

I have ventured to enclose one of our Banker's forms, tho I believe a telegram from you at the commencement of our meeting wd be a record of great interest.

f227 2 July 1891 from Wainwright, Hotel Rome, Pontresna, thanks for kind letter (missing) of 25th ult re nursing, Rathbone, register, mentions doctors, nursing cause, J.G. Wainwright. Dropped care of philanthropic life, before leaving London sent Rathbone all the replies had recd from hosps and nurse tr schools respecting the 2nd rep, had polite note from Hicks Beach's sec re his request to have opp of adding by deputation to his kn re evils consider likely to arrive from the proposed register; looking at Times letter, Crichton Browne and Brudenell Carter shd appear at foot of 20 vulgar and ill judged a communication. Mrs Fenwick has not improved his position with the illustrious princess. I shall prob be back at my post early in Aug and ready to help forward by all means in plans re great cause of nursing the sick in which you so easily and disinterestingly have led our country.

f229 July 7 1891 letter to FN from Rosalind Paget, QVJIN re BNA ff256-59 M.A. Vousden from Christ Church to FN 14th Sept 1891. Mr Rathbone thinks you may have missed seeing the question asked in the House re the BNA as he had not seen it so I send a cutting from the Lancet.

Owing to the ill health of my mother I have been obliged to send in my resignation of the inspectorship of nursing to the council of the QVJIN today, but I have been able to work for 9 months longer than I expected when I accepted the appt in Jan 1890. The anxiety of the work has been very great but I shall always be grateful to it when I remember that it obtained for me the privilege of an interview with you. I have always tried during my inspections to impress on the nurses what you said to me about the district nurse being a sanitary reformer.

May I sign myself
your faithful nurse
Rosalind Paget

f230 July 8 1891 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham, Clayton Ward, ack gift

f232 July 14 1891 letter to FN from Julia Brinck, 30 Devonshire St., Portland Place W., asks to see before starts for Sweden

f233 July 23 1891 letter to FN from Louis M. McIntosh re his patient Mrs Ashforth who requested he write her re admission to a hosp. FN note at top:

F.N.

Case of a
Patient

Mrs Ashworth

1 Charles St, Blackpool. My patient Mrs Ashforth has requested me to write you a brief outline of her case and to say whether in my opinion

Add Mss 45809

she wd be benefited by admission to a hosp.

When she first came under my care in the November of last year, Mrs Ashforth was suffering simply from extreme weakness and prostration and as I thought to overwork and to the fact that she was nursing a healthy six months old baby.

The baby was then weaned and with proper rest and treatment she improve din health very considerably, but about the middle of December she had a sever attack of hepatic colic and on Dec 19th I noticed a tumor in the right side just below the edge of the liver. It was pear shaped and about two and a half inches long by one and a half broad and cd be felt very distinctly.

I never had noticed it before tho I had examined the region very carefully on several occasions

I thought it was a case of dilation of the gall bladder and this diagnosis was confirmed by Dr Kingsbury who saw the case with me on Jan the 25th of this year. Mrs Ashforth was seen also, I believe, by Dr Maconnell at Buxton whose opinion as reported to me was that it was either a tumor of the gall bladder or ovopoly? Of that organ.

Jaundice was never present at any time and for a long time there was no change in the symptoms or in the size of the tumor but during the last two moths it has certainly increased in size very much and the patient complains more of dragging pains in her side which almost prevent her doing her usual household duties altogether.

I am sure something cd be done for her in hosp and equally sure that it wd be imposs to carry out any line of tr properly in her own home where she has all the discomforts that usually accompany ltd means and a large family of young children.

f235 Aug 6 [1891] letter to FN from Marian Ritchie, Colwyn Bay, hon sec of Clapham Maternity, re cousin Annie McCall, ackn her letter and subscription and lying-in book. I hope your have some days since recd from my cousin (Annie McCall) an ack of your most kind letter and illeg and of your book on 'lying-in insts' which we shall value very greatly. I am away just now on a holiday of a few weeks--after an extra busy time (the remove of our little hospital to larger premises during the absence through illness of our two head medical women!) But immediately on my return to harness I shall take the greatest possible pleasure and interest in comparing your views with our method practice and trying to conform as far as possible with ideal.

I am most anxious that our work should be in every way of the best.

We are very heartily grateful to you for your interest and your support. I remain, ys very truly, Marion Ritchie, hon sec Clapham Maternity

f237 Aug 7 1891 letter to FN from Gertrude Wyld, Inf, Upper Holloway London. My committee have asked me my idea of training probationers here, as we find it so difficult to get nurses and those we have had lately apply are without hardly any training. It was suggested that the large number present there was owing to the work you had done, and really when one looks round amongst so many nurses to teach, that the training of so many women is indebted to the example and influence of

Add Mss 45809

one (yourself) one sees how very little in life one does, compared to your great work.

When you have a moment to spare to write, may I again ask if you wd kindly send us a little card signed, to put inside the glass of the text you so kindly gave the nurses here. I hope you keep fairly well and with my love, yrs affectionately,

f239 Aug 21 1891 letter to FN from Annie Hunt, Wilmcote House, Tamworth, sends requested address (letter missing) and re paper on domestic sanitation mentioned. I venture to enclose the address you so kindly asked for, and I trust I may have the pleasure of receiving the paper on domestic sanitation you so kindly promised to buy and procure for me. May I express the extreme pleasure it has given me to be recd by you. I cannot tell you what it was to me to see the face of one of England's greatest heroes, and to have the honor of her kind sympathy and understanding. I shall keep the sweet flowers for ever and remember always how graciously and tenderly they were given. With immense respect and appreciation I remain Annie Hunt

f242 Aug 28 [1891] letter to FN from Lydia Constable, Gordon Boys' Home, sends photo of hospital and thanks for graphics recd, boys like, re Mr Bevan, chaplain, took boys tenting to Weymouth

ff244-49 25 Aug 1891

note. Please return to F.N. letter to FN from Christian E. Guthrie Wright, Edinburgh re nurses and pension fund in Scotland

f250 7 Sept 1891 HBC draft to Miss Wright I have read your account of the work of the QVNJ in Scotland with very great interest, esp what you say with regard the way in wh the nurses are appreciated and the good influence they exercise. I have no doubt that judging from the excellent progress made by you in so short a time, Scotland will soon be far ahead of England and such friendly rivalry shd tend to good.

I shall have much pleasure in acceding to your request and feel honoured by the having my name connected with so promising a work.

After carefully considering your conditions, I do not feel myself able to make any criticism or suggestion. They seem to be very practical and well considered. Perhaps it mt be desirable to provide for the possibility of alterations being made in the future to met altered circs such for instance as the lapse of the system of Queen's Nurses, age of recipient or otherwise. Power mt be reserved for the council with your consent during your lifetime and after your death at their discretion or subject to some limitation as to difference of opinion, to make alterations in the conditions.

With regard to what you say respecting your nurses being single, might it not be desirable to place the single nurses under some local Central Branch so as to give them more frequent and ready communication with a home and the home supt. Nurses mt be occasionally interchanged and at any rate enjoy some social advantages.

f252 11 Sept 1891 letter to FN from Katherine Perssè, Paddington and

Add Mss 45809

Marylebone District Nursing Assoc 510 Edgeware Rd re poor Mrs Zanelli. I have been this morning to see Mrs Zanelli. She was up and about and her husband was going to his work, which is selling rabbit skins and rags. Illeg. The lady who has for a long time paid her rent 5/ per week has been obliged to discontinue doing so but will help a little. The only certain money she has now to depend on is 2/ per week from Church Friends. Mrs Zanelli speaks fairly and openly. She will no doubt illeg and get all she can, but I really think she is honest in telling what she received. I went on to see Miss Shelligan and talked the matter over with her and the concl we came to was if those that are disposed to give sent the money to Miss Shelligan and made it up to 10/ per week it wd prevent begging and ensure some comfort to the poor woman.

.... lists funds, FN 2/ per week
so that if you approve of giving 2/ per week the sum is already made up. Thank you very much for helping illeg people that do not require into our work place have no plan of the incalculable benefit and inf we get in our relations with the sick poor. Their nature seems altogether changed. Katharine Persse.

f254 17 Sept 1891 letter to FN from K Perssè thanks for her contribution re Mrs Zanelli. Thank you so much for your contr to our work. A recognition from you always gives me renewed vigor and energy, as you quite understand. The hindrances and rejoin with us in the advances made and after illeg gives steady work here. I can see that we have won the hearts and confidence of the people and est illegs beyond our expectation.

Miss Deyns who is with me at present temporarily likes the poor, has a bright pleasant manner with them and is liked by them, clever and energetic, cd give very good conversational inst or lecture if required, has been trained in midwifery, gentle and kind in her manner, wd I think answer well for what you require and wd like it. She will b with me to the end of this month. Miss Deyns was a governess and can give most satisfactory evidence of her qualifications.

I am glad you see it right to help poor Mrs Zanelli. I shall look in sometimes and see how she gets on. If the husband can make something of his rabbit skins they ought to get on.

ff256-59 Sept 19 1891 Emily Aston, St Mary's Home, Christ Church, Canterbury, forgive not having written before, waited to have something of interest about the work her, after nearly a month. I hope you will pardon me for not having wr to you before. I have waited hoping to have something of interest to tell you about my work here, but after nearly a month I am afraid I have not much to tell that will interest you but is very full of interest to me and becomes daily more so. It is not nursing neither is it the work that Miss Jordan ask me to come out here to do, but it is the work that we found waiting for us and for which no one else seem ready. Miss Torlese had a plan in her head about the work she wanted to do and the way in which she wanted to do it, but our ways are not always good ways, if the work be truly his work it must be done his way and oh I do think that is such a blessed rest and comfort for as the heavens see higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than our ways,

Add Mss 45809

and his thoughts than our thoughts, it all seems so plain to me. And Father says you want to work for me, my child, do you? Well, so you shall, but as the work is to be my work, so the way in wh it is to be done must be mine, who you will not trouble to make plans about it that is my business. I do not understand by that that I am not to use my brain and all the talents that God has give me, be they many or few, but I think one is so much stronger for his work and freed for his service if one just lets God make his own plans about his own work. It is the secret of my joy in the Lord and in my work, so of course is to me a profound truth.

The lady that was in charge of this home was ask to resign just after we arrived in Ch Ch, it had not been managed in a satisfactory manner for some time past and in rather a sad condition when we took charge of the 23rd of Jan. I will not say anything about the way in wh it was managed before, it is no business of mine. I was not in Ch Ch. Miss Torlese works (and I entirely go with her) to restore these girls, no matter how bad they have been, to make them get respectable service or to return them to their friends. We have been very much encouraged by the marked improvement in their talk and manners and have been confirmed by their own work, in or own little chapel. In the home by the bishop of Ch Ch (his name is Julius). Miss Torlese is a deep teacher in spiritual things and takes great pains in instructing these girls. My work is of a humbler kind. I hold p her hand to the best of my ability and we work in perfect unity. I do not know how long we shall be here the work is growing but the workers are few. I have enclosed a paper I thought perhaps you mt like to read the message there spoken of was founded by a brother of Torlese and one or two other nearby 30 years ago, but like this home has sunk rather low in the mgt, but we hope now it will shortly be on a better footing. Will o pray for us that God will give us strength for the work required of us and that he will raise up more workers. I hope to have more nursing to do before long.

We had a splendid voyage out as far as Melbourne where we changed boats and stayed 5 days, from Melbourne to Lyttleton we have a rather rough time of it, we landed at a little place called Hobart on the morning of Christmas day and spent the whole day on shore, we were in time for the cathedral service in the morning. We were so glad to be able to spend that day on land and to take part in our beautiful service.

We landed at several places on our way out, 1st at Gibraltar, then at Naples. We took the train at Naples and went to see Pompeii, it filled me with strange feelings to see all the things that have been brought to light after being buried so very many hundred years, it is wonderful how they have been preserved, then we called at Port Said where we saw just a little bit of the customs of the East, such as the money changers sitting at the corner of the veiled women, the water bottles carried on the head, the water skins filled taken to houses and emptied, but while the people did all look so dirty and so many of the poor little children that we saw had such dreadful eyes and were so dreadfully dirty I just longer to work their and cleanse their poor eyes. Then through the Suez Canal wh was full of interest, we next landed at Colombo and that is most lovely, so clean both Place and people, such a contrast to Port

Add Mss 45809

Said and altho the custom is for the people to go about nearly naked it does not shock you in the least, they wash, cook and eat by the wayside and just have little bits of houses to sleep in.

Ch Ch is not by any means a grand place, it does not seem by any means a wealthy place. I shd think it has seen better days. The people don't seem half alive, they have no enthusiasm. Ch Ch is surrounded by hills, the town being quite flat. My health has been very good since coming here, I have not felt so well for a long time as I have here and have been in Ch Ch.

I am sending this to Miss Vincent to post as I do not know where to address to you. I do trust this will find you in fairly good health, dear Madam, if any time you shd be led to write me you will know how much I shd prize a letter from you. Believe me with many thanks for your great kindness...

f260-65 Oct 8 1891 letter of Emily Aston, Colonial Hosp Gibraltar to FN

I heard from Miss Stanley during the enquiry with regard to the mgt of the Eastern Hospital, Homerton, that you were watching the course of events and were much interested in the issue.

Miss Stanley said she thought I cd have said more against Dr Collie's admin. This is true, but much of the additional evidence I cd have given was of a personal nature, having reference to his character as a man, and I as well as the lawyer who acted for the complainants worked to avoid this, besides I cd not prove many things I mt have brought forward, because the nurses from whom I had the details were then giving evidence in the medical supt's favor. I hope however enough has been said to place the future mgt on a different footing.

I have not fallen upon a bed of roses here.

The native sec of the hosp has managed to get his step da appointed as sister (she tried previously for my post). She is a woman with a very unfortunate family history, which is well known on the Rock and her intimate acquaintances are for the most part men of questionable character but, unluckily, two of them hold important positions in this place.]FN red line]

When she found she cd not secure the post of matron she said in a hosp this size a matron was not required and that when opportunity offered sh shd try to introduce the means of economy to the notice of the governing body. The new governor, Sir Lothian Nicholson [FN red und] is said to have chosen as his chief advisor two of this woman's friends, Mr S Buckle, Colonial engineer, and Mr Cavendish Boyle, col sec.

He, Sir Lothian, is on the com of the London Hosp, and when he was apptd as gov the two English sisters rec by Miss Luckes and I hoped for great enc and support [ref FN side]. However from his first views, expressed to me of these sisters when I was in England, that the hosp shd as speedily as poss be nursed entirely by English trained nurses he has now swerved to the extent of sending an official rec to the commissioners that the office of matron shall be abolished, and that no action shall be taken about increasing the staff of English nurses. A matron he considers an expensive luxury rather than a useful ancillary in a small hosp [FN red line]

The present chairman is the chief justice, Sir Henry Burford Hancock,

Add Mss 45809

he has been most kind and since his appt in April 1890 when the former chairman, Mr Cavendish Boyle, col sec, resigned he has done everything in his power to improve matters.

He finds the governor will not support him, and is holding office by special request from Downing Street. When he told me, as the result of a recent interview about their hospital, *Sir Lothian Nicholson is well known* as A WEAK OFFICIAL, extremely likely to be influence by *clever and unscrupulous persons!!!!* [FN pencil und], There is a strong feeling here on the party of the R.C. community to wh the native sec and his step daughters belong against all other denominations and one of the commissioners has already strongly supported the governor's views regarding the reorganizing proposed as to abolish the office of matron. This will give the native sister the rank of senior sister and will very much strengthen their position.

The native sister was trained at St Bartholomew Hosp. I have made enquiries about her thro Miss Isla Stewart, and find that she and the most reliable of the sisters held her in very low esteem, but she managed to secure most excellent testimonials from some of the medical staff with which suppressing Miss Stewart's testimonial, which was not flattering, she gained admission here.

Her step father and the R.C. element generally, chose a board day when two Englishmen who were thought to be unfavorable to her were absent, and so the appt was made.

I think upon the whole it will be wiser for me to take no action until I receive formal intimation from the board that my services are no longer required. It is however common talk in the town, and as the native sister has [above FN side pencil mark] connections amongst the subordinate staff, laundry maids, etc., it is well known in the hosp that an attempt is being made to weaken the English influence.

I think the two sisters I have mentioned as having come out from the London Hosp will leave at the expiration of their engagement, this will end in about 4 months time. I mean they will leave if the native element is to be supreme. This considering Miss Riley the native sisters personal character will be for their future interest.

[FN 3 lines on side]

I shall be very grateful if you can send me a few lines of ADVICE
always yours faithfully

f266 Oct 24 1891. ff266-67 letter to FN from Louis M. McIntosh, 1
Charles Street, Blackpool Oct 24 '91 with FN note written on it

f266

Please
return to
F.N.

f267 after the letter

FN: Extract from Mrs. Ashforth's
own letter Oct 26/91

"I got up a little on Saturday
"for the first time since

Add Mss 45809

"undergoing my Examination,
"I have been very sick & ill
"all week. My Dr will have
"told you that they have come
"to the conclusion that it is my
"right kidney that is out of its
"place, and is attached to the
"Liver. My Dr. wants very much

267v

"to send me to the Manchester
"Infirmary fo ran operation
x x x

"I am afraid I shall not
"be nearly as happy as I was
"at St. Thomas' But I must
"not think only of myself."

On second thought I think
I will send you part of
her letter to me, that you
may see what sort of
woman she is.

F.N.

F268 Oct 27 1891 incomplete letter to FN from The Grange, Shenley, Herts, [address of Annalee Gibbs] thanks for hers of 26th re nursing and nurse not being relieving officer. I quite agree with you that the nurse shd merely attend and nurse the sick people and shd not in any sense be used as a relieving officer, but to give proper attention to the sick poor, a certain amount of connection with the "wealthy" appears necessary to provide them in case of need with medicine, soup &c.

There is and has been a nurse for some time who does her work I believe well but owing to lack of supervision and support she has been in many cases unable to be of as much service as she wd otherwise have been. The object of this present com is to supply this deficiency and as we meet next week I fear that it is too late to make use of your suggestion to employ one of the assocs which you mention. I will see that your views are put before the com, but I think the better plan will be to see how this system works as we have gone so far.

Are we to understand that you do not see your way to let your name appear on the committee?

Pardon me asking again. [Grange home of Gibbs, 1st and 2nd Baron Aldenham, Conservative political family]

f270 Oct 31 1891 letter to FN from Josephine Ingham, Bishops Ct, Sierra Leone re Princess Christian Cottage Hospital intended for training of educated African women, asks for advice. The warm and very practical interest you have always shown in the noble art of nursing the sick emboldens me to write and if possible ensure your sympathy in the undertaking for the first time on the West Coast of Africa, of our "Princess Christian Cottage Hospital." This is intended for the tr of

Add Mss 45809

educated African women by English lady nurses, and I cannot but think that if you wd send us a few words of counsel and advice, such words wd be highly prized as coming from so honoured a lady as yourself.

It seems asking much, perhaps but you cannot fail to understand how deeply anxious I am as the mover of the scheme, that we shd start on right lines. I enclose a card which explains our ideas, and I think that perchance you may be acquainted with someone endowed with like enthusiasm in this grand cause as yourself who cd lend a helping hand by filing it.

Pardon my addressing you, being personally a stranger, but I am one of those who followed and admired your great self-sacrificing work and shall indeed value any suggestions you may make.

f272 undated draft, HBC hand. The Bishop of Sierra Leone. Ackn letter of 31 Oct. I regret very much that the state of my health and the very promiscuous calls upon my strength and time and means prevent my giving you any useful aid on the promotion of the good work which you desire to set on foot. How far the native women afford material capable of being trained as nurses for the sick only can judge who are fully acquainted with the character and habits and are also themselves qualified as trained nurses. I wd venture to suggest that pending the completion of the hospital it might be prudent to engage a superior trained nurse to go out who mt be employed in nursing patients in a temporary hosp and in their own homes and so acquire a knowledge of the native women and also gain experience of the special conditions of the place as to climate and otherwise while acting as a pioneer be in a position to advise as to the feasibility of training native women and to afford valuable assistance in obtaining other English nurses if required. As soon as the arrs are complete, applications shd be made to the lady supt of the tr sch at St T,, some other tr hosps re question her to recommend an eligible candidate and she wd I am sure if the conditions were satisfactory do her best to find you some.

f273 undated from Sarah Ellen Ashforth, 24 Est Lapping St., Blackpool I have recd the beautiful jelly quite safe and I do thank you so much for it. I am thankful to tell you I am still keeping better and all being well shall go to Manchester on Thursday. I will write to you, dear Madam, as soon as I can after I return telling you what my doctor in Manchester says about me. I cannot help rather dreading the journey, but your very kind present will help me to go much more comfortable than I cd have gone myself. I am sure dear Madam both my husband and myself are truly grateful to you for all your great kindness to me and as the hymn says

O trust thyself to Jesus
In days of feebleness
When thou cant only humbly feel
thy utter helplessness
Then is the hour for proving
His mighty power in thee
Then is the time for singing
His grace sufficeth me

Add Mss 45809

I know I am in my Father's care and He will never leave me

My husband joins me in loving duty to you, I am dear Madam, yours very
respectfully

Sarah Ellen Ashforth

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45811, microfilm, 283 folios, 61 pages, general correspondence 1891-93, Adam Matthew reel 37

f1 Annie Greenhaugh Nov 3 91. From Crimea Farm, Pye Bridge. letter to FN thanks for hers, has heard from Gordon no admission, and can't wait, has left situation Nov 3 1891

f2 letter of Hesba Stretton to FN, Nov 6 1891 from Clapham, forgive for writing again, asks approval of scheme, she won't have to answer letters, they can be forwarded to her

f4 Dec 5 1891 letter to FN from M.E. Hitchins, Dublin Co thanks for lovely cross and letter sent to her sister, Miss Mayne, late sister of St T

f6 Dec 16 1891, letter to FN from Eleanor E. Rust, Nursing Institute, Bangor, replies to hers, sends copies of rules and last annual report

f8 Dec 17 1891, letter to FN from A.M. Messum, Albert Ward, tells elected matron Canterbury. You are always so present to your nurses that I could not bear to enter upon new work without telling you I have been elected to the matronship of Canterbury Hospital.

It is nothing at present but heartache, and you will know what I mean better than I can say, and will understand how great is my regret--most of all for giving up the work I might have done so much better, the dying I might have been more to, the young people I might have been gentler and more helpful with. So much I have allowed to be crowded out through stress and hurry. I am sometime since my appointments I have wondered if it is right and wise to give up the actual handling of, and doing for, those maimed sick, where hands, eyes and ears through long use and practice are skilled and I wish I might be obliged to remain a ward nurse all my life. But again the last year has shaken me so much that I am less fit to continue here for any long time, and since a change must come it might be wise before I am older and perhaps more feeble.

The Canterbury Hosp has 105 beds, 5 nurses, 8 prob, 11 servants. I am not greatly afraid of the nursing power in me but I doubt greatly my housekeeping qualifications, but I mean to do my best to avoid bringing any sort of discredit on the training I have always been too grateful for receiving.

Please forgive my troubling you with all this. With much reverence, ever dear Miss Nightingale, yours very sincerely

f10 Dec 21 1891 letter to FN from M. Cunningham, 11 Egerton Gdns, London re Poona complaint, encloses letter of C.E. Bernard. This is Sir C Bernard's answer with regard to the Poone Lonely's complaint. *You will see that there is really no ground on which you could with reason address the sec of state or the viceroy* [FN red und] and that the gentleman are asking is a *curtailment of the independence* [FN red und], which they are so eager to obtain.

The Poona S Sabha is I imagine not a very valuable Lonely. When we

Add Mss 45809

went round India on the *Famine Commission* and begged them to suggest any reforms *in administration, they would not even take the trouble of making one,*

I was much concerned to hear that Sir Harry was poorly and trust that he is convalescent. London is bound today in a cold fog. I hope that you are keeping pretty well despite floods and posts. Believe me, dear Miss Nightingale, ever your.. J. Cunningham

f12 letter to Cunnigham 21 Dec 1891 from C.E. Bernard FN und. Re Bombay Local Boards Act

f14 Dec 27 1891 letter to FN from K. Perssè, Paddington and Marylebone District Nursing Assoc, thanks for evergreens

ff15-16 Dec 29 1891 from Albert Ward, letter to FN from Messum. Your dear kind letter came as a benediction. I am most grateful to you for it. With so many calls upon your guidance from better folk, it was so good and thoughtful to remember me.

When I look back at the nine years of peace and happiness here (in which the troubles have been mostly of my own making) I wonder how I shall get on without the sturdy influence of this place. With all its faults so true and strong. Before going up to the hospital at Canterbury on the day of election I went into the beautiful cathedral and could only hope I might not obtain the post unless power was given me to be helpful in it. The thought of being "Mother" instead of "Sister" does comfort me a little. I mean to make that my flag which I must try never to reach [?] down.

To my rough London lads I think I have been "Sister" in most ways. If I may dare just at long intervals, write to you, and you must not forget your Canterbury nurses (if you can find room for her). May God spare you to us all many new years. With all loving reverence, dear Miss N, ever yours gratefully A.M. Messum

unsigned memorandum, ff17-18, pencil & pen, black-edged paper

f17

[5:703-04]

For Mr Burton Lea School at his request [1st line blue pencil]

To teach the girls & to make them write

down - what to do with their beds - not to

make the bed except after airing -

What to do with their brush & comb -

the cleanliness of their rooms -

the dust & fluff under their beds -

not to shut up a wet towel or duster -

the state into which wet towels & dusters

would come if shut up -

the care of crockery - how dirty your jugs

get inside

f17v

Add Mss 45809

2 You must have something definite for
the boys to write down - not merely an idea
- & then they will be able to write letters -
[how few boys & girls x can write a letter now.]
a girl who has been 8 or 10 years at school,
Write down, boys, what you would like
to be in after life - 1. sailors - & the rig of the vessels
they are to describe
2. coachmen - bring out their love
& knowledge of animals, if any especially of donkeys,
3. gardeners
bring out their knowledge of vegetables & flowers
&c &c
& your reasons for preferring this or that
3. gardeners. You have a Flower-show at Holloway -
x a girl who has been 8 or even 10 years at school, if she
goes to service, cannot write a decent letter for her
mistress - not even at her mistress' dictation. If she could, it would
doubtless raise her wages

f18

3. Write down, girls what you would like to do
in after life - qy to have the care of children
& what you would do - give them hints
on Hygiene
on Superstitions *train their minds to think*
fat &
teach the mischief of salt provisions lean bacon
to soak bacon
the value of milk - [how little milk is given
even to children]
of brown bread - wholemeal bread
ripe & unripe fruit - stone fruit
diarrhoea & constipation
care about foods ~~in these~~ to be avoided
as producing these

f18v

[4]
to teach the girls to give up their superstitions
& ignorances
to teach them how to take care of babies
e.g. (fat bacon instead of milk is often given
out of ignorance to puny infants in some counties {pencil}
It is quite common in many counties for people who could well afford
a moderate quantity of milk for their children to send all their milk
up to London, or to sell it at the next town. Thus also there is
no milk to be bought by the villagers in their own village,
unless the Landowner sells it out of kindness.
open the children's chests with drill & exercises

[end 5:704]

Add Mss 45809

1891

Add Mss 45809

initialed letter, ff19-20, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

f19

{2} to Burton
There is a deal of Nursing, {printed address:} 10, South Street,
good, bad & indifferent, Park Lane. W.
taught up & down the country,
There is no health in the Home:
taught; tho' there are masses
of Sanitary publications -
When I say this, pray do not
think I want to wait till
the educated women are found
& trained to teach in the
cottages. Far from it -
We want Sanitary School=
masters. ~~men~~ We want
men like you who consider
that education does not end
with boys & girls leaving
the Elementary Schools -
that perhaps the age *after*
this is almost the most

f19v

important for young men
& women - that Classes
in Science & Art &c are
the way to carry on Education
& keep many a man from
degrading himself -
that it is a blessed thing
that County Councils
have taken up Technical
Education to fill up this
gap which comes after
Elementary Education
that Reading rooms with
rooms & games for boys
- with refreshments - &
evening entertainments &
musical classes & others -

Add Mss 45809

f20

with Cricket for the summer
are an important step
for filling up the gap for
men & boys -

that 'Health in the Home'
training & classes for mothers & girls,
cookery & laundry practical classes,
& mending clothes & cutting
out practical classes for mothers &
girls to keep many a girl out of mischief are an equally
important step for carrying
on education

which should only end
with our lives -

God bless you -

You must be fully occupied till
after the Examn Don't take
the trouble to write except a
simple acknowledgment F.N.

Add Mss 45809

f20v

Bird killing Clubs - prizes
- catch all the birds in traps &
nets. not shoot them -
& of course the traps do no
recognize the difference
distinguish between

a Robin & a Jackdaw
Small birds & Singing Birds
actually disappearing
notwithstanding "Wild Birds
Preservation Act.

Crops & Fruit destroyed by insects
which the birds WOULD have
destroyed - & then the people say,
'It's the birds done it.'

"Half Hours for the Field & Forest"

Chaps IV, III, p.p. 129 - 152
also p.p. 190 - 3

killing their best friends when
they kill the birds

agriculturists & gardeners

{the following upside down & in pencil}

Above all, avoid in a class of the
comparatively uneducated, the doctrine of
"germs", "bacilli", "bacteria" - all that
fashionable farrago & way of explaining
disease

other than by
dirty air, dirty
water, dirt
any where

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, f21, pen, draft?

f21 {arch: [1891?]}

My dear Miss Calder

First of all, I might well be taking Practical hints from you instead of you from me.

2. I ought to apologize that I had no time before, except to submit to you the Syllabus.

3. I beg you not to read this till your useful Conference is over, to which I wish all success.

With regard to our Health in Home business; is not the best way to ensure success to do only a little, & do that little very completely -

to take only a small section of the work of sanitation - namely health at

f21v

the home - & make the cottage home healthy
This, the *rural* home, is moreover a section that has never been taken before & is really a larger section than at first appears.
If this succeeds, the remainder of the work will be diminished in amount.
The syllabus shows that of

copy of a telegram, f22, typewritten

f22 Copy telegram handed in at S. Audley St. Feb 16/92

WELCH BUTCHER

PADDINGTON ST. BAKER ST W
YOUR NECK MUTTON TENDER AND EXCELLENT PLEASE LET US
HAVE LEG MUTTON AS GOOD FOR TOMORROW WEDNESDAY
NIGHTINGALE

Add Mss 45809

f23 Feb 21 1892 from 15 Portland Place W., [W Moon?] illeg returns memo signed re sanitation of villages. I return the memo signed. Unless they spend more on the sanitation of villages I do not see that much can be done. The sanitation of small villages is a most difficult question. Nothing less than rebuilding and altering the site would sanitize some of them. I am quite sure the latrine system is a mistake. The female esp dislike the latrines. The latrines can never be kept perfectly clean. They do not provide for sick people. They are expensive. There are not "mehlars" sufficient. And the system induces the people to make private privies which are never cleansed. For small villages I believe the ancient usage of the people under certain limitations is more suited to the climate. There shd be more stringent regulations against defilement of water. More authority ought to be given to some officials, but in order to prevent abuse of such powers there ought to be san members of council, also a san member of the India House Council. And these authorities shd decide finally as to the practicability of san proposals. [FN side highlights]

I think Mr Lionel Ashbourne CSI formerly on the Bombay Council would sign the memo. His address is 9/A Gloucester Place, Portman Sq. I could send him a memo if you would supply me with one. Yours very sincerely

f25 Feb 24 1892 letter to FN from M.A. Vousden St Mary's Home Addington, Christ Church NZ. Thank you oh so much for your beautiful letter it was so kind of you to think of me, I have not time to write a letter by this mail. I am sending you a report of the work of S Saviour's Guild and will write you a letter as soon as I am able. Believe me, dear Madam, your s most faithfully.

FN pencil note

In sacred remembrance of
Commre W. Healy
with F.N.'s deepest sympathy
for his sorrowing widow
and may the love of ~~Ch~~ God
be with him & us!
March 2/92

f28 March 3 1892 letter to FN from Messum, Kent and Canterbury Hosp. You were good enough to say you would care to hear from me so I venture to send you a small letter. I trust this severe weather has not tried you too much. The wind is so penetrating.

I think you would feel sadly if you could see how roughly and coarsely this place has been nursed. After our beautiful hospital with its order and fitness this is painful. I found only one bath in the house. That a fixed one on the top floor used for skin cases mostly. Two basins between 41 male surgical patients and many other things to watch.

Quite sick feeble folk were obliged, at night to get out of bed if they needed to go to the draughty lavatory, and my suspicion that beds were rarely stripped was too well verified.

But the Bd of Mgt has been most good to me. They have given me all I asked for and it was a heavy order.

Baths are to be fitted on each floor and one for the nurses.

Add Mss 45809

We are to keep our probs two years (the larger number have only remained one) and last of all I am to have a night supt, this last cannot be managed for three months.

I find it most anxious work, for there has been no attempt at teaching probs, so that when I asked one of the night nurses what was the matter with a poor man who was very very unmistakably a heart case she answered "Ah he is a dreadful fidget, the doctors shy h's got a *dropsy*."

I found my books far away from their intelligence so I sent for one or two "Domvilles" Miss Luckes' book on "Home and Hospital Nursing." I have found and sent them out.

I have as much as I could simplified the old note books from "Home Sister's" classes, and Mr Croft, Dr Bristowe's lectures and we have three classes a week--they are my nicest bits.

Sunday evenings I spend in the wards, the charge nurses go to church and I can help in the old way.

But I am heartsick for St Thomas and would dearly love to go back. I try not to think about it.

The charge nurses are not behaving nicely. They bear punctuality badly but two have left, they resigned the day before I came, and I hope their successors may teach the remaining ones better things.

The resident house surgeon means well, but he is rather a vulgar man, son of one of the small tradesmen here. He is a thorn because he has been here eight years and thinks things are right.

But I must not weary you, only as you gave me permission to write to you I was too glad to avail myself of the great honour.

I am trying to be wise and patient, but I often say the wrong thing. I am not naturally prudent....The cooking book is far too useful for the doctors.

f32 March 3 1892 letter to FN from G.V. Poore, Hon Sec Gen International Congress of Hygiene and Demography returns her docs, wishes success, sends material on tropical sanitation

f33 March 7 1892 embossed IO letter to FN from George Birdwood, IO returns her note duly signed

f34 March 11 1892 typed letter to FN from illeg, Scientific Press, The Hospital, publishers re nurse tr, reproducing portrait she was "kind enough" to give editor of The Hosp, FN!!! asks for a letter

f35 letter, looks dictated, signed by Naoroji, copy in NAI, Janpath 15th March 1892 to FN: I return the memorandum signed. I have not attended to Indian matters lately, but I feel sure that any facts and figures put forward by you will be all right.

About my candidature, the situation is this. I have got the enclosed pamphlet ready for issuing to the Electors of Central Finsbury and to the Public. But Lord Ripon has latterly interested himself in the matter, and I have to wait till I receive a final result from him. If it is satisfactory, there will be no need for issuing this pamphlet. It will give you some idea, thought not fully of the trouble and worry, I may say persecution I have gone through for ...than three years. If you

Add Mss 45809

can in any way help ...obligation. In India they are all most anxious about the result of my efforts. I enclose separate copy of the resolution passed by the Congress. Hoping you are enjoying good health, yours very truly Dadabhai Naoroji

f36 March 19 1892 letter to FN from Margaret St Clair, former Nightingale prob, re Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute RC TR Home, Dublin, one of district patients a Crimean pensioner, a soldier who had actually come under your own personal nursing care. He told me of how while lying in the trenches, a bullet was through his hand and of how he had been taken to the hospital at Scutari where he saw "Miss 'n dressed it herself for me. God bless her"! The poor man is dying now of nephritis and has not many days, if hours, to live. But his pleasure was real and unaffected when I told him I was a Nightingale nurse, taught at your school in London and privileged in how soever small away of following in your footsteps, and it is the certainty that you will be pleased to hear of the gratitude and respect borne to you by my old Irish patient causes me to write to you now. Please forgive my informality and maybe intrusion. Your name ..to one of the nurses...regard as chief

unsigned letter, ff38-43, typewritten, published in *India* 200

f38 {arch: [21 March 1892]} **[10:366-68]**

to the Rt. Honble. Viscount Cross, P.C., G.C.B., etc.,
H.M. Principal Secretary of State for India.
My Lord,

The strong interest which, as Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, your Lordship has shown in the sanitary progress of that country, and especially the active steps which were taken through the India Office to bring India within the scope of the last International Congress of Hygiene and Demography, embolden me to address your Lordship regarding that branch of the subject in which I take a special and personal interest, I mean Indian Village Sanitation.

In the Bombay Presidency much attention has been given by the authorities to this subject. And desirous of helping in this work I have during the last five years been corresponding with several of the leading Native organisations, asking them actively to use their influence in spreading among the villagers an elementary knowledge of sanitary requirements. On the occasion

f39

of the Congress I addressed a letter (Appendix A.) to the Presidency Association and the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha, urging them to bring before the Congress detailed and accurate information regarding the condition and wants of the rural population. In response to this request the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha sent three Papers to be read at the congress. But at the same time they pointed out the difficulties which attended the progress

Add Mss 45809

of sanitation in their Province. They stated that, according to their experience, the Bombay Village Sanitation Act, 1889, failed to produce the desired results, because the Act did not reserve a definite portion of the village cesses to meet the expenses of sanitation; while the rural population were too poor to bear further taxation. They therefore expressed a hope that the Congress might be moved to invite the attention of the Indian authorities to this financial difficulty.

3. There was not opportunity of obtaining from the congress an expression of opinion of the kind desired. But the insanitary

f40

condition of Indian rural villages was much discussed at the special Indian Meetings held in connection with the Congress. And the accompanying copy (Appendix B,) of a Memorandum by Members of the Indian Committee of the Congress will show how strongly the need is felt for active measures to reduce existing evils.

4. In reply to the Poona Sarvajanic Sabha I sent a letter (Appendix C.), in which I renewed my plea in favor of popularizing sanitary instruction. But in doing so I felt how little could be done to improve the rural health conditions without adequate funds; and I also felt how difficult it must be to make the cause popular in the villages if the new movement in favor of sanitation is associated with fresh taxation demands, especially when the villagers have already paid a cess levied to meet the same requirements. Many ancient prejudices have to be overcome, so that it is most important that there should be no fresh grounds of aversion. I have therefore felt it my duty to

f41

bring their request to the notice of your Lordship. Through the courtesy of the India Office I have been favored with the perusal of documents showing the origin of the village Cesses above referred to. And I understand that they were originally contributions voluntarily paid for village purposes. Afterwards the cesses were made leviable by law, and the power of directing the expenditure was vested in the Local Boards. But the Government have always recognised the principle of "localization" (as laid down by H. E. Sir Philip Wodehouse), which gives to village necessities the first claim upon the proceeds of the village cess. From our point of view reasonable sanitation is the first of these necessities, and therefore we feel strongly that this necessity should be provided for in preference to the needs less directly affecting life and health.

5. We *must* live in order to work. We must *live* in order to drive the cart or cross the bridge. Is not the life more than meat and the body than raiment? A village free from choleraic

f42

and typhoidal poisons is more important to the village population

Add Mss 45809

than the best means of communication. Reading the Debates of the Bombay Village Sanitation Bill, it appears that the main object of the measure is to constitute a good village organisation for purposes of village Sanitation. These village organisations for these purposes supersede the Local Board, and therefore it seems that in them should be vested primarily the administration of the funds raised by village cesses, for village sanitation. According to this view the villagers would not require to ask back from the Local Board a portion of the amount paid by them; but in carrying out a *minimum* of sanitation would spend what was absolutely requisite. Ought it ever to have gone from them, from the time what a suitable Village organisation had been established to administer it? The balance would go to the Local Board for more general local purposes.

In conclusion, I should esteem it a favor if your Lordship

f43

would be so good as to inform me whether, in accordance with the recommendation contained in the Memorandum, Appendix B., it might not be possible for the Local authorities under the existing law to cause sufficient funds to be appropriated to satisfy the minimum requirements of Village Sanitation?

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

Your most obedient servant, **[10:368]**

London, March 1892.

F44 March 21 1892 letter to FN from D.F. Solly, St T. re BNA Charter

f46 March 24 1892 letter to FN from A.G. Burgess, Welbeck Abbey, Notts for duchess of Portland, reports on her new work

f50 March 24 1892 letter to FN from A. Bristow [Bristowe], Co Antrim re Miss Crossland gave 5/ from FN for Nurses' Temperance Union

Add Mss 45809

inscription, f52, pencil

f52

Elizabeth Coleman
with Florence Nightingale
heartly good wishes & love
This Martin was "about his
Father's business"
And may we two
from this Lady Day
March 25/92
each be able to say
Behold the h. of the L -
be it unto me according as Thou wilt

f53 March 31 1892 letter to FN, FSS, from manager, Scientific Press re
book going to press, wants a few words

f54 f56 no signatures

f57 April 5 1892 I.L. Hawthorn St Agatha's Crescent Road, Beckenham re
report, and re health obliging her in 1892 to relinquish the "Home"
after this year, has had for 16 years, opened in 1876, is writing today
to duchess of Albany re her intentions

f60 April 6 [1892] year est letter to FN from E. Hope, Villa Teresa San
Remo, said wd send if someone anxious to have real tr to become a nurse,
a young Russian, da of Count Brobinsky, has villa at Cannes

f62 April 8 1892 typed copy of letter from Horace Walpole to FN, from
India Office, Whitehall ack receipt of her letter of 21 March re village
sanitation, Viscount Cross says copy and enclosure forwarded to govts of
India and Bombay

f63 April 19 1892 letter to FN from Wainwright treas St T. re RBNA

f65 May 2 1892 letter to FN from Helen Haig Brown, Elizabeth Ward St
thanks for book and re visit she had, and thanks for flowers for ward

f66 May 5 1892

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff67-68, pen, black-edged paper [13:227]

f67

PRIVATE

To the Chairman
of Committee
of the *Ventnor Hospital*
Sir

I trust that you will not
consider me intrusive
in writing a few words
(not to be used as a
public testimonial)
about Miss de Laney
who I understand is a
candidate for the post
of Matron, Housekeeper &
Supt. of Nurses, including
Probationers, at your
valuable Hospital.

She has been with us

f67v

or recommended by us
to Nursing posts for
8 ½ years, having entered
our Training School at St-
Thomas' Hospital, London,
in Novber, 1883, employed
in St. Thomas' till Feb 1886,
then at St Marylebone Infirmary
for 3 years, & has now
been at the large new
Birmingham Workhouse
Infirmary as Assistant
Matron for 3 years, where
she still is.

At all these 3 places she
has done excellently well.
At Birmingham she has

Add Mss 45809

f68

been the 'alter ego' of the
Matron, Miss Gibson, &
they have got the place
into good working order -
Miss de Laney is particularly
distinguished by her success
in managing Patients &
Nurses for their good,
without ruffling them -
in making her way be
their way - the true secret
of a good influential
head. She is truly
devoted to her work -
gentle & of great insight -

She has experience &
efficiency in Hospital
housekeeping, & domestic
management as well as

f68v

in Nursing & the guidance
of Nurses. She is a
truly good & religious
& refined woman of
high principle & feeling.

Pray believe me

Sir

yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

London May 7 1892

[end 13:227]

f69 May 14 1892 Rosalind Nash letter to FN 28 Boltons SW, not been able
to answer her question for herself, not found a hosp where monthly
nursing is taught as she shd wish it, hears good at General Lying-in
Hosp York Rd, wd be glad to be of any use to her, env stamped cancelled
f74

f75 May 22 1892 letter to FN from Bristowe, embossed 13 Old Burl. St.
thanks for her letter and good wishes, re taking part in educ of
probationers, re St T.

f76 May 2 1892 letter to FN from hon sec of Clapham Maternity Hosp, 41
Jeffreys Rd London S.W. Marion Ritchie, with report on little hosp she
kindly gave donation to last year, honoured to have her name standing on
our list

Add Mss 45809

f77 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham, Clayton Ward, St T. thanks for her gift of books and re more books

f79 June 5 [1892] year est letter to FN from Dorothy Solly, St T. thanks for orange jelly and eggs

f80 June 6 1892 letter to FN from A. de Laney Workhouse Inf thanks for her dear letter and encouragement, like a tonic, not successful at the Ventnor, first batch of their trained nurses passed surgical and medical

f82 June 7 1892 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham, Clayton Ward, many thanks for books, Robinson Crusoe delightful

f83 June 7 1892 letter to FN from M.H. Carter, Edward Ward St T., thanks for book, *Duty's Bondsman*

f84 June 7 1892 Charity Ward letter to FN from Margaret Ferguson, thanks for books for library and Miss Solly improved in health

f86 June 12 1892 letter to FN from Helen Lumby, Ophthalmic Ward St T. thanks for Nettleship book, prob *The Student's Guide to Diseases of the Eye*

ff87 June 12 1892 letter to FN from Emily Mansel, going to be married to Dr Cheadle and so have to give up work with Queen's Inst

f89 June 13 1892 letter to FN from M. Christie, Adelaide Ward St T. thanks for vol on *Gynecology* and re list of books

f92 n.d. letter from D.F. Solly Queen St. to long holiday abroad 3-4 months. Dr Sharkey, asked for leave of absence, but treas refused, will reconsider, but can't work with Miss Gordon

f94 D.F. Solly again June 21st [1892] thanks for kind note and good wishes, visit to Colorado

f96 June 23 1892 letter to FN from Margaret Ferguson, Charity Ward re gift of books

f98 June 28 1892

Add Mss 45809

initialed letter draft, ff99-101, pencil [8:810-11]

Poona Native Girls' High School

June/92

Dear Lady Burdett Coutts & ~~Lady Carlisle~~

Shall I be intrusive if I act
upon Lady Ashburton's ~~kind~~
suggestion who I know has written to you for me. May I bother you
yourself

{the text is confused with lines inserted between lines}

in regard to higher Female Education in India

with a request that you will

be so very kind as to read

yourself the two printed

papers I enclose one, a Memorial for which we hope for signatures, one a
statement of the case. The substance is short.

The education for native

girls in India had hardly

begun when an Indian Ladies' Association a number of

students, the mothers Chiefs native Rajahs & their ladies

a large & important

meeting was held at Poona, the old

Mahratta capital

in Bombay residency ~~set out~~

& adopted a detailed scheme aided by a number of English men & women
subscribed above a lakh of

rupees for a ~~Native~~ High School

for native girls at Poona.

Add Mss 45809

f99v

It was made a Govt Institution
And they had the good
fortune to secure a mistress
in Miss Hurford whose
genius for native girls & good sense & devotion
has done a wonderful work
& given her a wonderful
influence over the girls & the
parents.

The Bombay Govt had adopted
this pioneer School & made it a
Govt. Institution paying the salaries - But the
Society did a great deal for
them in return -

As you are well aware, in
India the Govt name is
everything - We British have made
it so, & cannot complain
~~of this~~ that it should be so

f100

The Bombay Govt now wishes to
make the School a State-aided
School. This to the Indian
ear will sound as if the School
had somehow forfeited the
Govt.'s unqualified approval
& will seriously damage if not destroy a
School for which native
gentlemen have done so much
that subns had actually diminished
& for which they had been so assailed
Pr Damerong, ~~the~~ brother of the King of Siam
& minister of Public Instruction, said that
it was
the most practical School he had ever seen .
It is difficult to describe
the admirable results of this
School which might be
shaken by such a step.

Little toddlers cling round
Miss Hurford's skirts while
she is transacting business
or seeing visitors who are

Add Mss 45809

f100v

men of weight - And she
bestows a pat on the head
which satisfies the children
without interrupting herself -

Girls of 18 or 19 who
would be mothers, nay,
grandmothers but for her
remain with Miss Hurford
at their own & their parents'
request.

She does more perhaps to make
the British raj popular & firm with
the go-a-head Bombay people
than a Legion of ~~Civil servants~~ [illeg]
~~to make it firm~~ [illeg] or an army of troops -

All the Legislation in
the world would not
suppress Infant Marriages
or re-instate oppressed widows
as ~~illeg~~ would such a Schools as
this.

And it may truly be said

f101

{upside down, at the bottom of the page}
that neither Sanitary ~~progress~~ reform
nor any other social reform
will make much progress
till the women/ladies, the mothers
& mothers - in- law of India,
are thus educated who in their
turn will educate/leaven the poorer Women

[2]

We venture to hope that
if the cause of Indian
female Education & Miss
Hurford's Poona High School
for girls which embodies it in
this way meets with your
approval
 you would head
the petition which we purpose making to the India
Office with the weight
of your honoured name.
 your faithful servant
 F.N.

f101v

The minimum stratum of women
who are never reached at all
by the British nevertheless
govern the men
The more reason for educating
the women
 - Lady Burdett Coutts
 - Lady Carlisle
 i.e. Miss Maude Stanley

f103 July 2 [1892] letter to FN from Mary E. Glyn, Vicarage, Kensington re a cancer patient, Mrs Allden, a gentlewoman, ref Lady Ashburton and HV

Add Mss 45809

f105 July 2 1892 St Agatha's. No use my trying not to write to thank you for your most kind letters. I cannot settle till I have, value and prize her words. Your letter a treasure. I love my work, long trial of illness,

incomplete, unsigned letter draft, ff107-08, pencil, original OIOC Mss Eur F 234/32/14

f107

Poona Native Girls' High School
Dear Lady Duff Grant

Will your kindness excuse me
if I ask you to be so very
good as to read yourself the
two printed papers I venture
to enclose - one a Memorial
to the S. of S. for India, for
which we dare to hope for
your signature & Sir M.
Grant Duff's, if you approve it
- the other a statement of the
case.

There is no need to trouble
you with a long letter from
me, since, tho' I believe you
have been more fortunate in
Madras than they have been

f107v

in Bombay Presy, you will
know the ~~right~~ case in an
instant - the wants of the
women of India, the Indian
Ladies' Association, the
Maharashtra Female Education
Soc'y in the Deccan, the
successful efforts of the
Chiefs & their native Ladies of
rank to raise money -
& perhaps the ~~Native~~
Girls' Girls' High School at Poona,
which had the good
fortune to secure a mistress
in Miss Hurford, whose
genius for native girls,

f108

unfailing good sense & devotion
has done a wonderful work
& given her a wonderful
influence over the girls &
their parents

Little toddlers cling round
her skirts. And girls in their
teens who wd be mothers
popular

f108v

They have gone thro' their
troubles. like others & successfully - But
now the greatest trouble
of all has come: The
Bombay Govt. had adopted
this pioneer School, & made
it a Govt. Instn paying the
salaries - the Socy doing
a great deal for the Govt. too

The Bombay Govt now
wishes to make the School
only a State - aided School

letter fragment, ff109-09v, pencil, original OIOC

f109

[3]

set forth in the accompanying
Memo

We are anxious to obtain upon
the Memorial the signatures
of persons of weight. &
influence - & if the Executive approve perhaps the
name of the Socy might
be given as the leading
signatory of the Memorial

[10:780]

Add Mss 45809

f109v

whenever I have again occasion
to urge this matter, I shall be
immediately communicate with
her about it.

In the meantime I send to you
copy of a Memorial on a
kindred subject - viz female
Education in India - &
shd be very glad if the Indian
Nat Socy cd see its way
to ~~take up the question~~ & give
it their support

I understand that the Socy
has recently been specially
advocating this cause

I believe that when you
were in Poona you saw Miss
Hurford's School & will be
familiar with the circumstances

Add Mss 45809

unsigned draft letter, ff111-13, pencil, original is July 5 OIOC Mss Eur F234/32, letter 14

f111

Poona Native Girls' High School
July 3/92

Dear Lady Dufferin

[10:771-72]

Will your kindness forgive
me if I ask you to be so
very good as to read yourself
the two printed papers I venture
to enclose, one a Memorial for
which we dare to hope for your
all-powerful signature - ~~one~~ the other
a statement of the case

You who have penetrated
as no one else has done into
the wants of the women of
India probably know the
Indian Ladies' Association for
higher female

Education in India the Maharastra in Bombay Pres Socy
stimulated by the successful efforts of the Chiefs & ~~their~~
native ladies of rank

Add Mss 45809

f111v

to raise money - & perhaps
the High School at Poona
who had the good fortune
to secure a mistress in Miss
Hurford whose genius for
native girls & good sense &
devotion has ~~ha~~ done a wonderful
work & given her a wonderful
influence over the girls & their
parents

[end 10:772]

Little toddlers cling round
her skirts. And girls in their
teens & I believe even older
who would be mothers, nay
grandmothers but for Miss
Hurford remain with her
at their own request & their parents

She does much to make the **[10:772]**
British Raj popular, does she not?

Add Mss 45809

f112

The Bombay Govt. had adopted this pioneer School & made it a Govt Instn paying the salaries - But the Socy did a great deal for them in return

The Bombay Govt now wishes to make the School only a state=aided School

Will not this to the Indian ear sound as if the School had somehow forfeited the Govt's unqualified approval? and will it not seriously damage if not destroy a School for which native gentlemen have done so much. **[end 10:772]**

To show the impression of the Oriental mind

~~On the~~ Prince Damerong, brother of the King of Siam & Min. of P.I. at Bangkok when visiting Miss Hurford's School this year among

f112v

other Educational & other Instns
in India said that it was
the most practical School he
had ever seen.

The immense underground
layer of native women, scarcely
ever reached by the British, -
or only by you nevertheless
govern the men - The more
reason for educating the women

[10:772]

It has been determined to
memorialize the S. of S. for
India

I feel that I am addressing
you who know so much more
about it than any of us -

But it may it not truly be said
that neither Sanitary reform
nor any other social reform
till will make much progress

f113

[2]

till ~~the ladies~~ the future mothers &
"mothers-in-law" of India are
thus educated?

We may be erring against
etiquette however in asking
your signature.

But if it be otherwise
may we venture to hope that
should the cause of Indian female
Education embodying & Miss Hurford's Poona
High School meets
with your approval you would
give the memorial the weight
of your powerful generous & instructed name

[end 10:772]

Add Mss 45809

f114 July 17 1892 letter to FN from Mary Herbert St T. thanks for book

f115 July 22 1892 letter to FN from Susan Swan, Arthur Ward thanks for books 45811

f117 July 24 1892 letter to FN from Emily Escreet, George Ward St T. thanks for books

f118 July 27 [1892] letter to FN from Sarah Swan, Arthur Ward re books sent

f119 July 28 1892 letter to FN from Margaret Hay, Adelaide Ward thanks for book

f121 July 29 1892 letter to FN from Anne Whyte, General Lying-in Hosp York Rd Lambeth sends rules

unsigned memorandum, f122, pencil [Goldie says to Lothian Nicholson, gives date 3 July 1892]

f122 {arch: [1887-Aug 1892]}

Lothian

Private

Touching my own work, I am sure you will be glad to hear that I entertain some hope of getting Mr. Stanhope to take up the Barrack question seriously and to provide funds in order that some of the horrid old and insanitary buildings may be got rid of - & others which sorely want it placed ~~into~~ in a more satisfactory condition -

f123 August 3 1892 letter to FN from Clara M. Holden, Albert Ward re getting a nursing book

f124 Aug 6 1892 letter to FN from Emily Mansel Cheadle from Exeter, thanks for lovely bouquet sent, "of course I took it to the church"

f125 Aug 6 1892 letter to FN from Snodgrass, wants to be personally acquainted with head as Nightingale

f127 Aug 9 1892 letter to FN from Sister M. Benedict Joseph, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Joseph's Hunslet, Leeds, appeal in our difficulties, debt to bldg society

f129 Aug 11 1892 letter to FN from Sister Benedict Joseph, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Joseph's, Hunslet, Leeds, thanks for prompt and generous response to appeal, and letter, will now write Lady Herbert

Add Mss 45809

f131 Aug 12 1892 letter to FN from E. Snodgrass, Weston super-Mare, thanks for letter and for inv to come and then has to get Holyhead boat

nsigned inscription, f133, pencil [13:569]

f133

Offered to
Miss Frances Webster Wedderburn
on her appointment as Matron
in Fiji
with Florence Nightingale's love &
warmest good wishes & most earnest prayers
for her perfect success
both here & hereafter
for her gradual deliberate improvements here
in her work
her fervent loving spirit through all
London Aug 21/92

God bless you
And He *will* bless
you [end]

f134 Aug 24 1892 letter to FN from Margaret Young Leopold Ward, thanks for visit to her, parcel of books for boys

f137 Aug 25 1892 letter to FN from Harriet E.G. Hamilton, St T, wd like to have Gray's Anatomy, wd be of most use to me in the future when I am teaching probationers. I shd value it very highly given me by you. Nurse Edwards has a great many medical books, but her work will be chiefly surgical so we decided "Mansell Moullin's Surgery" wd be the most help to her. She has gone now for her holiday before coming to Carlisle. She was so very pleased when I told her you wished to give her a book. She is an intelligent woman. And it will not be thrown away on her.

F139 Aug 26 1892 letter to FN from Frances Wedderburn, Highlands, Birkdale, re Miss Crossland and books, encloses list, re sister marrying, re leaving [for Fiji]

f141 Aug 26 1892

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, f143v, pencil

f143v {written at the end of a letter not in FN's hand}

Miss Wedderburn [13:569]

1 year & 9 months Night Supt

Derby Infirmary

so exposed at night - never

has lost her bad throat

contracted there

then a few months to

Cowley Sisters near Oxford

Incurables now Fiji [end]

unsigned note, f147, pencil

f144 Aug 29 1892, letter to FN from Clara M. Holden, Laurel Mount, Shipley, Yorkshire re present and her letter, has brought a small boy home with her as right arm badly burnt,

f147 FN pencil note on next page

One Sister has one "ministry"

another another "gift"

No Sister or Nurse [12:453]

tells me *what* book she has had

{upside down}

Miss Holden - c'est magnifique

Mais ce n'est pas la guerre

f147v

Miss Holden: Albert Ward:

devoted - irregular - does the worst Patients

all herself - cannot give "¼ hour 2e a week to

Probrs" - devotes herself to one bad Patient -

- "I sit up till one o'clock a.m. - reading

"Medical books or novels" - (what discipline

is there?) -[never forgets her Patients -takes

~~her~~ one on her holiday with her]

"I tell night Nurse to come to me every two hours

"to tell me how they are getting on" [end]

f148 Sept 1 1892 letter to FN from Florence Clifton, Mil Hosp Gosport, busy settling down, fairly settled now and if it were not for uncongenial fellow workers of whom I told you should be very happy back in my ward again. What a treat my visit to you was, thanks. I shall never forget the kindness & encouragement I always received from our dear home sister in N Home, whose life made an impression on me for she never preached to others what she did not practice herself. Afraid of being too late for train when we left you, said good bye to Miss Snodgrass at once. Surgeon Lt Col Williamson whose name is larger than himself has worked himself up in a state of excitement about eh cholera, has had slight congestion, returned from Singapore. Granting us an interview, delightful holiday, will long live as a green spot in my memory. The flowers you gave me I kept as long as I could and have dried the rose buds and but them amongst my treasures. My father name me after you because you are a good and noble woman, that was the reason he always gave. I always felt when I had this desire for nursing I must come to your school and have often felt thankful since I left dear old St Thomas for the sound practical training I received.

f150 Sep 1 1892 letter to FN from Gertrude Southam, Highlands Birkdale re FN's interest in their hosp work, Salford Royal Hosp nr Manchester, where her brother is chairman and treasurer, re using her extracts

signed letter, ff152-53, pen & pencil

f152 {pencil} Please return to F.N.

{pen} Sept 10/92
{printed address:} Telegraph, Claydon House,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Sir
Please send me here
by return of post, if possible,
or at latest by Thursday
3/6 Martin the Skipper
6/ In the King's name
by G. Manville Fenn
- Macaulay's Lays of Ancient Rome
10/6 the best Edition
with a good rather large print
& good illustrations
(a small 4to I think it is)

{pencil} Please send to
Miss Frances Webster-Wedderburn
31 Coleherne Road
South Kensington S.W.
Surgery: its Theory & Practice.
10/6 by W.J. Walsham F.R.C.S.
The essentials of Bandaging
5/ by Berkeley Hill
(last Edition)

Add Mss 45809

152v

Please send

the same

10/6 Walsham's Surgery

to Miss Young

(Sister Leopold)

St Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge

S.E.

and c/o the same Miss Young

to Nurse Frances Cameron

& Nurse Elliot

10/6 Walsham

5/ Berkeley Hill's Essentials of
Bandaging (last Edition

- Christopher Heath's Surgery

32/ these 3 books marked

as above

but the whole sent in one

packet to Miss Young

Please send

36/ "Gray's Anatomy"

to Miss Hamilton

Matron

Royal Infirmary

Carlisle

and

c/o the same Miss Hamilton

marked for *Nurse Edwards*

Mansell Moullin's Surgery

34/

I am giving you a great
deal of trouble - But I know
your kindness.

Will you be so good as
to return me this List?

& oblige

yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Mr. Francis Edwards P.T.O.

Add Mss 45809

153v

Please send
- A Guide to District Nurses
by Mrs Dacre Craven
2/6 Macmillan
to Supt. in Charge
District Nurses
23 Bloomsbury Square
W.C.
- and *two copies*
2/6 to me here
and
Lectures on Teaching
5/ J.G. Fitch
Cambridge University Press
to me here
F.N.

f154 Sep 12 1892 Kate Stone, Castleham, Hollington, St Leonards on Sea, black-edged, as L.H. Stone 1889

F156 Sept 16 1892 letter to FN from Frances Cameron St T. Leopold 4 years at St T, wanted to see her, but a pleasure to get a book

f160 Sept 21 [1892] letter to FN from Frances Webster Wedderburn thanks for books was at St T, said goodbye to home sister

f162 Sept 22 1892 letter to FN from Gertrude A. Southam, embossed, Highlands Birkdale thanks for letter and permission to make extract public

f164 Sep 23 1892 letter to FN from Margaret Young, Leopold Ward thanks for books

f166 Sept 27 1892 letter of FN Shore to FN, from Sheffield, letter Paskiewicz, anxious to become a hospital nurse, my desire from a child, probably inspired by your kind interest in being my godmother. I shall be most grateful if you will advise me where to go to get a thoroughly good training, afraid of trying a London hosp at first, ultimate hope to become an army nurse as you were

f167 Sept 29 [1892] letter to FN from Frances Wedderburn thanks for flowers and books, re Sir Wm Evans, Miss Clara Gisborne

f168 Oct 9 1892 letter to FN from Ella Pirrie, Barmoor, Byton on Tyne, Co Durham, re leaving Belfast Union Inf and re FN's interest in their school, health not good lately. Our new nurses Home will be finished by new year a new larger stone bldg separate from the Inf, with 25 separate bedrooms, sitting room, dining room, every accommodation. A great help and comfort for all. Ms Wright my successor, Irishwoman, trained at Leicester, worked in an old London inf, think she will be able to manage; hard to part, thanks for her kind sympathy and enc, always had from you

f172 Oct 12 1891 [yes, letter out of order] E.J.M. Mackenzie, 28 Nelson St. Edinburgh. Knowing the great interest you take in all women's work and esp in the branches of nursing and housewifery I venture to write and ask you to do us a *special* favour. I have asked Miss Pringle late of St Thomas Hosp to write a note with this to recall me to your memory, as it is many years since I had the privilege of seeing you. I have been asked in connection with the *School of Domestic Economy* [FN pencil: ?Hospital] in Edinburgh to give a set of lectures on *Home Sick Nursing* [FN und] & I feel that nothing would give so much heart & spirit to the undertaking as a few lines written to us from yourself of encouragement, which I might read to those attending the lectures on nursing. If I have asked too much please forgive me. I enclose a few papers about the School that you may see for what objects it has been started. I need not say of what immense use your "Notes on Nursing" have been to me in laying the foundation of the lectures I have given from time to time and indeed they have been the foundation of every lecture on nursing I have heard or read. This is a *new School* for training women in Edinburgh so we are the more desirous of a helping hand at starting. Hoping you will excuse the great liberty I have taken in thus trespassing on your time, I remain most faithfully, your obedient servant....

f174

Mrs. Robertson [1] *Steeple Claydon* 13/10/92

Of course the wells will not clear while the cess-pool privies remain - if Sir Harry will sanction *dry earth closets* - clear out & fill up cess-pools with dry earth - & do away with them - it would cost 15/ to £1 per closet - the soil is very nice porous loam - highly contaminable [Mr. Smith's: capital sandy loam

There are a few, very few dry earth privies in *Upper Steeple Claydon*.

What the drain will do is to take away

174v

the Liquid Sewage (excreta), the kitchen slops x & the Pigs' liquid manure - This last the poor people don't like at all - they like to have it in a pool round the pig-stye - & then to put it in their gardens at the proper time

Moss Litter (from Germany) will absorb all the pig liquid manure - it is cheaper than straw - If people would combine together - & have a ton - you can't buy less than a ton - you can get it in England

f175

As for LOWER *Steeple Claydon*, nothing is being done. The Buckingham Sany authorities certainly will not retract their refusal (come to in full Council-Conclave not to do it. And the poor people do not wish for it - do not like it.

Parish Councils if that Bill could be carried next Session are the only remedy - They will care for the local people - Buckingham is a long way off
x I don't think the small people will join Sir Harry in using the drain - They don't like it. And there are so few within 100 ft.

f175v

Water-supply

Steeple Claydon

There is enough water in Sir Harry's field in Ribble Leys - & excellent water too - to supply all Lower Steeple Claydon except perhaps the W. end
There *is* a tap near the P.O

& a tap towards Mr. Dodge's
But it could be distributed more than it is without much expence. It would not be far to meet all the cottages, (except that one end)

f176 Oct 25 1892 letter to FN from E.S. Shakespeare re choosing a souvenir, wants a microscope, leaving for Siam. 24 Goldhurst Terrace, S Hampstead NW. I have heard from Mrs Verney of your kind wish to give me a souvenir to take away to Bangkok. I chose a microscope as I thought that would be a pleasure we could all enjoy. Thank you very much indeed.

We are all to meet at Mrs Verney's tomorrow evening for a goodbye party. It seems so strange to think we are really on the eve of the future we have been looking forward to so long. I often think of the long talk I had with you in the spring. I had not realized till then what it was we had to face. I am not ashamed to say it made me afraid and am nonetheless hopeful of success.

f178 Nov 12 1892 letter of Ellen Lamport to Mrs Verney, has sent FN copy of last report of nurses' cooperation, enclosure with info direct from Miss Hicks. I have sent Miss Nightingale a copy of the last report of the Nurses' Cooperation as she wished for information on one or two points about which I was illeg to speak with certainty. Will you also kindly give Miss Nightingale the enclosed; the information is obtained direct from Miss Hicks, who is very much pleased at the interest Miss Nightingale so kindly takes in the Nurses' Cooperation.

I have written to women who will probably be able to tell me about the doctors of Charles I time. And I will pass on the information to you when recd.

On Thursday I found poor London had been suffering from dense fog all day-- illeg so that my weekly journey to Chalfont St Peters was a very chilly dreary one.\

I shall treasure a very slight recollection of my pleasant visit to Claydon illeg great kindness ...as well as the privilege it was to see Miss Nightingale and benefit by her wisdom and experience. With my kind regards.

Add Mss 45809

ff180 Nurses Coop. Private nurses belonging to the Cooperation can easily earn £80 per annum illeg. This sum is considered the average earning.

The Nurses' fees are always paid to the lady supt, and almost invariably by cheque. In the very rare instances when this is not the case, it is because the employer has no banking account.

No instance has come before Miss Hicks of a nurse taking day night duty at once and charging double fee. If such a thing ever did happen it would have been when the Cooperation was first started and before the rule about the payment of the fees was as strict as it is now. Such a thing cd not occur again.

The committee would regard it as a great favour if all who have any complaints of any kind against a Cooperation private nurse would communicate with them, so that they could thoroughly investigate the case at the time.

f182 Nov 16 1892 long letter to FN from M.A. Vousden 25 Mary's Home, Addington Ch, New Zealand, re her letter, with enclosure

ff186-89 draft letter to my lord, like FN hand re R Br NA case, with 8 points continues ff190- with further points, but in poss a different hand, different paper and ink certainly; this is much more detailed than draft of copy of letter which went, ff191-92

signed letter, ff191-92, pen, to earl of Kimberley [12:550-51]

f192

10 South St. Park Lane

Private W.

November 19/92

My Lord

May I hope to be forgiven, - though I am not unmindful of the wholesome & necessary restraint which prevents a judge from being accessible to parties in judicial proceedings - for venturing to address you, with reference to the case of the Royal British Nurses' Association, - as there are no parties opposed to each

f191v

other whose private & personal interests are at stake.

