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54/1 [see 3rd folder F.N. to Madame -- , 5 Aug. 1854]

55/1 CHEQUE

55/2 F.N. to Mrs. Grundy 17 July 1855

(with account for salary in another hand)}

{cheque and account for salary follow, very brief}

LMA H1/ST/NC1/54/1

1 Upper Harley St.

[12:96-97]

5 August 1854

Chère Madame

Je n'ai que des
bonnes nouvelles
à vous donner
de votre fils.
M. Bowman pense
que la "*mauvaise*
herbe" décroît
tous les jours &
que bientôt il
n'y paraîtra plus.

Il me semblait
qu'il avait l'air
un peu pâle -
je l'ai donc
envoyé aujourd'hui
avec ma nièce
à son beaufrère
à une campagne
qu'ils possèdent
à trois lieues
d'ici, d'où il
reviendra lundi et tous les

deux jours pour
voir M Bowman
J'espère que sa
guérison sera
tout à fait
terminée en huit
jours d'ici- Je
vous écrirai de
nouveau, chère
Madame, pour
vous dire le jour

où il pourra quitter
tout à fait- Si M
Bowman a besoin de
le voir plus souvent,
il restera 3 ou 4
jours seulement à
la campagne, et il
reviendra ici pendant
le reste du temps
qu'il doit passer ici-
Comptez sur nous
Agréez, chère Madame,
l'assurance de mes
sentimens affectueux
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:96]

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55/3

F.N. to Mrs. Gretton 6 Sept 1855

55/4 F.N. to Mrs. Hunt 6 Sept 1855}

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/55/3

f55/3.1 {archivist's note: FN: her MS. telling a soldier's friend that he is provided with necessities written by Mrs. Smith, signed by Miss Nightingale} A X 8

Barrack Hospital

Scutari

Septber 6th

1855

Mrs. Gretton,

I am sorry to
say the things mentioned
in your letter of the
20th of Augst. have never
been received, but before
that letter reached me
I had sent to Private
Robert Dutton a parcel
containing things which

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I hope, would be
even more valuable
to him - so that, though
I regret that what you
sent did not reach
him, I am glad to be
able to tell you that
he has not been a
loser on that account.
I have heard from him
acknowledging the receipt
of the things I sent.

yours truly

Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA f55/4.1-f55/4.2, pen A X 9

f55/4.1 {archivist's note: FN for M.S. announcing a soldier's death,
Written by Miss Nightingale's aunt Mrs. Smith, signed by Miss
Nightingale

Barrack Hospital
Scutari
Septbr. 6th
1855

Mrs. Hunt,

I grieve to be
obliged to inform you
that your son died in
this Hospital on Sunday
last, Septbr. 2d. His com
plaint was Chronic
Dysentery - he sunk
gradually from

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weakness, without much suffering. Every thing was done that was possible to keep up his strength. He was fed every half hour with the most nourishing things he could take, & when there was any thing he had a fancy for, it was taken to him immediately. He sometimes asked for oranges & grapes, which quenched his thirst, & which he had, whenever he wished for them -

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He spoke much of his Mother & gave us the direction to you in his last moments - He was very desirous that you should be written to about him. His great anxiety was that his Mother should receive the pay due to him, & should know that he had not received any pay since he had been out, which he wished his friends to be told that they might apply to the War Office for the whole of the pay due to him. He was very

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grateful for whatever was
done for him, & very patient.
You may have the satisfaction
of knowing that he had the
most constant & careful atten-
dance from the Doctors & the
Nurses of the Hospital. The
chaplain & myself saw him
every day. He died very peace-
fully, & sorrowful as this
news is for his bereaved
Mother may she find comfort
in thinking that his earthly
sufferings are over, & in the
hope that our Almighty Father
will receive him into a [blotch]
better world through the
blessed promises of our Lord.
With sincere sympathy I am
yours truly
Florence Nightingale.

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54/1 F.N. to Madame --, 5 Aug. 1854

55/5 F.N. to Lord -- 3 Oct. 1855

55/6 F.N. to [James Heywood] 10 Nov 1855}

Incomplete, unsigned letter/draft/copy, LMA 1 f54/1.1-f54/1.2, pen
f54/1.1 C VI 3

1 Upper Harley St
5 August 1854

Chere Madame

Je n'ai que des
bonnes nouvelles
a vous donnees [donner?]
de votre fils -
M. Bowman peute [see]
que la "*mauvaise*
herbe"

Letter, LMA f55/5.1-f55/5.2, pen, copy roll 5, to Stratford de Redcliffe
(in Bridgeman), copy 8995/44

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Barrack Hospital [14:238-39]

Scutari

October 3/55

My Lord,

I have the honor to submit to
your Excellency an Extract of a Dispatch
155656 which I received from the War Office,
193 dated September 6/55

Nos 2 & 3) also Copies of two Letters from Dr. Hall,
Inspector General of Hospitals in the Crimea
No 4) & a Copy of a Letter from Mrs. Bridgeman,
Superior of the R. Catholic Nuns at Koulali
Hospital.

May I beg to draw your Excellency's
attention to the difficulty of my position
in this matter?

By my original Instructions
from the War Office, the "distribution", "selection",
"power of discharge or dismissal" of all
those who came out, addressed to me, -
"to serve in the Hospitals of the East," -
was "placed solely under my control"-

The Dispatch, of which I enclose
an Extract, appears to place a
farther responsibility upon me.

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But the R.C. Sisters, who had engaged themselves to me personally for the work of the Hospitals under my direct charge, are offered, accepted & ordered elsewhere with only an ex. post. facto communication to me "that they are going" when the arrangements for making their departure in less than a week are made.

Your Excellency will see -

(1) that it would be impossible to me to obey the instructions of the War Office under these circumstances

(2) that it would be impossible to conduct any Institution or maintain any order whatever with these conditions.

I await your Excellency's commands as to the course I should pursue.

If Mrs. Bridgeman has a separate commission from the War Office, it has not been communicated to me. I have delayed answering her letter till I receive your Excellency's directions.

It appears as though the most satisfactory proceeding would be for

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Your Excellency to communicate the Instructions under which I act to Dr. Hall & to Mrs. Bridgeman.

My intended departure for the Crimea has been delayed by these surprising communications - It must take place this week - I postpone it only till I receive your Excellency's directions.

I shall forward a copy of these letters to the War Office by tomorrow's mail - **[end 14:239]**

I beg to remain, my Lord,
your Excellency's obliged & obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA f55/6.1-f55/6.2, pen [Heywood arch], typed copy 43401 f131

f55/6.1 F 35

Castle Hospital
Balaclava
Nov 10/55

[14:265]

Sir,

Your letter of the 4th October was forwarded to me at this place where my Hospital duties at present require me.

Morris Jones, 13th Light Infantry died at the Barrack Hospital, Scutari, Ward 8, Corridor F, of Fever, August 20/55

He was only in Hospital three days. He had an abcess in his neck - & spoke very little. At 10 P.M. the night he died, he was sufficiently conscious to express pleasure at having the Nurse there - tho' he always called her "Mother." He would take no food from any one else. He appeared to rest satisfied

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in this delusion which comforted
him - He was far too little
conscious to send any message
to his family -

He was very cold & had hot
~~tins~~ water tins put round him -
which annoyed him - & he
insisted upon pushing them
away.

He was too ill when he
entered Hospital for any
questions to be asked him.

The Nurse called him
her "old man" - & when it
was ascertained that he
was only 32 years of age,
would not believe it. But
our men are old at 32.

I regret that the anxiety
of his family should have
been not sooner ended -

But I am myself confined

f55/6.2

to my bed by illness & here I
have no one to write for me

I remain, Sir,
your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

If it is any consolation to his
family to know that he was
not neglected, but had every
care that Medical skill &
female nursing could give him,
they may be certain of this.

[end]

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56/1 [In Riddel House Showcase

F.N. to [-] 28 May 1856]

56/2 F.N. to [--] 22 June 1856

56/3 [See next folder

F.N. to [--] re Anne Clarke [Aug. 1856]

57/1 F.N. to Miss Anderson, [13 Mar. 1857]]

Letter, LMA f56/2.1, pen f56/2.1 B XIII 12

General Hospital [14:424]

Balacclava

June 22/56

My dear Sir

I find that I cannot fill
more than six passages by the "Spartan."

I shall leave behind me, therefore,

3 Nuns

1 Lady

3 Nurses

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for you to provide against their being
left in the hands of the Russians -
for which there is no hurry, as
their work in the Hospitals is not
done.

If you will have the goodness
to communicate with Mrs. Shaw Stewart,
Left Wing Hospital, Land Transport Corps,
she will make every arrangement.

Should passages offer by the
"Robert Lowe", or any vessel conveying
Land Transport, where the proportion

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of Officers to men is small, it would
still be preferable to send the
"Spartan" ladies home by her, instead
of disembarking them at Scutari.

Two passages to Scutari would be,
then, all that I should require -

Believe me, dear Sir,

faithfully yours

F Nightingale

[end 14:424]

Letter, LMA f57/1, pen

f57/1.1 {archivist's note: after Mar.13 A VI 19

[March 11? 1857]}

My dear Miss Anderson

I sent Mrs. Keatley the Money because I considered her* as ~~a case~~ undoubtedly entitled to it.

I must have {illeg.misimpressed?} myself ~~very much~~ in ~~troubling~~ for

~~you have misunderstood~~

1. to suppose me

~~Now if you conceded that~~

{illeg.mostly?} ~~I was~~ considering

~~I supposed~~ that "it

"could {illeg.had?} in" me "for any

"one to know that an

"omission of one name

"has been made which

~~you~~ (illeg.I?) "immediately

offered to make up for"

There has been no

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omission on my part

~~nor to~~ neither can there be any "making up" on my part.

The War Office required, of course, the periods of service of every Nurse as well as her name, in order to determine the proportion to be paid her - These could only be given by the respective Superintendents under whom they served -

f57/1.2

I gave the names & periods of service of all those Nurses & Ladies who came from Koulali to me at a subsequent period - And I presume that the Koulali Super. intendant did the same for the Nurses who came to them - Mrs. Keatley would not have been entitled to anything for the ~~short time~~ period

f57/1.2v

that she was at Scutari, little more, I think, than 3 weeks - ~~as those who were in the East for a~~ the period ~~less than~~ of three months ~~were excluded~~ ~~being~~ having been fixed by the War Department as the minimum for which they should receive the Sultan's gifts - I did not know & could not state the time she was at Koulali.

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LMA 56/3 Draft Letter, (Prepared for F.N. by Dr. Sutherland?)

Re Miss Anne Clarke & The Sultan's Gift

n.d. [Aug. 1856]}

Letter, LMA f56/3, pen to Hawes, original in PRO WO

f56/3.1 [not in F.N.'s handwriting]

Sir, I beg to enclose a letter which I
have recd from the Sister of Miss
Anne Clarke, one of the paid ~~Sisters~~Ladies
employed with me at the Barrack
Hospital. Having made no direct
suggestion as to the mode of dis-
tribution of the Sultan's Gift, so far
as these Ladies were concerned
I do not feel at liberty now to
ask you to alter whatever mode
of appropriation you have determined
upon - & must try to refer

[14:475]

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Miss Jane Clarke for an answer to
her letter to ~~the~~ your decision ~~already~~
determined upon by the W.O. [?] only
it is your opinion that this decision
should be altered at Miss Clarke's
desire, which might be open to the
objection that, the same alteration
might be {illeg word crossed out} {illeg-as tried, asked?} for in
other cases, which might occasion
considerable perplexity to the W.O.

{archivist's note: I 6 LMA 57/2 Draft Letter prepared for F.N. A VI 77
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To Miss Macleod n.d. [June 1857]} **[14:488]**
Letter, f57/2.1-f57/2.2, pen

f57/2.1 {not in F.N.'s handwriting}

My dear Miss Macleod - Your letter should
have been sooner answered but
that it has been following me on
a journey of business from which I
only returned to town last night.
I fear with the most sincere interest
that you are inquiring for a situation
which you think would be satisfactory
to you - I heartily wish to forward your
views, & wish that I may do so by
saying as I can most truly say, that
I parted from you with feelings of respect
& regard which will always make me
rejoice to hear of your well doing.

I thank you for your kind enquiries
after my health - I believe it is as good
as I can expect it to be - I hope Mrs.
Macleod has quite recovered her health
Pray remember me affectionately to her
& believe me, my dear Miss Macleod

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I wish to add, my dear Miss Macleod to what I have said, that I would gladly have written something more specific in regard to the particular situation you have in view but I think you will see that it is in general terms only that I am able to speak - for though I would gladly believe you well fitted for a situation requiring "good management great activity, prudence, good sense & dignity in the intercourse with the inmates", I had not, at the time you joined us, any situation to offer, which afforded scope for such qualities, for which therefore from personal experience I am unable to vouch, for numbers were, at that time, lessened & lessening. I should not have asked you to come out from England to undertake what I had then to offer - what I offered because you were in the country & enquiring for such employment as I could propose - I think therefore that others who may have known you {illeg.unlike?} which called for {bottom of page torn, making sentence illeg.} such qualities

f57/2.2

may do you more justice & render you more assistance in regard to the situation you have in view than is possible to me - you have my best wishes. I wish I could express them more effectively than by words. The desire without the power to forward the wishes of those who {word crossed out and illeg.} have been engaged in working with me has been, in very many instances one of the most painful circumstances of my life.

[end 14:488]

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58/1 F.N. to R.G. Whitfield, Esq., 23 Feb. 1858

58/2 " " " 9 May 1858}

Unsigned letter/draft, LMA f58/1.1-f58/1.4, pen

f58/1.1 B XVI 1

30 Old Burln St.

[16:261-62]

W. Feb 23/58

My dear Sir

Your kindness
encourages me to ask
you what offices you
think a ward in a
Military Hospital
after the pattern of
Lariboisière should
have -

I believe three
super=imposed wards
of 24 sick each have

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been decided on for
each Pavilion -

At the further end
of the ward

{small sketch of layout:

W.C. Lobby Urinal

Lavatory Lobby Sink

Bath

Ward }

Do you think this a
bad place for the Sink
in a Man's Ward,
where the Head Nurse
is the only woman?

f58/1.2

At the near end of the
ward
{small sketch of layout:
}

This is not drawn to a
scale - And it is rather
about the disposition
than the size of the
Offices that I want
to consult you -

f58/1.2v

[I suppose all cooking,
whether for Sick, Nurse
or Orderly to be done
out of the W Pavilion.]
1. The scullery is for
warming food & for
poultices &c., for Sick.
Do you think it in an inconvenient place?
Or do you consider it
better that all these
things should be done
IN the ward? 2. The store
is merely for the pots
& pans - I suppose it
is better for all dressings,

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stimulants for the day
&c to be kept IN the
ward.

3. Do you think it better
to compel the Orderly
to be in the ward - or
to let him have a day=
room?

[Our allowance is 1
Orderly to 10 Patients -
But this is often
exceeded] -

4. I suppose it is not
desirable to have the
Scullery & Store room

{written vertically up left margin:} faithfully
& gratefully yours F. Nightingale

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through the Nurse's
room - as the Orderlies
must help her in these.

[These trifling
arrangements will
make a very large
item in the success
or failure of a new
plan - And, therefore,
I make no apology
for soliciting your kind
assistance]

5. On the ground floor,

f58/1.4

instead of the ward for
2 sick, will be the
Ward Master's day=room &
the Medical Officer=
on=duty's day=room.

Since I wrote this, I
have received your
kind packet, and
glanced over your
notes, which will be
very useful. I do
not know how to
thank you for your
magnificent offer of

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visiting Vincennes for
us - But it is one
I feel too much
scruple in accepting -
We had just sent
over a Govt Commissn,
consisting of Dr. Sutherland,
Dr. Burrell & Capt.
Galton, R.E. & though
they have not brought
back all the information
I wanted - & if I were
able to move I would
go myself, - yet I have
no excuse to ask you -
Believe me, my dear Sir, ever

[end 16:272]

Letter, LMA f58/2, pen with an envelope addressed to G. Whitfield

f58/2. B XVI 2

Dear Mr. Whitfield

[14:559]

I send you the reply
of Sir John Hall to the
statement, with which
you have been already
made acquainted -

Are there any points
in the parts relating to
the case of the frost=
bitten patient, McDonald,
& to Mrs. Roberts's attendance,
which you think require
answering?

I am very sorry to
trouble you thus again -

[end 14:559]

yours very faithfully &
gratefully

May 9/58 F. Nightingale

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58/3 [F.N. to M. le Marechal [Pelissier] [June 1858] draft
sheet of questions re "Enfant Jesus", Paris [n.d.]

58/4 F.N. to [R.G. Whitfield, Esq.] 17 July 1858

58/5 " " " 19 July 1858}

Letter, LMA {Letter in French, two folios} H1/ST/NC1/58/3

Monsieur le Maréchal

Je ne sais en vérité
comment m'excuser
auprès de votre Excellence
de la témérité avec
laquelle je viens
encore une fois
l'importuner
la lettre du de illeg qu'Elle
a bien voulu m'adresser
m'assourait de la
protection de Votre Exc.
auprès de L.L. Ex.Ex.

Les ministres de l'Intérieur et de la Guerre pour
obtenir la permission
que Mme Shaw Stewart
étudiat pendant un
an le service des
~~Soeurs~~ femmes dans
les Hôpitaux Hotel Dieu
Lariboisière, La Maternité
le Val de Grâce et
Vincennes, ~~Cette grâce~~
~~était demandée pour~~
~~le 25 de ce mois~~
~~Elle désire commencer~~
~~par l'Hotel Dieu~~

Je conçois qu'au
milieu de préoccupations
bien graves un tel
sujet
ait échappé à la
considération de V.
E.

~~—Cependant le jour
approche—~~

~~—Mme Shaw Stewart,
qui revient de Vienne,~~
C'est cependant important pour
cette dame qui revient de Vienne
de Berlin & de savoir si elle
doit se diriger vers Paris.
J'avais compté qu'elle y arriverait
la semaine prochaine, dans l'espoir
q'une réponse favorable illeg
aura illeg d'etre admise
en arrivant à l'Hotel Dieu.
Etant en peine pour

Note, pen [hosp] LMA H1/ST/NC1/58/3

f58/3.3

Particulars requested [16:520-21]
as to the "Enfant
Jésus" at Paris.

1. No. of beds &
cubic space per child
2. size of wards
3. best number of
beds per ward
4. Ages at which
separate wards
for different sexes
are required

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5. No. of operations
& whether performed
in ward or in a
Theatre.
6. approximate No.
of Surgical/Medical cases
7. Best Bath =
W.C. =
Kitchen =
Arrangements

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8. No. of children
per "Soeur"
Personnel under
the "Soeur"
as to ward=maids
"frotteurs"
&c
Whether it is
considered that
any re=arrangement
of this would
work better?
9. A slight sketch
of what is considered
necessary as to Play =
grounds & Play = halls,
Gymnastics, Exercise &c

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10. Generally, with
~~9.~~ regard to *frottage*,
is a portion done
before the "visite",
& a portion after?
or all at once?
This last question
refers to Paris
Hospitals in general.

[end 16:521]

Letter, LMA f58/4.1-f58/4.2, pen to Whitfield

f58/4.1

My dear Sir

I send you

1. {Netley} (which is
I think about
as disgraceful a
production as
I have ever seen)
2. another Proof of
our "Remarks"
upon it (of which
the Note at P.3
is the only addition
to the one you
have)

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3. the organization
of an Army
Medical School,
in which I hope
you will think
we have steered
as clear as we
could of the rock
you mentioned.
[Pathology
Hygiene &
Chemistry
are to be Civilians.
And Pathology will
do all the
dissections].

f58/4.2

4. Mr. Robertson's
last pamphlet
but which
doubtless he has
sent you himself
5. An idea about
King's College
Hospital -
[This is the
only thing which
I will ask you
to return me by
post immediately
- as I mean to do
something about
it]
The Medical Times

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you will see, is
wrong, the Lancet
right about Netley
Yours sincerely
F Nightingale
July 17/58

Letter, LMA f58/5, pen Whitfield

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30 Old Burlington St.

W.

July 19/58

My dear Sir

I agree with every
word of your plan
for King's College Hospl.

May I ask you to
send me back the
Army Medical School
scheme immediately,
as Director-General
Alexander applied to
me for a copy & I
have no other -

I will send it

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you back when you
are less busy -
And, as for Netley,
I FEAR I shall
have no

cause to
ask you for it
back at all -

in haste
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

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58/6 F.N. to [R.G. Whitfield, Esq.] 8 Nov. 1858

59/1 " " " 21 Feb. 1859

59/2 " " " 25 Mar. 1859}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/58/6

30 Old Burlington St

8/11/58

[16:811]

My dear Sir

Thank you very
much for your kind
offer of doing any
thing for me at
Edinburgh - Do you know
the Infirmary? I think, if you
would go over the
wards, especially the
new Surgical & the
High School wards,
with the particular
view of comparing
their *construction*

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~~then~~ with what
we think ought
to be the requirements
(in Sanitary respects)
of the construction
of wards, it would
do much good -

I went over them
at the beginning of
last year with
this view. And I
shall be curious to
know how far your
views & mine agree.

f58/6.2

It would be very
desirable, if they
would let us have
ground plans -

I think there are
"R." Infirmary" & "High
School", & "Fever
Hospital" to examine.
But I have not a
very distinct
recollection of the
local names, tho'
of the wards I have
much too distinct -
(& painful an one..
as regards some) -

f58/6.2v

If you could get from
them any Statistics
of the Mortality of
Nurses, such as you
were kind enough to
send me from St.
Thomas's, nothing gives
such a really good
criterion of the Sanitary
(or non=Sanitary)
construction of
Hospitals as this -

I have got all
the Nurse Statistics

f58/6.3

of all the London
Hospitals now -
And into your
ear I will privately
whisper this fact,
which I have
deduced from them
in figures - viz.
that 54 per cent.
of all the Nurses =
deaths are from
preventable causes.
You take in the

f58/6.3v

"Builder" - Did you
notice Dr. Greenhow's
letter on Contagion
in last Saturday's
but one - & my
answer in last
Saturday's? (Please
however to keep
my secret.) I hope
you agree with
ME.

I hope you are
better - I write from

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my bed & therefore
not with much distinctness -
Believe me
dear Sir
ever faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

[end]

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/59/1 Whitfield

f59/1.1 B XVI 6
30 Old Burlington St
W

Feb 21/59

My dear Sir

I received your
letter with great
pleasure on Saturday
when I returned
to town -

[16:777]

I think that you
have the finest
opportunity of building
the finest Hospital
in the world, if you
do but take advantage
of it.

I have no doubt

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that we can help you
in bringing public
opinion to bear
upon your authorities.

The first question
I will ask you to
inform me upon is,
Has St. Thomas's any
property in the neighbourhood of
London & if so
where?

[end]

yours ever most truly
F. Nightingale

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P.S. You ought to receive
a price from the Railway
which will enable you

to rebuild the Hospital,
say at Blackheath,
to have Offices & a
Ward or two & a
House Surgeon where
you now are - with
a Lift, a Carriage &
a bed to hoist
Patients on board
the Rail way (what
a blessing to incipient
fever=cases!) & to
have an income of
£400 or £500 per annum

f59/1.2v

besides. I should do
with your London
sick exactly what
we do (or ought to
do) with the wounded
in the Field & have
a regular Ambulance -
~~bed~~ stretcher to list into a
carriage & so forth -
stretcher to be sent
for Patient &c.

Next week would
you come & see me,
if I were to write
to you?

FN.

Letter, LMA f59/2, pen

f59/2.1 {archivist's note: 25/3/1859} B XVI 7

Dear Mr. Whitfield

I presume this
visit of Sir Jas Clark, herein announced, to me
is in some sense official.
As he is ~~in~~ never in
the habit of announcing
himself to me so
formally.

Could you therefore
give me the informa-
tion he desires (in
the rough) especially

f59/2.1v

about the Out-Patients
- & tell me also
what information
you would be pleased
to give (of the kind
he desires) at longer
notice - in the *smooth*.

It is for the Prince.

yours very sincerely

F. Nightingale

March 25/59

f59/2.2

I would send for
your answer tomorrow,
before 2 o'clock, if
more convenient to
you -

{archivist's note:

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59/3 F.N. to Col. Lefroy 13 Oct. 1859

60/1 F.N. to ---- 4 June 1860

60/2 F.N. to Miss Mary Jones 15 May 1860

60/3 " " " " 19 Sept. [1860]}

Letter, LMA f59/3.1-f59/3.2, pen
f59/3.1

{first side of folio is faded and illegible--}

f59/3.1v

advise me to do to
help it - whether &
if so what books you
would recommend to
be given it - whether
& if so what games
or Magic Lanterns?

The Garrison is, I
believe, 5000 strong (?)
The Govt. ought to build
them a Reading Room.

3. Have they any
athletic Games? or
place to play them in?

f59/3.2

The Gov't does get on
so very slow with Day=
rooms at home - I
should like before I die
to help on something
more of this kind
abroad -

I wish you were State
Inspector of Army Schools
Believe me
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

Letter, LMA f60/1.1-f60/1.2, pen B XI 141

f60/1.1 {archivist's note: June 4. 1860}

Mrs. Davis, (if the [14:1010-11]
Nurse who came out
in December 1854 &
remained as cook to
the General Hospital
Balaclava till
October 1855 when
she went home at
her own request)
was an active, respectable,
hard=working, kind=
hearted old woman
with a foul tongue

f60/1.1v

& a cross temper.

She did a great
deal of good service
in cooking for the
Hospital. And I
would gladly have
kept her; notwithstanding
her mischief=making.

She was amply
rewarded - had a
year's wages (over
& above the other
gratuities) paid
her on leaving - as a
gratuity.

After she returned
home, she fell into

f60/1.2

bad hands, published
a book in two Vols:,
with a greater
amount of lies
than I could have
conceived possible -
about Lord Raglan's
esteem for herself,
& **against many innocent
people.** She did much
harm in calumniating Nurses in the
Crimea.

The whole of
Miss Salisbury's
statement (in her
own "defence") was
incorporated without
her name, which

f60/1.2v

made it very
dangerous -

I consider that
Mrs. Davis's
excellent services
were amply
remunerated by
the War Office
& that she has
less claim upon
Mr. Sidney Herbert
than any ordinary
beggar -

Florence Nightingale
London June 4 1860

[end 14:1011]

Letter, LMA f60/2.1-f60/2.2, pen [12:148]

f60/2.1

30 Old Burlington St

May 15/60

My dear Miss Jones [Mary Jones]

As I hope to see
you tomorrow at the
hour you have been
good enough to appoint,
viz. 3 o'clock, I only
mean to trouble you now
with three questions,
which you may
perhaps find it
less troublesome to
answer at home than
here

1. It is proposed
that an age be fixed
for our Probationers -
at entrance -

f60/2.1v

yours are, I see, "25 to
40." Do you approve
this? Do you not
find it difficult to
teach a woman of near
40 anything like
Nursing, if she has
not begun before?

2. It has been
proposed that a form
of testimonials, to be
filled up by each
Probationer, before she
can be received, shall
be prepared.

I think testimonials
& proofs of character

f60/2.2

not worth the paper
they are written on -
What do you
recommend?

3. It has been
proposed not to
admit *deserted* wives
as Probationers.

I think this is hard -
Would you, requiring
a certificate of marriage,
refuse a wife whose
husband had left
her? Half the
respectable Nurses, certainly, I
have ever had, have
been deserted wives.

4. It was suggested
by Mr. Bowman that

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you thought the payment
to your own Probationers
for the first three
months not enough -
Is this so? As I
understand you, it
is £2.12.6 with
all other expenses,
(excepting clothing
£5/ per month.)
Enclosed is the sketch
of what is offered to
our Probationers. But
it is still subject
to alteration

Believe me
gratefully & affectely. yours
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA f60/3, pen

f60/3.1

Dear Miss Jones,

I am sure you
will not need an
introduction from
me, for the Lady who
brings this note, who
is very anxious to
receive some information
from you, not for the

f60/3.1v

sake of idle curiosity
but from a real de-
sire to make it
useful.

Believe me

dear Miss Jones

Yours very truly

Florence Nightingale.

Septbr. 19th

{archivist's note: I 11

60/4 F.N. to Mr. Whitfield. 21 Dec 1860.
60/5 " " " 25 Dec 1860}

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/60/4

f60/4.1 B XVI 8

Hampstead NW

Friday Dec 21/60

Dear Mr. Whitfield

I wrote by this day's post
to Sir C. Phipps & Sir J. Clark
in the sense we agreed upon -
I think, if the Prince can be
induced to write the letter we want,
it is a very great point to shew
Mr Baggallay that public opinion
will not let the matter rest -

But the main point of
the affair is a different one &
rests greatly, I think, with you -

What you have to do, &
what you only can do, is (if I

f60/4.1v

understand the matter right)
to prepare as complete & irrefutable
a statement as possible to shew
the utter loss & damage which
the Hospital will sustain by
the Railway - and thereon to
obtain as large a sum of money
as possible. The case for injury
is the one to be made out -
and it should be shewn that no
change nor alteration will render
the place (for it will cease
to be a Hospital) suitable for
sick. The more strongly this
is put the better, because, after
the award, the same case can
be used, in favor of the removal
of the building. The Governors

f60/4.2

will hardly venture to unsay what they have said - at all events, if they do, this may be brought before the public.

If the Governor will put their case thus, viz. that the Hospital will be unfit for *sick* after the Railway is constructed, - this confession is tantamount to a removal of the Hospital.

In one sense the real battle was lost, when it was before Parliament. And I must say I think the doctors' evidence was very shilly=shally. It is no use talking of that now - You will be obliged to let the Company take simply the land they want

f60/4.2v

I am writing letters to such Governors as I know -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

If you have any suggestions of any kind to make, please do so by Bearer - And I will attend to them.

{written upside-down: Dec. 21/60}

Letter, LMA f60/5.1-f60/5.2, pen

f60/5.1 B XVI 9

Confidential Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Dec 25/60

Dear Mr. Whitfield

Could you find
out whether any
mention of the Prince's
letter to Mr. Baggallay
occurs in the Minutes?
Because if not I
think it would be
almost a duty for
me to write to Sir
C. Phipps in order
that he may inform

f60/5.1v

Mr. Baggallay that
the Prince's letter
was not "confidential",
but meant to be
laid before the
Governors.

It was a very
good letter - signed
by General Gray - He
sent me a copy
of it, by the Prince's
desire, which I
will send you -

In the meantime,
I would, if I were you,

f60/5.2

take every opportunity
of mentioning the
existence of this
letter -

I am going to
write to some more
Governors - and I
shall do the same,
merely saying that
the Prince has, I
understand, expressed
a very strong opinion,
to the Treasurer -
& that it ought to
be placed upon
record - yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{archivist's note:

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60/6 F.N. to Richard Baggallay, Esq., 27 Dec. 1860
60/7 F.N. to Mr. Whitfield, 31 Dec. 1860}

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/60/6; B VIII 1, compare with 47742 f120
f60/6.1

Dec 27/60

Mr. Hedworth Barclay, as a Governor of St. Thomas's Hospital, will have received a notice for a "General Court" on the 24th, to take into consideration the matter of the Charing X Railway.

He will therefore know the whole question, which is to be decided within three weeks from that day.

The Hospital will become one of the worst, if not the worst, in Great Britain, if left in its present site, with railway trains passing to & fro every

f60/6.1v

seven minutes, eight feet from the North wing wards.

It is tantamount to the loss of St. Thomas's Hospital, which will then be fit for nothing but a huge Dispensary.

No medical man would defend it as a place for the reception of serious cases.

Upon the construction of the Railway ought to follow immediate steps for the removal of the Hospital.

For the ground upon which the Hospital stands is so valuable that a sum might be obtained for it enough to re=build it in a healthy spot near London with every latest

f60/6.2

Sanitary improvement - & make
it the finest Civil Hospital & the
best School in England -

Two thirds of the old
Hospital require re=building -
And to pull down the North wing
& place it somewhere else on
the *same* site would only
make matters worse -

The Prince has written
to the Treasurer, expressing a
very strong opinion in favor
of the removal of the Hospital.
Would it not be well to put
this opinion on record in the
Minutes of the Hospital?

The construction of the
Railway is the ruin of the
Hospital. As for me, I feel
this so strongly that, if the

f60/6.2v

Hospital remains where it is,
it can be no proper school
for training Nurses, such as
we have founded there.

F. Nightingale

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/60/6 BXVI 60

Dec 31/60

Dear Mr. Whitfield

The part of Mr.
Baggallay's letter to
The Prince which *nails*
him is this: -

"The Governors" x x
"expressing their
"conviction that the
"Railway is incompatible
"with the proper
"treatment & comfort
"of the sick poor" x x

They can hardly

f60/7.1v

go back from this
Please to write
to me in future
at 30 Old Burlington
St., altho' I am
not quite sure of
the day I shall
be able to go there.

Yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{archivist's note:

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61/1 F.N. to -- (physician to Sidney Herbert)

61/2 F.N. to Richard Baggallay, Esq., 7 Jan. 1861.}

Letter, LMA f61/1.1-f61/1.4, pen

f61/1.1**[8:668-69]**

Private 30 Old Burlington St.

Jan 7/61

My dear Sir

I have seen both
Mr. Herbert and
Mrs. Herbert (I
cannot bear to call
him by his new
name) since I
saw you -

I know him so
very well that I
can see that the
strong impression,

f61/1.1v

(somewhat falsely
derived from your words)
is upon his mind
viz. that he is the
subject of hopeless
disease, that, whatever
he does, he cannot
expect to live a
year - that he ought
to have devoted
this year to retirement
& his children -
altho' he has yielded
to our prayers that
he would retain Office.

f61/1.2

His wife tells me
that her difficulty
now is much more
to raise his spirits
than to make him
take precautions -
that both he & she
are sufficiently
"alarmed" to do right

I am sure that
we must all of us
bless you for having
been the means of
prolonging his life
by *pulling* him out

f61/1.2v

of the Ho=of Commons
- & that we do
not wish one word
unsaid which you
did say.

But, if you would
just say to him now
what you did to me
viz. that you have
known worse cases
recover, that, because
a man is told to
prop up his house,
he need not think
it *must* tumble down.

f61/1.3

I am sure that
you would not
make him more
careless, but that
you would give
him more vitality.

Indeed, his wife
asked me to ask
you to do so.

For the sake of
sparing your time,
I have written-
But, if you liked
to call here, I would
tell you the
circumstances -

f61/1.3v

Common sense tells
one never to interfere
between a Physician
& his Patient -

So that I hope
& trust you will
not think this is
interfering

And, above all,
that, whatever you
may think it right
to say to Mr. Herbert,
you will not let
him know that I
have written to you.

I told him what

f61/1.4

you had said to me.

He is so very
peculiar in temperament
that I think scarcely
any man knows him.

When I told you
that he enuyéed
himself without
political life, I
did not mean that
it was like the ennui
of a tiresome party
at dinner - But it
is a collapse -

God forbid that
I should liken such
a pure political life

f61/1.4v

as his to delirium
tremens - But it is
like leaving a case
of d. t. without his
brandy.

I should never
in the least wonder
to see him collapse
& die if he were
without political
occupation - How
often you see this
in professional men
retiring from their
profession -.

Yours sincerely (&
contrite)

F. Nightingale

Letter, LMA f61/2.2, pen B VIII 3

f61/2.1

30 Old Burlington St.

[16:784]

W

Jan 7/61

Dear Sir

I shall rest
more than satisfied
in the conviction
that your judgement
favours the removal
of St. Thomas's, and
that, as in the
chief hands, so in
the best hands

f61/2.1v

now lies its chance
of success - No
assurance could
be more satisfactory
than this.

I think that
nothing which I
have said can be
construed to point
at more than
the irremediable
damage inflicted

f61/2.2

by the *Railway* on
the Hospital.

I should
perhaps mention
to you that three
Governors, (knowing
my two-fold interest
in your noble
Institution,) sent
me the "Notice"
for the "General Court"
of the 24th ult.
at the same time

f61/2.2v

as Mr. Whitfield.

I trust that
you will be able
to make St. Thomas's
into the first
Hospital & finest
School in Europe -

[end]

And believe me to be
dear Sir
yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Rd Baggallay Esq

{archivist's note:

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61/3 F.N. to Miss Mary Jones 24 May 1861}

envelope on film

Miss Jones

Lady Supt.

King's College Hospital

Letter, LMA f61/3.1-f61/3.7, pen

f61/3.1

30 Old B St

May 24/61

[15:154-55]

My dear friend [Mary Jones]

I know so well &
have seen so often
what you say about
Mrs. S.S.

I can only answer
by telling you exactly
the truth - as I did
to her thro' my Uncle
in answer to a letter
of hers addressed to
Mr. Clough, who is
still ill & abroad.

The old Woolwich

f61/3.1v

Hospital (Artillery)
will be ready to be
occupied as a general
Hospital on June 24.

Sunday appointments [sundry?]
will follow upon this
- a Governor - a
Captain of Orderlies
&c &c - *and* Female
Nurses -

But whether the
delay will be weeks
or months I cannot
tell - I am sure
the appointments
will not be immediate.
I don't think they

f61/3.2

will be delayed
beyond this year -

But, whether
or no they are
immediate, I am
quite sure that
great delay will
take place on the
part of Mrs. S.S.
herself, whatever
proposal is made
to her. She has
delayed every answer
to every question that
has been put to her
about Military Hospitals
since she has been

f61/3.2v

in England till it
was too late to
make it at all.

If we are to believe what she
states to my Uncle
in the letter alluded
to by her, but which
she states gratuitously
for no proposal has
been made to her,
she will decline
the only proposal
which will be
made - And then
there will be a delay

f61/3.3

[2]
in looking out for
somebody else -
which may last
for years or for
ever -

The Army Hospital
Regulations, ~~no~~ among
which are included
the Regns. for Nurses,
have been in force
for 2 years - But
the constitutionally
procrastinating habits
of the War Minister,
immensely increased
by serious disease,

f61/3.3v

make all his appointments so uncertain.

I am sincerely sorry for her & still more so for you, on account of all this uncertainty - But it is one which every body shares - Of course all the world is "agog" at Woolwich - no one knowing exactly how soon he may be changed or settled.

[I received the authority by which

f61/3.4

I acted in the Crimea two months *after* the Peace was signed & three months before we all returned to England!!!!]

What I sincerely advise for the good of all parties is that you keep Mrs. S.S. on, if you will be so good, *indefinitely*. The indefiniteness cannot last longer than this year. For if nothing

f61/3.4v

is done during this
year, I am convinced
nothing ever will be
done (as to Female
Nursing in Military
Hospls.) For Mr. Herbert
will be out of office

She has asked me
to let her know before
June 15. But nothing
more will be known
then than now in
all human probability

In answer to what else
you say about her; to judge
by my own experience
it is perfectly useless to
explain to her - one can
only answer her definite questions

f61/3.5

[3]
I know this is
excessively inconvenient

For she goes to
others & repeats her
own false impressions

But I have never
found anything I
could say *to her*
set them right

[end 15:155]

f61/3.5v

Dearest friend, I am
so sorry you are so
tired. How I wish
I could put you
"under an obedience"
never to sleep in
the Hospital. And
how I wish you
would put a Sister
in night = charge
till more Sisters
can be found -
ever yours
F.N.

f61/3.6

Mrs. Wardroper
came to me to day
about other matters.
And I asked her
why she had refused
Miss Moore & "her
friend", whose name
no one seems to know.

[12:151]

She said because
they had stipulated
that they should not
be called upon to
attend, the one,
Fevers, the other,
Operations -

I enclose you
another note of Miss

f61/3.6v

Moore's to me. Please
don't trouble to
return it.

Somehow I have
an idea that she
is more sensible
than the request
to Mrs. Wardroper
would lead one
to think - I do
wish she might
come to you -

[end 12:151]

As I sent you
one letter from Miss
A. Jones, I am
bound to send you

f61/3.7

another -

I cannot but think
want of character is
her peculiar *character*.
She is always under
some one's meridian.
And you will see
that tomorrow, if
she enters St. Thomas's,
which I am afraid
she intends, she will
write just such
a preaching letter
as before to our
old Treasurer. And
then there will be
the same story all
over again.

f61/3.7v

Yes, I saw Mr.
Rathbone. And he
told me of his
interview with you.
And I told him
generally that I
thought Miss A. Jones
with many excellent
& even endearing
qualities, would
never have the
moral authority
necessary for his
purpose - & would
get herself into
ludicrous scrapes

{archivist's note:

I 15

61/4 F.N. to R. Baggallay, Esq. 1 June 1861

61/5 " " " 3 June 1861}

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/61/5

f61/4.1 30. Old Burlington Street.

W. {printed}

June 1/61

My dear Sir

As we *hope* that
you will have to
build a new Hospital,
(which is to be the
wonder of the world
& the model of
Hospitals) I have
thought that it
might interest
you to see the

R. Baggallay, Esq.

f61/4.1v

"Army Barrack &
Hospital" Report,
which is just out
& has not yet been
presented to Parliament

The part which
will interest you
the most is that
about proposed
Army General Hospitals,
Pp. 190 to 200 -

And there are
(at Pp 194-6) wood=

f61/4.2

cuts of the new Woolwich
Hospital.

Would you be so
good as to let me
have a copy of the
"Agreement" between
yourself & the N. fund
Trustees? If you
could send it me
by 2 o'clock on Monday
I should be the
more obliged.

f61/4.2v

I am sorry to say
 that Mr. Clough's
 health is hardly
 enough restored to
 allow him to return
 with certainty for
 the Meeting in June
 Should he not be
 able to do so, we
 trust that Mr. H
 Bonham Carter, (a
 Barrister) will transact
 the business without
 any inconvenience to
 yourself or delay to the
 accounts. yours faithfully
 Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA f61/5, pen

f61/5.1

{printed} 30. Old Burlington Street.
 W.

June 3/61 [16:401]

Dear Sir,

I agree with you
 that Lariboisière has
 built its Pavilions too
 close - But what a
 difference between it
 & the Woolwich plan!

	<i>Lariboisière</i>	<i>Woolwich</i>
	Ft	Ft
Height	55	31
Distance between		
Pavilions	68	62

f61/5.1v

In other words, distance
is to height (in Lariboisière)
as 13 3/5 to 11
as 2 to 1 (Woolwich

In both cases, I reckon
from ground floor ward,
i.e. from what
affects the Patients,
the light which
reaches the wards -

~~If~~ The construction
adopted for Woolwich

f61/5.2

was the only one of
which the ground
admitted.

But if you
examine the plan,
you will see that
it obviates all
your objections.

To all the
~~ware~~ Pavilions,
excepting the two
right-hand double
Pavilions, the basement

f61/5.2v

is a false one - Only
in the latter is it
used - & only in
the small Itch
ward for *Patients* -

The two outside
double Pavilions at
either end have
outside views,
which none of the
Lariboisière Pavilions
(for sick) have -
Take the next
double Pavilion at

f61/5.3

either end - And
 one side of it has
 a distance of (not
 60 feet but) nearly
 300 ft. The single
 Pavilions on the
 other side have also
 a distance of about
 150 feet owing to
 the Short Pavilion
 between them. In
 short there is
 but one side each
 of two double Pavilions

f61/5.3v

which have *only*
 the distance of 62
 ft.

The cubic space
 of the London Hospls.
 was returned to us
 by the Hospls. themselves -
 I have now St Thomas'
 Return before me.
 Maximum 1600 cub. ft.
 Min. 800 " "
 I most warmly

f61/5.4

re=echo your hope
that you will
improve upon the
Report - In fact,
I believe every year
brings such improve=
ments that we
shall be quite
antiquated old "fogies"
with our Report
in 5 years -

Many thanks
for the copy of
agreement. [end 16:401]

f61/5.4v

Pray believe me
very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

{archivist's note:

I 16

61/6 F.N. to [Mary Jones]. 7 Aug. 1861

61/7 F.N. to [Mary Jones]. n.d. [Aug. 1861?]

Letter, LMA f61/6.1-f61/6.4, pen

f61/6.1 LMA H1/ST/NC1/61/6 and KCL KH/NL/PP16/Jones, black-edged paper in KCL

Hampstead NW

Aug 7/61 [16:756]

My dear friend [Mary Jones]

I have enquired as to different sites for your Convalescent Hospital and I find:

1. that the best places to get ground to build are Roehampton Park, near Richmond-Blackheath -Upper Norwood, near Cryst. Pal=

2. that Hampstead & Highgate are better places to find *houses* in to let at once for the purpose, but not for land to build on afterwards.

Near the upper end of Hampstead on the NW. or S. side of the hill, -at the "Spaniard public house, or near Child's Hill (between West End & Child's Hill) - also towards

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Fragnell on Finchley.

These latter sites are however on clay - Hampstead & the ridge towards Highgate and the upper end of Highgate are on gravel.

Roehampton Park is sand - Blackheath, sand & gravel passing into clay. There would be much more difficulty in finding *houses* at these places.

The best way would be to consult an agent who knows all the districts & then to visit and inspect the houses.

It occurred to me that the house (Mr. Jackson's, Upper Terrace, Hampstead) which you saw me in last winter, would be the very place for a Conv. Hosp. with very few alterations. I would throw the Entrance & Draw=Room into a Ward for men. My

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bed=room & sitting room up=stairs
into one for women. The exposure
is S. of these rooms. There is
ground to build -

But I don't know whether
they would let or sell for such
a purpose - and the owner & his
wife are the most extortionate
& hypocritical people I ever
had to deal with.

As there is no gentleman's
house adjacent, there would be
no objection on that score.

I should like to be
allowed to help you with money
in this way, if I may.

[end 16:757]

I hope to hear from you what
==== your China=merchant says.

I asked my cousin Miss
B. Carter, to call on Mrs. Wardroper
& ask her for a viva voce
character of Nurse Murdoch for

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me. I did not mention you
even to my cousin.

The result seems to me quite
conclusive. Mrs. Wardroper
admitted at once that she
would neither take Murdoch
again nor have taken her at all,
had she known her then. I
enclose, however, what she said,
written down by my cousin.

=====

Dear friends, your sympathy
about my dear Master is very
grateful to me.

His death was very sudden
at last - rather unaccountable,
except by his having been
injudiciously nursed, poor fellow.
The real fatal illness lasted only
3 days -

However all that matters
little now - His death=bed was
most happy: full of resignation

f61/6.3

gratitude to God, thought for others, even cheerfulness.

His last articulate words were for me -

It is 5 years today since I began working with him in England - All that is now closed.

Had he but finished his work, I could have parted with him to God, I think, not only willingly but gladly.

But he *could* have done so much & *had* done so little. I am certain that disappointment with himself hastened the end.

His was the purest ambition I ever knew. He did not care for place: worked rather against the grain, for he was indolent & fond of life. But he worked for love of his kind alone.

No one understood him

f61/6.3v

but me. No one loved & served him like me.

Ours was I think the soundest friendship I have ever ~~kn~~ heard of. It was founded solely on the love of mankind & of God never even on the pleasure of each other's society.

All family loves do seem to me so selfish. They always ask for so much in return. Parents must always complain because their children do not love them enough - Husbands & wives do think so much as to the measure of the affection they get in return.

I never asked him for anything in return - not even for his affection. I have lived with him, seeing him nearly every day & sometimes all day, working out for him the most

f61/6.4

tiresome official papers for 5 years - & we never talked either of friendship or amusement.

When he was dead, I never even thought of seeing him again, till it was suggested to me - I only thought of whom HE would like to see again, his wife & children: not me.

I am sick of myself for being alive when he is dead. Oh that he should have been taken and I left - It is as if God had cut off my two arms & thrown me back the thumbs.

But He knows best. I would not have my dear master back, not even if I could.

But our work for the Army is over - as far as the War Office is concerned. He had

f61/6.4v

not the strength of purpose to found it on sure foundations, so that no successor could overthrow it. And during his two years of office, this was what I was always urging upon him. It might have been done; and it was not - .

I am sweeping up my dead master's ashes - And agonizing work it is. It may be a six month's work - And so little will it "pay" -

I hope I shall see you here before I go -

ever yours

F.N.

Letter, LMA f61/7, pen

f61/7.1

Dearest friend I have just had
a note from Miss Montgomery,
the present ~~owner from~~ of tenant of the Clock House.

She is afraid the land is not
much over two acres - But she will
ask the gardener the exact amount
tomorrow.

She says any lady who would
like just to look at the house
might come tomorrow morning,
however early, & be admitted, if
she will give my name -

Should you think the house
worth enquiring after, she will
then make any enquiries of Miss
Murray, the owner, as to sale

f61/7.1v

or price.

As she lives very conveniently
in the house herself, I think
she is acting like a gentleman!!

But I am almost afraid
the price will be too high for
the land, as it is in such
request for fancy builders

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/61/8, copy FN Museum

f61/8.1

Hampstead NW

[13:256]

Oct 5/61

My dear Sir,

I have been intending
for some days to answer
your kind note.

I have seen Miss
Jones & rejoice to
think that you are
likely to find a good
Supt. in Miss Mary
Merryweather - I have
not the pleasure of
her personal acquaintance.
But everything that
I know of her past

f61/8.1v

career is that of a
wise & good &
energetic manager of
moral training -
Indeed I believe she
would have been
mentioned to you before
but that it was
understood that your
Supt. must be of the
Ch: of England.

I hope to hear
that she is at King's
Coll: Hosp: for a time
under Miss Jones. But

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when I saw Miss J.
this week, she had not heard of any
such arrangement
having been definitely
fixed.

I need hardly say
that, if at St. Thomas'
we can help, by showing
either of the Miss
Merryweathers the
practical working of
a very large Hospital,
without the benefits
or the checks of a
religious order, which
we could not have -

f61/8.2v

we shall be glad to
be of the least service.

In a few days, I
hope to send you the
Regulations of a joint
plan, by Miss Jones &
myself, for training
Country Midwifery Nurses
under her

(at King's Coll: Hosp:)
which begins this month.

[8:163]**[end 8:163]**

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I was grieved to
hear from your letter
that ~~they were~~ Manchester was adding
to & enlarging the
already overgrown
Manchester Infirmary.

[16:626-27]

f61/8.3

[2]

It is built on the
worst of Hospital plans:
Gangrene is never out
of its wards. One of
the most eminent
Surgeons, who is also
Surgeon to the Railway,
never sends his accidents
to the Infirmary, but
prefers, at immense
personal labour & loss
of time, to attend
them at their own
homes. Because they
are sure to incur
Erysipelas or other
Hospital disease at

f61/8.3v

the ill=placed, ill=
constructed, ill=ventilated
Infirmary. This is the
evidence of a brave man,
and what few even
brave men would
venture to give

Two years ago, I
was employed by some
rich & benevolent
Manchester men to
give a verdict upon
the plans of the present
Manchester Infirmary,
which were sent me -
& to construct plans
for an Infirmary out

f61/8.4

of Manchester, where
first Convalescents &
it was hoped subsequently
cases which could
not recover in
Manchester, would
be sent.

I was then
convinced - And
others too were
convinced (men
important in Manchester)
that no improvement
in the present Infirmary
could make it a
place where Patients
would have a good
chance - that to

f61/8.4v

enlarge it would be
fatal - And the
plans for the *Convalescent*
Hospl out of town were entirely
finished and in the
hands of the principal
mover of the whole
(a Manchester man)
when he died almost
suddenly.

Nothing has since
been done. And the
peccant Hospital
is actually being
enlarged.

The reason why
I tell you this long
story is that, as you

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[3]

may possibly become
connected with the
Manchester Infirmary,
(by training a Supt. for
it) - you might be
able to avert a
great evil & spread
a sounder knowledge
there -

I am actually
engaged at this moment
~~in~~ on the plans of
four Provincial Hospitals
or branches of London Hospitals - where the
principle of sound
construction in country

f61/8.5v

air is to be observed.

It would be hard,
if Manchester with
her high civilization,
& generous public spirit,
should not recognize
this principle [end 16:627]

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Private

As for my dear [15:322]
Master, Sidney Herbert,
what can be said?

He died as he had
lived, with his thought
engaged (to the last)
on the welfare of the
private soldiers, whom
he was the first War
Minister to recognize

f61/8.6

as his fellow=creature.
Five years, had he
lived another week,
he & I had been
engaged together,
working every day &
sometimes all day
at this.

Now all is lost -
I have never known
the Horse Guards so
rampant as they
are now - And I have
known them 7 years -

The Commander
in Chief is a "*Snob*" -
And the present War
Secretary is a "*muff.*"

f61/8.6v

The reign of intelligence
at the War Office is
over.

The present man
(thro' ignorance) is a
mere tool in the
hands of the Commr-in
Chief - who himself
had been a mere
tool in the hands of
my dear master.

Their only rule of
action seems to be
to try to upset his
every decision, his
judgment - or (if they
can do nothing else)
his words.

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action seems to be
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every decision, his
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can do nothing else)
his words.

f61/8.7

[4]

I could tell you of
many fatal instances of this.
But I cannot write
them.

Even the naming
the new Woolwich Hospl=
the "Herbert Hospl=" was
forced upon them -
altho' they afterwards
took the credit of it -
And the Commr= in Chief
actually tried to prevent
the Hospl. being built
at all - after the tenders
were out & accepted.

There are however
much worse things than that.

The dogs have

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trampled on the dead body.

[end 15:322]

Mr. Gladstone, who
pretended to be a
friend, will pledge
himself to nothing,
not even to friendship
with *him*.

His last words
were, "Poor Florence
& our unfinished work."
Indeed he died broken
hearted at not
having accomplished
it. Could we have
said "It is finished,"
how light would be

f61/8.8

the trial now! Without the
intermission of one single waking hour,
~~have~~ seven years this
very month, I have
fought the good fight
for the Army, in &
out of the War Office,
and lost it.

Of course all this
is private - You have
taken so deep an
interest, ~~all~~ you [illeg]
Liverpool, about the
Army, dating from
the Crimea - and
so just a view of
the relation between
the Horse Guards & War

f61/8.8v

Office - at the affair
of the Chelsea Board
that I could not but
write it to you. But
its meaning is *not*
private. I wish
people to know how
much more my dear
Master thought of
what he had not
done than of what
he had done - how
penetrated (& bitterly
so) he was with the conviction that
he had *not* re=organized
the War Office - how

f61/8.9

[5]

he struggled with
fatal organic disease
of years' standing to
work to the last (till the
very day fortnight before
his death) - & how
the Horse Guards &
the Commr. in Chief,
who positively cringed
to him while alive,
are treacherously &
basely profiting by
this hand of death
having ~~deprived~~ relieved them
of *their* Masters, before
his work was done.

f61/8.9v

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

I do not wish to vilify
the Comm. in Chief. He
is a good=natured
man - a good man
of business - an
intense-coward - &
will cringe to any
Master=hand -
But now ours is gone,
he does nothing but
mischief-

{archivist's note: I 18 1/9 F.N. to [Mr. Rathbone] 19 Oct. 1861}

Letter, LMA f61/9.1-f61/9.5, pen **f61/9.1**

Hampstead NW

Oct 19/61

My dear Sir

1. I enclose the Regulations for our plan at King's College Hospl= which, thanks to Miss Jones, begins this month. I am sure you will be glad to hear of it.

2. I am very glad to hear that Miss Merryweather goes to Miss Jones next month. I hope

f61/9.1v

she will not be too much hurried in her time there. As it is impossible to learn even Hospital routine in a month.

3. I return Mr. Gladstone's letter with many thanks. But you will see that his opinion as to the Infirmary at Manchester being very much improved (or improveable) is not shared by the best

[16:628-29]

f61/9.2

Manchester Medical
authorities. Please
return to me Mr.
Roberton's letter -
I have also another
nearly similar from
another Manchester
man, with which
I do not trouble you.
But as you may
have some future
influence in this
line, I should be
glad if you would
glance at Mr. Roberton,
who has written two
of the best Tracts on
Hospital construction

f61/9.2v

extant.

I must add
that there is yet a
third authority (a
Manchester Surgeon)
who told me that
he *never* sent his
accidents into the
Infirmary, altho'
at the greatest loss
of time & money
to himself, if it
were possible to help
it - as they were
almost sure to do
badly.

f61/9.3

[2]

I understand that
an old Mr. Harker
(qy is that the name?)
is the main hindrance
to removing the Infirmary.

100 years hence I
expect it will be
considered as
impossible to put
sick down in the
middle of a crowded
city - as it is now
to leave Gaols in the
state these were in
100 years ago - or
to chain lunatics
to rings in the wall.

[end 16:629]**f61/9.3v**

4. I agree with Sir
John McNeill that
there is nothing to be
done at present, to
resist the H. Guards.
Therefore I would not
trouble you to come
up on purpose. Besides
this, the facts I have
to tell are just those
which I could not
make public.

[15:328]

But I hope that
you will not be
taken in, as poor
Lady Herbert is, by
the Commander in Chief,

f61/9.4

who offers, in answer
to her request, to hold a Meeting in
honor of Sidney Herbert,
but who, in the War
Office, does everything
to *dishonor* Sidney
Herbert - by overthrowing
his plans, his Soldier's
Day Rooms, his Soldiers
Wives Hospitals &c &c
&c - his Barrack
Inspections - & by
trying to prevent even
the Hosptl. called by
his name being built
at all -

Lord de Grey is entirely

f61/9.4v

to be depended upon
for doing his best
to carry out Sidney
Herbert's plans -
Were he Minister,
he would immediately
re=organize the War
Office. But he has
small weight
either in Parliament,
Cabinet or Court
or Horse Guards -
Of course however he
cannot attack his
government -

As for Mr. Gladstone
& Lord Granville, they

f61/9.5

enrage me more than
any. Because they
were his friends -
Of course they would
not, where Sidney
Herbert's popularity
strengthened Ministers,
allow that his plans
were to be reversed.
But Gladstone, for
one, has desired
"not to be bothered"
with "supporting" them.
And Ld. Granville
is a Courtier & will
always court every
body. It is not his

f61/9.5v

fault. Some men
are made so, I
suppose.

[end]

Yours sincerely,
F. Nightingale

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62/1 F.N. to [MARY JONES] 12 May 1862

62/2 F.N. to [MR. RATHBONE] 11 July 1862}

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/62/1

f62/1

9 Chesterfield St.

W May 12/62

My dear friend [Mary Jones]

I can scarcely hope
to find you disengaged
at so short a notice.
But, if you could
come to me conveniently
for an hour between
3 and 4 today, I
shall be so glad to
see you. Do not,
however, if it is in
the least inconvenient,
as I am sure to find
another day -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/62/2

f62/2.1

9 Chesterfield St.

[13:258]

London W

July 11/62

My dear Sir [William Rathbone]

I see nothing but
what is very good in
your "Regulations" about
which however you are
a much better
judge than I am -

I wish you & Miss
Merryweather Godspeed
with all my heart
in your undertaking,
which begins, I trust,
under the most
favourable auspices.

If you see Miss

f62/2.1v

Merryweather, will
you thank her from me
for a kind letter she
wrote me when she
left St Thomas', but
which I was then
unable to answer -

Mr. Howson was so
good as to send me
his "Deaconesses" some
time ago through Miss
Jones - Perhaps you
would some day
perform for me the
same kind task of
thanking him.

[8:103**f62/2.2**

I read it with the
deepest interest. On
the spiritual side I
see nothing wanting.
But I could not but
regret that he did
not enter a little
more into the practical
side, as, if this were
done, it might almost
become a Guidebook
to this important
subject. I mean
~~that~~, if he would
point out, e.g. the
respective merits &
demerits of having
a religious Training

f62/2.2v

School for Nurses in
a *secular* Hospital
& again in a Hospital
of its own - In the
latter, you avoid, I
had almost said
shirk, a whole class
of difficulties - While,
if you bravely confront
the rubs & wears &
tears of the former, you
secure an infinitely
higher object, and,
I may ~~aim~~ without
contradiction assert,
an infinitely better
& more thorough
practical education

f62/2.3

for your Nurses -

Thus I would not
hesitate to say that
Miss Jones & Miss
Merryweather, tho'
the work develops
itself much more
slowly, are laying a
much safer corner=
stone than the many
German & English
Protestant & R. Catholic
Societies, who train
their Nurses "at home,"
& who, if they have a
Hospital, manage it
themselves.

So the Augustinians
at Paris, who train

f62/2.3v

at the Hotel Dieu.

And generally, both
French & English, from
their act of common
sense, train much
better than the Germans.

[end 8:103]

[eleven lines crossed out and illeg and top of next page cut off,
presumably on same, re Herbert Memorial]

f62/2.4

Believe me,
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

f62/2.5 [this is an undated partial letter, after M. Jones's death]

Workhouse Infirmary Act.

I was greatly relieved to **[13:608]**
hear your account of
poor Mrs. Kidd, which was
confirmed this morning
by Miss G. Smyth.
I felt quite afraid lest
it would be necessary
to send Miss Freeman
to Lpool at once to
help - Miss Smyth however
does not think so. I see
Miss Freeman on Monday.
On Tuesday she enters at
St. Thomas'. I feel anxious
not to hurry her too much.
I return Miss Frodeham's
(under another Envelope)

f62/2.5v

testimonials. I seemed to
know her name, & now
I recall what I knew
about her. I have
written to a person who
I think will give me a
confidential opinion - &
will let you know. I
shall not write to the Dr.
{illeg.Burlem?} of Bournemouth,
as you know him -
in great haste
pray, dear Mr. Rathbone
believe me ever yours
sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

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63/1 F.N. to RD. BAGGALLAY 13 JAN. 1863

63/2 " " " 17 JAN. 1863

63/3 " " [MARY JONES] 17 JAN. 1863}

Letter, LMA f63/1, pen

f63/1.1

32 South St. Park Lane W

Jan 13/63

My dear Sir

The only way out of your
difficulty as to the *site*, would
be to refer all the sites to
persons who have not committed
themselves on either side the
controversy, as I suggested some
time since to Mrs. Wardroper.

Dr. Leeson's pamphlet is
good & certainly negatives all
idea of placing the Hospital
at the South end of Westminster
Bridge, as I was very sorry to
hear had been proposed.

The position is the worst
about London, only 2 feet above

f63/1.1v

water mark.

Dr. Leeson's proposal
to warm by hot water should
not be entertained. Open
fire places only are permissible.

I shall be very glad to
see your Report, as you
kindly propose

Believe me dear Sir

very faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Rd Baggallay Esq

Letter, LMA f63/2.1-f63/2.2, pen

f63/2.1

32 South St

Park Lane W

Jan 17/63

My dear Sir

I have to thank
you for the copy of
your Report.

I wish I could
help poor St. Thomas'
out of his difficulties
which, for aught
I see, increase
rather than diminish.

But it is
impossible of course

f63/2.1v

for me to ask
any Governor to
propose a selection of sites.
Neither should I
choose to do so.

Under your
present difficulty,
by far the best,
indeed the only
way would be to
call in the aid
of persons independent
& competent to
advise in these
matters. And

f63/2.2

in that case I
would gladly give
all the assistance
in my power.

I must add
that the most
painful surprise
I have had for
years is to see,
after all that has
been written & {illeg.proved?}
as to the choice
of sites for Hospitals,
a site so much
as mentioned as

f63/2.2v

that by the Thames
Embankment - a
place totally unfit
for sick.

Believe me
very faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/63/3

f63/3.1

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

1. I send you a
facsimile of the
Cottage Plan you
asked for which
you will perhaps
like better than a
tracing

2. My finished
Operation Tables
with nomenclature
of fatal complications
printed at the back

f63/3.1v

will be ready in a
day or two, when
I will send you
copies. Mr. Fergusson,
should he use these
at all, will probably
like to see the
finished copies,
before he makes
any arrangements
3. I return that
woman's letter:
Its folly & egotism
are aggravating beyond

f63/3.2

description. I could
hardly have believed
it, but that I know,
when I had a
person living with
me, my routine
work was tripled.
And professional men
continually returned
me her letters. The
only way for you
if you had thought
it right to get well
would have been
to ignore her work
at St John's altogether

f63/3.2v

for a time. But it
seems that now you
are in for it. And
I only hope you will
go away in February.
I do think that,
from your state of
health, it worries
you more than it
should. How I wish
I could help you.

ever yours

F.N

Jan 17/63

envelope addressed by FN to Miss Jones

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63/4 F.N. TO --- ("MADAM"), 12 MAR. 1863

63/5 F.N. TO [MARY JONES], 15 JUNE 1863

63/6 " " " 23 JUNE 1863}

Letter, LMA f63/4, pen

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4 Cleveland Row

St James' SW

March 12/63

Madam

I regret that you
should have had the
trouble of asking for
my name at your
Bazar, when Mr.
Frederic Andrew had
performed that
office already.

I also regret to
have to repeat to you
my answer to him,

f63/4.1v

viz. that, deeply as
I am interested
in the success of
your good work, I
am compelled to
make it a rule
not to give my
name to Bazars -
& above all, never
to give my name,
where my health
prevents my giving
my working help -

Believe me

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA f63/5.1-f63/5.4, pen

f63/5.1

4. Cleveland Row.

S.W.

June 15/63

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I am so pressed, as
I fear you know too well
what it is to be, that
I cannot write a
proper letter about
these out=standing
things:

1. as to Mrs. Clark.
She has marked every
step of her intercourse
with me with a
blunder, topping up

f63/5.1v

with insisting on
Cleveland Row, S.W.,
being in Hampstead,
wherefore the enclosed
has been 3 days on
its road - I always
feel as if this kind
carried its blundering
into every department
of life. But as you
know her, & if you
don't think so, I will
do as you tell me.

I am quite sure that
our Committee won't
"pay her fees" - nor
is it reasonable to
ask them. I feel it

f63/5.2

hard to be called upon
myself, seeing that all
the money I have to
spend on Charities
is earned by the books
I write to sell, that is to say,
I have exactly the
same means as
Mrs. Clark herself, =
nevertheless you
shall tell me what
to do -

2. I enclose the Bath
letter. I dare say
you have had a
similar one - Bath
sticks in my heart.

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I am afraid it is
only the appearance
of good.

3. The result of my
communications about
~~the~~ Calcutta with
Sir C. Wood & Lady
Cranworth is that
London influence
"brings forth no fruit"
in Calcutta - but
"should the Training
Institution be ever
really started," they
(at Calcutta) would
be too glad of "my

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lady as Supt." [I was
obliged not to give her
name] The document
is such a mysterious
one, that I hesitate
to send it you; all
I can make out from
it is that there is
some sort of quarrel
between the London
& Calcutta people

ever yours

FN.

Dearest, I hope you
are not getting to
have "scruples." All
I meant about the

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poor little £100, is,
do with it exactly
as you think best,
(& if that is the
Convalescents, so much
the better,) without
accounting to any
one.

I almost hope
Mrs. J. may stay
with you. Unless
she is veritably
drawn towards
Calcutta - especially
since I heard many
things & now know

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I think at these
busy times the wear
of being 3 miles
off & having to
get ready for a
Messenger &c is
even worse than
being on the spot.
It is 10 years this
month since I went
to Harley St -
7 years yesterday
since I came back
from the Crimea -
6 years yesterday
since I have been

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confined to my room
- 2 years this last
Sunday since I lost
Sidney Herbert.

I am so hurried
that I can scarcely
write. But I would
not have you think
that I am enjoying
myself down here
in idleness, & not
thinking of you or
of my wish to see
you always -

ever yours
F.N.

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/63/6

f63/6.1

4 C Row SW

June 23/63

Dearest friend

I return these, as
desired. I was very
glad to see the printed
paper & would have
kept it, if you had
had another copy.

A propos of By Law
25, could we not have
something like it?
It has happened to
me so often,
particularly in the
East, to wish to protect

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the Govt. against sending
out Nurses at great
expense, merely to
marry or take private
service directly.
And I have always
been told it could
not be done -

But this Society
does it.

I should like to
ask Hy Bonham Carter,
who is a lawyer,
whether in the case
of your Mrs. Hart,
or in order to secure

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our St. Thomas'
probationers ~~from~~
remaining in Hospital
service for at least
5 years after leaving
us, we could not
require such an
engagement.

I don't think
it would be a bad
thing to make the
prospective husband
refund the money,
like Jacob, of the
training of his wife.
Only I suppose it

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never is refunded,
for all the engagements.
 ever dearest friend
 Yours
 F.N.

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63/7 F.N. TO [MARY JONES] 26 JULY 1863
64/1 F.N. TO DR. PATTISON WALKER 11 JAN. 1864
64/2 F.N. TO [MARY JONES]. 11 FEB. 1864.
64/3 F.N. TO DR. ACLAND. 13 FEB. 1864
64/4 F.N. TO [MARY JONES] 25 FEB. 1864}

Letter, LMA pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/63/7 **[8:169]**

f63/7.1

 July 26/63
Dearest friend [Mary Jones]
 I cannot remember
ever in all my life
having been so driven
as in the last 3
months.

 I have never been
up since I saw you
except to see one of
my masters & to go
to Hampstead.

 Since Wednesday **[9:230]**
fortnight when the
India Sanitary Report's

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first copy saw the
light, I have had
every moment taken
up with pressing it
& distributing it,
for the sake of
getting our home
& Presidency Commissions
appointed before
the session is over.

I have had the
most dis
couraging
contradictions &
disappointments.
such as one must

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expect, working as
I do, without a
Chairman & without
a Secretary. Sometimes
I think I must
be mad to attempt
such a work as this
alone from my bed. But
they say I am not.

After the first
week in August this
great press will
be over. And I
hope we shall then
see each other very
often at Hampstead & talk over [end 9:230]
many things Ever yours [end 8:169]

FN

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/1

f64/1.1

32, South Street

Grosvenor Square, W. {printed address}

Jan. 11/64

Dear Sir

I am annoyed more
than I can say that,
in consequence of the
inexplicable delays of
the Lithographers,
the Report on the
Mediterranean Stations,
which has been quite
& completely finished
some time, is not
ready so that I
cannot get even a
single copy which

[15:397]

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I should otherwise
have so gladly put
into your hands before
you start. Because
it is a really useful
work, full of wood=
cuts & descriptions
of Barrack conveniences,
sewerage & drainage
plans, hitherto
thought ~~unsuitable~~ impossible in
~~for~~ dry seasons of hot climates,
but which have
now been successfully
applied at hot=climate
Stations with drier
seasons than India has.

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I shall send you a copy to India as soon as I can lay my hands on one - I think I have your address there.

As you are so kind as to offer it, I send a copy of the last Edition of my "Notes on Hospitals," just out, for Sir. C. Trevelyan, the Finance Member of Council at Calcutta. If it will amuse you to cut it open on the voyage, pray do - But, (except the recommendations

f64/1.2v

at the end of the Section on Indian Hospitals,) its principles of construction are adapted only for temperate climates.

I send you half a dozen of my India paper, read at Edinburgh, if you can make any use of them in India. But pray remember not to take them, unless convenient - nor the book for Sir C. Trevelyan, which can be sent by post, if returned to me.

f64/1.3

I wish you God speed
on your voyage to India.
I look upon the
Sanitary work there
now, as the true
Missionary work, as
you see -

[end 15:397]

yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/2

[6:627-28]**f64/2.1**

115 Park St. W
Feb 11/ 64
Dearest friend [Mary Jones]
Could you take in
a Patient from Weybridge,
said to be too ill to
come without certainty
of admission.
Maria Briggs
age 42
disease by medical
certificate,
Neglected Bronchitis
& general debility of
the system -
same medical man

f64/2.1v

(who is attending her)
says she is dangerously
ill, but sees no
danger in moving her,
if they wait for a
fair dry day.

his name: Harcourt
Maria Briggs is a
cook - came to my
cousin, Shore Smith's,
but a month ago -
which month the
poor creature has
spent in the only
children's bedroom
they have in their
tiny house, they paying

f64/2.2

a nurse to attend
upon her - & the
children sleeping
in the sitting room.

They are now
obliged to leave their
house - cannot
renew their tenancy -
and the sick woman
must be moved any
how -

If you can take
her in, would you
specify day & hour
of admission, subject
of course to the
Doctor's & the weather's
authorizing her to be

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moved.

If it is not
convenient or desirable
to take her in,
please only say No.

I can go farther
(& fare worse)

[end 6:628]

Ever yours
in haste

F.N.

Dr. Anderson, Principal
Medical Officer of Netley,
says "Mrs. Shaw Stewart
"does the nursing admirably
" - & has EXCELLENT Nurses
"under her - & that he
"never has any difference
"with her."

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/3

f64/3.1

{Private}

115 Park St W

Feb 13/64

My dear Sir

Immediately after
receiving news of the
untoward behaviour
of the "Quarterly" from
Sir Harry Verney, I
communicated with
Lord Stanley; & again
upon his arrival in
London - with a view
of inserting your
Article on the Sanitary
State of the Indian

[9:275]

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Army in the "Westminster"

I have only this day
received the final
answer.

Lord Stanley says =
"I have settled for
its insertion - though
I suppose Dr. Chapman
(the Editor) will
claim the usual
editorial right of
revision."

He farther asks
you kindly to send
your Article as soon

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as possible to the
Editor of the Westminster

Dr. Chapman [end 9:275]

25 Somerset Street

W

I am afraid you [9:276]
will be less glad to
hear this than we are.
Still I trust you
will not deserve us;
and that the Article
will come forth
triumphant -
The enemy has

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not yet appeared in
any public way.

I wish he would! [end 9:276]

Editorial

I am afraid the * delay
will unduly hurry
you now - Editors
are such great men

I may say such
immense men - that
they do not abide by
ordinary customs of
answer by return of
post -

your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
Dr. Acland

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/4

f64/4.1

115 Park St.W {printed address}

Feb 25/64

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I am enraged about
your coming back -But -
it's no use.

I am much to blame
for not having returned
this letter sooner. In the
correspondence to which
it alludes & which I
think you saw, I promised
Mr. Sabin (one of the best
of our Army Chaplains)
that the £10 should be
remitted - not at all
on the ground of its
being a "Sister," which

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I did not know, & which
I am very sorry for, for
your sake -

I suppose I must
stick to paying the £10.
But I need not ask
my Committee about it.
I shall pay it myself -
shall I send it you
now?

I am quite mad
with that Col = Wilbraham.
He has actually addressed
a "confidential" letter
to the War Office, since
you & I saw him,
against Mrs. Shaw Stewart,

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- it seems to me the most extravagant thing for a Governor to "correspond confidentially" with a War Office about a matter (nursing) which he knows nothing at all about - & this in the teeth of his Principal Medical Officer, who calls the Nursing "admirable," & does know all about it.

He says Mrs. S.S. is "excited" which we know is true. But, if she is "excited," he is ten times more so -

He has committed

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himself to three, at least, of what I can shew to be false statements.

ever yours

F.N.

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64/5 F.N. TO [MARY JONES] 11 MAY 1864

64/6 F.N. TO CHAS. WILLIAMS, ESQ. 21 MAY 1864

64/7 F.N. TO DR. PATTISON WALKER 3 JUNE 1864

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/4

f64/5.1

{printed} 115 Park Street. W.

May 11/64

Dearest friend

I send you Mrs. Mosely's
note. Please destroy it.

I suppose she was too
old to begin this new
life. But what I am
chiefly sorry for, is
that you should have
had this trouble for
nothing.

I send an Incurables
polling paper, signed -
Please fill it up as you
like. The truth is=
that I now only subscribe

f64/5.1v

to Institutions *on condition*
of my not having my
name put down: because
I am utterly incapable
of considering or even
of reading the application
for Votes. In short,
I subscribe only with
stipulation of not having
to vote.

The Incurable, (of
which the Institution
is far *the most*
"incurable" of its own
Patients - & which
has worried me for
years for

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plans & advice, which
it never meant to use,) - alone flatly refused to
take ~~awa~~ my name off,
because it said it
would be an injury to it.
It only took off my
address - as if that was
any good. And you see
I do not put my address.

It wrings one's heart
to see the incalculable
amount of human
suffering these Lists
betray, more from
what they do not tell
than from what they
do - And what

f64/5.2v

enrages me most of all
is to receive applications
from fine ladies for
their domestic servants
& even for their
"governesses"!

I do conceive that
the whole system of
voting in England (for
charity) wastes more
precious time & good
feeling than can well be
imagined.

I am afraid, after
all, that this Institution
is not the one you
refer to. I got this
polling paper. For I do
not receive one now -
If so, burn it. ever yours
F.N.

Envelope addressed to Chas. Williams, Eq

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/6

f64/6.1

{printed} 115 Park Street. W

May 21/64

Sir [Charles Williams]

[16:658-59]

I have to thank
you for annually
sending me your
Norwich Hospital
Statistics.

Altho' affording
a number of points
of comparison, they
are not sufficient
for many practical
purposes.

I venture to send

f64/6.1v

you a copy of St.
Bartholomew's Hospital
Statistics for last year,
just out.

They are the most
complete I know.

It is a pity that
yours should not
be perfect - especially
now when the
comparative mortality
of different Hospitals
& of the Hospitals of
different countries
is daily becoming a

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more pressing question.
And Norwich has
already done so much
towards its solution.

I need not point
out to your experience
the different headings
of interest in the
accompanying Report.

I am Sir
Your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale
Chas=Williams Esq

{written across horizontal length of folio:}

I see great stress made (in the
Norwich Hospital manifesto) on the
Night Nurses having one or two
nights in bed "during the week."

I should lay great stress on their
having *eight hours* "in bed" every
day "during the week" - which
allows for dressing & undressing.

Many strong women cannot
sleep at all by day - consequently
never can be Night Nurses - *all*

{written across reverse of folio}
require an Apprenticeship to begin
with - a week's night nursing at
first or so - But, the Apprenticeship
once accomplished, it is my
experience that it is better to make
Night Nurses altogether Night Nurses
(at least for 6 months at a time)
& not to endeavour to piece out
insufficient day=sleep with
occasional nights in bed

[end 16:659]

F.N.

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/7

f64/7.1

32 South Street

London W

June 3/64

Mr dear Sir [Pattison Walker]

I thank you much [9:489] [5:318-20]
for your kind letter
of April 23 - & its most
interesting account of
the proceedings of the
Commission. It is doing
its work vigorously -
& will be a blessing to
India. [end 9:489]

The establishment of
a chair of Hygiene is of
the greatest importance
for the future progress of
the cause. And the same

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{written across two folios}
should be done for Bombay & Madras. While teaching
Europeans the laws of health, do not forget the natives.
Could not the question of public health be brought
before any Institutes or Native Societies for discussion?
A well written little book or paper addressed to
natives in their own language, explaining the
very simplest laws of health - how it is that
their present habits lead to fever & cholera -
(if the causes of these two diseases are made head
against, all the rest will follow -) could not this
be compiled & circulated among the natives?
I have always felt that, if you could take the
heads of castes into your counsels, disarm their
prejudices - how much might be done? - I do
not pretend to say how - But you have now, at
the head of the Government, the man of all others,
who can do this & who will. Never had a Governor
General before such knowledge & such power. I
mean particularly with regard to the native races.
It is urgent that some enlightenment should

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be brought to those
districts round Calcutta
where the remittent
plague prevails - in order
to lead them to improve
their own Sanitary state
& to allow it to be improved.

Could not hints
shewing a kindly interest
in them by the Government,
be put forth by the
Government?

With regard to the
very important question
of disposing of the dead,
would not the best
plan be to confer with

[9:489-90]

f64/7.3

I have just had a communication
from Delhi & my brother in law,
Sir Harry Verney, has seen an
officer in London, just arrived
from Delhi from his son's
Regiment there, who speaks
to the same effect.- viz.
that a disease called "Boils"
is very prevalent among
the troops there & causes
much inefficiency. One
officer had no less
than 80 Boils on his body.
The people there attribute
the disease to bad
water & bad site - &
say that there is good
water, tho' at a
considerable distance, &
a good site for a small

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{written across two folios}
Barrack in Delhi. This is just one of the cases with which your Commission could effectually deal. The cause of "Boils" is very little understood. If you could {word illeg.cause?} a careful enquiry to be made to find out the cause at Delhi & remedy the evils much good might arise to the Service [of course we do not take implicitly every word we hear from ~~two~~ Military Officers, unacquainted with Sanitary things.] F.N. [end 5:321]

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the different castes and ascertain what really constitutes religious burial. [This is what even the old Indians at the India Office here seem not exactly to know]. Then the whole question would resolve itself into the best practicable & most wholesome method of doing the work.

If cremation were adopted, suppose your Commission were to send a Minute home, desiring that the War & India Office Commission here (Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission)

f64/7.5 & f64/7.5v

{written across two folios}
should send them out the best plans of apparatus
from this country, where the process has been
applied to almost every purpose except burning
dead bodies. [And even that has been considered]

I was delighted to see Mr. Strachey's Minute
(April 5), which was sent by the India Office to the
"Barrack & Hospital Commission" in a letter of May
20, desiring them to send out plans &c of Sanitary
construction to you - because we are so slow. (they talk
of Hindoos being slow - but War Offices & India Offices
in England are slower). These plans are however
nearly ready. And they will be sent out almost
immediately with general suggestions.

I wish you God speed with all my heart.
You will have much opposition to encounter. But
great works do not prosper without opposition.
[Do you remember what (by a curious coincidence)
Pope Paul III said to a predecessor of yours in
the Missionary work in India St. Francis Xavier,
viz. that God would always find means to carry out

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a work which was really
 God's - that indeed he,
 Xavier, would find much
 to suffer - but that the
 "affairs of God" ~~prosper~~
 succeed only by the way
 of crosses & difficulties.

I did not think Pope
 Paul could have said so
 good a thing. And I
 suppose Xavier was half
 a madman. But, for all
 that, I think it is true, is it
 not? for every work engaged in
 for the good of men -]

[end 9:490]

Believe me

your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale

J. Pattison Walker Esq [illeg]

I need hardly say that any papers
 or letters from you will always be most
 welcome to me. F.N.

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64/8	F.N. TO DR. PATTISON WALKER	18 JUNE 1864
64/9	F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, ESQ.	30 JULY 1864
64/10	" " "	1 AUG. 1864
64/11	F.N. TO DR. PATTISON WALKER	10 AUG 1864
64/12	F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, ESQ.	17 AUG 1864}

[begins second part]

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/8

f64/8.1

Private

32 South Street

London W

June 18/64

My dear sir

I thank you very
heartily for your letter
of May 7, & for its
enclosure of your Minutes.

[9:871]

The filter in the
Mediterranean Report
will answer your purpose.
It is intended specially
for filtering water *before*
being tanked for use.
If, e.g., you had good
tanks for Fort William,
& if you collected all
rain water from roofs
for drinking & cooking,

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you would pass the whole of it through such a filter
before allowing it to enter your tanks. [The War Office
Commission will recommend it specially for India
in the "Suggestions" called for by your President]

[end 9:871]

What

occurred to me, with regard to your proceedings,
is that it would be advisable to make them very short,
unless for special reasons. If everything is put in at
length, errors in principle, backed by high names,
may have to be recorded. There is an example of
this in your present Minutes where Barrack rooms
for large numbers are recommended by a General
Officer & Medical Officer, contrary to all sound
principle. This is a very great mistake, & even
the record of it might lead to mischief. All forget
that these overgrown Barrack=rooms are very
obvious causes of disease in India. [Dr. McClelland's
theory of Barrack building shews throughout great
lack of Sanitary knowledge on such subjects.]

[15:400]

It would be better to limit the record of matter
of instruction either to the enunciation of sound
principles & sound practice by the Commission itself

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or to such principles as it adopted (stated in other's words).

Plans & apparatus IV, VIII, IX, X, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, of the Mediterranean Report, will be recommended for your consideration by the War Office Commission. I hope you will think that their forthcoming suggestions (which never would have been forthcoming but for Mr. Strachey's Minute) contain a good deal relating to general principles of drainage water supply, barrack & hospital plans, sanitary police & registration of deaths, not included in the

f64/8.3

Mediterranean Report, which may form the bases of great changes in India. Every thing, including the plans, is now in press, & will be hurried through as fast as possible.

[end]

I am, dear Sir,
yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/9

f64/9.1

115 Park Street W

July 30/ 64

Sir [J.J. Frederick]

I trust you will
excuse my applying to
you directly on this
matter.

The enclosed twenty
copies were sent me by
Mr. Spottiswoode, at
my request (of the
"Suggestions." But as
he has no power over
Day's, they do not

f64/9.1v

contain the lithographs,
without which they
are of no use.

If you could obtain
an order from the
W.O. that they should
be filled up with
the requisite number
of sets of lithographs
from Day's, I should
be very much obliged.

If not, would you
kindly let me have

f64/9.2

as many copies as
can be spared out
of the fifty now
preparing for the
W.O. complete?

I beg to remain
your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/10

f64/10.1

115 Park St W

August 1/64

Sir,

I am very much
obliged to you for the
promise conveyed in
your note of July 30.
And so I immediately
come to you for
another favour.

Would you kindly
send me the first
final Revise, (with
my corrected copy,
sent to you on

f64/10.1v

Saturday,) which
reaches you from
Mr. Spottiswoode
of the 8vo. ~~Edition~~ Abstract of
the Report of the
R. Commission on
the Sanitary state of
the Indian Army?
And I will return
it to you forthwith.

I remain Sir
yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/11

f64/11.1

Private 32 South Street

Rev. 9/9/64 London W

Aug 10/64

My dear Sir

I sent to you & to
Mr. Strachey copies of the
"Suggestions" (by Book Post
a fortnight ago) drawn up
in compliance with Mr.
Strachey's Minutes of April
5.

These "Suggestions" have
now received the Sanction
of the Military Committee,
of the Council, & of the
S. of S. of the India Office
here -

And they are about
{Jas=Pattison Walker Eq MD}

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to be forwarded to you
officially by the India
Office.

But our people are
so slow that, if I were
not afraid of being
profane, I should say
that Sir John Lawrence
is always a great deal
more ready to hear
than we are to pray. There=
fore I forward you (by
Bookpost to=day) 4
more copies of the
"Suggestions," in case you
may wish to apply them
at once.

Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/12

f64/12.1

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 17/64

Dear Sir

The taste of the
Stationery Office in
colours is not admirable.
But, of the two patterns
you are good enough
to enclose, No. 1 is
certainly the best.

I suppose then we
are not to have a
cloth cover at all -
I am sorry for this,

f64/12.1v

as even the little
books of Regns given
to private soldiers
are put up in grey
cloth, lined with paper.

Yours very faithfully

Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

f64/12.2

Would you be kind
enough ~~as~~ to let me
have my last corrected
proof - with the final
Revises of the "Abstract,"
when you send them
me?

F.N.

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64/13 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 24 Aug. 1864
63/14 25 Aug. 1864
64/15 30 Aug. 1864
64/16 7 Sept 1864
64/17 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 3 Oct. 1864
64/18 F.N. to Dr. E.A. Parkes 5 Oct. 1864}

Letter, LMA ff64/13.1-64/13.2, pen

f64/13.1

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 24/64

My dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I wish you could
have told me you were
better.

I have written to Miss
Agnes Jones in Ireland
what you kindly say
about your Nurse &
will let you hear - as
soon as I hear myself -
Or probably she will
write to you -

That matter has
all been re=opened again
about the Liverpool Workh=

f64/13.1v

- there has been another wearisome correspondence.
~~But I am~~ But I am not going to trouble you about it - the more as it is now settled.

But the pauper has been reverted to - And the plan is now as follows =

15 Head Nurses
15 Probationers
37 ex=pauper Assistants
at £5 pr. ann. wages
15 ex=pauper Scrubbers
at £2 pr. ann. wages
ever yours
F.N.

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I hope to tell you a few details another time

Letter, LMA f64/14, pen **f64/14.1**

[6:245-46]

Hampstead N.W.

Aug 25/64

Dearest friend

I mean what I say -
that, if you had rather not work
even at what I enclose,
I had rather you did
not.

In that case, please
return them to me Instante.

If you can add any
suggestions, they will be
very welcome - The
(3) "Ward Supts" have
been changed to "Divisional
Officers," in deference to

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your suggestion -

I must ask you, in
any case, to return them
soon, as my answer is
waited for.

We are so busy just
now that I could have
wished this had not
come. But I am so
glad it should be done at all
ever yrs
F.N.

Letter, LMA f64/15, pen **f64/15**

Hampstead N.W.

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I really would not have
troubled you with this,
had it not been for
your kind question,
pinned on to the very
doubt which had
arisen in Miss A. Jones'
mind - Also, another
doubt of hers which
I enclose. Please
return me these - if
with any suggestions,
they will be gratefully received
ever yours
Aug 30/64 F.N.

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/16

[6:246]

f64/16.1

Hampstead NW

Sept 7/ 64

Dearest friend

I am quite unhappy
at troubling you again
about the Nurse for
Miss Agnes Jones. I have
(only this morning)
received a letter from
Miss A.J. - (the delay,
I believe, owing to
the extraordinary no=
postal arrangements
of a fishing village
they are at, for her
health) saying: -

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that Mr. Rathbone has
offered to pay wages
to induce any
particularly desirable
Nurse to wait for the
opening of the new
Workhouse Nursing -
(perhaps the Nurse
is already engaged)
But, if not, Miss A.J.
would feel very grateful
to you, if you would
think whether the Nurse
would do for a General
Night Superintendent *
in the terms of the

* The Patients are on 4 floors

f64/16.2

suggested office which
in one of your kind
letters you made to me.

I take it, tho' Miss
A.J. is not very explicit,
that the Nurse must
make up her mind
that the night watchers
she has to superintend
will be

Assistant Nurses (raw Probationers)
ex=paupers (paid
& for special cases a
trained St. Thomas' Nurse.

Should you think fit,
would you offer it her,
telling her of what work

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it involves - & that
if she accepts, the delay
will be made good
to her?

I am really grieved
to give you this additional
trouble of thinking.

I hear from Mrs.
Wardroper that you
have taken a woman
known to her, of better
education than Walker,
to fill Walker's place.
If this is true, it will
be such a relief to me.

ever yours

F.N.

Miss A. Jones intends dining with the
Nurses.

Letter, LMA ff64/17.1-64/17.2, pen

f64/17.1

7/11 32 South Street

Private London W

{Recd. 19/11} Oct 3/ 64

My dear Sir [Pattison Walker]

It is rather for the pleasure
of conversing with you about
your "Proceedings" than for the
sake of being of use that I
add a few Remarks to those
"for June."

106. Resolution

Yes: and the refuse discharged
through a pipe below low water =
mark in the river

107. President's Remarks

Yes: in new barracks we
propose proper fire grates to
dry the air in damp weather
where required

Page 52. Tatties

Tatties &c are touched upon in
the "Suggestions."

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Page 52 - last line

Yes. yes.

* 109. 110.

Plans for Lunatic Asylums &
Jails must be sent out to you.

* Page 53. last line but two.

"minimum allowance".

80 would be little enough

* Page 54

top line but one

125 is the utmost number

Page 54 Third Para

"Inspector General N.W.P."

"cubic feet & square feet" -
750 and 80 if the prison be small
& every thing right.

But 1000 would be better

The Agra Jail & others shew
that Jail accommodation wants
entire renewal.

* Page 54 - last Para -

Could you have a reference made

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to the War Office (Sanitary) Commission
here?

114 "As regards the manure"

Yes.

Wherever manure is laid down near
cities, it should be at once dug in
and covered.

last Para of Page

This would depend entirely on the
extent of land, the distance from
Barracks, the direction of winds,
manuring, drainage, crops &c

Page 58 - lines 6, 7, 8, 9 from top

Yes - yes - yes

Page 65. 22.

Col= Crommelin is right however.

Page 67. 36

very good

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This question treated in the
"Suggestions"

Plan of Bangalore Hospital bad

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Page 77] [
remarks very good

Page 79 129. I.
The best deodorizer is a drain
pipe or a Scavenger

Page 84] [
Let them try their disinfectants

Page 93. Mesan [?] Meer Water Supply
"1. quite true

I will not weary you any
more with marks of admiration
& remarks of affirmation; but
only wish you Godspeed - &
am ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/18

Hampstead NW

Oct 5/ 64

My dear Dr. Parkes

I will not lose a day
in thanking you for your
great work, with its
dedication to our dear
friend.

I have just spent
the afternoon in turning
over the pages & having
a general glance at
the immense mass of
important matter &
valuable facts you have
brought together - Let
me congratulate you on

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the accomplishment of
such a work -

I shall give myself
the pleasure of writing
to you again about it,
when I have had time
to drink in even a
portion of its contents.

Believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

{not in FN's handwriting:}
TO D.S.G. Parkes

{archivist's note:
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64/19 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 10 Oct. 1864

64/20 " " 18 Oct. 1864

64/21 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 27 Oct. 1864

64/22 [see next folder notes on Swansea hospital 7 Nov. 1864]

64/23 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 19 Dec. 1864}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/64/19

f64/19.1

32 South Street London W

Oct 10/64

Private

Recd. 13/11

Repd. 19/11

My dear Sir

I write in haste to thank you
for your important "Draft Rules for
Military Cantonments," just received.

[9:498-99]

I have only had time to glance
through it. As a proposed sanitary
code for Indian Stations, it shews that
it has been most carefully considered
with an earnest desire to make its
provisions efficient (and with what
a masterly hand it is done!)

There is so close a conformity in
its provisions with the points in the
"Suggestions" of the War Office Commission which
have been sent you, that there will be
no difficulty in arriving at an agreement.

In the W.O. "Suggestions" there are

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some points which might be introduced with advantage into your code. With this view, might I venture to suggest that you should compare your clauses with theirs, so as to introduce into your code any additional clauses you may, on consideration, judge to be useful & practicable?

Two or three points have especially struck me in my hasty perusal: -

1. as to Inspectors of Nuisances
These are Officers whose duty it is to see *the thing done* with their own eyes. This is indispensable with us here.

It may interest you to know that one of the most active "Inspectors" in England has offered to the W.O. Commission to give up his appointments - & come out to you. He says there are many others in England who would gladly lend their aid to the great work in India

f64/19.2

(not for the sake of large salaries, but simply to help forward the sanitary cause). We have referred him to the India Office.

If you should want any such Inspectors, you would have to apply to the India Office. And the W.O. Commission would try to find them for you -

2. A very important power suggested by the W.O. Commission is the making of Bye-laws under sanction.

Could you adopt this?

3. Could not something more be said about permanent works - granting to the local authorities certain powers of moving the Government as to putting Stations or towns in a complete sanitary condition (as to works of a permanent character)?

4. Could you not include the Sanitary police of native towns, & make some provision for introducing works into them ?

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These are the chief points which have struck me - not knowing the bearing of local powers in India. You may have perhaps already provided some of these powers, altho' I (ignorant) do not see it.

You intend, as I gladly see, to send copies to the W.O. Commission. They will joyfully give you every hint that occurs to them. **[end 9:499]**

I trust that Mr. John Strachey is better - his is a master-hand - & that your own health improves. We cannot spare you.

I can only wish you God speed on your noble work, & beg you to believe me ever your faithful & ready servt

Florence Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

Letter, LMA ff64/20.1-64/20.2, pen, copy 45781 ff246-47

f64/20.1

Private 32 South Street
Recd. 17/11 London W.
Repd. 19/11 October 18/64

My dear Sir

I am very much indebted **[10:29-30]**
to you for your last letter
(of August 31) also for the
copy of "Rules & Regulations"
which I received &
acknowledged by last mail.

You have now had time
to look over the "Suggestions,"
which you are kind enough to acknowledge -
& which are intended as
a kind of guide to
executive authorities in
India, in European
experience of Sanitary work

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rather than as a guide to teaching in which they are deficient.

I suppose that your course of lectures will be attended by Eurasians & natives entering the Medical profession. You will have a glorious opportunity, not only of teaching civilization & health, but also of teaching them practice by bringing the pupils into practical contact with sanitary problems in Calcutta.

A good text=book

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would be a great help to them
- & also a few tracts in the vernacular.

If the natives would give you all the information they can as to domestic habits, you might teach them how those habits can be followed with least injury to health.

[I wish ~~it~~ Sanitary rules could be made a religion, a fanaticism with the ignorant of the natives. I suppose it is not by intelligence, at least at first, (by explaining reasons,) that these natives can be led - But we hear of fanaticism about cleanliness

f64/20.2v

in some points among
Brahmins - & we know
that Moses made sanitary
things a part of his code
for the people - Could not
observing certain laws of
death be made a religion
with the ignorant of the
Hindoos? [end 10:30]

I trust that your health
is better - & that of Mr.
Strachey.

Believe me
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Jas=Pattison Walker Esq Md

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/21

f64/21.1

Dearest friend

I ought to have [13:89]
returned you the enclosed
long ago.

I am very glad that
you can admit 10 Probrs.
I have heard from Dr.
Morgan that they will
send 10 to St. Thomas'
(where we can only give
up 10 places, owing to
other engagements). They
will select those intended
for District Nursing

f64/21.1v

rather for King's Coll: - &
those for Hospital
Nursing rather for St Thomas'.
I do hope it will turn
out all for the best.
It remains to be seen
whether they will be
able to find 20 proper
Probrs all at once -
We can't.

Have you heard of the
death of Pastor Fliedner
of Kaiserswerth? It took
place on the 4th (in
harness) - of long standing

[7:586-87]**f64/21.2**

disease. Pray for them
with your Nurses. They
ask our prayers - not
for themselves, tho' a
widow, who was herself
the most efficient
Supt. & 7 children
without provision
remain - but that it
will please God to raise
up men to carry on
the work in the same
spirit that His servant
Fliedner did.

His death is to me
almost as if I had lost
a father.

He leaves over 400 "Sisters" -
the work of 27 years. on no money - **[end 7:587]**

f64/21.2v

I am coming back to
London - I have been
(like you) so busy. And
yet I seem to be doing
nothing -

ever your

F.

Oct 27/64

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/23

f64/23.1

Private 32 South Street
Recd. 22/1 Park Lane
London W
Dec 19/64

My dear Sir

I will only today thank
you for your beautiful (&
distressing) photographs of
the Calcutta damage from
the Cyclone, which arrived
in perfect condition -
Also for Col= Crommelin's
Memo. on Hospital Construction
- his principles appear
admirable & his application
of them ingenious -
also for the Minute on
Vaccination.

On Friday night Mr.

[9:501]

f64/23.1v

John Strachey called at my
houseX on his way to
Bristol - & left with me
your Proceedings for August
& September - I was
exceedingly obliged for your
thought of me; - but
regretted the cause, I fear
~~suppose~~ ill health, which
brought Mr. Strachey home.
I did not see him, but
he promised me to write
from Bristol. If his
health permits, & his
stay is long enough in
England, he might obtain
important information
here. In the mean time,
he leaves the cause in

X I am not now at South St. but close
by (for a time) All letters reach me as before
addressed to South St -

f64/23.2

Bengal in the best hands,
which are yours -

[end 9:502]

I am about to write to
you, with your permission,
at some length.

Sir C. Wood (but this
is STRICTLY IN CONFIDENCE)
referred the Report of Dr.
Leith on the Sanitary
Condition of the Bombay
Arms, to our "Barrack &
Hospital Improvement
Commission" for reply.
We have replied to it.
I shall send you a
copy of the reply (you
have of course seen Dr.
Leith's Report) as soon
as it is through the press.

[9:393]

[end 9:393]

f64/23.2v

In the meantime

believe me

yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Pattison Walker

Mr. Strachey has found
us in a thick London
fog, & with snow & frost
on the ground (it is
freezing now) & with a
bitter N. Easter -

F.N.

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I 27 F.N.'s notes on
64/22 Swansea Hospital 7 Nov. 1864
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Notes, LMA ff64/22.1 64/22.10, pen

[16:675-78]

f64/22.1

Swansea Hospital

These plans, taken as a whole, are admirable. I have never yet seen first Drafts which require so little alteration. The main points of criticism arise, partly out of the form, & lay & area of the ground - partly out of the requirements which the Committee has asked you to fulfil.

The area & cubic space per bed are ample. And the height & width of the wards are well proportioned.

The windows are so large that you may quite well leave more space between the top of the upper windows & the eaves, so as to give a better

f64/22.1v

architectural effect
outside. i.e. if you
think it desirable.

Considering that the
prevailing winds are
from the S.W., the
Blockplan, No. 3, would
bring these winds
most favourably
upon the building.
This Blockplan would
also keep the interior
of the wards most
out of sight of house
windows. If you
adopt this plan,
you will have to
alter the Operating
room & place it
on the N. side of
the Central block,
where the stair=case
is at present.

f64/22.2

If the road were diverted, this plan would enable the Hospital to be extended Northwards to give rather more than an additional third of accommodation at some future time.

Blockplans Nos. 1 and 4 are, either of them, as good as No. 3, so far as the disposition of parts is concerned. They would enable the line of the wards to be brought into the line of the streets. This might however be a disadvantage from rendering the wards liable to be overlooked from neighbouring houses. But the chief

f64/22.2v

disadvantage would be that the sea breeze would be partially interrupted by the Central block, & that ~~they~~ it could not fall so favourably against the sides of the wards, as in Plan No. 3. These questions however can be best settled on the spot. And if for any local reason, Plans 1 or 4 be preferred, either will make a good block plan.

I would strongly recommend however that the proposed Turkish Bath be not placed

f64/22.3

on the S.W. point of the ground. The place where it should be, is at the Northern angle. *As it is*, the site will in time become much more confined than might be desirable - & as much open space should be kept within the Hospital enclosure as possible.

The wards on the Men's side will do, with the slight alteration suggested in the position of one of the Nurse's two inspection windows - See Plan.

The same remark applies to the first floor female ward.

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But there is a serious administrative objection to the small (women's) ward on the ground floor - on account of increased difficulty of supervision & increased cost of nursing. That Ward will require a Day Nurse & a Night Nurse to itself - & even then, being out of the way of the Head Nurse, would not be well=nursed. Would it not be possible, by lengthening the Women's Pavilion, to have a 28=bed ward & a 6=bed ward, which would give all the accommodation

f64/22.4

required & with infinitely greater advantage to the Patients being on the same floor. Women's Surgical cases in the country, are generally few - (no proportions between Medical & Surgical cases is given in the Specification. But, judging from experience, a 28 bed Medical & a 6 bed Surgical Female Ward would be all that is required].

If this were done, the abandoned 6=bed ward might be turned to better purpose, such, e.g. as Physician's & Surgeon's rooms, Hospital Admission & Waiting room &c.

For this purpose, a different arrangement of doors would be

f64/22.4v

required.

The Committee must be consulted on this point of the small lower Ward. But, if they judge fit to retain it, they must decide upon incurring the additional cost of Nursing.

The whole of the lower floor of the Women's Pavilion, intended to be used as a dispensary for Out Patients, must be completely cut off from the Hospital.

It is generally considered that it is impossible (too) to cut off ~~too~~ inexorably enough all communication between Men & Women Out=Patients.

{archivist's note:

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(sheets 3+4)}

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They should come
in by separate
doors - they should
have entirely separate
W.C.s, - should be
cut off, in fact, from
any possible
overlooking of one
another either in
entering, waiting
or departing.
[see Plan for
re==arrangement]
I would strongly
suggest that the one
storied building,
containing Operating
Room & small wards,
shewn in Block
Plans 1 and 4, be
removed, or at all
events so reduced
in length as to

f64/22.5v

contain no more than
the Operating Room,
a one bed ward,
space for a W.C., &
sink & one wash
hand basin.

What can be wanted
more ~~tha~~ (for Men
Patients' accommodation)
than what is found
in the Pavilion, one
large & one small
Surgical, one large
& one small Medical
Ward?

An eye case (who
has to be shut up
by himself in the dark, poor fellow,)
may be put into this
one bed ward, if such
is judged necessary.
For he wants no
more nursing than
can be given him

f64/22.6

N.B. The operating room should have not only a sky=light, but a large N. window.

f64/22.6v

by the visits of the Head Nurse of his floor. Whereas, if there is to be a two bed special ward there, the same remark, as above, applies, viz. a Day & a Night Nurse would be required. And all this for 3 beds!