I venture to do so because I am myself prevented by the state of my health

Add Mss 45809

from expressing my
views personally.

May I be permitted
only to state that I fully
concur in the reasons
which have been set
forth against the grant
of a Royal Charter?

Let me say that it
has been one of the main

f192

objects of my life to
endeavour to raise the
standard of Nursing and
the calling of a Nurse.
I have always been and
am constantly in communication
& in active co-operation
with those who have done
& are doing most to
further these objects.
Medical & Lay persons
as well as Matrons &
Nurses. And is it
presumptuous in me to
express the belief that it
would be a dangerous
thing to give official
sanction to a scheme

f192v

which is opposed by the
large majority of such
persons as being
injurious to the true
interests both of Nurses
and of the Public.
The opposition is based
on sound principles
derived from practical
experience. It is not
the mere 'fact' of the
authorities of a few Nurse
Training Schools.

[end 12:551]

Pray believe me
my Lord
your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

The
Earl of Kimberley
K.G.

F193 Nov 22 1892 letter to FN from Ethel Lamport, 55 Burton Cres, re scheme. I enclose a copy of Miss Paget's scheme now that we have it in form and have got it printed and I hope it will now meet with your approval. Yesterday I spent the whole day at the Privy Council. I thought Sir Homer Davy made a very poor defence for the charter--he made a great point that registration would not be compulsory -- but then Sir R. Webster made a far better point that if the register was started, the object of the promoters was to make it *the* register to which the public would look, from which was to illeg all hospital registers or of course it would have no raison d'être.

You would have laughed at Sir H. Davy's calmly declaring that you did not take any particular interest in the question! No doubt a ruse on the enemy's part -- a mistake, however, which was vigorously corrected by Sir R. Webster.

I am sorry to say Sir H. Davy illeg party had the bad start ... in the poor old London Hospital once again--one wonders at their doing so, even as a question of policy, and for this our point of view for it shd at once so clearly change the kind of spirit that they bring to the whole matter.

We are looking forward most impatiently to next Monday when Sir R. Webster resumes the and is to be finished. Mrs Bedford Fenwick looked more fiendish than ever if possible - though not triumphant. There is great difference of opinion as to how the division will go. Some think Lord Hannen? is against us and that his opinion having most weight will take the rest against us. Someone else told me all the judges are against us that the committee have been specially picked amongst them in favour of the registration.

Hoping you are keeping pretty well....

f195 letter to FN from Maria H.? Hicks, 34 George Street, Hanover Square, re making Nightingale jackets, reminds of interest FN took in Charity, where husband was physician . I must apologize for writing. I am anxious to make some nightingale jackets and I have unfortunately lost my pattern and cannot get one. If you would kindly allow your maid to send me one I shd be very grateful.

A great number of years ago you took great interest in Guy's lying-in charity of which my husband was the physician. You kindly sent me your book which we much prize. I mention this that you may know ...

f197 Dec 1 1892 letter to FN from Rosalind Paget, will send her encouraging message to Miss Lückes. I have done my bit of work at the London, but will of course send your kind and encouraging message to Miss Lückes I know she will like much to have it for tomorrow the feeling that she has had your sympathy in her many hospital struggles and troubles has been of the greatest help to her -- we are all very much "down" about the B.N.A. tho' as you may imagine we don't own it in public (quite the reverse) but if they get *any* form of Royal Charter and that is we fear a foregone conclusion it means a continuance of illeg in the nursing work and if we who are working among and often the nurses see only too clearly it is having on the new generation and the paralysing effect on the sisters and matrons and teachers generally. Mrs Verney's suggestions is most kind, sometime when not quite so much tied I shall have the greatest pleasure in availing myself of the kindness--I hope Miss Lamport's scheme may be a success, but it is rather illeg at present -- has bent towards thoroughness as against shoddiness is what attracts me to it.

I wonder if some time I might see you again if *ever* there comes a time when you had time that I missed the chance of seeing you when so kindly asked to Claydon was the keenest disappointment.

f198 Dec 5 1892 letter to FN from C.H. Glover, The Treasury, Chichester, Dec 5 1892 re getting back into nursing. I venture to write to you and ask your advice--because you were very kind to me when I saw you once at Claydon. That was when I was a nine months' pro--nearly 3 ½ years ago.

I am afraid that the only thing you have heard of me since is that I left the hospital, only seven months after I had my ward (Ophthalmic) and 5 months before the end of the 3 years' agreement--because I was engaged to one of the house surgeons.

That was quite true, but if I may I will tell you how it happened. I only became engaged to Mr Nix after having known him for nearly two years during which time I had no choice but to honour and respect him more and more.

I asked matron to give me the Ophthalmic ward (if she thought me worthy to hold such a post) because just at the time when it fell vacant he was hoping for a house surgeonship in the hospital and I thought it wd be better to work in a ward where his duties did not take him.

Miss Gordon gave me the ward knowing (from Miss Crossland to whom I was quite open about it) that we were friends but *also* knowing that I had no intention of being engaged to anybody. I promised matron, at her request, that if we *were* afterwards engaged I would tell her.

On Oct 1st 1890 my work as Sister Ophthalmic began. Meanwhile the house surgeons for the next 3 months were chosen and Mr Nix was not one of them. Expecting to leave the hospital and work elsewhere he wrote to me asking me to become engaged to him, and I consented--on Oct 18.

Two days after that, Sir Wm MacCormac's house surgeon was taken suddenly ill, and had to give up his work and Mr Nix was chosen to fill his place, so that, after all, we had to have six months in the hospital together.

Mr Nix wrote to Miss Gordon telling her of our engagement in the most honourable way and, during that 6 months, he did not come to my ward, nor did we speak to each other in the hosp.

I think Matron will tell you that she was quite willing for me to finish the year's work there, but my mother while entirely approving of my engagement, wished me to return home, as she did not like our working in the same hosp.

So as soon as Miss Lumby could be trained to take my place I came away *May 14th 1891*.

A few weeks before I left the 1st year's gratuity was given me, after Mr Bonham Carter knew that I was leaving and the reason for my doing so.

I am only troubling you with all these particulars (which Miss Gordon can verify) because, through no fault or fickleness, but simply because of great trouble, into which I need not now--our engagement has had to be broken off.

My great desire is to go back to the nursing work which I love, and I went --three weeks ago, to see Miss Gordon and ask if I might work, either the five moths or another whole year (not necessarily at St Thomas' Hosp, for I can understand that mt not do, and it wd in many ways be very painful) but anywhere -- only under the committee of the Nightingale Fund so as to belong to the Nightingale Nurses - and if possible to gain the 2nd year's gratuity.

Yesterday I recd a kind letter from Miss Gordon in which however she says (she will not mind my putting it) "Mr Bonham Carter says your connection with the Nightingale Fund cannot be renewed, and that it would not do for you to return to this hops, so when you begin work again it will be quite independent of the N.F. Com."

This troubles me very much, for the Nightingale Home, and its training, was my ideal of all that is best in the nursing profession, and I have to the best of my power tried to be quite loyal to what was taught me thee, and so I am writing to you--as our Chief--to ask whether this decision is quite irrevocable--and if so what I had better do.

I must apologize for troubling you with so much of my personal history, knowing your ill health and the many important and pressing matters which come to yo--but home sister has always told me that you cared about us all--individually--==that is my excuse.

If you possibly can, do help me to do a good life's work as a nurse, for it is my great desire and my mother and I turn to you as the one who can best tell me what to do.

f202 Dec 7 1892 letter to FN from Elizabeth Young, pardon for liberty, an old N tr nurse asks for autograph

f203 Dec 10 1892 letter to FN from Margaret St Clair, Queen V's Jubilee Inst for Nurses, RC Tr Home Dublin, sends first report. By this post I am sending to you our first report and hint that it may interest you, as being the report of work done by nurses who with real respect and affection think and talk of Florence Nightingale as their model in *all* things nurselike. Some of the happiest days of my life were spent in the Nightingale Home and it is as an old prob that I venture to send this little report knowing that it will interest you because of that.

With the hope that you enjoy good health, believe me, faithfully yours

f204 Dec 9 [1892] est date letter to FN from W. Wardroper, Uplands, East Grinstead. I gave your kind and affectionate messages to dear Mother and I think she understood, for a smile passed over her face and she said yes when I asked her if she comprehended what I had said. But she says very few things that we can understand now, she is now I think sinking fast, takes but a few teaspoons of nourishment in the course of the day and gets gradually weaker. At present she does not suffer nor do I think she will, which is indeed a great comfort. I asked her if I shd send love to you and she said yes, yes. Excuse this short note but I do not feel in the mood for writing.

f206 Dec 13 1892 letter to FN from W. Wardroper, Uplands. thanks for flowers to mother, unconscious since yesterday and doesn't know her, end soon

f207 Dec 14 1892 Uplands. My dear Mother passed away this afternoon at 3.30 so peacefully that we could hardly tell when she ceased to breath. There has been no suffering from the commencement of her illness and I feel she has now entered into blessed rest. Yrs very truly, W. Wardroper

f208 letter to FN from Perssè Dec 16 1892 asks for donation as in past for Paddington and Marylebone District nursing Assoc. As you have kindly helped our work with a donation in the past I hope you will feel inclined to contribute again as friends are much needed. I trust your health is better than when last I heard of you.

f209 Dec 12 1892 letter to FN from W Wardroper. Thanks for your kind letter, also for the lovely wreath and cross, dear Mother's grave looks beautiful, being completely covered with the flowers sent by loving friends.

Miss Crossland told me she shd see you when she returned on the day of the funeral, so that you have had all particulars from her. I miss dear Mother much and it seems so sad to pass her house so frequently and to know that I can never see her dear face again this die of the grave. With kind regards and hoping you are pretty well. cross

f211 Dec 23 1892 letter to FN from K Perssè. Thank you so much for all your good things. The

goose is a monster indeed. We shan't starve for this week. I enclose receipt for £5.5.0 with many thanks.

f212 Dec 23 1892 letter to FN from Ernest Hart asks for a few words on Mrs Wardroper

f213 R. Quain, 67 Harley St to FN, sends re revise and corrections for ref on nursing the sick; on nurse training there are some marginal pencil marks, perhaps have no important reference, thankful for all her trouble Dec 23 1892. Pencil: Please return to F.N.

The bundle looks formidable but it is really not so--I send you *feeling you would wish to have a copy of each of the papers*

illeg; This is a revise and the corrections for reference in the part on Nursing the Sick and the paper Nurse Training there are some marginal pencil marks perhaps they have no important reference -- Still I felt it better to return the papers to you if only to see. I am so much obliged and so thankful for all the trouble you have taken, but I can only say that these pages are worthy of it both ill

f214 Dec 31 1892 letter to FN from Charles Langton Barkhill, Liverpool crest Loyal au Mort re training school Rathbone ref. It is now many years since I was in communic with yourself. Re Liverpool Training School and Home for Nurses, of which my old friend Mr Wm Rathbone whose place I now occupy. I regret having to write to you upon the real loss we have sustained in the death on last Thursday night of Miss Stains with whose name and career you are so familiar. She came here from Wolverhampton in 1881 as lady supt matron of the Roy Inf and our School. For 25 years then her life has been ... career of marked usefulness and excellence. Her large and varied experience her singular familiarity with detail.... Admirable herself ... FN und red: ... In a large hospital such as we have she was ... rural world of two districts. [so, commends]

f216 Jan 1 1893 letter to FN from St Mary's Convent 39 Kensington Sq Frances M supr

ff217-18 Jan 1 1893 letter to FN from Harriet Hamilton, Cumberland Inf, Carlisle thanks for cards, sorry to learn Miss Stains dead. Thank you very much indeed for your very pretty New Year's card. And for thinking of us away up here in the North. We miss all the old friends and faces sadly. We have to go and comfort each other when we get too home sick.

They are talking of building the new Nurses' Home in the spring. It is badly needed. There is no proper accommodation for them now, we have only five probationers, and they really require double the number. The hosp is very much under-nursed, but we can't help ourselves as we have no sleeping accommodation.

Miss Johnston told me lately that she had been to see you. She comes her very often. I was very sorry to hear from Liverpool today that Miss Stains was dead. With every good wish for the new year.

ff219-20 Jan 1 1893 letter to FN from Messum, Kent and Canterbury, thanks for remembrance. My first duty in the New Year shall be to thank you with all my heart for your beautiful remembrance which gave me more pleasure and surprise than I can tell you. I never supposed such an honour.

Often during the past week I have wanted to tell you how earnestly I wish for all good for the New Year and that God may spare you to us, but I hesitated to send lest you should think me overbold.

I read your testimony to dear Mrs Wardroper with aching pleasure. It took me back to the energy, strength and fulness of the past, for I had the privilege of knowing her when she was in every sense "our matron."

I am trying to do my best here. I fear it is more in intention than action. I seem to have less power than I had as a sister, and there are some rough bits.

It is so different to the well organized steadiness of St Thomas which stands on years of true work and careful selection; I have been more than once tempted to retire from the outpost because it is small, inconvenient, so old fashioned and so structured in every way only dear home sister says "what can you expect in a year," also I suppose and hope too, but very illeg that I was made for the hosp and not the hosp for me.

I sit sometimes of an evening in the male surgical ward where is a man named Solly who was shot thro the knee at Balaklava and sent on to Scutari. He has seen you often with your little writing desk writing letters home for the dying men. I feel then curiously enough back again in "Leopold." I shall never be so happy again, and could return tomorrow to the old work as if I had never left it.

I must not take up your valuable time except to add--nothing could have been happier than to be remembered by you.

With all reverence, dear Miss Nightingale, yours affectionately.

f221 Jan 1 1893 letter to FN from Florence N. Shore, has applied to Miss Spencer at Royal Inf Edinburgh, admitted as probationer, and she has admitted me, to begin 3rd inst., I go tomorrow to Edinburgh, asks advice if shd go through the 3 years course or at the end of the trial one to leave and go to an ophth hosp, where offered a vacancy in the new Royal Ophthalmic Hosp at Southwark

initialed draft of a memorandum, f223, pencil [13:270-71]

f223

Sacred to the Soul
of her
who after 25 years of strenuous working
regardless of self
in the good Nursing & Hospital cause
has gone to fresh activity in her New Year
in our Almighty Father's home
Miss Stains
11 years Matron of Lpool R. Infirmary & Supt of
the its School for Nurses this wreath
is offered by FN
No New Year's Day
1893 [end]

f224 letter to FN 2 Jan 1893 from Emily Escreet thanks for Xmas book. Croydon. I was up at St Thomas last Friday and matron gave me your little Christmas book, thank you so much. It was very nice to have a Christmas greeting from you.

I am away just new for a 3 months holiday, but am quite looking forward to going back to work in the middle of February. with all good wishes for the New Year.

f225 Jan 2 1893 letter to FN from Snodgrass, Royal Military Inf, Dublin, re letter to nightingales, have always helped and encouraged me so much and as you gave me leave to write to you I wd wish you a very happy new year....joy of seeing her for the first time, how I valued the privilege and now treasure the memory of that visit. Your kind and loving sympathy then has helped me many a time since and as your example first fired me with the wish to nurse our soldiers, so the remembrance of that day has made me more than ever anxious to be worthy of my model and to be a really good sister to our men. I still have the enteric ward and have had a busy time this autumn, not had so many cases as usual but nearly all have had a very bad type of typhoid, three we lost, two of them were such nice lads, only 19 and it was a great grief to me that we cd not save them. The drains of our inf are now finished and the sick troops are in it once more. We too are back in our comfortable and convenient quarters after 3 months of great discomfort. I felt I did not say half enough to you but the time seemed so short and I feared to tire you I had been told that you did not approve of our work in the army and I longed to ask if it were so and why, for were you not the means of its being started, and I shd so have liked you to point out where we need reform. I wish you had us all under you...who belong to you do try to be true to the Nightingale traditions and training. I see the Rotunda Hosp people sometimes Miss Hampson the matron is doing a good work, has quietly reformed so many things and is able seconded by my old friends among St T. night nurses, Nurses Ramsden and Mitchell, now sisters Lucy and Mary, they were all so deeply interested in hearing of my visit to you this Christmas they had carols in the wards, like those at ST T. They did it so well, even to Auld Lang Syne the patients seemed so happy and will I am sure remember it all long after. For my poor boys I cd do nothing as must be kept absolutely quiet but I gave tea on Boxing Day to just my own orderlies I think they appreciated it for not one got unfit for duty which is often their failing at holiday times, certainly I think our med staff corps is improving in tone, but there are so many reforms I wd like to see, still govt has slow moving machinery and we can do little more than grease the wheels, neither Miss Norman nor the present dir gen seem very go-ahead sort of people but we are not quite a standstill, efforts are made to reach a better standard in army hosp work, only they do not seem to be combined efforts and often .

F229 Jan 6 1893 letter to FN from Wm A Pite, FRIBA 5 Bloomsbury Sq. Red und by FN I am designing a *small London hospital* and a serious question has arisen as to the *lining of walls of the wards*, Some are in favour of this being done in *glazed coloured bricks*. This is of course now absorbent has a great number of points which form lodgment for microbes, dust etc. besides such a wall would attract vapour.

Might I ask if by your observation you see good ground for preferring this manner of finishing a ward for the benefit of the patients to finishing with *plaster* or *parian cement*. The importance of the question is my only apology for troubling you. I should be very glad to hear as I am enquiring from a fen. Yours faithfully Wm A Pite FRIBA

f231 Jan 8 1893, letter to FN from F.N. Shore, from Royal Inf Edin, thanks for her letter, began work Wed morn, to stay for full 3 years. This is the first opportunity I have had to write and thank you for your kind letter. I began work on Wednesday morning, in No. 32, Dr Wylie's ward, and have been very busy ever since. I like the work and I hope that Miss Spencer will find me suitable, so that I may stay here for the three years. We have such a pretty new Nurses' Home where each nurse has a separate room.

I hope you are keeping well, again thanking you for being so kind as to write to me.

f233 Jan 18 1893 letter to FN from Pauline Peter, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Inst, thanks for her memo. Thank you so much for the kind remembrance of me. I think you must have guessed how still rather rebellious! I feel, the little book is so exactly what I want to feel and hope I may.

f234 Jan 31 1893 letter to FN from Isabel Adams Hampton Baltimore with circular of International Congress to be held in Chicago, asks for opening address from her; I enclose the circulars of the International Congress to be held in Chicago next year, which you no doubt have heard of ere this. The subjects to be discussed are only broadly outlined in the circulars, but the chief benefit we hope to derive from such a congress for nurses is the opportunity of meeting together and exchanging ideas not only publicly but privately, we hope that a large representation of English nurses will be present as well as those from other countries and American nurses are expressing a great deal of interest. It will be esp gratifying to all nurses if you will honour us by preparing the opening address for our first sub-sectional meeting or a paper to be read at the meeting. I felt that this is asking a great favor but no such meeting of nurses wd be complete w/o having an expression of your interest in us and your views. Any suggestions that may offer to myself on the subject of the congress wd I assure you be greatly appreciated. Believe me to be yours faithfully Isabel Adams Hampton, chairman of sub-section on nursing

f235 Feb 2nd 1893, letter to FN from C.H. Glover, Hotel Splendide, Menton. I thank you for your kind answer to my letter. I have taken your advice and hope to go to work again at the beginning of next month as soon as we get back from here.

Indeed I think it was very kind of you to write to me yourself. For you must have so many to think of.

F236 Feb 3 1893 letter to FN from Isabel Somerset (Lady Henry), at 57 Gordon Square, re International Congress of Women to be held in Chicago next May, International Congress of Women. Mrs Potter Palmer and Mrs May Wright Sewall of America have already enlisted sympathies of many women notably in France, Germany and it is hoped that England will not be behind in the matter. I know how impossible it is for you now to take an active part in public life but und that you are still the inspiring cause of many of the sanitary improvements in hospitals and other places, therefore asking too much when I express the very earnest hope that you will write some sort account of your work and allow to present it to the congress, wd be printed in the report of the proceedings, chairman of the British Branch

ff238-39 draft by HBC 18/2/93 for FN's declining Congress of Women 45811. In reply to your two letters of the 3 and 8 inst I regret that at the risk of appearing discourteous I am compelled to decline to comply with your wishes. The inability on my part to take an active part in public in many matters of great interest to me to which you kindly refer also prevents me from adding my name to public documents where such an addition wd be a mere formality owing to my necessary ignorance of much that is important in relation to them. Shd I be able to contribute anything useful to the discussion of sanitary and cognate matters at the Chicago Exh it wd be through Ldy Burdett Coutts that I shd make it

ff240-41 18 Feb 1893 letter to FN from Lawrence J. Payne, Marine and Fisheries. A number of the people of Ottawa are endeavouring to establish a "Home for Training Nurses" here, and their having been some question raised in England and on the Continent if any have as yet been established there. Hoping to hear from you at your convenience.

Add Mss 45809

f242-43 Feb 18 1893 letter to FN, FSS, from Frederick Alfd. Haines, 21 Hart St., Bloomsbury Sq re Elizabeth Walters left England 1881 from Brisbane, thought became a nurse and that FN assisted her, hasn't been heard of since, family anxious to find out what has become of her, asks if any record of FN comment: A Miss Walter said to have sent by us to Brisbane, has disappeared & information is wanted.

HBC: No.

f244 March 7 1893 letter to FN from Burdett Coutts 1 Stratton St re report. I was indeed truly obliged for the Report of the Clerk has illeg

f246 March 12 1892 [yes 1892] letter to FN from George Lloyd Verney re Miss Archer, encloses letter, wants to tr at St T, a lady, to allow the matron at St T. to write to her!!

F248 March 18 1893 letter to FN from Annie Stocks, Cottage Hosp, St Helens, thanks for books. I do not know how to thank you for the books with their kind expressions -- which I received. I am more than grateful to you for your kind wishes. I ought to have written before this in ack but I wanted to mention the new wing which we are to have built. There has been a plan before the Committee for two floors, which I begged them to reconsider and I was very anxious as to what their decision would be. They have however entirely put aside the old plans and taken up my suggestions and I only heard their decision yesterday. I thought you would be pleased to know that the plans to be drawn up now are like the St Thomas' wards on a smaller scale--two wards, one over the other, to hold 20 beds each.

It would fatigue you too much to describe the plan which has just been put aside, but I am sure it would have astonished you to have seen the want of sense in every detail. I am now wondering how we shall work with this extra wing, as I believe the Committee do not intend to have a resident medical man--yesterday I took in 4 patients within a quarter of an hour and 6 patients during the afternoon. I did not get a single instruction with any patient, had to decide their treatment --baths &c until their medical man arrived. One case was a girl with three fingers torn off in machinery, another a man with broken clavicle and risks and the third one illeg operation and medica cases. The two accidents were attended to in a short time but the other cases were not seen by their medical man until this morning. From this you will understand that I dare not go out very often, and that when I think there is such a thing as *green fields* and *hay making* I can scarcely believe that it is true. I am afraid of wearing you, will you accept my kindest love, yours very sincerely, Annie Stocks

f249 March 24 1893 letter to FN from E.A. Hadwood, 10 Church St. Aylesbury. I enclose a leaflet which will show you the effort we are making to secure a district nurse for this place. We have formed a Committee (quite unsectarian) and we hope in the future it will develop more into the form of a county association. We have asked Lady Rothschild, wife of the Lord Lieutenant to become President.

I am now writing to ask if you will allow your name to be added as vice-president. I am encourage to make this request knowing the active interest you took in the county Infirmary here and because Sir Harry Verney suggested my writing to you on the subject.

I think your name appealing on our papers would help us considerably.

f251 March 26 1893 letter to FN from Augustine Frederique, The Infirmary, Whitechapel, Please pardon the liberty I take in writing you. But I am about to sail to S Africa to nurse the lepers of

Add Mss 45809

Robben Island and it is *your example* that led me to have this noble object in view. Hence you will excuse the desire in my heart which is to have the "honour" of seeing you *before leaving* England. I sail April 1st.

unsigned letter draft, ff253-54, pen & pencil

f253 {pencil inserts underlined}

May 24/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. [13:888]

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you enough
for your great kindness in
sending me your invaluable
book on "Rural Hygiene".

In spite of illness & bad eyes
I could not refrain from
beginning upon it immediately
E.g. Your boiling of drinking water conclusions for
dry earth closets
against water " "
are life & death matters
Cholera contemporaneously introduced with
WC.s So are those on the Dr. Farr
disposal of sewage -
separation of liquid from solid
slops & from disinfectants antiseptics
Market gardening - manure
produce rich vegetables & fruits
sewage farms - produce rye
grass & mangel

Add Mss 45809

f253v

pollution of brooks & wells

{rest of this page in pencil}

as well as Sewers

deep wells

burial = cremation

If we go on not a drop of pure

water to drink left in England

ordered his Rural Hygiene

your own gardening

overcrowding

increase of Death-rate among

men in prime of life in

proportion to total Death-rate

does not consider London healthy

after all.

typhoid & WC.s

how far in advance of his

time was Dr. Farr.

Well I remember his W.C.s = Cholera

f254

{pen}

The owner of a large estate

in a neighbouring county

has 109 cottages with

cess-pool privies, & not a

pure well.

[end 13:888]

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter draft, ff255-58, pen

f255

May 26/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Madam

I must be ungrateful
indeed if I were to forget
all the good you have
done & are doing to our
country.

Your interest in the
"movement in Bucks for the
"training of the Rural Health
"Missioners" rejoices me -
and your "wish for a paper
"from" me "on the subject
"next November at Leeds"
is a great honour. I shall
like to be able to do what
you wish. But I am afraid
I shall not be able to pledge
myself "on June 7" to do it -

f255v

That would bring to me a
great many more applications
of which I refuse too many
already - am always refusing
- owing to want of health
& excess of too often
(compulsorily) neglected business.
The thing which appals me
nowadays is the complacent
reporting of hundreds of
"lectures" & "courses of
"instruction" (& of the
thousands of people attending)
by "Technical " Education Associations
& "Ladies' Associations"
And not one Report of the
practical results.

f256

No: I am exaggerating -
To all this "intolerable
"deal of sack", I have one
bit of "bread" - one printed Report
from one District of a
Technical Education Committee
giving opposite each set
of Classes under 4 heads
of Technical education
from each "Centre" (including
"Health at Home") information
as to *practical* results
One of these has the
following pregnant remarks:
"It is the universal opinion
"that 'Demonstrations' are
"*almost useless*" & that the
"pupils only retain the

f256v

“knowledge which they
“gain from the practical
“lessons, when they themselves

&c &c x x x x

Other remarks are that

“the ‘Health’ lectures are

“much appreciated & largely

“attended”. This is a merely literary result
this merely literary announcement. But what has
that to do with it? What
you & I want to know is
whether corresponding
results appear in the
homes.

Others do say that the
cottage mothers welcome
the lady lecturer to their
homes. And that we may
hope that some will”practice
“what they hear.”

f257

[2]

Other remarks - on Cookery -
are "girls delighted with
"the instruction" - and
- the valuable remark -
"dishes far too expensive.

"It would be better to
"teach them how to make
"good use of the things
"they have"

Under other heads, it frequently
comes: "The x x class does
"not take so well as last
"year." No reason why
given. Probably the wise
pupils had found out
that no practical good,
only amusement & change of scene came
out of it. This change of scene
is so "appreciated"; rural women have
so little of it. But no further good comes of it.

f257v

The Carpentry Classes
have useful remarks from
4 "Centres". "The Carpentry
"class is more attractive to
"lads than a reading room"
And follows a List of the
useful things, the "neat"
things, & the "rough" things,
essential for farming lads,
they have made.

Here ends my exultation
This is my one friend's collection
of remarks from his a whole
District - nay County - nay it
may almost be said country.

Here begins my Despair -
& especially as regards
(not treated of in the above
Report)

[13:888-89]

f258

Lectures on sick Nursing -
in two voluminous reports
one by a Technical Educn Assn; one by a Ladies' Assn
now before me. There
are whole pages printed
of the places in very many
Counties where a course of
"4,5 or 6 weekly Lectures"
"on Sick Nursing" have has been
given - without one single
remark as to the *practical*
results.

We seem to be playing
at dolls. This cannot even
be called Instruction - much
less Education. Fancy
learning literary Sick Nursing
& in 4 Lectures!
"sprinkled " over the country.

f258v

But there is something
more 'aggravating' still -
In both Reports the "Bucks
"Health Lectures" (of which
the peculiar feature is the
cottage visiting) are mentioned
with great praise - and,
separated only by a comma,
ladies who wish to give
lectures on *Rural Hygiene*
in the country are
recommended to attend a
vast many of Lectures, &
literally *Lectures only* in LONDON
given by ladies who have
perhaps no 'touch' with
poor cottage mothers or girls at all,
& perhaps have never been in a
cottage in their lives - Hamlet left out One County
Council (I only mention one) spent
{printed address, upside down} £1500 on these - the
10, South Street, mothers would not
Park Lane. W. come more than once. & the ladies did not know
how to lecture - only how to use the words
But this does not appear in the Report "Ventilation" &c &c [end 13:889]

f259 May 26 1893 letter to FN from George Augustus Berkeley, 49 Leicester Sq, to become lady
patron of St John's Hosp, has note declined

f261 May 31 1893 letter to FN from Sister Margaret, St Barnabas Nurses Home, Stratford asks for
her support, lists supporters, FN notes on, pencil:

Paris
Sisters of
Charité employed
as Relieving
Officers by
the Muny x
Miséricordes
London
7 millions £
to put them in
7 millions to take
them out. (Charité
x Paris connection
COS

Add Mss 45809

Unseen foundations of Socy

D. of Argyll

property owner

[upside down] Lay

Trained Visitor

C.O.S.

[FN comment on printed report Women as the Hands of the Poor Law" by Sister Margaret, 196 Romford Road, Stratford E.

Trained

C.O.S.

Systematically

let it be

discussed

at the

C.O.S.

F263 June 16 1893 letter to FN from Constance Silvester, 6 Belgrave Terrace, Bath, re her letter re mothers. Your kind letter was forwarded to me. I was so interested in all you told me. I am sorry that you are still an invalid, I heard you were some years ago when I then wished so much to see you, I was told you lived near Barnet, but that might not be the case. I have given addresses sometimes at Mothers' meetings on home nursing, and I have written a little paper called Parish Talks" which is published in "Home Words" This month, if you wd care to see it I wd gladly send you a copy, but you may perhaps see Home Words where you are. It is widely circulated. It is our parish magazine here. We had a lady giving lessons in home nursing at Cublington this winter thro the Co Co, many of my mothers attended... Husband is a curate and we are not rich, indeed our means are very ltd, thankful had good training, 2 little sons and husband are sometimes my patients. helping nurse a sick friend.

F265 June 8 1893 letter to FN from Frances Wedderburn, Fiji, long letter. I fear you must be thinking me most ungrateful for all past kindnesses for not having written to you sooner. Almost every day I promised to myself to write a long letter. If you were here you would understand -- letters ... I get so few letters written. .

f271 June 21 1893, letter to FN from Eliz. Enderby 32 Caledonia Place, Bristol, saw that she subscriber to Governesses' Benevolent Inst and asks her vote for a lady. Hears St T, chit chat from Miss Isabella Hawthorn, pity obliged to give up her home, wrote her. It is very long since I have had the pleasure of hearing anything of you. I hope you are well notwithstanding the great heat, which so many persons find very trying.

My reason for troubling you with a letter today is that seeing your name as a subscriber to the Governesses' Benevolent Institution I venture to beg if your votes are not being engaged if you will kindly bestow them on the lady whose card is enclosed in this. I believe it to be a very deserving case. I am sorry to hear Miss Hamilton is leaving my old post at the Cumberland Inf. It is a nice little hospital but never appears to arrive.

I hear a little St Thomas' chit chat from time to time from Miss Isabella Hawthorn. It seems a great pity she shd be obliged to give up her "Home" in which she has taken such a keen interest for so many years, but in her state of health absolute rest is needful.

She wrote me word she would not be happy without *some* children and she intended having "three"? (I think) who would mess with her servants.

Pray do not trouble yourself to write in answer to his but if you have a vote to spare when the time comes, please think of this poor lady. Very faithfully, Elinr Enderby

f273 June 30 1893 embossed Lismore, Windsor, Belfast letter to FN from A.L. Bristow thanks for 5/ for their nurses, Miss Crossland visits next week. Thank you very much for your 5/ still more for your thought and sympathy with our Nurses' T Union. Every now and then comes a crumb of encouragement-- such as extract of letter from a district nurses lately recd. I give you a bit she was trained in the workhouse before Miss Pirrie's beneficent rule.

"How shall I forget my experiences there! I had many temptations and shall always feel thankful that I there became a member of the Nurses T Union. Many times have I been offered and illeg to have a little stimulant, when called in to perform the last services for some poor soul. "Nurse you do need something," but dear Miss Bristow never once had... a drop! I can say today after ten years hard and trying nursing "a nurse can do without brandy or wine, the better for herself and better for others."

I was able to have the private hospital at Nottingham carried on without any porter wine or beer, one prob after a year's work said she felt better without her beer altho "she had always been accustomed."

I know your kind heart will share my thankfulness. I don't want you to *think* of writing to me. This is only a receipt for 5/!

My old friend Miss Crossland comes next week for a visit.

f277 July 12 1893 letter to FN from C. Mabel de Mattoy, Penrhos, Chislehurst, Kent re nursing re where to train. Excuse my troubling you but as you are at the top of the tree of medical nurses and as I am very anxious to be one, I think there is no better person to whom I could apply for advice. I know that in nearly all the hospitals in London they will not take anyone under the age of 23 or 25. AS I shall only be 21 in September would you be so good as to advise me if it would be best for me to go to the London Children's Hosp or to a good prov one? Please do not think that I am one of those whom of late years I have taken rather romantic ideas of being nurses and have not thought of the hard work. I know the work is hard, but would not be afraid of that, or I think I have plenty of nerve. My reasons for wishing to be a hospital nurse are 1stly I am very fond of nursing, 2nd I shd like to lead a better and more useful life than the one I am now leading a useless life of amusing myself, and 3rd I shd like to feel that I am independent.

I hope you will not say to me what nearly all the matrons of the London hosps do --go home and think the matter over for 6 or 4 years -- for that would be condemning me to another 3 or 4 years of this useless life.

Hoping that you will not find it too much trouble to give me a little advice on this subject.

f279 July 13 1893 letter to FN from Sister Benedict Joseph, Leeds, appeal again for kindness, resources drained

f281 July 29 1893 letter to FN from Daniel Strock, MD, New Jersey Training School for Nurses confers honorary degree of Medical and Surgical Nurse,

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45812, 254 folios, 62 pages, microfilm, general correspondence 1893-95, Adam Matthew reel 37

incomplete, unsigned letter, ff3-4, pencil, black-edged paper
f3 {part of this is the same as Wellcome 9014/118}

Aug 18/93

I am surprised myself at
the dejection among our people
caused by the Pr Xtian
movement. They feel as if
after fighting for & enjoying
their liberties for 40 years,
they were routed by a King John
and a Pope. *They* had to fight
against a Charter - the Barons to
fight for one - go on to p. 3

But Scotland/ Edinburgh stands firm
& cries Victory for us -

Miss Crossland has been with
us 19 years -

It is wicked of me to laugh,
& of course I a Briton am impressed
how outrageous it is to take the
law into one's own hands -
But allow me just to grin at the

f3v

doughty Welch *non-strikers*
issuing forth yesterday at
Ebbw Vale (I don't know how
to pronounce it - so I had concluded
this happened in the time of the
Ancient Britons] - sending their
mounted tradesmen out in the
night as scouts - & at 5 a.m. well armed
with sticks & staves routing the
strikers, driving the *strikers*
before them into huts & *drains!!*
& improving them off the face of
Ebbw Vale -

And then they, the non-strikers
were kind to the wounded.
It wasn't bad now, was it?

And we shall have ~~some~~ a few
Coals next winter

f4

[3]

The immediate mischief of Pss Xtian's movement or at least of the tone of mind without which that movement could not have been, is as far as we can see the extraordinary increase even in the best Hospitals of the failures in Probationers - They seem to come in for a month or two, as perfectly unconscious that it was a real work, & the first thing they don't like they retire, being also found quite incapable in mind or body for any purpose like business -

f5 22 Aug 1893 letter to FN from James A. Russell, Lord Provost, Edinburgh, has her letter re her inv to call on her in London, he on Bd of Supervisors for Scotland re turning pauper ch into reliant citizens, re boarding out

f7v Aug 25 1893 letter to FN from M. Herbert, St T, thanks for her letter (missing) Sister Charity wants to meet her. Many thanks for your very kind letter. I am glad to say I am very well indeed and feel as if the greatest difficulties were over now--so many nurses come back next week from their holidays. "Sister Charity" would very much like to come and see you and mentions either Monday or Tuesday. If neither day is convenient to you, she can arrange to come any other day except Wednesday...

f9 29 Aug 1893 letter to FN from Margaret Ferguson, Charity Ward, thanks for assistance for little maid, can send out. Thank you very very much for your most kind and welcome assistance. I shall now be able to send my little maiden out to fight her battle of life at best in the meantime well equipped. She is so delightful herself to know that her present wants are supplied and seems to have got fresh courage and hope for her work. I look back with the greatest pleasure to my happy visit to you last evening. Thank you very much for letting me come to see you. I only trust I did not tire you staying so long, but the time passed so quickly to me that I did not realise it was late.

Your roses are exquisite and have given us all much pleasure. Thank you also very much for thinking of the cab, and for so kindly asking me about the book. I have often wanted to possess Hoblyn's "Dictionary of Medical Terms," only please do not think about it, you have done so much for me already. With kindest regards...

f11 29 Aug 1893 149 Harley St. letter to FN from Mary Scharlieb.

Dearest Miss Nightingale, I do not know how to thank you enough for your most kind and loving letter.

I believe Susan Countess Malmesbury is the secretary of Lady Dufferin's Fund, but there are also some others who, I think, attend some to ordinary business -- unluckily I do not know their names. Perhaps I can find out, and if so will let you know.

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff12-14v, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

f12

Private Sept 1/93

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir William Wedderburn

Thank you a thousand **[10:373]**
times-& for your wise
suggestions & ready help -
& great kindness.

I am afraid I am going
to write a most unsatisfactory
letter in return - I cannot
find a producible letter
of Lord Cross with the
"promise to send me answers
"such as could be quoted
"to the ~~W~~ I.O.", as you
desired. If I showed
you one, it must have
been a private letter -
I have reams of letters
done up (unsorted) in

f12v

large packets - which
my 6 months' illness of
this year prevented my
opening & sorting - I
tried yesterday & could
not stand the fatigue.

I saw Sir Douglas Galton
yesterday. He "understood
"that the replies from the
"various Govts in India
"would be sent to" me -
He was "quite clear that"
I "was to have them"
"but did not know how
"to fix it on a letter
"from Lord Cross". [end 10:373]

It may have been in
a conversation with
Lord Cross - I cannot tell
I do not think so -

f13

I do not remember either
telling you or Sir Douglas
Galton -
I am quite ashamed of myself.

Your kind suggestions [10:373]
were three:

1. to write a friendly letter
of thanks to Lord Lansdowne
(& that you would be so
very good as to give me
a Draft).

Would it be possible to
suggest to him to give
a very small grant to
a Native Association to
initiate the Lectures to
villagers?

This is a thing he could
easily do if he would,
before December.

f13v

I enclose a few scratched-
-down ragged ideas to
incorporate into a Draft
to Lord L. but have
not an idea whether any
one of them would do -
I am like a sea jelly fish -
2nd Suggestion Sir W.W. to write a Summary for
"India" for the "educated
"natives".
3rd to write to the I.O.
claiming Ld Cross' promise -
I have explained how
this cannot be at least
at present - for I cannot produce
any evidence of the promise.

Sir D. Galton has an idea
that all that was to be
sent to me was to be
"Confidential" so could not
be used.

f14

[2]

I send according to your
kind desire
the 5 pieces beginning
with my or rather your letter to Lord Cross -
- a letter from Lord Harris
~~with him~~ - within -
also the packet which I
read to you the day before
yesterday containing
Ld L's letter to me
copy of mine to him which
he sends me
extracts from native press [end 10:373]
{pencil begins} Please return all to me
here

f14v

I have to go out of
London on Monday - till
the 14th. I don't know yet
whether I have then to
come back here - or to go
straight to Claydon -
But I hope to see you
again before November -

Anything you are
good enough to address
to me here will be
forwarded to me at once

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
& apologetically

F. Nightingale
I hope Lady Wedderburn
is well

incomplete letter, f16, pencil

f16

suggestions - quite in 'the air' - for letter to Lord Lansdowne
[1]

I know so little about the thoughts & feelings
of India - but your Excellency who have
been there in such a commanding position
for &c &c

Progress has been made & will be made
during your tenure of office - & you will
leave some lasting mark of the benefits you
have conferred - hopes that he will
leave behind him the good he has done

incomplete letter, ff17v-18, pencil

f17v 10, South Street, {printed address: vertical}
Park Lane. W.

[2]

quite agree with Lord Lansdowne about
the water-supply & general cleanliness
- villagers must do it for themselves
We could not do it by sending a whole
army of sweepers - It would be just as
dirty again. The people must be preached
to by native Lecturers to do it clean themselves -

We don't want to destroy their nationality
as the native press says. We want to restore
their nationality - we must preach to the
people, & show them how they alone can do it.

f18

how would it do
to give the Poona Sarvajanik Sabha a very small
grant to start such a system of Lectures among
the villages - Lord Lansdowne says that
the Native Associations would not go to the expence
of organising a system of Lectures - How would
it do to induce one Native Association to
initiate the thing by a very small grant? If you
could get one native society to do this, would
not others follow?

f19 Sept 4 1893 letter to FN from Rosalind Paget, 28 Bolton. S.W. with letter nurses have sent to house committee. Knowing your sympathy with our London Hospital troubles I think you will like to see a letter 241 old nurses many of them now matrons of important hospitals have sent in to the House committee today. We felt we must do something and we hope this expression of our affection and loyalty for our Alma Mater may a little strengthen their hands.

The signatures have come from all parts and with such delightful letters, showing so much esprit de corps. And it has much cheered us all and will I know much please Miss Lückes....

f20 Sept 10 1893 letter to FN from Margaret Ferguson thanks for book, re cases of typhoid India, Nurse Newstead now quite convalescent, little maid she helped going on fairly well. I am ashamed that I have not already written to thank you for the book you so very kindly sent me, and which arrived safely a few days ago. I am indeed grateful to you and so glad to have the book, as it will be most useful both to myself and my nurses.

I have been very busy since I saw you, as we have several cases of typhoid fever and they require much attention. Nurse Newstead, you will be glad to hear, is now quite convalescent, and I hope will be able to get up soon.

The little maid you so kindly helped seems to be going on fairly well so far, but I hope to get her into a more promising situation in time.

Add Mss 45809

Trusting you are well and with my very best thanks for the book.

Add Mss 45809

initialed letter, ff22-27, pen & pencil [6:602-04]

f22

Miss Lamport Sept 20/93

Lectures {printed address:} 10, South Street,
letter enclosed Park Lane. W.

Dearest Margaret

I am so sorry to send
you this letter. But you
only can answer it - you
who did all the good of
the health at Home Missrs
movement - & who saw
all the good in Miss Lamport

I think her movement
hopeless - I have heard a
great deal about Lectures
since I was at Claydon
last year - which goes to
prove them not ~~only~~
useless but active for
harm - the teaching people
how *not* to do it. ~~town~~
{pencil} & to think they *are* doing it

f22v

- the English literary state
of mind - especially the
English woman's - is to
me appalling - not one
word, one thought
about RESULTS -
People/Societies have got into the habit
this last year of sending,
even to me, their annual
Vol:, directing attention to
closely printed pages
at the beginning - for
applause - of their Lectures
(where, when & how many)
& asking for criticism -
The only criticism could
be that, to all this

f23

intolerable deal of
sack, there was only in
ONE District of ONE Vol.
an account (of 3 pages
only) of the results or &
non-results - X

to me it would seem
incredible - were it not real -

And here is Miss Lamport
"lecturing" & "my lecturers
"are going about" &c

It is like acting a
play and a very
poor play - is it not?

X It is true there was some=
=times the No of attendances - &
therefore the Lectures are "appreciated"
- & *therefore* they are "useful"!!!

f23v

I. Does the Lecturer
consider the Lecture "only
"to be the first *beginning*
"of the teaching"? [This
is to be a condition in
India-]

II. Does he (or she) make
himself acceptable to the
people so as to go
round the place afterwards
& *show* the PEOPLE
on the spot e.g. - - - - -1

2

3

4

&c

take these from your admirable
H. at H. pamphlet Lecture
[somewhat different from
India where it is
how to dispose of their refuse
&c &c &c

f24

[2]

then "examine their
water supply" *with* them
& show them "the
simple precautions to be
observed" "not to foul it"
the "utilizing" in their
garden "cultivation"

&c &c &c

this is for India]

III. TO ALLOW THE GRANT
TO DEPEND upon the
RESULTS SHOWN .

[are the County Councils
to go on making grants
without any "results
"shown"?]

f24v

{pencil begins}

In a very large Province
under us the Sanitary
Commissioner says

"it is of no use *talking*"
golden words

Yes:

words are useless without
practice. & practice
is not gained by talk.

But if object lessons are
given *on the spot* -
practical illustrations -
of how to remedy foul
air, foul water, foul earth,
they words are golden -
like yours -

f25

It is impossible now -
-a-days to open book,
newspaper, or report
without this or the
want of this being forced
upon one's notice e.g.
In "Times" of yesterday
"Society Association of Women Pioneer
Lecturers"!!!
praised as opening a new
field for "educated women"!!
not one word about useful
results

== On Monday
{pen} Letter about Ambulance
Lectures - "first in
"popularity" - "cooking second"
not one word about
useful results
"I could a tale unfold"

f25v

{pencil}
Do read in to-day's (22nd)
Times a leading
Article on the "versatility"
of your "Welsh labourers" -
"is, indeed, Nature's
"technical education,
"with which *lectures* &
"evening classes
"cannot be named'
"in the same breath".
Of how many things
besides the "holding of land
could this be truly said!

== These are only 3 quotations
in 5 days - I could give
30

f26

[3]

Miss Lamport's only remark
on Miss Bartlett's Lecture
~~to me~~ (which you were so
good as to send her to hear)
to me was "Miss B is not
quite a lady"

As for her "thoroughly
understanding" what has
to be done, I don't
think she understands
at all (see her letter)
I have been asked twice
to contribute a paper
to the "Leeds conference"
on the same subject &
would not pledge myself
but said I would if I
could _ The subject of

f26v

Lecturing is assuming
such alarming proportions
all over the world.
Western & Eastern -
[And I should give
{pencil begins} such a different judgment
from Miss Lamport's]
that would I could!
Miss Lamport's letter p. 1
I do not remember "telling"
Miss Lamport what she says
p. 1
"Lecturing to lecturers" to
teach them to "lecture"
on such subjects as these
appears to me like
skimming your milk
twice over

f27

Alas! for her "Handbook"
O that women could be
taught not to "disinfect"
but to how to have
nothing that wants
"disinfection"
Are not "laws
"regulating infectious
"diseases" like "laws
"regulating" smoky chimnies?
I have written this in
interrupted intervals - & yet
I must ask you to return it
to me some day -
Excuse me]
It must go as it is F.N. [end]

f28 Sept 26 [1890-93] letter to FN from Nina Shalders, Westminster Nurses' Home. You have always taken such a kind interest in me that I am sure you will like to hear that I have got a post as "Sister" at the Marylebone Infirmary. Miss Pyne was most kind and recommended me to Miss Vincent. My feelings are naturally very divided, sorrow to leave Westminster and yet I cannot but be pleased to get a good appointment and settle down for I do *not* like the private staff.

I hope you are keeping well and fairly strong. I heard wonderful accounts of Sir Harry from Mrs Verney and Lettice. I had a long letter from Mrs Fred Verney--they seem to be having a gay time in Scotland. It is very long since I have seen them. With love from
yours affectionately, Nina Shalders

incomplete, unsigned letter, f30, pencil

f30

In reference to our conversation of the other day which interested me very much pray let me ask you, when time and opportunity serves, to let me hear from you, or still better, to let me see you again, as regards the admirable work in Edinburgh in which you are taking large a share, and for which many years interest, both from personal & local reasons, ~~will~~ /gives me I venture to hope some right to show sympathy.
Tenure of office of Lord Provost long to make a real & lasting impression upon a great community -
A medical Lord Provost -

Add Mss 45809

ff31 rough drafts for Stock in f37

signed letter, ff37-40, pen, black-edged paper

f37

London October 1893

[13:525-26]

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 29, and of the Diploma of the new Jersey Training School for Nurses of Camden, New Jersey, purporting to confer upon me the honorary degree of Medical & Surgical Nurse.

May I beg that you, Gentlemen, will be so good as to convey to the Board of Managers the high sense which I entertain of the great honour that they have intended to

f37v

confer upon me both by the bestowal of the Diploma and the use of my poor vignette upon it. I gratefully acknowledge the very kind expressions with regard to myself & my work in connexion with Nursing which your letter contains. From the depths of my heart I hail my Sister Nurses of the New Jersey School & wish them the highest success in the noble calling which is to cure the rents made in the 'temples' which are our bodies, &

f38

not only this but to
maintain those bodies,
those temples of the soul,
sound & useful.

In thus wishing the
highest success may I
venture now in addressing
you, Gentlemen, who are
the official representatives
of the Executive of the
Training School for Nurses
to add a few words as to
what the highest success
with which the subject of
Degrees for Nurses is so closely
connected trusting that
your kindness will not
consider me ungracious in

f38v

so doing.

Has it been, according to
experience, by means
principally of examinations
& certificates (academic
degrees) & diplomas that
success has followed on the
endeavours made during
the last 30 years or so
to develop & improve the
art of nursing the sick &
to raise the position of
Nurses; or has it been mainly by the
introduction into *Hospitals*
where alone the training can
be given of an efficient
organisation adapted to
develop the moral character
& to promote the moral

f39

[2]

welfare of Nurses - of all that goes to make a good woman - a high tone - a high ideal of devotedness, not making it a mere business but a real calling - a calling by the Father for the good of our fellow creatures - as we are not all body but soul or spirit too. Where we have to tend the *living* being it is quite a different kind of thing - a thing which cannot be tested by examination or certified by certificates

Lectures & classes are valuable - tests & examinations are valuable - & evidence

f39v

of the results of these alone may be afforded by certificates - but can the possession of the essential moral qualifications be so tested; & can it find any place on a certificate or Diploma?

Is there any true analogy in this respect between the profession of a Doctor & the calling of a Nurse? A system of degrees & diplomas which necessarily ignores the most essential characteristics of a Nurse & gives paramount place to those qualifications which

f40

though important, are
valueless without the
possession of the others
- can it be otherwise than
injurious to the true interests
- the higher success of
Nurses & misleading to
the public?

I feel how inadequate is a
short treatment of such a
subject as this. I will
now only beg your kindness
to convey my sincere compliments
to the Board of Managers
& to accept my apologies
both for introducing these
remarks & for the delay

f40v

in my reply for which
physical & weakness &
work must be my excuse

I have the honour to be

Gentlemen

yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

to

H.G. Taylor A.M. M.D.

President

& Daniel Strock M.D.

Secretary

New Jersey Training School
for Nurses

[end 13:526]

Add Mss 45809

signed address card, f41, pen

f41

To

H.G. Taylor A.M. M.D.
President
& Daniel Strock M.D.
Secretary
New Jersey Training School for Nurses
818 Federal Street - Camden
N.J.
F. Nightingale U.S.A.
9/10/93

signed letter, ff42-43, pen [Goldie has 29th date], black-edged paper

f42

Private London October 20/93

My dear Sir

Referring to our conversation **[10:228]**
in which you said that a
Consulting Engineer was
wanted for Bombay
Municipality, & that two
you mentioned were off the
cards; - if you want
some one only to go out to
Bombay to *advise* - for a
couple of months or so -
why do you not ask Sir
Douglas Galton to go? **[end 10:228]**

His address is:

12 Chester Street
Grosvenor Place
London S.W.

whence letters are forwarded

f42v

to him -

Arrangements however you [10:228]

may already have made

with "Santo Crimp, who

as you know was an

Assistant Engineer at

Barking Sewage works -

also had had management

of Wimbledon Sewage farm.

He is thought a sensible

man & knows about

Sewage - and has written

about utilization of sewage.

f43

I wish you every the

highest success in

your "cold weather" tour -

& always - For Bombay

wants you sorely [end 10:228]

Pray believe me

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Surgeon Lt Col McRury

signed letter, f44-46v, pencil

f44

Dr Little: Berars Oct 27/93

*Resolution of S. of S - 3 or 4 years ago - did much for
Sanitation*

You will not get educated native women to be

Health Missioners - nor the native women to attend

them. They will despise them - They cannot think that

women of character will undertake that sort of thing

And they are right - The women lose their character

We have entirely failed in supplying Lady Dufferin

with respectable women for her Nurse Fund - We sent best

we could - they all turned out badly - The Hospital

Assistants think they are bad women & make them so

go to 2

Add Mss 45809

f44v

[2]

The only way would be for us to have a small
Hospital - with single bed (not Wards)
for women & children
Opinion - Infants - High Mortality

f46

[5]

Black cotton soil - that is why the Berar
people are so rich . grow cotton
No typhoid - but *Cholera* every 2 or 3 years
- then we went astray on *Bacilli*
Sweepers (mehters) imported - all of lowest caste

f47v

[6]

Berars Mabraitha race rather fine fellows
better than Bengalese
Hindoos a few Mahometans
speak Mahrathi
2 High Schools at Head Quarters
& another place
It's the heads of Dept. that say this
Govt too timid about offending people as to Sanitation
What the people want is honour - will do anything
for honour

f48 30 Oct [1893] from Georgiana Hurt, 46 Clifton Gardens, W. from London re 2 nurses returned from Mashonaland to see her. I do not know whether you are in London, but if so I have a request to make that you will allow 2 nurses returned from Mashonaland to have the honor of seeing you Miss Blennerhasset is a lady, full trained as nurse and Lucy Sleeman also trained but much younger. In a few days the account of their pioneer nurse work will be published by McMillan. Miss Blennerhasset has applied to the Colonial Office for the post of Matron at St Helena, but she has not many to speak for her -- may I tell these ladies to call on you? Or may I bring them at any hour you name.

Miss B. Is just getting over an attack of the African fever, but will be all well in a day or two.
I sent "Sister Allen" a few sponge cakes last week, knowing that she likes them.

unsigned letter, f50, pen, black-edged paper

f50

London Oct /93

Florence Nightingale in answer
to S.N. Twiss's question in
a letter dated Aug 14 begs
to say that she never was

Add Mss 45809

married; tho' she thinks such
a question needs no answer -
for were she to answer all
the questions put to her for
information about her *life*
she would have no time or
strength to *live* it.

She is glad that the Nurse
sent out to work among
the sick poor is doing
good & useful work

f51 Nov 3 1893 letter to FN from Margaret E. Stewart. As I intend trying for the Hospital for Consumption Brompton I write to let you know of my wishes.

The hospital in Ireland is now in lovely order and the nurses all properly trained after the rules and laws of the Nightingale School. The governors have *all* been kindness itself. They are in trouble about my wishing to leave them. They quite see that I may wish for advancement -- more entirely superintending. The Gentlemen of the Board have all been most thoughtful for me but since I got so done up my friends are all anxious that I should be in England, if Possible. This is the reason I am trying for this post.

I have now an opportunity for thanking you for all your great kindness to me during my time of trouble and thanks to the good friends whom I had at the hospital I am now quite strong and really feeling better than I have done for some little time. I feel I can now express my gratitude sufficiently to home sister. She is a friend to be valued indeed. Again thankng you for the lovely flowers and all our kindness.... Margaret E. Stewart

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, f53-54, pencil

f53

10 South St. Nov 8/93

Sir

I am very sorry that
I cannot see you, being
a great Invalid, & a
prisoner to my room -

But I had appointed
the gentleman who does
my house & its appurtenances
every year, or his foreman,
to meet you - And I was
to telegraph to him Is
the hour

f53v

there time for me to telegraph
now for him?

Are you expecting
another Inspector?

This gentleman, Mr. Vare,
would go over the
house & water-fittings
with him or you

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

f54

To the

Inspector

{the reply to this is written below it}

f55 13 11 1893 letter to FN from J.B. Hamilton, printed 11 York Mansions, Barkston Gardens, SW, Madam, I am indeed greatly obliged for your kind letter of 10th, & shall be only too pleased to give you all the information in my power to enable you to assist in getting our present want of preparation remedied.

I fear, however, that no assistance or sympathy can be looked for from Sir Redvers Buller, and I may tell you confidentially that it is to his and Lord Wolseley's action the present state of affairs may be attributed chiefly.

It is only necessary to read the evidence of both of these gentlemen in the reports of the "Compensation Committee" to understand their feelings towards all medical organisation. F56 I enclose you a leading article on the subject taken from the last number of the BMJ which very fairly states how things shd be remedied, & I fear that nothing but the pressure of public opinion, and action in the 'House of Commons' will have any real effect.

The truth is, the public & the army do not understand the vast importance of a well trained & organised medical science- France, Germany, Italy etc. have had experience of the new order of

things in war, but for 40 years England has only had to contend with savages, badly armed, and almost certain to be defeated. So the necessity of adequate medical arrangements has never been forced on us.

In corroboration of the f57 statement defending the physique of the MSC I was speaking to a Surgeon Major of the Guards a few days ago. He told me that in the Guards hospital he had occasion to have a heavy man moved from one ward to another on a stretcher. He was afraid to trust the illeg men of the MSC (they are not *all* of course so weak) but v he had him carried by a convalescent patient and an orderly of the Guards on duty at the gate.

I forget if I told you that I have served for 34 years & have never seen the equipment of a field hospital or bearer Co in this country & in the Soudan we improvised almost everything, while in our transport criminals & learned how to work our equipment.

There we had time, but f58 suppose there was a European war & the army had to fight the day after landing, as at the Alma, what an awful condition we should be in.

As I now stand I should certainly be PMO of a division, if not of our Army Corps, in the event of war, & I can only say I would look forward with dread to the certain breakdown that must occur. v I am asking the Honbl Plunket MP an old college friend of mine, to put a question in the house to the Secy of State so as to open the ball as I am convinced it is only in the House that matter can be remedied.

If you would spare half an hour any afternoon I shall be most pleased to call 7 give you all the info in my power, and then perhaps you will be able to suggest a line of action.

Very truly yrs, J.B. Hamilton

f59 30 Nov [1893] letter to FN replying from Georgiana Hurt re FN's telegram re seeing 2 nurses. Your telegram I replied to, as best I could. The two nurses left me last Saturday for an hotel, as Miss Blennerhasset had an attack of fever at a friends and fled to the hotel that Lucy might join her--this has thrown all their work back.

They come to me this evening for their Saturday start. I have sent a telegram to them--Hotel Windsor, Victoria Street, a s I think they will return there from the dentist! So if it is possible I hope Lucy will appear at your door--if Miss Blennerhasset is with her, will you see her. She is I am sure a remarkable woman -- her Cardiff work is not forgotten but she is a *carefully* unobstructive person, but you are well aware now all like to see the head lady. Ever yours, Georgiana S. Hurt.

f61 Dec 3 1893 letter to FN from Katharine Perssè, Paddington District Nursing Assoc thanks for her inquiries and present of eggs, 2 months in bed

f62 Dec 4 1893 letter to FN from Lord Kimberley, waiting for report from Govt of India, re her letter of Nov 28

f63 Dec 18 1893 letter to FN from Reginald Thompson re hours for private nurse

f65 Dec 19 1893 typed letter to FN from Arthur Godley from IO, replying to hers of Nov 28 and re her previous communication of March 21 1892 re sanitary reform in villages, sends copy of Bombay letter, Kimberley will consider subject again when he receives letters

f65 Dec 21 1893 letter to FN from Radcliffe Inf nurses thanks for kind gift of books, signed

f67 Xmas 1893 letter to FN from C.E. Barff, Sick Poor and Private Nursing Inst Manchester re extension of district homes

Add Mss 45809

f69 Dec 26 1893 letter to FN from Margaret Ferguson thanks for card, leaving Charity ward at St T. to go to Liverpool Royal Inf as sister

f71 Dec 26 1893 letter from Nurse Speck, night nurse of Charity ward thanks for card

f73 Dec 30 1893 letter to FN from M.H. Carter, Albert Ward thanks for book and Xmas wishes

f75 Dec 30 1893 letter to FN from A.M. Messum, Kent and Canterbury Hosp thanks for kind remembrance

f76 Dec 30 1893 letter to FN from Annie M. Allardice thanks for book

f78 Dec 31 1893 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham Leopold Ward thanks for booklet

f80 Dec 31 1893 letter from Nurse Cameron Arthur Ward

f81 Dec 31 1893 letter of thanks from M.R. Easton, Elizabeth Ward thanks for book

f82 Dec 31 1893 letter from Marianne Hamby, sister, thanks for remembering her, and staff nurse to thank for the pretty card

f84 Dec 31 1893 letter from Sarah Swan, Arthur Ward. May you allow me to express my warm thanks for your kind remembrance of me this Christmas time. It has been a most happy week for the greater part of our sick ones, and they will never forget their Christmas in hospital.

Indeed to all of us it is constant pleasure and the care our patients require from us makes us feel less keenly the vacant places at home.

With all good wishes for a very Happy New Year...

f85 nd. E. Baylis letter to FN from Block 8 [1878?] Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind wishes and pretty remembrance of Xmas. The care enclose for the senior night nurse I gave to Nurse Chaplin who has taken night duty in Dorcas Ward (male medical) since last January she was much pleased and will prize it highly. We have had a very happy although a busy time in Block *, so much serious sickness amongst our patients besides having several nurses down with influenza. They are now convalescent. I trust you are fairly well. With every wish for a bright and happy new year, sincerely yrs, E. Baylis

f87 Jan 6 1894 letter to FN from Helen Haig Brown, Alexandra Ward. I am ashamed to think how long ago it is that I reced your charming little Christmas book, please believe that I am not ungrateful for your kindness and that I thank you most heartily for your kind thought of me. With all good wishes for the New Year.

signed note, f88-f88v, pencil

f88

For our dear Miss Ferguson

Sister

on her departure from St

Thomas' Hospital after her

Add Mss 45809

good service to the good
cause, moral & technical,
of Nursing as Night Supt.
& 4 years as "Sister Charity"
to a higher post
where may her labours
be abundantly blessed
with Florence Nightingale's
love
Jan/94

f88v

For our dear Miss Ferguson
who has so truly been
"about our Father's business
in nursing
& who will be always
about that higher business
~~while n~~
with F.N.'s love & best
wishes

f90 Jan 9 1894 letter of Margaret Ferguson, from 23 Warriston Cres, Edinburgh. Your beautiful books arrived safely yesterday and I do not know how to thank you sufficiently for this delightful and useful present. I shall do my best to make the best use of them and to fit myself for work that may be before me in the future. The kind helpful loving words you have written for me will be to me always a precious possession, and I shall turn to them often when I feel a need of comfort and courage in my work. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for all you have been and must ever be to me and it is the greatest help to feel that your prayers and good wishes are with me still.

I cannot think of "Charity" without sorrow and regret and yet there is mixed with that a great amount of thankfulness for the happiness and experiences that were given to me there. With love and warmest thanks, believe me, dear Miss Nightingale, yours ever gratefully and affectionately,

f92 Jan 14 1894 letter to FN from K. Perssè, Paddington, printed Paddington & Marylebone District Nursing Association. How good you are to us to send us such a plentiful supply of country piglet and those nice fresh eggs. We shall fare sumptuously. Thank you so much and more than all for your good wishes, blessings upon us and love. I do value the name all gone illeg. Without any ill effect. I feel so well and able for any amount of work. Ever yours grateful and sincere

f93 Jan 30 1894. Please return to F.N. Children's Hosp, Gt Ormond St.
letter to FN from Cara Glover.
FN pencil diagonal:
Please return to
F.N.

HBC: your letter sent 1/2/94 HyBC

I venture to ask you to do me a very great kindness. About this time last year you advised me, as I could not return to St Thomas' to begin nursing again elsewhere. I came here, began life again as a probationer for 3 months, then was made a staff nurse in one of the surgical wards, which post I

have held for 7 months.

But I have never lost sight of my original aim in coming to St Thomas', namely, to enter the Military Nursing Service--and this week I hope to send in an application. Miss Gordon writes that I am eligible for the service and I have some support--as the Duke of Cambridge has been asked to recommend me--and we hope for some other help as well.

I have it more at heart than I can ever hope to make you understand now.

I am venturing to ask if you will --for me==act the part of "the lady of position in society" and tell them--if you think it--that I am a fit person to enter the Service. It is no mere form when I say that I will do my utmost --that you shall not be ashamed of having done so.

I have given myself as long second probation as possible. I shall be 35 on the 11th of next month, so it is important (to me) that the application shall be sent in at the end of this week.

Do forgive my troubling you and help me if possible. I wish I might one day see you again... I cannot help having faith in your memory and kindness.

f95 Feb 1 1894 letter to FN from C.G. Loch, The Cottage, Bishopsgate, Englefield Green, Surrey, thanks for flowers, recd when starting and for letting her visit. I should have written to you yesterday only a nursing friend from St Bartholomews came down yesterday to pay me a good bye visit and was here all the day. I wanted to thank you very much for the lovely flowers which I recd from you at starting, I was so much delighted with them for there is no place so absolutely lacking in flowers as a country home in the winter --when there are none in the garden--and it was so kind of you to think of them.

Thank you also very much for letting me come to see you. I am very glad indeed to have had the privilege of doing so and of talking to you about a few of our experiences and difficulties in India. I often wonder very much how matters will turn out in the end. Whether eventually they will materially increase the number of nurses in the service and whether, if they do, a more regular and general system of nursing and training in the military hosps will be gradually established, or whether they will remain as they are at present, only a few doing it scattered here and there. I think a great deal depends on the nurses themselves, if we can only get the right sort of women the public and the med officers will much sooner recognize the importance of the movement, and be ready to urge its extension. I earnestly hope that those who have been recently sent out may be earnest workers. After all, in spite of difficulties and disappointments when I look back to our first going out 6 years ago I think some progress has been made. Many of the nursing sisters have worked splendidly and I don't think that their efforts have been lost. One must work and hope on! Believe me, yours sincerely

f97 Feb 17 1894 letter to FN from Fanny L. Calder, 49 Canning St., Liverpool. In the face of what must be such a very great loss in your life, as the death of our venerable friend, I hardly like to write to you about ordinary matters, but that I had *previously* promised to do so. Since the first of week of December last I have been watching by the bedside of a very dear friend thro severe influenza and *many!* Subsequent evils. We have for weeks had two nurses from the Liverpool Royal Inf, now one is left with us and I am thankful to my friend ... want of a trained nurse for any headship or any special post, I want to tell you of the one we have now. A first rate nurse (from the love of it; all are NOT so) a lady *such* a nice girl of about 28, so good, bright, helpful, pleasant. She wishes something more important as a port then private nursing in the inf staff and I think so very highly of herself of her nursing powers, I decided to name her to you, as you sometimes be choosing first rate people. Nurse Schroeder of a family at Bright, to Sir Harry.

f102 Feb 26 1894 letter to FN from Mary Herbert, St T. "Home Sister" tells me you would be good

Add Mss 45809

enough to see me before I leave... I should like so much to come and wonder if you cd see me tomorrow evening. I have hardly had time to realize Worcester yet, but it is very near now, as I am to go on Thursday or Friday

unsigned note, f100-100v, pencil

f100

Offered to
Miss Herbert
on her leaving St. Thomas'
for a Matronship
with F.N.'s
most earnest good wishes
for her highest success
moral & technical
in that most fruitful work February 28/1894

f100v

Gray's Anatomy
Brain & the localization
of various
places for its functions
pp. 703,4

f102 Mar 1 1894 letter to FN from Mary Herbert thanks for "Gray" received and memoir of Sir Harry.... I am for the moment out of office, having given up my work here and am now plunged into the very unpleasant work of packing. I shall be glad when the next two days are over. I shall write to you as soon as I have learned the ways of Worcester.

Matron came back yesterday looking much better for her rest. I am glad to say and also giving a good account of her sister....

f104 March 5 1894, George Ward note of Emily Escreet to FN from St T, sorry prevented from coming to see her, hopes another time

f105 Mar 8 1894 note to FN from Emily Escreet, chooses Taylor's Medicine, enjoyed visit this evening

signed note, f106, pencil

f106

Offered to
Miss Escreet
on her leaving her good
service as Sister in St. Thomas'
for good service as Matron at
Cheltenham
And may she ever have

Add Mss 45809

higher & higher success
moral & technical
in so holy a calling
is the earnest prayer
of her friend
Florence Nightingale

f107 Mar 22 1894 letter to FN from Escreet, St Thomas Hosp Thank you so much for the Taylor, which I know will be most useful, which I shall value still more for the sake of the giver and of the kind words written on the fly leaf. Thank you also for the interesting pamphlet about Sir Harry Verney and the Health at Home book. I shall not forget about Miss Rowlands [?]- You will I know excuse a little note but I feel too battered and torn with this uprooting to write today. I shall be very glad to find myself *busy* at Cheltenham.

F108 letter to FN from de Laney, Birmingham 22 March 1894. I am afraid I must have wearied you very much on Monday. I had no idea I had encroached upon your time and patience for two long hours and I hope you will forgive me being so thoughtless, but I did enjoy it so much and your kindness and sympathy was so sweet I forget everything else but the pleasure of it.

I gave Sister Jackson your kind message and also illeg and Lancaster were most glad to hear of our dear and much loved Chief. I do not think I told you sister Sillence [?] is doing very well. She is in charge of a male surgical ward of 36 beds. She is very kind and good to her patients and nurses and is very much liked by all.

Miss Gibson was very glad to hear of you and I think they have all had a share in my pleasure.

I find Sister Jackson has no manual on Surgery. Sister Howard's address is Workhouse Infirmary, Shoreham, Sussex. With my deepest respect and love, believe me dear Madam, yrs devotedly, A. De Laney

ff110 March 24 1894 letter to FN from Margaret A. Young, Edward Ward. I cannot withstand the temptation to send you a line of greeting this Easter just to tell you our thoughts and prayer swill be with you. Your heart must be heavy with the blank that dear Sir Harry's well earned rest has left behind, and we nurses who have so much to thank you for can indeed sympathize with you.

I have just returned from Warwickshire and amongst other friends saw Mrs Galton, who in spite of increasing deafness is wonderfully bright and unselfish. She told me she had known you many years and she was much interested in hearing about my work here. Each day it seems to grow a greatest blessing and delight. Believe me ever yours sincerely.

f112 27 Mar 1894 letter to FN from Wainwright re getting archbishop of Canterbury for Wardroper Memorial. You will be pleased to learn that I have succeeded in obtaining the help of ... For archbishop of Canterbury to unveil the Wardroper memorial and he has fixed Monday 30 April at 4.30 o'clock for the function.

f114 Mar 31 letter to FN from Mary Herbert, General Inf Worcester. I have now been here for a month so I think I may try to tell you something about my new work. I know you will wish chiefly to hear about the probationers. Formerly, they were only taken for one year, but during the last year it was decided only to take them for 2 years. Most of our probs are sent by various institutions, some from the Workhouse Nursing Inst, some [FN und] *from the Worcester District Nursing Inst (to which Miss Winterton is soon coming).*

FN pencil: What Bloomsbury training have they?

Some from private nursing homes and a few that we train for ourselves with a view to filling any vacancies that may occur.

The night work was done by probs (often only just come into the inf) but each change that has been made in the last few months has been to put an older prob on night duty and I hope soon to arrange for the *night work* to come in the 2nd year.

One of the surgeons gave a course of lectures in the autumn and now the senior physician has nearly come to an end of his course. The pros have not had any classes before I came, but I soon arranged to give them some help with their lectures and enjoy my classes greatly. Gray's Anatomy is a great help and they were all much interested to know that the book came from you.

The permanent nursing staff consists of 6 sisters, and one *night sister*. The latter is a *very nice* woman, Miss Burton. She was trained at Bristol and Miss Berm likes her very much and would like to have her in Liverpool. I cannot hope to keep her here very long for the salary is very small, only £30, but in the meantime she is a great help and very pleasant as a fellow worker.

There is an asst housekeeper, but she has nothing to do with the nurses, and I am not at all sure that she is a necessity. I think probably if I had a good cook I could manage all the stores myself.

On my arrival I found that there had been an outbreak of scarlet fever and since I came there have been 4 fresh cases, but it is now a fortnight since the last victim was sent to our Isolation Cottage and I begin to hope we have come to an end of it. The accommodation for the nurses here is very poor--the night nurses and 4 sisters sleep in a cottage opposite the inf. The rest have rooms here. The ground for a house has been bought and the com really intend to build soon.

As o Worcester itself, I am delighted with it. The cathedral is a great refreshment as it is only $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs walk from here. We often go to the afternoon service.

I have not seen much of the country yet. But spent a few hours in illeg on Thursday. The air was very refreshing, much more bracing than this.

I was very sorry to hear of home sister's illness, but hope she is better now.

f118 Ap 13 1894 letter to FN from Ada Bermingham, General Hosp Croydon. I shd very much like to have gone to see you before leaving St Thomas but my departure was as hurried that many things had to be left undone. I hope I may look forward to the pleasure at some date not far distant. I find things very much out of joint here and it will be uphill work for a long time to come I can see. Nevertheless I am very happy and comfortable personally and have every hope of getting things within my province to some degree of perfection in time. I am conscious of a Divine leading in coming here and of the wisdom and guidance needed for each day, and though each day's difficulties and perplexities are I have so far been helped through. Three of the servants are Christians and the gardener, which is a great comfort, and I was much impressed by their telling me they had been praying for a Christian matron. The nurses are nice and anxious to improve the place, but are discouraged at times with the conditions surrounding them, which are very unfavourable to nursing. The bldg was originally a private house standing in the town grounds so the wards are rooms, the largest of which only holds eight beds and these are close to fireplaces and under or by windows and the ventilation and lavatory areas arrs are utterly bad. I believe no nurse who had come from a good place would stay so they have always been changing, the present charge nurses are all new, the last four months and I hope they will stay. My greatest difficulty is being short handed and having probs ill and having been trying for a night nurse these last ten days it has been a great worry with all the less of work and things to be arranged for I am hoping now to get Miss Shang [?] to take the post, for a while till we can see our way better. You will remember she was trained at St Thomas and went from there to Cheltenham as sister. Sh has been one or two places since leaving there and is now at home. Seeing my appointment here

in the hosp she called to know if there were any vacancy would suit her. She did not care to take night work as she cannot sleep, and has had a lot of it, but settled that if I did not let anyone to suit she would come for awhile. I shall be very thankful to have her even for awhile and have my mind free to arrange other things. The probs are kept three years, don't you think two years in a small hosp where there are not many cases to learn from wd be long enough? They have not had any systematic teaching hitherto and most of the present ones are in their second year. I am anxious to begin classes but with so much to set right first that must be done and they, poor things, so hard worked I don't at present see where it is to fit in. However we cannot do everything at once and things may shape themselves. The committee are kindly and pleasant to me, they are not gentlemen I shd think, which of course I would prefer, but so long as they are kind and just it is something. It is very good of you to offer me a book and I wd like very much to have Galabin's Midwifery. I was promising myself to get it when I could afford it, but that would not be just yet as I had various extra expenses coming here. I shall prize it all the more getting it for you and am very grateful to you for the kind thought. It is a nice readable book for my own instruction, though not immediately bearing on teaching here, but all knowledge is power.

Hoping you are well and with many loving thanks, yrs very truly

ff122-23 17 April 1894 letter to FN from A.C. Gibson, Matron Workhouse Inf Birmingham, hopes to see her in London. Hard to read

f124 18 April 1894 "The Infirmary, Birmingham" I don't know how I am to thank you for your delightful present. I have wanted a Gray's Anatomy for years and it will be an endless source of pleasure and instruction. The other little work I do not know at all, but I am sure I shall like it because you have sent it. The previous words you have written inside are more to me than I can express, to think I may claim our love and that you are pleased with my work is something I cannot be too grateful for and it has given me intense delight.

I have tried to follow in your steps and you have been and are my star guiding me and many others when the way has been weary and dark. How much we owe you and I especially, your loving sympathy has helped many and we cannot love and revere you too much.

You know we think we no one so good and clever as our dear Chief. You have made me very happy. God bless and preserve you to us many years is the prayer of yours lovingly, A. De Laney

f125 20 April 1894 letter to FN from Wainwright St T. treas thanks for her "kind and liberal" donation to Wardroper memorial, hopes can come

f127 Ap 29 1894 letter to FN from E. Escreet embossed General Hosp Cheltenham. Miss Gordon tells me that you have been wondering that you have not heard from me, well I did not want to write a grumble so I have been waiting until I felt in a happier frame of mind and I thought anything under two months was too short a time to judge of our work in.

Truth to tell, I cannot find enough to do -- everything is in apple pie order and only wants keeping up to the mark, of course it is a good big "only" but I should like to have my hands fuller. I am not used to a superfluity of spare time and I don't know what to do with it. I like my sisters and nurses very much and esp enjoy my probationer classes.

I have not come across Miss Rowlands yet but I have not forgotten about her. AT present the time that I spend out of doors had been fully occupied returning calls. I hope as I get used to things that I may find various ways of employing my leisure "prowling" about the hospital illeg though I suppose a very necessary part of a matron's duties is not a very pleasing one -- *everyone* has been most kind and courteous to me--with very kind regards...

f129 1 May 1894 letter to FN from A.C. Gibson re coming to see her in London. I am looking to be in London from Tuesday May 29th to Monday July 4th. I shall be glad to come to see you at any time during that week, that is convenient to you. I am writing ... Doing a medical course...

f131 15 May 1894, 117 Tavistock Cres, Notting Hill letter to FN from Janet Rodwell asks for assistance, encloses testimonial for Dr Playfair on leaving N Ward at KCH, Dec 10 1868, since then worked among poor at St Giles, attended c2000 cases and only called in medical aid 19 times, hopes to open stationery store, health compels to give up work

f133 5 George St Dec 10 1868. Letter of Playfair re Rodwell, re her training

ff134-42 May 10 1894 civil Hosp St Helena letter to FN from Rose A. Blennerhasset, Civil Hosp St Helena with report on the place FN asked for (missing) ff134-41 letter to FN from Civil Hospital, St Helena Dear Miss Nightingale, You said you would like us to tell you about this place--and we are glad that you let us do so.

We have waited till now, because one's first impressions are often rather violent and one-sided--and I must say our first impression of this hospital was one of deep despair!

We landed on the 19th of Dec 93, and our quarters not being ready it was settled that we were to stay at Govt House till after Xmas, & take over the Hospital on the 1st of Jany. Of course, as soon as we had gone to the governor at the Castle, & got our luggage ashore we tore up to the hospital--I say "up" because Jamestown is a long narrow street, going uphill all the way from the sea. The hospital is quite a large building--built for 48 beds wh have been reduced to 32.

Imagine a flagged passage begrimed with the dirt of years, then up two flights of narrow dirty stairs to a landing--at the end of which is a window, & which was divided off by a very dirty canvas screen. As we reached the landing the smell which disturbed us at the door became overpowering. To the left of us we saw an archway, & going in found ourselves in a large lofty ward in wh were five or 6 men. A Norwegian sailor, very dirty, & suffering from dysentery was sitting out on a night stool, in the slenderest clothing, & at the same time vomiting,wine bottle full of egg flip standing on the table. The floor was very ditty, the beds covered with ragged blue and reed quilts. An air of desolation & an intolerable smell--that was our impression up there, two more flights of stairs and there was another landing, and a woman's ward with 6 or 7 women, & an awful smell. One woman, when se saw us, threw off the bedclothes and showed us her legs covered with sores. She was clothed in dirty rags. I wrote about her to Mrs Lecky, the wife of the historian, do you know her? She sent me y return 12 nightgowns and some pyjamas--that has been a great help. Two large wards were empty. Afterward I've discovered that there was no W.C. at all in the hospital, & no water laid on, though the supply is abundant! behind more screens on the landings (One orderly was expected to nurse the men, scrub wards landing & staircase. The women had a cook & nurse, who was supposed to attend to her patients, scrub two large wards & two flights of stairs. & do all the cooking. She & the orderly had to carry all the water upstairs in cans.

We went to "Plantation" as Govt House is called with rather sinking hearts. The next thing that happened was that one of the men die d"sometime & somehow" in the night, the orderly being drunk, was suspended for a week. Any attempt at nursing seemed more than futile in the dirt & confusion, so we gave our minds to cleaning. Oh the bugs! & the cockroaches! etc! etc!

\ The governor consented to have wards & staircase stained & beeswaxed. It was done with a stain made of Condyl & carbolic & oil, & that seemed to carry off a great deal of smell. Now it is much easier to keep the place clean.

During Jan-Feb, March & April I worked with the orderly & the nurse cook. It seemed better to

see if they cd be done anything with. Now, however they are scattered. Lucy Sleeman is "creating a post" as the governor says, & is doing the work of the nurse & the orderly, of course I do it too. We have a woman cook and a boy who cleans on the mens. & an "scullion" a little chap who does the passages, kitchens etc. I fear Lucy will not be able to keep the post because she is not very strong, a great value is not quite as satisfactory as it shd be-it is, they say, the result of fear & is not anything organized at present, but a sort of weakness or flabby ... fatigue....

The hospital was once a flourishing place...The patients are islanders of more or less colour blood and a few Africans.

We heard ghastly tales of cruelty and neglect. Of course it is rather depressing having come to an hospital that is steadily going down and has no money. To keep the big place in order with a couple of people means constant toil.....

governor, military hospital...orderly arrangements...

No one would know the hospital now. At first we were nearly boycotted by the islanders, and the people who contracted for provisioning the hospitalgreat dearth of books and ideas & stir It is more difficult to get books here, or any other things than it was at Umtali, as my sister-in-law says it was to be expected that the trial of Gt Helena wd be ennui. We have an old horse,....the people no longer go into fits of laughter a the sight of our caps and aprons and slowly the hospital is getting a good name....not poverty or begging....photos, Miss Hurt. Rose A. Blennerhasset

f143 May 23 1894 letter to FN from Col Gildea asks for moral support of Soldiers and Sailors Families' Assoc, Knaresborough PI, encloses copy of letter f145

f147 May 26 1894 letter to FN from A. de Laney Birmingham, with plan re Chalfont St Peter's. I have been waiting for something definite to write about, but my information was so meagre that I determined to pay a visit to the place and yesterday I went to Chalfont St Peters. The Farm is a good 3 miles drive from Chorley Wood Station on the Metropolitan Line, which runs from Baker St to Aylesbury and though within such a short distance from London a more out of the world spot I shd say cd not be found. It will be intensely lonely but the country round is very pretty indeed.

They have put up an iron structure as a temporary bldg, which is to be ready from 5 to 7 weeks hence. It is so cramped that we shd be always tumbling over one another. The plans of the permanent bldgs are not yet settled on, so that it will likely be another year before the first houses will be habitable.

My accommodation is most scanty 2 tiny rooms and 1 room for a nurse,no room for meals or business.

|I have made a rough sketch of the lay of the rooms which will perhaps help you to form some idea of the place. The Farm bldgs are quite close and they purpose to use the farmer's daughter as cook and general servant and the secretary who met me at the station and showed me round said that they intended the bailiff and his wife to occupy two small rooms which I have marked on sketch. It seems to me they have not considered the working part at all and the comfort of the staff has been quite overlooked, the attendants' room is very small and indeed I am afraid it will be difficult to find anyone wiling to put up with such accommodation. Taking into consideration the isolation and strain of such a life it seems to me they ought o have thought a little more about he home comforts for their staff. I am afraid this is very depressing but such a work shd not be begun in a slipshod manner and I shd wish to begin as I intended going on, it is no use beginning in a slack way and then pulling the reins tighter afterwards. I like to have them well in hand.

I am writing to the chairman of the committee by this post to ask for an interview. I think with a little alteration and a little more added to, would make a very great difference in the comfort of us

Add Mss 45809

all and I feel strongly it should be done and think if pointed out to the committee they wd be glad to remedy the present defective state of things.

Sketch

I hope I shall not tire you with all these details but I really wish they had someone on their committee with a little of your experience. I was very depressed last night but I was overtired with my long day and the thought of the lonely life before me, but today I feel stronger and if the committee will be willing to make our accommodation a little more private and complete I think we might struggle on until the other buildings are ready. ... best love

f151 May 27 1894 letter to FN from A.C. Gibson, matron from Birmingham. Thursday at 5.30 will be very convenient to me. I hope to go to Lady Makins house on Friday and would have preferred to see you after but it is still ... I think I shall stay at the ...

f152 telegram Birmingham

f154 ca May 31 1894 est date letter to FN from F. Calder, 11 Clifton Villa re Lady Knightley of Northamptonshire and country districts, Technical Educ

f154 letter from Fanny Calder. dated ca May 31 1894.

Dear Miss Nightingale

One thing I must write to tell & ask you. Lady Knightley of Northamptonshire is very anxious to arrange a [illeg] nurse for *quiet* country parts & came to me for advice. I told her *you* could best advise & were planning for either teaching or nursing [?] now in quite country districts. You would illeg her? would it be worthwhile for you [me?] to give her any counsel on the matter.

She resides in town at 111 Eaton Square. I promised to ask you this.

I am greatly disappointed to find you engaged but it is my own fault for coming unexpected. I've just returned from a holiday in Italy & studying Technical Education in Brussels.

Ever yours

F. Calder

f156 June 28 [1893-94] est date letter to FN from M.R. Easton, Elizabeth Ward thanks for surgery book. Please accept my very best thanks for the splendid work on Surgery which you have been kind enough to send me. It is the book I shd choose amongst all others, and I am sure I shd find it much more generally useful than a work on Abdominal Surgery only. It is exceedingly kind of you to give it to me and it will always be valuable to me as your gift as well as for its own sake.

Thank you also for the letter which accompanies the book and for all your good wishes. I shall do my best to live up to the standard which you set before us and prove myself worthy of being a "Nightingale nurse."

I am so glad the weather is so propitious for the gathering this afternoon and am sure it will be a great success... I think that the book is quite complete in the two voutes which you ahve sent me.

f158 June 1894 letter to FN from W.E. Adams, for Dicky Bird Society, Newcastle, asks to put her name as hon officer, with Burdett-Coutts, late Ld Tennyson etc. lots of bishops, to propagate humane ideas among ch and young people, Uncle Toby the founder,

f160 July 6 1894 letter to FN from Mary Nuttleworth Boden, The Friary, Derby, re her help to our inf, thanks for letter for opening, hopes doing right in letting public see it. It is indeed good of you and very helpful to our Infirmary to send e such a kind letter for the opening and I hpe I am doing

right in letting the public see it. Personally it gives me great pleasure to have such a letter from you, and Mr Boden and I so much regret that you cannot be with us yhourself.

f161 July 12 1894 letter to FN from C.E. Barff, giving up nursing to marry a clergyman, Gull. I hope you will not think I am taking my hand from the plough, when I tell you I am giving up nrusing and going to marry a clergyman. I think I can help him in his large parish, he is a widower with 3 children, 2 sons and a daughter. It is very hard to give up all here, but I have prayed earnestly to God and I think the love he has placed in our hearts for each other shews that it is right. Do please pray that I may be a help and comfrot tohim, his chidlren and parish.

With much love and many thanks for all the help and encouragemtn you ave always given me.

ff163-64 18 July 1894, Isabel Hampton Robb to FN from Cliveden, Maidenhead, FN pencil note: Please return to FN. It is just a week today since my wedding day, to which you gave the finishing touch of joy and pleasure by the gift of my beautiful bridal bouquet. It was such a surprise coming as it did, just before leaving for church and although I can only say the simple thank you I am sure you will know it is said with a heart full of love and gratitude, not only for your kind thoughtfulness in sending my flowers but for the still greater pleasure in permitting me to see you and talk over nursing work with you. There was so much I wanted to ask you, so much I wanted to say that it seems to me now that I did not do or say anything that I most wanted to. But dear Miss Nightingale I shall long remember what you said and will try indeed to do my part in *making haste slowly and wisely* (FN red und) in these nursing problems that are yet to be worked out. And I do realize I think *the importance of keeping goodness predominant among those who undertake such work* [FN red und].

I shall take pleasure in sending you now and again a brief account of what we are doing in American nursing schools--we have just come to Cliveden and it is so beautiful--with sincere thanks and love...

ff165-67 July 24 1894 letter to FN from Isabel Eames, Hospital Ingles, Buenos Aires thanks for kindness, now has returned, lots on the problems. My coscience reproaches me severely for not having writen toyou earlier, after all your kindness to me. But since my return I ... busy such arrears of work and I went home before the new ars were really in workng order and came back to find rather dire confujision, everything had been put off. Till Matron returns! So that really when she did return she did not knwo where to begin. Three of my asst nurses had gone. The hospital was so overworked that I feared the nrusing must suffer--I mean the quality of the wrok done as well as the nurses themselves. I do always uphold the training at St Thomas partiucarly in those minor details which seem nothing and perhaps unnecessary. As many people, but to a Nightingale are the backboen of all nurisng. But oh dear it is so difficult to instill that into illeg.

f168 July 25 1894 letter to FN from Louisa Potter, Heald Grove, Rusholme, Manchester re Miss Barff, matron Salford District nurses home leaving to be married

unsigned letter, ff170-71, pencil & pen

[13:855]

f170

To Miss Potter

Dear Madam July 26

In answer to your note,

Add Mss 45809

most earnestly do I
wish that you should
have a worthy successor
as Matron of the Salford
District Nurses' Home
to the valuable Miss Barff.
She must *of course* be
thoroughly trained both
in Hospital & District
Nursing" And I will /{pen} and I will
immediately try in the / {pen} forward your application
~~proper quarters~~ / {pen} to the proper quarters { pencil} The
Hospital Nurse=training

f170v

is given in one place
- the District Nurse
training in another -
We do not recommend
any one whom I may
"possibly know", to nor
~~any one upon~~ / {pen} consult {pencil} a Public
Register - but one of
whom we are certain as having
~~of whose training either~~
been trained either
at St. Thomas Hospl
where is our Training
School or at / direct you to some
other Hospl of which
~~we are ourselves as sure as we~~
~~can be as a~~ / in the Training School

f171

~~we are a~~
& of / & whose further work we are / know
certain
the same as to her
further District training
& work at Bloomsbury
or one of its offshoots
You will see that
the difficulty of sending
in applications by
August 2 is almost
an impossibility if we
are to be sincere
Indeed ~~we~~ one of our
Rules is that the
applications to us

f171v

must give us 6 months

~~We will however try~~

~~I think you will agree / am afraid [illeg]~~
with us that it is
impossible, except by the
merest accident ~~to be~~
~~ready with~~ /for you to find a Matron
at a week's notice
such as you would
wish to have.

I understand that [HBC hand]
your {pen} Association is
in connection with the
Queen's Jubilee Institute
~~and~~ for which, through the
Metropn & National Associations
in Bloomsbury Square, the
N. Fund Training School
at St. Thomas Hospital and St. Marylebone Infy
have trained many nurses and no
doubt Miss Peter the QJI Inspector
{written in the side margin}
would be prepared to assist you in your work. [end]

F172 July 29 1894 4 Adelphi Terrace letter to FN from Miss Barff re marriage to Mr Gull, thanks for her letter, was afraid doing wrong thing, consulted Bp of Norwich, husband is Joseph Edward Gull, nephew of Sir Wm Gull, vicar of Paddington, going to Pendleton

f174 Aug 13 1894 letter to FN from Lily Southay, nurses from the Radcliffe Inf sending her a photo lately taken of them, in grateful remembrance of the kindly interst you take in them

f175 Aug 20 1894 letter from 59 Brailsford Road, Luke Hill SW. When I came into your room this afternoon after doing your work I quite meant to have asked you one or two questions, but I felt I shd tire you and that I was quite late enough so I thought I would write, in the hope of your getting a spare moment to answer it. I know it is cruel of me to expect such a thing but I want a little advice --I have some time passed been very much drawn to nursing work but cannot make up my mind if I am fit for it. The life I am at present leading is not unpleasant. I do not mean that I do not like it but I feel it is to be such a selfish life. I seem to do no *good* to anybody and my energies seem spent on self. I cannot feel satisfied with it. My greatest longing is to do some good to somebody who needs it, and the nursing work seemed to me to supply that need fully. And yet I am afraid to give up my present work to take that up and perhaps fail. I thought perhaps you could suggest some way in which I cd test myself. I am too young I know at present, but I feel that if I decided to make the change I could begin part of the study necessary. I am only just 21. I know there are many difficulties, but once feeling sure that I am fit for the work and that it is the work God has called me to do I feel that I could overcome any of them.

Please Miss Nightingale do not answer this until you have time, for I know how busy you must

Add Mss 45809

be. I feel very selfish in having even asked for such a thing. ...I am so glad to have seen you.

unsigned note from a meeting with, ff178-78v, pencil

f178

Miss Hampson Aug/94
 Dublin Fever? Hospl

no Index

Allardice not filled up

Tilt S. Victoria 10 Oct 94

 Admission 29 Dec 93

 Departure " " 93

? Certified one year

Dunn ?Dublin

Birmingham left

 Croydon Hospl

Annie Stocks has she not

 left St. Helen's

Masson - what her salary
 at Radcliffe

Add Mss 45809

f178v

Clifton - what her salary
as Mily Sister
did not Tatham
resign in order to join
Sisterhood?
Stuart Salary not filled
up

incomplete, unsigned letter draft, f179v, pencil

f179v

To Prof Grosvenor Mass
Your kindness will excuse
my delay in writing
I am overdone with work
- for the work I am most
thankful - I need not say - & know not nor
have I known for more than
41 years what it is to have
a leisure hour - And for
years I have been a
prisoner to my rooms
from illness. Were I
to answer my numerous
kind correspondts, I
should be obliged to give up many of the
pressing claims for work
& have no time to work - which I am sure
is the last thing they desire

f180 22 1 94 Honnor Morten letter to FN re new assoc of nurses, encloses f182 printed form
Assoc of Asylum Workers; incl Graham Wallas, Burdett, committee: Williams, matron of Darenth
Asylum Gordon, Charing X, Suckling Hants, Mrs Brewer, Dr Ewart of Colney Hatch

f184 1 Sept 1894 draft reply thanks for letter and paper. That nurses for the insane require better
training is I believe admitted and such an object seems to me to require no recommendation.
There must however be a great difference in the training required for male and for female nurses
and in that for nurses for the sick bodily and the sick mentally. How far the scheme proposed is
likely to attain the end support in the paper I do not feel competent to form an opinion

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff185-86, typewritten, signature prob in FN hand

f185

{arch: No I

Private (Sent by Mrs. Hendley)

Sept. 15/94

10 South Street.

Park Lane. W.

Dear Madam

[10:378]

I am deeply obliged to you for sending me your valuable book on Hygiene - And I venture to ask a few questions of so competent & enlightened a lady. **[end 10:378]**

I do not clearly see - My own stupidity - for *whom* it is. Is it for educated Anglo-Indians almost exclusively, because there are so many things which poor natives not only have not, but never will have - will they?

Still we come to excellent rules about not dirtying the drinking water etc: - etc: - which apply in practice, I suppose, only to *Natives* but most of all to *poor* Natives.

Also - 'I speak as a fool' - I cannot exactly find the application of the climate or climates of India to the good advice in Hygiene (for Anglo-Indians). Doubtless the climate of the Punjab very different from that of e.g. the Madras Presidency - from which have emanated many little hygienic booklets for the poor -: The way to Health" has been adopted by the Govt. Schools, not only in Madras. II A propos to Jheels, the Punjab Govt. is even now, investigating the connection between water-logging & malarial fever, is it not? - Draining of marshes, it seems, can only be a matter for Govt. But it is only Anglo-Indians, not poor Natives, who can decide upon or select a place for their house or tent; can they?

The Govt. will devote or has devoted a certain sum every year to protect drinking water in villages. And how well it will be for you, as you propose, to teach them how to protect it in a certain measure themselves.

[10:378-79]

III. The Hygienic rule given about Cholera is: not to go near it, (if

f186

possible we may add) if we wish not to spread it.

Would it not be possible to try to show how Cholera may in some measure be prevented from taking up its abode in the household for which we are responsible? (There is a little pamphlet of this kind in S. India.)

IV. Are there numerous villages in the Punjab in which advice to send for the Doctor to poor village natives is impracticable? **[end 10:379]**

V. The Physiology & the skeleton, is, I presume only for cultivated Europeans. The Hygiene scarcely hangs upon the skeleton - I have seen a tiny Indian pamphlet "The Wonderful House I live in and how to take care of it" - I daresay you know it. What is taught in Native Elementary Schools now of Hygiene seldom or never reaches practice - does it?

There is now a movement for teaching the people by Native lecturers who after having gained the people's confidence, should go round the village & show them on the spot how to protect their water supply, where to put their refuse etc: - etc: - And it had even been suggested in one Presidency that Native women might be instructed to go to the women in their own homes. **[10:379]**

Lectures do little enough even for the cultivated. I venture to send you a pamphlet of mine - an attempt to reach the country cottage mothers in England. I could ask many more questions - as e.g. what difficulty is there from *Caste* in the Punjab - if any - must you have lower castes there to remove cattle manure & human excreta etc: - . But I have troubled you too much already. I see many allusions to India **[end]** in 'Nursing & 'Accidents' etc; - But Nursing is too often I suppose unattainable by the native poor.

What immense good may be done, will be done by yourself & Lt Col. H. Hendley, if you lay out the road to reach the poor natives in the Punjab & find what they most want in Hygiene & what they can do for themselves. May success attend you **[end 10:379]**

Yours faithfully & hopefully

{pencil} Mrs. H. Hendley {typewritten} Florence {pencil} Florence Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

copy of signed letter, ff187-88, typewritten, could be a copy, no hand signature to Mrs Hendley

f187 {arch: Letter 2}

Private

Sept. 20/94
10, South Street
Park Lane, W.

My dear Madam

[10:379-

80]

Thank you a thousand times for your long & most interesting letter, so full of information.

I should be so sorry not to see you, as you are so good as to offer a visit, before you return to India. if you could kindly fix a day now, at 5 p.m. any afternoon after to-day, 8 {!} would try to keep it free.

Forgive my having been so long in answering yours - It was partly owing to my waiting for the Madras pamphlets, - Eight only of those I ordered for you are come - partly to press of work.

1. You kindly allude to page 20 of my Rural Hygiene, & what I have said on Physiology. You will see that those were given to educated gentlewomen & not to the poor but to those who were to teach the *poor at home*.

If you are kind enough to look at the original pamphlet, which I enclose, & which I edited, you will observe from a specimen lecture at p-20, addressed by one of these ladies to the cottage mothers, how infinitely simple it was - & *that* only as a stepping -stone for invitations from the cottage mother to ask her to show them *in their* homes.

2. With regard to what you have seen about the new water supply at Peshawar not being relished by the Natives, it is always so, I believe, for the first few years in India - But we take courage. In an instance which came under my own knowledge, a bheestie was once found (in one of the most European Cities in India) by an Anglo-Indian putting mud into the pure new water-supply. "What are you about? said the Anglo-Indian - "O Sahib said the Bheestie, "My Master would not (a Native Master of course) drink the water if I did not dirty it." But all that has subsided, & the Natives are as thankful for the pure water supply as the Europeans now. So will you find I trust. **[end 10:380]**

f188 {arch: Letter 2 (page 2)}

Hoping to have the great pleasure of seeing you, I will not trouble you with more now. Excuse pencil.

[10:380]

I enclose the paper read at Buda-pest, according to your desire (there is a resolution too which I will send.) & the original pamphlet of the Health Missioner & 8 little Madras pamphlets - There are four larger ones still to come.

May all blessings attend your great work -

& believe me

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Mrs. Harold Hendley

I will restore the little map.

The Punjab Report (Govt) particularly mentions the filthiness of the surroundings of the Punjab homes, but says that the inhabitants would greatly resent its interference.

[end 10:380]

f189 Sept 20 [1894] letter of Isabel Hampton Robb 11 Half Moon St. Mayfair. I have just returned to London and find that the book has come for you. I hope it may interest you and that you will approve of it, in part at any rate. If not making too great a request I shd be very glad to have your criticism upon it and any suggestions that you make will meet with my careful consideration. We leave London Saturday morning sail for our new home where I hope to be able to still take a part in nursing work. With much love I am dear Miss Nightingale ever yours faithfully, Isabel Hampton Robb

initialed notes, ff191-92, pen & pencil {prices written in pencil}

f191

For Nurses of

{printed address: St. Marylebone Infirmary
North Kensington. W.

Elizth Barrett Browning's

5/ x Aurora Leigh

3/6 ea vol x Selections from her Poems

x Greens short History of

8/6 the English People

op9/ Last letters from Egypt

SH x Lady Duff Gordon

4/

By Marion Crawford

3/6 Marzio's Crucifix x

3/6 Dr. Claudius x

5/6/ Saracinesca x

3/6 St. Ilario x

3/6 A Roman Singer x

P. Turn Over

Add Mss 45809

f191v

by *Mrs. Ewing*
1/ Jackanapes x
1/ Story of a Short Life x
1/ Daddy Darwin x
1/ We and the World x
/ *Mrs. Creighton*
by
2/6 Edward the Black Prince x
2/6 Simon de Montfort x
3/- Sir Walter Raleigh x

f192

let all be of as
good a print as
possible
without being very
expensive

F.N.

Sept/94

unsigned list, f192v, pen & pencil

f192v {prices written in pencil}

5/ Essays of Elia 5/ x
Ruskin [illeg] gon
x Sesame & Lilies }
x Unto this last
x a crown of wild Olive
7/6 Farrar
Life of Christ x
Bulwer Lytton
2/6 Last Days of Pompeii x
2/6 The Caxtons x
2/6 Harold x
7/6 Tennyson's Poems x

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, f193, typewritten

f193 {arch: Letter 3}

Private

Oct 5/94

10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Madam

How kind of you to send me the model of the Indian charpoy, which is exceedingly interesting to me - & to write me such a kind & instructive letter.

The four larger pamphlets which I was anxious to send you, printed at Madras, are not to be had at the great English Depot; but I am writing to Dr. Murdoch, whom I know, who has superintended these things for very many years at Madras, & indeed over almost all India, & asked him to send them to you. You are so kind in admitting pamphlets etc: j{&?} to the home of your fertile head & heart.

I am interrupted

But I am trying to do what you ask

Ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale.

Mrs. Harold Hendley.

Fragment of a letter written at about the same time: - Postscript?

I will try on Monday - you no doubt know the 'Christian Literature Society for India'" 7 Adam St - Adelphi - from which a multitude of little pamphlets suited to the poor in India & translated into the vernacular emanates - to get you some of their best on Hygiene - But I am crowded with work - And I have been for a twelvemonth a prisoner to my bed from illness

I must not think of asking your kindness to reply fully to my tire-some letter - but only to give me a few lines to insense me with your practical knowledge of the Punjab & its difficulties.

F.N.

typed copy of signed letter, f194, typewritten

f194

London October

{arch: Letter 24}

My dear Madam

[10:]

All that you have so kindly told me about the Native poor in the Punjaub & their Sanitary or insanitary habits & surroundings has so deeply interested me.

You ask me to write you a few words upon what is to be done - It seems to me that there is one thing needful - is there not? - namely that educated women should be instructed by a Medical Officer versed in Native Sanitary things, so as to teach them, the Native women, in their own homes what to avoid and how to avoid it - the ladies to be instructed in Physiology as well as Hygiene - that an essential part of the instruction is that they should be taken bt [by] the Medical Officer into the very homes of the poor, so as to see with his help what is wanted, that with his help they may become Health Missioners among the Native Mothers.

This has been tried in England. But of course the difficulty is much greater in India because in England the ladies can go direct in- to the Cottage home, whereas I am told from other parts of India where the plan has been mooted that to reach the Native poor, the health Missioners must be Native women themselves, instructed perhaps by the ladies - Is this so?

The Health Missioners must of course know the Native languages, hab its and religions. They must be full of tact and sympathy as well as of practical skill and knowledge to make themselves acceptable, so that the poor house mothers may *invite* these Missioners to their homes

These and many other questions must be practically answered by you & all those who like yourself are deeply penetrated with the necessity of sanitation among the poor of India. It is not for me to advice. And I wish you God speed in your noble task from the depths of my heart.

[end]

Pray believe me ever yours sincerely and sympathizingly

Florence Nightingale

{arch: Mrs. Harold Hendley}

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, f195, typewritten

f195 {arch: Letter 52}

Private

Oct 8/94

10, South Street.

Park Lane. W.

My dear Madam

I am afraid this will be good-bye - I have derived so much instruction from you - and I hope to have that advantage by your kindness again & again. Thank you again & again for your last letter.

I venture to enclose a faded little book of mine - not by any means as a model - but the last chapter on "Minding baby" will show you how very simple we try to make these things.

Will the letter I enclose answer your desire in any way? I hope it may.

The heavy rain-fall about Peshawar is grievous. I trust Govt. will be able to do something.

But the Drainage Bill for Bengal, I am sorry to hear, has been ~~badly~~ / draw up, & is not likely to become an Act, nor if it did, good.

Now, God speed your steps.

& believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Mrs. Harold Hendley

Upon the influence of Anglo-Indian ladies of knowledge & sympathy will depend a large part of the future of India's masses of women - and upon the instruction of course of Anglo-Indian Sympathetic Medical Officers

F.N.

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, ff196-97, typewritten, original 5477/15 (Mrs T.H. Green, Charlotte Byron)

f196

Oct 8/94
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dearest Mrs. Green,

I had so much comfort and pleasure from your kind visit
About, "In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die": it is a very striking verse - But Mr. Jowett was so much more than a "wise" man. There have been, I suppose, more learned men than he at Oxford - more clever men - men of thought - But he was the man who transmogrified the whole spirit of Oxford - mainly by that spirit of love to God and man which made him see what was for the Good of man - which lifted him entirely above the whole of the Oxford controversies in theology which resembled so much quarrels and persecutions - I can remember the time when no Liberal would on any account send his sons to Oxford. Oxford is now in the true Liberal sense more advanced than Cambridge. Now all of this was the work of one man - not a great preacher, not a great theologian, not a great philosopher.

2. Do you think that servants and uneducated people who yet were so deeply attached to him would understand that verse - or many educated people either? Yet you don't want to set people thinking over the grave of a great man; you want to set them feeling -

It is very tempting to use that verse - He chose: "Out of the darkness thro' the shadows into the light." or "He that doeth the will, he shall know of the doctrine."

f197

[2]

(Mr. Jowett thought so much more of the man than the doctrine.)

Or "Now abideth faith, hope, love - But the greatest of these is love. (Or the last clause by itself)

Or "Love never faileth."

F.N.

f198 Oct 12 1894 2 Newman Mansions, Newman St W letter to FN from Ellen McKee thanks for present of books for library at St Marylebone Inf

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of signed letter, ff200-02, typewritten, original 5477/14

f200

10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.
Oct 17/94

Dearest Mrs. Green,

It was impossible for me when I last wrote to add the question so near to my heart. And this is: about Mr. Jowett's letter's to me. -

I have not looked over many more since I had the great pleasure of seeing you - (Yet it seems to me a matter of more importance than the looking over books on Nursing which are sent to me to criticize from all the English-speaking world. It is like a mania.)

Almost all that I have looked over are letters - of criticisms quite free and open (on persons) which a man like Mr. Jowett would consider most confidential.

Oct 19/94

I could not write any more. My object is again to ask your kind advice. I think the printed paper you were so good as to send me is dated February -

That gives all the letters to Mr. Evelyn Abbott to see - It must have been some time after that that Prof. and Mrs. Campbell asked all letters to be sent to *them* and that I (foolishly) accepted their kindness to communicate with Mr. Abbott for me.

I would not for the world make any the slightest coolness between the friends, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Campbell. But I think it

f201

[2]

makes a great difference - Mr. and Mrs. Campbell being away - I could hardly be expected to send Mr. Jowett's confidential letters round by Scotland.

You see how anxious I am that even the tittle of information I could give about him to set his life before the world should not be lost, and will pardon my troubling you - I cannot make up my mind what *he* would have liked best.

But I think he would have said, like Sir G. Lewis, that the indiscretion of biographers "adds a new terror to death" -

I wish, as you kindly wish, that I could "see Mr. Abbott". But that is impossible. I had rather confide Mr. Jowett's letters, or a part of them, to him than to any one. But there lies the real difficulty. I cannot expect to have the time or strength necessary to make the selection.

I do not think, but **do** not know, that there are so many letters *after* the mastership

I do not think any body could help me in the selection - or that I should ever have strength to dictate even to a shorthand writer.

Possibly you may have had some conversation with Mr. Abbott on the subject since I saw you.

Were you so good as to find out from Sir Wm. Markby what that photograph Colnaghi's is of me which he wants to give (I know

f202

[3]

nothing about it) to the Sarah Acland Home.

Could you also ask Sir H. Acland? (I have reason to think that its President would not like this) if he likes it to be given.

I have been interrupted over and over again even while writing this scrambling letter. Forgive me ought one ever show letters which one knows the writer would never have written had she known they would be shown?

Yet it seems absurd in me to make such a fuss.

What a gap Mr. Jowett leaves in the world! Yet everyone goes his or her way.

God bless you,

Ever yours,

F. NIGHTINGALE.

Mrs. Green.

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff203-07v, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

f203

Private London Oct 13/94

Uncle Toby

 You do me the honour
of asking me to be
'something ' to your
"Dicky Bird Society" -
all hail to it!

 I observe that one
of your "pledges" is to
"feed the birds in the
"winter". {pencil} Do your
young members know
how to "feed the birds"?
Every child, servant,
story-book etc thinks
that it means
 '*with crumbs*'
do not they?

f203v

Now as a general rule
 sparrows are the only
birds that will eat
crumbs - robins will
eat them, if 'hard up'.
- all singing birds are
carnivorous, live upon
worms, insects &c -
& speaking generally, if
you feed wild birds
in the winters, you
must feed them with
meat-y things -
 is this not so?

There is an ornithological
book, unhappily out of

f204

print, which gives
you the food of every
English wild bird, at
different times of the
year - There is another
which has two chapters
showing the main things
on which wild birds live -
also out of print.
And people go on feeding
the birds with crumbs
as before -
My mother always cut
up every thing that
was left at breakfast
& luncheon, bacon rind,

f204v

pieces of fat, potato,
brown bread & butter,
odds & ends with gravy,
suet &c &c &c &
put it out of window
for the birds. The
consequence was that
we had 120 sorts of
birds, some rare,
while nobody else had
more than 80 - The
consequence was that
we had garden fruit,
while others had none,
because they destroyed
the birds that destroyed
the insects that destroyed
the fruit.

f205

[2]

{pen} The most pitiable sight
in bird-life I know
is to see a thrush
nothing but bones &
feathers trying to eat
the crumbs the good
housewife to the birds was throwing
out - & dying of
starvation.

Yet there is a still
more pitiable sight
& that is in a very
hard winter to see
the rooks killing the
starlings, the starlings
the blackbirds, &
the poor little finches
with their clothes over

f205v

their heads dying
silently, silently, because
no one has the sense
to give them the food
they can ear -

It goes into the
kitchen maid's pail
& is thrown away, or
to the pigs: {pencil} who really could
spare some -

{pen} Even in London, you
can save many lives
The poor little tree-
creepers who do not
speak will come to
your balcony & go away
finding nothing & die.

{written in the margin with a bracket around the paragraph, in pencil} London

Still no one learns the
lesson.

f206

Doubtless you make
your little *country*
members observe what
the *wild birds eat*
during every/each month
of the year & distribute
their *largesse accordingly*.

{in the margin with a bracket enclosing the paragraph, in pencil} country

There are some seeds
& berries some birds will eat -
And perhaps they
will take a *small*
percentage of your fruit
as a 'Commission' for
{pencil} saving the rest.
{pen} But rooks when
following the plough
are generally eating

f206v

the wire-worm & the
creatures which destroy
your corn, are not they?
And so with other birds.

Yet I knew Allotment
men who had the
barbarous stupidity
to sweep all the birds
sleeping in the bushes
after dark into their
nets and had their
allotments eaten up by
insects in consequence.

So with oak trees -
to return to birds' food
in winter/cold weather - If you hang
up a mutton bone with
a little mutton on it in
a low tree, you will soon
find it covered with tomtits
feeding

f207

{pencil} [3]

When the gardener
shoots the little birds
& the game-keeper the
larger ones, one feels
that the order of
nature is being upset,
& that these men
are bringing about the
very thing they thought
to prevent -

I hope you will
excuse this somewhat disconnected
& interrupted letter,
written to appeal to
your kindness to save
the birds.

I regret that, owing

f207v

[4]
to the state of my
health & the pressure
of much work, I am
unable to do more - I am
in fact almost entirely
a prisoner to my room.

F208 Oct 15 1894 embossed 52 St John's Wood Rd NW letter to FN from Ethel Lamport, re editing lectures on medical nursing at London Hosp, sends copy

f210 Oct 17 1894 Please return to F.N. Colony, letter to FN from A. de Laney, Chalfont, wd like to see her to tell her all we have done so far,

f212 Oct 17 1894 letter to FN from Mary Guyton thanks for her letter, I myself feel that it is a great pity to regard nursing as a literary or theoretical profession. I meant when I said "study" something that would help me in my future training if I shd decide to become a nurse, rather than mere book work, thanks for suggestions, free time after 8 in eve

unsigned letter, ff214-14v, pencil

f214

To Miss Lamport (Medical Nursing) 22/10/94
But how little Books or Lectures profit
the uneducated or even the educated -
By the educated one does not mean always

Add Mss 45809

gentlewomen, who are often the most uneducated of all in the real sense of the word - Nor does College education mean the educated woman -

A man recently said to me; Technical Education does not mean giving us two pence halfpenny more a day - but giving us the means of developing our own characters

[2]

What a wide field of experience that opens -

And is that not the fault of the present day -
particularly in/ for Nurses? What means of
developing or educating their own characters
~~do the thousands of~~ does the present flood
of Technical Nursing books give to Nurses?
if educated people are to write books,
could not they take this most essential
side of the problem - how to make a good
nurse? Could you kindly tell me

f214v

[3]

the name of a Dr. in Liverpool
has recently given a Course of Lectures
on the moral qualities of a essential
to a nurse, "gentleness' &c - which
course has been printed in a
Leeds newspaper?

If any person of experience could
try to turn her attention to this kind of thing

Technical Education given to a
woman who *has* cultivated her own
womanly qualities may make a
good Nurse - but ~~this/~~ can any amount of mere
Technical information ~~can convey can it?~~
make a good Nurse?

Or how can Examinations tests or Public Registers register
these?

A gentleman of immense experience
once said to me: You might as well
register mothers - {written in the bottom margin} how
much

she learns
from a
single
Lecture like

these!

F215 30 Oct 1894 26 Clifton Gdns letter to FN from G. Hurt re letter of Miss Blennerhasset
resigning from St Helena

f217 letter to FN "My dear Florence" from Katherine M. Lyell, 9 Cornwall Gardens, S.W. 11 Nov
1894 re Greek young lady Mlle Kalopothakos, hosp visiting studying med in Paris, has seen GOS,
New Women's Hosp, St T. wish is "our hospital", wished to see FN, relies on our early friendship

Add Mss 45809

to ask, re loss of your dear Shore; a break in our sisterhood this year

f219 Nov 12 1894 colony letter to FN from A. de Laney, re her letter, re new bldg

f221 12 Dec 1894 de Laney Colony, weary you, like you to know how our work progresses. The handful of men we have seems to have settled down and are doing well, far better than I expected. Keeping the peace amongst themselves. Getting on well with bldg.

F223 Dec 18 1894 letter to FN from K. Perssè Paddington and Distract

signed note, ff224-25, pencil

f224

Claydon Dec 19/94

My dear Mrs. Robertson

I am so sorry to trouble you

Could you be so very kind as to tell me

Day the ½ pig is going to South St? _____

Day the Turkey & 4 lbs Sausages

to South St.? _____

Day the other 4 lbs. Sausages? _____

{reply in another hand written beside questions & at the bottom}

f225

Could you also kindly tell me

when we left off

sending Butter to

Miss Vincent

St. Marylebone Infy _____

And *why*?

was it because the Home

Farm could not supply it? _____

And the same for

Miss Styring

Paddington Infy _____

Please write the answers where I

have put the lines - to save you

trouble -

Please kindly apply the Chèque I

send to lessen your expenses to

Romsey of removal -

Don't spend it here on your charities

God bless you ever yours

sincerely F. Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

f226 note by de Laney. The Colony, Xmastide 94
with loving greeting to my dear chief,

F227 Xmas 1894 Xmas note from A.M. Messum

f229 Dec 29 1894 letter to FN from Perssè Paddington, your kind and enc interest, steady
progress with the people (nice letter) the N Home "At Home" 26th

f231 initialed note, f231, pencil

f231

Mrs. Lisketh [?] 29/12/94

Dear Madam

Will you kindly/ be so good as to allow me
to send to your kindness
my mite towards/ to the Sir H. Acland
Memorial. I wish it
could be fifty times more but ~~am~~
~~unable to afford it.~~
my poverty & not my will
prevents

your faithful servt

F.N.

f232 Dec 31 1894 letter to FN from Charlotte Smith, embossed Hilborough Lodge, Nelson Rd,
Southsea re preventible blindness of infants, sends copy of report for Congress of British
Institution of Public Health at King's College last July. As you express a wish to hear more of the
subject concerning which I was permitted to address the congress of the Br Inst of Public Health
in King's College last July, pleasure to send you a copy of the med mag in which the address is
pub. Ophth, rc on blind. Re a Glasgow doctor [so FN asked for report]. I possess copies of
reports, if wd like to look at them I will gladly send them for our perusal.

F234 nd Military Hosp Gosport Annie Stock, visit from St Helen's shall be in London on way to
north, asks if she wd see her

f236 Annie Stock, nd thanks for appointing time

f237 Annie Stock nd. Xmas greetings. from College Hospital, St Helen's Christmas greetings, had
visit of Mr Nash, re St Helen's working men, wants to work with women, moral influence, asks for
gift of Notes on Nursing

initialed note, f238-38v, pencil

f238

To the Rt. Honble H.H. Fowler

Sir

I am deeply indebted to

Add Mss 45809

your kindness for the
valuable & interesting
papers (No. 15 (Sanitary)
Dated 12th Decr. 1894)
full of information &
encouragement

I am glad to see that
{the following paragraph is intertwined. but seems to read}
you do not object to these
papers
the Govt. of India in their letter of this
"sees no objection to the papers on
the papers being presented to
Parl."

& ~~would~~ may I venture
to ask whether you would
wish to place them yourself

f238v

[2]

on the table of the House
or whether you would
wish them to be moved
for. And in that case
would you kindly send
a form in which you
would wish them to be
moved for

I remain Sir
your faithful servt
F.N.

unsigned note, ff240-f241v, pencil

f240

Lady Margaret Verney
with Aunt Florence's
dearest New Year's love
a good New Year
& many good New Years
to the Lady of our hearts.
N.Y.D. 1895

f240v

Duty your guiding star
do that you believe you ought to do
strictly obey orders

Add Mss 45809

never neglect an opportunity of doing the right
thing or of gaining knowledge & never
do the wrong one -
Every officer & man is bound to do his
best for the good of all - Believe this is
their principle
endure without grumbling
never take offense from superiors or equals
-sign of a weak mind

f241

[2]

don't answer again
don't be ashamed of expressing regret
when anything has gone wrong
do your best - & do not grumble at
your superiors or abuse your inferiors

f242 Jan 3 1895 letter to FN from Ella Pirrie, Deaconess Hosp, Edinburgh, thanks for booklet, in charge of new hospital, had year at German Deaconess inst, asked by Dr Charteris, head of deaconesses of Church of Scotland, complete little hosp, old district of the town, to be the tr sch for the deaconesses and parish mission nurses of Ch of Scotland, very different from workhouse life, but health wd not let me remain longer; hope soon to enlarge our tr by district work, at present we have only 4 probs; staff nurses came from Ireland, old probs of own

f244 letter to FN from Sister Benedict Joseph, Leeds wishes blessings from her and community, thanks for generous donation, spent on bath chair as she cd not walk

f246 9 Jan 1895 Please return to F.N. letter to FN from A.C. Gibson, Matron's Office, The Infirmary, Birmingham. Pencil: Please return to F.N.

I have promised to do a paper on the nursing of workhouses at Guildhall on Feb 13, asks her to comment on points, wd be grateful. Shd feel fortified if have your approval. Hard to read

ff247-52 long letter to FN from Charlotte Smith, embossed Hilborough Lodge, Southsea, on Prevention of Child Blindness, Thank you for your letter (missing) Enclosed are: 1) leaflet distributed in Glasgow for all midwives to learn Jan 15 [1895]. Prevention of Child Blindness. Thank you for your letter (missing). Enclosed are 1) leaflet distributed in Glasgow 20,000 annually, drawn up by that distinguished sanitarian Dr Russell, MOH for Glasgow; 2, leaflet used by Manchester and Salford Sanitary Assoc, chair Professor Arthur Ransome FRS, 3) card distributed by direction of Dr Simon Snell, senior surgeon Sheffield Eye Infirmary (This card is I believe identical with that used at Bradford by direction of Dr Snell senior surgeon of Eye Inf Bradford conjointly with the ... illeg 4) A leaf extracted from Quarterly Medical Magazine showing progress of legislation in America, dated April 1894. 5) The Report for 1887 of Bradford Eye Infirmary in which some practitioners are given ... f249: Of course I hope that *some* day all midwives will be *compulsorily* trained to at least an elementary knowledge of where danger lies but I am also aware that human selfishness will delay that day as long as possible. Doctors do not want them to be trained for fear of losing fees and this being the case it will be some time

Add Mss 45809

before anything of real value will be effected, but *no* doctor is quite so hopelessly selfish as to wish babies to become blind nor will there be found many medical men & the Statistical Soc so that there is little fear of ...

F251 BMA ... ends You ask me to send you the leaflet / especially have drawn up. Now it has seemed to me to be desirable to leave the subject of special leaflets to the *discretion* of the medical officer of health of each town, lest he should fancy his dignity was insulted. Every doctor can draw out something ... provided the leaflets distributed in Glasgow and Manchester are given as a guide. So I have written none.

f253 21 Jan 1895 letter to FN from de Laney, from the Colony, not yet thanked for sweet remembrance of Xmas, cheering surprise

Add Mss 45813, microfilm, 238 folios, 73 pages, general correspondence 1895-97, Adam Matthew reel 38

f1 Feb 1 1895 letter to FN from MMV re a letter and children, I think this letter admirable, with its inverted commas, quite courteous, many thanks for letting me see it, agree with you about Ld Kerry but it is a great pity, only middling accounts re F. and M. Re Lettice yr loving M.

signed letter draft, ff3-5, pencil, pale blue, black-edged paper

f3

London Jan 31/95

Madam

I have received your note of Jan 22, requesting me to be "the first Hon: "Member" of "the Matrons' "Council", and (regret that I) am unable to accede to the request of the Matrons' Council.

your obedt servt

Florence N.

Miss M. Andrews

f4 pencil note, pale blue, black-edged paper

London Jan 31/95

Madam

I have received your note of Jan 22, requesting me to be "the first Hon: "Member" of "the Matrons' Council", and (regret that I) /am sorry am unable to accede to

Add Mss 45809

their request -

yr obdt ser

F.N.

Miss M. Andrews

Add Mss 45809

f5

I regret that I am
unable to accede to
your request -
{written the other way on the page}
Alderman
Taylor
Fred's place
Technical Educ

f6 5 Feb 1895 letter to FN from Annie Stocks, College Hosp

f7 Feb 5 1895, letter to FN from A.L. Bristow Belfast thanks for 5/0 sent by Miss Crossland. It is so pleasant to feel you remember us here. You will not get another nurses' letter for a month yet! I am not able to write at present. But hope before end of . Wishing you every blessing and comfort in all things, from our loving comforter, yr very truly

note fragment, ff8-8v, pencil

f8 Feb 6 1895 letter to FN from John Day and Son thanks for her letter and cheque, are endeavouring to get prayer books for her approval, pencil note written on it

f8

Nursing St. Thomas
Sisters
giving the poor Patients notions
of order that may be carried out
at home
the young men
A Hospital must be good
to be a good Training School for
Nurses/women or for students/men
The high tone of morals
a place where any mother of
any class might be glad to
see her daughter
the liberal devotion of the Doctors
to support a Hospital which from
no fault of its own
The place where you train
your Nurses or your students
must be a place where

8v

{top of the page is torn}
the {ess}entials of good
doctrine & good practice

Add Mss 45809

exist where the
building/shape of the Wards is
such as that one Sister
can overlook the whole.

Where the organization
of the Hospls
the one of the Medical
& /ay Staff

We appeal to you not to
let such a Hospl as this
which from no fault of its
own not to let
it be starved of its due
benefits to Patients for
which it exists

unsigned letter draft, ff9-11, pencil

f9

Feb 6/95

Dear Lord Dillon

Let me thank you not [13:829-30]
tho' I ~~have~~/can never thank you
as I feel for your great,
& invaluable kindness to the
Nursing at the Radcliffe
Infirmary & to its Matron
Miss Masson - They owe
you a great deal -
and so do I

Miss Masson told me
that you would like / were good enough
to have/ to wish a copy of a
pamphlet of mine.
which I now beg to enclose
for your kind acceptance
in another Envelope

I may add to it in a letter what of
course I would not put in
print - something about

f9v

untrained Village or District Nursing

It is of course a more
difficult thing to manage
than in large towns
where 3 or 4 trained District

Add Mss 45809

Nurses can lodge together
in a Nurses' Home
under a trained Supt who keeps up the tone
& excellence of the work.

But the single
trained Nurse might lodge
with somebody who would
see to her comforts &
keep her from sinking
to the level of her Patients

2 Then there is the
prejudice of the very
poor against a trained

f10

Nurse who is perhaps a
gentlewoman - for fear
she should be "above
"our work" -

But the selection, if this is/be
the case must have been
unfortunate - All that
we can say is, that our
experience is exactly
the contrary that the
trained Nurse, especially
if she be a gentlewoman
will cheerfully undertake
the hardest work &
show the poor how to
do it - And that she is
3 welcomed by the poor
~~over~~/with whom she has a
powerful influence for their

f10v

future habits

But the thing is that

~~she~~ the demand is so
much greater than the
supply

3. The untrained woman
lodging with the Patient
actually perhaps sleeping
with the Patient - an
insanitary, even if not
an immoral proceeding,
- has never one moment's
rest - She sinks down
to the level of the Patient
even if not there already
She is a charwoman
without any supervision

f12v [left col]

Feb 6/95

-2-

Some of the deplorable
consequences which one
might have feared have
followed with women
left so defenceless &
without control

4. Everything that an
untrained woman can do
may be done by a kind
neighbour - And we are
putting such a very
unfair responsibility
upon a woman that
has not been trained

f11 [right col]

Ld Dillon

never one moment's rest
lodge with somebody
down to the level of Patient
a charwoman without
any supervision
immorality

Some of the deplorable consequences
which one might have feared
have followed with women
left so defenceless & without
control.

everything that an untrained
woman can do can be done
by a kind neighbour but
you are putting such a very
unfair responsibility upon
a woman that has not been
trained

f12 8 Feb 1895 letter of Lord Dillon, Ditchley, Enstone, to FN thanks for her kind letter, her pamphlet and notes on untrained village nurses. I must thank you most sincerely for your very kind letter which I hardly deserve seeing that anything I can do for the advantage of the nursing staff of the infirmary & Miss Masson has always been a real pleasure to me.

Lady Dillon and myself have again read with great interest the pamphlet you kindly sent me and also your notes on the untrained village nurses. All our nurses of the North Oxfordshire assoc have been trained at Plaistow and one of them who is most anxious to learn more and

to qualify for higher work has been kindly accepted by Miss Masson for training at the Radcliffe Inf. In our district we are fortunate in having members of the association who personally visit the patients while under the care of the nurses and thus are able to see that the care wh shd be bestowed on the patients is really given At the same time the nurse benefits by the support which a personal supervision gives her. We have just had a series of 5 lectures on nursing in the home given by a count council technical education lecturer Miss Dodgson. The lecture s were very well attended and great interest was shown by those present. This no doubt will help the cause of trained nurses as it teaches the county people what a difference there is between the untrained and the trained nurses and when they are taught to properly appreciate the superior value of the latter, they will cease to be satisfied with the inferior nurses. Again thanking you for your very kind letter wh I shall always value most highly.

f14 8 Feb 1895 letter to FN from Sr Benedict, Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Joseph's Hunslet, Leeds asking for help re distress in north, want of food and clothing

ff15-18 13 Feb 1895 letter to FN from A.C. Gibson in London for Poor Law Conf. I am going to send you a copy of my paper and I hope that you will like and approve of it. I did not take your advice because I did not value it- I do most highly, but because I was asked to deal with country and smaller unions...This was my illeg effort as a public speaker. I think I shall not expect, re de Laney, not very happy and her position is most lonely. I am anxiously looking for two sisters and desolated at not being able to get any from St T. I never get nurses so well ... Life in Birm is not so. re Crumpsall

f19 Feb 14 1895 letter to FN from E.M.M. Snodgrass Royal Mil Inf Dublin, I hope you will forgive me for trespassing on your valuable time, but I know you are always ready to help and advise your Nightingales and Sister Clifton and myself have always as the two reps of your school tried to carry out its trads and act as we have thought acc to your wishes. FN und: *Today I recd a paper re Burdett's Official Nursing Directory asking me to send particulars of my training etc with a view to having my name inserted in the director. I wd prefer not doing so,* end und: but if you think it advisable I will.

Will it trouble you too much *to give me your advice* [FN und] I am still you will see in Dublin mil hospital work. Has been lately as we have not had many cases of enteric fever in the garrison and they are my charge, but since Christmas I have been nursing Sister Clifton who has been very ill with appendicitis. She has now gone to Teignmouth for change of air. I hope you are stronger and that you will forgive my writing to you and .. I could get one of those small reproductions of you "The Lady with the Lamp. With admiring love

unsigned note, f21, pencil, on letter 20 Feb 1895 of Wainwright St T. to FN, thanks for her letter

f21

Kate [?] from Rotunda

Test

Dr. De'Ath

Meaning of History

Fred. Harrison

f22 letter to FN from Lüttichan, N London Nursing Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor, 413 Holloway Rd., N. re their annual meeting coming up, asks for a message, holding annual meeting

You have in former years cheered us by messages of sympathy with our endeavours -- perhaps we have seldom needed it more than this year.

We are on Wednesday holding our annual meeting and should be most grateful for a few words from you. I regret to say that we have had much anxiety during the last year. It has been increasingly difficult to find educated and true hearted workers. The nursing staff has been small and the funds are low. We have lost our two best friends and supporters in Mr Butler our revered chairman and treasurer who ever since the work was begun at Holloway indefatigably collected and worked for it while to us he never failed in friendship and sympathy and who has now for family reasons been obliged to leave London and in the Rev Mark Wilks, Mr Butler's friend with whom originated the wish to have nurses for the poor in this neighbourhood before it was known that such a work had just been started at Bloomsbury.

We still send nurses over the whole of Islington, also to Highgate and Kentish Town and what is perhaps of far rater importance we try to do the nursing *well* to advance in knowledge and skill as years go on and so train the nurses who join us into thoroughness in every detail. We have at present only 6 workers besides myself, but on their faithfulness there can be no doubt. Miss Meyer is still working with us after 17 years service. As I am writing I cannot help thinking that it mt interest you to hear that she is nursing an old Cr soldier named Benjamin Camp, who is suffering from a severe attack of pleurisy. He is 66 years old and his wife is blind They are very poor. I wish that it wd have been possible for you to see his countenance when he found that his nurse had been trained in the Nightingale School and knew all about he Cr War and your work for the soldiers. His affectionate devotion to you is very touching, every memory of your kindness throws a halo over the past. Miss Meyer tells me that she feels convinced that he wd die happy had he a message from you. He treasures the picture of you published some years ago by .. And still hopes to save money to have it framed. ... S. de Luttichan.

unsigned letter draft, ff23-24v, pencil, black-edged paper

f23

Dr Miss de Lüttichan

Thank you for your letter [13:835]

I have only just received your letter
& am very glad to hear of you & your work
again - & to think of you with joy
maintaining all the details of the work,
the Diaries, the type cases shown to / in the Report
interest & yet more cd instruct other people
in the work - what the Nurse has done
for the Patient - & if necessary for the
room - the successful end of the case
whether that be recovery or death.

f24

the / that end could only be smoothed

the teaching a relative or ~~some~~ /a
kind neighbour of the Patient some
simple sanitary & practical things
to do - the Nurse sometimes having
to put the whole room in nursing order
~~utensils & all~~

All this & much more is I am sure
carried out by you under the Doctors

Thank you for your notice of one of
your Nurses & the poor old soldier
to whom I should like to send a
kind message

The great delight of District Nursing
is, I always feel, the close contact
with the very homes of the poor & the
great benefit to them of bringing in
new habits, new order & cleanliness
with gentleness & courtesy

But I am very sorry to hear of

f24v

for your difficulties, tho' wishing
you joy of your work - which I trust
will be strengthened more & more
in great haste

but true sympathy

[end 13:835]

unsigned letter, ff25-26v, pencil

f25

Mrs. Liddell

Dear Madam

I thank you very
much for the great
kindness of your letter
to me, desiring me
to be on the/ your Committee
for raising money to
place the/ your Sarah Acland
Nursing Institution on a
more substantial footing
as a recognition of Sir
Henry Acland's long
services You also ask
me to write a letter

f25v

which could be read
at your Meeting tomorrow

With regard to the
Committee I deeply
regret having to
decline any kind wish
of yours, referring to
such a subject as
our great admiration
for Sir Henry Acland.
But I am compelled
to refuse to put my
poor name on Committees /any thing
where I cannot give
my work {f26 is to be inserted here}

f26

which it is manifestly
impossible for me to
add to our already
almost overwhelming
work

{f26v continues}

& especially
on Committees which I cannot ever attend

f25v

And I am sure your
kindness will excuse
me for not writing
the letter you desire
for a similar reason
The name of letters
for which I am
asked is Legion.

With very sincere
good wishes for your
work & with
unbounded fealty
to Sir Henry Acland
- & trusting to your
kindness to forgive
me

unsigned notes, ff27-27v, pencil [6:575]

f27

Dr. De'Ath March 7/95

Materia Medica X

sh-proportion of water to milk
one half in early
infancy - Milk is such
rich concentrated food

May I show it?

X is quite outside the Sphere of
Nurses - English Pharmacopeia
that *is* bad - wrong

Nurses have nothing to do with
drugs - except to give what is
ordered

quacking - not air, warmth,
&c &c - *that is* the Nurse's sphere
remedy for Influenza

3 days in bed in a well-aired,
well warmed room -

for Rheumatic Fever

6 weeks in bed

[end 6:575]

f28v -2-

Anderson's Medical Nursing
he recommends teaching of,
Physiology - but Physiology is
nothing without dissection

-then how for Nurses?

if the structure of the gun were
taught & the action of it, & you
had never fired a shot, what
wd that profit you?

if the structure of the body were
taught & the action of certain
organs, what would that profit
you, if you had never seen a
sick person -

[end]

M.M.V.

collecting all the facts on your
side E. Hart - R.

It's like collecting all the yellow
flowers & saying all flowers
are yellow

unsigned draft, f29, pencil, black-edged paper [6:575]

f29

Dr. De'Ath

Prevention of blindness

Importance of cleansing 10 South Street, {printed address:}
the eyes of newly born Park Lane. W.
children

After a newly born child is washed, great care should then be taken to clean the inside of the eyelids of each eye, as any collection of matter within the eyelids is very dangerous, & must be removed

The outside of the eyelids should be well cleaned, and the eyelids separated & the edges cleaned. Each lower eyelid should be pulled gently down on the cheek & some water dropped on the inner surface, the eyelid should then be allowed to close. The water will thus wash the eyes. This should be done twice a day for a month.

[end 6:575]

ff30-31 March 10 1895 letter to FN from Rosa Florence Broughton, a N nurse, named after her by her father with a prayer, from Cottage Hosp Farringdon Berks

ff32-33 March 12 1895 letter to FN from Mary S. Littlefield, Episcopal Hosp, Philadelphia, secy of Am Society of Supts of Tr Schools for Nurses re convention at Boston which elected her honorary member, first

f34 March 14 1895 letter to FN from Annie Stocks Cottage Hosp, St Helen's, hasten to reply to your kind letter of today (in 5481); a matron has been chosen for my place, sister Clarence of the Liverpool Royal Inf, com have asked me to remain some days after she comes

Add Mss 45809

ff35-38 March 16 1895 letter to FN from Snodgrass thanks for answer to her letter (missing), re universal enemy, influenza, going the rounds of the troops, had it too, decided not to have name on register, present hopes to remain in the army as long as strength and health, so for pension there, so many of the sick treated in the smaller hosps attached to barracks where no sisters detailed for duty. But I suppose all alterations in existing arrs are slow to be made in the army and we women have to work very quietly and patiently for any reforms we wish to see instituted whilst space is taken up in the hosps to which we are attached by cases that we are not allowed to nurse, have to cut red tape and get others to see with our eyes, or have some woman with the gift of org at our head. Sister Clifton back at work, not strong

ff39-45 March 19 1895. Re infantile blindness, Hilborough Lodge, Nelson Rd. Southsea. Thank you so much for your most valuable advice regarding infantile blindness. It was most kind of you to write so many really admirable suggestions.