[The small wards of one or two beds for special cases, & the one or two small wards for surgical cases would be found quite unnecessary in practice, while they would add greatly to the cost of the Hospital & to the cost of Nursing.]

~~At~~

f64/22.7

I am very glad
that you have missed
out the Convalescent
wards. If, in such
a place as Swansea,
such wards are
ever necessary, they
should consist in
cottages at the sea=
side.

The Deadhouse &
Post Mortem Room,
(& Laundry, if there
is to be one) should
be placed at a
sufficient distance from,
& on the N. side of the
Hospital.

f64/22.7v*Central Block*

Kitchen floor very good.
Area to be sufficiently
wide for plenty of
light. Cook must
not sleep there, but
among the female
servants.

Ground floor will
answer with the
slight alterations
(vide Plan) suggested, unless
part of the accommo=
dation is to be
transferred into
the lower floor
women's ward.

[I presume there
~~is to be a Porter~~
~~And he~~ must sleep
on the premises.
He ought to sleep
& take his meals
as near the principal
door as possible.]
The room allotted to him seems
scarcely large enough
for him to sleep
& take his meals,
which he ought
to do, there.

f64/22.8*First floor*

Matron's accomodation,
Linen Store &c will
answer. But, if by
any rearrangement
you can obtain
access from the
Matron's floor by
the terrace to the
upper floor wards,
it should be done.

Upper floor

I presume there will
be a cook, housemaid
& one or two other female
servants. These ~~cook~~
should have a room
apart from the Nurses,
but divided by
compartments. It
would be preferable, however,
if the Cook could have
a small room to
herself. Also, if one female servant, who will
I presume, assist the Matron with the linen, should
sleep near the Matron.

f64/22.8v

To nurse the 3 large
& 3 small wards
efficiently would
require
3 Head Nurses
9 Day "
(2 to each large
1 " " small ward
3 Night Nurses
& I am afraid an
Extra Nurse, in case
of extra Night Nursing
in any of the 3 small
wards)

Or it might be
possible to nurse
the 3 floors with
3 Head Nurses
6 Day "
3 Night "
and 1 extra Nurse
1 Scrubber.

[I dislike this latter plan.
It is infinitely
preferable that
the Nursing Staff
of each ~~ward~~ floor should

f64/22.9

be distinctly separate
from the Nursing
Staff of each other floor.

~~ward~~ - & that no
scrubber or nurse
should go from one
floor to another]

The 3 Head Nurses
accommodation is
provided for (in the Ward Nurses' rooms.]

The 3 (if not 4)
Night Nurses must
have a separate room
to themselves, divided
by compartments.

There remains 9, if
(~~not~~ or at least 7) Day Nurses
to provide for. These
may be in the same
room, with separate
compartments. But it is preferable
that the Nurses of
each floor should

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have a separate
room, with compart=
ments. It ensures
better discipline=particularly
that the Nurses on the Men's side
& on the women's side should have separate rooms.
[Day & Night Nurses
must be separate,
in order to allow
the Night Nurses
undisturbed sleep
in the day.]

I have said elsewhere
that, if the small
wards are retained,
which I have proposed
to abolish, accomodation
must be found for
at least:

2 more Day Nurses

2 " Night "

The Sculleries should
be roomy & comfortable
enough for the Day
Nurses to take their
meals in [also, the
Night Nurse, but at
a separate time, of
course]

The Head Nurses'
rooms should also
be large enough for
each Head Nurse
to have her meals
in her own room.

f64/22.10

The disposing of this accomodation cannot however be finally arranged until the Committee has decided on the block plan to be adopted.

N.B. On looking at the plan of the ground, I see that all the houses have back premises. It should be ascertained whether the houses have proper W.C.s drained, or merely open privies over cess=pits. If the latter, they would

f64/22.10v

be a fatal objection to the site. When these matters are satisfactorily arranged, Swansea will have one of the finest Hospitals in the kingdom. I only wish the site had been as good as the plan.

[end 16:678]

F.
Nightingale
London
7/11/64

{archivist's note: I 30
64/24 F.N. to [Mary Jones] [Christmas 1864?]}

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/64/24

[5:171-73]

f64/24.1

Private 27 Norfolk St.

Park Lane W.

Wednesday morning [prob 21 December 1864]

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I am so overwhelmed with work & illness - & so ashamed of myself for being so overwhelmed - but I will try to help (as you have so often helped me in similar things) tho' I am afraid what I have to say will not help much.

I think that in our race, (I set aside R. Catholic races & institutions for the moment) all working people ought to be helped in both ways, viz. Savings' Banks & Deferred annuities, to obtain an independance - I think neither way complete without the other. [And I believe that in time

f64/24.1v

& with a wise Government, poor=laws might be dispensed with under such a regime. But this does not concern you & me now]

All that Mr. Gladstone is now doing in this line I think is dictated by the wisest policy.

In such an Institution as yours, the details may be settled in many different ways. But I should always, in all Institutions, aim at these two things, viz. 1. that the Nurse should have a store in Savings' Bank, to enable her to help a relative temporarily, to help herself in an emergency, & also to pay the premium to the Deferred Annuity, when she is incapacitated by sickness from earning wages (this would not apply to you) 2. that she should have

f64/24.2

a Deferred Annuity in expectation.

Suppose every worthy Nurse could have an Annuity of (say) £50 at the age of 55, this would be affluence.

[St. Thomas' grants such.]

There are various ways of doing this: - you might make the Nurse pay to both, Savings' Bank & Deferred Annuity - gratuities for good conduct from the authorities going to both. Or you might devote subscriptions to the Deferred Annuity, & let her own savings go to the Savings' Bank, with or without any gratuities for good service from yourselves, the authorities - Whichever way you adopt, I think, to give an English woman that proper feeling of independance & self-help, which you so wisely encourage, she

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should have *both* (Savings' Bank deposits, & Deferred Annuity) to look forward to.

[It would take much more time than either you or I have, if I were to tell the Mischiefs I have seen in R. Catholic orders, arising from a want of acknowledging the principle of individual independence in their dependents

The miserable old ages of their Nurses in the Salpêtrière, where they are entirely provided for -

The absolute helplessness of big girls of 20 & upwards, brought up in their orphan Asylums, (in which I have lived & served). It is not, as is generally supposed, that the orders themselves are destitute of

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the principles of Political Economy -
quite the reverse - All over
France, Orders actually make
money by the work of their
dependants - & quite right too.
But these dependants are *perfectly*
INCAPABLE, when they leave the
Institution, whether Educational,
Penitential, or what not, of
governing themselves, so as to
earn a single sixpence even at
the very work they have been
used to do for the nuns, - or so as
to keep themselves from falling into
the arms of the first man who
tempts them. Pardon the crudity
of my expressions.]

I therefore entirely conclude
for the English principle, which

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you have carried out so well, of
helping people to help themselves.
I would do this both ways, both
by Savings' Banks & Deferred
Annuities

I think all experience teaches
your principles, viz. of definite
engagements, 3-5-7 years, to be
renewed, if desirable, - not of
indefinite engagements, to be
broken off, if undesirable.

I send you what I am afraid
will be of little use: -

1. the principles which guided us
as to the Army Nurses, both in regard
to wages & pensions (please burn
the detached sheets - & send me

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back the "Regulations")

2. a sketch by Mrs. S. Stewart which please burn, when read.

It is an old thing; & she would be "mad" with me for sending it you.

3. a book of Dr. Farr's which you will have neither time nor inclination to go into - & which please return to me.

Tho' of course, I would not tie down Institutions & private families & societies to the strict principles of the value of money & life of Life Insurances & Government Annuities, yet I incline to think that, the nearer we keep to money=& life= values in our private transactions,

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the safer we shall be in doing good & not doing harm.

If, as you cannot possibly be expected to study Dr. Farr's thick book, you would like to write to him (our Army Nurses pension=rates, &c., were all calculated by him) - or would wish me to write to him, to ask some such question as follows:

whether, seeing that Government has provided both for savings & deferred annuities, it would not be best to adopt both plans, say, a deferred annuity accruing at 55 (or 60?) and the remainder to be placed in a Savings' Bank. Or the Nurse might place all her savings in the Savings' Bank, and

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the Subscriptions might go to a
Deferred Annuity. [The chief
difficulty in any scheme is in
the want of security that the
Nurse will continue in her work
till she is 55.]

[end 5:173]

[Between the leaves of my copy
of Dr. Farr's big book are some
photographs of the Cyclone at
Calcutta, sent me from Calcutta,
which it may amuse & distress you to
look at]

I had already written to Embley
to send me Christmas greeneries
for you on the 23rd. But I will
write again to ask particularly

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for hollies in berry, *if they are at
all*, - & perhaps the box had
better go straight to you (?) -
I am so sorry you are so sad for
your Christmas.

God bless you

ever yours

F.N.

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Dearest friend CONFIDENTIAL

I will tell you (what I have told no one) what has overwhelmed me so much this last fortnight. In addition to our usual work, particularly heavy just now, I have had to do the most painful thing that I ever had to do in my most painful life.

Col=Wilbraham has accused Mrs. S. Stewart of Manslaughter - *because* she interfered to prevent every Patient from choosing his own Orderly to sit up with him, from ordering said Orderly to be attached to himself alone, & forbidding ~~every other~~ the Ward Night=Orderly to enter his ward!!! Half an hour after this insane proceeding had been put a stop to, a Patient dies, &

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Mrs. S. Stewart is accused of his death. [In addition, she is accused of Anglicanism, "Foaming at the Mouth", Manslaughter, "'Snapping her Fingers" Insanity, DRINK, Being Silent in an Omnibus, General Incivility, Not accepting an Invitation to tea, &c &c &c]

I have gone thro' all these papers which were sent me officially like a Chief Justice, & not like a Counsel.

Today a War Office Commission of 3 members goes down to Netley to examine all the parties.

The worst of it is, not that Mrs. S. Stewart should be accused (for the accusations are too absurd) but how can her post be of any use to the service after such a scene as this?

F.N.

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P.S. In addition, in an *official* letter to the *Secretary of State*, asking for the "dismissal of Mrs. S. Stewart", dated Sept 27, (but sent to me only a fortnight ago), Col: Wilbraham quotes a *part* of a *confidential* conversation he had with me, (in which I acknowledged Mrs. S.S.'s defects of temper,) taken out of its connection, which was to soothe him - as a ground for calling for her dismissal: There is no safety with such a man. And I only mention this, in case you should have further communication with him - he may quote you *officially*.

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65/1 F.N. to [Dr. Pattison Walker] 3 Jan. 1865

65/2 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, Esq. 9 Jan. 1865}

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/1

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Private 32 South Street
 Park Lane
 London W.
 Jan. 3/65

{rec'd 4/2}

My dear Sir [Pattison Walker]

I will not let a mail
pass without telling you
how deeply touched I am
by your & Mrs. Walker's
most kind (& pressing)
invitation to me, a complete
stranger to you. Would
that I could avail myself
of your & her great
kindness! There is nothing,
really nothing, - on this
side the grave which I
long for so much as a
visit to India - nothing

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which would interest me
so much. While others
try to run away from India,
I would desire more than
anything else which I
do desire, (I "desire with
desire," as the Hebrew says)
to go to India. I have
studied the country so much,
I seem to know so well
what I want to do there,
that it appears to me as
if it would be going home,
not going to a strange
country. But, alas for me,
it is quite impossible.
I shall never leave London,
except for the grave. Even
the move to the next street

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brings me to death's door.
And I am assured that I
have no prospect except
of getting worse - tho' it
appears that I must
have a (family) constitution
like iron, for, for nearly
7 years, I have never
been expected to live
6 months. If there were
even any hope of my
reaching India alive, &
of my being able to go
on working when there,
as I do here, I believe
I should be tempted to
go. For my term of life
cannot be much longer,
wherever I am. But it

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is quite impossible. It is
absurd for me to think
of it, though I shall
never forget the kindness
which dictated the
thought - in you & Mrs.
Walker - to be willing to
take charge of such an
invalid, an utter stranger
to you - ~~But~~ Even if it
were possible, I really
could not impose such
a charge upon you -
But it is not possible.

I may tell you in confidence that, in 1857,
that dreadful year for
India, I offered to go
out to India in the same

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way as to the Crimea.

But Sidney Herbert,
with whom I worked
for five years, all but
a week, in the War Office
till his lamentable death,
put a stop to it. He
said that I had
undertaken this work,
caused him to undertake
it, & that I must stay
& help him (meaning
the sanitary Army reforms)
Since his death, it has
been all the more necessary,
~~the~~ because all the more difficult.
There is but one Sidney
Herbert - there is but

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one Sir John Lawrence -
They have no successors -
you will know what I
mean - what is to be done
must be done in their
time, or not at all. Our
work is mere child's play now,
compared to yours.

[end 9:507]

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I admire your Lecture,
particularly your famous
story of the Coolie (at 4
Rupees a month) dealing
destruction round the
land. It is a most
suggestive & appropriate
illustration. I assure
you, the information you
are so good as to give
me is the greatest interest

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I have.

I had not intended to
write this mail, because
the papers are not ready
about which I meant to
write to you, & which
alone would have given
my letter any worth. But
I could not forbear
writing to thank you &
Mrs. Walker (to whom
I intend to have the
pleasure of writing myself)
for your unspeakable
kindness - & to beg that
you will believe me ever
most faithfully & gratefully
yours & hers

[end 10:32]

Letter, LMA f65/2, pen **f65/2.1** [add re contributions to causes]

{printed} 27. Norfolk Street.
Park Lane. W.
9/1/65

Dear Sir,

If I can be of any
use to you in helping
to guarantee the fund
for your South London
Industrial Exhibition,
which I see is to open
next month, I shall
be most happy to do
so, to the extent of £5.

I am afraid I am
rather late in saying so.
But I am so constantly

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hurried, & over busy &
ill, that you must
excuse me, if this
be the case -
ever Yours very faithfully
Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

{archivist's notes: I 2 65/3 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 24 Jan. 1865}

Letter, LMA ff65/3.1-65/3.4, pen

f65/3.1

Confidential

My dearest friend [Mary Jones]

For some time I have been expecting, [9:943-45]
rather than hoping, that Sir J. Lawrence
would lay upon me the formation of
a Nursing Staff for the East. And I
am afraid the same fear will possess
you (when you see my letter) that does
me.

His letter is most liberal: he says
that ~~no~~ "whatever expense" is requisite must be ~~spared~~ met for
such an object.

The idea is: to Nurse the Military
General Hospitals by European trained women,
& *all* the female Regimental Hospitals
which, as you know, means the soldiers'
wives & children, (~~most~~ many of the cases being
lying-in cases,) by European trained women.

This for a beginning. But of course

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they must ~~have~~ establish one or more Training Schools in each Presidency, for how can we supply them with so many Nurses, who cannot supply ourselves?

Here comes the difficulty. The material to be trained is ~~absolutely~~ almost *nil*. Every decent woman they get marries directly. There are nothing but soldiers' wives & widows, & they candidly say that, besides the losing them directly, they are a wretched set, worse than their husbands.

A religious Society would be the only thing. And I am sure I would help them to a religious Society, if I could. But there is but one person to do it, & that is you - and I am quite sure the danger in India would be far greater than it is in England of what we have seen nevertheless too often here, viz. the absurdities religious (nursing?) orders have fallen into: if not really laying their hands to the work in Hospitals & under a good discipline.

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[I have been quite afraid of writing to you upon Sir John Lawrence's letters. Because I thought you would either volunteer yourself or volunteer Sister Laura - Now I do think that, unless a higher voice directs you, it is far more important to keep the kernel together at home -

& send out branches to India -]

I enclose you a printed paper, which has been sent to me from India for my guidance. But, at the same time, the private information which accompanies it, almost negatives it: -

1. they laugh at Dr. Beatson's admiration of the Nurses at Allahabad, who, they say, were soldier s' wives, picked up anywhere, & that Dr. Beatson liked them, because he was their Matron & Superintendent. [All our Medical Officers in the Crimea, of whom he was one, always wanted to be Matrons themselves. What an odd taste!]

Of course where there are two Nurses, one must be Matron.

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2. the Medical College Hospital at Calcutta is such an abominable place that they are now urging us to say (which we shall do) that it must be pulled down & reconstructed elsewhere.

3. the General Hospital at Calcutta is half Military, half Civil, half under the Military authorities, half under the Lt Governor of Bengal. This occasions many difficulties if it were to be used as a real Training School for Nurses.

4. The ladies of the Committee, of whom, Mrs. Williams is the head, (who, in fact, wrote the paper I enclose) tho' very useful & zealous, are not really qualified by knowledge to govern a Training School or to judge of Nurses.

It seems that they have no such thing as a Matron who would really take charge of a real Training School. Such a person, if we sent one out, must be quite above the possibility of marrying, such as Mrs. Girdlestone

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or Mrs. Shaw Stewart.

[You see even Mrs. Polehampton, who offered herself both to you & to me, was not.]

Now, what is to be done?

I shall send out to Sir John Lawrence all our experience as to Training Schools, Military Hospital Nursing, &c &c -

But what is the good of that?

The thing would be to be able to tell him: we have 1.2.3. &c who would do to send out as Matrons, whose health would stand the climate - or, we shall have within - - - months.

And we have 4.5.6. &c who would do to send out as Nurses for Military Hospitals

and 7.8.9. &c. for female Regimental Hospitals - whose health would stand the climate - or, we shall have within - - - months.

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I am quite sure India deserves from us all she can get from us.

And if you could train persons for India here, you would be doing a greater deed than by going out yourself, which would be abandoning the root.

[How I wish I could go - Do you know I have received a most pressing invitation to go out, invalid as I am, everything to be provided for me as for an Invalid? But it is nonsense to wish! It would be quite madness!]

The difficulty of finding working persons is to me inconceivable. It seems to me to increase in the proportion that the outcry for women's "Fields" increases.

Manchester writes to me for a Supt. And I answer: a place like Manchester must find one for themselves & send her up to us to train.

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I know Mrs. Shaw Stewart can't help us - tho' she ought to be the Training School for all Military British Hospitals, at home & abroad. But she will have the utmost difficulty in taking on Woolwich, which is nearly ready.

Sir John Lawrence's application could not have come at a worse time for Mrs. Wardroper. For, as you know, we have been drained by Liverpool - And not only Manchester but several other places have engaged every vacancy we have.

And what are 15 among so many? It really goes to my heart to write you such a letter - if, as I am afraid the beginning of the year is with you, as it is with us, a particularly busy time. But I think you would be as sorry as I should be, if such an opening as Sir John Lawrence affords the

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cause, should be allowed to fall through

God bless you

ever yours

F.N.

27 Norfolk St. W.

Jan 24/65

I have been writing this before the
morning light - not really
having time in the course of
the day. **[end 9:945]**

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Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/4

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Private

27. Norfolk Street. {printed}

Park Lane W.

6/2/65

My dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I venture to send you
the first rough Draft
of a paper I am obliged
to draw up for Sir John
Lawrence.

Please do remember
that in India they
print everything - that
if I did not print
for them what I
don't mind being
printed, they would
print for me what

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I should not like to be printed.

But I have said & shall say, in private letters to Sir John Lawrence, a great deal about this Nursing matter I cannot put in a printed paper.

If you don't like the tone of this printed paper, no more do I - probably less than you do.

But what I want to add to it principally,

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(tho' many other things will have to be added, of course) is some account of your system, your Society, your Sisterhood - which might come in after page 1.

And this is what I principally write about now. But I will ask you to criticize every thing -

I have never thanked you for your most encouraging letters. I fully expect that Sir John Lawrence will call upon us for more than we can do for him.

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and for
all we can do. There
is plenty of room, and
to spare in India for
every kind of Nursing
effort. Would we were
as ready for him as
he is for us.

Do you remember
coming to me on Feb 7
last year? I remember
it so well.

I have to see Mr. Massey
today who is starting
for India as Financial
Minister. And I must
stop.

God bless & prosper you -
ever yours F.N.

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/5

f65/5.1

{printed} 27. Norfolk Street
Park Lane. W.
7/2/65

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged
to you for your Programme,
newspaper account, &c.
of the S. London Exhn.
And I congratulate you
most sincerely on the
success of a laborious
work, calculated to
do so much & lasting
good to the Working Men.
J.J. Frederick Eq.

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There is nothing I
should like better
than to visit it, as
you so kindly propose,
(except to go to India,
where I am strongly
invited) -

But it is physically
impossible - I have
not left my room
for 3 years, except
to change my house.
And I never get up

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except when I see my
masters.

Dr. Sutherland has
some wild notions,
I know, about my
going to see the Woolwich
Hospital -

But the fact is as
I tell you -

With renewed thanks
for your kind information
about affairs in which
I am so much interested,
believe me, my dear Sir,
sincerely yours,
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA, pen H1/ST/NC1/65/6

f65/6.1

32 South Street
Park Lane
London W.

February 26/65

My dear Sir [Rawlinson]

I have to thank you,
which I do most heartily,
for two letters, and for
two printed papers, one on
the construction of Barracks
for Europeans, Circular No. 89,
& one on Carbolic Acid.

I am sure you are **[9:872-73]**
perfectly right as to
taking the conservancy collections
out to sea. Proper dung -
boats with a small steamer
to remove the filth of
Calcutta down the river
to the sea, is the only plan.

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This is what we used to do
at Balaclava, in the Crimea.
And *till* we did it,
Balaclava was on a
small scale, what Calcutta
is *on, alas!* too large an one,
the hot-bed of Cholera &
Typhus, even during the
short time we infested
it. If under a very
fine climate, a small
place, like Balaclava,
became in ~~twelve~~ nine months,
i.e. till the dung-boats
were used, what was very
nearly the grave-yard of
a whole British Expedition,
what must Calcutta have
become in 100 years under

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a very trying climate?

About the disinfectants: -
we have had this question
referred to us over & over
again from the Bombay
Govt. & have consulted the
Local Government Act Office.
I send you an opinion of
theirs, tho' it does not apply
precisely to your case: -

"It is the old, old story
over again - disinfectants
in place of removal -
and a wish to have things
'far sent & dear bought'.
Wood=charcoal dust
will do all which the
fluids & powders are
said to have done. But
cleansing & reforming
the Latrines & drains,

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"with subsequent flushing, washing, & regular removal of refuse, at short intervals, will be better. These Disinfectants are the right hand power of ignorance & nothing more. We do not repudiate disinfectants - they have an use - but that use is not to palliate refuse heaps, which ought never to have been allowed to accumulate. A temporary use of disinfectants may be allowed, to enable a safe removal of refuse now existing, to be made - the store of poison heaped up by

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"ignorance in past times. But a continuance of poison=storing and disinfecting should not be allowed. McDougall's powder may prevent the heaps of foul refuse killing the men ordered to remove it, or wood charcoal powder - but on the condition that any such heaps & deposits are not to accumulate in future."

I wish such papers as this of the Health Officer of the Municipality of Calcutta could be remitted home for the "Barrack & Hospital Improvement Commission

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(consisting of members of the War & India Offices & Local= Government Act Office) to make their suggestions upon. It appears not impossible. At this moment the Bombay *Engineer* is in England - consulting with one Engineer of the Local Govt. Act Office, on the drainage of Bombay.

[end 9:873]

I have to thank you very much for a very able letter, No. 774, upon the Nurse question, from Dr. Macpherson, Secy. to the 1st Inspector Genl.

I was in hopes to have sent you my answer to your official letter on the Nursing question by this mail.

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But it is only this moment come from the Printers!
Dr. Walker

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/675/7

f65/7.1

32 South Street
Park Lane
London W
March 3/65

My dear Sir

I have to acknowledge the Proceedings of your Commission for November, which you have been so good as to send me.

[9:512]

In reading 273. on the "Influence of Temperate & Intemperate Habits," it struck me whether the data could not be obtained in the following way: -
1. that a Regimental list be printed containing the names of every man
2. that a copy of this List

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be filled up at the Canteen

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every day from the peg. board
- shewing the quantity of
spirits & of beer each man
has had in the 24 hours

Make it a current
Regimental Return to be
supplied to the Commanding
Officer.

3. have a Medical return
printed with the men's
names on a similar form
to be filled up on the
last day of every year;
shewing the diseases each
man has suffered from
for the 12 months preceding.

The Returns you propose
would then become of
great use for comparison.

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Any person with Statistical
knowledge might extract
from such Tables most
valuable information and
a very clear view of the
state of the whole case.

If our Commander-in-Chief
w (in England) were not
a "snob", (which is a very
disrespectful form of
speech on my part - he
would do all these things
& get all these Returns for
us - But he does nothing
Private

The India Office has
submitted to the (home)
Sanitary Commission ("Barrack
& Hospital Improvement")
the Gov't papers on the

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principles for designing
Barracks in India, containing
Col = Crommelin's paper,
that by the Govt. of India
(which you were so good
as to send me) the papers
by your Commission &c &c.

[end 9:513]

They are up here now,
being considered. On the
whole, they are admirable.

In haste,
Pray believe me
Yours very Sincerely
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/8

f65/8.1

repd. 15/7/65 32 South Street
Park Lane
London W
April 10/65

My dear Sir

I cannot sufficiently
thank you for most
kind letters, by several
mails repeated - for
four most valuable
& encouraging Statistical
Tables, which we shall
make great use of -
for a number of printed
papers, all more
interesting one than the
other.

[9:873]

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I have consulted several
scientific men both in
London & Manchester &
at the Army Medl. School
at Netley, about the
water=supply analysis
question, as to which
you did me the honor
to write to me.

[end 9:873]

And I hope to send
what may prove useful
by next mail - as well
as to write about the
Statistical tables & the
printed papers which
you have been so good,
so very good as to send

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me.

This is merely an
acknowledgment for the
great pleasure you have given me.

Pray believe me
ever yours most truly
& gratefully

Florence Nightingale
Do you know that your
water=analysis letter
was fished up from
the sea?

F.N.

{archivist's notes:

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65/9 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 26 Apr. 1865}

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/659/9

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Private 32 South Street
Recd 4/6/65 Park Lane
Repd 15/7/65 London W.
April 26/65

My dear Sir

I was in hopes to have
sent you your (Water=supply)
analysis questions, answered,
by this mail. But my
learned men are so
dilatory.

[9:695-97]

However, I will not
delay to thank you for all
the rich store of information
which touches me so deeply,
that you have been kind
enough to send me.

I feel so much what
you say about your

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Insp. Genl. of Prisons, Mr.
Woodcock, whom you call
the first of Indian Sanitary
reformers, so justly. What
a great work he did &
at how great an expense
to his own peace of mind.
Indeed we ought to be
very grateful to him.

It is hard enough, God
knows, for public men to
do their duty anywhere.

But I do think it is
harder in India than
anywhere else. So much
the greater honour to their
memories, be they living
or dead.

In regard to Jails: -

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the diminution of over-crowding, with the increase of superficial area, has been the result of progressive experience. Every climate has its limit. Thus, for Turkey, the Inspector, who is at present in England, informs me that 72 sq. ft. are allowed, both in cells and in common rooms. This Turkish experience is probably the nearest to yours.

One would think the occurrence of Epidemic disease in Indian jails a sufficient reason for increasing the space. If you have any prison in which Epidemics prevail, your area is too small.

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If you have any exempt, your area is sufficient. Increase your area and cubic space, until Cholera, Dysentery & Fever disappear *epidemically*. Of course ventilation & cleanliness are inferred.

Prison Epidemics in England have been taken as the test of Sanitary condition. Formerly they killed prisoners, jury, & judges. Now they have ceased to exist in prisons. This is your Indian test.

[You have the Reports on Prison Construction & Prison Regulations by

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Sir Joshua Jebb (he was
the great Prison Sanitary
reformer in England, of
whom I should speak, as
you of Mr. Woodcock,
both as to his sacrifices
& as to the unworthy,
return made him)
The best plan for a
tropical prison I ever
saw was for Malta
(for a new Prison there)
by a Mr. Inglott, of Malta
- a man who has a
perfect genius for that
kind of thing.]
The Colonial Office (of course
this is entirely in confidence)

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is now `girding up its loins'
to clean out *its* house
too, with regard to its
Prisons. It has instituted
an enquiry. And India
must not be left behind.

If these kinds of questions
in India could be referred for an
opinion to the home Sanitary
Commission, we might back
you up with our experience.
It is a wonder that men
do not learn - both from
these dreadful Epidemics,
& from their absence,
when conditions are
improved. [Lord Stanley
is at this hour (again,
this is in perfect confidence)

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applying to Sir Charles Wood
to refer to the home Sanitary
Commission for an opinion
both on the Jail question,
& on the question of Mr.
Strachey's most able
Calcutta paper, - which,
as you are aware, has
been made a Parliamentary
paper of, & presented
to the House of Commons
on February 22.

I must again thank
you for your invaluable
Statistics (8 Forms). I am
quite touched by your
having taken Dr. Bryden's
duty - which, I think, is

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very magnanimous. And
I only hope that you
will do your very best
to keep your health
and Mr. Strachey too.
For, as I shall tell him,
it will not do for
Sanitarians to die.
Martyrs used to do good
by dying. But, in these
days, martyrs *must live*
to do good.

The Statistics are very
good indeed - very cheering
- & give a great deal
of invaluable information.
Let the absence of
Epidemics become a
permanent condition -

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you will succeed in this
at last. A large part
of your diminution of
Death-rate is due to
absence of Epidemics,
specially of Cholera.
No higher reward can
be wished you than that
you may become able
to depend upon, in
future, this absence of
Epidemics.

[We must not boast
in London - Typhus has
become more prevalent
the last two years - and
is always trying to raise

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its head & burst out
epidemically. So much
the more shame for us,
in a temperate climate.]

I cannot close my
letter without recurring
again to the honour
which must be paid to
you, for undertaking
Dr. Bryden's work -

I do trust it will
please God to preserve
Sir John Lawrence's
health. I conceive there
has scarcely ever been
a time in history when

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so much depends *for good*
(often it has depended for
evil) upon one man as
the head.

Sir C. Trevelyan's break -
down in health is a
great misfortune.

Mr. Massey, however,
comes out with the
highest possible desires
(& ability) of seconding
Sir John Lawrence &
doing India good service.

Pray believe me

My dear Sir
with most grateful regards
to Mrs. Walker

yours most sincerely

& thankfully

Florence Nightingale

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N.B. I am quite aware that one of Sir John Lawrence's first Acts was to appoint a Commission to Report on the whole question of Indian Jails within a month, on which Commission you were - that the several Governors were desired to send in their requirements & their "bill" for their own provinces, in obedience to the recommendations you then made - that Madras & (I suppose) the other Governments have sent in theirs - which, I suppose, have

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been approved -
 [Was it in reference to these that you complained so justly that so small an allowance of superficial feet had been asked for?]

How very glad I should be, if we could help you about these things.

Could you send us a copy of your Report (viz. of the Commission on Jails above mentioned) & of any administrative papers appertaining to it?

in haste

F.N.

{archivist's notes: I 5
 65/10 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 2 May 1865
 65/11 " " " 3 June 1865
 65/12 " " " 5 June 1865
 65/13 " " Fras. Hicks, Esq. 10 Aug. 1865
 (envelope only)}

Letter, LMA pen1 H1/ST/NC1/65/10

[6:393-94]**f65/10.1***Confidential* 34 South Street

Park Lane

W. May 2/65

[Please observe new
address. I do hope
I shall never move
again.]

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I am in such straits.

And I am sure you
will advise me.
Perhaps you know
that, ever since the
beginning of the year,
the Poor Law Board
have been "intriguing"

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with me about an
entire revision &
re-formation of
Workhouse Infirmaryes.
I do wish I had
time to tell you
their plan. But I
hope to be able
soon.

But there is one
thing which makes
me excessively
nervous.

The P.L. Board
have about 2800

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girls in the Union
Schools - of whom about
200 every year - of
the age of 16 - to put
out to places.

They propose to derive
their Staff of Nurses
from this material.

- to send a Circular
to all the Hospitals
to ask them to take
in a proportion,
each, as apprentices
- and a Circular to
all the Boards of

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Guardians to ask
them to apprentice
out such of these
girls, as would like
to become Nurses,
to Hospitals.

When arrived at the
age of 25, to be
engaged as Nurses
in the proposed
new Consolidated
Workhouse Infirmaryes.

I can't conceive,
even if you limit it
to the female side,
what a girl of 16

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could do in a Hospital
but clean & scrub.
And I am sure
Assistant Nurses,
in the *run* of
Hospitals, would
not be good
Mistresses.

You will understand
that this is strictly
confidential. But
I wrote to the Poor
Law Board expressly
for permission to
consult you -

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Will you tell me
what you think of
the feasibility of
such a scheme?

Could you find
Hospital employment
for girls of 16 &
over, which would
qualify them to be
Nurses at 25?

Would there be any
objection to their
introduction on the
female side of Civil

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Hospitals, taking
into consideration
the Medical students?

In short, if the
proposition were
made to you to
undertake, say, 6
of these apprentices,
should you undertake
it? - should you
have fair hope of
making Nurses
of them?

N.B. I think few

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know: -

1. what excellent
wholesome material
there is among these
Union orphan girls,
bred in the (country)
Union Schools out
of London Workhouses
2. that the demand
for Nurses is getting
so enormous - And
where are we to
draw from, if not
from such a source
as this? It seems a
thousand pities to let it
slip.

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The difficulty of course
is:

the Guardians try to
get these girls out to
places at 14: -

the Poor Law Board
says, 16: -

no one has any plan
what to do with
them between that
age, & the age when
WE say: train as
nurses.

I have an idea ~~of~~
that we shall train

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~~training~~ Head Nurses (of the usual age)
for the proposed
Consolidated
Workhouse Infirmaryes,
& ~~apprenticing~~ the
girls to *them* on
the female side.

Still the age (of 16) is
a difficulty any
how -

God bless my dearest
friend

ever yours

F.N.

Envelope 2.5.65

Confidential

Miss Jones

Lady Supt.

King's College Hospital

Letter, LMA pen black-edged paper

f65/11.1

June 3/65

{printed} 34 South Street

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dearest friend

You shall have by
Monday a letter of
introduction to
the Director General
of all the Paris
Hospitals.

[13:89]

Do not you think
you trouble yourself
unnecessarily about

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the Chambers Article.

I have not done
more than glance
over it. But an
opinion much
better than my own
says: while admitting
what you think:
"The object of the
Article evidently is
to induce women

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of good character
to enter nursing
as a means of
livelihood. This is
obviously the whole
gist of it. And we
should not regard
the other side, as
not entering into
the compass of the
Article."

As you have not read
it yourself, I have

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the less scruple in
begging you not to
concern yourself
about it.
Do not send it to me -
Chambers comes to
me regularly.
I have had such
trouble within &
without that I have
not been able to
write. I do hope
we shall succeed in

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doing something for
the Workhouse Infirmaryes
& their 7573 sick.*
 ever dearest friend
 yours in life & in
 death

F.N.

[end]

* one third more
than the whole of
Paris has - And *our*
7573 are independent
of the Civil Hospitals

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/12

f65/12.1

God bless you 5 June/65 [7:760]
ever your {printed} 34 South Street.
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest friend

I send you a letter
to the central spider
of the whole web -
the Director - whose
office is on *Parvis*
Notre Dame.

He will give you
all the introductions
you want. All the

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Supérieures are dead
or changed since my
time. [This Director
is not the same.
(Davenne was my man)
But] this man has
shewn me the most
constant & helpful
kindness. And he
did everything for
Mrs. Shaw Stewart,
~~to~~ whom I recommended to him,

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tho' it was a great thing
 then to get her admission
 to live in all the Hospitals.
 Her fidgettiness was some -
 thing I cannot describe,
 (but you can fancy,)
 lest I should not
 get her efficient &
 the right introductions
 & admissions. But
 what I did do was
 to go right to the
 centre at once. And
 I succeeded: (And I

thro' Marshal Pelissier (then our Ambassador)
 & this man

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would recommend
 you to go to this man
 at once, & put
 yourself in his hands.

[end 7:760]

You must tell him,
 if he asks you, that
 I really was so ill I
 could hardly write my
 letter to him. And
 he must pardon its
 ramblingness.

I wish I could have
 told you more of what
 we are doing at the
 Poor Law Board before you went.

Envelope: C V2
 Fras Hicks, Esq
 St. Thomas' Hospl Counting House
 St. Thomas St.
 S.E.

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 65/14 F.N. to G.M. Murphy, Esq. 21 Aug. 1865
 65/15 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 15 Sept. 1865
 65/16 F.N. to Wm. Rendle, Esq. 18 Sept. 1865
 65/17 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 21 Sept. 1865}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/14, pen

f65/14.1

34 South St. W.

Aug 21/65

George M. Murphy Esq

Sir,

In reply to your
Circular of August 8,
I shall be most
happy to contribute
£2 to the subscription
you propose, especially
as my excellent
friend, Mr. Frederick,
whose merits & labours
I do deeply appreciate,
is to receive a gold
Medal from it.

I am, Sir,

your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/15, pen

f65/15.1

Sept 15/65

{printed} 34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest friend

I would have
written but I could
not. I have not
even been out of
my bed. ~~even~~ since
I have been here -
and I cannot
speak for more -
than 10 minutes or
even that. I assure

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you the greatest
disappointment in
all this has been
the not being able
to see you, who I
think would have
come down here
for country air, even
if I had not been
able to talk. "Here"
means Hampstead.
But I am staying
on only from day
to day from sheer

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inability to get out
of bed - having Indian
business, to my very
great anxiety,
waiting for me
in London. I must
go back, whether I
can or not. I hope,
if I am a little
better in the winter,
you will come & see
me at S. St. But it will not
be the same to you
as coming into the country.

f65/15.2v

I dare say you may
have heard from Mr.
Rathbone of our great
Liverpool Workhouse
anxieties. But, if you
have not, don't
mention them. Please
God we shall pull
through - It is His
work - I wish I
could have gone down
But God's will be done.

Hilary Carter is dead.
The suffering had been

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cruel. But the end
was peace. No words
can tell my gratitude
to God that it is over.
The golden bowl is
broken. It was the
purest gold, the
most *unworked* gold
I have ever known.
She is gone to a more
perfect service.

And now let me
tell you that I have
really not written

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out of anxiety for you
- an odd reason, you
will say. But I am
afraid you know from
yourself that it is
a true one. I felt
I could not bear
one more anxiety
(where I could do
nothing,) if I heard
you were not well
or over-weighted.

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Even the physical
labour of the daily
writing to & from
Liverpool I have
been scarcely able
to get thro' - But do not
mention this.

God bless you
ever yours
anxiously
F.N.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC/65/16 pen

[6:342]**f65/16.1**

Sept 18/65
{printed} 34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Sir,

I beg to thank you
for a copy of your
valuable speech on
"London Vestries", & to
say how much pleasure
it gives me to be
allowed to enter into
communication with
you, who have been so
long one of the wisest
& most strenuous
supporters of the
William Rendle Eq

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sanitary cause.

I am so weak from
illness that I will ask
you now to permit me
only to acknowledge
your pamphlet very
shortly.

I agree with you
that the work should
be done by local
authorities - & that
the difficulty is to find
means of visiting
neglects with punishment.

Public opinion is

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gradually becoming public
indignation: and I
should not be at all
surprised if the
Vestries were placed
under legal supervision,
& heavily fined for
neglect, - as the
final result of their
indifference to the
poor.

I beg to remain

Sir

Yours faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/17 pen

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Private Sept 21/65
{printed} 34 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend

If you go to your
own cottage, I am
satisfied, i.e. *almost*.
You know there is
such a thing (for
you) as to be too
near London. But
it can't be helped.

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I am thankful Sister
Laura is better.

God bless you
ever yours

F.N.

I think we have
got over the Liverpool
Workhouse difficulty
for the present.
[It all arose from
the Gov=nor not choosing to subordinate

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his own paupers & from
the Governor choosing
to subordinate the
Trained Nurses as
if they were paupers.]
But this is only a
[illeg]. And till we
get the Poor Law
Board to make
some regulation, it
will be impossible
to have respectable
women as Nurses

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in Workhouses, as a
general system.
This is just dragged
through to Mr. Rathbone,
Miss A. Jones & me -

Please burn this
F.N.

{archivist's note: II 7
65/18 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 25 Sept. 1865
65/19 " " " " " 18 Oct. 1865}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/18 pen [& for prison stats]

f65/18.1

{Rec'd 4/4/65 34 South Street
Replied 6/10/65} Park Lane
 London. W.
 Sept 25/65

My dear Sir [Dr Pattison Walker]

I write in haste merely
a line to thank you for
your welcome letters of
July 15 and 31 - welcome
in every thing but the
tidings of your own health,
which I am very sorry
to hear is so bad - but
which I hope you will
take timely measures to
improve. It is so valuable.

I have received all
your enclosures, I believe,
including one on the present
defective method of

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calculating prison Death=rates.

And as you are so very
kind in wishing every
thing to be submitted to
you - which is worked out
on your subjects in England
- for your consideration, I
venture to send you a
Memo. by Dr. Farr, of the
General Register office,
with whom I have been
always greatly associated
in work.

The object is not to obtain
the *absolute* mortality, which
is scarcely possible, but to
obtain a result which
will be comparable with
other results similarly
obtained.

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You will think that I am
never going to send the
method for finding out the
amount of "*dirt*" in water.
All I can say for myself
is that I have myself
revised it six times
thro' the press - that my
learned men are always
making fresh additions,
which worry the printers
very much & me still
more, but which are
quite worth while, for the
paper is quite a different
thing in worth, since it
was begun more than
6 months ago. I do hope
this is the very last Revise,
and to send it you now
very soon.

I hope to write you a

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longer letter soon, in return
for yours of the 15th July -
But I trust that you
will not let my letters
or enclosures impose
upon you additional work.
They can all lie by for a
time.

I received the Prison
Forms &c, with much
gratitude.

I am going to take the
liberty of sending you
tracings of plans of a
small prison, about
to be erected in one
of our (hot-country) colonies,
which we think a
sanitary model of its
kind for warm climates.

But this will not be
{text breaks off here}

[end 9:697]

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/19, pen

f65/19.1

Private Oct 18/65
34 South Street, {printed}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir [Dr Pattison Walker]

I am very sorry to hear
you are so far from well.
But I hope that you have
taken holiday in time.

[9:873-75]

John Bull is a conceited
ass, & thinks the climate
ought to take care of him,
instead of him taking
care of the climate. The
French fare much better.

Anglo-India has made
its capital of a place
where the Moguls used
to send their state prisoners

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to die - And people fall ill
in Calcutta, & then say =
it's the climate.
The R. Commission never told
you all to live in Calcutta.
But you abuse them for not
having laid sufficient
stress on "climatic influences."
We are spending just
five millions sterling
to empty that small
gutter, the Thames, of
sewage. And this in a
temperate climate.
What are you doing? -

It is not that Calcutta
might not be made
much more healthy
than it is, if you were

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willing to spend several Millions. The main question is: - to keep the sub-soil moisture at a certain distance below the ground varying with latitude & local circumstances. This costs money. ~~Thi~~ If it *costs too much*, as perhaps in a place like Calcutta) then the place ought to be abandoned, or never to have been chosen. This is the only real determination of localities, as far as healthy surface of ground is concerned. But people in India, tho' they are always raving against the "climate", actually

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tolerate a state of things in their palaces which we here ceased to tolerate in the poorest village in this healthy climate. And yet we have always Typhus & sometimes Cholera - and at this moment the Poor Law Board is meditating a sweeping Bill (for London) for next Session, because the Vestries are not doing their duty. And the Poor Law Board is quite right. [I tell you this - but it is a secret.]

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There are 120 ways of boiling eggs (this anent "climatic influences") Climate is good everywhere - But man & his habits & his manner of selecting places to live in & to build on are as bad as possible - (as I say, John Bull's a conceited ass, & his conceit is that climates are made to obey him). And hence he confounds climate with his own want of care. He ought to boil his eggs better.

Batavia was the most deadly place in the world. And now,

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people go there for their health. Can anything be stronger than this?

In the Table of Mortality for 1859-64, shewn in its distribution by months, which you have been good enough to send me, are appended Notes as to the climatic elements, which are assumed as causing the increasing Death=rates during certain months. I think this is a pity. They belong to a method of determining causation, which in this country we venture

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to think we have improved upon. High temperature & moisture are nothing per se. As influencing other causes, they are a great deal - they have immense power. To place them as *causes* is much the same thing logically as it would be to make the perfection or imperfection of roast beef depend on the quantity of coals raised at Newcastle - as if you said, the more fuel the sun puts into his grate, the more unhealthy India becomes.

I have to thank you for your most kind note

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of Aug 16, & for its enclosure from Dr. Bryden.

There is a growing conviction in Europe that, when Cholera seizes a population living in bad Sanitary conditions, its influence may extend hundreds of miles atmospherically from the centre where it began. And there is a diplomatic proposition to suppress or regulate the Mecca pilgrimage, in order to prevent its becoming the Epidemic centre for the West, which it has always been hitherto.

The moral is: that unless you improve the

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sanitary condition of the Civil populations, you cannot insure ~~the~~ immunity for the soldiers from Epidemics.

I have to thank you, which I do most cordially, for the valuable Draft No. 262 about railway traveling by troops - also for the Extract of a letter No. 247 about the Jails in the Lower Provinces. How curious & instructive that is - & how terrible. It shews that some one must again set hard to work to reform the Management & laws of these Jails, like a Howard, & never leave off till he has done.

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The contrast between the men's & women's health, & between the cubic space for each, startles even me.

But my mind is full of Lord Palmerston's illness. He may be passing away even at this moment. He will be a great loss to us. He made a joke about every thing. But, tho' he made a joke - when asked to do the right thing, he always did it. No one else will be able to carry the things thro' the Cabinet he did. I shall lose in him a

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powerful protector. Especially in Poor Law & wide Sanitary views, he was so much more in earnest than he appeared. He did not do himself justice.

His *presumed* successor is so queer-tempered that he cannot manage the Cabinet.

[end 9:875]

I most sincerely hope that this note will find you quite restored in health.

I will write again by next mail.

Pray believe me
ever yours most truly

Florence Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

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65/20 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 26 Oct. 1865
65/21 " " " " 3 Nov. 1865
65/22 " " " " " " " }

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/20 pen

f65/20.1

Recd 12/12 34 South Street
Acknowledged Park Lane
21/12 via Mail London W.
Oct 26/65

My dear Sir

I write in haste,
because I do not like
to miss a mail, in
acknowledging your
most kind & interesting
letter of Sept. 20. But
we are all in confusion,
because of Lord Palmerston's
death.

[9:538-39]

I sincerely hope you
are better, if not
quite well. We cannot
afford to lose an hour
of you -

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It is sad what you say
about the hurry of Indians
to come home. May it
not be the result of the
state of health which
Indians suffer from the
bad Sanitary state of
Calcutta. Bombay
& Madras are not
in such a hurry, I believe,
are they? -

As for yourself, I
am afraid that cardiac
& tiny affections always
suffer from the great
attitude of Simla (do
not they?) - & that,
tho' Calcutta is worst,

f65/20.2

Simla is bad for you -

I have failed to
acknowledge your "No. I.
"Return shewing the
"Sickness & mortality
"&c Military & Civil
"Regulation &c - Bengal
"during month of --"
i.e. the Form, which
you were so kind as
to send me -

It has excited a
good deal of attention
at the War Office &
Army Medical Departmt=
here. And I send you
their Remarks, tho'
fearing that you may

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think them impertinent.

[end 9:539]

Presuming that the Return is intended for the information of the Military & Civil authorities & not for professional purposes - they suggest the following points for your consideration: -

1. Instead of Intermittent & Remittent fevers being stated separately, these might be given under the head of Paroxysmal on Fever {Intermittent, Remittent}
2. Sun=stroke should be stated separately; - or there will be a large {letter interrupted by 3/11/65 letter; see next letter}

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proportion of the cases of it returned under

"apoplexy". A separate column for "Sunstroke" might precede "Apoplexy".

3. Instead of the two columns "Respiratory Disease" & "Phthisis Pulm.", they would suggest to put "Phthisis Pulm." first, & then "Other diseases of the Lungs" - or put it thus: -

Diseases of the Lungs

Phthisis Pulmonalis *Other Pulmonary Diseases*

4. For "Wounds & Accidents" they would suggest

"Wounds & Injuries".

5. To insert a column

"Diseases of Heart & large Vessels" they suggest as important:

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6. The Column "Deaths out of Hospital" vitiates the Return, because it excludes the causes of Death.

These causes should in every instance, be stated - either in a separate return or by subdividing each column into

{written vertically in 3 lined columns:

In Hospital

Out of Hospital

Percentage of

Total to Strength}

(instead of the 5th column under each disease "Percentage of Deaths to Admission."

As the Admissions & Deaths are both given, the Ratio of D. to A. can be easily calculated, if required.)

f65/20.4

Of course, if this suggestion be adopted, you must alter the heading of the 3 last sections to "all other causes."

7. It is most desirable to have a column for "Suicide", if by the adoption of these alterations you gain a space.

8. Would it not be well to substitute "Disease of Liver" for "Hepatitis", as some men might otherwise omit Hepatic Abcess - which, altho' a consequence of inflammn., may possibly be, & sometimes is, returned as a distinct affection.

9. Is not some instruction necessary as to the cases to be included under "Spleen Disease"?

f65/20.4v

N.B.

It was impossible for
me to finish even this
short letter last mail
- I was too ill & too busy
and I doubt whether
you will think it
worth sending at all.
I am very sorry you are
deprived of Mrs. Walker's
care & society - for your
sake - & hers.

Ever sincerely yours
3/11/65 Florence Nightingale
Jas: Pattison Walker Esq {Md.}

f65/20.5*Private*

I think you must not
look at the Sanitary Commission
as "at an end." You are
doubtless aware that Sir
J. Lawrence wrote a
very full Minute, dated
January 9, to the Secretary
of State here, proposing an
organization for the Public
Health Service in India.
Some modifications will
probably be proposed.
But I think this is only
a beginning of a great
development of the Service.
In the meantime, let me
again say how deeply
grateful I feel to you
for all the invaluable
information, the records
of proceedings & letters
I have received from you.

[9:539]

f65/20.5v

And I cannot but still
regret that you have not
been able to continue in
the Sanitary Commission
under its new form -
Sanitary work I am sure
you will do wherever you
are.

F.N

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/21 pen

f65/21.1

Private 34 South Street
Recd. 17/12/65 Park Lane
Acknowledged London W.
26/11 3/11/65

My dear Sir

I have seldom been
so struck by any thing
as by the "Extract from
"a letter No. 247 dated
"the 8th May 1862 from
"the Inspector Genl. of *Jails*
"Lower Provinces to &c"
which you were so kind
as to send me. [I am
aware I have acknow=
ledged it before.]

[9:699]

I believe I could
give you a help towards
furthering the object

f65/21.1v

you have so much at heart,
viz. providing a remedy.

Could you send me
any later information
in such a form that
we could use it here?

Every thing relating
to this subject is of
immense importance
to the future of India
& also of our Colonies.

Should you be so
kind as to grant my
request,- would you,
in sending figures, be
so good as to state the
precise manner in
which the Statistical
results are obtained?

f65/21.2

- in other words, how you
get the percentages of
mortality?

We should also have
the chief groups of
diseases.

[end 9:699]

I may mention to you,
quite privately, that we
have a powerful
protector in Lord
Stanley, (~~the~~ who was President
of the R. Commission).
He will do all he can
in this matter.

I fear the impending
renewal of political
agitation will not
be favorable to

f65/21.2v

departmental work.

Still, as Lord Stanley says himself, "we must do our best."

Parliament will not be called together till January, he tells me.

It may be that, if these Ministers under Lord Russell break down - (Lord Palmerstons loss is incalculable - it was *he* who dragged every too liberal measure thro' the Cabinet) this next Session may see Ld Stanley Minister for India -

[end 9:539]

yours sincerely
F.N.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/22 pen

f65/22.1

Recd 12/12/65 34 South Street
Park Lane W.
3/11/65

My dear Sir [Dr Pattison Walker]

I have never acknow=
ledged the "Memorandum
on Hospitals" by Dr. C.A.
Gordon ("*our*" Dr. Gordon)
which you were so good
as to send me - It is
an admirable paper
- a very good solution
of the problem how
far & in what manner
the Hospital regulations
in use here are
adapted for India.

[9:539]

[end 9:539]

The only real difference
between us is that Dr.

f65/22.1v

Gordon thinks the Indian
Hospital=Steward, if he
be empowered to answer
all requisitions of the
Medical Officer, will
have done his duty,
while we require him
to supply *according to a
scale*; and, besides this,
to comply with all
requisitions of the Medical
Officer. We think our
plan the better & safer,
for we give a distinct
responsibility. But, in
this matter, you in India
can alone form a
practical opinion. You
know your local habits
best. The whole {letter breaks off here}

{archivist's note: II 9
65/23 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 26 Nov. 1865
65/24 " " " " " "
65/26 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 12 Dec. 1865

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/23, pen, black-edged paper

f65/23.1

Private 26/11/65

Recd. 10/1/65 34 South Street {printed address}

Park Lane

London. W.

My dear Sir

At last I send
you the final Revise
which I have just
received from the
Printers, of Dr. Angus
Smith's paper on
Water Analysis,
asked for by you

[9:879-80]

f65/23.1v

I am afraid to say
how many months
ago. But I can truly
say I have not
lost a moment.
First I applied to
our Army Medical
School Professors -
to some of our great
Government Chemists.
None were able to
satisfy the want.
Dr. Angus Smith is

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the only man in Europe
who could do it.
And this paper is
well worth all the
trouble. But what
that trouble has
been no one who
does not know
Dr. Angus Smith can
know. [I think he
is more difficult
to manage than all
the Government of
India] The enclosed

f65/23.2v

paper has been
thro' his hands &
mine some 15 times.
And we have had
nine Revises of it
from the Printers.
The rough proof
which I send you
tho' merely a rough
Proof, is the final
one. It has been
seen & approved

f65/23.3

by the great War Office
Sanitary authorities.
And on Wednesday,
when they have a
Meeting, they mean,
I believe, to vote
the sending it "by
authority" to Army
Medical Officers
abroad & to the
School at home,
as their text-book.

f65/23.3v

But I make haste
to send you this copy.
And I will send
you others, when
I have had it
printed off.

In great haste
yours most gratefully
for your many
kindnesses

F. Nightingale

[end 9:879]

f65/23.4

I do trust that
your health is
better -

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/f65/23, pen

f65/23.1

Recd 10/1/65 26/11/65

My dear Sir

I have to thank you most sincerely for sending me a copy of your "First Annual Report" which contains most gratifying evidence of the administrative energy, intelligence & earnestness of its authors & of Sir John Lawrence -

[9:540-41]

The more we reflect on it, the more important does this question of the health of our Army in India become. To say much - it is worthy of all of your life that has been given to it:

I shewed your "Report" - quite privately - to ~~the~~ (General Registration Office) Dr. Farr. And I send you his remarks (on the other side) I know you like to hear every opinion of any importance.

f65/23.1v

When all that you have
recommended has been carried
out, we shall see the results
in still more greatly
diminished Mortality.

You have again raised the
~~xxxx~~discussion regarding the estimated
death-rate. We consider that
your points can be easily
answered, especially where
you have run parallels
between certain home-rates
& yours, which do not
resemble each other in the
circumstances.

But what is really wanted
now is onward progress in
the great work of civilizing
& saving life.

And this you are doing.

[end 9:540]

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Might I ask for a second
copy of your "First Report"?

{a copy of a letter by W. Farr, 22 November 1865} black-edged paper
recd. 10/1/65

Private note:

Private and Confidential.

In going over your "First Report",
it is most gratifying to see,
e.g. at p. 73, that the
Indian Government is
prepared to spend in one
year half a million in
their endeavors to wean
the soldier from drinking
ardent spirits & to induce
him to drink wholesome
beer.

And, p.48, the Government
spends 10 millions for
the better accomodation
of the Army.

You know, I dare say, that
our Registrar-General,
Major Graham, was in
India - private Secretary
to Malcolm & Elphinstone
- he takes the deepest
interest in our Army there.

note continued

{His son, Captain Graham, is at
{?Jubbulpoor.}

When the E.I. Compy. was
abolished & the amalgamation
of the two Armies took place,
Major Graham regretted
that Local European Corps,
amounting in strength
perhaps altogether to 15 or
20 thousand, were not
continue in each Presidency,
like West India Regiments,
Cape Corps, Malta Fencibles
&c &c. thus reducing the
number of the regular
British Army necessarily
quartered in India. But
it was otherwise arranged;
and consequently between
70 and 80 thousand of the
British Army are to be kept
constantly in India, in his
(Major Graham's) opinion

note continued

to the great detriment of that Army. For the best of Regiments, without exception (he thinks) in India become demoralized. And he laments that so many Officers are *in peace times* brought up in such a school. He maintains that an officer who *in peace times* has passed 10 or 12 years in India is good for little.

Therefore, "Seeing that it is fated that 70,000 or 80,000 of our country men brought up in this temperate climate are to spend their lives in that tropical region" (this is still Major Graham) he greatly rejoices to see the provident care of them which you & the Indian Government are taking.

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/65/25

f65/25.1**[8:170-71]**

Dec 12/65
{printed} 34 South Street
Park Lane
London. W.

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I was so glad to hear from you. But I am afraid you are very weary.

I write, as usual, because I want something of you.

Dr. Farr is writing a paper on the Mortality of children?

He wants some of your Teachers or Nurses to give him a short description of the treatment of children in England

f65/25.1v

(by "treatment" he means
feeding, rearing,
clothing, warming,
nursing - or the
absence of all these)
at the ages of
under one
from one to three
from three to five -
in the lower
middle
upper classes -
for publication.
Perhaps one of your
Sisters could kindly

f65/25.2

write it down from the
lips of the Nurses?
Dr. Farr has been collecting
very valuable Tables
from all over Europe
as to Child's Death-rates.
The thing is now: to
ascertain why these
Death-rates are so high.
He has got information
from Vienna, similar
to what he now asks
from you - which I
have seen - as well
as his Tables. He

f65/25.2v

~~limits~~ extends his paper simply
 to telling what Europe
 actually does with
 its children
 under one
 from one to three
 from three to five
 not to giving advice
 as to what they should
 do.

God bless you -
 I can only just get on
 with my life. We have
 never been so busy -
 St. Thomas' - London
 Poor-Rate - India - & War
 Office all at once. My
 nights are torture. And
 I often wonder how long
 my mind will last. ever yours **[end 8:171]**
 F.N.

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 65/26 F.N. to Francis Hicks, Esq. 16 Dec. 1865
 65/27 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 18 Dec. 1865
 66/1 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 19 Mar 1866
 66/2 F.N. to G.M. Murphy, Esq. 26 Mar 1866}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/26 black-edged paper

f65/26.1

Dec 16/65 **[16:789]**
 {printed} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 London. W.
 My dear Sir [Francis Hicks]
 I have returned the
 plans to Mr. Currey
 with a few suggestions.
 And, as your note
 of the 13th= leads us
 to expect an
 amended plan with

f65/26.1v

increased accomodation,
I think it best
to defer making any
observations, until
I have had an
opportunity of going
over the amended
plan.
I beg to thank you

f65/26.2

for your kind note -
also for giving me
occasion to see
Mr. Baggalley, who
has written to me
offering an appointment.

[end]

Pray believe me
My dear Sir
ever you faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Fras Hicks Eq

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/65/27, pen, black-edged paper

f65/27.1

Private Dec 18/65
Recd. 20/1/66 35 South Street, {printed}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir

I really cannot tell you
the grief I felt at your two
last letters, which arrived
together - both for the account
of your health & for the
inestimable & irreparable
loss which the great
Sanitary cause in India
will sustain from your
resignation. I cannot
write about it. For, I
should only intensify my
regrets. And that would
be of no use. I can only

[9:881-82]

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hope that the step you have
taken will perfectly &
entirely relieve yourself
& Mrs. Walker of all
anxiety about your
valuable life.

[end 9:881]

I sent you, by this, a plan
of the Malta (female) prison
which we consider the
best for hot climates we
have yet done.
Perhaps you will like to
shew it to your friend,
Mr. Stewart Clark, the Inspector
Genl= of the N.W.P. Prisons.
It may not be quite suited
to India. But your
acumen would see at a
glance how it might be

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adapted.

The facility of supervision,
the opportunity it gives to
the prisoner of sleeping
in the open air, the facility
of ventilation, the power
of multiplying the units to
any extent, (if a larger
prison is desired) are
what we prize.

[I sent a copy direct
to Sir John Lawrence]

[end 9:699]

By last mail but one,
I sent to you, directed
to Calcutta (I had not
then had your fatal news)
the first Proof of the final

[9:881-82]

f65/27.2v

Revise of Dr= Angus Smith's
water=analysis paper -
written at your instigation.
By last mail I sent
three copies to you at
Simla. [I had not strength
to write -]

I think I told you the
ordeal this paper has
gone through, in order to
excuse its delay. It has
been 15 times thro' our
hands - & has gone thro'
9 Revises. It is considered
now to represent the last
& most perfect knowledge
on this subject in Europe.

I have presented it
at the War & India Offices.

f65/27.3

And they were so much
pleased with it that
the War Off: has asked
for 600 copies to distribute
"by authority" among its
Officers, Medical &
Engineering - & at its
Medical School. The
India Off= has asked for
copies, too. But it takes
at least a year for them
to do the sum in addition
of how many copies it
will want. And, as it
will be at least another
year before it sends
them out, I shall send
100 copies (privately) to
India for distribution.

f65/27.3v

Could you kindly tell me how
this object will be best
attained?

I send you three more
copies by this mail.

I give Dr. Angus Smith
200 copies. [He is a most
curious man - Do you know
him? - Nothing but the
pressure put upon him
would have made him
bring this paper to its
present point - And yet
he is the only man in
Europe who could do it.
So you see what good
you have done. The
present paper will
circulate thro' Europe &

f65/27.4

other parts of the world.
And practical scientific
men will improve upon
it; & bring to a farther
& still farther progress
what Angus Smith has
brought to this point only
at present.

I have to thank you
for the (Croquet & Archery)
Photograph, containing
yourself & Mrs. Walker,
which interested me
extremely. I wish I could
send you some which
would interest you as
much.

I will not enlarge upon
the immense loss to myself

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of your retirement from the
Sanitary Comm=. For indeed
I cannot. It is irreparable.
But I hope we shall never
quite lose sight of each
other, while I remain
in this world.

I cannot thank you for
all the kindness you have
shewn me. But pray
believe me ever yours &
Mrs. Walker's gratefully
& sincerely

Florence Nightingale

[end 9:882]

Letter, LMA pencil H1/ST/NC1/66/1 black-edged paper

f66/1.1

19/3/66

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest friend

To save time, I
send you the enclosed
note from Dr. Joseph
Bullar, of Southampton.
But I have told him,
in doing so, that it
is unwise to make
these applications
through me, & that
he must write to you
direct

f66/1.1v

If you cannot supply
him, we must ask
Mrs. Wardroper.

But I feel sure she
cannot.

How much better if
Lady Henry Scott
would send you a
woman to train!

Perhaps you will say
so-

f66/1.2

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/2, pen

f66/2.1 [contrib. noted in vollpt3]

March 26/66
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dear Sir, [George Murphy]

I was not aware till
I received a day or two
ago a copy of your
"Memorial Catalogue"
that you had pursued
the scheme mentioned
in your printed Circular
of August 8, 1865 in
connection with the
S. London Industrial
Exh:.. Pray accept the
debt of Two Guineas

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due to you as my promised
contribution.
Any thing which gives
my good friend, Mr.
Frederick, pleasure &
satisfaction, in his
excellent objects, is
also a satisfaction to
me.

Believe me

dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

George M. Murphy, Eq.

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66/3 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 26 Mar. 1866
66/4 " " " " 10 Apr. 1866
66/5 F.N. to Dr. E.A. Parkes 10 May 1866
66/6 F.N. to [Dr. Pattison Walker] 18 May 1866
66/7 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 21 May 1866}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/3, pen black-edged paper

f66/3.1

Rec'd ?/5 London March 26, 1866

Ackd 22/5 35 South Street

Park Lane W.

My dear Sir [Pattison Walker]

I should have been
quite unpardonable for
not having written to you
before, if my silence had
been from neglect. For
I cannot look at your
beautiful photographs of
Simla, at your many most
interesting letters, & at all
the extracts from Dr. Brydon,
which you have been at the trouble to make -
~~The~~ also at your Jail Report,
& your many other kindnesses,
without feeling overflowing
gratitude.

But, I have been so ill the
whole winter - always a
prisoner to my bed -
often to one position
for days together - that

f66/3.1v

I have had the greatest difficulty in carrying on even the most important current business.

I have had letters from Sir. J. Lawrence & Mr. Strachey. As you are aware, the position of the Sanitary Commissions will be modified in important particulars - I do not pretend to send you Indian news from England. I am at this moment engaged with the Indian Secy of State here about this. In one

[9:882-83]**f66/3.2**

respect, Lord de Grey is a better Indian Sec=y of State for us than Sir C. Wood - for Ld de Grey is entirely penetrated with the importance of the Sanitary subject. As signifying improvement in civilization, more than anything else.

As to Vital Statistics: - there are two things:

1. an accurate tabulation of facts
2. a reduction of facts, so as to obtain conclusions.

The first is by far the most important.

f66/3.2v

And for this purpose
the present Army
Medical Department forms
should be used.
The reductions made
are of little value,
except meteorologically.
But there are other
reductions which
would be of the
greatest value
for the health of the
Army. These require
special knowledge
for ~~their~~ performing
them, & could be
best made at the
Army Medical Department
at home.

f66/3.3

As to Dr. Angus Smith's
pamphlet - I cannot
remember whether I
mentioned to you that,
after I had finished
compiling it, & presented
it to the Army Sanitary
Commission here,
which has Indian
members - the Government
was so penetrated
with the importance
of it that the War
Office & India Office
each took 600
copies, & have
distributed these
with a printed

f66/3.3v

Circular among their
Medical & some of
their Engineering
Officers - abroad - by authority.
So you see what good you have done.

I will not write more
at present, because
I scarcely know
whether this will
reach you. But I
hope, when I have
your new address, to
write about many
things more fully.
Your letter containing
an Extract from
the Engineer's report

f66/3.4

about the drainage of
Calcutta, was of the
greatest importance
to us - Had you been at
Calcutta, I should have
asked you to ascertain a
point for us accurately
which arises out of it.
But now I know not to
whom to apply. I feel as
if we had lost our chief
friend.

Pray give my most
grateful & affectionate
regards to Mrs. Walker,
if she will accept them.
And accept the same
yourself from

yours ever truly

Florence Nightingale
My birth day, as you are
so good as to ask, was on
May 12 1820.

[end 9:883]

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/66/4 black-edged paper

f66/4.1

Recd 16th May April 10/66

[12:162-63]

Ackd 22/5 35 South Street,
Park Lane, {printed}
London. W.

My dear Sir [Pattison Walker]

I will only now
thank you for your
most kind & valuable
letter of February 21 from
Simla - for the "Proceedings",
which I have not yet
received, & concerning
which I will exactly
observe your behests -
for the Jail Report,
which I have received
& for your numberless
valuable M.S. Extracts -
particularly "Habits in

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relation to Heat Influence" -

- Return showing cub. ft
& superf. area per man for
Bengal Corps - April 1864.

All these facts are invaluable
to refer to.

I am afraid you will
think I am going beyond
my province - but then
you know you need not
listen to what I say-
if I say: Facts are
everything - doctrines are
nothing.

See what harm the
German pathologists have
done us -

f66/4.2

There are no specific diseases

- There are specific
disease=conditions.

It is that which is bringing
the Medical profession
to grief, & will, in time,
work a great reform -
to wit, to make them
make the public care
for its own health, &
not rely on doctrines.

It is a grand thing for
weak minds - the
doctrine of contagion.

It is a grand thing for
[three lines cut out]

it is not a one-sided one.

The specific disease=doctrine
is the grand refuge of

f66/4.2v

weak, uncultured, unable
minds - such as now
rule the Medical
profession from Dr.
Watson downwards -
Watson who has the
biggest practice in London.
Pardon me these unprofessional
words. I will not
trouble you again till
I farther know of your
whereabouts - & pray
believe me, my dear Sir,
ever yours truly, & gratefully [end 12:163]

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/66/5 black-edged paper

f66/5.1

May 10/66
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I was deeply touched
by your remembrance
of me in sending me
the second Edition of
your book, with which
I have many associations
besides those of
interest in its
scientific & practical
value.

I should be
unpardonable if my
E.A. Parkes Eq Md

f66/5.1v

delay in acknowledging
it had arisen
from any thing but
illness & overwork.
But in truth I
hoped to have
been able to look
thro' the Second Edition
before writing. I see,
however, I must
put it off.

Pray receive my best
thanks in the mean
time & pray believe
me ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/6, pen [med, warwo?]

f66/6.1

Recd & Ackd 35 South Street
17/6 Park Lane
London W.
May 18/66

My dear Sir

I know not how
to thank you for all
your kindnesses to me.
I forget whether
I told you that I have
received your Proceedings.
They are most valuable.
I will send them back
as you desire, without
making any farther use
of them than for
myself -. They are
full of interest - full
of the energy of you
most energetic men - who
have been doing your

f66/6.1v

work in your own way.

We here could not agree with all your methods. But we cannot but agree & rejoice that you are doing all that can be done - & that, as you advance, you will improve as we hope even on our procedures in the old country.

I forget whether I mentioned to you that Lord de Grey, at the beginning of this year sent a Commission into Algeria, which has many problems similar to those of India [deep ploughing & draining

f66/6.2

has made many of their pestilential stations healthy - & they can now rear children as well as in any country in Europe] The object of the Commission was to enquire into the causes of this decreased Mortality. They have already reported in a first rough Proof. The first complete Proof to be had shall be for me to send to you.

I have received your last kind letter of April 4 - with Dr. Macnamara's paper on Water-Analysis which I have duly forwarded to Dr. Angus Smith with your message.

f66/6.2v

By this mail I send you
by book post = (16) sixteen
Photographs, of which I
beg your kind acceptance
& Mrs. Walker's. I selected
them particularly with
a view to what she
might feel interested in &
to addressing her new house, if she will be so kind.
[I am disappointed to see
how much less well they
look without their
mounts. But, if you take
the trouble of mounting
them, it of course makes
them look much better.]
N=os 501, 521, 519 are
all from pictures by
Turner in our National
Gallery - specimens of his
different manners.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/7, pen

f66/7.1 black-edged paper

[8:171]

May 21/66
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I hope you will have
had a note from Embley
this morning telling you
all about trains, station
& fly.

Embley housekeeper
says: there is no tea
out at Lea Hurst - & the
tea is not good at the
surrounding shops.

I venture to send you
some tea of my own,
not to be bought in
shops, but straight

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from China. I hope
you will *out=stay*
this tea, & desire me
to send you more.

I have a terrible little
Swedish lady here,
formidable in her
timidity, youth & lack
of English, come to
be trained for a
Matron at St Thomas'.
I promised her an
introduction to you
(Miss Emmy Rappe)

f66/7.2

[She does not enter St. T.'s
till July 1. for she really
does not understand
even the word
"Patient."] Could you
tell me to what lady I
could give her a letter
in your absence at
King's Coll= Hosp=?
just to see the
arrangements.

I hope this is the
only trouble I shall
give you now. But
afterwards I am
sure this innocent
maiden ought to have

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a training under you -
If you will just ask
one of the "Sisters" to
write to me, that is
all that is needed now.

God bless you &
restore you to us
well & strong
ever yours

F.N.

[end 8:171]

{archivist's note:

II 12 F.N.'S NOTES

66/8 RE NURSES' QUARTERS (MAY 1866?)} [

Note, ff66/8.1-66/8.3, pencil. [illegible on microfilm]

f66/8 [To Mr A. Currey] [May 1866] [shd be H. Currey] JSt hand

I am very glad to have seen the plans of the Nurses quarters you have made to the best of the ground as it appears to me. I suppose in coming you must cram the entire mass of air in the centre of the nurses block by a flanged water stove & some similar Contrivance. It would be a great advantage ~~if~~ & save cost ~~if~~ in service if you could put in each water-stove a small water-sink with a hot & cold water tap, over it. You have to have the pipes already for the bath & there would be no difficulty in this matter.

It is of so much importance for me to keep constantly before me the kind of plans ~~xxxxxxxx~~ in which my probationers have to work in ~~or~~ order to understand how things are going on that I would willingly pay for tracings of the plans if I am not out of order in saying so.

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I see that all the small wards ~~look~~
 receive their light only from the
 north & consequently will get
 no sun. And this intended.
 If not, would it not be better to
 arrange the rooms at the end of
 the Ward as follows. Would it not be ~~best if~~
 {diagram: best of all to get rid
 W of both small wards
 Ward & their Consulting
 window window rooms which having
 nothing to do there
 S Sister Kitchen N at all & will
 probably never be
 Small Counseling used. May only
 Ward Room put you to considerable
 expense in a {?figment}
 E} One other point of detail
 Could you not give the
~~This is meant to~~ ground floor probationers
 rooms & lantern; instead
 of a Common & skylight
 which will not admit
 of use in rain.

f66/8.2**[illegible on microfilm]**

Could you give the fireplaces in the
 Sisters rooms & scullery a better
 place with reference to the door.

My remark about the Lantern
 skylight applies to the
 one over the square entrance lobby
 of the ground floor nurses
 rooms.

f66/8.2v {folio contains 2-3 pencil sketches/diagrams
 of basic requirements for the nurse's wards}

f66/8.3

There ought to be a WC *and* a W.C. {?}
to each story - & hot & cold water taps, if possible

Won't the Well be very dull?

Ought to show the plans to Mrs. Wardroper &
Mr. Whitfield before they go back?

Is there anything to suggest about
immovable fittings?

Am I to ask for copies? {written vertically: Now, don't you
deceive me about going
to the Bennet's}

I'll give £2.2
I want a large kitchen clock where is Bennet's
Cheapside -
Do you mean Benham's

f66/8.3v

I think I have seen those lines before.
Do you always have the same subject at
every meeting for 24 months?

Then if it's settled why does it come up?
That's certain -

Is there anything that {illeg? His Highness} {illeg?(Fraser)}
Have you read it?

{written upside down, bottom of folio:
It's life or death
It's better to send it
complete -}

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66/9 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, Esq 30 June 1866

66/10 " " " 3 July 1866

66/11 F.N. to Mrs. Matthew 3 July 1866

66/12 [F.N. to J.J. Frederick 28 July 1866 in next folder]

66/13 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 11 Aug 1866}

Letter, LMA, pen H1/ST/NC1/66/9 black-edged paper

f66/9.1

Private June 30/66

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

Our Princess Louis
has written to me
to ask help about
Hospital & Sanitary
arrangements.

Could you kindly
forward the enclosed
by *to=day's* mail

f66/9.1v

& oblige

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick, Eq.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/10, pen Black-edged paper

f66/10.1

Private July 3/66

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I confess I feel
a little uneasy at
my packet having
gone *by post* to
Hesse Darmstadt
on Saturday.

It was not the
sort of letter I should
have written, or should

f66/10.1v

like, to fall into the
hands of the enemy
- not for the sake
of a very ordinary
person, like myself,
but for the sake of
Princess Louis.

I have now simply
written a letter of

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enquiry, which I shall
be very much obliged
to you, if you will,
according to your very
kind proposal,
send by Foreign Office
Messenger tomorrow.

If they have not
received my
Saturday's packet,
at Darmstadt, I will then try to
write it again, & send

f66/10.2v

it by your kindness.
But indeed, in this
war, one knows not
what a day may
bring forth.

Yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/11, pen black-edged paper

f66/11.1

PRIVATE July 3/66

& *Confidential* 35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dear Madam

[14:1022]

I assure you I had
not waited for your
note which I received on Saturday - to
endeavor to take
advantage of the
proposed re-modelling
of the Patriotic Fund
for your sake. I
communicated with

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the War Office on the
subject when the
discussion took place
in the House of
Lords - and again,
when our Ministers
resigned. And again,
on Saturday, before
the Meeting of the
Patriotic Fund
Commissioners at

f66/11.2

Westminster.

I find that it
is quite final: - viz.
the resolution (on the
part of the War Office)
not to do what it was
my object to attain -
as the quickest way
viz. that the Secretary
of State for War
should, on account
of Surgeon Major
Matthew's eminent

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services, recommend
your case (as from
himself) to the
Patriotic Fund as a
SPECIAL one:

It is a long story -
which I should
have to tell you -
And perhaps it is
hardly worth while
to tell it you now -
But I do not despair.

The Secretary of State

f66/11.3

for War (and I tell
you this in the
strictest confidence)
has obtained the
Queen's permission
to remodel the
Commission - An
Act of Parlt= will
be necessary for that
& his successor
must go on with
the Act which is
now drawn.
Under that Act - *he*

f66/11.3v

says - you will
become eligible.
I do hope & believe
that you will receive,
either for yourself,
or thro' endowments
for your children,
what your case so
entirely deserves -
The working members
of the Patriotic Fund
Commission are
and always have

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been in your favour -

And you may
depend upon it, if I
live, that I shall be
on the look-out for
you.

At the same time,
as my life is so very
uncertain, it is
quite as well that
your other friends,
Officers, Military
& Medical, who were

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friends of your
admirable husband
should watch to
bring forward & urge
your case when
opportunity offers
under the new Act.

With my sincerest
& kindest wishes
always the same,
pray believe me,
dear Madam, ever

yours

Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Matthew {Please
burn
this.}

[end 14:1022]

Envelope

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/13, pen, black-edged paper

f66/13.1

Aug 11/66
{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.
Dearest friend [Mary Jones]
I am so very glad to
hear that you have
those dreadful Cholera wards in
the E. I envy you -
And I only wish I were
with you -
I don't wonder that
you are 'tired & anxious' -
But I think you ought

f66/13.1v

not to be over = anxious
about your 'children',
when it is so clear a
call (and a *privilege*)
from God -
I only wish I were
with you, I say again.
God for ever bless
you -
ever yours, living or dying
F.N.

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66/12 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, Esq. 28 July 1866
66/13 F.N. to Mary Jones 11 Aug. 1866]
66/14 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 17 Aug. 1866
66/15 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 3 Sept 1866
66/16 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 23 Sept. 1866}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/12, pen black-edged paper

f66/12.1

Private & July 28/66
Confidential 35 South Street, {printed}
Park Lane,
London, W. [15:618]

My dear Sir

I have to thank you
for very many kind
offices - as well as
for sending (for me)
letters, so frequently
to India & to the
Continent.

The letters which you
were so kind as to
send for me by post
to Princess Louis reached
her quite safely. And

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I should have troubled
you again but that
she & the Crown
Princess of Prussia
(for I have always
tried to serve all
sides who would
desire my poor
services) - in directing
me to send them
some farther information,
- gave me Buckingham
Palace as the means.
And accordingly I have

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followed their directions.

I am much interested
in a Committee for
the relief of Sick &
Wounded of *all* sides,
on which I serve.
We give a Concert on
Monday evening at
which Jenny Lind
sings. Would you
allow me to enclose
you a ticket? - I
would gladly have
sent you two, but

f66/12.2v

have not two (*together*) left.

If, however a *lady*
liked to avail herself
of this ticket, she might
do so in perfect comfort,
for the three neighbouring
tickets I have given
to connections of my
own - whom I know -

[end 15:618]

Pray believe me
My dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/14, pen

f66/14.1

[8:173]

Aug 17/66

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend, [Mary Jones]

I send you a brace of
grouse in their mountain
heather - the only ones I
have had this year -

I have staid on in
London - partly because
I could not get through my
work - partly because I
could not bear to go while
the Cholera was so bad -
tho' I could do no good.

But I feel, IF I did
not go to morrow, I should

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probably never leave
London again. And
my mother we think
failing.

I cannot tell you how I
grieve at leaving London
without seeing you, my
dearest friend - But if
it makes you come to
Embley to see me, I
shall not grieve -

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/15, pen

f66/15.1 Acknowledged [12]-10-66

Sept 3/66
[printed] 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged
to you for your kind
letter & for your valuable
Report on Ventilation. This
first report is admirable
- and we now eagerly
await the results of your
trials.

I hasten to send you
the first copy of our
Algerian Report - The French
in Algeria appear to have
been going in the right
direction - The important

f66/15.1v

- *most important* - result
has been that they have
proved in Algeria the
effect on health of
cultivation *per se*, & of
cultivation & drainage
together.

Could not the Indian
Authorities try the effect
of completely improving
the drainage, water=supply
& sanitary conditions of
two or three stations in
the manner recommended
by the "Suggestions" of the

[9:885]

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War Office Sanitary Commission?

These are quite in conformity, so far as drainage & water = supply are concerned, with what the French have done - of course, independently. [end 9:885]

I would just mention, casually, that it will be seen from the account given of the Sanitary administration in Algeria, that they have found necessary an organization much more complete than the simple inspectorial service contemplated in

f66/15.2v

India. At the same time I doubt not that a better & more efficient system might be framed for India than the French have framed for Algeria. What do you think?

Pray believe me

My dear Sir

Yours ever faithfully & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Jas=Pattison Walker Esq MD

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/16, pen

[15:418-19]

f66/16.1

BURN Embley Sept 23/66

Romsey {printed} ~~35 South Street,~~~~_____ Park Lane,~~~~_____ London, W.~~

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

This is not to answer
your dear letter, but merely
to beg. You will think I
never write but to beg.
The enclosed will tell you
all I know myself - [I wish
I knew more. I do wish
men & women had the
least notion of business -
in their letters.] If you can
help, it will be a blessing -
There is no class wants more
help or gets less than
Soldiers' Wives -

I don't know which will

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give you most trouble - to
answer thro' me - or to
write to Mrs. Daniell
who, you see, only gives us
her address till Tuesday,
or to write to Sir H. Verney,
Who is Mrs. Daniell's
uncle & who encloses the
letters.

I have an impression that
you have been applied to
before about this.

I wish that some of the
members of the War Office,
from whom I could obtain
more exact information,
were in England. But they
are not. So I can only
tell you generally what I
know.

f66/16.2

The Soldiers' Wives Hospitals are half under the War Office & half under the "Regimental" ladies. The accounts & reports usually (unknown, to them,) come before me [Some Regulations I have got passed - amongst others that they should, if possible, get their Midwives from your school. But nothing would do any good in enforcing Regulations but to have ~~an itinerant~~ a responsible Supt= Genl Had Mrs. S. Stewart been other than she is, she would have been the person. But oh! dearest friend, if you knew what my trials are with her, you would pity me. A second time

f66/16.2v

Burn

I have only just averted a public trial. Some Nurses informed against her for assault. And, she writes word direct to the Secretary of State that she *has* "beaten Nurses", "to make them subordinate", tho' not *those* Nurses.] !!!!

To return to the Aldershot Hospital. I have long since been certain of the drunkenness of this "Mrs. Taylor", but we were always told she was perfect. [We did not appoint her.]

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There has been a terrible out=break of Scarlet Fever at Aldershot, as I dare

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say you know - Then we did
send some good men down,
who investigated the whole
case. In every instance it
was the result of the
shameful state of the
ground or hut - And in
no one case could it be
said to be "carried". It
was in the most various
parts of the Camp -
Dearest friend - I will
write in a day or two - But
I can't bear to ~~speak~~ hear
you speak so despondingly -
tho', with you, I am sure it
is chiefly physical - I think
you have had so large a
measure of God's blessing -
tho' I am afraid at great
personal cost to yourself.

[end 15:419]**f66/16.3v**

Do not you remember what
St. Teresa said? -
"Seigneur mon Dieu, qu'il
paraît bien que l'on ne
vous rende point de service,
sans en être récompensé
par quelque grande peine;
& que cette peine serait
agréable à ceux qui vous
aiment véritablement,
s'ils connaissaient d'abord
quel en est le prix!
"Mais nous n'étions pas alors
capables de le comprendre -
x x x Je ne désespérais
néanmoins de rien, tant
j'étais persuadée que tout
ce qui nous arrivait était pour
notre avantage x x x
"Lorsqu'il y a le plus de
difficultés à surmonter
dans le semblables entreprises,
Dieu qui connaît ma

f66/16.4

"faiblesse m'assiste et me fortifie x x au lieu que dans les entreprises, qui ne sont point traversées, il ne me dit rien."

I think however, it is a good joke my quoting St Teresa to you. For, if any body ever did want her advice, it is I.

I am going to write you a long letter in a day or two. I came down here, (the first time for 9 years) & am considerably the worse for it, as you may suppose - but I am glad I came - I think it has been a comfort to my dear mother. I find her but little altered, except her memory. But I find the talking she likes

f66/16.4v

quite too much for me, *besides* the current business I am obliged to carry on. It seems as if lungs & heart could not carry on for 20 minutes talking without spasm - Nothing would do me any good except going somewhere where I should not have to speak - & having a housekeeper who would take the details of life entirely off my hands - And I am afraid the same thing may be said of you - I have not been out of bed since I came, except once to receive Holy Communion - I do hope you will come down here, if only for a week, this autumn. I will write again about this, to urge you to make it possible -

God bless you -
ever yours, whether writing or silent
Burn Florence Nightingale

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66/17 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 7 Nov. 1866

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/17 pencil

[3:452-57]

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Private Burn

Nov 7/66

Dearest, very dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I do feel so much for you & all your troubles - I am always thinking of you - And yet I can do nothing. I feel you are so heavily tried -

But I don't believe any good work was ever established but with the martyrdom, the long suffering & humiliation of all its first supporters -

And, in after times, when the work becomes prosperous, how often it loses all its first purity of heart - how often it becomes a mere instrument of the ambition of men -

[People say - it is not so with the R.C. Orders - How little they know! - I assure you, that the much vaunted order of the Sisters of S. Vincent de Paule is little better now.]

But, I cannot remember, in any experience or history, either R. Catholic or Protestant - any instance where people have not had to tread

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in the steps of our Great Master in suffering, humiliation & apparent failure - not only in a passing way but throughout their whole lives - in doing any good thing -

Indeed I believe that the only blessing - but that is the best blessing of all - vouchsafed on earth to this peculiar path is - a conviction that we are called to it & that we are led in it.

Mlle= v. Rantzau, the foundress of Bethanien, near Berlin, (the Deaconesses) told me that she never would have embarked in it, had she known what it would be - She died in it - She had the same difficulties with her Chaplain that you have - But she had difficulties of every kind. Even the King did not pay up his subscription, while he ostentatiously visited the Hospital - And she sunk her whole fortune in barely maintaining the beds.

Poor Madame Fliedner, after having struggled her whole life at Kaiserswerth - with ill health, with poverty - finds herself now a widow - and the

Direction vested in the hands of their son=in=law
who, tho' entirely brought up & MADE by Pastor
Fliedner & herself, is going against all her
husband's plans, & alienating the Deaconesses -

f66/17.2

She told me that, if it were not for the conviction she had that it was God's will she should continue in her post as "Mutter", nothing could induce her to go on -

But you must BURN this letter, please.
For I promised Madame Fliedner I never would tell this to any one -
Do you remember what Madame de Brécharde, one of the earliest companions of Madame de Chantal, says: - [French not verified]

"Il ne nous faut plus attendre aucun appui ni en désirer, c'est le moyen d'engager, cette souveraine et toute aimable bonté à nous prendre en sa très spéciale protection et conduite. Il a bien fallu que je me sois résolue à cela parmi les extrêmes peines et afflictions que j'ai rencontrées ici et *d'âme vivante, Dieu permettant que celles de qui je pouvais le plus espérer ont aidé à combler mon âme d'amertume* x x x x

"Quand le secours des créatures nous manque celui de Dieu ni nous manque pas, il est alors plus prêt." x x

f66/17.2v

But - about this terrible business of the Chaplain I do feel for you on the knees of my heart I most earnestly hope that he will go away and I feel it quite necessary. I hope the Council will tell him so.

But - I cannot but ~~think~~ hope - if you can get rid of this man & are then furnished with another - that he will not be the "Master". The very name is a misnomer. The Chaplain should never be the Master of a female order or Society - The services of our Church are inestimable comforts & benefits - But the less intercourse (from man to man / woman) between Chaplain & "Sisters", the better - If indeed a Chaplain were a spiritual physician, if he really had insight into our moral diseases, & could help us to find the strength & the remedy we lack - how gladly would we run to him -

But who is there now, in any Church, who answers to this description? -

I should be afraid that you would think me almost irreligious - at least, not alive to the religious wants of women - especially of women living a religious life in community - were it

f66/17.3**Private**

[2]

not that the view I have just mentioned is that of all the real old, hard=working female orders of the R. Catholic Church.

You know I have lived among them, sleeping under their roofs, working among them - not as the R. Cath. female laity work among them but as they work among themselves -

And I believe scarcely any one knows them as I do - [at least I am always astonished at the ignorance of such persons as Lady {G.?} Fullerton, Dr. Manning, Lady Herbert &c. &c. about their real principles & practices - Of course *they* think that it is *I* who am ignorant. But I hold my tongue]

I speak now of the real genuine good Saints - [3:273]
not of the new=fangled devotees which Dr. Manning is introducing. [He says he is inaugurating "a new era" for the Church - a "new era" with a vengeance. You know that he has turned my nuns - the nuns who worked so well in the Crimea - out of their Hospital in Gt. Ormond St., closed their Hospital, turned the Patients out into the street - one of whom died before she could reach home - He said "he would provide for them", of course

f66/17.3v

and, of course, he never did. And all this to bring the ultramontanes, the "Sisters" of S. Vincent de Paule into the Hospital. But in this he has not yet succeeded. We are still fighting the battle for the old nuns - But we shall fail.] **[end 3:273]**

Of these new=fangled practices I say nothing. But I do assure you that the view I hold about the Chaplain is that held by all genuine nuns & Supérieures about the Confessors.

The very best & cleverest & most devout person I ever knew in all my life - a French nun in a cloistered Order at Rome - said to me: -

ma confession! elle ne dure pas 5 minutes [French not verified]
quand elle est faite, elle est faite - *Ce qu'il*
(le Confessor) *me dit et ce qu'il me conseille,*
je ne le fais pas -

You would find that all the best Supérieures, of every Order, discourage, both in themselves & their nuns, any approach to anything like a conference, under any pretence, or even a voluminous confession, between Confessor & themselves. The bare confession, of course the

f66/17.4

duty of their Church, is all that takes place.

The Superioress is herself the main guide of her nuns. *She* directs their work & their minds.

The Confessor, if he is a sensible man, understands this position perfectly.

It is true there is a Director - But he is generally a very experienced & superior man. He is only used for emergencies - He comes perhaps once, at most four times a year. He is consulted upon great difficulties & not at all in the little peddling way Protestants & new-fangled R. Catholics suppose - He may be consulted on the change of a Confessor -

But, in general, it is the Superioress herself who chooses the Confessor, with due regard to the voices of her nuns - where the Confessor is not the priest of the Parish -

And, if you have a Chaplain, you ought to choose him *yourself*.

[The great thing which is now pulling down the "Sisters" of S. Vincent de Paule, to be mere tools for absolutist domination, is their connection with the Lazarists - none can go anywhere without a Lazarist with them.]

f66/17.4v

The Lazarists take the same part in education among the poor that the Jesuits did among the rich. They pull down every thing to the level of a certain absolutist ignorance - just as the Jesuits raised everything to the level of a certain absolutist science.]

Of course, the very heads of Convents who practice so nobly what I have been describing would themselves deny it.

Because it is not a Rule but a Practice. But it is none the less true, for all that - It is the real genuine good sense of the *un* controversial hard=working R.C. orders - And they shew also their good sense in not parading it

Because it is so easily misconstrued: -
jealousy (of power) in the Superioress -
fear of spiritual flirtations between
Confessor & nuns -

It is nothing of the sort.

You may think that the connection between Dr. Pusey & Miss Sellon is an exception to my rule - But it is not. It is Miss S. who manages

f66/17.5

Private [3]

Dr. P. - not he her.

And, dearest, they have dragged down each other.
And this I say with the deepest regard for
Miss Sellon -

Dr. Pusey used to be a Saint. He is now a
cunning fellow & nothing better -

The only exception to my rule I have ever
known, in any Church, is Pastor Fliedner - But
then - he was not the Chaplain, he was himself
the Founder - He was rude, uncouth, harsh &
rough to a most uncommon degree - But he
had, to an unexampled degree the power of
inspiring warmth, zeal, purity of heart,
trust in God & regardlessness of themselves
in his Deaconesses - And his sermons! After
having heard nearly all the celebrated
preachers all over Europe - I still remember
his sermons, rough & unattractive as they were,
as the only *real preaching* I have ever heard.

His Ministry was truly the centre of his
Institution. His pulpit the lever of his work.

But, if a Chaplain is not *that*, his work
ought to be limited to the offices of our
Church

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And Fliedner stood alone -

He has no successor.

His assistant in the ministry, who has been at Kaiserswerth ever since I can remember, & is there still - has nothing of his mantle.

No more has his son=in=law tho' he is perhaps an abler man than Fliedner.

Therefore my best prayer, my most eager hope for you, is: -

let the present Chaplain be got rid of -

let no future Chaplain be anything more than a Chaplain

and, if you could, choose him yourself -

What I say here would be told you, if they spoke the truth, by all the Supérieures of the best orders in Europe.

Nobody in the world talks so much about her Confessor as St. Teresa - But you see that she was perpetually choosing & changing them - & that she actually governed the Order of the reformed Carmelites (men) as well as her own.

I am not advocating *that*. But I merely mention it as a strong type.

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With regard to your wish to retire, if difficulties go on increasing - what can I say, dearest friend? -

I am sure you will not think of it, unless you see unmistakeable signs of the will of God shewing you that way - such as would be, as you say yourself, the expressed or unexpressed feeling of the Sisters -

But it is just the contrary -

As far as I can see, your difficulties point all the other way - viz. that your remaining is necessary to the Sisters, necessary to the existence of the Society.

But I don't feel any call to preaching - And I am sure you will say, quite simply -

Behold the handmaid of the Lord -

Be it unto me according as *thou wilt*.

(as St. Catherine Mary Magdalene
de Pazzi puts it)

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I do feel for you with all my heart. You can hardly doubt that - I have so wished that, poor as my help would be, the time might come, when I could come & stay 3 months in your house every year as a "Sister", - but that seems less & less likely every month of my life.

My health has been worse this year than it ever has been at all. And worse these last 2 months than all this year -

And I am more & more overwhelmed with business -

You may fancy that, since Sidney Herbert's death, I have constantly asked myself: - Is it, after all, God's will that a woman should stay in these Government offices?

But my way has been so clearly shewn me that I dared *not not* see it.

I can truly say that, for the last 5 years, I have worked "sans consolation" (ni "appui") "d'âme vivante."

At this moment I am working for the Poor [13:593]
Law Board in the question of a complete organization for London Workhouse Infirmarys - And, after working diligently (for the former Poor Law Board), from February 1865 to July 1866, I am now beginning all over again (with

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the present Board) at exactly the same point where we began in February 1865 -

And yet I am thankful that the point is being discussed at all.

[end 13:593]

In the India affairs in the same way: - a Despatch of Sir John Lawrence of January 20 - which he sent a copy to me of (in his own hand) in order to get me to hurry the answer - was first lost by the India Office - then delayed - *and is still unanswered.*

Every thing is going wrong at the War Office

I am so worried besides by having to answer attacks (a pure waste of time & strength) from letters being published purporting to be letters of mine. Sixteen mortal hours of correspondence *that* Garrett=Stewart affair cost me. How often I think of your: - "do they care to know the truth?" - What *do* you think was the letter from which Dr. Stewart asserted, at the Social Science Meeting, that he "had", in my "own hand=writing", my "statement" that &c. &c - - - - It was a letter from my Committee to the Weekly Board

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of the Middlesex Hospital, which I had never seen - !!

Dr. Stewart also stated that he knew, "from his own experience", that you had "but 2 `Sisters'."!! But still I feel that it is *such* a blessing to have been *called*, however unworthy, to be the "handmaid of the Lord" - as St. Teresa says, "Ah mon Dieu, une si grande faveur doit elle etre si peu estimée?" - I see women so far better & cleverer than I, wasting their whole lives, not, in improving but in deteriorating their own families - I feel so ungrateful & so wicked not to give the return I ought to God - the return of wishing for absolutely nothing but the accomplishment of His holy Will - And yet I never feel tempted to say, like poor Mlle= de Rantzau, "if I had known what it was I would never have undertaken it." [But she was faithful to the end] I have never felt tempted to *refuse God any thing*. However unworthy, I have always felt, I could live 1000 lives to prove to Him how inestimable the blessing I think it to be "called."

God bless you **[end 3:457]**
ever yours (living or dying) F. Nightingale

{archivist's note: II 16 66/18 F.N. to [Dr. Acland & Capt. Galton?] 19 Nov.1866}

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/66/18

[6:363-64]

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My dear pair of Dominican victims

It is NOT *your business* "to enquire".

No more it is at Rome or in Spain.

I am delighted.

Amen

says F.N.

Dr. Sutherland feloniously made away
with Dr. Acland's paper to Dr. Acland
& with Sir R. Watson's to you -
But he has told me (or says he has) their
contents, & also his conversation at the
W.O.

My dear victims: -

1. there is no chance of bringing over the
Dominicans (I mean the Doctors) whether
in or out of the P.L. Board, to right
views.

[of course, as I am addressing Dr.
Acland, I except him.]

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The positions taken by them are just those taken by all opponents to improvement. How can you accept their votes, founded on what they choose to put forwards as their *opinions*? -

Sanitary Reform in Civil Life & in the Army has been won, so far as it has been won, by appealing from *opinions* to *facts* - to carefully ascertained facts.

If you are to improve Workhouses & Workhouse Infirmaries, you must - either call in the aid of past experience - or - appeal anew to facts, disregarding all mere opinion.

And, if these men still stop all enquiry - very wise men they are! - & still choose to rest their Report on pre-conceived views & opinions, what can you do - you pair of *gone* 'coons? - [you are on very perilous duty. The forlorn hope is nothing to it] You must refuse to sign any report, not sustained by positive irrefragable evidence.

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I have not seen a single alledged fact
[I call them all assertions] put
forwards by them, which does not
require the most careful sifting.

2. What they ask you to do is this: -
for centuries many of the most able men,
physicians, surgeons, architects,
publicists, statesmen,
have been engaged in ameliorating
the condition of the sick poor in
Hospitals.

Formerly, Hospital Mortality was: -
25 per cent. & upwards, of Admissions.
At present, 6 or 7 per cent. can be had.

But *this* is too much.
The reduction (of Mortality) has
followed slow augmentation of cubic space,
& improved nursing & management.
The men you have to deal with are
trying to go back, & to drag you back
into the exploded Medieval system
of Hospitals - ignoring all that has been
done.

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3. The first thing is: -
resistance to this.
Ask for proof of every opinion.
Without casting doubts on what they
advance - you must be satisfied as to
the facts, before you commit yourselves
to the Report.

They appeal to their experience as
Hospital physicians.

Do, *you* appeal to Mr. Paget, e.g., &
Dr. Parkes & others.

You are not there to confirm the
views of the Medical Members.

You are there to bring out the truth

Insist on the Registrar - General being
the Statistical referee.

[I am an old cove (an "old man",
the Psalmist says): But I never
did see public business done before
in such a way, no, not since I retired
into Public Life.]

[end 6:364]

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4.

Dr. Watson's paper is founded on [8:176]
assumptions & opinions.

Deal with it in the same way.

E.g. he says there have been
remarkably few deaths from Puerperal
fever in Marylebone Workhouse -

Enquire why there have been any.
This Infirmary has been compared
with Queen Charlotte's Hospital.
At Marylebone there are about 12
lying-in beds.

At Queen Charlotte's there are -
how many? - 50 or 60? - Q. Charlotte's
is a special Hospital - & every body
knows (except Hospital Physicians)
that the danger to Lying-in women
increases directly with the number
of occupied beds - also with
the badness of construction & ventilation,
quite apart from cubic space -
At Q. Charlotte's, 2000 cub. ft. per bed
is a necessity - But, if you enquire
you will find other causes of Mortality,

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And you will do good by getting them removed.

The present facts do not prove

Marylebone to be healthy -

They prove the great preventible

Mortality at Q. Charlotte's.

[end 8:176]

5.

Dear Auto: da:fés: -

Insist on enquiry.

You are ordered not to inquire.

If they won't (enquire) - enquire for yourselves - & report separately.

- Or with draw, because they won't.

6.

We know: -

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that the Workhouse system is

decided upon. *It is to be continued.*

If you sign the Report - you virtually

lend your authority to the *continuing*

the present system -

(even if you are satisfied on the questions in the Report.)

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The 13 Printed Questions were "*nuts*" to me.

What a very fine thing a future (reforming) President of the P.L. Board might make of them in the Ho= of Commons!

Here have been all these exposures - all these reports - all this row - And it has been fully proved that all the evils proceeded - not from this or from that - but from - what? - gross mismanagement of the sick - gross administrative management - not from want of cubic space & the other questions in your paper. These are subsidiary & have only been mentioned as subsidiary, till now. But now - all the mismanagement is to be ~~put~~ ignored or denied.

What a very fine thing the next

Minister might make out of this! -

If you were able to reply to all the

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questions, you would still have this gross mismanagement left untouched - And you will be smashed, by "*Times*" & Commons, who will say that the questions at issue were - simply mistaken.

I hear (from the very highest authorities) two things: -

1. that this Commission will be sacrificed
2. there is no disguising, on the other hand, that, if it reports *unanimously* it may put back the reform for years.

Therefore, don't sign the Report at all or, if you do, put in a special proviso that you give no opinion as to whether the sick should or should not be left under present management.

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N.B. Dr. Sutherland desires me to
~~give~~ quote my "authority" - as to cost of
 Chorlton Union Workhouse - against
 Mr. Corbett's contradiction.

I have not the Clerk of the Guardians'
 letter to me here -

But Sir Harry Verney writes to me: -

"I passed a good hour at Chorlton Oct. 16
 Union Workhouse Infy= for 500
 inmates. It seemed to me an
 admirable Institution - rough,
 to be sure, but airy, clean,
 sweet, comfortable, roomy.
 At present about 140 or 150
 beds are occupied - The expense
 has been £47 per bed. But
 it ought to be reckoned at
 £50."

Here we have an instance of common
 sense avoiding all "patch-work"
 & creating an establishment *de novo* -

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Do set your faces against all
 patching in the Metropolis.

My afflicted reformers,
 I wish you a good afternoon & well
 out of it - [end 16:729]
 & am affectly yours
 Florence Nightingale
 Nov. 19/66

{archivist's note: II 17
 66/19 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, Esq. 25 Nov. 1866
 66/20 F.N. to Dr. Acland 25 Nov. 1866.}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/19, pen

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Embley Nov 25/66

Romsey ~~35 South Street,~~
~~_____ Park Lane,~~
~~_____ London, W. {printed}~~

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you how
grateful I am to you for
your kindness in making
me two copies of the
India Memo:

May I trespass still
farther upon you by asking
you to send (by tomorrow's
India mail) the two
enclosed letters to

Mr. Ellis, of Madras
& Sir John Lawrence -

I have no time for
more - in great haste,

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for I have not even time
to thank you for your
very kind note

ever yours faithfully
& gratefully

Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, LMA pen H1/ST/NC1/66/20

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Private Embley Nov 25/66

Romsey ~~35 South Street,~~~~_____ Park Lane,~~~~_____ London, W.~~ {printed address}

Dear Sir [Dr Acland]

I am afraid you will
think it an impertinence in me
to write to you in this
uncalled for manner -

But I do so at the request
of Dr. Sutherland, who passed
on to me your valuable paper
on "Question I". (with his
Notes on it).

I need hardly say that
I think it a most important
well-considered document,
tho' there are some points
on which an old Nurse's
experience does not agree
Dr. Acland

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with you.