I feel confident that sooner or later the methods I am advocaing will be carried out by every sanitary authority - for every advancing wave of Hygienic improvemtn points in the direction. I have been jsut reading the *March issue* of the *Journal of State Medicine* in which there was an account of some of the most important resoltuon s passed at International Congress of Hyugien at Buda Pes this year amongths thos eresoltuion I notice with pleasure the concerning the spread of diphtheria in its incubating stage when it is infecitous. The reminder is that "Leaflet of Instrucion regarding the incipient signs of this disease be distrbitued widelyso that mothers may learn them and thus be able toisolate the disease in it sprimary stage It is further recommended that mothers should dialy examine the childrnes throats when they compalin of sore thorat so as to detect the disease and that instrucion leaflets be disseminated widley for that purpose.

I fully recongize the enormous difficulty Charlotte Smith

f46 card Miss M.A. Peddie, Kigls Coleg Hospital

initialled drafts, f47, pencil

f47

To her whose bright Life's Spring
has now begun for her in heaven
Clara Sibbald Peddie
we on earth send
these ~~sweet~~ spring flowers
given us by her God & our God
F.N.
March 21/95
first day of Spring

In deepest most sorrowful remembrance of her
who has passed away from us so suddenly
in joy & sympathy with her who after
so useful a life in God's Hospl service that she cannot be spared
has won the crown of life in the arms of our
Almighty Father Clara Sibbald Peddie

Add Mss 45809

Florence N
sends this wreath
March 23/95

f48 April 13 1895? Allardice letter to FN from Clayton, surgical dict, Christopher Heath for sister, her flowers have given the patients much pleasure, send thanks

ff50-51 Allardice letter, thanks for Heath's surgic dict and kind letter (missing) which I shall greatly value for the giver's sake, book will be useful to me and reminder of a the happy afternoon I spent with you for you were so kind and sympathetic. Disappointment not to get your photo, but the good wishes! We nurses can never forget what you have done for us and must ever admire and love you for it. Believe me, yours lovingly and gratefully

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff52-52v, pencil

f52

April 24/95

Dear Miss Davey

You were very kind
in writing to me about dear
Miss Peddie's almost
sudden death - And I
hope Miss Monk gave
you a message of thanks
for me - I had the
deepest interest in Miss P.
at St. Thomas', tho' she &
I were both too busy in
these latter years to keep
up much intercourse

[12:459]

Might I ask you to
be so very kind as to
tell me what is/was the

f52v

immediate cause of death
& where & what day
she was buried, in
relation to her death
& who is her successor.

[end]

ff53-54 May 24 1895 letter to FN from Eva E. Chappell, Brooklyn re visiting home in England
asks to visit her, card, graduate of Long Island College Hospital, 270 Clinton St., Brooklyn

f55 card Miss Chappell graduate of Long Island College Hospital; tel Brooklyn

ff56-57 May 4 1895 College Hosp, St Helens Lancs. I propose to be in London next Saturday
morning -- I intend to go down to Tonbridge Wells in the evening for Sunday and returning on
Monday. If it is possible for me to see you any time on Saturday I whd be so pleased and as
the ... and hopes to see Saturday

ff58-59 May 6 1895 FN letter to A. Worcester, Waltham Training School, Boston, thank you very much for your kind note (47746 f242). I shall at once ask Miss Crossland for an appt as you so kindly suggest. And if I were not obliged to sail for America on Friday,...asks for a few minutes. Were there any uniformity of purpose and practice in the training schools of today, and were there not so much confusion about professional org among nurses, then we American mt more readily find the path. I feel almost wicked in still begging for an interview with you who are our only known guide, esp when you tell me of being hampered by illness, but as you so kindly say, I may come if it is really for a business call; I can put out of question my own pleasure and yet honestly say that your advice would help scores, aye and hundreds of your fellows in America if I may be trusted to carry it. Most respectfully yours,

f60 Stocks telegram coming Sat aft May 7 1895

f61 May 8 1895 letter to FN from Alfred Worcester thanks for her telegram saying can come Thursday

f62 [27 May 1895] letter to FN from C. Guthrie Wright, 2 Lansdowne Cres, Edinburgh, in London grieved re nurses inst council this aft, hopes for appt another day

ff64-65 28 May 1895 letter to FN from S.E. Hampson. Rotunda, inquired, finds best all round book on midwifery is Lusk's and best treatise of gynecology by Pozzi trans by Wells. After making full enquires I find that the best all round book on *Midwifery* is *Lusk's* [FN red und] or the best Treatise of Gynecology is by Pozzi --translated by Wells.

Our hospital work this spring has been as busy as ever and now we are beginning the nruses' holidays we expect to be able to put the nruses into their new quarters in the new wing during the last week of July, and that the res of the building will shortly afterward be fully completed.

I was very glad to hear that Miss Stewart recovered from her operation so quickly and I suppose she will now be soon back again in Dublin.

Hoping you are well, an thnkng you for the honour you did me in inviting me to viisit you.

Ff66-67 May 30 [1895] letter to FN from D.M. Oldham, St Katharine's Royal Hosp, Gloucester Gate Queen V Jubilee Inst, thanks for flowers and time spent

unsigned notes, ff68-68v, pencil [6:575-76]

f68

(May 1895)

Dr. Seaton's paper

We have invented in this century

steam-ships, railroads, microbes

But the greatest of all inventions

is the teaching of how to

nurse sick people

without sick people -

or of how to keep the

surroundings of Cottage mothers

healthy without *showing*
the Cottage mothers how not
to make them unhealthy.

Village Nurses

F.N. entirely agrees with
the practical views under
this head & has always
urged the practice of
them - But she cannot

f69v

-2-

understand that the
"supporters of Technical
"Education" make the
"Nursing of the Sick & of
"women in Childbirth"
part of their system -
It would be illegal to
bring in trained Nurses
& Midwives as part of
the system "carried on
"under the auspices of the
"(National Health) Society -
They might bring them in to
train others - *The great error
of this Society has been & is
that they thought they could teach*

*Nursing by
Lectures*

Who is "Mr. Macau"

f70 June 3 [1895?] letter to FN from C.E. Guthrie Wright, Edinburgh, In telling you some of our little ways of trying to keep our nurses with us and to sustain an esprit de corps, I omitted to mention that we appointed our present convenor of house committee Miss Butler of Farkally on account of her gift for making friends with our illeg [other?] nurses & on the understanding that she took up the duty of making personal acq with all our probs and as far as poss keeps this up after they get appointments. She not only visits and invites our *pros* in inf and district home, but is already making the acq of single nurses and sends an occasional mag etc to them. This all goes towards keeping up a friendly united feeling among them.

I look back with much pleasure to the interview you honoured me with.

Add Mss 45809

I am yours sincerely unsigned letter, ff71-71v, pencil

f71

Local Govt. Board

Private June 4/95

& Confidential {printed address: 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Sir - Foster is not

the man to go to

Lefevre himself is

the man -

And he will receive

a Deputation, if you

interest him in the

subject - And Foster

will "cave in".

The Worcestershire Sanitary

Committee (of the Co. Co.)

[Hastings] is in full force - &

the Medical Officer for the

f71v

County - Dr. Fosbroke
£800 a year, including
one or two Districts he
keeps -

Parish Council, we hope,
will do nothing - They have
elected 3 labourers, petty
farmers, & the Clergyman
got himself, elected

ff72-73 June 19 1895 letter to FN from Augusta P. Roscorla "Sister Victoria" from Acreville, Osborne Park, Balmoral, Belfast. re Miss Barclay's death. It has occurred to me that you may not have heard of our dear Miss Barclay's death. I find that some of her friends (myself included) have been in ignorance of it until quite recently, altho she passed away many weeks ago - hearing the bare facts from a mutual friend a few days since (she could tell me nothing more). I wrote to her cousin Miss Fox of Falmouth asking for details. The enclosed letter reached me today. I had not seen her for many years illeg

I was started at her altered appearance, so aged and haggard, with all the indications of having had a paralytic seizure. We talked of our old hospital days together and much of our beloved "chief." She asked me more than once to write and ask you to see me and my closest girl (your name-child, in whom she was quite interested. Roscorla from a letter I had seen in a newspaper that you were ill and pressed with many cares. I felt I ought not to seek it.

My child after a long religious struggle joined the Salvation Army and altho it was not what I desire for her I felt illeg.

Miss Fox's letter has been a great comfort tome for I knew my dear old friend was very unhappy and I am dwelling now on her being quite "satisfied." with deepest love and gratitude, believe me, yours affectionately and respectfully
Augusta P. Roscorla "Sister Victoria"

f74 June 7 1895 A.M. Fox letter to Mrs Roscorla about death of E.A. Barclay, her cousin. Your letter has followed me from Falmouth to London, where Miss Hughes and I are attending the B.W. Temperance meeting.

I am sorry that it has been two or so days unanswered.

I do not wonder that you shd have been surprised at the death of my dear cousin Miss E.A. Barclay for her illness was so short, being influenza with a sharp attack of bronchitis, under which her strength failed. She was beautifully nursed by her sister and visited by her old Cornish friend Mrs Alfred Fox and had a trained nurse and besides her two excellent servants.

She felt herself seriously ill and liked Mrs A Fox repeating passages of scripture and seemed soother by her words.

Her loss is very much felt in her own neighbourhood in Cornwall, where her kindness to those needing her in sickness has been greatly appreciated.

I know she felt great interest in you and your daughters and wished...

ff75-76 June 20 [1895] letter to FN from Effie M. Roberts George Ward St T. thanks for book and letter, Taylor's Medicine, re motive of serving the Lord, your kind letter of sympathy has come to cheer me again; had pleasant aft in Nightingale Home

f77 21 June 1895 letter to FN from E. Jeannie Mitchell, Charity Ward St T. thanks for book on hygiene and letter. I cannot thank you enough for your book on Hygiene and for your very dear letter--the latter I shall prize all my life long and value it as one of my dearest treasures; your wishes too, I am quite sure will help me, and principally at some of those times when clouds *will* come about and when a little sympathy is an untold help.

It is so kind of you to take so much thought for us, but I am sure we fully appreciate it all. I wanted to write yesterday but when you expressed a wish that I shd ask you for another book I didn't quite know what I wd rather have -- I believe Quain's book on Medicine is a very useful one-- if you think the choice suitable tho' I don't like even suggesting another book when I feel I am not going to spend as much of my life here as many other sisters have done, may I tell you Miss Nightingale? That I hope the work I have learnt here will help me to be much more useful to my fellow creatures as a clergyman's wife than I shd otherwise have been. I felt I couldn't write without telling you this, and I can't help hoping you will not be disappointed in me for not being in a sense true to the Nursing world, tho I fancy in London there will be room for plenty of opportunities of this work, even if not in hospital.

I am very glad to tell you Miss Tippert's brother is well again -- she is away for her holiday just now and I think they were to spend some time of it together.

I have read page 353 of Newsholme and find it most interesting and instructive as I am sure all the book is. With grateful thanks, sincerely yours, E. Jane Mitchell

ff79-80 June 21 1895 letter to FN from Ld Pembroke. Printed Hillingdon Place, Uxbridge. I shall be very glad indeed to become one of the Trustees of the "Nightingale Fund" and may I add that it will be a great pleasure to me to have my name associated with any institution which is named after yourself; I only wish that I could still sign myself Sidney Herbert, and that my dearly loved brother had been spared to continue in the office which you now wish me to take. His death has been a terrible blow to us all, and my poor sister in law is quite broken hearted. She feels that her life has gone with his, and, with no children to comfort her, her future life does indeed appear desolate. It is all too sad. With kindest regards, believe me, yr v sincerely, Pembroke

f81 June 22 1895 letter to FN from Helen Shuter Ophthalmic Ward St T. thanks for book, Nettleship's and letter, wd like book on hygiene by Newsholme if not too greedy, will always treasure the letter... It was a great pleasure to us to get a letter from you * I shall always treasure it.

I do still feel the illeg but I am getting reconciled to it & I do like the ward very much. I believe it is one of the happiest, for the patients are so grateful. Dr Nettleship operated for cataract on an old man of 96 yrs, he did it so well and we are all very proud of him. Hoping your are well... Helen Shuter

ff82-83 July 6 1895 Wainwright letter to FN from Pontresina, Suisse.

Your exceedingly kind and welcome letter of June 11 was faithfully delivered by Miss Gordon, our much respected matron and I thank you for the good wishes it contained.

I am really now writing to tell you of a move on the part of HRH the Princess Christian -- it would appear that HRH finds herself allied to a wrong party in the nursing world and is casting about for some means of wise action. You will I know have heard of Miss Gordon's interview with HRH and of its fruitless character. I afterwards heard that she had had advised to endeavour to enlist my poor services, but this she felt useless as I was so completley uner Mr Burdett's influence (a fact I was not aware of) but now I find she is desirous of an interview

with me in the hope of winning me over to her side. This interview is to be arranged by Mrs Dacre Craven. I am however not even in London until *July 27* which I am told *may render the interview to be necessarily postpone* for which I am not sorry. [FN red und]

This matter of a Nurse Assoc: seems to me to be pressing itself upon public sympathy and it occurs to me whether it wd not be a wise step, if some concerted action cd not be devised to meet the sympathetic feeling arising in public mind, so that it may be guided by the minds of those who have given most thought to the advancement of nursing, so as to lead it in wise courses and prevent dangerous combination.

I naturally turn to you on this subject, as to be one whose whole sympathy has been and ever will be with the true and best interest of nursing. Would you kindly let your mind run on the subject and when I return if I might have the privilege of a short interview with you on the subject, I shd be most grateful. The proposed advance on the part of HRH is such an acknowledgement of weakness illeg it not look like the chance for taking the evil out of the movement and confining it illeg and practical limits.

For my own part I wd rather be without any such an assoc, but I fear in these days of combination some sort of assoc of nurses is following the course adopting by all sorts of labour and policy may be wise to grasp the opportunity of organization.

We have so far had glorious weather, but yesterday and today are very wet and all excursions out of the question. We shall hope for better weather on Thursday...

F84 envelope

ff85-86 black-edged letter of Georgiana Hurt to FN 18 July. You took so kind an interest in the two nurses Miss Blennerhasset and Lucy Sleeman when they went to St Helena that I know you will like to hear that the year they passed there did help to reduce their frequent attacks of fever., but they had ... climbing stairs and hills too much for Blennerhasset, had to leave, to Cape, where have a house to receive patients.

I am going to Wirksworth next week. I write from Worthing, my sister is feeble but still able to do many kind things & we had a party of 50 children from Chelsea in her garden who are spread about in cottages for a fortnight, so happy & so well conducted. I forbid you to acknowledge this.

FF87-89 22 July [1895] letter to FN from J.B. Anderson Northern Hosp Liverpool. I have often wished to meet you and say how I was getting on, but yet I felt that I did not like to trouble you. Today I read over your last letter to me dated /86 just before I came here. I treasure the letters I have of yhou so very much and they are so kind that I feel I can venture to write you again, and that you will care to hear about my work.

Is is over eight years since I came here and I must say that I have enjoyed my work and that the hospital has prospered I many ways. It is old and illeg but money has at least been got to build a new one. If anything turns up in my dept illeg it is buildings that I would not illeg illeg

We have a large new staff of nurses all trained women. I have been illeg many more who are now in India, London or some other country. I do liek my work very much and feel that I owe it all to you and am so proud of being one of your nurses.

2000 of the National Pension Fund illeg are Marlborough House on Friday. I am one of the number and hope to go.

Miss Gordon has kindly asked me to stay and illeg Thrusday to Saturday so that will be a great pleasure.

It is very good of the Pioneer of Rules to take the trouble to illeg

Add Mss 45809

I do hope you have been keeping well and that you will allow me to ... yours gratefully and affectionately

unsigned letter draft, ff90-91v, pencil

f90

Private 26/7/95

My dear Sir

Welcome home and

Thank you for your
letter of July 6 from Pontrasina - I
earnestly hope with all
your many friends that your
health is/will have been entirely restored

With regard to the subject
you write to me about,
viz - the proposed interview
of yourself with Pss Xtian,
to be arranged by Mrs. Dacre
"Craven", I shall be very
glad to see & discuss it with you, as you
kindly invite, any afternoon

Add Mss 45809

f90v

after Sunday about 530
if that is convenient to you
~~I prefer~~ provided I may
know as quickly as possible
I am as you say / have been for 40 years most
& shall always be
deeply interested in every
thing that concerns the ~~true~~/real
training & true welfare of Nurses
But appointments come thick & fast
every day more than there
is time for

I conclude that you wish
as soon as possible to have
our discussion. On Wednesday
I think it was Pss Xtian
had her Annual Meeting.

f91

But she may be going
abroad directly

~~and~~ I believe I would say
Monday afternoon if you
wish it but will write
again.

91v {written on bottom of another letter, with line drawn through it}

Amateurish

p.28

little for the Nurse to
"bone Nurses"

f92 July 30 1895 letter to FN from M.J. Soane, Dulwich re district nursing, sends encl MS and
asks her opinion of it, result of her practical experience in the work. Pencil comment on:
Amateurish p. 28
little for the Nurse to illeg

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter fragment draft, ff93-93v, pencil

f93

-2-

but requires at least 2

years of Hospl

must take care not to set

Patient at loggerheads with
his landlord

so far from Nurse standg alone

the helpfulness of neighbours

is quite beautiful

{the part is written diagonally between the lines} preaching from one's own example
intolerance p. 34 and if they won't do it from example, won't do it from preaching

no use preaching on teaching

thankful no lecture

example - *showing* them things

we have really no midwifery

teaching - obstetric Socy

Perssè report

Bloomsbury

Times letter {written diagonally} Patients to be sent by Dr. minister of religion or

Miss Hughes -where is her

little book of District Nursing

Add Mss 45809

f93v

milk

District VISITOR not District [13:895-96]

Nurse - first thing she

has to do is to nurse

twice a day should be much shorter

cant be a Midwife

Maternity Nursing

feeling - most important

is she town or rural

1st Rule to be under a Doctor

not to be a Quack

2nd " never to give money

but to know places where

things necessary can be had

will know these things

before she comes to be a

District Nurse

2 years in Hospl

6 mos at Bloomsbury

Home & superinte for D. Nurses

of the first necessity

solitary Nurse very difficult [end]

ff94-95 Aug 2 1895 letter to FN from Alice O. Tippet Boston Mass re Guild of St Barnabas for trained nurses in America, to publish a small leaflet, asks to contribute an article

As trained nurses we all look to you as our head and something from you would be a wonderful help and encouragement. I enclose a small leaflet which explains what our Guild is and wishes to do and be. It is not quite the same as the English Guild of that name as you will see, for although officered by Episcopalians, all Christian nurses are eligible for membership. Hoping very much for a favorable reply from you and that you will forgive the liberty I have taken,

unsigned letter draft, ff95, 95v, 97-98v, 99v, pencil [13:518-19]

f96

Aug 18/95 [13:518-19]

Guild of S. Barnabas for Nurses

no leaflet, no medal, no badge no Doctor no membership of

11000 will help the Nurses

There must be a tie to their

Training School, not to

disgrace it. They must have

been used to a 'Home' a [illeg]

female hierarchy, to look back upon

but I am told that

American Nurses must be

all equal - have no Sisters
above them - it is impossible
for English people to prescribe
for America - the immense
distances - the absence of
no Doctor it is like making a Guild
for Europe

f96v

feeling for home - the hotel
which I am told takes its
place.

Sick Relief Assocn - very
good but we don't find a
Sick Relief Friendly Socy unites
the men here

Nurses have to endure
"Much loneliness & isolation
-Certainly not in the *Training
Home* -

In "private Nursing", in
"lodgings" yes - but where
the fault?

The private Nurses want
a Home with a Trained Supt
more than any one to keep up the tone & standard of work
drag her down as well as up,
Girls' Friendly Socy may bring worse with the better - Or the deterrent
girls to associate of the better - no magic in word
Assocn

f97

District Nurses have it when
possible by numbers -
But the Americans would
not submit to a Home

What reformed Hospital
Nurses - besides technical
training - giving them a Home
& a Superior which any
mother -

In England at least you
can only reform private
Nurses in the same way
- a Home for the intervals between places

97v

Army no real analogy

Add Mss 45809

because Army has training
& discipline - hierarchy
It is disgracing my company
Regiment which is the
thing the Army scattered
over the world is too big.

Experience we have in
England that a Register
cannot ensure even morality

Numbers don't mean
Purity

"Note"

unit - the Hospl the Training
but a Guild can't give the unit /School
tho' the unit may unite itself
with the Guild
Army

f98

Guild -2-

Services of Consecration
very good - but as one
Communion does not last
the whole life - no more
does one Consecration. It
should be renewed at
least every year.

If a family is what it
ought to be for a servant, she does
not want the Friendly Socy
does not like any girls to [illeg]
In England if training School
& Hospl are rightly
conducted, Guild more
likely to embarrass than
to raise. Either she must
look up to her Guild or her
Training School & Home -
Both are not wanted

f98v

Do the Dissenters always
like to join the "*Episcopalians*"?

f99v

-3-

How do you know that
the Nurses *are* "merciful"
The Medal won't make
them so
Edinburgh - dangerous to
say to a Nurse going on
night duty - Inasmuch
as &c She says it
herself without meaning
She 'gets it up'
"No Doctor" but we like
them to think their Doctor
the first in the world
Only a Doctor is not a
Matron
"In Conclusion" very good

[end 13:519]

f100 Sep 19 [1895] letter to FN from M. Andrews, 22 Cheyne Gardens, Chelsea thanks for her answers to questions re matrons' council. I beg to thank you for the answer to questions sent

by Matrons Council, which I have received saely this afternoon.

f101 Sept 29 1895 letter to FN of Rev J. Grant Mills sending cook of Messrs Newton, wants likeness for his lecture on St T. Hosp; Messrs Newton & Co sent me the enclosed while I was away from here on my annual holiday. I write to ask whether you will kindly accede to their request. I shd much like to have such a likeness myself for my lecture on "St Thomas' Hospital, Past and Present" for which I have about 30 dissolving views.

signed letter, ff102-03v, pen & pencil, pale blue, black-edged paper

f102

London Oct 4/95

Dear Sir

Thank you for your
letter - in answer to it
yourself & Messrs. Newton's
I have no photograph
of myself, & do not
know where to buy
one -

The Political or rather [5:210]
Administrative "Slides"
in Messrs Newton's
Programme are most
interesting {pencil} / a And I am glad to see St.
Thomas & his Ward there. {pen} But may
I be allowed to say
that what I find/ is found
wanted in these times

f103

to instruct a "citizen" or
a working man in the
:duties of a citizen" is
English History of the
LAST 60 YEARS. And if
there could be Lantern
Slides for *this*, some of
the terrible /{pencil} dangerous {pen} ignorance
(which ~~is~~{pencil} seems {pen} yearly increasing)
about {pencil} elementary {pen} Political or Social
Economy might be
prevented - {pencil} might it not? [end 5:210]
{pen} With regard to "Hygiene",
I am glad to say we
are asked by native
Indian "Medical Officers

f102v

of Health for Lantern Slides

But with regard to "Bacteria"
& "Bacilli", I am afraid I must/{pencil} is there not some truth
say that I entirely agree with
{pencil} in {pen} a sentence ~~in one of the~~/ {pencil} which occurred in an {pen} Opening
~~Lecturers~~/ {pencil} Addresses {pen} of {pencil} one of {pen} our great Hospitals, {pencil} of
this year: {pen} "The Profession is suffering from
"Convulsive Attacks of Bacteriology"
{pencil} Could we substitute *Soap & Water*
for Bacteriology?

f103v

-4

{pencil} I hope your kindness well pardon
what may seem brusque in this
note. But the truth is I have not
known what it is to have an hour
of real leisure for more than 40
years. I am overcome with work

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Revd J. Grant Mills

ff104-05 Oct 13 1895 letter to FN from Jane MacMaster, Leopold Ward St T. I shd like to lose
no time in thanking you for the beautiful Erichsens that safely reached me eysterday evening.
They will always be a value possession, not merely for theri own worth --which I deeply
appreciate--but becasue they are your gift and contain your name. That mine shd be privileged
to be associated with it is in itself a stimulus to more worthy doing and being.

Even now the memory of your kind and helpful words, your vision of what might be --so apt-
- to be lost sight of in the dust of present imperfections -- will remain an abiding nspiration. My
life will alwyas be the richer -- ltrust and believe the fruitfuller -- for my visit, for the privilege of
which I feel I cannot possibly sufficiently thank you. Believe me, sincreely and gratefull yrs.

Ff106-07 13 Oct 1895 letter to FN from E. Jane Mitchell, Charity Ward. Your second very kind
gift of a "book" arrived last evening and may I take this first opportunity of thanking you very
much indeed for it. You are so kind to us, thinking so much what will be at the same time most
useful and interesting. I am sure I fully appreicate your loving thoughts. Home sister sent me
her copy of "Ascent of Man" to look at and I liked what I saw of it immensely. With my kindest
thoguths and many many thanks, sincerley yours.

f108 Oct 14 [1895] letter to FN from Helen Mills, Christian Ward thanks for book send, long
wished to have, enjoyed visit immensely, will always look back on

Add Mss 45809

unsigned book order, f109, pencil

f109

Mr Francis Edwards

Please send Oct. 17/95

(all to be sent here) {printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

- Newsholme's Hygiene
3/6 2/8 Miss Shuter
 Ophthalmic
- Gray's Anatomy
36/- Theatre Sister
 29/ Miss Shuter
 Herbert
- Schimmelbusch's
of Aseptic Surgery 4/-
- No 2 of the Library Assocn Series
Public Library Legislation
by H.W. Fovargue
& J.J. Ogle 2/6 net
Simpkin & Marshall
-1893
- Sir W.W. Hunter's Louis
"Old Missionary" 1/- net
Frowde; Oxford University Press
Miss Pepper P.T.O.
{the other side has a list not in FN's hand}

Add Mss 45809

signed book order, f110, pencil

f110

Mr. Francis Edwards 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir

Please add to the list

that I sent you yesterday

-Life of Stambouloff 2/6

3/6 by Hulme Beaman

("The Statesman Series", I think)

-Pilgrim's Progress - large

5/- full page illustrations

4/ Book co. 3/9

-Tilman (or Tillmann or Thielmann)

21/- "on Surgery" 17/-

~~Theatre Sister~~

~~Miss Pepper~~

& oblige

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

f111 Oct 18 1895 letter to FN from S.E. Hampson of Rotunda Hosp Dublin thanks for gift, will value from inscription, will be a priceless heirloom

ff112-13 20 Oct 1895 letter to FN from Jane MacMaster Leopold Ward thanks for her note (missing) and enclosure, books for boys

unsigned draft letter, ff114-15v, pencil

[12:471]

f114

I am going to send the

Private 22/10/95

pamphlet you wished for

Dear Mrs Lister

Thank you for your

most kind note

But you must not

think that we have

the "ripened fruits" yet

We have the misfortune

to be now 'the fashion'

- a real misfortune

since 'fashion' means

decay.

But we trust Him, our Father

to give us " ripened fruit"

Add Mss 45809

yet They the Sisters must *live*, p. 3 not preach
their religion

f115

Children's Wards it
is well if there are no
Nursemaids but an
ample number of
advanced Probers, day &
night, as babies require
so much Nursing X
let the Training School
xx because they can get so
much more at the now almost
universal High Schools &c
I do not think our Head Nurses
come for money but for the work's sake. - *they* ALL go
thro' the same training as the other
x the constant tone of mind & Probr XX
heart of the Nurse in Charge which
does it

x The Sisters should be p. 1
cultivated women, because it
is not formal religious teaching
which influences children but
x ~~sin~~ It takes 5 years to
make a really good practical
Sister

f115v

 alma mater
furnish first its own
Hospl with Nurses & Sisters
And those who go to
Private & District Homes
Nursing afterwards, let
them if possible have
4 or 5 in a Home with/under
a trained Supt. to keep up
the tone.

 Many more things must
there be - but I must not
write a treatise

 You did not 'tire' me
-you kindly ask - you
refreshed me, tho' your
kindness made me anxious

 You will be disappointed
with St. T's, if you go ~~now~~
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South Street, ask for Miss Crossland,
 Park Lane. W.
the Home Sister, as well as for
Miss Gordon, the Matron, if you go

[end]

ff116-19 letter of Mary T. Leiter, at the Priory, Reigate, address Dupont Circle, Wash DC. Must postpone visit to London as daughter is distressed at her leaving, must postpone my visit to the hospital and Nightingale School until Feb, when Mrs Curzon will be convalescent. God bless and spare you. (No ref to surgical masks)

f120v-21 Oct 26th letter of Helen Shuter to FN Ophth Ward Oct 26 1895, thanks for book on hygiene, had 4 weeks holiday in Channel Isles

ff122-23 Oct 27 1895 letter to FN from Jane MacMaster thanks for boys' books for Leopold Ward. They are very nice ones and will help to make many a weary hour pass more quickly, I do not doubt. The boys were so pleased and wished to know if the sender "was anything to Miss Nightingale. They had read about that she should be same and ... Little Harold.

ff124-25 Oct 28 [1895] letter to FN from Constance Herbert, thanks for book, Gray, re ops, always value, will bring back delightful time spent with her; You were interested in 3 cases of splenectomy for ruptured spleen. I told you I had just seen the boys, the woman and the man. I am sure you will be pleased to hear they are now *all* doing splendidly. Mr Pitts and Mr Bullard are very proud of them. There is a little notice about them in this week's Lancet saying they are the first successful cases on record in Gr. Br.

ff126-27 letter of Ellen Moriarty to FN 24 Oct 1895 from St Marylebone: You take such kind interest in the progress of your Nightingale nurses that I feel I must write and tell you that I have just been appointed as matron to the new Brentford Inf at Isleworth. I know I am very fortunate in getting such a nice appointment I hope it will be a model infirmary after the pattern of St Marylebone; I know Miss Vincent will kindly help me with advice and experience. She has always been such a kind and good friend to me, during the 7 3/4 happy years I have spent here. My appointment dates from Jan'y 1st but the building will probably not be opened before March. I am going to get some midwifery tr in Dec as will have some lying-in wards in my charge, I hope that most of my staff will consist of those who have had their training at St Marylebone and I shall do my best to make the infirmary a credit to the Nightingale Training School and a satisfaction to you our chief."

ff128-29 Oct 31 1895 Moriarty to FN from St Marylebone Inf, Notting Hill. Thank you for your kind letter (roll 3b 95/20). I will try and answer your questions, but some of the subjects about which you ask are not yet decided. I went over the new infirmary yesterday. It is very far from finished and will probably not be opened before April my appointment dates from January 1st in order that the committee may consult me about the *fitting and arrangements* [FN emphasis]. At present I am the only one appointed. There will be a resident medical supt. I do not think they will appoint one until after Christmas. I believe I am to have entire charge of the *whole female* staff and be directly responsible to the committee for them. With regard to the lying-in ward, it will be in the same building which part has not bee undecided. I shall have a *trained midwife* [FN emphasis] in charge of it. I will remember the advice you kindly give. I am sorry I shall only be able to devote *January and February* to practical work. There is no vacancy in any hospital, so I have arranged to got to *Miss Webster* [FN] who has a *district for maternity work and takes pupils for midwifery*. I shall try and pass the L.O.S. examination in April. I have always taken an interest in the subject and had some experience at St Thomas' Hosp and also here. Last summer I was in Dublin and Miss Hampson kindly showed me over the Rotunda Hosp and explained all their arrs. The Brentford Inf will have 260 beds and they speak of having 25 nurses, the com seem to wish to make it a model hosp. Ellen G. Moriarty

F130 Oct 1895? From Florence Pepper to FN thanks for beautiful book sent

ff131-32 Nov 7 1895 letter to FN from Ellen Moriarty St Marylebone Inf thanks for beautiful flowers and re seeing her, let probs see the flowers, time went so quickly and pleasantly. I enclose Mr Lunn's paper of feeding of infants she wanted to see; Mr Lunn asks if she cd spare him half an hour.

Ff133-34 Nov 7 1895 letter to FN from Major G. Shanks, St Anne's Dunmere nr Bodmin re Inkermann Commem

ff135-36 Nov 11 1895 letter to FN from Georgiana Louise, mother superior embossed Ascot Priory, Bracknell, Berks, thanks for her letter and subscription, asks for a patient to be sent since she helps

ff137-38 undated from illeg, seems same convent, saw letter of FN

f139 Nov 13 [1895?] letter to FN from Helen H. Mills St T. re her letter to see her, left St T.

Add Mss 45809

yesterday, asks if she can see her Sat or ?

Ff140-41 16 Nov 1895 letter to FN from H. Newson re her letter yesterday giving address she requires (Mrs J. Shaw Stewart, c/o Mrs Grinstead, Slingfold, nr Horsham Sussex)

ff142-43 Nov 18 1895 letter to FN from M. Taylor re their visits, saying how getting along in district work

ff144-45 Nov 28 1895 letter to FN from Ellen Moriarty of St Marylebone Inf thanking her for sending books, esp on aseptic treatment of wounds, saw op with Pepper on how work divided; Dr Sharkey coming her to examine the probs next week

f146-47 Dec 3 1895, letter to FN of Benedict Joseph, other Superior of Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, St Joseph's Hunslet Leeds re Rev Mother Mary Clare Moore's anniversary.

As dear Rev Mother Mary Clare Moore's anniversary comes round, I naturally turn my thought next to you and wonder how you are; ...

The education crisis is so strong & government requirements so heavy upon religions especially in the schools that I often feel inclined to wish we had hospital work, homes anything in fact except elementary school work.

We had to make a thorough change in our staff last May removing sisters from their positions & sacrificing their salaries to put seculars in their place, more up to date and present requirements, so that without entering into more detail you will understand that we have been going through difficulties of all kinds.

I had to get some of my sisters to another convent for a time until we could recover losses & go illeg for other work. This being also a very unhealthy spot to live in always we have been urged to open a house in a more healthy part of the town & take some private pupils, but there is no one to lend a helping hand in the beginning and our funds are quite inadequate for any such undertaking.

I think you will sympathise with us in these trying times & perhaps help us a little either now or sometime after the year. I must not omit to tell you a bright illeg or rather really is government has granted a pension of £30 per annum to one of the sisters who gave up teaching after a service of 55 years, by E. Benedict Joseph

ff148-49 Dec 10 1895 letter to FN from Benedict Joseph thanks for your kind and sympathetic letter, did me a power of good and your gift of £5 a very substantial help in our difficulties. Will not abandon our schools unless forced to do so, hope to keep superintendence and xn teaching

Add Mss 45809

ff148-49 Dec 10 1895 letter to FN from Benedict Joseph thanks for your kind and sympathetic letter, did me a power of good and your gift of £5 a very substantial help in our difficulties. Will not abandon our schools unless forced to do so, hope to keep superintendence and xn teaching

Add Mss 45809

copy of signed letter, f150, typewritten

f150

COPY {arch: (Original owned by Dr. Lunn)}

Private

Dec. 11/95

10, South Street, [15:573]

Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir,

[10:845]

I was very much pleased with your kind visit and information.
But it occurred to me that I should have given some information,
tho' of course you know it better than I.

It is about the journey to Ashanti. Immunity from fever is
attributed to water fit to drink day and night - spirits only as
medicine - not much meat.

[end 10:845]

Govt, it is understood, has sent out solid soup - boots,
stockings, shoes.

There has been some correspondence between the Sanitarians
and the Military authorities here.

But so much depends on how it is carried out there.

A ~~wide~~ {written in pencil}/little portable Etna to make the tea, warm the coffee, melt
the soup -

Cold tea seems refreshing.

The way lies over or round immense fallen trunks of trees. [10:845]

A man's own habits, if good, are his protection.

We are only beginning to learn our lesson in India. [end 10:845]

I leave off, because I feel certain that you are well
acquainted with the subject.

God bless our men -

[end 15:573]

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE

J.R. Lunn Esq., M.D.

F151 letter to FN from Pauline Peter re seeing her Tuesday

on f151v notes from meeting f151v, pencil

f151v

Kensington Lying in Wards

hardly under the Matron

Dr. Porter 3 years ago

British Nurses/Medical Assn

Ernest Hart Bill

to introduce a Bill

Parly Comm

Humphrey Adderbrooke's

Cambridge

ff152-56 Dec 26 1895 letter to FN from M.A. Vousden, Waverley, re her letter to her 4 years ago Xmas, which didn't answer, regrets (long letter) deaconess with address in Christchurch NZ

On Christmas eve 4 years ago you wrote me a letter for which I have never ceased to thank you. I have always regretted not having answered it, but time went on and then I did not like to write. I am away from my work right now. Taking a holiday to rest which I greatly needed. Miss Tollins the lady with whom I left England who just returned from a visit to the old country she was away 9 months and her absence gave me a great deal more to attend to. I am very glad indeed to have her back again, the visit seems to have done her good, but her sister who went home with her quite sound and strong I mind and very well in health has returned quite weak and feeble in mind and very much broken down in bodily health. I think the visit was altogether too much for her. She is of rather an advanced age; this means that the younger sister who is my special friend will not have nearly so much time for work outside her own home, her first duty will of course be the care of her sister. Miss Torlune went to see Miss Vincent whom she found looking very well and Dr and Mrs Lunn also and some of my old patients in Wards A.B.Z. All 9 are still alive.

I have been engaged in reformatory and rescue work ever since I came to the colony. It is slow work and surrounded with difficulties. I suppose that in the time same with all to work that is of a reformatory character. Some of the girls that have been in the home are now in service doing well; some are married and some alas have gone back to their life of sin. We try to keep in touch with all that are thought under our notice when once they begin to look upon us as friends we have some hopes of them. They need a great deal of holiday on too. I think it is becoming plain to a large portion of the community that think about the matter at all that the laws of the country are largely to blame for the state of things. That exist nearly all the girls that are brought within our notice for the first time are under the age of 17 years. There are a large number of people of which I am one who believes that if girls were protected by law until they were 21 the number of fallen would be lessened by one half. It wd strike more at the root of the matter. They would have to be more moral. They would be bound to respect the laws they have made. Girls and young women would be looked upon as state property and as such to be protected. I do not think our law makers have always been imbued that righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. I hope in the near future a few wise women will have a voice in the making of the laws and then perhaps things will be a little better.

I must tell you a little about the deaconess work here about 2 years ago the bishop went home for a few months, when he returned he brought a deaconess back with hi. There had been a desire on the part of a good many people in Christ church that deaconess work should be started here. It is uphill work, during the 2 years a small deaconess house has been built. Miss Tortune and myself have been ordained deaconesses and are now known as Sister Francs, myself as Sister Mary, there are two probs in the deaconess House and 4 other ladies working as associates. Not lady must be ordained deaconess unless the age of 30. I am very very happy in my work here. I have never been allowed to have the smallest doubt but that I am in the plan God means me to be and doing the work (altho very imperfectly) that he means me to do, but for that firm conviction I shd not be where I am. The work is not nice work and it illeg more than one possesses but so long as it is doing good will I just illeg he wold have one do the joy comes no matter how trying the work and so it comes about that there is hardly such a thing as self sacrifice. One gets so much more than they can give. I have a great longing sometimes to visit the old country and to see old friends, but my life is too full to think much about it.

We had a very interesting visit from the bishop of Melbourne a few months ago. He brought about 24 of the native boys with him, so the southern cross was in Lyttlelton harbour for a week or two. The boys were very quiet but we heard after that they were much delighted with their visit. One of our young workers in the deaconess House has just gone to Norfolk Island to give help there for a few months. She is to return in July to finish her training and then when she is ordained deaconess she is to return to Norfolk Island that is to be her future sphere of work. Dear Madam, will you pray for me that God will give me success in my work for him and that he will bless and prosper the deaconess work in the church at one time we were afraid we should have to close our rescue home for the want of funds, but surely I thought if this is God's work he will supply the means to carry it on. So far help has come and we have not had to close. The home is partly supported by its own work. We do laundry work. I don't know what I trouble you with all this, only I feel sure you will take an interest in it. I return to my work next Monday the 30th of Dec. I hope this letter will find you in good health and that God will continue that blessing to you in this new year upon which we are now entering....

ff157-58 Dec 29 1895 letter to FN from A.M. Messum thanks for Xmas booklet, re Kent and Canterbury Hosp.

I was pleased indeed to receive the Christmas booklet with your hand writing inside. Thank you very much and I would like to wish you many happy new years to come. I greatly wished you had been present in your "Home" last Thursday evening for you would have enjoyed the *perfection* of it. The nurses looked so bright and well, and dear home sister as vigorous and young as ever. I came back to my small hospital quite renewed by the Spirit of it all.

I know you will be glad to hear my hospital is not standing still. This year we have put up 60 new bedsteads with wire woven mattresses (besides 10 of a different kind for fractures and I have made a good bonfire of the old straw palisades).

Then we are forming a Samaritan Fund and working guild under the presidency of Dean Farrar's wife for helping patients to convalescent homes, surgical appliances and many other things.

But my prime delight is my Building Nurses House in the Hospital - a stone's throw from us.

On the ground floor is - a good sized dining room, such a pleasant bow windowed sitting room facing south. Kitchen, scullery china closet. Box room and lavatories.

On the next floor is head nurses rooms, some of the probationers rooms, Good bathroom offices and linen store.

On the top floor, night nurses well shut off from all sound.

The whole is on a small scale because we only need 20 nurses (the hospital makes up 106 beds) but I hope to have it very compact when we take possession in the late spring. It has been a fight these four years without proper accommodation and I have often wished God had seen fit to place me? In a more modern richer hospital. I know I am not worthy of even this charge and I often feel how very far short I am of motherly management for one has to be everything to the hospital and actively working all points, and I fear I fail in gaining the love of my nurses. I think they fear and to some extent obey, but I do not think they love me.

We had a greatly pleasant Christmas Day. Our two young Drs asked to join our Christmas dinner and were very nice and good giving up the rest of the day to sing and amuse the patients. They are illeg

Dr Joyce the senior and I have got the operating theatre very nice (although the sterilizer is a medicine fish kettle). But it is *not* illeg. The county is so poor that I wonder if it ever will be.

Add Mss 45809

f159-60 MMV before (date of final letter by FN) 9 February 1895

ff161-62 HBC undated draft

unsigned letter draft, ff163-70, pencil [this is in FN hand, seems HBC draft, ff161-62, and Margaret V. commented on signed your loving M., suggested stronger opening f159], roll 3b H1/ST/NC/95/8, this is the weaker, **[12:461] draft**

f163

-1- {arch: 1895}

Dear Mr. Treasurer

It is now 35 years ago that
through the generosity of the British
Public & Army & the cordial
co-operation of the Governors of
Saint Thomas' Hospital I - after
searching enquiry/ experience ~~we~~ among London
Hospitals - was instrumental in
establishing a School for Nurses
in the old St. Thomas' at London
Bridge. St. Thomas is in my heart;
for, Through that School, my connection
with and interest in ~~St. Thomas~~ the Hospital has
continued till the present time
and tho' precluded for many years
past by the state of my health
from visiting it I have thro' others,
-your late invaluable Matron, Mrs.
Wardroper who was the first Hospital Matron to be Head of the Nursing & a gentlewoman
& her Successors among
them, - been kept acquainted with

f164

-2-

the current work & daily habits
of the Hospital & School - I
cannot therefore but sympathiz/se
with you most fully in your
present endeavours.

When in 1871 preparatory to the
opening by the Queen of the grand
(new) building of the new Hospital,
the Nursing School was called upon
to provide for the largely increased
Staff of Nurses required, it was
already found to be equal to the
occasion, and all the Wards
as they became rapidly occupied
by Patients, were supplied with
excellent "Sisters" (Head Nurses) &
Nurses who in their turn became
trainers of others - Am I not justified
in saying that in the improvements

[MMV said omit first new]

f165

-3-

in the Nursing organisation of
Hospital & in the education
& training, moral & technical, of
Nurses which have been effected
since that time, St. Thomas' has
taken a leading part? And I may
be allowed to express my sense
of the great assistance afforded
to this movement - at first far
from being generally understood
or approved - by the willing &
enlightened support of the Governors
& of the Medical & Surgical Staff & lay Staff of
the Hospital

A Hospital must be good,
that is well organised, with a high
tone of morals, with the wise liberal
devotion of the Doctors - a place where
the any good mother of any class
might be glad to see her daughter

f166

-4-

on the Nursing Staff - a Hospital
must thus be good to be a good
Training School for women & for
men - that is for Nurses or good
Medical Students - The place where you
train your Nurses or your Students
must be a place where the
essentials of good doctrine &
good practice exist, where the
shape & construction of the Wards
is such as that one Sister (Head
Nurse) can overlook the whole.

The "Sister" is the key ~~note~~-stone of
the whole Nursing hierarchy thro'
whom the Matron overlooks/ influences the
Nurses, Day & Night, Probationers
Ward maids, {there is a squiggly line with a caret to indicate the insertion of a line at the
bottom]

all this we ~~now~~ find at St. T's Patients

f166v {arch: Draft of letter from F.N. to Treasurer, St. Thomas Hospital

f167

-5-

May I venture to call attention here
to the moral effect of such Wards
on the Patients' future life?

The men cease to swear: the women
learn habits/ notions of decency, order & cleanliness
~~or are strengthened in them~~ /that may be carried out at home - The
children hear "good words" perhaps for
the first time - They gain good & give
good even in the adult wards - & even
with the young men - A child little boy of six
came in to a man's ward, who literally
could not speak without an oath. He
appeared to know no other words - But
under the influence of the Sister he
became the little Missionary of the Ward,
without ever preaching, as goody
children in story - books, do - See over P Afterwards He would
not even ask for sweets giving away at Xmas time
because it was not "right" for him - If that
is not religion, I don't know what is .
Of Four years he was with us - Then he died
Has St. Thomas had for many years no / any occasion
to turn out a Patient?

f167v

see p. 5

When he said his little prayers to the "Sister",
with the tail of her eye, she could see a
man in the next bed ~~on either side~~, put his
head under the bed-clothes to hide his tears
- perhaps thinking of the time when he too
s prayed at his mother's knee

At a later time when he was not in
the Hospl but with some "Sisters"

f168

-6-

As Science goes on, do not Hospitals
become more expensive?

Highly trained Nurses supplemented
by Wardmaids are more expensive
Doctors more expensive diets &
appliances

Everything is supplied - No one asks
where the funds come from

Nothing is spared - Whatever is ordered
is had.

When things have been worked up to this
high level - what a pity to let them
be starved -

f169

-7-

That the Sick Poor should be deprived
of the invaluable benefits intended for
them by the enforced idleness so to say
of so many beds now vacant, must
be cause of extreme regret to all
who are acquainted with the excellent
management & organisation of the
Hospital lay, Medical & Nursing - And if you are successful
in bringing home to the British Public
a perception of the very large amount
of suffering which would be relieved
or removed by the opening of the
vacant wards, I cannot but believe
that their generosity will be moved
to supply the requisite means.

We appeal to them ~~ne~~ to support
a Hospital which from no fault
of its own has seen its means of
usefulness for which it exists curtailed

f170

-8-

I beg to give £100, wishing it were
10 times more that
I could afford.

Private

May I say that I ~~mus~~ am compelled to
give it conditionally on this that
the total obtained is enough to
meet your requirements.

Ff171-72 letter to FN 2 Jan 96 St George's Hospital, Bombay. Bessie Angelo.

I wonder if you will be surprised to have a letter from a hospital nurse in India! I have often thought I shd like to write to tell you how I was led to become a nurse. When quite a child I read different accounts of your work in the Crimea, and as I grew older and read and understood more, I made up my mind to try and do in a humble way what you had done so nobly and so grandly. I was discouraged a great deal, people did not seem to think ladies shd be nurses &c &c. It was not until I was twenty four years old I am now nearly twenty nine, that my parents gave in and consented to my coming down to this hospital, then known as the European General, to be trained with a view to entering the Indian Nursing Service. I have been through the course of three years' training and done two years of private nursing in connection with the hospital. Now I am free to send up my application to the secretary of state, and now also some friends tell me that they fear for my hopes. I am told by several who ought to know that training in an *English* hospital is indispensable, that the India training will not do. I have worked so hard and done my utmost to become competent in all branches of the work -- you can I feel sure understand how Bitterly disappointed I shall be if I fail to get into th Army Service. Would it interest you to know whether I do succeed or not? If so, and if you will make me very happy by writing me a few lines to say so, I shall gladly let you know the result. My father is an officer who has done good service in the Mutiny is now a retired colonel, living at Naini Tal. I must not close without wishing you a very happy New Year and with a sincere wish that you may be spared to the nursing world many more years. Nurse Angelo c/o Sister in charge

ff173-74 Jan 7 1896. From Margot Porter. Please excuse my writing to you, but I am afraid from all the latest telegrams that a very serious war seems likely o break out between England and Germany owing to affairs in the Transvaal, and as I have two brothers in the army and one out in the Transvaal who I much fear may even now be a prisoner out there, I cannot help taking a great interest in all matters connected with it, and have a great longing that if war does really unhappily break out, to be able to help the wounded and as I know the great labour of love you yourself gave in that way I feel sure that out of your great kindness you will tell me what would be the best way for me to set about it. I have not been regularly trained but I have plenty of nerve, and presence of mind in illeg also a certain amount of experience in illness as I have helped to nurse my own relations through serious illnesses such as peritonitis etc, and have always made a particular point of noting how every little detail was carried out and by following the doctors directions to the letter. I have come out here with the intention of joining in all the gaiety going on here this winter, but now that a serious work seems open to me I would infinitely rather we able to do it, as I should be so glad to feel my life is a useful one to

Add Mss 45809

others and I shall be so very grateful if you will tell me how I could best offer my services in the event of the war, with the likelihood of their being accepted. I am quite sure our own English doctor could give me every recommendation that could be necessary s he thinks I have a great taste for nursing and only quite recently said he thought I ought to be a lady doctor, and I took so much interest in everything connected with it. C/o Lt Col Reid H.I.L.
8 Strada Moline a Vents, Valetta Malta

unsigned letter, ff175v-77v, pencil 45813

f175v

Untrained lady
for Transvaal [15:256-57]

f176

To applicants Jany/96
There is a regular Corps
of "Army Nurses" or Sisters
who are attached to
certain Military Hospitals
& from these, nurses are
drafted for particular
Service abroad. To be
admitted to this Corps
a course of three years'
training & service in
some approved civil
General Hospital is
required - The Nurses are
appointed by the
Director General of the
Army Medical Department

f176v

On the occasion of
Hostilities breaking out,
extra Nurses have been
in recent years engaged
direct from some of the
Civil Hospitals, as in
Egypt, & during the last
Kaffir War -

Unable to suggest
any other course to you
if you wish to be
trained as a Sick Nurse
then to enter as a
Probationer one of the
large London or Provincial
Hospitals to which Nurse

f177

training Schools are
attached

The Regulations for the
Army Nursing Service
may be obtained by
application to the
Director General of the
Army Medical Dept.
War Office
Pall Mall
London S.W.

Particulars of Hospital
training schools may be
found in Burdett's
Hospital Annual
which may be obtained
through any Bookseller
price 5/-

Add Mss 45809

f177v

The age of admission
to the Military Service
is from 25 to 35 at
a maximum

[end 15:257]

H.B.C.

Miss M. Porter

Printed papers

- 1 Regulations for the
Army Nursing Service
2. Military Nursing Service
Recommended by

Declaration

f178 to FN 14 Feb 1896. Wainwright. Permit me to reciprocate all your good wishes for the greatest blessing upon our re-opened wards.

I shall hope in the course of the next few days to send ou copy of our Programme, Order of Proceeding and of the address I propose to make to Her Royal Highness.

You will be pleased to hear that HRH the duchess has promised to come. I enclose official receipt for your very kind donation to our fund, which now stands at £278000.

unsigned letter draft, ff179-80, pencil

f179

To Treasurer 14/2

My dear Sir Will p /£100

I give us all joy & ~~you~~
~~especially~~ Patients especially
of the re=opening of two
much wanted wards lying empty for
want of funds & thro' no ~~other~~
fault of their own ~~but with~~
~~many latest improvements~~ on
the 21st by our President the D. of
Connaught - These wards also
contain some of the latest improvements

And I hope that all
the money still wanted which you desire &
deserve will come in

I beg to send my mite
100, wishing it were much
larger - for the benefit ~~not~~

f179v

is great not
only to the bodies of the
Patients but towards / to rendering
~~their minds~~ these bodies abler to tread a
nobler, more useful
course in life from the
practical lessons they
learn in the Wards of
order, kindness &
moderation.

This is especially ~~is~~ the case with the children
It is delightful when a
Hospl is a School of good
morals to the Patients
as well as a Training School
for Nurses & for Students

f180

And so/ such is St. Thomas' Hospital
R.G. Wainwright

f181 4 March [1896] letter to FN from Ellen Ekblom, c/o Maitland Park Rd., Haverstock Hill
thanks for interview and giving courage, will answer her questions frankly. I cannot help
thanking you once more for kindly allowing me to have an interview with you. Thank you for
giving me courage to answer your questions frankly. I shall never forget this hour with you. I
hope to write to you from Edinburgh before I leave for my country. Yours very sincerely Ellen
Ekblom

ff182-83 Ekblom to FN from Haverstock Hill March 6 1896. How can I thank you for so much
kindness? You have sent me a whole library, Miss Lückes' books reached me yesterday and
three surgical books today, which I shall have the pleasure of reading in my country.

I will try to write an answer on your questions about the Aseptik as soon as I find leisure to
concentrate my thoughts.

Thank you most heartily for your contribution for our probationary Home. I am staying a few
days longer probably to Friday next and in a fortnight time I hope to be in Edinburgh. My
address in Finland will be:

Nya Kirurgiska Hospital, Helsingfors

I shall only stay a few days in Copenhagen. Words are poor to express the deep thanks I
feel for a every word in your letter. My life will be enriched by your love and sympathy. Always
yours gratefully,

ff184-85 Ekblom to FN from 24 Melville St., Edinburgh 20 March 1896. I have tried to answer
her questions to the best of my ability, if there is anything else you would like to know I shall
always be happy to write about it.

As soon I come to Finland I will send you samples of our dressing.

If I see anything new in the aseptic way when I pass Copenhagen I will immediately inform

Add Mss 45809

you about it.

Accept once more my sincerest thanks for all your kindness to me., gives address in Helsingfors

Note by Ellen Ekblom on Aseptic Procedures in Finland, ff186-87

[1896]

[FN: Aseptik (Finland 1896)]

Ekblom: No. 1 The doctors have in the operation theatre sterilized white linen aprons and they never dress a patient without wearing one of these.

No. 2. The nurses wear short sleeves in the surgical wards but not in the medical wards. In the operation theatre the nurses have special white linen dresses.

No. 3 There are 2 separate operation theatres--one for semi infectious cases, such as tuberculous, syphilitic, cancerous etc. The other one is for purely non-infectious cases.

No. 4 instruments, catheters and nozzles are always boiled in the *wards* immediately before using.

No. 5 India rubber syringes are never used, only irrigators of glass. Catheters and nozzles are also of glass.

No. 6 The india rubber catheters which are used for men are put in a large glass tube and sterilized.

No. 7 Nailbrushes used by doctors and nurses are boiled every day and kept in 1:100 sublimate solution.

No. 8 No gauze or dressing is used without first being sterilized.

No. 9 Sponges are made by gauze. They are wrapped 3-4 together in blotting paper and sterilized for half an hour. When a sponge is required by the doctor he does not himself touch the parcel but [f187] nurse breaks it open and offers it to the doctor without letting her own fingers come in contact with the sterilized sponge. The sterilizing of sponges and dressing are done every morning. The gauze is plain and white, just like the ordinary English gauze.

No. 10 The only antiseptic gauze used is iodoform gauze. It is always prepared within the hospital. The gauze is thoroughly sterilized before preparing and for 5 minutes afterwards.

No. 11 Catgut is carefully sterilized in drying stores temp of 120 Centigrade.

No. 12 When dressing is changed the macintosh put into the bed is covered with a sterilized gauze sheet.

No. 13 There are special uniforms for the patients made of washable materials, no patients are allowed to wear their own things.

No. 14 Patients' own clothing is kept in a separate building.

No. 15 There is a special bathroom only used for new patients who are always bathed and dressed in hospital's uniform before being admitted into the wards.

No. 16 Beds and bedding is sterilized by baking after each death and after every infectious case.

FN pencil

Head Surgical Nurse Sister Ekbohm. [yes, wrong sp]

Add Mss 45809

[pencil] Head Surgical Sister Ekblom.

unsigned letter draft, ff187v-91v

f187v {this is written on the bottom of a list of regulations}
Head Surgical ~~Nurse-Miss~~/Sister Ekblom, original Kuopio

f188

Dear Miss Ekblom

I learn more from you
than you can learn from me -

Could you be so very
kind as to write down in
English while you are at Edinburgh or in
~~Henmoch~~ / Scotland (you will have
no time here) what you
had the goodness to tell
me about

Aseptic things
for instance

White linen smocks
short sleeves
that you never touch in

f188v

a dressing or in using
the Catheter any
thing else about the Patient
before
short sleeves
sterilizing
not sterilizing in the Wards
you say quite truly that
we have gone back to
Antiseptics in the Wards
name of that gauze which you
dislike &c &c &c
I shall put to the greatest
profit, whatever you are kind
upon me enough to tell me
it will not be lost

f189

I have sent you 3 books
two recommended by Miss
Crossland
the other, the Bell, used
in Edinburgh - he ought
to have a Chapter on
Aseptics - but there is
more about cleanliness,
tho' not enough, scattered
about the chapters -
I enclose a letter to
Miss Spencer

f189v

I venture to enclose a copy of a paper of
mine about training &
nursing which Dr. Quain
made me contribute some
years ago to his Dictionary
- the part about aseptics
& antiseptics is quite
antiquated
I send the paper
for your kind indulgence

f190

-2-

I am sending you Miss
Luckes' books which
you wished to have
Of all the Nursing
books I know there
are none I can recommend
entirely
I cannot forbear asking
you to accept a small
sum 5 towards your
new Home for Probationers -
You must sign your name
at the back - & they will
change it here -

f190v

It is indeed positively
necessary to have a
Home for Probationers
& also for Nurses in
the Hospital - Else
there is no discipline,
no esprit de corps,
no common feeling -
They ought to be like
the "Holy Family"
We do not put our
servants in a different
lodging from ourselves
How much less our Nurses

f191

God's blessing be with
you - And it *will* be

ff192-93 to FN from Sisters' Quarters Royal Military Inf Dublin March 7 1896. One of our nursing sisters Sister Tulloh is at present spending her leave in London -- she is not a Nightingale, but a good woman and a true nurse & she wd consider it the greatest honour and privilege to be allowed to see and speak with our pioneer and model nurse -- so I promised to write and ask you if you would allow her to call upon you at any time most convenient to you. I trust you will not think I am asking too great a favour -- she will not bore you but only ask your blessing on her work. She has been in our ranks over eight yers, five of which she spent in Egypt and her heart is in her work. You will hardly realize how we all look up to you and how we value the links that associate us with you in our daily care for our soldiers. I have had lately to nurse quite an epidemic of enteric fever; several poor fellows stayed at duty to the very last

Add Mss 45809

and only came in to die, but the cases are lessening now I am glad to say. We were so sorry to hear that the Nightingale Home is likely to lose its sister. She is almost the only personal friend we have left at St Thomas'. I often look back with pleasure to the happy time I spent there. Just a postcard appointing the time when Sister Tulloch may come and see you will be quite sufficient, if you are good enough to grant her an interview. She returns here on the 24th inst. With most affectionate regard... [Tulloch in notes]

F194 Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of St Marylebone printed. Note by J.R. Lunn's compliments March 12 1896 covering the report.

f196 to FN April 30 1896 D.M. Oldham, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses. Rural District Branch. I am so very sorry to have kept you waiting so long for the Salop Inf Pharmacopeia with its chapter on the dietary for infants p. 28. The copy I am sending you you can keep. I also send you our maternity rules and charts. Our illeg keep the charts for each maternity case and as many as are finished are sent in each month with the monthly returns to me. By our different nurses -- of course only the illeg who are illeg fill in page I list all who attend ...

FF197-98 St Marylebone Inf May 7 1896 from Florence Haig Brown. Miss Vincent is sending over one of the movable atlases for you to see. We have seven of these illustrating very clearly various parts of the body. I did not thank you yesterday as I ought to have done for offering me such a privilege as the charge of the Nightingale Home, but I think you will understand how truly the desire is in my heart to endeavour by the help of God, loyally to maintain the worthy reputation of our Home and faithfully to carry on the good work so ably begun there. With many thanks for all your kindness to me, I am, affectionately yours,

unsigned letter draft, ff199-200v, pencil

f199

Mr. Manmohun Ghose
May 19/96

My dear Sir

I am sure you will not believe that I have forgotten our interesting conversations nor the question of your appearing on India in the XIX century

[10:867]

Every body has been so absorbed in war & rumours of war that I do not think that after all time has been lost. I have been on the watch - It is true that Editors are not greedy for Indian subjects

f199v

but you have made a specialty of "failures of justice' arising from the combination of judicial & executive powers in one person; and we think that if, in illustrating the evils of the system you were to give one or two interesting cases in your telling way from your own experience, this would form an Article which an Editor might be glad to accept.

f200

I would therefore suggest that if you would be glad to send such an Article I might then try it with Mr. Knowles

The ~~subject~~/topic is one which has already been brought to the front, as you will have seen

f200v

-2-

~~I do~~ About Hospitals
I do not want to plague you - But we / I receive a distressing account of the evils & abuses of the Government General Hospital at Calcutta
If you could kindly give a hint as to how such a thing could be brought to light & remedied (not thro' the press but thro' stirring up official attention in London & in Calcutta, we should be

[end 10:868]

f201

May 24/96

{printed address:} 10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir William Wedderburn

I have received an
interesting letter, written
in abominably pale ink,
from

Madanapalli

S. India

from a Mrs. Susannah
Burder, a pure native
tho' a Christian - of the
American Mission -
married to a Mr. Silas
Burder, an educated
Native, employed as

f201v

Head Master of a Christian
Boys' Boarding School there

She assists her husband,
taking Senior Girls' Classes,
in his Sunday School, &
also leading Mothers'
Meetings in the week.

They are evidently very poor

She asks me for
books - mentions the Series
of "The Worlds' Workers".

She translates & explains
passages from English books
to both her "Girls" & her "Mothers"

f202

The date of her letter is,
I am ashamed to say
last September - My excuse
pressure of illness & being
overburthened with
corresponde, besides my
life's work, that I have
delayed an answer so long

She also asks for
Magazines, But I do
not know which to send

Add Mss 45809

& one number of each
would not avail her
much

f202v

I have written to the
"Christian Literature
Society for India"
7 Adam St
asking how to send the
books - & whether they
know of this Mission
The husband is an "Elder
of the Church & Supt
of the Sunday School -
They use the "International
"Lessons" in their Sunday
School classes.

fF203-06 to FN July 20 1896 New Inf, Isleworth, Ellen Moriarty. It is indeed kind of you to give such an handsome present as the case I recd from Miss Vincent. I shall value it as coming from you very much indeed. Thank you very much, for it. I hope the nursing here will come up to the ideal. That, that dressing case, will be a constant reminder of.

I came into residence here on the 8th of this month. My staff at present consists of three housemaids and one nurse. The Medical Supt is Dr Fooks, the asst med off at Paddington Inf. He is expected here next week, ap resent I have only seen him twice. I am glad to say he is a St Thomas' man.

The com have allowed me to choose my nurses and Miss Kennedy who was a pro at St Marylebone when I first went there is to be my asst. Miss Roberts also St Marylebone tr night supt and Miss Brocks comes direct from St Marylebone to me as ward sister. I have difficulty in getting ward nurses. Some patients will I expect be moved over next month. The grand opening is to take place in Sept or Oct, when we hope to be in full working order.

The com have for the present given up the idea of having the lying-in wards over here; until I spoke of it they had no idea of the necessity of keeping them separate from the general wards, so they are to remain in the workhouse. I passed the L.M.S. examination in the early part of April. I went over the lying-in wards at Kensington Inf and was very pleased with them, they are so nicely arranged. There is no spare ground on which similar one could be built here, so I am afraid I shall not be able to have them. I am sorry to hear from Miss Vincent that you have been suffering so much from rheumatism. I am afraid you must find this very hot weather very trying.

Again thanking ou very much for that perfect aseptic dressing case.

Ff207-08 to FN June 22 [1890-96] Katherine Margaret Tilt, Victoria Ward St T. Thank you so much for sending me Taylors Medicine & also for Goodhart. I am quite sure I shall find it most useful I so often feel I want a book like that to refer to. I shall always look back with so much pleasure to my visit to you and the long talk we had.

Again thanking you for the books and your kind letter. Believe me...

Add Mss 45809

Typed copy of a signed letter, f209

f209 Copy {arch: Original belongs to Mrs. Taviner} [12:479]

June 22/96
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Sir,

I have a small further request to make about the flowers &c you are kindly sending by *10 am on Thursday* to the Nightingale Home at St. Thomas' Hospital, together with the flowering plants & the 4 hanging baskets.

It concerns the *nosegay* for *Miss Crossland* who resigns her post with us after 21 years of such good work as scarcely ever woman has done before -

Would you be so good as to send this *here* in its little box by *2 p.m.* on the same *Thursday* -

I will then send it to St. Thomas' with a little inscription inside -

There were to be roses red & white, & lilies of the valley & maiden hair fern - But it was to be larger than the ordinary nosegay - only not too large - & above all not any very large flowers - But I know you will make it beautiful

And could you get one of those little open wicker work sheaths, where the stalks of the nosegay can be inserted?

I would give more than the £5 to make this nosegay a beautiful success -

[end]

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

unsigned letter draft, ff210-12v, pencil

f210

Calcutta Govt. -3- *Hospital*

F.N. to Sir William Wedderburn } June 26/96

rough sketch {printed address:} 10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

1. The first "remedy" is: [10:789-90]

cleanliness of floors
ceilings
sinks

The first thing is to have
impervious polished floors
which *will* clean

There can be no health where
the floors are receptacles of
dirt - & where no removal of dirt

is possible

If the floor is a receptacle

of dirt, the poor patients

toes will be a receptacle of ants

2. *Sisters* Physicians cannot be

expected to be head housemaids

But looking after cleanliness

f210v

of Wards & Patients *and*

Native Attendants & *servants* is one of the main

duties ~~fo~~/of "Sisters" And

should not the "Sisters" be

the trainers of the ~~Orderlies~~/native attendants

(or servants) native or other,

in this & other important

particulars, such as food?

No increase of the

Nursing Staff would be

of any use, without some

organization of this kind -

& some training of the ~~Orderlies~~/ native attendants

3. *Food* - Surely the Doctors

are to order the food - this

to be supplied in the Hospl

(whether paid for or not by

f211

the Patients) - a Steward
to manage it - & Sisters
to maintain good cooking
& cleanliness - If the
food is bad & repulsive ~~there can be~~
~~no speedy~~ the Hospital is not a place to recovery in
4. The structure of the
Hospital is probably defective
Instant removal of excreta
is indispensable Bath-room
& Closets to be quite
separate - ~~& Closet~~ and quite
separate, especially the Closets
from ~~the~~/any Wards - But there
may be wanted a thorough reconstruction
of the building
5 Proper accommodation
& proper food for the
Sisters who must be in

f211v

Charge of the Patients Nursing
are of course indispensable
6. Disinfectants & "*Antiseptics*"
are only bluffs - but
"*Aseptik*" - that is, perfect
cleanliness - is the cure -
Aseptik - - -
sterilization of all Surgical
instruments - & especially
syringes
absolute purity of all
water used in Hospital
cleanliness & freshness of
poultices & all appliances
otherwise a poultice may serve more than one
are now considered quite
as much apart of the
treatment as giving
medicines & taking temperatures

f212

-2-

& quite as much {printed address:} 10, South Street,
a part of the Sisters' duties Park Lane. W.

[Not "ordering" "Coffins" but
all these things are the
Sisters' duties]

This is the ABC

7. Who reports the state
of the Patients to the
Doctors?

Without a 'hierarchy', an
organisation with the duties of each
grade/step laid down, there
can be none of the discipline
necessary for obeying the
Doctors' orders in cleanliness
& sincerity -

f212v

& harm, instead of good,
must result to the Patients

8. If private servants
are allowed to some Patients,
these servants must have
food provided -

9. Probably a Ward master
or *man* -head of the native
attendants & all male servants is necessary -
besides the Steward who
could hardly undertake these
duties. The Ward Master
must be trained in Ward
duties.

[end 10:790]

Add Mss 45809

Notes for a letter to Julia Roundell

f213 Mrs. Charles Roundell
Dorfold Hall Agnes Jones
Nantwich

We do not love the loveable
we love those we make
happy

You don't know how the
proximity of the Patients
is all in all

the "Wine of the entertainmt"
don't make A.J.'s life
gloomy

above all, don't depreciate
training

Miss Ferguson: view of her
Ward & Ward life
my training Misericorde Paris - Harley St
Kaiserswerth the worst
trained Nursing I ever saw
& the worst Sanitary state
of things

f213v
one year's training only
enough to show one how to
train oneself
so much more to be done
for Workh Infirmary Patients
than for those in Hospl
where they change so quick
& where there is such a
drive
& it is like bringing them
in from highways &
especially the children
not at all impervious
to it is the first
good Word we have heard
Highgate mother
child

f214

pity that so much of
A.J.'s depression shd have
been preserved - the fruit of
her repressed hours

I pity the people who
have all the organization
all the ~~m~~ writing
& no Patients

In '68, I used to say
to myself - how could I
ever be unhappy while she
lived -

I pity the people who
lead the home life
increasing deafness
cd not hear the noise
made

f214v

dwell on the privilege
not ~~only~~ on the love / sacrifice
sorry she had so much
of stores to do

Her Sister did not
understand her
deplorable mistake her
death

don't depreciate Workh

Nursing
not training
Talking to the infirm old women
orange woman - bad for
trade

{printed address: upside down} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
make them look at it as a
life's work

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter draft, ff215-18v, pencil, black-edged paper

Agnes Jones Mrs. Roundell

4/8/96 10, South Street,

Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

This is a delightful account

of dear Agnes Jones, &

carries me back to the days

when I used to say to

myself: (in '68): How could

I ever be unhappy while

she lived? [P. 18 is especially
admirable]

But there is a whole
side of Agnes Jones' character
which is not touched on
here; & which it is very
important for Wrkh. Infy
Nurses to understand -

She felt it a *privilege*
not a sacrifice - to attend

f215v

the sick - Every Nurse
must do so - Or she is not
worth her salt.

You don't know how to
be nursing the Patients is
all in all - the "Wine of the
"entertainment", as the best
Nurse we ever had said
to me -

I pity the people who
have all the organization
all the writing, all the
speaking to do, but who
never see the Patients
they do so much for

Agnes' life was not
gloomy.

f216

2. It is a great truth
that we love those we make
happy, & whether loveable
or not

3. So much more can be
done for Workh Infy. than
for ~~those in~~ Hospital
Patients, who change so
fast, & where there is
such a continual drive

The Workh: Patients are
like those who were brought
in to the King's supper
from the 'highways' &
hedges - especially the
children - They are not

f216v

at all impervious to

"Good Words" - many an
one has said: 'it is the
first Good Word we have
ever heard - And a child
was heard praying behind
its crib when it had to
leave the Infirmary that
it might not forget the
'good words' -

But remember it
must be the best of good
nursing - & ever better &
better than best - that
opens the way to the 'good
word'

One year's training is only

f217

-2-

enough to show {printed address:} 10, South Street,
one how to train Park Lane. W.
oneself - It takes 5 years to
make a Ward Nurse
How I wish I had time to
tell the facts I know
about the "highways" &
hedges responding -
One woman, left a widow
at 23, with a family of
step-children to bring them
up did bring them up &
at 40 had to go into the
W.I. from consumption
& said it was 'like heaven'
4. I cannot depreciate
Workh: Nursing, not training

f217v

There is so much to be
done for Workh: Patients -
Nurse always dread the
Infirm Wards, where the old
Patients have to be "changed"
5 or 6 times in a night
But a good & clever Nurse
will, after nursing them
like children, treat them
like reasonable beings
 "Ah you were an orange
"woman - weren't you? How
"much did you charge for
"an orange? a penny? And perhaps
"you gave the penniless
boy an orange - Bad for
trade - but very good for

f218

"the penniless boys" - And the old woman
is so delighted - She says

"O you know all about me"
and "perhaps", she thinks,
it is all known to the Queen -

Treat them like your
fellow-creatures, however
tiresome they are - or rather,
each of us wishes to know,
'the love of Christ to me' -
-treat them like those to
whom comes the love of
Christ

While you are in it,
look at it as your life's
work - That is what
Agnes Jones did

f218v

One of our very best Nurses
said to me once: While
you have a Ward, it must
be your *home* - & the
inmates your children -
Don't be like water turned
on from a cock - & turned
off again -

Returning to the old women: one
of our Nurses, now a Matron, said

"They *must* be those *tiresome*
old women or those *dear*
old things to you".

Now that is real philosophy
& real Christianity

She is now promoted
to an important post

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, ff219-24, pencil [6:307-08]

f219

Private Aug 4/96

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Madam

you cannot think what
pleasure your "Letter to
"the W.I. Nurses" about
the dear heroic Saint,
Agnes Jones, gave me -
I only want every side
of her many-sided
character to be understood
1. her intense pleasure in
Nursing - She like many
others, wanted the worst
not the ~~worst~~/best Hospital
to be given up to her -

f219v

2. *Kaiserswerth* - The Nurse
was nil. The Hygiene horrible
But the tone was excellent
admirable - And Pastor
Fliedner's addresses to the
Pupil *School- mistresses*
the very best I ever heard
and the *Penitentiary* out-
door work & Vegetable
gardening under a very
capable Sister excellently
adapted to the case.
And Pastor Fliedner's solemn
& reverential teaching to
us of the sad secrets of
Hospital life what I have
never heard given in England.

f220

But the Hospital was certainly the worst part of Kaiserswerth Institution.

3. What I am going to say would not be worth saying: if it did not bear on the question of training, p. 13

I took all the training that was to be had - there was none to be had in *England*. So far from Kaiserswerth having trained me, after having seen some of the best Hospitals on the Continent, I went to Paris, saw the Augustinian Sisters there, who were

f220v

not so good as the best trained English Nurses are now but like Saints to savages then - I lived in a Miséricorde, (there was one to every Municipality in Paris then) - The Miséricorde under the Soeurs de S. Vincent de Paul, did all the 'petite chirurgie' of out-door Patients, like our District Nurses, but more than they - & all the dispensing - They were, besides, the Relieving Officers -& we have nothing like it

f221

Private -2-

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
they & they alone *knew* Park Lane. W.
the poor -
they distributed all the
'bons' of the Municipality
for meat, firing &c -
they were also allowed
to distribute private
charity - for the French
only understand or
understood then the
combination of public &
private charity -
they had besides boarding
schools for poor adult
girls - into which I will not
enter now

f221v

After that, I became
Matron of a small
Hospital in London, where
I remained till summoned
to Scutari in the Crimean
War -

I have "retired" into
~~public life~~/work ever since -

All this is of no consequence
except fro the purpose
indicated -

There was no training
Therefore it pleased God
thus to establish training
in England -

f222

4 It is a pity that so much
of Agnes Jones' depression
written under physical exhaustion at night
- so little of her divine
unconquerable courage
should have been preserved

More than I have
lamented the publication
of the "Memorials" They
give no real picture of
her

5 It is a pity she had
so much of *stores* to do.

But she would never
accept an Assistant

6. The cause of Her death seems to us

f222v

a deplorable mistake
But God made her an
example -

But the most deplorable
mistake was: the trying
to make paupers into
Nurses by Mr. Rathbone &
her. The failure of this was what
depressed her, when it
might have been foreseen
from the beginning.

You who have done & are doing so
much; don't depreciate
Workhouse Infy Nursing
nor training

7. Her ever increasing deafness
made her superintendence

f223

Private -3-

not a *dead* letter

{printed address:} 10, South Street,

but a *deaf* letter Park Lane. W.

latterly

8. It is perhaps but little
known that in more than
one London Poor Law Infirmaries
long years after her death,
there was throwing of tin
cups & tin plates across
the ward by the Patients
~~who~~ at each other, each
then giving the other in charge to the
Police -

All this disappears when
there are educated women
~~Sunday throwing~~
~~Police~~ — ~~educated women~~

f223v

as Matrons & Ward

Nurses- All really
trained women are
educated women -

But another danger
appears now: the Doctors
say: 'those women know
as many *words* as we
do - but they don't know
how to make a Patient
comfortable.

This was not a danger
in the time of the dear
Pioneer of Workho: Infy
Nursing

Agnes Jones

f224

To the Nurses

It is a noble calling, [Roundell included this in the book]
the calling of Nurses,
but it depends on you
Nurses to make it noble

FN

Mrs. Charles Roundell

ff225-26 to FN Dorfold Hall, Nantwich Aug 8 1896. Indeed I cannot tell you how much your praise of my Agnes Jones paper has gratified and encouraged me.

Pray forgive my mistake about yourself & Kaiserswerth -- I was entirely misinformed.

You are kind enough to say that I may read your two letter sheets to our nurses. They would be an invaluable help, but the nurses are scattered about and though we try to collect them in London once a year, many of them cannot come to town. Would you therefore allow me to print your words at the end of Agnes Jones' life? I do hope you will, for they would have an effect on our nurses which nothing else would.

It wd be an additional favour if you would allow me to weave in some of your most wise words in the papers marked Private, and to give you as my authority. I refer to Agnes' pleasure in nursing, to her "divine unconquerable courage" to the importance of having educated women as nurses and to your wish that patients should be made comfortable. I cannot tell you the help it would be.

copy of signed letter, ff227-28, typewritten

f227 {arch: Original owned by Sir Wm Wedderburn}

Aug. 13/96
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Sir W. Wedderburn,

You said there were *two* things in which the women's vote could help

1. *Temperance*: not to be beat by drinking husbands
2. *What?* - just, please, put it on a post-card, I shall understand.

You have no business to be low-spirited about the future. **[10:868]**
There is Providence still. It is 40 years this month since I came back from the Crimea - See how poor I have been helped, tho' I have lost all my friends, among Ministers..

You know quite well that you are the only M.P. who knows anything really about India now - You should hold on.

"And courage in the evil hour

"His heavenly aids impart -"

You should fly up like the eagle.

When I am low-spirited, I read about the D. of Wellington in the Battle of Waterloo or in the Peninsular War And I see how he held on thro' every obstacle & forsaken by our Govt. "Alone he did it!"

And what was the end? He saved Europe. So it will be with you -

You will save India.

I should like to know how you do about your house in Banffshire.

You *have* divine unconquerable courage.

[end 10:868]

f228

Add Mss 45809

Please tell me what the other thing is that the women's is to do. I am afraid I have been too enraged by vociferous ladies lecturing upon things they knew nothing at all about - & have not thought of the rank & file.

God bless you -

And may Lady Wedderburn's health improve!

yours sincerely

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

Add Mss 45809

unsigned letter, ff229-29v, pencil

f229

2nd letter Hong Kong Aug 13/96
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

To Mr. Secretary
Chamberlain

I beg to thank you for
the letter of the 8th &
for the information
therein contained
respecting Hong Kong

But I should be glad
to know whether, as
suggested in my previous
note, it is not possible
to remove the Barracks
& the Hospital from
their present site to
the hills -

I am given to understand

f229v

that ~~the~~/a transfer of
this kind would not
be very expensive, as
the present Barracks
being in the business
part of the town
might be sold for
a considerable sum.

If it is not possible
to move both whether/ could
the Hospital at least
~~could~~ be established
on the hill?

f230

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, ff237-38v, pencil [Goldie has 29/10/96]

f237

Sept. 29/96

Dear Sir Oliver Newmarch

Tho' I have not the great
advantage of being known
to you yet I venture to
~~ask you to be allowed to~~ to let me write
to your kindness on behalf of the widow
of a man whose services I
knew intimately from first to
last, Dr. Hewlett, late Sanitary
Commissioner for Bombay.
For his sake I humbly hope you
may find it possible to
befriend her in the matter
of Lord Clive' Fund.
She will have told you her

f237v

circumstances

I first knew Dr. Hewlett
as Health Officer of Bombay
City ~~which became under~~
his by unceasing personal work he became in himself a
scavengered city -

I knew him afterwards
as exerting an influence
over the country people which
no Govt. had - He could
get them to move, in a night, a
village on a Cholera site
which ~~no~~/every Govt.
had been able /unsuccessfully tried to make to do -
them do

When he began work, it was
all: the Goddess of Small pox;
the Goddess of whatever they

f238

called Cholera - & offerings
of fruit & flowers were
laid at their shrines
After an unconscious
education by him, if there
were two or three deaths
from Cholera, they would
come to him, "Bestir yourselves,
Sahib, don't you see we are
all dead?" His Sanitary
Commissionership of Bombay
Presidency - - - if people
knew, they would say O /Would
that his life & services
had been prolonged but a
few years. He sacrificed

f238v

his life to his duty -

I do not intrude upon
you with details - Even
your kindness would be
wearied

The widow Mrs. Hewlett has laboured
hard to bring up her sons
I trust that they will
have some of their father's
energies - I heard of one at
least doing very well.

I trust that you will
receive kindly my
apology for troubling you
& beg that you will believe
me - dear Sir O. N.

your faithful servt

F.N.

Moriarty got book on aseptic treatment of wounds, presumably Schimmelbusch

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45814, microfilm, 252 folios, 64 pages, general correspondence 1896-97, Adam Matthew reel 38

incomplete, unsigned letter draft, ff1-3v, pencil

f1a

-2-

find men & women washing clothes
in it, cattle drinking &
fouling it,, streams of
liquid refuse from the
village &c &c - And from
this tank their drinking
water is obtained!

Is the ~~village~~ River if any
polluted by impure drainage
or by manufactures?

[To many/each of these questions
I might I am ashamed
to say find a sad answer
in some place or other in rural England
We are by no means immaculate]

f1b

7 Has any outbreak of disease
been known to ensue from
a cleansing, owing to the
subsequent/ resulting exposure of
noxious matter?

9. 7. To every question in this
crucial "point" 9 including
'How is house & kitchen refuse disposed
of? might I ~~would~~ beg a
careful answer, hoping
that my humble anxiety
may be forgiven -

At the same time, some Anglo-
Indians, well acquainted
with India, see great

f1c

difficulties in the very
system of 9, going out at night,
women going out & so forth
10. 8 Stalling of cattle, for
the sake of protection
inside the houses
And storing of the manure
11, 12, 13 9 "Religious fairs,
"marriage processions"
"burials of the dead"
are most interesting ~~but~~
questions - supplying information on
~~less within my competence~~
customs of different peoples
15 10 *Scarcity or famine*
may I recur to this question
As I have been for very many years intensely
interested in Irrigation,
& what measures are taken to prevent harm?

f1d

progress
Might I venture to ask
what is expected from Irrigation
What from Railroads
What ~~the~~ /from importation
of foreign corn are respectively
expected to do in the
present scarcity
Painfully interesting &
most important statistics
of the spread of Irrigation
&c have been published
by the Govt. of India ~~for the newspapers~~
Might I ask for more?

f2

-3-

The Govt. of India invites
Local Govts & Admns to
make "additions" in the
"questions to be put" -
Now, after all, Fever is more
important than Cholera
It takes more victims by ^
~~the~~ thousands almost ~~the~~ millions
It saps the strength of the
populations more -
is constant while
Cholera is occasional
11 Have questions been
asked about the
prevalence & localities
of Fever, & its causes?
^ thousands of thousands

f2v

12 One would be curious/ anxious
to know whether
the "Selected Villages"
have responded
~~or~~/how the "chief village"
of "each group"
& how far it has then
extended to ~~11~~ all the
villages of the group

f3

Pardon me
I am aghast at the
multitude of questions
I am asking -
but as the "List of Points"
was not lost, the answers
will I trust not be
lost upon us - if you are
so very good as to supply
them and ~~without~~ /your kindness will not growl
And we would thank
the Viceroy with all our hearts & minds
for what he is doing
for the improvement &

f3v

enlightenment of his
people's ~~health~~
concerning their health
But the peasant
women, in whom
really lies the way to healthy/ the key to
health & to disease
have yet to be reached
13 Might I ask
How far has assistance been invited
& valuable co-operation
obtained from the various
local Associations
European & native
interested in the social
& sanitary welfare of the
people?

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff4-11, pen & pencil, black-edged paper to f10, original Trinity College, Cambridge, Houghton Collection

f4 {pencil}

Village Sanitary Record

Nov 10/96

1896 10, South Street, {printed address:}

{pen} My dear Sir Park Lane. W.

I have never thanked **[10:386]**
the Viceroy as I ought
for so kindly sending me
the papers regarding the
"Village Sanitary Inspection
"Book" - invaluable, if
carried out.

Will you perform this
Office for me with
enthusiasm?

Also: may I venture to ask
what is the "progress &
"maintenance " of this
Village Sanitary Record
in the Bombay Presidency
- and if it is not too
much to ask: in the

f4v

Madras Presidency,
in Bengal,
the Punjab, N.W. Provinces
&c &c

especially as regards
{pencil} Point 1 {pen} the sort of persons
who "furnish the information"
& if any pains are
taken by native "literate"
to insense them with
the value of the "points"
It would be such a
valuable education for them.

& as regards the
"literate residents," whether
"headman, village accountant"
or other who "embodies" it
in the V.S.I. Book -

It would be at least
X See list of "Points to be dwelt on briefly,
"in the 'Village Sanitary Inspection Book'

f5

as valuable information
to us British on the
habits of the people
2.{pencil} point 4 {pen} "character of the
"soil" - & whether saturated
with noxious matters
or waterlogged & producing malarial Fever
whether works of drainage
have been attempted &
whether "embankments"
have brought an unjust
stigma on Irrigation
as the mother of "FEVER"
by obstructing the drainage
3 {pencil} Point 5 {pen} as regards the "overcrowding"
of "houses" - so lamentable
especially at night in some
places. ['My house is like a
box,' sometimes says the
Hindoo complacently]
or of "sites."

f5v

The District Officer only
sees the main street, prepared
for him - not the dirty
small alleys.

& the sanitary (or insanitary)
state of the "immediate
"Surroundings" of houses
4 {pencil} Point 6 {pen} "trades & occupations" in
villages - "castes" & whether
the "caste" of native sweepers
& scavengers paid by the
villagers in land & handfuls
of food, still exists to the
infinite benefit of the
inhabitants - or has been
swept away itself - almost
by mistake as it were
what trades are noxious

f6

{pencil} Point 7 {pen} 5. as to the "food" 2
respectively of different {printed address:} 10, South Street,
districts, rice, millet Park Lane. W.
&c &c

& the "supplies" of food
- a question, alas! so
important in the present
scarcity -
whether by Irrigation
by Canals, wells &c &c
railroad
or imported
&c

6.{pencil} Point 8 {pen} Water supply -
perhaps most important of
all
how wells are protected
from impurities
how tanks are kept pure
{The following paragraph has a diagonal pencil line drawn through it}
Is it a calumny that,
in spite of the absolute
orders for the protection of

f6v

{the first paragraph of this f has a diagonal pencil line drawn through it}

tanks by the District

Officer who believes
them to be obeyed,

{pencil} may not

{this part has a curly line drawn beside it in the margin}

{pen} Europeans may, visiting

the Village tank unexpectedly

at the evening hour, find

women washing clothes

in it, cattle drinking &

fouling it, streams of

liquid refuse from the

Village &c &c And from

this tank their drinking

water is obtained!

Is any effort made by
say the Village Schoolmaster
to teach at least the young

the horrible mischief of

{pencil} fouling the drinking water? [Brahmans

will not touch manure, unless educated

to it, for fear of the loss of "caste".

Could not advantage be taken of this?]

f7

If there is a River, is
it polluted by impure
drainage, or by manufactures?

Has any outbreak of
disease been known to
ensue from a cleaning.
owing to the resulting
exposure of noxious matter?

[To many of these
questions, I might, I am
ashamed to say, find a
melancholy answer from
some place or other in
rural England. We are
by no means immaculate]

f7v

Point 9.

7. To every question in
this crucial "point" 9
including "How is house &
kitchen refuse disposed
of?" might I beg a
careful answer, hoping
that my humble anxiety
may be forgiven

{There is a pencilled diagonal line drawn through this paragraph}

At the same time, some
Anglo-Indians, well
acquainted with India,
see great difficulties in
the very system of 9 -
going out at night,
women going out & so
forth.

f8

-3-

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

8 {pencil} Point 10 {pen} Stalling of cattle,
for the sake of protection
inside the houses

And storing of the manure

9 {pencil} Points 11, 12, 13 {pen} "Religious fairs,"
& what measures are taken
to prevent the mischiefs of
an agglomeration of people?

"marriage processions"

"burials of the dead"

are most interesting
questions - supplying
information on the customs
of different peoples
& their religions

f8v

10 {pencil} Point 15 {pen} *Scarcity (or famine)*

May I recur to this question?

As I have been for very
many years intensely
interested in the progress
of Irrigation,

Might I venture to ask
what is expected from
Irrigation What from
Railroads What from
Importation of foreign corn
respectively in the present
scarcity?

Painfully interesting & most
important statistics of the
spread of Irrigation &c
have been published by the
Govt. of India - Might I ask for
more?

f9

The Govt. of India invites
Local Govts & Admins
to make "additions" in the
"questions to be put" -
Now, after all, FEVER is more
important than Cholera
It takes more victims by
thousands & thousands of
thousands. It saps the
strength of the populations
more - is constant while
Cholera is occasional
11 Have questions been
asked about
prevalence
localities of *Fever*,
& its causes?

f9v

12. How have the
"selected villages"
responded?
how the "chief village"
of "each group"
how far it has then
extended to all the villages
in the group?
13. Might I ask
how far assistance has been
invited or valuable
co-operation obtained from
the various local Associations
European & native, interested
in the social & sanitary
welfare of the people?

f10

-4-

{printed address:}10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Pardon me - I am
aghast at the multitude
of questions I am asking -
But as the "List of Points"
was not lost, the answers
will, I trust, not be lost
upon us - if you are so
very good as to supply
them - And your kindness
will not 'growl'

And we would thank
the Viceroy with all our
hearts & minds for what
he is doing for the
improvement &
enlightenment of his people
concerning their health

f10v

But the peasant *women*,
 in whom really lies
 the way to health,
 the key to health
 & to disease
have yet to be reached
 "La reconnaissance n'est
qu'un vif sentiment des
bienfaits futurs."
 Pray believe me
 yours sincerely
 Florence Nightingale
H. Babington Smith Esq
 Private Secretary's Office

f11

P.S. Indeed I am aware
how far-reaching such
questions are, & that in
order to procure full
information, reference to
local authorities would
be necessary. In the
mean time, I should be
most exceedingly grateful
for a brief reply on the
various points, which
would enable me to
understand how far
the most excellent Circular
of the Govt. of India has
already produced an
effect.
 F.N.
H. Babington Smith Esq

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter draft, ff12-13, pencil

f12

10 S. St Nov 11/96

My dear Sir

I have been for some time
anxious, to make your
acquaintance as Examiner
& Physician to our
Probationers - & to
~~thank you~~/express my gratitude for all the
good you are doing
them in various ways
^ La reconnaissance

That you are exceedingly
occupied I know full
well - But perhaps some
day you might be able

f12v

kindly

to make an appointment
in the afternoon *after*
3.30. And I will
keep that open for you.

I must ask you
to be so good as to
make it a day or two
beforehand as
otherwise I might not
be able to put off
any other appointment.

Hoping not to seem
troublesome to you but

Add Mss 45809

f13

very desirous of profiting
by your kindness/~~benefits~~/ bienfaits futurs
pray believe me
yours faithfully

FN

Seymour J. Sharkey

Esq MD

{written on a angle at the bottom}

^La reconnaissance

n'est qu'un

vif sentiment

des bienfaits

futurs

unsigned letter draft, ff14-15, pencil

f14

10 S St Nov 12/96

Mrs George Patterson

Women's ~~Branch~~ Auxiliary
of Xtian Lit Socy for India

Dear Madam

How kind of you to call here

& how kind to offer me

the honour of being one of

the names

of your Women's Branch/Auxiliary of

that Invaluable Socy for India

if only nominal.

But there's the rub
"without my work" - I could
not give my work for
I have already ~~undertaken~~

f14v

far too much in my hands

And I could not
give my poor name
without my work -
for that would be
contrary to the ideas &
practice of my whole
life

God speed to yours -

And let your kindness
accept my ~~ap~~ excuse
for my delay in answering
which is really that of
press of work & ill health
F.N.

f15

Mrs. George Patterson
Hony Secretary of the
Women's Auxiliary
of the
Xtian Literature Society
for India

f16 12 Nov 1896 letter to FN by Seymour Sharkey, obliged for inv to visit

f17 Nov 16th 1896 letter to FN from Margaret St Clair, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Inst for Women, St Lawrence's Catholic Home, 34 Rutland Sq. W., Dublin, sends copy of annual report. I am sending you a copy of our annual report just arrived. We held our annual meeting last Friday with Archbishop Walsh in the chair; a good meeting as far as the report and attendance went. I send you the report as I know how interest you always are in any work among the poor, and as one in which so many of the Nightingale nurses have taken a part. Next June I shall have been here *six years* and during that time have seen this home which was started as an experiment grow and flourish in spite of many difficulties and prejudices. Always keeping a staff of five nurses in the home we have trained during those six years seventeen who have been sent out in to country districts throughout Ireland. All have done well and are working loyally under the rules of the jubilee Institute. Before three months are over we shall have started three more districts in the south of Ireland; so that in the face of much hard work I take the liberty of writing to you to ask from you a word of encouragement. My nurses loyalty to our Institute means also loyalty to you who are my chief. Believe me, yours gratefully, Margaret St. Clair

f19 letter Nov 22 1896 to FN from Theodore Acland, re getting a Cinghalese lady trained at St T.

f21 letter Nov 24 1896 to FN from T. Acland thanks for her letter (missing) re Sinhalese lady,

Add Mss 45809

ref to Nurse Harvey

signed letter, ff25-25v, pencil

f25

Dec 4/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W. **[12:492]**

My dear Sir

Might I ask you a
question arising out of
your letter?

Was there a boy, a
Patient of yours in Florence,
who had to be transferred
to Block 8 for Scarlet
Fever, & who died there
in the same rapid way
that Nurse Harvey did?

It occurred to me that
you might have wished

Add Mss 45809

f25v

Florence Ward to be
purified?
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Dr. Theodore Acland

[end]

signed letter, f26, pen

f26

Cinghalese lady 4 Dec/96
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you for your letter. [13:573]

I am afraid I must
not adopt your suggestion
of writing out to Ceylon
I cannot think it would
lead to any good.

We cannot carve out a
career for her - And she
must know best how she
is working

[end]

Yours faithfully
May F. Nightingale
I venture to send you an
Article of mine in "India"?
Dr Theodore Acland

Add Mss 45809

initialled letter, f27, pencil

f27

10, South St ~~Nov~~/Dec 4/96

My dear Sir

May I venture to send
you a copy of "India"
for December, ^ as showing
that I am asking the Indian
public to get all the
advantages rendered
possible by the Wise
Action of the Government
of India -

~~You will find at pp.~~
^p.359 &c ~~so on~~ p.p. 367 &c
yours sincerely
FN

H. Babington Smith Esq
Private Secretary

f28 letter Dec 4 1896 to FN from A. Bermingham from Royal Inf Edinburgh, applied for matronship Sheffield Gen Inf where FN governor, problem re bad experience at Croydon. Forgive my trespassing upon you but I want to ask a favour. I purpose applying for the matronship of Sheffield Gen Infirmary and as I see you are a governor I desired to ask your interest and influence on my behalf. My very unhappy experience at Croydon has done much to blight my prospects and render it exceedingly difficult for me, humanly speaking, to get another appointment without direct influence and interest worked for me by those who have the power to do it. Why it was permitted that everything should go against me in that unhappy place in spite of all my effort will be always a mystery to me in this life, but I can believe that here was and is some divine purpose in it, even though it has brought such suffering to me, and that though the ill will of another. Everyone I have worked with has given me unexceptional testimonials if you would care to see them. I will be happy to send you a copy. Since leaving Croydon I have done some private nursing I was abroad last winter with Mrs Norris and I have been working here since August (asst sup - holiday and supernumary duty). Miss Spencer has been exceedingly good to me, but the pressure of work is over and though she is anxious to keep me it may not be possible to do so, and as I am entirely dependent on my own earnings and that not for myself alone I am very anxious to get a remunerative appointment. Hoping you will forgive my troubling you and that it may be in your power to help me, and with thanks for past interest, believe me....

f30 letter to FN Dec 4 [1896?] from Isabel Hampton Robb, asks for criticism of her book, 1342 Euclid Av, Cleveland Ohio. It is something over a year ago since I received a kind note from you saying if I wd send you my American address you would be willing to send me a criticism of my book on nursing. I wonder if it too late now to ask for it? All last year I was so absorbed in my new duties that I was forced to lay aside to a great extent my nursing interest, but now I am beginning to be able to take them up again and among other things am thinking of revising my text book so as to adapt it to a three years course of training. I am deeply interested in

Add Mss 45809

developing a three years course with eight hours a day practical work in the school for nurses in this country. I do not know if you favour the shorter hours, but for American women I cannot see how we can have it otherwise for so many months and have them as strong and thoroughly taught as they ought to be. I gave a paper on the subject last winter at our superintendents' convention, a copy of which I shall send you if I can get one. I trust I may have the pleasure of hearing from you. So often have I thought of your kind interest in me last year when I was in London and wish I might have the privilege of another talk with you on nursing subjects. With sincere love, yours faithfully, Isabel Hampton Robb.

unsigned letter, ff32-33, pencil, copied in Johns Hopkins Acc 2000.126

f32

My dear Mrs. Robb

To improve the invidual {this is her spelling} [13:515-16]

English - individualism

America - socialism

in the best sense of the
word

The good of a Society depends upon
every individual in it -

Take care of the penny & the
pounds will take care of
themselves

immense size of America

little Great Britain

publicity of an American
Woman

privacy of English woman

f32v

on your very first page
~~would~~ appear things which
every experienced English
Matron would deny
She would say large
starts or experiments
have been made in England
- has one succeeded in
any true sense?
the "machinery" has failed
it does not "work" at all
they have no "power" & little
"influence"
"prestige & dignity" nil -
Yet there is an idea of getting
a Bill thro' Parl

f33

Well shrink at the
very word graduate
as if it were possible to
graduate in character,
conduct & a particular
kind of intelligence, treating
the Patient as a case
fellow creature
& in the ~~as a~~ technical
sense of how to treat him

f33v

legal organization
English Matrons & Nurses
have gone to a very large
~~great~~ expence to oppose
this in the Privy Council

I am sorry to say

[end 13:516]

ff34-37 letter to FN Dec 5/96 from Charlotte Macleod re visit. 57 Torrington Square. You asked me to give you a little time that you might appoint a date and hour for my next visit. The whole of next week is taken. As yet I have made no engagements for the following ten days, with the exception of one evening the 21st.

I am sure you cannot realize the inspiration you are to me, and I cannot ever by half thankful for privilege of my little visit to you.

Your lovely flowers have spoken of you all the week.

Mr Carter does illeg so much of the district nursing from the beginning. It was all so

Add Mss 45809

interesting to me and thank you dear Miss Nightingale for being the means of giving me such an advantage.

I have had part of this week at the London. And I am delighted with the preparatory course given there. Miss Lückes kindly gave me every advantage the seeing the work in the Home and hospital.

I am looking forward to seeing you again with greater pleasure than before.
with kindest regards

unsigned letter draft, ff38-41v, pencil

f38

Sir W. Wedderburn

[10:868-69]

Would my letter help to/
Out of this could you
please construct your
Article for "India"
You will know better
than I how to touch
upon M. Malabari
but indeed better than I,
Of course, on all the
"Points" & where the
chief interest lies -
Much information might
be got about the habits
of ~~Different~~ the population
& of the different
populations But I seem
asking for a
book

f38v

But don't be down
upon them - We are not
so very high above them
I could give you
some flagrant instance
upon almost every one
of these "points" on what
happens in England in
But how much may
be done for these poor people
[And how little or nothing
is done for the rural
population of England by
the Medl Offr of Health]
I always think of
Dr. Hewlett

f39

how when he came into
power in different sanitary
capacities

as San. Comm of Bombay
the people sacrificed
with flowers & fruit at
the shrines of the Goddess
of Smallpox & the
Goddess of whatever they
call it, Cholera

[end 10:869]

And how long before he
left they came to him
if there had been 4 or 5
deaths from Cholera -
'Sahib, bestir yourself,
don't you see we're
all dead?

& how he moved a Village

f39v

in one night which had
been decimated by Cholera
&c

for 100 years - & which
the Govt. had in vain
attempted to move, because
they were near a Temple

And he by persuading
the Panchayat moved
them in one night to a
site of his own choosing

And he came in the
morning, & they were all,
goods & all, in the new
site - He knew what he
wanted to do, & did it

[10:869]

f40

Sir W.W. II
by his vigour & *sympathy*
But none sympathized
with or praised *him* in
either Govt. India or England
[Tantaene irae animis
caelestibus?' excuse my
quotation]

But if we could see
anything of that enthusiasm
in Medl Offrs of Health
here!
You will also understand/ tackle
better than I how the
people have suffered
from losing the castes,? the

f40v

Mhars & the Mangs.,
who scavenged & swept
& touched the things
which the higher people
would lose caste by
touching.
But I remember the
Agricultural teacher/ Master, an
Englishman, of the Agricultural
College of ? Sydapet, near
Madras, telling me that
the Brahman pupils,
otherwise good, would
not touch the manure
of the animals, wanted

f41

for manuring the ground

But all that changed
And they were glad
enough to manure

They are much more
persuadable than we are
- It's we who are rude
in banging against their
prejudices, often with some
degree of truth in them
which we don't apprehend
lay hold of their truth

Vaccination I don't
much care about - the
greatest authorities in
England

f41v

believe that the diminution
of small pox has resulted
more from sanitation than from
Vaccination

[But I don't dare say
anything about it.]

~~The "vulgar" don't distinguish~~
~~between~~ But if Vaccination is over trusted, *& Isolation*
is undertrusted

~~If a~~ Small Pox is one of
the three/few diseases which
is really/inevitably *contagious* - If
you *have* a case of Small
Pox, isolate it - But we are
told that this in India is
impossible - The people
would not suffer the Patient
to be moved

[end 10:869]

signed letter, ff42-45, pen & pencil

f42

9 Dec/96

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir W. Wedderburn

Many thanks for your note. [10:869-70]

I venture to send you Mr.
Malabari's to me, written
before he could have received
my request for a Resolution
at the Congress.

and to ask: has he sent
you his "Draft Circular"?
[he has not sent it me.]

I also trouble you with
a letter from Dr. Murdoch
(*not* a Dr of *Medicine*)
I don't know whether you
know him - of Madras.
He is an Agent of the Xtian

f42v

Literature Socy in India

But he is a
great deal more than that.
He used to come to England
nearly every year. And, I
used always to see him
[He has not been lately]
I never knew a man of his
age take up the Sanitary
problem so quickly & so
well. His little books for
natives are far superior
to anything our Anglo-
Indian Medical Officers
have done. And I suppose
no man has lived on such
intimate terms with so
many of the native races
- not at all confined to
Madras

f43

I beg to send you a copy
of his *Proof circulated for
Suggestions* You know
so much better than I do
how to deal with these
things -

The only thing (except
Vaccination which I
could not dare to touch)
in which I can venture
to differ with Dr. Murdoch
is that I think he attaches
too much result to
teaching Hygiene & Sanitation
in books in Schools. The
Schoolmaster must be
himself the Sanitary Officer,
& rule.
But any how what Dr.

f43v

Murdoch proposes is important.

It is really beautiful to
see a man of 78 working
with the same zeal &
hopefulness as if he had
70 years before him.
{pencil} Could you kindly tell me
"any retired Indian Medical
"Officer" here to whom I might
send any of his copies of
"Proof for *suggestions*" see his
last Paragraph.

[end]

2. Do you think the Famine
prospects are getting better
or worse? And why
do they discourage here a
Lord Mayor's Fund?

f44

-2-

3. I sent according to your behest "India" with a short note to Mr. Babington Smith, Private Secy.

4. I am glad you have abandoned your nefarious project about the form of "India" - But oh how I wish you could give us a better print, or an "Edition de luxe" - 'Don't you see 'we are all' blind?

5. Do you know that poor fellow, Dr. Gordon, who sent us a little paper/MS about the Calcutta Govt. Hospl, is dead? I had a pathetic letter from

f44v

his mother - saying that his one wish was to know that the Hospl was to be reformed - I immediately wrote - But perhaps he knows now -

6. Sir G. Birdwood wrote to me about Baroda but giving no information - He is very cross with the Barodists - Do they deserve it?

Add Mss 45809

f45

This is too long a letter
already -

With kindest regards to
Lady Wedderburn
yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

7. I should be so pleased
to tell Dr. Murdoch that
you favour his scheme.

FN

8. Should I send a copy of
"India" to Dr. Bahadurji?
of Bombay

[end 10:870]

FN

f48 letter to FN Dec 14 1896 from Charlotte Macleod re visit on 22nd. Thank you for your cards of introduction. As you have been so good in giving me a choice of days I shall be happy to visit you on the 22nd at 5.15.

I shall always like to remember that my last visit in London was made to Miss Nightingale. As it is impossible for me to have a likeness of yourself for our school, will you kindly give us your blessing in writing or whatever good wish you may have for our nurses? I shall frame it and the nurses of Waltham must ever feel the inspiration of your personal interest. I want them to after my time.

I am sorry I made such a stupid mistake in your address.

ff49-50 duke of Westminster letter to FN black-edged paper. We are endeavouring to raise a fund in commemoration of the Queen's longest reign, to add to the Queen Jubilee gift of £70,000 another £100,000 and more if possible! The interest to go to the promotion of district nursing in town and country. The interest of the Queen's gift, tho most useful, is quite inadequate for the great national work in hand. I have privately received promises of support to the amount of £15,000 not a bad "nest egg" to start with! We have a meeting here, preliminary, to morrow Wednesday afternoon and I felt that you could assist us very materially by one line of commendation and of encouragement from one to whom nursing owes so much! Believe me to be yrs sincerely Westminster.
I would send you all the information *about us* later on?

Grosvenor House

Dec 15

My dear Miss

Nightingale

We are endeavouring
to raise a fund
in commemoration
of the Queen's longest
reign, to add to that
Queen's Jubilee gift

Add Mss 45809

of £170 000 another

£100,000 and more,
if possible! its interest
to go to the promotion of
District nursing in Town
and country.

The interest of the
Queen's gift, tho' most
useful, is quite
inadequate for the
great national work

Add Mss 45809

at hand.

I have privately received
promises of support to
the amount of £15,000 -
not a bad "nest egg"
to start with!

We have a meeting
here, preliminary,
tomorrow, Wednesday
afternoon and I feel
that you could

assist us very
materially by one line

of commendation & of
encouragement - from
one to whom nursing
owes so much!

Believe me to be
yrs sincerely

Westminster

I would send you all the
information *about* us?
later on?

f51 draft letter, unsigned, on heavy paper, not stationery, original Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

f51

16/12/96

Dear Duke of Westr

[13:894]

Good speed to your noble
effort in favour of District Nurses
"for town & country" - & in commn
of our Queen ~~'s-reign~~ who cares for all.

We look upon the District Nurse,
if she is what she should be
& if we give her the training

she should have, as the great
civilizer of the poor, teaching
as well as nursing them out of
ill health into good health out of
drink into self-control ~~but all~~
but all without preaching,
without patronizing - as friends

Add Mss 45809

But let them hold the
standard high.

f51v

Be sure I will try to help
all I can tho' that may be
small & will let you now.
I have only just
received your kind note.

[end]

f52 FN letter, ink or printed, on back of Names of those who have already kindly given or promised annual Subscriptions or donations, which lists the duke of Westminster at £200, and FN at £10, original Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Dec 16/96
[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane, W.

Dear Duke of Westminster

Good speed to your
noble effort in favour of
District Nurses for town
"& country"; & in
commemoration of our
Queen who cares for all.

We look upon the
District Nurse, if she is
what she should be, &
if we give her the training
she should have, as the
great civilizer of the poor,
training as well as nursing
them out of ill health
into good health (Health
Missioners), out of drink
into self-control but all
without preaching, without

Add Mss 45809

f52

patronizing - as friends
in sympathy.
But let them hold the
standard high as Nurses.

Pray be sure I will try
to help all I can, tho'
that be small, *here*
& will with your leave
let you know.

Pray believe me
your Grace's faithful
servant

Florence Nightingale

f53 printed form of Queen's Commemoration Fund. National subscription. Westminster charity, then arch bp of Canterbury, Cardinal Vaughan, dukes etc., incl chief rabbi, Princess Henry of Pless, some countesses, Lady Rothschild, Lady Lucy Hicks Beach, Lady Fitzgerald, Mrs Henry Grenfell, Miss R Paget, Mrs Beerbohm Tree, Miss Guthrie Wright, hon treas Sydney Holland, hon secs Harold Boulton and Ernest Flower

f54 Charlotte Macleod to FN Dec 22/96 Please forgive what may have seem illeg in my address to you tonight. I am very tired, which, with a grateful heart for your sweet kindness to me personally and your interest in our work in Waltham and my very warm affection for you must be my excuse for any lack of control. I must ack that had given way to my inclination I shd have buried my head and had a good cry by your bedside. I suppose I was esp touched by your kindness as I have been alone among strangers for so long and it is a bit of a strain. If it is not my good fortune dear Miss Nightingale to meet you on earth again, I trust I may so live that we shall meet in our heavenly Father's realm.

Wishing you a happy new year. with loving regard. sincerely yours Charlotte Macleod.
Waltham, Mass, United States, America.

f56 another from Macleod. Thank you indeed for the message to our nurses and your parting wish to myself. With love and good bye. Dec 23/96

f58 [1896?] letter of E. Jeannie Mitchell, c/po Mrs Powell, Guilford Rd. Lambeth, waited to answer your kind letter until I had been to Downs because I thought an extra letter wd only add to your work. I went this morning to choose the implements, which are very nice indeed, and in a case. Very kind. To let me have your name and mine put on. Encloses account. I am very sorry I shall not be able to come and see you between now and September, as I leave here on Saturday not to return until I go to Deptford. Re parish in Deptford, Mr Wallis is finding a great deal of work to do in Deptford as the parish is in a very neglected condition. I only hope I may be able to help him as I ought, for there is much to be done, and I am sure my training at St T. will be an invaluable help to me, shall be so glad to feel I can still do a little nursing, loved work. Married clergyman. Down visit?

F60 letter Sunday [1896?] from Annie Allardice, Florence Ward, St T. the book and your kind

Add Mss 45809

note reached me safely yesterday eve, warmest thanks, The Old Missionary. Ground work: absolute cleanliness, diets, lotions, weights and measures, temperature, catheters, enemas, blisters, leeching poultices, fomentations, baths, hypodermics, how to prepare patients for exam, set bathroom for plaster or oper, fill waterpillows, set for tapping of aspirating, dressings, padding of splints bedsores, rigors, peptonizing milk, feeding of helpless patients, ventilation, bones and different organs of body, then fractures, hernias, concussions, typhoids, fits etc.

incomplete letter draft, f62, pencil

f62

(Arch: [?1896]

Dear Sir G. Birdwood

I have not troubled you
lately about reviewing the Indian
Govt Sanitary Report -

Might I ask you kindly
to tell me what Sir G.
Hunter's answer was
to the application you
were so good as to make
to him to review it ?

inscription draft, f63, pencil

f63

Offered to
Helen Shuter
with
Florence Nightingale's
love
& regrets at losing her at/ from
St. Thomas' Hospl
& best wishes for her
highest success at her
new post in Dublin
New Year 1897

Add Mss 45809

memorandum, f63v, pencil

f63v

Staff Nurses or Probrs - Night Supts

3 mos. 6 mos: a year

What sized wards?

infectious wards - 6 mos:

winter & summer

can they sleep *by day*?

may just have learnt to sleep by day

when they come off - some never

sleep by day

Electric Bells & Telephones

Miss Snodgrass - a year

mother, leader, teacher

Edith B.G. 4 years

all Probrs trained have no one

to call but

Night Supt.

Night supt. 3 or 6 mos: may get a

better thus

Ward Physicians don't like the Day Staff

changed

has the Night Nurse an Assistant?

All Matrons &c must have done

Night Duty

Infant Wards Medical

Or Surgical

always a year's

staff day

first

f64 letter Jan 3 1897 letter to FN from Jessie Boyd Carpenter, Christian Ward, thanks for flowers and jelly for Nurse Clemence

f66 letter from Margaret E. Stewart on embossed Erich House, Torquay, thank you with all my heart for your kindness in sending me that nice sweet book at Christmas time. My work here is very happy and I wish so much you could see the home and some of the poor young consumptive girls. Contented and happy for a moderate charge. The benefit of the climate and cure I have some old ladies who look on me as a daughter and my life is very happy amongst them both old and young. I send a [this is Maggie]

f68 Jan 10 1897 letter to FN from Sister of Beatrice Ward St T. re presents to patients appreciated, re Ethel the voiceless child

f70 letter Jan 14 1897 letter to FN from E.G. Brewer, Batcombe Lodge, Strawberry Hill Rd Twickenham re illness of daughter, prob at St T; Brewer's father was Capt Brewer,

Add Mss 45809

commodore of SS Gt Britain, went out to Crimea in

f72 letter Jan 14 1897 letter to FN from Joseph Bell 2 Melville Cres Edin thanks for her note (missing), re rules question and matrons, feeling re matrons having too much power, doing what can to explain to bd

f74 letter Jan 16 1897 to FN from Florence Clifton, Southport re death of Sister Snodgrass at Cairo on Jan 10

f76 letter 19 Jan 1897 letter to FN from Christian E. Guthrie Wright, Edinburgh re Louisa Stevenson

f78 letter 22 Jan 1897 from Louisa Stevenson re meeting this aft, re nursing admin

f80 Jan 23 1897 letter to FN from Louisa Stevenson re meeting yesterday, thanks for flowers. My mind was so full of all you had been saying yesterday afternoon, and I was so surprised at receiving these beautiful flowers from you that I am quite sure I did not half thank you for them. I never saw a more perfectly arranged bouquet nor one made up of more exquisite flowers. Hopes to show to Edinburgh friends.

f81 List of wards with probs Jan 1897

f83 letter Jan 27 1897 letter to FN from Constance Walters, Weston- super-Mare, thanks for her kind letter re loss of loved one, ruptured blood vessel, Snodgrass

Add Mss 45809

letter draft, ff86-87v, pencil

f86

Jan 28/97

[15:1031]

S. Snodgrass

an irreparable loss

Col Douglas wife news

Sister Clifton from

no particulars

grateful to you "Clif" for

sending me those two

little scraps of her to you

How little I thought I

never should see her

again - She should have

survived me long -

She was perhaps the best Night

Supt. we ever had at St. T.

She did so mother the

f86v

Night Nurses as a mother - inspired

them with work as their/a

leader - taught them their

work & all its details

on the spot as a teacher & with them.

She had all the practical

experience & skill of the best

old Sisters & the knowledge

of the modern School

without its word-pedantry

Above all, she was one

of the best of women -

I did so mourn her

leaving St. T.'s - But her

work at Dublin in the

f87

Military Hospl was
what very few, if any
could have done -
her influence over/with the
Orderlies
& without asserting any authority over
them - they cried
little children when
they heard she was
dead. Her influence
was not from talk,
but from what she
was - It is not what
we say but what we *are*
that tells
her nursing for 5 years
of those poor Enterics

f87v

The only comfort is
to try & be like her -
to do what would
please her - She who
always gave her best
to God & to her fellow
creatures - her skilled,
intelligent best

[end]

f88 letter to FN from A.C. Gibson, Matron's Office, The Infirmary, Birmingham, thanks for her note (missing)

f89 Feb 17 1897 letter to FN from Katharine Tippet, Elizabeth Ward thanks for kindness in sending delicacies for little patients, refers to a case where her efforts "failed" and father took the children

f91 18 Feb 1897 letter to FN from Florence Haig Brown, N House re Miss Gordon at Ventnor, prob Lota Brewer has returned to N Home, working in FI ward, feels quite strong again, and re Nurse Clemence making progress

f93 Feb 20 1897 letter to Sir (HBC?) from Mary Grace Thornton, Eaton Sq, indebted for your kindness in reply so fully to my inq about the N Fund and the pamphlet and papers, shall send carefully to St Petersburg, asks to send on the letter, and her articles, saw FN memorial at Balaclava in 1886

Add Mss 45809

f96 27 Feb 1897 letter to FN from F.A. Haig Brown with probationers' diaries, return of Miss Gordon, with FN pencil note on back: Miss Harriet Allsop, Wellow Mill, East Wellow, Romsey Hants, snow drops, ivy, moss

ff97-120 diaries of probationers entered 1896, now 1897: L. Cowell, M.L. Carter, E.M. Cooper, E.M. Heritage, M. LeMesurier, L.M. Shebbeare; I.G. Trinnell, E. Knight, Emma Sidley, M.A. Tobin, J. Stirling, Violet M. Wilson,

f121v list of wards with probs Feb 1897

f123 28 Feb 1897 letter to FN from Helen Shuter, City of Dublin Hosp, FN said she cd write, now to avail herself. Detailed letter re staff. Nice bldg, 100 beds in general wards and a detached wing for infectious cases with 20 beds. Three landings, men, female, obs and ch Describes home. Accom. Only 5 permanent charge nurses, they change very 3 months day and night duty; We have 14 probs, i.e. one for each ward of 9 or 10 beds by day, and only 1 on each landing by night; if mt be managed somehow if it meant our big ward of 40 or 50 beds, but it means 4 different wards on one landing and 6 on the others The probs only train for one year, so that there is continual c illeg and of course we never get any real value out of them as they go private nursing at the end of the year's training and we never have anyone to fall back on at an emergency; Difficulties with Mrs Tracy, this ought to be the best nursed hosp in Dublin and cd be with a very little expenditure, I haven't felt very lonely so far, but am beginning to feel and wd like to have a long talk with a friend, never feel quite sure with the Irish, I have had the pleasure of meeting Miss Hampson, Miss St Clare and Miss Dunn, they were all Nightingale probs at one time, so we were very proud to find ourselves together. Miss Boyd Carpenter comes to pay us a short visit tomorrow of which I shall be very glad. We are on the edge of the town here, so can get a walk by the sea or into the country.

F125 receipt 2 March 1897 to FN for 5.5.0 from Brompton Cancer Hosp, annual subscription

inscription draft, f126, pencil

f126

Offered to [10:791]

? ~~Miss~~ Alice Maud Ruddock
on her going to India
with Florence Nightingale's
prayers

& best wishes
that she may "run the
race" "with that is
set before her"
"with patience"

March 18/97 [end 10:791]

f127 18 March [1897] Alice M. Ruddock. Clapham, letter to FN thanks for books, Osler's Medicine and others, never dreamed of, and the hold all, and paper knife. I hope I may be successful in my new work in India and a credit to my hospital and kind friends in England. I

shall often think of your advice and kind words to me. With renewed thanks

f129 letter of Florence Freeman, 10 Norham Gardens, Oxford 18 March 1897 to FN I venture to ask for your name and support on behalf of the unfortunate Cretan refugees. The fund that I am raising here for their relief has been warmly responded to by members of the university, the citizens and Oxford residents generally. But I have also been generously helped by outside friends of my father and with the memory of his deep sympathy with Greece and for the cause of freedom I dare to ask for your *name*, which wd carry golden sympathy and comfort to the hearts of the hapless sufferers. The fund that I am collecting goes straight to Athens, to M. Demetrios Bikelas who is well known to many here with ...his writings. A first instalment of the money sent from here has just been acknowledged with the deepest gratitude by the Countess Aspasia de Roma, pres of the Relief com. The distress is very great and must daily grow greater. I beg you to forgive me if I am wrong in troubling you with this appeal. I feel sure our friend Miss Irby wd be in sympathy.

F131 March 22 1897, letter to FN from Elisabeth Scovil, Cdn nurse trained in US, 6 years supt of hosp at Newport Black Island, ill came to England to recruit, hopes to see if only a few moments, sends one of the books I have written "The Care of Children", friend of MacLeod, Brighton: I am a Cdn nurse, trained in the United States, and was for six years the supt of the hosp at Newport, Black Island. I was obliged to relinquish this post two years ago on account of a severe illness and came to England to recruit. I shall be in London next week. Wd it be poss for you to see me if only for a few moments? We of the nursing profession feel so deeply our obligations to you. I shd esteem it indeed a high honour if my request can be granted. I venture to send you one of the books I have written. The Care of Children. I think you know my friend Miss Macleod, who has charge of the Nurses' Home at Waltham in the United States, and who is also a Cdn. The ranks of American nurses has been largely recruited from Canada.

Add Mss 45809

typed copy of a letter, {arch: Original owned by Mrs. Langley} copy also roll 5 H1/ST/NC5/3/46

f133

COPY

March 24/97
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

[10:793-94]

Dear Georgina Franklin

Farewell & God speed! We shall pray for you every day -**[break]**

I hope Heath's Dictionary is the book you wished.. (It is
a very heavy 2 Vols) All blessing be with you. Here come the 3
Edwin Arnold books. **[10:]**

A very devout Buddhist, a young Prince who received part of
his education at Oxford, said to me: 'What a much wiser & greater
man St. Paul was than Buddha. St. Paul said: Be ye husbands of
one wife: Buddha said: if you have one wife, you may have fifty.'
But Buddha was a real hero. (Gautama)

With regard to what you will find at Bombay, is not your
Surgeon Major Genl. the great Inoculator Dr. Haffkine?

2. I live in hopes that the English Nurses will have native men-
nurses under them for the men-Patients, & native women under
them for the women - There are excellent native Nurses in Hospitals.

[end] 10:794]

Fare you very well again

God bless you - And He *will* bless you.

Yours ever sincerely
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE

f134 Georgina Franklin letter to FN March 25 1897 So very many thanks for the helpful little
vol I found awaiting me here, another link in my St Thomas' assocs, which have been laid
aside with deep regret. ..departure...same hand guides

Add Mss 45809

draft or copy, signed letter to Vaughan Nash, ff136-36v, pencil [in reply to a letter we don't have] Woodward A85

f136

March 29/97

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear "adversary", "comrade"
and "learned friend"

A letter from you has been
forwarded to me in London
where I live -

You will know probably
as well as I do the different
opinions from those you
express - I may not waste
your time or mine in
putting them at length

But one thing I may
repeat of what a great
man said of us all:

Add Mss 45809

fi36v

'You have not the least
idea of what an European
War, which some are
hounding on, would be
now: with your long
range guns which carry
6 miles, your maxims &
your Gatlings, and your
Iron-clads which in time
of peace, on a fine day,
sink one another by mistake'

Forgive me & believe me
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

f137 env ink FN
Miss Florence Freeman
29/3/97 Oxford

f138 29 March [1897?] letter to FN from Mary Hornby, Clifton Bristol re a former sister of St T, Sister Victoria before Miss Stirling, was a Miss Lemon and married Mr Biserk [Biscomb?]. I know you valued her. I always fancied it was her you alluded to in an article I reread of yours in which you described a sister as "a little pearl." Of course I may have been mistaken. She is now very ill and I fear dying at her father's house, 3 Woodfield Rd, Redland, Bristol. I am staying here to be near he and am a good deal with her every day. Yesterday I to write to her. You were very kind to me in the old days, when I was Sister Magdalen. Mrs Roscorla wanted me to tell you that she does not think a day has passed w/o her thinking of her old work and that she has been faithful I to you and nursed a good deal as one of your sisters shd, both in her own family and among her neighbours. There can be no doubt that one delicate daughter owes her life and her tolerable measure of health to her mother's devoted and beautiful and skilful care. It is a heavy trial to Mrs Biserk to leave this daughter, who is now 21. I have known Mrs Roscorla now for 17 years. I was 4 years district nurse in a Liverpool parish a part of that time. She was one of the supts. Our friendship has been close since then. The beauty of her char has been to me something marvelous. Many people are visited and their own children and very selfish with others but her devotion to her husband has been equalled by warm active tender sympathy all round her. She has 3 daughters, all clever loving girls, but very delicate. They are all with her--her husband has gone back to Belfast where they have lived for the last 3 years. Her illness is some sort of obstruction (I fear malignant) in the colon. She knew there was some latent mischief when she came to Bedland last Dec to nurse her father, supposed to be dying. Brought him round. She has great pain. Seems this is the 1873 prob

f143 3 April 1897 letter to FN from Mrs Ormiston Chant, 49 Gower St. W.C. with dated env re sending to Crete answering Master's call vs cruel Turks. At first I thought of waiting till our arrs and actual time of starting for Crete were settled before writing to ask you for your benediction on a crusade of compassion that prob has its birth in the inspiration your life has been to me. But I need it to help people to realise that it is the duty and privilege of Englishwomen to carry on the work initiated by you in the Crimea. Thee are very few who combine the necessary

qualifications for such an enterprise as that on which I ask for your blessing. I am so *glad* to be able to go home is very happy, perhaps none happier than mine, but my children are all eager for their mother to take loving nursing to those who surely had a right to expect help from England *My husband naturally isn't so eager*, being a doctor he knows more about the terrible side of it than the children. But I who know most about the dark side am quite placid about it. God has not gone to sleep since you faced and lived through and conquered scenes and difficulties beside which mine will be small indeed. My earliest hosp training was pretty rough. I was but 21 and was soon in full charge of the male accident wards of Nottingham Gen Hosp on night duty. I was sister in the London Hosp. I have been co-manager of a private lunatic asylum before I married last autumn. I went out to Bulgaria to help the Armenian refugees. I shall go for love of course, but Mrs Bedford Fenwick is going to secure the right sort of professional nurse for me. I enclose the appeal I am sending out. Money will flow in faster if it becomes known that you are bidding us God-speed. [FN highlight]. Personally I do not care to receive money because I initiated this, got friends to undertake to be receivers--it is wiser. I *confess also I consulted my beloved friend Lady Henry Somerset* as to whether you might think it a liberty if I wrote to you. Now I wait. I shall be very happy if you feel deeply about *the tenderness of this plan*, that women having health, happiness, home, busy life, experience, training and fearlessness, and beneath it all the deeper strength [FN und] *of having heard the Master's call* in the cry of the Christians whom the *Turk has so cruelly* crushed, should illeg all these things a paving of the way for [FN und] *the doing of difficult work and facing danger*. Now may God bless you for all your life has taught to men and women. I am yours sincerely,
L. Ormiston Chant-

f147 envelope from Chant, with FN comment on

From Mrs Ormiston

Chant -

wants me to rush into a

Nursing expedition to Crete

{in another hand}

Miss Florence Nightingale

South Street

Park Lane

S.W.

f148

my letter to April

Mrs. O. Chant - March 5/97

Dear Madam

I have to acknowledge [15:579]
your kind letter - I feel
deeply touched by your
reference to me - Also
to acknowledge your
appeal to the public
for a Cretan wounded
Nursing Fund, to which
you ask my support
With still deeper regret I
am compelled to disappoint
you - you will yourself be
able to furnish the reasons
Without fully entering into

f148v

them, I ought not to pass

a criticism or

express a judgment upon
your scheme -

I can only say: Nursing is

not an adventure or an

enthusiasm - It requires

the most careful prudence as well as courage

in inaugurating & carrying it on such a scheme

It does not appear

What invitation has it from

any Govt. from any

constituted body?

Many other considerations

there are; as you well

tell me: know.

f149

I must pray your kindness
to pardon my brevity for my
whole time & more than
my whole strength are
fully occupied in daily work
May we not hope moreover that
further bloodshed will
be prevented?

Excuse pencil
& believe me with
high respect yours
F. Nightingale
Mrs. Ormiston Chant

[end 15:580]

f150 April 6 [1897] letter to FN from L. Ormiston Chant (a follow up) 49 Gower St. thanks for kind letter in pencil re Crete. Please accept my tenderest thanks for your kindness in writing to me, how I shall prize that little pencilled letter! I think in justice to *your* right to express reticence or advice I ought to tell you that though the initiative of this ambulance corps for Crete is wholly mine, it is in response to the lady who did and braved in the Crimea what we whose work she made possible will not be called upon to do because she taught the world a lesson about the way to nurse the sick and wounded that revolutionised both the hospital and the sick room, and the attitude of humanity to the woman nurse. God bless you and give such wisdom and success that I come home again you will not be ashamed of this one of your followers. Yours very reverently.

f152 8 April [1897] letter to FN from Mary L. Hornby Bristol gave her message. 9 Sim Hill, Clifton, Bristol. I thought I should like to acknowledge your note till I could tell you I had given your message. Yesterday I did not manage but today I did and she said, How very kind. Even I think she illeg. She is very weak....Her husband fears that if it lasts much longer he may not be able to ask for his holiday later in the year. You may judge from this whether she has been an appreciated and cherished wife. I wish she had stayed at St Thomas. I know I shall repent in a more ...moment, but I am rather bitter just now.

F154 Saturday, Hornby again, Dear Mrs Biscombe or Riscomb or Biserk or Riscerk, died this morning. I was there, but it was over.

F156 Ap 11 1897 letter to FN from Florence Clifton, Birkdale, Southport thanks for letter and sympathy, re Snodgrass [long letter]

f160 April 19 1897 letter to FN from E.H. Curtis Hammersmith thanks for letter to be read at meeting, just what wanted, re infant feeding; seems in Telegraph 15 Aug 1910; 4

unsigned note, f162, pencil

f162

Add Mss 45809

St. George's beds so hard
Wretched Hospital
wants a good badly nursed
rummaging up
 Timothy Holmes old
Mrs. Coster a poor good little
 old woman
nurses lolling about
 deplorable
Mr. Burdett interfered at
 Radcliffe

Mrs. Chant - stood alone
about the Music Hall - Him
 Hymn
Miss Oldham tried for Radcliffe
Mr Burdett command
of Pr of Wales
 Vivisection

initialled letter draft, ff162v-63v, pencil

162v

-2-

It includes being a friend, & helper,
not a patron or master or almsgiver to the
to the poor family, which
receives her as a friend
~~moral & physical~~ to mind &
 body

 And I wish you God
speed with all my
heart & soul -
 F.N.

Private

 Mrs. Coltman once
showed me a fragment by you
I believe about your children
which was admirable
Might I ask you whether/how far

f163

-3-

you find your instructions
practically followed, especially
about milk v. steak & whisky
We find instruction by leaflets & lectures

Add Mss 45809

Absolutely valueless -
but if shown practically
by District Nurses
they are without price
Are Mothers' Meetings
useful? for this purpose

Add Mss 45809

f163v

1

Mr. Sydney Holland April 19
'97

bed - you don't lift a
Patient - you roll him

Miss Hamilton - Miss Lückes best help
Edinburgh

~~Nur~~ Sister don't speak nicely to
Miss Spencer

Miss Lückes
47 letters weekly to Private
Nurses typed Miss Cave? helps

typed copy of signed letter, f164

f164 typed, Copied from the "Daily Telegraph", Monday, August 15, 1910.

10 South Street, April 17, 1897.

[13:838]

Dear Miss Curtis,

I have been in familiar touch with district nursing ever since its first establishment in Bloomsbury. I do indeed look upon it as one of the most hopeful of the agencies for raising the poor physically and morally, its province being not only nursing the patient, but nursing the room, showing the family and the neighbours how to second the nurse; also and eminently, how to nurse health as well as disease, and especially the health of infants and young children. This is a matter of national importance, for it includes feeding (above all, feeding them), clothing, and cleanliness. For if a child sets out in life - with digestion weakened, feeble mind, and craving for stimulant, its prospect is poor indeed. It includes being a friend and helper, not a patron or almsgiver, to the poor family which receive the nurse as a friend to mind and body.

And I bid you God speed with all my heart and mind.

(Sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

[end]

To the Superintendent of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nurses.

F165 April 22 1897 letter to FN from Georgina Franklin Poona re arrangements made for them. I am taking this early opp of relieving your kindly expressed anxiety as to the arrs made for us, as the mail goes out tomorrow and by that time our hands will be full. We arrived at Bombay on Saturday April 17th about 5.30 and were met by Dr Clemenshaus and conducted to the best hotel (Watson's) where 6 bedrooms had been taken for us. Later he brought his wife to dinner and as she is a nurse, we gathered a good deal of info. The next morning being Easter Sunday we went to Holy Communion at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral and returning home found General Gatacre (chief commissioner for plague in Bombay) awaiting us. He enquired if all arrs made for us met with approval, and finally ended by asking us to take tea and a drive in the aft hen his aide-de-camp Major ...and Dr Deane also joined us. We had a most

enjoyable time and were much struck by the beauties nature displayed. While driving we were overtaken by a messenger with a telegram stating that 2 nurses were reqd for Poona, so the general there and then made arrs for Miss Kendall (Adelaide Hospl Dublin) and myself to proceed there next day by the 2 pm. Train. One of his lieuts was deputed to escort us to the station to make necessary provision and we arrived at Poona 8 p.m. almost overcome by the intense heat. We were met by Miss McIntosh the lady who contracted plague when nursing it in Hong Kong and who has given up 6 months of her leave to nurse here. She is a charming lady and a thorough nurse, one has gather this much even from the brief glances obtained of her through the hut doors. We have not as yet been allowed to enter, having experienced some slight fever together with other symptoms after the injection on Tuesday, which was made by Dr Dove upon Haffkine's (the great inoculator) method. Statistics prove the treatment to be of use as out of a school of 30 boys the one who would not be injected had plague and died, the 29 inoculated escaping. This is one instance out of many. The plague committee have placed at our disposal a large bungalow, 5 minutes walk from the plague camp which consists of 22 straw matting huts containing men women and ch to the number of 200. There are a good many youths of a student type who assist with dressings and female help in the form of ayahs who though untrained can wash the patients and administer drinks. To teach these will be part of our work, while for temperatures, pulse, respiration, medicines etc. we 3 sisters will be solely resp. We commence duty this evening, all 3 being together but after tomorrow one is to be detailed off for night duty, which is to be taken in turns, the period being yet undecided. One of the most frequent complications is pneumonia and it often proves fatal. All bodies are cremated, the burning ground being at a convenient distance from the camp. The heat is intense just now, being 104 outside in comparative shade. I do trust that it will not prove too much for us as then we shall be able to accomplish much more than at present we are justified in attempting. Every arr that cd be made for our comfort has been done and I shall never forget the unexpected kindnesses shown. As yet we have not learnt the fate of the remaining 4 of our number but the general said he thought that work wd be found for them in Bombay. Later I shall hope to forward fuller particulars gathered from personal obs. [good letter. Haffkine the inoculator, stat proof, training]

f168 letter to FN from Sydney Holland, Sussex re Miss Morgan standing for St George's yet knows FN anxious for late matron of Radcliffe to have it. I fear you will think me a great nuisance. I not only stay too long but I seem to write every day.

Add Mss 45809

f171 draft letter, pencil, to Sydney Holland, original at Royal London Hospital Archives, Whitechapel PP/Luc/1 [original 13:193]

To Hon Sydney Holland 27/4/97

My dear Sir

I cannot say how ~~am exceedingly~~
grateful for the various
~~important~~ information you
have been so kind as to
give me.

The Matronship of
St George's Hospl seems
an exceedingly complicated question. The Rules
for the Matron are
vexatious - And it never
can answer to make the
"Weekly Board" or the
"Nursing Committee" Matron

f171v

in the sense of lessening /the Matron's
~~so far as destroying~~ her
power & responsibility.

Your information seemed
to clinch the nail. viz
that the Managers of the
Hospl were 800 Governors
who might any or all
contribute their ~~share~~ help? in
the management on an
"open Board"

"the late Matron of the
Radcliffe Infy" had
quite given up her
candidature - but now she
& I communicated to her your

f172

valuable information /without
rather seems to wish to
renew it. /of course mentioning
you

With regard to Miss Morgan
of the London, I know
no reason why she should
not apply; except that
I should not wish a
friend of mine to take a
berth at sea in a storm.