But, as you would not care
for my praise, I pass on at
once to a general point.

And this is: -

Your Committee & the Association
of Mr. Hart (whom you quote)
& others are not proceeding
on the same ground.

One of the earliest reforms
proposed in Workhouse
management was: - a classification
of the inmates somewhat as
follows: -

1. Sick
2. Infirm, Aged & Invalids
3. Insane & Imbeciles {"lunatics"
"Epilectics"}
4. Children

I would rather do away with the word
"Incurables" if I could. Old age is of course

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incurable. But other kinds of Incurable
=ness are year by year more & more
limited by good treatment & nursing

It is understood that this was
never carried out on account
of oppositions (or contemplated
oppositions) from the Parishes.
But you are aware that, for
the last 30 years, this has
been, more or less, entertained
by the Poor Law Board.

The cases which have turned
public opinion into public
indignation lately were
cases of neglected sickness -
neglected, to a great extent,
because of the want of
classification.

They were subjected, more or
less, to the current treatment
of the Workhouse class
generally.

The extent to which this

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prevailed may be learnt from an instructive Table x presented to Parliament last session, which, amongst other things, proved - if any thing could prove - the absolute necessity of classification of Workhouse inmates.

Simultaneously with this came the "Lancet" enquiry, which ~~was~~ reported simply a corollary of the Table. And the practical result, as might have been foreseen, was the advocacy of separate administration for "Sick", (more or less acute) i.e. separating "Sick", more or less acute, from other inmates, & dealing with them as sick are dealt with in Hospitals.

x which you doubtless have

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[You must truly ask various questions "as to the kind of illnesses included in the term "Sick"]

But, inasmuch as it would be enormously costly to do this for every Parish & Union - especially as many of the Workhouses did not admit of the Sick being classified - the Association proposed to construct half-a-dozen new Hospitals for "sick" alone.

Keeping this in view, it will be evident that the 1000 c. ft. advocated by the Association referred, not to the existing buildings in which "Sick" & Invalids & bed-ridden are

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mixed up together, but to special Sick Hospitals.

[You justly say: there is no answer to the question= -

"what cubic space is wanted for a Sick person in a Workhouse?"]

But your Committee ~~has~~ was engaged for an enquiry of quite a different character

The mixing up of all classes of ailing (except 4) in the same building or wards ~~is~~ was still contemplated - And the question proposed to the Committee ~~is~~ was : to decide the cubic space required for the average class of ailing inmates.

This is really the weak point in the enquiry. For it appears to be certain that,

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however the question is solved on this basis by the present Committee, there will be another enquiry before very long to decide on the consolidation of the Hospital wards into separate establishments with separate administrative arrangements. And then will come all the questions of space & area, as applicable to this class of buildings.

[You truly say: - that your Committee "cannot avoid" "indirectly" "these large administrative questions."]
There will probably be an enquiry also as to the best construction of buildings

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for Infirm & Invalids -
And then the space required
for these will come under
discussion.

Supposing your present Committee
to come to an unanimous
decision - unless you appoint
a separate & specially
qualified Master for the
sick wards - unless you
appoint a separate &
specially qualified Matron
& staff of Nurses - & also
provide the means of
training Nurses - [for the
Nurses don't exist] the
whole matter will be left
very much where it
is now.

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We ought not to forget that
the public decision against
the Workhouses - altho' resting
in some cases, on deficient
space - in all, or nearly all,
was *chiefly* founded on bad
administration - clearly
traceable to the fact that
Workhouse masters had
no knowledge of sick -
& were trying to suppress
pauperism by oppressing
the sick.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

{archivist's note: II 18
66/21 F.N. to [Dr. Acland] [25 Nov. 1866]
66/22 F.N. to Mrs. Matthew 30 Nov. 1866
66/23 F.N. to Dr. H.W. Acland 7 Dec. 1866}

Draft letter to Dr Acland, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/21, pen [6:355-57] note in lying-in]

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A few trifling notes \1

P.1 on Dr. S.'s note.

And these cases, called "Incurable", (but on which the Death rate is low.) *might* not be Incurable.

To the word "Incurable" I would always add: -

yes: "Incurable", as they are treated.

"Sore legs", e.g. are always "incurable" in a Workhouse atmosphere.

P.2 3rd Para= from bottom

"80 sq. ft."

I think this the minimum for each bed - *not* including "fire-places" x &c" - And this in a Pavilion ward.

x I don't quite understand the "space" "allowed" for the

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P.3 - Dr. S.'s first note at top.
I am always terribly afraid of
entering on the "1000 cub. ft" by
itself.

Remember that Dr. Markham's
60 sq. ft made practically
953 cub. ft.

Now it is manifest - this
will not do.

Also: - tho' (say) 80 sq. ft &
960 cub. ft.
might do for a ward of 12 beds,
- for a ward of 24 beds, -
960 cub. ft. would *not* do
for 80 sq. ft. You must
have greater height.

"doors." Tho' I am quite delighted that each of
the "doors" should have its bed space of "80
ft.", because it all comes in for the Patients,
yet, in a Pavilion ward, we have a door
at each end - And the four corner beds
have the same space as the others. (there
must only be *one* bed of course between window &
corner) And the "doors" are not taken into
account at all

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Dr. Brodie's Remark upon

Lying=in women.

I entirely agree -

If a Lying=in woman has a
home at all, she is safest
in that.

Put two lying=in women
together - you more than double the
danger -

Put three together - you
more than treble it.

Indeed, it would not be
too much to say that
the danger increases as
the *square* of the number.

But I entirely demur to the
verdict in favour of Queen
Charlotte. It is notoriously
unhealthy.
The Mortality at the Maternité

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at Paris is something horrible.

Lying=in Hospitals are
generally destructive to life ~~things~~.

Tho' Marylebone may have
a low Mortality, thanks to
its small number of beds &c &c
- why does it have puerperal
fever at all? -

A Lying=in woman ought
never to die, except from
unavoidable accident.

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P.5. 1st line

Why "strange"?

Who was there to give the "evidence"?

The Medical Officer? -

By his own shewing, he has
not time to attend even to

the worst cases. The grossest but

The Nurses? *wholly* unavoidable

There are none neglect was proved

- unavoidable.

The P.L. Inspector? i.e. without any
blame to the

He does not know Medical

Officer

who can't

make 12 hours into 24.

Also: - the Committee *have*

been going upon "opinions,"

not facts.

In the Crimean War, this

"direct evidence" was given

by the large majority of the

Senior Medical Officers: - viz.

that there was nothing to shew

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the cause of the prevailing

Hospital Gangrene at

Scutari (we lost 30 consecutive

cases out of 40 of

amputation of the thigh)

except that the climate (or air)

for a radius of 3 miles round

Scutari was unfavourable

to the recovery of wounds!!!

Nearly the same "evidence"

was given as to our Cholera there!!!

p.6.

There is no reason why

"statements" as to "retardation

of recovery" should be

"only opinion."

The point may be ascertained

by Statistics.

Workhouses keep no Statistics.

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How can they? -
 How can these over-loaded
 Medl= Officers keep Statistics?
 How can their "Statements" -
 be anything but "opinion"? -

P.5. Paras 2,3,4.
 admirable

P.5. bottom
 Remember that Dr. Markham's
 60 sq. ft made 953 cub. ft.

P.8 Para 11
 I do not agree - for reasons
 given before -
 That Marylebone Lying=in
 Ward is far better than Q.

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Charlotte's, I am sure I don't
 deny - which is only saying that
 it is better than a
 notoriously unhealthy Hospital
 --

p.8 Para 12

 I agree, with all my might

 Please ask Capt. Galton for a
 case where a Regimental
 Surgeon put Orderlies to sleep
 with Patients - desiring the
 former to breathe only 600
 cub. ft.
 Unless, by Act of Parlt., you can
 prosecute cases for breathing
 more than their share, or
 for rendering more than their
 space of cubic air
 impure, by their
 emanations - you
 cannot assign different cubic spaces
 to different cases -

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This following is hypercriticism 3
 "86 sq. ft" are not desirable for
 "administration" only - but for
 "administration " & health also.
 It is rather dangerous to allow
 people to suppose the former.

Beds should be put at, at
 least, 6 inch. distance from
 wall.

This, of course, diminishes
 "gang-way" by 1 ft.

But, as I say, this is
 hypercriticism, because, if
 I get a ward 24 ft wide,
 tho' I prefer 26 ft, I ought
 to be more than satisfied.

 I may just remark: - (P.4: "2nd=")
 Every case at St. Thomas' Hospital costs
 three shillings (3/0) a day - Personally,

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I have not the slightest doubt that
 this money would be much better
 applied (& Mortality much
 diminished) if it were given to
 treating every Patient at his, or
 her, own home.

But, in Workhouses, many Patients
 have no homes - no Patients - can
 command all Surgical appliances at home &c
 Also: we must have Medical Schools
 & Nurses' Schools - A Hospital
 is the only place where Doctors
 & Nurses can be trained.

The problem seems to be: -
 to bring the conditions of a Hospital
 to the closest possible approximation
 to the best Vital conditions -
 to keep the Patient the *shortest*
possible time in Hospital -

and to free him from "les influences
 nosocomiales" - a happy word for

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the special risks to which sick
are exposed by the mere fact of
their being removed from
their own homes to Hospitals
- for "improved (?) treatment" -

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC166/22, pen with photo

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Private

Dear Madam [Mrs Matthew] [14:1022-23]

I lost no time after
reading your sad note
of Oct 4, in enquiring
of the Patriotic Fund
Commissioners.

I learn that Mr.
Myford's note was
written during the
absence of the Secretaries
But it is undoubtedly
true that it "was
"founded upon a decision
"of the Committee that
Mrs. Matthew

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given them by
missioners did
not extend to the length
"supposed."
I received an answer
& explanation at very
great length - together
with two books of their
new Regulations - which
we should interpret
to give "almost unlimited
"latitude to the Committee".
The whole question depends
upon whether certain
words are not intended
"to include education."

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"without excluding

"Maintenance."

We say they are.

But the question is -

what is to be done? -

I have been advised to
memorialize the Commissioners.

And this I feel inclined

to do - not simply for

an allowance for the

maintenance of each

child. "but also for

the widows - after the

"widows distinctly recognized

"as those of the war -

"they standing next in

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"legal claim in "virtue

"of the service" of their

"husbands in the Crimea

And I feel inclined to do

this

I also feel inclined to

write to Lord Grey.

Lord Grey was in the chair

when the resolution was

discussed.

He understood the resolution

to include "maintenance."

Capt. Fishbourne stated

(at this meeting of

Commissioners) that you

would have the

allowances first stated

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to you. And no objection
was made in the
Commission.

I am told that nothing
will be done till there
is a meeting of Commissioners
- & that there will not
be any, before November,
if then.

I have therefore time
to obtain advice about
My Memorial.

You are quite sure that
I shall do all I can.

But I am never sanguine
since Sidney Herbert's
death five long years ago,

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we have not had one
Secretary of State for War
to be depended upon.

About *this* matter: -
an Act of Parliament
was hurried through
the Houses, without
letting any one know,
who could have given
an opinion as to the
value of the words -
It does not make the
necessary provisions.

And I am told that
a new Act must be
obtained, before any
thing really is done -

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I cannot help thanking
you for the beautiful
photograph of my dear
friend, your lost - noble
husband. It is the
very best I ever saw
of any one. [I think
photograph likenesses
sometimes so painful.]
Can you tell me whether
it was done, from
himself or from a
drawing of him? -

[end 14:1023]

Pray believe me
dear Madam
with great truth, ever
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

envelope black-edged
Mrs. Matthew
Gothic Villa
Marine Walk
Tunbridge Wells

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/23, pen **[16:693]**
f66/23.1

Dec 7/66
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dear Sir,

I received a verbal
message from the War Office
to day that you had
telegraphed some days ago
to the W.O. for a copy of
my paper & forms for
Hospital Statistics.

Altho' a telegram, plus
a verbal message, is
quite sure to involve a
double mistake, I beg
to enclose the paper, as
H.W. Acland Eq MD

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finally adopted by the
Internat=Stat=Congress -
and a filled up report
of St. Bartholomew's
Hospital, in which the
method is substantially
adopted.

The whole is however given
in the last Chapter of
my "Notes on Hospitals",
Third Edit= Longmans.

If this is not what
you wanted, but
something else, perhaps

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I might still be able
to serve you - if I knew
in what. **[end]**

Believe me
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

{archivist's note: II 19
66/24 F.N. to Harry [Bonham Carter] 16 Dec. 1866}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/24, pen

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Dec 16/66
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Harry [Bonham Carter]

I am sorry that I have
kept your pamphlet so
long - especially as I have
very little to say about it.

I think it will do very
well now.

If you put in any Appendices,
I think you should put in
both.

I see no objection to your
adding "Secy to the &c" to your
name.

Mr Michael Smith is
not likely to know much
about Nursing, or how to

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enquire about it, or how to
estimate what he hears.
His authority is nothing in
such a question. If you
have direct proof of
want of success in St.
John's House, it should
be stated to Miss Jones.
I should think it a duty
to do it, if you would tell
me - that is, to do it at
some proper time.

I should have a great deal
to say about Dr. Ogle's
pamphlet, if I had but
the time. It is written
from the extravagant
Dissenter point of view.

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It is really nothing but
running=a=muck against
Sisterhoods - there is not a
word about Nursing in it
which any sane woman
would listen to. The running
a muck is like giving a
heading to Beer. You pour
your Beer from a height
to give it a head. That is
just what Dr. Ogle has
done. But his Beer is
quite as worthless, for all
that.

You see he & Miss Garrett &
Dr. Stewart & many others
would reduce Nursing to
exactly the same principle
as keeping a shop. x They say: -
not God but Mammon. Now
I am all for Mammon myself -
But then I say: - train yourselves
to serve God so well that you
x And they make the froth to this Beer: - the
Protestant dread of Sisterhoods.

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will command Mammon

not serve Mammon.

The religious orders have - tho'
not nearly so generally as is
thought- made this great
mistake - of taking the
factitious circumstances viz
ability to serve God *without*
pay as the test. I remember
Mr. Clough saying that the
ability to serve God *with pay*
was a better test. In which
I fully agree.

But I don't want to join the
run against Sisterhoods at
all. Every 7 years I think
there is this sort of "row" -
a stream against, a stream
for religious orders - a stream
against, a stream for "Lady
Nurses" -

As far as I am concerned, I

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shall steadily keep out of the controversy - I shall say: - in regard to Nursing with or without Sisterhoods, F.N. has nothing to say to any such controversies except in as far as they bear on good nursing & administration.

[Even with regard to organization, unless I am asked special questions, as I was with regard to Liverpool, Lincoln, Bath, Derby &c, I will give no opinion]

F.N. has nothing to do with calling the head Matron, Lady Supt=, Mother Superior, or what you please - If a religious head of a religious order has undivided authority over a Hospital, it will be badly nursed.

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If a Medical Staff has
undivided authority over
Hospital Nursing, it the Hospital will
be badly nursed.

Otherwise, it matters not
whether the Nurses are
lay=women, Anglican or
any other "Sisters", Nuns
or what not, the one
essential thing is that they
be trained good Nurses,
who will not allow any
scruples, *religious or*
irreligious x, to interfere
with the faithful discharge

x I put the religious scruples
of "Sisters", neglecting their duty
for their *devotions* on a par with
the *irreligious* scruples of Nurses
neglecting their duty for their *drink*.
As I put Dr. Ogle's *irreligious* scruples
against the Church on a par with Deaconess
religious scruples refusing Chloroform to the Doctor

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of their duties.

F.N. has nothing at all to do with such questions as to whether Nursing be a "Church duty" or not -
- Nor as to whether it is well or ill to have "Sisterhoods" with all their "reputed evils" in order to secure good

Nursing. x

x If I had been a R. Catholic in a R. Catholic country, I should probably have devoted the N. Fund & myself to training nuns to be good Hospital Nurses - As I am what I am I wish to train lay or religious women Church, Dissenters (or R. Catholics, if they would come to us) Hindoos, if we get to India.

- *any* woman of good character & qualifications - of *any* class - of *any* denomination. It is obviously impossible in *this* country to go upon any other principle. I might as well try to institute a new form of Government as to change the character of the "Briton", which is individuality.

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In Dr. Ogle's pamphlet, there are the views of Mr. Capes on the one side, & of Dr. Ogle on the other; - if we were to follow either the one or the other, any progress would be simply impossible.

All we wish is: that every body on either side, who wishes to nurse, should do the work well.

N.B. I would just say that there are gross blunders in Dr. Ogle's every page. E.g. P.32, Note 2. I happen to know there were no "Sisters of Mercy" in the Danish War. I know exactly what "Sisters" went, both R. Catholics & Protestant. If it were possible for me to call people to account for every blunder, I would ask him to say what he means by this statement

about the Bibles. It

could be easily "verified".

P. 22 Note 3. I should call Miss Jones' attention to this, only that she has no time

P. 28 Note 6. "Rev'd Kemble" is absurd.

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Unless the Matron of the Hospital
is the Supt= of the Nurses, how
can she train them?

Miss Jones, of King's Coll=Hospl, is
almost the only person who has
seen this principle -
Pastor Fliedner turned it inside
out. For *he* would have no other
authority in the Hospital but
his & hers.

I have put it in print, that
the *highest* AVERAGE good
Nursing is secured by a
religious society and a
secular government in
a Hospital. This is
fact & experience, not
opinion.

We must never forget
that, from 20 - 10 years
ago, the average Nursing

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of Paris Hospitals was
20 times higher than the
average Nursing of
London Hospitals - tho'
there were many first=rate
Head Nurses in London
Hospls=

[People who have not lived in
Hospitals as I have don't
know however how exactly
alike a good Hospital Nurse
is all over the world -
whether she is Soeur de la
Resurrection of the Augustinian
order at the Hotel Dieu
or Sister George of St.
Thomas' Hospital.]

In Prussia & Austria & all
over Germany, the character
of the Nurses was so very low,

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(lower than in England), that there arose & spread, with a rapidity unparalleled even in the R. Catholic Church, Pastor Fliedner's Order of Deaconesses - But what, curiously enough, no one seems to know (& what I certainly shall never tell,) is that it had the worst faults of the most bigoted Order in the R. Catholic Church or of the most exclusive Order in the Anglican. There was no secular government in the Hospital whatever. The religious principle over=ruled every thing - even the Medical treatment. The Nurses were *not* good Nurses. And, certainly, the (Head Quarters) Hospital

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was very much worse nursed & administered generally than the worst London Hospital 20 years ago - But, such was the amazing want of Nursing of good character in Germany that they were eager to take the Deaconesses on any terms - & such was the practical good sense of Pastor Fliedner (so unlike in *this* to our *exclusive* Anglican orders) that he was willing to give them for any good work - And so it happened that, when they came in contact with secular Hospital government. All over Germany they nursed extremely well.

I question very much whether the average of London Hospital Nursing is even now up to that of

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Paris.

But let that pass.

I am certainly not going to
advocate Sisterhoods -
Indeed I have nothing to do
with it:

I might call for "Sisters". But
would they come when I did
call for them? -
Not they.

It does seem to me so
absurd this cry against
Sisterhoods & ladies -
as if there were the
slightest danger of "ladies"
crowding into our Hospitals
to the exclusion of those
who have to earn their
bread -
as if there were the slightest
danger of "Sisterhoods"

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monopolising the Institutions
of England.

It is a pure imaginary cry.
Just wait till we see an
army of "Sisters" at our
gates -
But what I feel - & feel
most seriously - about
Miss Jones & King's Coll=Hospl=
is this: -

She is the only Superior of
any religious society of any
Church out of the Church
of Rome who has clearly
& candidly carried out the
one great principle of
honestly co=operating with
a secular Hospital government
- of honestly making herself
the Matron of the Hospital

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- of honestly placing herself
& Training-School within
a secular Hospital.

All Saints has not done this
in University Coll=Hospl=. As
I could shew - But I should
be a dirty bird to foul my
own nest.

No other of the Anglican
orders has even attempted
it.

Pastor Fliedner expressly
disavowed the possibility
of it. So did Bethanien.

So have the most numerous
order in France & Europe -
the "Sisters of Charity".

So have countless others.
Miss Jones has had King's
College Hospl= barely 11 years.

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That her society has, as yet,
taken no great development,
is no great wonder -

Yet I know that she has been
importuned by many Hospitals
to undertake them.

If you ask me, whether her
"Sisters" are equal to the
best Hospital Head Nurses
in London, I say: - No, &
probably never will be.

Yet, in one year, she had brought
the average of King's Coll=Hospl=
Nursing higher than the
average of any London Hospl=,
except St. Bartholomew's
& St. Thomas'. [For St. Thomas
was not then what it is
now. It had a few first=rate

Head nurses - And

it had Mrs. Wardroper
But Mrs. Wardroper of then was
not the Mrs. Wardroper of now.]

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I do not scruple to say that
 the Nursing of St. John's House
 under the *present* training
 is superior to that of the
 "Sisters of Charity", the most
 famous order in Europe
 but which never, in my
 experience, has produced
 one really good Nurse - just
 because it has always
 shirked the principle
 of union with a secular
 Govt=.

And at this moment especially
 no word should ever
 pass our lips tending to
 embarrass St. John's House -
 owing to an abominable
 lying Chaplain & a
 malicious Archdeacon; -
 they are down in the world
 just now - And they are

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persecuted just for their
non=ecclesiastical propensities.
 One of the causes of the
 persecution is: - the dismissal
 of an inefficient, tho'
 ecclesiastical "Sister" -
 the other cause is: the utter
 inefficiency of the Chaplain,
 who has revenged himself
 by her.

{pencil to end of letter:} I shall do every thing in my power
 (which is little enough) to enable
 them to out=ride this storm: -
 If they cannot, then I shall say: -
 Sisterhoods are impossible in the
 Ch. of England, not from the fault
 of the women, but from that of
 the priests - It *is* impossible
 for a priest of the Ch. of Eng=d
 to understand the sound
 principles of independence, of

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non-interference in 'good'
administration upon which
the best female orders in the Ch. of
Rome are protected from
their priests.

Priest-craft (in the Ch. of Rome)
is held at bay *only* in
religious Sisterhoods - In these
alone has the priest no personal
power = Confession is more
carefully guarded, the *personal*
influence of the priest is far
more barred out *than it is in*

whether Dissenting or Ch of England)
any highly Evangelical or highly
High Church FAMILY x *in England.*

This is also true as to St. John's
House - there is *no* priest-craft
in it. [I wish they did not go
to St. Albans - But then *they*
might just as well say: -

I wish *you* did not go to
hear Spurgeon.] x There is nothing like
the worship of a Pusey, a Liddon,
a Close, a Spurgeon, *by families*,
to be seen in any "Sisterhood"!

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It is even true with regard to
Miss Sellon's x: - but then there
are other fatal evils in her
Order, resulting from exactly
the same principle of autocracy
which Pastor Fliedner adopted.
X Miss Sellon manages Dr. Pusey - not he her -
Also - there is *quite* as much
difference between the Orders
of Ste Martha & St. Augustin,
which have 8 of the 9 great
General Hospitals of Paris -
& the Order of the "Sisters of
Charity" which has *one* -
quite as much difference
as between Pusey's & Spurgeon's
following - The "Sisters of Charity"
are convert=seekers,
frantic "bigots", tools
not of priests but
of a {Pro??}> of a Papacy - The Ste Martha &
Augustinian "Sisters" are nothing

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but good religious Nurses.

All this makes P.p 8 to 15
(Dr. Ogle's pamphlet) so enormously
absurd that it would really
do quite as well for Honolulu
as for anything in England or
Europe - Whoever wrote it is
simply writing ~~about~~ from the
"depths" of his "innermost" Ich" -
as the German did about the
Camel -

P.11, Note 6. P.14 Note 8'
If these Notes are by Dr. Ogle, they
are simply disingenuous. E.g.
Note 6 - Every Medical man
knows that "insanity" is most
"common" among - whom? - the
Quakers.

Note 8. "Why should they obey any
one but the Doctor?" -

I once had a long correspondence

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P.13

What "public establishments" are
"dependent on Sisterhoods"?
Even in Paris they pay the "Sister=
hoods," who are just as much
making the bread of *their*
Society as the "Devonshire Sq -"
Nurses are of *theirs* - (tho' on different
principles)

P.15 - Note -

It is difficult to believe the writer
honest or to believe him
serious - He cannot be both:

with Dr. Ogle - And I have it in
his own hand that he *entirely*
subscribes to the principle that
Nurses must be (for discipline,
training, internal management
&c.) *entirely under the* SUPERINTENDT
whose business it is to see that
the Doctor's orders as to treatment
shall be obeyed -
[I should like to shew him his own letter].

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The second Article (in Dr. Ogle's pamphlet - p.p. 16-29) is simple sound common sense & a good recommendation of Mr. Rathbone's Liverpool system - tho' somewhat superficial.

But why has Dr. Ogle disfigured it with those ridiculous notes, which have little, if any thing, to do with it? -

With regard to the "Additional Remarks," (p.30 to end) - I have said my say - They are monstrous, stupid, ignorant - but not more so than Mr. Capes - And ~~they~~ neither is any business of mine.

Remembering as I do the long correspondence forced upon me

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by Dr. Ogle - & the letters I have from him, I must add that I think them also disengenuous.

[illeg] I cite the last Para=of P. 35] unless they are nothing but the heading to his Beer - Does he really suppose us to believe that he *believes* that we *believe* that there is the least danger of "our public Institutions" being taken possession of - or ourselves "nursed" by "*secret societies*".

It is too ridiculous -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

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...NB. In relation to what I said about the disgraceful conduct of the "filles de salle" at Paris, we must never forget that R. Catholic Sisterhoods expressly disavow the possibility of their being expected to train (or even to look after the *conduct* of) *lay - women*, - whereas Miss Jones, of K.C.H., makes it the express business of St. John's House - to train *lay = women as Nurses* -

That makes all the difference. [end 3:462]

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66/25 F.N. to Mary Jones 20 Dec. 1866}

Letter, LMA H1/ST/NC1/66/25, pencil

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Private Burn Dec 20/66

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest, very dearest friend [Mary Jones]

It has always happened that my troubles have reached their climax at Christmas - very serious troubles, out of which I can see no way - as to the India Public Health Service - as to the re-organization of Workhouse Infirmarys - as to the Army Medical Deparment= &c &c &c -

But, believe me, no trouble weighs more heavily upon my mind than yours.

1. I am sure you were perfectly right to attempt the removal of

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this Chaplain - Otherwise, all good administration comes to an end - Upon any other principle, it is nothing but saying: - we are *not to try* for progress.

I wish I could do anything for you - Is "Lord [illeg Stanley]" going "to move" AGAINST you? - Are you sure? - I think I could ensure any plain statement of *facts* being laid before him so as to command his attention thro' my brother-in-law (Sir H. Verney) - if you like it - I believe I could ensure the same thing with the Bishop of London, who has always rather patronized me, if you

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liked it.

No one dislikes more than I do this kind of private meddling - [tho' I did it for the sake of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.] And I would take no step without your desire - But I think a great principle at stake.

Don't you observe that every few years there is this out-cry against "Sisterhoods", which is like giving a heading to Beer. [They pour the Beer from a height to give it a froth -] But the Beer, if worthless, is quite as worthless for all that.

There are a great many pamphleteers now trying to reduce Nursing to exactly the

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same principle as keeping a shop - And they make ~~the~~ a froth to this Beer: - viz. the Protestant dread of Sisterhoods. They say: - not God but Mammon. [Now I am all for Mammon myself But then I say: - let us train ourselves to serve God so well that we shall *command* Mammon - *not* serve Mammon].

The religious orders have - tho' not nearly so absolutely as is generally thought - made, I humbly think, a great mistake: - in taking the factitious circumstance, viz. ability to serve God *without pay* as the test - [A man of great wisdom & religion once said to me: - that the ability to serve God *with pay* was a better test] ♪
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as far as I am concerned, I shall steadily keep out of the controversy, except in as far as it bears on good Nursing & administration. I shall say I have nothing to do with calling the head:-Matron, Lady Supt=. Lady Superior, Mother Superior, or what you please. If a religious head of a religious order has undivided authority over a Hospital, it will be badly nursed. If a Medical Staff has undivided authority over a Hospital, it will be badly nursed. It matters not whether Nurses are lay=women, Anglican or other "Sisters", the one essential thing is that they be trained good Nurses, who will not allow

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any scruples, *religious or irreligious*,
to interfere with the faithful
discharge of their duties.

If I had been a R. Catholic in a
R. Catholic country, I should
~~pro~~ have devoted myself to
training nuns to be good Hospl=
nurses -

It is obviously impossible in *this*
country to go upon any such
principle - I might as well
try to institute a new form
of Government as to change
the character of the Englishman
which is individuality -

[We may have to train Hindoos.]

If we were to follow the views
of Dissent on the one hand or
of the High Church, on the other,
any progress would be simply

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impossible.

All we wish is that every body
on either side, who wishes to
nurse, should do the work
well.

I am afraid you will think
me irreligious.

But I have gone thro' a
great deal this autumn in
hard work, (not ~~only~~ for your
sake, but for God's sake,) in
disproving the absurd silly
arguments against Sisterhoods
which have flooded England
this autumn -

The highest AVERAGE good
Nursing is secured by a
religious society & a secular
government in a Hospital.

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This is fact & experience, not opinion.

We must never forget that from 20-10 years ago, the average Nursing of Paris Hospitals was 50 per cent better than the average Nursing of London Hospitals - tho' there were many first-rate Head Nurses in London Hospls= [A good Hospl= Nurse is very much the same all over the world - whether she is "Soeur de la Resurrection" of the Augustinians at the Hotel Dieu, or "Sister George" of St. Thomas' Hospl=]

In Prussia & Austria & all over Germany, the character of the Nurses was so very low, (worse than in England)

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that there arose & spread, with a rapidity unparalleled even in the R. Catholic Ch., Pastor Fliedner's Order of Deaconesses.

But what no one seems to know (& what I certainly shall never tell) is: - that it had the worst faults of the most bigoted order in the R. Catholic Ch - or of the most exclusive order in the Anglican. There was no secular government in the Hospital whatever The religious principle over-ruled every, even the Medical consideration. The Nursing was *not* good Nursing. And certainly, the (Head Quarters) Hospl= was very much worse administered than the worst

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London Hospital 20 years ago -
But such was the amazing
want of Nurses of good character
all over Germany - that they
were eager to take the
Deaconesses on any terms -
& such was the practical good
sense of Pastor Fliedner (*here*
so unlike the most exclusive
Anglican Orders) that he was
willing to give them for any
good work - And so it
happened that, then they
came in contact with secular
Hospital government all
over Germany, they nursed
extremely well -
I question very much whether the
average of London Hospl= nursing
is even now up to that of Paris.

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But I will not go into that.
It does seem to me so absurd
this cry against Sisterhoods &
"ladies" -.
As if there were the slightest
danger of "ladies" crowding
into our Hospitals to the
exclusion of those who have
to earn their bread -
as if there were the slightest
danger of "Sisterhoods" taking
possession of all our "public
Institutions", - of all our Nursing,
public & private - with
their "secret societies"!!!
[This is what we are seriously
told by pamphleteers will
happen!!!]
But what I feel - & feel more
deeply every day - about
you & Kings Coll= Hospl= - is this: -

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you are the only Superior of any religious Society out of the Ch. of Rome who have clearly & candidly carried out the one great principle of honestly co-operating with a secular Hospital Government - of honestly making yourself the Matron of the Hospl= as well as the Supt= of the Nurses - - of honestly placing, yourself & Training - Schools within a secular Hospl= -

[All Saints has not done this in Univ=Coll=Hospl.]

No other of the Anglican orders has even attempted it. Pastor Fliedner expressly disavowed the possibility of it: So did Bethanien So has the most numerous order

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in France or Europe - the "Sisters of Charity" - So have countless others.

You have had K.C.H. barely 11 years. That your society has, as yet, taken no great development is no great wonder.

Yet you have been importuned by many Hospls. to undertake them.

In one year, you had brought the average of K.C.H. Nursing higher than the average of any London Hospl., except perhaps St. Bartholomew's & St. Thomas'.

[St. Thomas' was not then what it is now - It had a few first rate Head Nurses - And it had Mrs. Wardroper - But she was not the Mrs. Wardroper of now.]

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I have no scruple in saying
that the Nursing of St. John's
House under the *present*
training is better than that
of the "Sisters of Charity" - the
most famous order in Europe -
but which never, in my
experience has produced one
really good Nurse - just
because it has always
shirked the principle of
union with a secular Govt.

Now I fancy that you are
suffering for your *non*=
ecclesiastical principles.
I fancy that one of the causes
of the persecution by that
Cardinal - (I mean Archdeacon)
is: - the dismissal of an
inefficient, tho' ecclesiastical

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"Sister" - The other cause is: -
the utter inefficiency of a
rascally Chaplain, who has
revenged himself by lies.
If I could do anything in my power
(which is little enough) to help
in the least degree to out-ride
this storm, *pray, pray* tell
me -
If you succumb

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If you succumb, then I shall say: -
- Sisterhoods are impossible in
the Ch of Eng., not from the
fault of the women but from
that of the priests. It is
impossible for a priest of the
Ch. of Eng. to understand the
sound principles of independence,
of non interference as to
administration upon which
the best female Orders in the
Ch. of Rome are protected
from *their* priests.
Priest craft (in the Ch. of Rome)

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is held at bay *only* in religious
 "Sisterhoods". In these *alone*
 has the priest no personal
 power. Nothing can exceed
 the care with which confession
 is guarded, with which the
personal influence of the priest
 is prevented. The *personal*
 influence of the priest is *far*,
far greater in any highly
 Evangelical, (whether Dissenting
 or Ch. of Eng.) FAMILY in England.
 It is far greater in any extravagantly High
 Church FAMILY in England -
 [No one seems to know this] A Pusey,
 a Liddon, a Close, a Spurgeon, a Manning is *worshipped*
 in families as they never are in Sisterhoods-
 I believe, as to St. John's House,
 that there is *no* priest craft
 in it - & that you are "Suffering
 for righteousness's sake".
 [We may deplore that you like to

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goto St. Albans - But then you
 might just as well deplore
 that Anglicans like to go to
 Spurgeon's.]

These people who profess to be so
 knowing, who write pamphlets
 upon pamphlets for fear
 we "should" imitate the R.C.
 "Sisterhoods" don't know that
 - - - there is *quite* as much
 difference between the Order
 of the "Sisters of Charity", which
 has one of the 9 great
 General Hospitals of Paris -
 & the Orders of Ste Marthe &
 St. Augustin which have 8 -
quite as much difference as
 between Pusey's & Spurgeon's
 following - The "Sisters of Charity"
 are convert-seekers, frantic "bigots",
 tools (not at all of priests but) of

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a Papacy & a Propagandism - The
Ste Marthe s & Augustinians
are nothing but good religious
Nurses.

[But anything that Englishmen
ever wrote about religious
orders might just as well
do for Honolulu as for Europe]

Another, tho' a very different thing,
which we should never forget
is: - that R. Catholic "Sisterhoods"
expressly disavow the possibility
of their training *lay-women*,
in the way that you do -

The consequence is, that the
abominations among *their*
"filles de salle" are quite as
great as they were among
the Under Nurses of London
Hospitals 20 years ago.

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Dearest friend
I have written this long
letter, which please *burn*,
to show you my views, as to the
great work you are doing,
as to the principles on which
it should be carried through
the present persecution -
& to offer most eagerly, if
there is anything I can do,
to do it.

I know you won't agree
with my views. But I
think you will at least
believe that nothing lies
deeper in my heart than
you & your work, & that
there is nothing I would
not do to help, if
only I could - God bless you -
ever yours F Nightingale

{envelope addressed to: {arch. note: 20/12/1866}
 PRIVATE Miss Jones with 1 Pheasant
 Lady Supt= 2 Rabbits
 Kings' College Hospital 1 Wood=cock}
 {arch. note: II 21
 67/1 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 8 Jan. 1867}

Letter, ff67/1.1-67/1.10, pen
f67/1.1

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Private Jan 8/67
 7. A.M.
 {printed:} 35 South Street.
 Park Lane.
 London. W.

Dearest friend,

I do not like to lose an
 hour in answering your
 letter, tho' indeed I am
 pressed for time.

It has made me very
 sad.

But what I want to say
 is, that, of course, whether
 you go or stay (as Members
 of St. John's Ho=) you will
 make it perfectly clear
 to your Bishop *on what*
grounds you go or stay -
 This ought to be done both
 for your own sakes & for

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his. He knows nothing
about the principles
of a Sisterhood. His
"Charges" shew that.

No one can advise you
how to put the case
before him. For no one
can do it better than
you -

If you could convince him,
probably the matter
might be settled still.

If you can't, still if you
were to write 7 letters,
it ought to be done -
for the sake of the work.
Let it be all in writing.

tho' there ought to be an interview *besides* as soon
as possible.

It is *quite, quite, quite*
impossible (and it is not

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only my experience but
that of all Christendom)
for the discipline, the
internal management,
of Sisters & Nurses to be
in any other hands but
those of *ONE female* Head -
No man can or ought to
interfere with it. Nothing
but indiscipline can ensue.

[I don't like the word
discipline, because it
makes people always
think of drill & flogging -
but, if they would but
associate it with the
word disciple - - - - - .!]

Women are never governed
by a man, except to their
own detriment. When the
government of the man

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interferes with that of the
female head, all goes
to ruin.

If the female head does
not exercise the power
entrusted to her with
judgment & discretion,
then it is she who
ought to go. But the
man ought never to
have been there.

The whole reform in Nursing
both at home & abroad,
has consisted in this: -
to take all power over
the Nursing out of the
hands of the men, &
put it into the hands of
one female trained
head - & make her

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responsible for every thing
(regarding internal
management & discipline)
being carried out.

Usually, it is the Medical
staff who have injuriously
interfered as "Masters".
How much worse it is
when it is the Chaplain!

It appears to me that
what your Chaplain is
doing to the Nurses is: -
the worst caricature of
gossiping confession -
(for this kind of confession
does exist in the R.C.
Church - tho' *not* in the
active orders - to the
destruction of soul & body)
But your Chaplain's is worse -

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for there is not even the
seal of sacredness or duty
about it. If one thought
it one's *duty* to go &
make a bow to Grosvenor
Gate at 3 every morning
foul or fair, the ridiculous
act is invested with a
kind of sacredness. But
here there is none.

Scarcely a week of my life
elapses that I have not
to assert this principle,
(in answer to counsel
sought,) to some Institution
or other -

I cannot say that I should
very deeply regret it,
if you & the Sisters &

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all the Nurses were to,
secede from St. John's,
keeping *King's Coll:* & Charing
Cross Hospitals. The spirit
would be saved, tho' the
body would be lost. But
I suppose this is impossible.

But I should think it
the greatest calamity
that had ever happened
in all my unfortunate
life if you & the Sisters
seceded, *leaving the Nurses*
& *King's Coll:* in the hands
of St. John's -

It seems to me as if it
would peril the whole
reform -

I don't speak of
"popular clamour"
(tho' I don't quite agree with
you that there is *nothing*

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but "popular clamour" to alledge
 against St. **Alban's** -
 think St. Albans is *fanciful*
 - nor do I think there
 is *nothing* but "popular
 clamour" to alledge against
 Sisterhoods) but I speak
 of the real deep principles
 of how to serve God in
 nursing. I think
 these would be perilled
 by your secession - *not*
 from St. John's but from
 King's Coll:

Do you think the life
 of the Sisters is "hard &
 harassing"? YOURS is, my
 poor dear, to the
 last degree -
 But I know I should have

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thought that to nurse a Hospital
 ward under you was
 the height of earthly ambition. [end 3:469]
 Dearest friend, you know [13:92-94]
 how I always long to see
 you. In January we are
 always so driven with work
 that I should have said -
 it was quite impossible -
 but that this is such an
 emergency. Not that I
 have any counsel to offer -
 nor would I, if I had -
 But, perhaps, next Sunday
 or perhaps some other
 day, if you could spare
 time to come for 1/2 an hour
 - - - ? -

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I will now say ~~over~~ some little unimportant things -
1. Sir Harry Verney did write to Ld Ebury about Charing Cross - Ld Ebury acknowledged that he had "interested himself about" it - but such is the ignorance with which people interfere, that Ld Ebury ~~either~~ does not know (or else he pretends not to know) that the St. John's of King's Coll= is the St. John's of Charing Cross. Sir Harry, who is his friend, will see him about it - But alas! my dearest, if you are going to secede, it matters little one way or another.

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You are not *in* Charing Cross yet, are you? -
2. You will receive a letter from the R. Berks Infirmary, asking you to *recommend* them Nurses - [I have told them your Rules.] Perhaps the letter will only bother you. I would send you the two letters I have received from the R. Berks Infirmary, if it were not that I fear it would be only another straw to break your back just now -

3. Could you tell me, without trouble, whether £30 a year covers all the Patient's cost in your

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Lying-in beds - i.e. independent
of Nursing & Medical
attendance, rent, or rather
interest on money &c. -
And, roughly, do you think
it a fair average for
general beds, (independent
of all these things) -
It is a question I am
constantly asked by
Provincial Hospitals
of (about) 100 beds -
Alas! poor little Midwifery
school. I shall not
leave it there, if you go.
But it seems to me a
misfortune too great to
be true.

LMA H1/ST/NC1/67/1 letter to Mary Jones 8 January 1867:

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N.B. The Bishop thinks
Kaiserswerth perfect -
Since Pastor Fliedner's
death, there have occurred,
(as I mentioned), exactly
the disagreements (in
which Madame Fliedner
was always right) between
her & her son-in-law,
the new Master, that
are - - - *inevitable*.

[3:469-70]

The Bishop thinks the
N. London Deaconesses
perfect. No good
trained Sister can remain
with them a year, because
of Chaplain Pelham Dale's
constant interference -
[I am sure *I* would not]
- even in the internal

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management of Nursing in
the Gr Northern Hospl- -
This is not gossip - I never let
any of the Sisterhoods gossip
to me. But my advice
was seriously sought by
the best Sister they ever had -
which I could but give
in one way - And she seceded.
She is much better occupied elsewhere - now
But, all these things I cannot
tell to any one - much less to the
Bishop -
It is perfect nonsense to say
that there must be
tyranny, if there is one
female Head only -
The only way to prevent
tyranny & to ensure order
& progress is this: -
Vest the charge of the finance
& general supervision &

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the whole administration
of the Hospital in the Board
{in pencil} Vest the sole responsibility of the
Nursing, of the internal
management, of the discipline
of Sisters, Nurses & all other
women in one FEMALE Head.
If there is any interference on
either side, it is confusion
twice confounded.
As poor Madame Fliedner
herself said to me: - it is
nonsense to say that this is
interfering with the Chaplain's
spiritual functions -
No one wants to interfere with
the Chaplain's spiritual
functions.
And, in the best R.C. orders,
the line is much more
clearly marked
than in ours.

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The "Supérieure" (matron) does not
want to administer the
Holy Communion.

Don't let the Chaplain
want to make himself Matron -

Don't let the Doctor make
himself Head Nurse -

*There is no worse matron
than a Chaplain*

It is so odd that practical
Englishmen cannot see this,
without being told -

God bless you

[3:470]

ever yours

F Nightingale

I am writing against time.

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4. I have been asked to ask
you what is the *superficial*
area (*square feet of floor*)
you consider necessary *per*
bed for good Nursing &
ward administration -

King's Coll: - is put down at
105 square feet per bed -

Is that so? And do you
consider it what it should
be?-

You will observe the question
refers ~~more~~ rather to the *floor*
space necessary for good
Nursing than to the *cubic*
space necessary for health.
But the one follows the
other. Don't

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answer this question if it
involves any trouble.

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Pray,

Be sure & see your Bishop
 in a personal interview
 (*besides* the writing to him)
 before you take any final
 step -
 You cannot tell how ignorant
 he may be of the things
 which you only could
 set before him - & which
 perhaps you could only
 set before him clearly in
 a personal interview -
 The writing is
 necessary for FN.
 permanence.

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67/2	F.N. to [Mary Jones]	12 Jan. 1867
67/3	" " "	14 Mar. 1867
67/4	" " "	15 Mar. 1867}

Letter, ff67/2.1-67/2.3, pen **[13:93-94]**

f67/2.1*Private* Jan 12/67

35 South Street. {printed address}

Park Lane.

London, W.

Dearest friend, A
 thousand thanks for
 your letter, just
 received.

I am pressed to that
 degree by the Poor Law
 Board (a state of
 pressure you know too
 well) & by other things,
 that I will only answer
 now: -

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1. about the Midwy= School: -
 wherever you go,
I should go - Where you
went, provided it
were only possible
for you to have the
Midwy- Sch:, it would
go. Where you stayed,
it would stay. If
you were anywhere
where it could not
go, it would be abolished.

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I know pretty well all
the Lying=in Establishments
in London, & would
have nothing to do with
any - &, *certainly* NOT with
St. John's - without you.

 If there are ANY
modifications you
would wish made, in it,
please tell me at
your own time.

2. if at any time you
 "must get some one
 "else to communicate
 "with the Bp of London",

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my brother-in-law (Sir H.V.)
would any time take
a written statement
from me to the Bishop
& explain it in a
personal interview,
if you wished it.

3. As for your Chaplain
& St. John's, I have
long felt that, if you
are to continue working
"for St. John's, matters
"must be greatly
"altered."

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And I have long felt
that, if St. John's chooses
to keep its Chaplain
& to let you & all the
Sisters & all the Nurses
go & keep K.C.H. &
Charing X in your own
hands the loss would
NOT be on YOUR side.
May God bless you -
 in haste.
 ever yours F.N.

Letter, pencil LMA H1/ST/NC1/67/3

[13:446]

f67/3.1

March 14/67

{printed:} 35 South Street.

Park Lane.

London, W.

Dearest friend

Miss Emmy Rappe has written to me, (asking what she ought to do, as to payment or otherwise) - a very pretty little (thankful to you) letter, for her stay at K.C.H.

She fears that she has intended, & that she ought to have asked this before -

But this is my fault, not hers -

I hope you will kindly tell me & let me settle it - &, if she asks, merely tell her that this is all settled, as I shall do.

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2. Did I tell you that, altho' I wrote for the Bishop a ~~& put~~ letter which I put into the hands of Sir Harry Verney, yet afterwards I reserved it, as I found a Committee was appointed to consider the question.

As I wrote the letter at your desire, it is for you to decide whether you wish it (or something similar) to go now or at all

3. The same about the Committee -

Mr. Bowman asked me to prepare a sketch of the "organization" desired - (for him & the Committee.)

But I declined - It is

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for you to say what
organization you will
accept - not for any
one else -

I should have written about
these 3 things & many others -
but we have been so busy -
day by day, about this
Metropolitan Poor Bill - &
other things
and I have never suffered
so much in health any
winter as during the last
6 weeks -
I wish I could hear that you
were better & also your
affairs -

God bless you
ever, dearest friend, yours
FN

Do you know those Delhi people

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(the Revd- Cowie & others at
Brighton) have begun again
about their Mrs. Browne? -
They are trying by main
force to make me take
her at St. Thomas! And,
as they are all at sixes
& sevens among themselves,
it is a rare trouble -

FN

{envelope addressed to: Miss Jones
14.3.67 Lady Supt.:
Kings College Hospital
W.C.

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/67/4

[13:90-91]

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March 15/67

{printed:} 35 South Street.

Park Lane.

London, W.

My dearest friend

I think I mentioned
to you that the Delhi lady
(Mrs. Browne) & her
Committee are *at us*
again.

[It is now Miss Hudson
(of Brighton) who writes]

What they want of us
is: -
to take her now simply
for training as Nurse,
but with leave to
attend certain Medical

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lectures, which, it seems,
she is attending now.
I have no heart to ask
you to re-consider your
decision.

For, indeed I feel I ought
not to trouble you.

"IF WE are" exceedingly
unreasonable, "& require
9 months", why, they
will let her stay
9 months!!! they say -
and they ask for her
to be admitted at St.

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Thomas' on these terms.

I think, as I thought before, that, if it is to be done at all, you will do it much better than we shall.

I admit that I think it objectionable to allow any Probationers to attend lectures elsewhere - it must necessarily interfere with the discipline & regular work -

I understand (*not* from them) that Mrs. Browne's certificate as

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Accoucheuse is not worth much - And I am told (*not* from them) that she had much better go thro' the course at K.C.H., with some additional time in your other wards, if you permitted it. H. Bonham Carter would communicate with you, if you thought fit to reconsider your decision. If not, I will try to see what we can arrange at St. Thomas'. But,

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indeed, it is not a
 matter on which I
 wish to urge or trouble
 you at all.
 For they themselves seem
 to be all at sixes and
 sevens about it: [And
*THEY do not even propose that
 she should have your Midwifery
 training.*]

We have got more out
 of Mr. Hardy for our
 Workhouse Sick than
 I expected.

God bless you
 ever yours
 F.N.

{archivist's note: II 23
 67/5 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 5 Aug 1867
 67/6 F.N. to Mrs. Phillips 2 Sept. 1867}

Letter, ff67/5.1-67/5.2, pen **[8:196]**

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Aug 5/67
 35 South Street, {printed address}
 Park Lane,
 London, W.

Dearest friend

You will guess how
 excessively I am driven
 just now, from my
 not having answered
 your note of 1 Aug.

About the P.M. theatre,
 I concur with you -
 (as when do I not?-)

let them try.

in regard to the cutting
 off of the P.M. room, &
 the proposed Students'
 regulations, let them try.

They are evidently
 frightened. And that is

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a good thing.

Let them do their best
to remedy the evil.

And then we will see.
I am sure you well know
that I as well as you,
think of all the patients
in the Hospital & not
only of the Lying=in=cases.
And therefore I rejoice
that the thing is taken
into consideration for
the whole Hospital.
Otherwise I admit that, ever
since I saw you that
Sunday, I have felt
that I wished our Lying

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in School were *well out*,
under you, in a Workhouse.
However, it is well to try if
~~that~~ the sad experience
can be so made use of
as not to be repeated in
future.

I think "Matilda Biddle"
may, if you approve her,
be quite safely taken.
And I will tell H. Bonham
Carter so -

I am so overworked with
the India Public Health
Service just now (the
{illeg.Missa?} terrible disaster,
like your P.M. theatre

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has given us a hold upon
them & a favourable
opportunity) that I
can only say - I have
been in treaty lately
with a Bombay Parsee
Nowrazjee {illeg.Surdoonjee?},
about Nurses' Institutions.
And I ventured to give
him a pencil introduction
to you - to see not only
the Midwifery concern
but your Institute generally. [end 8:196]
God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

Letter, ff67/6.1-67/6.3, pen

f67/6.1

London September 2 1867 [14:1025]

Dear Mrs. Phillips

I am extremely glad to be able
to comply with your request - & to
say that, after having looked over
all my Memoranda & consulted by
letter two or three ladies who were
immediately over you at Scutari
more than I could be myself, I
am able to give you the highest
character as to respectability,
steadiness & the best conduct that
befits a woman in a very difficult
situation, such as we must admit
was that of all the women in the
Crimean War.

And I sincerely trust that
your husband, Colour Sergt. Phillips

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of the Coldstream Guards, will obtain~~s~~ the appointment he desires in Her Majesty's Yeomen of the Guard - and if your good service counts towards it, as it deserves.

I was myself so many months of the time that you were with us at Scutari absent in the Crimean Hospitals that, before writing this, I have communicated with the ladies under whom you were at the time. And I am only the more satisfied of what I have here stated namely, that there is nothing to say but the highest praise of your conduct during the time that you were at Scutari in 1855, & afterwards in 1856 that you were in our Hospital as Assistant

f67/6.2 + f67/6.2v {blank}**f67/6.3** {in pencil} JS hand:

I hereby certify that Mrs Phillips wife of Col. Sergnt Phillips 1st B. Coldstream Guards was assistant nurse under me at Scutari. She served at a time when I was mostly in the Crimea & before writing this I have communicated with the Ladies under whom she was at the time. The result of these enquiries is that I am satisfied that she bore a high character that she was a respectable steady woman & was one of the best conducted in her station who served under me.

I shall be glad if ~~at a~~ her good service counts towards her husbands appointment in Her Majesty's Guard.

[end 14:1025]

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67/7 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 14 Oct. 1867

67/8 " " " 7 Dec. 1867}

Letter, ff67/7.1-67/7.2, pen

[8:178-79]

f67/7.1

Oct. 14/67

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend

I should not have troubled
you by writing but that I
have a message to you from
Dr. Shrimpton, of Paris.

[I should tell you that I know
nothing of Dr. Shrimpton - never
saw him - but have by
his desire, corresponded with
him occasionally for some
years on "professional" matters.
In a letter, received this
morn=, on such matters, he
asks me to "plead his
cause" with you - Now I
cannot do this: - I am
quite sure that I could
bring nothing before you

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which you have not already
maturely weighed
& that I could
not suggest any reasons
which would influence you.
Therefore, I will only transcribe
what he says on your
subject: -

"Our little Hospital here
stands at this moment
in great peril."

[I had not hitherto known
that he had anything to do
with it.]

"Hitherto it has been most
admirably managed and
administered by Sister
Frances, Miss Wylde, of
St.John's. The Council,
under the pressure of Miss
Jones, I am persuaded, has

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"decided on withdrawing their Sisters and Nurses from the Hospl. Miss Jones has undoubtedly very good reasons for being dissatisfied. The Hospl. still remains in the hands of Messrs. Galignani, and as long as this continues we must have the same difficulties to encounter. If Miss Jones should however persist in her determination, the Hospl. must be closed. This would be a very great misfortune. I saw Miss Jones a few weeks ago, soon after the decision of the Council. I called twice after this at St. John's, when unfortunately Miss Jones was out of town.

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"I can't think any Establishment in Europe can be more needed than our little Hospl. is in Paris. The good it has done already is incalculable - I do not allude so much to the treatment of patients as to the moral influence it produces on the English population in Paris. If you would plead our Cause with Miss Jones, I think she might be induced to take us again under her protection."

I will not add another word, except to say that I entirely believe what he says above is true. **[end 8:179]**

I shall be quite anxious till I hear how Miss Osburne does under you - ever yours F. Nightingale

Letter, ff67/8.1-67/8.11, pen

[8:184-89]

f67/8.1

Burn 7 Dec/67

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

I have gone over the Rules for
1865 which you sent me -
combining them with what you
told me - not because I
hope to do any good but
because you asked me.

What appears to me to
flow from this consideration is
this: -

the rules of 1865 are as
autocratic on every thing
except the details of Nursing
as can well be.

Looking at them on the
legal side, the Mother Superior
has nothing to do at all
except to provide for

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efficient exercise of Nursing
duties in Hospitals,
private families &c.-

There is a jealous guardianship
over everything religious.

There is also control over the
general efficiency of the Nursing,
whether in Hospitals or in
private families.

All the possible work in
St. John's House is exercised
exactly on the same terms.

What can be done by the
Sisters in Hospitals is precisely
what can be done by them in
the other duties of the House.

The rules show entire
liberty for the Superioress in
all details of Nursing - but
the most absolute control
by the Council in everything else.

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The idea is that, on these terms, the Council will enter into arrangements with Superior & Sisters but on no other terms than these.

The rules are a very distinct "*constitution*" with rights on both sides strictly defined - & which can only be departed from (being & remaining as I see them in black & white) by secession on one side or the other. [that is, as you tell me that you "do not wish to make "any proposition as to "altering them or any of them."]

I simply lay before you the cold legal view of the thing. You know that I would give my heart's blood to alter, ~~it~~ if I could, the present disastrous state of things.

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You say: - why can't they take our work exactly as the Hospitals do? -

Simply because they might just as well take the R.C. Mother Gonzaga's work or the R.C. Soeur Supérieure's work as yours, if on those terms.

I will allude to this (with regard to the Revd. Mother of Bermondsey)

farther on

They have 'gone in' for being flesh, & you ask them: why they can't be fowls? - at the same time that you say you "do not wish to propose any alteration" from the flesh state.

I do not say which is right or which is wrong. I am simply trying to lay before you what *is*.

You know I think Councils should have nothing to do except

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with finance & the general supervision (such as, that no work should be undertaken without their control - which of course also includes the dismissal, upon dissatisfaction)? All these powers are ~~much~~ still more autocratically & vexatiously used against R.C. communities than here. And you would not find a single gentleman in England who would stand up as responsible before the public for your finance without having such control. Do you think I could ask e.g. Sir Harry Verney to assume before the public the responsibility of my Fund & not allow him any control? You see

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what All Saints is - They do exactly what you suggest. And I can only say, if Univ.Coll. is satisfied, it is thankful for small mercies. I am not speaking at random. You perhaps do not know that they applied to my Council (not to me) to do something for us, as you are so good as to do. And I would not let the proposition even be entertained. I should just as soon think of entrusting any public money in the hands of All Saints as in the hands of those "British Nursing Associations" which are always applying to me for "advice"] There

is an Institution (not a Hospital) which Miss Sellon has had for some years on the same kind of terms that All Saints has Univ Coll:-and then she writes to me, after having had it for years, to give her a certificate with the Secular Management, as if she had been a servant under suspicion - You know *that* is a humiliation I

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would not submit to for one moment. But such things must always happen where there is not a lay Council -

2. You say that the Bishop would let you have any Chaplain independent of him - but that you don't want to be independent of your Bishop -

Dearie, does not that mean that you must have the appointment of the Bishop as well as the appointment of the Chaplain?-

You want to be "dependent on" the Bishop. But then the Bishop is to think what you think.

Take it the other way:- suppose the Sisters were Irish Protestants & the Chaplain a Ritualist Chaplain, whom the Bishop wished to make "conditions" with? - - - - -

One must consider the subject every way - & not

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only as regards the life-time of one person.

You say: - that I "would not accept such a position myself."

My dearest: - if the Bishop were to write to my Chaplain & make it a "condition" with him that I should not look out of window - & that he should prevent me -

I should say: - I didn't wish to look out of window - but you may sign 20 promises, if you like it, that you will prevent me from looking out of window - As I was not going to do it, what harm does that do me?

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3. [This is a very small matter - And I really have hesitated a great deal whether I should give you one extra little harass to your many & great harasses - But I think that you & I know each other enough before God for you to trust me that it is from the overwhelming importance of the great subject (which to my mind, as you know, concerns nothing less than whether Sisterhoods can exist or not in the Ch. of Engd) - that I mention what otherwise would be a trifle:-]

Just as R.C. communities are, in one direction at least, getting out of formalism, we seem to be falling into it.

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Funds are entrusted even now by Protestant Boards to R.C. communities. And, of course, in R.C. countries, the relations of business between the Superiors of communities & secular Institutions & secular individuals are innumerable. No one in the world can have had the opportunity even of seeing so many of these relations as I have - of being concerned in so many - of receiving so many letters from Superiors of every country, which I do, even to this day. I have never seen any letter or paper, not even from Orders in Italy, (the most formalistic of any country,) where the Superioress did not sign with her own

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name. Of course the document would not be legal without.

To me they might write with only their religious name - but *this* was at full length - & only in a private letter - & except in the very closest intimacy, followed by their own name. Nay, more, I have had to read & forward letters from men=Superiors to Mother=Superiors - And the own name of the Mother Supr has always been given at full length, whether with or without the religious name before it.

I think the rule is a very simple one: - let the Mother Superior be or call herself or sign herself anything she likes *with her Sisterhood*. But with the world without,

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whether religious or secular, let her sign with & use her own name - with any title appropriate to seculars, e.g. Matron or Superintendt= Genl= or whatever she *actually* is *in fact* as regards the world without.

The hieroglyph of Ch= of Engd= Superioresses (tho' I never knew Miss Sellon use any such) - to say nothing of its affording no evidence as to who the writer is - sets many a "Parson" or "Low Church Doctor" against the poor woman who bears it on her certificate - And many excellent & religious persons are deterred by the "High Style".

Believe me, I do not speak the words of your Council.

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[4]

Dearest - I wish I had anything
to give you but my poor prayers
& my poor experience of
things of which ~~my~~ circumstances
have given me an experience
which no one else can have
had.

If perhaps it may please God
to take me before the end of
this winter, I shall leave you
with a sad heart, tho' I cannot
do you any good.

Mrs. Herbert, who does not usually
say anything so true, poor thing
said to me: - All the other
Ch= of Engd. Sisterhoods are
nothing but poor apes'
imitations of R.C. Sisterhoods.
Miss Jones/ alone has a principle,
a foundation, a solid meaning
of its own -

That is just my feeling. And if

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yours fails, if yours becomes
like the others, (tho during your
life you will keep it up) I
shall feel that this all-important
question is decided in the negative.
(viz. whether Sisterhoods can exist in the Ch. of Eng.)

Univ: Coll: Hosp: Sisterhood
"recommended itself to the
attention" of my Council in
these words: that it was
on the same footing as yours.
That is just what it is not.

While you live, you will keep
up the work to what it is now.

And, while I live, I shall be
able to make my Council
accept anything that you are
(personally) so good as to do
for us. But there is not
one of my Council who would
not resign at once, if I
attempted to put any part
of our work in the hands of a

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Sisterhood without your
present form & without
your personal guarantee.
Take again the case of accepting work on the terms you wish-
As far as I can be supposed to
know any one who has been
so good as to live under me
for nearly 2 years, almost
in the same room, & with
whom I am in constant
communication, (the Revd Mother
of Bermondsey, Mrs. Moore,
R.C.,) I could absolutely
guarantee the propriety of
committing to her any part
of the Fund i.e. that
whatever she undertook she
could & would faithfully & honestly
perform. [Of course this is
quite out of the question. I
could not possibly offer a
R.C. to my Council.] Yet this is the
way you wish your Council to take you.
But, when she goes - (SHE is a
Saint-) I should feel the same

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absolute positive certainty
that her successor could not be
trusted as that *she* could -
I only mention this, because I feel
so strongly that personal
guarantees are nothing - that
Sisterhoods depending on the
life of one person are nothing
- & that when you once leave
the firm path, tho' a very
stony one, with all its rubs
& inconveniences, of a religious
community on a secular basis,
you know not into what
quags & thickets & marshy land
it will ultimately land the
Community, even if it does
not bring it to an end -
as with your life may possibly
be the case.

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And now dearest I have let a day or two pass over, because I am only able to write at intervals. But there is no interval in the ceaseless anxiety with which I think of & pray for your future - It is worse than death.

I am sure you will believe me when I say that I have tried to lay the case before you - not from the side of your Council but from the side of my own life's experience - just as I have tried to lay the case before Mr. Bowman, not from your side but from the side of life's experience of all countries.

I should be a very unfair & unfaithful friend, if I did not.

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No word of this is suggested by Mr. Bowman or by any thing I have heard from or about either Council or Bishop. [I have always told you quite frankly: - *this* is what I understand your Council or Bishop says - *this* is what I suppose your Council or Bishop would say.] Believe me now when I say that *this* is written entirely from myself - tho' after giving every moment of consideration night & day, which I could command, - consideration before God - to the points raised by yourself & by him Mr. Bowman & by the Council generally & Bishop.

Still, you know you said

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yourself that "no one could
understand the real points
of difference between yourself
& Council."

That is just what I feel - I do
not understand them. I do
not at this moment know
the real reasons why you
resign. I don't understand
your grievances against the
Council - nor theirs against
you.

And as, on a point which
I do not exaggerate if I
call it one of vital
importance to the Ch. of Eng.
that is, to know whether
your Sisterhood, the only one
on a sound basis, can stand
or not - it is surely worth
while that there
should be at least
a clear understanding
what the points or points of difference are.

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I therefore venture to suggest
that there is one thing yet
to be done - And that is,
that you & the Council
should each set down in
a series of distinct propositions
all the grievances you have
against each other.

It surely is worth while [It
would not take long to do
what must be so very
distinct in your mind.]

It would then be possible
(what is not now possible)
to see whether, by each side
giving up any point
which they do not consider
essential - by rubbing a little
off one angle & a
little off another
angle, the wheels could not

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be made to move again -

And the whole machine
which has done *so much*
good be made to go on
even better than it ever
has done.

{pencil: } Believe me, this not advice - [see]
which I would not tender if I
could - & which you would not
take if I did.

It is simply trying to lay the
case before your own firm &
clear mind - perhaps the
firmest & clearest mind I know
- & certainly the greatest courage
I know - either in men or women.

God for ever bless you -
ever yours
F Nightingale

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67/9	F.N. to [Mary Jones]	9 Dec 1867
68/1	" " "	25 Jan 1868
68/2	" " "	5 Feb 1868}

Letter, ff67/9.1-67/9.2, pen **[8:189-90]**

f67/9.1

Dec 9/67

{printed:} 35 South Street
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend [Mary Jones]

To my great surprise,
(and after I had quite &
completely done my letter to you)
Mr. Bowman called & asked
to see me

Nothing but the feeling
that perhaps it might be
ordered by God made me
admit him. [For I had
had 3 business interviews.
I was racked with cough
& pain & congestion & fever
=ishness]

The result of our
interview was this - (and I
am sure you would not

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think that I had spared
him if you knew
what I have said
& written to him -)

that, if you only would
ask whether any suggestions
of yours to modify the
position of the Sisterhood
in St. John's House
would be entertained
and fairly considered,
terms, satisfactory to both
sides, - that is, as satisfactory
as anything can be in
this world - might be
arrived at -

Your suggestions would
be received with the

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greatest respect -
[You *must* know how
extremely anxious they
are to retain the Sisterhood.]

I think, do you know?
that they have swallowed
a good deal of humble pie
- not that I have the
least objection to their
swallowing a great deal
more - still I think you
have given them a good
dose - and it has done
them good.

I am writing before day=
light in the morning
& can only add, I am sure
that, if you have any real wish

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to continue with your Council,
it would be possible now
to make such terms as
would constitute you an
"independent Sisterhood,
employed under an
Agreement."

And you know that I have
never taken the part of your
Council - never advised
& never would advise you to accept any
interference on their part
except in financial matters
& what this involves - [in pencil]

God bless you

ever yours

F Nightingale

Letter, ff68/1.1-68/1.2, pen

[13:601-02]

f68/1.1

Jan 25/68

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest friend,

I cannot help writing one
line in answer to your kind
little note

The whole matter, in all
its relations, & hearings, of your
severance from St. John's &
K.C.H. is so excessively
painful to my mind that
I will not say another word
about it. We can't forget
but we may be silent.

I would say, then, first,
in answer to your note, that
I think the first necessity
for you is absolute rest. I
think if I may say so, it is
your first duty for the moment.

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And next: a little country
air, and this
will be taken with
more rest for you, in which
I am sure the Sisters will
agree with me, if you go with
only one Sister, or even
quite alone, if this is
possible.

I could manage this, if
you would allow me, either
at Embley where my mother
will soon be quite alone -
or at Combe, near Wimbleton,
where my Uncle & Aunt &
their daughter, Mr. Clough's
widow, live, but will, I
believe, soon be absent.
I know you are in no want
of places to go to. But
Lea Hurst will be vacant
in March. The quieter you

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are, I am sure, the better.

Next: - I entirely agree with
you that the first calls are in ~~to~~
London ~~for~~ duty. Later,
you could always detach
Sisters to the country, as
you did to Paris, if there
is an obvious opening.

Also: although I regret
more than anything I can
tell you your having given
up two London Hospitals,
& altho' I trust you will
always have London Hospital
work, yet it is undeniable
that the crying necessities
of London Workhouses are
far beyond those of London
Hospitals - the cry for aid
from the sick poor in
Workhouses far more urgent.

[I have sometimes wished
that I could shew you Miss

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Agnes Jones' letters from
 Liverpool Workhouse (said
 to be the best managed in the
 kingdom) - they reminded~~ed~~
 me of nothing but what I
 have myself seen in War=
 Hospitals].

But - I will not dwell upon
 these matters now. You say
 truly that *what* you will
 accept must require the
 most intense consideration.
 And when the time comes,
 I hope you know that, if I
 could be of the least use
 in considering Rules &
 Conditions & Contracts with
 you, or with the Poor Law
 Board, or in any way, I
 shall always find time &
 strength for *THAT*.

God bless you again & again
 ever yours

[end]

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Letter, ff68/2.1-68/2.4, pen

f68/2.1

Private Feb 5/68
 {printed:} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 London, W.

Dearest friend

I only write one line now
 (more of enquiry after you
 & Sister Frances than
 anything else.)

In reply to what you
 say:-

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how could you "learn"
 "about our London Workhouse
 "Infirmary System"-?
 there *is no* "System"-
 St. Pancras' visiting would
 tell you no more about

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Poplar Workhouse Infirmary
or vice versa, than a
visit to Kamschatka
would tell you about
Dublin.

2. all that you could
learn would be as well
done by using your own
name in a visit to any
Workhouse with the
Matron as any other
way.

M. Husson, whom
you know, of Paris,

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came twice to London to
visit the Workhouses.
Mr. Villiers was then
in office, with whom
it was said, I could
do anything. At my
request he saw M. Husson
himself - & at my request
sent Mr. Farnall about
with M. Husson himself -
This was the only way
of obtaining admittance
for M. Husson. And
even so, M. Husson
was refused at one
Workhouse.

Now - Mr. Villiers is out-
Mr. Farnall is exiled.

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And Lord Devon, at
this crisis in Poor Law
affairs, spends his
winter at Nice &
Rome & is not yet
returned!!!

3. But it is absolutely
certain, that something
will be done about
the Metropolitan
Workhouse Sick this
year - & possibly some
amalgamated Workhouse
Infirmaries be formed.

How I hope that you
may have a hand in it.

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I do not conceive, that
there is any way of
preparing oneself for
Workhouse Nursing -
~~anything~~way but bodily
walking in to a
Workhouse with a
Nursing Staff, as Miss
Agnes Jones did at
Liverpool, & taking
possession of the
sick. She has now
1350 sick. But oh
if I could tell you what
her life has been - how
terrible the trial -

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Dearest friend - perhaps
you know that the K.C.H.
people are worrying us
~~without~~ about the
Lying=in Ward.

Could you without the
least trouble lay your
hand on a letter which
I wrote to you in June
containing the
comparative Statistics
of Death=Rate I had
collected (in consequence
of your information)

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about Lying=in Wards
in Workhouses, Hospitals
&c. in London & Paris?

But do not, I beg
of you, give yourself
the least trouble about
finding this letter,
(I took no copy of it.)
I had rather never
hear from you again
than give you trouble -
I can reproduce it.

The K.C.H. people
have missed the point.
Could you conceive all

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the wards in K.C.H.
filled with Lying=in
Women, probably not
one out of two would
come out alive!

May God bless you
ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end 8:201]

I send you the last of the
game - possibly Sister
Frances may fancy it.

1 partridge

1 rabbit

{envelope: Miss Jones 5.2.68.

Supt.

5 Mecklenburg St.}

To enquire

a verbal message

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68/3 F.N. to [Mary Jones] 20 Feb. [1868]

68/4 " " " 6 Mar. 1868

68/5 F.N. to Francis Hicks, Esq. 19 Mar. 1868

68/6 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker, 3 Apr. 1868}

Letter, f68/3.1, pen

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35 S. St.

Feb 20

Dearest friend

Agnes Jones of the
Liverpool Workhouse, is
dead. Her life was
trembling in the balance
till yesterday. But still
we hoped. Yesterday
she died.

With *her*, it is well.
But for us it is terrible.
Please return thanks for
her - as you have prayed for
her.

You can't think how
much good your letter of
divine sympathy for her
did me.

All the Head Nurses

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have behaved nobly.

Pray for us -

You were so kind as to ask
whether you "could do anything."

We are in the hands of
the Vestry.

Of course a good many
arrangements fall upon me.

It is something like,
saving from a wreck.

But - it is God's work.
I will let you know what
befalls.

I should be so very glad
to hear that Sister Francis
was better - & that you
were pretty well, & that
*you were going into the
country to rest.*

Letter, ff68/4.1, pen

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35 South Street, W.

March 6/68

Dearest friend

I feel so very anxious
to hear of you - and also
of Sister Frances (who,
I hear, was prayed for
at St. Albans) that I
cannot help writing to
ask, tho' I have literally
not two minutes.

I wish I had anything
cheering to tell you.
But indeed I sometimes
feel that we might
say with St. Paul:

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All they (which are of Asia)
are turned against us -
No man stood by us -
All men forsook us -
But God is with us -
God bless you
ever yours
F. Nightingale

Letter, ff68/5.1-68/5.2, pen

f68/5.1

March 19/68

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I am exceedingly glad
to hear that the Queen
has consented to lay
your "first Stone."

I congratulate you
with all my heart. It
will be a source of
satisfaction to all sides.
And it certainly is a
most legitimate occasion
for the Queen to show
the interest which, we
know, she really feels
in your new Hospital.

I am extremely obliged
Fras= Hicks Eq
&c &c

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to you for your kindness
in thinking of me on
the occasion - and in
inviting me to be present-
I am afraid it will be
quite impossible for
me. I am still a
prisoner to the room
where I had the
pleasure of seeing you
and I had not been
out of it for 13 months
up to last Christmas.

I look forward with the
greatest interest to the

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progress of your great
work - the new Hospital.

Pray believe me

my dear Sir

ever your faithful servt=

Florence Nightingale

{envelope: Francis Hicks, Esq &c &c
13 St. Thomas' St
S.E.}

Rec'd 7-5-68 35 South Street
Park Lane
London W.
April 3/68

It is long, very long
since I heard from you -
And I was almost afraid
that your health was worse.
But I received some few
mails ago a tin cylinder
which could not have
come but from you, I
think, - & which gave me
a very great deal of
pleasure, - containing a
wonderful photograph of
the Ganges Canal, with
that exquisite bridge, of
which the construction with
J. Pattison Walker Esq MD

its 3 beautiful arches is
worthy of the Ponte della
Trinita' at Florence - & its
two magnificent lions. It is
a most characteristic picture
- and the executing of such
a work with such very
grand architectural art is
worthy of India. [end 10:44]

I delayed thanking you,
hoping to receive a letter

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from you. But, as none
such has come - & as one
feels a little uneasy about
the health of one's friends
in India when one does
not hear from them, I will
not delay any longer.

You know that I have
still some Commission
"Proceedings" of yours, which
I ought to return to you.

I will not enter now
upon the immense subject
of how Indian Sanitary
subjects are progressing (or
not progressing) at our
end, till I hear from you.

[10:44-45]

In December I had the
pleasure of seeing Dr. Norman
Chevers, for a few minutes,
just before he started for
Calcutta, tho' I was obliged
to receive him on my couch.

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He gave me some news of you.
I have always regretted so very
much that your health
prevented your remaining
at Calcutta. It seems to me
that to give the native
professional young men
some idea of Sanitary Science,
as you were so ably doing - &
& which it appears they are
not at all slow to take in
is the only way really to
civilize India in physical
things.

[end 10:45]

Pray remember me most
kindly to Mrs. Walker.

I have had a very bad
winter as to over-work &
ill health - & do not find
myself able to do the work
I used. Believe me
ever sincerely & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

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68/7 F.N. to [J.J. Frederick, Esq.] 4 Apr. 1868

68/8 " " J.J. Frederick, Esq. 6 Apr. 1868

68/9 " " " 9 May, 1868

68/10 F.N. to Dr. Pattison Walker 10 Aug. 1868}

Letter, ff68/7.1-68/7.2, pen Newspaper clipping re hospital nursing attached

f68/7.1

April 4/68

[13:47-48]

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir,

About your poor Candidate
for the Incurables: -

if I voted for any one, it
certainly would be for yours.

But I have been forced
to make it a rule, in
subscribing to any Institution,
to subscribe anonymously
& *not* to have a vote.

If I did not do this, my
whole time would be taken
up with applications.

The Incurables' Committee
I desired to take my name
off. And they positively
refused to do so.

What can I do?

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I think, however, that Voting
Papers are not now sent
me.

I am in such straits to
find Probationers to train
for the numerous situations
of Hospital & Workhouse
Head Nurses & Matrons
that are offered us.

Since the death of my
dear friend & pupil,
Agnes Jones, Lady Supt.
of the Liverpool Workhouse
Nursing, my time is
quite taken up with this
search.

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And we have applications
from India & the Colonies.
[We have lately supplied New
South Wales] for Matrons & Head
Nurses - highly paid situations.
If you could help us, I
would venture to send you
our Regulations for training.

For gentlewomen as well as
for a lower class of women,
we give the training free
of expense, IF they cannot
pay, & even give them a
moderate salary during the
year of training -
in haste
ever yours sincerely
with many thanks for all
you have done for me
Florence Nightingale

[end 13:48]

Letter, ff68/8.1-68/8.2, pen

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April 6/68
{printed:} 35 South Street
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir,

It is very good of you
to interest yourself in finding
for us Candidates to train
as Nurses for Hospitals
& Workhouses - & as Matrons.

In compliance with
your kind request, I send
you two copies of the Rules
for Nurses while training -
also two copies of the Rules
for gentlewomen offering
themselves as candidates
("special Probationers") for
Matronships.

And may I add to these
last that the Committee are

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enabled at the present time
to admit a few gentlewomen
free of expense - that
we have applications
from Institutions in want
of Superintendents or
Matrons - for Hospitals
in India, for provincial
Hospitals in England, &
for a large Workhouse
Infirmary - And, should
any such Probationer
after a month's or
somewhat longer trial
afford satisfactory evidence

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of prospective fitness for
such appointments, the
Committee would be
prepared to allow her
a moderate salary
during the year of
training.

Pray believe me

ever yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

J.J. Frederick Eq

Letter, ff68/9.1-68/9.2, pen

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May 9/68

J.J. Frederick Esq. 35 South Street, {printed:}
Park Lane,
London, W.

My dear Sir

I am extremely obliged
to you for the trouble you
are taking to get us our
much-wanted Probationers.

I think that Mrs. Parry
had better make an
appointment to see

Mrs. Wardroper

Matron

St. Thomas' Hospital

Newington

S.

And then, if nothing comes

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of it, it need, as Mrs. Parry
desires, go no farther,
and nobody need know any
thing about it

It must turn much on
health & strength.

I will in the meantime
apprize Mrs. Wardroper
of the case, which I heartily
hope will be successful on both
sides

Mrs. Parry must not be
disappointed if Mrs.
Wardroper does not make

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an immediate appointment,
as this is a very busy
week on many accounts
at St. Thomas' Hospital.
But Mrs. Parry states
that she is not in a hurry.
I retain her note for the
present. Her address is
104 London Road,
in case you do not
remember it, & are so
good as to let me keep
her letter - in haste
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Letter, ff68/10.1-68/10.4, pen [good letter, must use]

f68/10.1

Private 35 South Street
Recd. 11/9/68 Park Lane
London W.
August 10/68

My dear Sir

I cannot tell you (tho'
I should be very ungrateful
if I did not try) how much
pleased & touched by your
most kind, interesting &
entertaining letter of May 10
I felt.

[10:45-46]

In the first place, as
Napoleon said of the 'états
de situation' of his troops,
I read even now in my
old age all details of
Sanitary matters & even
"Memoranda" on accommodation
"required" with as much
eagerness as a girl reads
her first novel.

In the next place, we

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had had some questions with
very insufficient data referred
to us at the India Office -
And your details, especially on
the Meteorology & temperature,
day by day, of {illeg.Chukrata}, just
filled up the Missing Link.
The details of your "dinner=parties"
also - don't laugh - were most
important. When people
can feed themselves well that is the
best proof of our Military
power to hold the country.
There was no Crimean bungling
here - And I shall always
believe that we have a firm
tenure there where we can
give a dinner under difficulties.
Add to this, your letter was as
amusing to me as White
of Selbourne - as touching
as Sterne - And you are as
zealous as Mr. Chadwick
himself on Sanitary matters
with a poetry & humour quite
beyond Mr. Chadwick.

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And now, I am afraid I shall
make but a very poor return
for your most kind letter, I
am so overworked, & so
constantly ill - I feel now
how much the enormous pressure
of work, & often of disappointing,
always of harassing work,
for the last 18 months has
told upon me - And when
the Parliamentary Session
was over, I 'disappeared' &
would not give my address -
[I told the War Office I was
going to Ephesus, because
I much preferred fighting
with the wild beasts of
Ephesus to fighting with the
War Office wild beasts.]

I dwell gratefully upon the
encouragement which your
kindness gives me at a time
I will not say of despondency
but a solemn time to me
(every life has its solemn times,
if people would but mark them)

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X For this week in August I saw,
15 years ago, my first
undertaking of the Matronship
of a Public Institution -
12 years ago, my return
from the Crimea home,
since which time I have
not revisited this home,
& have never had 10
minutes' leisure -
- 7 years ago, the death of
the best friend & fellow=
worker man or woman
ever had, Sidney Herbert,
the War=Minister, whose
labours in the administration
were the highest good as
his too early death was the
deepest loss the Army - I
had almost said the country
- ever had.
5 years ago, we finished the
Report of the R. India
Sanitary Commission which
has, praise be to God &

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X [2]
thanks to your labours & those
of Sir John Lawrence & many
others, borne good fruit
both for natives & Europeans
in India - altho' we
must all of us feel, as
people do whose idea is
higher than human power
of performance, that the
work in India might
have progressed more
rapidly. [I will return to
this.]

It is also 11 years this very
day since I was taken ill
with the illness from which
I have never risen again.
You see how much I have
to thank God for who has
indeed led me by a way
which I have not known.
At the same time He has
seen fit to send me trouble
& trials, like waters wh: one

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X

could not cross, were one
to look down into them.

I am almost the last survivor
of my fellow workers in
England, men, some of them
but little older than I.

And this very year has even
the death of the best &
dearest of my pupils, my
"Una", who was many years
younger than I.

I enclose a little sketch of her
which was published in
"Good Words" for June, which
may possibly give ten minutes'
interest to you & Mrs. Walker
who have given me so much.

[end 10:46]

Now my "Una" is gone, I cannot
think how I could ever be
unhappy, when she was
doing God's work so
gallantly at Liverpool
Workhouse.

f68/10.4

X

Life, under this discipline,
loses - shall I say? or *gains* -
all its value. It becomes
but as a part of eternity. And
past & future would seem
almost more a reality & a
presence than the present -
were it not for pressing duty.

I don't know that I ever
wrote so much about my own
things before - But your
kindness encourages me -

But I must leave off now -
For indeed I am driven by
business.

I thank you again & again
for all your kindness which

Believe me my dear Sir
makes me truly & always
your & Mrs. Walker's

faithful & grateful

Florence Nightingale
Dr. Pattison Walker

{archivist's note: III 3

68/11 F.N. to M. Mohl, 22 Sept. 1868.

68/12 F.N. to [Mary Jones]. 19 Oct. 1868.}

Letter, ff68/11.1-68/11.3v, pen

f68/11.1

Lea Hurst Sp 22/68 15
{printed:} ~~35 South Street,~~
~~Park Lane,~~
~~London, W.~~
 7.30-a.m-

Dear M. Mohl

Many thanks for all
your notes - & for the
information about
Deutsch & Delecluse [?]

 I am more proud of
being crowned "Empress
of all the Scavengers" by
your hand than
Napoleon I of his Coronation
by Pope Pius VII.

 Ought I to have a medal
struck? -

 I shall certainly come to

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 London within
 this fortnight -
 & I trust that you
will not prove
unmanageable & perverse
before then - I shall
certainly turn you into
No. 35. Sir B. Frere is
come back - And it is he
who advises me what to
do in this provoking India business.

[9:611-12]

 The great point is: to get
a Sanitary administration,
including towns, villages,
Bazaars &c established
before the end of Sir John
Lawrence's reign. It is
not so difficult as
people think - For, as

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you know much better than
I, the village organizations
are there, ready to our
hand. But of course
it would not do for us
at this end to advise
a great sweeping uniform
measure over that
(small & compact)
country we call India.

There is a great want
of ability - somewhere.

The three Chief Presidency
Sanitary Commissioners
(whom we established)
keep sending us home schemes
& plans on paper. But
they still ignore the real
practical matter: viz.

f68/11.2v

who is to do the duties
laid down - and
who is to find the money -
Each is almost as great
as the other on the subject
of looking after other
people - but neither
the one nor the other have
pointed out
who these other people are
to be
what they are to do
not
who is to pay for it.

To sweep India would
be after all an easy matter
if they had the least
ability in dealing with
these simple questions.

But, in "Sanitary" things,

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a "Masterly inaction"
 does not do - on the
 contrary, they require
 the most energetic action
 not to get worse.
 These things don't settle
 themselves - or, like
 Talleyrand's letters,
 answer themselves -
 But - you are engaged in
 less dirty subjects -
 I am sure you would write &
 tell us if you could come
 down here - I am afraid
 it is scarcely worth your
 while to take so long a
 journey from Saturday
 till Monday -
 When I have the pleasure
 of seeing you,

[end 9:612]

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[Here I was just going to
 send a most grateful
 message of acceptance to M.
 de Tourgueneff for dear
 Hilly's oil-sketch
 when a fabulous official
 mail came in &
 interrupted me -

I assure you that all
 experience confirms my
 proposition - that the
 greatest malefactor of
 the human race, *after* the
 man who invented writing
 at all, was: - Sir Rowland
 Hill.]

ever dear M. Mohl your
 unfortunate Scavenger
 but pining after you
 FN

Letter, ff68/12.1- 68/12.2v, pen

f68/12.1

35 South Street, Oct 19/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dearest very dearest friend

I felt the deepest pleasure
at seeing your dear hand
again. I had been very
uneasy at not hearing from
you & should have written
to one of the Sisters, but
that I saw your beautiful
clear handwriting ~~again~~ on
the re-direction of a letter
to me from Miss E. Anderson.

You say: - it is hard to
forgive & be silent. I
feel just as strongly as you
do - & just as strongly as
I did last miserable
Christmas - that it *is* hard
to forgive & be silent -

And this not the less

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because

e, as you are aware,

I venture to differ from
you on some ecclesiastical
points. -

I am glad you have taken
parochial work. I do
not feel surprised at your
not feeling spirits or
health for 'Hospital work'
'at present'. But I hope
that will not last. And
I could very much have
wished that you had
taken a few months', or
even weeks', thorough
holiday - somewhere -
before this 'August' -
which I think would

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probably do more than
anything else to change
your feeling of body & mind
about `Hospital work.'

In Workhouse Infirmaryes
especially, there is so
much to be done - so
few, (*none* like you,) to do
it.

I am well aware that *you*
will find `enough to do'
everywhere - whether in
Hospital or out of Hospital

I do not at all admit
your plea (except for
India) of "too old."

A real tried & experienced
spirit, that is, one who

f68/12.2v

is used to work, does
better work {in pencil:} for God between
50 & 70 than during
the whole of her previous
life

I write in haste - a mean
acknowledgement of the
pleasure seeing your hand
again has given me -
I am, as usual, so driven.

I had been away - but it was
too much for me - And
I have come back worse
than I went -

God for ever bless you
Pray for me - ever
yours

F. Nightingale

{archivist's note: III 4

68/13 F.N. to Wm. Rendle, Esq., 17 Nov. 1868
(enclosure "Una and the Lion.")

Letter, ff68/13.1-68/13.2, pen
f68/13.1

35 South Street [printed] 17/11/68 [13:48]
Park Lane,
W.

Dear Sir

I have never thanked
you for your kind note
& its enclosure (a paper
by yourself of June 29) -

I believe you know, as
I do, what it is never
to have 10 minutes' leisure.

I hope that you
look forward, as I do,
to the Election of
1868, bringing still

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more & still greater
reforms in its wake,
social reforms,
administrative reforms,
- especially in our line,
the Sanitary state,
the dwellings, the
education of the poor,
- than even its great
predecessor of 1832
has brought -

I venture to send you a
little sketch of the best &
dearest of my pupils, "Una",
in "Good Words" for June -

f68/13.2

& a copy of the of the last Edition of
my little "Notes on Nursing".

[end]

Pray, dear Sir,
believe me ever
Your most faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale.
W. Rendle Esq

{archivist's note: III 5

68/14 F.N. to [Wm. Rendle] 1 Dec. 1868

69/1 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, 14 Jan 1869

69/2 F.N. to Wm. Rendle, 28 May 1869

69/3 F.N. to [Mary Jones], 12 Sept. 1869}

Letter, ff68/14.1-68/14.2, pen

f68/14.1 {archivist's note: 1/12/1868 This is with reference
to {illeg.Damils?}}

"Sunday School Teacher"

{printed:} 35 South Street,

Park Lane,

W.

Dear Sir

I return with many thanks
the scrap you have been kind
enough to send me -

The very beautiful little
poem if I can see any way
to do anything with I will
let you know -

I trust that you will
take some care not to
overwork yourself again.
We have none too many
workers.

For me the caution comes
too late - But an overworked

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brain is not the best way
of doing God's work in the
world -
I would send you a photograph,
if I had one, as you desire. But
I have not. I never had
one done, except once by
command. I have a
superstition, as far as
myself am concerned, against
'images made with hands' -
& would rather leave no
memorial of myself either
of name or anything else -
but only of God, whose

f68/14.2

unworthy servant I am -
But I only say this for
myself. It may be a
mere superstition.
Pray believe me
Yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Dec 1/68

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/69/1

[8:209-10]

f69/1.1

Private

35 South Street, Jan 14/69
Park Lane, {printed:}
W.

My dear Sir

First, let me thank you
for so kindly sending me
the tracing of the Colchester
Heat plan - the answers
to various questions concerning
the working of that Lying=
in Hospital and many
other things.

All that you were kind
enough to undertake arrived
in time for the Crown
Princess of Prussia -
and she begged her
sincere thanks to be
J.J. Frederick Esq.

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conveyed to all those who
had so kindly contributed
to forwarding her views.
She has (very wisely)
returned me some of
the plans & papers -
to be forwarded to her
at Berlin when we
have arrived at some=
thing satisfactory in
the way of a (single=bed
ward) Lying=in Hospital plan
for 36 wards (or beds)
at which the War Office
is now working - and
of which we are to send

f69/1.2

her a copy.

I mention this only to
shew you that your trouble
has not been in vain.

Next= I have to thank you
for the Motto for 1869
which I have received.

Have you any great distress
in your district this
winter?

Pray, dear Sir,
believe me
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Letter, ff69/2.1-69/2. pen

f69/2.1

Private

35 South Street, May 28/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W

Dear Sir

It is not, I assure you,
from want of interest
that I have not answered
sooner your too interesting
letter of May 15 & its
contents.

I have been thinking
what is to be done. And
I confess I do not at
present see, tho' with
sorrow of heart, that
there is anything to be done
- by me.

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I am sure that you
will agree with me that
it is the same conditions
reproducing the same
state of disease which
are the cause of these
repetitions of cases of
Fever.

The *locality* is to blame
in the cases adduced.

[American statements are
all in favour of Contagion -
And it is quite certain

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that, if their supposed
facts were logically acted on,
Typhus would still take
its course.]

In London, as your wide
& well worked-out experience
will tell you better than
I, - who am merely a
gatherer from the rich
fields which you have
sown, you & your peers, -
Typhus & Cholera are
simply *local tests* of
bad Sanitary conditions -

I shall rejoice if, on
any occasion, I can
help to bring your

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experience more

prominently forward.

In the meanwhile

pray believe me

My dear Sir

ever your faithful servt.

Florence Nightingale

W. Rendle Esq

&c &c

Letter, ff69/3.1-69/3.3, pen [where?]

f69/3.1 {written horizontally along the folio}

Embley

Romsey Sept 12/69

Dearest, very dearest friend

I have been unable to write -

But, if I were to write as often as I think of you, I should be always writing -

I did not take those letters in the newspapers as referring to you -(I think I only saw one) -

But I hope indeed that you do know that, where there is enough for me, there will always be enough for you - & that I shall be "the first person" you will come to -

"Poverty" indeed is a sacred thing - & very dear to me I wish I had not to live as I do now. I could not die so,

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but I have long since made a *written* stipulation with a dear friend of mine that, *when I am past work*, she will take me & "ward" me in St. Thomas' Hospital. You must not however breathe a word of this, please - God knows what the end will be - *He* will provide.

I must be back in London for business before Michaelmas -

I came here to be with my dear mother during my father's absence - & hardly know how to leave her - he not being returned.

I am not better - I am worse -(as you are so good as to ask -) having such a multitude of details referred to me -

Do you remember some time ago asking me whether Miss Sellon was gone to Calcutta? - I wrote to India & asked, without result. Quite lately, I have had a beautiful note from her - written from "Foreign Mission House"-I. of Wight-where she says she has been *for a year*-but was just going elsewhere (in England) she speaks

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of her health as hopeless. She mentions no India mission.

God bless you - so many thanks for your two
dear notes - yours in true love & honour
in life & death
F Nightingale

{archivist's note: III 6

70/1 F.N. to J.J. Frederick 3 Jan. 1870

70/2 " " " 29 Jan. 1870}

Letter, pencil LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/1

[13:613-14]

f70/1.1

35 South Street, Jan 3/70

Park Lane, {printed}

W.

My dear Sir

Could you kindly help me,
by means of your extensive
connection with members
of Benevolent Committees,
in the following search: -
- - - you know perhaps that
we have undertaken to nurse
the new Workhouse Infirmary
at Highgate.

Miss Torrance, a lady who
has been in training with us
for 1 1/2 years & who seems to
promise to be a second Agnes
Jones ("Una"), has already been
J.J. Frederick Esq

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in the building preparing it
for Patients for a fortnight
as Matron -
To-morrow she takes in her
kitchen people -
On Thursday our 9 Trained Head
Nurses - & 170 Patients this week,
we hope -
She was allowed by the
Guardians to choose the
under servants, which is
very important.
But we have not as yet been
able to make up her number.
Of course we have plenty of
applications - too many - but
not of the right sort.

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We do not want to take
women who "would never
be anything much better
than Scrubbers" - Miss Torrance
herself has both capacity
& experience for training
young women - and we
would gladly help her to
good material -
We still want: -
3 Ward Assistants
1 Kitchen "
1 Laundry "
wages from £13 to £15 -
- every thing "found" -
- lodge in the Infirmary -

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The Ward Assistants may expect to rise to be Nurses -

I do not think it would do, at least at first, to send her very young girls or quite raw girls - And they must be, of course, of *unimpeached* character -

As Miss Torrance says: - she would like to "make something of them" -

Could you kindly help us? Allow me to thank you for your New Year's ticket - May I, during the present year, rise to possess the priceless treasure contained in its words. And with best New Year's greetings believe me, yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Letter, f70/2.1, pencil

[13:614]

f70/2.1

35 South Street, Jan 29/70
Park Lane, {printed: address}
W.

My dear Sir

Miss Torrance *has* one ~~more~~ vacancy of Ward Assistant to fill - still -

I have sent her your kind note -

But, if you do not hear again from me, will you kindly send the young woman you speak of to Highgate for Miss Torrance to see?

Miss Torrance
Highgate Infirmary
Upper Holloway
N

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There is no danger of Miss
Torrance being out.
Should she fix an hour, I
will, if you please, send you
word - however
I think I had better say that
I will pay the young woman's
Omnibus fare - **[end]**
in great haste
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
J.J. Frederick Eq.

{archivist's note: III 7
70/3 F.N. to Miss Mary Jones 5 Feb. 1870}
{envelope: Miss Jones
Superior
27 Percy Circus
W.C.}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/3

f70/3.1

35 South Street, Feb 5/70 **[8:640-43]**
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear friend

I have been so ill all the
winter, & have had such difficulty
in fulfilling the most pressing &
indispensable business, that I
could not before answer your kind
& welcome letter - But I think
I am writing within "the month"
that you gave me for the
Emigration & Training Ship questions: -
1. The "Chichester" Training Ship in
the Thames was the one I spoke
of. This has about 200 boys on
board & trains for the Merchant
Service & Royal Navy. Most
of the boys on board are street
"Arabs" who offered themselves of

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their own accord. [Of course they cannot take any but those who have the physical power to become sailors.] I believe the Training Ship to be remarkably well managed.

This is the property of a private Society called "Refuges for Homeless & Destitute Children", of which the office is at

8 Great Queen Street
Lincoln's Inn Fields

& the Secretary is

William Williams Esq.

They are very poor & are always asking for subscriptions - tho' I believe they are good economists -

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Each boy or girl costs them about £15 a year.

They have 4 other Refuges where they bring up both boys & girls, both in the country & London, to trades, farm labour, & service &c.

But you will see this is only a drop in the ocean. And even this is hindered, so far as apprenticing to trades is concerned, by the Trades' Unions.

2. My own belief is (& has long been) that ~~the~~ Emigration, & the Emigration of children, is the only thing which holds out the least hope of touching the distress of London & of the great towns & of diminishing pauperism. But - they must be educated in the Colonies to

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which they are sent - & not at home. It is found that the mere removal to another moral atmosphere is as good for them as a good 10 years' Education here. The whole problem resolves itself into devising proper Homes, Industrial Homes & Training=Schools for them in the Colonies.

[Old & miserable creature as I am,
I think that any amount of leisure, if I had it, I would devote to furthering this -
But - I have it not -]

Some years ago, a Cabinet Minister told me in confidence, Melbourne (Victoria) offered to organize & support any number of Industrial Homes for children of both sexes, if the Government

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Private [2]
{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

would send out children "before
"they had become confirmed
"in pauperized habits."

Of such children there are
between 100 000 & 150 000
("street Arabs") in London
alone - ~~who~~, whatever their
sins are, poor things, they
are not sins of "pauperism" -
since they *can't* be caught &
housed.

But - the Government refused.
[Within the last few days, I
proposed some plan of this
kind to the President of the
Poor Law Board. But - I
know not whether he will
take it up -]

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My own opinion is that it will be left to private hands to do.

Of these private hands the only one who has put her own hand to the plough is - Miss Rye.

She may not be an agreeable person. But she has done what no one else as yet has -

She has taken out 90, 100 *little* girls "out of the gutter" with her to Niagara in Canada, kept them there in a Home, then placed them out with Canadian poor families who *offered* to receive them,

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upon contracts containing all proper conditions (which I have seen) signed - & witnessed by the local authorities - with all proper supervision secured by the Ministers & Mayors of the place -

Miss Rye is not yet come back.

When she is, she will be the best authority for you to ask. But 30 000 children of each sex ought to be emigrated every year to make any impression on the distress of the country. The Pauper Union Schools here are now, many of them, as good as they can be. And - *they entirely fail in teaching their*

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pauper children to maintain
themselves in after life. For this, are to
 blame 1. the pauper atmosphere
 2. the Trades' Unions.
 Music ("bandsmen" in the Army)
 is the only trade that succeeds.

Miss Rye says that she can
 get more families in Canada
 than she wants to take the
 children - & as much money
 in this country from private
 subscription as she wants
 to take them out.

But then - she is *only one*.
 And her success is mainly due
 1. to her taking them out
 herself.
 2. to the children not being
 ingrained paupers.
 [The R.Catholic "Sisters" have
 entirely failed in their Irish

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[3]

{printed:} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 W.

Workhouse girls at Quebec -}
 Of other Emigration agencies
 there are: -

- a. "Clerkenwell Emigration Club"
 Revd. A Styleman Herring
 45 Colebrooke Row
 City Road N.

Part of his work is to send
 out a few little orphan girls
 to Brantford in W. Canada.
 A penny Tract of his: "Emigration
 for poor Folks" [J.W. Partridge
 9 Paternoster Row]

is good.

- b. "National Emigration League"
 120 Salisbury Square
 Fleet Street E.C.

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A Tract, called "State Emigration"

by Edward Jenkins

[Stanford 6 Charing Cross]

issued by the "League"

is worth reading.

Their object is rather to help

the unemployed workmen

to emigrate - & to press

the matter on the Government.

c. the British & Colonial Emig:

Society" (15 Cockspur Street

Charing Cross)

Their object is to assist the

unemployed to emigrate -

& to grant money (when they

have it) to Emigration Clubs.

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There are many more of
these "Societies" & "Emigration
Clubs for Workmen".

All are extremely in want
of funds.

With all honour to these
noble unemployed workmen,
who will pinch & save to
help themselves out, &
afterwards their families,
to the Colonies - & whom I
have always helped where
I could - I do not conceive
that to help these is the
main want of our country.
These are the men who would
do well anywhere. If Emigration
is only practicable in this way,
you may almost say that it is

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only practicable as far as it is unnecessary.

It is the children who *can't* help themselves - the young girls, not yet vicious, who can't go abroad *virtuously* without Chaperons - the hundreds of thousands of young recruits ever waiting to swell the tide of pauperism & vice - the ever increasing ~~bide~~ tide- who ~~would~~ might be happy & industrious & virtuous & good in a new country - who are almost predestined to sin & misery in the old - it is these who want our help. But then - they want: industrial training, as distinguished from reading & writing, (tho' not without reading & writing -) to

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Private [4]
{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.
make them do well in the Colonies.

To all the above-named Societies I have been a contributor according to my means. But I have never recommended to any either children or emigrants, knowing how many of these poor things went to them of their own accords & how short ~~of~~ were funds to help *these* But if, dear friend, you should have a particular applicant for any of these, I hope that you would let me contribute for you as far as I could.

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You sympathize with the work of
God as far as it can be done
by whomsoever it is done. And
I am sure that you will be glad
to hear that it has pleased Him
to prosper my little appeal
(of "Una") to the memory of my
dear, dear, Agnes Jones of
Liverpool, in bringing us a
far higher class of candidates for nurses -
We have occupied both Netley
Military Hospital & the new
(St. Pancras') Workhouse Infirmary
very satisfactorily with our
Trained Matrons & Nurses.
(tho' I never praise any body till
they have been at least 50 years
in charge.)

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The Matron of the latter, especially,
a Miss Torrance (a lady) - I thank
God for her every day of my life.
She is, I think, worthy to be
named in the Book of Life
with her who has been taken
2 years this month. [I cannot
think of her even now without tears,
which I have no time to shed.]
But it is an anxious business, as you know - Workhouse
business - for the sick
I have heard several times lately
(for a wonder) from Miss Sellon.
She is at Manchester!! organizing
something there - but no better.
Alas! -
I must stop.
God bless you, dear friend.
Pray for me. But I know you
do - ever yours
F. Nightingale
Miss Rye's address is always to be had,
I believe, from a Mrs. Fynes Webber, (who
has been a "weariness of the flesh" to me)

{archivist's note: III 8

70/4 F.N. to M. Mohl 1-18 April, 1870

70/5 F.N. to "Dearest friend" 18 June, 1870

(Mary Jones)

Letter, ff70/4.1-70/4.2, pen

ff70/4.1

35 South Street, April 1 -! 18/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dear M. Mohl,

You don't know what a happiness
& comfort your letter was to me, because
you don't know what a fright I was
in, having heard accidentally of
your illness - But I dare say you
are tired of hearing of that.

I don't think I have written
since I have become the ~~long~~ dog and
intimate of Sir Robert Napier (Lord
Napier of Magdala) who is just gone
out to my great joy as Commander in
Chief to India. Ah there *is* a man,
a statesman with more practical
ability in his little finger than all
our Ministers have in all their heads.
What overgrown schoolboys do Messrs.
Gladstone, Cardwell, Goschen, Lowe &
Argyle (Duke) appear compared with

[10:115-16]

{written in left margin: Too much to do, they say, bars
progress as much as too little to do. That is my case.}
{written vertically at top of folio: I don't feel my work
advance. Yet I feel more & more how much it takes out of me.
Excuse a worthless scrap of confusion from a woman overwhelmed
with business & illness = who must send this or nothing *in her*
Necessity}

f70/4.1v

such men as Sir John Lawrence, Sir Robert Napier & even Sir Bartle Frere. What they think they say, what they say they do - And all three the thinking, the saying, the doing is the ever increasing result of 30-40 years' well used experience - & not the momentary battledore & shuttlecock work of party. [As for Mr. Gladstone's 2 Irish Bills (the Coercion & the Land) they are each just an apple of legal discord thrown down to that unfortunate Eris. No one will reap any benefit from them but the Attorneys. And perhaps, I don't know Mr. Gladstone wished to conciliate the Attorneys.] (Mr. Maine says that the Sikhs are as litigious a people as the Irish - & that the whole Punjab would have been converted into nothing but one vast litigation by *their* Land Act, if the Attorney's fee had not been fixed at half a rupee. Is that true?)

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But to return.

Sir R. Napier & I were like a brace of lovers on our Indian objects or rather passions & even our rages (which - concern - this between ourselves - the things, or many of them, that Lord Mayo has been doing lately - about Finance & Stopping Public Works &c &c &c - Lord Mayo is most anxious & disinterested or, it may be, ambitious. He is always consulting us. He sent a man home (the Sanitary Commissioner with the Govt. of India) on purpose to consult us just now. He writes & writes - and we write & write - and our letters are masterly. And nothing is done. That is, the work always sticks somewhere, generally at some Clerk quite low down. But now Sir R. Napier is gone out, we shall see something done.

It is quite extraordinary, his practical knowledge of & love for the native races. And he knows them in Scinde, Punjab, Bengal, Bombay, Guzerat, N.W. Provinces &c &c - Anglo=Indians all talk of (& to) the native races as we do to children, servants & poor people, with a sort of affected tone of condescension - Not so Sir R. Napier or Sir B. Frere

f70/4.2v

When Sir R. Napier & I fell into
our mutual rages (at Indian doings)
I felt= 'there's sympathy' - 'there's more
sympathy' - (don't you remember Sir
John Falstaff's letter to Mrs. Ford -
they both like "sack" - "there's sympathy."

He actually spent his last morning
in England with me, starting from
this house. And I sent away the
C. in C. to India without anything to
eat! He said he had too much to
talk about to waste his time in eating
I wish I could tell you a little of
what he said - some day - {pencil:perhaps -}

There is a man in London now, a Hinoo
Kechub Chunder Sen, the leader of the
Brahmo=Somaj, a great writer & preacher
about whom I dare say you know a
great deal more than I do - Sir B. Frere
says he is a real true man in earnest. But
he is made a lion of -

I forgot to say that your Queen of Holland
came to see me - I liked her even better than usual,
But - she asked me for my book again. [Sir Harry
Verney took K.C. Sen, the Hindoo, to see her.]

Now I hope you are near the end of Schah=
Nameh. *Please tell me.* ever yours F. Nightingale **[end 10:116]**

Letter, ff70/5.1-70/5 pencil

[8:228]

f70/5.1

June 18/70

Lying-in Hospital plan

Dearest friend

Here I am again - but this time it is only to ask you two or three specific questions before the plan is finally settled.

1. You see a slight modification has been made in the position of the scullery attached to the Delivery ward -
Do you think this signifies? -
2. The positions of the fire-places in the Pupil Nurses' rooms have been altered from the outside to the inside walls as giving a better position for the bed.
3. Into the Corridor walls recesses a 'a' have been introduced in which either the Galton ventilating grate or Nettleton's open stove could be placed.

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Would you kindly consider these arrangements & also the following points: -

- 1.) Segregation ward *not* to be connected with Main Corridors - ? -
- 2.) Linen Store 21'0" x 9'6" -
a linen rack 2'6" wide in the centre formed of open batten shelves about 2' apart & carried up to within 6" of the ceiling - at one end a bedding rack of similar construction, a length of 8' of which would store 12 mattresses and the remaining 18" might be made into a bolster rack for 12 bolsters
Will this suffice? -
- 3.) I confess that there is a certain look of closeness about the two-storied court with buildings projecting into it.
What do you think? -

f70/5.2

[One must take into consideration however that one or more of these Wards (& always 2 Delivery Wards) will be vacant in rotation for cleansing. At Liverpool Workhouse (which has been so successful) they lime-wash every Lying-in Room 3 or 4 times a year - Possibly *this* would be best, viz to have each ward ~~& Delivery~~ vacated for 4 times 10 days every year - each *Delivery* Ward would be of course vacant half the year - in periods of ? days]

They ~~ask~~ (the Draughtsmen) ask us *not to fold* their plan. I accordingly send it between 2 sheets of card-board - & will send for it by 8 o'clock on *Tuesday morning*, with your kind

f70/5.2v

permission unless I hear from you to the contrary - But *pray* do not let me hurry you -

God bless you

yours ever & always

F Nightingale

{archivist's note: III 9

70/6 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 7 Aug. 1870

70/7 F.N. to [Mrs. Cox?], [Aug. 1870]

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/6
f70/6.1

[15:644-45]

Aug 7/70

{it is 14 years to to day since

I came back from the Crimea

My dear Mrs. Cox

Many thanks for your
two most interesting letters - You
will have seen by this time
that, if I was represented as
acting only for the *Prussian*
"wounded", that was a false
accusation. I joined the Ladies'
Association you saw in the "Times",
with the express understanding
that the funds raised were to
be "common", i.e. impartially
distributed where most wanted
among both belligerents. (which
they have been) for the relief
of the Sick & Wounded - And I
so joined because that Association
was first in the field.

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But now, as you will see,
I have formally joined the Central
Committee, (of which the Prince of
Wales is President). And all
our interest will be given to
sick & wounded soldiers as such,
irrespective of nationality.
France & Prussia will receive our
funds alike. On Thursday
night the Committee sent off one
of their Secretaries to place them
in communication with the
Convention at Geneva, to return
to Paris & put them in communication
with the Central French Committee
there which sits *en permanence* - would that all this
had been done 3 weeks ago! -
This, as you know, is an authorized
agency, in communication with

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every charitable agency at the
Seat of War - supplies information
as to what is most wanted - receives &
distributes the grants, both in
money & kind. It would be
little use to the wounded if we were to send
Hospital supplies to the Seat of
War, if they were to be seized by
the enemy. They must be
neutralized, as the ambulances
are neutralized. And we must
all be placed under the "Red
Cross".

As soon as the London Central
Committee's arrangements are
completed - they ought to have
been so long ago - I will place
your application before them -

Excuse a hurried note - Since
my letter (most unwillingly) appeared
I have been deluged, as you may
suppose, with applications of all

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kinds, including Ladies volunteering
to go out to nurse at the Seat
of War Hospitals -
O that I could go out myself
to the Seat of War to work,
instead of all this writing,
writing, writing! -
But that is an unresigned wish!-
I am so overwhelmed with business
that I must be brief. In 17 years
I have had 2 weeks' holiday -
excepting what God gave me in
Typhus Fever in 1855. I was just
going to take a third week -
when this awful cloud of war
which darkens the world came
over us - And all that *can* be, how little,
must be done for the sufferers
by one already overladen with
business & uncurable illness. How
willingly would I die to save in any
portion of this awful misery.
My kindest regards to Col=Cox - ever
yours most truly Florence Nightingale

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{archivist's note: Aug '70?} [2]
3. I was aware, tho' not I
dare say of all, of much that is saying
against women nursing in
War Hospitals -
I am afraid that many
women have given cause for
this.
I entirely concur & agree
with all my soul & experience
that I never once saw or heard a Patient
in a Military Hospital do
anything or say anything that
the purest woman could be
offended by.
[It is very easy to discriminate
what women ought & *what*
women ought not to nurse
in War Hospitals - easier than
to put one's discrimination into
force or action.] ever yours
(in haste) Florence Nightingale

[end 15:645]

{archivist's note: III 10
70/8 F.N. to W. Blake Atkinson, 7 Sept. 1870}

envelope addressed to W. Blake Atkinson Esq
Stone Hall
Wallingford

7/9/70

with printed notice Society for Aid to Sick & Wounded in War
[FN note] with many thanks to *Mrs W. Blake Atkinson*

for his poetical "Plea" for the unfortunate sufferers
[FN] Sept/70

Ladies' Committee [lists women beg with Duchess of Northumberland, ends
Lady Marian Alford

Miss Florence Nightingale [FN crossed out the "Miss" and wrote in
with 's thanks

then lists Articles Needed

{envelope included - see photocopy}

{archivist's note: III 11

70/9 F.N. to M. Mohl, 16 Sept. 1870

70/10 F.N. to J.J. Frederick,, 22 Sept. 1870}

Letter, ff70/9.1-70/9.2, pen [15:707]

f70/9.1

Lea Hurst

Matlock Sept 16/70

Dear M. Mohl

Will it be too much to ask
you what passed with M.

Thiers. O God, that you

could persuade him to

listen to reason! But how

can our Ministers have regard

to such stuff as he talks? -

They *would* listen, they *would*

listen (& try to mediate) if

only you could make

Thiers speak sense to them

(& to his own Provisional

Govt. afterwards) as a

preliminary -

But this is not my only

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reason for writing. [As if
 I could do any good about
 that!!] But I am so uneasy
 about your {illeg.peritonite?} - Of
 course you know best
 what to do. *Please do it* -
 - even if it is to go on a
 régime - even if it is to go
 to bed for a day or two
 & be fomented, & eat slops.
 My old Mrs. Legg, tho'
 past her time, is a good
 old nurse - & the little
 cook a good little sick
 cook - If I dared, I
 would write to them to tell

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them what to do. But
do, you, please, tell them
 yourself. I *must* preach
 to you, for I am quite
 anxious, tho' I am afraid
 of putting you into the
 "irresponsibility of opposition".

Ah if we could have
 peace, it would cure us
 all! -

[end]

in great haste
 but ever yours
 dear M. Mohl

F.N.

Pray have in, some of those
 rampageous `boys' - & go to bed.
 & let them sit by to amuse you -

- just for a day or two - And feed them at 35.

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/10

f70/10.1

[15:710-11]

Lea Hurst

Matlock Sept 22/70

7.a.m.

My dear Sir

We cannot thank you enough
for all you have done for us
nor Mr. Newman Hall for his
admirable & deeply felt &
deeply thought Sermon of which
you have been so good as to
send me a copy. [It was
read aloud to our household
on Sunday night, who were
strongly impressed by it - &
immediately followed by a
collection. This whole
neighbourhood is, as perhaps
you know, quite a seat of

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Wesley's - And it has worked
immensely hard for the Sick
& Wounded every body
working in common - children
giving their pence - mill=girls
their spare time - poor women
sewing shirts & trousers &
refusing payments - collections
made in the smallest Chapels
in the hills.]

Mr. Newman Hall's Sermon will,
I am sure, have a great effect.
It is the true doctrine, the heart
of the matter - & puts this
awful, unspeakable struggle
which grieves two great
nations & the world in the

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true light = The frivolity of
the newspapers in speaking of
France as if she were a child
to be whipped or a blackguard
to be flogged has been base -
Does not this theatrical Siege
of Paris rather recall the
words of Christ weeping over
Jerusalem? And must we not
suppose Him, in human figure
of speech, 'weeping' far more
over that 'great city', Paris?

Thank you for your sympathy
about the loss of the "Captain"
It has been indeed a bitter blow
to us. There was not a lad,
perhaps, of greater promise in

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England than Reginald Herbert
- Such an earnest feeling of
'duty' - such simplicity - such
silence, such nobleness -
very like his ancestor, Sir
Philip Sidney - very like his
father in many things - he
is safe, removed to God's
heavenly service from His
earthly service which, we may
thankfully believe, the boy
performed. But I had
always thought he might
in some measure have
taken his father's place ~~to~~in
the country.

His poor mother was lying
dangerously ill at the time

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at Wilton - & could not be told
till ten days after her loss -
She bore it very well.
The boy had just gone off his
watch - Mr May (the gunner)
said - 5 minutes more, & he
might have been on deck &
he might have been saved -
"Father, Thy will, not ours, be done".

Two or three years ago, when he
was only 13, he saved a man
from drowning - He never
said a word about it. The
men talked about it afterwards
- And he was asked why he
had not mentioned it. He said,
"it was only my duty".

I only mention this to show
what manner of spirit he was of.

f70/10.3v {pencil:}

I have been trying all
day for a moment to finish
this note - in vain -

You will know from the
newspapers how the money
& stores people have so
generously given - ~~no~~ are
employed. We have very
many private letters besides -
We have sent off a Trained
(German-speaking) Lady-Nurse
with a mass of stores
yesterday from St. Thomas' Hospl.
to Homburg. **[end 15:711]**

I trust Mrs. Frederick
continues pretty well -
ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

{archivist's note: III 12 70/11 F.N. to M. Mohl, 4 Nov. 1870}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/11

f70/11.1

Nov 4/70 **[15:735-36]**

Dear M. Mohl

It was quite a relief to me to hear
that you were not ill -

I thought you did not look good for
much on Sunday.

I am afraid I must put you off
till *Sunday* at 3 - (if that will suit you)
or 4 - [I am so busy] - But pray tell me,
if it will not suit you - I should be so
glad to hear of your going out of this
{illeg.} atmosphere, as Londoners do,
from Saturday till Monday.

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Enclosed is a letter which the careful
Postman would only give up to me
on my assurance that you were a
"Professor" - [The Postman must be a
Professor himself - Professor of the Post.]

f70/11.1v

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How glad I should be if it brought
any tolerable news out of Paris.

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To day it is 16 years since we the females landed
at Scutari -

Who could have thought that we
should have lived to see the most awful,
hideous war mankind has known -
in 1870!? - a war compared with
which the Crimean War was child's play
with all its sufferings! -

It is not the actual sufferings - dreadful,
terrible as they are, - of this War which
so possess one's imagination as: -
what will come out of it? - what
but a tyranny, a Chaos more dreadful
still? -

The Almighty created, it is said, mankind
& the world out of Chaos - oh but
that was only a Chaos of warring elements,

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of earthquakes, hurricanes, fire & storm
- mild & amenable compared with
the Chaos of man's warring passions,
passions ~~offor~~ for tyranny & cruelty & for a
barbaric, beastly conflict, like bears,
or wild stags. The Almighty Himself,
it seems, can hardly make a world
out of *this* Chaos - He can't make
man, He can't make one man, out of it.
What one man has risen out of all
this Chaos, compared to whom a stupid
hurricane, an earthquake, a conflagration
is not a beneficent Institution? -
Is it not quite unknown in history
that a philosophical, a deep-thinking,
the most highly & widely educated & in
some respects civilized nation of
Europe, ~~like~~ the Germans, should
plunge, head foremost, into this abyss,

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called Military Despotism -
 that they should not see that
 (soi disant) "German Unity" means
 only Prussia's aggrandizement -

it appears to me that the real
 Devil, the real Mephistopholes is: -
 Bismark - who has besotted not
 one stupid Faust, not one drinking
 savage population & "plunged them
 "into hell" - but a whole Central
 Continent of the most philosophical
 peoples in the world -

Give me Russia to rule over me
 as lief as Prussia under Bismarck! -

f70/11.3

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But I promise *not* to talk 'War'
 if you will come & see me! -
 The fact is: it is the reverse of
 the woman who beat her husband,
 who said, "it amuses she & it
 "don't hurt we" - For it *do* 'hurt'
 me & it *don't* 'amuse' you -

I have just heard again from the
 Crown Princess of P. - a noble, touching
 letter - I believe the Cr. Prince is doing
 all he can for peace - But what can he?

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[The name of the Wurtemberg Dr., whom

I asked you about, is Hahn -
 Do you know him? - He is President
 of the Sanitat's Verein - writes from

f70/11.3v

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"Haslach bei Stuttgart" - wants me
to look over a book for him
(which I can't) -
all yours & ever yours
F -

Now I won't talk of War any more

[end 15:736]

{archivist's note:

III 13

70/12 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 20 Nov, 1870}

{envelope enclosed}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/12

[15:15:745-47]

f70/12.1

PRIVATE

{printed} 35 South Street, Nov 20/70

Park Lane

W.

My dear Mrs Cox - my gallant soldier -

How can I thank you enough for
your most interesting letter about all
that I care most for? If the deepest
sympathy, the sincerest admiration
for all your gallant & efficient efforts
for the poor sufferers in this most
terrible of all Earth's wars can give
you a moment's pleasure, believe me,
mine is yours more than words can say.

If anything can comfort us for the
countless horrors of this most
horrible of all mankind's histories,
it is that there are Mrs. Cox s.

{written vertically in left margin: I have been interrupted a dozen
times in writing this. Excuse it.}

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You ask me to say what they, the
Hospitals, want: -

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They want: -

- more & better food
- more Medical comforts
- more clothing &
- more Mrs. Cox s.

I think that I may very safely leave
your great observation & your
solid judgement to be followed in
these matters -

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If you knew the pressing occupations
which the sufferings not only of the
Sick & Wounded but of the starving,
stripped & burnt out peasantry
of the districts round Metz & round
Sedan have brought upon me -
already overcharged with business
& a prisoner to my bed from incurable
illness - you would pity me & forgive
me for writing so poorly in answer
to your invaluable letters.

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You ask me kindly, to enquire of

you for any information: -

one would like to know

what is exactly the economy of these
Hospitals? -

i.e. the nature of the bedding -
the amount & kind of food -

stimulants

clothing

and what additions are made in
the case of men suffering from
exhausting purulent discharges?

These are the points for future
reference which appear to be of
most use -

But you are so observant that *any*
thing you write will be most
useful. You need no hints.

What an amount of good (I have
had the privilege of seeing your
former letters to Lady Eyre - which
shall be returned to you - but I
shall not return your own letter to
me - it is too precious, my dear friend)

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what an amount of good is being
(very quietly) done by you -
what interesting peeps your letters
give into the Hospitals economy,
so much so that one regrets that
you, who fulfil my idea of perfection
in Nursing matters, have not
entered more into small detail.

E.g. what an insight into nun=nature
is that of obliging men dying of
exhaustion to 'faire maigre' because
it is Friday -

& not feeding dying men to the last!
- and their abhorrence of French
people in the Hospitals! -

These are the kind of index=facts
that are very precious to put on
record. I wish you would give us
many more!

In my experience of French "Sisters of
Charity" (the Augustinians are much
better), especially in the Enfants
Trouvés, - the nuns appeared to
think it was well for the poor
things to die & get out of this

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"sinful world" Also: one great cause of their high Death rate is that their charges are always underfed. [There is little or none of that great devotion which you often see even in rude English Hospital Nurses, which makes them think it apparently a matter of life & death to themselves to feed up &, by incessant care, give the best chance to the last moment to a poor miserable stranger Patient whom they will never see again.]

I heard that Col= Cox's supplement of stores which he carried himself for the wounded of the battle of Baccon or Couloniers of the 9th & 10th= came just in the nick of time. Col= Elphinstone at Tours telegraphed to our "Aid Society" here for Chloroform, Surgical Instruments, Blankets, warm clothing &c - saying that never were things so urgently wanted - for the 5000

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Wounded of that battle And Col
Lindsay, (our Chairman, as you know,)
despatched them at once by two
young English officers via Havre.
The half of our Giant Ambulance
at Versailles has been fortunately
sent to Orleans. The other half
has been recalled. [The Prussians
had interfered with them.]
Most probably you know much more
of all these things than I do -
only we sometimes find that we
know more in London of *general*
things than people in France, not
on the spot -
From private accounts I receive from
well-informed people at & of the
German Hospitals before Paris & at
& of those which existed before Metz
till the Capitulation, I do not
hesitate to say that our Scutari
& Crimean Hospitals, when at their
worst, which roused all England
in horror, were better than these

f70/12.3v

German Hospitals, especially the
Typhus ones, when at their best
& without any particular pressure.

What will it be in mid-winter if
this frightful, this unparalleled
struggle goes on - & if it spreads
to all the nations in Europe?

God in His pity grant to our
agonizing prayers that it may
stop. [The Prussian Camp Sanitary arrangements
are almost *nil*. The Sick & Death rate frightfully high -]
We have other "Societies" doing what
they can for the starving, ~~{word crossed out}~~ half-naked
& burnt-out peasantry round
Metz & round Sedan - Among all
the horrors, perhaps their fate is
the worst.

Also: our "Aid Society" has a new appeal
& work which it has begun among
the sick French prisoners in Germany,
dying of Typhus & Dysentery from
starvation & exposure. They positively
arrived so weak that food had
to be put not into their hands
~~mouths~~ but into their
mouths!! They lay down dying on the straw
at their arrival!!

f70/12.4

How long, O Lord, how long? O
when will all these horrors, which
have not their like in history, cease?

Wherever the English language is
spoken, from the Princess to the
poor needle woman, from the
Peer to the negro, all have been
ready to bring their gifts, their
unpaid labour where they could
not give money or stores.
[Only yesterday I received from
two poor congregations of working
negroes in the island of St. Vincent
in the West Indies £5. 12. 6,
sent quite simply through their
clergymen, desiring that, as they
had seen my name in a stray
London paper, in connection with
the Sick & Wounded, I would apply
their mite & asking me to write to them]

God bless you, my dearest friend.
Have you been driven out
of Amiens? - [I shall send
this to Lady Eyre] - all yours & ever
yours in heart & soul

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:747]

{archivist's note: III 14
70/13 F.N. to Henry Bonham Carter, 30 Nov 1870.
70/14 " " " " " 7 Dec. 1870.}

Letter, ff70/13.1-70/13.2, pencil. 30 Nov. 1870

f70/13.1

Netley Nurses

[15:220-21]

My dear Harry BC -

I hate to trouble you about these
at such a moment -

Dr. Sutherland offers to settle it for
you, on receiving our answers -

I have written my remarks on his
Abstract (for you) -

He offers to send us the whole
correspondence -

Do you think it necessary? -

Do you think Mrs. Wardroper should
see the enclosed paper - & give *her*
verdict?

Perhaps it would be better -

[It is altogether unsatisfactory - for it

f70/13.1v

seems to me that Mrs. Deeble always
say that *that* Quarter will be the
"quietest" (for Night Nurses) which
she thinks at the moment will
procure most of what she likes for
herself.]

Sydney

Both Mrs. Wardroper & I have heard this
mail.

Miss Osburn tells us nothing definite - but
evidently wishes to prepare us for her
leaving -

Her object in writing is: to ask us to give
her another appointment -

I do not propose to write, (as there is the
same *qui pro quo* about staying for *my* (!)
sake.)

But I will write, if you think it right. All

f70/13.2

I could say, (in modified language)
would be:

God bless her - And for her own sake &
the sake of all under her, may she
never undertake Hospital superintendence
again.

She proposes to go to Canada to her brother
(a capital plan, I think) - & wait there
for another appointment from us - (!!)
[not liking to trouble you now I sent my
opinion & the two letters back to
Mrs. Wardroper - But I am afraid
you must {words smudged out by time}
opinion]

[end 15:221]

ever yours

FN

30/11/70

Letter, f70/14, pencil

f70/14.1

35 S. St. Dec 7/70

My dear Harry B.C. -

It was a great relief to me to have
your "Post Card" -

I had felt quite uneasy about you
all - knowing, about you in particular,
that you had sat up with dear Fan -
- & was only deterred from sending,
to enquire, by the fear of making
Sibella write a note.

I make an excuse now of sending
br birds to ask for a verbal message
of a health Officer -

2. *Netley Night Nurses' Quarters*

I return you your (own) note of
Mr. Talbot's - & I send one of Dr.

f70/14.1v

Sutherland's of Saturday,
 which please return at your convenience.
 I wrote to Dr. Sutherland, as soon as I had
 received yours of Friday - And I sent
 him yours of Saturday (at noon) the moment
 I received it - in Sibella's writing) by hand.
 You will see that the second did not
 arrive in time -
 But it appears to be settled as well as it
 can under the circumstances -
 God bless you
 ever yours
 F.N.

{archivist's note: III 15
 70/15 } F.N. to Henry Bonham Carter [30 Nov. - 7 Dec 1870]
 70/16 }

f70/15.1

{arch. note: [1870 or 1871] with 30/11/70

7/12/70}

My dear Harry BC

1 - The enclosed *Dr. Hahn* is a cousin of M Mohl's
 I have looked thro' his pamphlet - It seems to me
 - all generalia - & (not exactly platitudes - but)
 what are truisms to a Matron organizing an Institution
 "warm heart", "intellectual power" &c &c.
 I have written him the Generalia I enclose [He writes
 to me in English]
 What I ask is: would you be so good as just to take home
 & glance thro' his pamphlet & tell me whether you
 think we can criticize it as a *plan*, as he asks me
 to do - I really can make little of it

=

2. Mrs. Wardroper -

is in much distress because Netley does not send
 for her 2 Night Nurses.

=

3. Miss Kilvert -

Is she gone? I see Derby Infirmary advertising
 for a Supt=.

Letter, f70/16, pencil LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/16

[15:747-48]

f70/16.1

My dear Harry

Do not read any more of these letters than you like.

[Those from Miss Rumpff to Mrs. Wardroper are the ones you sent me -]

I have made great use of all Miss Rumpff's letters with Capt Galton, Lord Shaftesbury &c - to get stores for the Versailles Hospitals.

And I got her £50 in gold (French) for herself from the Socy= (besides £35 which she has had before & £5 from Mrs. Schwabe

And lo! ~~when~~ I received a note - "have you seen Miss Rumpff's impudent letter (Thursday's 'Times')?"

I had not - I looked at it

I can do nothing more ~~for~~ for Miss Rumpff

It is not that the letter is "impudent" but that it is now in the power of every one of our Socy= who has seen these private letters, to put in the "Times" - `this C.R. is a liar - we have at this moment letters of hers, saying that the "Johanniter" are luxurious, idle, selfish, bon-vivants & picknickers - living on the Stores - & that his Prince Pless is a fool" (which he is) -

f70/16.1v

"And now she curries favour with them by a letter in the "Times" -

I don't know that our Socy connects "C.R." with Miss Rumpff - except my informant -

I have taken the utmost pains to conceal the fact - tho' I saw Col. Lindsay the very day C.R.'s letter appeared in Thursday's "Times" -

[I had just received a promise from L Shaftesbury that she should have all she wanted from the "Socy="]

I have not yet told any one but you - do you think it would be of any use for anybody (I will not do it) to write & tell her that she is of course at liberty to publish any opinions she pleases *for* the Johannites & *against* our Socy= - but *not* at liberty to write two opposite statements - *Both* can't be true -

I am afraid she is a "bad lot" - I have seen a letter of hers to Mrs. Schwabe, abusing the Socy= for *not* giving her "remuneration" - & a letter (of the same date) to the Socy=, proudly "declining remuneration".

f70/16.2

Would you tell Mrs. Wardroper
the heads of the of the above?
& that she has had £50 more -

[end 15:748]

{archivist's note: III 16

70/17 F.N. to J.J. Frederick, 17 Dec. 1870

70/18 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 24 Dec 1870}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/17

[15:750-51]

f70/17.1

{printed} 35 South Street Dec 17/70
Park Lane

W

My dear Sir

As I see that your Anniversary Sermon for the "Surrey Chapel" Benevolent Society is to be to morrow, I cannot help sending you my mite (£2) to put in the plate or use otherwise, as you please.

I wish it were more - But none know better than you how the calls of these dreadful days seem to defy all power of meeting them.

I send you the "National Society's" map - But, faster than we can publish our map, the terrible battle fields of France multiply the centres of misery. You will see on the map but five Red crosses in the miserable "Western district south of the Seine where now we have 17 -!! (each reckoning independent of Paris.)

But this is not all the misery! We, the "Ladies' Committee for the "Widows & Orphans", (whose Post-Card I enclose,

f70/17.1v

have joined the "War-Victim's Fund" Society for the starving peasantry round Metz & round Sedan, who are literally stripped of everything. even of corn & other seeds for next year -

I will send you some papers, when I receive more - having given away all I had -

But only on condition that you will not suppose we want the "Surrey Chapel", which has already done so much, to do more -

I heard the most interesting account the other day of the peasantry in the Ardennes from Mr. Bullock, the gentleman who raised what is called the "Daily News' Fund", another fund for these poor people - He is gone out again to continue the distribution - & in a few days pursues his errand among the villages round Paris which are, we hear, in an almost worse state of misery & starvation

f70/17.2

He described the peasantry of the Ardennes, half agricultural, half manufacturing, as living in an almost ideal state of industry, frugality, morality & religion - Now they are stripped of all - And pillage & burning seems to have been inflicted on them, even beyond the necessities of an invading Army. But no one murmurs - No one begs - Their savings are all gone, even to the last franc. They seemed quite surprised that any should have come to help them. "England has been to us like Providence", some said.

And so she has! God bless her! She has given not only of her superfluity, but of her poverty & even of her necessity. So many instances of this have come within my own knowledge - Congregations of very poor working negroes in the West Indies have clubbed together their pence, & sent the sum to me "for the sufferers in the present War".

f70/17.2v

National Schools have given up their only feast in the year; & begged that the money might be sent to "children who are poorer than we are".
God bless them all.

England's "generosity & magnificent charity", as the Crown Princess of Prussia (who has worked as hard as any body) truly writes to me, we may thank God for-
And "all for love & nothing for reward".

May I ask the prayers of your Congregation not for myself, not only for myself, but for all the sufferers, the miserable men, women & children in this awful War, the most frightful of Earth's histories, the innocent women & children, helpless & almost hopeless but for God & the kind souls He has raised up to help them

Oh when will the end come?

I trust that Mrs Frederick & your little son are well -

[end 15:751]

Pray believe me

ever yours sincerely

J.J.Frederick Esq Florence Nightingale

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/70/18 black-edged paper

f70/18.1

[15:752]

Dec. 24/70

Christmas Eve

{printed: 35 South Street

Park Lane

W

My dearest Mrs. Cox

Sad but earnest Christmas
greetings I cannot help
sending you by one line,
tho' I have no time for more -
And yet not sad, for if ever
two people were carrying the
message of "peace & good
will to man", crushed & agonized
as he is now, it is you & Col=
Cox - So I will rather say to
you, Good cheer! Hail, ye
who are highly favoured.

Your letters have been
received - & your directions
shall be exactly obeyed -

I was so very sorry to hear

f70/18.1v

of your little boy being ill.

I trust it is only a trifling
attack - I shall be quite
anxious to hear that you have
no sorrow there -

Our whole hearts are with you.
I will write at greater length.
To-day I have only time to
catch the post & say God
bless you, my dear, dear friend,
as we all do - & give you
strength & His best & highest
Christmas blessings -

all yours & ever yours
in heart & soul

Florence Nightingale

[end]

{archivist's note: III 17

71/1 F.N. to [Mrs. Cox] 11 Jan 1871

71/2 " " " 14 Jan 1871

71/3 " " " 20 Jan 1871}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/1

[15:760-61]

f71/1.1

Jan 11/71

Concerning the matter which you wrote to me about as to not worrying Col. Cox overladen with work to give accounts, of Stores &c., except as a whole, I set to work very gingerly, but zealously, because, as you observed, it was impossible to shew the letters to the Committee here.

Believe me, first, that the Committee "are fully "aware of Col= Cox's admirable "exertions & zeal." [They value him & you, as they ought, if that be possible.] And they "very much regret "his absence & its cause, "his children's illness", (as

f71/1.1v

indeed they *may* & do.)

The application to Col= Cox for an account of Stores was not made directly by the Committee. They only asked Sir V. Eyre to send an account from time to time, in such form as he could manage.

And they merely wanted to have it borne in mind that some account should be kept which could be rendered at a future time.

The Committee would of course willingly give any necessary allowance for persons to keep accounts.

f71/1.2

But no application was ever made to them.

Capt. Brackenbury who applied had an Accountant from England.

Mr. Lee at Tours has sent very regular accounts of the distribution of stores.

But no pressure has been put on Sir V. Eyre that I can find out to render accounts. He has had 'carte blanche' to appoint his own Officers.

The Committee have *not* pressed for accounts at all.

[Here they repeated again (what they are never tired of saying) how much they are

f71/1.2v

indebted to Col= Cox's invaluable exertions & yours.

N.B. Of course they know that Col= Cox could not, with his 21 miles of villages supplying them as no one else could have done keeping up an authority & organization in Amiens which no one else could have done - that he could not have time to write accounts of stores which a common Accountant could do.

f71/1.3

Dear friend

Again I begin this often interrupted letter, (which I would not send till ~~after~~ I could tell you of some prospect for the "parcels") - to wish you God speed -

I return Col= Cox's letter with many thanks -

I have not seen the "Extracts from his Journal", & should read them with the greatest interest & return them to you.

The horrors of the War deepen & become more heart-rending - It is a common thing for us to receive letters from our friends & acquaintances, some inside Paris - French mothers - (& indeed German {in pencil: mothers} in Germany also: -) `my eldest son killed in a sortie -

f71/1.3v

`leaves a young widow' - baby 5 days old - my second son killed on the Loire - leaves a young widow about to be confined - my third son a prisoner' - This is a usual specimen -

One (inside Paris) writes: - "Quant a moi, apres avoir confie mes enfans et tout ce qui les touche aux mains de Dieu, je n'ai pas voulu m'adresser la moindre question sur eux - car je n'aurais pas view - et je veux vivre" - (that is, for her duties which she mentions.)

A Dieu dearest friend
ever yours
F Nightingale

[end 15:761]

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/2 black-edged paper

f71/2.1

[15:765-66]

35 South Street, Jan 14/71
Park Lane, {printed:}
W.

My dearest friend

I thank God that your
worst cares for your children
are over - I think you
can scarcely be more thankful
than I am - I trembled when
I opened your note to Emily
Verney - How much you have
suffered - Yours in thought
& in heart I have been all
this time, & longed that I
could have been with you in
body.

I see with some uneasiness
that you are nursing Col=Cox -

f71/2.1v

Though, after all he has gone
through, his unparalleled
work, we can scarcely be
surprised at your sad account,
yet we shall feel very
anxious to know that it is
only a passing loss of strength.

And, about you, dear friend,
I feel most anxious of all,
till we hear that you have
not been quite broken down
with all your labours & trials.

God bless and support you!

And He *will* bless you!

How grieved I have been not to

f71/2.2

be able to do anything for you -

What New Year's wishes
can one wish but that there
never may be such another? -
such a Year as this to the end
of the world?

Indeed, in the morning, I
dread the evening mail - And
in the evening I dread the
morning - unlike the plaint
in the Scriptures. But I think
it is worse. I used so to
wish for the winter days to pass.
But now I dread each coming
day, as worse than the last -

f71/2.2v

more full of frantic passion,
misery & blood.
But I will not say more about
this. Bismarck & that pious
old King=Emperor are as fatal to
friends as foes. What
difference between the
unoccupied part of France
and (for instance) Bavaria?
- I can see none -

Both are equally prostrate in
sorrow & lost life & activity
France, if it were not for the
"honour of the thing", has a
better prospect - once the
invader is out for her own
reconstruction than Germany.

But I must stop -
yours, dearest Mrs. Cox, in
heart & soul, ever & always
Florence Nightingale

[end 15:766]

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/3 black-edged paper

f71/3.1

[15:766-67]

Jan 20/71

My dear Mrs. Cox

It is most "aggravating" how the effort to arrange for sending the parcels from friends to French prisoners in Germany has hung fire -

It is as if - by the time when even German frosts are over - the arrangements would be quite & completely ready for forwarding the warm=clothing=presents (from their relatives) to the poor prisoners.

But at last there seems to be a means.

Dr. Evans, who is the Secretary of a "Society for clothing

f71/3.1v

French prisoners," (whom Sir Harry Verney, - recommended by Mme Bernstorff, - has applied to for your purpose,) "expects to leave for Brussels "passing through Calais & "Lille for the above place, "thence to Cologne.

He says to Sir H.V. that anything he can do in the matter will be gladly done. - that he hopes to establish among his friends at Brussels a means by which parcels or clothing sent through Belgium will be forwarded to Cologne or elsewhere in Germany - that he will at

f71/3.2

the same time arrange if possible for the transmitting of your parcels - that he will inform Sir H.V.

"with whom the arrangements have been made for Brussels & Germany".

Sir H. Verney has asked Dr. Evans to call upon you on his way through Calais.

f71/3.2v

We do trust that the object will now be secured - which is the kindest of all kindnesses - viz. transmitting parcels to prisoners from their own people -

I assure you that we have not been remiss in trying to arrange for it. And I will not weary you with telling you of all our efforts - only mentioning that, first, Mme Bernstorff, at Sir H.V.'s request, thought that she could do it thro' M. de Beaulieu, the Belgian Minister here - & wrote to *him* to arrange some plan of forwarding from Brussels -

f71/3.3

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- then Mme= Berstorff herself
recommended this Dr. Evans
"as the best person to arrange
"about forwarding the parcels"
"to the French prisoners in
"Germany." [Mme= B. spoke
to Dr. Evans about it - & put
Sir H.V.in communication
with him -]

And this is the way, we
do trust, that it will be
settled at last.

[Mme= Bernstorff has herself
sent as many as a hundred
of these small parcels to
French prisoners in Germany,
to Spandau, Magdeburg,
{illeg.Gloyau?} &c]

f71/3.3v

We had thought that our
Committee (at St. Martin's
Place) might have arranged
some agency for forwarding
parcels to the French prisoners.
But they found it impossible.
Our envoys to the prisoners
are *not* allowed access
to them. And the Committee
indeed "all doubt whether
any agency will manage
to cause the parcels ever
to *reach* the prisoners."
[I trust this "doubt" is
exaggerated.]

[end 15:767]

{archivist's note: III 18
71/4 F.N. to M. Mohl, 25 Feb. 1871}

pen, not FN hand, LMA black-edged paper H1/ST/NC1/71/4

Embley - Romsey Feb 25/71

[15:778-80]

Dear M. Mohl I cannot thank you enough for your two letters - I was so very anxious to hear that your house & papers were safe - & to hear just the things that are not told by newspapers. (which may God confound! - God Almighty does not read the newspapers. We who have to read them know how degenerate - that & Magazine= reading - makes a people - & I never can forgive the "Times" & "Daily News" raising the hue & cry in favour of Prussian militarism at the beginning - & then, when came the most evident & most inevitable consequence of what they did their little all to bring

f71/4.1v

about - sitting down to blubber & cry - I assure you that, at the beginning of the War, freedom of public opinion had ceased in England - If one said one word, hesitating to think that the cause of European constitutional progress was not to be secured for ever by Prussia over running France, one was pilloried - I never saw such a thing. So one can fancy the ancient Jewesses would have raved, if any one had doubted that the Jews murdering the Canaanites & appropriating their lands was not the highest ideal of justice & truth. Every body talked a la Max Muller in that inflated, superficial nonsense - & made themselves the Apostles of Neo-German Militarism - a woeful day to see - By the way, I have seen a letter of Max Müller's drowned in tears - which does more honour to the softness of his heart than to that of his head. And this is nearly the only comfort I have - a very slender comfort - except that your house & papers are safe - Julie was always the Empress of my affections - But now she is truly Jule César-inn. And I honour her a great deal more for standing by your keys than the "old canting Corporal" for taking the keys of Paris - Will you give her my love when you go back? - How I should like to send her some little thing that she would like! What shall it be? - I am sorry "la grande Mademoiselle" is starved to death -

f71/4.2

the great ancestor of our cats. You will have to take
a kitten from us, after all - I communicated
the intelligence to Temperance who took it very
solemnly - & observed that so great a character
had better have furnished food for others than
have died of want of food herself -

I am very glad that M. Roulin is well - Pray
remember me to him when you see him -

Are the poor {illeg.Sourqueneff's?} going back? -
And how is that old Madame de Mousticho - (that's
not the name nor anything like it) who began to
learn Latin when she was couched after she was
80 - & could read Livy under your auspices? -

f71/4.2v

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I should so have liked to have seen you again
before you started -

I told my father (who is still at Lea Hurst)
that February 23, last Thursday, was the last
day that I could stay away from London with
any convenience - But as he gives no sign, &
as nobody offers to relieve me here, & it is impossible
to leave my mother alone, I must e'en give
that up, with what cheerfulness I may, as I have
had to give up most other things -

[It was better for me when Sidney Herbert was
alive - And I had to go back to my business to a day
& hour, just like an Under Secretary - And there
was no question about it -]

f71/4.3

Alas! how unhappy is this Clerical Re-actionarism.
I used to be so amused watching the Infallibilists.
But if ever Germany gives them the right, what
hope is there? And I suppose there is much
clerical re-action in the French Assembly.

How strange a problem it will be the
re - constitution of authority & government in
France - stranger than ever before -

Every fresh letter I see or have from France
brings fresh evidence of the utter, the inconceivable
de composition, disorganization, of every
authority, Mayors, Communes, Departmental
Councils, Commandants, & Intendance altogether.
It is really past belief.

How is all this to be re=constituted? - in
the midst of misery unspeakable -

But, for all that, I had rather be France
than Germany just now -

I must stop - tho' I have a great deal to
ask - But I want to save this post, for
fear you should be gone -

What follows is for Mme= Schwabe. [But do
not tell it her, if it will make any trouble as
we may hope now that Sick & *Wounded* affairs at
least will be over - tho' the utter poverty among
peasant=farmers in France makes famine=prospects
a very serious matter -]

To Mme= Werckner of Breslau has been sent another £100

f71/4.3v

from the "National Society" at St. Martin's Place

- for the sick French prisoners -

But she has never received any of Mme Schwabe's
things -

[We found from other sources that she was the
only lady who visited the French prisoners at
Breslau.]

I must stop - God bless you

[end 15:780]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

{archivist's note: III 19

71/5 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 8 Mar 1871} black-edged

{envelope included} *Via Calais*

Mrs. Colonel Cox

Burn Société Natle. Anglaise-Secours aux Blessés de la guerre

14 Rue la Merchier

Amiens

France

8/3/71

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/5 black-edged paper

f71/5.1

[15:781-84]

Private

35 South Street. March 8/71

Park Lane {printed}

W

My dearest Mrs. Cox

If you knew how interesting
all your letters are to me,
how useful & important, & how
I strive that they shall be
turned to the purposes for
which they are written -
you would know how deeply
grateful I am to you for
writing when you are under
such pressure of work, &
that you never can write enough
- & also how I wish that I
could write to you a letter for
every one of yours.

With regard to your last 2 letters,
(about the distribution of what
may remain of the Fund to sufferers
& not to "Hotels Dieu")

f71/5.1v

I have already tried to convey
the substance of your first
to members of the Committee
[I never use your name excepting
to those I know well when you
desire me not.]

I entirely concur with you -
I mean that, from my own
former personal experience
& from trustworthy sources of
information during this War,
of whom you are yourself one of
the most important, I concur
that gifts given in the way
proposed by the Committee
(if it *is* proposed) only go to
save some Military or Civilian
pocket - to enrich some Intendant

f71/5.2

or Econome - not to provide
additional comforts for the sufferers
 but to supply necessities *instead*
 of the Government, Administration,
 or proper authority supplying
 these - [As to the corruption of
 the Intendence, that beats all now
 that even I have ever known
 of it, as I need not tell you]

But I do not know whether the
 Committee will consider it due
 to the contributors, who subscribed
 the Fund for a particular purpose,
 viz the "Sick & Wounded", to devote
 all that remains of it for the
 purpose for which our appeal
 was made.

[As you say, even if it be so, they
 might contrive some organization
 for its reaching the "halt &
 maimed", who will be, alas! but
 too numerous, & not the "Hôtels Dieu."]

f71/5.2v

You know we have several
 other "Societies" for the Widows
 & orphans, the starving peasantry,
 the Paris starvation, & the other
 Victims of the War - (to nearly
 all of which I belong - tho' alas
 an unworthy because always
 overworked a member.)

To these I think we must apply
 for some of your purposes, your
 widows & orphans - Unfortunately
 the "Widows & Orphans" Fund is
 the worst managed of all -
 [do not say that I said so -]
 I do not think that there is any
 fixed responsibly - any
 reasonable arrangement by
 which French & Germans may
 benefit with some equality -
 almost all ~~the~~ the money having hitherto
 gone to the Victoria Stiftung at

f71/5.3

Berlin - I have myself brought
 certain applications like yours,
 viz. from the P. Etienne, the
 superior General of Lazarists
 & Soeurs de Charité, for grants
 for French widows & orphans -
 And, because I have not been
 able to go & storm myself at
 the Ladies' Committee which
 besides never meets, every
 thing has been left in the
 hands of a German Treasurer
 who manages things as I have
 said.

But I trust that, when the first
 amazing pressure of Wounded
 lately & of starving peasants now
 is relaxed, business-like ways
 will be introduced into the
 management for the "Widows &
 Orphans" also -

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The other "Funds", some of which
 are extremely well managed, &
 which are now to be brought
 into some kind of co-operation,
 are: (as you know) -

the War Victim's Fund, set a going
 by Quakers

Mr. Bullock's Fund (the "Daily News")

Lord Vernon's Seed-Fund

the Lord Mayor's French Relief
 Fund.

[All these are, by the nature of things,,
 for *France*, not Germany. † & as
 the Soldiers' Widows & orphans must in
 some degree participate may in a
 sense redress the inequality I have
 been speaking of - But in the
 first French Army, I mean till the
 Republican levies, there must have
 been a far, far smaller proportion of
 married men, therefore of Widows &
 orphans, than in the German Army -
 were there not? -]

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With regard to ~~you~~ the second of your last two letters, of which I will try to make immediately all the use I can, all every bit of the direct information I have received about the Prussian Hospitals in France in this War goes to corroborate what you say. [And it so happens that, from one or two of my own old young pupils who have gone to serve in them & from other agents I have had more direct accounts from Prussian than from French Hospls., excepting your own invaluable information.] I have no hesitation in saying that, from first to last, when there has been pressure & when there has been none, from best to worst, when there have been

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no battles as well as when there has been a great overwhelming flood of Wounded, before Metz, before Sedan, at Pont a Moussou, before Paris and on the Loire, the best of the Prussian & Bavarian Hospitals have been worse than ~~the~~ our English Hospitals at their worst time in the Crimean War, when all England rose in horror.

The Prussian War Hospitals are *systematically* bad. The French War Hospitals are only *accidentally* bad. That is, when you see the best really organized Prussian Hospital, you see how bad it is. When you see the best really organized French Hospital, you see how good it is.

The Prussians don't *intend* to give

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their Patients every possible chance
of recovery - *That* is to be supplied
by gifts, even in a normal state.

If not, not. The Government
only supplies the same rations
to the Hospitals as to the Army.
The surgery, as a *spécialité*, is
very good. The management
execrably bad.

That the Death-rate in some of the
Hospitals which I knew most
about in the earlier part of
of War was one third higher
in the Prussian than in the
Ⓔ French Hospitals I am afraid
is a certain fact.

Of course we cannot know yet -
perhaps we shall never know -
what the real Death-rate in
the Hospitals of either side
has been throughout the War -
I am afraid that it will surpass
all that we have most feared
- especially on the German side
in France

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& among the French prisoners' Establishment in
Germany [I have terrible accounts from *German*
ladies in Germany of some of these places.
[But of course they vary. Some are no doubt treated well.]

Of all the badness of the Prussian
Hospitals I say nothing at present,
of course. If we had told what
we knew, we should have been
shut out of the Hospitals - We
have had the greatest difficulty
in securing that our gifts should
reach the sufferers. The
"Johanniter" have notoriously
diverted gifts from the Hospitals
to the use of the Army.

Such a system of terrorism
reigns that the defects of the
Hospitals in the Prussian Army
must not be looked into, must
not be exposed (any more than
the sufferings of State prisoners
in Austria in the first 30 years
of the century)

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You may know too much.

Privately, I will tell you (but I trust that you will not even try to guess the names) that two of our best agents who served more than one of our Societies - residents, married ladies, who were partly of one nationality, partly of another, received a formal official hint, conveyed thro' a British representative, that they must not *look too much* into the Prussian Hospitals (which, at the place (in France) where they were, were supposed to be perfect) `or they might be hurried off to `a fortress in Prussia - and he `would not be able to help them.'

The story is incredible, but happened exactly as I have told you - & was told me direct by the persons concerned. -

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Judge therefore if I am not prepared to avail myself of every hint you give me - *and more.*

Dearest friend, I must stop. You have every thing that is interesting to tell me. I have nothing to tell you. I really snatch this moment to write to you, only that you may not think me ungrateful for your too, too interesting letters - that you may not think they are wasted.

I trust that Col=Cox & your children are well - & that *he does not starve* as your poor Patients would have starved but for you -

All thro' this war, I have felt that `Hospital treatment' was a case of beef & porter - or beef tea & wine -

God bless you - And He *will* bless you yours in thought & heart ever

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:784]

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N.B.

One thing I think the experience of the present War must have taught us (tho' I am sure my foregone conclusions were very different - & this experience must be extraordinarily difficult of application -) viz. that English gifts must be, as much as possible distributed by English hands - & as little as possible by the hands of priests, nuns, mayors - & not at all by the hands of Intendance & Economes & Administrations - This experience is ~~that~~ the result, not only of the "Sick & Wounded" Fund - but of the Lord Mayor's, Mr. Bullock's & other Relief Funds before mentioned - in France. And as to German Army, as far as Hospitals are concerned, it applies in its full force - Gifts must be distributed as little as possible by the hands of administrators, or "Johanniter", or Medical Staff, - all of which will play into the hands of the Army [P.T.O.]

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Your ideas as to the destruction of life among the Prussians in Hospital by giving them only water, not stimulants - & by giving no fresh air, for fear of draughts were fully borne out by an old young pupil of mine who managed one of their Hospitals before Metz. She actually cried to see the loss of life in consequence - being experienced in Hospitals -

FN

{archivist's note: III 20

71/6 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 4 April, 1871

71/7 " " " " 30 April, 1871}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/6 black-edged paper

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35 South Street,} April 4/71 [15:785]

Park Lane, {printed:}

W.

My dearest Mrs. Cox

I have been waiting for half
an hour to be able to write to
you what I always feel & am
thinking about you -

But that half hour never coming,
I must just write as I can -
to tell you that a little sum
Ten Pounds from me was given
to be forwarded to you on Saturday,
if you would be so very kind
as to apply it to the purposes
among the Sick & Wounded (for
which alas! Ten Thousand
Pounds would be all too scanty).

Four (of these Pounds) were
contributed by a poor negro
congregation of St. Mary's
in the island of Barbados
in the West Indies - who sent
it to me with a desire that

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I would consider it as at my
"disposal" for the Sick & Wounded
on both sides in France."
I have been so very much touched
at receiving more than one of
these small collections from
poor negro congregations in
the West Indies -
And I have generally sent them sums
with a small addition of my
own to private persons
like yourself - though who is
there like Mrs. Cox? - who
were working for our "Aid Society"
- as the best way of carrying
out the intentions of the poor
generous givers who had
collected the pence they
could so ill spare for this
purpose -
If you could, in your next letter,
either to Emily Verney or myself,
write a scrap which could be

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torn off for me to send to the
Barbados negroes, it would
please them very much -
I have much to say in answer to
your letters which are all
of absorbing interest to me -
but must put off saying it,
as usual.

But I *must* thank you for the
beautiful *pears* which I
enjoyed very much. 1. because
it was *you* who had been so
very good as to send them -
2. because of their intrinsic merits,
(and I am ordered fresh fruit
of all kinds.) I should have
thought poor France had hardly
any fresh fruit left -

God bless you

[end 15:785]

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

envelope Mrs. Colonel Cox
Hôtel des Bénédictine
Calais

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/7 black-edged paper

f71/7.1

35 South Street, April 30/71
Park Lane, {printed}

W,

Dearest Mrs. Cox

God bless you for all you are doing -
I write as soon as it is possible -
But I cannot thank you enough for
all your most interesting & valuable
letters.

[15:792-95]

You ask about the principle as
to "distributing Testaments" or not -
I agree with *your* principle. You
are feeding the hungry in body - why
not the hungry in soul? - If they
come to ask for a Testament, I
should give it. This is a totally
different thing from giving food
to all, whether hungry or not. [I
remember being shocked to see in
an Italian Army leaves - as many
as half the volume - torn out of
numbers of copies of New Testaments
in Italian & put to the most
revolting uses. These copies I
knew were given by Colporteurs at
random, who kept assuring me,
that they were always acceptable!]

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Your description of the eating canker in R. Catholic France
is most painfully graphic -

On the one hand we have had
Luther & the results of his training
in that noble truthfulness & sense
of duty which we find in England
& Germany. This it is which has
prostrated France before Bismarck.
[I only wish it had been before
better men than he, or *any* of the
leaders, except our own Crown
Prince.]

On the other hand we have had the
Pope, Infallibility, & the result
of his dolls & Bartholomew
massacres as shewn in the
fate of the "eldest daughter of
the Church" -

Do you remember that Macaulay says
that no nation which had the
Reformation opportunity and
rejected it has ever had the
opportunity again - & that hence
=forth all must walk, as nations,

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on the road they made for themselves
then.

If this be true, France can only
enter the narrow path, man by
man & woman by woman.

However, this is rather beyond the
mark. I entirely agree with
all you say about the offering
gifts to Virgins, having seen so
much of it myself - The worship
of the Virgin now, in the Latin races,
is hardly better than the lowest
Fetichism. The Virgin of Notre
Dame des Victoires at Paris is a
different Fetish from the Virgin
of Notre Dame de la Garde, for
instance - And all are to be conciliated
by almost the same means with which a
man gives presents to his mistress.

I am so glad that you tell the people
how *all* England cares for them -
every man, woman & child above
pauperism has strained every
nerve & contributed far more than

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they could afford to help those
who, as they said, "were worse
off than we". Indeed the
Roman Catholics have given less
than their share.

You can have no idea how touching
it has been - And though it
stings one, almost to outcry, to
hear the falsehoods the Roman
Catholic priests, both French
& English, have put about (as to
this generosity of the whole English
people) yet the self-denial & true
liberality of the poor & middle-class
givers shines out the more brightly
from the fog of such assertions
as these: - "oh," say the French
priests to the peasantry, when the
English gifts arrive, "votre
Impératrice est la" - meaning, in
England - & that she it is who sends
all the English gifts.

[8:846]

[The Impératrice has not sent
one sou - has not even given her name
- for I was asked to ask her -

I dare say she could not. She has
been selling a magnificent fur cloak
given her by the Emperor Alexander -

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{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W}

They have been so extravagant that
they are quite ruined. **[end 8:846]**

Still it *is* so.]

Then the English R. Catholic Archbishop
& priest - just the same - At the
Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief
of Paris - "oh it was the duty of the
English people to give - but now
see what we priests will do -
now we shall collect!" -
at the time when this was said,
the English public had collected
£125,000, of which a large part
came from penny collections
among the poorest people- and
of which £300 came from the
Priest's collections!! - for starving Paris.
It seems dirty of me to remember
this - But I am so touched with
the rush of the English people, -
not the rich & great, nor on the
other hand of the Radicals &
sympathizers with the French Republic,
- but of the whole mass of hard working,

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honest, frugal, stupid England, -
to contribute every penny they
could so ill spare, "the very shoes
off their feet, the very suppers
out of their children's mouths,
to poor starving France, not of
their religion, not of their way
of thinking at all, but simply
because they could not bear to
hear of fellow-creatures starving
& suffering, while they had
anything to give -

All have given -

So general a collection among
the "working classes" has never
been - not even for our own
Patriotic Fund.

You cannot think, within my own
private experience, what touching
collections have been made &
sent me from poor Congregations,
National Schools, Evangelical
Chapels, Primitive Methodists,
Factories - the very names of which

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I had never heard before - for
the War-sufferers - congregations
of poor working Methodist negroes
in the West Indies - Ragged School
children who, having nothing to
give, gave up their only feast in
the year, that the money might
be sent to the orphans of the War;-
Sermons preached in London
Dissenting congregations where
was not a single rich member -
but who yet subscribed largely -
women's tea-parties for working
& making up warm clothing &
refusing to be paid for it.
But it would take me a day
even to enumerate all these - And
some I may have mentioned to
you before.

There never was such a truly national
movement in favour of sickness &
suffering of which they knew nothing
but by hearsay - & to which they gave,
knowing that they never should
receive again anything either from

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French or Germans - When would
either subscribe for *us*, for *our*
distress? - People say: oh England
is so rich - It was the poor who gave.
But I must stop.

I am glad the £10 has reached you
at last. The 10 fr. which you were
so good as to advance for the
German prisoner Rabich at Calais
has been repaid me - And I have
given 8/6 to Emily Verney to give
to Col=Cox for you

He was so good as to call at my door
the other day -

How I do hope he will have the
employment he wishes for & so well
deserves -

I cannot tell you, dear friend, how
much I felt for you at the loss
of your dear Sister - Such a grief
as that one feels more & more
every year one lives - But how mourn for *her*,
who is living, not dead?

ever, dear friend, yours

Florence Nightingale

Thank you so much for your 2nd present of
beautiful pears - which I shared with a
sick friend - Indeed you are too good to me

[end 15:795]

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France

Mrs Colonel Cox

14 Rue le Merchier

Amiens

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{archivist's note: III 21

71/8 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 31 May 1871

71/9 " " " " 20 June 1871}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/8 black-edged paper

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35 South Street - Park Lane, W.

[15:801-03]

May 31/71

O my dearest Mrs. Cox

You will know too well why
I could not write - But not a
word of your last 3 letters has
been or shall be wasted - I am
doing all I can with them all.

[I was just putting up a letter to
you to ask for the 3rd Sheet of
your last letter but one which I
saw had been omitted when yours
of yesterday arrived this morning.]

God bless you for them all. They
are all most useful & enlightening -

This last week, most terrible of
weeks - the most tremendous event in
our life-time - perhaps *in the world's*
life-time - The Great Revolution
was a mild, straightforward affair
compared to this - this barbarous
disaster in a civilized world -
Words grow pale before it - I will
write none - It really was
reserved for the Devil of France
of 1871 to operate in the name of

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liberty, prosperity, public right &
civilization.

I dare say you have as many correspond-
ents in Paris as I have - so I will not
repeat - But no newspaper reports
can exaggerate Paris "has burnt
herself down with her own hands".
One fourth is laid in ruins - And
not less than 50,000 people,
including women & children, killed.
No tongue can exaggerate the horrors
committed by the troops in reprisals -
They have killed every man, woman
& child who could be suspected of
belonging to the Commune - Awful
as are the crimes of the Commune,
I cannot see the difference between
this diabolical revenge of the troops
& the diabolical guillotine & noyades
of the French first Revolution of 1793.
But, it is too horrible - The first French
Revolution was bloodless compared to
this with all its guillotines -
There is nothing like it in history -
not the bloodiest battle - not the
longest siege - not populations put
to the sword - And - in these days these
things are done -

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O what will come of it all? - what
can be the next Governmt? - will it
be a return of the worst Ultra
despotism, the worst Ultramontaniam?
- & then the vicious circle all over
again - socialism & mad Insurrection.
The "Times" expects me to make myself
a puddle of my tears because the
Tuileries are burnt "which were built
by Catherine de 'Medici' - the greatest
rascal the world ever saw.
It is not *that*; it is the hopeless out=
=look of France which gives one a
grief too deep for tears -
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It is not true, as has been said, that
there are "*English* among the Insurgés" -
there are Irish=American Fenians -
[no country in Europe ever knows the
difference.] There are, among the
Commune & its men, nearly half
foreigners, Belgians, Poles, Italians,
American Fenians - And a very
old friend of mine, Member of the
Institut, who has kept in Paris all
thro' this, ~~ma~~ & was bombarded in his
house, makes the very sensible remark
- 'And all these birds of ill omen are

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`from Roman Catholic countries!' -
(for the American Fenians are Irish)
That is what puts one in such despair
It will be the same eternal round
of re-actions: - Ultramontaniam=Socialism

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I saw Mme= de Stael from the French
Embassy. She took it all like a Saint.
She did not cry - tho' she had death - in
her face - All her family is in it. Yet
she spoke of it all, as one just come
from heaven & going back again,
might do.

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But I must, instead of writing about
what all our hearts & minds are so
full of, try to answer parts of your
dear letters -

1. The Versailles Govt= did send some time
ago to ask whether our National Soc
wd= give them aid - The answer
was: No - [Our Committee thought
I believe 1. that ~~if~~ Englishmen
never wd= have subscribed the Funds
for *Civil* War - 2. that, if they gave
to one side, they had hardly an excuse
for not giving to the other, if the
Commune asked them -]

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I do not know what they will do
now -

2. I can well believe what you say
about the wasted Stores.

So early as October last, when the
Prussian Army Hospitals in great
distress had 4 months of greater
before them, the Johanniter
packed up large & valuable War Hospital stores,
among them, English ~~stores~~gifts, & gave
them to be sent to German peace
Institutions, orphan Asylums &c,
& religious Orders *in Germany* -
this under the eyes & to the horror of an old young
pupil of mine in charge of their
dreadful Field=Lazareths - but
who shrinks from publishing the
names -

3. I entirely concur with you that
the "Printed Questions" will never
call out all the information
necessary to make a better Geneva
Convention -

You ask me to "find out for you
who wrote them".

Months ago I was asked to
write them - and did so - at once.

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Months afterwards these were
sent to me "as mine" -
Not one of them is mine -

They are not calculated to call
forth information at all.

We should never have tolerated
such questions in any of the R-
Commissions we conducted -

[I believe I know who did them
But it is no use telling now]
I remonstrated -

And on receipt of your wise
suggestion I remonstrated again -

And a resolution was carried
in Committee (I have not time
to refer to its exact words now)
~~that~~ to ask the Red Cross workers
who have time & inclination to
send them (the Committee) information
& facts &c &c

This request will come to you - if
it goes anywhere -

God bless you - & save Paris -
ever your affect- & grateful
tho' old & sorrowful

[end 15:803]

F. Nightingale

I have been so
interrupted
- Forgive me

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France

Mrs Colonel Cox

14 Rue le Merchier

Amiens

30.4.71

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/9

f71/9.1

35 South Street, June 20/71 [15:806]
Park Lane, {printed}

W

My dearest Mrs. Cox

I am specially desired to write
to you on the part of the Committee
at 2 St. Martin's place - And as
I am not exactly informed as to
what they have requested of you
already, you must pardon me
if they make me repeat -

On June 6 (this day fortnight)
they passed a resolution

Col=L.Lindsay

Sir Harry Verney

Capt. Galton

Ld= Shaftesbury

to send the Questions to those
of their Agents who, having been
on the spot, might be of opinion
that they do not request all
desirable information that ought
to be requested - asking them to

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supplement these Questions by any
additional ones
*and to report on any points
which may not be embraced in the
questions.*

Your name was specially mentioned,
of course.

And, at to-day's Committee
Meeting, it was resolved to request
replies to be sent before this
day a *fortnight hence* - And all
replies so sent will be utilized
& printed as an Appendix.

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I was told that a copy of the Questions & Replies already printed (Col=Cox's replies among them) was to be sent you at the close of last week -

If this has not been done, please tell me -

Excuse this hasty note -
(written to save to-day's mail).
- 1000 thanks for your last letter -

God bless you

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

Sir H.V. has some letters ~~offor~~ Col=Cox. Where can they be addressed to him in London? - Sir H. V. asks - **[end]**

envelope, black-edged paper

France

Mrs. Colonel Cox

14 Rue le Merchier

Amiens

~~5/31/71 31/5/71 20/6/71~~

{archivist's note: III 22

71/10 F.N. to Mrs. Cox, 24 June 1871

71/11 " " " 17 July 1871}

Letter, ff71/10.1-71/10 pen

f71/10.1

My dearest Mrs. Cox

I had not a moment to write yesterday.

Your "Notes" & your letters together are very instructive & tell much of the past short comings & of the wants for the future - They are most suggestive -

Your name shall not be mentioned - Nor shall your "Notes" or letters, of course, be sent to St. Martin's Place -

We are trying to obtain that, whatever *is* sent to St. M's Place should all be put in type & then any parts which are personal &c may be struck out.

But it would take you more time & thought than you

wd= like to give with your other
duties & occupations to prepare
such "Notes" as you would like
to have printed & sent even to

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our little Committee, I am afraid.

Col L.L

Sir Harry V.

Capt. Galton

& perhaps Ld Shaftesbury

~~who~~ wd= probably be the 3 or 4
who would attend.

But your rough "Notes" & vivid
graphic letters wd= be most
interesting & valuable, even
if you will not let them go
beyond me - I shd= use
them in the way above said -
as suggestions. God bless you -

in great press

ever yours

F. Nightingale

35 South St. W.

June 24/71

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France

Mrs. Colonel Cox

14 Rue Le Merchier

Amiens

24/6/71

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/11

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Private

35 South Street, July 17/71

[15:810-11]

Park Lane, {printed}

W.

My dearest Mrs. Cox

There can be no doubt that
the right thing is to urge Col:
Cox to write his views - the results
of his experience &
observation - the value of which
I believe that it is impossible
to exaggerate -

I dare say that he will
not expect that I should
directly bring his suggestions
before the War Office - (he
will understand better than
I can explain how impossible
this is, in the present state

of the W.O.) - But let him
put them on paper - The
first thing is to have them
written.

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God bless you
(in great press of business & illness
as usual) [end 15:811]
ever yours
F. Nightingale

envelope Mrs Cox
72 Palace Garden Terrace
Kensington
W

{archivist's note: III 23
71/12 F.N. to W. Clark, Esq., 3 Nov, 1871
71/13 F.N. to Mrs Cox, 16 Nov. 1871}

Letter, ff71/12.1-71/12.2, pen black-edged

f71/12.1

Private
35 South Street Nov 3/71
Park Lane, {printed}
W

Sir
I am unwilling to send you
no word of thanks for various most
interesting printed papers on
the drainage of Calcutta, which
you have been kind enough
to send me - though it must
be a hasty word & one very
imperfectly expressing the
pleasure your noble success
gives us.

I give you joy on your
work.

The Calcutta Municipals &
their Officer/might very well
come here & change with our
W. Clark Esq
&c &c

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Board of Works -

You are more logical than we are.

You see the consequences of a fact and realize them in practise. Other men (of which I see some notable examples in the "Discussion" sent me) flounder about & make proposals of different kinds which to the clear Asiatic mind are so self-contradictory that they give themselves no trouble even to answer them.

My mind is still perplexed, however, about the sizes of the rain sewers 7' x 6'. and the provision to remove so large a rain-fall - Would you think it too much

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trouble, if you have the data at hand, to let us know the results of the following problem: -

1. Select a district which has been supplied with drains & main sewers for carrying off the main fall.
 2. Give the area of this district.
 3. Give the rainfall over it including days of maximum rain
 4. State the height, breadth & sectional area of the Outlet Sewer or sewers of this district.
 5. Gauge the main outlet sewer or sewers of the district at the period of maximum rainfall - & register the depths of the flow & its velocity -
- the object being to ascertain precisely what sectional area of Outlet is equivalent in *practice* to the area & rainfall.
- The Municipal authorities of Calcutta & their Officer have set an example of enlightened administration and effective expenditure to other

f71/12.2v

Indian Municipalities which
it is to be hoped will be followed
Indeed there are few cities
anywhere which can show
so much good work done
in so short a time & with
such promising results for the
future God speed you!

Excuse a hasty note - I have only
my old excuse to urge of
business & illness
and pray believe me
Sir
ever your faithful servt.
Florence Nightingale

envelope, black-edged paper
Private. India
W. Clark, Esq &c &c
Engineer to the Municipality of Calcutta
Calcutta
via Brindisi
3/11/71

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/71/13

f71/13.1

35 South Street, Nov. 16/71
Park Lane, {printed}
W

My dearest Mrs. Cox
So long have I been wishing
to write to you - & so much have
I to thank you for -
Judge how I must have been
pressed by my not having written -
First of all, I have to thank you
for the exquisite pears - so tempting
to a feverish Invalid - the nicest
I ever tasted - we can get nothing
like them in England -
then, for the charming little cap,
so like yourself -
& last, but by no means least,
for your most interesting, too interesting
letters -
Also, I had personal news of you
from Sir Harry Verney.
Your last letter but one was a

LMA 1

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very painful one. Poor France!

f71/13.1v

With regard to the money question,
you know I entirely agree with
you - And I reproached Dr.
Sutherland for what he had
said on the subject. He admits
that it should be cautiously done
- and as to its necessity, here is
an actual case he had in view:
An agent of the Society near Metz
finds the Hospitals in want of
every urgent appliance, even Diets.
He finds that every thing can be
bought at or near the spot -
But nobody has any money - & he
has eventually to buy in London -
i.e. the Society buys & sends out,
after the great want is past.
It never occurred to him that money
should be given in the way you
so justly reprobate.

f71/13.2

Take your own case in your letter.
"Soeurs" want certain supplies & can't
get them. An agent like yourself
(if there are any such:) says:
'go into the town & procure them -
And I will be responsible for
the payment.' You see the goods,
& hand over the money - either to
the seller or the buyer.

I could add cases out of my own
experience, as thus: -

a Breslau lady - (-*excepting*
yourself, & a young English lady=
=pupil of my own who was in
charge of Prussian Lazareths
before Metz & elsewhere during
the whole war, this Breslau lady,
- she is of English birth - has let
me more behind the scenes than
any of our correspondents)
had 150,000 French prisoners pass
thro' her hands at *Breslau Station*
- of which 57,000 remained in
Silesia as prisoners. [She went to

f71/13.2v

the Station every night during the
winter & staid till morning,
to receive the Trains, take out ~~nurse~~ the
sick, comfort the dying - no
train arrived without many
dead, many more dying, very
many more frost bitten, dystenterie,
starving, Typhus or Spotted Fever
or Cholera cases -]

All official intimation of the arrival
of the Prisoner trains was always
refused her -

No German lady, no German Committee
ever did any thing for the
prisoners in SILESIA .

The details of the state of these
wretched prisoners, more
especially on arriving (they had
to be cut out of the ice formed
in the open trucks by their own
dirt) are so harrowing that
one doubts whether they refer
to a Christian country or a
civilized?age. [And any person who
tried to help them was insulted
by Prussian commandants.]
I spare you the details.

f71/13.3

[2]

From first to last, the Hospitals in *Silesia* of the sick French prisoners were worse than anything I ever heard of -

It is quite uncertain how much, if any, of the warm clothing &c sent out by our Socy. by its own agents - (no man was allowed to see the prisoners - reached them i.e. in *Silesia*.)

I have direct & personal evidence of its having been given to *Prussian employés* - in some places.

~~Now~~, Without entering farther into this dreadful history, - now irremediable, & past & gone, - I am sure you will say that money had much better have been sent to this lady (*some was*) sent her)- & that the Socy.'s help would thus have better reached the Sick.
I give this only as an instance.

f71/13.3v

I am interrupted & must
break off this letter, quite
unworthy of you -

Silence is almost better than
such imperfect words -

I have no time to say what I
would - but only God bless
you, dearest friend, with
all my heart & soul -

& believe me ever yours
overflowingly

[end 15:816]

F. Nightingale

envelope, black-edged

France

Mrs. Colonel Cox

Hôtel des Bénédictines

Calais

16/11/71

35 South Street 23/11/71

Park Lane

W.

With Florence Nightingale's
compliments & thanks

{archivist's note: III 24

71/14 F.N.'s signature only, 23 Nov. 1871

72/1 F.N to [Dr. Sutherland] 23 Jan 1872}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/1

[8:343]

f72/1.1

Dr. Braxton Hicks

35 South Street} 23/1/72

Park Lane, {printed}

W.

I wish you would have made
some observation on the
enclosed when I sent
it you -

It is the first attempt to
prevent any drunken old
female from practising
as Midwife - tho' absolutely
ignorant -

But what an attempt-!

They call a "*skilled* Midwife"

a person who can conduct

`*natural labours*' - as if

any *EDUCATED* Midwife

would come to be examined

for such a certificate!!

e.g. what good would it be to us? F.N.

f72/1.1v [not verified]

JS: I did not action this for the reason that it was carried and that it made no difference in your proposals for training. I should just go on & let this & all similar things take their course. If we are to contend against proposals like this we must have a double allotment of life - and every man whom {illeg.- illeg.} is injured will be against us.

{archivist's note: III 25
72/2 F.N. to [Mary Jones], 9 Feb. 1872
72/3 F.N. to [Mr. Rathbone], [21 Feb. 1872] [Goldie says Emily Rathbone]

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/2 **[13:470]**

f72/2.1

35 South Street, Feb 9/72
Park Lane, {printed}
W

Dearest very dearest friend
I am almost glad of something which compels me to write a letter I like - namely to you - when year after year I postpone it to the thousands of letters which I *don't* like to have to write.

Would you be so very good as to read the enclosed letter from San Remo, relatively to having 2 Sisters or "Lady Nurses" out there to nurse from "Octobor to May." [The

f72/2.1v

writer is Mrs. A Court, of
whom I know personally
but little. But as Sidney
Herbert's wife is the sister
of her husband, I know a
good deal of her indirectly,
as being a good, clever,
capable, middle-aged.]

I will not point out to you
the excessive vagueness of the
proposal. Whom are the Sisters
to nurse? - I suppose the
English residents - I suppose
gentlefolks - Under what

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conditions or orders or
organizations?

[We could not possibly undertake
it, because we have far
more applications, especially
from Workhouses, than we
can supply - because we
should not undertake
irregular Nursing, or Nursing
of gentlefolks at all - &
because we could not spare
women of the calibre wanted
for such a curious unregulated
post for 6 or 7 months from
much more important work -
But it did occur to me that,
as Mrs. A Court says, the
only people likely to accept it

f72/2.2v

would be "Sisters", themselves
 requiring change of air.
 And therefore I venture to
 enclose the letter to you.
 Do you know of such? -
 What conditions should you
 ask for? - What terms
 should you alone think
 possible to ensure any
 Sisters' comfort on such a
 (I think uncomfortable)
 plan?
 If you know of none such,
 what would you think of
 asking the East Grinstead
 "Sisters" - or Miss Sellon?
 As for "trained Sisters", there
 are none *`trained'* but yours -

f72/2.3 LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/2 (contd)

[2]
 35 South Street, {printed}
 Park Lane,
 W.

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I can scarcely help alluding
 to what you once said as
 to your regret at ever having
 had Lying-in women at
 K.C.H. If there was
 fault, it was mine - because
 I was supposed to know
 more about Hospital
 Statistics - And bitterly have
 I repented it. Had I
 known then M. Husson's
 General=Hospital Lying-in
 Ward Statistics at Paris, I
 never would have done it.

[8:344-45]

f72/2.3v

But these very Statistics were
only brought out at our
request. And so with
a great many others. I
believe it is morbid, now the
thing is done, (tho' of course
evil should never be done
knowingly that good might
come) not to see the good
that has come. Thousands
of lives of poor Lying-in
women will be saved by the
attention that has been
aroused - just as, we will

f72/2.4

be assured, good Sanitary
legislation will proceed
this Session - preventing
Typhoid Fever from Sewer
Gas - out of the Prince of
Wales having been all but
killed by it -
But I must ask your leave to
stop - I am at Embley with
my dear mother where I
always seem to have more
to do than anywhere else -
And I have been very much
weakened this winter by
illness & want of rest.
How I wish I knew how you are!

f72/2.4v

Could you tell me *Dr. Shrimpton's* address at *Paris*? I think he was the Dr. of your Galignani Hospital - But do not trouble about this for a moment.

God bless you -
ever yours dearest friend
lovingly & truly
F. Nightingale

Note, f72/3, pencil

f72/3.1 {written vertically over top left side of first paragraph below:
21 Feb 1872
Miss Nightingale}

so little enough among
statesmen of this present
day here!

Excuse great haste &
believe me
ever yours sincerely &
gratefully

Florence Nightingale
Ld Mayo's children asked for
a telegram to be sent to
Shere Ali - that they forgave
their Father's murderer
& hoped God would forgive him.

{archivist's note: III 26
72/4 Questions on Midwifery training
F.N. to Dr. Gottwald, April 1872
72/5 (see after 28 May 1872 for
F.N. to Mrs. Cox 1 May 1872)

Notes, pen FN handwriting on left, answers on right

£72/4.1 Questions on midwifery training LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/4 **[8:348-51]**

{in double columns, on foolscap}

Training of Midwives

Would you be so very good

as to furnish me with

a general account of the

Midwifery instruction

at the Midwives' Clinique

Berlin

(or at any other Midwives'

School)

including as full information

as you may be pleased to

give on the following

points: -

1. Duration of training
before certificates of
competency are granted?

2. If, e.g. there be a
two years' course for
first=class Midwives,
a one year's course for
second=class Midwives,
please state differences
& tests, by Examination
or otherwise, of the two
courses.

Midwives.

The answers were kindly

given by Dr. *Gottwald*

assistant of the *lying-in*

Station of the *Charité* in

Berlin

1. The course of instruction
[illeg takes?] 5 months from October 1st
to the end of February. Then
the Midwives have to pass an
examination before 3 Examinators
(two {illeg.}? from
government, and the teacher
of the midwives) and a
certificate of competency is
given to those who pass -

2. In Prussia there is
but one class of

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3. Whether during training instruction is given in Anatomy?
 If so, how?
 By Models?
 By Drawings?
 By Dissections?
 By Lectures?
3. A short abregé of Anatomy and Physiology is taught, first theoretically, afterwards ~~the~~ with skeletons, with {illeg.??} and Alcohol {illeg.??} and with models. The pupils have to assist at 2 or 3 dis sections, of lying in women and children.

4. A Professor gives one hour lecture a day - besides

4. Also, if this instruction be given, by whom?
 by a Professor? a. man? two hours ~~a week~~ practical instruction are given every week by him and his assistant
 b. woman? in the examination of pregnant
 by an Assistant? a. man? women and Presentations
 b. woman? on models - the operations are shown on models too.

The mid=wives have one

5. Are there Oral Examinations?
 Or written Reports or Exercises?
- hours repetition every day.
 5 and 6. When the Professor has explained a paragraph of the Hebammen Lehrbuch and the Head midwife has repeated it to and with the pupils - the teacher himself examines them orally to see if they have understood and retained his lecture. The same is done with the practical performances.
6. By what method is efficiency in this anatomical knowledge estimated?
 by marks?
 or otherwise?

f72/4.2

7. What instruction in the elements of Midwifery is given before Pupil Midwife is allowed to deliver a case herself?
by the bed=side?
by Lectures?
by Models?
by drawings?
8. By whom is this instruction given?
by a Head-Midwife?
by an Assistant "?
by second=year's Pupil Midwives?
by a Professor a. man?
 b. woman?
or Assistant Professor?
9. How long does this instruction continue before Pupil is admitted to deliver a Lying=in woman herself?
7. is best answered by the here joined "Lehrbuch" - which is the law for the midwives As long as they act according to the ordnances given in it, they ~~are~~ cannot be accused in any case.
3 and 4, will answer questions 7 and 8.
- 9) Five months.

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10. What instruction is given respecting accidents of labour? & how to deal with them? - respecting unnatural or unusual presentations, including performance of operations?
10. As soon as an anomaly is noticed with a woman in labour - the accoucheur (or the assistant) is called in - and he will make use of the occasion to explain to the pupils the anomaly, tell them what is to be done, and let them be his assistants if an operation is necessary.
11. Also, on diseases of childbed & of infants?
11. The lying in women and the infants receive three medical visits a day. They are nursed by the pupils according to the ordnances of the medical man. The pupils are instructed how to discern cases of illness and so decide when the doctor is to be called in or not.
12. State, please, what, if any, are the other branches of study?
12. none
13. What opportunities are given for Post Mortem Examinations? - for Dissections? - whether at the same or at different times & places (from or as Midwifery practice)?
13. During last years course pupils had to assist 3 dis sections of lying in women and 1 of an infant. The Assistant explained the anatomical circumstances to them

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14. In what manner & where is the pupil first allowed to practice?
 - & under whose direction?
 - whether allowed at once to take charge of a case - or only partially & under superintendence?
- 14) Every pupil has to give the necessary assistance in the Institution at 7 (during last winter's course at 9 and 11) births - first under direction later only in the presence of the midwives of the Institution, and has to ~~pra~~ learn and practice the nursing of these mothers and infants under the direction and control of the doctor and the midwives of the house.
15. Suppose a case of difficulty to arise in the pupil's hands,
 how
 by whom
 is she instructed to deal with it?
16. How is the use of instruments in such cases taught at the bed-side?
 & by whom?

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17. During the practical training of pupils how is oral instruction by Lectures given on the cases?
18. What is the practical instruction at the bed-side given
 a. in Midwifery wards
 b. at Lying-in women's own homes?

f72/4.4

19. In what manner is
an estimate formed of
fitness of Pupil to
undertake Midwifery
practice?
including = length of course?
- nature of oral & written
examinations?
 - number of examinations?
 - by whom conducted?
20. Likewise what
personal attendance is
required on what
number of labours?
- what number of these
must have been difficult
or complicated in character?
 - what is the number of Labours
 - a. normal
 - b. abnormal
- a Pupil Midwife must conduct
to obtain a certificate
- a. first=class
 - b. second=class?

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21. Please state the
nature & extent of
general education
in Medical science
& practice
required of candidates
for Midwifery certificates
with the kind
& number
of Lectures & Instructions
which have to be followed?
22. Please append
copy of Rules for
training Midwives
also, if possible,
of Diploma or
Certificate

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23. Where do Pupil Midwives reside
23. all
(The Pupil Midwives reside in the Institution where they have their board and lodging. Their number is 32. They pay 50 Thaler including the fees for the course of instruction. They are not allowed without leave of absence to quit the house or to miss the lectures - esp. the hours of repetition.)
- a. in the Institution
- b. in private lodgings?
- what disciplinary rules are in use?
- & by whom administered?
- what fees paid &c
24. Please state of what the teaching Staff consists
- Head Midwives
- Assistant "
- Professors a. men
- b. women 24.
- or Lecturers -
- The discipline is managed by the Director in his absence by his assistant, and in his absence by the Head Midwife.
- is the Head Midwife also a Lecturer?
- The staff consist of the Director (professor - man) his Assistant (accoucheur - man) 2 Midwives who have to carry on the Repetitions and to direct in cases of normal labour.
- The Head Midwife does not give lectures

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25. If possible, please
give approximately
number of abnormal Deliveries
e.g. wrong Presentations
& Versions
Forceps
Craniotomy
& other Instrumental cases
accidents, eg. Haemorrhage
Rupture of Uterus
&c &c
per cent of Total Deliveries?
26. What has been the
relative proportion of
Midwifery cases
attended by a. men
b. women
each year
during the last 10 years?

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27. Has the course of
instruction been *enlarged*
or *curtailed*
within the last 20 years?
- In what directions?

28. If you would be kind
enough to state any
improvements which in
your opinion might be
effected in the Training=
course
any points in which in
your opinion it fails
- you would be greatly
adding to our obligation
to you for answering
these questions.

Florence Nightingale
London April 1872

{archivist's note: III 27 [72/5? or where is it?]
 72/6 F.N. to Dr. Sutherland 24 May 1872 LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/6
 with enclosure:
 72/7 Frau von Littrow to F.N. 26 April 1872

envelope 2 packets
 on Training of
 Midwives

1 Letter from FN to Dr S
 sending 1 letter from frau von Littrau Private
 with abridged trans in English
 Dr Sutherland
 Horseguards
 24/5/72

Letter, ff72/6.1-72/6 pencil

[8:353]

f72/6.1

Midwives' Cliniques May 24/72
 Dear Dr. Sutherland

So far from thinking with you
 that we have got all the information
 in our power, I have written to my
 3 correspondents

Frau v. Littrow Vienna
 " v. Sch=Zabierow "
 Madame Helmholtz Berlin

begging them to obtain for me

- an account of where the Empress of
 Midwives was educated - Vienna -
 - an account of the 'Geburtshelfer' Institute
 where it seems they do receive educated
 women to train - Vienna -
 - & of similar Institutions at Berlin.
- == I enclose Frau v. Littrow's letter & an

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abridgement in English.

She clearly shows that there are
 high-class Midwives in Austria.

I also enclose the Berlin
 'Lehrbuch' which you have not
 seen - & other letters & papers
 for reference - some of which you
 have not seen.

And I have others still,
 which I will send you, if you like.

yrs.v.ffctly
 F.N.

{F. v. Littrow's letter} {archivist's note: III 28 (see F.N. to Dr. Sutherland 24 May 1872) MIDWIFERY

72/8 Summary of Frau Littrow's letter to F.N.
April 1872}

Note, ff72/8.1-72/8.2v, pen

[8:347-48]

f72/8.1

Summary of Frau Littrow's
letter

You will receive in the appendix written answers to your questions from the celebrated practising - ladies - doctor (of Vienna) Professor Späth, professor at the University here, & clinical lecturer in his department of midwifery. ~~She is however sorry to say~~

She is however sorry to say that she does not consider him a competent judge in the matter as he has no idea of the intellectual advance of the women of the present generation etc etc & considers the dependent condition of woman as one of the essential conditions of social life. She considers these remarks necessary because she has introduced him to you as ~~a leader~~ Gewährsmann her guarantee & thinks his unfavourable opinion ought to be put in its proper light."

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Besides conversations with several physicians, she questioned the midwife of the Empress, Frau Gruber celebrated as a practitioner on whose information she can rely. Who expressed herself very strongly as to the insufficiency armseligkeit of the instruction which the midwives obtain, & the lot of useless women; ~~and~~ bad workwomen; & raw girls who accordingly turn to a profession, which was to be learnt in five months - That naturally nothing was to be learnt in so short a time, even to perform the smallest operation or to make use of any instrument was not allowed, but the things would be different if women were permitted the opportunity of obtaining greater knowledge &c &c

Then she cites as an example "that the states of Siebenbürgen at the request of one of their

f72/8.2

communes sent an educated woman to Vienna who had obtained ~~permission~~ the right to attend the ~~who~~ complete course of ~~assistants~~ Geburtshelfer accoucheurs & had ~~been~~ shewn herself capable of performing even the difficult operations in the most satisfactory manner. As another example, that the necessary physical power is not wanting to women, she cites the cases of Mary Safford from Chicago, & Susan Dimmack from Boston, the female physicians' acquaintances of hers who had ~~been~~ resided in Vienna for some years. After some further remarks she says, she cannot recommend that a midwives Institute such as it exists in Deutschland should be transplanted to England - What is wanted is a model school for real accoucheuses ~~separate from~~ in addition to an ~~the~~ institute for monthly nurses. She refers to the institute of Geburts helfer which gives a medico-surgical teaching based upon less knowledge than is

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required for the medical profession & entitling the students to the degree only of Magister & not to that of Doctor - She would send you the Regulations & statutes of the Institution if useful - as well as the prescribed "Lehrbuch" for Midwives. She sends you an original certificate which Frau Gruber has begged her to place in your hands in order to testify her respect for you - Hopes you have received ~~your~~ her letter of the 19th of March. She ends with some general sentiments -

{archivist's note: III 29
 see F.N. to Dr. Sutherland 24 May 1872
 72/10 Anna Helmholtz to F.N. 7 May [1872]
 72/9 Frau von S. Zabierow to F.N. 26 April 1872.}

{archivist's note: III 30
 72/11 F.N. to Henry B[onham] C[arter] 18 May 1872
 72/12 " " " " (first part) [May 1872]}

Letter, pencil, LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/11

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Sir H.'s speech 18/5/72

My dear Harry B.C.

Could you let me have back that letter of
 Sir Harry's on which was written (by me) what
 the Probrs. said to Mrs. Wardroper upon my
 letter? {pen: just sent up -}

Do you mean it to be printed? {not FN: pen: yes or
 lithographed. HyB.C.}

= *Mrs. B. Stowe* [8:804]

You have not told me what to answer
 to Mrs. Beecher Stowe. I should write
 HBC: {pen: I hardly know what to say - unless she really understands
 the real wants & practical difficulties, her writing may be harmful
 To give some account of what has been done for nursing training
 generally would be useful in directing attention to it
 in America. [end 8:804]

I had another very long talk with Miss [12:203-06]
 Torrance after you left -

And she then went to Mrs. Wardroper.
 I must write to you at Ravensbourne about
 some things. (not immediately relating to her post)
 {pen: I should be daily in the City - }
 I have latterly learnt a great deal more about

f72/11.1v

Sister Extra. She has done to us mischief
incalculable & to Mrs Wardroper too - Mrs. W.
is unaware of it.

{pen: she is aware that we have failed in
training gentlemen & cannot but attribute
some of the failure to this cause - }
Miss Torrance probably told you that Miss Cameron
wd. not do for her Successor at Highgate
Miss Barclay she thinks wd. do better than
herself. {pen: Yes. I propose to see &
sound Miss Barclay shortly & if
promising should wish you to see her
H.B.C

P. Alice
I think I must say that
the second Nurse should
be paid for - I stupidly
forgot my offer to receive
gratuitously when before the Committee
H.B.C}

f72/11.2

We are but just in time, IF we are in time, to
save Mrs. Wardroper from degenerating into
almost a Hospital scold -
into governing like a virago -
by talk, by being heard & not felt,
instead of being felt & not heard -
by speaking more than she observes,
instead of observing more than she speaks
all of which are almost the first elements
of authority - And she has them not.
She maintains her authority by self-assertion
And she is losing it every day -
--

I told her some things about Sister Extra -
I saw even more by her countenance than
by her words that they were quite new
to her -
What are we to think of this?

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She told me that she had told Mr. Whitfd. that she was sure ~~tha~~ his neglect ~~w~~ had come to our Commee's. knowledge.

I was forced to say: No, it has not - For if it had he wd= not be there -

I told her *some* thing about his intoxication She admitted it - but either did not choose to admit or did not know all that I did. ~~it~~

She said, almost without intending it, that it was quite true that Mr. Whitfd. had done *nothing* even while Miss Rappe was there - that Miss R. had pointed out to her the words "instruction by the R.M.O." & had defied her to show that there was *any*.

f72/11.3

[2]

To my unspeakable regret, Mrs. W. told me herself that she had that very day - when a Probr= had told her that Miss Cameron had ordered her out of her ward & told her 'her ward was her own' - exclaimed *there & then* to the Probr=

"I can dismiss Miss Cameron & every woman in the place at a moment's warning without referring to any one".

This is true - But oh what a way to enforce authority - which is the more complete, the less it is perceived or asserted.

Miss Torrance may save her. But no one else can.

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She told me that Mr. Whitfd= among many most unwarrantable things, had said of Miss T. that she "was not a lady" - & almost

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said that Miss. T. shd= not come to St. T's.

Mrs. W. said she had made this & that excuse to Mr. Wh= for Miss T's absence of Lady-like ness - !!

[The idea of ~~+~~ our excellent Mrs Ward= roper!!! apologizing to me for Miss Torrance's!! want of lady-like manners!!]

I only mention this here because I have long known that Mr. Wh= was *afraid* of *Miss Torrance*. (not from her.)

Also: because Mrs. Wardpr= said to me as to you that she must not be "tied down" with Rules as to Miss T. -

She explained that she meant vis a vis to the Treasurer.

But she afterwards said = But I shd= not like to be "tied down" to her being in the Hospital

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72/12 F.N. to Henry Bonham Carter ~~18~~ [May 1872]
(continuation)}

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at all - I should like to *try* how it *would do*, first" - This is reasonable. But Alas! who has been "*tried*" like Miss T. - we know from nearly 5 years that *she* has been the most successful woman we ever had.

Alas! can we say from Mrs. Wardroper's

12 years that *she* has been as successful?

[Mrs. Wardr. added: I liked Miss T. much better at Highgate than when she was with us - I know this -

Mrs. Wardr too was afraid of her ~~too~~

of her gentle dignity, keen insight & wit.]

However, of course I merely said that

I wd= see Mrs. Wardr= any day - to make out *with her* a scheme of duties - & that *she* should write to Miss Torrance "who would work entirely under & thro'

f72/12.1v

Mrs. Wardr=, & not see me (F.N.)
except at Mrs. Wardr='s desire" -

Miss T. had asked me to say this.
Mrs. Wardr= took this very graciously -]

Mrs. Wardr= said she ought to give
Miss T. part of her own Salary -

I thought this very good of her,
for I am sure it was unfeigned -

I merely said of course that *that*
ought not to be -

& did not pursue *salary* with Mrs. W.
== *salary* -

I think what you propose more than
just & reasonable. £75. {perhaps
£25 more
later - to Miss T
£20 more (her son's)
to Mrs Wardroper

f72/12.2

[4]

I will only just mention now that I,
not Miss T., ~~have~~ found & paid the Sol fa a
teacher & other things -

Miss T. was quite right not to tell Mrs. W.

Indeed I asked her not -

I only mention it to you because Miss. T.
will not "be relieved of those things"
by leaving Highgate -

She is very generous - & I believe helps
a married sister -

Her father is a rich eccentric man.

I have offered to Mrs Wardr= to pay a
Sol fa teacher for St. Thomas'.

I must now say once more that I am
sure it wd= be quite impossible to Miss
T. to stay at St. T.'s without some

f72/12.2v

written security or arrangement - at least
between Mrs W. & me - which I
should hand over to you -
Poor Mrs. W. is really capable, alas!
and alas!, of ordering her out of the
Wards before every body, ~~if~~
upon the wildest suspicion or
report that "she is `undermining'
Mrs. W." while at the same time
almost taken in by such creatures
as Martin & Crowdace.

Miss T. herself asked me to say to Mrs. W.
that I hoped if any of the Probrs=
reported her to Mrs. W., she would
immediately inform Miss T. herself -
which I did
& ~~Miss~~ Mrs. Wardr= took graciously

f72/12.3

[5]

One thing more: -

Mrs. Wardr= said to me -
this is a new beginning for us. -
we must try to begin all over again -
we must leave off old things -

I loved her for saying this -

It is quite true. - - - -

We must begin now all over again -

If we don't, we are ruined -

For our Probrs= come out of St. T.'s
worse women than they went in.

[I told Mrs. W. this of Mrs. Deeble -

She did not deny it - but did not
know it]

If you will return me this, I will write

more of immediate importance -

in greatest haste

[end 12:206]

{archivist's note: III 32

72/13 F.N. to Henry Bonham Carter 21 May 1872}

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/13

[12:206-09]

f72/13.1

*Most Private &
Confidential
Mr. Whitfield*

*Please return to F.N.
May 21/72*

has been for years in habits of intoxication -
for years he has been in the habit of making
his rounds in the Hospital Wards at night
(at a later hour than anything could justify
after having kept Sisters & Dispensor up till
they would wait for him no longer)
oftener tipsy than sober.

This appears to be known to every one in the
Hospitals - & is supposed to be the reason why
he was not offered the Resident Med'= Officer ship
at the new building

As far back as 4 years ago this was known
And at the same date his flirtations with
"Sister" Butler were a current joke as that
she was a person absolutely unfit to be "Sister",
& was only "kept on" by Mr Whitfield -

For at least the last 4 or 5 years, Mr. Whitfield
has done *nothing* for the Probationers. [I have
made the most minute enquiries about this & am
personally now well convinced that the "nothing" is literally
accurate - neither Medl= Examr= classes - nor saying

f72/13.1v

anything in the Wards to them of instruction or examn. - nor on bandaging nor in any other way which in 1860, he specially engaged to do - He has not even attended them medically when sick with any regularity.

The lines in his hand writing at the bottom of the record book were simply dictated by Mrs. Wardroper.

The Probrs. were *told* that he "looked at" their Notes of Lectures - But no benefit or instruction accrued to them, if he did; since no explanation of any thing they did not understand, no criticism, correction or remark of any kind ever reached them.

[Miss Torrance is *positive* that this was the case during her Probation (21 months) of which she was "Sister" 5 months - While she was "Sister", he was occasionally kind, as e.g. when she had an Ovariectomy case - But his coming in tipsy & late at night was such a nuisance, & his total neglect of the Probrs., that it appears often to have been said that, till Mrs. Wardroper was rid of "Sister Extra" & Mr. Wh=, she would "do no good."]

The quarrels between Mrs. W. & him were so bitter & incessant that I am told they are "friends" now *comparatively* -

In relation to this, I asked about Mrs. Wardroper =

f72/13.2

"oh" said Miss Torrance "he is so infinitely little (small) by the side of her" - "she is so much greater than he is"

I was VERY glad to hear this: ~~that~~ from so dispassionate a judgment. I have always thought Mrs. W. had the elements of greatness in her, tho' she has made terrible mistakes -

Mr. Croft

Mr. Wh= quarrelled with him about 4 years ago & has scarcely been in the Surgical Wards since - also has tried to be obnoxious to Mr. C. in every way

It is stated that MR. Croft would make a capital Instructor to the Probrs. - as far as taking pains with them goes -

Also: that he is far more friendly to our "Nursing System" really than Mr. Wh= is.

Miss Torrance asked me in the way of business, as regards her future work with the Probrs., what Mr. Wh= was *supposed* to do - And I answered in the same way, the way of business. She testified her great surprise-never having had the least idea of ~~the~~ Mr.Wh's engagement with us.

"Has got the Linen in order." Miss T. Says: the Linen

f72/13.2v [2]

"Sister Extra"

has employed herself - one may almost say systematically - ever since any hint my informants are aware of in undermining Mrs. Wardroper with the Probationers -

It appears that there is scarcely a Probr. to whom she has not spoken *against* Mrs. W. - of her "tempers", &c &c &c

Mrs. Deeble she used to sit up with till 12 o'clock at night - & as far as is known always talking on this topic.

Miss Mackenzie & Miss Torrance had not (respectively) been 2 days in the Home before Sister Extra began abusing Mrs. W. to each

[Miss M. was bursting against Mrs W. when she went to Highgate but of course Miss T. would not listen to her.]

So with others

Sister Extra is just such another as Crowdace - Conduct the same: always telling lies against their Superior to Doctors, Probrs., every body always making mischief - but ingratiating themselves with same Superior by "keeping" Assistant Nurses "off" her - making them civil & cringing to her -

"Extra" however Mrs. W. thinks much more useful than she is - She wants to keep her till she "has got the Linen in order." Miss T. says: the Linen will never be in order till Extra is gone.

£72/13.3 She is slovenly, careless, dirty, sinfully unpunctual, unconscientious & deceitful, to a degree I really never saw in a position of trust.

For 21 months she rarely got up to give the Probrs= their breakfasts, more than 10 minutes before they had to go to the Wards -

Miss T. always got up & rang the bell & did the breakfasts herself -

Same with prayers mornng- & eveng=
The dirt, noise & disorder of the "Home" is a disgrace to us

And, Miss T. says, *the disorder & noise in this new Home is worse than it was in the old.*

Already too the new Home is dirty, frowzy, untidy
And Miss T. says her heart sinks within her at going in to it.

Mrs. Wardroper never goes into the Home when she can help it - Sister Extra makes it so intolerable & almost impossible to her to go into it - conniving with some Probrs= to make her coming in seem an "intrusion" [Mrs. Wardroper has told me, F.N., this herself.]

Many have observed what is it that makes Mrs. W. so "afraid" of Extra?

But her black ingratitude & evil speaking "behind backs" of Mrs. W. is her real sin.

And of this it is said Mrs. W. is unconscious.

f72/13.3v *Mrs. Wardroper*

Not considered by the Probrs= as their head at all. *Not at all* as Matron & pupils -

They look upon her - even the best - as not caring for them personally at all ~~as~~ or only for *her own credit* - as worldly "clever, managing, sharp". as *there* only to find fault with them & to find them good places - & as rather "intruding" when she comes into the "Wards" even -

& they look upon themselves as *there* "to please themselves" or be "promoted".

(I remarked upon Mrs W.s wonderful cleverness, in always finding the right 'mot' for each - And Miss T. said:

(and this is indeed the worst)

Yes: but that makes them think that two can play at that game - that it is WHO can be the cleverest diamond cut diamond & they sometimes openly boast that in the Home that they have "outwitted" Mrs. W. - that they have been cleverer than she - & have got what they wanted by wits against wits.

Of course all this is immensely increased by Extra who really always holds each by the worst part of her -

But Miss T. sadly added: but Mrs. Wardroper never knows the *best* part of them It is always

f72/13.4

who she *likes* - not who is *best*

[Miss Mackenzie has openly boasted that she has 'out-witted' Mrs. W. & 'got her to take her back to St. T.'s.]

I of course expressed what a great Hospital Genius she was - & how different St. T.'s from Guy's or Bartholomew's -

in which Miss T. entirely condurred & added: *yes, and she has done it alone* - nearly every thing against her.

Miss T. says: oh the Home Wd= do a great deal better without any Sister at all than with 'Extra' -

f72/13.4v

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Probationers

regularly *grow worse* as they remain in the Home. They come in with some earnest purpose - and it is crushed out of them -

This is the case whether "ladies" or Nurse Probrs- The "ladies" especially come in with some religious purpose & remain "to please themselves".

The Nurses remain "to ingratiate themselves with

Mrs. W. & to get her to give them good situations". One "Lady=Probr." - (not Miss T.) said: "the Probrs= "have not been 2 days in the Home before all "earnestness, all enthusiasm is gone - & many "come in with earnest & even enthusiastic "purpose it is all *crushed* out of them in 2 "days"

This, of course, is an exaggeration but not so much an exaggeration, accordg= to Miss T.'s acct- as you would think

She "reckoned up - (not) "the several devil's names" (but) the several Probrs=' names, during her 21 months with us, & said: there was not one - except Miss Pringle - who did not sensibly deteriorate day by day during their stay - And, she said, there was cause but principally "Extra" was cause -

f72/13.5*Mrs Deeble*

She said was the most marked case of deterioration. She says she is a weak, good, touchy woman, but by no means without earnestness, feeling, kind-heartedness & a certain sort of cleverness but weak -

She fell completely (& prostrate) under "Extra" - She quarrelled incessantly with Mrs. W. - the quarrel originating in Mrs. Deeble not having got up *with* when Mrs. W. came into the Ward - & having been envenomed by "Extra" - Mrs. W. does not know her from Adam - knows her only by their quarrels - [Each seems in this case to have been equally to blame only that little viper "Extra" was always behind the scenes making mischief which otherwise Mrs Deeble's kind heartedness wd= have got over.] Miss T. says, Mrs. Wardroper had no more idea whether Mrs. Deeble wd= do for Netley or not than "Extra" had nor *could* have - She says it was simply absurd of *us* to expect it.

Miss Cameron

has much the same tale - which I can fill up partly out of my own knowledge - I mean as to Miss C.'s great earnestness when she first went in to St. T.'s as Probr= - (she wrote to me -)

But Miss C. has more self-knowledge than Mrs. Deeble - And, alas! she has told Miss Torrance

f72/13.5v

since she went back as Sister to ~~M~~ St.T.'s, how much she is falling back ~~in soul~~ . getting into a lax, careless, light way again - She is flirty & dressy - "cannot stand alone." If she "*has a Matron ship, she ought to have her mother to stay with her, as she herself wishes*". but full of good qualities, when you compare her with Duke, Butter, Buckland, Martin (Extra) [Butler?] [I put this in here about the Matron ship, to end my story about Miss C. here] **[end 12:209]**

{archivist's note: III 33

72/13 F.N. to Mrs. Cox 1 May 1872

72/14 F.N. to Henry Bonham Carter 4 June 1872

72/15 " " " " 5 June 1872

(2 enclosures)

Letter, pen LMA H1/ST/NC1/72/5]

f72/5.1

[12:203]

Mrs. Molony: 17th Brig=R. Artillery
(whom you "wish to be trained
"as Nurse in a London Hospital".)

I send accordingly the Regulations
for admission to our Training=School
at St. Thomas' Hospital

She must please fill up the
Form at the back & send it
to our admirable Training Matron,

Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge

London ~~SW~~ S.E.

subject to whose selection candidates
are admitted

[I will send the recommendations
which you have been kind
enough to send me to Mrs
Wardroper -]

It is generally desirable to see
Mrs. Wardroper before being
Mrs. (Colonel) Cox

f72/5.1v

admitted as a Candidate,
in order to avoid disappointment.

And she will, after receiving

Mrs. Molony's papers, inform
her whether there is a vacancy
(there are several vacancies -
but there are a large number
of Candidates)

& whether she thinks it worth
while for her to come to
London for that purpose -

[You do not state Mrs. Molony's
age.]

With my best wishes that she
may succeed.