I devoutly hope she
won't succeed, both for her
own sake & Miss Lückes'
I don't at all succumb to
Miss Lückes' dictum, that

f172v

she wishes her "to stay
for her own conscience"
It is for the ~~good of the~~
~~London Hospt.~~

I have delayed answering
your kind note of
April 24, because I
wished to get up all my
facts. And while putting
them as I have done before any applicant
who asks my advice, I
always feel that of course
I have no right to prevent
her from applying.
Thank you very much for being so

[upside down] Miss Morgan is a great deal too good
for St George's

f173 29 April [1897] year est letter to FN from Sydney Holland re her generous note, re Miss
Morgan

Add Mss 45809

f174 FN pencil note

Captain Cecil Armitage [15:578]
on his return to the Gold Coast
with Florence Nightingale's
kindest regards & best wishes
this autobiography of
a brave & simple & generous man
who had sympathy with his
native troops & benefited
every one within his reach
even while fighting a mutiny
or avenging a disaster [end]
April / 1897

f175 FN pencil note

1/5/97
Dear Lord Wantage
In reply to your kind
Commission on Thursday
the Matron of St Thomas'
Hospital and I had a
4 hours' business interview
yesterday - And this was one of our chief subjects.
But with I am sorry that it ~~would be~~ is
impossible for us to give
a decisive answer today at such in-so
short notice/much haste as to sending
out 4 well-trained nurses, one of them
to be the head, under a
stranger Doctor to an
uncertain place-Would this party it

f176v

be for the Turkish or the
Greek side?
The D. Chronicle has
taken one of our best
Doctors from St Thomas'
& two under him of less
standing. And Nurses
have, as you know, been
sent out with neither ~~no~~ cohesion
or coherence.
I will write again
if you will allow me.

Mr Bayard is in London
you asked me.

F177 3 May 1897 letter to FN from Ld Wantage, 2 Carlton Gdns, thanks for her letter, re nurse selection, Eng Nat Aid not sending nurses or doctors at the moment. As you are aware, the Daily Chronicle has sent out three doctors on the Greek side, together with a party of nurses, and I am told that already there has arisen some difficulties with ref to the reception of medical officers from a foreign state. I am now in communic with our own Foreign Office and I hope to learn from them whether our ambassador at Const and our min at Athens are prepared to advise after consulting the Greek and Turkish authorities about aid from the Gr Red cross.

F179 May 8 1897 letter to FN from Elisabeth Scovil, Brighton, wants to see to say goodbye. "The preparation for motherhood" has at last come from Philadelphia and I send it with this. I am very glad you liked the little book of verses and trust the Sermon in the Hospital" reached you safely. I shall be in town about the 24th and again in June for the Jubilee. May I come then to say good bye? I aid in the Pavonia from Liverpool July 1st. I enclose a leaflet regarding the work of a small hosp for miners in Nova Scotia tat may interest you. The rector, Mr Wilson, is a most studied man. He has est beside the hosp a reading room for the men, dining room for the women w cooking school and a kindergarten. They are always glad of lit for the reading room.

F181 11 May 1897 letter to FN from Mrs R.S. Williams, 10 Hopper St. Utica NY, re "Florence Nightingale Home for Nurses" to be opened, asks for a letter from her. I take great pleasure in addressing you as one for whom I have great admiration and respect and after reading the enclosed slip I determined to tell you of the Home for Nurses in connection with a large hosp we have just erected in our city and named "The Florence Nightingale Home for Nurses." It is about to be opened and I can think of nothing we wd value more than a letter from ou to be read on the occasion, containing a great speech from ou and your signature. Will it be possible for you to send such a letter to me and I will see that it fills its mission. The last week in June is the time of the dedication. To this will be plenty of time

f183 typed copy of letter to Franklin letter omitted. May 14/97, 10 South St. Park Lane. W. Original owned by Miss Langley, original Columbia C-240 [10:794-95]

My very dear Sister Franklin. You cannot tell how glad I was

f185 May 16 [1897] letter of Alice M. Ruddock, Peshawar Punjab to FN on experience in India. FN asked to hear from her. You will be pleased to hear that I have come up to the same station as Miss Mills, it was so nice on my arrival to see a familiar face... St T. Our quarters here are really delightful so large and airy. I was told by a surgeon Major Johnson that they were built at your suggestion. The hosp is about 5 min. drive from the quarters & we go to and from in a gharry drawn by two bullocks for it is much too hot to walk. I find the work as you said I shd very different from work in a London hosp, at first it seemed so strange to have to train the orderlies, but I am getting used to it now and think in time shall like it. I find the soldiers very amusing. I went to see them receive the medals for the Chitral Exped, and one of them came up to me afterwards evidently thinking that I felt I was left out in the cold, "Well sister praps if you stays in the service long enough you mt git a medal to." They are so proud of them. The journey up for Bombay to Peshawar was a very hot and tiring one, 4 nights and 3

days in the terrain and as far up as Delhi I was the only white woman on the train. I had nearly read Lord Roberts' and found it most interesting to refer to as I passed all the different places. I shd have liked much to have stayed at Lahore, Delhi, Aligarh, Umballa, but I was able to pick out a lot of places. The Bridge of Boats at Mossterr..when I got to Rawal Pindi I found waiting at the station for me Miss Loch, Sister Cameron and Sister Barker. I had tea with them and then went on my journey. It was so nice to see somebody to talk to for a few mins. The library here is a very good one, so one is able to get some books now and again to read. Books she gave her is in circ. Heard from Nurse Franklin in Poona, they are v busy, but plague is certainly on the decrease. We shall prob be going up to Cherat when where we have to live in tents. We all go up in the hot weather. I fond the hold all which you gave me so useful, it took all my bedding coming up for my long railway journey.

F189 May 22 1897 letter to FN from Louisa Hogg, 43 Edwards Sq, Kens, W., printed Royal Naval Hosp, Haslar, Gosport. I go back on the aft of Thursday 27h so feel sure you cannot have a day now. I will let you know beforehand next time I am coming up for I wd have liked to have told you of our naval sisters going out in the hosp ship *Mealana* with the Bevin Exped. The first time they have been farther afield than Malta, though of course you have seen all about it in the papers.

f191 May 29 1897 letter to FN from Dr A. Worcester, Waltham, re Miss Macleod's return

ff193-94 May 30 1897 letter of Elisabeth R. Scovil to FN re her visits, Durham, Lincoln, Ripon Fountains. "It seems to me there is only one answer to your question: what can be done for the poor mothers? Patient, everlasting [?] personal effort and house to house teaching is the only means of reaching and really influencing them. It seems slow but so are the processes of nature. In time the leaven will leaven the whole lump.

My books grew out of my work for mothers of a better class and were written with a view to their needs. They do often want help almost as much as the very poor.

I know the Guy's Hosp leaflet and no doubt they are all good if the mothers would read them and put the directions in practice, but there is the rub, will they?

The advice of a nurse whom they know, and in whom they have confidence is much more likely to be followed.

I return to London on Tuesday and sail from Liverpool on July 1st.

May I say once again thank you for letting me see and know you? It is one of the happiest memories of all this happy year.

May God prosper all the work of your hands.

yours very gratefully

Elisabeth R. Scovil

dups:

f193 May 30 1897, letter to FN from Elisabeth Scovil, Durham re her kind note (missing). Your kind note was forwarded to me here. I cam to see the beautiful cathedral, having also seen Lincoln, Ripon and Fountains Abbey. It seems to me there is only one answer to our question-what can be done for the poor mothers? Patient, everlasting personal effort and hours and hours teaching is the only means of reaching them and really influencing them. It seems slow but so are the processes of nature. In time the leaven will leaven the whole lump. My books grow out of my work for mothers of a better class and were written with a view to their needs. They do often want help almost as much as the very poor. I know the Guy's Hosp leaflet and

Add Mss 45809

no doubt they are all good if the mothers wd read them and put the directions in practice, but there is the rub, will they? The advice of a nurse whom they know and in whom they have confidence is much more likely to be followed. I return to London on Tuesday and sail from Liverpool on July 1st. May I say once again thank you for letting me see and know you? It is one of the happiest memories of all this happy year. May God prosper all the work of your hands, yours very gratefully Elisabeth R. Scovil

ff195-96 Scovil again June 20 1897 from Portland Place W. Thank you very much for your kind note....I shd like if it were possible to talk over a book for district nurses with you. All that I wd say must have been said before. I have had to practise writing plain English for *my* mothers and I tried to teach my nurses in it, when I had them, so I have been kept from temptation to technicalities. It seems to me that our means of meeting the passing need amongst the very poor and these just above them in means would be the est at convenient centres of milk kitchens, something on the lines of soup kitchen, where *sterilized* milk for babies cd be obtained at a nominal price.

There is no use in telling a poor mother to feed her baby on mil when she cannot get it for love nor money, or if she can get it it has been exposed to many contaminating influences and is unsuitable for food for a baby.

I go to Brighton on Wed aft and sail from Liverpool July 1st. I shd like to talk to district nurses if they wd listen, but I shd have thought the field unoccupied.

F197 June 11 1897 letter to FN from E.M. Oldham, The Colon, Chalfont St Peters, your kind note was forwarded

ff199-203 Georgina Franklin long letter to FN from Cutch June 14 1897
another ff211-17 28 June 1897 [good letter]

f204 June 22 1897 letter to FN from E.B.G. Gray 23 Bloomsbury Sq embossed, what a view of procession. Seat perfect

f206 June 23 189 Kent and Canter letter to FN from A.M. Messum thanks for letter to us, asks to be allowed to read it to nurses

f207 June 24 1897 letter to FN from Florence A. Haig Brown, N Fund Tr School thanks for plants sent to school today, re party

ff208-10 June 25/97 letter to FN from Jane Berryman, Home, House, Blackheath, late matron County Hospital, Hants. I was very touched on reading our letter to us this year to find mention of "Sister Victoria." I was her *first* prob in the new St Thomas, on e of the first in te hospital and *the* first in Victoria. I entered the school in /71 and have worked on until the spring of this year, with scarcely a break, twenty-six years.

I know you will say What a blessing! Twenty six years of health & work! Indeed I look at it as just blessing. I did nurses duty 2 months, 2 less than made Sister Alexandria. I then went to Sunderland to open and nurse a new inst: which is now a large hospital. I stayed there 3 years, & then went to Poona. Before sailing I took a cert for monthly nursing, a diploma for midwifery, a cert for vaccination. While there I was obliged to go out to see a patient before the cool time of evening & got fever, which obliged me to return to England. In 1878 I was

appointed matron to the Hants County Hosp & remained there for the long period of 18 years. I hoped to have remained to work some years longer, but the board wished to make an alteration in the nursing staff that I knew wd not work & therefore declined to be one in a failure after years of successful work. I have had a long rest, nearly 4 months. I thought you might be interest in my work, for such of us know that you are acquainted with our movements while at St Thomas. If an appointment is open to a person of my age & experience I shd be very glad to take up work again. Mrs Wardroper was always thoughtful for me, but I have not her to appeal to now. .

f211 June 28 1897 letter to FN from Georgina Franklin re plague in India, I know how glad you will be hear that the plague in Cutch Mandire is practically at an end, and altho the return of the people to the city has been regarded with much anxiety, so far it has made but little difference to the daily return. The city said to be one mile square with a pop of 40,000 increased during the epidemic in Bombay and Kurachi to 60,000 in a fortified one, and ingress to it can only be effected thro the four gates which are strictly guarded. Suspicious cases or those of fever are immed segregated and this together with the search party work still going on ought to prove an efficient check, but when one sees the deplorable hovels to which these people are returning one's hopefulness becomes dimmed if not altogether obliterated. They simply herd together, numbers peopling one small room devoid of any ventilation other than the door, when open, which is rare, and a hole made in the roof by the search party. The city is absolutely without sanitation of any kind, and is infested with dogs, often in an advanced stage of disease. The law which makes the Hindu regard all animal life as sacred prevents him for killing these loathsome beasts. The houses even of the wealthy are packed so closely together, and the streets are so narrow that when driving slowly thro the other day we cd by each stretching out an arm touch the sides in some places, and our carriage several times had to be lifted round the corners, to pass another vehicle was a matter quite impossible and obstruction of this kind had to be backed out of our way. The soil here is almost entirely composed of sand and when the wind is high as it usually is off the sea, we come home smothered with it, our faces and hands resemble sandpaper as the moisture helps it to adhere. But the sand has its advantages for together with the sun it absorbs the foul water and renders the air--which at night is rather bad--less obnoxious and unwholesome. There is to be some attempt at san soon and Major Hyde Bates who has already done good service here is I believe to superintend it. One cannot even...result since these people are said to be a century behind those of Bombay and are utterly indifferent to and unbelieving in the benefits of a system of drainage they cannot understand and I am afraid will make but little use of. A very real benefit wd accrue from the place being razed to the ground, drained and rebuilt, the pop being thinned out to larger, better ventilated houses but I expect their love for a stuffy room wd still make them cover up any spot where fresh air cd be admitted. I shall never forget the first night of our entrance into the hosp when the temp at 9.30 pm stood at 90 Fahr. Every door was closed, also the widows and the odour rising from suppurating wounds and other sources of contamination was truly awful. I went round finding in my course a covered form which proved to be a corpse. That upon enq I elicited had been there already 2 hours. The doctor, a native upon the premises being even then in ignorance of the death. One wonders why everybody is not attacked by the plague. I suppose the salvation of many is due to the fact of their sleeping in the open air. Judging by the faces we see, smallpox must be a frequent visitor and of malarial fever there is no lack. Fistular acne too is very much in evidence as the result of dirt and neglect esp in ch whose heads look as if they had been smeared with black mud. However, cleanliness in person and habits is being strictly enforced and I hope that its

benefits will be recognized and that our absence will not mean lapsing back into the old ways. We have had to be very tactful as these people are like sheep; if one is frightened the whole lot run, and of surgery they stood in great awe. Now they vol bring us their friends and ch if they can boast the merest scratch and some days we have quite a large number of outpatients to say nothing of discharged cases who come back time after time to see how we are getting on. The two castes with whom we deal are the Bharas and the Khojoahs who represent the wealthy mercantile class but one cd not gather this from their appearance often filthy in the extreme. It is gauged only by the amount of silver represented in their ornaments which are very massive. Nearly all wear amulets or charms of some kind against disease and I was presented by a grateful patient the other day with a silver ring which bore a stone with the Hindustani equivalent for "prayer" upon it as a talisman! We may soon be leaving Mandire as yesterday's mail brought the news that Genl Patacre of the closure of many hosps and the consequent reduction of staff... [lots more, the men good to the ch]

f217 June 28 ps from Franklin

f218 June 27 1897 letter to FN from Edith M. Cooper N Home St T. thanks for sending flowers and jellies when ill

f220 June 27 1897 letter from Frances Hunt, The Hospital, Darlington. Re FN letter to us, thank you for your stimulating words. Often I have wanted to express to you my grat for the happy work wh you have made poss to so many of us. Self denial but happiness, now 11 years since came to this hosp, this year a ch ward with 12 added, had old soldiers in, your humble follower

ff222-25 [July 1897] letter to FN from Sydney Holland, re getting her help re an exhibition, re appt of Miss Smedley to St George's, had read that Queen had invited to see procession from Buckingham Palace, re a bill before Parl for reg of midwives, "and nurses" added

45814 ff226-29 letter to FN 7 July 1897, from Habana Hermana Mary Wilberforce, Ambulancia Militar de Enfermeria Hevidos ? much underlining

Dear Miss Nightingale, You are so interested in nursing all over the world that I thought I might tell you how I get on here. I received *a call for free service to the sick & wounded*, from the *Spanish authorities* and came out here on the 22nd May 1897. I am *attached to the 2 Military hospital* Alfonso the 13th which consists of a series of *sheds* tiled roofs, illeg shape, boarded floors shutters instead of windows. There are *two thousand 4 hundred* and eight sick & wounded *soldiers* in *this hospital* alone, they are nursed by the sisters of St Vincent de Paul, who have had no training, the nursing is of the crudest character but the sisters do their best.

There are none of the appliances or comforts to be found in hospitals at home or nursing on proper principles is very difficult where only *one trained nurse* in attendance. Spain is deep in debt and cannot afford to pay for efficient services therefore everything is more haphazard.

There is much *discontent* among the sick & wounded, arising mostly from the centralization & condensation of the sick troops on one depot where individual attention is impossible.

There is no provision for baths, no literature, no occupation for convalescents but I hope to be able to have *knitting materials* soon which will interest the sick, if you know any one willing to send *needles or cotton materials, with wooden needles to the sick & wounded* here any of the *Spanish steamers* will take such *free of charge* if marked with a *red cross*. I would be

grateful if you mentioned the want. The *death rate is appalling* and is swelled by *yellow* and other *fevers*, now and there is much misery on this island.

I was sorry to leave England at the time when is most prosperous and brightest epoch has been celebrated by duty called me to scenes of bloodshed and pain to a far off land and came. The poor insurgents live in the holes of the mountains and caves of the sea and no one knows how they are treated. They have no troops, *being ONLY islanders with grievances* (they do not meet the troops face to face but fire upon them from ambush. When they are taken prisoners they are brought to the prison in Habana and shot after a little time, this is cruel. Sometimes wounded insurgents are brought in; they are found to have been well dressed and bandaged by some doctors who live in the woods but of whose names the wounded know nothing, nor can these doctors be traced by the Spanish govt so that should the insurgents appear to have humane treatment close at hand and of a very mysterious character (they look starved and crushed). The heat here is torrid and with the scorpions and poisonous spiders & mosquitoes writing is difficult.

We are *short of everything*. I would be thankful for *some thin bandages* and oil'd silk. I wonder of the *Red Cross would help* to ameliorate the condition of the wounded here?

I think you are a member if not then Florence Nightingale can do anything she considers right for the sick and wounded.

The flora and plants here are very choice and luxuriant. With loving illeg. believe me, yours faithfully

Maud Mary Wilberforce (St Thomas')

f230 Sydney Holland, Rowfant, Crawley, Sussex. Will you allow us at the London to circulate amongst our nurses your charming letter to the nurses of the Nightingale Fund? It wd please me most if I mt add "I have been asked by the chairman of the London Hospital to allow this letter to my nurses trained under the Nightingale fund to be circulate d amongst the London Hosp nurses. I do so with pleasure and am glad to feel sure that all the London nurses are striving to live up to the high ideal aimed at for them by their matron." F.N. as some words like that. But I can well understand it if you prefer that your letter shd only be for your own nurses and if you feel that to spread it wider wd be to lessen its "personality."

F232 July 10 1897, letter to FN from M. Mitchell, Taunton re copy of photo sent to Salt Lake City from Claydon

f234 July 11 1897 260 Camberwell New Rd., letter to FN from sister Vousden re leaving England for NZ. I felt that I shd like to let you know that I am leaving England for New Zealand in the Ruahine next Thursday week the 22nd. You will I am sure be glad to know that I am feeling very much better for my holiday ..ready for work. I cannot thank God enough for raising me up friends to supply me with the means wherewith I cd take this much needed rest..

F236 July 16 [1897] letter to FN from Vousden thanks for seeing her before leaving will come Sunday [18th]

f239 Vousden, July 21 [1897] thanks for thanks for kindness, Bibles, book for Margaret Beveridge, gives NZ address, glad to have her letter to nurses

f241 Aug 6 1897 letter to FN from Kate Rider, Seascale, kind of her to listen to her troubles re

Add Mss 45809

Hospital in Smyrna, sends corr, she is returning to Smyrna

f242 pencil note

Confidential. Aug 10/97 [13:565]
Dear Miss Rider

I am so very, very
sorry about your troubles
at Smyrna.

It is of course impossible
for me to suggest any
course for you.

You must rely upon
the Consul to see you
righted.

The name, as you
know better than I, is a
well known one in the
consular world.

Add Mss 45809

f242v

God speed the right.
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

f243 pencil note

In memory of
our dear
Nurse Clemence
whom God took
by way of His cross
amid much suffering
to know Him in heaven
"And this is Life eternal that
they might know Thee &
/the only true God/
Jesus Christ whom Thou hast
Sent"
Florence Nightingale
August 18/97

f244 pencil note

Nurse Clemence
cut short in her good
nurse's life here, to pursue
a yet more useful, & glorious life
for usefulness in God's service hereafter
in nobleness glory
& we are told the angels
work for Him
but oh Nurse Clemence
we are sorry to lose you
this wreath & flowers are
humbly sent by
F. Nightingale
Aug 18/97

ff245-49 Aug 20 [1897] letter to FN from Helen A. Mills, Sisters Quarters Peshawar re frontier. I cannot help thinking that all these risings along the frontier must be interesting to you. And I do not believe I shall be very wrong in troubling you with a letter giving you a few particulars, as to the excitements going on all around us just at the present time. Of course the first thing was the Tochi rising, when poor Sister Browne's fiancé was killed, at least he died unfortunately simply because no one knew how to stop the acute hemorrhage which came from the gunshot wound he had recd. It was all most terribly sad for Sister Browne for she was to have been married in June. ...Q.A. Nursing Service. Relief of Chakara, Col Mickejohn was

Add Mss 45809

in a very tight place for some hours and wired urgently for help. However as you know all...base hosp for the Malkand and Tochi is at Ninshira. Sister murree from Umballa has gone there in command and Sister Barker who used to be at St T. was to have joined her. But Miss Loch recd a telegram saying Sister Barker was to go straight on up to the MalRam Fort. To nurse Major Lamb,....Sister Ruddock is still up at Chirat nursing enterics. Miss er, even tempered and unselfish. But neither of us much are about our deputy supt, different ideas

f250 pencil note

[printed address] 10, South Street
Park Lane, W.

May I presume to ~~take the~~
~~liberty of writing~~ to you
as Chairman of the "Home" Committee
of the Gordon Boys' Home
to ask you to be so very
good as to enquire into
the grounds of dismissal
of Sister Constable from
the post of Nurse to the
sick boys. The notice given
to her expires on Oct 18.

If upon enquiry you
find that the charge

f250v

made against her of
being absent without
leave was either based
upon a misunderstanding
on her part or otherwise
insufficient as the main
ground of dismissal
might it not be equitable
to grant her some
compensation after 9
years' service?

As a Nurse trained in
the "Nightingale Fund" School
at St. Thomas' Hospital

f251

& afterwards as Nurse
at the St. Marylebone
Infirmary I have known
her well & have always
considered her to be a

Add Mss 45809

strictly trustworthy & truthful
woman & an excellent
nurse.

Ant this is my excuse
for taking the liberty of
making this suggestion.

The notice expires on
October 18.

Add Mss 45809

f251v

Dear Sir George Higginson

[Wellcome misc Aug 28/97]

Just as I was about to
send the enclosed anent ~~about~~
Sister Constable, I
received your extremely
kind note of Aug 1,
& was much impressed
with your goodness in
remembering me &
offering to come & see
me on any matter which
I "desired to bring to your notice" "on any day next
week" that is the week
now ending.
It was so very kind of you

f252

2

I should have answered
it directly but I was & always am
under a rather severe
pressure of business & will health
If I could hope that your
kind offer still holds,
would it be possible
for you to make an
appointment to see
me any day after
Wednesday this next
week say at 5 or 5.30 p.m..
But I think this hour is
unreasonable on my part,
because it probably is

Add Mss 45809

f252v

too late for your return
home- I could make it
3.30 if that would suit
you better.

I am obliged to cry you
mercy for I am never
mistress of my own time
& am a prisoner to
my own room.

but I am most
thankful for the privilege
of having still so much
to do.

Excuse this rambling note.
end of vol

List of wards 1897: Ophthalmic, Alexandra, Eliz, Beatrice, Victoria, Charity, Christian, Albert,
Arthur, George, Adelaide, Edward, Leopold, Clayton

visits

Charlotte Macleod 1896 f54

Annie Allardice 1896? f60

Nurse Ruddock 1897 f126 f128

Georgina Franklin 1897 f134

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45815, microfilm, 223 folios, 59 pages, general correspondence 1897-99, Adam Mthew reel 39

F1 printed letterhead: The Nightingale Fund Training School for Nurses St Thomas's Hospital
Sept 2 1897 letter to FN from Ethel M. Hentage, St T. tr school re Miss Gordon sends list of changes of probationers in wards this month

f2 6 Sept [1897] Sept 6 [1897] year est letter to FN from Lilian F. Jenkin, Adelaide Ward with address of Miss Christie, asks for Gray's *Anatomy* as her book

f4 FN pencil note

Miss Christie
with/ of Florence Nightingales
the very best marriage wishes
though so sorry to lose her
Should Miss Christie be in
London again before she
settles will she give F.N.
a chance of seeing her
some afternoon?

f5 Sept 8 1897 letter to FN from Lilian Jenkins thanks for present of eggs, jelly and potted meat for patients

f7 Sept 12 1897 letter to FN from Lilian Jenkins Adelaide Ward thanks for eggs sent yesterday for ward, patients enjoy custards so much and like eggs beaten in their tea, nice change, reports on patient operated on

f9 Sep 13 1897 letter to FN from M. Haydon, nurse, corr Coniston, of Adelaide Ward thanks for nosegay on wedding day, hopes to see again

signed letter, f11, pencil

f11

Sept. 19/97
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. [12:503]
Dear Sister Ophthalmic
I send you Swanzy,
as you wished. But it
seems to be all about the
Diseases of Eyes- What
eyes ought *not* to do or to
be. One wants sometimes to
know what eyes *ought* to do
or to be.

Add Mss 45809

I wanted to ask you many
questions about your Ward,
but there was not time enough
One was, the 'dropping' 'drops'
into the eyes when ordered.
What the Ophthalmic Surgeon

f11v

or Physician does not do
himself, does the
Sister or Nurse or Probationer
do? do you have 12
Probationers a year?
12 Probrs who learn
'dropping' 'drops' &c? & how
do the others of the 45 Probrs?
learn 'dropping drops'

I shall be told no
doubt that there is not
time- to give a Class
to all the Probationers
on the Eye-

[end]

f12 Sept 22 1897 letter to FN from Augusta Roscorla, Walton nr Liverpool asks for advice on a difficulty of a friend

f14 Sept 24 1897 letter to FN from Effie M. Roberts, Monsall Hosp, Manchester, sends info, in a very poor district, describes condition of patients on arrival, "aseptic" nurses, disinfection. Printed Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester. I am afraid I have been a long time keeping my promise, but I did not want to write until I cd be quite sure of giving you a correct account of all the details of the work. Monsall is about 2 miles from Manchester, in a very poor district and there is no country within miles of the place. 'The hosp occupies a great deal of land and the grounds are well laid out, and well taken care of, so we have plenty of grass to refresh our sight in the hosp itself. We have 19 wards in all, and at present 17 are in working order, two are for enteric patients, one for diph, one for erysipelas, one for quesey [>] cases of all kinds, and the rest are devoted to scarlet fever. The number of patients varies very much, and this makes it difficult to arrange the nursing staff. In May the number of patients was 186, and at present we umber 377. I find now that we require more nurses than we have acc for, so the com are considering the advisability of bldg more rooms for the nurses. We have a staff at present of 73, including a night sister and ten day sisters. Nurse Dempster has joined me from St T. and is now sister of a female scarlet fever war. After th scarlet fever patients [lots of nice detail here re patients, when move....very little diph, only 2 tracheotomies. We train our probs for 2 years and the Monsall tr is thought so well of in this part of the world that the nurses are often able to get taken in nursing homes w/o general training. Certainly the standard is not so high as in London. I am hoping through the winter months to form a class for the probs as at present they get very little teaching. My time is a good deal interrupted, as altho I have no housekeeping, the home is a large one to superintend and the wards are so scattered.

Add Mss 45809

f19 Sept 24 1897 letter to FN from H.F. Geltsen, Nurses' Cooperation, Portland PI re Amy Hughes away for holiday, will answer her questions on another sheet and supplement, will visit to explain, FN's letter going to Miss Hughes; explains how nurses pay savings.

f20 Sept 26 1897 another Geltsen, re helping Miss Turton

f21 27 Sept 1897 Geltsen re report

f24 Sept 27 1897 letter to FN from M.A. Vousden, Christchurch NZ, arrived safely at end of voyage; Margaret Beveridge matron of Samaritan Home, pleased with book FN sent to her *The Hallowing of Work*; sends leaflet to FN

f26 30 Sept 1897 Geltsen, paid first visit to Maidstone where nearly 100 cases of typhoid, most seem very bad and majority are delirious, we have 50 of our nurses

f27 30 Sept 1897 Geltsen glad to answer the question wh have arisen. Re Turton,

f29 Oct 3 [1897] letter to FN from Alice Ruddock, Sisters Quarters Peshawar, re letter of Miss Mills to FN, busy, sent to nurse an officer with enteric, found 60-70 men with same thing and no proper accommodation for

ff33 10 Oct 1897 letter to FN from Florence N. Shore now training at Bloomsbury House for district work, asks to visit before leaving for post in country

f35 Nov 10 1897 letter to FN from Ella Pirrie, Deaconess Hosp Edinburgh, describes herself as an Irish friend of 10 years ago at Belfast Workhouse Inf, has written of FN influence in parish article, sends it

ff37-38 letter of John Simon to FN with envelope, noted book, no stamp, ink, frail hand

f37

40 Kensington Square W.

Saturday, 13th November, 1897

Dear Miss Nightingale,

With apologies for my intrusion, which let me hope you will excuse when I plead that I am 81 years old, may I take the liberty of begging you to do me the honor of accepting from me the copy which I herewith send of the new edition of my *English Sanitary Institutions*. I am well aware that it can give you no new knowledge in its main subject-matter; but incidentally it tells the story of what I have tried to do for the interests which you have so signally promoted; and, believe, me, it

Add Mss 45809

is with deep reverence for your devotion of life to the cause you have made your own, that I venture, in now preparing to leave the scene, to beg for a little place in your recollection.

My almost-blindness has obliged me to delay, till I could include in this note what I have to say on another subject, my very earnest thanks for the kindness with

f38

which you have acceded to my petition that my grand-niece (Jane Blake) might be admitted to the staff which is yours at my dear old hospital. I beg you to believe that I would not have recommended her to you, unless I had sincerely believed that she would devote herself dutifully to the work; and it is my earnest hope that when her year's probation is completed, she may be found not unworthy to fill a permanent place in the surgical service of the Hospital. If you still sometimes (as I hope) find yourself able to see those, or some of them, who are being educated under your influence, I would venture to beg you to let her be of the number, and that she may be enabled to carry on with through life the memory of one who will be her example.

Believe me, dear Miss Nightingale, with truer respect than my crippled handwriting can express, ever your faithful servant, John Simon

f39 FN pencil note on envelope addressed to her by John Simon,

Sir John Simon
his grandniece
Jane Blake our Probr

f40 16 Nov [1895] letter to FN from L.H. Whitley, Ophthalmic Ward, re book FN sent her, thanks

f42 Nov 16 [1897] letter to FN from Lilian Jenkin, Adelaide Ward, thanks for new ed of Hart and Barbour sent, reports on a sad case of puerperal septicemia in block and other patients

f44 Nov 30 1897 letter to FN from Florence Pepper, Devon and Exeter Hosp re beautiful

Add Mss 45809

picture given

f46 9 Dec 1897 letter of Florence N. Shore to FN thanks for handsome present, a clock, a kind words of comfort

ff48-50 letter to FN Dec 10 1897 from Charlotte Macleod, Waltham Mass. It is almost a year since I had the privilege and blessing of an hour with you. It has been a blessing too to our work.

Now I am asking for your prayers and blessing upon a new work and have had the honour of being asked to undertake. Through the interest of their excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen, district nursing is to be introduced into Canada. It is in honour of the queen's diamond jubilee, and will be called the Victorian Order of District Nursing. The Gov Genl and Lady Aberdeen have been strongly opposed esp by the medical men. Lady Aberdeen hearing of our work in Waltham came to see us. After talking with Dr Worcester she felt his spirit was needed in Canada to throw new light on the ...

Dr Worcester has given two weeks of his time and strength in convincing those men of the great benefit the district nurse wd be to the country and to themselves. He has returned victorious.

I have been chosen as chief supt to act provisionally our board having granted me three months leave of absence.

The greatness of the work is almost overwhelming, but we can only try it trusting for the blessing.

dear, dear Miss Nightingale please remember us and let me have any suggestions and advice you may feel like offering.

Trusting ...with loving appreciation for all you have done for me in my work

faithfully yours

Charlotte Macleod

f51- letter from Lady Aberdeen, printed Government House, December 13th 1897, Dear Miss Nightingale. I have long been meditating an appeal to you and I now come in full confidence that I shall not be rejected. You may have heard that an effort is being made in Canada *to establish a system of district nurses as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee*. [prob FN und]. It has been somewhat uphill work. There has been no district nursing as yet (illeg & an idea was spread about that we intended displacing the regular hospital trained nurses by an inferior type of nurse who would go out and do the same work at a lower fee. (A section of the medical men also bitterly offered the scheme in here in Ontario illeg a revolution condemning it as "a scheme fraught with danger to the country." The leading doctor of Montreal always supported us and now Dr Worcester of Waltham whom you know has carried on a splendid crusade for us and has converted the leading doctors of Ottawa & Toronto. Moreover he has persuaded the trustees of the Waltham Training School to send us Miss Macleod for three months from the beginning of January to organize the order. Dr Worcester has told Miss Macleod he has shown me your lovely letter to the Waltham nurses.

And I remember your letter to Lady Rosebery when the Jubilee Nurses were being started in Scotland--and please, may we in Canada have a letter from you yourself now too, giving us the benediction you alone can give.

If you can write me a few lines approving of our plan, illeg of its success & of the blessing it has been elsewhere, congratulating us on making our start under Miss Macleod & giving a illeg of encouragement & cheer to all the workers who are supporting it as well as to the Victorian

Add Mss 45809

nurses themselves you will be helping our cause here more than I can possibly express.

I enclose our *first pamphlet* giving our general outline a& also the *Provisional Constitution* now adopted and which we have forwarded as the basis for the *Royal Charter* for which we are petitioning.

We earnestly hope for your approval and I trust you will forgive me for thus intruding on you. I feel it to be so illeg an honour to be allowed to write to you at all. Believe me, yours sincerely,
Ishbel Aberdeen

f56 Dec 28 1897 letter to FN from Florence Haig Brown thanks for flowers for Xmas

f57 new Year's eve 1899 de Laney good wishes and God bless you

ff58-63 2 Feb 1898 [date out of order] FN comment. *Private*.

typed copy of signed letter, f64

f64 {arch: original owned by Miss Langley}

COPY

April 26/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

[10:796]

I hear that you are returned from India. I should be so glad to see you.

Could you come & see me at 5 to-morrow (Wednesday)? Or if that is impossible to you, I could perhaps make some other appointment in the afternoon - How long do you stay? **[end 10:796]**

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

typed copy of signed letter, f65

f65 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}

COPY

May 27/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

I shall be very glad to see you again.

Could you come to-morrow (Saturday) at 5?

I *could* see you on Sunday or Monday afternoon - but it being Whit Sunday & Whit Monday, everything is so crowded.

Very many thanks for your beautiful plate -

Yours affect.

(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE

f66 May 28 1898 letter to FN from Florence Nightingale Fleming, 280 North Lisgar St., Toronto, re FN printed letter to Lady Aberdeen in today's *World*, named after her, asks for

Add Mss 45809

autograph, age 16, describes family

typed copy of signed letter, f68

f68 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

May 30/98.
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Nurse Franklin

Could you kindly tell me what I meant to have asked you when I had the pleasure of seeing you here - what little thing that might be useful to you I might have the privilege of getting for you.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

f69 [arch May 1898?] after 9 Feb 1898 by FN letter to her; letter of Lilian Jenkin to FN from Swansea, Thank you very much for your very kind letter and for writing your name in my birthday book. I really have left the hospital now and I am feeling very sore and depressed. I shall be able to go there sometimes, but it will never be the same as it has been. Sometimes I feel that I shall not have the heart to go back again--you are so soon forgotten and your place filled up. I must make another place which will not be filled up so easily. I am so very glad that I may love and see you again. I am looking forward to my own home and living near London. I shall have plenty to do then. Thank you so much for saying you will send me Tennyson. I shall always value it very much. Thank you so much also for all your kindness to me since I have been in Adelaide. I am so very glad I have had the opportunity of knowing you. With kindest regards, believe me, yours very sincerely Lilian F. Jenkin

Typed copy of signed letter, f71

f71 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

June 10/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Miss Franklin

I am grieved at your disappointment - & still more at that of your dear Mother about Chesterfield. And I am afraid it is small comfort to you that I think Chesterfield a poor stupid place - India seems to me the great Divinely-appointed sphere (tho' many look on it as sheer banishment) of the present day.

But I do pray that you may find the appt. that which suits you -
And we know that

“perfect wisdom, perfect love

“Is working for the best.”

No: ‘not left entirely without guidance’ indeed -

Each is as much His care (as someone has said) as if there

Add Mss 45809

were no other on the earth.

I hope I shall hear from you -

& I hope I shall see you, when your plans are settled before
you leave.

Yours anxiously
(Sgd.) F.N.

f72 23 Aug 1898 Georgina Franklin letter to FN from St T

The time for the fulfillment of a promise to let you know as to my future movements in which you were kindly interested, has come. I have accepted an appt as sister in the Govt Hosp Hong Kong. A few weeks ago this was far from my thoughts but a letter from Miss McIntosh-- with whom I worked in India-- telling me of her promotion to the post of matron, and asking me to apply for the vacancy thus created, made me give it consideration. My applic, in view I suppose of recent work in the East, has been successful, and nothing but the necessary details for a speedy departure remain to be made. This will prob be about the last week in Sept. The post is one which offers everything I cd wish, except proximity to home, but there is compensation in the thought that the *actual nursing work* will still be mine.

Strangely enough, altho the distance is greater from what I can gather my friends will prefer it to a return to India, doubtless because they have heard me eulogize Miss McIntosh's work and worth. Under these circs I propose leaving St T. on Friday or Sat, for as soon as details are settled I must run down home. There is, I am told, full scope for work, which in view of recent acquirements territorially is not likely to decrease.

Typed copy of signed letter, f74

f74 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

Thursday, Aug. 25/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Thank you for telling me of your appointment as Sister in the Government Hospital, Hong Kong.

May all good angels attend you. You *have* Miss McInth.

I should be very sorry not to see you before your "leaving St. Thomas' on Friday or Saturday". You *must* be very busy - But, could you come here to see me at 5 or 5.30 or 6 *to-day*, or if not leaving till Saturday, to-morrow (Friday) at 5.

ever yours

(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

Add Mss 45809

Typed copy of signed letter, f75

f75 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

Aug. 25/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Is there anything that I could get for you that you would like to take out to your friend Miss McIntosh at Hong Kong?

Ever yours
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

Typed copy of signed letter, f76

f76 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

Aug. 26/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Miss Franklin

I return the prints you were so good as to let me see - very interesting.

And I beg to enclose 5 for you to choose a little (Nurse's) Surgical case -

If it costs more, it shall be paid.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

f77 handwritten note, Sept 14 1898 letter to FN from Georgina Franklin, has purchased instrument, with note owe her £1.14. The purchase of instruments which has afforded me such pleasure has at last been satisfactorily effected. The prices seemed high and tempted me at first to refrain from accepting your already munificent gift, but you expressed wish that I shd procure all I needed and the extracted promise to report any excess in the bill prevailed and I now stand fully equipped with the articles for which my nursing soul has often longed. All the instruments are of best quality and are fitted with "take off@ points to allow of their being thoroughly cleansed. They are placed in a metal, air-tight case such as are supplied to the Chinese Inland Missionaries and the (tropical) professions generally. The supplementary tools include thermometers with "internal markings" which will be a boon and are of the kind I suggested upon my last visit.

It has been my endeavour in choosing only to select such instruments as were actually necessary, or likely to minimize pain and under this category "Sims and Sphincter" forceps certainly find place. I trust I am not wearying you with details.

I shd gladly like to have engraved upon the case its kind donor's and my own name, but perhaps permission to have this done is too much to ask? The date of departure has been fixed for Oct 1st and I leave London on the SS "Shanghai" upon that day. You spoke of a little gift you wished to make to Miss McIntosh, if it has not already gone and you wd care for me to

Add Mss 45809

take it, it wd give me the utmost pleasure to do this small service. Believe me ever yours most gratefully.

F79 Sep 22 1898 Stoke Newington

Your kind letter with its enclosure has just reached me and calls for my warmest thanks. I will indeed let you know of my arrival in Hong Kong and I know that as upon a former occasion your prayers for a blessing upon the work will be mine. They will be *such* a help, altho I know that the little community which I am about to join holds some of earth's noblest workers. This though comforts me for the separation involved. I shall yet hope to be in touch with the soldiers, many of whom are stationed there, for we both, Miss McIntosh and I, have their welfare at heart. The little parcel I shall have much pleasure in conveying to her. Tomorrow I leave her but shall return prob on Wed...

f78v

Nurse Franklin
leaves for Hong Kong
on Oct 1

typed copy of signed letter, f81

f81 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}

COPY

Sept. 22/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Thank you very much for your letter. I hasten to send you the 1.14.- I owe you.

I will take advantage of your kind offer to send something by you to the Nurse at Hong Kong. It will be a great thing for her your arrival -

Let me hear from you when you arrive; pray.

Yours ever

(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE.

Add Mss 45809

Typed copy of signed letter, f82

f82 {arch: handwritten, original owned by Miss Langley}
COPY

Sept. 29/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Nurse Franklin

We thought that you might like to take some thing with you to Hong Kong - -perhaps give something to your friend Miss McIntosh the Matron of the Government civil Hospl. there - who worked at Poona with you.

I send a box of Eau de Cologne (which I am told is always welcome)

a case of Scissors and a needle-case.

I sent £1.14.0 due to you nearly a week ago - but have had no answer - so I don't know if you received it.

I pray earnestly for all blessings on you & your work - all the best blessings.

ever yours sincerely

in haste

(Sgd.) F. NIGHTINGALE

I hope to hear from you not only now but after your arrival.

F83 from Lilian (Jenkin) Wilson, St Winnows, Bromley, Kent Nov 5 1898 asks to see her again, has been married 5 months

f85 Jan 24 1899 from Mary R. Easton, Royal Hosp for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge, to "My dear Sister" has got appt as matron at Royal Berks Hosp Reading (nice letter and readable) competition for job, foundation of success in the Nightingale Home. My dear Sister. I thought I shd like to write and tell you that I have been fortunate enough to get the appt of matron and supt of nurses at the Royal Berks Hosp at Reading. I feel sure that whenever any of us obtains an appt in the face of general competition we must look back upon our days in the Nightingale Home as the foundation of our success. At any rate I speak for myself and shall never forget all the lessons of *thoroughness* and other virtues which were so emphatically taught. I remember the very first night I entered the Nightingale Home, before even I had put a cap upon my head, that you read somebody's speech at the opening of the medical session at one of the hospitals, the keynote was *thoroughness*, and you preached your own sermon from the text. It impressed me very much then and I have always remembered your words. Another thing that strikes one as years go on and we see more changes, is how *happy* were our prob days in spite of the strict discipline. I expect they are the best we ever shall see.

I go to Reading on the 16th Feb. Everyone speaks well of the hosp, which is a nice bldg containing 175 beds. It will be a pleasant place to live in, and not too far off from London. I hope you are very well and that you had a happy Christmas. I expect you will be glad when the winter is over. With love and many thanks for all the lessons you have taught us. Believe me,

Add Mss 45809

yr affectionate old probationer

from Margaret St Clair, f86 March 1 1899 Wilna in illeg, It is only now that I write my tardy thanks for your beautiful card which I have just recd, forwarded on to me from Dublin. I need not tell you how proud and pleased I was to receive it, and that all the more that I have left the army of workers of which you are general and chief. I do not know if you are aware that I had resigned my post in St Lawrence's House Dublin, a year ago, and that I have come to this country for good to live with an old and dear friend. I often accuse myself of having left the battlefield of a nurse's work w/o wounds and unharmed and still young; had it not been that a strong claim and duty drew me illeg. I had hoped to spend many happy years among the sick and poor of Dublin still. My godmother the old country illeg is building a hosp and outpatient dispensary (or rather what the Italians call an "ambulatorium" of which I have seen one or two fine models in Rome) and in the wards of this and we new hosp I hope to utilize the training I have recd in the Nightingale Home and in St Thomas' and that altho I have left off all outward badge of calling, I may still be of use as nurse and helper and follower of the noble precepts held before us in past years. Again thanking you dear and honoured Miss Nightingale for your kind thought of me, and wishing you many beautiful years to come. I remain, gratefully yours
Margaret St. Clair.

Unsigned draft, ff87-88, handwritten

f87

April 5/99 {printed address}
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Florence Nightingale begs
her sincere & hearty
thanks to the Master
& fellows of Balliol
College

April 7/99

FN.'s truest & warmest **[3:547]**
thanks to the M & F
for the copy of Mr. Jowett's
"Sermons, Biographical
& Miscellaneous" which
she is reading with the
deepest interest, so

f87v

original - that is, so like
him. It was/is given to few
to infuse *himself* without
a shadow of *self* into
the Word. It is that
which makes these so
impressive. There is
scarcely a 'stock phrase'
all through- (in the whole)

May it be given to
them to remodel many
of us - of course I speak
most of women, who are

f88

more after the same
pattern than men-
more afraid of stepping
out of the beaten path-
but less so far than
they were 30 years ago
This is owing partly to
the teaching of such as
he- Now a woman may
do (much more than before)
anything that is good
without fear of being
ostracized, especially by her
taboo'd

88v

own family - "A man's
foes", it has been said,
are those "of his own
household" - But a
woman's foes are far, far
more so

April 7/99
Whether we die with
Him - to stupidities
follies
unkindnesses
resentments

f89 Jan 20 1899,

Add Mss 45809

Unsigned letter, f91, pen

f91

June 2826/99

10 South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane, W.

Dear Lord Crewe

Would you think me
impertinent if I were I to
ask you to if you would
~~kindly become~~ act as a Trustee of the
"Nightingale Fund", in the
place of your Father
then Mr. Monckton Milnes
who was one of the original
Trustees.

The existing Trustees are
the Duke of Westminster
Mr. William Rathbone &
the present Earl of Pembroke

91v

In making such a request
it seems but proper to give
such information as
would put /make you au fait/cognizant
of the case & which has
been supplied me 'fresh'
by our valued secretary
Mr. Henry Bonham-Carter

f92 June 16 1899 letter to FN from Crewe, sincerest pleasure poss to become a trustee, esp
to succeed his father, unsigned note, f93 on back of above, pencil

f93

~~Deed~~

Have given my consent to
Public House Pleasley
To do what Cobb tells me
Parker's Life &

Letters of Sir Robert Peel
P Murray

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, f93v, pencil

{written slantwise on page}
Sisters of St.
Thomas-~~eh~~
characteristics
either shorter hours
for Nurses

Bloomsbury Sq.
{written horizontally}
see Mr. Bonham, MP
see Mr. Craven

{written slantwise}
Miss Hadden
assistant in the Edinburgh
Home
Oct 7

Supt of District House
Glasgow

f94 July 6 1899 letter to FN from Margaret Breay, for Matrons' Council of Gr Br and Ireland, passed recs re appreciation of her inspiring letter address to the nurses present at the International Congress of Women

f95 July 28 1899 letter to FN from Lily Quintard re Lady Aberdeen, tried to arrange meeting from 18 Tivoli Rd, Crouch End. About three weeks ago Lady Aberdeen tried to arrange with you that I shd call upon you and a date was set but illeg failed to reach me in time and I was disappointed how ..I cannot begin to tell you. I call upon you a few days later and was told that it wd be imposs to see you for four days and even then you cd not make any definite date but wd ... I shall only ... I feel that I am asking a great deal for I know what a sacrifice it must be to you to grant these interviews to strangers. To me will an interview no become inspiration and strength for the many illeg duties that will illeg .It was the strength of our work that helped me last summer when I took up the work of organizing the army hospital at illeg NY where we cared for 10,000 soldiers suffering from fever, then the effects of the Spanish Am war. I expect to visit Lady Aberdeen at Haddo House and she is most anxious that I shd see you before I go there. The address I have given will find me at any tie and I shall await any answer ..trusting that you will understand what an interview with you wd mean to me and will therefore pardon what seems any impertinence.

note on a calling card, f97, pencil

f97
seen her and
she has since sent
me roses

Add Mss 45809

{printed name} Mrs. L.W. Quintard

ff98-99 letter to FN from Ellen Ekblom 17 September [1899] from Låkaresenkilda Sjukhus, Helsingfors. [cited in warwolat]

My dear Miss Nightingale
I have seen your name
on the International Petition
to the Tsar and I am writing
to thank you most deeply for
this act of sympathy for our
unhappy country. I wish [yes]
you could realise how grateful
the people of Finland
are to those who like your
self exerted their influence
to help us in this crisis in
our history. One thing at

v
any rate is certain and that
is that if the youth of Finland
is to be dragged into the Russian
ranks from which there is
no chance of them ever
seeing home again dragged
into what is worse than
slavery, the whole civilized
world shall know of it.

I am glad to tell you that
the Probationers' home has
now been started and
getting on very well. We
have over 20 probationers,
and we try to run it
on English lines....

[13:494]

f99

I never shall forget the few
moments I spend with you
and I shall always feel
my meeting with you to have
been the episode of my life.
I have written in a Finnish
newspaper on your work
and nursing in England,
and I have also addressed
a meeting at Helsingfors
on the same subject.

[end 13:494]

yours very sincerely
Ellen Ekblom

f100 Oct 3 1899 letter to FN from Geltsen, The Nurses Co-operation, 8 New Cavendish St., Portland PI now have architects' plans for Nurses' Home, asks to show them to her and get opinion on one or 2 points re internal structure, re Lady Howard de Walden's gift of a site.

f101 9/10/99 German letter to FN from Frau Helene Stökl, Austria, Pfarrhaus, hard to read

f103 letter to FN from Florence Pepper, Stratford on Avon, good of you to write such a very kind letter (missing) upon my marriage, and also for you presenting a cheque of £2, which hope to buy something when come up to London, as a gift from you. The children are very nice and I do hope that they will like me. There is also a little grandson!, thanking you again, very very much, affectionately yours

unsigned letter, ff105-6, pen

f105

London Oct 27/99

[15:1023]

Dear Sir

I am so extremely happy
that you are going out
to South Africa as
Commissioner to for Aid
to the Sick & Wounded.
I envy you and I
envy them to have
such an able helper.
It is a sad & painful ~~ev~~
business. ~~But~~ & how much

f105v

of evil there ~~was~~ has been in it.
But how much of
good it has called
forth And I hope
nay we trust that
the Nurses & every one
will prove themselves
worthy of the great
opportunity afforded
them by God's ~~business~~ goodness
Each may be a good
Samaritan - Each may

f106

humbly & vigorously
& "leaning hard on God"
be a helper in His
work. What an honour
to be God's helper-
That honour you
have been chosen for- And
may they all rival
one another in the
same - That is a holy
rivalry
Col. J.S. Young

f106v

I wish I could go
but I am chained to
my room by illness
Nevertheless I *shall*
be with you all in
spirit.
Three cheers for you
wherever you go - They
will be hearty cheers
But they must strengthen
& not disturb the sick
Col Young

[end]

f107 Nov 20 1899 letter of J.S. Young, Nat Soc for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War, Cape Town, Parl House to FN that he had read out her letter, cd not ack before leaving. I have also felt that the words were of general applic for the enc of all workers in South Africa in the blessed work of aiding the sick and wounded. Feeling this strongly I ventured immed on arrival here in attending a meeting on 17th of the "Good Hope Society in Aid of the Sick and

Wounded" a numerous body, and read such portions as were of general applic, omitting the personal, proposed by Hon J. Rosehines member Legislative Assembly,, illeg and sec Lady de Villier, wife of chief justice Cape Colony, thank Miss N for the sentiments conveyed in her letter, shall be an incentive to the members of the Good Hope Soc to carry on the noble work [ref vol 5 part 4]

That this meeting of members of the Good Hope Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in the present war operations in South Africa, having heard read a letter addressed by Miss Florence Nightingale to Colonel Young, tender to Miss Nightingale their heartfelt appreciation of the sentiments conveyed in her letter, which they resolve shall be an incentive to the members of the Good Hope Society to carry on the noble work so splendidly founded by Miss Nightingale in her ever memorable efforts on behalf of the sick and wounded in the Crimean War 1854-6."

I also forward by this mail under separate cover 2 local papers giving a report of the proceedings at the meeting at which your letter was read and referring to a leading article to the assoc throughout South Africa which would follow your words of enc in the work of aiding the sick and wounded.

I do not offer that lines and the enclosures in any spirit of adulation but in a humble spirit of gratitude for the opp of spreading your words for the good of the higher aims. It is my earnest desire to follow in the work of aiding the sick and wounded in war however imperfectly I may succeed in following those aims. May God bless you and keep you in his loving care.

f109 Nov 22 [1899] M.A. Makins, 47 Charles St. Berkeley Sq, FN kind to her in old hospital days, wants to go to Cape to work for Red Cross, now too old. You were so VERY kind to me in my old hosp days, that I am vain enough to think you will be interested in knowing that I am going to the Cape on the 2nd to work for the Red Cross. I am too old, as you know, for a military or a reserve illeg but the society have asked me if I will go out and manage one of the convalescent hospitals for officers, on that lovely estate lent to the govt by Sir James Siveright [Sivewright]. Everyone seems to have a finger in the pie and we are to have *military* doctors and orderlies and a illeg of military and reserve nurses !! I saw one of the principal army medical yesterday. He said they were most anxious illeg the of this g this generous offer of Sir James by having a tent encampment on the grounds (15,000 men) and sending men there, not seriously ill or wounded, and filling valuable beds in the base hosp at W? I shall have too the housekeeping and general mgt for my house and have one reserve nurse take with me and shall take with me the little pocket case you so kindly gave me years ago and which I have always treasured. I illeg such an *inspiring* letter to the reserve nurses going out in the Princess of Wales's tomorrow. I know ill will be with us all in whatever capacity the work for the good of our dear soldiers. Do you know my husband has gone? St Thomas' is well represented. Please do not trouble

Add Mss 45809

unsigned note, f111, pencil

f111

{printed address} 10 South Street
Park Lane, W.
Francis Edwards
ask him to choose some
very nice books for prizes
for young men & women
& children -prizes for
Sports & prizes for plants
1st 2nd & 3rd prizes
pack them in a box & send them her
& me send them to lid not nailed
down
Mr. W.G. Morey
Claydon Ho:
Winslow
Bucks
Acct to me

f112 4 Aug [1899?] letter rom Ormsby House, Littlehampton

Unsigned note, f114, pen

f114

To Sir Raymond West
I am sorry to be unable to help you
as I so fain would about the
Grand Duchess of Baden's Girls' School
at Karlsruhe for your daughter.
My name was put down as a referee
several /many years ago -when the Grand
Duchess who is a gem of a woman
was able to look to her various
Institutions herself - She has since

f114v

had as you know so much trouble
& ill health that I doubt her being
able to continue this supervision- I
have heard nothing of the School for
years. I am grieved to be so
unsatisfactory & to you of all
friends.

Add Mss 45809

draft for a letter, ff115, pencil

f115 {arch: late 1890s}

To Miss Romly Wright rural
going into the cottages - making the cottage her
object lesson
not to send a Londoner to a *rural* audience or cottage
not to require a hospital training or the lectures of the
Dr. Pure

teaching how to do things without appliances
Monthly nursing for the poor - mother and infant suffer
terribly for the want of it
getting open windows deserves V.C.

Synopsis enclosed
asked for parcel of small "penny books" for rurals

cheap feeding cups, cushions (wedge) &c &c &c Over

f115v

accidents in *rural* district once a year
cottage always with them
1. do those who know *nothing* learn *practice*
from *demonstrations* on the "platform" either
in Cooking or Nursing?
2. do/are any of your nurses teaching in *rural*
districts, where are no mills, no collieries, no
railway "smashes" but what Railway men
themselves attend to - few accidents-
where drink, dirt, & diet are the main causes
of disease?

note, f116v, pencil

f116v

Parson Adams
What do they drink?
Recruits
Lager Beer
A.S.C.
Jäger socks

f117 list of names (poss for cards?-

Add Mss 45809

note, ff118-19v, pencil {arch late 1890s]

f118

I was much pleased to receive{?} &
~~acknowledge~~ his letter of ---
which shows so sympathetic an
interest in a subject, to which I
attach so much importance

quite recognize the
necessity of waiting till
these present troubles are
over before asking the
Med Executive local Officers to
undertake additional
work in this direction-
but that I had had [10:877-78]
an opportunity of seeing
Dr. Murdock on the
occasion of his visit to
England & had a good
deal of conversation with
him on Sanitary matters
of which he has great

f119v

[2]
experience- He has
also shown me the
pamphlets & leaflets
which I have read
with great interest
& they appear to me to be
excellent from a practical
point of view - &
distinctly superior to
any other Sanitary hand
books for India that I
Have seen.
Θ A Number them in the
order of merit

Add Mss 45809

118v [3 3 or 4]

I have selected a
few specimens which
I venture to send here
with as it appears to
be that it wd be very
beneficial if such
teaching cd be introduced
{the following phrase appears on f119 } in our Educational course
I have numbered them
one, two, three ~~sh~~ four
& ~~should like~~ will only
add a few words with
regard to each of them.
1. How to have healthy
villages

f119

H M Birdwood Esq
52 Stanhope Gardens
thoro personal knowledge
{written diagonally}
Mark of interest of the Head of the Dept.
& marginal note

note, f120, pencil

f120 {arch: late 1890s}
[2]

I propose to send,
besides a Series of The
"World's Workers",
"Jesus the Carpenter of
"Nazareth
3 stories by Hesba x Stretton
e.g. Cassy, Alone in London
Jessica's first Prayer
3 by Mrs. Ewing
e.g. Jackanapes
Story of a Short Life
Daddy Darwin
ALOE Indian Stories
"Mrs Blackett "
x Religious Tract Socy?
an abomination
in Indian ears
S.P.C.K.

Add Mss 45809

ditto

Add Mss 45809

note, f120-1, pencil

f120v

I have asked the
Christian Literature Socy
7 Adam St
also the name of some
sanitary book adapted
for *India*, as Dr. Murdock
published something of
the kind, *much better*
than the *grand* Sanitary
books for India written by us
It occurred to me that
if we could get up
correspondences of this

f121

sort with natives they might make
an opening for the
practical spread of
sanitary knowledge
among native Indian
village women, in
which we do not seem
to be advancing.

Is *Madanapalli*
a town or a District
or a village?
Mrs. Burder was
educated in Madras

f121v

My object in troubling
you is to ask for
any hints or information
But do not trouble
to answer, unless your
time leaves you some
kind of leisure

[end 10:878]

Add Mss 45809

initialed draft, f122, pencil

f122 {arch: late 1890s}

[2] 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane, W.

the risk of pauperizing
Nobody has ever
yet been pauperized
by pure fresh air
& by an abundance of
it. We can say
exactly the same of
pure water. If every
good & perfect gift
comes down from above,
pure water is one of these.
Shall we not

f122v

commemorate the
Queen's reign by
bringing from any
the purest source
available a Queen
Victoria river of
water absolutely
pure - of generous
abundance that
can never fail
to be for countless
ages a gift of health
& life to the capital

f123

of the Empire & its
immediate surroundings
& possibly all the
population between the
source of supply and
London

Is it possible to
imagine any greater
~~freedom to pleasure~~
for the Queen in her
closing years than to
know that her love
for her people had
been productive of such a boon as this?

123v

{written horizontally}
Supposing that the Queen gave
her assent, would such a
scheme as is here outlined be in your
opinion worth attempting?

will, f124, dark pencil {arch:: late 1890s} [1:127-28]

f124

Will
I recall or revoke the
legacy of £2000 to Mr.
Francis Galton because he
does not think it sufficient
for the purpose I wished
& proposes a small
Endowment for Research
which I believe will
only end in endowing
some Bacillus or Microbe
& do not wish
And I think to leave it in
the Will will only be a
worry to Mr. F. Galton after my death.

Add Mss 45809

note, ff125-26, dark pencil

f125

Appeal for *nightgowns* January 1900

Chief Military Medical
Officer at Cape Town
urgently asking that
nightgowns new or old
might be sent out to
the Military Hospitals
at the Cape & in Natal
as the Nurses found it
in many cases impossible
to put on pyjamas to
our poor wounded soldiers

"I have done my
little best in collecting
from my friends and in

f125v

"buying new ones - and
have sent a box to the
Pietermaritzburg Natal
Military Hospitals, as I
saw the soldiers there
had neither pyjamas
nor night gowns &
had to wear Ns

[end]

f127 Feb 25 1900 letter to FN from Grace Ramsden, St Marylebone Inf thanks for kind message sent via Miss Vincent

draft, f127v, pencil, pub in A.A. Gordon, *Edinburgh and East of Scotland Hospital for South Africa*. Blackwood 1900 p 26. (A.H. Gordon?)

f127v {arch:: 8-9 Mar 1900}

Dear Lord Provost

{text intertwined and meaning difficult to extract}

~~I cannot refrain~~ at this
time, overwhelmed as it
is with interest, when too
you are/is sending from

~~I cannot refrain~~ at this
time, so fraught as you {illeg you?}
this are with interest, /but not overwhelmed when too

Add Mss 45809

you are/is sending from

Edinburgh a Hospital to
the War with a Nursing
Staff of Infirmary Nurses

I cannot refrain from
expressing how happy we are/I am
that you are carrying out
such a plan & how
~~confident~~ full of trust that it will
not disappoint you.
You have my/ our
deepest

Add Mss 45809

{shd be f129 but ff incorrectly numbered--this one given no number}

sympathy & prayers
for ~~God's~~ the blessing of God
And He *will* bless you-
Yours faithfully
ever
FN
The Lord Provost
of Edinburgh

note, f128, dark pencil

f128 {printed address} 10 South Street
Park Lane W.
The Irrigation Works of
India & their
financial results
by Robert Buckley
Allen
Waterloo Place
1880

ff129-30 April 1 1900. Shuter, City of Dublin Hosp, Upper Baggot St. It is a long time since I wrote to you, but have been waiting until I could report that I had accomplished what you told me I must. Three years ago you were kind enough to bid me come and see you just before I left St Thomas' Hosp, to take up my duty here. And your last words to me were "You must get rid of that woman over the way." I have got rid of her.

You will perhaps remember that this hosp was nursed by probs trained for *one* year for an inst which is a liability Co. Also that our charge nurses were *always* taken from the said inst, the directors of which nominated *one* name and sent it to this board on the day of their meeting, the nurse nominated (she having been private nursing for the last 7 or 8 years) was elected, w/o any ref to the lady supt whatever. By degrees, step by step, all that has been changed and at last the final step has been taken. We severed all connection with the inst on Feb 1st last. I select all cands and those selected by me come on duty for one month's trial, and if they prove suitable, I send their names up for election to the nursing com. We have arranged two find temporary dorms with curtained cubicles, which will answer very well indeed until the new nursing home is built on a large piece of ground adjoining and belonging to the hosp. The directors hope that the queen will be gracious enough to lay the foundation stone during her visit to Dublin. I do so hope this will be managed. I am glad to say I am very happy here, in spite of the many trials I have gone through, for the progress has been marvelous. I often wonder can this really be the same place. I have always kept your words in my mind, for they have helped me more than I can tell you, for at first it looked to me an impossible task, but I always felt that *you* knew it cd be done. I looked forward to 10 years as a possible limit, but it has been done in 3. I have now got to work for the Nightingale standard of proficiency, and trust my nurses may not be too far behind./I hope you will not mind my writing at this length, but I know you are always interest in your old nurses' work, so that reason, and that

Add Mss 45809

you gave me a task to accomplish, must be my excuse to you. I trust you are well, with kindest regards, yours very sincerely,

f131 Ap 10 1900 letter to FN from Constance Agg of St thanks for note and cheque, proud to be one of your nurses, proud to share in nursing in S Africa. I will certainly write to let you know where I am and what work I am doing. I feel truly grateful that I am privileged to share in the nursing in S. Africa and feel proud that I am one of your nurses.

F133 April 10 1900 letter to FN from Maude Goodhue, Clayton Ward St T. thanks for present, buying instruments which shall require in Africa, sailing on 14th from Southampton, by the *Canada*, will write from S Af

signed letter, ff135-36, dark pencil

f135

Private May, 9/1900
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane, W.

Dear Madam.

There can. be but one **[13:694]**
answer to your question:
an annual 3 weeks' [db und]
holiday, instead of 2 weeks, [db und]
is quite necessary for
Workhouse Infirmary Nurses.

But there are things
which are not touched
upon in your letter:- are
these nurses *day* or night
nurses - or are they sometimes

ff135v-36

day, & sometimes night.

What is the youngest
age at which they become C.R. [C.A.] Nightingale
nurses? have they
regular daily out of doors
exercise? have they
a garden? What kind of number is that of the
Patients? & what the average of those who
require night attendance?
(this is generally a lower
average in Workhouse
Infirmaries than in Hospitals)

&c &c &c

[end 13:694]

Yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

f137 May 12 1900, letter congrats on

note written on envelope, f139, pencil

f139

very nice congrats
from a working man
on my 80th birthday
[in hand of working man who wrote the letter]
Miss Florence Nightingale,
South Street
Park Lane
London

f140 12 May 1900 copy of letter acc book with 500 names of Nightingale nurses

note, ff141-2, pencil

f142

This wreath is sent in
memory of a good,
10, South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane, W.
we may say a great man,
for greatness does not
consist in the post or rank
in which we are placed
but in the way in which we
fulfil/carry out its duties & in our
nearness to God in fulfilling/doing so

them - And

Mr. Robert Wildgoose
a the village Schoolmaster of Lea &
afterwards agent to Mr. Nightingale fulfilled
these conditions of greatness
first in Lea & afterwards
in Matlock: This wreath

f141v

is sent by one who knew
him. Florence Nightingale
May 1900

f142

May. 1900.
Robert Wildgoose
Inscription
Funeral Wreath

f143 12 June 1900 letter in German to FN from Hermine Ludwig for German women Preuss

f145 June 10 1900 letter to FN from Marion Dashwood, Newland, Radlett nr St Albans asked by missionary in Japan to find out about her for nurses of Japan with whom she is working, hoping to start a branch of the nurses' union, has her nurses' letter. I have lately been asked by a missionary in Japan to find out a little about you for the nurses of Japan, among whom she is working, and for whom she is hoping to start a branch of the Nurses' union. I wrote to one of my members, a nurse at St Thomas' Hosp, who has very kindly sent me a copy of your beautiful letter to the nurses there. I now venture to write and ask you if I may use this letter and reproduce it in our nurses' union quarterly letters (of which I send you specimens) I feel I shd like every nurse I can reach to read what you say of nursing and of course anything from your pen will carry far greater weight than anything I or others cd write. I hope you will not think me very bold in writing to you, but I felt our union has just the aim you write of for its existence. To try and get all nurses to work for Christ and do and be the very best for Him and those for whom He died--you will see by the enclosed that it is not a professional but a spiritual union.

F147 7 Aug 1900 letter to FN from Isabel Eames, Buenos Aires, Hospital Ingles, nurses want a copy of her letter. Am leaving here soon, the difficulties are so great and so unnecessary that I feel I am getting old; Mrs Jones, whom FN saw is coming home August.

F149 8 Sept 1900. Your long letter with its words of cheer and encouragement came at a time when *more* than one's physical cond was at a low ebb, and so proved doubly welcome in spurring me on to fresh will and endeavour, and the tardy thanks are out of all proportion to their heartiness./Just then your words about home nursing seemed curiously appropriate for at the request of some ladies here I had been giving a series of "talks" to a class of Chinese, Eurasian, Portuguese and English girls, all of whom, while possessing a knowledge of fevers and some tropical complaints that wd have been creditable to their elders, seemed hopelessly ignorant of the elementary yet more important points. That a sore throat mt be induced and

that certainly the air of a bedroom wd be contaminated by an uncovered urinary receptacle in it came as news to them, while their surprise was still grater when the need for *washing* fever and other patients was discussed./To wash a patient *all over* after a temp of 104° or 108° was to give him his "death cold" until practical illustration revealed how washing him "piecemeal" reduced this danger to a minimum!./And to end by cleaning his teeth was waste of time until its bearing upon digestion and comfort was revealed. So on we went through bed plaster, and poultice making and all the other details of nursing until teacher and taught alike were amazed to find that one and a half instead of an hour had passed, so interested had we become. The classes too grew and from a batch of girls ranging p to 20 as a nucleus, we ended with several married women and a grey-haired old lady of 70, wh was as keen as the youngest member./Questions put from time to time gave evidence of retentive memories and one can only hope that these practical hints will bear fruit when the need arises./Apart from the extra work entailed by the loan of 2 sisters to the naval authorities at Wei-hai-wei, we have been exceptionally busy, the hosp even now being over filled./I had this week 9 men off French gunboats with acute dysentery or its sequence, hepatitis mischief, and now that I am on night duty with 150 cases to care for I find many Indians suffering from the same disease. What a terrible thing it is, so much pain, fever and a total lack of rest until treatment begins to assert itself! Would you believe that in a station the size of Hong Kong, there are neither mil nor naval sisters, and it was only by the remainder doing extra duty in the hottest summer months that two were spared from this hosp to tend the wounded. I wanted to go very much, but selection went by seniority and I am only 5th on that list. News from St T. lately has been so scarce that the call of a man trained there bore double interest, esp as he had married Sister Edward, Miss Maclure, whom I also knew. He was on his way to Pekin from India but finally was diverted to shanghai. Once more thanking you for that frequently read letter.