Florence Nightingale

1/5/72

f72/5.2

I conclude that it is as Hospital
 'Nurse' that you wish for
 training for Mrs. Molony -
 Indeed I should not have
 doubted it, as no other word
 occurs in any of the letters
 relating to Mrs. Molony -
 And only in Col= Cox's Memo-,
 (not referring to Mrs. Molony
 but to the general questions,) does the word "Midwife" occur
 [The Training=School for Midwives,
 wh= we had for 7 years at Kings Coll=
 Hosp=, does not now exist,
 owing to defects in that Hospital.
 And we are not yet organizing
 another.]
 I send the Printed Paper of "Duties" at St.
 Thomas' Hospital merely for your information
 as to the Probationers' School.

[end 12:203]

F.N.

Note, ff72/14.1-72/14.2, pen

72/14.1Please Duties of ~~Sister~~ Miss Torrance**[12:210]****return to No 1****F.N.**

To take charge (under the Matron - Superintendent)
 of the Probationer's Home
 of its housekeeping, accounts, servants, &c &c
 To take general charge of the Probationers under the
 Matron: also as to meals, hours &c &c &c
 to carry out rules -
 To give such classes, whether religious or of
 General Improvement, as may be from
 time to time arranged. To see to the Probrs-
 preparing Notes of Lectures, Case-books, Diaries, & to verify them
 To give such superintendence in the wards
 or in such wards as the Matron
 may from time to time appoint
 To read ~~morning & evening~~ prayers in the
 Home? correspondance concerning the Probatr's.
 To ~~write~~ undertake all ~~such letters~~ as the Matron
 may desire - ~~of enquiry concerning~~
~~selection of Probationers, information sought~~
~~or given in all that regards the~~
~~Probationers & the Home~~

f72/14.1v

{not in F.N.'s handwriting; in another pen}
I think these regulations
embody all that is necessary
but perhaps the effect of
putting them into Mrs. Wardroper's
hand may be to increase
her fear or feeling that she is
to be practically displaced. -
Now we do not want this at
all & I am disposed to think
that *in the present stage*
the rules should be verbally
discussed between you & her
& the principle of Miss. T.'s ~~being~~
services being confined to the
Probationers with only such
superintendence in the wards as
is found convenient, would
be poorly understood - I think
you might even read her

f72/14.2

what you want to put down.
When {illeg?} of formal rules
& carried over, they look more
formidable in the sense I refer to.
However this is entirely for your
discretion & you will be better
able to judge in seeing & talking
with her.

She has asked the chaplain to
fix Prayers in the Chapel at
such an hour that Nurses &
Probationers may attend . -

4/6/72 {H.B.C.?

[end 12:210]

11.15 pm

Letter, ff72/15.1-72/15.2, pen
f72/15.1

[13:628]

Oldham Infy

Mr. Walters June 5/72

My dear Henry B.C.

I know not whether you have
written to this man.

I learnt from Mrs. Wardr= yesterday
quite enough ~~about~~ against "Emma Hood"
- tallying as it does with my own
recollections of Agnes Jones'
poor opinion

of her - to justify me in writing
'confidentially' to Mr. Walters.

And I told Mrs. Wardr= that I
should do so, if with your adhesion.
She agreed.

She thought that they should
have 1 (Matron) Sups= Nurse
2 Nurses (Day
1 Nurse (Night

She thought that we might
furnish them with the 3 first
or with all 4 if you liked.

f72/15.1v

She thought that Miss Hill
wd= do for the first - having
charge of housekeeping & servants
- wd- be content to begin with
£40 or £50 -

(or Miss Cameron would do -
and I think Mrs. Wardr= would
rather part with Cameron than Hill.
But then Cameron has just
taken a house for her mother
in London † to be near her)

She thought that we could
not give 2 Nurses of ours, under
£20 a year "& all found"
- & that they ought to give this
- because you see *these* Nurses
will have nothing like the
help ours have - indeed
one will be obliged to take
charge of both Wards whenever
the other is out.

f72/15.2

Also = a new Hospl- ought to
start well.

Will you say whether I shall
write? -

if so, what?

& if so return me Mr. Walters'

letter to me?

[end]

F.N.

f72/15.2v {letter from W. Walters addressed "My dear Sir", May 28 1872}
f72/15.3, f72/15.3v to F.N., May 28 1872}

f72/15.4

What are we to say to this man? **[13:627]**

I did not remember the Hospl. was so
small. But I think I recollect that it
was built on purpose so as to admit
readily of further extension, if needful.

A Sups= Sister, to do Matron's work,
is more what they want -
since they will scarcely pay

1 Matron

2 Sisters (Head Nurses)

for 24 beds -

One of our Sisters wd= do very well.
And oh how glad I shd= be to get
rid of Butter [?]- But we can
scarcely give them a Butler - &
we cannot spare a good one.

I suppose it is vain to try &
find out from Mrs. Wardr-
what sort "Emma Hood" is - ? -

[I have the vaguest idea: Agnes Jones
did not like her. But I may be
quite mistaken in the name.]

F.N.

[end]

{single side of one folio, part of a letter, signed by H.B.C.}
{the microfilm ends here}

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i
London Metropolitan Library, held for Florence Nightingale Museum
rolls 1 and 2 412 pages

H1/ST/NC3/SU1: preliminary copy of contract between FN and prospective
nurses to serve in Crimea: pen: no signature or names provided, stylized
printing [14:50-51]

Memorandum of Agreement

made this _____ day of _____ 1854 Between
Miss Nightingale on the one part, and _____
of _____ on the other part.
Whereas the said Miss Nightingale Superintendent has
undertaken to provide Female Nurses for the Sick and
Wounded of the British Army serving in Turkey. And
in carrying out this object she has agreed to employ
the said _____ in the capacity of
Nurse _____ agrees to pay
the said _____ Pounds per week, and
also to provide Board, ~~and articles of clothing~~, also to
pay all expenses attendant upon the Journeying to or
from the present, or any future Hospital that may be
appointed for the accommodation of the Sick and Wounded
of the said Army. And to pay all expenses of return to
this Country, should Sickness render it necessary for the
said _____ to return, Save and except
such return shall be rendered necessary, by the discharge
of the said _____ for neglect of duty,
immoral conduct, or intoxication, in which case the
said _____ shall forfeit all claim
upon Miss Nightingale from the period of such
discharge. And the said _____
hereby agrees to devote her whole time and attention
to the purposes aforesaid under the directions and to the
satisfaction of the said Superintendent, the whole
of whose orders she undertakes to obey, until discharged
by the said Superintendent.

Witness.

[end 14:51]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 535

H1/ST/NC3/SU2 letter by Sidney Herbert to my dear Lord [presumably to the bishop of London] 17 Oct 1854, War Office re FN accepting to go

War Office Oct 17 1854

My dear Lord,

Miss Nightingale has
consented to out to
Scutari to understate
the Hosp management of
the female nursing--
Her great hospital
experience shall carry [convey?] a
surgical treatment

together with her administrative
capacity peculiarly fit
her for this undertaking
and in a military
hospital where subordination
is everything, without ...

Would you kindly send
Mr Shepherd to me
Perhaps he would call at
the

H1/ST/NC3/SU3 letter 14 Oct 1854 from C.J. London [Charles James Blomfield] re Rev
C.P. Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU4 letter from Charlotte, Mrs Willoughby Moore, incomplete Oct 12

H1/ST/NC3/SU5 letter 16 Oct [1854] again from Mrs Willoughby Moore, The Rectory,
Putbro, Suffolk?

H1/ST/NC3/SU6 incomplete letter re Dr Smith informs Rev Shepherd re medical officers
in Turkey have everything necessary for treatment of the sick and wounded from AMD 13
ST James's Place 6 Nov 1854

H1/ST/NC3/SU7 letter from Scutari Hosp from C.H. Bracebridge to Rev T.B. Murray [see]
re FN, nurses, chaplains

H1/ST/NC3/SU8 letter of bishop of London C.J. [Blomfield] London to C.P. Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU9 copy of letter from St John's House Nov 16 1854 from C.P. Shepherd to
Rev C.S. Nicolay

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 536

H1/ST/NC3/SU10 letter from 67 Harley St. 15 Nov [1854] to C.P. Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU11 letter from C.S. Nicolay to Sir 4 Dec

H1/ST/NC3/SU12 letter from A.H. to dear Madam no date

H1/ST/NC3/SU13 letter from Mrs Elizabeth Clarke

H1/ST/NC3/SU14: pen: letter from Scutari to Miss Gipps [Goldie # 5]

Barrack Hospital [14:71]

Scutari

5 December 1854

Dear Miss Gipps

I have no time but to make the shortest communication, as you may suppose when I tell you that I have not yet written to my own people-

I have now had one month's experience of the St. John's Sisters.

Mrs. Drake is invaluable, kind, careful, modest-

Mrs. Lawfield, since the "blow-up" about the Caps, of which Mr. Bowman may

have told you, has been {14a} quite a different person & she is now, though not skilful (she does not know a fractured limb when she sees it) one of the most valuable nurses I have from her great propriety of conduct & kindness. Her very expression of countenance is altered & improved.

With regard to the other four, I fear that nothing can be made of them here - tho' I have no doubt that, as private

nurses in England, they may {14b}
be very good. Their
manners are so flibberty-
gibbet, (though with the
~~exception~~ exception of Mrs. Higgins,
I suspect no greater
impropriety) that they
do not command the
respect imperatively
necessary where forty
women are turned loose
among three thousand men.
They do not keep the rules
which I have made to ensure female decorum, but
run scampering over the
wards by themselves at night,
feeding the men without
medical orders - Their

dressings of wounds are careless {14c}
& slovenly - & they will not
take a hint, except from
me- I have consequently
employed them less in nursing,
& more in making Stump
Pillows etc for the men etc than
I shd otherwise have done
with the view of protecting
them - And they said,
which is very true, that
they did not come out for
needlework, they have consequently done little or nothing.
I fear they must
be recalled, which I should
very much prefer should
arise thus, because you want
them, rather than because
I don't -

Yours ever

F Nightingale

I hope you are better.

[end 14:71]

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H1/ST/NC3/SU15 letter from Scutari Dec 4 1854 to Madam

H1/ST/NC3/SU16 letter from Scutari Barrack Dec to Madam from Mary Anne Coyle

H1/ST/NC3/SU17 letter from M. Jones, St John's House, Queen's Square Dec 22 1854 to FN
re recd 18th letter from her addressed to Miss Gipps re nurses

H1/ST/NC3/SU18: pen: letter to "Gentlemen", likely of St John's Nurses [Goldie: 11
January 1854]

Barrack Hospital [14:115-16]

Scutari

11 January 1854 [55]

Gentlemen

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Jones,
Lady Supt of the 22nd inst & I have
also had a letter from Mr. Bowman of
the 26th ult.

From these letters it appears that the
St. John's Nurses have expressed themselves
as aggrieved by a rule restricting them
from "speaking to patients" by "want of sympathy
from others" & "want of due consideration
towards themselves." It seems also to be
thought that I passed some severe
censure upon their want of "surgical" skill.

In reply I have only to say that it was
by the information alone which I received
from the Nurses (for I felt it necessary to
ask their explanation) that I could understand
what the above weighty expressions could

refer to which seem derived from a {18a}
very serious examination of the hasty &
inaccurate letters of those not much
accustomed to detail facts or to explain
their feelings in writing.

The rule against reading to patients
in a Military Hospital without the Chaplain's
leave (observed alike by every one)
is the only approximation to the supposed
interdiction of speaking. As to "sympathy"
& "consideration," they can only explain
that "Mrs. Clarke" did not "speak to
them respectfully & they were not
accustomed to it." Mrs. Clarke, as
I believe, though somewhat brusque, sets
them an example of incessant labor &
anxiety to fulfil her duties. But their
main complaints were against Mrs.
Lawfield, one of their own body and
jealousies of Mrs. Drake.

Had they given me any opportunity
of setting matters right I might have
convinced them of the impropriety of lightly

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taking offence. The enormous pressure of {18b}
the Sick Cases on us, the supplying them
with the proper food, & the supply of the wards
with utensils, clothing etc. form a task
of so very heavy a nature that I am
wholly unable to enquire into trifles which
I know nothing of & which were not
intimated to me at all, though
constantly passing the common room for
at least sixteen hours out of the twenty four.

In conclusion, I trust that it may not
be deemed offensive to say that the frivolous
& really unfounded charges of the letters,
which have obtained such grave consideration
at your hands, confirms me in the idea
that the St. John's Nurses are not well
fitted for the work of this Hospital, nor
have they improved by experience.

I have therefore given to four of them
your letters of recall, since receiving their
explanations, & shall only await a
convenient opportunity for their return.

I had hoped to have found some
serious devotion to the cause we are engaged

in- but have no other complaint to make. {18c}
I am obliged by the letters of recall having
been sent which I can now make use of
& am; Gentlemen,

Your obedt servt
Florence Nightingale

P.S. I cannot too strongly draw your
attention to the difference between a
Military & a London Hospital- to the
consequent necessity of different rules
& to the probability of the Nurses in question
doing extremely well in private nursing
at home- but not among the Officers
here.

[end 14:116]

H1/ST/NC3/SU19 letter from A.C. Maconbrey to Sir

H1/ST/NC3/SU20 letter from Elizabeth Woodward to Madam Jan 3/55

H1/ST/NC3/SU21 Emma Fagg 4 Jan 1855

H1/ST/NC3/SU22 Emma Fagg to 14th Jan 1855

H1/ST/NC3/SU23 A.G. Moconbrey to Sir from Balaclava Hosp

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H1/ST/NC3/SU24 to Sir Jan 22 to Sir: They sailed on Oronoco Selena Bracebridge

H1/ST/NC3/SU25 C.J. [Blomfield] London to Shepherd 10 Feb '855

H1/ST/NC3/SU26 C.P Shepherd Feb 10 1855

H1/ST/NC3/SU27 C.J. [Blomfield] London 12 Feb 1855 to Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU28 C.P. Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU29 Elizabeth Woodward (2) Scutari Apr 2

H1/ST/NC3/SU30 Rev Robert Halpin 3 Apr 1855 to Shepherd

H1/ST/NC3/SU31 M.A. Bowles May 19 1855 to Sir

H1/ST/NC3/SU32 Rev T.J. Smith part letter **00081**

H1/ST/NC3/SU33 Mrs Sanson to Shepherd from Scutari 28 Jan 1855 [check date, June?]

H1/ST/NC3/SU34 ditto Jan 6

H1/ST/NC3/SU35: pen: letter to "Sir", likely an official of St. John's Nurses
00069

Barrack Hospital **[14:213-15]**

Scutari

August 16/55

My dear Sir

My poor Drake is
dead - & you who knew
her will know what a
loss I have had - the better
for her. She died on
Thursday the 9th of August
of low fever at Balaclava.
I am expecting the body
to be sent down with
a Nurse to be buried at
Scutari. I cannot tell you
what I felt when I heard
of her death - unexpected

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with low fever, but it {35a}
was not considered serious,
& I heard every post
that she was going to
be put on board ship
with her nurse, Mrs. Davy,
to return to me for change.
Last Monday I heard of
her unexpected death.
I have lost in her the
best of all the women
here - And I can only
comfort myself with the
idea that hers is the gain.
I never thought she would
be long-lived. But it
seems doubtful whether
her life has been shortened

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alike by all. Her two {35b}
physicians thought her
going on well - & every
vessel that came down
from Balaclava I was
expecting her in - as she
was coming to me to recruit.

When I went up to
Balaclava in the beginning
of May, she entreated me
to let her go with me.
And I declined her going,
thinking her far from equal
to it. I had already
refused a previous request
of hers to go to Balaclava.

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She was a good deal {35c}
mortified - as she had set
her heart upon going.
When I came back ill,
to Scutari, she again
requested to go - & this
time I yielded to her
earnest wish, which I
shall regret as long as
I live. I yielded only
upon the condition that
she would write to me
constantly &, if she did
not like Balaclava, would
tell me so instantly -
She had hardly been

there a fortnight before {35d}
she wrote to me that she
did not like it & wished
to come back. Though
it was the first time I
had been able to take a
pen in my hand, I wrote
to her by return of post,
desiring her to return *imme-*
diately. The next thing I
heard was that she was
gone for change of air to
the Monastery of St. George
with My Superintendent
which is our Convalescent
Institution at Balaclava.
While there, she was attacked

by being in this country. {35e}
Once I proposed to her
to go home. She rejected
the idea entirely. Said
she was better here than
in England. She had
one of my best Nurses to
herself. who never left her
night or day & was most
tender to her - as well as
the Superintendent at
Balaclava, Miss Wear, who
loved her as much as I did.
She was not attached to
life - She had suffered
very much in it - & I think
she never expected to return.

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For, before she went to {35f}
B'clava, she packed up
everything she had & directed
them to St. John's, "in case
of my death" she said.

I shall therefore send
all her things to you &
now enclose a Cheque,
which comprises what
was due to her of wages
& £5 more as a present.
For she was very kind to
a widowed sister with
children at Birmingham-
I will send you this person's
direction, if you have it not,
& will ask you to write to
her. I shall put up a

stone to her memory - as I {35g}
have done to another Nurse
whom we lost, - And I
shall be very glad to
assist the poor sister further
if you judge it necessary,
which is due to my poor
Drake's memory.

I need not tell you how
sorry I was for Mrs.
Lawfield's change of religion.
I think she already regrets
the step she has taken. I
have not given her the
pleasure or the spur of
thinking herself persecuted.
& have passed over many
things that she might not
be a martyr. but I must

tell you that she has a {35h}
daughter *living* with an aunt
of the name of Doudney
at Melton Mowbray -
& two little boys with
her husband's father &
that she is wishing to
place all these at
Convent Schools - in London.
This is manifestly not right
& should be prevented if possible
The girl is 15 years old - quite
old enough to judge for herself.

Believe me Dear Sir

Yours Truly
Florence Nightingale

Please remember me kindly
to Miss Jones - I would have
written to her, but am so
pressed by business.

[end 14:215]

Scutari

August 21/55 [14:215]

Dear Sir

Poor Mrs. Drake's
last request was that
£5 should be sent at once to
her Sister at Birmingham.

Mrs. Dingley

108 Bramsgrove St.

Birmingham

I have since received
the enclosed letter for her,
which I opened, hoping
to find the address of
her father. But there

is no date but Bath. {36a}

I have sent you the
whole of her wages and
£5 more - & leave you
to do what you think
right. As she seems
to have left no other
directions. I shall also
send the whole of her
things to you - as soon as
I can collect them from
Balaclava & here.

Mrs. Lawfield has
asked me to place her
daughter at a Convent
in London. I encourage

her to talk to me as {36b}
much as possible - as
she otherwise falls into
the hands of a silly little
Priest here & an unprin
ciplled R. Catholic Nurse
whom I have dismissed
but who is still ~~here~~ at Scutari.
It is impossible that I
should perform her
request, without the
consent of the girl,
who is 14 or 15, & who
lives, as I told you,
at her Aunt's

Mrs Doudney's

Melton Mowbray

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I wish you could obtain {36c}
some information as
to this poor girl's situation,
with which her Mother
for whom I have a
real regard, in spite of
or perhaps *because of*
all the trouble & grief
she has caused me,
is dissatisfied.

My poor friend, Mrs.
Drake, was buried at
Balaclava, the Commander=
in=Chief having refused
permission to let her
remains be removed to
Scutari. I am putting up
a tomb to her - Yours truly
F Nightingale

[end 14:215]

H1/ST/NC3/SU37: pen: letter to "Sir," [Rev C.P Shephard, of St. John's House]

Scutari [14:216]
August 27/55

Dear Sir

I have just received
poor Mrs. Drake's last
directions to me. She
wished *the whole of*
her money to go to her
sister at Birmingham -
& *the whole of* her
things, which I will send you - (with the
exception of St. John's
things & box which were to go to you which I have
here & will also send you).
She wished ~~the~~ her box which
you have at *St. John's*
& in which there are

none of St. John's {37a}
things also to go to her
sister at Birmingham
& her watch which
I will send.

[end 14:216]

She sent me her
love & duty & regretted
that she had not
returned to Scutari ~~as~~
~~she~~ when I desired her.

In haste
believe me dear Sir
Yours truly
F Nightingale

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H1/ST/NC3/SU38 signed, partial letter

Scutari Hospital [14:216]

August 28/55

My dear sir

I embarked by the
"Edwin Fox" Sailing Vessel
for England, this morning,
all poor Mrs. Drake's
things, consisting of 2
boxes- In the large
box (which is St John's
property) are (also St
John's property)

1 shawl

2 gowns (1 unmade

1 flannel petticoat (unmade)

& 4 linen Aprons (1 unmade

She sends home for you

1 bottle Scent

which she prays you to accept [end 14:216]

H1/ST/NC3/SU39 A.C. Maconbrey from Balaclava to Sir

H1/ST/NC3/SU40 John Drake, his mark, Sept 10 1855 to Shepherd, re paying wages of his
daughter to her sister

H1/ST/NC3/SU41 C.H. Bracebridge re Drake

H1/ST/NC3/SU42 Frederick G. Blomfield 4 Dec 1855 to Shepherd
[presumably relative of bishop]

H1/ST/NC3/SU43 C.J. [Blomfield] London from Fulham Palace 4 Dec 1855

H1/ST/NC3/SU44 Sir James Clark to Shepherd re testimonial meeting

H1/ST/NC3/SU45 from 3 Finsbury Circus, re note of 10th, re bringing matter before the
bishop, Frederick G. Blomfield 13 Dec 1855 to Sir

H1/ST/NC3/SU46 Sir James Clark Dec 14 1855 re N meeting

H1/ST/NC3/SU47 W. Bowman 24 Dec to Shepherd

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H1/ST/NC3/SU48 C.H. Bracebridge to Sir Dec 3 1855 note re CHB note Master of ST John's House presents his compliments to Lady Cranworth and according to sugg of Mr Bracebridge takes the liberty of sending her the enclosed [next] note

H1/ST/NC3/SU49 Lady Cranworth to Master of St John's House

H1/ST/NC3/SU50 Emma Fagg Dec 8 1856 re wages & board to Sir, C.P Shepherd, master of St John's House

Letter 51 page 68, dated Nov 2 1861, LMA3 H1/ST/NC3/SU5

Hampstead NW

Nov 2/61

Sir

I beg to thank
you for your note
of Oct 24, enclosing
a copy of a Resolution
of the Council of
St. John's House-
which I have
forwarded to my
Committee, who will

certainly reply to it
in a suitable
manner.

But on my own
part, I should be
very much indebted
to you if you would
take an opportunity
to assure the President
or any Members of
the Council of St
John's House
how deep is my
conviction that the

obligation is all on
one side-that
we have, I fear,
increased your
expences, certainly
increased very
much the labour
of all the Officers
of St. John's House-
& that the only
return to them
will be extension
of the good they
are doing -- in, as we

believe, a very
useful direction.

In all other
respects, I am afraid
we have done nothing
but increase their
anxiety & fatigue,
And it is not for
us to say that this
is doing what they
are good enough to
consider a benefit.

I remain
your faithful & obliged
servt.
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU52 newspaper cuttings re Nurse Emma Fagg in workhouse, entered

SU53 newspaper cuttings

later corr not FN

SU59 Samuel Smith to J. McNeill re interview July 24 [1855] **00131**

SU60 Parthe Nightingale to J. McNeill July 4 [1855]

SU61 Parthe Nightingale to J. McNeill Feb [arch 1856?] seems more like 1855 re
difficulties with RC nurses

SU62 Parthe Nightingale to J. McNeill n.d. re FN's health

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SU63 Parthe Nightingale to J. McNeill re shortage in Crimea, LH Saturday, with excerpt (copy) from FN from Balaclava April 17/56

copy: Balaclava
General Hospital
April 17/56

x x x x x

Suffice it to say that now at the eleventh hour, peace concluded, flags flying, army supposed to be next door to perfection, I have had a three weeks bout in the Crimea worse than anything we have had since Nov /54.

On our [?] first arrival here last month we were ten days without rations by Mr Fitzgerald's

malice. When I moved into this Hospital the day of Mrs Bridgeman's departure, Sir John Hall gave the nurses huts over my head to Purveyor's clerks. I sat down before the door, being then dark, & said quietly that I should stay there till the keys were brought. In about 2 hours they were produced. Every day for the last week it has been repetition of the same thing a contest for stores for the patients for food, lodging "have to toil," for ourselves. Your pigstye is cleaner than our quarters.

or than the wards of the Hospital as left by Mrs Bridgeman. The patients were grimed with dirt, infested with vermin with bedsores like Lazarus. I have never seen but one similar scene to it. Mrs Roberts & the Scutari nuns whom I brought with me were horrified. After two days hard white washing & cleaning, after three [?] days washing & dressing the patients, one of whom takes Mrs Roberts six hours daily, being one mass of bed sores, Sir John Hall visited the Hospital & wrote

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an angry letter, saying that he was
"dispirited" at the state of the Hospital
& ordered it all to be put back into
the admirable order it was in previously
instructing the PMO of the Hospital,
who shewed me the letter, "not to interfere
with the Purveyor Mr Fitzgerald's
arrangements."

This is the man on whom the lives &
healths of the army in great measure
depend (for he is clever & this is all
temper)

H1/ST/NC/SU64 Parthe Nightingale to J. McNeill

H1/ST/NC/SU65: pen: letter to Sir. J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f9

Lea Hurst [14:446]
Matlock

Sept 4/56

My Dear Sir

My father & I
shall be at Edinburgh
about the 10th or 11th.
It would give me
so very much
pleasure to see you
& also so much help
to ask your advice
upon a matter of business.

If I might find a {65a}
line from you at the
P.O. Edinburgh, my
father would call
upon you, if you were
at home.

Do you know
whether Colonel Tulloch
is likely to be in
the neighbour hood
about that time?

I am like an

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outlaw, playing {65b}

hide & seek. &

will ask you not

to say that I am

coming - to any one

but him, if you see him.

[end 14:446]

Pray believe me

My dear Sir

Yours faithfully &

gratefully

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU66 J. McNeill letter to FN, from Granton House Sept 5 1856, "My dear Miss Florence" with invitation to stay, just recd her letter of yesterday, will be in west of Scotland, then they will be at home. "it would give us all very great pleasure if Mr Nightingale and you would do us the favour to set aside the formalities of calls and come here from the railway station. We are only 3 miles from Edinburgh on the shores of Firth of Forth, but I am quite sure that our little retreat is a much much safer hiding place than you can find in Edinburgh and we have abundance of room for Mr Nightingale and you as well as for your man and your maid--no one shall know of your being here but those to whom you choose to let it be known and as the carriage takes me to Edinburgh every morning at half past ten and brings me back between three and four you can go there and return unobserved if you desire it."

H1/ST/NC3/SU67: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f12

Lea Hurst

[14:447]

Matlock

Sept 8/56

My dear Sir

I know not how to thank you

& Lady McNeill for your very kind

invitation to my father & myself.

We both very much regret that,

owing to the uncertainty which has

crept into our plans occasioned by

the illness of a friend in Scotland,

we are obliged to decline your

kindness. But we shall still

hope to be in Edinburgh time

enough to have the pleasure of

catching a meeting with you. [end]

Believe me,

My dear Sir

Yours very truly & gratefully

F. Nightingale

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H1/ST/NC3/SU68: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill re: Lord Panmure: kept by Victoria and Albert, typed copy 45768 fl3

Birk Hall [14:450-51]

Ballater

Florence Sept 27/56

Nightingale

My dear Sir John McNeill

We were to have
gone South on Monday,
but the Queen was
here yesterday, and
expressed her wish
that I should
remain to see Lord
Panmure in such
a manner that I
could not decline.
She said that she

thought I could do {68a}
more with him
here with her to
back me than in
London. The terrible
Secretary for War does
not come till the
latter end of next
week. And we do
not know whether
he will desire
more than one

interview with me. {68b}
Therefore we are
quite uncertain
as to what day
after the 6th October
we shall go South -
but it will be
the first day we
can do so.

We are very much
gratified at Lady
McNeill's most

kind repetition of {68c}
her wish to see us
on our way, which
I have just received.
And as soon as we
know our fate, I shall
certainly try our luck
with you by writing
to Lady McNeill to
know whether she
can still receive us.
It would give us such

very great pleasure {68d}
to spend a couple
of days with you, if
you are still at
liberty.

In the meanwhile,
might I ask you to
write me a few
lines, if any hints
occur to you which
you can give me
as to my interview
with Lord Panmure.

I was in hopes to {68e}
have seen you again *before*
I saw him.

My hopes were
somewhat raised by
the great willingness
of the Queen, P. Albert
& Sir George Grey, all
of whom I have seen
together & separately,
to listen & to ask
questions. But I am

somewhat alarmed {68d}
at the Prince's
predilection for the
Horse Guards. The
points on which I
would particularly
solicit your attention
if you would give me
your advice, are
1. the distribution of
authority & of
accountability in Military
Hospitals
2. the checks in their
expenditure

3. the division of labor {68e}
4. the whole system of army
Medl. Statistics.

I tried to *insense*
the Prince with the
fact that there are
now 8 Departments
at work in our
Hospitals, none of
whom have any
responsibility. How
many Departments
would you have &

what should be {68d}
~~their~~ responsibility
of each?

The Queen accepted
with great grace
my proposition
which I ~~derived~~ desired
from you, of writing
to Lord Panmure &
sending H.M. the
letter,- & indicated
immediately a member
of her household

thro' whom I was {68e}
to send it. So far so
good. But I know
how many are the
chances against
any reform being
actually put in
practice - to my cost.

In the meantime,
there is no man in
England who could
give me such advice

as yourself. If you {68f}
will kindly interest
yourself to do so, &
with our most
grateful remembrances
to you & Lady McNeill.

believe me ever

dear Sir John

Yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Pray do not forget to
thank Lady McNeill for
me for her letter

turn over

Prince Albert alluded {69g}
to Filder's excuse (as
to want of transport)
for not giving us
fresh meat. ~~I could~~
as if he believed it.
I answered generally
that you had supplied
us with fresh meat
immediately. But I
should like much to
be able to give him
an accurate &
detailed answer as to the transport loss
The subject will come
up again. Would you
furnish me with one? [end 14:451]

H1/ST/NC3/SU69 Lord Napier to J. McNeill Dec 14 [56] asks for FN's address, 6 Ainslie Place

London Metropolitan Archives LMA3 (Florence Nightingale Museum) H1/ST/NC3/SU70, typed copy 45768 ff247-48 pencil: letter to Lady McNeill [8:634]

7 Oct. 1856

Dear Lady McNeill

Your great kindness in writing
to me to remind me of your
invitation encourages me in
proposing myself to you, alone.
My father has, I am sorry to
say, turned tail & fled. He was
cold in the Highlands, had a
cold & went home. I shall be
at Edinburgh. I believe on the
10th. And I would gladly come to
you on the 11th for that day and
Sunday, if it will be convenient
to you & if I shall not be in
your way.

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I do not answer Sir John McNeill {70a} [14:456]
two kind letters now, because I
shall have much to tell & to hear
from him. I have seen Lord
Panmure in private more than
once. He is just as much
convinced of the truth in all
the Commission matters as we
are. But he wants the stuff to
make a great Minister. Conviction
is not everything. He has no
courage or conscientiousness. [end]

Would you give me one line
to Barry's Hotel to say whether
it will be an inconvenience to you
to receive me?

I had an opportunity of telling

the Prince the whole story of the {70b}
fresh meat & transports & was
very glad to be able to do so.

Believe Me

dear Lady McNeill in haste

Yours very truly & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Birk Hall

Oct 7/56

H1/ST/NC3/SU71: pen & pencil: letter to Sir John McNeill [stexts stuff] typed copy
45768 f26

30 Old Burlington St [14:471-72]
London

Dec 15/56

Private

My dear Sir John McNeill

Thank you very much for ten
most valuable Memoranda, which
you have so kindly sent me,
relating to the Government of General
Army Hospitals. You will see how largely
I have borrowed from you.

I am not yet nearly ready.
But I shall certainly avail myself
of your most kind offer to look over
& criticize, without mercy, my
Precis when it is finished. And you
will not find it a "thankless" office,
at all events, to give advice - tho' I
fear, a very troublesome one.

Everything goes on very slowly.
Gout is a very handy thing - & Lord
Panmure always has it in his hands,

whenever he is called upon to do any {71a}
thing - The three things which he
himself commissioned me to do for
him, all hang fire. These are,
a Report on the plans of the new
Southampton Hospital, of which
the Sanitary defects are many &
important. This is still in his hands.
2. An Army Medical School.
3. the Commission of Inquiry into
~~there~~ Army Medical & Sanitary
things in general, which, altho' he
has already offered the Chairmanship of it
to Mr. Herbert, does not get itself
named. I believe he is driving it
off till Parliament meets.

I hope that Col. Tulloch has sent
you his Pamphlet. He has sent me

the Proof - and it concerns me much.
I wish someone of more authority than {71b}
I am would tell him that it must
be shorter, calmer, more like your
Report, in fact, & less like Lord Lucan
himself. Whose case, by the bye, I
should dispose of, were I Col. Tulloch,
by merely printing in three columns
(in a Tabular Form), Lord Lucan's own
"General Divisional Order," his Evidence
before the Board & the finding of the
Board side by side. This would
convince the Public more than any
words. I would refrain from any
comment whatever. Col. Tulloch
looks very ill.

You will, of course, observe that
Lord Panmure's doings with me are
for yourself alone, & believe me ever
Your most gratefully & faithfully
Florence Nightingale

I was much obliged to Sir J. Richardson for valuable
information. [end]

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H1/ST/NC3/SU73 letter from Col Tulloch to J. McNeill enclosing note from FN

Feb 20/57

My dear Mrs. Tulloch [14:483]

I feel quite differently
from what you do
about the £1000. I
feel so angry that I
am GLAD they have
been such fools as to
offer it.

Col. Tulloch has
called me "a peace maker"
But, if he & Sir John
McNeill do not put
a letter in the "Times,"

(Provided the offer has
been made so that
they *can* speak out,)
I think I shall do it
myself.

Do you know I am sure
the British Lion will
sympathize in this
insult? And if it
does not, then it is a
degraded beast-

Please let me tell
Mr Herbert- I shall
unless you order me
not.

Believe me
yours overflowingly

F. Nightingale
I saw Mr Herbert
again today & I am
sure he is disposed
to behave well.

As to these Ministers
I am not surprised
at any selfish cowardice
or unfeeling neglect,
but I am surprised
at their folly & their
ignorance of the men
they were dealing with
F.N.

[end 14:483]

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With letter of Tulloch to John McNeill and fragment of FN

I wish they would let
me write the letter in
the "Times for them
This is Airey's doing
depend upon it. For
Lord Palmerston is a
gentleman, tho' Panmure
is not.

H1/ST/NC3/SU74 letter from Col Tulloch to J. McNeill Feb 20/57

H1/ST/NC3/SU74: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill. [in V&N], handwritten also in 45768
ff29-, but different?

30 Old Burlington St. W. [14:498-500]
London

March 1/57

My dear Sir John McNeill

I have often thought of Lord
Dunfermline's words since we parted,
& what I am now going to say will
be but too sad a commentary upon
them.

I think our cause is lost &
that those who deny it feel it even
more than those who acknowledge it.

Col. Tulloch will not see that
the H. of C. is against or rather indifferent
to him - At every successive failure,
he promises he will refrain & go
abroad. But he never does. And
now he will write to Lord Palmerston.
Lord Palmerston knows the truth just
as well as you or I do. And the

real meaning of what he said in the {75a}
House was "I would make the Crimean
Commissioners both Dukes, if I could.
But I cannot do anything to throw
odium upon a party which is
strong enough to turn me out."

~~& that he disquiets himself in vain.~~

There is less chance of Reform now
than before the War. v. H. of C. for the
last 3 weeks, v. Army Estimates.

Eight months ago, had Id Palmerston
chosen to play a great game & say,
"I will have Army Reform, & if the
H. of C. is against me, let me see if
the country is for me," - he might have
won. Now it is too late. The
opportunity is lost & we shall not
see another in our life time.

The Army is strong enough now
in the H. of C. to turn out any Ministry
as it has always been in the H. of Lords.

For, besides the aristocratic weight & {75b}
influence it always had, it has now
an additional prestige in the late War.

Messrs. Herbert and Gladstone are
dead (not in "trespasses & sins" but)
in indifference & party-spirit. They
do not choose to lose a motion in
Parlt., which they would do if they
moved in this matter. Politically,
they may be right. Aesthetically,
they are surely wrong. They would
stand much better in the country
ten years hence, if they did the honourable
thing now.

Mr. Herbert is ill & probably going
abroad- which will put off the
"Commission" we were going to have,
with him as Chairman.

Lord Panmure has no other rule
of conduct than that of staving off
every question which will give him
trouble, till the public interest in it

subsidies, leaving to the Aristocracy {75c}
their honors & to the people their
money, and "keeping himself *in*."

The Army Estimates cut down
every thing that has to do with the
scientific element of the Army, with the health,
efficiency, morality of the soldier,
while it leaves all the Staff appoint
ments.

Lord Panmure has broken all
his promises, defeated all reform
by his inertia, for his passive
resistance, the easiest of all to make,
is the most difficult to overcome.

Silently, all over the country,
no doubt this is sapping the country's
trust in the Aristocracy more than
any thing else could have done.

Had Lord Palmerston been a
younger man, this never could have
happened. But he has not the

power to cope with such a multiplicity {75d}
of subjects, alone in the Cabinet &
he sacrifices the great interests of the
nation for those of his Order, for which,
at heart, he does not care a
Corporal's button.

With our present amount of
Sanitary Knowledge, it is as criminal
to have a mortality of 17, 19 & 20 per
1000 in the Line, Artillery, & Guards
in England, - when that of Civil Life
in towns is only 11 per 1000 - as it
would be to take 1100 men per ann.
out upon Salisbury plain & shoot
them. No body of men being so
much under control, none so
dependent upon their employers for
health, life & morality as the Army.

I want to be out of it as soon as
I can. And in three months I shall
take service in a Civil Hospital.

All the materials of my Precis are {75e} ready but no criticism upon it which is worth having. Dr. Sutherland has read it. But his opinion was that I must "confine it to facts & experience, for the Army would stand no opinions & give nothing but propositions for the future, for evidence as to the past would be torn to shreds." This Paraphrase does not sound strictly logical, but is not less true for that.

The Precis will do no more good than so many abler & better Reports have done - & I would willingly not send it in at all. But, if I do, I must have a sounder opinion upon it.

Would you write to me, P.O. Great Malvern, & say whether you could now give me that opinion you so kindly promised?

I much wish you could have been in London the last three weeks. With kindest regards to Lady McNeill & Miss Ferooza believe me always faithfully & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 566
H1/ST/NC3/SU76 pen letter to Sir J. McNeill [8:635] typed copy 45768 f33

30 Burlington St.

London W

March 28/57

My dear Sir

I feel that I cannot
do otherwise than accept
your kind invitation to me
to come down & hear
your candid criticism -
if it were only to save
you the trouble of writing
to me or coming up to
London.

I think I could
come Wednesday or
Thursday, & shall only
bring a maid. But I

will write again to {76a}
Lady McNeill to apprise
her of the burden put
upon her & the day.
I only trust that she
will not make it a
burden, but will just
treat me as a
campaigner, who have
long been happiest to
be put anywhere, & to let
business always come
first.

[end 8:635]

[14:501]

I shall be guided
entirely by your judgement
as to re-writing the whole

or any part or suppressing {76b}
it entirely. I am but
too grateful that you
will take the trouble
to give that valuable
opinion entirely &
openly.

I have little hope of
Reform. What is politically
fun to our Masters is
death to us. The dis=
graceful state of our
Chatham Hospitals, which
I have been visiting
lately, is only one more symptom
of a system which, in the

Crimea, put to death {76c}
16,000 men - the finest
experiment modern
history has seen upon
a large scale - viz. as to
what given number may
be put to death at will
by the sole agency of bad
food & bad air? - But
a deeper tragedy is being
played every day at home,
viz. by Lord Panmure's
indifference, by Andrew
Smith's ignorance, by
H.M.'s Opposition's party=
spirit. While the heads
of the War Department

have men's lives abso= {76d}
lutely in their own hands
& care not.

I write in great haste
& can only add my deep
gratitude to you & to
Lady McNeill for your
kindness & protection &
your true support - & [end 14:501]

Believe Me

dear Sir John

Ever faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 568
H1/ST/NC3/SU77 pen: letter to Lady McNeill [8:635-36]

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

April 22/57

My dear Lady McNeill

I cannot tell you
how I enjoyed my stay
with you. I think
Granton House is the
most poetic place I
ever saw. And your
kindness I never can
forget. I have often
thought that it was
a compensation for our
terrible failure that it

brought us into {77a}
communication with
such people. As it
was a compensation
to our awful calamity
that it brought out
the endurance of our
men.

Now however I write
upon business, which
is always in my
mercantile thoughts.
The commercial spirit
of Great Britain is

strong within me. {77b}
Do you think you would make interest
with Mr. Steele to let
me have permission
to take a Photograph
of his bust of Sir
John McNeill? I
am sorry the poor
Clay is gone.

NB. I was delighted
to be able to say, in
answer to an application

similar to that of {77c}
Mr. Steele to me
yesterday that I
stood pledged to Sir
John McNeill to
dispose of my remains
for the benefit of
Science only & to go down
to posterity in a
bottle (of spts of wine)
if I am curious enough.
It is at once becoming
& professional for me
to have my Portrait thus.
I hope that you will

let us know when you {77d}
come to London, if you
do. Please give my
kindest remembrances
to Miss Ferooza - & also
remember me to Miss
Lizzie, if she is with
you. And say to
Mrs. Gibb that she
kindly provisioned
my Garrison so liberally
that I have half of
it left still.
Believe me ever,
dear Lady McNeill, most
affectely. & gratefully Yrs
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU78: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f36

30 Old Burlington St [14:502-04]
London W.

April 22/57

My dear Sir John McNeill
I have so little time
to write now that I cannot [illeg]
give myself the indulgence
of telling you how much
good you did me, body,
soul & mind. Yours
is another atmosphere
from what I am used
to. And, reckoning the
life of a man at £120,
which is my manifesta=
tion of "Spiritualism," if

Sir John McNeill {identification of addressee at bottom of page in FN's hand}

you value your Crimean {78a}
expedition at the number
of lives you have saved,
& will save in our
army, you may add
one more for mine.

But what I write
for today is to say:

The question of "uniform
stoppage" is now under
consideration ~~Now is~~
at the War Department.
Now is the time to get
the Ration & Diet questions
tacked on to it.

I have urged a Civilian {78b}
Commission of Professor
Christison, Dr. Letheby
& Dr. Sutherland to
settle it. But I doubt
whether I shall obtain
it. (I fear, too that Lord
Panmure wishes the
Stoppage question to be
decided *before* we have
our Medical Commission).
If Professor Christison
has sufficiently the
interest of our Army
at heart to give his
valuable time, & write

us two schemes of {78c}
1. Rations &
2. Hospital Diets,
it would be of the
utmost importance
just now. His name
stands highest in
Europe upon the Dietetic
question - & would
carry public opinion
with it for us.

I have been urged
to present a separate
memorial upon Diets
now immediately. And,
if Professor Christison

would condescend to give {78d}
his two Schemes with
his authority, I believe
it might carry the point.

Could you explain
to him,

1. the immense
confusion of the present
scheme of Stoppages.

It is now proposed to
have an uniform stoppage
of ~~stoppage of~~ 7d - Hospital Stoppage
excluded.

I want to include
it - shewing that the
(undoubtedly) greater
expence of Hospital Diet

over Ration would be {78e}
compensated to the
country by the reduction
of office=clerks, who
are now necessary to
keep the accounts.

2. If you would
explain to him our
cumbrous machinery
of "Extras"?

I have studied the
Edinburgh Diets, which
you were so good as to
send me, & shewn them
to Dr. Sutherland, who
agrees with me that

they are admirable for our {78f}
purpose.

Some modification,
however, would be
required for a *Military*
Hospital Diet, - as

females
children
aged people
would be excluded.

Nine Diets would
probably be unnecessary
(the Edinburgh number) -
& porridge would probably
not find favor in our
sight. Also, I think
the Costs, 2 1/2 d, 4 3/4 d, 4 1/2d,
5 1/2d, 3 1/2 d, 4 d, would be

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greater in England.

I am sorry they have {78g}
pitched their Stoppage,
7d, so high. But it is
better than Col. Tulloch's
10d.

If Dr. Christison,
taking all these things
into consideration,* would
construct the two Schemes
required for us & give
them the weight of his sig=
=nature, he would be
doing us a national
benefit. And I would
take care to work the
question - with your help

*as also the effects of climate
upon constitution in our men suffer
=ing from Colonial Service as affecting Hospital
Diets.

I have seen Colonel *Sir* {78h}
Alexander Murray Tulloch
who is well. I never
saw a man so happy
or so changed for the
better. I asked myself
(but not him) somewhat
sadly, if a *civil* K.C.B.ship
did, after all, settle
the question between him
& his persecutors, which
is purely a *Military* one.
However the vote of the
H. of C. is the main
thing, & I think your
Privy Councillorship is
the best thing they have done.

I have put my M.S. {78i}
into Harrison's hands -
& I shall gratefully avail
myself of your most
generous offer to take
the trouble of cutting up
the proofs, which I will
send you when I get them.

I shall never forget
your kindness, & believe
me, dear Sir John, ever
most faithfully & most
gratefully yours

F. Nightingale

P.S. 1

I hope you will not
forget me when you come

to London. {78j}

General Cameron is to
direct the Officers' education,
a very honest man.
P.S. 2.

I have seen Capt. Laffan
& Co. upon the Southton
Hospital. They are very
amenable. Could you
tell me of any Hospital
or Work=house where the
Encaustic Tile, or other
impervious floor, has
stood the test of experience.

If I could cite an
example, I should do
better. They will have wood.

P.S. 3. I think Dr. Christison's

estimate of spaces,
necessary for Patients,
was

9 ft from head to head
10 ft to middle of passage
14 ft high

Am I right? [end 14:504]

F.N.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 574
Roll 1 H1/ST/NC3/SU79: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill. typed copy 45768 f40

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

May 3/57

[14:507]

My dear Sir John

I have ventured to
send you one Proof Sheet -
And herewith come two
others, tho' I doubt, if
you can judge, without
seeing the whole at once,
I mean, consecutively.
Dickens's monthly Nos=
are my abhorrence.
I thought you were
too indulgent, when you
were so good as to read
the M.S. with me. Pray
be so good as to cut &
carve this, as you think

think best. {79a}

I have been much
worried by making the
acquaintance of Kinglake,
the historian (to be) of
the late War. He has
no judicial mind. Not
much feeling. Not
much conscience. And
takes a superficial view
of the whole thing. But
his history will be as
clever as everything he
writes, & every body
will read it & be
deceived. He repeated
to me all the *fadaises*
of the Staff & he gives the whole fund

of unexamined common=
places, (which one has {79b}
heard so often about
the non-supply of
clothing &c and the
Q.M.G.'s Dept.-) as
historical material.
I have ~~sent him~~ cut
up your Blue Book &
that of the Chelsea
Board, pasted the
extracts on opposite
sheets, & sent them to
him without comment.
I do not expect that
he has the power of
obtaining information
or of estimating its relative value

when obtained. And {79c}
therefore, tho' I have no
doubt he is a good
counsel, he strikes me
as a very bad historian.
Col. Tulloch's temper &
discretion are not to
be relied upon, or I would
have referred Kinglake
to him. But Kinglake
questions Col. T's
~~doubts his~~ accuracy,
which shews his own
want of it. Nothing is so
worrying [~~illeg~~]
as this affair.

Our Commission is out,
& Drs. Sutherland & Alexander
& I are drawing up our
subjects. I have not one
witness to summon for Scutari
General Hospitals - on our side. [end]
{written on first page of letter down left side}
ever sincerely & gratefully yours
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 576
H1/ST/NC3/SU81: pen: letter to Sir. J McNeill, typed copy 45768 f42

30 Old Burlington St
London W

May 12/57

My dear Sir John McNeill

I send you with very
many thanks, another
sheet.

Yours ever gratefully &
faithfully

F. Nightingale

I direct my letter with
a very great deal of
pleasure. I consider
that you & Sir Alex. Tulloch
have been borne on the
arms of the people - a
much higher triumph
than a mere discernment

[14:508]

of honors by the Crown. {81a}
The poor Crown has been
worsted. I am sorry for it.
But it was not our fault.

I have been guilty of
every kind of official
subservience & cringing
to those in power. But
I have never yet been
able to direct to Lord
Panmure "the Right Honble,"
for fear of its creeping
out some day "the Right
Dishonble," a breach of
decorum which would
be as awkward as
getting up in church
to answer the preacher.

[end 14:508]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 577

H1/ST/NC3/SU82: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill {archivist:} 14 May 1857 typed copy 45768 f43

I venture to send another [14:508]
sheet.

We "messed" the Commission
yesterday. I think it is
getting on swimmingly.
But I know they will
break down at the mode
of organizing Supply. I
wish we had your
advice in this matter.
Mr. Herbert is nervous
about it. They begin
examining Purveyors
tomorrow.

[end 14:508]

Ever faithfully yours
May 14/57 F Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU83 SH long letter May 18/57 to J. McNeill. I take advantage of your
promise to listen, consider and advise to give you a report of the progress our army
med comn has made, and to ask for your assistance on some points.

At our first meeting I proposed to the comn to take our subjects in a certain
order, beg by the introduction of the med officer into the service, the quals required
of him and the sufficiency the means of enlarging and increasing his knowledge
afterwards, esp as regards mil hygiene. 2. The second head wd be the org of general
hospitals, the distribution of, same as regards reg hosps. 3. Sanitary division
of the subject willl comprise barracks, hosps, clothing, rations and quibundum aliis..
4 We reserve the pay, rank and prom of the med dept till after the duties to be
performed as well as the nature of the preparation for them has been decided....so
laying the round for an increase of pay and general bettering of their position. 5
Lastly wd come the const of the army med dept at Whitehall with its powers and
authority.

The comn agreed to this course tho there was a proposal to put no. 4 in the place
of no. 1, but it was overruled. We have had 4 meetings and have examined Dr Andrew
Smith, Sir John Liddell, Sir Benj Brodie, Mr Paget, Ferguson, Parkes, Meyer, Pratt
purv at Chatham. Mr Dill? Gov of London Hosp and shall ex Mr Robertson late purveyor
at Scutari and Dr Stubb supt at St T. This last carried us thro the first head and a
good way into the second. ...I *think* the comn are prepared to advocate. 1 that some
med diploma as well as the surg one shall be req of the cand, the majority of cases in
mi hosps ...being medical [and more]

H1/ST/NC3/SU84: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f51

30 Old Burlington St. [14:512]

London W.

June 4/57

My dear Sir John McNeill

This is very nearly the end.

This private Mem. pp. 270=280 about the
women I feel more than
doubtful about inserting.
You know so much more
of human nature than I
do that I need not
remind you that what
we get into scrapes for is
(not for saying what ~~ev~~
nobody believes & every
body says but) for saying
what everybody believes
& nobody says. If my

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Mema= about women

were only for the Queen, {84a}
it would not signify.
But, if it should come
out before the H. of C.,
I should not like it
at all. It would do harm.
The part about "Nurses in
Civil Hospitals" may, at
all events, be cut out
as irrelevant.

Also, you know better
than any one, perhaps
you only know how
"scabreux" it is for *me*
to get upon the subject
of Religion - & how easily
I shall be misunderstood.

2. I have looked more {84b}
at the double columns,
& I think they *must*
come out.

3. The question whether
I should put "Chapter &
Verse" to the quotations
is, I think, just as broad
as it is long. You know
how even educated men
will go off upon a word.
One does not like the
Roebuck Committee,
Another does not like
the Stafford Committee-
one distrusts this Commission
& another distrusts that -
till all thought about the

truth is merged in a {84c}

discussion of authorities-

Socrates says something

to the effect that nine

tenths of our belief come

from sympathy

antipathy

authority or

blind assimilation

I do not know therefore whether

to put references or not.

Please tell me. As it is,

it may look as if I were

quoting from private letters

or conversation.

4. I conceive that some

remodelling of arrangement

must take place - to put

all the "as it is" together

& the "as it should be."

{written down side of page at top of f84}

Sutherland & Alexander are

still in France. I have been down

at Netley inspecting

I will report progress.

ever yrs gratefully

F.N.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 581
H1/ST/NC3/SU85: pen: letter to Sir. J. McNeill typed copy 45768 f53

My dear Sir John McNeill [14:513]

I am very sorry to
be "at you" so soon again.
But Sir John Hall is to
be examined next week.
And I have been asked
to request you to give
some hints, as to his
examination, founded
upon what you ~~found~~ saw of
him when in your hands.
My own belief is that
Hall is a much cleverer
fellow than they take

him for - almost as {85a}
clever as Airey - &
that he will consult
his reputation in like
manner - & perhaps
give us very useful
evidence. No thanks
to him.

It is necessary to
examine him - and
how is it to be done?
is the question we would
ask you.

I would only recall
to your memory the long

series of proofs of his incredible {85b}
~~proofs of~~ apathy
beginning with the
fatal letter approving
of Scutari, October/54
continuing with all the
negative errors of non=
obtaining of

Lime Juice
Fresh Bread
Quinine &c

~~& less~~ up to his not denoun=
cing the effects of salt
meat before you. To my
mind, with the exception
of Gordon, this man is

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 582
(morally) the worst of {85c}
the liars.

We do not want to
badger the old man in
his examination, which
would do us no good
& him harm. But
we want to make the
best out of him for
our case.

Please help us - [end]
Yours ever sincerely &
gratefully
F. Nightingale

typed copy 45768 f54

29 Old Burlington St.
W.

June 12/57
{written at top of f85}
I understand that Dr. Smith
says that he was much
afraid of "the Commission"
at first & "thought it wd=
do harm." But now "thinks
it is taking a good turn." Is this
for us or against us?

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 583
H1/ST/NC3/SU86: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f55

30 Old Burlington St. [14:516]

London W.

June 27/57

I do not remember how
far I have sent you
already in the Revise
And I believe I am now
sending duplicates. But
this is the End - all but
a very few pages - p. 368
to p. 374 - on the
Scutari defects. I will
send that on Monday &
then it will be done.
I question much whether
it will do for me to put
in the Commissariat part.

I heard with the {86a}
greatest pleasure from
Dr. Farr that he had
seen you well & brisk
at the Oxford Comme=
moration. I was almost
in hopes you would have
come on to London.

We are terribly driven
about this Commission.
And, what with that,
& the Netley plans, I
have not had a moment
for anything else.

Mr. Herbert has been {86b}
ill, & down at Dover
since Wednesday, which
gave me time just to
finish my Revise

On Monday he re=
examines Tulloch
& Sutherland. Sutherland
does not carry the
weight in the Commission
which his brains ought
to give him. And he lets
very inferior men put
him down, owing to his
want of pith. It vexes

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 584

me and upsets the conclu= {86c}
sions I want to impress
upon Mr. Herbert.

Sir J. Hall's evidence
fell harmless. It broke
down utterly from want
of truthfulness & perpetual
doubling.

[end 14:516]

Believe me ever
with my love to Lady
McNeill & Miss Ferooza
who, I hope, is better
Sincerely & gratefully your
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU87: pen: no address. typed copy 45768 ff57-58

My dear Sir John McNeill. [14:525-26]

This is first to say,
Please come to us, if you
come up to town for the
17th. 1. It would be of
great use to me. 2. I
think we could take better
care of you. We should
be back in the house
we had when first you
came up for swearing in.

I hope Mr. Herbert
has sent you the Evidence.
I reminded him to do
so.

Secondly. Mr. Herbert {87a}
has given in to examining
me by writing. But
he limits his questions
to Hospital Construction.

I am quite as well
aware as he can be;
that it is inexpedient
& even unprincipled to
go back now into past
delinquencies.

What is more, I feel
for him who was victim-
ized by a system, of
which he could know
nothing, till the results
appeared.

It is easy for me to be {87b}
wise after the fact, me
who saw these results.

But it would
be untrue & unconscientious
for me to give evidence
upon an indifferent
matter like that of
Hospital construction
leaving untouched the
great matters which
will affect (& have
affected) the mortality
of our sick more than
any mere Architecture
could do.

People, Government &

Sovereign all think that {87c}
these matters have been
remedied. While I think
that nothing has been
done, save a relaxation
of all rule & discipline
& a violent expenditure.

It would be treachery
to the memory of my dead
if I were to seem to give
in to this popular error.

I have no idea what
to do. But I see most
evil in the plan of
examining me so as to
make me say nothing.

Please advise. [end 14:526]

Ever faithfully &
gratefully yours
July 7/57 F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU88 SH letter to J. McNeill. Seems to be FN hand. Printed 49 Belgrave Sq.
July 8/1857. My dear Sir John. Our last 2 days' examination has been extremely slow & I
am two witnesses in arrears, therefore am illeg with the calculation I made when I
wrote to you. This wd throw your ex back till Friday the 17th, or poss till Monday the
20th. At the same time, it is not necessary that you shd be the last witness.
Therefore, as I said before, pray consult your own convenience & fix upon whichever
day really suits you best. I wd put off anyone else to secure you.

Will you let me have a line as soon as you can see your way? And accept a bed at my
house? There is one advantage in Monday the 20th shd it suit you & that is that we cd
have some previous conversation before your ex, which wd be important. SH

H1/ST/NC3/SU89 SH letter to J. McNeill re invitation to dine and meet F.N.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 586
H1/ST/NC3/SU90: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill. ['57], copy 45768 f60

My dear Sir John McNeill [14:527]

I have settled with Mr.
Herbert that you shall come
to me, please, & that we shall
both meet him on Sunday,
in order that you may
indoctrinate him either at

his house or here. {90a}

I do not think that you [9:48-49]

are at all more "nervous"
about the Indian affairs than
the best-informed here. I
speak like a parrot. But
my impression is from all
I hear that this "row" is
but the beginning of things.
As the revolution of '93 in
France was but the beginning
of what ended in the total
overthrow of the Feudal System.
So this affair in India must
end in the entire doing away
of the Caste System or in the

overthrow of the British power there {90b}

We may have to reconquer
India. I should like
much to go out, we shall
have dreadful Sickness
there, but I have no one
to advise me.

I want to see you about this. [end 9:49]

Also, Mr. Herbert wants
to ask you about my
examination. They cannot
at all make up their minds
how far it is to go. It is to
be a written one.

I shall wish to go into
business as soon as this
Commission is over. {90c}

With my kindest love
to Lady McNeill & Miss
Ferooza believe me ever [end 14:527]

faithfully & gratefully yrs

Florence Nightingale

30 Old Burlington St.

July 15/57 [check date]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 587
H1/ST/NC3/SU91: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f61

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am very sorry that
you are so far from well.
I am afraid you have
done too much.

Thank you very much
for the Sanitary questions.
I understand that Sir
J. Hall's point is to
prove that there cannot
be, without collision,
a Sanitary Officer
besides the P.M.O. &
that the P.M.O. ought to

be Sanitary Officer. {91a}

What a Sanitary Officer
did Sir J. Hall himself
make!

Mr. Herbert talks
about closing his
evidence.

July 17
His great difficulty
seems to be the formation
of the Army Medl. Board.
They are talking now
of a Military Director
General.

Believe me
ever most faithfully &
gratefully yours

F. Nightingale
July 15/57

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 588
H1/ST/NC3/SU92: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill [for wo] typed copy 45768 f64

30 Old Burlington St. [15:266]
London W

Aug 1/57

My dear Sir John McNeill
The re=constitution
of the Army Medl. Dept.,
as to its Government,
has been carried by the
Commission almost in the form
which you recommended.

I have been requested
by Mr. Herbert, who
went out of town last
night, for a few days,
to draw up a scheme
as to what these new
men are to do. And

I now venture to enclose {92a}
it to you, earnestly
begging you to consider
it & send it me back
with your remarks in
as short a time as
you possibly can.

Could you let me
have it by Monday,
in order to shew it
to Mr. Herbert. We
should be very grateful.

We have carried
the Sub=Barrack
Commission with

{in column on right of same page}

Panmure. Dr. Sutherland
to be the Sanitary Head.

But the Engineers'

Dept= have stated

their incompetency

to put a qualified

R. Engineer upon it.

And we are standing

still at this point

asserting the necessity

of a Civil Engineer.

What a confession

for them to have

to make.

Your evidence

did us the most {92c}

momentous service

& we only regretted

it was not longer.

You will see its

fruits in what

I now enclose.

With my most

grateful love to Lady

McNeill, believe me

ever most sincerely

& gratefully yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:266]

{enclosure referred to in the letter above}

the following are the
questions likely to arise:

1. If the Governor in exercising discipline orders a man of the Army Hospital Corps to 7 days' cells how is he to have his sentence carried out? Will the Officer Commandg= at Woolwich necessarily give effect to the sentence? Or must he be ordered thro' the H. Guards?
2. If a Convalescent in Hospital makes a "row," does the Governor, proprio motu, send him to the Prisoners' Ward?
3. [By the new organization {92e} of the Army Hospital Corps, the Director General is Head of the ~~medical~~ Ward Orderlies, the Purveyor= in Chief of the office= Orderlies] & each reports separately to the Horse Guards.]
Should the Governor inform the Director=General or Purveyor=in=Chief as the case may be, of his having sent an A.H.C. man to prison - the object being to let the Heads of the Corps know where the men are? Should he also report the case to the Officer Comm- the corps at Chatham?

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 591

Or should he report {92f}
only to the H. Guards?

Ditto ditto ditto in the case of
his ~~having~~ expelling an
A.H.C man?

4. Is the Governor, a
Lines Officer, under the
Artillery Commandant
at Woolwich, (Sir R.
Dacres)? Are there any
points where risk of
collision might be
avoided in drawing
up the Commission?

Has the Woolwich
Commandant right
of entry into the Hosptl.
at all times?

In the relations between {92g}
the Governor & Officer
Commands-, what should
the Commission define
as to 1. What each
should do

2. What each
should not do

The Governor is supreme
in his Hospl= Administratn=
according to the Regulations.
What points still at
issue must be defined
by the Commission?

[letterhead upside down]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 592
H1/ST/NC3/SU93: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f66
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30 Old Burlington St.
London W.

Oct 10/57 [15:207-09]

My dear Sir John McNeill

I was so very glad to
see your handwriting &
hear from you again that
I am going immediately
to profit by it.

I will not say a word [9:49]
about India. You know
so much more about it
than anybody here. We
have seen terrible things
in the last three years.
But nothing to my mind
so terrible as Panmure's

unmanly & stupid {93a}
indifference on this
occasion! I have been
three years "serving in"
the W.D. When I began
there was incapacity
but not indifference.
Now there is incapacity
& indifference. What
are the murders committed
by these miserable Hindoos
compared to the murders
committed by an educated
Englishman?

Panmure's coming up
to town last Thursday week

was the consequence of
reiterated remonstrances.
I have heard men in
office say that he
deserved to be impeached.
And he is going away
again after the next
Indian mail!

That India will have
to be occupied by British
troops for several years,
I suppose, there is no
question. And so far
from the all-absorbing
interest of this Indian
subject diminishing
the necessity of immediately

carrying out the reforms {93c}
suggested by our Commission,
I am sure you will agree
that they are now the
more vitally important
to the very existence of our
Army. [end 9:49]

I came up to town
on Thursday week & met
Mr. Herbert for this
purpose. Panmure had
not done a thing. It was
extracted from him then
& there that the four
Sub-Commissions, (with
executive powers & Mr.
Herbert as Head of each,)

[2] {93d}

viz. 1. to put the Barracks
in Sanitary order. 2 to
organize a Statistical
Dept=. 3 to organize a
Medical School. 4. to
re=constitute the Army
Medl=. Board & revise
all Regulations, - should
be issued *immediately*.
The instructions had been
approved by Panmure 7
weeks ago.

A week however has
elapsed & we have heard
nothing. I shall not
however leave Panmure

alone till this is done. {93e}
Mr. Herbert's honor is
at stake, which gives
us a hold upon him.
Without him, of course,
I could do nothing.

The ad interim report has been
presented (unofficially)
to Panmure. But the
Appendix & *Final* Report
are not yet out. And
your Poor=house Building
Returns, for which we
most sincerely thank you,
will come in with great
effect.

Also, I want you to do {93f}
us a favor with Prof.
Christison. Mr. Herbert
thought he had written
to him, at my request,
four months ago, for
a Scheme of Rations &
Hospital Diets. But it
seems he never did. He
has now desired Dr.
Balfour to do so. I do
not know whether he has.
(Perhaps you know that
neither is very business=
like). I now enclose
two papers of Tulloch's

proposing a Ration (Both {93g}
refer to the same &
explain each other).
If Prof. Christison will
be so good as to criticize
these & give his opinion
upon them, I will take
care that it is officially
used. And this
Commission must really
not put forth a
scheme of Rationing,
without the Sanction
of the first authority
of the day on this point.
If Balfour has written,

[3]
it will still be not {93h}
amiss that the request
should be in duplicate.
And you will know
best how to apologize
to Prof. Christison for
the request not being
made more officially &
in form.

We have a most valuable
Appendix - which will be
a Manual for the Army.

I am writing in haste.
You are kind enough to
ask after my health.
I have had nervous fever
which lasted me 6 weeks,

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and, as soon as I can {93i}
get these Commissions
out, I shall be obliged
to go back to Malvern.

I should have proposed
myself to Lady McNeill
as she was so kind
as to ask me, if I
could have borne the
journey - for I am most
anxious to take advice
from you as to how to
cause to march our points
of Reform, which concern
the existence of an Army

& therefore may concern {93j}
our holding India.

I am so glad to hear
a good account of you
& so glad of your holiday.

Pray remember me
most gratefully to Lady
McNeill & Miss Ferooza [end 15:209]
& believe me ever

Yours sincerely &
gratefully
F. Nightingale

roll 1 H1/ST/NC3/SU94 pen letter to Sir J. McNeill typed copy 45768 f70

Private & Confidential
30 Old Burlington St. [15:209-10]
London W.

Nov 16/57

My dear Sir John McNeill

Here I come again.
Panmure has granted
the *missing* "Commission",
with such ample
instructions for "preparing
draft Instructions &
Regulations" defining the duties of &c &c &c &c &c and the "Queen's
Q.M.G.'s, Barrack,
Purveyor's & Hospital
Regulations" - as you may
guess them to be, when

I tell you they were {94a}
written by me. What
a fool Panmure must
be! Does he not see or
does he not care where
this will lead him?
For this practical man
at the Horse Guards,
Airey & the ditto at
the W.D. Croomes, are
on this Commn= Mr. Herbert,
Chairman. Sutherland,
Alexander, Andw. Smith,
the other Members.

Mr. Herbert is, besides, {94b}
to send Panmure a
"Constitution" for the
Army Medical ~~Dept.~~
Board, & a Warrant
for "Promotion" by himself.

All that is necessary
now is to keep Mr.
Herbert up to the
point. The strength
of his character is its
simplicity & candour,
with extreme quickness
of perception - its fault

is its excessive eclecticism. {94c}
Ten years have I been
endeavouring to obtain
an expression of opinion
from him & have
never succeeded yet.
Yes, once I did. I
shewed him a passage
in one of your letters
about the Q.M.G.
and he said, "I do not
wonder at Sir John
McNeill's indignation."
But he can sympathize

with Sir J. McNeill's
indignation with Airey.
And he can sympathize
with Airey's satisfaction
with himself, which
is quite as strong.

However, I am getting
unpractical.

This new Sub=Commn=.
entails upon me a
labor I most gladly
undertake of putting
together Draft Regulations

to be submitted to Mr. {94e}
Herbert, as suggestions
for the Draft *he* will
propose to the Sub=
Commissn=.

These Regulations
must, of course, *rhyme*
with the Report.

I think you would
recommend a different
organization of Hospital
supply for 1. General
Hospitals, 2. for Regimental

under ordinary circumstances {94f}
& 3. for Field Hospitals,
when *strictly* in the
field. 1. For the first, a
Steward who shall be
subject to the "Governor"
& not to the Purveyor
in Chief at home .
Mr. Herbert concedes
the principle, but
wishes the Steward
to be called "Purveyor".

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2. For the second, *Regimental*, the {94g}
Report binds us to the
making the Purveyor
subject to the Principal
Medical Officer.

3. Now for the last,
the Field.

The Report proposes
to allot a certain amount
of Horse Transport to
the Army Med. Dep.

1. Who is to ensure its
discipline, repair losses

[3]

and execute repairs? {94h}

2. How is the authority
of the Medical Officer
in demanding Transport to be arranged with
the discipline of the
corps?

1. What Department
should furnish the
Hospital Equipments
& supplies in the Field,
and how?
2. Would it answer
for all Hospital supplies of every

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description, except {94i}
medicine, to come
direct from the
Commissariat?

3. And all Hospital equipments,
of whatever description,
to come from the
Q.M.G.?

(The two Departments
being left to their own
discretion as to where
they procure such supplies & equipments ~~them~~?
The scale to be laid down)

4. Would you do away {94j}
with the Purveyor
altogether in the field?
even as to medical
comforts & to bedding?

I think I know what
your answers will be
pretty well. But
we want your authority.
I wish we could
have yourself.

The Ho Of C. meets
on the 30th - a great

advantage to us, as {94k}
it keeps Mr. Herbert
& all these men in
town till the Saturday
before Xmas' time
to work our Commissns=.

The Report &
Appendix are to be
out by the end of
December.

[end 15:270]

Ever faithfully &
gratefully yours
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 601
roll 1 H1/ST/NC3/SU95: pen: letter to Lady McNeill, typed copy 45768 f251
[8:636]

30 Old Burlington St.

Nov 16/57

{Florence Nightingale - archivist's hand?}

My dear Lady McNeill.

I have so very much
enjoyed receiving your
very kind invitation,
though I shall not
have the pleasure of
accepting it. I should
have liked so much
seeing Sir John McNeill
so much better, and
talking over with him,

who always enlightens **{95a}**
us more than all the
Commissioners put
together, the new Army
Regulations now to be
framed.

{No signature}

H1/ST/NC3/SU96 M. Smith letter to Lady McNeill re FN's health

H1/ST/NC3/SU97: pen: dictated by F.N. letter to Sir J. McNeill

This is the first rough **[15:149]**
proof of the Regulations
chiefly written by myself
which Mr Herbert will
submit to the Regula-
tions Committee on
Monday. I send them
to you with his
sanction, begging
you to cut them

up severely, & to **{97a}**
send them back as
soon as possible.
I, in my own name
direct your particular
attention to criticize
the Regulations for
Nurses - You will of
course understand

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that my name does {97b}
not appear. We are
so sorry to give
you this trouble
but feel the necessity
of asking your
advice

[end]

F. Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
Decbr 1st/57

H1/ST/NC3/SU98 M. Smith letter to J. McNeill, dictated message from FN for J.
McNeill, black-edged paper, LMAMisc

30 Old Burlington St
Decbr 2d [1857]

My dear Madam

Florence commission
ed me last night to
write at her dictation
a message to Sir John
Macneill, which she
was anxious to have
in the Post before
10 oclock, & I had

not a moment for more
than the bare message,
or I should have wished
to say something con
cerning her health, a
bout which I am sure
you will be desirous
to hear. She suffered
much from great ex
haustion of the nervous
system. Dr Johnson,
under whose care she
has been at Malvern

calls her malady tension
of the nerves. One cannot
see her state without
great anxiety yet we
hope that if she can
have rest, she may be
restored, though much
time would be required.
Her head is as clear
for work as ever, & she
gives her thoughts as
earnestly as ever to
the work in hand

She is quite unable to
do more than this, or
you would hear from
her. She will stay in
town till the 16th, if
she can keep up till
that time, & then go to Malvern.
She desires me to say
that she would be

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 603
obliged to Sir John Mac
Neill for another copy
of eh Hospital Diets
of the Edinburgh In

firmary. She also wishes
to tell him that Mr
Herbert was afraid
of going his illeg a
bout the Purveyorship
on the Field, he will
see that on that ac
count they have not
done so. With Florence's
affectionate regards
pray believe me
dear Madam
truly yours
M. Smith

H1/ST/NC3/SU99: pen: dictated: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f71

30 Old Burlington St [14:546]
Decbr 12th/57

Mr Herbert, in virtue
of his Commission, put
the Sanitary Correspondence
of the Army Medical
Department into my
hands to analyse.
This is the result -
I send it to you
in order to show

you how completely {99a}
it bears out every
word you ever said
in your report.

Please to return it
as soon as read. [end]
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU100: pen: dictated: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f72

Dear Sir John [14:549]

We are very much
obliged to you for your letter,
which will be of great use
to us. You will receive
by the Book Post a copy
of our Diagrams of the
mortality of the British
Army, which we have
just received from the
Printers. It has been inserted
in the Appendix to Mr. Herberts
Report for the sake of the
last line upon the Cover.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 604

It is our flank-march "upon {100a}
the enemy and we might give
it the old name of "God's revenge upon
Murder." Be so good if
you please as not to make
any use of it until Mr
Herberts Report is out, which
it will be about the middle
of January.

(dictated)

Florence Nightingale
I have had two thousand
copies printed in order to

circulate it among the Medical {100b}
& commanding officers. I
mean to get, through Mr
Herbert copies of the Diagrams
framed & glazed, hung at
the Horse Guards, War Depart-
ment, and Army Medical
Department. [end 14:550]

Great Malvern

27th December {archivist?:} 1857

H1/ST/NC3/SU101 Mary Smith letter to Lady McNeill re FN's health Jan 29/57

H1/ST/NC3/SU102: pen: dictated letter to Sir J. McNeill, black-edged paper
{arch: dictated to Mary Smith} 45768 f174

30 Old Burlington St

March 14th/58

My Dear Sir John

I hear with heart-
felt interest what you
tell me of your dear
child, & rejoice to think
of your not being sepa-
rated from her. If
while she is in town,
she will call here as
you kindly propose,
if I am able to see any
one on the day she comes
most gladly I shall see her

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 605

I am sorry to be obliged {102a}
to ask the friends whom
I should most rejoice to
see, to excuse my uncer-
tainty on any day of what
it may be possible to me
to do on the next.

I thank you very much [14:980]
for your efforts about the
"North British". And may
I ask you to thank the
Publisher for his readiness
to help us? I have com-
municated with Mr
Herbert & with Mr
Chadwick & you shall

hear their answers im- {102b}
mediately that I re-
ceive them. [end 14:980]

You will be glad to [15:275]
hear that Genl. Peel,
urged by Mr Herbert is
doing extremely well
for us. We are to send
in before Easter for
his approval.
First - the Draught
instructions for the
Army Medical Board
which I enclose for your
corrections, if you will

be so very good as to {102c}
look it over & return it
to me as soon as possible
In drawing it up, I have
kept as nearly as possible
to your own advice.

The other three
things which we are
to send in to Genl
Peel are the "Regulations"
which you have already
seen. The Forms for the
Statistical Department

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 606

& the scheme for the {102d}
Army Medical School
We are very anxious
to get in the Hospital
Diet scheme which Professor
Christison was so good
as to undertake to
construct for us, out
of the materials already
used in Military Hospitals
& which he said were
ample. If you could be
so good as to remind
him to let us have this scheme ~~them~~
we should be very

much obliged to you, {102e}
as it is to be incorporated
into the Regulations. [end]

I hope Lady McNeill
& yourself are well
& that you are not
suffering as usual
at this time of the year.

I remain,
My dear Sir John
most truly & gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 607
H1/ST/NC3/SU103 pen letter to Lady McNeill with envelope [8:636-37]

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

April 22/58

My dear Lady McNeill

I must write a word
myself to thank you
for the Photographs from
Steell's bust.

The original I liked
better than any portrait
in marble I have
ever seen, except
Thorwaldsen's Byron -
(which was a very
inferior subject).

† But I never knew {103a}
before what the Irishman
meant when he said
"the portrait was more
like than the original,"
till I saw the
photographs.

I do not like
the one with a nearly
full face looking
to the left.

But the nearly
full face with the
light on it, and the
profile one are
beautiful.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 608

I think they give {103b}
even more of Sir John
McNeill's character
than the bust - or
perhaps some slight
alteration may have
been made in the
mouth of the bust.

You may depend
upon it that, ~~while~~
that mouth would
go through fire & water,
the "baptism of fire,"
for the Right, & yet it has
all the gentleness of

the really great. {103c}

Schiller (or somebody)
has said that there
is no real grace but
in strength.

I think Steell may
be very proud that
he has made a work
which will last.

I hope that you
have quite recovered. (I
was so very sorry to
hear you had been ill).
& that Mrs Stewart is
with you. Pray believe me
ever yours affectely. & gratefully

F. Nightingale
I heard of Lord Dunfermline's death. He will be much missed.

Envelope addressed in FN's writing

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 609
H1/ST/NC3/SU104: pen, typed copy 45768 f256

30 Old Burlington St., [8:637-38]
London W

July 17/58

My very dear Lady McNeill

I am always so
glad to hear of you
that I cannot help
answering your letter
myself.

I am glad that
you are not going
to part with Mrs.
Stewart farther
than Portsmouth.

Thank you very
much for your

congratulations on {104a}
my sister's marriage,
which took place
last month. *She*
likes it, which is
the main thing -
and my father
is very fond of
Sir Harry Verney,
which is the next
best thing. He is
old & rich, which
is a disadvantage.

He is active, has a {104b}
will of his own &

4 children, ready-made which
is an advantage.
Unmarried life, at
least in our class,
takes everything &
gives nothing back
to this poor earth.
It runs no risk - it
gives no pledge to life.
So, on the whole, I
think these reflections

tend to approbation. {104c}

My father & mother,
who are now in Derbyshire,
have both been to
see my sister in her
new home in Buck=
inghamshire (Claydon)
& were well pleased.
But, if you know, as
is very likely, the
family of the first
Lady Verney, you will
not "faire part" to
them of my observations.
Admiral Hope has been
very kind to my sister.

I hope that you & {104d}
Sir John are pretty strong.

My affairs are going
on pretty well. We
have gained Alexander,
as Director General, &
lost Netley, which, in
spite of its defects, is
to be proceeded with
as our Army Hospital.
Mr. Herbert went
abroad last week,
quite done up - or
thinking himself so.

We have still our {104e}
"Regulations," Statistical
Report & some Barracks
Reports to send in to
Genl. Peel. [This is for
Sir John] We have got
£57,000 to go on with
for our Barracks -
exclusive of the money
for increased accommo=
dation. The warrant
for pay & promotions for medical officers,
the scheme for the Army

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 611

Medical School, also {104f}
for the Medical
Council are now
going through the
Treasury.

Genl= Peel is much
more amenable to
fear & such handy
restraints & incite-
ments than Panmure.

I conclude, from
your dear kind note
that you are going
to stay at your

beautiful Granton all {104g}
the summer.

I believe I am
very little likely ever
to get so far again.
Else I know I need
not say that to see
you & Sir John again
would be the dearest
comfort & joy of my
life.

Believe me, dear
Lady McNeill, ever
faithfully & gratefully
yours

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU105: pen: letter, typed copy 45768 f79

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

Oct 2/58

My dear Sir John McNeill

I send you a Copy,
as you permitted me
to do, of my Report to
the War Secretary,
of which so large a
portion is due to you.

It is "Confidential,"
of course, as I have no
right to give away any
Copies.

It has only recently
been sent in to the

War Office, altho' {105a}
finished long ago.
- the English of which
~~delay~~ would be that
the state of health,
not of me but of
their own Department
has caused this delay.
but it does not
signify. Because they
won't understand it.
And we are doing
their work without
them.

Believe me, dear Sir {105b}
John, ever faithfully
& gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU106: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill typed copy 45768 f80

30 Old Burlington St
London W
Dec 2/58

My dear Sir John McNeill
Your very kind letter
cheers me on my
path beyond *anything*
I may say which
betides me.

It is of the greatest
value to me to have
the opinion of one so
thoroughly a master of
the subject - & at the
same time able to take

a more comprehensive {106a}
view of it (than I do,
I am aware,) from
the very circumstance
of not being in such
constant immediate
contact as I am
with the evils to be
remedied, with the
perpetual harassing
delays in remedying
them & with the
(sometimes total)
disappointment in
the persons who are
to apply the remedies.

As La Rochefoucauld {106b}
says of the Fronde (I
don't recollect the
words, I dare say you
do) so I can truly say
of the War Office &
Horse Guards - there
never were so many
fine words with so
little good sense-
so much enterprise
& so little effect-
so much action
without design & so
much design without
action.

Your hopefulness of {106c}
future & lasting benefit
upholds in me the
hope you once created.

I accept thankfully
your criticism - so long
as I can secure some
hold upon the minds
of those who hold the
remedies we want in
their hands, it is only
under this aspect that
style can be an object
to one crying for relief
from sufferings so
urgent.

While it is possible {106d}
to me, I must pursue
these objects. But I see
before me a long
perspective of work
which I can never
hope to be permitted
to carry through. Your
word that the seed
which is to bear fruit
is actually sown is the
best comfort I ever had
or can have when I
am called to bid
farewell to interests
so absorbing.

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What you say of those {106e}
near & dear to you is
ever interesting to me.
May you have a happy
meeting with your
dear child & may
your best hopes come
to pass!

With affectionate
regards to Lady McNeill
& Mrs. Stewart, - believe
me to be ever,

My dear Sir John
truly and gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale

I shall send you in {106f}
a few days an answer
which has been forced
from me by divers
anonymous & cowardly
attacks, circulated
without printer's
name, by authors
who were evidently
traitors from our own
camp. F.N.

H1/ST/NC3/SU107: pen: letter, partly dictated, typed copy 45768 f82

Great Malvern

January 7th/59 [15:278-79]

My dear Sir John McNeill,

I hope the green Pamphlet
is likely to do good.
I agree altogether with the
general principle you so strongly
lay down that the military
officer should know how to
preserve the health of his troops.

The subject has been already
considered & it has been proposed
to make the military officers.

Many months ago I tried
to put Mr. Herbert into
communication with General
Cameron the President of
the Council of Military Education

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about this. Nothing has been {107a}
done yet. Until our new
professorship of Military Hygiene
at Chatham is established
I do not know that anything
can be done.

Till we can offer the
military officers means of
instruction I do not know
that we could press for an
examination. & farther
than this we must
make the new lectures
sufficiently interesting to
induce military officers
of all ranks to attend

We propose in our "regulations" {107b}
to make commanding
officers write reasons
for not complying with
medical officers recommend-
ations, with an appeal
to Horse Guards & Army
Medical Department.

I trust that we shall
carry the day with the
military officers, but until
this be done, we must do
what we can with the
Army Medical department.
We have carried the Warrant

& the Army Medical School {107c}
as you know, but the
Medical Council are still
hanging fire in the War Office.

Do you know who wrote
a very remarkable article
in the Edinbro' Medical
Journal of December
on the new Army Medical
Warrant? We thought
it was yours, but there
are some things in it
which I hardly think
you would have written, altho'
they may be Editor's interpolations.
ever yours gratefully Florence Nightingale

[written in right margin of the first page in FN's hand]
My kindest remembrances to Lady McNeill & Mrs. Stewart. F.N.

[end 15:279]

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H1/ST/NC3/SU108: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill: dictated

Great Malvern

January 13/59

My dear Sir John McNeill,

Would you be so good
as to send me the following
information: viz: What the
daily expenses of a Patient
at the Edinbro' Infirmary is
supposed to be.

You were once good enough
to give me this information
relative to Pauper patients,
& what was paid for them,
but this was, I believe, *below*
the actual expense, & I should
be very much obliged to you,
as it is for a County Hospital

in England, to let me know {108a}
the exact expenses. I am
very sorry to give you the
trouble of procuring this
information.

I am sorry that Sir Chas- [9:77]
Trevelyan is going to Madras.

I think they might have
found many a man to
make as good or better a
governor, I doubt whether
they will find many or
perhaps any to make

as good a Treasury Secretary. {108b}
But I think he may be of
great use to us in
sanitarising the condition of
the troops at Madras.

Lady Trevelyan does not go
She remains in London for
the sake of the children. [end 9:77]

Sir Benjamin Hawes is [15:279]
trying to destroy the scheme
of our Army Medical Council,
&, I am afraid, will succeed [end]

Yours very truly & [this in FN's own hand]
gratefully

F. Nightingale

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If you could add the {108e}
average number of days
of a patient in Hospital
it would make the information
complete & I should be
very grateful.

H1/ST/NC3/SU109: pen: letter, dictated, signed by FN, typed copy 45768 f84

Great Malvern [15:280]

Feb. 7/59

My dear Sir John McNeill,

I was so very glad to
hear from you. I had looked
in the paper every day for
the arrival of your grandchild
with much more interest than
for that of the Queen's grandchild
tho' I don't despise the little
Prince either.

I was so glad
to hear that Lady McNeill
& Mrs. Stewart continue
well.

I am sorry to have
given the Treasurer of the

Infirmary, & above all you, {109a}
so much trouble. In
many hospitals the information
specified is made up at
the end of every year as
a matter of course.

I don't think it will do the
Treasurer any harm to make
it up for his own information.

I am very glad to hear
such a good account of
Sir Edward Lugard.
My impression is, though
I do not know him, that
he is much such a man as

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Tulloch: able, honest, {109b}
energetic , but believing
that all progress & knowledge
have culminated with
himself, & therefore not
very likely to encourage
any new lights. [end 15:280]

I rejoice to hear that
you & Lady McNeill are
coming to town so soon as
March or April.

I want to talk over [12:123]
many things with you
if you will allow me, &
especially a plan for
utilising the Nightingale Fund,

which I want very much to {109c}
put Mr. Herbert in the way
of doing. [end 12:123]

I am intending to go
back to London every day
I do not think I am any
better than you, being
now almost confined to
my bed.

Please give my best love
to Lady McNeill & Mrs.
Stewart & believe me ever
yours very truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale [signed by FN]

H1/ST/NC3/SU110: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill

30 Old Burlington St.

W March 19/59

My dear Sir John McNeill

I was so very glad
to hear from you again
& glad to hear that
Mrs. Stewart was
out of her troubles,
which, I am afraid,
have been rather
severe. The same
thing has just
happened to one of
our family.

Thank you very

much for the Hospital {110a}
data. I will not
trouble the Treasurer
to do any more, as
I can quite well
make out all I
want out of these.
They are very curious.
I hope I may keep
them.

I trust you or [15:280-81]
Lady McNeill will
kindly send me a
little note when you
come to town. I
have a great deal

to talk to you about. {110b}
You know Ministers
are insecure. You
know a Committee
has just been appointed
on the re=organization
of the War Office -
Mr. Herbert is
Chairman

I hope I shall be
able to see both you
& Lady McNeill, if
you are kind enough
to let me choose my
own time. But I
am not able to see

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more than one person {110c}
at a time, especially
of those who interest
me so much. And
I am not able now
to sit up at all.

Our Medical Council
is appointed
Sanitary Logan
Medical Mapleton
Statistical Balfour
We are not satisfied
with the terms we have
got.

I was very sorry
to hear of Lord Murray's
death [end 15:281]
ever yours most gratefully
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU111: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill typed copy 45768 f88.

30 Old Burlington St.

London W

March 24/59

My dear Sir John McNeill [15:281-82]

I am very glad to
think that we shall
see you next month.
I want the more
to put you in possession
of the facts regarding
the Army Medical
Board, (of which you
were the original
inventor, & which
Alexander has

cruelly mangled). Because {111a}
I think, when you
come to town, you
may tell him some=
thing of your mind
which will do him
good.

When we wrote
the "Instructions" for
it, (of which I sent
you a copy, which
you approved with
some alterations
which we adopted,)

our main object was {111b}
to lay the axe to the
root of the old "Minuting"
system, by which an
Army may be lost
at any time.

This old "minuting"
system is the vital
breath by which the
War Office & its hundred clerks lives -
& which really
makes it a perfectly
irresponsible body.
I am not governed
by the Ho: of Commons.

I am governed by {111c}
Hawes - ~~by a~~ & his
Bureaucracy. The
Ho: of Commons thinks
it has done wonders
when it has turned
out one Minister &
put in another. It
has done nothing at
all. Because the
Bureaucracy remains,
which lives by this
"Minuting." It was invented
chiefly by Hawes.

Your object, in
advising a Council,

was to secure to the
Director-General
independent &
responsible advisers,
while giving him
entire responsibility
as to action.

Now Hawes &
Alexander have
ejected out of the
"Instructions" all that
laid down ~~as~~
~~pointed out to the~~
three Councillors' ~~their~~
separate duties.

And then Alexander

goes & surreptitiously {111e}
(without saying one
word to Mr. Herbert)
recommends two of
his own creatures
to Genl=. Peel, who
are forthwith
appointed; so that
the Board is nothing
now but one more of the old
hugger=mugger Boards
of Andrew Smith's -
plus Balfour. And
the Director General's

Office consists, as {111f}
before, of the Director
General & his creatures
plus Balfour. Who is
no creature.

[There are clean
& unclean "creatures."
Alexander's are by
no means *unclean*.
At least one of the
two is not. But they
are nothing but his
Clerks to do any odd
jobs for him. Balfour
not inclusive.]

We look upon
the Whole Administrative

Reform as completely {111g}
lost; unless the H. Of
C. Committee I mentioned
to you re=organizes
the whole War Office. [The
Sanitary & Statistical
Reform we are
carrying on, outside
of & without
Alexander.]

He has betrayed
his own Commission
to whose Report he
set his hand. He
has jobbed the thing

3 {111h}
in his own office.
And he has converted
those friends, who
have proved themselves
~~very~~ his most efficient ones,
into very lukewarm
ones. He has ruined himself
& his Department for the present.

We can give you
abundance of
evidence that
Mapleton & Logan
are "creatures". But
I will not bother
you with it now.

I hear that Alexander {111i}
is heartily ashamed
of himself. But
it is too late now.

He has made
himself another example
of the regular official,
who does not like
able or independent
men about him -
"et surtout point
de zèle."

I am not at all
of your friend Socrates'

opinion that it is {111j}
better to perish by
other people's folly.
I think nothing is so
provoking. If Lord
Panmure had done
this thing now, I should
not have minded.

I cannot conceive
how the "Regulations"
are to be carried out
with these two men &
~~You will be~~ without "Instructions." We shall
come to grief.
ever yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

I begin heartily to {110k}
wish for a change of
Ministers - not
because it makes
the least difference
(as to what I want,
viz. administrative Reform,
who is in & who is out.
But just only for the
sake of having Mr. Herbert
in the War Office. Lord
Stanley, with whom we are
quite out of conceit, wrote
to me today that they
think they shall be out
of Office next week.
[This is between ourselves,
of course]. But the
Opposition don't believe
it. [end 15:282]

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H1/ST/NC3/SU113: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f92

30 Burlington St

W April 8/59

My dear Sir John McNeill

[15:282-83]

Would you look
over Lord Panmure's
evidence, which I
enclose, only promising
that it is "confidential."

I should like very
much to hear what
you think, when you
have read it, of
Mr. Herbert's plan.

It seems to me
that the first part
of the Evidence is like

a porcupine's, which {113a}
does not choose to be
disturbed in its hole,
specially after it has
made that hole itself.

But the latter part
is by far the most
important, & does not
seem to me to bear
out Mr. Herbert's
idea.

It deals frankly
with the relation of
Horse Guards & War
Office. It does not
conceal the supreme

importance of the latter {113b}
as compared with the
former. It draws a
very important
distinction as to the
different relation of
War Office to Commander
in Chief at home & to
Commander of the Forces
abroad - who, it says,
I suppose justly
must be entirely
under the War Office.
It shews the difficulty
of drawing a line of
demarcation between
the duties of Horse Guards

& War Office - & says {113c}
that, in some cases,
the War Minister must
over=rule the Commander
in Chief even in his
own field. It is not
in favor of a Council,
because (amongst
other things) the C. in
C. now communicates
directly with the
Sovereign, which he
would cease to do,
were he a Councillor.

How would a
weekly Conference do,

instead of a Council? {113d}
It would, at least,
while preserving the
Departments distinct,
give the required
unity.

Mr. Herbert's fear
of any antagonism
does not strike me
~~as~~ in the same way,
in these kinds of
things. I think it
is rather desirable,
on the contrary - i.e
at home & in peace.

In war the Commander {113e}
of the Forces must
pass under the
power of the Cabinet,
which moves him.

If you could appoint
any time which will
suit you either
tomorrow, or Sunday
or Monday, when
you could kindly
spare me an hour,
there are many things
I want to consult

you about. And I {113f}
shall be curious to
hear your opinion
about this too.

[end 15:283]

ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

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H1/ST/NC3/SU114 pen letter to Sir J. McNeill with envelope

West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
London N April 30/59

My dear Sir John McNeill

Do you know any **[15:283]**
one who would write
for the Westminster
Review a really good
Article on our
defences, generally; or
even on our Militia,
particularly? I
suppose you would
not do it yourself.

I think we
shall get Lugard on

the Indian Sanitary **{114a}**
Commission. **[end 15:283]**

Pray tell Mrs.
Stewart that I am
very sorry for her,
particularly; but
that, generally, my
country stands with
me so much before
any thing else that I
cannot but congratu-
late her on having
anything so valuable
to give.

If she comes back **{114b}**
to stay with you, that
will be a consolation
on both sides.

I am afraid this
changing weather
will be of no good
either to you or dear
Lady McNeill.

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully

F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 629
H1/ST/NC3/SU115: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f98

West Hill Lodge
Highgate Rise
N
May 9/59

My dear Sir John McNeill

Sir G. Lugard has **[9:83-84]**
declined to serve on
the Indian Sanitary
Commission on account
of the present pressure
of business at the W.O.
And we are again at
our wits' ends for
a "Queen's Officer of
"Acknowledged Indian
"experience." And again
it is left to us to choose.

I mentioned Brigadier **{115a}**
Greathed, now in England, the man of the
wonderful march from
Delhi (?). And Mr. Herbert
seems inclined to have
him, merely because
I cannot name any
one else. But I know
nothing of him but
his reputation. Nor
do I know any one
through whom to get
his measure.

In this dilemma,
could you help us
again? both by

saying what you think **{115b}**
of Greathed & by
mentioning any other
~~else~~, Queen's Officer now at home,
whom you think
well of for this
purpose.

2. Would you look
at the enclosed list
of Heads for enquiries
to be sent out to
the Stations in India
& tell us your
opinion as to the
different queries
therein? Would you also
kindly give an opinion as
to the general direction which

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the enquiry would take? {115c} [end 9:84]

3. Thank you very
much for the for=taste
of the Scheme for the
N. Fund. I entirely
agree with every
word you say in it.

Believe me
dear Sir John
ever truly & gratefully
yours
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU116: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill by W.E. Nightingale

Embley 14 May {archivist writes 1859??}

Dear Sir John

We are delighted
that you & Lady McNeill
are to be here on
Thursday.

Whether you (Southern people) must
go to the Portsmouth
Station or to the
Gosport, my ignorance
prevents me from
knowing -

but all the trains {116a}
stop at Bishopstoke
which is the Station
where you leave
the main line
for Romsey.

We are only 2
miles from our station
- Mr V. will meet
you there with the carriage at 5.25 -
we dine at 7 -

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	P.M	{116b}
Gosport	4.10	
Bishopstoke	5 -	

departure [illeg] 5.10

Romsey 5.25

(This is my
best interpretation
of Bradshaw &
it seems the only, train
free from impediment
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU117 J. McNeill to SH 24 May 1859, re necessity of paid secretary to N Fund, committee of 3; he has FN approbation of suggestions

H1/ST/NC3/SU118 A.H. Clough to J. McNeill will serve on council of N Fund as long as FN can guide it, question of amalgamation with present hosp staff, **000354** 26 May 1859. From what Miss Nightingale said to me yesterday evening it is evident to me that I *must* place my services at the disposal of the council for the Nightingale Fund, if they wish to have them. I think however that if I were to be appointed, it shd be *pro tempore*. So long as Miss Nightingale continues able to take part in the guidance of the scheme I shd willingly serve. Afterwards the case would be a different one.

She spoke of the following questions as requiring consideration.

(1) If the whole set of nurses in the hosp be not put under the direction of the Fund Council, will not the hosp authorities defend their nurses against "ours," and their nurses will naturally be jealous of any who are to take their places.

(2) How are women to know--about the advantages offered to them at the hospital? How is the thing to be announced or advertised?

(3) As to extra allowance for nurses while receiving instruction?

(4) If any of the sisters already at work in the hosp show a capacity for instructing, shd they not be allowed the extra grant, without examination?

Miss Nightingale wished me to see you once again after your visit to her tomorrow. I will endeavour to be at Highgate before 5 o'clock tomorrow in the hope that I may find you still there.

H1/ST/NC3/SU119 SH, Wilton House, to McNeill May 27 1859. I am very sorry that I will just miss you but I write in the hope of this still finding you in London. I most entirely agree in your sugg of a sub-committee and a sec to carry into effect Miss Nightingale's application of the fund, and the selection of Mr Clough if he consent is everything that cd be desired. He is a clever and sensible man and his regard for Miss Nightingale which is great and sincere will ensure his illeg in the work to be performed. I have written to him undertaking to communicate the plan to the council and illeg their entire approval....McNeill to read the enclosed letter from him for reasons one of which concerns yourself. Asks him to be on exec com, re salary of Clough

H1/ST/NC3/SU122 SH to McNeill Dec 15 1859. Tho I fear it will be impossible for you to attend, I still write a line to tell you that a meeting of Miss N's council is to be held at the War Office on Monday next the 19th at 12 o'cl to consider her proposals for the employment of the Fund. I grieve to say she is sadly failing, but to have this business settled will be a great relief to her mind; with notes from meeting, FN unable to attend. SH, Jebb, Bowman, Bence Jones, Bracebridge; because FN quite incapable from the state of her health to taking any active part in giving effect personally to the intentions of the subscribers to the Fund, and no prospect of her being able to do so, delegating to council the necessary powers for carrying out the objects contemplated by the Fund.

2. She is desirous that for this purpose a subcom of the council be apptd with authority to exercise the power delegated by her to the council.

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3. Also that a sec be appted to conduct the business.

4. She is desirous that all proceedings taken by this com be at once communicated to her.

5. She will be ready at all times, insofar as the state of her health may admit, to afford the com whatever advice and assistance may appear to be necessary, leaving to the com entire freedom of action.

6. She is desirous that steps be taken w/o loss of time to give effect to the intentions of the subscribers by opening communications with the managers of St Thomas' Hosp, with the view to the intro of a system of training and instr of nurses in that inst.

7. That in the event of the managers of St T Hosp not agreeing to such a proposal, Miss N be informed of the fact, in order that she may have the opp of advising with the com on the steps next to be taken."

In pursuance of the above request the following sub-com was appted:

SH, McNeill, Clark, Bowman, Jebb. Clough appt sec at £10 a year and his expenses, his offer of acting honorarily not have been accepted.

H1/ST/NC3/SU119 SH to J. McNeill, reply, agrees May 27 1859

H1/ST/NC3/SU120: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f104

Highgate

June 11/59

My dear Sir John McNeill

Enclosed is the [9:93]
list of proposed
queries for the
Indian Stations.

Could you be
so kind as to
look it over &
make any corrections
& additions you
think fit. Also

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noting in the margin {120a}
the person to whom
the query ought
to be addressed.

These queries
are printed only
for correction &
are to be re=
arranged according
to the respective
officers ~~on~~ to
whom they are

to be sent - & {120b}
printed on larger
sheets with spaces
for the replies.

Tabular Forms
to be filled up
are also to be
added - as well
as a set of purely
Military questions
for Military Officers -
& a circular Letter.

Sutherland has {120c}
been studying at
the India Ho: &
the result is
incorporated in
these questions -
as well as
Martin's information.
Farr is drawing up
the Statistical
Forms.

You will see the

2 {120d}
result of this
morning's Division
- My satisfaction
is of a very limited
nature. Mr.
Herbert told me
that if he were
S. of S. for War,
he would turn
over this Indian matter
to Lord Stanley -
Now I can say
that of Ld. S. which
Mr. H. cannot -

3 {120e}
Because, as I
read somewhere,
the inferior detracts,
the superior ignores.
I am sure that
Lord Stanley has
neither the grasp
of the subject nor
the faculty that
some men have
of putting themselves
into the right hands
as to detail &
~~knowing~~ seeing who knows

& who does not. {120f}

I believe the
Sanitary salvation
of India depends
upon Mr. Herbert
doing it. And I
should say the
same & a great
deal more if I
were dead, &
there were no
question of my
work.

Do you think
we could make any

proposal to Mr. {120g}
Herbert by which,
saving him all
labor of detail
(which we could
do,) we could keep
his hand over us
for the Meetings
which might
even be deferred
till Parlt. ceases
to sit - & for the
final Report-
or we might have

3 {120h}
only (say) an hour
of his time per
week at ~~the~~ a
weekly Meeting
for parole evidence.

I am not
afraid to say
that Sutherland,
Farr & I could
do all the detail
work for him.
Sutherland & I
did it for the last.

[end 9:93]

Believe me {120i}
dear Sir John
ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 636

H1/ST/NC3/SU121 SH to J. McNeill Dec 15 [1859] re meeting of N Council to be held at WO 19th Dec 1859 at 12. "She is sadly failing but to have this business settled will be a great relief to her mind."

H1/ST/NC3/SU123 Notes from N Fund meeting re hospital arrangements. Selection from nurses already in hospital and fresh applicants. addition to wages or improvement in diet. every pupil to be registered in a book; matron to have entire control of nurses and pupils; all complaints against a nurse to be entered in a ward book, which shd be examined daily by the matron

H1/ST/NC3/SU124: pen: letter to Sir J. McNeill, typed copy 45768 f107

Hampstead NW

Jan 19/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I heard from Mr. Clough that you had been ill (which I should not have found out from your letters), & that you contemplate ~~goi~~ coming up to London soon.

I hope that, if the other business for

which you may be **{124a}** coming up, allows any margin, that you will not hurry yourself to come on account of mine.

The weather here (tho' variable) is generally exceedingly bad. I scarcely ever remember such a "dirty" foggy winter.

And I see no **[12:124-25]** reason for hurrying the formal part of

my business. Mr. Clough {124b}
is himself hardly
recovered. He has
been ill.

And I think
what you would be
of such essential
support in - that
which indeed hardly
any one could do but
you - the having an
interview with the
St. Thomas's authorities
is as well done a
little later as now.

I should think it quite {124c}
worth while to put
off the first "Sub=Committee"
meeting. (None of the
men are Ho: of Commons
men, except Mr. Herbert,
who can't act anyhow)
and the first formal
interview with St.
Thomas's authorities
till it was convenient
for you to come.

Time will not
be lost thereby -as
I must see the
Matron; & Mr. Clough

2 19/60 {124d}
must see Mr. Whitfield
(the Resident Medl=. Officer)
informally.

Thank you very
much for your letters
& pamphlet.

I trust to hear
you are better.

Pray give my love
to Lady McNeill & to
Mrs. Stewart, & tell her I am glad to hear
there is another little
"Prince to be born to
the House."

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 638

Believe me ever {124e}

my dear Sir John

Yours very truly & most
gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I ~~sho~~ am going (*daily*)
to 30 Old Burlington St.
- If, as I hope you
will not, you are coming
immediately, I would go
up at once - as I should
like to be on the spot.

I trust you will come {124f}
there & leave it to us
to find rooms for you
in the house, fit for
a person not very
strong. If you would
give us a day's
warning.

I imagine Mr. Herbert
sent you a copy of the
Minute of the first
Meeting of My "Council."

F.N. [end 12:125]

H1/ST/NC3/SU125: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead

Friday morning

My dear Sir John McNeill

I shall hope to
see you today at
two o'clock, as you
so kindly propose.

The people at
30 Old Burlington St.
were very remiss, if
they did not give
you a letter which
I sent there for you.
ever yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 639
H1/ST/NC3/SU126: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f109

30 Old Burlington St
London W

Feb 2/60 [15:288]

My dear Sir John McNeill

You will have seen
in the "Times" what an
irreparable loss we have
had in Alexander, the
Director General. I say
irreparable because it
really is come to this: -
that Mr. Herbert asks
who is to be his
successor - and it
seems as if there were
not one man in the

Department whom one {126a}
wished to see Director
General

Taylor of Chatham,
(who was in the Crimea
in Medical Charge of
the 3rd Division,) and
Balfour are the only
two I can name
who have shewn any
administrative talent.

I know how low
has been the rate
of ability shewn by
the Drs. in the Indian

Affair. And Clyde has {126b}
been beside himself
with their stupidity.
Linton, the Senior,
he would not allow
even to come up to Head
Quarters. And Gordon
is nothing but a
bone-cutter.

Can you help us?
What do you think?
Whom should you
fix upon?

Yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale
Alexander's death was almost
sudden. [end]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 640

H1/ST/NC3/SU127: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill (reference to dead friend is probably to Anne Dutton, Lady Dunsany), typed copy 45768 f110

30 Old Burlington St

London W.

Mar 9/60

My dear Sir John

You know that for you
to wish me to be the
God=mother of one of
your grandchildren is
the greatest pleasure
I could have.

I have always declined
being God=mother to any of Mr.
Herbert's children, or
of those of a very dear

friend of mine (who is
now dead) because

1. I felt that they
would think my
religious opinions, if
they knew them, very
unorthodox & 2. it
is undertaking to do
what neither law nor
custom authorizes one
to do.

But you know (I
believe) pretty well

what my religious {127a}
opinions are & if
neither of these things
deter you, I can only
say that any
connection with
Mrs. Stewart's child
will be most dear
to me & that I am
very grateful to her
for having thought of me.
Pray give her my best
wishes & believe me
ever yours gratefully
& truly

F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 641
H1/ST/NC3/SU127 A.H. Clough to J. McNeill [date?]

H1/ST/NC3/SU128 A.H. Clough to J. McNeill 19 March 1860, with report of
conference, proposals made re matron's additional salary

H1/ST/NC3/SU129 A.H. Clough to J. McNeill 21st April 1860 re apptm of chaplains,
fitting up of dormitory

H1/ST/NC3/SU130: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f112

30 Old Burlington St.

London W

May 17/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I sent you by post [11:34]
yesterday a packet
which will puzzle you.

Do you remember
(I am sure you do not
but I do) a conversation
we had some three
years ago at your
house about religion
one evening?

Eight years ago,
I had a large & very

curious acquaintance {130a}
among the Operatives
of the North of England
& among those of
what are called
Holyoake's party in
London. The most
thinking & conscientious
of our enormous artisan=
=population appeared
to me to have no
religion at all.
I then wrote the first part of what
I have ventured to
send you, without
the least idea of ever

publishing it. And {130b}
it was read in M.S.
by some of them.

The conversation
I had with you
awakened all my
thoughts of the Artisans.
And, about 1 1/2 years
ago, I wrote the
second part ("Man's
Will & God's Law") in
the packet sent you.

Till this last spring,
~~winter~~ I never
thought for a moment
of printing it. But

just now I have had {130c}
six copies done of
which I send you
one. No one knows
of it. And, till
after my death, I
would never have
it published, certainly
not with my name.

My reason for
sending it you is
to ask you, should
the subject interest
you enough, to be so
good as to say, at
your leisure, whether you think
it would be after my death at all
useful among the "Atheist"
Operatives, as they are called.
Believe me ever sincerely &
gratefully yours

Florence Nightingale

2. May 17/60
I need not say that
the half margin is
made to be written
on, if you will be
so good as to write
any remarks of
yours upon it.

F.N.

[end]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 643
H1/ST/NC3/SU131: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f116

30 Old Burlington St.

London W.

July 24/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I hope that you &
Lady McNeill will
not think me very
unreasonable if a
Dr. de Baumbauer,
"Delegate" from *Holland*
at the "International
Statistical Congress"
here & Director of the
Statistical Department

of the Ministry of {131a}
the Interior in Holland,
presents himself
to you with an
introduction from
me. With him
perhaps may come
H.G. Baron Czoernig,
"Delegate" from *Austria*
Privy Councillor, and
Director of the Imperial
Statistical Department
at Vienna - also
M.G. Hopf, "Delegate"

from *Saxe Coburg*, {131b}
Financial Councillor,
& Director of the "Life
Assurance Bank for
Germany" in Gotha -
and 4. a M.
Friedland.

[I feel as if I
were giving you a
list of their names,
titles, "rank and
regimental number"].

Do not be alarmed.
They are not going
to stay in Scotland

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But I am sure {131c}
they will be pleased
by any civility from
you.

Czoernig is quite
a man of the world.

Believe me to be
ever yours gratefully
& sincerely

F. Nightingale
Perhaps these
people will only be
able to call upon you
at your Board of
Supervision; As they are hurried
for time.

H1/ST/NC3/SU132: pen: archivist's copy: letter to ? and in 47753 ff16-18
[13:254-55]

30 Old Burlington St.
London

Augt. 13th 1860

My dear Sir

I. Miss Bonham Carter has told me
that you wish for my criticism on the enclosed.

I think that it wants something to define what
a nurse should be, of the nature (though not in the
words) of the manuscript scrap annexed ____

II. Mr Clough has told me that you wish for our
Rules, Hours, diet-table &c _____

1 I am not at all satisfied, with our Diet=
=table at St. Thomas's, but in a day or two I will
send you my own scheme of Dieting Nurses at
Harley St, where I was (previous to 1854) and
Miss Jones's at King's College - The fact is, you
cannot diet women, especially nurses, according
to a table, and this is one fault at St. Thomas's.
You want variety. You want care to supply
them with puddings & vegetables (various) and
you will thus keep them in much better health &
efficiency than with, "so many lbs of meat and so

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many lbs of bread daily"

{132a}

They should however always have meat *twice* a day on the table offered to them. A good superintendent, had indeed, much better be left to consult the tastes of her nurses than be bound down to dietaries. Experience must decide her

You shall however see our ideas on the subject.

2. I enclose our time-table at St. Thomas's, with which I am not at all satisfied either, (also, it is only for *Probationers* not for nurses.) again I say these things must be left to a good Superintendent to modify according to the customs of the place, the needs of the Nurses & of the Hospital. She must not be too much bound down by rules.

I think the *general* hints I have given in a little (confidential) Report which I believe you have, as to hours much more useful and practicable than these (cut and dried) time tables

Find your Superintendent and then do not bind her down too closely -

3. I enclose the "Character Sheet" I have drawn up, which must be favourably filled up, before any nurse can "pass" - with us -

{132b}

About this I do not annex the same caution. Because every nurse must *be*, and *know & do* these things. or she is not a Nurse at all.

I quite agree with you that Missionary nurses are the end and aim of all our work, Hospitals are after all but an intermediate stage of civilization, while devoting my life to Hospital work, to this conclusion I have always come. viz that Hospitals are not the best place for the sick poor, *except for severe surgical cases*

I need not say that I hope, for any information I may be able to give you, you will never be unwilling to apply to me. And should I, if you are in London again during the term of my life, be able to see you; and should you wish to discuss any points with me, I need not say I shall be happy and willing to do so.

I take the liberty of forwarding a copy of my little book on nursing, in order that you

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 646
may see in the short (appendix) sketch of
"What is a Nurse"? What was my experience
which led me to draw up the Character that I
enclose [end 13:255]

Believe me to be
Yours faithfully
sig. Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU133: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f118

30 Old Burlington St
London W
Aug 29/60

My dear Sir John McNeill [13:35]

I send you ~~by~~
~~post (today)~~ Parts
second & third of
the religious "stuff"
(confidential), of which
I sent you the
first part some
time ago. I don't
expect you to read
it. I am afraid

you will be terrified {133a}
at the bulk of it.
But I could not
refrain from
sending you what
(the printing of it
at least) was
the result of a
conversation with
you - an untoward
& undesirable result,
I am afraid you
will say, when
you see it.

Would you thank {133b}
Lady McNeill very
much for the
photographs she
was so good as
to send me? I
like them exceedingly.
But tell her
the *faint* likeness
of you in the
back=ground of
one of them is
what I like the
best. It is not
like a picture

but like a real {133c}
shadow -

I send per book [1:724]
post to Mrs. Stewart, (which
will you present
with my love?)
a copy of Mr.
Clough's translation
of some of Plutarch's
Lives for the infant
original of the
photographs, when
he can read it.

2 Augst 29/60

I believe there {133d}
are much worse
"Saints" in the
Calendar than
there are in
Plutarch - And
did French boys
read Plutarch,
as we used to
do, when I was
young, I don't
believe the present
Emperor could be
on the throne.

Mr. and Mrs. {133e}
Clough are going
North on Thursday
(tomorrow) for
their holiday.
They will be
at Edinburgh on
Wednesday the 5th at the Caledonian Hotel
~~Monday or Tuesday~~
in Princes St. opposite the Castle.

I have persuaded
them (they are
shy) to call
upon you; & they
are good enough

to bring for me {133f}
a little offering
to my own peculiar
"god=son," your youngest
grand=child -
and the printed "stuff."

[end]

Ever my dear
Sir John, yours
gratefully & affectely.

Florence Nightingale [end 1:724]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 649
H1/ST/NC3/SU134: pen letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f124

30 Old Burlington St
London W

Sept 15/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I have ventured **[15:293]**
today to send you
(by Book Post,) if
you could find the
time to glance over
it, & to see whether
it meets your
requirements - a
first Proof of the
Purveyor's "Regulations,"
which we have

been preparing, by **{134a}**
order of Mr. Herbert.

It is intended
to meet all the
points you have
raised. (I am
afraid it meets
none of them.)

It ought to
tally with the
Report of the R. Sanitary Commission
& with the new "medical
Regulations", of
which I think
you have a copy.

Without troubling

you to look over the **{134b}**
lists of Stores, &c,
would you consider
whether this code is in
conformity with
the wants of an
Army Hospital
Service, especially
as to Field
Hospitals - and as
to Banking or
Accounting questions?

The Proof I
send you, altho'
it has undergone
considerable

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 650

discussion (from the {134c}
Purveyor in Chief
downwards) will
certainly want
much amendment.

But I send
it with the hope
of obtaining your
criticisms, additions
& alterations on
the margin.

The first page
contains the
proposed re-organization
of the Purveyor's
Department.

Which, if agreed to {134d}
will be made the
subject of a
Warrant.

We shall be
truly obliged to
you for any trouble
you will take
with regard to
this. Because
we feel that no
one else has
anything like
the authority &
the judgement

which you bring {134e}
to bear on these matters.

Were Mr.

Herbert not
taking holiday
in the North,
I am sure he
would ask you
himself.

[end]

ever yours sincerely
& gratefully

Florence Nightingale
P.S.

The list of N.C.
Officers for the

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 651
Administration, {134f}
given at P.O., by
the Purveyor in Chief,
appears to me
quite exorbitant.

In a Civil
Hospital, all this
would be under
one Steward,
with servants.
-in a Military,
under your Captain
of Orderlies, with
Privates under him
F.N.

H1/ST/NC3/SU135: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f126

Hampstead NW [16:755]
Oct 13/60
My dear Sir John McNeill
Could you, by means
of your Inspectors,
tell me anything
about the enclosed
lady & Convalescent
Hospital? Nothing
would give me
greater pleasure
than to help on,
as far as I could,

~~any~~ such a project. {135a}
But, as set forth
by Miss Wedderburn,
there does not
appear to be any
project at all. -
At least not
definite - except
that of getting
subscriptions. [end]

I am sorry
& glad to hear
that Mrs. Stewart
is going abroad.

She will be a great {135b}
loss at home.
I trust that you
will not pass through
London either going
or coming back,
without sparing me
a few moments.

Till the end of
this month I shall
be here

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
And we could take

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 652

in your whole party, {135c}
if you would give
us a day or two's
notice. After October,
I shall be in London,
30 Old Burlington St
And if you & Lady
McNeill sleep in
London on your
return, I trust
it will be with us.
Many thanks for
your efficient help
about Purveyor's
Regns
ever sincerely and gratefully yours
Florence Nightingale
roll 1

H1/ST/NC3/SU136: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f127

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead N.W.
Oct 16/60

My dear Sir John McNeill
I hear from Mr.
Clough that you
are coming up on
the 22nd till the
28th. So I make
haste to say that
the *littlest* Clough
who, with his sister, is here -
has got a thing,
which I call
tooth=rash, but
which the Doctor

calls measles. {136a}
[Perhaps there is
a new kind of
measles since
my time.]
However, I always
support mothers
& doctors against
myself. And,
therefore, altho'
the child is
perfectly well,
(saving his rash
& his teeth,) &

hurra=ing at this {136b}
moment, I think
it right to tell
you.

Even if Mrs.
Stewart had been
good enough to
think of coming
here with her
children, she would
not have liked to have had
the rooms (for
them) in which
the hurra=ing
youth is now

segregated. And {136c}
perhaps he may
not be let out
before next week.
Or perhaps the
rooms may not
have been aired
long enough to be
safe - if he is.

I hope however
that you will
at least let me
see you - [We
don't consider
"cutting the teeth"

[2] Oct 16/60
catching.] And {136d}
I hope that you
& dear Lady
McNeill will
stay in our
rooms at
Burlington St.,
where I shall
then be, on your
way back to
Scotland.
ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale [end]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 654
H1/ST/NC3/SU137: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f129

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead NW
Oct 23/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am very sorry
for Mrs. Stewart's
suspense & yours.

I hope to see you
on Wednesday, as
you kindly propose.
Any time after 3
o'clock would do
for me - ~~And~~ my
father is coming on
that day. And if

you would stop & {137a}
dine with him,
he would be so
glad.

I don't know
what to say about
your little grand-
child. I am
afraid I must
take the part
against myself.

The two little
culprits are still
here - and running
& crawling about.
But the Doctor

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won't say that one {137b}
has not had & that
the other is not
going to have, the
measles. I am
perfectly incredulous.
But I think
it might be a
source of anxiety
to Mrs. Stewart
afterwards - if
~~the~~ her child
were to be brought
into this house -
altho' she might kindly consent for
my pleasure.
ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU138: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, no typed cop

Mr. A. Jackson's
Upper Terrace
Hampstead
NW

Dec 12/60

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am not in
Burlington St. as
you see - altho' I
would have been,
had you given me
any hopes that you
& Lady McNeill
would have come

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 656

to stay with me.

I am still here,
in order to keep
Mrs. Clough & the
children here. For
Mr. Clough, being
far from well, is
still at Malvern.

I do hope you
will be so good
as to come and
see me.

I know your
plans so little

that I will not say {138a}
another word to
trouble you, till I
see you.

Very many
thanks for your
visit to Suor Cordero.
I do not enclose
the £20 you
were so kind as
to pay till I know
a safer address
to you.

Yours most truly
& gratefully

Florence Nightingale

I sent your letter {138b} [15:294]
about Corfu to Mr.
Herbert. And he
told me last Sunday
that he had
referred it to the
Barrack Commission.

So that I am
in some hopes of
something getting
done.

[end]

F.N.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 657
H1/ST/NC3/SU139 pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f132

30 O.B. St.

London W

Jan 17/61

[12:707]

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am really very
sorry (for myself) about
the German translation
of my Notes on Nursing.
I gave it last April
to Miss Bunsen by
a written form at
her own request.
since then, yours
is the fifth, out of

many more, to whom {139a}
I would much
rather have given
it. Poor Miss Bunsen
has had all her
troubles since April.
And, unable to do
it herself, gave it
out of charity to
some one who has
done it so imperfectly
that she herself
says it is unfit

for publication. {139b}

I shall send
your note to Mr.
Clough - in hopes
that he may
communicate with
Miss Bunsen, who
herself may be glad
to turn the thing
over to Dr. Ross.

I have not
liked to trouble
her myself about
these matters - having

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felt her father's {139c}
loss almost as
much as she has
done herself. [end 12:707]

Our scheme of [15:307]
re=organization is at
last launched at
the War Office - But
I feel that Hawes
may *make* it fail.
And there is no
strong hand over him [end]
ever yours gratefully &
sincerely

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU140: pen, letter to Sir John McNeill

30 Old Burlington Street {printed address:}
W.

April 7/60

My dear Sir John McNeill [15:290]

Thank you very
much for your letter
of the 26th & for
Mr. Stewart's
remarks.

It is very much
to the hopefulness
of the Service & very
much to the honour
of so young a man
that he should be so

awake to the state {140a}
of things.

With regard to
what he says about
a standing Navy,
it certainly would
have advantages
over the present
system - which
would be brought
out on an enquiry.
Among these would
no doubt be the

possibility of arranging {140b}
the Service according
to Stations - and so
saving much health
& life.

There are many
things which ought
to make one very
hopeful for the
Navy. And I am
sure, if ever I had
time & strength to
help, I should be
too glad to be allowed

to do so. {140c}

I am too ignorant
to make any remarks
worth having on
what Mr. Stewart
says. Dr. Johnson
used to say that
in his time a
man of war was a
gaol with the
chance of being
drowned. And we
all know what
gaol=fever was
in his time.

The Navy has

however, (in spite of {140d}
all its detractors
may say), improved
much more than
the Army in proportion.
No doubt since
the introduction of
steam, the Sanitary
state of the Ships
has gone back a
step. There is no
reason however why,
with the additional
power supplied by
the steam, there
ever

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 660

should be a breath {140e}
of anything else
than pure air in
every part of the
largest war-ship
by day or by night -
as Mr. Stewart
seems to be well
aware. Much has
already been done
in ventilating ships.
And an enquiry,
if followed out
in practice, would
shew how the

most unpromising {140f}
ships could be
ventilated - as well
as improved in
another important Sanitary point. [end]

Believe me to be
ever sincerely & gratefully
Yours
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 661
H1/ST/NC3/SU141: pen, letter to Sir John McNeill & envelope, typed copy 45768
f142

30 Old Burlington Street {printed address:}

W.

June 21/61

My dear Sir John McNeill

[15:311]

Among the few
practical things which
I hope to succeed
in saving from the
general wreck of
the War Office is:
the organization
of one General Hospital
on your plan.

Col. Wilbraham
has consented to

be appointed Governor {141a}
(if offered him,) of
Woolwich Hospital.

[It has been offered
to him informally.]

And last week
we made up a
complete list of Officers
for the Staff, including
a capital Sergeant=
Major, who is to
receive a Commission
as Capt. of Orderlies.
These names have

been approved by {141b}
Lord Herbert.

There has been
an immense uproar,
perhaps no more
than you anticipated,
from the Army Med.
Dep. & the H. Guards.

Lord Herbert
will send me the
Governor's Commission,
upon the framing of which every
thing will depend,
before signing.

If there is time

to send it to you, {141c}
I shall. But if
not, could you say
what points ought
to be especially
guarded in the
Commission? I send
you a copy of the
Regulations, in case
you have not one
by you v. Section VIII
Pp 40-42.

I will answer
your kind letter
more at length
another day. What

strikes me in this {141d}
great defeat more
painfully even than
the loss to the Army
is the triumph of
the bureaucracy over
the leaders, the political
aristocracy who at
least advocate higher
principles. A Sidney
Herbert beaten by
a Ben Hawes is
a greater humiliation
really (as a matter
of principle) than

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 663
the disaster of Scutari {141e}
yours ever truly

F.N.

I saw a *private*
letter today from Sir
James Hudson. He says
"we must pull
thro' as well as we
can. At present
the team is all right.
The Coachman has
a good hold on the
reins - & the nags
are willing."

[end]

{envelope}
to be left till called for

Rt. Honble
Sir John McNeill G.C.B.
30 Old Burlington St.
F.N.

H1/ST/NC3/SU142: pen, letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f162

32 South St {printed address:}
London W
Nov 7/61

My dear Sir John

I hear that you have
been asked to the Duke of Cambridge's Meeting [15:329-30]
for the "Herbert Memorial" on
the 28th. And if you could
make this house your inn,
I should be too glad to try
& make you comfortable.

If you can come, I do
think it would be of the very
greatest importance for
carrying out the work of our

dear lost friend. {142a}

Lord Palmerston is to move
the first Resolution & Lord
Derby to second it - Mr. Gladstone
to move the next & Genl= Peel
to second - Lord Russell the
next - & Bp. of Oxford to second.

It is doubtless quite right
to nail the Ministers to a
recognition of the worth of
their lost comrade. But
in all these names, I see
none who in the least knew
his real work - or who will
in the least vindicate his

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real title to gratitude - which {142b}
is that he perished in the
midst of a great work which
he knew himself to be *unfinished*
& his last words were to
recognise this.

Nor do I know any one
but yourself who would or
could hold up the *human*
side of his work to the world -
or assert his real title to
Statesmanship which Mr.
Gladstone & poor Lady Herbert
expressly deny - I mean his
settled plan to renew the
soldier, morally & physically -

& *his intention to re=organize* {142c}
the War Office, which death
cut short.

Therefore I think it most
important, if your health will
permit, that you should take
this part at the Meeting.

I send you my little
sketch, printed only because
I had not the power to copy
it, of what he did do in
office. [It is quite private].

I am come up here
to do the Indian Sanitary
Commission work. [end 15:330]

Ever my dear Sir John
Yours gratefully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale

roll 1
H1/ST/NC3/SU143: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f166

32 South St.

London W.

Nov 18/61

My dear Sir John McNeill

I should be sorry
that you should see
first in the newspapers
our great loss- you
who have been so
kind to us.

Arthur Clough is
dead at Florence on
Nov 12. His wife had
rejoined him some
months before & his

sister three days {143a}
before.

They seemed
not to realize the
danger till a very
few days ago. And
there is something
unexplained about
the rapid end.

He had been
so much better at
first for going abroad.

He was a man
of a rare mind and
temper - the more so

because he would {143b}
gladly do "plain work."
To me, seeing the
inanities & the
blundering harasses
which were the
uses to which we
put him, he seemed
like a race horse
~~in a~~ harnessed to
a coal truck. This
not because he did
"plain work" & did
it so well. For the
best of us can be
put to no better use
than that.

He helped me {143c}
immensely, tho' not
officially - by his sound
judgement & constant
sympathy. "Oh Jonathan
my brother Jonathan,
my love to thee was
very great - passing
the love of women."

~~He~~ Now, not one
man remains (that
I can call a man) of
all those whom these
five years I have
worked with. But
as you say, "we are
all dying."

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ever dear Sir John {143d}

yours sincerely & gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Bertha Coltman, Blanche

Clough's younger sister,

who is slowly recovering

her confinement, has

not yet been told this

heavy news. By excess

of precaution, I tell

you this, altho' it is

hardly likely that you

should be writing

to her family.

If you will change

your mind about {143e}

the meeting on the

28th (Lord Herbert's)

& come here - you

know how glad

I should be

FN [end]

H1/ST/NC3/SU145: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f170

9 Chesterfield St

London W

Ap 15/62

My dear Sir John McNeill

It is a very long

while since I have

heard from you.

It is 4 months

since I have been

much worse & not

able to leave my bed,

which is the reason

you have not heard

from me.

Pray tell Lady Mc

Neill that it was not

want of interest which {145a}
prevented my
acknowledging her
letter about the new
daughter, which I
hope is thriving.

I work on still [9:115]
for the War Office.
But it is a Guerilla
warfare, of little profit,
altho' Lord de Grey
is entirely on our side.

I have written the
greater part of the
Indian Sanitary Report
for Lord Stanley &
am doing the Digest

of the Stational Reports. {145b}
That for the Bombay
Presidency I have
finished. Lord Stanley
has asked me to write
answers to written
questions, under my
own name. But these
I have scarcely begun. [end 9:115]

I hear from M. Mohl [4:496]
that he has "got lately
from Teheran an
enormous folio, containing
the last editions."
(to the fables on
Alexander the Great)
"And they are strange
enough & illustrated
by lithographed vignettes,

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"where Alexander pays
court to an European
princess, who is
represented sitting in
crinoline on a rococo
canapé. He is a
Mohammedan in this
wonderful book." [end 4:496]

I send you papers [8:167]
of the two Training Schools
for Nurses to which the
whole income of the N.
fund is now devoted.
I wish they were more
widely known out of
London - especially the one
for training midwifery nurses. [end 8:167]

Ever dear Sir John
Your affect. & grateful
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU146: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f172 [8:168]

9 Chesterfield St
London W

Ap 22/62

My dear Sir John McNeill

I shall be very
much obliged to you
if you will kindly,
as you propose, send
the papers (about the
two Training Schools
for Nurses) to your
various parishes.

I send copies by
this day's post of each.

With regard to
the Midwifery Nurses,

we have a small {146a}
fund, which could
easily be enlarged,
for paying the £10,
(asked for board &
lodging for 6 months)
for those parishes
which are really too
poor to pay.

We also give a
general Nurse training,
besides the Midwifery
training, to those for
whom it is desired,
(Who ~~are~~ must be willing
to stay longer than

the 6 months) - in {146b}
the general wards of
the Hospl=, & also
among the Out Patients
visited at home.

King's Coll. Hospl=
is so poor that, altho'
it generously gave
us the services of
its Officers gratuitously
(excepting the Midwife
who is ours,) it was
unable to pay anything
towards the beds.
And we therefore
are unable to board
the Probationers quite

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gratuitously, as we {146c}
do at St. Thomas'. [end 8:168]

I am well satisfied
with the way in which
Mrs. Wardroper does
her work & her duty
by our Probationers
there. But I do not
think that the quality
of the Probationers
has been such as
the advantages offered
would have procured
us, were it more
known out of London.
They cost us £70 a
piece. Believe me, ever,
yours gratefully F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU147: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f174

Hampstead NW
Aug 8/62
My dear Sir John McNeill
I venture to send you [9:116]
by this post for your
criticism my "Observations"
on the Stational Reports
from India.

If you are so good
as to look it through,
will you note your
remarks on the margin
& return it to me?

It is only a proof.

We have failed,
owing to the dilatoriness
of some of our members,

in getting our Report "Indian Sanitary" {147a}
presented this Session,
as would have been
most important.

But next month
Lord Stanley holds a
Meeting to consider
the Report.

It now stands thus:
1. All the replies to
the printed books of
queries have come
in from India, have
been abstracted &
are in print.

My Digests of
these for the three

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Presidencies are all {147b}
written. ~~at~~ Bombay is
in type. Bengal &
Madras not yet
come back from
press.

Would you like to
see these three Digests?

2. Our part of the
Report (Sanitary) is
written, & in type; &
corrected by Lord
Stanley, who pledges
himself to carry it
thro' the Commission
next month. This
embraces the oral
evidence of course,
rather more than or

quite as much as the {147c}
Stational Replies.

My "Observations,"
ordered by the
Commission (& which
I now send), were ~~to~~
~~be~~ limited to the
Stational Replies.

I have little new,
nothing good to tell.
Ld de Grey & Capt. Galton
miscalculated their
powers or their intelligence
when they promised
to re-organize the W.O.
The administrative
work they do well. [end 9:116]

I trust Lady McNeill
& Mrs. Stewart & the children
are well. Ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 672

H1/ST/NC3/SU148: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f176

Hampstead NW

Oct 16/62

Dear Sir John McNeill

I hope, when you
have a minute to spare,
you will be so good
as to tell me how
you got home with
Mr. Stewart; & that
you have good hopes
of a speedy recovery,
or (if not speedy) of
a complete one.

It must be an
anxious time to Mrs.

Stewart, & still {148a}
more to you, who
have to be his
support, instead of
he yours.

I would not trouble
you to write at once.

Is it the disease
of which you once
told me?

ever yours thoughtfully

F. Nightingale

I hope you did not
think that I expected
you to come down
here. I sent up
a messenger to tell my

father on Saturday that {148b}
you were at Fenton's
and I was in hopes
he would have caught
a glimpse of you.
That was all.

My love, please, to
dear Lady McNeill -
& tell her I am with
her in her trouble;
tho' that is poor
comfort.

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H1/ST/NC1/63/SU149: pen: printed letterhead: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy 45768 f180

4. Cleveland Row {printed address:}
S.W.

July 9/63

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am distributing a [9:220] [and 9:437]
few copies of our Indian
Army Sanitary Report
to newspapers &
Ministers, before the
general issue. And
I cannot forebear
sending you a copy.
You will see that
your advice about
a working organization
has not been
neglected. And I
am now busy in

pressing it upon I.O. {149a}
and W.O. No one
knows better than
yourself that a Report
is not self-executive;
and when the Report
is ended, the work
begins.

Our object is to
obtain the immediate
appointment of three
Commissions in India,
one for each Presidency;
and a home working
Commission, to be
attached to I.O. or

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W.O., as they prefer, {149a}

on the basis of the

Barrack & Hospital

Improvement Commn.

& simply consultative,

of course consisting of

Sir Proby Cautley

Sir Ranald Martin

Capt. Galton

Dr. Sutherland

Mr. Rawlinson C.E.

It is to advise till

the Presidency Commissions

can walk alone

Sir C. Trevelyan has

provided £300,000

for us in his Budget,

which he thinks is

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 675

as much as we can {149b}
spend in the *first*
year. But if more
is wanted, he says,
it shall be forth=
coming.

I am sure if you
can do anything for
us in reviewing or
pressing this Report
on the public, you
will. [end 9:207] [end 9:437]

Pray, my love to all
Yours.

Believe me ever
gratefully & affectely.
yours

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU150: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f182

Hampstead NW

Oct 12/63

My dear Sir John McNeill

I am so exceedingly
sorry to have missed
you in London; I cannot
think how it could have
happened. I am afraid
your visits to London
are generally ~~benef~~ un=
foreseen. Otherwise,
if you could give me
a line but the day
beforehand, with your
address in London, it
would infallibly reach
me.

I am very much

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obliged for your kind {150a}
note.

Could you, if you see [13:89]
Lord Brougham, & would
you, deliver the following
message to him? asking,

Whether, if he is
coming to London for
more than a day or
two, he would allow
me, not to introduce
myself to him (for I
now rarely leave my
bed & never my room,
except for a periodical
migration) but to
introduce to him the
Lady Superintendent of

King's College Hospital? {150b}

& whether he would
permit her to ask him
to call upon her at the
Hospital?

In his address, he
mentioned the question
of Hospital Nursing.
And, as great weight
deservedly attaches to
every word he says, I
trust I may be excused
in making this request.

[end]

Ever sincerely &

gratefully yours

Florence Nightingale

On Nov 2 I return to
32 South St.

W.

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H1/ST/NC3/SU151 fair copy of letter of Wm Rathbone to FN re nursing in workhouse inf; has had long confidential consultation yesterday with Cropper, PL inspector will anonymously over £700 p.a. for 3 years to introduce a system of nursing under a trained supt. "As to a Lady Supt that is the great difficulty--one who will be willing to obey in order to command" 25 Feb 1864; looks like similar content to 47753 f28 **000470**

H1/ST/NC3/SU152: pen: printed letterhead: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy 45768 f183

115. Park Street W. {printed address:}

May 17/64

My dear Sir John McNeill

You will regret, as

I do, our dear friend,

Sir A. Tulloch - and

may perhaps wish to

see some account of

his very rapid illness.

The end, so soon, has

been a great shock.

It seems so long

since I have heard

anything from you

I saw the birth of another

little grand-child.

I hope it & all yours

are well.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 678

You will wish to hear {152a} [9:205]
how our Sanitary affairs
are going on. Sir John
Lawrence's appointment
gave us a most
unexpected hold on
India. He was so
good as to see me
during the short time
between his appointment
& departure. And
he has carried out
every thing then
suggested - a Commission
of Health appointed
for each Presidency
&c &c

But few ~~people~~ have {152b}
had such extraordinary
chances as I have had
twice - a Secretary of State
& a Governor-General
delivered, as it were,
into my hand. And
few have seen such
disappointment as I
have.

I remember well
your saying that no
man had ever had
so noble a game to
play, as Sidney Herbert,
& had not played it.
It was true.

And now, no War
Office has ever had

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such an opportunity, {152c}
with such a Governor
General actually
asking, what would
you have me to do? -
& has not used it.

The instructions for
his Health Commissions
which he positively
solicited, are still
pending, as they were
5 months ago. And,
except my private
suggestions, he has had
nothing.

I am entirely a sick
prisoner now. [end 9:205]

Pray give my love to
Lady McNeill & believe
me ever yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU153 letter from T. Graham Balfour, Manchester to FN, 16 May 1864

H1/ST/NC3/SU154: pen: printed letterhead: letter to Sir John McNeill {black-
edged paper} typed copy 45768 f185

115. Park Street W.
July 21/64

My dear Sir John McNeill
The War Office is [15:401-492]
always planning & never
doing.

The following is a
point, which you
understand better
than any one, & which
I have often consulted
you about: -

At every foreign Station
of the British Army, there
are four heads of
Departments - all

to a certain extent {154a}
independent in money
matters, viz.

Commissariat
Stores
Barracks
Purveyor.

As the Stations are
beyond the immediate
control of the W.O.,
the men holding the
appointments are all
highly paid men, in
order to secure efficiency
& responsibility,
especially as regards

expenditure. But, {154b}
beyond this, their other
duties would not
warrant a large
outlay for salaries.

Would it be
advantageous or otherwise
(looking to war exigencies)
to appoint at each
station a Controller of
Military expenditure,
through whose hands
all payments should
go, & who would act
as head of the various
departments in all

matters of expenditure {154c}
- & to fill up the head
appointments in

Commissariat
Stores
Barracks
Purveying

by a lower-paid class of
Officers.

It would be substituting
one highly paid Financial
Officer to regulate the
finance of all the
departments, and
restricting the duties
of the special heads
of departments simply
to details.

Would this diminution {154d}
of highly=paid Depart=
mental Officers be
injurious (or not) to the
service in case of war?

Would it limit too
much the field, out of
which good Officers
could be selected for
special War Service?

Would it be practicable,
if the present system
were altered, to provide
out of the W.O. at home
a sufficient number
of excellent Commissariat,
Purveying & Store=keeping
Officers for Field Service?

In case of war, a {154e}
controller of Army
expenditure would go
with the force. He
would provide funds
for
Governors of General Hospitals
Purveyors in the Field
Commissariat
& Stores, (if necessary.)

The chief point
raised is whether
Departments, when in
the field, would suffer
by having inferior
men for their heads

in time of peace - {154f}
and, if so, how this
could be prevented.

If you would be so
very kind as to answer
this question, it *would*
be very kind.

Believe me
ever your grateful &
affect.

Florence Nightingale
You used to be much
interested about
our Mediterranean

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 682

Stations - particularly
Corfu. I know not
whether our Report,
which I send,
would reward you
for glancing over it.
Perhaps not, especially
now the Ionian Islands
are given up.

I hear Sir H. Storks,
who is in England, is
to have Malta [end 15:403\]

F.N.

H1/ST/NC3/SU155: pen, letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f188

Private

Hampstead NW

Aug 4/64

My dear Sir John McNeill

So far from your
remarks not answering
my questions, they touch
the real point at once,
as you always do,
almost without knowing
it. And I have this
day communicated with
the W.O.

I send you by this [9:491]
day's Book Post one of
the first (signed) copies
of the first offspring

of the joint W.O. and {155a}
I.O. Commission,
appointed to carry out
the recommendations
of the R. Indian Army
Sanitary Commissn= [7 1/2
months it has taken them
to sign it, while Sir J.
Lawrence has been
constantly writing home
for it with his own hand]
It is expected that, in
the course of the present
century, the I.O. will
send it out to Sir John
Lawrence officially. But
in the mean time copies

are speeding out to him {155b}
direct from me by

Her Majesty's book post. [end 9:491]

You have no idea how [9:211]

heartbreaking much of
my work is. Sidney Herbert
has been dead three years
on the 2nd. And these 3
years have been nothing
but a slow undermining
of all he has done. Sir
J. Lawrence writes
discouraged - "difficulties,"
he says to me (but this
is quite confidential)
he "could scarcely under=
stand or anticipate."
This, I think, breaks my

heart more than anything. {155c}

At the same time. I
bear in mind how
extraordinary are the
chances I have had.
To have met with
three men like yourself,
Sir John Lawrence &
Sidney Herbert - While
so many people, wiser
& better than I, have
gone thro' life without
ever anyone listening
to their plans.

I think Sir J. Lawrence
is a really great admi=
nistrator - do not you? [end 9:211]

ever yours sincerely &
gratefully

F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 684

H1/ST/NC3/SU156: pen, letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f190

Private

{printed address:}

27. Norfolk Street.

Park Lane W.

7/2/65

My dear Sir John McNeill

I always fly to you [9:946-47]
when in difficulty.

I have had the most
enormous order from
Sir John Lawrence
for Matrons & Nurses
for India, of which
a trifling item is:
66 Head Nurses
112 Asst. "
for female Regimental
Hospitals. These are

already "sanctioned." {156a}

He wishes, besides,
to nurse all Military
General Hospitals,
of which 10 are named
- and to establish
Training Schools in
all Civil Hospitals.
He does not, like a
wise man as he is,
positively engage for
or desire any particular
specified thing. But
he asks for advice
on the largest scale -

and "the Governor General {156b}
in Council" states that
"Whatever expence is
requisite must be met."

[There is a private
& most pressing
invitation to me myself
to go out. If the Doctors
would give me six
months there, I would
go. There is nothing
in the whole world
I should like better.]

Of course I lost no
time in consulting our
Training Schools as
to what we could do.

Of this more hereafter.

But they in India ask {156c}
for a printed paper.
And I venture to
submit to you the
first rough Draft of
one, knowing that you,
if you have time to
glance at it, will
help me more than
any one.

Of course conclusions
& some other things
must be added to
the paper.

All the rest I think
had better be written
privately to Sir John

Lawrence, not the {156d}
"Governor General in
Council."

As to what we can
do in sending out
women:-

We have now 23,
an unusual number,
at St. Thomas' - we
would keep up this
number if we train
for India. All those
now at St. T's are
engaged. In fact, it
is impossible for us
to meet our engagements,

even combining King's {156e}
Coll= and St Thomas'.
Between the two we
are training 19 for
Manchester. Liverpool
has not taken away
~~att~~ its Nurses yet.
Mr. Villiers, the Poor
Law Man, called
upon me last week,
by his own appointment
about a scheme for
nursing Workhouses.
[And I was just
about to write to you,
as the "Board of Supervision"

head, about this.] {156f}

But it is the material
which is wanting.
The more chattering &
noise there is about
"Woman's Mission," the
less of efficient women
we can find. It
makes me mad to
hear people talk
about unemployed
women. If they are
unemployed, it is
because they won't
work. The highest
salaries given to women
at all, we can secure

to women trained by us. {156g}

But we can't find
the women. They won't
come.

~~Both~~ our Training Schools are most
anxious to help.

The Superintend~~t~~ of
King's Coll~~=~~ Hospital
would take another
Hospital to train
women for us: but
she cannot admit
more in King's Coll~~=~~.

[end 9:947]

If we send women
out to India, we
should of course engage
them expressly for this
purpose.

I am writing most

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disconnectedly. The fact is,
I am quite "used up."
I have had to see Mr.
Massey who replaces,
as you know, poor Sir
C. Trevelyan - and
Lord Stanley on Indian
Sanitary things -
about which I
wanted very much
to write to you.

Pray remember me
most affectionately
to Lady McNeill -
I believe Mrs. Stewart
is not with you -
believe me

ever yours truly & gratefully {156i}
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU157 signed letter, 10 pp, pen & pencil {157} John McNeill typed copy
45768 f202

Private Sept 10/67
35 South Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane.
London. W.

My dear Sir John McNeill
I should have troubled
you before this - and on a
point in which you alone
can help me, if it were not
that I heard that you
were absent in the Highlands.
And I did not like to pursue
you there.

The matter (on which I [9:965-66]
want to consult you as to
what my answer should
be to the India Government)
is that of Trained Nurses,
upon which you were so
very good as to help me
before.

You will see by the papers

which will accompany this {157a}
that I adopted your
suggestions in full.

If you will be so very good as
to help me again, I shall
esteem it, as I always do,
the greatest favour I can
receive.

I enclose a letter from
Major Malleson, who is
now sole Sanitary Commn=.
for Bengal - & the papers
which accompanied it No III
You will see that they have
constructed an immense
scheme upon mine - or
rather ours. And then
they condemn this scheme,

No II appears to contain p.p. 1-32 of No III
& nothing more.

which is in some respect {157b}
the opposite of mine - &
call it mine. E.g. they
propose to put Nurses in
all Regimental Hospitals
which is what we never
would consent to & never
have consented to. And
then they write that my
scheme is condemned.
When, in fact, I made no
scheme, but simply pointed
out methods of training
& offered to begin.

Our paper (of which yours
was the best part) ~~in~~ was a reply
to the letter of the Secretary
of the Bengal Sanitary Commn.,
of Nov. 21, 1864, which I
also enclose, with the paper
which accompanied it,
No I. p.p. 136-146

asking me to send out {157c}
suggestions for the
organization of trained,
Nursing in India, & stating
that "Whatever expense it is
requisite to incur for this
purpose, should be met
as willingly" &c &c -
this as an "intimation" of
the "G.G. in Council."
Our paper, while ~~suggesting~~ doing
the best we could at a
distance, & without local
knowledge, to furnish the
desired information, at the
same time advised that a
small tentative experiment
should in the first instance
be made. And we offered
to help in this. The cost
would not have been very

2 {157d}
great. And I must say
that, after reading over all
the papers, I still adhere
to that opinion.
I cannot but feel how
unwisely they have begun
by rearing up in the
first instance (on paper)
an extensive superstructure
of nursing for all the
Military Hospitals [E.g.
I have always urged that
it is quite a question
whether Convalescent Depots
should have Female Nursing
at all. *I think not.*
At the utmost, when Female
Nursing is established in
every *Sick* Hospital, it may
then be considered
whether you should put,
for the *sick* during 6 months
of the year in the Convalescent Depots,

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a Matron & Assistant Matron {157e}

* as also for the linen &c of the
Convalescent Depot. But
Nurses among Convalescent
soldiers in the wards are
quite out of place &
always will be. They would
become play things & very
improper ones.]

There are not half a dozen
Military Hospitals in India
to which female Nursing
would be applicable -
certainly not at first.

The object would be ~~for~~ to induce India
to begin as N.S. Wales is
beginning & many other
places - viz. to send to us for
a small trained efficient
staff to take charge of one
Hospital & to try the work

of Nursing & training Nurses. {157f}

[I think I mentioned to you
that for this very purpose we are going to send
out to Sydney in December
a Lady Supt=. & 4 Head
Nurses, for a 3 years'
engagement - at £150
rising to £200 for the
former - £50 rising to £70
for the latter - board &
lodging & free passage out
via Panama for all -
&c &c - an arrangement
which I have just
concluded with the Govt=.]

I think I also mentioned
that I have had a similar
application from the
Madras Govt. - & one from
the Bombay Parsees.

Now, why cannot
the Bengal people
do the same - instead of

making gigantic cut & dry {157g}
systems on paper & then
condemning them - whereas
of all things Nursing in
Military Hospitals requires
painful careful trial -
because it must always
be an experiment, & a new experiment every time
you try it, to put down
a few women among a
parcel of men - this being
the only occupation where
a woman is really in
actual charge & control
of grown up men. So much
depends on the discretion of
the Supt=. in the character
of the Medical and Military
Officers. &c &c

[3] {157h}

As to the proposal concerning Protestant nuns in Major
Malleeson's M.S. letter, inclosed,
he falls into the common
mistake, viz. of believing that
if we would but lay aside
religious prejudices, we should
have 15,000 Protestant
Sisters of Charity - as the
French have 15,000 R.C.
Sisters of Charity.

Now, this is not a matter
to theorize about. It is already
a matter of fact & experience
I should have *more* difficulty
in sending him an efficient
Nursing Staff, composed of
"Sisters," whether R.C. or
Protestant - than in
sending him ~~one~~ a staff out of
our ordinary materials
at St. Thomas', great as
that difficulty is.

In these "Orders," - {157i}

The material is always doubtful. And the numbers are too few.

And the best women do not choose to enter "Orders."

Also, it is found that women who have really entered the service of God in Hospitals, (e.g. Miss Agnes Jones, of Liverpool Workhouse,) are just as little likely to marry out of "Orders" as in them. [Miss A. Jones is remarkably pretty & attractive.] There are now four London Hospitals, nursed by Protestant "Orders." Of these, the Nursing of two is beneath contempt - & therefore shall not be mentioned here - other than to show that, so far from

the prejudice supposed by {157j}

Major M. being in active existence, every facility is given to the rising up of Nursing "Orders" in Hospitals. The other two, Kings College & Charing Cross, are nursed by St. John's House of

which my dear friend & "pupil," Miss Jones, is Supt=. [end 9:966]

[At least she calls me her "mistress."] I have taken at least as much pains about her "Society" as I have done with my own.

We have our Midwifery School under her. I have [9:966-68]

consulted her & Mrs. Wardroper equally about the India Nursing. I cannot therefore be supposed to speak as an enemy. But her system of Nursing, which is first rate, has

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taken even less extension {157k}
than ours has.

The fact is that Orders in
England (& this is quite
as much the case with
the R.C.s who are exactly
in the same difficulty as
we are) do not extend
for this reason: - the best
women, women fit to be
heads, do not enter Orders
in England - which generally
consist of one good head
& a number of fools, or rather a very few fools..
Add to which: - women who
wish to marry *will* marry
(& have married,) from our
"Orders" because we *can't*
take the same "vows"
as R.C.'s - & women
who don't wish to marry won't
marry, even if not in "Orders."

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{1571}

I should wish to be guided
entirely by your opinion as
to what reply I should
make to the Govt=. of India,
if you will be so very
good as to take it into
consideration.
My impression is: - what
they want in India is a
well considered small
beginning -and that
we should advise them
still to try this - & again
offer our help - in training.
[Would you advise me to do
or say anything with regard
to offering to try also to send out
a small number of "Sisters"
from St. John's? - That
there is not one to spare
at present, I know. They

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had to stretch their *personnel* {157m}

to the utmost to spare

2 sisters to take Charing

Cross - & were obliged to

decline a Workhouse.

Also to decline putting a "Sister" over

our Midwife & Midwifery ward, (when

requested by the Physician

Accoucheur.) for there was not one

to spare.

Please consider all this as

"private."

Would you advise me to

say that the scheme to

which Dr. Farquhar takes

objection (vide papers)

is not mine. - end of No. III

that I have no scheme -

that, if the Government of

India wish for my advice

regarding a scheme (vide

5

{157n}

Major Malleeson) it is for

them & not for me to

propose one -

that I consider (& experience [15:177]

has always led me to

advocate) female Nursing

as applicable only in

General Hospitals in the

Army - & not in either

Convalescent Depots or in

Regimental Hospitals -

that, as to having "Assistant

Nurses" in Military

Hospitals, the thing is

totally & entirely out of

the question, whether in

Europe or in India, - & as

far as one can see,

always will be so. [The

place of Assistant Nurses

in Civil Hospitals must

always be filled in

Military Hospitals by men.

And no woman below the {157o}
class & education & position
of a *Head Nurse* in a
Civil Hospital should ever
be suffered in a Military
Hospl=.

As to that stuff about the
"enthusiasm" of the Nursing
in the "Crimean Campaign,"
that is all bosh. We had,
unfortunately for us, scarcely
one woman sent out
to us who was even up
to the level of a Head Nurse.
And we suffered for it.
And, even now when I
look back, I cannot think
how we dragged through .
But, instead of taking that
time as an "enthusiasm"
which cannot now or again
be equalled, we have learnt

from it a great deal as to {157p}
what ought to be the
principle & routine of
female Nursing in the
ordinary General Military
Hospl=. & as to what ought to be
avoided & sought.] [end]

I am throwing a great
burthen upon you to read
thro' all these papers. I
have read many tons of
papers in the last 11 years.
But I don't think I have
ever seen such a farrago
as this. They send our
Nursing Scheme to a
Captain of Engineers & to
a Major in the Army
to discuss. I hope when
next they have a war
in Bhotan, they will
send the proposed
Artillery to Mrs. Wardroper
to criticize.

[Perhaps I need hardly say {157q}
that such rules as are
here proposed, e.g., that,
as a punishment, the
Nurses' beer should be
"stopped," would completely
& always "stop" (not the
"beer" but) any chance of
raising the Service to that
of good & respectable women.

It shews how wise we
were to insist upon, at
first & as a *sine qua non*,
that the Nurses should be
under a Supt=. of their Sex,
& not under the Medl=.
Officers.

If you treat Nurses like
female convicts, you will
have female convicts for
your Nurses.

[6] {157r}
The only idea these papers
appear to have of
business is: - to print
my paper over & over
again - to mount upon
it schemes which have
nothing to do with it -
& then to renounce them
as too expensive.
See the "Resolution" of
Govt=. First Sheet of
No. III

I was about to write to
you as to another
matter - our Public
Health Service in India -
but will not deluge you
all at once.
Pray give my best love

to Lady McNeill. I {157s}
trust her health is
restored & to Mrs.
Stewart my best
congratulations- Forgive
this immense letter from
ever yours sincerely
& gratefully
Florence Nightingale

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45768 f216

Private

Sept 21/67
35 South Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane.
London. W.

My dear Sir John McNeill

I had received your first [9:971-72]
letter, on the subject of
Female Nursing in India,
which, as everything you
always do, put the situation
clearly before me. And I
had written, according to
your advice, a simple
Protest, without proposing
anything anew, to Sir John
Lawrence himself.

But, rather luckily for
me, I think - I could not
get my letter ready for
the mail of the 18th, because

by desire of some members of {158a}
the India Office, I had to
write him a long letter &
paper on the introduction
of a Public Health Service
by that mail.

Then came your second most
clear & emphatic letter.
And I somewhat recast
mine to Sir J. Lawrence,
to go by next mail -
when, yesterday, arrives this
letter from him, enclosing
the paper from Dr.
Farquhar, which I also
enclose.

I am quite ashamed of
troubling you again, when

I had already received so {158b}

lucid & comprehensive a
sketch from you of the
view I ought to take.
But I will only ask you now
to be so very good as to
look over the enclosures,
in the light of the previous
correspondence - & to tell
me whether they in any
way alter your opinion, as
expressed on the whole
question in your last letters,
or your view of the answer
I ought to make.
The matter is certainly quite
hopeless at present.

I believe you hit on the right
solution of the extraordinary
proceeding, as it seems, of

a Govt= taking & giving all {158c}
this trouble, not only to me
but to a number of its
own Officers, for the pure
pleasure of doing a
great deal of utterly
useless writing.

But you can have no idea
of the degree to which this
has gone in every Department
of the India Govt=. What
we have gone

thro' in
writing on the Public Health
Service no one can tell,
during these last 3 1/2 years.
I should think myself
impatient & restless, (tho'
I am not much of a
novice,) - did I not hear
what Sir B. Frere says -
which is much stronger than what

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I say. {158d}

He thinks that this very kind
of administration or no=
administration is bringing
all Govt= in India to a
dead lock.

I could give you the most
extraordinary instances
derived from our own
branch of administration
alone.

Our foolscap is sent all over
India to see how many
foolsheads it will fit.
Of course it fits a good many.
Then there comes home to
us a mass of papers,
incredible to anyone who did
not see them. And we
have to answer them all
seriously. Then answers
come back from India .
It is so easy to answer, if
you don't want to act.

Latterly, a proposition {158e}
about doors versus windows in
Barracks was sent round
to every British Department,
6, (six) in every British province
in India - only one of
which Departments knew
anything about it at all -
& then came home to us -
with all the opinions of
all the Cooks printed.
With Sir B. Frere's assistance,
however, I hope now that
we shall have a regular
Department organized for
ourselves at the India Office
- & in each administrative
division of India for itself -
to save some of this fearful
waste of time.

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Before Sir B. Frere came home {158f}
I was getting quite desperate.
He is to us what you are or
would be if we had you here.
I have often intended to
trouble you about these
Indian Public Health affairs.
But it was entailing such
an immense amount of
"paper" upon you.

Pray remember me most
heartily to Lady McNeill -
& believe me ever most
gratefully & sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale
Please burn

[end 9:972]

H1/ST/NC3/SU159 pen, letter to Sir John McNeill {black-edged paper} typed copy
45768 f222 [8:638-39]

Private Christmas Day
1868
35 South Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane.
W.

My dear Sir John McNeill
In memory of an old love,
very deeply felt for dear
Lady McNeill & for yourself,
& of gratitude as deeply felt
for great kindnesses received
from her & from you,
during very difficult & trying
portions of my life, I trust
that you will not think
I am breaking in like a
stranger upon your grief,
if I try to tell you, however
feebly, how much I feel
personally - & far, far more
for you the intensity of
the loss.

For she was one of a great

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& rare spirit - tried in the fire - {159a}
a fire which English ladies
in general with their easy
complaining lives so little
know - & through which
you & her great love for you
carried her so cheerily.
I have never thought of her
since the year that I had
first the blessing of knowing
her, in 1856, without
thinking how unlike she
was to other people - the
ignoble, useless ladies of
fashion (of whom I see
so much not in my room
but from my windows) - the
people who have always a
moral reason for doing what they like.

Like herself to the last, she {159b}
seems to have never had any
other thought but of
providing for others' comfort
& of not being separated
from you, at least on
this earth.
I think the only comfort in
thinking of such people is
in thinking that the loss is
irreparable. It is the test
of a really great sorrow that
every day makes one feel it
more & only more. Though
it is 7 years since I have
lost Sidney Herbert, I feel
more & more day by day
what I have lost, as day
by day teaches me that
there is no one to take his

place - no one to carry out {159c}
his plans. But at least
you have not the misery in
your case as I have, of seeing how
his children's welfare is
affected by his absence -
how the Army suffers by
the "work unfinished" - [his
last words - "Poor Florence -
"our work unfinished] -
And I, tho' I have lost
A.H. Clough for 7 years,
can say the same thing of
him - no one to take his place.
I feel then that I can feel
something of the great grief
which otherwise would
make it seem almost
impertinent of me to
approach you - did I
not know something of what
she was - how "worthy" - as

the good old Scripture word {159d}
says - a very present help
in time of trouble & in
time of joy. And of what
she is, (as I most firmly
believe.)
In your constant care & interest
for the good of human beings,
for which you can do so much,
for which you have done
so much, more than any
man I know - in your
love for those whom she
has left you, - you will
find, I know, that which
will carry you even through
this sorrow without any
weakening or corroding
effect to your great powers.
I do not like to dwell upon
things which you know so
much better than I do, lest

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that might seem like one {159e}
intermeddling with your grief. [end 8:639]

I do not hope much (perhaps [10:]
because I am tired of hoping)
from present Ministers - at
least, not in our 3 Departments,
the War Office, the India Office,
the Poor Law Board. The cry
for Economy seems to me to
absorb all their faculties. To
any one knowing, & knowing,
feeling, what a great organization
like a Govt=. Office really is -
& the enormous consequences
for weal & woe for all time
it holds in its hands -
retrenchment seems but only
one element of what it has to
do - & almost a brutal one.
Sir John Lawrence is coming back.
And, though he has not done
all we expected, yet still we must

feel, on looking back, how much {159f}
has been done during his 5 years.
Lord Mayo, whom I did not
know at all, came to me of his
own accord on his appointment
to "get up" the Sanitary question
for India. I liked him
better than I expected. He
said (which I thought was
sharp of him) that he should
ask Sir John Lawrence - who
has always most kindly kept
up his correspondence with me -
to tell me, on his return, what
to tell him, Lord Mayo, to do
on Sanitary points. It is
indeed a vast field - & one
which grows vaster every day.
Sir Bartle Frere has been of the
most essential service to us
since he came home - And
we have now a Department [end 10:]
of our own at the India Office

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I have a fresh neophyte in the [5:543]
person of Crown Princess of

Prussia. She has a quick {159g}
intelligence & is cultivating herself
in knowledge of Sanitary (& female)
administration for her future
great career. She comes alone like
a girl, pulls off her hat & jacket
like a five=year=old, drags
about a great portfolio of plans,
& kneels by my bed=side
correcting them. She gives
a great deal of trouble. But
I believe it will bear fruit. [end 5:543]

I did not hear of dear Lady
McNeill's illness till some
time after she was gone -
[who would have thought
that I should have survived
her?] - & then quite accidentally
I wrote to Mr. Rathbone to
enquire - and after you and
Mrs. Stewart. And Mr.
John Paget was so good as to

answer. I was thankful to
hear that Mrs. Stewart & all
of hers were there at the
time.

Will you give her my warmest
love and sympathy?

Pray, dear Sir John McNeill,
believe me ever yours

Sorrowfully & overflowinglly

Florence Nightingale

Please burn

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H1/ST/NC3/SU160: pen: letter to John Paget {black-edged paper} [8:639]

Dec 26/68
35 South Street. {printed address}
Park Lane.
W.

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you
sufficiently for having so
kindly & fully given me
particulars about an event
which interests me so deeply,
dear Lady McNeill's death,
& about him whom we
all love so much. He
will feel the loss every
day more & more while he
lives. Perhaps it is the
test of a real loss that
time which cures many
woes, only makes us feel
that more deeply-as we
see how little there is to
replace it. But his great

devotion to the cause of {160a}
humanity & his love of his
(& her) daughter & grandchildren
will carry him through it
without loss of mental power.
She was a woman of a rare
quality - tested by endurance
& by chance & change which
most stay-at-home English
ladies never know.
I have been long in thanking
you for your kind letter,
except in my heart. For
I have been oppressed by
business, which becomes
more difficult to get through,
as my health gets worse.

Pray, dear Sir, {160b}
believe me
With renewed thanks for
your kindness
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale
John Paget Esq
&c &c

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H1/ST/NC3/SU161: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f236

Feb 8/70

35 South Street. {printed address} [5:203-04]

Park Lane.

W.

My dear Sir John McNeill

Your great kindness
encourages me to ask you to
help me as no one else can: -

I will refer to some points
in your conversation: -
1. If there are (as you say &
as I entirely agree,) great
objections to Government
interfering directly in Emigration,
would there be the same
objection to: the following?....

Poor Law Guardians in England
have moved surplus labour out
of their parishes into the
manufacturing districts with
great benefit to all. Instead

of paying land conveyance, might {161a}
they not pay ship passages?
Could not a scheme, in which
Guardians & private persons
in the parish might co-operate,
be framed whereby, through
the medium of the Colonial Office
& the Colonial Governments -
emigrants, children & others,
might be conveyed & be trained
in the Colonies for Colonial life -
& so take their place as
agriculturalists, stock-keepers &c
and the girls, as they grow up,
as women where they are so
much wanted.

I confess, tho' I have always
tried to help, as far as I could,
those fine fellows among the
unemployed workmen who will
pinch & pawn to help themselves
out, & afterwards their families,
to the Colonies - that I think
these are the men whom we
should the least wish to part
with. If Emigration is only
practicable in this way, it may
almost be said that it is only
practicable as far as it is
unnecessary. It is the orphan
& deserted children who *can't*
help themselves - the young girls,

{161b}

not yet vicious, who are as it
were predestined to sin &
pauperism in the Old Country,
who might be good & industrious
& happy in the new; - it is
these who want our help -
but then they must have
industrial training in the Colonies
to make them do well there.

{161c}

Would it be impossible, as
Glasgow sends its children to
Arran, for any scheme to be
devised by which London
might send its children to
Canada? [Melbourne once
offered to our Government
to form Industrial Schools
for our pauper children, "not
yet confirmed in pauper habits."]

2. *India*

Might I ask you to glance [9:642-43]
over this good natured but
startling letter from Lord Mayo
(which I received just after
I had the pleasure of seeing you)?
startling, because it shows
that not one of the men, from
Lord Mayo downwards,
understands the question.

[I shall not answer Lord
Mayo till I have seen Dr.
Cunningham, as he desires.]

I know Dr. Cunningham by
correspondence. He is a good,
excellent man, who has gone
head foremost into all the
"theories" against which we have

warned them - but who is {161e}
clever & candid & now
acknowledges that he "knows
nothing" - a great step in
knowledge.

The causes of the failure in
the healthiness of the "new
Barracks" we could tell
them, every one.

Yes surely: I remember your
Memo= on preparing the
ground. We made great
use of it. Also: you will
perhaps remember that
we sent them out "Suggestions,"
asked for & approved by
the India Govt= here - asked
for & approved by the Govt=.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 710
of India there - on water- {161f}
supply, drainage, sewerage,
Stational improvements,
every kind of matter affecting
the Public Health. And
the Govt=. sent a copy to every
official whom it concerned.
And this is the result.

We have greatly succeeded
in native & Civilian health.
The Military alone is *stupid*.

Should anything suggest
itself to you as to what
questions I should ask
Dr. Cunningham - as to how
I should fix him to stating
(to us) the objections to the
"new Barracks" &c - Would
you kindly tell me?

It was hardly necessary for {161g}
me on Sunday to put in words
to you how much I am
discouraged.

As for the War Office, one
may say that they have
"crucified" Sidney Herbert
afresh, & "put him to an
open shame."

The sticking up a man's
statue in the Court Yard &
destroying his work within,
is an organized hypocrisy
which Jesuits might envy.

India is after all our best
hope. But, when the work
there does not progress,
it retrogresses.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 711
[3] {161h}

For me to see you is at once
the highest hope & the
deepest pain. It reminds
me of days when a great
career was just begun, when
great works & great purposes
seemed so prosperous, when
the goal seemed in view.
Now, all our hopes
seem blasted & all our plans
destroyed. But it reminds
me too of your patient
courage & devoted endurance
in a long life of successful
sacrifice to the good of our
country. And, tho' it will
not be given *me* to see of

the fruit of my toil, of the {161i}
travail of my soul - yet, who
am I that I should complain? [9:643]
Pray believe me
My dear Sir John
ever yours affectely. & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

MOST PRIVATE {161j}
I hesitated, when you told me [6:317-18] copy 45768 f240-43
what Mr. Rathbone had said
of the failure of the Liverpool
Workhouse Nursing, whether
I should tell you the facts.
It seems to me that a short
summary is due from me to
you, as you are so good as to
be on our Council.
They have not now one woman
left there of our training.
All our Trained Nurses
whom dear Agnes Jones took
with her they have now
got rid of - not because
they deserve dismissal but
because they "deserve promotion."
To us it appears madness.
Some we have taken back -
(at their urgent request - I mean, at Mr. Rathbone's -)

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 712

- one is gone as "confidential" {161i}

Nurse to Agnes Jones' mother -
three have just been taken
as "Sisters" at Middlesex Hospl.
Not one has left in disgrace.

[~~One~~ Another, I regret to say, (whom
I do not know,) who was
sent there after Agnes Jones'
death, as Assistant Matron,
they allowed my Committee
to recommend to a Liverpool
Hospital, - saying that they
had no fault to find with
her, - as Matron. And she
has disgraced herself - & been
dismissed - for intoxication.
With her, of course, our
connection is quite at an end.
She is struck off our books.
After her being struck off, I

4

{161j}

received a letter from Liverpool
Workhouse, stating that we had
"recommended" her after we
had been "faithfully warned"
of her character.

I simply answered that the
statement was so entirely
new to me (I having been
in constant confidential
communication with them
the whole time & never heard
a word of it) that I should
submit the statement to my
Committee.

~~An answer~~ reply immediately
came, withdrawing the
statement & asking me to
accept their apology.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 713

Lastly, the Supt=. (Matron) {161k}
there, is I regret to say, of our
recommending - not of our
training. I am sorry to say
that I believe all (and more)
of what is said against her.
After Agnes Jones' death, Mr.
Rathbone put us to the
torture to find a successor.
He admitted no reason - he
accepted no delay. We found
this woman. He would
scarcely allow us to give her

3 months trial & training - tho' we
told him a year was not
enough - We had already made many
searches & many trials.
[Two very unwise but most
excellent old ladies, Agnes
Jones' aunts, were meanwhile

(most praiseworthily) keeping {1611}
the Workhouse Infirmary.]
I look upon Agnes Jones' work
as completely wrecked. In a
few days she will have been
dead 2 years. And as these
days come round, I cannot
even think of her without
tears which I have not
time to shed.
But I have striven, tho' in vain.
to uphold her work. For
more than a year I am
certain that I gave Mr.
Rathbone, the two aunts &
the successor more time
in answering their questions
than was taken by my
correspondence ~~about~~ with the
whole of the Hospitals in the Crimea -
sometimes as much as 8 hours a day.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 714

It was all in vain: - {161m}

~~But~~ there was not one of them who had the smallest idea of Hospital organization.

I do not blame Mr. Rathbone.

- I do not see how, in any particular thing, he could have done otherwise -except in his headlong haste. Some time ago, he was seriously angry with us! that we would not incorporate Liverpool Workhouse (under this untried woman) as a Training School of our own recommending their Probationers with our own to Institutions. And, shortly afterwards, he said it was unfit to exist at all. (in which I believe him to be right

Please consider this as private. It seems to me an explanation due to you but to no one else. It has been one of the great misfortunes of my life. F.N.

H1/ST/NC3/SU162: pen: letter to John McNeill

Please address

Embley 35 South Street
Romsey Park Lane
Hampshire London W

Aug 27/72

My dear Sir John McNeill

I was very glad to hear from you again. I cannot afford to lose friends. So many are gone before me - scarce older than myself. And just when they were most wanted - not alone by me: that is nothing - but by the country. And what friends I have had. Surely no woman ever knew what it was to have such friends. Exhausting illness has been increasing

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 715

upon me every day especially {162a}
during the last year. [You kindly
ask.]

The death of Lord Mayo was
a great shock. He was
the kindest of friends. He
was not only willing but
wanting to ~~do~~ hear all he
could, in order that he
might do all he could.

There was something grand &
heroic about him, in that
he always acted up to the
highest ideal of duty he
could make, at whatever
cost to himself. He
had not done practically

so well the last year of his {162b}
Governor-Generalship. Else
he would have been a loss
indeed.

We have seen too much of the
present man in Offices here
to expect much of him.

I have never seen Administrative
power in Governmt= Offices
here at so low an ebb as
now. I am certain that
capacity in Administration
has sensibly diminished
during the last 10 years.

I have my own facts to
account for this. But I will
not trouble you with them

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 716
for 1. it is impossible to {162c}

make up the arrears of
history of the last 2 or 3 years
to you in a note 2. I am
thinking that you may
know more of some of the
offices than I do.

You are so good as to care [12:213-14]
about one of your children -
our Training School for Nurses.
We have been obliged to remodel
our Training=Staff, having
more than doubled our
number of Probationers &
obtaining now, I hope &
believe, a much better *material*
- since we moved into
the new St. Thomas' Hospital.

[2] {archivist: 1872} {162d}
Do you know
a lady, who has been to me
a second Agnes Jones & more,
Miss Torrance, whom I
remember mentioning to you
last time I had the pleasure
of seeing you? we had then
just sent her to take
charge of the new Highgate
Workhouse Infirmary (530 beds)
with a numerous Staff of
our own Nurses. This she
organized in 3 years under
great difficulties. She is
now by as great a/piece of
obscure self-sacrifice as
any I know offering
herself to be our Under-Matron

or Mistress of Probationers at
St. Thomas', where our
excellent Matron, Mrs. Wardroper,
has much too much to do.

And we accept her. For
Torrance's & Agnes Jones's
are not to be had every day.
She is Scotch & Presbyterian.
We have sent another lady to
be Matron at Highgate -
Whom Sir S. Waterlow, Chairman
of the Board, & Co=, have
appointed.

She is not at all equal to Miss
Torrance. And much I fear
that our little Training School
for Workhouse Nurses which
we had started there will

not extend itself now.

{162e}

And now I come to the chief
object of this long-winded note.
We have been asked to send
a Lady Supt=. (Matron) to the
Edinburgh Infirmary - to be
followed, I wish it were to
be accompanied, by some of
our trained Head Nurses.

[13:309]

We propose to send a
Miss Barclay, sister of
Hedworth Barclay, of Quaker
connections, she nursed at
Sedan as member of a Nursing party
sent out during the war by
our Aid Society - has now been in
training at St. Thomas' for
the last year.

I wish that, to so difficult {162f}
a post as Edinburgh Infy=--,
we could have sent some
one of more experience
(tho' she is 40.) - but that
we have a very high opinion
of her you may judge from
the fact that we wished her
to take Highgate- But she
preferred the idea of Edinburgh
- and there were other reasons
with which I need not
trouble you. [Also - there is a
lady, not one of ours, who is
a candidate for the Edinburgh
Matronship whom I know
to be thoroughly& alarmingly
unfit.]

[3] {162g}

Can you give us any hints? (as
to our line with the Edinburgh people).
THERE are none who could give better.

I see our Nurses one by one
to tea & talk as much as I
am able. But I am not
able to be in their midst.
And I venture, tho' hardly
hoping that you will read it,
to send you, with the object
of showing you our kind of
(moral) difficulties, a copy of
a letter I addressed to them
at our Annual Meeting in May.
How very much I wish they
could have the benefit of
your presence sometimes!

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 719

I am so stifled in dirty anxious
cares & sordid *defensive* business {162h}
like the maid of all work who
has to wipe her dirty hands on
her dirtier apron before she
can shake hands with her
Master - that *I* feel that
I cannot shake hands with
my Master & only write
this melancholy scribble in
hopes of an answer.

Our Sanitary affairs in India
are at this moment not
encouraging. We have no one
to press the practical
application of questions
long since solved;- as once
we had.

E.g. we have just made an {162i}
abominable exposure of the
Water-supply in the (whole) Bengal
Presidency.xx.
And this *ten* years! after my
attack on the Indian Water=
pipes!! the truth & accuracy
of which were so fully
acknowledged then. *And nothing done*
It is 16 years this month
since I came back from the
Crimea. It is 11 years
this month since Sidney Herbert
died. It is 9 years this
month since our Indian
R. Comm: concluded its
Sanitary enquiry.

Well, I suppose, God works.

xx I would send it you
but am afraid of boring
you.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 720
I conclude at last bargaining {162j}
for an answer. You are
younger than I am.

You kindly promised me too
a criticism of my little book
("Lying-in Instns.")

Pray give my grateful
acknowledgments to Lady
Emma McNeill for her
kind message - & make mine
acceptable to her.

And pray believe me
ever, both in memory and
in the present, yours always
gratefully & sincerely

Florence Nightingale [end 12:214]

H1/ST/NC3/SU163: pen, handwr copy of letter to Lady Tulloch [for obit of Sir A.
Tulloch] pub in Macalister

Copy

25 South Street
Park Lane W
Feb. 23/78.

My dear Lady Tulloch

I give you joy. I give us
both joy - for this crowning recognition
of one of the noblest labours ever
done on earth. You yourself cannot
cling to it more than I do: hardly
so much in one sense for I saw
how Sir John McNeill & Sir A. Tulloch's
reporting was the salvation of the
army in the Crimea. Without them
everything that happened would
have been considered "all right."

Mr. Martin's note is perfect: for
it does not look like an afterthought,
nor as if prompted by others: but
as the flow of
a generous & able
man's own reflection & careful
search into authentic documents
& it also brings back the nadir [?]
into the current of the subject,
the Prince Consort, to shew that
he too recognized the report &
its truth & value. Thank

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 721
you again & again for sending {163a}
it me. It is the greatest consolation
I could have had. Will you
mention me gratefully to Mr.
Paget & also to Dr Balfour?
I look back upon these 20 years
as if they were yesterday but
also as if they were a thousand
years. Success be with us &
the noble dead & it has been
success.

Yours ever
signed, Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU164: pen: letter to Sir John McNeill, typed copy 45768 f244

April 9/81
10, SOUTH STREET. {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
My dear Sir John McNeill
The full flood of recollection [14:1033-34]
which comes over one
at the sight of the reprint
of that book I know by
heart - the deepest heart
that is in me - Sir Alex
Tulloch's book which
you have been so kind
as to send me, is almost
overpowering. And I was
so glad to hear from you
again.
You are oh! how right
to have re-issued it,
but alas! for the persistent

falsehood that makes that {164a}

right so *right*. It makes
one almost despair of
history & of progress -
ah me -

To tell the truth, I have not
read, I could not read
Mr. Kinglake's Vol= he
sent it me with a very
kind note, - At least it
was meant to be kind,
but it was fulsome,-
(acknowledging my Statistics,)
which I never answered.
The book I did not open.
To go over all that time

again, that time the {164b}
history of which we had
written with our best
heart's blood, knowing
how I should see it
travestied by his opinions,
- a sort of grotesque or
ghastly caricature of it -
was beyond my strength,
overworked & ill as I am.
And yet I had no idea
to what a degree his
misrepresentation had
reached, till I read
your most terse & able
"preface" to Sir A. Tulloch's
book.

As for reading the part
about my own work,

that was, if possible, {164c}

still more impossible
to me. That master
of juggle & stage deception
- that pantomime manager
- to see him putting the
sufferings of our men,
so nobly borne, into a
melodrama - & for the
sake of stage effect,
tho' I did not know to
what extent, making
the ~~honest~~ faithful nurse into
a tragedy queen.

I could not undertake to
bear it. The more so as
I of course received letters
from Doctors who thought
themselves aggrieved, & who

{black-edged paper}

[2]

{164d}

I have no doubt were
aggrieved= & to whom I
could say nothing but: 'if
'you "answer in The Times,"
'I think you are right.
'But I have not read the
'book.'

With regard to the Chelsea
Report. I do not know
whether you are aware
that in 1857, I think, (when
Sidney Herbert's R. Commission
on the Sanitary State of the
Army was sitting,) I, in
consequence of a conversation
with Mr. Kinglake, took
the Reports of the Chelsea
Board & your own, &

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 724

pasted out for him on {black-edged paper} {164e}
opposite sheets of large
foolscap the parallel
or rather contradictory passages.
- I mean the passages of the
Chelsea Board Report as
completely refuted by yours.
The Duke of Cambridge was
present at our conversation.
At *that* time Mr. Kinglake
professed himself convinced.
But the true thing to deplore
is - how little is left of all
the good work of 1856 & those
five years till 1861 for
the Army. It would really
seem as if they had told
more for Civil than for

Military life. The Army {black-edged paper} {164f}
Hospitals have sunk back
to what they were. The Army
Hospital Corps is, if possible,
worse than the old Regimental
Orderlies. The Army Medical
School completely ignores the
~~gigantic~~ steady strides of the last
20 years of Civil life in
Sanitary things, in Hospital
administration, in Nurse-
training. The Army Medical
Department is but the name
of what it was under Alexander.
All the Regulations are altered
-the Purveyors & the
General Hospitals abolished.
It is true that an immense
Sanitary work has been done
& is doing in India.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 725

{black-edged paper}

But, after all, we must {164g}
not judge year by year,
day by day, & moment by
moment.

Wisdom & justice must
prevail, as sure as there
is the God of Wisdom &
Justice not only 'in heaven'
but everywhere, 'that dwelleth
in secret everywhere.'

What you have done can
never be lost or undone A million
of Kinglakes can never
shake it. It is as firm
as God Himself. And when we come to see 'not
thro' a glass darkly' we
shall see the eternal progress
towards right & truth.
Pray believe me, dear Sir John,
with the deepest affection & veneration [end 14:1034]
ever yours.

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU165: pen: pale blue paper, letter to Sir John McNeill

00555

Mar 1/69

35 South Street. {printed address:}

Park Lane.

W.

My dear Sir John McNeill

I wrote a little note to
Sir Bartle Frere last night,
telling him that you were
in London, & sent it
by hand.

His address is

22 Princes Gardens
(or the India Office).

It was a very great pleasure
in a life in which the
pleasures are few & far
between to see you

again. Thank you for it. {165a}

-ever yours affectely &
gratefully

Florence Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 726

H1/ST/NC3/SU166 Sir J. McNeill to his child 25 July 1869, re seeing FN

H1/ST/NC3/SU167 J. McNeill to his daughter: "I saw Miss Nightingale. She did not say anything about her own health, she never does; she has become very large and fat looking; she was kind and cordial as ever" 2 March 1869 00560

H1/ST/NC3/SU168: pen: letter to Florence Stewart, grand-daughter of Sir J. McNeill

Feb 3/85

Dear daughter of my old
friend & of my still dearer
& older friend, Sir John McNeill,

I should so like to see you.

But alas! I am quite
unable to see any one
without an appointment,
or to see more than one
at a time.

Are you staying in London?
& will you make my excuses to
Miss Paget?

This week I am afraid I
have no chance.

F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 727

H1/ST/NC3/SU169: pen: part of a letter regarding the Nurses' Training School

10 South St.

[2]

The builder went (with
Capt. Galton) & removed
a Board, as you
suggested, in the floor
of my small Drawing
room, "but could," he says,
"detect no smell beyond
"that arising from the
"pugging". [but that
is just the smell
which you thought it
was.] "And to remove
"the pugging would be
"expensive, as the joints
"would have to be taken up,
"cut & re=arranged."

What would you {169a}

kindly suggest?

Pray believe me

ever most truly yours.

Florence Nightingale

Our Training School for Nurses {169b}

Should you meet with
any young lady of sound
body & mind. Who
would like to make a
career of Nursing,
would you kindly
remember us?

Our Michaelmas
vacancies are all filled:
& we have always many
more candidates than
room - but not
always of the right sort.

I venture to enclose a
Mem= of what is wanted.

F.N.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 728

H1/ST/NC3/SU170: pen: stamped & franked postcard to Mrs. Harrison Blair: 22/7/80

{addressed:} Mrs. Harrison Blair
Finchcocks Park
Staplehurst

In answer to yours

My "book on Hospitals" is
{obscured by franking: sadly?} out of print
I will send you my own copy
tomorrow, which you need
not return.

F. Nightingale

22/7/80 {archivist: Page 112}

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 729
H1/ST/NC3/SU171 note: roll 1 war wo]

both (French & Irish) consider that moral truth
lies rather *in loyalty of intention* than *exactness of statement*
- they are *perfectly equal at the game*

H1/ST/NC3/SU171: notes by F.N. on Trained Army Midwives: no date

Trained Army Midwives

A Report to the F.O. from a Brit. Consul [15:494]
in Italy (in wh. he attributes ye- good veins
& good lungs of the Romans to the babies
being swaddled & hung up on a nail to cry
- the only parallel I know to this Dublin
Report.

In it we learn that the characteristics
of a good *Midwife* (i.e. in *Ireland*) are
"fluency of reply" !!!

buying goodies for the Patients
& this the Reporter "can most conscientiously
vouch for."

As for the rest, the practical instruction given,

I see we have all been quite wrong.

None is necessary.

I shall form my future Midwives' Sch: on the
model

O tempora! O mores

I mean to ask Dr. Massy's [?] leave
(which he will triumphantly grant)
to print this Report *in extenso* in my
book.

"Comment is needless"

I shall then print opposite
the 6 month's practical course we
in our ignorance thought necessary
at K.C.H for mere Midwifery Nurses.

Midwives the 2 years' course of the
Paris Maternité & the Vienna Midwives'
Clinique

[Truly might the Cr- Pr- say: Our
Wissenschaft is Germans' Unwissenschaft.]

(?) But, we are all wrong [end 15:494]

H1/ST/NC3/SU172: pen: draft {of letter to Probationers?): n.d.

If ~~wor~~ duty means work for a high object
& a Nurse has no high object, she cannot do
her duty, she may work for her credit or
her pay. But she is not worthy the name
of Nurse.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 730
H1/ST/NC3/SU173: pen: letter to Mr. Taviner

May 12/96

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

Dear Sir,

Will you be so kind
as to send me here
to-morrow (Wednesday)
one of your beautiful
nosegays of roses &
lilies of the valley
by 6 o'clock

& oblige

yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

Mr. Taviner

H1/ST/NC3/SU174: pencil: copy of FN letter, original in 68889 f6

Feb 23/97

10, South Street. {printed address:} [8:929]

Park Lane. W.

Thank you, thank you,
dearest Maude, for
defending me about the
"relics" - representations
What are the "relics" of the
Crimean War?

The tremendous lessons we
have had to learn from
its tremendous blunders &
unavoidable ignorances

Sidney Herbert's Royal Commission

1. The want of resource &

Lord Stanley's in India

initiative. [I do not here

Think of S.H's enter into the
splendid R.C. horrible blundering
which struck the

keynote of progress at home† the green
in the Brit. Army Coffee &c &c &c]

But had Lord Raglan with
all the qualities (and the défautes
want of system

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 731
de ses qualités) of a great {174a}
noble & Lord Stratford de
Redcliffe our Ambassador
at Constantinople combined
their heads, our men could
have had rice from Constantinople where
every man, woman & child
eats rice every day (~~the~~ our men
said they had rather have
lost their rum than their rice)

So with roasted & ground coffee -
Our men were dying of
Scurvy from Salt Meat &
biscuit. The shores of the
Euxine were crowded with
cattle which would have
walked themselves up to camp
Mattresses - Every man in
Constantinople had one &c &c &c
1. All of this requires a grain of explanation-

trained nurses/ paid nurses {174b}
in the books/ in the books
2nd Lesson Untrained Nurses are
useless & often worse than
useless, because they have
no character.

~~To train~~ The training
of Nurses was our second
lesson. and Hy Bonham Carter
3. Hygiene - Sanitation -
The want of this cost Lord
Raglan himself his life
& thousands of our gallant
soldiers.

What filled our Hospitals
at Scutari?
Fever Frostbite (so called)
Diarrhaea really Scurvy
Dysentery Cholera -
We took in 4000 from

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 732

these diseases in 17 days. {174c}

We had 4 miles of beds
in one Hospital alone at
Scutari-

Lord Palmerston sent out
the Sanitary Commission
in March- And with
their help we learnt the
terrible lesson of the
Crimean War on Hygiene.

But *I have not seen*
one book on the Crimean War
even now which gives it.
Think of the unwearied toil of
the Sanitaricians

~~At~~ Bombay Plague

O these enthusiasms without
facts

[2]

{174d}

Please tell the ladies who
ask (as civilly as possible)
These are the "relics" of
the Crimean War - the
tremendous ~~relics~~ representatives.

And I will not give
my foolish "Portrait" Which I have not got or
representatives
anything as "relics" of the
Crimea - It is too ridiculous
You don't judge even of
the victuals inside a
public house by the Sign
outside - I won't be
made a *Sign* -

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 733

I am sorry to say that {174e}
Lady Wantage, a woman
who sometimes reminds
one a little of blessed
Margaret, is at me about
the same thing. And I
write to you in haste
because I want to take
comfort in you.
I want to take
firm footing in you

Think of Sidney Herbert's
splendid Royal Commissions
which struck the key note
of progress in the British
Army - think of the
unwearied toil of the
Sanitaricians - & you ask for
the photograph of a rat -
and this is not even the moment
When there is the Plague
at Bombay.

O these enthusiasms {174f}
without facts.

I am so sorry about
Kathleen. But I hope it
won't be much.

Think of S. Herbert's
Royal Commissions &
Committees which struck
the keynote of progress
in the British Army

H1/ST/NC3/SU175: cheque to Ly Canning from C. Bracebridge, 8 July 1855

H1/ST/NC3/SU176: to FN from Jane Shaw Stewart

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What a Nurse is to Be

A REALLY GOOD NURSE must needs be of the highest class of character. It need hardly be said that she must be—(1) Chaste, in the sense of the Sermon on the Mount: a good nurse should be the Sermon on the Mount in herself. It should naturally seem impossible to the most unchaste to utter even an immodest jest in her presence. Remember this great and dangerous peculiarity of nursing, and especially of hospital nursing, namely, that it is the only case, queens not excepted, where a woman is really in charge of men. And a really good trained ward "sister" can keep order in a men's ward better than a military ward-master or sergeant. (2) Sober, in spirit as well as in drink, and temperate in all things. (3) Honest, not accepting the most trifling fee or bribe from patients or friends. (4) Truthful—and to be able to tell the truth includes attention and observation, to observe truly—memory, to remember truly—power of expression, to tell truly what one has observed truly—as well as intention to speak the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. (5) Trustworthy, to carry out directions intelligently and perfectly, unseen as well as seen, "to the Lord" as well as unto men—no mere eye service. (6) Punctual to a second, and orderly to a hair—having everything ready and in order before she begins her dressings or her work about the patient; nothing forgotten. (7) Quiet, yet quick; quick, without hurry; gentle, without slowness; discreet, without self-importance; no gossip. (8) Cheerful, hopeful; not allowing herself to be discouraged by unfavourable symptoms; not given to depress the patient by anticipations of an unfavourable result. (9) Cleanly, to the point of exquisiteness, both for the patient's sake and her own; neat and ready. (10) Thinking of her patient and not of herself; "tender over his occasions" or wants, cheerful and

kindly, ingenious and feat. The best definition can be found, as always, in Shakespeare, where he says that to be {177a} "nurse-like" is to be

So kind, so duteous, diligent,
So tender over his occasions, true,
So feat.

A patient wants according to his wants, and not according to any nurse's theory of his wants or "occasions." "Tender over his occasions" she must be: but she must have a rule of thought; and this the physician or surgeon has to give her in his directions which her training must have fitted her to obey intelligently, using discretion. The nurse must have simplicity and a single eye to the patient's good. She must make no demand upon the patient for reciprocation, for acknowledgment or even perception of her services; since the best service a nurse can give is that the patient shall scarcely be aware of any—shall perceive her presence only by perceiving that he has no wants. The nurse must always be kind and sympathetic, but never emotional. The patient must find a real, not forced or "put on," centre of calmness in his nurse. To call upon a patient by emotion for emotion is the most cruel, because useless, demand upon his strength. It is asking him to bear

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your troubles and your anxiety as well as his own. Suppressed emotion is as bad-it makes the nurse constrained. It is exposing the patient to both frost and fire. Half the battle of nursing is-to *relieve your sick from having to think for themselves* {belongs to line above}
at all-least of all for their own nursing.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

H1/ST/NC3/SU178: to FN from H. Verney, 31 Jan 1878

H1/ST/NC3/SU179: to Miss Lloyd Still from C.E. Vincent, 3 Sept 1929

initialled incomplete letter, 1p, pen

the warmest thanks I have for
the pleasure & honour you have
done me in sending me
the precious little red book
with the names of the survivors
of that never to be forgotten day-
I should like to send my warmest
good wishes to every man of them
if it were only possible= as I do
in my heart And these are my
heart's wishes= that those who
have shown themselves such good/noble
men in the field, such gallant/true subjects
of our Queen, our country & our God,
may show themselves at home
where perhaps more terrible enemies
still to our country exist to fight
-in vice & drunkenness & meanness
& selfishnesses & pettinesses of all
kinds as good/great & gallant
British men & Soldiers

May the B. Commn "Socy-" 'commemorate
its glories daily in such a glorious
fight as this. And may I be admitted
as one of them-" Onward, comrades

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Onward go - If I may honour
myself by calling myself comrade of
yours.

Again & again thanks for your kind
remembrances of the soldier's
ever faithful servt=

F.N.

Engraving of
Miss Thompson's Balaclava
promised

March 2/78

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H1/ST/NC3/SU180: Letters to Rachel Williams, 1873: 1-13 letters with envelopes
check date in first item

73/1: incomplete letter, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC3/SU180/73/1

March 2. [or March 20? in cat]

My dear friend

I am very ill: & we have had a terrible time
with Sir Harry Verney & my mother, both of whom
have been at the point of death.

But I cannot decline seeing you, if you wish it -
How are you?

Will 5 o'clock on *Thursday* do? And may I write
beforehand if I cannot?

But could you not give me a line, if it is on business,
to tell me what the business is that I may have time to
consider? I hope it is nothing bad about our Nurses.

73/2: incomplete letter, 2pp, pen. 00596

35 South St.

Park Lane W. May 13/73

My dear Miss Williams

Pray, pray give us the
comfort, us who love you so
well, of going to Boulogne
with your friends.

Surely this is the best
thing to do at once.

If there had been time
to ask to see you., I think
I could have convinced you
of this.

Mr. Croft told me with
his own lips that you must

be a month or 6 weeks {2a}
at the Sea before doing
anything. He said this
after seeing you. And I
understood from you yourself
the same thing.

I have no expectation of hearing
from Miss Barclay
to-morrow morning. But
I will telegraph to you
the moment the post comes
in.

I expect her here in the
afternoon. And I will
send to take the chance
of finding you.

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But please, please {2b}
make up your mind to go
to Boulogne at all events.
Surely you can trust us
to find you work.
One cannot go down on
one's knees in a note or
a telegram. Else would I.
It is my strongest conviction
that the right course for
you is to go to Boulogne.
I cannot write more
tonight - but I cannot rest
without writing this.
Please send me
your address at Boulogne.

lis {2c}
{illeg work?} photography ----- {amount cut off}
{illeg lettuce?} water cress etc ----- - 6
cheese, lunch, pastry, 1 - 8 ½
Stamps ----- - 6 -
-As- - 6
Books &c - -- 4 - {possibly 3}
Church -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 6
Lodgings -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 15.
Our {illeg living? livery?} -- -- -- 13
Porter {illeg & servant?} - 1 - 7
stamps, gloves & dolls - - 5 -
pastry 1 - 5 ½ {possibly 2 - 5 ½}
present - - - - - 6 - 4

73/3: signed letter with envelope, 3pp, pen. roll 1

{envelope:} ~~Miss Rachael~~
Miss Rachel Williams
Rue de Boston 140
Boulogne=Sur=Mer
(France)

23/5/73

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35 South Street

Park Lane W.

May 23/73

[12:271-73]

My dear Miss Williams

I was indeed very glad to hear
from you- (I had felt anxious
about you -) this morning.

I hope that when you
return to London - on Thursday,
if it must be so - you will
perform your promise of
coming to stay 2 or 3 nights
here - doing what you like
in the day - going to St.
Thomas' to see after your
'berth' - and - I only
bargain for one hour a day
for myself.

But - my dear soul - you
must remember that all your
medl= advisers - including you yourself
who are your own best Medical adviser -

spoke of "a month or 6 weeks" {3a}
"at the sea" - as the shortest
time for your restoration.
Mr. Croft told me so with
his own lips - & said that
you had intended it.

You must do me the favour
of allowing me to contribute
£10 to this very laudable
purpose. Or rather - I will
not speak in this formal way
-you are all my children,
& I only wish God gave me
a mother's duties, as He has
given me a mother's heart
towards you - so, my dear
child, I must really send
my little mother's gift towards
your expences, whether at

Boulogne on at any other {3b}
watering-place.
[The 7/s is for your cab, which
my stupid Messenger, tho'
strictly enjoined to pay, says
he 'forgot,' the day he brought
you here from Peckham to see
Miss Barclay.]
Anyone at Boulogne will, I
believe, change your Cheque -
you must sign your name at
the back.

I will not say a word about St. Thomas'
now. You ought, like the babies, to
divide your time between eating,
sleeping & being out-of-doors -
I saw Miss Barclay after your interview.
She went back to Edinburgh on
Saturday by night-train.
But not a word about Edinbro' either now.

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When I see you, you shall tell {3c}
me your impressions upon the
Hospital Augustinians. And I will
tell you mine about those at Paris
whom I once knew well.
Their standard is higher than ours.
But their nursing of men,
from false notions of delicacy,
& their want of cleanliness,
was lower. And they knew it.
You shall tell me whether

the fees, so often given by Patients to
Nurses but never to nuns,
are possible at St. T.'s.

Excuse my brief note -
from (tho' pressed by business
& illness)

Yours ever tenderly

Florence Nightingale [end]
God speed you -

73/4: incomplete letter, 2pp, pen.

35 South St. May 27/73
Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Williams

It is "quite convenient" to
me, & I am delighted IF
you come on *Thursday*.

If you have the opportunity,
send me a line to say
what *hour*.

But do not trouble about
this.

If it is before 4 or 5,
I shall hope to see you for
an hour the same afternoon,

if you are not too tired. {4a}

If it is later, then I
hope - the following day.
for an hour.

To go to the place
best for you is all we
care about for you. But you
must have some farther
health-place, whether
at, or not at, the sea.

Mr. Croft did not say
(to me) "a month or 6 weeks"

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at *Boulogne*. For when {4b}
he spoke to me, he did
not know that you
were going to *Boulogne*.
Nor did I.

But he did say:
"a month or 6 weeks"
"at the sea". If "the
sea" does not suit you, he
would have added: or, other
healthy place. {So you see, I don't
{ think you are "cheating" me.
F.N. [end 12:273]

73/5: signed letter, 1p, pen,

35 South St. June 4/73
Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Williams

I have nothing definite to
announce - *nor nothing* at
all the contrary - nothing,
upon which you have any
right to become 'rageous.

Your right is: to drink in
all the health you can.

I have hopes of success.
God bless you. God guide us
all.

I will write again - &
was so glad to hear from you
ever yours. (in a stream
of Nurses.)

F. Nightingale

73/6: signed letter with envelope, 2 pp, pen
{envelope} to be forwarded

Miss Rachel Williams
at Christy's Esq
Chignal St. James
nr *Chelmsford*

12/6/73

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Burn

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35 South St. June 12/73 [June 6 in cat]

Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Williams

I am afraid that you
will become 'rageous.' So I
think it better to inform you
that I had a long conversation
on Tuesday with dear "Matron"
[She was not well, but professed
herself better for the "out."]
The only really definite thing
I have to tell you is: that
she does not mean to write
to you "certain" as she is, she
says, that you will come &
see her "before the 24th=".

I therefore propose that

you should come & stay {6a}
here a night or two
"before the 24th=" & "go & see" her.

I do not see any good in
my saying any more about
the 'Sistership' - tho' nothing
would surprise me less, if
she were to give it you
after all.

But- she is very anxious
to take Huddersfield. And
she engages "at least" to take
you "for 3 months," "in charge
of Wards during Sisters' absences"
-we, i.e., the N.F., paying the
salary.

I said (as you may suppose)

that I thought Alexandra {6b}
Ward for 2 or 3 years
would suit you better -
that it was a great fatigue
for you to take 'Sister's duty'
of one ward after another -
that it must be 6 months at least -
& that I thought, even if
it were only 6 months,
those '6 months', (tho' the
other plan sounded plausible,)
were better passed as 'Sister
Alexandra'.

She did not say 'Nay'
to any of this.
And I think you (& we)
may have the best hopes -
tho' I am not usually a sanguine

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person. {6c}

At all events, you shall
not have Crockett if you
go to Huddersfield.

I spoke to 'matron' about
this.

[She said something -
she was throughout most
affectionate towards you -
about your succeeding her at
St. T's.- at which I howled
& said you must be 'twice 7'
years' first - as S. Alexandra
as Matron, &c &c -]

Now God speed you - &
get strong first.
ever yours

Florence Nightingale

[Burn] [end 12:273]

73/7: signed letter with envelope, 1p, pen.

35 South St. June 17/ 73
Park Lane W

My dear Miss Williams

Pray come & sleep here
on Monday 23rd=, as you
propose.

And, if you will write me
word what hour it is
convenient for you to come,
we will have our talk
that afternoon or the next
morning before you go
to Mrs. Wardroper - & after too.

Keep up your heart. It is
'thro' much tribulation' that we
enter the 'kingdom of heaven' in
God's work - (or in any part of it
-specially nursing-) - God guide us all
ever yours

F. Nightingale

{envelope} Miss Rachel Williams
"The Cottage"
Walton=on=the=Naze

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 745
73/8: singed letter with envelope, 2ff, pen roll 1

{envelope} Miss Williams [12:282-83]
 {Elizabeth Ward}
 St. Thomas' Hospital
 Westminster Bridge
 London S.E.

Private

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Derbyshire
Sept 19/73

My dear Miss Williams

Do not think that because
I have not answered your letter
I am not thinking of you &
your future.

The truth is: tho' my life
is full of tearing anxieties, for
one cannot undertake this
sort of thing without having
to bear other people's sorrows
& even their faults. as if
they were one's own [and
you will find this if you
embrace this life for good,
I mean for a term of years]

I have at this moment no {8a]
heavier anxiety than to
know how you are to be
'disposed of' - whether in the post
you like best: if without danger to your health.
For 'Michaelmas' is so near -
It does not further your
cause for me to 'worry'.
And I have been afraid
to write to you personally, till
I knew you were in 'Elizabeth'.

I have written many times
to Mr. Bonham Carter: but
I cannot find from him
that anything is spoken of
'beyond Michaelmas.'
And he is now away in the
island of Lewis
If I could but be assured that

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your were safe and well {8b}
at St. Thomas' for
another (say) six weeks,
I should despair of nothing.
Because time would give
us a handle.

What I am afraid of is:
your being whisked off before
we are all in London together.

You know that Huddersfield
is given up for the present.

There are few things that
I desire so much at this
moment as that you
should "have your Ward," or
a similar Ward, for a
year or two at St. T.'s,
IF it is right for your health.

I pray God earnestly: by night

as well as by day: that He {8c}
will do what is best. And
we know He will. Perhaps He is
at this moment preparing the
way for you - God bless you -
in great haste
ever yours

F. Nightingale

A little bird told
me how much
you had done for Miss Machin in the Home.

73/9: pen

Burn

My dear, impatient, masterful,
terrible child Miss Williams:
Don't 'worrit' yourself.
The advice given to children:
"Open your mouth & shut your
eyes: & you'll see what'll
drop in": is for you.
You will know soon that one
great tho' perhaps temporary change, alas! is to take
place: and you will be sent
for by the Committee to act
as temporary Assistant in
all probability to one you
love & I love above all,
in a distant Hospital.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 747

This is already in train: {9a}
too soon you will know more.

And now let us two pray -
you in the vigour of your cruel,
splendid youth - & I in the
sadness of my much=tried age -
that patience may have her
perfect work in us: & above
all that we may be gentle
in our judgments of others: of

for the much=stricken most particularly -
who made thee to differ
from another?'

"Teach me to feel another's woe

To hide the fault I see:
That mercy I to others show,
That mercy show to me."

God bless you, my dear {9b}
child.

I hope to see you soon here
for an afternoon. Believe me
ever yours
F. Nightingale

35 South St. W.

Oct 22/ 73 [end 12:283]

{envelope} Miss Rachel Williams
22/10/73

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 748
73/10: signed letter with envelope, 2ff, pen

{envelope} Miss Williams [13:339-40]

Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
7/11/73 S.E.

Private

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Nov 7/73

My dear child Miss Williams

I think that yours is a
position very trying for its
uncertainty to your (im)patience;
and as I don't wish to be
myself another inducement to
impatience, suppose you
come & drink tea with
me at 4 on Monday or
Tuesday. And I will tell
you what I can.

[I would ask Matron:
but she is away: and we
must not trouble her on

her holiday.] {10a}

I had merely put off seeing
you in order - besides being
very busy-to have a definite
proposal to make you.

But other people's
uncertainties are as great
as yours.

And as you may be
wanted by the 15th= or 17th=,
and it is rather hard
upon you to give you such
short notice. I think I had
better tell you all I can
at once.

The "duties" have been

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sent me by your friend. {10b}

They are those she is
doing now herself: as
Assistant and Housekeeper.
They have meals for 90
now to prepare in the
Nurses' House.

She says, if you and I
think the duties too much,
you can have one of their
Lady P.s "annexed" to you -
in the housekeeping line.

Au revoir then
God bless you
ever yours affectely

F. Nightingale
Excuse Haste [end 13:340]

73/11: signed letter with envelope, 2ff, pen [13:340-41]

Tuesday
My dear Miss Williams
I have had a Telegram
from the Pearl. They
think that you had better
not come *till Friday* - tho'
Miss Barclay is gone.
Don't let this be a disappointment
to you: When you were so
willing to go.

I seem to understand so well the
Pearl's feeling. She thinks
that it will look as if we
were in such a hurry to
step into Miss Barclay's shoes.

If that is her feeling, whether
she is right or wrong, it

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must be God's leading for {11a}
us.

I shall hope to see you
again before Friday
& will send you any word
I hear.
Please tell Mrs. Wardroper
with my best love.

ever yours
F. Nightingale [end 13:341]

{envelope} Miss Williams
Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
18/11/73

73/12: signed letter with envelope, 1f, pen.

35 S. St.
Nov 20

My dear Miss Williams [13:341]

They gladly expect you
to-morrow (Friday) at Edinburgh.

I have written to & received
answers from Mr. Fasson &
Miss Pringle.

Will you not come & bid
me good-bye to-day at 4
-or any other hour that is
more convenient to you? [end 13:341]
yours affectly
F. Nightingale

{envelope} Miss Williams
20/11/73

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 751
73/13: signed letter with envelope, 3ff, pen

{envelope} Miss Williams
Nurses' House [12:288-89]
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

12/12/73

Private
Burn

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 12/73

My dear Miss Williams

Thank you very much for your letter. It
enlightened me very considerably.

But more than this I must thank you
for your good work, in that which I know
you least prefer: & for your wonderful help
to our dear Pearl: who with your support
is saving the poor Edinburgh business: Thank

God & you both.

{13a}

Shall I tell you a little about our
St. Thomas' affairs? your old home? --

Strengthened a good deal by your views
about Yarnley & Berryman, I had a long
talk with dear Matron, after we had
exhausted the all-absorbing subject, absorbing
to me as well as to her of her daughter, living
not dead. She is so good & so gentle.

Matron had proposed to put Miss
Vincent into what your Ward, as I cannot
help calling it, was: to make Berryman
Magdalen Sister, in view of Miss Hornby to
whom she had offered it, & Yarnley Night
Supt=. to whom also she had offered it.

After conversation, she agreed to make
Berryman Night Supt=., send Yarnley to Miss
Leslie, make Miss Hornby Magdalen, & Miss Vincent
Alexandra.

But Berryman declines Night Suptcy=.

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and Mrs. Wardroper has, I fear, fallen back {13b}
upon Yarnley as Night Supt=., leaving
Berryman in Alexandra, Miss Hornby as
Magdalen: & Miss Vincent perhaps in Leopold
-sending Miss Notcutt back to Arthur

I am sure that this will terrify you as much
as it does me to leave your dear Ward
in the hands of a Berryman.

I am trying to persuade Matron to persuade
Berryman to take the Night Supcy=. for 6 months:

[2] {13c}

And I am sure I shall have your prayers
with mine that some such arrangement
for the good of the Ward you so loved -
& for what is best for all - shall be come
to.

Dear Matron was much pleased & soothed
(& she remembered to tell me this even in
the midst of her sorrowing tears)
that you told her you were satisfied that
your health would not have stood Ward work.

I am sure that her love for you & her
fears for your health were, notwithstanding!
her little roughnesses, her real motive for
all she did.

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You know how I wished to keep you with us - {13d}
- for our own sakes.

Yet I cannot but see that God's hand has
directed all this.

No one but you could help our Pearl as you
are doing. That has been a fire so terrible
as nearly to have burnt up both her & me.

And I thank God for having sent you to
our help: in saving His work. [end 12:289]

Now, my dear masterful baby & Goddess:
I must leave off, for I am sore pressed.
Of course this note is only for Pearl, besides
yourself. God guide us all.

[Burn] ever your affect=.
F. Nightingale

Letters to Rachel Williams: 1874.

74/14: signed letter, 1f, pen.

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
3/1/74

My dear Miss Williams
I feel a little uneasy
(I scarce know why) both
about the Pearl & you -
I am sure that you will
not let her be overwrought:
but you may be overwrought
yourself.

Please tell me
May the highest blessings of
the New Year be yours
is the fervent prayer
of yours ever affectely.
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 754
74/15: signed letter with envelope, 5ff, pen
{envelope} Miss Williams
Nurses' House
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

17/1/74

35 South St
Park Lane W.
Jan 17/74

Dearest Miss Williams

I am so grieved & do so feel for our dear Pearl in this sad, sad news. I believe that it is the very best for her dear Mother that God should release her with a rapid end from this world's death into life. But *that*, as I know but too well, does not take from the shock, the intense desolation afterward. It is like the rending of soul from body to the Survivor: whereas it is the releasing of soul

from body to those who depart.

{15a}

I will not write to Pearl till I hear from you again.