Add Mss 45809

signed letter, ff152v-3, pen

f153

Copy Dec 4 1900

Dear Miss Walker

With great regret I

find myself obliged

by circumstances to

give notice to Nurse

Sutcliffe I have no complaint

to make but quite the

contrary- I have a

real pain at my heart

at parting with her

My poverty & not

My will consents"

I am compelled to

retrench. {arrow from bottom of page}

I hope I may keep Nurse

Sutcliffe till Saturday

Yours faithfully

wishing all success to

yourself & Nurse Sutcliffe

Florence Nightingale

Miss Walker

Add Mss 45809

note, pencil

f153v

Give *Nurse X* notice

Alice wait in lieu of

Ellen when away

- raise to £25

(from £21)

Nelly sleep in Dressing

room

raise to £18 from

£17

have I got

to send in the notice

to Miss Walker?

{written vertically} Dec 4

Nov 30 x

X 12 days notice

xDec 48-16

f153v

Retrenchmen Nov 28/30/1900

10 South Street, {Printed address}

Park Lane, W.

Messenger - not 1/10 so

much to do

Nurse - Night - Talking

Lighting fire

Cook knows nothing about

nursing

(2 meals a day")

Birds - [I Won't illeg]

Paper

Grapes Bananas

Mr Bonham Carter

f158 Jan 19 1901 letter to FN from Jessie Boyd Carpenter now Davies, embossed Bedford Hotel, Brighton, re her letter recd on wedding day forwarded from Ripon, regrets leaving nursing. Your letter was a great joy to me to receive on my wedding day, for it was forwarded on to me from Ripon, and I do thank you beyond words for all your very kind and tender expressions on my behalf. Your letter will be much treasured and cherished by me always and your kind wishes expressed therein will be ever much valued also. Let me assure you that it is not w/o many fond regrets that I have taken farewell of my nursing career, which has almost w/o exception been a truly happy one. Thanking you once more for your kind letters. Jessie P. Davies

f159 Dec 12 1900 letter to FN from Mabel M. Barward, nurse Hamilton, On saw her last

Add Mss 45809

August on a Sunday afternoon, will always stand out as bright spot in her memory

unsigned note, f160, pencil

f160

With regard to Lea Hurst June 13 1901

10, South Street {printed address}

Mr. Yeoman's death Park Lane, W.

A letter from R. Limb,

asking if I mean to continue

his money allowance &

to whom he is to apply for

the money

Limb (Robert)) For these 3

Mrs. Holmes) I pay 1/ a month

) into P.O. Savings

Mrs. Amatt) Bank

Meat

Milk

f162 Oct 31 1902 letter to FN from Dorothea M. Oldham, Hosp for Epilepsy and Paralysis Maida Vale, kind to take interest in work, was supt of rural branch of Queen's Inst, now nom to be on midwives bd, letting her know where she has gone as asked...Among my most treasured memories are my visits to you and your most kindly and ever helpful advice with regard to the treatment of our mothers and these babies, advice which will be as helpful in the future I am sure as it has been in the past. I am troubling you with this letter because you so very kindly asked me to let you hear of me and my work after I left the Rural Branch. I have remained a matron of this hosp ever since and am now having the great pleasure of starting it all in our new and beautiful hosp in the Maid Vale Rd.

f163 Jan 6 1903 House, Ockley, from Ulrike Linicke. So many years have passed since you saw m or heard from me that I can hardly hope you will remember me but I cannot leave England for good w/o reporting myself to you, our revered chief and saying my little, such as it is, is done. When I saw you last, nearly 22 years ago, just before undertaking the suptce of the Royal Hosp for Incurables at Putney, I had to thank you for your kind and all powerful recom to an hon and arduous post . Now I can only say I have tried to do my best to uphold the honour of a Nightingale Home and in laying down my work have met with so much appreciation that I feel humbled and would lay most of the praise where it is due, to your help, advice and training, and thank you once more, as I have constantly done in my heart, for what you have been and done for your nurses, and all in nursing work in general. With best wishes, I am, dear Miss N, yrs very sincerely

f165 Feb 6 1904 136 Erie Av Hamilton On letter to FN from Fanny McEvoy née Wilde, 136 Erie Ave, Hamilton On, from ex St T. nurse of 1860 (long letter)

Please excuse the liberty I take in addressing you, but I was trained under your supervision in old St T. Hosp. London, Eng, in 1860. 1 and 2 the 9th of July 1860 being the day fixed for admission, all punctually arrived by 4 pm. We were assembled in the upper wing of the

hospital, Mrs Wardroper the matron and Mr Whitfield the res med officer were present. We were shown the dormitories, which we all thought very comfortable, and we decided to try our best and learn all we cd so as to be a credit to our principal Miss Florence Nightingale, and those in authority over us. Fifteen probs were admitted, one was dismissed from ill health, and two were appointed extra nurses in the hosp, the remainder completed their year's course on 24 June. Eleven probs were placed on the register as certificated nurses, 7 in the first class and 4 in the second, the names were as follows

Mary Barker; Jane Eliz Couchman/Annie Lees/Fanny Wilde (myself) Charlotte Nixon/Harriet Parker/Georgina Pike 1st class; Mary Ann Philips/ Caroline Stone, Emma Whitlock, Emily Meadows 2nd class. I don't know if this will prove it interesting to you now, being a matter of the past, however, I, Fanny Wilde, completed my two years and recd my first class cert with £5 in gold. I married in 1863, but cont nursing in private families. Shortly after we left Eng for Canada, where for years I have followed my profession, chiefly in private families, I often look back with pleasure on the happy days I sent as prob and the careful training I recd in dear old St T. Hosp, and I never can forget the sacrifices made by that bright angel who soothed many a dying soul surely it must cheer you now in later years when all your toil is done. I remember my brother telling how sick he was in the hosp at Scutari and his mouth was burnt with fever, how you put a few peppermint drops in his hand, how glad he was, and how he blest you that night. He is living yet and often speaks of those times, and I have a small tea pot and sugar bowl that you sent to the two nurses that were on night duty, thinking that a cup of tea wd refresh them, and I wd never part with them while I live. I am now 73 I don't nurse now, am happily married, and I often look back on old nursing times, both at home and abroad, I often hear your name mentioned in the papers and in the churches. What a grand and useful life yours has been. May God bless you and keep you in health and bring you safe to His everlasting home where I hope to meet you again, when all my toil is done. How glad I wd be to hear from you, just a few lines acking my letter and to say you are not displeased at the liberty I have taken...with grateful remembrances, I remain yours affectionately Fanny McEvoy

f166 Oct 23 1904 letter to FN from Fanny Lovesey (later Wilson), 26 Circus Wood, St John's Wood, to mother chief, must be one of oldest of her probationers, entered 1862 and worked in hospitals nearly 40 years, was lady supt Stafford Inf and matron Gen Hosp Birmingham, noted as acknowledged. Dear Miss Nightingale or may I be allowed to call you dear Mother-chief. I am so proud to be called one of your children and now I must be one of, it not quite the oldest of your probs. I entered St T. Hosp early in 1862 and have worked in hosps nearly 40 years, 8 years a lady supt Stafford Infirmary, also 8 years matron of the Gen Hosp, Birm, and now I have to keep my room. My father ...father and mother, little fortune wd have kept me unfort just after my work was done, but much to be thankful for my dear da and only child brought up and educate. Congrats on jubilee, Fanny Lovesey (Wilson)

f168 Feb 17 1907 letter of Dr Alfred Worcester, Waltham MA to FN thanks for help she gave 12 years ago and help to supt Charlotte Macleod re tr school, and seeing her

f170 carbon of Bosanquet letter for FN

March 2 1907
Dear Sir
I write to convey Miss

Add Mss 45809

Nightingale's cordial thanks
to you for your letter which
gratified her very much,
especially your warm
appreciation of Miss
Pringle-

Miss Nightingale hopes
that when you come to

f171v

England again you will let
her know & if well enough
she would hope to have the
pleasure of seeing you.

She is quite as well as usual
I am glad to say & still enjoying
being read to several hours a
day. She was much interested
in your address & will like to
hear it again.

Miss Nightingale hopes you...
& sends her best wishes for the
future of the Waltham Training School.

yrs faithfully

Elizth F. Bosanquet.

sec

Dr Alfred Worcester

f172 Dec 10 1907 letter of Eliz Bosanquet to Mr Nightingale asking him to answer letter to her re emperor's bouquet

f174 Dec 21 1907 letter to FN from Nanette G. Strangman, St Thomas's Nursing Home, 8 Via Dante de Castiglione, Florence re honour conferred on her by our king, congratulates, old St T. sister, re her visit when became sister of children's ward (Victoria) and 1897 and kindness to her patients. It may interest you to hear that I have just opened a "medical and surgical home" here in Florence with a friend, which we have named the "St Thomas' Nursing Home."

F176 July 23 1909 letter to Miss Bosanquet from H. Hamilton, St T; home sister has asked me to send the enclosed to you; Baroness Mannerheim, trained here, asks to have FN sign her name or initials to be presented to Dowager Empress of Russia

f178 July 28 1909 letter to Miss Hibbard from Bosanquet for FN, presented lace mantilla by Eliz Bosanquet from nurses in Cuba, "I much regret that Miss N's great age and infirm health prevent her from sending a personal message"

f179 13 May 1910 note of Dr Robertson to FN with thanks for gracious help FN gave to Canada, Dr Robertson

Add Mss 45809

f180 calling card of Mr Gifford Pinchot, 1645 Rhode Island Avenue. Called with [illeg] May 10, 1910

and card of Dr Robertson, Macdonald College, PQ, called May 10, 1910. Saw F.N. in connection with starting of Canadian nursing. Connected with VON.

Typed note by Rosalind Nash of an interview with Mary Farr, Add Mss 45815 f182

25 January 1912

I saw Miss N. once. She came to our house to see my father at some time between her return from the Crimea and 1859. I remember the tall slight figure in a moiré silk dress, and, if I remember right, a black lace shawl. I was struck by her beautifully poised head and graceful carriage. A few words at the end of her talk with my father remained in my memory. My father said: "Well, if you do it, you will make yourself enemies," and she drew herself up and answered "After what I've seen, I can fire my own guns."

f183 Notes from John Martin 1857 from Mme Mohl, re FN and Balmoral visit

March 20/12

Dear Madam

I have now been able to look

f191 letter of W Bowman [1892], no year

North End

Dec 24

My dear Miss Nightingale

We shall all like to think our very *few* flowers, but our best, are on your table tomorrow, if only in remembrance of last Xs day when I last had the pleasure of a little chat with you. You have since been very often in my thoughts though I could not illeg illeg with illeg saying

Add Mss 45809

v

you have at all times
you can command my
poor services on your
subcommittee--but I
hope--how sincerely--that
in spite of illeg you
will be more & more able
to superintend & arrange
everything--with every
good wish from all here
yrs most truly
W. Bowman

f189 Dear Sir re *Times* letter for info re FN, note f188 K. Philippa Large

Dear Sir, I notice in the *Times* a letter from you asking for info pertaining to the life of the late Miss Florence Nightingale. Not only from my personal acquaintance with Miss Nightingale, but as a 'Nightingale nurse' it has been my privilege to frequently come in contact with sidelights in her character showing her wonderful grip of detail, her unfailing kindness and her keen sense of humour in so many ways that I shd be glad if my knowledge of her were a means of others also gaining glimpses of the private side of her character naturally unknown to the public.

The Nightingale Home in connection with St Thomas' Hospital was built and founded at the request of Miss Nightingale with the money collected by the nation in recognition of her services during the Crimean War.

This Home trains 36 nurses annually, and during her probationership each nurse has monthly to write a report of one day's work in the wards. This task was looked upon by many of us with considerable dread, for a rumour was current in the Home that our literary efforts were handed over to 'our chief,' Miss Nightingale, that she might criticize and judge the individual capabilities of her fledgling nurses.

I well remember one day coming off duty at 8 p.m. fagged, footsore and weary. On entering the Home the sister in charge informed me my report must be written that night (we never knew beforehand on which day this sword of Damocles would fall upon us). So, after a hurried supper I commenced jotting down the day's work--one of the rules was that everything we had done in the wards must be entered--a combination of truthfulness and temper resulted in the following paragraph:

8.15 a.m. Toothcombed seven heads, had grant sport, mixed bag measured one teaspoonful, cleanliness is next to godliness!

Years afterwards when the fear and respect of an unknown ideal had evolved into the affection of friendship, Miss Nightingale and I had a hearty laugh at the expense of the cheeky probationer's description of her sport in hospital coverts.

Two or three times a year Miss Nightingale would send to the Home for one of the probationers to go and have tea with her at her house near Park Lane. This was an event eagerly looked forward to. We never knew who chose the lucky ones out of the 36 embryo nurses. Possibly the choice was left to the sister in charge, probably the probationer least occupied was the one selected, or it may have been that Miss Nightingale herself chose the favoured one from those monthly reports! and yet I scarcely think this can have been the case

for the lot fell to me once.

Carefully dressed in my best garments, I was just starting when one of the nurses rushed up to me exclaiming "Miss Nightingale always gives the probationer who has tea with her a cake, and the size of the cake varies according to the poverty or otherwise of the nurse's dress." So I hurried upstairs, exchanged my best coat for one that had done country service for many years, and came home from my tea party the proud possessor of a cake so large that it went the round of the 36 probationers.

This little episode also caused Miss Nightingale much amusement when she heard of it years afterwards.

Not only her memory in matters of detail, but her thoughtfulness for others in the most trivial matters was remarkable. She selected me to work for the National Aid Society during the 85/ campaign in Egypt. I was then "sister" of one of the surgical wards at King's College Hospital.

Post next day came a letter from Claydon, *such* a home welcome! It was worth all the heat and glare of a Soudan summer, all the absence of water and presence of insects, and the hundred and one other uncomfortable things that flesh is heir to during similar circumstances to get such a letter of welcome as that. It ended up with "make South Street your headquarters till your work is finished (there was much more detail in connection with the N.A. Society to see to before I could leave London) and then come tome at Claydon.

So after two weeks work in London I went to Claydon and there during a month's rest and quiet in one of the most homelike and restful of England's beautiful country houses I learned to know and understand Miss Nightingale, to realize what the friendship of a character like hers means.

To quote Emerson "the essence of friendship is tenderness and trust." Surely no words better describe our chief than these.

Believe me, dear Sir
yours faithfully, K. Philipa Large

note, f192, pencil JS hand

f192

every one who has read your
~~ms~~ paper on the Sanitary
state of India must acknowledge
the value, and I for one
consider that it would be
most advantageous for the
Government to issue them covers
only, as there is much
that need not now be said
and certain principles are
now recognized which were
formerly disputed, you will
as it appears to me require to
condense & systematize
the matter in the various
publications. If this were

Add Mss 45809

done, you would produce
a book of the high value on

f192v

the entire Indian subject

f193 black-edged env in FN hand, pencil

Dr. Forsyth
Oriental Club
Halkin Villa
Queen's Road
Richmond

Add Mss 45809

note, f194, pencil JS hand

f194

Mrs. Greene's certificates and your letter are amply sufficient to show that the family are considering themselves respectably, but if an application would be made to her Majesty it would be necessary I apprehend to show that the children had such talent as to justify the cost of their education as musicians. I merely send in this hint in order to improve the ~~positing~~ position of the case.

I am so ill as to be unable to take charge of the petition; Perhaps the best channel would be through the G.O.C. if he will consent to act.

Add Mss 45809

note, f195, pencil {arch: to Hewlett}

f195

My dear Sir I think I am grieved as much as
you are Your name will live in the work you have **[10:225]**
done - I
n the hearts of the people - & of all
those who know what a pioneer ~~you~~ they have in
you-
the discoverer of America Gordon
Columbus - America
Your work is not a failure
It is theirs the Govt's work that is a failure
But we cannot be saved by Depts
Depts are not the way to the kingdom of heaven either
here or there
as I once heard
an Indian official say
{written on side}
-Xt's work
actually
seemed a
failure at
his death
There was
but one who
believed in
Him then and
that was a penitent thief

f195v

The man is almost greater who is
unacknowledged except by His work done
{written crosswise} Mul Galton

[end 10:225]

unsigned note, ff197-8, dark pencil [1:769]

f197

Excuse me

Mrs Reynolds

the kindest best good humour wanting in
business that is, in seeing
how to carry out your wishes ~~in kindness~~ I am sure in your kindness
you will be glad if I point out
a few things

1. ~~Bessie~~ Our kitchen maid - Are her little
naughtinesses encouraged by a
certain want of firmness/way of with her?

2. which runs thro' all.

I have given my housekeeper/you ten minutes
in the morning. More than this
tires me so much as to destroy
half my morning's power of work
During this time of 10 min., if she
will be so good as simply take
the orders, remember & carry
them out - & if there is anything
like an illness or repairs which

f197v

must be attended to directly
tell it as shortly as possible
leaving all stories about cats,
zymotic diseases to the
afternoon if I see her then.

3- If a dish, such as warming
up from a joint, is found always
uneaten by an Invalid, try
another way till it succeeds.

4. To take in nothing but the
best from a tradesman is
simply one of the first duties
of the cook - To make
excuses for the tradesman is
the sign of a bad cook.

5. Nothing should have to be
repeated by the mistress twice

f198

6. It is natural that the cook
should think anything she
does well done- But she
should remember the old
proverb: The proof of the pudding
(or meat)
and not in talking

f199 envelope, pencil FN hand, n.d.

George John Dr Vine M.D.
3 Henrietta St.
Covent Garden

f199v back of env, pencil

Mr. William Dowding
20 Ann Street
York Road
Lambeth

unsigned letter, ff201-3, pencil

[15:424-25]

f201

Dear Sir

Few men & fewer women
have seen so much of the
horrors of war as I have
-which are: the wounds
& the War Hospitals - & the
invalided men.

Yet I cannot say that
war seems to me an
unmitigated evil.

The soldier in war
is a *man*: devoted to

f201v

his duty, his comrades
(whom he eagerly
sacrifices his life
to save) & his God -
He does not drink; he
is not immoral.

I cannot bear to say:
compare him with the
soldier in peace in Barracks
You will say: then would
you always have war?
Well: I have nothing to
do with the making of
war or of peace.

f202

I can only say that you
must see the man *in war*
to know what he is
capable of-

If you drive past a
Barrack, you will see
two heads idling & lolling out of
every window- And
the only creature who
is doing anything is the
dog who is carrying
victuals to his wife
who has puppies

Add Mss 45809

f202v

And the moral is:
provide the soldier with
active employment

The Libraries are an
immense improvement;
but a man cannot be
reading all day.

I have known a
careful Officer who
took his men out
shooting. Doubtless there
are many such.

As a result of
strenuous representations

f203

[2]

there were gardens for
soldiers, who were allowed
to sell vegetables they had
reared themselves to the
'mess'- But this was
discontinued, because it
made an 'embarrassment x
'in the accounts'!!!
We have all of us lived in
countries where the
compulsory military service
was reckoned a great
advantage to the men.

x The 'embarrassment' in
the men's lives was nothing

203v

Is the military service
here an 'advantage'?

[end 15:425]

f204 not FN hand, envelope, thanks for your sympathy, Miss Monk, King's College Hosp

f205 Nurse Rogers (Monthly) 95 S illeg

f206 Nurse Edis 27 Queen Anne's Gate Westminster

f207 Hinde House, 14 Hinde Street; list of nurses

recipe, f208, pencil [1:742]

f208

Minced Beef on Toast

scrape the beef raw
put it in the stewpan greased
with butter
with a little pepper & salt
& gravy
put the stew-pan on the hot
plate for a minute or two
if the hot plate is too hot
of course, it makes it hard
toast or fry the toast

?gravy over it

{in another hand}

Large mutton - Small mutton

Add Mss 45809

Irish Stew - best part

Haricot Mutton

Broiled)

&)Mutton Chops

Stewed)

signed note, f210, pencil

f210

Do not you think, dear
Kate, it would have
been better for your own
credit, if for no higher
motive, to tell me a
~~little~~ before you went
of the destruction of crockery
& other things in the Kitchen
& above all *not* to put
things ~~we~~ quite worthless down
in your Lists?

F. Nightingale

note fragment, f211, light pencil JS hand

{paper damage: top right corner}

f211

Of course I can suggest no provision [?]
under these most ~~distr~~ distressing
circumstances. You or the Govt
can alone judge of what is best
to be done.

note, f212, light pencil JS hand

f212

Whenever you find a court, lane or back
yard containing filth or nuisance, or a
~~house overcrowded & filthy,~~ house, especially
a poor lodging house overcrowded & filthy, you
may in most instances render essential aid
to the poor by calling the attention of the
Medical Officer of Health (if there be one
in the locality), or of the clerk to the local
Board of Health to the circumstances, or if there
be no such authorities the clerk to the
Board of Guardians should be informed.

— The co

Magistrates as such have no direct
inspecting powers, they can only act
when the case is laid before them by the
proper authority.
London cases

note, f213, pencil FN hand again

f213

~~the name of~~ one who obeys authority we have accepted however unreasonably
in the name of Him who is above all & who is
Reason itself - of one who submits to disagreeables
however unjust for the work's sake & for His who
tells us to love those we don't like - a precept I
follow oh so badly - of one who never criticizes so that
it can even be guessed at that she has criticism in
her heart- & who helps her companions to submit
by her own noble example
& forgive a fidgety old woman
not to breathe one word to any nurse of your
annoyances great tho' they be.

It will be all over the Hospl

You know what Hospl gossip is & you know what
true dignity is It is never to communicate with
an inferior except what will raise her, not to seek
her sympathy. you don't want her to raise you
except to raise her standard of life. That
standard which the great C. in C. holds high
before us all. I don't mean conventional dignity of
position but the true dignity which is of Christ
And pray for me that I may have these things -for
I have them not

It is your *cross* to endure *comfort*
I love to hear all your experiences

Add Mss 45809

note, f215, pencil

f215

& to turn to him

No real comfort is to be obtained
elsewhere

- has been a temptation
whatever you have done in
times past contrary to the
will of God avoid

And we can only avoid by
avoiding approach to it *And*
don't let the thoughts dwell on that
God's ministers, true friends
are very precious

But earnest prayer to *God*
can alone save us from that wh.
is sinful in His sight

Xt will keep it for me

[written diagonally]

Wee wee [?]

which has

hitherto been a temptation

part of a letter, f215-8, dark pencil

f215v

You and I are both growing into
years. And how many instances
do we h We know not how
soon we may be called. I feel
this for myself. And I ~~don't~~
say it to you I know no means
by which any evil habit of
thought or word or deed can be
broken but by the power of God
And I pray to Him incessantly
for myself & for all with whom
I am or have been connected
to give us the power
to cease from that which
is wrong & sinful

resist temptation
{written upside down}

S. Clayton
Miss Carter

Paid up?
S. Victoria
Lea & Washing
Rochester
Book
Port Royal

f216

{upside down}

Dog

Blanket

Mattresses

Rug

Martin

Thomeson

Durny

Birchall

f216v

This is what I say to myself

Don't think that I am

urging upon you that which

I have not felt good and necessary
for myself -

It has been my consolation &

strength for years & years -

And I shall need it - And

bless God that He promises
me to have it.

God who loves us so much
will keep us from it

f217

No influence that God can put into our hands

is equal to that of her who praying that Christ

may rise again to-day in her heart ^ is

determined to act as He would have her do in

a small household (or Ward -or large Hospital)

^ in His meekness, gentleness & love

in His energy & courage & sympathy for each one
a splendid gift is life.

I thought of you on Easter Day - I need not

pray that Christ should be so for you have

long done it - but only that you should continue

f217v {written upside down}

[2]

His work in the strength that our Father

does do plenteously give you- But

pray for me that Christ may rise

again in my heart. to love one another

as Christ loved us - to love Him as He loves

God -

Sir Harry's courtesy & gentleness

f218

I have kept this letter for some days, hoping to be
able to say something of what I feel of your past,
your present & your future. so valuable & heroic
life. of what must deepen & enrich it but
not impoverish it -
but I feel that I cannot:
nor even how much I am as ever for the
sake not only of the old days but the present
& future days yet in trust & sympathy

draft of a letter, f219, pencil

f219

I do indeed grieve to hear of
the heavy blow that has fallen upon you
- one so useful & so loved -
I am more ill than usual, or I
would write myself.
self-sacrifice
literally the making one's poor
self sacred to, consecrated to
the highest, the highest truth, the
highest love, the highest ideal,
God not self-denial but
self-consecration

draft of a letter, f220, pencil

f220 {arch: draft for letter}

I make a complaint
because these Nurses trained
under my people
are found to be women
unfit to be nurses
How could
Suppose the mistress of a
household manage her household
if she did not enquire
personally into character
of her servants?
Nurses of more importance
Would it not be best to
allow the Lady Supt of each
Hospl to be the person to

f220v

enquire personally into
each character because
a woman can make
such enquiries from women
that any man can -
& she knows so much
more than a man can
Need housekeeper of D. of
Devonshire goes to D of
D. & says: So & so is unfit
He does not say: She
makes herself liable for
libel
roster simply absurd

notes, ff222-23, pencil

f222

Say a word for me of Xmas love & gratitude to those
who have worked so well thro' the year
Say, as Ld S said (Training Boy ships) - legacy of
£100 000 wd have done much for us: but we leave a
much better legacy to the country in these well-trained
sailor boys. that *is* a bequest to England worth making
So do you in the well trained nurses you give to
England

Say to all the Nurses that, while we are making
these little presents to one another, there is a present
we can make to the Great Saviour whose birth day we are
keeping. a birth day present He wants & will value
above all things - a present He cares about if the
lowest creature on earth will give it Him as much

f223

as if the highest & most distinguished gives it.

My child: give Me thyself. The gift
the present of - oneself

May we each & all of us make Him that
birth day present no later than this week -
-remembering what it is to make it: & that it
costs something it would not be worth making without
It is: to give up all bad habits: to give up our
own way & to take His.

[To the Sisters: Learn of me: for I am meek & lowly
Be ye followers of me]

And may we each pray for one another as I ask you
to do for me that each Christmas till the one in heaven
I may be God's Florence & not my own

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45816, an extra large volume of drawings; Adam Matthew reel 43, contains the original graphs for the royal com, some hosp drawings, large. FN notes as indicated

f1 Diagram of Causes of Mortality pie charts

has FN Note: Lithographer, None of the lines in this diagram are to be dotted. Send proof in lines with the lettering before the colours are put in. The lines must be blue, red and black. [Codes have FN corrections in]

f2 is gray, not coloured. Area charts

f3 Diagram showing the numbers living and dead at the several ages from 20 to 40 [3 horizontal charts:

1. English Soldiers pink and grey

2. Englishmen

3. Englishmen in healthy districts.

FN faint pencil note to right of 2. Englishmen

illeg the length of the vertical lines of these diagrams must be retained, but the horizontal lines may be shortened if desired.

f4 horizontal charts pink and gray. Map of numbers living

f5 bar chart, horizontal

Lines representing the relative Mortality of the Foot Guards and of the English Male Population of corresponding Ages [poss use]

f6 bar chart, horizontal

Lines representing the relative mortality of the Army at Home and of the English Male Population of corresponding Ages [poss use]

f7 area charts Army in the East gray

f8 area charts, blue

f9 circular, Diagrams constructed on the data furnished by the Quarter Master General plans for Encampment density.

Add Mss 45809

Sydney Infirmary ff12-22

f12 extra large drawing. colour. Front Elevation of North end Wing Sydney Infirmary, James Hume, architect, 1864

f14 general plan. J. Hume 1864, wall in Macquarie Street [ground plan]

f16 plan of basement. For a North Wing. Shows sleeping apartments.

f18 more Sydney

f20 Amended plan for Sydney Inf. J. Hume Archt. 137 Elizabeth St., Sydney 1866. Old Inf Bldg fronting Macquarie St. and Legislative Council wall.. Ground floor of North Wing

f22 Bird's Eye View of Roof of proposed new wing of Infirmary Buildings. J. Hume 1866. Elizabeth St., Sydney

Add Mss 45809

f24 Colchester. Plan of Officers' Hut Appropriated as a Lying-in Institution. All cooking performed at the hospital kitchen distant 400 yards.

ff25-28 typescript of description of plans, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. Praises Sir Donald Smith and Lord Mount Stephen. Of CPR for munificence. Building designed by and working drawings by Saxon Snell, and consultation of eminent authorities in Montreal. (This is what FN was criticizing) women's diseases combine lock and

f29 drawing of section, Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal from front. Has FN pencil note: Private circulation only at present.

f30 extra large drawing The Royal Victoria Hospital Montreal. H. Saxon Snell FRIBA London. with plan of site (poss in his book?)

f31 H. Saxon Snell plans Royal Victoria Hospital. Mount Royal. (Prob in book?)

Add Mss 45809

Add Mss 45817, microfilm, notes re nursing, Adam Matthew reel 43

f1

I have seen an expression of real terror

f2

f3

p.25

In being asked to recommend a sick Nurse what is it one is asked for? To send a Nurse ~~because~~ to save the Patient's friends from "sitting up", to save the servants from "running up & down stairs" --~~never~~ not to ensure the Patient being better nursed.*

~~Now~~ Surely here is the root of the whole evil matter. People's object in having a Nurse is *not* that she should "nurse"--they do not know what "nursing" is--they want a drudge And The "running

* [insert above] Physicians of large practice have assured me that their experience ~~came to~~ was the same thing.

f5

2

up & down stairs," & the "sitting up" ~~is~~ are indeed unmercifully exacted of the poor individual, called a nurse--I should call her a ~~lift with terrible exaction.~~

No wonder there is little or no good Nursing in private families.

A Nurse should do nothing but nurse.

If you want to ~~have~~ a charwoman, have one--Nursing is a profession, a specialty.

Army Doctors used to be asked to ~~draw~~ sit in judgment of stores & accounts & to overlook the washing bills. Happily for the sick, Army Doctors are now set free for their professional duties--Are the duties of the Nurse, though subordinate, less important?

f6

How to be ill is certainly an essential complement of *how to nurse*. One part of the subject is not complete without the other. But on the whole the first duty is generally better performed than the second.

There is one point *thing* however on the other side in which according to the experience of all people & Institutions who send out nurses ~~agrees that~~ the sick or perhaps oftener the friends of the sick lamentably fail And this is in expecting nurses to "sit up" night after night without any proper provision for ensuring to them quiet & regular sleep during the day. In sending out a nurse a precise bargain must always be made for her sleep.

f6

Appendix

When you reflect how little in England

f8 JS hand ink May 1867

From a return prepared by the Registrar General for the year 1863-64 it appears that in the year those two years no fewer than 630 females of all ages were burned to death by their clothes catching fire. Assuming the "crinoline age" to begin at ten and to continue onwards we should have no fewer than 277 lives "sacrificed by fire" during two years only to this hideous custom.

This only includes however the deaths registered under this designation A far greater number of deaths by fire takes place in women where the manner is not stated. Thus in 1864 alone the total deaths by fire exclusive of deaths from scalding among females above the age of ten, was no less than 395. It is to be feared that by far the larger proportion of these deaths were due to clothing taking fire.

f11 pencil, JS hand

In many grand houses...

But we must not suppose that the farm yard is always healthy although foolish people sometimes take sick children to it for benefit. The filth and foul drainage get into the air and water and then we have typhoid fever in a fine open country and the first thing foolish people do is (not to cleanse the place and purify the well but) to examine where in earth the fever could have been brought from, to say they "it is impossible to suppose it has sprung up in so healthy a country.

Typhoid fever may become as much an article of manufacture in filthy farms as cheese.

f12 JS hand, ink, stroked through

Milk

You might put it in this way:

Among the causes of baby deaths has anybody ever thought that bad, weak, watered milk may be a cause? That the poor baby may have been starved and defrauded out of its very life's nourishment by the rascality of the milk vender? An essential point in minding baby is to take good heed of the dairyman, and [FN: to mind him too]. [JS] It is to be hoped that under the new adulteration laws yon [?] baby especially of poor mother will have a better chance of getting beyond babyhood than at present.

f12v JS hand ink

I don't think you want much alteration for a new edition so far as sanitary work is concerned.

it does not do to overload the pages of a book with this object.

Curiously enough however there is scarcely any of it in advice books of hygiène.

I have put down a few points and would merely suggest for consideration whether a very illeg way of making it useful for a school would just be to print separately the chapters on Health of House and Minding baby.

JS

f13 JS pencil

Add: There are other weak things beside weak bad milk of which baby may die. There are all sorts of prepared flours and foods sold in packets for baby and also for sick people in which the "preparing" has been nothing more nor less than washing out nearly all the nourishment and selling the remaining starch at a high price. A good mother or nurse will have nothing to do with these things, and the government ought to make a law that the compensation of all these pretended foods be printed on each packet, if indeed they ought to be sold at all.

We are gradually getting to know about the causes of high infant death rates. No wonder is that poor baby escapes at all out of the hands of soothing syrups than bad milk, and starch instead of nourishing food.

f14

Notes on Nursing

p 25 before Para beginning: "The worst class of nuisances"

[Of late years what is called the 'Dry Earth system'

has been used & well used ~~with success~~ for country cottages where drainage & water supply are not to be had.

This means using common garden earth instead of water for Closets. But a dry Earth closet must

be put altogether outside the a cottage. If properly used

it has none of the danger of a cess-pit, & the earth is always useful as a manure.

(Of late years what is called the "dry earth system" has been used and well used for country cottages where drainage and water supply are not to be had. This means using common garden earth instead of water for closets. But a dry earth closet must be put altogether outside the cottage. If properly used it has none of the danger of a cesspit, and the earth is always useful as a manure.)

p. 27 Para before 5.

After "wash twice a year," insert
taking good care of course to
with the precaution of first scraping off
the old white wash."

f16 FN pencil hand, seems to be FN version of JS f12

f16v

[seems to be draft for tobacco bit]

No such thing

During the years' experience in a large Lancashire factory

f22 FN ink

Sewer air comes from sewers.

f24 clipping of Robert Rawlinson, letter to *Times* on sewers, drains. FN crossed out top and bottom, noted Insert p 4b, p7 re real for LGB on main sewers

f28 FN ink, another version, not pub, Skretkowicz points to 3 sections planned but not used, Health of Houses and disease from sewer air; 2nd and 3rd for What Food, diluted milk and prepared baby foods ff28-30. Skretkowicz has them in 100-

Baby's Food. Among the causes of baby deaths, has anybody ever thought that bad, weak, watered milk may be one? That poor baby may have been started and defrauded out of the very life's food by the rascal milk-seller?

In "minding baby," take good heed of the dairyman, and "mind" *him* too.

Under the new "Adulteration Laws" poor baby will have a better chance of getting beyond babyhood than now, we hope.

In India, two dear little children I knew were made ill by the milk of a creature fed on dung: milk bad it was, made worse by being watered by the seller so as to be of hardly any use as milk. One of the two little children died, and what is yet sadder, this brought about that the mother and infant she was nursing died too, one poor little motherless child only was left.

The number of cases of this kind in India are Legion. It is one cause of the enormous death rate among children in India.

But we need not go so far as India. We need go no farther than Lancashire, nor the present moment (1875), when it is to be feared things are rather worse than better. What else do you think can be said of this?

A Lancashire factory child between thirteen and fifteen years of age who had milk, real milk, night and morning, grew fifteen pounds a year. One in exactly the same circumstances who had tea or coffee instead of milk grew four pounds a year. Perhaps you will say this was only in one instance. No such thing.

During fourteen years' experience in a large factory town of factory children between thirteen and fifteen years of age, it was found that those who had had milk twice a day grew on an average nearly four times as fast as those who had tea or coffee. and nowadays people in some towns rear (or do not rear) their children, as soon as they are weaned, on tea or coffee. In fact many children are fed on tea three times a day

There are other weak bad things, besides weak milk, of which baby may die. There are all

sorts of "prepared" flour and foods sold in packets [this is FN version of JS above]

Notes, 45817 ff31-35 [6:161-62], also in Skretkowicz 101-02

[1874-75?]

Food. Steady Degeneration. In the chapter on Health of Houses, something has been said as to the house habits which make a race degenerate. Something more must needs be said as to the stomach habits which make our race degenerate. And it is an awful fact that a steady degeneration seems going on among our factory population in certain large factory towns.

That boys and girls do grow on milk and don't grow on tea and coffee we know. But this is not all. Factory boys often smoke or chew tobacco or both. In one factory town I know at least one-half of the boys between twelve and twenty years of age who worked in the mills either smoked or chewed tobacco or both. And, bad as this is for grown men, it is found, as might be expected, that it is far worse for growing boys. It stunts them, body and mind.

Is there any wonder that, between smoking and drinking, boys and girls (who are going to be fathers and mothers destroy first their own constitutions, give these same destroyed constitutions to their children, and then finish the work of destruction by the way they bring them up on tea and soothing syrups and all kinds of trumpery worth nothing for food and nourishment.

You think this romancing perhaps. It is a frightful fact. In the five years: 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, quite one-half the children who came before the "certifying surgeon" under the Factory Acts of one large factory town were perfectly unfit to work full-time. The number increased year by year and is increasing still. Will you not cry, as they do in Parliament, "Hear, hear"??

And do not say it is all the fault of the mills--the mills are more healthy to work in now that they ever were before. It is the fault of drinking; it is the fault of tobacco; it is the fault of mothers going to the mills instead of stopping at home to rear their children and make their homes comfortable; it is the fault of mothers not caring or not knowing how to make their homes healthy or comfortable; it is the fault of mothers not caring or not knowing how to rear up, to manage or to feed their children but how to drug them. Indeed, they know very well they do not know what will come of what they do, nor how sure it is to come.

You see children in the mills who have not grown a single ounce in half a year, but have instead lost weight. And have you ever thought that sound common sense, for which English and Scotch workmen used to be famous, depends upon a sound state of the body? That a nation or town of weak bodies generally means a nation or town of weak brains? Have you ever thought that a workman cannot judge of machinery, prevent accidents, suggest improvement, "make the best of" everything, or make a better thing, cannot in one word, "think as well as work" if his weak brains are farther stupefied by tobacco or drink? Or even if his body, stunted and feeble, makes his mind feeble and his spirits unsteady?

What do weak, foolish brains naturally run to? A "fool's paradise." What do weak, stunted bodies naturally run to? More drink, less work: employing leisure again in drinking. What do we mean by a "fool's paradise"? Is it not when such workmen, having deprived themselves of their common sense, become a prey to "agitators," and think that, by driving trade and manufactures away from England, where it will not so soon return, they can raise wages? Get a higher wage for shorter hours of work? Bodily strength grounded upon wholesome habits is the foundation of other strengths, especially of strong common sense, as a rule.

England is strong--let us not be obliged to say *has been* strong--in trade and manufactures

and common sense because her Labouring and artisan classes were wont to be--let us not be obliged to say *have been* strong in a sober life, in a sober understanding. A sober strength can in no way stand upon an *insober* life.

A great schoolmaster of the Middle Ages was wont to say it was useless to attempt to educate the mind if the body were neglected and, he said, anything unnecessary or irregular in eating and sleeping (and had he lived in these days, he would have added drinking and smoking) and personal habits and self-indulgence "were the first fertile sources of the moral and physical disorders of youth." Shall we be behind the Middle Ages?

All other death rates, compared with that of fever, may almost be called insignificant in England. And it takes all ranks, from prince to pauper. For every fever *death* may be reckoned, too, at least six bad illnesses. And the way in which the whole vitality is lowered of those who do not die or are not seriously ill, and their power to work diminished, cannot be reckoned. Yet the causes of fever are almost entirely under our own control. They are: bad drainage and bad water. Would we had a Mr Plimsoll for fevers as well as for unseaworthy ships!

45817 ff28-30, earlier draft in John Sutherland's hand ff12-13, earlier FN draft f16

[1874-75]

Among the causes of baby deaths, has anybody ever thought that bad, weak, watered milk may be one? That poor baby may have been starved and defrauded out of the very life's food by the rascal milk seller?

In "Minding Baby," take good heed of the dairyman, and "mind" him, too. Under the new "Adulteration Laws" poor baby will have a better chance of getting beyond babyhood than now, we hope.

In India two dear little children I knew were made ill by the milk of a creature fed on dung: milk bad it was made worse by being watered by the seller so as to be hardly any use as milk. One of the two little children died, and what is yet sadder, this brought about that the mother and infant she was nursing died too; one poor little motherless child only was left. The number of cases of this kind in India are legion. It is one cause of the enormous death rate among children in India.

But we need not go so far as India. We need to go no farther than Lancashire, nor the present moment (1875) when it is to be feared things are rather worse than better. What else do you think can be said of this? A Lancashire factory child between thirteen and fifteen years of age who had milk, real milk, night and morning, grew fifteen pounds a year. One in exactly the same circumstances who had tea or coffee instead of milk grew four pounds a year. Perhaps you will say this was only in one instance. No such thing.

During fourteen years' experience in a large factory town of factory children between thirteen and fourteen years of age it was found that those who had had milk twice a day grew on an average nearly four times as fast as those who had tea or coffee. And nowadays people in some towns rear (or do not rear) their children, as soon as they are weaned, on tea or coffee. In fact many children are fed on tea three times a day.

There are other weak bad things, besides weak bad milk, of which Baby may die. There are all sorts of "prepared" flour and foods sold in packets for Baby, and also for sick people, in which the "preparing" has been nothing more nor less than washing out nearly all the nourishment and selling the remaining starch at a high price. A good mother or nurse will have nothing to do with such things. And government ought to make a law that the composition of all these pretended foods be printed on each packet, if indeed they ought to be sold at all.

We are by degrees getting to know about the causes of high baby death rates. The wonder is that poor baby escapes at all out of the hands of soothing syrups and then bad mil, and starch instead of nourishing food. How few do escape might be shown by some figures in Glasgow and other large towns. But enough of this has been said in the preface.

5817 ff17-23, 26-30, pencil draft f15

[1875]

[f17] Typhoid fever is more especially bound up with filth. In camps, when there is filth outside, such as horse dung, and when moisture or damp closeness has brought out all the nastiness, and when this is added to overcrowding, then typhoid fever is known to grow out of simple fever.

In schools, what are called "unaccountable" outbreaks of typhoid fever are often to be traced to sewer air, aye and in grand houses, too. And we know that the prince of Wales was death's door from this cause, and he was rescued by good nursing. We all remember the thanksgiving at St Paul's for his recovery. But to the schools first.

I could tell you many facts. I will tell you one about what happened at one great school I knew,¹ to find out how the air from certain sewers came in a handkerchief was held and was instantly blown up out of the drain by a blast of sewer air. The necessary works were done and the fever immediately ceased. But till the present hour the "sanitary authority" has never been known to think or say, "We neglected our sewers, fever came; our neglects were repaired--fever went away!"

Now for the great houses: people who live in grand houses do not like to think that there has been foulness under all the grandeur, though in many large houses the water closet pipes run down behind the fine drawingroom paper. And they prefer to trace their typhoid fever to some distant country farmyard, instead of to cesspits under their own houses and bad drainage.

But we must not suppose that the farm yard is always healthy, although foolish people sometimes take sick children to it for benefit. The filth and foul drainage get into the air and water, and then we have typhoid fever is a fine open country. And the first thing the foolish do is--not to cleanse the place and purify the well but to examine where in the world the fever could have been "brought from," for, say they: "it is impossible to suppose it has sprung up in so healthy a country. But typhoid fever may become as much a homemade article on a filthy farm as cheese.

If one hears of a "fatal outbreak" of scarlet fever, does one not always hear of "remedies adopted" to "prevent the disease from spreading," these "remedies" always being *not* removing the causes, but shutting up the well children and not allowing them to play with other children or to go to children? But an energetic Registrar says, speaking of an "outbreak" of "scarlatina," "the patients actually dying as it were from an overdose of the poison." "To a number of houses where the disease occurred I noticed bad privies discharging into open pits in the yards to the rear."

Would we know about sewer air coming into our own dwellings--how it comes--as exemplified too often, alas! In London, or in that great country house as a watering place by the sea, where the heir to the throne was all but killed by fever--or--in colleges at our splendid

¹ The Royal Hibernian School, information from Dr Sutherland.

universities, or--in large public schools--or in any of the numberless instances of typhoid and typhus, and scarlet fever among children--the best tests of sanitary condition--even among noblemen's children--we must seek the cause in bad sewers and drains.

Would we know--not only how the sewer air comes in but--how it is to be prevented, we must find out what a great work has to be done by individual householders, by schoolmasters, by employers,. Even before the law can be usefully appealed to, but also what we should attempt to introduce as legislation, for there are accumulations of filth against which any single householder is helpless. We cannot get any reply that will cover all our cases, just as we could not get a medical opinion or treatment that would cover every case of illness. That would be quackery.

Sewer air comes from sewers. And if sewers are made so that it can get into our houses it will do mischief, and it can be kept out by certain engineering details.

I know a house in what is called the healthiest suburb in London where invalids are always ordered for health, which is literally a trap for sewer air. This has saturated the whole house, between floor and ceiling, and in every part, so that not only the sewerage and drainage but the house itself must be taken up and pulled down and rebuilt and relaid, if any good is to be done.

It may happen that the sewerage and drainage of districts may have to be relaid. The whole question of the best arrangement of drainage for a large city is one which depends on the perfect execution of an enormous number of details. Sewer air comes essentially from *bad* sewers. The "cases" of bad sewers would fill volumes. In my own street one of the main causes is half a mile away. In other words, the cause of the sewer air must be sought in the bad construction of sewers and drains.

[f24 printed clipping] The rules "as under" are embodied in "Suggestions" published by the Local Government Board, which it is evident local authorities do not sufficiently attend to:

Main sewers are underground conduits for sewage to flow down, and if they are not fully ventilated at regular intervals along the crown by fixed openings communicating with the external air, they become flues up which sewage gases will rise and pass through the drain to the connected houses.

Ordinary main sewer ventilation should be provided for on all sewers at intervals not greater than one hundred yards apart. The upper or dead ends of all sewers and drains should have means provided for full ventilation continued beyond the drain junction of the last house.

House drains should not pass direct from sewers to the inside of houses, but all drains should end at an outside wall. House drains, sink pipes and soil pipes should have ample means of external ventilation.

Where drains must traverse a basement they should be bedded and covered in concrete, and have external ventilation back and front.

Openings from the drains within the basement should not be allowed, as no form of trap will be safe.

These rules have been in print some years and have been acted upon in many places, but they have been neglected in many places, and that neglect may continue.

The day *may* come when people will have *time* to attend to the facts and will become aware that other people will pay them a sum large enough to cover all their rates and taxes for the refuse of their houses, which they are now very heavily taxed to throw into the river with most direful effects.

So far as concerns our house itself: all house drainpipes should be cut off from the street

sewer by efficient trapping, and all house drainpipes should be ventilated by pipes carried above the roof, and all cistern overflow pipes cut off from the water closet pipes.

The cause of the Prince of Wales' attack was sewer air, but how it got there no one seems to know to this day. The case of a famous college is a muddle of the same kind, and for the same reason.

[f27] At this very moment, September 1875, the great War Office of this great country is in a state which puts the periods of "the Office" in sickness and death almost on a par with the perils of war. This is owing to the basement of an overcrowded building, supplying sewer air and gas, "reinforced on each floor by the exhalations from the closets," for the breathing of every man in the place, from the commander-in-chief downwards, so that it may be said from the highest to the lowest "men share the perils of war" offices. Yet nothing has been done.

In a large public school, gastric fever had existed for ten years: the disease was traced to sewer air from foul sewers. The sewers were ventilated and the water pipes cut off from them. And since then there has been no gastric fever. But no one seemed to think that this was the result of a cause, nor the fever of another. They would not allow the sewers to be relaid, because this would have condemned other authorities. And without this one would be loth to certify that the place was safe. What do you say to having thirty cases of scarlet fever and four deaths in one year in it?

As to a nobleman's house where was terrible fever among the children: I dare say it is neither better nor worse than others in fine London squares. They ought all to be carefully examined.

The only way to prevent such calamities is to enable local boards to examine and certify the plans of all house drainage and water supply, in order to be sure that no drains are carried down inner walls, that they are all trapped and ventilated and that the water cisterns have no direct connection with the soil pipes.

All other death rates compared with that of fever may almost be called insignificant in England. And it takes all ranks, from prince to pauper. For every fever *death* may be reckoned too at least six bad illnesses. And the way in which the whole vitality is lowered of those who do not die or are not seriously ill, and their power to work diminished, cannot be reckoned. Yet the causes of fever are almost entirely under our own control. They are: bad drainage and bad water. Would we had a Mr Plimsoll for fevers as well as for upon seaworthy ships!

f91 list, sent to [arch: 1871]:

left col:

Dr Sutherland
Mr Frederick
Lt Ommanney
Miss Jones
H. Martineau
Sir G. Logan
Dr Massy
Dr Balfour
Dr Farr
Mr Geo. Rigden of Canterbury
Dr Parkes
Dr Aitken
Mr Mennie
Mr Villiers
Mr Inglott (Malta)
Aunt Julia
Lt Col Murray, director of Works
Lt Col Gordon, RE, of Scutari
Dr Francis Hogg, RA Woolwich
Florence Lees

[rt col]

Sir James Paget
Sir Thomas Watson
Dr Arthur Farre
Mr Barnes (Liverpool)
Mama
Mrs Bracebridge
Dr Acland
Crown Princess Potsdam
Lord Houghton
Prof Virchow Berlin
Dr Elliott Waterford
Dr Evory Kennedy Dublin
Capt Galton
Rev Mr Sabin Aldershot
Dr Williams
Miss Stephen
Dr Shrimpton Paris
Lord Napier Madras
Mr Chadwick
Mrs Fowler Salisbury

f91v

left col

Mrs Wardroper

Mr Whitfield

Miss Osburn Sydney

Mr Rawlinson

Jervis Giffard

Mr Thomas War Office
committee

Mr Bowman

Dr Bence Jones

Mr Marjoribanks

Mr Spottiswoode

Sir Harry Verney

Sir John McNeill

Sir John Clark

HBC

Mr Croft }

Mr LeGros Clark } St Thomas'

Dr Bernays }

Dr Hicks Guy's

Mr Wyatt 88 R.P.R.

Mrs Truelove

Miss Dr Blackwell

Dr Beigel of Vienna

Dr Hahn Stuttgart

[rt col]

Mr MacCormac

Dr Lockhart Robertson

Obstetrical Society Berners St

Dr Beatty Dublin

Dr Peacock St T

Mrs Werckner Breslau

Ida v. Schmidt Zabierow Vienna

Frau v. Littrow Bischoff "

Anna Helmholtz Berlin

Dr Varrentrapp Frankfort

Dr Angus Smith Manchester

Dr Wylie New York

Mrs Tanner widow of Dr Tanner

Add Mss 45818, drafts for article on SH, f10-15 and ff15-21 [ca. December 1866], Adam Matthew reel 43

"It" (the N.F.) aims at making nursing an *art*. "You never yet made an artist by paying him well. *But* an artist ought to be well paid. Agreed agreed 1000 times. But Miss G. puts the cart before the horse. We get a better price for our article because it is a better article. We did not make/get a better Article, because we gave a higher price. The article did not exist when we began or

at least only exceptionally. (Better *average* nursing in Paris than in London 10 years ago. They were trained and we were not--they were unpaid.)

A good nurse much the same all over the world, whether nun or nurse. "The payment of the Artist was a part of your plan." Yes. Harm done by striking the line of demarcation between commercial" and "religious" Spirit and making "religious" and "volunteer" synonymous. None but the most fanatical of R. Catholic archbishops have come up to Miss G. on this--no R. Catholic religious order wants apart that *volunteering* was essential to the religious spirit. It is in fact asserting that no one who is not rich enough to volunteer can do anything in a religious spirit. Immense mischief done by separating in the minds of the "commercial" the "religious" and the "commercial" motive or spirit. It is the same thing as takes place now that reason and piety are separated. The scientific are expected to become and become irreligious.

Inaccuracies: "Matron"--does *not* overlook the "nursing," "overlooks" it *most* in the "Volunteer", "tidy" system. We changed word...because Matron does not overlook. Only St T.'s and K.C.H. where matron (superintendent) really controls.

2. "Economy" inaccurately represented.... Many sisters to receive a salary and do not pay for their board. R Catholic order paid for--often their only means of support, earning their livelihood in exactly the same sense as one paid Nurse, only payment made to Sisterhood.

3. Where does Miss G. find that "a lady with very little training does hospital nursing (or any other art) in a first-rate way"? Three to five years of training considered necessary in French hospital orders, two years by me.

Three fourths of the whole mischief in women's lives comes from their excepting themselves from the ratio of training for men. However Miss G. and Dr Stewart represent the contrary in this. Dr S. says I say ladies *can't* be trained.

4. Likening nursing to cooking and dusting. I think poor patient would find a difference. Fruit of my whole life is lost, if people have not got farther than this. Head nurse must know how to superintend these. But head nurse must do "la petite [illeg]" herself, as no "cook" or "illeg" could do. The more "cultivated" the woman, *IF* trained, the less she shirks them. But no under nurse's, even, least of all night nurse's is the same work as an under servant's.

5. Miss G.'s two "reforms": (1) good wages; (2) night supervision, for Miss G apply her panacea, her Morrison's Pills

to any other art. Take sculpture. Michelangelo worked by night, siege of Florence. Ask *him*:

Miss G. quotes Bristowe and Holmes was the improvement in St T.'s (she omits altogether its being a training school) due to higher pay? Guy's has not improved.

If Dean Dawes turns out a great many good pupil teachers, do you say, the improvement is due to his master, the good pay.

x An Under Nurse requires far more intelligence, power of x control and self-control than a "domestic servant". I wish to "attract" to the service a letter class than "domestic servants." *They* have that career.

2. Night Supervision. Night is the only time when no real "supervision" *can* be given. Night

nurses out to be such as not to require it. For (1) it is a fiction. If only one night superintendent, she cannot supervise. If one to each ward, she must be the night nurse herself. No "training" or directions at night, except what ever good Head Nurse gives from her little room. Cholera, war hospitals--exceptions.

There should be two staffs, one by night and one by day....

6. She mixes up "religious volunteers, educated ladies--so that we had no idea she meant this.

7. Volunteer help in emergencies. She really seems to think that "stimulus" is the main duty of a nurse. -"Novelty" the main importance of her presence. I can hardly say how curiously that preface reads to me who have had really charge of crowded war hospitals including "cholera" and all other "emergencies". The subject is too fatally serious to laugh.

One ought to write as a preacher of righteousness not as a church controversialist, not as against Miss G., but for the truth, not for personalities but for conviction. Because, in some internal affection that the doctor did not understand he gave something, and the patient got well--therefore, in all internal affections which the doctor does not understand give the same, and the patient will get well. That is type medical doctrine and would apply to Politics as well.

Because ladies have happened to produce nurses better than drunken old sots--therefore all ladies are good nurses.

Dr Stewart: that I had been "obliged to give up," etc. (the fact being that to doing this I devote my life) and that I considered ladies unable "to undergo the training necessary," etc. (the fact being that not a week ago since I openly congratulated ourselves upon the steady, tho' slow and quiet

progress we had been making in inducing educated women to "undergo" the training requisite for nurses, without which they cannot be fit to be superintendents, i.e., to train nurses in their turn). (1) that no nurse should do the work of scrubbers, that therefore the woman, be she upper, middle or lower class

is equally able to go through the training of a *nurse*; (2) that no "lady superintendent," be she "upper, middle or lower class, is qualified to govern or to train nurses, if she has not herself gone thro' the training of a nurse. (3) Many of the "upper classes" have done this: have gone thro' the training of a nurse, yet serve without pay, are equally qualified to be nurses, head nurses, to attend in operation or to be superintendent (and yet who are of what is usually called the "upper class." (Be it known that the fact is exactly the contrary from what he represents it. It is far more difficult to induce a "middle class" woman than an "upper class" one, to go through, as head nurse, the incidental drudgery which falls to her charge.)

About "paid" nurses, it is very easy to pay--it is very difficult to find good nurses. It is *trained* not paid nurses we want. It is not the payment which makes the medical officer, but the education. To constitute the power of serving without pay as a qualification is absurd. In a country like England--where so many women have to support relatives--I would far rather then establish a religious order, open a career highly paid. But to constitute "paying good wages, as is disgraceful to {our common sense as a nation--all that is necessary to let in good nurses.

I am worried with requests (*and reproaches* to give my authority;

1. for Church of England ladies and religious orders only;

2. for paid nurses only....

I am neither for nor against "lady nurses" (what a ridiculous name--suppose we were to tell

about gentlemen doctors!) I am rather for nor against "paid nurses." My principle has always been that we should give the best training we could to any woman of an class, or any sect, "paid" or unpaid who had the requisite qualifications, moral, intellectual and physical, for nursing. Unquestionably the educated will be more likely to rise to be superintendents, not because they are "ladies," but because they are educated. Unquestionably "lady superintendents" *untrained*, will do more harm than good to put a lady over nurses, who does not know their work as well as they do themselves, merely because she is a "lady," is a destructive fallacy.

Note, 4 August 1868, 45818 ff55-67 [7:748-58]

Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul: Rule given them by St Vincent for "outdoor work" on their foundation:

You will have no monasteries but the homes of the sick, no cell but the room of the afflicted, no oratory but the church of your parish, no cloister but the streets of the city or the wards of the hospitals, no enclosure by obedience, no grill but the fear of God, no veil but a holy modesty.

Exactly in proportion as they have kept to this golden rule have they been useful and spiritual. Exactly in proportion as they have departed from their first Love, have they been useless and worldly and ambitious. St Vincent goes on:

You will have therefore need of much vigilance; you must, wherever you are called by your functions, behave with a "recollection" which shall yield in nothing to the fervour of the most regular cloister; and as purity, a virtue difficult and of infinite range, is indispensably necessary to you, and that as, in this, every suspicion, "however light, however unjust it be, would be of more hurt to your society (company) than any other crime which might be "falsely" imputed to you, you must avoid with the severest precautions all that could offend the eyes of God and of your neighbour. It is therefore needful that you should have that kind of respect one towards the other which excludes familiarity, that, in your recreations, as everywhere, you should abstain from childish lightness/frivolity, from discourse or gesture too familiar etc. that your vigilance should be redoubled when charity obliges you to go abroad, to treat with persons of the other sex, to nurse the sick that, before leaving home, you should prostrate yourselves at the feet of the Son of God, conjuring Him to sustain your weakness, and thanking Him on your return, for not having permitted that your eyes should have pleasure in vanities.

This rule is [illeg] adhered to and a most efficacious practice it is and no mannerism. Exactly in proportion as this rule has been departed from has the whole spiritual intercourse degenerated into spiritual gossip, absurd observances.

You shall not see your director (chaplain) except in the tribunal of penitence, unless in the case of a serious illness, and even here you shall be accompanied either by one of your "sisters" or by a woman neighbour.

The Rule goes on to specify a multitude of wise counsels. It is directed particularly against the "sisters" being unoccupied a moment. They are to use none of the severities of the cloister; they are to rise summer and winter at 4 A.M., twice a day to have mental prayer, to live frugally, to drink only water except in illness, to do everything themselves for the sick, to do the whole night duty with the sick. (This, alas! has been lamentably departed from.) Then it is specified that they should perform all these duties for the sick in hospitals. (And this has been deplorably evaded. The

consequence is that they have been expelled from all but one of the great general hospitals of Paris. And in the military hospitals they remain only by the protection of the Empress. They do little more in these than the All Saints' sisters do in the University College Hospital, which is far below our notion (yours and mine) of what "sisters" in hospital wards ought to do. And I found them, the "Soeurs," lamentably deficient in the Crimean War hospitals. (They were constantly coming to me for help even for the simplest bed-sore treatment. These are things which can only be known by *living with* them.) St Vincent's Rule goes on they are to receive the holy communion on Sundays and feast days, if they can; *all "exercises" are to be always postponed to exercises of charity* (would that Anglican as well as Roman sisterhoods had always observed this divine Rule of our Lord's).

At the first summons of the poor man they are to fly to his help (literally translated), but that God may lose nothing by it, they must occupy themselves with Him on the road, and must gather even in the public places the fruits of justice and of peace, which Providence does not permit them to gather in retirement.

Confidential: Sisters of Charity (St Vincent de Paul). I have given on another sheet the simple Rules given them by their founder. I will now give very shortly the experience of one who has served under them and with them. These "sisters" administered (and I believe administer still) the whole of the outdoor relief of Paris *under the civil authorities*, divided as it is into Arrondissements, in each of which they have a bureau. (In one of these bureaux, which combine the functions of a "Bureau de Bienfaisance" and of a "Miséricorde," I have lived with them.)

To the immortal honour of the "Sisters" be it said that they actually, faithfully and entirely carry out and submit to the orders of the civil authorities. They are, in fact, relieving officers, and the best relieving officers I have ever known, both in detecting fraud, wilful beggary and able-bodied idleness and ineffectually relieving real sickness and want. They are entirely honest in their hearty obedience to the civil laws of the administration. (And I have seen young "sisters" in great distress, because they had unwittingly disobeyed them from ignorance. In such cases it is always made good to the administration.)

It is useless to enter into the whole system. Suffice it to say that they give out the whole of the assistance in kind, i.e. by answering "bons": for meat, bread, fuel, soup, etc. for the well and that they perform the whole duties of dispensers for the sick, adding to these those of visiting the sick and performing for them all the operations of "la petite chirurgie," even to bleeding, as orders are left by the medical officers. (To this we have nothing that corresponds in England.)

All these little operations are beautifully performed, but here I am sorry to say my praise must cease. (I have accompanied them in their rounds and I dearly loved the "soeurs." There is no kind of attempt to introduce cleanliness, fresh air, comfort or sanitary precaution of any kind into the dens of the poor. I have been with them in typhus nests and the "soeurs" did not make the slightest effort either to introduce themselves or to teach the poor to introduce the vital conditions of recovery in typhus and all other poisonings of the blood, and this, although French physicians are far more awake than English ones to the fact that life and death turn upon these things. (One French physician told me that "Sisters of Charity" don't know when the beds are dirty.

It is my own experience.) In this the French "Soeurs," i.e. in helping the outdoor sick to healthy habits, are far inferior to Kaiserswerth deaconesses. (I will tell farther on to what I attribute it.)

But I will simply mention here that the main cause is their noviceship being passed in a *house*, not a hospital, the huge Maison Mère) under a purely ecclesiastical government, where they learn nothing but to peel carrots and blind, not intelligent, obedience, which is worth nothing.) As to teaching the out-door poor to clean their rooms or mind their households, or teaching their children little trades it is a thing not even thought of by the French "soeurs." Yet this is done by the far less highly finished Kaiserswerth deaconesses. Indeed I have scarcely ever seen such want of personal cleanliness as among the French "soeurs" themselves under those beautiful white hoods, or as among the Parish schoolgirls (so to call them) boarded, lodged and educated by the "Soeurs" at the "Miséricordes." (One must *live with* them, again I feel, to know these things.)

As is well known, the three principal functions of the "Sisters of Charity" (though they have others) are:

1. Nursing the sick poor at home and in hospitals;
2. Administering outdoor relief under the (civil) laws of the municipality;
3. Education of the poor, both in "écoles primaires" and in asylums and as "Enfants Trouvés" [abandoned children]

For (1) and (3) they have no training whatever, in any sense that we call training. For (2) every Frenchwoman, with her natural talent of business, seems, with experience, well fitted. In this very short sketch, I will come now at once to (3): *education of poor children*.

A very large number of the "écoles primaires" all over France (I think in the proportion of 11 to 1) are in the hands of the "Soeurs de Charité." They will not submit to any government examination or control, and the consequence is that the education in their schools is far *behind* that of the secular schools. A few incantations (I cannot call them prayers) generally to the Virgin are all that the children seem to retain. The brutal ignorance of a large part of the small peasantry of France is the consequence. (When one thinks that, at the election of an almost absolute sovereign by universal suffrage, the power of government actually lapses into their hands, the result is more appalling than surprising. It is said that, at the election of the present Emperor to be Emperor, by an immense majority (in universal suffrage) the large *majority* of the *majority* of voters believed *him* to be *his uncle*, the First Napoleon.)

Education of poor girls in orphan asylums (answering to our union schools in England). The girls frequently remain with the "Soeurs" from eight to ten years, sometimes even from eighteen to twenty. They are not turned out as in England at the age of thirteen or fourteen to service. The oldest class generally consists of girls about and above eighteen. This would appear to be an amazing advantage. Also, that the management (economic) is so good that the sale of the girls' work actually almost covers their maintenance, sometimes indeed more than covers it.

Now let us see the working of it in the Miséricorde, where I served, one of the largest in Paris, and where there were no less than from ninety to 100 girls of all ages up to eighteen in the (so to speak) "union school," and which was estimated by the "Soeurs de Charité" generally as being their model establishment, I found this: the longer the girls remained with the "Soeurs" the more *abruties* [brutalized] they were; the girls of eighteen who (with us) or indeed in any secular Roman Catholic establishment) would be stirring about as domestic servants, could not so much as make a bed; they were perfectly incapable of doing anything when they soeurs' back was turned. And when she was present, they could only obey her as a

learned dog taught to play tricks obeys his master. This was the result of their being brought up in blind unintelligent obedience. But the result upon their souls was still more disastrous: not one of these girls was capable of keeping her own virtue. She could not cross the street without running the chance of falling an easy prey to the first soldier she met outside the doors of her own asylum. She never was allowed to cross the street (alone) while a resident in her own asylum. And the consequence was that these poor girls when they finally left were just as much (or perhaps rather more) unable

to gain their own livelihoods and to take care of themselves than when they entered at five years old, and this although (very properly) they are kept hard to needlework, which is absolutely remunerative, while at the Miséricorde.

As to the habits, I think I am speaking within the truth when I say that I have never seen anywhere, not even among the Egyptian fellahs, such a total want of means of personal cleanliness as in French soeurs' Miséricordes. There were no means of personal washing whatever. There were no baths, nor did the inmates ever go out to have baths. And, though all those beautiful white hoods (or bonnets) of the Soeurs were got up and starched on the premises, I never saw any other means of cleanliness whatever.

The food (which was the same for all) was heavy, ill cooked, unwholesome (tho' rather too abundant and solid), so unlike what one meets with in France elsewhere. (While I was there, I had fever and one of the oldest girls was told off in turn to attend upon me. These girls could literally do nothing whatever, not even make a bed. The soeur was always obliged to come and make it herself. I really wonder how anyone ever recovers severe illness under the Soeurs. There was no clean bed linen. There was no water or means of washing. There was nothing which, even in the worst hospital, we consider essential. (Had I not been removed by some Paris friends, I am certain I should never have come out alive.)

The only way of testing the real results of any institution, especially of any institution under religious orders, is to go and live in it yourself (to live and not to die), to be sick in it and well in it, to serve under and to serve over them. And when I am past work, I intend to go and be sick in London hospitals, and so to test their nursing as a hospital patient as I did at Paris.

One thing more: among the virulent enemies of all orders generally, without any discrimination, it is usually admitted that the unintermitting kindness of the Soeurs to the children or sick redeems much. This is not quite my experience. It is not that the Soeurs are ever unkind to the children, but where there are pupil teachers or other dependents, there *is* unkindness, even fatal unkindness, permitted under the nose, or rather not enquired into, from these to the children. One of the most horrible instances of barbarity ever known has happened within the last two months among the Soeurs de Charité in Westminster and was passed over far too leniently by the magistrates who committed the woman, on the ground of its being a charitable institution--charitable!!?

There was nothing of the kind at my Miséricorde at Paris. But, if you ask me whether I prefer a good union school in England for its results to body, soul and mind of the children, to the best French Miséricorde under "Soeurs." I should say it: the English is not to be mentioned in the same day for the superiority to the French "Soeur" system.