I feel a little uneasy about you. Would it be of any use to you if we were to send you one of our best Lady Probationers (I believe we could) who has finished her year, to do her best for you as a stop-gap for the time?

I am very little able to write, for I am overwhelmed with painful business: not only private (for it is impossible to speak to my poor mother about any business) -- but other business also.

{15b}

But I must just tell you what you probably know already: or rather ask you what you wish done.

Mr. Hope has accepted (& asked for) our best recommendation that matters should remain

[13:341-42]

as they are for at least 6 months at Edinburgh Infirmary: that is, that Miss Pringle should continue acting as Supt=, for at least that time: with you acting as her Assistant: - [You know that we very much wished for a Housekeeper: but both you & she think it best not: and, of that, if you can get good Servants, you are certainly the best Judges]

{15c}

You may trust us not to ask you to do

what you ought not: and had we asked you
to take the Supcy=. of that terrible place,
before a trial of at least 6 months in
the second post, you might well have
said that we had done very wrong -
We have therefore left it on this footing
We thought that the above arrangement was
what would approve itself best to your
best judgement.
But as I am well aware that my dear

Goddess-baby has --- well, a baby-side,

{15e}

I shall not be surprised at any outburst,
-tho' I know full well that, in the dear
Pearl's terrible distress, you will do every
thing & more than everything possible
to drag her thro' & to spare her &
keep her up & the place going.
Only don't break yourself down - my dear
child.
I wrote to Pearl all we had written to Mr. Hope in
the midst of my terrible press of last
week. I then wrote again an answer to
her, also last week. To that she has not yet
answered: tho' she wrote, saying she would.
Mr. Hope did not write, accepting our
recommendation, till a day or two ago:
probably because Miss Barclay's resignation
had not *then* been formally accepted.
I wrote *this* week to Mr. Fasson, as he
deserves it from us, a statement of what
we had recommended: even before we

received Mr. Hope's reply.

{15f}

Mr. Fasson has not yet answered: that is
merely, I know, because he is busy.
And I ought not properly to lay this before
Your Imperious Highness till I have
his answer.
Now, my dear child, it was never intended
-and your child-ship knows it - to ask
you to serve "under ~~another~~ fresh Supt=." So your Royal
little protest goes to the winds.

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{15g}

Also, my dear child, I would so fain relieve
you of your "bitterness" - You say you are "bitter";
& indeed you are. You speak again,
even now, of the "disappointment" & "injustice"
about "Alexandra". WHOSE "injustice"?
God's? My dear, dear soul, think of
this. What are you saying?

You told me yourself, & I honoured you
for telling Mrs. Wardroper, the truth; viz.
that your health would not stand it.

{15h}

As for the rest of your "bitter" complaint:-
you have, of all others, the place one
would have thought you would have
liked best:
& the very best place we have to give:
first: to be under your best friend:
and secondly: ?? &c &c -
Now I cannot write more: &, at such a time,
~~and~~ I would not have written thus much,
unless urged by seeing my Goddess=baby
suffering from delusions. And how can a woman
be a Supt=. unless she has learnt to superintend herself?

I think that our dear Pearl will find
a sad comfort, notwithstanding her last
terrible 9 months, in having been near
her dear Mother - during that time.

I cannot write another word.
God bless & keep you: you can scarcely
tell what a fortnight I have been going
thro'-

ever yrs F. Nightingale

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{15i}

About Nurse Miller:
as I mentioned when I saw you:
send her back -
I never had any hope.

17/1/74

F.N.

[end 13:342]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 757

74/16: initialled letter with envelope, 3ff, pen.

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{envelope} Miss Williams roll 1 [13:342-43]
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

20/1/74

35 South St

Jan 20/74

My dear Miss Williams

I am uneasy beyond all expression about
the Pearl - & also about yourself -

Ask, beg the Pearl to go with me
to Embley for a complete rest: Where I
go next week. I will, as you know, gladly
pay her expences.

If I could be amused just now, I should
be amused at your saying that you are "willing"

"to go on" "for 6 months" "As" I "PROPOSE" "as {16a}
"Housekeeper!" & "Pearl as Supt=."

When the Pearl has actually scolded me
(as roundly as Pearls can scold) for my
persistence with her & the authorities
that you should have a *Housekeeper*.
And, notwithstanding Pearls who are
dissuading & you who are persuading: I
begin again:

Will you have *Batstone* (St. T's Night Supt=.)
-you both know her - as *Housekeeper*?

I have not one morsel of strength
to-day but to enclose the accompanying
List which I made out from Matron
last night?

I cannot tell you more about
Nurse Harvey than that *Agnes Jones*
thought her an extraordinarily capable
woman: but noisy: that is 6 years ago-
and that Mrs. Wardr=. thinks it a catch for your *Fever House*
her being at liberty now.

Jan 20/74

{16b}

Mrs. Batstone

would come as *Housekeeper*:

-was Assistant Housekeeper &

Housekeeper for 18 years

before she came to us:

-has been *night Supt*=. for

2 1/4 years at St. Thomas'

Miss Pyne

will come on the 31st

as arranged with Miss Pringle

Nurse Keene

it is feared cannot come

so soon, on account of

Mother's illness

Nurse Babb

has been 2 1/4 years on *night*

duty at St. T's - would

come on *day* duty [steady -

not brilliant]

Nurse Berry

is I understand in

corresponde=. with *Miss Pringle*

I do not know her -

no one knows, her so well as so well as

Miss Pringle herself - or could

manage her so well.

{16c}

Nurse Harvey

is at this moment seeking

a situation

She was under *Agnes Jones* for

3 years at *Liverpool Workhe*=.

[-a very large charge: *Sick*

Nursery-] up to 1868 -

-manner used *then* to be

rather wild & rough:

-prodigiously active & efficient

-left *Liverpool* after *Agnes*

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 759

Jones's death:

{16d}

-Sister at *Middlesex Hospl=*.
for some years:

-left some little time ago
to take charge of a

Gentlewomen's paying Hospl=.

where she had Probationers under her.

-this failed as a paying concern

-Mrs. Wardr=. thinks her well

suited for the *Edinburgh*

Fever Charge - has seen

& spoken with her -

[I only knew her from

Agnes Jones' account]

Her address:

Mrs. Harvey

26 New Cavendish St

Portland Place

London W.

Miss Spencer

{16e}

has written to me to say she would come
if you want her -

But she is much wanted at St. T's -

I am quite concerned at your list of sick

God bless you: and God save dear

Pearl: in greatest haste

yours ever

F.N.

[end 13:343]

roll 1

74/17: signed letter, 2ff, pen.

[13:343]

35 South St.

Jan 22/74

My dear Miss Williams

I feel the terrible strain upon our Pearl

-Please telegraph to me when it is all over.

-Get her off, if you possibly can, to me here;

if only on the pretext of talking over things

with me & seeing Nurses before engaging them.

If once I have her, I will keep

her safe for ten days or a fortnight-at least

[For at least 10 days previously to her being /{next line cut off}]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 760

called to her mother, I felt that she was {17a}
overtasked: from a certain something in her
letters: thinking I had not written when I had:
& that she had written answers when she had not.

This is for my Goddess: not my *baby* -
-I will tell my Goddess about it another time.
- I have nothing in this letter for my baby.]

YOU MUST NOT SIT UP: or rather make night rounds:
do you hear, my Goddess?
If you can secure a good cook, which please
God you may, you are certainly the best Judges,

(as I said to Pearl,) as to whether you want {17b}
a Housekeeper- or not.
Would Batstone be of use to you in
any other capacity, if she would come?
It *must* be *day* duty.
The advantage is: your both knowing her.
Miss Pyne will come to you this day week,
the 29th=. I dare say she has written to you.
I am so very much concerned about [piece cut out]

I think we may be able to hel{missing corner} {17c}
in a month or two -
- But Highgate has been in great distress
too.

May we only do everything in God's strength.
~~we~~ & all will be well: we know that if we
do anything in our own, that moment it
dries up & fails us.

God bless you all [end 13:343]
in gt haste ever yours
F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 761

74/18: pen: no return address: to Rachel Williams

O my dearest let us thank
God who has taken this
good woman to His
everlasting arms: no more
pain or sorrow for *her*:
since last night *she* is
rejoicing in Heaven.
I do not forget the blow
to our Pearl: indeed I fear
that she will feel it more
now all is over.
But what a blessing she
was with her.

I am immersed in painful {18a}
business: am besides
seeing some one from St. T.'s
every day: but could
not but write a word,
as tomorrow is Sunday
& no post. Take care of
yourself. God guide & bless you
all.

ever yours

F.N.

Jan 24/74

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 762

74/19: pen {envelope} Miss Williams [13:344]
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

29/1/74

35 South St
Park Lane W.

Jan 29/74

My dear Miss Williams

I am obliged to start immediately for
Embley: I have not heard from the Pearl:
& almost fear that a letter I wrote to her
own home on Monday may have miscarried
or that she is ill.

I write now to you that Mrs. Wardroper
fears she cannot give a "Supernumerary" Nurse

instead of Miller. I think it might {19a}
be quite different if Pearl would come
& talk to her. I believe she might have
her pick of Nurses. But I have
seldom seen poor Matron so worried &
troubled as now - or so suffering.
Miss Mackenzie (Pearl & you both know ~~her~~) leaves
Highgate in March. Is it possible that
she might do as Nurse at Edinburgh?
-I have written to Miss Hill to ask.

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{19b}

You ask after our weather: I think I have
never seen such orange fogs & inexorable frost:
we have been burning lights all day.
I have known pretty nearly the extremes of
heat & cold: they are tolerable, if you have
light. But these dark fogs suffocate
me. "Out of darkness into His wonderful
light" is a text which touches me,
body & soul.

[end 13:344]

{no signature}

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 763
74/20: letter & envelope, 2ff, pen.

{envelope} Miss Williams
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

2/5/74

35 South St
Park Lane W
May 2/74

My dearest child Miss Williams

I have this moment received your charming letter, which is just like yourself. And I must write & thank you for it at once.

It has taken a load off my heart
-You are quite right: the Pearl has been making "disagreeably mysterious letters":
-and she has mystified me quite as much as she has you.

Your letter is a pure joy to me: because {20a}
I see yourself (& not another) in it.
And life has not many joys for me,
my darling.

I entirely agree with you - & bless you for saying it so heartily, as I knew you would. that the Pearl "is not to think of running away & leaving us all in the lurch in June"
And I will do my little best to back you

up, my Captain, in this most sensible {20b}
declaration.

Now I must leave off, for I have been immersed in hard & sorrowful business here at Embley: & am just going up to London, where I have been due some time for the same.

I will write to 'Pearl' as soon as I have a moment.

I agree with you about Nurse Monk, as far

as I know: that is, I do not believe that a {20c}
woman who has once done what she has,
can ever after be a true woman.
And I was sorry to see her put down for a gratuity.

I will write soon about other things.

-most thankful Miss Pyne is convalescent: & glad to hear she does not mean to leave you
[-we could offer her a country Matronship tell Pearl]
God bless you & Pearl & the work: [Now you are my Goddess, & not my baby.] ever yours F. Nightingale

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 764
74/21: pen.

Lea Hurst
Matlock
Oct 15/74

My dear Miss Williams

I hope that you will be able to fulfil
your kindly promised visit to us next
week: & to fix a day & train convenient
to yourself so that we may send to
meet you at our Station *Cromford*.

Mercy & truth be with you: as the old
fashioned people say: I have not power
to say a word more but that hoping to see you,
I am ever yours F. Nightingale

74/22: pen {envelope} Miss Williams
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

5/12/74

35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 5/74

My dear Goddess

I answer your imperious letter at once.
-I do not plead guilty to your heavy charge,
for, if you had conferred with a certain
little Pearl not 300 miles off as I am -
you would have found that she had ~~had~~ not only
"written" ~~not only~~ to me "a few days ago" but
that she had had an answer in her pocket
from me nearly a week.

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 765

But as I have observed all this year that {22a}
there exist certain mysterious but insuperable
obstacles to the Goddess & the Pearl
in the same room communicating, but
that they are obliged on certain topics
to ascertain each other's meaning thro'
an unfortunate hard-worked individual
in another kingdom, I will say that
the substance of this my letter was: that
after much consideration my "suggestion" was
that you should remain "another 6 months"
(I said) in the same position: [but I will
now say another few months more or less]:
& this not because I had any idea of your
remaining indefinitely on & on as you are,
but because Edinburgh serves as a capital &
indispensable preparation to what I had
to "suggest," had I seen you at Lea Hurst,
but which is postponed (not by me): & will
be more ready in another 6 months: or, if not that,
something else.
Miss Pringle further told me that you
were in no hurry to part: & indeed the wonder

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to me is rather how you can look forward {22b}
to parting at all with any equanimity:
& that you were too busy till Christmas to
come to me with any convenience.

I now come to the only thing I have to add
to what I said to Miss Pringle:

the Pearl says: 'I must go'-

the Goddess says: 'I must go'-

I agree with the Goddess: the Pearl had better stay.

And it was this very thing for which I wished

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{22c}

to see the Goddess *first*: to ascertain from
her her own wishes & her friend's: as
that sly little friend had very much
misinterpreted her last February to me.

But all this is only an old woman's advice:

which probably the Goddess will not much
regard: & which is subject any way, of
course, to hearing your own wishes, ideas
& reasons for one course or another.

I cannot now see you before Xmas: for I

have filled up my time far more than {22d}
my strength will allow.

And I said 'February' to Pearl: but if
there is such violent haste, telegraph to me
any day, & come up by the next express
or on the wires. And I will turn out

India, my mother, & 'all the Queen's horses
& all the Queen's men': together with one
sixth of the human race: & lay my energies
(not many left) at the Goddess' feet.

I cannot myself understand: but that is my
stupidity: how there can be such a deficiency
of employment for 3 in such a place as
Edinburgh. And indeed it was an
unwillingness TO DISTURB such a place at
present which made my Triumvirate,
here, advocate another 6 months: quite independent
of any other work.

[I am sure too that my Goddess will regret
this time when she has either left or is
left at Edinburgh]

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NB Were it not that I conclude it was a brief
& temporary revival of 'the baby' which
provoked the word 'killing': I would suggest
to my Goddess that, to one whose life has
been & is like mine, the word savours
rather of the melodramatic: & that I
wish I had ever had or was ever likely
to have on this side the grave anything
so little 'killing': as to be with such a
friend in such a post.

{22e}

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{22f}

And now, my dear & imperious friend:
seriously I must stop: seriously I have
nothing more to give but this opinion,- well
weighed, tho' you may not think so.

But, as you say that 'little Sister' too does
'want & ask for an idea' &c &c: &, as this
letter really contains but one ~~thing~~ idea that
mine to her did not, I have little
hope but that I shall have by 3 successive
posts: "we do want & ask for" &c &c & it is

"killing" &c &c. [My Goddess will remember
that in the week of my Father's death last
January, after having written 3 times (to 'little
Sister') & had no letter, I received a very
imperial nod to the effect that I had
not written the letters which I *had*: &
that I had received the letters which I
had not.]

{22g}

And so seriously, dear soul, A Dieu & God
bless you: & receive my warmest congratulations
on your good work: *I give you joy*:
Mercy & Truth be with you:
& believe me ever yours aff'y.
F. Nightingale

I saw Mrs. Wardroper last night: looking so
aged

You do not tell me Nurse Lyons' new address:

I would add: but this is expressly for the Pearl, (& your Goddess:
ship can surely *penetrate* any *impenetrable* barrier to get at her): as

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well as for yourself: that, if your Serene Highness graciously
{22h}

accedes to another "6 months," there will probably be
some correspondence anent between this miserable
black beetle & Mr. Fasson: & then I think something
might be said about two real grievances:

Miss Forsyth: & the reporting students.
F.N.

74/23: pen.

35 South St

Park Lane W

Dec. 30/74

My dear Miss Williams

From the depth of my heart I grieve with you
that our 'Pearl' has so much sorrow & trouble.
I am sure that you will kindly let me know
how things go with her. Perhaps already her Father
is with God.

I wish you & her & all our Nurses 'Godspeed'
with all my soul & strength at the beginning of
this New Year, which I hardly expected to
live to see. May it bring every blessing to them:

tho' sometimes do you know I am so cowardly {23a}
that I scarcely dare to say 'God bless you' to
those I love well: because we know what
His blessings are: Blessed are they that mourn:
Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteous=
ness' sake: Blessed are the pure in heart:
& as we get on in life, we know both how
truly those ~~are~~ blessings ARE blessings: and
how much there is to go through to win them.

You are young, my Goddess: much younger
than my Pearl: a thousand years younger than
this old black beetle. And I have often a
shuddering sort of maternal feeling in roll 1 Dec. 30/74 74/23
wishing you 'blessings'. [13:344-45]

In the midst of sorrow, I am glad to hear
you say that "the question of" your "staying
with" the Pearl "for some time to come" is
"quite settled"- You cannot know how I wish
this.

I shall be very sorry about your "gathering";
either if you have to go thro' it with a heavy
heart: or if you have to put it off.

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About our Nurses:

{23b}

I dare say the Pearl knows that Nurses
Barnard & Winsall are doing exceedingly
well at Highgate:
that poor Nurse Westle has been for weeks in
the Canterbury Infirmary with a severe return
of Flooding tho' she is better. I have a letter
from the Dr. now before me: but never
likely to be able to resume Nursing.
that Nurse Chisolm has left Netley: none of
ours will stay with the Supt=: & I was very
sorry she tried: but has a good place as

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{23c}

Head Nurse on the Female side of the Islington
Fever Hospital: where the Assistant Medl= Officer
~~at~~ formerly of Highgate is now Physician: & also
some Dr. from Edinburgh, whose name at
this moment escapes my memory.
I say nothing about Pearl's friend Miss Torrance
for the news is nothing but bad: except that
the child is well.
I had a nice letter from Nurse Lyons-
I suppose I must say something about myself
to your kindness:

my year is ending on sorrows as it began:
it began with my Father's death, & Mrs.
Bracebridge's, who had been the Angel of
my life: it ends with the death of the last
of my friends & fellow-workers of the Crimean
War after a few days of Bronchitis: & my
poor mother is failing, & failing painfully,
craving after home & *him* & me: & I cannot
be with her. I have been so ill & busied
with other than Indian cares that I have
been obliged to give up finishing some
voluminous Indian work asked for by the middle
of January: a trial which I do not bear
as I ought: for after all we have a
higher & a better hope than from anything we
can do or not do: namely, that, whether we live to
see it or not, He who is Perfect Wisdom
will complete His work, even thro' our failures
& disappointments.

[end 13:345]

And now, my dear child, I must not talk
any longer. I cannot tell you the comfort
it is to me to think of you with Pearl -
Give her my love: & thank her for her Christmas

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greeting. May, as she would say, the
infant Christ be indeed born in all our
hearts!

{23e}

Matron is much aged: but otherwise well.

Miss Vincent is with a sick sister in
Devonshire but returning to us.

Miss Spencer is well.

The frost & orange fogs in London beat everything

May God bless you, my dear soul!

Pray for yours always

F. Nightingale

74/24: pen. {Dec. 31/74}

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

New Year's Eve of

1875

My dear Miss Williams

I do indeed feel for our Pearl's sorrow: I cannot
say how much: I am afraid that it will
entail so much that is trying & grievous: the
giving up of the old home perhaps. But
death itself, or rather the passing from death into
life, is not grievous: at least *I* think not,
perhaps because, tho' I have seen death in all
its ~~the~~ most terrible forms, I have also seen

how much more terrible life is.

Pray tell our Pearl how much I am with her:

-I will not write to her in her first grief.

I think she must be glad to be in Edinburgh

-& glad now to have a prospect of staying in
Edinburgh.

I suppose the sisters have no vocation

Hospital=way.

My dear Friend

I do not like this Old Year to pass away without a meeting at least in spirit with our dear Nurses: ~~please ask my dear friends ask them whether they~~ did you as we said we would in December 1873, join in prayer every morning & evening (through the year 1874) that now on this last day of 1874 we might and if it please Him, meet together, & ask each other Him - how fares it with this our Master's work committed to our hands?

Can we say - it is - well? Can God say so? I believe from the bottom of my heart that

there is great cause for joy & thankfulness in His Edinburgh work.

Perhaps we had better ask *Him* - each in our own secret soul - does *He* say it is well? And let *Him* answer each one of us.

For myself, I have only to thank you all for your steadfastness in well-doing or in well-nursing:

& to say for myself that, as I grow old, I feel more & more every day the need of

being renewed every day: me & my nursing
& all my works.

And I have no doubt that all do too.

And on this last night of the Old Year
I kneel in spirit with our dear friends
of the Edinburgh Infirmary (as before)
& ask God with all my heart & with all
my soul & with all my strength that
we may do His work, which is ours,
better & better every day, with fresher &

more lively hearts every year: & every night
-with the night nurses I join that we may
do our work better & better every night.

Livingstone, the great African Missionary,
used to say that people often make
the mistake of thinking that the great,
the heroic spirit was in indifference to
trifles: but that Christ came to
teach us that real greatness is in doing
every detail & every little thing we have
to do so well as to make a perfect
whole: doing it ~~as~~ for God.

I think he must have said that for us
Nurses-

"Be ye perfect, even as our Father in heaven is
perfect."

And may God give us His best blessings for
the New Year is the unceasing, fervent
prayer of your affectionate friend

Florence Nightingale

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75/1: pen & pencil roll 1 00674

35 South St [13:655-56]

Park Lane W

March 6/75

My dear Miss Williams

I am very sorry to say that the orders for
matrons are 'out' for *Cleveland St.*

Applications to be sent in *by the 15th=*
to enter upon duties *by the 25th=* (for Matron)
[How can they do things in such a hurry? - As if
it were not putting a great difficulty in the
way of getting a real good woman to give
her only 3 weeks notice!]

Sir Sydney Waterlow writes to us {1a}
that she, the Matron, ~~must~~ is "required" to have been
'trained' as Nurse":

"With a knowledge of CONTROLLING &
directing the TRAINED Nurses under her."
that is good.

He also asks us to provide the
"Nursing Staff."

£80 salary of Matron
Beds 280

Mrs. Wardroper writes that she cannot
now give Nurse Perry to Miss Mackenzie,
as she will be wanted for *Cleveland St.*

[I am afraid, and I feel it myself, that
it is a very serious thing to ask
you to decide your fate & ours by
the 15th=.]

Mr. Bonham Carter told me what you had

said:

{1b}

as also that you, "without feeling able
to come to a decision at once, which
of course was not expected, would like
to have the offer."

Mr. B.C. will go to see the place
Cleveland Street to-day & will write
to you, saying that the appointment
is open, giving some particulars, & that

"we are considering it."

For fear that he should not be able to write to-day, & because Pearl will be expecting to hear from me, I write these few words.

Mr. B.C. thinks that you will undertake it, "if we request it" - of course on the ~~understanding~~ supposition that we propose to make a Training School of it.

This letter is as much for Pearl as for you, to whom I shall not now write as to propose to her to come up to talk to me, when you & she will want every moment to consult together, would be cruel. {1d}

& the hurry of the Cleveland St. affair alters the case as to what I should have written to her .

But I hope that she will write to me her views.

You & I discussed your leaving or no Edinburgh so fully together that you will know that I scarcely dare to form a wish either way: & must leave it to God & your deliberations: which may He guide, I intensely pray, for the good of His work & your own.

[Thank the Pearl for her packet.]
I see Mr. B.C. on Monday to talk it all over.

I am terribly pressed by business & illness. {1e}

but one word is as good as a thousand, (or better), to tell you that there is nothing nearer my deepest heart than this decision

ever yours & Pearl's

F. Nightingale

[end 13:656]

Roll 1 FN Museum old LMA3 i 775
75/2: pen. letter with envelope

{envelope} Miss Williams
Royal Infirmary [13:656-67]
Edinburgh

7/3/75

My dear Miss Williams

I shall not see Mr. Bonham Carter till
tomorrow: & do not know what he has
written to you.

But I cannot help writing without
delay any further information that I
gleaned last night after post-time
about Cleveland St.

And first it is supposed that it is

impossible for the Patients to go in {2a}
till June or even July:
the place is not furnished, nor the Matron's
rooms even: nor are sheeting or
Patients' clothes or &c &c ready: much
not even begun.
Nor has Medical Officer yet been
advertised for.
It cannot be even intended that the
Matron should take up her residence
"on March 25": only that she should
then begin to think about collecting her
staff [This is right]

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There are, (but I have not yet seen the
plans: it is only an old building re-arranged)
6 Wards (Pavilion shape) at 34 beds each:
these have each Nurse's room & other
appurtenances adjoining:
at the middle however I believe
instead of at the end of the Ward:

there are other 12 Wards {2b}
of from 5 to 11 beds each
holding about 72 beds in all
These have no Nurses' rooms adjoining:
& they are in inconvenient groups,
tho', the Wards of each group are on the same floor.
The Nurses' rooms for these are inconvenient,
passage rooms to one another.

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{2c}

There are to be 9 Head Nurses
5 Night "
1 Night Supg= Nurse
10 Ward Assistants

Wages for all same as at Highgate,
which are very good.

No Assistant Matron allowed:

Only one Medical Officer

Dr. Dowse has been refused:

A very excellent man, Dr. Lyddiard, {2d}
has sent in his application.

This is the gist of what I have
gathered: but I shall hear it all
tomorrow much more fully.

If we get a Matron to whom we
can entrust a Training School, we
shall have to provide the Assistant &c
& Probationers.

in haste (with love to the Pearl)

ever yours anxiously

F. Nightingale

35 S. St. Sunday

March 7/75

[end 13:657]

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note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS LETTERS 27-43 1876
Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington

signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen SU180/32

{envelope:}

for Matronship:}

Mrs. Williams }

Candidate: }

To the Governors

of

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Florence Nightingale

17/6/76

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London June 17, 1876

{Foundress of the "Nightingale"
{Training Schools for Nurses

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 4ff, pen & pencil
{envelope:}

Immediate

Miss Williams

Nurses' Home

Royal Infirmary

8/6/76

Edinburgh

35 South St {printed address}
Park Lane W.
June 8/76
6. a.m.

My dear Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital,
Paddington, is (about to be) **[13:106-07]**
in want of a Matron:
the principal Physician
has asked us whether
we can recommend a
first rate trained
gentlewoman: & holds
out the prospect that
any one that we do
recommend would be
appointed: notwithstanding
the necessity for advertising,
[which is one of their
rules, as it is of many

Institutions:] that is to
say that the Hospital Committee
appoint the good trained
woman first (in their minds):
& advertise afterwards.
The salary begins at £100.
The Nursing arrangements are
defective.

The Matron must enter on her
duties soon:

Exact particulars will be
given us as soon as obtained
It is probable that the "National
Nursing Association" may
make arrangements for this
to be their Training= School:
if (not otherwise) it has
a Trained Matron from
us.

We think that you had
better come up *to see for*
yourself at once:

And I beg you to consider
this house your home during
your visit.

If you ask my judgement,
I think that St. Mary's is
a great opening for noble
work in the good Nursing
cause: an opening I
have long been wishing &
praying for: & that it
will not know itself in a
year, if you take it: because
it is ripe for great progress: -
but I think there should be
as little delay as possible in
your ascertaining this for yourself.

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And now, 'fine (other) wandering (27)
'planet that moves in mystic'
- very 'mystic' to me- 'dance':
my UN'fixed' star & Goddess: -
your bed here has been
kept expecting you vacant (with
clean sheets on it) all thro'
April & May: I expecting
you on the wings (of the
Telegraph), as Goddesses
should come: when no
ordinary mortal's word reached me:
our 'little' Chief having, as
you know, announced you
here *for April:*

'Souvent femme (ever his Diana, a Goddess) 'varie'
'Bien fou qui s'y fie'
as poor Frances I wrote.
This is how you are 'mystic' to me:

[2]

I will not say more about the
Matronship: because I can
tell you, by word of mouth,
I hope what opportunities
I think it will open.

You wished for a London

Hospital

Here is one.

May it prove suitable!

May God 'prepare a place'

for you Himself in it!

yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

I have written to a Lady, a dear

friend of yours & mine, Miss

Pringle,- knowing that, at so

great a distance from each

other, there is grave difficulty

of communication between you

either by land or sea, post or

steam- or wire -

Please let me know as long

beforehand as possible

day & train of your

coming here.

F.N.

{letter continues vertically on same folio page as above:}

These are some of the things
upon which we must seek
fuller information:

It is proposed that Matron's
salary should be £100,
rising £10 annually to £150
[£120 rising as above might
be suggested.]

It is proposed that
Matron should superintend besides the Nursing
Cooking as well as Laundry.
Having seen so much of Nurse
& Hospital suffering from
bad cooking as well as
bad washing, I do not
think this a bad plan,
provided Matron be allowed
an efficient Assistant as
well as a Head Laundress.
There are: Cook & Kitchen maid:

2 House maids:

2 General Servants:

6 Sisters

2 Special Nurses: pay ~~Class~~ between that of Sisters & Day Nurses

13 Upper Day Nurses

Lower " "

8 Night Nurses:

Plans have long been ready for building a new Wing
to St. Mary's.

St Mary's might easily become with zeal &
perseverance a first Class Hospital.

[end 13:107]

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draft, 1f, pencil

P.1 last word: not "elected" appointed:

P.2 last line but one: not "elected" appointed

I should put:

"This soon proving a post of ~~illeg~~ too heavily many duties to work properly ~~worked a post~~,
the Managers appointed a lady as &c

p.3 I would describe the Hospl= more completely
its enormous School of Students & Professors
its consequent enormous proportion of acute
Medical & Severe Surgical cases-

after "517 beds" I would say: 517 beds always ~~case~~ full &
indeed more than full of the most acute Medical &

the most severest Surgical cases: 560 being not an
 unusual number of Patients-
 last line but 2

"carried out by a Matron who has nothing to do
 with the Wards-

last line

This post I am still holding at the present time
 then add some civil speech of request -

note, lf, pen

St. Mary's

6 Sisters	£30	rising to	£40
2 Spec1= Nurses	£25	" "	£35
13 Day Nurses} Class A	"		£24
Class B	£16	" "	£20
8 Night Nurses	£20	" "	£26

initialled letter & postmarked envelope, 3ff, pen {envelope:} SU180/28

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Miss Williams

Royal Infirmary

10/6/76 *Edinburgh*

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

June 10/76

My dear Miss Williams

Your coming on "Tuesday"

[13:109]

will be welcomed: & I put
 off all discussion till then:

Believe me I think I
 have always felt more at
 your leaving Edinburgh than
 any one: even yourself -

I am glad you do not
 travel at night.

If you write again, just
 say what time the Day
 Mail gets in: & what meal
 you will have that night.

God speed & Au revoir:

ever yrs affly

F.N.

[end]

Dr. Sieveking
(Principal Physician of St. Mary's) [13:109-10]
will be happy to see

Miss Williams
this morning at 10
at 17 Manchester Square:
My dear Miss Williams

I have nothing to suggest:
your own wisdom will
suggest to you much better
than mine: not to
frighten Dr. S. by starting
at once any proposal
"to reform the Nursing
system": or "to have a
Training School"
Of course *St. Mary's* is his

primary object:
the proposition of the
Training- School will have to
come from us:
[he is Chairman of the Medical
Committee of the National
Nursing Association: &
that will not be a difficulty.]

Mrs. Wardroper went over
St. Mary's with him yesterday:
(we wished she could have
put it off till to day:)

I send to Mrs. Wardroper this
morning for her answer to
my suggestion that she should
say what time you can see
her to day:

Mr. Carter will also come
& see you here this
afternoon or to morrow.
[I am to telegraph to him:]

You will of course suggest
to Dr. Sieveking that *you*
should see *St. Mary's*:
he may possibly say: "Now
at once."

At all events I shall
expect you back here

after that: (29)

I shall then have my the
answer from Mrs. Wardrr-

And I shall hope to see
you myself in the afternoon.

God speed: [end 13:110]

yours ever F.N.

June 14

6. a.m.

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Miss Williams

14/6/76

June 14 9. a.m -

My dear Miss Williams

Mrs. Wardroper can see you *after* you have
seen Dr. Sieveking to-day:

[13:110]

it rests with you whether you will come
back here or not (*before* going to St. T.'s.)

Applications & testimonials must, we understand,
be sent to the Secy- of the Hospl- *by the*
end of this week

Will you particularly ask Dr. Sieveking not
only what the Matron's duties will be: but
what assistance she will have given her:
i.e. about her being allowed ~~an~~ one Assistant at least ~~Matron~~

(The Kitchen is to be under her:

as well as the Wards & Nursing:)

Mrs. Wardr= did not see the *Matron's rooms:*

You understand that your fate does not
rest at all with Dr. Sieveking: alone:

there will be other measures to take:
& if he is unfavourable to some exigencies of ours,
it does not follow that we shall not get
them otherwise.

16/6/76

My dear Miss Williams

I return your T.s: & agree with you in preferring [13:110]
Sir R.C.'s: but what surprises me in all
Ts: & even in Sir R.C.'s: but in *all Medical* T.s:
is: that they invariably omit the ~~only~~ essential point
[a thorough knowledge of Nursing: in order to be
able to teach, "Superintend", & train in it:] for a
"Superintend" of "Nurses" -
[What would they think of me if I were to
recommend an "amiable" lawyer for the post
of Surgeon?]

Mr. Bonham Carter was at Sir T. Pycroft's
when my Messenger went -
he could not write then: but would send me
word -
You will not like to miss Mrs. Wardroper a
second time:
but perhaps will not stay Dr. Bernay's Lecture: [Bernays?]
as it would be such a 'drive' for you if you had
to go to St Mary's this afternoon:

Please give my best love to Mrs. Wardroper: &
tell her that SIR HARRY VERNEY is going on well-

[2] (31)
"amiability" is not an international power, nor
an Institutional power: nor is it by any means
our characteristic: I agree with you -

I would certainly send Sir R.'s letter to *Dr. Sieveking?*
1. *Shall our Messenger go with it now?*
2. Or were you thinking of going *yourself* to *St. Mary's*
at one?
3. *What time will you have luncheon?*
4. And did you mean to *SLEEP* out to night?
ever yrs
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London June 17, 1876 {Foundress of the "Nightingale"
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postmarked postcard, 1f, pen SU180/33
{front} To

Miss Williams
R. Christie's Esq
Chignal St. James

23/6/76 near Chelmsford

{back} 35 S. St.
June 23/76

The Committee was to meet [13:112]

yesterday for the first time
not likely that you will be
required before to morrow
(Saturday) at earliest:

I shall of course telegraph at
once: the moment I hear:

F.N. [end]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 791
initialled letter & envelope, 1f, pen & pencil SU180/34
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
R. Christie's Esq
Chignall St. James {Chignall here with 2 'l's
near *Chelmsford* prev. folio had it with 1}

24/6/76

35 South St.
June 24/76

My dear Miss Williams [13:112]

Your letter came *after* post-time to-night:
I shall expect you on "Wednesday at noon": which I think
is quite time enough to give you the 'dinner treatment'
before going to St. Mary's on Thursday: And you are much better
in your leafy shades than here where the heat, amid clouds
of dust & East wind blacks, is very oppressive.

Did you mean to give Mr. Jenner the Meeting at
St. Thomas' Hospital on "Wednesday"?

Don't overtire yourself on Thursday:
God- speed:

I wrote a line to our little Chief by to- day's post about you
& St. Mary's appointment for Thursday: I knew she would be in an agony
about you: ever yrs affly F.N.

You will take your letter from Mr. Jenner (Edinburgh
Board) with you to-day: will you not?
I hope, if you have no more pressing engagement,
you will come straight back here:
& tell me all about it: [end]
29/6/76 F.N.

signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil, SU180/36

October 1/76 [13:113]
6.a.m.

My dear Miss Williams (& dear Matron)
Good speed, good cheer & welcome home.
'Don't talk of "cheer" or of "home". I feel so very
dreary:' you will say, I am afraid.
Yes, dear heart: if you knew how I feel this:
And I clasp your hand & pray with you
that you may make a good start: &
look forward to doing the work for God
which, now you have it, we must conclude
that He has given you.

I am so glad that you have some of your own people with you.

Now, dear goddess: this is only a word of greeting: I dare say you & I shall have many a 'confab':

May the Almighty bless you: & enable you to "proclaim His name" & not your own: at St. Mary's is the fervent prayer of yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

I may be in London any day:

I think it will be safest for you to address

35 South St. Park Lane W.

it will always be forwarded:

It is 5 years since you came to us:

[13:113]

it is 3 years to day since the affair you know of (relating to Edinburgh) in this very room at this very hour. Do you not think God has led you? May He ever lead you! F.N.

[end]

initialled letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen SU180/37

{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

12/10/76

London W

Address 35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Oct 12/76

My dear Miss Williams

I was getting so anxious to hear how you [13:113-14] were going on or rather beginning: that I was just writing to you: when your welcome letter came: welcome because it is brave: which however who could doubt of you?-- not because your difficulties are small or few -

[The worst case of all is: where you see much to reform: & your authorities

nothing:
see none: but ~~that~~ that is fortunately
not the case here].
I should like to know that you are
well: & tolerably comfortable as to
personal accommodation: & of that -
you say nothing -
That you are (not overpowered but)
beset with work I am sure:
And success there will be in good
time I am also sure.
I am afraid if work were not so {overtop of 'too'} heavy
(or perhaps because it *is* so heavy)
you will miss the *home* you had
made at Edinburgh with "Little Sister":
-who must be sad enough without you.
Your own three will stick to you bravely:
& St. Mary's ought to bless the day
it has you. There is no danger of
that making you or any one imperious:
for people who are thoroughly in earnest
must always be humble. They
cannot but see how much there is to
do: & how little they do do.
I am constantly interrupted:

Dearest friend: I commend you to God:
I am kept away from London (tho' it is
much more distracting, at least to me,
to transact much business which
awaits me by letter) by the
impossibility of finding any one to
take charge of my Mother.
And I have a baby! besides!
I am wanting much to see you: {I *may* come up {any day: if
{I can be relieved.
If I do not let this go, as it is ~~I am sure~~
it will never be finished
God for ever bless you & your work -
yrs always F.N. [end 13:114]

initialled letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pencil
{envelope:} SU180/38
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
28/10/76 London W

Address 35 S. St.

Oct 28/76

6 a.m.

[13:114]

My dear Miss Williams

I am very glad to hear from you:
very glad that you are (so wisely & IN COMMUNITY)
rid of one old Sister: & about to fill her place
with one of your own training: which will be
'company' for you, (provided you don't make
it visible to your little world.)

[I suppose Miss Vetch had some experience of
Operations at Edinburgh.]

Also: I congratulate you upon the successful

progress of Dining apparatus -

I am busy upon your plan, which looks very
promising, of remodelling the Staff- But
it only reached me yesterday: & you cannot
think how much this place (I have many
"Engines", moral ones, "bumping" under me!)
takes out of me: I am not sure that
I shall have any "suggestion" to make -

Mrs. Wardroper was very ill for a day or two after her
return. Since that she has been jaded with very great
annoyances. If she has "ignored your existence", this is the only reason!

I refuse many Dedications: but if it would
give you the slightest pleasure to append my
poor little name to your book: (I wish it God speed
& all usefulness in the work:) I like any
connection with you, tho' I should not dissemble my
dislike to a dedication. Put only, please,
if you put anything: To {lines box in 'To F.N.'}
F.N.

Rachel Williams

in greatest haste
ever yours F.N.

Private {up diag}

My heart sinks within me as to Miss M.
in your place with "Little Sister"- whose letter
about her I have not dared to answer. The
impression she made at St. T.'s was almost
ridiculous. If she were so superior to St. T.'s
benighted ignorance that she came to teach,
why could she not reprove their darkness
with less rudeness? Superiority shows itself
in grace: strength in gentleness. And her manners
to some at least of the Surgical Staff so offensive!

What will "Little Sister" do?

[end]

signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil SU180/39

Address

35 South St.

Oct 29/76

My dear Miss Williams

I return your Table, which scarcely
admits of a "suggestion".

[13:114-15]

Of course one would not *begin* in
that way: but it seems to me to do
all that is possible under the
circumstances: & very cleverly.

"2." A *Night Supt*= is positively necessary:
one would naturally rather give her
charge of the *Night Nurses* than of
the "Maternity Dept=" But I suppose

that merely means looking after
the *Maternity 'bags'*.

Ultimately, this would more naturally
come to a Linen woman: or Assistant:
when you have one: would it not?

"Bagnton Ward"- For a ward of "8 beds",
a Sister or "Special Nurse, at £35,
a Probationer
a Night Nurse

does not seem a good division.

The Probationer would be a mere
drudge: & learn nothing?

a Staff Nurse

a Ward Maid- - {with something to do

a Night Nurse {somewhere else

would seem a better division

But I can quite understand that
you have weighed all this: & cannot
do otherwise.

If I retained the "*Special*" at £35
for 8 beds, I think I should be
almost inclined to give *her* ~~the~~
"charge of the *Maternity bags*", if
otherwise desirable.

Is it not better to give a Night Supt=
nothing but *Night* duty?

She might hand out a Maternity
bag at *night*, if this is ever wanted.

Will she have any charge of *Female*
Out Patient Accidents or {sudden cases
coming in at *night*? {e.g poison

We do so sadly want this at St. T.'s.

I do not know what the proximity of "*Albert Victor*" & "*Bagnton*"
are. I suppose it would not do to put them both under
one "Special" Nurse perhaps one Staff Nurse:
one Probationer
one Night Nurse
one Ward Maid?

{upside down:} (39)

[2]

"4". I should not like to be your Probationers, to begin with.

They are so certain to be made drudges: & 5 at least of your Sisters to be incompetent to teach -

And you will be worn out in preventing them from becoming the 2nd Class Assists- Nurses," (Assts or donkeys,) whose places they are to fill.

But it cannot be helped.

"6" I am very glad to see that the "Ward Maids" are to live in the building: & very sorry that the "Scrubbers" are *not*.

But neither can this be helped -

I consider that every woman *not* living in the house is a perpetual anxiety to the Matron: a responsibility which she cannot fulfil.

especially when there are Nurses not of her training: to whom all sorts of things may be brought in by these out- door women:

But I think your plan excellent: & I wish you 'God speed' with all my heart & soul:

no time for more: [end 13:115]

yrs ever

F. Nightingale

initialled letter, 1f, pencil SU180/40

Oct 31/76

My dear Miss Williams

I suppose I must consent to your kind & wicked wish about the 'Dedication' -

I shall feel as grateful to you, as any one can be, for the proof - when I see you - that Miss M. is a good Asst= for "Little Sister". Her troubles & yours are my own: & I shd= feel as much her having a ~~not~~ bad Asst=, as if I had her myself -

God speed: yrs ever

Address 35 S. St

F.N.

incomplete letter, 1f, pencil SU180/41

My dear Miss Williams

[13:107-08]

You should telegraph at once as you propose to
Miss Pringle: & write to her too :

[We did not know till last night: & Mr.
Carter does not know yet: that St. Mary's
wants the Testimonials this week]

I will immediately send to Mr. Carter to
ask him to meet you here *this afternoon*
at ~~5~~ 4.30

He is very clever in these emergencies, as you
perhaps know - [Of course there are "a great many
"Candidates"].

I believe our recommendation will have some
weight with St. Mary's Commee-

*Was any arrangement made for you to see
St. Mary's? by Dr. Sieveking? -*

Will you go to St. Thomas' this morning?
And may I see you at 4. ~~30~~ before
Mr. Carter comes: & again afterwards?

incomplete letter, 1f, pencil SU180/42

My dear Miss Williams

I think it would ~~be~~ be too great a hurry
for you to go to St. T.'s to-day.

I will telegraph to Mrs. Wardroper that you
cannot: till tomorrow:

You had better not make the thing a drive.
Go to St Mary's: come back here to
luncheon: or have luncheon before

I will arrange with Mr. Carter, as afore said.

incomplete letter, 1f, pencil Monday [1876?] SU180/43

*Pray stay here till Wednesday, at least.
Night Supt-*

I think it *might* possibly be of use for you to go
to Brit: Nurs: Ass:, Royal Free Hospl=, Gray's Inn Road
- they *may* have a Night Supt= to recommend:
- (they train) [Ask whether a Miss Isabella Walmsley they
(once trained there *might* do: & is at liberty- [I doubt her doing

If 'Sydney' Barker answers yes, will you not
have *her* up to look at?

What time shall I see you to-day?

[end 13:108]

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS
LETTERS 44-65, 1877 ST MARY'S HOSPITAL PADDINGTON

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen & pencil SU180/44
{envelope front:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

19/1/77

W.

{envelope back: misc notes not FN, not transcribed, except has: SU180/44

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Williams Jan 19/77

[13:116]

I am rather in a muddle about the List
of books you sent me:

In the first place, there is no

"*Druitt's Physician's Vade Mecum*":

the book seller cannot find one: & I never
heard of it:

I have got you *Hooper's Physician's Vade Mecum*

(not a very good book: the *Nursing Article*
seems a compilation of all the errors of the last

century: before fresh air or cleanliness had
 ever been heard of:]
 but this is the only *Physician's Vade Mecum*" I
 know:

 Next: I cannot find any "Bell's *Surgery*"
 but his "Manual of ~~Op~~ *Surgical Operations*"-
 this has nothing whatever about after=
 =treatment or Nursing: or symptoms: - or anything but the actual *cutting*:
 but I have got you a copy -
 It is very likely that there may be Bell's
Lectures on Surgery: but my bookseller's
 benighted ignorance cannot find it.

 Next:
 did "Spence's *Anatomy* with coloured diagrams"
 mean *Spence's Lectures on Surgery*?
 a 2 Vol: book: it has beautiful
 colored diagrams -
 And I can find no "Spence's *Anatomy*" -
 I have got you a copy of this (*Spence's Lectures*
on Surgery:)
~~At~~ in great haste ever yr affecte [end]
 Excuse my stupidity F. Nightingale

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

{envelope:} {word in top corner torn off}
 with a parcel of books
 {A package of 'pictures' framed
 & glazed FOR EDINBURGH
 Miss Williams
 St. Mary's Hospital
 20/1/77 Paddington

Back of envelope: Manners Probat, over in pencil
 sisters at 10 a.m.
 List of Nurses
 Waiting Room
 Cap for Albert Vic Bognton [spelling?]
 Sister Mattress
 linen room
 illeg
 chaplain 2. Monday

35 South St
Park Lane W.
Jan 20/77

My dear Miss Williams

God speed on your holiday!

Here is the 'token' which you are kind
enough to undertake to carry to Edinburgh:
I said it should be packed 'with love': but
it appears to me to be packed with
a very dirty cover. [I sent it to a Cabinet-
maker to pack: he says that it will carry
quite safely so, but of course that it would
be better if it could go *with you in* your Railway

carriage: & not in the Van -

I thought a box should be so cumbrous
for you to take.]

If you are dissatisfied with the packing,
please detain Messenger, & send it back
to us: with your instructions

I shall be so thankful if that terrible
Engine can be deadened

I shall expect Tearoe & Mason on
Tuesday & Wednesday

With love to 'Little Sister' which cannot
be held in any package
& to all at Edinbro'

ever yrs F. Nightingale
Yes, please: get the "Bell" you want for
me at Edinburgh
I send Garrod's *Materia Medica*
Bell's *Surgical Operations*
Hooper's *Physician's Vade Mecum*:
on 'spec':
F.N.

initialled letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen SU180/46

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
care of Miss Pringle
Royal Infirmary
24/1/77 *Edinburgh*

letter

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 24/77

My dear Miss Williams

[13:116]

This is only about *books*:
the first part of *Annandale's* 6
"*Abstracts of Surgical Principles*"
is quite out of print here:

would you like to have me send
the other *five* parts to St. Mary's
- & you beg, borrow or steal the
first part at Edinburgh, which no

doubt you could easily do: -
or what shall I do?

I have got a copy of
Spence's Lectures on Surgery for
you

it is a 'delightful' book -
with 'books' of love, which it
would require a Special Train
to carry, & even then 2 Engines
could not draw it,

to "Little Sister" -
& I hope her Neuralgia is gone,
in gt haste ever yrs
F.N.

I saw your *Tearoe* yesterday: *all well*:
& see your *Mason* to night.

[end]

initialled letter & postmarked envelope, 3ff, pen
{envelope:} Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

2/4/77

My dear friend Miss Williams [13:116-17]

I am intent upon making out all I can to help you about Nurse Morford.

She is reported from the Wards as "very willing" & "a capital worker".

She is "bumptious" & "conceited": but she has been constantly "snubbed" for it & told her fault in the Home: & has never resented correction:

She is not a favourite with her fellow- Probationers "on account of her opinion of No= 1."

As to "Nurse Hancock", that fault was with the men, as has been too terribly proved: Nurse Morford has neither the temptation, nor the

inclination to this, so far as is known:

As for "Nurse Millar": that fault was with the drink: No suspicion of the kind attaches to Morford. Is it possible that Nurse Whayman can know something we do not? Of course you asked her the reason of her outcry.

It is so very easy to say: "no worse person could be sent:" & it may only mean 'no person W. would have liked worse'-

It is terrible to me how wonderfully little forbearance these Probationers have with each other: & the 'friends' have perhaps too much.

[end 13:117]

[2]

sees to it herself: at Highgate the Medical Officer gives 2 Lectures upon it in his Course.

But perhaps I may find this important subject farther- on: as I found Normal Temperature which I thought had been omitted. Don't take this as a criticism of the book which I have only glanced at: as yet.

Good cheer: good speed: ever yrs

35 S. St. F.N.

Ap 2/77

[3]

I do so agree with your
last Para. at p. 15.

Lastly: I understand that
at St. T.'s they were "much
more anxious about Whayman
than about Morford:

& that "the faults" they
knew of in Morford were what would
"be overcome by increasing
years & responsibility &
by Miss Williams' supervision":
- & that they can "see
no risk in Miss Williams
trying Morford for 3 months."
[Unfortunately I have never
seen her: but will try &
do so before she comes to
you]

This is the gist of what I have

[4]

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been able to extract from

St. T.'s, where they know
"nothing bad" of her. [I have
said nothing to Mrs. Wardroper
as yet: I would fain help
you if I can]

If W. does know "something
bad" of her, she ought to
speak: & then nothing
should induce you to take
her.

I like your little book very

much: as far as I have
gone. I should have asked
for some hints as to how
to make *dying* easy in
"Modes of dying": a thing
terribly neglected in Hospitals
At St. T.'s a careful Sister

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

20/4/77

W.

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
April 20/77

My dear Miss Williams [13:117-18]

I have been able to buy a copy of the 6
parts of Annandale's Surgical Abstracts.
Would you like to have it?
[I have only just glanced at it: have you not
found it more fitted for Students than Nurses?]

2. I have been having Finger & Thumb Stalls
of vulcanized gutta Percha manufactured
for our Nurses to save them from poisoning
their fingers in dressing wounds & giving vaginal
injections. Would you like some?

3. Mrs. Wardroper asks me whether you
would be likely to have a vacancy for
"Miss Shillington" in June?

I do not know, but suppose from this
question, that you know from her
about who & what Miss Shillington is:

4. You will not resign before Midsummer?
ever yrs

God speed: F. Nightingale

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil
{envelope:} SU180/49

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital

28/4/77

35 S. St.
Saturday

My dear friend

It *is* a fix: Unhappily it is just what I
thought they would do -

I *must* have time to think about what
you should decide: I would gladly, (no gladly
not's the word,) I would anxiously see you for
a few minutes to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon
at 5 - Or if that is not convenient, I would
write to you by *tomorrow night* by hand:
Don't be downcast: yrs ever F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 806
initialled note & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/50

{envelope:}

1 leg Pork/Hampshire
6 Eggs
1 Lilies of the Valley
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital

28/4/77

To enquire - 1 leg of Hampshire Pig
for the inner man
- 1 Lilies of the Valley
for the outer man
- 6 fresh eggs from country

with F.N.'s best love
28/4/77

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil SU180/51

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's

28/4/77

35 S. St
Saturday: 28/4

My dear Miss Williams

I will write you a note ~~tomorrow~~, containing my
best thoughts, before 5 to- morrow.

If then you think anything can be cleared up by
our talking together, you will come. But if your time
will be better occupied by seeing Mr. H.B. Carter,
or any one else, you will tell my Messenger, who
shall be with you by 4 -

You can hardly be more anxious than I am:
yrs ever: F. Nightingale

initialled letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/52

{envelope:}

To enquire with a bit of Irish {illeg too dark}

& 1 Meadow sweet

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

3/5/77

My dear Miss Williams

[13:118]

I am very anxious to hear how you are going on: & especially if evidence were admitted on Monday that the leg was *not* dressed & *not* intended to be dressed: & more especially how you are. Cheer up, brave woman:

I hope Martin & Morford are going on right: Do you want any more finger stalls?

[end 13:118]

3/5/77 yrs ever

F.N.

Initialed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
{envelope:} SU180/53

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

17/5/77 W.

35 S. St.

17/5/77

My dear friend Miss Williams

I know how trying the prolonged anxiety is to you: If it is any comfort to you to know it, it is hardly less so, perhaps even more so, to me your friend & admirer. [13:118]

- I was almost in hopes to have heard from you.
- I sent up last Friday to know the result from Mr.

B.C. & shall do so again to morrow.

- But now, my Goddess, you must be a fighting Goddess & a Goddess of Wisdom you know like Pallas Athena.

To 'Fight the good fight- of *faith*' against difficulties

I am sure may as well be done by a Matron with a Board as by St. Paul's converts: yrs ever F.N.

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/54

{envelope:}

To enquire 2 pigeons
6 fresh eggs
{1 lilies of valley
{1 lobchi [illeg]

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

19/5/77

We must be distressed but not overcome: [13:118]

Never say 'die':

all will be for the best in the end: for you.

Don't let us do anything in a hurry:

next week will be decided whether there shall

be a 'Special Board':

God be with us all always:

& His Spirit be with us to morrow: F.N.

19/5/77

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{envelope:} SU180/55

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wait

a verbal answer

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

[13:119]

20/5/77

Burn

35 S. St.

Whit Sunday/77

My dearest friend & child Miss Williams

I cannot say that resignation may *not* be imperative

-But the woman (S.V.) must have arrived at a great

pitch of fool, hardness to risk what you tell me

while the decision of the Board was still pending.

- I cannot help fancying that she will now in

the elation of vulgar success 'hang' herself in

some way or other patent to all, before long.

It would be a pity if this were to be the day

after your resignation.

-It certainly was a great misfortune that Miss E. did

[cont'd in pencil]

O my dear friend we were just as much in

the battle as you: & I thank God that

so far He has gotten us the victory -

But I am not satisfied: there must

now be a special Comm: to *revise the rules*

Please let me know what you propose

doing)(about "peace" & details) "more fully", as you say.

If I might venture to send a message

of gratitude thro' you to Mr. Lane, I would

You know perhaps that I think the next

two years will see us every where on

our trial again: especially as to the

trained Matrons' authority - we require, & justly -

May we not be found wanting!

[end 13:119]

F.N.

26/5/77

Private

30/5/77

My dear Miss Williams

I am afraid that the re-action after such a strain
is making you feel rather dispirited.

[13:119-20]

Never mind: or rather do mind: No man is
worth anything without 101 trials. Even our great
Master said that of Himself.

But I am not writing to preach: for I assure
you there is one person who wants preaching to
more than any one else in the world: & that
is your lunatic mother who now addresses you:

- only to ~~tell~~ answer your question about *Miss Wright*
I am sorry to say I do not "know her": her "character"
with us is: undecided: rather 'swingy' in manner:

not business- like: likes petting:
kind & amiable:

at the same time, I suppose, many Nurses know less:
wants experience when she might 'do'-

You would not think, I suppose "for a few months" as a stop- gap of

Miss Peskett,

1 year Probationer & 1 year Head Nurse (Female Ward) at Highgate
Infirmary: tried District Nursing with Miss Lees-
not suited: went back to Highgate:

I know her: exceedingly good, modest, *slow*, clever
in some ways: called their best Probr=: *slow* &
helpless: loyal & trustworthy: & devoted to

Patients à toute épreuve: much praised by Dr. Dowse

Pray tell Mr. Lane that in the rubs &
wounds & crosses of our work - of which Crosses
we have had sometimes as many or almost more than
we can carry these 20 years & more - (few
or none know how heavy:) nothing has
ever touched or raised me so much as his
great persevering & 'clever'/wise} kindness to you
& to ~~the~~ us standing upon our trial again
as it were in the main feature of our work

Weave this message as you please: you can do it

much better than I: only you ask for

the "message" to be "special":

God bless you: yours ever

F.N.

[end 13:120]

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{envelope:} SU180/58

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

31/5/77

35 S. St.
May 31/77
7. a.m.

My dear Miss Williams

[13:120]

I think of your troubles night & day:

It seems to me the important thing: to fill that
Sistership with a person whom you know
& who knows you: & if possible trained by
yourselves.

Pray excuse the following suggestions: useless I
fear, because if they could be done they
would have been done already:

1. Could you have some one from Edinburgh, if
only for a few months?

You have praised a Miss Webb very much:
where is she? would she do?

2. If not, could Miss RICHARDSON take the Victoria

Ward for a few months, & Miss Enderby
prowl on as *Night Supt*= for a time?

3. Miss Shillington is a very superior person
to Miss Wright. & has done Leopold well.
She would take *temporary* duty: but
must see her Sister (spitting blood) at
Edinburgh first

How would *this* do?

(a terrible blow to us)

Nurse Warman to come directly

(confd= Nurse Warman)

- private!!

to release Miss Shillington at St. Thomas' -

Miss Sh: to go to see ~~the~~ her Sister for a week:
& then come to you as S. Victoria for a few months

God bless you:

ever yrs

F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 811
initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil SU180/59
{envelope:}
31 May 77
Miss Williams

My dear friend

I have not seen Miss Shillington: but I was told
yesterday Wednesday: *not* by Mrs. Wardroper - that there was
a *chance* of her doing what I suggested to you:
viz. taking *TEMPORARY* duty with you: after she had _____
seen her sister
at Edinburgh.

Mr. B.C. asked *me* to write to Miss Vincent. And
I have done so - but I don't believe she *can*
come.

I don't admire Miss Peskett too slow: but I know her to be loyal:
She *could only* be a "pis aller".

|Over

I have some one coming to me on business
almost at once: So I am unable to
have the pleasure of seeing you now -

Would it be possible for you to go on to
St Thomas' now about the *Shillington*?
yrs ever

31/5/77 F.N.
You had better not quote *me* to Mrs. Wardr=

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pen

{envelope:}
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

1/6/77

My dear Miss Williams [13:120-21]

I am very sorry to say that Miss Vincent cannot come to you: & I am sure that it is not for want of will.

I do not myself feel at all sure about Miss Shillington: as you say.

And what would set one's heart most at ease about you would be that you should place *one of your own people* (Miss Richardson) temporarily in that Ward, & keep on Miss Enderby Temporarily as Night St= - if Miss McLaughlin will not 'do' to go on temporarily.

Miss Shillington:

Failing this, I would go to St. T.'s, & see Matron, & (with her permission) *Miss Shilln-* - proposing to each what I have suggested, if you yourself wish it:

-but *without* mentioning me to either:
(as that would only divert their minds from the real purpose under discussion:)

F.N.

Don't be down hearted: I know you are not:
we shall know one day that we are
all much the better cause & all, for this
wrong: God is always right.

ever yrs F.N.

Take as much exercise as you can:

1/6/77

initialed letter, lf, pen

35 S. St.

June 2/77

I think your present plan excellent:

[13:121]

Miss Mayne would make a good Sister:

(was intended by Mrs. Wardroper for a Sister for St. T.'s:) is loyal, contented, hard working, age:

healthy: 40: Training= time up in August:

must have more *Medical* Training before that:

If Miss Shillington fails, *Miss Richardson* for 3 months, & then *Miss Mayne* is an even better arrangement, to my mind, under the circumstances.

Dearie, do take a Hansom cab, & go out every

day. I venture to enclose 30/ for the purpose & 30/ for the frame:

God speed you My dear friend

is the ever present wish of

yrs ever F.N.

Let me know the decision

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 3/77

My dear Miss Williams

I am told that I must take charge of
my Mother into Derbyshire this week.

And I do not like to go without letting
you know.

I feel very anxious about you. How
does Miss Enderby get on with Dr. Broadbent
as 'Sister Victoria'? And who is to fill her
place- or is she to remain?

I look forward to your taking your
holiday with "Little Sister" on August 20.
And if Lea Hurst, Cromford, Derby, is on

your way anywhere, to your both coming
to spend a week with us. Do:

May all your troubles be blown away: or
rather only strengthen you (after your
holiday) to triumph over what may come.

I do not ask to see you: but should there be
anything in which I can be of the least use,
here I am. How are you? &
how do you get on with the enemy?

Mrs. Wardroper is coming: (here:) so
in haste God bless you, fare you very
well: ever yrs F. Nightingale

Miss Hill, of Highgate, is we fear dying:
the day I go must depend on this

F.N.

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Derby

July 30/77 6. a.m.

My dear Miss Williams

I don't know whether Mr. B.C. has told
you of what has happened to us: & has
prevented me from answering yours:

a fatal case of Small pox in the house.
I am quite unable to say whether we shall
be able to have the great pleasure of
seeing you & Miss Pringle at the time I
had so much hoped.

I feel bound to tell you this in case you

should wish to alter your plans:

But if you would kindly write again
when it comes nearer the time I trust
we *might* be "safe" & able to receive you.

I feel so very sorry for all your troubles:

I mean I wish we could supply you -
I always felt sure that there would be
no ~~other~~ danger for you of not having
vacancies from {illeg}: no other danger but that of
not being able to fill them.

You will come back quite fresh, I trust,
from your holiday:

Morford did very well as Probr= under the Sister whose

Ward Miss Enderby took temporarily at St. T.'s
- but when Miss E. took it, she did not like
Morford. I think you might do worse than
keep Miss Enderby. I believe you would like Miss Mayne
God bless you: in great *discomfiture*, yrs ever

F. Nightingale

The Small pox case was that of a lad just entered my Mother's Service
{ 'Service' vert. in right marg. }

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 815
signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/64

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
11/8/77

My dear Miss Williams

I am glad to think that the prospect of
seeing you & 'Little Sister' is only a pleasure
deferred. Please write to me
as soon as you want to settle your plans:
And oh how glad I am to think that you
& she are going on your holiday: much needed: well
earned.

I am very sorry about Nurse Tearoe's illness:
but thankful that 'peeling' is on the 'go':
If you could contrive anywhere for them to go
& 'convalesce' (She & Nurse Mason: to both of
whom my kindest regards) I would gladly pay

(64)

I send up vows- I hope not altogether fruitless
for your 'Sister'hood.

God be with us all
ever yours & 'Little Sister's
F. Nightingale

We are unable to receive a creature here yet
F.N.

envelope, pen unnumbered SU180/65
Empty {vert. in l. marg, not F.N.}

Evergreens
1 leg Hampshire
unromantic Pork
1 doz. Mince Pies

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

with F.N.'s love: & may the best
Christmas blessings be showered
on our dear Matron & all, all her
faithful Nurses & Sisters: 20/12/77

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS LETTERS 66-73, 74-81,
1878 1879 ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL PADDINGTON

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/66

816

{envelope:}

To enquire: with 3 [8?] pots tulips
 2 " Cyclamen
 & a packet

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

1/1/78 {upside down not FN: 1878} L66

[13:122]

New Year's Day: 1878

My very dear Miss Williams & my Goddess:

I have done your behest: tho' not very sure
I quite understood your meaning. If I have failed,
put it all in the fire, I need not say.

I was so very glad to hear from my cousin
Shore that he thought that tremendous Engine
could & would be moved Pray tell me:
And tell me how you are

Over & over again I wish you the highest
New Year's happiness- a thousand and one
New Years. And a thousand and one times
I pray that my Goddess may walk worthy of
her high calling

Our Nurses are such a source of irritation &
vexation to my Goddess, as I mourn to think,
that grievous as it would be to me, I
cannot but ask: had she not better get
rid of them?

Shall I send you any good (untrained) Nurses

I hear of for you to see?

I heard of one lately from a Doctor, a brother
in law of Miss Irby's Miss Johnston, who wished
for a "permanent" place- [I suppose her a private Nurse]

Would you like to hear more of her?

Good work is being done. Thank God for it!

When the Engine is gone my Goddess will be herself again

Fare you very well, my dear Goddess:

wear a few clothes, this world is too cold

to go about in your shift: And don't look too tall

down upon your worshippers:

& believe me ever your faithful servt=

(whatever you may think) & loving

old friend

F. Nightingale

Am I to expect Nurses Whayman, Mason & Tearoe?

[end]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 817
initialed letter, 1f, pen SU180/67

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Jan 9/78

My dear Miss Williams

Thank you for your very kind letter:
The days the Nurses are due, if it is
convenient to you to let them come, are:
Nurse Whayman Jan 12}
Nurse Tearoe " 23} at 5.
" Mason " 24} if convenient

But as Nurse Whayman leaves you alas! on
the 18th, will it be more convenient to you
to send her on that day, at 5, unless she
is going out of London

I hope to see you, my Goddess, very soon:
but unless there is anything you would
kindly wish to say to me about these
women before I see them, shall
we make some appointment with
my Goddess about the end of the month?
ever yours
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/68

35 South St.
Jan 10/78

My dear Miss Williams

May I send you with your kind permission
the 'Charity'?

I too have heard from 'Little Sister': I am
very anxious to keep her quiet while she is
here. I am afraid she is much pulled down:
- I have been casting about in my mind in all
directions how this could be done. You must
help me. Do you think you & she could
go somewhere into the country? I should be
so glad to help. Or do you think she would
go to Embley (not my father's now) where she

has been before?

I am sorry to say I must put off Nurse Whayman
after all: for another engagement - which I
cannot put off. Would 5 on *Monday*
14th suit you as well for *Nurse Whayman*
to come to me?

If not, I will find another day:
ever my 'Goddess'
F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 818
signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/69

You never told me how it fared} 35 South St.
with the Engine: } Park Lane W.
----- Feb 18/78

My dear Miss Williams

I am so very sorry that you cannot come
& sleep here to- night.

I want to do what is best for "Little Sister" -
whom I thought very tired on Thursday:

If it is best for her to stay quiet to- day, I would
forego the wishing her good bye -

If otherwise, would you both come & dine
here to- day? - & at what hour?

And would she come an hour before to say
farewell?

With best love to both
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/70

35 South St
Park Lane W
April 9/78

My dear Miss Williams

I have been longing to hear, but *always*
thinking of you -

I now take the opportunity- of sending you
12 copies of the "Bandages" sheet- [you can have
as many more as you like] - which "Little Sister"
told me you wished for - to ask oh so many
things- about that dreadful Engine - about
the Nursing Staff - & first & foremost how you
are

Alas! I do not hear very good accounts of "Little Sister".

Your Night Supt= - I did not neglect Your
Imperial Highness' orders - but when I thought I

had found one, Mr. Bonham Carter told me
you had already engaged one. I trust
she is good.

And does the "Cook- Housekeeper" do well, as
well as I hope?

Would you come on *Thursday, Friday or Saturday*
at 4, if you want to be back for dinner
or at 5, if you do not?
& let me hear Your Highness' news from
the Goddess' own lips?

Please thank Nurses Mason & Tearoe
very much for the photograph of
the Goddess & her train.

And *that* too I shall want to have
expounded to me:

under great stress
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/71
{envelope:}

with a geranium
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

8/6/78

35 South St.
June 8/78

[13:122-23]

My dearest Goddess

I am so very, very thankful that that
terrific Engine is going to be moved at
last- (I think you can scarcely have suffered
from it more than I have)- that, tho'
under stress of business & illness, I cannot
help giving a cheer loud enough to be
heard at St. Mary's.

Also I am charmed about the housekeeper
- If I can hear of a proper woman, I will
write at once but I am afraid I am not
likely. Your need of a housekeeper was *urgent*

Hurra for the Nurses' sitting room
& its 'opening' - May I not have a
finger in the pie? Or in those
kinds of things have you carte blanche?
Might I send you £2 for goodies or flowers?
or something more for a bit of furniture?
I should be so glad. say what {line from 'bit' to 'say'}
I am thankful that the dear 'little Sister' is
better: even before her looked for holiday
with you-
- I have felt very anxious about her:
That Miss de Broen is such a good woman
My brother in law knows her very well.
- I am so glad you are training for her.
And may you have a grand new Wing.
Thank you, thank you for telling me about
the Engine. Fare you very well: [end 13:123]
in great haste, always in thought your own
& ever yours, my dearest Imperial Highness
F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen SU180/72

{envelope:} Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

10/6/78

35 South St.
Park Lane W. [13:123]
June 10/78

My dear Miss Williams
I must bid ~~you~~ 'God speed' to the Nurses' new Sitting
Room - you do not tell me *where* it is - in the same
breath as ask you to 'speed' kindly my present to it
with the enclosed £4- which is giving you
all the trouble: but I do not know how to save
it you. I don't know what you would like best
And pray tell the Nurses, with my kindest regards,
that I give them joy & shall think of their
pleasant nest in their new room. And especially
renew my thanks to Nurses Mason & Tearoe [end 13:123]
for their picture of you all.
God bless you ever yours F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 821
incomplete letter, 1f, pencil SU180/73 [late 1878]

I am so rejoiced that the creature (the Engine) is gone [13:123]
that I sang a 'Te Deum' & could, have danced a jig.

All hail to your Xmas without the beast: & to all the Nurses:
And may you have many, many happy New Years.

You know that 4 of our trained Nurses were wrecked on
their way home from Montreal- I venture to send you
& yours copies of their little account -
God for ever bless you & your work: is the loving
wish of yours ever affly- F. Nightingale
I have not forgotten your "Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund": but
it is so long to write about. I hope to see you soon-
{printed address vert. in r. marg:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE W.

[end]

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/74

{envelope:}
To enquire for
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

10/3/79

March 9/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams

I was very sorry to hear not
a very good account of you
from Edinburgh. I was in
hopes when that atrocious
monster was made to flee -
you would be all right.

I have written to Miss
Pringle to ask her to come
here on her way to Paris &
back: whither I hope she
is going for her holiday
with you. Will you not
meet her here?

I have had some difficulty
in struggling thro' the winter
with its overwork: alas! so
little of it done. Or I should
have asked you to come long ago

Will you not kindly make
an appointment to
see me some afternoon
(after Thursday) at 5: if
that is convenient to you?
Would you have some dinner
here afterwards?
God bless you & your work
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

initialed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen SU180/75

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

20/3/79

W.

March 19/79 [date in cat is Mar 20]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams

Very many thanks for your [13:126-27]
kind offer of Nurse Mason:
& more for the very kind
words & feeling which
accompanied it: But I
have thought it better on the
whole never to tempt a
trained Nurse (from St. T.'s)
even thro' her employer with
a private domestic situation:
but rather to dissuade trained
Nurses, if they apply to me for
advice from domestic service.

There is such temptation (in
London) for a trained Nurse to
refuse a Hospital place offered
her - perhaps *on purpose* to break
off & go into domestic Nursing,
where she can get more than a
Sister's pay, a housemaid to wait on her
&c &c &c

Since I wrote this, your
kind note about
Nurse Forde has come: many
thanks. I am sorry she is
not to be had.

We are in treaty with
one or two domestic women,
one of whom I devoutly hope
may do for such a difficult
situation as a new place with
a very old lady

Many thanks for all the
trouble you have taken.

I am 'doing' your "System":
& hope to send you my
unworthy remarks to morrow
morning.

Love & blessings
ever yrs F.N.

It struck me that perhaps,
after I had sent you my
packet, I might get valuable
information from you on
the subject from our own
Probrs- as to how to manage
certain points if you
could kindly come to me
for half an hour again
on any day you could fix
at 5 o'clock. [end 13:126]

heard from "Little Sister"
this mornng.

great haste
F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 824
initialed note with envelope, 1f, pencil SU180/76

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St Mary's Hospital

1/4/79

the little Guild book returned with a very
great many thanks: & I am anxiously expecting
'my' copy -

The two Sermons & the Organization M.S
received with thanks, many, many, many:

And I will write again
I hope good news from Miss Pringle
1/4/79 F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/77

April 16/79
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams

I am very much obliged
to you for writing. I do feel
so very uneasy about 'Little
Sister'. My comfort is that
she has not the build nor
the complexion of a person
with lungs. But none the
less is it a very anxious thing.
Do you know exactly what
the Doctors call this attack?

Certainly London should
be the last place she should
come to now. I have spent
23 consecutive Easters in
London & never known such
an one as this. But she

should not come to London
at all except to rest in
passing thro'.

I hope the Doctors will
say exactly *where* she is
to go. If it is to
Bournemouth or Torquay,
could you go with her?

I have the comfort of
saying to you that she is
worth us all put together,
because I know you will
agree & not be offended:

I am grieved not to see her
tomorrow, but I shall not
commit the unfriendliness of

having her here at all,
(except to rest in passing
-through) on her way to better climes.

Pray let me have news
God bless you & her,
yrs ever

F. Nightingale

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen & pencil SU180/78
{envelope:}

with a pink Azalea
a white "
& a Cytisus

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

22/4/79

I shall send up tomorrow }
early to enquire after } April 22/79
Little Sister. My best of } 10, SOUTH STREET,
love to her & to you: } PARK LANE. W. {printed address}

Dearest Miss Williams

I was so VERY much obliged
to you for your kind note
on Saturday: It was quite a relief.

I hear (with some terror)
that dear 'Little Sister' is
coming up to-day such a
day! But I am sure
she will rejoice so much
at being with you that,
as it is decided, we must
be satisfied that she comes.

God bring her safe thro' the
journey, & help us to do the
best for her, & restore her
to perfect health.

After her stay with you,
I'm your man. God bless you:
in gt haste ever yrs F. Nightingale

initialed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/79

April 30/79

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

My dear Miss Williams

I was so frightened (*unduly*
as I hope) about 'Little Sister'
that I cannot be too thankful
for your continued good reports
of her- 1000 thanks for writing.

I too am wearying to see her,
but I have been so driven &
am. And tomorrow my sister
leaves London: & Friday is my
India mail day.

You say you hope to be off
early next week.

To Paris?

Let me see her on Saturday at
5 o'clock, if that is quite
convenient: or on Sunday or
on Monday. And won't you
come & dine with her on

the day she comes, at 7, or any
hour she likes & you?
Or would it be desirable for
her to come here to stay
from Saturday till Monday?
Or do you think it better not to
move her till you start for
Paris? God bless her.
Please tell me what *is* best
and with very best love to
her, believe me
ever yrs devotedly
F N

Thank God.

I promised Mrs Wardroper
to ask her to stay here a
Sunday to meet Little Sister
when she came
but I think I had better put that
off till you come back from
Paris - had not I?
Ought not 'Little Sister' to be
kept rather free from ~~worries~~ cares? &
talking of cares?
F.N.

I was very sorry not to see
Miss Spencer, but it was
really impossible to me:

initialialed letter, 2ff, pen FNMUS2/ SU180/80a {letter written entirely on an envelope, inside and out}

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

[13:127] and [13:770-71]

Aug 12~~7~~/79

My dear Miss Williams

I have never ceased
thinking about you & your
work if that wd= do any good

I trust we shall be able
to place some Probationers
under your training. I
talked at length to Mr.
Bonham Carter about it:
& you will have seen him.

It makes one so very
uneasy this falling off of
'District': of 'Poor' Nurse
Probationers from the
reason you stated viz
that they are 'half starved'

sometimes & badly lodged
in nursing the poor.
Because, do you know, I
think the Nurses are right.
Should a Nurse ever be
sent to the poor without
an agreement with the
clergyman or other
authority who sends for
her (it, is, I believe,
generally the clergyman)--
that she should be
supplied with proper
food & with a proper
sleeping room, to herself-
-the clergyman or other
authority *to be responsible*
for this: [he may send

her the meals from his
own table: at all events
he is responsible] Without
this, no Nurse to be sent.
[This is the rule in force
in the only successful
'Home' I know from
which Nurses are
sent out to a *single*
poor case at *ANY distance*

And I believe if it were
in force everywhere this
(so desirable) 'Poor' Trained
Nursing can & would be
carried out. If not, not.

Do not you think so?]
May all the best blessings

[end 13:127]

be yours & the work's.

I am always with you-
B if that could do you
any good.

Do tell me about Little
Sister: alone as she is
without either of her
Lieutenants (but I hope
that is so no longer)
it makes one very anxious

God bless you ever
& the work.

F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
initialed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/80b

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Aug 27 [1879]

My very dear Miss Williams

I have never sent the
enclosed:

I have come down here
in charge of my Mother.
Perhaps you know it is
always 'neck or nothing' to
me the coming. Last year
it was 'neck,' this year
'nothing'. I suppose I
must confess to ~~a~~ (short)
acute nervous fever:
with no sleep for 90
hours & an uncountable
pulse.

Even now there is no
possibility for rest for me.

But we won't talk

about that.

I am very anxious

about "Little Sister."

Since I wrote this, I have
had your note about
returning the papers as to
the Rates of Hospital pay:

[13:127]

I ought to have returned
them long before. But
I will look them out
the *first* moment I am
able & send them directly.

Have you made any
progress in asking
your people whether
they would subscribe

to a Trained Nurses' Friendly
Socy- or Union?
I think you & I talked
about this. Could you make out what
the rates and allowances
in Guy's Hospl= Nurses'
Union (compulsory) are?
Shall you & Little Sister
be able to have a holiday
this Autumn & come here?
God bless you ever
F.N.

Could you make out what
the rates and allowances
in guy's Hospl Nurses'
Union (compulsory) are?

incomplete letter, 4ff, pen & pencil LMA L81 {this letter has folios out of sequence, they
have been transcribed to flow properly} SU180/81

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
10/9/79
6.30 a.m.

My dear Miss Williams

Forgive me: that is all I
can say. I have no excuse
to make but increased
illness, the heavy charge
upon me here, in addition
to all my other business
- and your kindness
which is the most valid
of all the (too true) excuses.
Pray forgive me for my delay
in returning you your papers.
[The only time I have to work
is before 7.30 a.m., ~~generally~~ often
after a sleepless night.
The Dr. tells me, as all my
Drs tell me: 'you must go

away for 3 months &
speak & write to none'.
And that is totally impossible
for me.]

The information given in
these papers is so very
vague - They cannot at
all be compared with
each other. And therefore
are so far valueless for
our purpose.

2. I have not heard from
Mr. Bonham Carter whether
he has entered into farther
negotiations with St. Mary's
for our having Probationers
with you.

[13:128]

I do hope he has.

3.

And I hope that the other
thing about which we talked
viz. the impossibility of getting
Probationers - to serve as
country *District* Nurses
(so noble a calling) will
be obviated somehow in
this way: [you know
I think the Probationers
are right:]

Let the clergyman or other
person who sends for the

Nurse be *responsible*
for the Nurse having
a proper bed- room to
herself - & for proper food
to be found (perhaps
sent from his own house)
for the Nurse.
This is done in the case
of the E. Grinstead ~~Nurses~~
Sisters. No board & lodging provided,
no Nurse. And they are quite right
I do it, when I employ
a Nurse, in this village.
If the case is non-infectious,
she sleeps, whether by day
or by night, here: & her
meals are sent her from
here.

If the case is infectious
(as now we have Typhoid

[2]

Fever, in this healthiest
village in the world,
owing to bad drainage-
I don't believe Typhoid
infectious) the ~~she~~ Nurse has her
meals sent from here,
& a bed provided for her
afternoons' sleep in the house
of an old woman, who
is to watch the Patient
meanwhile.

[If a ~~room~~ permanent lodging is kept for the
Nurse, then it is shut
up when Nurse not there:
& she has to come back to
it cold, & then to go out
to buy her victuals.
Clearly the person lady or gentleman who
sends for the Nurse ought

to be responsible for her board
& lodging

I feel the more earnest
about this, because many
District Nursing Societies
are breaking up because
they cannot get candidates

And quite naturally [end]

3. Have you been so good [13:771]
as to enquire among your
Nurses about the other
thing we were talking
about: whether
they Ladies and Nurses would be willing to
pay into a *Trained Nurses'*
Provident Socy-, if we
were able to start one:

and *how many?*

and *how much?*

& whether for all or which

of these advantages:

a sick allowance

a central "Home" or Lodging

House -

an Old Age allowance

a Savings' Bank might be

in connection [end 13:128]

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note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS
LETTERS 82-84, 85-93 1880 1881 St. Mary's Hospital Paddington.

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 6ff, pen & pencil
{envelope:} SU180/82

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

30/3/80 W.

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

Easter Day 1880

My dear Miss Williams

How long it is since I have
seen you. My first Easter
thoughts are for you & yours.

But first I want to ask
you about the Nurses' saving.
The idea originated, I think,
with some of the Nurses
themselves - that we should
have a sort of Central Home
& Club, or Provident Socy=,
supported by their own
contributions, for our
Trained Nurses. I have
collected Rules & Tables,
among others those of Guy's

which you were so good
as to send me: And
I have corresponded with
Secretaries of all kinds
of Friendly & Provident
Societies, & have got together
no end of information
which I shall hope to
impart to you when we
meet - also information
about what in their turn
our Trained Nurses desire.

Then, you know, 183 of
the Trained Matrons &
Nurses did me the honour
to ask me to 'sit' for my
'picture': to which I
responded that, if they
would think of 'saving',

I would think of 'sitting'.
They prepared a delightful
New Year's Day surprise
for me, when 57 signatures
appeared under the

x

following heading:

see p. 2

x Out of 68 Nurses of St. Thomas' 57
signed this: (Probationers
not counted.) Of the 68
23 had already saved:
one paid for a life annuity,
one had invested:
two insured their lives:
five supported relatives-

And now, dear Goddess,
what will your Nurses
do?

We the undersigned Sisters & Nurses of
 St. Thomas Hospital from the
 Nightingale Training School & others
 agree to enter into a 'self-benefiting'
 Provident Society by depositing in the
P.O. Savings Bank or other safe
investment a sum quarterly in {vert. in r. marg.:} [2]
 proportion to our means
 Sisters not less than £1
 Nurses " " " 10/
 and so much more as may be convenient

And how are you going
 on yourself, my Goddess?
 And what do you think
 of 'Little Sister'?
 And when are you going
 to have Probationers of ours?
 And how do your
 Probationers go on? And
 especially do you get
 Probrs= now for the Norfolk
District Nurses Socy?"
 And have they altered the
 provisions for the comfort
 of *District Nurses* for the
 better?
 Have you enough Probrs=
 now?

[1880] Easter Tuesday
 Dearest: you know how
 all my best Easter wishes
 are yours
 I must tell you a little
 about myself (it's a
 poor Easter topic) to
 account for my not
 having seen you as I
 so earnestly wished.

A week after my Mother's
 funeral I was obliged to
 go away for 3 weeks
silence: the first for
 23 years. But I came
 back worse than I went:
 And I fear I shall have
 to go away again for a time. I have
 had 6 years & more, without

[3]

one day's rest of body or mind
ending with my dear Mother's
death: & topping up 23
years of overwork & illness.

The Drs say, if I am to work
at all, in future, it can only be by
taking at least a year now
"free from the responsibilities
which have been forced upon"
me & from "letters".

But when is that year to
come?

I like writing to you about
every thing but about myself.
But I want to ask you a
great favour. While I was
away, Miss Gregory [I always
forget her married name]
wrote to me asking me to
read an Article of hers (& put
it in some Magazine) which she

had written at Canon Gregory's
request & which had been
refused by Miss Yonge -
At that time it was impossible
for me to answer or even to
read letters, except of the
most pressing importance.
[And I did not have one
day's rest from these. I
took all my business with me].

This is a sort of cry for mercy.
I fear that it will be impossible
for me, for all such future
as I may have, to answer
such requests (as Miss Gregory's),
which come to me even
from Africa, let alone Europe.

[Surely Canon Gregory is
the person to do it.]

Would you say all that is
kind for me to her, & express
~~this~~ in your own words my poor
state? My poverty & not my will?

The myriads of letters I have
now to leave unanswered
- & above all my Indian work
weigh heavily on my soul

[As I say it's a sorry Easter topic]
But dear 'Little Sister' writes
to me so beautifully - you
know how she writes -
- 'we "are all to- day rejoicing
in the hope of the resurrection
and listening for the risen
Lord's voice in the garden
that we may be able to
hear our own trouble & to see
the sorrows of those we love"-

Amen: but I feel so little
like a risen one- more like
an endless ass.

But I must see you, my
Goddess, before I go: before
long: *if* I do go.

God bless you: God (82)
guide us all.

yrs ever

F. Nightingale

My kindest regards to
any Nurses who
remember me - or
who do not.

All my people are engaged
in or for Elections for
themselves or others:
Sir Harry with Patriotic
pluck fights a gallant fight, whether we win
or lose, in his 79th year at
Buckingham: his son at
Portsmouth: a cousin at Devonport
-beer flowing like water on the *other* side,
bribery of all sorts & sizes - *no* beers
on *ours*, & all canvassers & Agents
doing it for nothing but principle & love & refusing
even fees.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/83

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10 South St. 24/5/80

My dear Miss Williams

Mr. Bonham Carter & I have both looked
at your scheme & made some notes in pencil
which may afford suggestions for emendations
in some matters of wording & detail.

[13:128]

To the proposed scheme so far as it
goes there appears to be no objection
& the plan will no doubt be a
useful adjunct to the Hospital.

But your difficulties will begin when
this has been adopted.

God speed your work: & this new branch of it.
I shall take the first opportunity of a vacant
day or two to ask you to fix a day
for the great pleasure of seeing you -

But I am so pulled down:

ever yours

F Nightingale

I had rather hoped your plan would
show here the accommodation you
propose to provide &c &c &c -

The Committee will probably ask for some
estimate showing the probable cost &
income - and also the expected
advantages to the Hospital -
to set against the outlay for accommodation
& the fixed charges to be incurred -

The Rules of the Westminster Home, St.

John's House, & the British Nursing Association
might be obtained & laid before the
Committee.

N.B. Stick to 7 (p.2). It is most important
sometimes to put back these private Nurses
into Hospital service.

3. (p.3) I presume you would ~~not~~
~~require~~ understand by "always" *always when*
on duty. You cannot insist on the uniform
being worn *out of doors*?

[end]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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initialed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen
{envelope with numbering at bottom:}
H1/ST/NC3/SU180/84}

To enquire with a book -
 & some country
 Raspberries &c
 & eggs

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

22/7/80

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 22/80

My very dear Miss Williams

[13:128-29]

You are very good &
forgiving to write to me so
I must have seemed so
forgetful & unmotherly.
But it has been only
'seemed': I have followed
your fortunes with the
intensest interest thro'
Mr. Bonham Carter &
others of your old friends.
And, as for myself I have
never had a day's rest.
But we won't talk of that.

As to the "London," I will

not deny that I should
have been glad *for the*
London, if you had 'stood'
for it ~~it is~~ such an
immense field for useful=
ness. But my whole
better judgement is *for*
your remaining at St.
Mary's, where you
have done so much,
where you can build
on the foundation you
have already raised
where every body now recognizes
what you have done,
& where now there is
a splendid field to go
on & make the place
perfect thanks to you:

On the contrary, in the
London, they are so
self- satisfied, the Secretary
who has reigned for 35
years is so much the
King of the place that
a Queen must almost
reign for 35 years
before she can hope to
do what is so urgently
wanted -

This is what makes
me pause: *no* doubt
that a Queen is urgently
wanted.

I earnestly hope that
Miss Pyne may succeed
in having the appointment.

There is then the hope
& *fear* as to her succeeding
in what alone makes
the appointment to be
wished for.

You know she is one of
the "selected candidates":
& comes up on Monday
night to appear before
the House Commee- on
Tuesday & return on
Tuesday night to Edinburgh

I hope they won't
kill her. (84)

[2]

And now, dearest
about "Little Sister".
I hear not from her
but from Miss Pyne
that she is not coming
up as early as she
expected. I had
told her that I would
reserve *Sunday at 5*
& *Tuesday at 5* for
her, according as to
whether she came up
on Saturday or Monday.

I am engaged now,
especially at this
time of the year, when
every body is leaving
London or passing thro'

London, - a *fortnight*
beforehand: (It used
only to be a week
beforehand) - the second
half of next week is
already engaged.
It is not, as you well
know, that I would
not get out of my
grave to see 'Little
Sister': but how
can I put off people
who are going to
India or S. Africa
or Bosnia the next
day? I would if I could
Can you tell me *what*

day "Little Sister" is
coming, & how long
to stay?

And would you, if
she does not come on
Saturday, 'take' Sunday
or Tuesday with me
yourself?

God bless you, dear
friend, & speed you
well, as He is doing.
I trust you will give
"Little Sister" & have
yourself a most
refreshing 'outing':
how do you think she is?
ever yrs F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen SU180/85

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

19/1/81

{letter:} 10 South St
Park Lane W.
Jan 19/81

My dear Miss Williams

It is an age since I
have heard from you.

Could you fix some
afternoon about 5
when it will be
convenient for you to
come & tell me the
news about your dear
self & "Little Sister".

yours ever affly

Florence Nightingale

incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

{folios seemingly cut out from a letter}

I shall leave word here that the {illeg Pearl, top of word off page}
is to be made comfortable if she will
but come: & come on to Embley or not
as she likes.

If you have to write to me *pressingly*,

address Embley

Romsey (Hampshire)-

Otherwise, it is always better to address *here*,
to be forwarded -

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil SU180/86

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Feb 6/81

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

My dear Miss Williams

I don't think there are two
people more anxious than
you & I are about Little
Sister- I have written to her
as you suggested, urging her to
take rest & change -

I am very sorry you are so
driven at St. Mary's- But [13:129]
all Hospitals are very full
just now (except Westminster)
I think - I don't suppose
this great drive can last
And I don't suppose Little
Sister can leave her room
just now - Would it be
possible for you to go down

a little later - we know there
is no one like you for giving
her real enjoyment- & take
her somewhere -

I would so gladly help in this (in
any way I could) that you
tell me & that she likes-
I have seen Miss Pyne: & shall
see Miss Hogg tomorrow - Miss
Hogg goes back to Edinburgh,
I believe, on the 17th.

I too have been much driven -
And you, I am afraid, scarcely
get out now - But as soon as
something can be settled about
Miss Pringle, I trust you will
let me see you: & let me be
ever yours

F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed note, 1f, pen SU180/87

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Would you dine with my Sister & Sir Harry
Verney at 7 - at No- 4
after seeing me, tomorrow (Sunday)?
dear Miss Williams? they will be quite
alone I believe
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

26/2/81

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil SU180/88
{envelope:}
Please forward

Miss Williams
care of Miss Pringle
Royal Infirmary
Edinburgh

7/4/81

10 South St.

Ap 7/81

My dear Miss Williams

I was so sorry to hear
which I did not till
last Saturday, that
my Goddess was ill -
but very glad that
you are gone to "Little
Sister", & going to take
her away from the
Infirmary again for a
time.

Health rain upon
you both.

Not to see you before
you went was a
grief to me. I was only

gone to Seaford for
a week, but was
driven back by the
great cold last Tuesday
week

Alas! The Matronship [13:129]

of St. Bartholomew's
is disposed of - to
a woman of 25
without experience.

But - it is not Miss F. [end]

Now forget all Hospital
affairs for a season
& make Miss Pringle
forget them.
But if you have a

moment to waste upon
my poor self, tell me
how she & you are
& believe me
ever my Goddess'
most affectionate adorer
F. Nightingale (in anxiety)
(& always yours)

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pen SU180/89
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

26/4/81

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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April 26/81

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

My dear Miss Williams

Forgive my delay in answering
you. I am as anxious to
see you & to hear about
"Little Sister"- God bless her! -
as you are kind in offering
it.

Forgive a weary old woman
who has been very busy.

Could you kindly come
to *morrow* (Wednesday) or
Thursday or *Friday* at 5?
Please, an early answer.
Do not do like me.

How grievous the death
of Miss Hogg's mother, how
unfortunate for dear Miss Pringle.

God bless you:
ever my Goddess' devoted

F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 3ff, pen SU180/90
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

1/8/81

August 1/81

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

My very dear Miss Williams

I have not waited for your
letter to ask Mrs. Wardroper
(upon a hint from "Little
Sister") whether she could
not give up Miss Hogg
for your post of Night Supt-
describing to "Matron" what
it was.

[13:130]

From a series of untoward
circumstances Matron is in
such need of Miss Hogg
for a Sister that I fear
she cannot give her up.
You would have been
touched as I was at Matron's

relief when she heard that
Miss Hogg who has been
changing her mind was
coming to her.

[When I spoke to Miss Hogg,
about it - I was then
trying to persuade her that
her duty lay with Miss Pringle-
she told me that she wished
very much for a *Sistership*
at St. Thomas']

More grievous it is to me
than I can say that your
Miss Byam is going to leave
you. To my poor mind
it is as unintelligible that

Miss Byam should have a
"call" to Rome as that Miss
Machin should have a "call"
to S. Africa. It seems like
leaving good solid much wanted work in
God's cause for an 'adventure'.

Miss Hogg, tho' sadly wanted
at St. Thomas', cannot come
there till September.

I feel like a mother, all whose
children are crying for
~~milk~~ food, & she is agonized
at having little or none
to give them.

[end]

I am terrified at your
prospect of having "only
a week's holiday" this autumn.

I was so in hopes that
you & Miss Pringle were
going abroad for at least
a month. How do you
think she is? And will
she not take a good long
holiday? & where?

I cannot help hoping that
Miss Byam may yet stay
with you where she is
happy & useful.

[13:130]

You do not know of a
lady "Nightingale trained"
who will ~~do~~ suit for Mr.
Rathbone's post of
Lady Supt- to the Liverpool
Royal Infirmary & Nurses' Training School & Home, with its
Hospital, Private & District

[2]

Nurses, do you? She
will have two Assistants.
We are beset with applications
& the demand is far
greater than the supply.

Cannot you send us some good
Lady Probationers?

May every blessing attend
your work, my dear friend,
as you must feel it
has already. May you
not be overworked: &
may your Hospital grow
big - If I could
but cut myself up to
help you, I would do it
to morrow: ~~but~~ alas.' I am useless
but ever yours

F. Nightingale [end]

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil SU180/91
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

24/8/81

W

10 South St
Park Lane W.
Aug 24/81

My dear Miss Williams

[13:130-31]

You asked me if I
knew of any trained Nurse
who could possibly take
charge of the new
(Baptist) Hospital at
Rome - & save Miss Byam going
What is the charge?
We have a Nurse, Nurse
Spreat, not a gentlewoman
but much better educated
than the common- place
class of so-called ladies,
of whom we have a very

high opinion.

She has been obliged to leave
her post at York Hospl=
by a slight tendency to
chest affection: & she
ought properly to go to a
warmer climate.

I thought possibly she
might take the proposed
Hospital at Rome
& save your parting
with Miss Byam
But I could not say
unless I knew *what*
sort of a charge it is -

Also:

Is Italian indispensable?
She may speak French
but not Italian.

And where is the Hospital?
Is it in a healthy part
of Rome?
I should be so glad if
you could be dispensed
from losing Miss Byam.
Failing this, but far less
important in my eyes,
Nurse Spreat would do
for one of those Nurses' posts
at Cannes or at Nice
which I *think you* it was
who mentioned to me -
God bless you
in great haste
ever yrs
F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil
SU180/92

{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

27/8/81

W

10 South St. W.

Aug 27 1881

Dearest Miss Williams

[13:131]

Thank you for your
very kind note & information
about Cannes for Nurse
Spreat: so full & complete.

How I regret that
Miss Byam is leaving you.

How I regret that you
are not going to have a
holiday.

I should have been so
very glad to have seen
Miss Byam, as you
kindly desired- but that
I am just starting for a

10 days' total silence:
being pretty nigh worn out.
And I have been seeing
people & doing business
(alas! unfinished) to this
very last moment.

After that, I go on as
soon as I am able, to do
business at Lea Hurst,
where I hope perhaps to
see Miss Pringle- and
oh may it be possible
that I may see you, if
St. Mary's a little abates?

So that I fear I shall
not be back in time to

see Miss Byam before
she starts - that wicked,
wicked journey -
to whom please give my
very best of good wishes,
tho' she is absconding
from you.

God bless all your ways:

& St. Mary's. And
still I wish & hope for
a *little* holiday for you -
It is grievous that you
& Miss Pringle cannot go
together. Thanks for your
news of her: so welcome.

Excuse the greatest haste

& believe me

ever yours

(in haste or not)

F. Nightingale

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil
{envelope:}

TO ENQUIRE -with every best wish
for the New Year

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

F.N.

Dec 30

1881

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SU180/93

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Dec 30 1881

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

My dear Miss Williams

I feel very anxious to hear
about you: how you are, &
how Mrs. Christy
is- & what
you are going to do-

I am so thankful Miss
Byam is back -

Let me wish you every
good & perfect gift for the
New Year, & many, many
happy ones
God bless you

ever yrs

F.N.

I shall hope to see you soon
might it be the week after next?

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:}

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

TO

RACHEL WILLIAMS

LETTERS 94-102, 103-~~105~~ 104
1882 1883

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil SU180/94
{envelope:}

with a pheasant

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospl=

2/1/82

10 South St

New Year's Day

1882

Dearest Miss Williams

I send a pheasant wh I venture to
hope Mrs. Christy might like -

[13:131]

Would Tuesday week Jan 10, at 5 perhaps
suit you?

How is poor Mr. Wilkinson? If he is
able, could you give him a kind

message from me?

I asked him once for Statistics -
& his were the best of all the London
Hospitals- I feel so sorry for him
May God be with him

And how are you?

God bless you

ever yours

F.N.

signed letter, 1f, pen & pencil SU180/95

27/2/81

My dear Miss Williams

My Sister & brother in law will be
delighted to see you at dinner this evening.

The weather looks nasty. Pray bring
oversHOES & a wrapper: for the
"North west passage" between No= 10
& No. 4 (3 doors) A servant shall
take you, but he cannot carry you,- I
wish he could: over the sloshy pavement

ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil
{envelope:}

To enquire {up diag}

Please Forward

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

7/3/82

SU180/96

10 South St. March 7/82

Dearest Miss Williams

I have just heard that dear Mrs.
Christy is gone before -

The shock of such a loss is so very
great I almost fear to ask after you
all - But for her

"when faith & love which parted from her never"
had ripened her, she resigned

"that earthly load

"Of death called life which us from life doth sever"

Did she know that she was going?
And how are you- who have so
faithfully watched her all those sad
months in London?

It is not at the time but afterwards
it is a comfort to think that the
beloved one has been spared from much
suffering

If I dared, I would ask Mr. Christy
& the children to accept my deepest
sympathy. Her daughter must
try to take the mother's place -
God bless you all -

ever yours dearest,
in weal & in woe

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/97

10 South St.

June 7/82

My dear Miss Williams

I cannot tell you now glad I was
to hear from you- You have had,
I fear, a hard time of it- But
hardness is oft times blessing- But
perhaps it sounds to you hard to say that.
May God bless your every step a
thousand times -

I was so glad too about your Hospital
& "Little Sister"- She seems cheery
now- How I wish that you & she
might go abroad this autumn together.
That would be the best rest to you
both- She has felt your long, long
trial. And so have I, my dear one-

I want to see you- & hear more
than your kind letter can tell me.
I have been so pressed ~~it~~ all this spring

[13:131-32]

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(you kindly ask) - with my brother in law
too staying in the house - & enquiries into
the misconduct & the inefficiency of the Hospital
Orderlies in the Natal War - as if Nurses
& India were not enough - that I have
been a good deal worse than usual- I
have almost every day filled up now-

But could you fix some afternoon at 5
next week when you could kindly come
& see me? And would you dine here? I
am always afraid that I put off your dinner
May all blessings be yours, I cannot say enough
yrs ever affly
F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil SU180/98
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

1/7/82

W.

10 South St
July 1 1882

Where you were in the question, my dear friend, I put
off every other appointment: & saw Sir Henry Parkes
yesterday afternoon before he sailed -

[13:140-41]

The day before, I asked Mr. Bonham Carter to
see him & also to see you - But I rather think
Mr. B.C. did not succeed in seeing him.

Sir H. Parkes told me what he had said to
you- I asked him sundry questions, based
upon the corresponde= which has been going on
between Sydney & us for years about the Prince

Alfred Hospl=: & upon what he himself had told me when I saw him on his arrival in England.

The gist *practically* of what he said to you & to me seems to have been that he would write, to us both as soon as he arrived in Sydney} & could *inform himself* relatively to the Matronship.

If it were otherwise, I would ask to see you at once, my dear one. But as we cannot hear from him for 4 months, & as I am much pressed & feel as if I must have a little entire rest, you will probably not be sorry to put off seeing me for 2 or 3 weeks.

Your concerns are mine: & your anxiety is mine.

Sir Henry Parkes behaved like a man: which is higher than a gentleman- He neither promoted your going - nor deterred it, but was only anxious to put at our disposal full information. Had he been less of a man, I think he would have snatched at your going.

What information I have as yet about the Prince Alfred is unfavourable-

I have not heard from Miss Pringle which makes me (perhaps unwarrantably) anxious - Do you think She is *not* getting better? She has not answered my letter - [N.B. She has never breathed a word about Sydney to me] I confess I should like to hear from you what impression Sir H Parkes made upon you -

Excuse this scrawl:

ever yrs

God guide us all - F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/99

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July 23 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams
Your new Secretary
your ~~future~~ autumn holiday
dear "Little Sister"
your health & spirits
all that regards yourself
all these things are very
near my heart always - And
I want very much to hear
about them all
Please tell me
I almost hope to hear that
you & "Little Sister" may be
going abroad in about 3
weeks.
When will it be convenient

to you to come & see me?
Give me the choice of two
~~days~~ afternoons next week,
please.
All good attend you-
But I need not say that
that is the ever fervent prayer
of yours ever

F. Nightingale
Mr. Bonham Carter gives [13:132]
me a good account of
you- & of the new
Secretary which God grant
to be true permanently [end 13:132]

I am so very sorry that [13:365]
Dr. Bell has not the Chair
of Surgery: I did my best.
& more than my best F.N. [end 13:365]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/100

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Aug 6 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams Your
great kindness is very
valuable to us.

If Sir Henry Norman **[15:921-22]**
does not object, I should
hope to see Miss Norman
- would she come to- day
at 3.30? [I have to
see Miss Airy later.]
And would she object to
go on from me to see Mrs.
Wardroper, to whom I
will send a note at once -
Miss Norman would

have to go to St. Thomas'
at all events to see
about her outfit
which we provide - & where
most of the patterns &
material are lying -
ALL the women are to wear
the same uniform. [Indeed
I rather promoted this..]
for protection-

I trust then to make
Miss Norman's acquaintance
at 3.30, if Sir Henry
gives his consent:

You see there is scarcely
an hour to lose.
I was so glad to see you,
my Goddess, last night:
God bless you
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end 15:922]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/101 signed letter, 2ff, pen

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Aug 11 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams

Yes: certainly: I would
not let "Little Sister" pass
thro' London without my
having the dear delight of
seeing her.

Would 5 on "Wednesday"
afternoon suit her?

Tell me if it is too
late: as you "start early
"on Thursday morning".
And I will make it 4,
& not keep her late.

I am glad you are going
to Paris- I mean not going

[15:924]

'straight on end' through
to Geneva.

She or you will tell me
your plans.

Mrs. Deeble announced on

Tuesday that she was
not going- herself with the
War Nurses. I wonder
whether this was owing to
"Little Sister's" declining.

No help in the whole
world that could have
been given her would have
been equal to Little Sister's.
But how could she have

the audacity to ask her?
- was it to go as a "Nursing
"Sister"?
God bless you both - &
 guide two such precious
 workers of His -
How is "Little Sister"? - and
 what are your ~~plans~~ routes
 for abroad? Give me an
 address.
I fear I shall not have time to
 write to "Little Sister".
Would you kindly tell her?
 And oh I do hope she
will not do too much.
 Is she going to that place
you mentioned as recommended
by Dr. Balfour?
I shall hope to see her & you at Lea Hurst.