Possibly no principle in the world has ever produced (comparing all history) so much misery--blind and brutal misery--as the principle, here so strongly inculcated of blind unreasoning obedience. Discipline, or the teaching to obey orders intelligently, without which

all obedience is a blind resistless overbearing power, carrying the happiness of nations to destruction is a totally different thing, without which indeed no great work can be really accomplished.

More important of all: *Education and Central Organization of the Soeurs themselves*. The Soeurs number now 15,000, the noviciate lasts five years. The noviceship is always primarily at the "Maison Mère," rue du Bac. Here there is absolutely nothing but soeurs and novices: no sick, no poor, no penitents, no children. It is exactly as if you were to try to teach landscape painting in a dark cellar underground to a blind child. And I can truly say that I saw nothing to be learned there except shelling peas, picking potatoes, and that principle of stupid unintelligent obedience--which is the destruction of all "our Father's business." After the novice has been there a sufficient time to bontify her, (this is too strong a word--to reduce her to a machine--there are many, I should rather say, several fine [novices? nations] which stand the process but, being called rebellious, go out and found continuing, of course in the order, little works of their own, where they do very well.) She is sent to some of the many education, nursing or administrative institutions of the sisterhood. But at none of these have I ever seen any means of training whatever, in the sense of systematic teaching, ensuring testing progress in any one thing. They are left to "pick up" what they know, in the way the East Grinstead "sisters" are left to "pick up."

The "Soeurs de Charité" do nothing well in any one branch, except in administration--in house keeping (domestic economy). Is this system or no-system they are absolutely unlike most of the French active orders. (Contemplative orders are now so rare and their numbers so few that they are scarcely worth mentioning.) Take, e.g. the Augustinians: they number only 300, but they do things as well as the Soeurs de Charité do them badly, though the noviciate, if I mistake not, lasts only two years. For (1) their maison mère, their noviceship, is *in* a great hospital--the central hospital of Paris, the one most immediately under the great civil administration of the "Assistance Publique" (which governs indeed all the hospitals of Paris) the Hôtel Dieu. And (2) from the moment the Augustinian enters the order to the moment of her death, she is, (although' under her own superior, of course) directly under and dependent upon a civil administration. For we must always grant this high merit to the Augustinians: they undertake no institution but what is under a civil administration. And they cordially co-operate with it, not only officially but mentally and practically.

So do the "Soeurs de Ste Marthe" who share the general hospitals of Paris with the Augustinians (each order has the same number) with the exception of one unfortunate (general) hospital, which the "Soeurs de Charité" retain. It is inconceivable the difference which results from the novice, the moment she enters the order, being practically convinced that the *sisterhood exists for the work, and not the work for the sisterhood*. She is practically convinced of this by seeing the Mère Générale residing in the principal hospital and not in a "home," by seeing the noviceship directly under the wings of the principal work, which is under the wings of the Mère Générale, and above all by being *put to her work at once*. (If she peels carrots it is for the patients and not to "test her" stupid "obedience.")

Central Organization. The Mother General is assisted by the Father-General of the Lazzarists and it is a fundamental principle that no "soeurs" are sent anywhere where there are no Lazzarist "frères." This has had the effect (unexpected, no doubt) of making them into a vast political organization. During the last half century, the humble "Soeurs" of St Vincent de Paul have ceased to be a *religious* order and have become an *ecclesiastical* order, just as during the last two centuries, the Jesuits have ceased to be a *religious* order and have become an *ecclesiastical* order.

The "Soeurs" and Lazzarists do for the poor what the Jesuits and "Sacré Coeur" do for the rich. The latter are the right hand and the former the left hand of the papal power. All their strings are pulled from thence. But, as we are only discussing the "Soeurs," we will only say that these are wielded as a political engine all over (not only Europe but the world by the Pope and the Emperor.

(Not to be suspected of exaggeration here, I will tell a small incident which has happened to myself lately. A humble hard-working excellent small Roman Catholic English order was turned out of its hospital to make room for these "Soeurs de Charité" in London. I appealed (through the highest power) to Rome. The answer was virtually as follows: that the policy of Rome was to depress and finally to extinguish the small humble religious orders, whatever their services to the poor and sick, because Rome could make no use of them for her own purposes, while the vast ecclesiastical orders, like the "Soeurs de Charité," which could be moved by one string, were these which Rome wished to encourage, because they were useful as an ecclesiastical [see word] for the extension of her own power and policy. I gained my point however, after all, for Rome saw that it would not do to cast out English nuns.)

It is quite impossible for any impartial person to *live* at the centre of the "Soeurs de Charité" without being practically convinced of this. The Mère Générale is like a Talleyrand in petticoats. She is really a consummate politician, and as she is always chosen as such and as she has always the Père Général at her back, her political feats are certainly extraordinary. At the time of the Crimean War, as I went through Paris (I had known her previously--she was a pupil of my own (Mère or rather) Soeur Supérieure). I went, armed with all the powers of my own government *and* of the French government and accompanied by one of our (French) Embassy and bearing a letter of the French Minister of War, to ask the Mère Générale for some "soeurs" to go with me. I never shall forget the mastery of the situation which the woman had. The sufferings of all the armies were nothing to her--they did not enter into her calculations for one moment. Understood too by the representations of the men who were with me, she kept repeating "Un ordre de cette importance!!" (which I suppose she said a dozen times). She consulted with the Pere Général and we were refused. (I was most thankful afterwards for this.)

In the second year of the Crimean War, the "Soeurs"--small blame to them!--accepted from me whatever they could get, help of all kinds, stores to the amount of many thousands of £. And, after all this, they had the impudence (what else can you call it?) to let themselves be advertised in London by poor stupid Lord Clyde as the "soeurs" who had *assisted* the *English* soldiers in their distress!!!! While the nuns (English) who had really done this and served faithfully under me during the whole war were turned out of their hospital!!!

It is most painful to me to write down any of this--and for the first time. Even this is but a small example of what I mean. But, as I am the only person, not of the order, who has any real experience of the order, it seems but fair and honest if I tell anything to tell this. I do not think, deliberately speaking that, in the present century, the least thought of the benefit of the poor (for whom the order is supposed to exist) enters into the *government* of the order. If I am asked what is the religion (officially) of the order--not of the individuals--I should be obliged to answer: the lowest fetishism. I must point to their "processions," in which the Virgin who helped Oudinot to take Rome (sic) was installed at Notre Dame des Victoires as a different person (fetish) from the Virgin who is at Notre Dame de Lorette. I do not think a lower fetishism than this exists in any tribe.

The worldliness at headquarters is quite equal to that of any fashionable society in London or Paris. The two most worldly and ambitious women I have ever known in all my life (or men either) were (1) the Mère Générale the "Soeurs de Charité" and (2) the Mère Générale of the "Sacré Coeur." To what do I attribute all this? (a) to the circumstance that the Mère Générale, the headquarters, are the Mère and the headquarters, not of any hospital, not of any institution to help the poor, the sick, the children, but are the Mère and the headquarters of--what shall I say?--a politico-ecclesiastico institution (where no poor face is ever seen) to train a multitude of women to blind unreasoning obedience to serve an ecclesiastical purpose; to the circumstance that they are really entirely under ecclesiastical government and, except in one instance, do not frankly, do not really enter under any civil government, under any civil authority whatever. They are but a branch of the ecclesiastical power.

I have no hesitation in saying that the *best nurses* are "sisters" who, under a superior of their own, are yet, as to

business, *directly under a civil government*. So of education, so of Poor Relief. I have no hesitation in saying that the *very worst nurses, the very worst teachers of the poor*, are "sisters" who are *solely under an ecclesiastical power*. The reasons of this are obvious:

1. Nothing can keep them up to the wants of the age but a perpetual rubbing (friction) with the civil powers of the age. No sanitary or educational reform ever came out of a convent or order;
2. Ecclesiastical power, as it believes itself directly inspired by God, does not think it has anything to do with learning what we poor mortals have to learn as to the laws of God for the bodies and minds of His creatures;
3. Wherever there is pure ecclesiastical government, it makes heresy a moral fault and it then becomes the business of the "sisters" to cure heresy, not sickness, to teach orthodoxy, not a reasoning obedience to God's laws.

The religious orders in R. Catholic countries have been useful or useless (or worse than useless, mischievous) in exact proportion as they have been workers under civil authorities or not--in exact proportion also as they have trained themselves to do things well, or not--as secular OTHER people consider "training" and "doing things well." The "Soeurs de Charité" have been expelled from Portugal for quite sufficient reason (though I was the last to think it so), just as the Jesuits were expelled from France for quite sufficient reason. History shows that perhaps the two influences which have most retarded the progress of the human race in real education are: the Jesuits among the rich; the "Soeurs de Charité" and Lazzarists among the poor. And all experience teaches the same lesson.

Note, 45818 ff71-73

Poor Law. Sir J. McNeill is of opinion that the P.L. Medl Offr who now can only give a little useless or mischievous medicine to the poor people but who sees the disease growing up from its root

viz the ill drained, ill built building should be endowed with the function of bringing this, the cause of disease, immediately before the magistrate, as the Insp. of Nuisances must do, and compel the removal of the most active cause of pauperism. Does not the wretched, degenerate, puny population of, e.g., Bishopsgate Parish cry aloud for this?

Query: whether we shall not give Medl Offrs of Health for India certain Executive powers as magistrates to order all, except permanent, sanitary works to be executed. We might then think that we were on the way to attend to St Paul's and our Lord's precepts of "doing good" by

helping the people to "work."

Political Economy is illogical. It does not say: let madmen run about the streets and pick up their living as they can, but it does say and it takes for granted, in spite of every day's cruel experience that all human beings having any producing power have also the power of finding work, if they choose. Now no one can ever really have lived among the poor, specially workhouses, without seeing that the faculty of finding work is quite a peculiar faculty--or the result of education. The great mass of workmen are perfectly incapable if work fails them, of any reasonable scheme for going to find it elsewhere or otherwise.

The industrious widow, left with children, if work comes to her, it is a welcome accident. She can't go out and find it. Then, our precious laws instead of presenting work as the greatest blessing of man, present it as a punishment, a penalty, a grievance. St Paul is so extremely clear upon this point, that a man must work to eat, one would think, for people who read the N.T., it was equally clear that not the giving away money but the helping those to work, to exercise their producing power, who have not the natural or acquired gift- to do it unaided, is the Charity which above all is preached by the N.T., by our Lord Himself, "The poor ye have always with you." He cannot have meant that we were "always" to be giving them money but that we were "always" to be doing them good. Now the only real good is to help them to work.

But we say to people who can't find work: "You must go into the workhouse." Our national common sense has never arrived at this: take out all the sick, infirm, those who have lost either for a time or for life all producing power--cure them or make them as comfortable as you can. And to the rest--those who have only half lost their producing power or have not lost it at all, but, from want of education, want of knowledge of industrial and commercial things, want of geography, want of faculty, know just as little as the madman how to utilize it--we never say to them, come and we will help you to find wor. (This by the way it is not true that the wage-producing power of the population, *as it is*, equals the consumption. On the contrary--we know exactly the deficiency. The P.L. statistics tell it us- It is 7 millions per ann. Now the wages of a nation ought to cover the maintenance both of the producers and of the sick and infirm depending upon them.) Without in the least falling into the error of the French or Spanish Ateliers Nationaux, surely it is possible for a P.L. to help its poor to find work. They must have of course the natural premium upon work, viz., pay, and they must be subject of course to the natural rise and fall of prices in the labour market.

Three poor ladies have solved this insoluble question for about 25 poor women, deficient in intellect, deficient in habits of temperance (just the class we find in Workhouses) just the class we are told by the P.L. we can do nothing with. They were set to laundry and other work for which they were fit and to sick for which they are not fit). And the earnings of these poor wretches (in the "Adult Industrial Home" have lately amounted to reach £1000 a year. The P.L. says, how can you expect us to do this?

The answer is: they have done it, and with the most unpromising materials. The same problem applied to prisoners. It always appears the greatest non sequitur to give e.g. a forger five years' penal settlement. You might as well sentence him to flog his own wife. It has just as much to do with his crime. But, if you sentence him to repay (say) twice the amount he had stolen, his sustenance to be repaid meanwhile to the state of of his earnings - if you teach a man that it is cheaper to work than to steal (dearer to steal than to work) that would be something like

a law- something like a Reformators--this restoring the balance betwixt - the labourer and his

work was one of the original objects of the Reformed Poor Law.

In the Report of the P.L. Commissioners for 1837 it is stated that not only was emigration encouraged but that the overstocked labour market of Suffolk had been relieved of 2000 profitless months sent to the manufacturing districts at a cost to the rates of £3600 - with the practical result of lowering the Poor rate from £2000 to £65.

ff237-59

[1888]

I have been asked to say a few words about your
proposed new Women's Hospital

And first many of the cases which ~~principally~~ will be received
into this Hospital are those which are above all Sensitive
to want of fresh air, to whom any crowding is fatal overcrowding
to whom the first condition of a Hospl= is that it

shall do them no harm by want of air, ~~sun~~, light and sun, and
room and space she must have space - ~~so~~ *plenty* of windows- cross ventilation
to whom these things are *life and death*

some operations *must have a Ward each to herself* -
Necessities - And all these things cost money -

Why is a Women's Hospital served by women -
so insisted upon? Because Women Doctors ~~who~~ tho they may have the

f238

best theoretical teaching, Lectures, Examinations which
 the greatest Professors can give can only be
 Parasites "if they have not responsibility and practice
 That is a hard word - but it means
 others thinking for them, others feeding them with knowledge
 which they do not assimilate

No General Hospital even if it admits women
 students appoints them to any post.

And without not only dresserships, and Clinical Clerk ships-
 but without the independent practice and responsibility
 which House and Assistant House Surgeons and Assistant any no
 Physicians have without Resident Hospital posts
 woman student however successful her
 Examinations, however high her honours must
 be more or less a Parasite - And none feel it
 more than themselves

If this is the case with women Doctors remaining
 in England how much more so must it be for
 those going to India where they may find
 themselves called upon to attend the most critical cases,
 to perform the most capital/important operations not only/where
 with whether there be a Doctor within say 200 miles

or no nothing on earth, no suffering, no danger to life,
 will induce Hindoo and Mahometan women who
 are Purdah or Gorhan and many many Hindoo women
 who are not Purdah to allow a medical man to
 approach them especially in childbirth

f238v

But this is the case in England- Many poor women
 will rather go thro' any suffering, any and die than
 be examined by a man Doctor. And it is singular/or perhaps not singular
 that those women who know most about Examinations to
 who Hospital Head nurses are sometimes the
 strongest in this feeling that, they cannot bear to
 undergo the Exams= at the General Hospl= with a crowd of men students
 round them. They risk life and suffering rather -

And can you blame them?

The year's practice secured by a Hospital post to be
 gained *only* in Hospitals served be women

f239

[2]

We all know what Parasites are. They are plants or animals
which/who live upon others, and ~~don't~~ not working for their own ~~sustenance~~ food
and so degenerate. For the work to get food is quite as necessary -
as the food itself for healthy active life and development -

~~One of the most religious of men~~

Now, there is a danger in the air of becoming Parasites in

Nursing and Midwifery- of our becoming nurses and midwives by deputy - a danger now ~~that~~
when

there is so great a tendency to make ~~Nursing~~ a book and examination

Schooling, and College ~~knowledge~~ education, all sorts of Sciences and Arts even Nursing and
Midwifery

business, a profession, in the low, not the high sense of the word
a danger that we shall be content to let the book and the theory and the
words do for us what one of the most religious of men says
we let the clergymen and the going to Church do for us, if we have

—It makes us sad to think how in the last decade of the nineteenth century how little progress we have made to fixed principles in our struggle with poverty, even with all our best endeavours. Sometimes we make enormous subscriptions and we find we have pauperized instead of a depauperizing. Then we swing back the other way to co-operation. But we do not touch the black sheep to unions and strikes and we ruin millions and above all we ruin the trade and commerce which is to make the prosperity of millions, of a whole nation. Then we think that legislating about labour is the thing. Perhaps we shall legislate too that the quarter loaf shall be four pence.

Now the district nurse is a very little thing, but a cloud on the horizon. But the little cloud heralded rain on the thirsty earth. The district nurse under the doctor, nurses the child or breadwinner back to health without breaking up the home. We may make health contagious as sickness was the drinking father, the dawdling mother, their improvement becomes contagious too.

The tendency becomes upward, under the divine law of salvation or moral progress. We all know how the tendency in a bad neighbourhood is downward both as to health and morality. May not the tendency now be upward? The sovereign, the mother of His people, has laid her finger on the district nurse to be her representative with her sick poor, the servant of her beloved poor. Now let each district nurse in quietness and in confidence--in humility, always striving forward to greater efficiency find her strength.

It is said pioneers are always best before they become the fashion. Now let each nurse be the pioneer and none the fashion. She may work for her Queen and her God, this servant of the poor. But let her remember: Efficiency: efficiency *practical* efficiency, always increasing with every day, moral efficiency too. If no man can be great without humility, how much more can no nurse be good.

Add Mss 45819 microfilm, 250 folios, 48 pages, miscellaneous drafts on nursing, Adam Matthew reel 44

f1 FN note, pencil [14-15 Dec 1892]

One has passed away [Mrs Wardroper]
who was the pioneer in the
[divine work of common sense]
work now ALAS! scarred
by fashion.
Her whole heart was in her
work. She never went any
where.
[in blue pencil]
No diplomacy. All straightforward.

f1v stroked through

never took pleasure
or went out
admired by Doctors
a great disciplinarian
very kind
took such intense interest
in everything. Chapel Xmas
Easter, decorating. Great taste. Spent money
took great pains with her
delineation of character
wrote it again & again
in the Probrs record book
nothing mean or low
quietly
pioneer. Affectionate. Autocratic

f2

great discriminator of character
-at a flash: not
consideration & weighing
Yet writing characters
straight forward-true
upright
force of character
her word was law
thoughts, words & actions
all the same
never wasted herself in

talking
some people substitute
words for action--she
never
steward now *clerk* of the works
woman for Mortuary
f2v
slate of nursing
when she came
witty
rich & gay girlhood
pioneer
she did a great work
for her country
for womankind
blest by/to those to whom
it opened a divine live of
commonsense in nursing
such good language in her
characters
Hatcher &
Sister Ann
decided. Were first-rate
specimens
mortuary
chapel
women
Miss Crossland
19 years
with no

ff3-9 another draft not in FN hand, (signed) F.N. (Perhaps dictated?)

f10 HBC note, date 18/6/92. I think that these additions will be thrown away if inserted in the
ARticle - so far as any effect upon the public is concerned.

ff11-19 draft Pen

"Homes." Wanted to give ~~your~~ Nurses,
as Milton would say a training for life both
public & private, both in peace and in war.

Two dangers are springing u.

1. That Nursing has/will become a fashion:
an amateur thing, a "play with some
interesting work"

2 a mere means of bread earning, a forcing up
the wages. 'Man cannot live by bread alone.'

Woman cannot live by wages alone.

To furnish a Nurse with a good life: 'that's
the rub.' And a Nurse without a "Home"
is a sort of shipwrecked creature. For every
woman is not a Robinson Crusoe to make
her lodging a "home."

Nursing is not a profession but a calling:
neither for fashion ~~but~~ nor for lucre alone
The Nurse should have an intellectual interest
in the 'case': a moral & motherly interest
in the Patient: a technical interest in the
Nursing. Never should the Patient be *only*
a case to the nurse.

f12

Homes.

The trained Lady Superintendent to be
the first of the Nurses & the mother &
care=taker of them all, is a person of the
greatest importance.

//Selfishness, a love of her own comfort, where it is not
properly provided *for* her, extending even to carelessness
about the Patient, may be the result. Or wearing herself
out by overwork, without proper care for herself.

A good life for the Nurse--And how to attain it

That is our object.....

....f13 more. Chapter, conference f15

f17 struck through. *Disinfectants*. Every year every month brings forth conundrums for
disinfectant and antiseptics. Do you think it desirable to give a fresh list? Or we might simply
put, as Dublin does, *an* antiseptic solution, *a* disinfectants. **(Yes)**.

But a few years have seen the rise and fall of "spray." The antiseptic specific. So with
disinfectants.

It is said that St Thomas' applies antiseptics/disinfectants of much too strong character to

its new maternity nurses, which they had never been used to. Corrosive sublimate is also ordered at Edinburgh and if ordered by the doctor, of course must be used by the nurse.

f18 p 2

Ough we not to amplify more upon
these *Private*

Midwifery Nursing

which have started into into mimportance
almsot since Quain's first Edition
came out?

f19 FN drafte. V. Monthly (or Maternity) Nursing [omitted]
f20 envelope with FN note pencil

Quain's Article

2 note sheets

I, II, III larger

[in another hand] Miss Nightingale

10 South St.

[FN:] 1/6/92

~~F.N.~~

F21 FN pencil notes ff21-22

Necessities or a Training School

1. A hospital *organized* for the purpose go to A2
2. A good "Home" with discipline. N36 la.b.
3. A matron over all
4. A "Home" Sister -Class Mistress of the
Probationers -disciplining their life
5. Ward Sisters not constantly changing
For they are the key to the whole situation
Matron influencing thro' them Probationers
&c &c &c

Dangers/Hopes

Man does not live by bread alone

A nurse has quite other things to do than to
look after her own wants.

20

f21v

2

1. That is where the Probationers are not set down
in the Wards merely to pick up - but
where it is the business of the Ward Sister to
teach them systematically - & keep records of

their progress.

2. Where the Probationers are steadily 'mothered'
& morally disciplined by a "Home" Sister (Mistress of Probationers)
who gives them classes.

To which may be added
N.36 I (a) &c

B.

[struck through below]

6. Sanitation - as Nursing
You must form public opinion
~~You must~~

Officials will only do what you
make them

You, the public, must make them
do what you want

ff23-28 not in FN hand, stylized

f29-45 FN draft pencil and pen

f28v HBC: ...nurse training. This is imperfect & does not add much to your part on training. I
think may be omitted.

She reports monthly to the Matron and
from time to time communicates with the Ward
Sisters through the Matron on the defects &c
heads of a family

But there should be very frequent unofficial
friendly meetings among the female Heads of the
Hospital 7 Home, When they exchange knowledge of their charges
by no means only as to defects & the matron holds os
to speak a Chapter. "There can be but little
real unity otherwise, so necessary to form
the practical opinions /ideas alike from prejudice or
partiality, from gossip or from official stiffness.

F30 [this folio struck through]

3

Esprit de Corps. Encourage Esprit de Corps
that they may think what if they do they
will be a disgrace to their Training School or Hospl
& what if they do they will be an honour to it

Let them think their Training School & their
Doctors the best in the world but let there be a
friendly rivalry with all other Hospitals. But never
think of fusing all nurses into one mass.

Above all, the "Home Sister" must be the Mother of the Probationers really caring for each for her own sake, carrying each on her heart before God. She must know how to make it a real "Home." - constant supply & constant sympathy. [end struck through folios]

ff31-39 FN draft for Quain's, omitted

f31 pen

p. 713 P. Insert x x (1)

The Ward 'Sister,' ~~ordained~~ ^{deputed} instructed by her, the Staff Nurse, is to show every new Probationer how to do her work, not only what things are to be done & how they are to be done, but how she is to guard against the way they are not to be done as well as against what is not to be done - the Sister remembering that the Probationers cannot be made responsible for doing well what she did not know how to do.

Every new Probationer is to be shown the various cupboards where Lint, Tow, Bandages &c &c are kept, the Instruments & Utensils used in Nursing, & how to use them what the Ward work is independently of that immediately about the patients to be shown what she is to do in the Lavatory & how best to cleanse the various fittings & utensils, how to empty Bedpans & use disinfectants, as well as the respective Mops, Brushes, Towels &c & their uses. The Ward Sister must train each Probationer how to wash & cleanse helpless Patients, especially men, without exposure, i.e. by washing them between blankets --how to wash *daily* the axilla, flexures of thighs &c of Patients, between Towels or Blankets -

f32

remembering that the Probationers, more particularly the lady Probationers, may never have handled or ever seen such Patients before, & that a Probationer cannot be expected to know of herself one of the most important things she has to do. Washing ~~Sponging~~ Patients all over in bed is more & more becoming

a part of the Treatment in certain diseases.
 The Ward Sister must train each Probationer how to lift helpless Patients, how to turn them from side to side
 how to clean or to make her Patients clean
 the mouth &c: how to feed & administer
 medicines to helpless patients, how to prevent
 bedsores, fully explaining the various causes
 of bedsores, the Probationer to be taught to
 report the first appearance of the first signs
 of bed sore to the 'Sister' in order for her
 to report immediately to Physician or Surgeon.
 [This is the training in *Hospitals*, which
 every Nurse whether for 'Private,' District or Hospital
 Nursing ought to have. The *District* Nurse
 will have afterwards to watch against or look after bedsores
 for herself & to keep notes of that
 & of every symptom for her Medical Officer.
 A Nurse is no Nurse under whose care a bed sore can be produced.]

f33

3

She has to learn how to make beds, change sheets & drawsheets,
 the Ward Sister has to train each new Probationer how to
 undress an Accident or Fever case,
 how to do dressings, using two basins for
 washing wounds & never dipping soiled tow
 or cotton wool into basin No. 1.

She has to train how to make & apply
 fomentations flannels & poultices at their proper
 temperature, severe injury has been done
 by a careless Nurse applying poultices too hot,
 how to dress blisters, how to apply Iodine &
 other paints & liniments, how to give injections
 & enemata, nutritive & otherwise, how to pass
 the Catheter, how to make & put on bandages,
 cover splints &c, how to use trusses, how to use
 'friction' in the way in which it is used
 by professional rubbers, how to shave, an
 accomplishment often required ~~needed~~ in District
 Nurses, & taught in French Hospitals, where
 the edges of wounds are kept carefully shaved,
 where necessary.

She has to show how to 'take' temperatures,
 pulse & respiration ~~how to read the 'Cards'~~
~~at bedheads~~ to train in 'Observation' of the
 Sick explaining the 'reasons why'

f34

4

for giving or altering such medicines such dressings &c, to train how to describe the different sorts of coated tongues &c, the differences of sputum &c, the *feeling* of pus or skin, to question, if possible, on special cases after the round of the visiting Physician or Surgeon she has to train not only how to take notes, to keep case papers under printed headings, but how to jot down at the time any special thing learnt or done in the Ward during the day [All this is essential to the taking of notes for any good purpose. And the Physician or Surgeon now requires the District Nurse or the 'Private' Nurse to take careful notes of his Patients almost or quite in the same way as is done

for by professional young men for the Hospital.] [~~struck through Resident, Dresser or Clinical Clerk~~]

Every Probationer is to be taught Sick Cookery & the use of Cooking Utensils, so that she can make not only good beef tea, egg flip know when to use beer & when wine in it & what proportion of either, the same with regard to gruel & drink for the sick, such as lemonade, apple water, rice water.

F35

5

Iceland Moss, Wine. She must be taught how to make good mutton & veal tea, mutton & chicken broth & other invalid soups, dress fish, boiled fried & filleted, & make good melted butter, parsley, bread & egg sauce, jelly, various kinds of milk & fruit puddings steamed bread puddings &c, how to boil & roast fowls, mutton, sweetbread &c, grill a chop or steak, poach an egg, stew & broil sundry sick dishes, make chicken panada, custard blancmange, cornflour, arrowroot barley cream

A course of practical lessons at the National Training School for Cookery, where each pupil would be taught in each lesson

should be added to the Hospital training And
~~each Ward 'Sister' or Head Nurse would be~~
 very thankful for it afterwards.

f36

6

The Ward Sister is to train each Probationer the necessary precautions to prevent finger poisoning, or carrying of contagion by want of cleanliness or want of fresh air, in the art of ventilation by night as well as by day. Remembering that these Probationers may be Night Nurses in their turn She is to teach how to manage Convalescent Patients & particularly convalescence from Typhoid &c when a simple mistake as to allowing some indulgence may produce a fatal relapse. In District or 'Private' Nursing how to manage such cases as Chorea Hysteria &c She is to teach how to wash & prepare the dead for removal without exposure. [A Probationer can thus best be taught how to wash between blankets the living.] [The Ward 'Sister' is to instruct the Nurses how to instruct Probationer. As it is impossible for a 'Sister' with a Sister's duty in a 'heavy' Ward always to have time to show all these necessary things herself to the Probationers, the 'Sister' is to question her & see if she has been shown them & how she does them, remembering that it is of use to the Probationer to put this into words.

Each Probationer is to be occasionally taken with

f37

7

the Sister on her Ward rounds & asked, e.g. *how* she has washed the helpless case, how she has bandaged or made bandages, the Sister remembering that it is not only what the Probationer has done, but whether she has learnt to do it rightly that constitutes the training.

A good Ward Nurse might be charged by the Sister to teach the Probationers, e.g. to wash a helpless case; the Sister to question the Probationer afterward, remembering that

it is not for the Probationer to criticize the Nurse, nor for the Sister to reprove *ignorance* in the Probationer, but for the Sister to enquire what the Probationer has been taught

[on back: omitted by H.B.C.]

F38

#

insert N. Set + + +

N.P. The key to the whole situation in the Hospital itself is the Ward Sister; thro' whom the Matron ~~teaches & governs~~ influences the Nurses, day & night, the Probationers, the Ward maids, the Patients of each Ward.

F39

p. 13

Qy insert a brief account of what discipline is, not drill or "standing at attention" but learning how to develop physically, intellectually, spiritually, all the powers illustrate by the teaching given by the Laws of Nature.

f40 pencil and pen [in Quain]

pen

Dust in Hospitals may contain epithelial scales from the mouth, skin epithelium pus cells. As there appears no limit to the reproduction of epithelium, so there is no limit but excessive cleanliness to its to its deposit in dust in a Hospital Ward.

[Pencil]

strongly impractical with conviction that after 20 years we shall be put on our trial again as to training or rather perhaps that for the country the trial is only beginning.

We had at St T's any real effective rivals who will raise the standard of Training & nursing let them outstrip us. Let us catch them up again. Training Schools for Nurses are rising up everywhere; I pray God to prosper them. Every Hospital ought to have

one.

But the questions for practical solution I take it will be

1. Do they mean to really organize with tests a system of training? Or do they mean merely to take untrained Nurses & call them Probationers?

2. What selection & what training will there be for supts beyond that of Nurses?

Will Supts e.g. have a year's training as Assistant supts?

Will Training Schools aim at sending out trained Nursing Staffs, or only individuals?

Then will come the whole question of 'Obligation.'

Shall it be for 1, 2, 3 or 4 yrs?

The solution of this question greatly affects that of the supply of good Candidates.

Will they flow most to the Schools wh require one year only

On the other hand, probably that in London the trained nurses without obligation will go into the streses of 'private nursing & not

f41

be available for Hospitals, stili less for incorporation in trained Staffs

These & similar questions the next five years will find on trial & I own to some apprehension as to their results unless good men & true will guide them

f42

Inserted. P. 5 [struck through folio] blue pencil] [in Quain]

The feather bed is dangerous dirt's favoured officer

Feather beds should
be picked to pieces & the tick washed
at least once a year.

One of the results of the feather bed
unpicked for say 20 years with perhaps several lyings-in
taking place on it, besides ordinary use
may be pyaemia, fatal pyaemia to the
mother, & sores to the infant.

F43 FN pencil

p. 10

Leeches, I believe, are scarcely ever used
now

[next part is in Quain's
Nursing is a progressive calling]
Charge nurse...

ff46-55 FN note to HBC, on article, pen [above changes for later edition]

Article Training of Nurses

Dec 17/92

10, South Street [printed address]

Park Lane, W.

Exceedingly many thanks
for the valuable pencil notes.
Could you be so very kind as
to look over what I have
done? & decide upon it-
having in view that we
must send it in on Monday.

1. I have adopted, of course,
your suggestions about 1, 2 &
3 years' *training*. But what
is TRAINING? No one knows less than the R. Charter party.

They have no idea what they
mean by "3 years' training."

2. I think it wants a
short index to what is
coming p. 2. Would A do?
Should about the Register

come in there - or at
REGISTER (D) P. N. 39 Inserted HERE.

[In these days I think we
must not neglect Register.]

Or at "Generally" See "*Nursing*
the Sick" p N. 52

I have transmogrified
p. N. 40 to meet your
note, as well as I could.

Shall you condemn
B altogether, especially
the Chapter part, as
unsuitable to a Dictionary?

Yet I know not how to
leave it out with what
I have learnt now about
the largest Hosp in London

f47

let alone our own & nearly all. If a
matron has not a Chapter
she *will* have SO NOBODY

to talk to. And that
person will probably be
the most unfit in the
Hospl.

Or would you admit
second Para of B, or any
part of it corrected
somewhere else? N 40 in part.

Two bits what
is marked by your note
must hen be tr. elsewhere
And I have tried to
suggest ~~this~~ where.

4. Will you admit
C? This is again a
think which seems to me
quite simply necessary. Yet every
matron says to me,
'O *my* sisters are quite
unfit to be treated in
that way!' [HBC] *Inserted*

5. Will you admit
[HBC] **Propose *not*. The
article must not be too long.**

D?
I learn so much from
our elder Sisters (even
from those I don't agree
with) what trained them- what didn't.
I commend it all to your great
kindness & judgment.
Don't insist on anything - ever yours
F.N.

F48 in Quain's

ff56-72 proof Nurses, training of, with corrections

f72v note

ff73-83 proof Quain's Dictionary of Medical, now with v few corrections

f84 note

FN in preparing her article on Sick Nursing in Quain's *Dictionary* quoted Shakespeare on the
definition of a nurse: [but is it in?]

So kind, so duteous, diligent
So tender over his occasions, true

So feat. 45819 f83

Moreover a nurse was to act "for the best" in carrying out her orders, "not as a machine, but as a nurse, not like Cornelus Agrippa's broomstick, which went on carrying water, but like an intelligent and responsible being." 45819 f72 Nurses, Training of in Quain

f90 FN note

technical instruction = hand training

[not in FN hand, small]

In the comparatively early state of human development in which we now live, a person cannot indeed feel that illeg of sympathy will all things which would make any real discordance in the general direction of their conduct in life impossible. J.S. Mill quoted by Sir J. Lubbock in *The Pleasure of Life*, 1890, illeg there
by F.N. p. 182.

more notes/drafts

f122 pen, IV

But see/mark what lovel things she sees too
under a good War Disster, the infleunce
of children in adult wards, specially opon
men. We see a little elf, takeninto a
Male Surgicla Ward under a firstrate
Sister.... [omitted]

f123. Moral influence.

f124

f125 FN hand, pen 27

V. Storm

In not much more than a quarter of a century
after the state of things described, & when scarcely
yet had a standard of good Nursing been arrived at,
when still less pains had been or could be
taken to examine, certify, guarantee the standard
of the Training Schools, a storm arose in the
great Metropolis of this same free & philanthropic
country, & from the quarter least to be expected.

The problem/question was: *not* how shall further
progress be secured? not how shall Nurses
& Nursing be still farther improved? Not how
shall the Training Schools in friendly rivalry
raise the Standard higher & higher - make
the progress more thorough - the foundation
more solid.

It was just the contrary. It was, how
to stereotype the present, how can we
reduce all to a dead level? how can we
ignore differences, the higher & the lower,
in this present - how can we give the
stamp to Mediocrity? how can we separate
& register for the Public the small technical
accomplishments in this fine creature, this
noble thing, a woman, if allowed & trained

f126

& nurtured to grow into a Nurse? how can
we put aside all essential qualifications,
making them naught in the Nurse's eyes
as far as she can, thus stamping the nurse

as a clinical thermometer or an antiseptic dressing? [blue pencil] There has been no still small voice as yet

The whirlwind continued ^ It tried to get legislation or Licence for this registering not the living nurse, but the busy Molecule. The Training Schools Hospitals remonstrated. 'What is all this about?' they said. 'Why cut off our limbs, & give us a wooden leg? We have miles & miles to go & years & years to work before we can satisfy even *ourselves* that we have got our Training system right and in order. We have a great way before us. Are we to pursue this way, thus handicapped? On this Procrustes' bed are all our best Nurses to be laid & cut down to it - our worst to be stretched & strained to it, & then named as the standard? Are we not all to help one another forward, forward -- each finding out & communicating to each other a more excellent way, taught by experience, in something or another? The Certificate disease - the Registration epidemic is upon us - worse even than the bureaucratic countries. Is our Nurse

f127

V

to be like a bit of paper - cut to a pattern? or a wax figure at Mme Tussaud's? Curious contradiction.

The Storm has arisen: say the Training Schools & Hospital = while our fleet has hardly yet put out to sea - our engines are not completed - our boilers not tested, our screws a little jammed - our rigging not in full trim - our sailors by no means all settled down to their work, when lo! we are boarded by a boat, as a boat having authority & asked & press (& even threatened with the law if we do not) [blue pencil]

to stereotype ourselves as we are, with so few ~~trained~~ able seamen yet on board each of our ships, let alone a fleet with only a few hundreds. Prithee let her drill our ship's companies, & make ourselves all taut & ship shape first.

Sweet friends, who wish to do us good but who are inexperience or at least have

not the experience we have, spare us:
 let us work out our own salvation.
 Onward is our motto. Give us joy & hope
 & not fear. The End.

f128

Advanced Education (Elementary) of Patients
 cut makes higher, not more common place woman necessary
 it might not be amiss to mention that the *Tone* of
 the Ward depends upon the Charge Nurse (Sister)\under the doctors
 whether there shall be cursing & swearing whether
 kindness & savagery - order or disorder.
 whether each nurse & afterwards each Patient shall
 be a Missionary of better things or of worse.
 Whether each Nurse shall be a lesson to the patients
 of good or of bad.
 And no one without Hospital experience can know how
 different a large proportion of the Patients are
 since Foster's Act. They especially the young me.... [omitted]

f143

5. Nurses should resemble mothers acting under Doctors more than Doctors.
 ff148- proof of Sick Nursing and Health Nursing, Woman's Mission

f133 {arch: [1892-3]}

unsigned notes, ff133-34v, pen & pencil

-|-

Nursing the Sick - under ~~gun~~ scientific
 heads - physicians or surgeons
 Quain

But God did not mean mothers insert at to be
 always accompanied by Doctors.

Nursing the well. Nursing health
 Instructed M. O. 's of *Health* we have now

“ Nurses of “ we must have
 Tons of books & pamphlets we have now on
 Hygiene & Sanitation - But neither is brought

f133v

home to the home - either to rich or poor
 what is read in a book stays in the book,
 Health in the Home has not been carried here
 to the millions of mothers & girls upon whom so
 largely depends the health of the ~~crowd~~ population

In fact, they do not believe in Sanitation as affecting health, as preventing disease. They believe in Infection, in catching ~~hold~~ / cold. Some believe in Antiseptics, some in isolation.

with Rural Missioners of Health to bring it home to Cottage mothers. An effort has been recently made in N. Bucks, a county in England to bring it by something more than Lectures

f134

11 [illeg]

Unhealthy Schools - a child takes measles, takes scarlet fever. Children are sent home, ~~an~~ the School is closed. Would it not have been a more sensible measure to consider the School as "breeding the fever" - the children as "catching" it from the School, not from each other - They all breathed the same close air. Would not this alter our views of Infection?

The *human body* is the most infectious thing of all, if overcrowded, if ventilation is wrong, if drains are wrong, if earth, air, or water or all three are dirty

f134v

1.4

Health in the Home can only be learnt from

the home & in the home

Statesman "We do no more than play with the
subject" in a letter wrote one, referring to Ambulance [?]

Lectures - All the
fashionable lectures of
the day with our

himself an eminent M. O. of Health / Sanitary

when we sprinkle lectures over the
community as that kind of teaching is
"not instruction & can never be education"
"Medicines & Surgery"

ff148v-55 proofs of Woman's Mission, with changes
Sick-Nursing and Health-Nursing
by Miss Florence Nightingale

f151 has a section crossed out

unsigned letter/memorial, ff156-59v, pen

f156

June 29/93

Sir Douglas Galton's title

to public honour lies

in the thousands of lives

he has saved (*not* killed)

Military & Civil in the

health he has restored

to tens of thousands

& will to generations

yet unborn -

He is the pioneer of SANITARY

Military Engineers - he

has served for 20-30 years

in great Public Offices

& since his retirement

has been & is at the call

of great Public bodies

& private individuals -

& has always put his

f156v

great experience & ability at the
disposal of his benevolent
& active genius - where
his disinterestedness
equalled his ability,
which is saying a great
deal.

As a youth,

He passed the highest
examination on record
at Woolwich & belonged
to the Royal Engineers.

At that time we were
almost in black darkness
how to *prevent* disease.

And a well-known R.E.
nobly said to me in 1857: 'I
know how to build so that
it shall not tumble down,
but how to build so that

f157

it shall be healthy I ~~have~~ / know
not' an-idea!

Sir D. G. had to teach himself
the application of Sanitary
practice to Engineering, to
buildings & to works.

And well he did it -
in the nick of time, the
'acceptable day', the 'day
of salvation'.

For, On the return of the troops
from the Crimea, where
they had died in the first year like sheep
or like heroes, not from
guns or the bayonet,
but from disease, preventive
disease, - Sidney Herbert
had devoted himself
by two Royal Commissions,
one for the British, one for

f157v

the Indian Army, - in his
powerful position with Crown,
Cabinet & Commons, & lastly
of Secretary of State for War,
to remedy these frightful
evils up to his death in
1861. And he left us a
legacy in the Army
Sanitary Commission to
carry on his work.

Sir D. G. is one of those
who was & still is on that
Commission which now embraces
Indian affairs, Civil &
Military, - one of those by
whom the extraordinarily
high Death-rate of our
Army at home has been so greatly
reduced - & by whom Sanitary

f158

-2-

improvements have been
started all along the line,
Civil & Military -

He has other titles to
honour:

After having been
- Secy of the Railway Dept.
of the Board of Trade
from 1854 to 1859,

he was

"Assisted" Inspector Genl
of Fortifications 1859-1862

Then he became

- "Assisted" Under Secy of State
for War 1862-70

(i.e. Financial Secretary for W. O.)
then

- Director of Public Works &
Buildings 1870-1875

I do not know what "Assisted"
means - he was always
called "Financial Secy "for the War Off.

f158v

After 21 years of the most energetic public & professional life, he continued the same ceaseless & enlightened activity in many different forms - sent for by great public bodies not only at home but in America, Paris, Antwerp, Vienna, &c &c

He distinguishes himself for Hospitals, Schools, County Councils, Sanitary Institutions, for all objects connected with the improvement, the well being & the health of populations.

He built the great Military Herbert Hospital

f159

at Woolwich.

He was Chairman of Committee of the International Congress of Hygiene in 1891.

He has been member of the Army Sanitary Commission, (formerly, under Sidney Herbert called the "Barrack & Hospital Improvement" Commission) from the beginning which embraces the Mediterranean Stations - and in India the *native* populations as well as the troops.

He now appears as one of the most active members of a County Council -

f159v

& one often applied to for
his advice & support
in these & other bodies -

signed letter, f160, pen & pencil

f160

To the Survivors of the Balaclava
Charge October 25, 1893

My friends, I am asked to greet
you, the survivors on this
anniversary of the heroic
Balaclava charge - ~~which~~
I do so with heartiest sympathy.

May I ask you today ~~When~~ remembering the heroism
with which some of your Light Brigade
went back under fire to the
rescue from death of some
wounded comrade or Officer,
this question: will you not show that
heroism still in receiving
comrades wounded by the temptations
which lead to a low or sinful life? You
know how often our Great
Captain calls sin 'death': &
gives His life to save us
from it. Who follows in His
train? O God, to us may grace
be given To follow in His train.

your faithful friend
Florence Nightingale

unsigned letter draft, ff161-166, pencil
f161

London for Oct 25/95

I

You ask me to say a few words to the Crimean veterans; I am always speaking to them in my heart. But I am overwhelmed with work -

The Soldier has such good stuff in him x - [But sometimes he forgets that we may fight the good fight against the enemy in home=life as well as in the field].

1 x he really "loves" his comrade "as himself" (his neighbour) - When he himself, is as in the charge of Balaclava is beyond

f161v

gunshot & he finds his comrade or his Officer not there, he returns to bring him off - How many have lost their own lives in this way - (or rather gained) killed or wounded But the Officer or the comrade was saved

2 When he loves his God, he really does love Him - accustomed to discipline, to obeying orders exactly, he sets his heart to obeying the orders of God, the Great Commander in Chief, exactly resist temptation.

f162

He becomes a real Xtian
 He resists temptation - he
 becomes pure & sober &
 active in doing good to
 others - & to his wife &
 children, if he has any
 the orders of truth, holiness & love
 There are brave invalids
 'brave cripples', brave home-livers as well as
 brave soldiers. Men are
 not always fighting with
 bayonet & guns but with the world,
 the flesh & the Devil. (chaffing, keeping
 their bodies as the 'temple of God,' just & true
~~arms~~ - 3 He The soldier is so good to animals

The Horse Artillery man
~~is so kind~~ to his horses -
 He may not have enough
 proper food for himself

f163

-2-

continue 3

he may be sinking himself
 under hardship & exposure - but he
 will ~~try to~~ coax his horse
 to eat & try to comfort him in every way that
 can be done.
 And troopers ~~have been~~ will
~~known to~~ sally out after
 dark at the risk of their
 lives after fighting all day to find a wet ditch
 & bring back water to
 their thirsty chargers who have had nothing to drink all day & who
 thank their masters with
 for the muddy draught with a quite
 human affection

A soldier is always kind
 to cat or dog or goat T.O.

f163v

~~Why don't they/~~ Does he always bring this
humanity home?

Does he always bring
his bravery & his discipline
home?

4 p.3

f162v

-3-

~~To sum up~~

4 When they/ men drink they don't
uphold the honour of their
country, their Sovereign &
their God. They sink lower than
the beasts. We degrade a beast
when we say a man is like a beast.

A man who resists drink
is perhaps a greater hero
than the heroes of Inkermann, that battle
who stood to ~~small~~
to their out post battery when surprised & gave time
for Regiments to come up
which saved perhaps the face of
Europe from being changed.
So they now may save
their village or their parish
if they stand firm, rooted
& grounded in love.

~~Battle of Waterloo~~

f164

-4-

~~We have it on the best~~
~~authority~~ continue 4 from p 3

At one great battle
 which had to be fought
 on the defensive & *won*
 the men stood firm ~~like~~/ as rocks in
 their places till they fell - not
 a man stirred. They did not fight for glory
 He that will lose his life
 shall save it.

Where

would England be now
 but for them?

And may we not say
 now where will England
 be a ~~cent hundred years~~ hence
 quit ye like men

f164v

if her men do not stand
 like rocks to the right &
 the true & the holy &
 the loving?

Is England better than
 she was a ~~hundred years~~
~~ago?~~ *for ME?* Let every
 man & ~~woman~~ ask him
 or ~~herself~~ this question
 p.1 continue 4 p. 5

Fight the good fight
 quit ye like men -
 (from last page of this sheet
 Never forget that you
 are the brave soldiers of
 God who loves you.

You are fighting for Him & His England now

f165

5 In our Civil Hospital & Infirmary life
 we find that tho' primarily of course
 the Ward sister well trained morally & technically ward sister
 (Head Nurse) is the prime
 mover in keeping up the
 tone of the Ward, if 3 or 4
 ill conditioned men or women
 in a Men's or Women's Ward
 of say 30 ~~are troublesome~~/ behave badly
 they drag down more or less the
 whole ward - if well they drag it up
 they have a sensible influence
 over the tone of the whole
 Ward.

But I will tell you
 a more wonderful thing
 still - in a large
 Children's Ward of
 {written in the bottom right corner} from the
 cradle to the
 grave

f165v

child Patients up to 5 or
 6 years with a ~~large~~ great
 sprinkling of babies under
 one, if the elder ones became
 quiet & "good", the babies
~~will~~ /would stop crying.

Such is ~~the~~ /our influence
 that God has ordained
~~of us~~ over each other
 from the cradle to the
 grave ~~Fig~~

See ye to it

Quit ye like men

back to p. 4 (2)

God bless you

& He *will* bless you

f166

continue 4

-5-

In India ~~Lord Clyde~~ (Sir / a well known C. in C.
~~Golin Campbell~~) whenever
 there was anything very
~~arduous~~ / hard to be done
 used to say: "Call out
 the Saints: for Havelock
 never blunders & his
 men are never drunk"

The "Saints" won, &
 it is the "Saints" will win
 again - in peace as in war
 But the "Saints" tho' chaffed were they
 who won - And it *is* the "Saints" who *will* win
 in what is called
 every day life

[You remember Havelock's
 heroic march in summer
 heats in the Indian
 Mutiny]

ff167- typed copy of Balaclava letter

copy of signed letter, ff172-76, typewritten

f172 {arch: copy of a letter from Florence Nightingale, to the Rev T.G. Clarke, Birmingham,
 Honry Secty. of the Balaclava Anniversary Celebration. 25 October, 1895.}
 LONDON,
 Oct. 21, 1895.

Dear Sir,

You ask me to say a few words for the Anniversary of
 the Balaclava Charge to your veterans. I am often speaking
 to them in my heart, but I am much overworked. And what I
 speak in my heart is something like this - The soldier has such
 good stuff in him. 1. He really "loves" his comrade "as
 himself" - when he himself returns safe out of gunshot
 and he finds his comrade or his officer missing, he
 goes back to bring him off. How many have lost (or
 rather "gained") their lives in this way, killed or
 wounded. And there has been no swagger about it.

f173

-2-

2. And when he loves his God he really does love Him. Accustomed to discipline, to obeying orders exactly, he sets his heart to obeying the orders of God, the Great Commander in Chief exactly; the orders of truth, holiness, and love. He becomes a real Christian, he resists temptation, he becomes pure, sober, active in doing good to others, to his wife and children first, if he has any.

There are brave "home livers", brave cripples, brave invalids, as well as brave soldiers. These are not always fighting with bayonet and gun but with the "world the flesh & the devil" not minding being "chaffed", keeping their bodies as the temples of God, just and truthful in all their doings.

The soldier is so good to animals - the Horse Artilleryman to his horses; he may not have enough for himself, he may be sinking himself under hardship and exposure, but he will coax his horse to eat, and try and comfort him. And troopers will sally out after dark at the risk of their lives, after fighting

f174

-3-

all day, to find a wet ditch and bring back water to their thirsty chargers who have had nothing to drink all day, and who thank their masters for the muddy draught with quite a human affection.

A soldier is always kind to cat or dog or goat.

Does he always bring this humanity home? -

Does he always bring his bravery and his discipline home?

4. When men drink they *don't* uphold the honor of their country, their sovereign, and their God. They sink lower than the beasts who never over-eat or over-drink themselves. A man who resists drink is perhaps a greater hero than the heroes of that battle who stood to their (outpost) battery when surprised and gave time for Regiments to come up, which saved perhaps the face of Europe from being changed. So they now may save their village or their parish, if they stand firm, "rooted and grounded in love." At one great battle which had to be fought on the defensive, and *won*, the men stood firm as rocks till they fell - not a man stirred. *They* did not fight for glory.

f175

-4-

Where would England be now, but for them? -

And may we not say now. Where will England be if her men do not stand firm like rocks to the right, and the true, and the holy, and the loving? -

Is England better than she was for *me*? Let every man ask himself this question? Sometimes he forgets that we may fight the good fight - the good fight against the enemy - in common home life as well as in the field. (In India, a well known Commander. in Chief whenever there was any thing very hard to be done, used to say: "Call out the Saints, for Havelock never blunders, and his men are never drunk." You remember Havelock's heroic march in summer heats in the Indian Mutiny). The Saints tho' "Chaffed", were they who won, and it *is* the Saints will win, in what is called every day life.

In our Civil Hospital and Infirmary life, we find that - though of course the ward "sister" (head Nurse) morally and technically well trained, is the prime mover in keeping up the

f176

-5-

tone of the ward; if three or four ill conditioned men or women in a men's or women's ward of say 30 behave badly, they drag down more or less the whole ward - but if well - they drag it up.

But I will tell you what is stranger still. In a large children's ward where the oldest was five or six and many under one year, if the elder became quiet and good, the babies would stop crying.

Such is our influence over each other from the cradle to the grave, that God has ordained.

See ye to it ,

Quit ye like men!

Fight the good fight, never forget that you are the brave soldiers of God who loves you. You are fighting for Him and His England now.

God bless you and He will bless you.

Such are the thoughts for the old soldiers of their faithful servant,

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

unsigned, incomplete draft, f177, pencil

f177

To the Technical Education

May I ask leave

Results

Dairy Lectures & Classes

Have the results been

improved Butter in the

District Attendance

specimens of both tell nothing

Derbyshire & Bucks

Ambulance Lectures

Sick Nursing “

Have the results been

that the women could

nurse their next Patient

better themselves?

make the bed with the

Patient in it.

Or are they only an
amusement -

Does the Examiner “pass”

them merely by for trying

by rote answers out of a

unsigned, incomplete draft, f177v, pencil

f177v

But the true soldiers never boasts

And tho' we women were taking

in the wounded, I heard

these things from others.

These things are

forgotten now. But /

don't forget. And the

Eternal God how much

less / more does He not forget?

{the following appears upside down on the page.}

address to

Mrs. L. Wiggins

Botolph Claydon

Winslow

Bucks

Mrs. L. Wiggins

f181 pencil note

Mr Wallas II 6

The boys (in my School) do not
want to be Clerks-They go
to the Crystal Palace & see
the scientific application of
the trades they follow or wish to follow
And so make to themselves a
useful & intelligent life
This is magnificent.
Speak good English
not only read but act
Shakspeare.

f182 note pen

March/96
while a great admirer of
"The Record of Technical
& Sanitary Education"
would it b e considered the
depth of impertinence
or might I ask leave
to put a few questions
as to Results
of which the answers are
not often found in the
"Record"
And first as to
Ambulance Lectures
Sick Nursing
take specimens from both

f182v

Derbyshire & Bucks
"Attendances" tell nothing
Have the results been
that the women could
nurse their next Patients
better themselves? e.g.
Make the bed with the
Patient in it?
Or are they only an
amusement?
Does the Examiner "pass"

the members of an
Ambulance Class merely
for saying by rote
answers out of a
two penny book- or
for answering intelligently

f183

outside extra questions
of his own flowing out
of the course of Lectures.
We do not think that lecturing boy or man
on reading will teach
him to read. And we
think that we can teach
people (women) to attend
the sacred temple of God,
the intricate living body
by a Lecture of many
Lectures?
A well-known Lady
Lecturer most successful
in the marvellously large "attendances"
said to me once: It is

f183v

'not only unprofitable
'It is positively dangerous
'They expect they can do
'by once telling what
'Nurses are not allowed
'to do till they have been
'taught & done it at least
'3 times under Doctor or
'Head Nurse."
The ridiculous but too true
story of the woman who
said: And do they think
I'll mind what that chit
of a girl says? I who've
buried the children myself
is an example of the
other side.

f183

2. *Dairy Lectures & Classes*

Have the results been improved Butter in the District?

Yes: sometimes.

[pencil] In Derbyshire where Classes have "immense attendances" the Butter has *not* improved.

f183v pen

3. Now for the boys:
do we by teaching science to boys make them wish to be Clerks? Or do the London Board School boys e.g. go to the Crystal Palace & try to see in operation the Science for the sake of understanding their own trades or the trades they wish to follow.

Yes: in one instance at least, where a very remarkable man, a member of the London School Board, lets them (his School boys) see at the Crystal Palace the scientific application of the trades they follow

f185

or wish to follow- & so make to themselves a useful & intelligent life. We don't think we can teach to ride a Cycle by a Lecture or many Lectures. We practise Agriculture-Gardening Cottage Gardens

[in between] This man taught his Board School boys not only to read but to act Shakspeare.

This is eminently a thing in which Results should be recorded & can be recorded-good common

vegetables &c &c

A specimen may be seen
at Lea Board School
near Matlock, where the
Schoolmaster taught on
the ground

f185v

5. A scientific man said to me
“In a Brewery a record is kept
of every Brew-the *heat* & all
the circumstances noted-what failed
& why it failed-what succeeded
& why it succeeded.”

If private undertakings were
conducted as the Governments
are, no undertaking could
succeed-no cookery teaching
in *demonstrations* be of the
least use. To learn any
thing we must do or
experience it ourselves.

[Of course there are things
of which the results can
only be seen in years-
but many results, bad or
good, appear immediately.]

f186

2 a

Another scientific man wrote:

“It seems very obvious that
it is impossible to teach
anything which can properly
be called *technical* without
the actual doing or expe=
riencing of the thing taught,
especially in such things as
ambulance work & nursing,
in which it is always
recognised that no one
knows a thing until they
have actually seen it &
done it themselves.”

f186v

5. A scientific man said to
"IN a Brewery...repeat]

f187 pen

Much, much more

might be said:

the old "placemen"

the use or uselessness of
Examinations

the woful short comings
of those in Office of the
old sort in the forgotten
forty years ago.

But-enough for now.

Only let me quote the
remark of one of the
best known of University
teachers, now, alas! gone
"19 out of 20 men of
"attainments are men
"of character."

F.N.

f190 pencil
address to
Mr. L. Wiggins
Botolph Claydon
Winslow Bucks
Mrs. L. Wiggins

v190v
But the true soldier never boasts
And tho' we women were taking
in the wounded, I heard
these things from others-
These things are
forgotten now. But /

don't forget. And the
Eternal God, how much
less does He not forget!

signed letter, ff191-91v, pen

f191

London Oct. 25/97
My dear old comrades
I think of you on
Balaclava Day & many
days besides.

In peace as in war,
I wish you the best wish:
"Quit ye like men."

God, from whom the
soldiers take their orders,
has as much work for
us to do for Him in peace
as in war - thank His
Love & Wisdom! - and to

f191v

~~that~~ the last years of
our lives which ought
to be the best years
of our lives.

Never say "*poor lives*"
Life is a splendid gift
if we will but let
him make it so
here & hereafter for
Himself.

God bless you all
yours ever
Florence Nightingale

incomplete note, f192, typewritten

f192

I have often been asked to write an account of Nursing in Hospitals forty years ago, but I have no wish to place on record reminiscences of sad conditions that it can serve no useful purpose to dwell on. I prefer to "let the dead past bury its dead," and, if I write of Nursing at all, to speak of the present and the future.

I have repeatedly been urged to lend some relics of the Crimea to this Exhibition which is to give us illustrations in many directions of the progress made during the 60 years reign of our beloved Queen. My reply is that "the best relics of the Crimea cannot be represented in concrete form. They are the development of trained Nursing in our Hospitals and Poor Law Infirmaries; of the District and Private Nurse to carry the blessing of skilled Nursing into the homes of all classes of the community, and the attention paid to Hygiene which before that war was a science practically unknown".

I am glad to learn that the Queen's

note, f192v pencil

f192 {arch:}1897

was this
printed?

see at

Brit. Mus.

can't be

titled

{this appears to be written on the bottom of a typed letter, not copied, labelled f206}

notes, ff207-13, pen & pencil

f207 {the main body seems to be in another hand in pen with notes by FN in pencil; I have put these notes in bold}

Lady Aberdeen's letter

13 December/ 97

Notes for reply -

Dear Lady Aberdeen

I do rejoiced to hear of the success which
has attended /**crowned** your efforts / **exertions** to initiate
the plan for establishing trained District
Nurses in Canada.

With great interest I have read the
papers you have so kindly sent to
me.

Let me gladly add my testimony derived
from experience here as to **the** great
blessings (benefits) **which** the trained District
nurses have conferred on/ **been to the** Sick Poor
If you are able to maintain the
high standard for your nurses which
you have laid down ~~as-ness~~ &
succeed in attracting good young
women to enter upon the work

f208

I have /**there can be** no doubt that it will go on & prosper - Difficulties & trials, there must be, but the object is a noble one and worth the expenditure of much labour & patience - What has been the experience of the last 30 years with regard to the improvement of Hospital Nursing & the means by which it has been attained?

This namely that it has been brought about ~~mainly~~/ first by making the Hospital a "home", fit for good young women, educated young women to live in and pursue their calling in, and next by raising the character of nursing into a genuine calling by which nurses can earn an honourable livelihood.

f209

-3-

Then from the Hospital training School the area of the trained nurses work became extended to private nursing - nursing the well to do, and latterly to that far more numerous class of patients who are either entirely destitute or only able to make a small contribution for the services of the Nurse and yet who are not fit subjects for Hospital treatment.

This especially & above all to this last class that the trained District nurse has proved so great a boon. ¶/For the duties of a District nurse more experience more self-reliance is wanted than

f210

-4-

of those of a Hospital nurse or
Private nurse who have the Doctor
always **at hand** to refer to and have all the
appliances of Hospital or Home
at the service of the Patient.

The success of district nursing
depends then more than in Hospital & Private Nursing upon the character
of the nurse and the character of
the nurse depends very much ~~upon~~
upon the nature of her training &
the continuance of those helps
physical & moral which the good
Hospital "Home" has supplied to
her.

These helps have been found in
the system of District Nurses Homes,
under trained Superintendents
which have been established it

f211

-5-

here ~~in London~~ with so much
success in London Edinburgh
Dublin & other large towns
& which you propose to adopt
in Canada - It is to these Homes
that you will have to look to
train in District work and
~~send out~~/ qualify for service in
smaller town & country places,
pursuing their calling under
~~the~~ periodical supervision
& as members of a Society
inspired by the "esprit de corps"
of joint workers in a noble &
Xtian cause.

No doubt in ~~many~~ some respects
your ~~country/ rural~~ populations, especially in rural districts differ
much from ~~the~~ ~~mul~~ that of an
old ~~this~~ country & somewhat different

f212

-6-

plans/methods will be required. Happily these do not exist with your that large number of ~~destitute~~ sick poor who are unable to pay anything for the service of the nurse -

You are fortunate in having obtained the aid of Miss Macleod ~~via American at the outset~~ in beginning the work. She seemed, on the visit she was so good as to pay me, ~~she seemed to me~~ to be thoroughly imbued with the fine spirit required for District Nursing.

I have no fear but that any dissentient Medical men will quickly learn from actual experience to appreciate the value to them of the District Nurse as an intelligent handmaid & not an interfering interloper.

f213

Heartily do I wish success to the Victoria Nurses and to all Canadian workers in this good cause.
some excuse for delay

unsigned letter draft, ff214-17, pencil

f214

I wish I could say as
we thought a Oct 24/99
10, South Street, {printed address:}
few days ago we Park Lane. W.
might have said that
there would be peace.
But still as ~~some one~~
~~has~~ /was once written about the
advantages of persecution
we may write about the
advantages of "war.
See those manly fellows,
in time of war - (yet
few men & perhaps no
woman has seen as much
as I have of the horrors

f214v

of war. see those
manly fellows - (MEN not
near the beasts as sometimes
we too sadly see in time
of peace -) see them
not one taking ~~not~~ a drop
too much - not one
gallivanting with the
women - every one
devoting aye even his
life for his comrade,
fetching his wounded
comrade off the field.

f215

without notice of
praise from any one
either in words or in
points & if killed
in the attempt, his
name only goes down
as "killed in battle"
- always devoted even
to the death, as our
great Master & Friend Jesus
Christ was
to his fellow men.

f215v

O if such be War,
we will not say: Let
there be always War
- but blessed be War
which makes such
heroes of fellowship
out of War -
Sad is the death of
our comrade - But
we may say Death
comes untimely
not to him who is fit to
die - The briefer life

f216

The briefer life the
earlier immortality
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
And who would keep Park Lane. W.
him back? no, not
even his wife.
My friends, survivors
of Balaclava, I pledge
you in this cup not all
of grief but of living
life worth perhaps all
Persecution
War

f216v

the downy chairs
 we know of
 Those who are gone
 are with us still
 working with us at
 the good & right &
 the happiness of our
 fellow men.

f217

Though I am not able
 to be with you, in person,
 my heart & soul are
 with you

How pleased I am,
 tho' ill, to be able
 to write a few lines
 to you.

I thank you with all my
 heart for your kind
 thoughts of me -

Mr. H. Herbert

President of the Balaclava Socy.

incomplete note, f218, pencil

f218

Affghanistan tumbled to pieces
 like having to wind up a clock
 whose works are destroyed
 India's social state of
 chronic famine
 India's problems have always
 been systematically shunted by a
Gladstone Govt.

40 Lunatic Asylums cd not
 produce a Lunatic who wd
 be "elated" at Liberals situation
 O that he cd be Chancellor of
 Exchequer for *India* for one
 year

next Home Rulers

O nur ein Pulsess Schlag

Article

XIX Cent

letter draft, ff219-22v, pencil

f219 Balaclava Commemoration

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Let us do in peace for them
what we would have done
for them in war:
that is be ready to give ~~ourselves~~
ourselves for ~~them~~ / our comrades - not in
death but in life - not die
for them but live for them as
well as for ourselves - be
always ready & willing to help
them even at our own expence -
And in this & the cost of our expence
the poor man is
certainly is more willing & ready to do
than the rich man. Many's the
poor man I have known
who was willing to give all
he could spare & more than
he could spare - half of all

f220v

-2-

he had - & the poor woman
too - Between the days of toil
many's the poor woman who
has sat up all night with
a sick neighbour - ~~many's the~~
~~poor man~~ This is a gift
which does please God He
does not care so much for
gifts which cost the giver
nothing. It is the old
Scripture story of the poor
woman who put in her mite
- all she had - into the plate -
while the rich cast in of their
abundance

Certainly we can deny
ourselves (show self-denial)
as much in peace as in war.

f221

-2-

perhaps more.

I need not say: And do not
 {printed address:} 10, South Street,
 boast of it. For Park Lane. W.
 a soldier thinks there is only
 one thing worse than boasting
 and that is running away,
 a soldier never boasts tho'
 he may tell a comrade's
 good deeds.

Romans XII Prefer one another
 in honour - The soldier
 does obey that precept

There is certainly as much
 we can do for one another
 in peace as in war - & do
 cheerfully. God loves a
 cheerful giver - &

f222v

2(2 -3-

cheerfully accomplish those
 things He would have done
 In the family there is
 perhaps as much need as
 anywhere (perhaps more)
 of cheerful self-denial.

The baby - a good baby, not
 a crying baby - often rules
 the household - Why?
 because a good baby wants a
 good deal doing for it.
 but it always pays it back
 - not in silver but in smiles
 It rules every body - Because
 everybody must be good
 natured

f223 pen 6b

And who is to train the several members of the Registration Board to enquire into the training of the several applicants?

Registration not a matter of right but of Selection.

To produce a trustworthy Register you must be able to go carefully not only into the career & qualifications of every applicant for registration but into those of every Training School, so great is the difference in these of qualifications required.

f224

1 b

It is difficult to show how the nurse, highly trained, morally as well as technically, is the only Nurse who *can* obey her Doctor, be he there or not there. And this too the Patients remark.

In the old Workhouse Infirmaryes the Patients would throw tin cups at each other's heads, especially on Sunday morning & give each other in charge of the Police. Now the Charge Nurse is the peace keeper of the Ward. And it depends upon her whether each Patient goes out better ~~or worse~~ in morals & manners-whether the child Patient finds in the adults guardians & care-takers whether the Ward is a School for good.

f225 pencil

V.

4. *Ward Sister* is the key stone of the whole Staff Hospital Nursing under the Matron

It is a position of great power & responsibility It may be made much or almost nothing of, according to the woman.

She has under her Staff Nurses, Probationers, Ward maids, Patients & something ? Of the Junior Medl men ~~Staff~~ She mothers, teaches, leads all these - more or less. One of our best Sisters

29a

Add Mss 45809

643

f225v more....

v229v

For a Hospital to work ill, it suffices for
the Treasurer & Matron to bond together
more or less in opposition to the medical.
This is not a sign of strength but of
weakness.

f230 pen

FN No influence like that of a Matron, if she
knows how to use it-thro' the Sisters over 132
women & thro' them over the Patients. Even the
Doctors now won't do it, much less a chaplain, to tell a D.S. Patient when
he goes out, or a vicious Patient- to say a word of
comfort to a dying Patient. Penny dreadfuls - boys

Miss Messum

What power the Sisters have.

[blue pencil boundless influence of Sisters
over Patients.

But the SHE MUST KNOW HOW TO HOLD A CHAPTER. & the
Home Sister is her right hand.

f231 pencil note

Hopes

when every Nurse will recognise
that the Kingdom of heaven is within- & that it is
her business to make it *without* so far as her
influence goes
that she will be courageous, as a soldier is, to
keep others up to the mark.
That she will wear her armour--of cheerfulness
& humility-no pride no conceit
St Paul's favourite simile of a soldier.

f233-44 proofs with corrections Nurses and Nursing

f234 more proofs of nurse training, with corrections

ff246-50 1894 for Quains Dictionary of Medicine, proof with corrections

Nurses and Nursing
And Nurse Training

end of volume