I am grieved beyond measure,
quite cast down, by this cross
about Miss Norman when
she & you had been so kind
about her going at a day's
notice. But it is
true that her place is *not*
to be filled up: as I ascertained
not till late last night. And if
any more Nurses are sent
she will be the first chosen.

I cannot form the least
guess- I suppose the authorities
on the spot cannot- as to
the prospect of this.

[end]

Good speed to your holiday
& Little Sister's, dear friends,
& forget us all for the time
 ever yrs F. Nightingale

10 South St. W.

Nov 28/82

My very dear Miss Williams

I cannot tell you how
glad I was to hear from
you these two times,
tho' you would not think
so by my silence -

It was very good of
you to let me have news
of Miss Norman. She
has kindly written to
me several times- And
I have just heard from

[15:946-47]

her again- Abbasiych
Hospital, near Cairo -
Miss Airy & her company
have also just been
sent up from Ramleh, Alexandria,
to ~~their~~ her, Miss Airy's, great joy, to
the Citadel Hospl=, Cairo,
where there were no
Sisters but two useless,
kindly nuns, & where
they, Nurses, were *very much*
wanted.

I am sorry to say the
need for the really
well-trained Nurses
who are out there still continues
very great -
In answer to your question,
the Director-General
called upon me a
short time ago, & after
saying that till the
War Office had determined
the number of troops of
the Army of Occupation,
he could not positively

decide about the stay
of the Nurses in Egypt,
asked me: what we
should like our Nurses
& what *they* would like
to do: to which I
replied that I was
sure they would wish
to stay as long as their
services were needed -
[As you know, there has
been & is very severe
Typhoid or rather Enteric

[2]
This morning I have a
letter from Mrs. Fellowes
& Miss Solly (who, I
am happy to say, are
transferred from the
"Carthage" where there
is now little work, to
the Gabari Hospl=,
Alexandria, where there
is very heavy work), -
asking advice about
their staying out.

If you will allow me,
I will write you in a
few days any more
positive information
I can gather- But
it seems to me that at
Cairo & Gabari work
-among sick is not
slackening at all -

As for the great &
positive afflictions of
Military Nursing, the

greater they are, the
more must we not
rejoice to be there?
I warned all our Sisters
what they were: & I think
I warned Miss Norman -
No one but those who
have not ~~felt~~ done it can
look upon Military Nursing
as an enthusiasm of glory,
but as a very, very trying strain, &
unsatisfactory struggle.

But the really - trained
Nurses have saved many,
many lives -

[end 15:947]

By the way, I think I
gave you, as I did
"Little Sister," 3 months
and a day as the *outside* of the time
Miss Mackenzie would
stay out. I was quite
wrong. She has not
stayed out that time
& is now on her way home.

[3]

Miss Norman is longing
to be with you again:
(as are some of ours)
but she is quite brave
at her post

I was so very glad to
hear of you from {rest of folio cut}

may I not have a
good account from
you of my Goddess?
So Guy's Hospl= Matron
is going to leave?
{rest of page cut out}

Don't you think
Miss Pringle must
have another holiday?

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 867
signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil SU180/103

{envelope:}

To enquire

a verbal answer {2 words up diag}

with a pheasant

& a framed t=

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospl=

22/1/83

Paddington

10 South St.

Jan 22/83

My very dear Miss Williams

I am so very sorry for
your illness which I have
only just heard of from
'Little Sister'- I am not
sorry that she & you
are going away - tho'
I know not where to-
somewhere in the S. of
England? - She is not
very well, I am afraid -
She must come & see me

on her way back.

My sister has had the
very worst attack of
Rheumatic Arthritis I
ever saw: & tho' she
has just been moved
to Claydon, she is not
much better -

Now pray God this
may find you better.

I know none of your
people now, I think -

Else I would send
my New Year's greetings
to all, & especially to you,
my Goddess, which
this text will carry on
its wings -

God bless you

ever yours

F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 868
signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen SU180/104

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
29/12/83 W.

Dec 29/83
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Williams

How fares my Goddess? Not
despairing nor disconsolate, I trust -
- full of work I know -

My very best Christmas & New
Year's wishes to my Goddess.

Success to your Provident Nurses'
scheme. When it came, I was struggling,
somewhat in vain, with an accumulated
load of work, trying to make up lost time
from my poor sister's terrible illness, &
my own & from my poor maid Fanny

[2]

having fallen into Consumption - And
then I wanted to talk ~~at~~ the scheme over with
Mr. Bonham Carter who is very busy.

Pardon if I have not had time yet.
And, returning to my Goddess, let me
know how she is. I shall hope
soon to see her- But I know that

now she is overdone with Christmas as
I cannot help giving her joy that she has
(what I have not) the path of God's work
so clearly marked out which she can do
so well- I hope she is well. Now God
bless her: ever her faithful ~~slave~~ devotee F. Nightingale

printed Xmas card & postmarked envelope, 1f, pencil
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.
29/12/83

{printed card front:} [calligraphy]

The Peace
of GOD which passeth
all Understanding
Phil. 4.

7.

his Name
shall be
called....
PRINCE of PEACE
Is. 9.6
CHRISTMAS

{card back by F.N.}

For
our dear Miss Williams
And may she who shows
so truly the "good will
towards men" have the
promised "peace on earth" -
And may the highest
blessings of Christmas & the
New Year be hers. May
1884 be happy & prosperous
in the greatest sense -
with
Florence Nightingale's
love
Dec 29 1883

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

870

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS
LETTERS 105-28 1884

initialed note, 1f, pen

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

F. Nightingale's love
& very best wishes & prayers -
for the highest blessings for the
New Year upon my love.

I feel uneasy at not having
heard from my Goddess-

And how is "Little Sister"?

F.N.

4/1/84 SU180/105

initialed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pencil SU180/106
{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

5/1/8

W.

Jan 5/84

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

I am so very sorry for your sore

Medical woes. But why

should my Goddess be disturbed

by them? Goddesses are never
disturbed by the sorest worries-

Yes: I will put off any thing
& every thing that can by
possibility or *impossibility* be
put off- to see my Goddess. Let

her fix ~~her own day~~ (now at once,
please) her own day for any
afternoon she likes at 5 -

And I am her devoted

F. Nightingale

Could you kindly send me

Mr. Bonham Carter's note
to you on your Provident
Scheme that I may consider
the two together? F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/107

871

July 19/84

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

I feel the greatest anxiety to
know how yesterday's Board went
off. [In consultation with Mr.
Bonham Carter I did write a
note stating what you mentioned
of our conversation last year, for
him to make use of or not, as you he
judged useful at the time] I don't know
what he} yours ever, my Goddess
did }

F. Nightingale

2ff, Edward Sieveking to Miss Williams, July 20 1884, 17 Manchester Square, W., re: Miss
Williams difficulties with the Board and he confirms his continued support SU180/108

SU180/109 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St.

July 27/84

My dear Goddess

I am longing to hear
how Friday's Board
& your matters are going
on -

God bless you:

ever yours F.N.

I cannot get rid of my

cough (you kindly ask)

& am still on my back

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 1f, pencil SU180/110

872

10 South St.

July 30/84

Dearest Miss Williams

I return your letters
with many thanks: &
feel very anxious to know
how Tuesday's meeting
went off- but it seems
to me that you are
winning, as you ought to do,
~~on~~ all along the line - & that,
for one cantankerous
man, you have a
multitude which
sticketh closer than a
brother of friends

And I am far more
anxious that my Goddess
should have her holiday
now as soon as possible,
& that "Little Sister"
should join her & take
a good holiday somewhere
It must be as desirable
for the one as for the
other. Tell me that
this may be so:

& believe me
ever yours
F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/111

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10 South St.
August 5/84
7 a.m.

Dearest Miss Williams

There is a good proverb, [13:132]
Let sleeping dogs lie.

As you say: you "did not
"bargain for an increase:
"they gave it to" you
"without" your "asking
for it"

You are completely
"exonerated" by the Report.

But as Mr. Lane
made the application
& as you appear to be
anxious to *offer* to give
up the Matronship, (which

of course they cannot
accept), do you
not think that you
should be guided by
Mr. Lane's advice
which doubtless you
have asked? I hope it
will be to do *nothing*?

You also said in a previous note that you
"THOUGHT" Mr. Clay was
of your opinion, &
that he would ~~write~~ draft
a 'more civil' letter
for you to write. What
has come of his opinion?
I think a great deal of
that. I also hope it
will be to do *nothing* -

Mr. Bonham Carter is, as
you doubtless know, at
Ravensbourne
Keston

Beckenham: Kent.
& every day at his Office
11 Lombard St. W E.C.
These three men would
guide you in any
step that would be best
to take. *They* KNOW
the people with whom
you have to deal.

Pray do not give too
much importance to
what you call the "tone"
of the Report.

I cannot but give you (111)
joy of your triumph -
And now I pray to hear
soon that you have
started on your much
needed holiday with
Miss Pringle.

God bless you -
I was so very sorry not
to be able to write last
night. Tomorrow I
go to my Sister at Claydon
although very little fit for it -
- I ought to have gone
to-day. All letters to me
here will be forwarded
Good speed.

ever my Goddess'
devoted

F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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Claydon House
Winslow Bucks
Aug 13/84

Dearest Miss Williams

It was the greatest relief [13:132-33]
to hear from you, tho'
I had previously heard
from Mr. B.C. of his
interview with Mr. Clay &
what they had settled.
You have done the best.
The thing is on a good
footing. Pray try &
dismiss it from your mind
- fold it up with God.

Yes, "Little Sister" is a
person of unparalleled
obduracy (about holidays)
But, my dear, you are a
Goddess - the Sun is at your
command- don't you know
how your Sun will melt
the hardest hearts, when
Boreas only makes them
shut up the tighter? I
promise you she shall go
a little holiday with you,
tho' alas! She ought to
have 2 months.

My dearest love to her -
& please to Miss Spencer.

I will return the copy of
your letter to the Board -
which you have been so
good as to send me -

Now, good speed to your
holiday - & forget us all
for the present -

Tell "little Sister" there
is no chance for me of
what she portrays [?] - even
were I able to go so far -
My sister is, thank God, no
worse. I think her better -
more sleep, less pain, not
quite so helpless.

I was scarcely able to get (112)
out of bed ~~when~~ the first
day -

It is 31 years to- day
since I retired into
"public life". Pray for me
that God may forgive my
short comings.

ever yours devotedly

F. Nightingale

My kind regards to Miss

Byam if I may

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pencil SU180/113
{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

10/9/84

London W.

Oct 10/84

Claydon House, {printed address}

Bucks.

My dear Miss Williams

My mind & heart

has been full of my

Goddess, as she may

suppose, these weeks -

In communication with

Mr. Bonham Carter, he

told me that he should

see you before he left

home, & "if possible have

"a meeting with Mr. Clay"-

- & that he would "return

to-day

"again" to London "for

"a day or two before

"going abroad", (which

he much needs)-

I long to know the

present state of

affairs as to yourself -

& I pray God that it

may be what we

wish & you deserve -

May God bless you with

His choicest blessings

I am kept here by my
sister not being so well -
I have not had a day's
holiday - But if all
is well with you &
"Little Sister", that will
be my holiday -

I hope to be in
South St. in a week.

Mr. Clay & Mr -
Bonham Carter will be
your best advisers -
But I yearn to know:
God grant it may be all right
ever yours

F. Nightingale

initialed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

18/10/84 London W.

Oct. 18/84 SU180/114
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear friend

I cruelly grieve with you - [13:133]
Have you seen Mr. Clay &
Mr. Lane since the Board
reported? [I am afraid Mr.
Bonham Carter? is gone abroad]
You will tell me what they
say when I see you on ~~Sunday~~
~~or~~ Monday. May God bless you
yours ever F.N. [end 13:133]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil

{envelope:} SU180/115

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospl=

22/10/84

Private {up diag} 10 S. St

Oct 21/84

My dear friend

I wrote to Dr. Sieveking, [13:133-34]
& his answer was; to come
& ~~spea~~k here & talk. He is so
exceedingly 'aggravated'
(& no wonder) by the
malice & injustice that
he will not pledge
himself to do anything -
not even to appear at
Friday's Meeting - tho' he
does not refuse -

The thing to do is
obviously this: to get
10 or 12 Independent
Governors, ~~to~~ all who will
interest themselves in
supporting the truth, to
attend - but, besides
this, to find an independent
Governor, - better *not* a
Medical Officer, - who
will speak on Friday,
put the true view of
the case, after having

carefully got up the
details - (urging, ~~for~~
~~instance~~, besides, the strong point
of their having raised
the *Secretary's* salary).

If Mr. Clay, -(tho' he
is not a Governor, he
must know Governors,
good men & true)- if
Mr. Lane, & Mr. Owen
would each ~~speak to~~ enlist
3 or 4 Governors, by
explaining the case, the
thing would be done -

And let them find a (115)
man (an independent
Governor) who can &
will speak on Friday. [Dr. S.
thinks that such a man
would win over several
of Dr. B.'s supporters]:

Excuse a short note.
[A lady came by
appointment on some
rather distressing business
before Dr. Sieveking
was out of the house

[2]

And she is only just
gone-]
But I must send this
note to you to- night -
We *must not* let the
Devil win. To let the
thing go by default,
is intolerable -

If your three friends
each brought ~~one or~~
two independent Governors
& these six each brought
one more, surely that

would not be so
difficult. But they
must find a speaker -
Now God defend the
right -
ever yours
my dear friend
F. Nightingale
Miss Williams

initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil SU180/116

{envelope:}

wait
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
23/10/84 Paddington
Oct 23/84

My dear Miss Williams

Lord Carlingford left [13:134-35]
Lord Granville's before Sir
Harry Verney arrived there
last night-

If you will kindly send
me (by messenger) a *short*
clear statement of what
your good advisers wish
laid before Lord C., I will
write it, in the form of a
letter to Sir Harry Verney,
& he will ask ~~him~~ to
Ld C. to

read it & to act on it.

Sir Harry thinks it
better that it should go
in my name than in
his: because, he says,
he can only speak in
my name -

Good speed
ever yours
F.N.

Probably Lord Carlingford
hardly knows who Dr.
Meadows is - certainly
not his connection with
this melancholy affair

Must he not be
told why he is to
"hint" to DR. MEADOWS
&c &c ?

The difficulty is, you
see, how to make the
statement to Ld Carling-
ford without revealing

these unhappy
"squabbles" which revelation you
say would alienate
Dr. Meadows -

I felt this in
explaining the case
to Sir Harry- I did
not wish to tell him
anything that he must
not tell to Lord Carlingfd

23/10/84

I will immediately begin
writing my letter - for there
is not a minute to be
lost- to day being the
opening of Parlt= And
Sir Harry will ask Lord
Carlingford to read it &
to act upon it.

Good speed

Shall I send in to No- 4
& see whether Sir Harry is
in & at liberty for you
to see him?

ever yrs F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
initialed letter, 1f, pen SU180/117

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10 South St. Oct 25/84

Dearest Miss Williams

I cannot sufficiently thank [13:135]
God that such a calamity to
St. Mary's as well as to you
has been happily averted -
And I give St. Mary's joy -
Good speed to you & your

work - (117)

My dear Goddess has
preserved a noble front
thro' it all: ever hers

F.N.

How relieved "little Sister"
will be.

SU180/118 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. W. Nov 1/84

Dearest Miss Williams [13:135]

This is most disastrous -
most disgraceful. The more
reason not to fly before the
enemy -

It is all-important to
convince Ld= Carlingford
that we have been urging
that which is right- No
one can do that so properly
as Dr. Meadows. We hope
that Dr. Meadows will
write to Lord C., so that
Ld= C. may have it all in
black & white before him:

(he is at Balmoral)
We hope, further, that Dr.
Meadows will have an
interview with Lord C.
on his return to London,
& that he may convince
Ld C. that right is on his
side.

If he succeeds in doing
this, we may expect that
Ld- C. will take action,
defend the right, & make
it gain the day -

All must depend on
Dr. Meadows' communications,
written & personal, with

Ld C- No private
favour, or consideration
for me or any one else,
ought to have weight

To give way to evil
is to flee before an
unworthy adversary -

Gird all thy armour on:
God bless you -
ever yours

F. Nightingale

Ld Carlingford attended
the Cabinet yesterday &
went down to Balmoral

afterwards. He could
not have attended the St. Mys
Meeting even if otherwise
possible -

I am overwhelmed with
business - but my thoughts
are with you:-

God will uphold the cause
if we do not despair -

St. Mary's shall not
be ruined- 'Trust in God &
keep your powder F.N. {lines on 3 sides of initials}
dry-'

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 884
SU180/119 signed letter & envelope, 7ff, pencil
{envelope:}

with a pheasant
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
6/11/84 Paddington
(119)

10 South St. Nov 6/84 [13:135-37]
Dearest Miss Williams

My thoughts are your
thoughts - they are full of
your, may I not say *our*? -
sad affairs at St. Mary's-
And I was just sending
you a note to ask what
was doing - especially about
writing to Ld Carlingford -
when your sad little note
came -

Is not the thing of first
importance to lay a
statement of the whole case

before your President?
Nay, it would be breaking
faith with him if it
were not done -

[This is now being done]
Is not the next thing for
you to take no step
till you know the results
of this letter to him - the
action he will take?

[You will remember that
I stated to him,- at Mr
Clay's suggestion & at
yours- that you wished
for, that you invited

a full investigation to be
made by him - & that you
wished to abide by his
decision - I thought
this so important, in
order that I might not
appear to be asking for
any personal favour
but only for justice -
& that he might not think
my brief letter all we had
to say, that I
underlined it.]

Will it not seem as if

my beloved Goddess were (119)
afraid to await Lord
Carlingford's full understanding
of the case [how far
from the truth!!], if she
precipitately resigned
before he had had time
even to consider the
statement which I am
now thankful to hear
is being drawn up?

[I appealed from Lord
Carlingford to your President
- not to any fear or favour -
Your President must have

[2]
the case before him -
and the Matron must
show she has no fear -
Else, it would indeed
be sacrificing the fruit
of 8 years' most
excellent work.

Surely she should wait
quietly - that is the true
dignity - with her friends
& devoted worshippers
around her - till Ld- C.'s
answer as President is
given - If she does not

like it or cannot accept it,
& we are forced to resign
at last - then she
could with dignity resign,
giving 3 months' notice.
And *they* the Hospital could refuse to
accept her resignation -
But if she resigned now,
the malicious would say
that my Goddess was
'running away with her
tail between her legs',
would not they? - And I
could not bear that -

The 'persecuted for
righteousness' sake' never
run away

2. *Is Mr. Bonham Carter
come back?* I did not
know that - I wanted so
much to see him about
this very affair - because
his opinion is so '*considered*'
& without '*considerations*',
i.e. of factitious & secondary
things

But even if he *has now*
given you that "opinion"- that

(119)

you should "resign", he
must have done so
without knowing that the
whole matter has been
distinctly referred to the
President of the Hospital,
a full statement promised,
~~with~~ his decision invited
And that that full
statement has not even
been sent in yet - (Nor can
"Little Sister" know this)

Please let me see Mr.
Bonham Carter, after you
have told him all that has
now passed - & let me
take his advice. Where is he?

[3]

3. I understood from you,
or it may have been from
some one else, that you
told the Board you were
"ready to consider its
proposals" - I did not
know of this If it is the
case, must you not
wait till the Board
transmits them to you?

This is however quite
independent of the *engagement*
to wait ~~till~~ for the
President's decision
And I would ~~not~~ defer thinking of
it at present

~~I have scarcely time
to breathe till the new
(illeg whole line)
next week- There are
papers~~

Now God be with you,
my dearest friend. And
He is with you -

Do not throw up the
"sponge" - And you will
not- 'Fight the good
fight of faith'- the faith
that God is on your side -
& you must be on *His* side
ever yours

F. Nightingale

Private {up diag} [4]

Your friends are such
good men & true- I have
rarely seen such devotion
But it seems a pity that
these good friends at the
Board should, by telling
you all about the squabbles
there, make you a party
to them -

[If one's dearest friend
were to tell one all that
is said in even indifferent
society about one, it
would make life impossible
- certainly the 'blessing' to the

'peace maker' impossible.

Let them fight their best
for you, but not bother you
with all the outs & ins -

Also: has not that
discussing Board matters
in your room (which
is 'unparliamentary') been
taken in bad part by those
who are not your friends?
You have been made the

scape goat for all the
jealousies of the place -

[It is like Ld Ripon who
has been made the scape goat
in India]

The persistent malice
of the enemy is directed
not against you but
against this (fancied) Cabal

It is Cabal versus Cabal.
Cabal for bad against
Cabal for good

The enemy are fighting for
their influence in the Hospital
& making you the scape goat

I have scarcely time to breathe
till the new Viceroy starts for India
next week- There are papers to
prepare. But I trust to see you,
dear friend, before Friday week.

signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/120

Nov 12/84

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dearest Miss Williams

Let me hear something from
you: something of what you are
proposing & feeling: something
of what has passed with Lord
Carlingford & with Mr. Bonham
Carter. You are ever on my heart
& mind. God bless you

yours most anxiously

F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen
{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

14/11/84

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LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/121

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Nov 14/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Miss Williams

I have not heard from you [13:137]
but I have ascertained from
Mr. Bonham Carter that he is
"waiting to receive" from you
the "proposed statement being
"drawn up by Mr. Clay" - & that
he "concluded from our
"conversation" (his & yours) "that

"nothing would be done until
he "& other friends had seen &
"discussed that"- I hope he
is right. I looked forward to
to-day's Meeting with terror,
lest you should send in your
resignation in *haste* -

God bless you, dear friend
yours most anxiously
(121) F. Nightingale

SU180/123 initialed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pencil

{envelope:}
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital -
Paddington
W.

19/11/84

10 South St.
Nov 19/84
Dearest Miss Williams
To-morrow at 5 I will [13:138]
gladly expect you -
I will look at the
"Statement" if ~~it~~ that will do
you the least good - But
I am afraid it will not -
You & not "the Statement"
are the ~~thing~~ Goddess to me -
I never had the least
idea of your having any
thing to do with showing the

statement to Lord Carlingford-
That is for others to do
in greatest haste
God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

SU180/124 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pen

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
1/12/84
SU180/124
10 South St.
Dec 1/84

Dearest Miss Williams

[13:138]

I heard from Mr.
Bonham Carter after
last Tuesday's Meeting.
It was much to the same
purpose as Mr. Clay's,
only put in a different
manner -

the letter to be sent
to Lord Carlingford,
signed by several -
with the statement -
the interview to be
requested

Of course you cannot
resign while this action
is being taken.

Both Mr. Clay & Mr.
Bonham Carter implying
the intention of bringing
before the President
the matter of the present
Government of St. Mary's.

It would be most
undignified to run
away now - even were
you to resign the very day

after it was settled, if it
is to be settled, that there
can be no change of
Government.

I should, I do deeply
regret & feel with you
the worry & harass of
preparing all those
Statistics. But the task
they have given you will
open their eyes to my
Goddess' ~~{illeg}~~ worth -
& lead to a trust in her
that no enemy, no Doctor
or Secretary can shake

And therefore † it is
only my weakness that
regrets it- But your
troubles are my troubles.

[2]

"Little Sister" is very far
from well. I do trust
she is not thinking of
coming up to you now-
She is quite unequal
to the fatigue -

The sudden death of
my cousin, Jack Bonham
Carter, his sorrow-stricken
family, are a great
shock. He was buried
on Saturday - the
Saturday before, he was

the joy & centre of his
family. He was Mr.
Hy Bonham Carter's eldest
brother. Hy B.C. will
I am sure resume his
duties as soon as possible

But he is always the one
called in to help wherever
there is anything to do
May God guide us -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I have been & am
quite laid up with
Infammn= of the Eyes &
all the rest of it ever
since I saw my Goddess.

I should like to have
written every day. But
I have had many cares

Still I am always with
you in heart tho' not in
presence. And in
presence I shall hope for
some day this week

God bless you - And
He *will* bless you -

2ff Mr Clay to Miss William, Tues afternoon, The Temple, re: impression from the meeting, to which he feels Bonham Carter and Nicholson see as well, that it be impossible/undesirable that she remain at St Mary's under the present government, Sir Pycroft and Lane to bring forward a statement re the case, suggests however she withhold her resignation at present (124)

SU180/125 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen

{envelope:}

a verbal answer please

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

2/12/84

10 South St.

Dec 2/84

Dearest Miss Williams

[13:139]

I do indeed feel that
the first thing is that
you should go away
& have rest for a
fortnight or even 10 days
before Christmas (& more
afterwards)

Would it be possible
for you to do this?

Suppose you were to
get away directly, you
might be back say
the 15th - would not

that be time enough
for Xmas?

The difference between your
advisers seems to be this
that Mr. Clay & Mr. Bonham
Carter wish for the
interview with the President
at once - & for you
not to resign till after
that, if it be necessary
then - & Sir T. Pycroft
& Dr. Meadows wish
matters to quiet down
first - & for you not to

resign till after *then*, if
then.

I cannot possibly judge
about the appeal to
Lord C., (my appeal to
whom was entirely as
you know at the suggestion
of others)

Till I see Mr. Bonham Carter
again I could have no
opinion about this.
About the resignation, I can
only judge as for myself -
Everything, I believe I may

say every thing was done
that could be done either
on the earth or under the
earth to make me resign
during the Crimean War.
But I never felt a moment's
doubt on the question:
I would not resign.
I might be driven from
my post

I would not run away-
Dearest - I do not say this is
any guide for you -
And above all I want
you to get away now for

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a week or two - (125)

Would it do any good
if you could come this
afternoon at 5 or at
6 & talk things
over with your
ever loving old friend
F. Nightingale

SU180/126 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 2/84

Dearest Miss Williams

You know you can't do
without eating. Please
excuse my taking a liberty
& eat a bit of what I
venture to send -

I have written to Mr. Hy
Bonham Carter. I am sorry
to say his cold is very heavy.
And one of the children is ill.

I want much to know
what you are doing: my Goddess,
about Friday-
Good cheer: & go away on Saturday
ever yrs F.N.
Did you ever read Jackanapes?

SU180/127 envelope, pencil

with 4 fresh eggs} wait
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
6/12/84 Paddington

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 1f, pen

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
14/12/84 W.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/128 letter:

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Dec 14/84
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Miss Williams
I am so thankful that you
are going away for a fortnight
God speed:
ever yours affte
F. Nightingale
I shall see Mr. Bonham
Carter to day & hear
about your affairs
Little Sister as you know goes

to Liverpool on Tuesday -
sails from thence on Wednesday
to Bordeaux - good angels guide
her - then to Pau where she
has a cousin in charge of a
Miss Lang

God save you both
God bless us all

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS LETTERS 129-47
1885 (Jan + Feb.)
St. MARY'S HOSPITAL ~~EGYPT~~

signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

{envelope:}
ask for an answer
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
11/1/85

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/129 10 South St. Sunday
Jan 11/85

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O dearest Miss Williams,
this is bitter & grievous
indeed- I know not
what to say - so bitter is it
Would you care to come
& talk it over with me,
who know not how to think
of any thing else, this evening
~~at~~ (Sunday) at 5 or at 6 -
- but *not* if you are going
to any of your better advisers
I am sorry that I have
been long engaged on business,

[13:139-40]

for Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Thursday
in this week, which is
the reason I ask you, if
possible, to come to- day.
May God be with us
both.

ever yours
F. Nightingale

You say you mean to send
in your resignation *to the*
President. Of course if
our friends among the Governors
have not *already* done so,
they must, without delay,
send in their own statement
to Lord Carlingford. It
ought to have gone in
before yours. As it is
impossible that you should
be left to resign without
their giving a full statement
of the real circumstances -
& of what has led to your
resignation (to the great

detriment or indeed (129)

ruin of ~~the~~ St. Mary's Hospital)

-i.e. without *their* F.N. {with 3 lines around initials}

backing your "reasons

"for so doing"-(resigning)

if it must be done,

with their knowledge & view

of things from the beginning -

SU180/130 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

Jan 18/85

Dearest Miss Williams

I cannot tell you how

[13:140]

I feel all this for you &

with you -

But it is quite certain

that you were perfectly right

to *fight the right* to the

end - even had it been

possible exactly to foresee

the end

But it is *not* the end.

Right never has an end -

Because Right is God -

& God is Almighty

You have been an

admirable Matron for 8

years- And the fruit

of your work is laid up

for eternity- *No good*

work ever fails -

The greatest failure

of all, as it appeared,

gave heaven to the world,

& was the greatest triumph.

If you have time to
come & see me this
evening about 5 or 6,
please do

But I think your
gallant adherents will
want to see you to- day,
& as alas! there is
nothing imminent now
but (I can hardly bear
to write the word) your
own resignation, I could
find some evening - this
week after Thursday,

if you would be so (130)
good as to come -
Perhaps too you are
anxious about Miss
Gardiner: but see how
well you have pulled
her through hitherto -

God bless you: God *will*
bless you - & spare
Little Sister
ever yours in deepest
sympathy
F. Nightingale

postmarked envelope, pen
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
23/1/85 Paddington
W

initialed note, 1f, pencil SU180/132

Is your cough ~~better~~ well?
If not may I send
you these Lozenges?
with love -
F.N.

5/2/85

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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SU180/133 incomplete letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil
{envelope:}

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

Paddington

10/2/85

W

Private 10 South St.

Feb 10/85

Dearest Miss Williams

Many, many thanks for
your most kind note of
Sunday.

I learn this morning from
Mr. Bonham Carter that he
did speak to Mrs. Wardroper
about your Nurses, or
rather she mentioned your
offer- No Sister will be
required, he ~~she~~ believes,
till Easter [Mrs. Wardroper
thought she might require

Nurses - but that is
nothing to the purpose-]

We think that if you
could & would be so good
as to call upon her again,
(now the "Concert" is over-]
you would be able to
obtain some decision.

I feel so much with
your weary work now -
God bless you-
I am so glad Miss Gardiner
has made such a cure
under you.

I heard last night from
"Little Sister" - She is
evidently delighted with
your offer to go to
Edinburgh. She hopes
you will go, whether
with or without her, to
their help in their "need".

She is under orders to
stay at Pau, as you know,
till the end of February:
but she owns it may
be till the end of March.

She says: "My being there
(at Edinburgh)

"or not at the beginning (133)
"need make no difference -
"She knows I am always
"there for her"
She will not hear of your
being "Night Supt=".
If she is not there, she says
"it will have to be
"arranged with Miss Spencer".
Miss Spencer, you know, adores you
"Let her come straight
"back to us with all the
"honours of her good fight,
"& let her stay with us as
"long as she will" says Little
Sister -

SU180/134 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St.

Feb 14/85

Dearest Miss Williams

I am aghast at your
news that you have
volunteered for Egypt -
But I wish you God
speed from the bottom
of my heart. His Will be done

I believe
the Director Genl=

Army Medical Dept-
6 Whitehall Yard

[15:966]

is the Office you should
also apply to-
I only had your letter
this morning -
I will write tomorrow by
hand -
God bless you & your Sisters
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[15:966]

Private {up diag}

I have not heard one
good word of any of the
Highgate Matrons- but
the lady you mention
may be quite a new comer.

[13:140]

Our Miss Styring writes
to me that, she wishes to
apply for St. Mary's- But I shall
represent to her that it
is an impossible post.
[Miss Styring is now
Assistant Matron at
St. Marylebone Infirmary]
F.N.

SU180/135 initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil

{envelope:}

Miss Williams
St. Mary's
18/2/85

10 South St.

Feb 18/85

Dearest Miss Williams

God guide us-
I scarcely see how you can
go in the teeth of such
a remonstrance from dear
"Little Sister"- or, what
is much more ~~in~~ the
bringing her over here, as
you see she is determined to
do- & perhaps finding you
gone. For it is quite
possible that the summons
might come this week.

This might kill her -
I do see great danger in [15:966-67]

your going - the hot
weather will be on you
directly - the destination
probably Souakim- the
troops themselves you see
are not to fight between
say end of March & August
but to lay up-

To my mind, as you
know, it seemed thus:-
I was *aghast* at your going-
- risk to you not worth
running. Edinburgh & Little

Sister not worth giving up,
if it was only for a transient
rush ~~for~~ to nurse the Wounded__
almost any risk worth running

if it were to lead to your
occupying the post of a
reformer in Military Nursing
or any Nursing -

Your losing your calling
& wasting your great
powers, (which one word
in your dear note makes
me fear you contemplate)
is, *unless* deliberately done
& with your whole heart,

to me appalling - (135)

Dearest - I seem to
write coolly- but I feel
the decision almost more
weighty & more anxious
than even you or Little Sister,
as you see.

If your idea was merely
to go to nurse a few men,
I am afraid Little Sister's
letters must make one feel
it almost more important
to nurse *her*. God bless you
& her a thousand times with
all his blessings. ever yours

F.N.

[2]

If your going led to the
reform, nay the creation
of Military Nursing by your hands, then
your leaving St. Mary's
would have been a "reasonable,
holy & lively sacrifice"
to God.

But if not then Little
Sister is probably right -
May God bless you ever.

SU180/136 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

{envelope:}

Most Pressing *Wait*
Miss Williams
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington

19/2/85

10 South St.

Feb 19/85 7 a.m.

[15:968]

Dearest Miss Williams

This letter reached me
at 11 last night.

I think, if it is not too
late, you cannot hesitate-
This is not to nurse a few
wounded soldiers at Souakim
It is a magnificent
mission with probably
no very particular risk
attending it - They have
reserved for you one of their

very best & most
important posts
as you deserve - (instead
of giving it to a half-
trained half 'conducted'
person).

It is due to your own
great merits - & to the
great interest made for
you

Little Sister herself
could not wish you to
refuse.

I am grieved beyond
measure that you
should have had such
ups & downs - You
may be sure that all
night I have been
wrestling.

Pray return me the
note I enclose - & pray
tell me it is not too
late. You probably
heard from Dr. Crawford
yesterday.

God have mercy (136)
upon us & guide us -
ever yours

F. Nightingale
Could I have chosen
for you, I could not,
I believe, have chosen
better- a mission more
fitted for your great
powers.

[end]

1f, Harry Verney to Miss Williams, 8 am Feb 19 1885, 4 South Street, Park Lane, re:
encouraging Miss Williams to accept the offer of the Director General, for the sake of their
Soldiers

1f, T. Crawford to Dear Sir, Answd 19/2, re: the pleasure of offering Miss Williams an
appointment as Supt=of Nurses in the General Hospital in Suez, and trusts she will accept
(137)

1f, Carlingford to Dr Meadows, Feb 20 1885, 4 H. Place (Privy Council Office), re: glad to
hear of Miss Williams acceptance of the Suez appointment

SU180/138 2ff, Sara S. Meadows to Miss Williams, 27 George Street, Hanover Square W., re: a
pleasant letter of congratulations for her Suez appointment, refers to a note enclosed she
might want to see from Ld Carlingford, empathizes with the many unpleasant words Miss
Williams has had to endure, wishes her good wishes and blessings

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/139 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

906

10 South St.

Feb 21/85

[15:968-69]

Dearest Miss Williams

Thanks for your letter -
Pardon me, most anxious to
know what your Friday's
Board has done about you
- whether you have any
further communication from
Dr. Crawford- whether,
(God grant she may), Miss
Byam is going with you-
- & how you are

It is a pity about the
uniform.

You see that
Dr. Barnett, one of the very
best men we have, is
Surgeon *in Chief* of the whole
Souakim Expedition

[he was at Cairo]
Dr. Hinde of the base
at Souakim

Dr. Fawcett of the Base
Hospital which I
suppose means yours at Suez

I know nothing of him
May he prove all he ought
to be!

Lady Rosebery is forming
a Committee of ladies for
the Sick & Wounded -
to be a sort of branch
of the National Aid Socy=-
She has here yesterday
(in a very vague state)

Would you like to have
a credit of money either
from her Socy= or the Nat.
Aid Socy= to expend
or not, as occasion shows,
in extras or such things
for the wounded, at Suez?

Or are there any *things* (139)
you hear would be desirable
to take out with you?

[The Nat: Aid Socy= gave
a credit of money to Mrs.
Fellowes to expend
in similar circumstances]

God bless you

[end 15:969]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

SU180/140 initialed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

{envelope}:

wait

Miss Williams

St. Mary's Hospital

22/2/85

Paddington

10 South St.

Feb 22/85

Dearest Miss Williams

Have you received

[15:969-70]

marching orders?

Dr. Crawford writes in
answer to mine that
"only three Nursing Sisters
"are going with Miss
"Williams, two of whom have
"been nominated by her"

I hope therefore that *both*
are 'approved': who is
the one besides Miss Byam?

It is the greatest possible

relief that you are to have
two of your own with
you- Dr. Crawford adds:

"The third was promised an
appointment before I
had an opportunity of
consulting Miss Williams,
but I believe she is a
very competent Nurse.

"There is of course the
usual Staff of Ward Masters
& Orderlies for duty in
this Hospital".

Have you learnt from
Mrs. Deeble what is the

luggage allowed? Our
Sisters were allowed a
bullock trunk- size fixed
a Gladstone bag -
& a roll of cloaks?
Sir R.L. Lindsay, Chairman
of the National Aid Socy=,
to whom I have mentioned
your appointment at Suez,
says that he is "truly glad to
"learn that the Govt-
"are sending out so able
"a Supt="

that Commissary "Young" -

- the very best man you (140)
could have - "who is
"now in Egypt, will undertake
"their our work at Suez-
"Suakim & the Red Sea
"district will be under
"Mr. Barrington Kennett
"who starts almost
"immediately with a
"staff of Surgeons &c" -
No doubt Mr. Young will
be put in communication
with you - God bless you
always - ever yours
F.N.

Be sure you favour me
by getting some cutlery
(stamped with your name
on a little plate)
I wish I could save you
the trouble of getting it.
F.N.

[end 15:970]

SU180/141 1f, Harry Verney to Miss Williams, Feb 23 1885, 4 South St., re: invitation for
Miss Williams to be Lady Verney's and Harry Verney's guest upon her leaving the hospital
until her departure

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU180/142 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

909

Feb 23/85 su180/142

Dearest Miss Williams,

I have just heard that [15:971]
the "Ganges" sails on
Wednesday afternoon or
Thursday morning from the
Albert Docks with 30
Nurses - 2 for Suez - this must
be a mistake - & the rest
for Souakim - the "Ganges" is
a Hospital Ship to be
anchored off Souakim
with these Nurses on board as

the Nursing Staff-

Is it possible that you
& yours have 'marching
'orders' to go by the Ganges?

Lady Rosebery, the head
of the new Ladies' Association
for Sick & Wounded,
was with me - & I was
just in time to stop her
from ~~having~~ asking for one of ours
to post at Suez to tell
them "what ~~to~~ was wanted" _

by telling her that you
were going out to Suez
as Supt= of Nurses - &
would be of all people
the most fit to answer
Telegrams to tell them
what was wanted for the men.

She wanted to know
whether she could see
you & explain - 'Could
you come to her' at

Lansdowne House
Berkeley Sq-

between 10.30 and

12.15

tomorrow (Tuesday)?

I said I thought you
could not possibly spare
the time -

She said she was
going on Wednesday
morning by the 10.30
Train to go over the
Ganges as a Hospital
ship. Would you make
yourself known to *her*,
(Lady Rosebery) if there?'

[2]

Dearest - I can hardly
believe you are going
on Wednesday.

Please, a verbal answer.
God bless you again & again
ever yours

[end]

F.N.

initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

SU180/143

Feb 23/85

Dearest Miss Williams

[15:971-72]

I cannot think that
you can be going by the
Ganges, as you have had
no orders -

I send the List of the Outfit
& Articles we furnished our
Sisters with for Egypt.

I also send Miss
Crossland's Journal; the
pages ~~between~~ outside the india-

rubber rings are those
which concern what
you want

I have also written to
Mrs. Wardroper to ask
her if Sister Arthur (Miss
Winterton) could be spared
to go to you early
to- morrow - to tell you
what was necessary
& what was unnecessary
& cumbersome of these
Articles -

[Mrs. Fellowes is at
Liverpool]

Do not be perplexed
or distressed- They
surely would have
sent you orders were
you going by the Ganges-
God bless & give you
the peace His love
intends for you.

ever & ever yours
F.N.

initialed letter, 2ff, pen SU180/144

10 South St.

Feb 24/85

Dearest Miss Williams

[15:972]

Have you had any
'marching orders'? If not,
I will ask Sir Harry to go
down himself to Dr. Crawford
(as soon as Dr. C. may be
supposed to come to his Office)
& ask him when you are to
embark, saying that you
had not begun preparations
till you had from him
definite orders & money -

Have your Sisters had
a *blue letter* a piece?

[At St. Thomas' we began preparations as soon as the names were approved.

And we were not paid the Outfit money (?£8.5) till afterwards. But then we were asked for Sisters.]

I am as anxious, more anxious than you are. Tell me what you have heard, & I will send Sir Harry to Dr. Crawford

Brave daughter of God do not be perplexed -

[end 15:972]

I enclose Little Sister's letter-

God bless you

ever yours

F N

signed letter, 2ff, pencil

SU180/145

10 South St.

Feb 25/85

Dearest Miss Williams

How fares it? how fares it?

If you are so good as to come & give my sister 'a kiss' to-day, as you say- *what time* shall it be? - for *I* will petition to see you too -

[After 4 I am engaged]

Will you have some food here? But do not

come at all if you are

too much 'driven'-

To spare your strength is

my prayer -

God bless you -

ever & ever yours

F. Nightingale

Can we do anything

for you?

[15:972]

I wrote to Lady Rosebery
saying that you would
call upon her, if possible,
to morrow (Thursday)
at 11 -

[end]

incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil su180/146

10 South St.

Feb 26/85

Dearest Miss Williams

[15:972-73]

Lady Rosebery has come
with a most sensible
proposal - viz. to send out
4 Nurses - *educated women*
- under the present heads -
viz. yourself at Suez- as
one - & others- to go
where they are wanted, in short
__to be paid & out fitted
at the expence of the
Association- to supplement
the Nursing Staff sent out

by the War office -
This proposal I jumped at
_because it is absolutely
necessary to have one
Night Sister, at least;
& the Staffs are generally
under handed- And you
must *not* do the Night
work - And yet the Night
work is almost more
important than the day.

Please tell me that
you can furnish two, or

three - ~~or even four~~

not ~~under~~ subordinate Nurses -
lady Nurses -

They are to go out on
Friday (tomorrow) week.

I hope that you will
be able to supply three
at least-

Otherwise Lady Rosebery
will ask Dr. Matthews
Duncan of Bartholomew's.
And that will not be
homogeneous.

~~Our~~ Our Miss Hicks is very (146)
anxious to go out- She
has done exceedingly well
wherever she has been
posted-

And as {overtop 'if'} you
cannot furnish all four,
they would have her as one?
[The four are to go wherever

they are wanted, you see-]
not all to ~~your~~ Suez, I am afraid-]

~~But~~ I should like to send

to Miss Hicks tonight,
the moment I have heard
from you -

[end 15:973]

signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Feb 28/85

Dearest Miss Williams

We are so thankful to
think of a little rest for
you at Claydon with
Miss Gardiner -

I have telegraphed
this morning for a fly
to meet you at Claydon
Station by the 3.0 train
from London, & to take
you back to the Station
on Tuesday morning.

Oh how I trust that
it *will* be a complete
rest

My kindest regards to
Miss Gardiner -

Will you not sleep at
No- 4 on Tuesday night
if more convenient?

do you embark at
Tilbury for the ~~P. and O.~~ P. & O. ?

Do not trouble to
answer now -

God speed'. God speed'.
ever & ever yours
F. Nightingale

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL WILLIAMS (AFTER WARDS MRS.
NORRIS) LETTERS 148-71 1885 MAR-OCT (EGYPT)

initialed letter, 2ff, pen

March 13/85

[15:975-76]

Dearest Miss Williams 10, SOUTH STREET,

You are continually in our PARK LANE. W. {printed address}
thoughts. How speeds it?

I saw a long letter from Miss Gardner
to Little Sister about your parting
triumph at St. Mary's, so well deserved,
which makes me so happy. You know
there is a little Testimonial, the
proposal for which was signed by
every name worth having, on foot .

I wrote on Wednesday to you the little
very little I knew.

To day there is a Memorial
Service for Gordon in every Cathedral
in the Kingdom How sterile unless
we every one & every soldier of them
all, really begins to lead the life
of this brother of Christ. His spirit,
his words are for little people as
well as for a great man like him

"Who follows in his train?" God
asks each of us this day.
"Ask every man you meet," said a dying man.

Most Private

I wish I could tell you what is going to be ordered about Lady Rosebery's party of Nurses. But minds change so often - & some of the arrangements were much to be deprecated. The last that I heard was this: and you must *not* depend upon it, nor inform your Nurses till you have it from the authorities

that Major Young had arranged with Mr. Kennett Barrington that Miss Hicks & Miss Dowse will remain at Suez- & Miss Machen & Miss Wrigley probably go on to Suakim, if wanted there But Head Quarters added this

that the two last on the "Ganges"
would be there till Sir Allan
Young's yacht, which is to
ply between Suakim & Suez
with Patients, arrives - &
then they will go on board to
look after the Patients -
& the other two on one
Dahabeah (under the
instructions of Major Young)
to bring Patients down *the Nile*.

I am quite as anxious to
know what *your* Staff is -
& what you think of the
arrangements at Suez -

It seems expected here that
there will be a battle between
Genl= Graham & Osman Digma
this next week.

I have had another delightful
letter from dear Little Sister
whose mind seems more
at rest.

SU180/148

I feel more anxious about your
Night Nursing than anything.

Miss Airy writes from Cairo:
like her wont: but rather
wishing for the front.

[end 15:976]

I will not write to Miss Hicks,
this mail, as I know nothing
definite, but only send her my
best love, as indeed to all yours.
I trust she has her outfit.

God bless you, my dearest.
yours anxiously & full of love
F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 918
signed letter, 4ff, pen H1/ST/NC3/SU180/149

Private {:up diag} *Destroy*

March 20/85

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

Dearest Miss Williams

By to day you will have
arrived at your destination -
and oh how we pray that all
may go well with you &
yours & your work. Perhaps
we are more anxious about
you than you are about
yourselves - & I have to say
to myself many times that
whatever happens, you will
hear His voice: Lo, it is I:
be not afraid.

[15:978-80]

Within a week, they say,
& before you receive this
the battle with Osman Digna
will have been fought.

And the hands of all Hospital
workers will soon be full.
We envy you, working there so
well. Or rather would
I could be with you!

Major Young, the Commissioner
of the Nat. Aid Socy-, had a
long talk with me. He says
that the daughter, (he is not
sure whether there is a wife),
of Capt Roberts, P. & O., Suez -
& of Mr. Bates, *Junr*: Brit. India,"
the wife, Mrs. Bates *Junr*=,
will be useful to you.

I hope this will be so -

During the absence of Major
Young from Suez, he may, if
needed, give you a small

grant of money for pressing wants,
among the men - I am not
afraid but that you will quite
succeed in NOT pitting the Nat.
Aid Socy= against the Army Med:
Dept= The Army Med: Dept=
are our masters: & we will
be loyal to them, & motherly
towards the Orderlies, conceited
or the reverse. But it does
our masters good that the
Nat: Aid Commr= should walk
round the Hospl=, even if he
says or gives absolutely nothing.
Then things *supposed* to be
provided by the A.M.D.
become provided.

Pray say particularly how
you are, whenever you are
kind enough to write.

If you should have occasion

to telegraph, I will gladly repay (149)
you for the Telegram.

I am afraid that you found
orders awaiting ~~for~~ you from
Mr. Kennett Barrington that
two of Lady Rosebery's party
should go up the Nile on board
a Dahabieh chartered by the
Ladies' Branch with a Doctor,
Mr. White, a St. Thomas' Doctor,
to fetch down Patients (*men*,
not Officers) from Korti
& that the other two should
go on board the "Ganges," &
then be the Nurses on the
"Stella" yacht, Sir Allan Young's
which sailed from Portsmouth
yesterday with a cargo of
books & games for the troops,

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& is to ply between Souakim &
Suez. You will know all
this before me. It might have
been worse. [They had a mad
project which they have
relinquished] But I had so
much rather that these four
should have stayed, (as indeed
I was promised, before I would
write to you for Nurses,) at Suez & Souakim,
where the masses of Sick &
Wounded will be. But
things right themselves-
It is God who leads - thank
God that it is so - & not we -
See how He has led you in
the most wonderful manner
of His love. And so He will
continue. And who am I not
to trust Him with the charge of you?
& of all?

[I impressed upon Major Young
that you were to decide which Nurse
was to go *where*.]

"Little Sister" has written me
a lovely letter: but I am afraid
she is not well.

The object of the Nat. Aid Socy=
-and it is a legitimate object,
tho' it is not mine- is to set
up a standard of comfort,--
to have nothing wanting on
board their boats, every thing
complete: no short-comings
-that the Army Med. Dept= may
imitate them. And this is
why they want your Nurses
& Miss Hicks on board their ships.

The sick, as I hear from those on the spot,
needed more comforts & less
hard food (even if ~~some~~ a few had arrow-root, it was "not
"nice" & "without sugar.") on board the A.M.D.

boats coming down the Nile -

up to the day of going on board,
they had been on milk & slops -

then only hard food- for those
convalescing from Enteric &
Dysentery - who became "dreadfully
"thin & run down" - whereas those
who came down on the Nat.

Aid's small steamer were
"comfortable & well looked after" -
"treated just like Officers"!!

Please destroy this. I feel
as if I had to apologize to you
for having failed in keeping
all your Sisters & Miss Hicks
with you or at Souakim -
But I have a promise that
they may return to you.

They the War Office, have sent a splendid
Chaplain to Souakim, the Revd=
W.H. Bullock - I wish I could
make out who is gone to Suez

I have asked Major Young to supply as the Cairo Sisters (149)
you with delightful little *cooking stoves*
for the Sisters to use (with a supply
of oil for them) so that you can
always have Boiling Water & do
all sorts of cooking if needed.
But perhaps you have stoves -

Also he has supplied ? Bradford's
Washing Machine with Hudson's
Extract of Soap to Wadi Halfa,
Asouan, and 20 to Souakim.
And without these I don't know
what washing would have been done

Do not betray me.

[end 15:980]

God bless you all again & again -

I yearn to hear of you. Forgive
this tiresome letter from your
anxious old mother

F. Nightingale

My kindest regards}

to all yours}

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W. {printed address up-side down}

Is there anything I could send out
to you? or would you tell me

what things are wanted? A Dieu, A Dieu.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 4ff, pencil SU180/150

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[15:981-82]

Private {up diag} March 27/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Williams

We are still, of course,
without direct tidings of you
which we yearn for.

The terrible hand to hand
fighting which is now going
on every day at Souakim
but which, one trusts, will
be over before this reaches
you, makes us suppose
that there will soon be
wounded under your careful
& devoted hands -

What an Easter you will
have - what an Easter we
shall all have. But these great

straits, this crucifixion of our
wishes & hopes, & plans,
this valley of darkness & of shadow
which it must be to some,
especially to the sick, may
well be needed to raise England
from the death of self- seeking
& sentimental dawdling & money- making
& mean routine to ~~the~~ life -
the life of magnanimous self-
denial & heroic striving for
others. So help us God- with
humble & brave hearts. For
every true hero is humble -

We would we could bear the
burden & heat of the day with

you. All England would
volunteer if it could. The
hearts of all England are with
you. May health & strength be yours.

The "Ganges" is filling up with
wounded.

Major Young, the Commissioner
of the Nat. Aid Socy=, has started
from England for Cairo: &
as his first visit will be to
Suez, he will be there almost
as soon as this letter.

The standard of comfort is
said to be very high -
in the Military Hospitals,
Suez, Ganges, Souakim [tho'
a Base, a Stationary and a
Field Hospital have been
landed at Souakim, there is
no permanent Hospital
with Sisters at Souakim at
present - nor can be]

God grant it the comfort may be as is said.
The Princess of Wales is working

hard at the head of her 'Ladies'
Branch' of the Nat. Aid Socy=

But all this is only to
supplement & join hands

between Army Med: Dept- &

the public spirit of our

country - to join nation &

Army - a national sympathy

(from Sovereign to Scullery maid)

with our men & those who

serve them - not to

pit public opinion against

Medl- Dept-, but to help

the Dept= by public opinion.

I have Great hopes now
that after all the 4 Nurses
who went out with you will

[2]

NOT be employed, two on
Dahabeah up the Nile,
or if so only for one trip -
nor two on the Stella -
but will be employed in their
right places in fixed
Hospls- under trained Supts-
But you will know before
I do. It is a terrible anxiety -
~~to me~~ And I have bothered you with
uncertainties.

"Little Sister" will be here
on Monday - to stay, I hope
She has been at Biarritz- I
will report about her to you.

The Stella has sailed (Sir
Allan Young's yacht) with
numberless packages on board,
including books & games,
which I hope will be useful,

from the ~~Nat~~ Princess of Wales'
branch. But the Stella
will not reach Suez till about
April 11, nor Souakim till about
April 18, we fear. She is a
slow vessel.

Now, dearest, the joys of
Easter be yours, notwithstanding
all things- nay, rather the
more yours, because of all
things. Who should have
them, if not you? you who
are more & more united by
your work with Him- I pray
your prayer -

[end 15:982]

Therefore, my dear soul, to you
& all yours I wish a blessed
Easter thrice blessed.

Kindest regards to all yours-
Say how you are when you write
ever & ever yours

F. Nightingale
Any hint that you can give me
I need not say shall be sacred.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

925

{envelope:}

Private {up diag} *via Brindisi*
Miss (Sister) Williams
Acting Supt- of Nurses
(H.M.'s Nursing Service)
Souakim
F.N. Soudan
3/4/85 Egypt

SU180/151

April 3/85
Good Friday
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W. [15:982-82]

Dearest Miss Williams

You are always in our thoughts.
We were so glad when you were
all summoned to Souakim, the
post of honour - And we knew
how glad you would be, to go
where you were most wanted.
But we rejoice with trembling &
longing to know how you are
faring. I heard with
grief from Miss Gardner of
your fall on board ship - may
that have passed away!

News is so contradictory - we
hear that you are on board
the Ganges - that would comfort
us much. We hear that you
are coming home in charge of

sick & wounded by the Iberia

So my letter will be short -
only wishing you every blessing
of this day of days - but that
I do every day.

What we would give to know
exactly how you are, & what
you are doing!! But *that*, wherever
you are, will be a blessing to many.
God takes care of His nurses.
I say that to myself almost every
hour in the 24 & of His patients

"Little Sister" stayed here 2 days
on her way to Edinburgh. She said
she felt better than she had done
for years, but that she had been
well frightened, & would take
great care of herself, & meant

to be "quite well." But I gathered
that she had been sleepless &
suffering till the very day she left
Pau. Then she rallied.

She is living as usual on
thoughts of you.

I had a note from Miss Spencer
this morning saying that she had
arrived at Edinburgh "looking so
"well"- & the Nurses, after making
her room "a garden", had insisted
on being received by her the same
evening.

I thought her just as calm &
gentle & firm as a rock in
the Everlasting Strength as ever.

How we long to know from
you about how things are at
Souakim- We do not yet
know whether Sisters Hicks &
Dowse are with you or not -

God bless you - God bless you
is ever in my heart -
ever yours

F. Nightingale

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[end 15:982]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/152

927

April 9/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

[15:982-83]

A little post-card, even if it
be a very little one, would be,
dearest Miss Williams, more welcome
than spring from you. The news I
extract from the Director Genl= about
you is so meagre: only that you &
your 3 are at Souakim - & I believe
your other two. I have heard from
Miss Hicks at Cairo- just starting with
Miss Dowse for up the Nile. I wish Miss
Hicks were with you. What is Miss Parsons like?
I trust you have been able to forget

your fall on board ship sooner than
we have done.
A long & delightful letter from "Little
Sister." We know nothing about
your whereabouts at Souakim. Director
Genl= says he should have heard, had you
not been well. God bless you & your work
& all yours.

Herman Bonham Carter
reached Souakim with his Royal
Engineers in ship Kinsembo on Tuesday
- He will find you out. His mother is
writing to him that you are there -
ever yours F Nightingale
waiting in hope

(152)

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 928
initialed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/153)

April 22

Dearest Miss Williams

[15:984]

I received this Telegram
from Lady Rosebery last night.

Do you choose me to send
this reply? If you had
time, I should say 'Go' -
But *no nothing* never came
from *no* going to Lady Rosebery.

Yesterday when I kept you
so unwarrantably - I was so
sorry - while I was writing
Telegrams, they were mostly
rendered necessary by
hopeless confusion - e.g. a ton

of Coccoatina to be had ready
by order received only *last night* for shipment
"before" to- day- !!! And I
could not telegraph before hearing
your plans.

I am afraid you were much
hurried all day - as you
had another visitor -
And I ought to have said,
Go & write letters or Go
& rest - & not kept you -
Forgive me

What time will you lunch?
What time will you dine?
Can we help you to do
anything?

I have sent to Mrs.
Wilton Phipps to ask her
to fix a time & a place
if she wishes to see you,
that your time may not
be wasted -

[end 15:984]

God bless you
ever yours
F.N.

initialed letter, 1f, pencil [seems to start with the PS]

Ap 23

SU180/154

Dearest Miss Williams

If Lady Rosebery asks you,
will you tell her about the
need of *milk*? *Cocoatina and milk*

Also: about the *Table* needs
of Base & Auxiliary Hospls= -
but to *send out crockery*
would be superfluous, I suppose

God speed -

Shall I see you about one or
half past? & again at five?
what are your plans?

F.N.

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil
{envelope:}

what time lunch?

" " dinner?

Miss Williams

23/4/85

10 S. St.

April 23/85 SU180/155

Dearest Miss Williams

How are you? Pray do
not over do it to- day.
You looked far more tired
than when you came -
2. *Mr Verney's note*

Could you put down
quite roughly, a "*List*"
of these "*small things*" - &
let me see it now-

if Lady Rosebery asks you,
you will then have it at
hand to tell her - if not,

you & I will look it over
together this afternoon -

The getting the things shall
be accomplished - but
you cannot "take them out",
because you are going overland

God bless you

ever yours

F.N.

[15:984]

[end]

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil

930

{envelope:}

Miss Williams

10 South St SU180/156

April 24/85

Dearest Miss Williams [15:984-85]

How are you?

Mr. H. Bonham Carter will be
here at *1/4 before 10* to
see you, tho' he hopes you
will not give up any
engagement for him -

It would be so well if
the letter for the "Times" could
be shown him *now* for his
criticism - If not, ask him
where I could send it to
him for him to see. The more
I think of it, the more I fear

it ~~is~~ may be putting you in a false
position - Please let me
know, before he goes, what
you have settled about it

~~A~~

Also: please tell me, did

Lady Rosebery *ask* you
to ascertain what the D.G.
thought about sending things
out? how am I to
~~preface~~ explain my letter to her
which you wish me to
write about stores?

May I see you to day
before you go?

ever yours

with God bless you
I have prayed the prayer
you asked- I do still
& so do others

[3]

to get ~~in~~ your important
letter in to the "Times" -
I will wait to hear whether
you determine to send
your letter to Sir Harry
He is at Claydon - Then
I will write to him too
(to meet your letter *there*)
if you like it -
Trains=full of love
to dearest "Little Sister"
How I hope Moffat is

[end 15:985]

answering to you both.
And how I envy you there
& the autumn tints -
No, not that - how I
wish I could be there
with you two -
Stay as long as you
can - Good speed
God bless you both
ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

2ff, Hannah Rosebery to Miss Williams, April 25 1885, {address illeg}, re: waiting for a
letter from Miss Williams for publication, the telegraphed Standard from Souakim this day, is
distressful to her re 'the National Aid Societies' comforts are not distributed to or at the
front' su180/157

initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

{envelope:}

Can you come back here SU180/158
as soon as you have seen
the D.G- to tell me?
a verbal answer
Miss Williams

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
letter, SU180/159

932

Ap 29

Dearest

I will certainly wait till
you have seen the D.G-
before telegraphing -

It may be, after all,
that you will have time
to go down to Edinburgh -

But, if there is not,
Little Sister must not kill
herself because you are to
be away for a few weeks.

I feel her disappointment
as much as she does -

F.N.

signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil SU180/160

May 15/85

Dearest Miss Williams

One word only to say how
thankful I was to receive
your dear post card
& how anxious I shall be
to know that you were not
over tired with your rush
from Europe to Africa -
& that you have a *good*
destination.

[15:989-90]

I have little so say now -
2 cases, 4 doz. each, of

the unsweetened milk

(one to you) went out by
the Kaiser. i. Hind on Wednesday
13th-

Two boxes of games like
yours went out by the
same vessel for the 19th
Hussars at Dongola &
neighbouring posts. Poor
fellows - they have recreation
huts & nothing to put in
them. Such is the want
of transport- But those

boxes of games don't require
a special camel!

I wonder whether Major Young's
plan of a garden at Cairo
to supply you weekly with
vegetables has been carried
out.

But now, my dearest, God
speed you, says all the
heart of your ever loving
F. Nightingale

My kind regards to all
your companions.

[end 15:990]

initialed letter, 1f, pencil SU180/161

25/5

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

My dear friend

You are very good- I
shall hope to see you
another day.

Could you kindly ask
Miss Crossland (Mrs. Wardr=
is quite sure to talk to her)
what Mrs. W. *really feels*,
after her talk with me -
She was very tearful -

Mrs. W. & Miss C- will,
I think, each write to me -
But I think Miss C. would,
as she has been so much

engaged with you about
it all, tell you more
than she will me, -
what Mrs. W. *really* wishes.

So sorry not to be able
to see you - so good of
you to come

ever yours

F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 934
signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen SU180/162

{envelope:} {illeg envelope torn *Via Brindisi?*}

Sister Williams
H.M.'s Nursing Service
Suez

29/5/85 Egypt

Private {up diag} May 29/85

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

[15:992]

Dearest Miss Williams

One word to thank you for
your two letters, which were
most thankfully received; i.e. two
in one cover. Your adventure
in the dark & the desert will
be remembered by us all all
our lives. I hope to hear
by next mail that you are
established at Suez Hospital.
Alas! that there should have
been a tussle- I was rather
sorry to have to call the
D.G.'s attention to you: but
I thought by your Telegram
matters worse than they were
- that you were totally adrift.
In his first answer to me, he

said that you "must know that
you were under the local
authorities- & that they would
provide "& arrange". It is
always better to be as quiet
as possible & 'appeal' as little to Head
Quarters. And it seems,
thank God ~~that~~ as if the "local"
Dr. was "providing" & "arranging".

It would be the greatest
blessing to know that you
were busily employed doing
good.

You so kindly ask - it seems
ungrateful not to answer-
after me. I have been quite
laid up-

Perhaps this will not find
you at Suez- so I will only
add what I can never say
how deeply, fervently, I pray
{large part of middle of page cut away}
Kind regards

to your companions.
All the Sisters, I suppose, have
left Souakim? Miss Machen
is at Cairo?

[end 15:992]

{top of folio covered with paper} (162)
as {illeg covered with paper}
little as possible to Head
Quarters. And it seems,
thank God ~~that~~ as if the "local"
Dr. was "providing" & "arranging".

It would be the greatest
blessing, to know that you
{not in F.N. hand:} copy. autograph given away
"God bless you - Pray
the prayer you desire
Ever God bless you, dearest
Ever let me be yours
F. Nightingale"

signed letter, 1f, pen SU 180/163

June 12/85

[15:992-93]

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

Dearest Miss Williams

Only one line in order not to
let a mail pass without our
love. I want sadly to know how
you are going on - full of work,
I am sure.

Ministers, you will see, have
resigned. It is to be hoped that they
will not allow themselves to be forced
into coming in again. It was a dirty
Conservative trick to curry favour with
the great Brewer, Licensed Victualler &

public house interest by throwing out
on the Budget Mr. Gladstone's increased
tax on beer & spirits & proposing a
tax on tea. Lord Salisbury had
much better come in & try his hand
in the interval between this & the
General Election. He can't hurry a
war on with Russia - which God
forbid! - in that time.

[end 15:993]

My dutiful homage to my Goddess.
ever yours

F. Nightingale

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signed letter, 3ff, pen SU180/164

June 26/85

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

Dearest Miss Williams

How are you? have you now
Nurses enough? can we send
you any? we are enquiring
everywhere for Miss Byam
for you. you cannot get on
with only two able-bodied
Nurses besides, yourself -

[15:997-98]

this has been the substance
of my anxious thoughts, my
telegrams, my letters of all
kinds ever since I had yours
now nearly a fortnight ago.
Last mail, tho' I had a
letter from Miss Airy at Cairo,
I had none from you which
doubled anxiety & made me

fear you were ill from over-work. As you wished for Miss Byam, we spared no pains to find her out & send her out. Only the day before yesterday did we find Miss Byam's address at St. Albans, & telegraphed to her at once. No reply: & meanwhile Dr. Crawford who had been asked whether we might send out more Nurses to Suez &c answered that she Miss Byam had resigned, & that no more Nurses were wanted at Suez, or Ramleh, where is a great deal of sickness, or Cairo. They have 500 sick at the Citadel Hospital, but I fancy nothing like such acute cases as yours- And there are 7 Sisters there. Alas! my

dearest friend, what would I give to know that you are well, that you have a sufficiency of Sisters to do the work, & that the Patients are doing well, & pressure is less- We have telegraphed to you twice. Sisters Hicks & Dowse are working at the Hospital at Assouan: & Sister Machen at Wady Halfa. Sister Byam has, as you see, resigned.

I wrote to Major Young about your wants. It was your own Sisters I wanted you to have But God directs.

You speak of having Patients in from camp. Does that mean Souakim, or a camp near Suez?

We sent out 11 cases of Unsweetened Milk last week-

-tell us if you want more -

If you cannot telegraph "free",
I will pay for telegrams.

I have been divided between the
fear of bringing trouble on you
by making it appear as if you
were asking for Sisters from the
Prss= of Wales' branch direct -
& the fear of not doing every
thing you wished to help you
in such a press of work.

I hope Miss Wrigley's knee is well
again.

News, I can hardly tell you
while so uncertain about how you are
Ministers are out, but will
probably be brought in again by
an overwhelming majority at
the General Election in November.
Lord Salisbury undertakes the Govt- as
Prime Minister & Foreign Secretary
notwithstanding the present majority
against him in the Ho. of Commons.
Mr Gladstone refuses an earldom
-quite right.

Dearest - I have been thinking of
you & nothing else except
when under great pressure of
business myself all this
fortnight. And now I have not
time to finish this letter.

My kind regards to yours -
God bless & direct
ever yours most anxiously
F. Nightingale

[2]

About your want of soap, it really is too bad. The best soap in my day was the Egyptian soap. And the Soap I have bought myself at Alexandria {Egyptian made} was the best in the world. If you were so good as to send for any quantity you like, if it could be done without embroiling you with the authorities, I would ensure the payment; or if you could inform Major Young, that Soap is wanted without making bad blood, surely he would provide it. Shall I send you some good tea? or, good tea is to be had at Cairo- let me pay for it -

My whole heart is with you

[end 15:998]

F N

signed letter, 4ff, pen SU180/166

July 3/85

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Williams

How are you? How is the work? I need not tell you that I have been torn with anxiety, having heard nothing from you since June 12 which arrived on June 29!! & within a few hours of it a letter from Miss Airy dated June 22 & this odd circumstance rather increased anxiety. Dearest I will not write about myself but about you. If you *could* be so very good as to write just four words on a post card, -not to take up your time,

your over- pressed time - &

enclose it without beginning or ending in an envelope, by
each mail, we *could*, please God,

help you from this end- We have
been- at least I have been like
a shuttlecock between 2 battledores
this weary month as to
sending you Nurses or not.

[15:999-1000]

I have only your two Telegrams
to go by - "sufficient- will write" -
but no letter has come - and
"all right- one Nursing Sister
has arrived". Indeed I have
pressed that point over & over
again, which I feel so very
much, that Sisters should be
"idling" up the Nile, while
you are so overworked. But
you do not help me - I had
a letter from "dear Little Sister"

yesterday - giving your messages-

but *not* their date!! & no time
for me to get it before to- day.

And as they were almost
exactly the same as what
you kindly wrote on June 12,
with the very uncomfortable
addition that they had taken
away your Cooking Sister,
I could not derive much comfort,
except from the cheery tone.
Brave woman- brave friend

praise be to God - ~~but~~ our
kind, kind Master & Father.
But do let me have just a

rude little line, without end
or beginning, a card in an Envelope,
by every mail.

The Orderlies are not hopeless
but untrained - Government are

now doing all they can- in (166)
my day they were hopeless -
They place them now under the Sisters.
The great business of the Sisters
is to train them - It is the more
aggravating when there are so few
Sisters that they *can't* give
time to train these men who
are essential in the Field This is what
distresses me so much in the
Nile Sisters who are used
instead of Orderlies & not to
train Orderlies at all: which is
their very '*raison d'être*'.

O how I wish we could send
you several Sisters at once.
But I am altogether puzzled.
Your Telegrams which I suspect
were not dictated by you
say "sufficient" and your

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letter to Little Sister, of which
she does not give me the date,
says as yours of June 12 to me 2 or 3 more Sisters
wanted". The Prss of Wales'
Branch were eager at last
to send you all you wanted.
But then came the telegram declining.

You said in the letter before
that of June 12: 'Dr. Davidge
has telegraphed for more
Sisters', & not till that of June 12,
that ~~the~~ his Telegram was to
Major Young! & that the
Sister Majr. Y. telegraphed to us
for was probably for you.
But she was not! And Majr- Y.
afterwards telegraphed "she was
"not wanted"!! I wrote to
him more than once to help you.

I am afraid all this now does
not help you but rather fatigues
you.

Would that we could help
you to nurse the Typhoids -
I do not understand where
they come from You say there
was "detention by the Canal" -
Then they can't come from Souakim

About letters, I am told the
mail always goes from Suez by
Cairo to Alexandria- so that
delay can't be accounted for
by "detention" on Canal.

I am sure you are doing
great good among the Orderlies,
even tho' you do not know it. The
very circumstance that they
see you think neglect a
crime does good. How well
I know their fatal neglects
with Typhoid Cases- But
30 years ago women Nurses

were just as bad. See the
difference now. There is a
Miss Williams now. There is a
a Little Sister. Cheer up:
fight the good fight of faith.
I need not say to my dear -
for she is fighting it. God
bless her- When I am gone,
she will see the fruit of her
labours. Three cheers for her
& three times three.

To all my kindest regards
A Dieu: A Dieu: To God: To God I
commend you

Would I were His servant as you
are I wonder whether you have had my
letters. I have written by every mail
ever yours in good hope
but full of care

F. Nightingale

[end 15:1000]

Miss Vincent, Matron of St. Marylebone
Infirmary, 750 beds, is losing her
excellent Assistant, Miss Styring,
who is, please God, to be Matron of the

[13:680]

new Paddington Infirmary: (166)
I told Miss Vincent that Sisters
might be leaving St. Mary's,
because you left, whom you
might judge fit for the post of
her Assistant in such a big
place, with Training School, &
that I would write to you. I will
write all particulars by next
mail. Now you are too pressed
God bless you again & again -
"Hail thou that are highly favoured" F.N. [end 13:680]
{printed address upside down:} 10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

signed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/167

July 10/85 [date was /80]
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Miss Williams

I was so thankful for your [15:1000-01]
Telegram, received on the evening
of the 3rd "written every mail -
"all well: work much less"
& for your letter, received Monday
5th, dated June 27, the first I have
had since that dated June 12. You are 'all
well' indeed in the highest sense;
but oh I am sorry that you have
no better help than what you
describe that "little Coates" to be.
Indeed we left no stone unturned
to rake up Miss Byam for her {'her' overtop of 'you'}
we telegraphed, we turned Dr.
Crawford & the Nat. Aid Socy= Branch
upside down for her: we have had
no answer but that she had "resigned".
We got her address & telegraphed to her.

Your account of Herman Bonham
Carter doing so well by his men
was the greatest possible comfort
to his parents. I send it to
them at once, for they had just
had a Telegram from Souakim that he had
"Fever". The second Telegram was
however better; he was in a
"stone building" on Quarantine Island
"well attended to" & coming home
in the Bulimba. They have every
moral reason to be satisfied with
having put him into the Army.
Are there any Sisters at Souakim? [in pencil]

You ask after my Sister & Sir Harry.
Sir Harry is wonderfully active
in all works of kindness: but he is
aged. He was of course very low
at the Liberal Govt= going out. He
has been made a Privy Councillor,
& went down to Windsor yesterday
to be sworn in & kiss hands. He
thought the Queen looked aged too.
The D. of Connaught stood at her left hand
& did what he had to do nicely.

My sister is much better in herself.
And it is wonderful what she contrives
to do & even to enjoy a field day
of all our Probationers at Claydon
capmakers' teas, & the like -
she has also brought out her Essays
in two Vols: which I think I shall
send you if you stay out there,
(it is cooling). But the poor joints
get worse & worse - & I am afraid
she still suffers a good deal of
pain. I have been seeing Nurses for
her.

It is grievous that you have no
Chaplain. That is a thing I cannot
understand. Has this lack to do with
the power being put into the hands
of the Doctors? In the Crimean War
we had no lack. And a large Staff
of Civil Chaplains, paid by the Govt=,
supplemented the Military. It was
the only thing *not* wanting. I am to
know the Chaplain Genl=, & will try
to make out, but I fear it is not
possible to send you one at once.
I should have thought your Camp &
Hospital was sure to be provided. *Where*
is your Camp? **[end 15:1001]**

Miss Styring, ~~the~~ Assistant Matron (167)
at St Marylebone Infirmary (Miss
Vincent's) is elected to the new Paddington
Workhouse Infy Matronship & goes there
in October. Miss Vincent is at this moment
abroad for her health's holiday. There
is no immediate hurry. But if you
have one of your own Sisters to recommend,
I would send you all the particulars.

I am glad that you have a
Cooking Sister again. And it is a mercy
I cannot be too thankful for that
under your good Nursing the poor
fellows are recovering, & the
severity of the cases declining.

There was no enclosure for Mr.
Lamb in the letter (the last) which
told me to "post" it.

My kindest regards to the
Sisters. God bless you & the work.
ever yours F. Nightingale

Sir Harry who is now in London
sends his kindest remembrances.
And so would my sister who is
at Claydon.

signed letter, 4ff, pen SU180/168

Private {up diag}

July 17/85

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

Dearest Miss Williams

I trust that your news is [15:1001-03]
good news on the whole. But
it is disastrous that they should
have sent you a Cooking Sister
who can't cook & a Nurse
who can't nurse. I have no
idea who this Coates is; & tho'
I have written to enquire have
received no answer. The Prss of
Wales' Branch had concluded
in consequence of the last
Telegram *not* to send you out
a Nursing Sister- And I can
hardly suppose that she comes
from them. But that is no

comfort either to you or me.

You have worked grandly -
& the thanks of God's people
& of God - may we not reverently
use that word - will be yours -

Sir Harry Verney went straight to
Mr. W.H. Smith - the present
Secretary of State for War - about
the Chaplains, that is the no-
Chaplains, & the making no
difference between Sunday &
any other day. And Mr. Smith
who is a good man was
shocked & very much obliged
to Sir Harry for drawing his

attention to it - & was quite

glad that Sir Harry should ask
him a "Question" in the House of
Commons about the Hospitals,
& the Ships bringing home Sick &
Wounded having no services & no
Chaplains, which he did accordingly.
And it was reported in Wednesday's

"Times". The ~~Rule~~ Regulation of the ~~Service~~ Army & Navy
is that the Commanding Officer
should provide for at least
one religious service on the
Sunday- & if there is no Chaplain
he generally reads it himself -
or if there is only a company,
the Company Officer reads it.
The Doctor, the Medical Officer,
is now the Commandg= Officer
in the Hospitals - And it is
certainly *his* duty to arrange
for the religious service.

Mr. W.H. Smith will take it up (168)
warmly. And Miss Gardiner
tells me that Major Malet will do
something at once. Many thanks for
the photographs of Suez Hospital
with your notes on the back
which you were so good as
to ~~bring~~ send me - & she to bring me.

Herman Bonham Carter is
better & was to start for home
on the 10th in the Bulimba.
He is "awfully sorry" that just
as he was getting his men into
nice order, he should "go sick,"
& just as he had "learnt to know
"them all", & they are "a lot of
"such nice fellows," he should
have to go home, he "did so wish
"to have staid to bring them all
"back to Chatham". His mother
says that, whether he lived or died,

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she would have been glad that
they put him in the Army -
he has made such a good career
of it. But the anxiety has
aged her very much -
Yesterday the Guards Camel Corps
& the Heavies marched into
London, after having been
reviewed by the Queen at Osborne.
Sir Harry went to see them
inspected by the Commander in
Chief at Wellington Barracks
[I would have given anything
to have seen the Meeting with
their comrades, if I had been
well enough to go] & he said
it was the most affecting
thing he ever saw. There were
the men who marched across
the Bayuda Desert, a handful of men
taking tender care of their handful

of wounded, attacked by
twelve times their number,
& reached the Nile below Khartoum

But when the steamer reached
Khartoum, Khartoum had fallen
& Gordon was dead.

There is a picture of Gordon,
called The Last Watch, where
he is watching on the ramparts
the last night. It is very fine -
he is unseen & alone- there is
the far off look in his eyes
of solemn happiness at his
re union with God, so near,
of deep grief for the poor black
populations whom he has to
leave to their misery, & whom
he has failed to extricate -
& yet of abiding, faithful trust
in God that He will do all things
for the best. It was his constant

prayer- first for God's glory then for these
people's welfare & His own
humiliation, that is that he
should feel the more, ~~for~~ himself
being humbled, the indwelling
God in himself.

Have the little "Lives of Gordon"
reached your men yet?

Please to remember if you have
any Sister here who will do
as Assistant Matron to Miss
Vincent at St Marylebone Infirmary
Miss Styring, her excellent Assistant,
is appointed to the new Paddington
Workhouse Infirmary. Salary
£50 rising to £70 - rooms of
her own. Miss Byam, "Little
Sister" thinks, would do. But
would she take it? Miss Styring
enters on her new Matronship
in October. Do not trouble to
answer this if you have no one
~~for~~ whom you wish to have it.

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Please tell me in your next (168)
where Nurse Coates comes from -

My kind regards to your Sisters

God bless you: ever yours [end 15:1003]

F. Nightingale

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

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil

{envelope:} Miss Williams
R. Christy's [?]
Chignal St. James
6/9/85 Near Chelmsford

letter, SU180/169

Sept 6/85

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow Bucks.

Dearest Miss Williams

Thanks for your letters.

[15:1010-11]

I do feel so very anxious
to know how you are &
what are your plans -

I shall be back in
London next week, please
God, & shall hope that
you will give me two or
three days - but not quite on
my first returning, for I
am in such a state of
exhaustion that I could

not talk over all our
common interests - now
doubly interesting -
You will want to see the
Director-General -
They are very desirous to see
you here, some time after
this week -
Pray forgive this shabby note
Forgive my anxiety
& tell me your plans -

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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God bless you & guide
us all -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I trust you are keeping
yourself on the road to
restoration.

[end 15:1011]

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

{envelope:}

A verbal answer please

Miss Williams

22 Guildford St.

23/9/85

letter, SU180/170

10 South St

Sept 23/85

Dearest Miss Williams

[15:1011]

I crave to see you once
more - (will Thursday at 5,
be {overtop 'if'} not too inconvenient for
you?)- My plea that
he will see you all his life
- I shall only see your
dear face henceforth at few
intervals during my life
which will not be long -

Say but the word & I
will put off the other lady
on Thursday, who can

come another day -

Dearest, may God bless
you with that Love which
is infinite & surpasses
all ours as the Sun a
farthing candle -

[end]

ever your

F. Nightingale

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pencil

{envelope:} Miss Williams

c/o Miss Pringle

Royal Infirmary

31/10/85

Edinburgh

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letter, SU180/171

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10 South St Oct 31/85

Dearest Miss Williams

First of all, as ever, best &
kindest love to "Little Sister" -
I hope she is strong & well
at the beginning of winter -
but I fear not very strong -
2 About "the letter": Mr. B.C.
and I duly revised it,
without finding in it anything
to revise- And I duly
forwarded it to Sir Harry,
with a letter asking him
to 'father' it to the 'Times',
which he says he will do,

[15:1016]

but not quite directly. He
was to have come here
last Wednesday for the
Ld Shaftesbury Meeting,
(but was not able to
come on account of
his accident) when I
should have reminded
him that for the next
month people will be
able to think of nothing
except as it tells on party.
- I will write & do so, &
urge him to let the letter
appear at once.

[end]

3. Whiteley's sent a man
here this day week to
ask to see me about
you - I was in bed, but
I gave them your address
at Moffat till "early,"
as you said, this week -
then to "Little Sister's"
'care' - But I fear as
you left Moffat on
Monday, their letter
may not have reached
you.

Lastly, I fear I shall (171)
not have a moment
this next week as I have had none lately - Still
I hope that you will
give me a chance before
you leave London the
week after- If not, I
shall see you again when
- - - at when?

My best blessings on you
& better than the best
[I know you will not be
jealous] on "Little Sister".
ever yours

F. Nightingale

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE TO RACHEL NORRIS (NEE WILLIAMS) 1887-1897}
UNDATED} LETTERS 172-183} LETTERS 184-86}

signed letter, 1f, pen SU180/172

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

My dear friend

It must have seemed to you very
remiss & unfriendly of me never to
write, not even at the New Year-
But I have been so overworked & ill
all this winter that, however
unwillingly, I have been obliged to give
up all but the most pressing
business, of which I have had a
plenty. So I appeal to your

kindness for my pardon -

And "Little Sister" tells me that
you have not been well.

Is she coming up soon to you?
And how do you think she is?

I trust now that you are well,
& happy.

God bless you:

with love, I am always

your affecte F. Nightingale
March 9/87

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 1f, pencil SU180/173

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April 1/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:} [12:384]
PARK LANE. W.

My dear friend

How delighted I was
with your dear charming letter,
proposing "to raise a
"testimonial for" Mrs. Wardroper
as a "tribute of love & respect"
"& gratitude for her valuable
"work" from her "old pupils"-
Thank you again & again, for
the most kind & graceful
thought. I shall always
think of it with gratitude -
And I am sure it will make
her very happy.

[end 12:384]

Let me have a day or two -
& then I will write again
& try & fix a day when I may
have the pleasure of seeing
you - Excuse haste.

I trust you are well.
God bless you
& believe me
ever your affte
Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Norris

signed letter, 2ff, pen

April 22/87

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

My dear friend

Thank you very much for
sending me the "Proof".
I have only one little criticism
to make: would it not be
better to expunge all the
Miss s & Mrs. s in the
"Committee" & put only the
Xtian names -

& certainly in the case
of the "President's" name?
retaining the *Miss* & the
Mrs. in the "Executive" Commee=,
because *that* is an address-

especially now that you
have Sisters & Nurses on
the Commee= the *Miss*
comes in awkwardly.

With regard to the £1.1 as
a limit, Miss Crossland
suggested, & I concur
that there are a number
of us who, if you find
yourselves in straits or
not getting enough money
- would gladly contribute
£5 or more to make

the money bigger - which
need not be mentioned
in the circular -

I must add my admiration
of the way you are working,
beg you to excuse haste,
& to believe me

ever yours affly

F. Nightingale

Mrs. Norris

signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 21/87

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

My dear friend

Thanks for your most
kind note

I am afraid I have no
time (or strength which is
the same thing)

before *Wednesday* afternoon.
But if you will be so very

kind as to put down the
"one or two matters about
"the Testimonial," I am so
slow & stupid that I shall
then be able to consider them,
& perhaps write about them

& then we can consult
together about it on
Wednesday

A thousand thanks for
all your kind labours -
ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Norris

initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

May 23/87

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

My dear friend

Thank you very much for
your letter - I am truly
sorry that I cannot see you
before to-morrow (*Tuesday*)
when Mrs. Wardroper is
coming to see me- And it
would seem rude to put
her off - And of course I
hardly like, without further
instructions from you who
have done it all, to speak
to her as you desire in order

to ascertain from her whether
"she would appreciate the
"proposal" (of the portrait)
"and be willing to sit to
"an Artist" -

How would you like it if
I were just to sound her,
just to consult her "as to the
"form the Testimonial is to
"take" without of course
entering into any details -
[as to Artist, cost &c &c
we will consult, you & I about
that]

~~If~~ I will also send to Mr.
Bonham Carter to- day, & ask
him about my sounding her -
But Miss Crossland - I entirely
agree with your estimate of her-
is the person who would really
know whether Mrs. Wardroper
would like to be consulted
by me,- cursorily as it were,
at this stage of the business,-
without receiving first my
full commission from you -
{rest of folio cut out}

If either you or Mr. Bonham (176)
Carter say "No, "wait", I shall be
glad to say nothing to morrow.

If on the contrary you wish
it, please give me some
further hints- Of course
I should only do it "privately",
"non-officially", as the oldest
friend merely she has in
the "business"- to find out
her own wishes- & not as
leading you- but only as the person
to whom she can talk most easily

Thank you again & again
for your great kindness
[as to Artist, cost &c &c
we will consult, you & I, about
that]

{at beg. & top of letter vert.:} Let me have your
answer
please
as soon as
possible
F.N.

incomplete letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St. May 25/87

My dear friend

I saw Mrs. Wardroper yesterday
& we had much talk-

2. Then At first she seemed quite {lines surrounding text here
disinclined to the portrait- & said down to "£100 or little more"}
she never could make up her
mind to sit- or to have so
"much money spent" on her -
But afterwards ~~she~~ it appeared
she thought it would be
£300 or £400" - And then
I murmured something about
"£100 or little more"-

1. ~~Then~~ She said when I first
~~questioned~~ sounded her, but
feebly: "A tea-service or
something ~~no~~ I could leave to

"my boy or the Probationers"-

3. She always fell back upon

"You would settle best

-what was nicest -

I had much rather you
settled"-

Then I persuaded her to

'think it over at home'

& let me know -

And this she said she

would do. And so we

parted.

She was very sweet & nice

- not in spirits.

4 Did anything pass between
you & Miss Crossland yesterday
which could guide us?

She Mrs. Wardr- is sure to talk it over
with some one- Miss Baylis
or Miss Crossland- I wish
it may be Miss Crossland.
And we might thus find
out what she really wishes-

I assured her I was not
talking as "President"!
but merely as one of her oldest
friends-

She is very grateful to
& much touched by you all
& all your kindness

initialed letter, 2ff, pencil SU180/178

10 South St June 8/87

Private {up diag}

My dear Mrs. Norris

I thought the Tea Service
which you were so good as to
send me to look at
most beautiful & admirable
- especially the Salver & Sugar -
basin

Do you think the ?ebony
interruptions in the handles of the
tea & coffee-pot should be
ivory rings? [I remember we
had such in my father's
tea-service] The ?ebony
in the Salver handles has a
very good effect but I think
it is *polished*. I am not

quite so sure about the other.
Do you think well to let Mrs.

Wardroper see ~~it~~ the Service before you
finally decide? She

might possibly like something
a little rounder.

But there are only hyper-
criticisms -

I think the whole effect as
before said most beautiful
& delightful -

Will you excuse my not
having written to or seen you?
It is my loss -

I have been so driven by
business & so much worse
than usual - I have not
been able

Inscriptions [2]

Our united efforts, according
to your requests, have only
produced these 3 attempts.
You will, I hope, criticize
& tear them to pieces

Ever believe me
with many & heartfelt
thanks for your labours-
& your letters
your affte
F.N.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
initialed letter, 1f, pen SU180/179

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10, South Street, April 7/90
Grosvenor Square. W. {printed address:}
Dearest Mrs. Norris
A thousand thanks.
I think if she has made up
her mind to receive "no
"presents on leaving St. Thomas",
I had better let it alone.
She will be in London
again for 3 months this
year. And I suppose there
will be no prohibitions then.
I was not thinking of any
furniture but of a tiny
gold crucifix for the bosom
given to her *NOT* as a R.C.
It is difficult.
But the whole thing is, if you
will believe me, the greatest
difficulty in my difficult life.
Poor St. Thomas'- ever yours
F.N.

signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil
{envelope:}

Mrs. Norris
San Remo
Finchley Road
7/4/91 W. Hampstead
N.W.

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
letter, SU180/180

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April 8/91
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

[13:55]

Dearest friend

I grieve & yet rejoice
that you have to take
up work again; especially
if it be in your old
profession which God
has so abundantly
blessed; I rejoice -

A great London Hospital
would be the best sphere
for you: but I know of
none at present likely
to fall in. How I should
like to see you in a large
Workhouse Infirmary: it

has such immense
opportunities for good.
One of ours, (not fit to tie
your shoe strings, I regret
to say) has just been
elected to the Upper
Holloway Infirmary,
650 beds.

You would probably not
like to take a Hospital
far from London. Else
these are always falling
in. Miss Lennox has
just resigned the Children's
Hospital at Belfast
from ill health.

The Queen is to lay the
first stone of a new Derby
Infirmary next month -
& I conclude it will want
a new Matron when
finished -

But you do not want to
begin again work directly-

And God will point out
a way - Only I wish
to keep Hospital work
in your remembrance -

While first-class Hospital
Matrons abscond, I do
not think first class women
take their places-

May God bless you!

Excuse failing eyes & (180)
arthritic hands & much
work.

Give my love to dear
Miss Pringle- What
does she hear of Miss
Spencer?

I have told Mr. Bonham
Carter of your wish. He
has been ill for many
months, but is thank God
recovering. They are
mourning the loss of a
dear, bright, pure boy at
Winchester Coll:

ever yours overflowinglly
F. Nightingale

Mrs. Norris [end]

signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pencil
{envelope:}

Mrs. Norris
c/o Colonel Smythe
Theescombe House
W. Stroud

6/7/91 Glostershire

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
letter, SU180/181

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July 6/91

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

Dearest Mrs. Norris

I was so glad to see your
handwriting & address. I have
been thinking & feeling, feeling &
thinking with you - & longing
to see you again & hearing
more from you.

I saw an old pupil of
yours, "Baroness von ?Rosen",
but she did not know
where you had moved to.

I was longing to know what
your plans were - whether
the Riviera or Edinburgh -
& how you were -

Besides this, I have a
question to ask your kindness-
Genl- Symonds, brother of the

[15:1019]

Capt. Symonds (who is dead) who
gave me all that Cocatina
in 1885 for the Egyptian
Military Hospls= want me
to give him a Certificate
as to the usefulness & goodness
of this Cocatina (the
manufacture of which-pure-
is their family's subsistence)

I refer back to a letter of
mine, dated April 23/85,
telling Capt. Symonds, without
of course giving your name,
when you arrived from
Souakim what you told me,
viz. that to make the
Cocatina acceptable, it
should be combined with *MILK* -
- & that the only Cocoa they
(the men)

liked was the cocoa & milk
supplied in small quantities
by the N.A. Socy-

They the 'Symonds' send me however
copy of a Telegram (without
date) which I sent to Capt.
Symonds: "Just heard from
"Egypt. Cocoatina highly
"appreciated- more greatly
"desired if sent at once"

I am greatly puzzled
what to do- I do not like
to refuse these poor ~~people~~ Symonds.
Yet, if I give them a
"Testimonial", I shall be
delayed with similar
requests.

They want me to date my
Testimonial from the date
of the War - 1885.

Might I ask *what your* (181)
impression is now of your
kindness of the *good*
or *no- good* his (Capt. Symonds)
Cocoatina did in that War?

[I have given away in
the last few years large
quantities of Cocoatina to
poor people in England.
And it was uniformly
liked

They Savory & Moore make now at Verney
Junction!! *peptonized* Cocoa
and *Milk* which is
excellent but expensive]

[end]

I am interrupted, & I seem to
have told you nothing, dear friend,
of what I feel with you: nor thanked
you for your excellent book. But
let me say God bless you & believe
me ever yours faithfully & sorrowfully
F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pencil & pen SU180/182

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Oct 31/91

Claydon House {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dearest Mrs. Norris

I am glad that you have
settled to go to the Riviera
rather than farther off-
but you do not tell me
where - nor what Patients
you have - not who is going
with you - I do long
to see you again & hope
to be back in South St
before "Nov 16"- But nothing
can be more uncertain
from the constant press of
business here- Today we had
14 Chairman & Secretaries of
County Council - & I had a
Medl= Officer of (rural) Health

[13:880]

all to myself, who is to
teach educated women
to teach the rural poor
mothers Health at Home.

It is the first *real*
practical experiment of the
kind - And it is strange
that what I have been
thinking of half my life
I should have to begin in
what is to me a foreign
land, & not in the homes of
my youth.

I was in hopes of sending
you Ellin Verney, age 18- but
we have just shipped her
off, as her only chance of
health, by a large Cape Steamer

to the Canary Islands -

I am so sorry "Little Sister"
is so poorly- I was going
to write to her- as soon as
I could - I trust Miss Spencer
with her immense charge is
pretty well - Please give
my love to both -

Excuse such a scrawl-
I write to you in my heart.

God bless you
ever yours hopefully
but anxiously
F. Nightingale

note, 1f, pencil

For
our dear Mrs. Norris
(Miss Williams)
with F.N.'s love
Oct 18/97

9ff, printed letter from FN to Nurses and Probationers trained under the "Nightingale Fund",
June 1897, London, re: God's calling and what it means in practice for Nurses and
Probationers, extension of District Nursing, Hospital Nursing, Workhouse (Union) Infirmaryes,
Private Nursing & Maternity Nursing

incomplete letter, 1f, pen & pencil

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I do so earnestly wish to
know how you are
you are almost always in
my thoughts.
I have heard from 'Little Sister'
God prosper you in all things.
Remember me to those who
kindly remember me -
How would it be possible
for you & 'Little Sister'
to take a fortnight's
holiday & come & spend
it here in total rest?

God speed; God speed
again & again
ever yrs penitently
& affly very,
F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

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I said, of course, "Miss Hinde" *in 6 months' time*"
My dear child {archivist: 75 or 76}

I do not think Miss Hill will "grow to the
idea": nor do I think you the person to make
her 'grow': nor does she offer you 'tomorrow'.

I suppose I must send the wretched
Messenger back, after he has had his
dinner, to tell her you are not coming to-day
Shall I ask her whether she will see you
tomorrow?

initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday 3.30 p.m

My dear Miss Williams

I have sent up twice to Mr. H.B. Carter's to
know his views as the result of the interview between him & Mr.
Lane : In vain -

No use discussing anything till we know what the
magnates say -

I suppose I shall know by 5- I have put off
everything to see you at 5, *unless* you are going to
see any of the magnates at that time- In that
case, I will write to you & send it by Cab to- night
as soon as I hear from Mr. B.C. yours in great anxiety
F.N.

2ff, Miss Edith S. Williams to Matron St. Thomas' Hospital, March 17 1963, The Homestead,
Mill Bridge Road, Minehead Som, re: is in possession with her siblings of letters by FN to
her aunt Rachel Williams (R.W. mentioned in Cecil Woodham Smith's Life of F.N.) with
intention to go to St. Thomas' Hospital, is doubtful however as they are of a personal nature
and should maybe be destroyed and is asking the Matron's opinion on the matter, also in
possession of her aunt's R.R.C. & army medals awarded after the Sudan War & asks if of
interest to the hospital

H1/ST/NC3/SU180 3ff, Miss Edith S. Williams to Miss Turner, April 17 1963, The Homestead,
Mill Bridge Road, Minehead Som: thanks for her offer to look through the letters by FN to her
aunt Rachel Williams, has decided to offer all the letters to St. Thomas Hospital for a
possible place in the Nightingale Museum, Miss E.S. Williams gives reason for FN
discontinuing the letters soon after the Sudan War as Rachel Williams getting married and FN
not forgiving her for it as she had a large Workhouse Infirmary for her to take over but
thinks that they did meet later, refers to "The Pearl" in earlier letters as being Miss
Pringle, apologizes for her poor sight being the reason for letters not being classified
properly

note, 1f, pencil {archivist:} H1/ST/NC3/SU181-97

SU181 signed prescription & typewritten envelope, 1f, pen

{envelope:}

The Matron,

St. Thomas' Hospital, {archivist notes not transcribed}
Albert Embankment,
Westminster Bridge,
LONDON S.E.1.

{archivist:} This is on of Miss Nightingales
Requisitions in her own
hand writing -

C.R ---

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180

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Required

Pulv. Jacob. [?]

F. Nightingale

Pulv. Rhei [?]

April 18/55 F.N.

note, 1f, pen not F.N. hand Mrs Lawfield

LMA H1/ST/NC/SU182 receipt, 1f, pen

Received from Mrs. Lawfield

the Sum of Twenty Pounds 0/0

to be paid into the

Atherstone Savings Bank

to her account - also the Sum F.N.

of Ten Pounds 0/0 to be paid to the same Acct-, Jan 1/56.

£30.0.0 Florence Nightingale Scutari March 19

1856

{not FN hand:}

Mrs Lawfield

No 21 Nutford Place

Edgewall Road.

Scutari November 29/55

also the Sum of Ten Pounds % to be

paid to the same Acct.

£40.0.0. Florence Nightingale Scutari March 19 1856

SU183, receipt from Rebecca Lawfield to Mr Saml Smith, July 25 1856, London, re: sum of £8

SU184 1f letter not by FN to Dear Ripon re: Lawfield anxious to have 'this' paid immediately, asks if he has any objection, has advanced £2 for her daughter to be sent to school, she will stop by for money (her direction is 21 Nutford Place Edgewall Road)

SU185 1f, Rebecca Lawfield to Sir, July 27 1856, London, re: application in his absence to Mr L for £40 at the Atherstone bank, has received £10, £30 to still be sent or made payable to her {in London}

SU186 1f, Rebecca Lawfield to Sir, Sept 8 1866, Somerset St., re: acknowledges receipt of the check for £30, thanks him for his trouble and for his good wishes, is happy to hear of FN's return and hopes for her health to be restored soon

SU187 2ff, Rebecca Lawfield to Madam, Sept 9 1866, Somerset St., re: being unemployed since returning home, many public situations offered but being Catholic a barrier against all but private nursing, is attempting to begin as a Ladies Nurse, interested in midwifery but needs a friend to help for a time and is asking for her assistance, available for training in Oct, details money and expenses from money received from Mr Bracebridge, hopes she will feel kindly towards her

SU188 1f, Mr Godley to Madam, Feb 14 1857, War Department, re: application having being made on behalf of Mrs Lawfield, payment of about £7 for 2 months wages {file no. 153656/7G4}

SU189 1f, B. Hawes to Madam, March 7 1857, War Department, re: refers to letter from the War Department of the 14th, re a claim made by Mrs. Lawfield for a Gratuity of 2 months pay on being sent home on account of ill health, request to state if she considers Mrs. Lawfield entitled to this {file no. 155656/772}

SU190 2ff, Mrs Lawfield, [March 19 1857], Manner House, 8 Cheyne Walk [??] Chelsea, re: kindly requests a Testimonial to be forwarded by FN, difficulty for a Catholic to be employed, sum of £7 and 4 shillings mentioned

SU191 2ff MER Lawfield to FN, Manner House, 8 Cheyne Walk Chelsea, re: receipt of letter from FN, her hopes of getting into Guy's Hospital but Catholic Sisters not wanted, nothing to do but go to {illeg Cairo?}, mentions Mr Mellar [Millan?] kindly to help

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
H1/ST/NC3/SU192 signed letter, 1f, pen

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General Hospital
Balaclava
June 30/56

My dear Sir

In leaving the Crimea with Mrs. Shaw Stewart & the rest of H.M.y's Nurses, I am anxious to introduce to you the above = mentioned lady, who has been now employed for 17 months in three different Hospitals of the Crimea Successively, and during 16 months of these as Superintendent of the Nurses.

She desires, in your important Hospital, to become thoroughly trained as a Nurse in the Surgical Wards - She would wish, if possible, to remain in the Hospital during the time necessary for this- She will give any remuneration which may be agreed upon -

In making this request of you, I feel sure that your experience will soon perceive that, in this lady, there is no idle passing whim, but that

she only requires, in order to become accomplished as a good surgical Nurse your training & her own perseverance.

Will you allow me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your invaluable Mrs. Roberts, who has been the main = stay of the Female Nursing Establishment in the Barrack Hospital of Scutari ever since I came out 21 months ago & whom you were kind enough to recommend to me?

I hope soon to bring her back in good health & spirits -

Believe me to be

dear Sir

yours faithfully & obliged

Florence Nightingale

J. Whitfield Esq

{not FN hand:}
Florence Nightingale
General Hospital
Balaclava
June 20th/56

SU193 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen

{envelope:}
Jerry Barrett Esq
Corridor J
Ward 2
Scutari
Barrack Hospital
18/7/56

Sir

Your statement of my
having caused you serious
inconvenience by declining
to sit for your picture
cannot but cause me
distress -

As, however, I declined
from no want of
willingness, to forward
your wishes, but from
a principle which I
had very fully
considered & which
indeed had been forced

upon me by the
experience of the whole
time during which
I have been engaged
on this work, I think
you will see that to
give a different answer
to your request than
the one I have already
given is impossible
to me -

I repeat that to hear
that this answer causes
inconvenience is painful
to me - although I have
had no share in causing

any such disappointment,
for my answer would
have been the same
before your coming out
as now, had the
request then been made.

I must also repeat
that publicity has been
the cause of the greatest
draw= backs I have
experienced in the
prosecution of the
work committed to my
charge - & that it is
in consequence of this
conviction that I have
determined in no way

to *forward* the making
a show of myself or of
any person, or thing
connected with that
work, though I cannot
always *prevent* them
or me being made
a show of -

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
signed letter, 2ff, pencil H1/ST/NC3/SU194

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Lea Hurst
Matlock
August 27/56

Sir

In returning the
enclosed Form with
Pr Robert Robinson's
signature, I think
it my duty to inform
you that the lad has
a pass till the 31st of
this month only.

Major General Windham,
whom I requested to
be kind enough to
apply to you for the
boy's discharge, in order

that he might justify
me from the charge
of disregarding any
regulation of the Service,
by informing you that
the lad had Sir W.
Codrington's permission
to join me, was not
certain that you
would not make
him join his Depot.

In case I do not
hear from you, I shall
of course send the boy
to his Depot, when
his pass expires.

But I would request
that, if it be possible
to dispense with his
doing so, you will
kindly permit him
to remain where he is,
as he is already at
school, till his
Discharge documents
are made out -

If, on the contrary,
it be necessary that
the boy rejoin his
Depot, I trust that
you will excuse his
not being there BY

the 31st of this month, as
it was not clearly
understood by any of
us whether you would
require the boy to
re-join or not, previous
to his discharge -

I beg to apologize for
this rather long-winded
explanation & to remain

Sir

your obedt servt

Florence Nightingale

Major Lewis

Commr

Depot 68th St Infy

SU195, 2ff, Major Gen Windham to FN re Robert Robinson's discharge (acc to LMA cat), Aug 16
1856, Warwick, re:

SU196 1f, Fanny Wildgoose, re: F.N.'s visit in Punch

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 976
H1/ST/NC3/SU197 incomplete signed letter, 2ff, pencil

30 Old Burlington St.

W.

To Dr. Parkes Aug 9/60
(as per last page)

My dear Sir

I have not
answered your kind
letter of the 4th with
its welcome enclosure,
because Dr. Sutherland
shewed me his
answer to you, and
I had really nothing
to add to it -

Besides this, at
the scientific arrangement

of the subject, I
am worth nothing,
& could, I am
quite sure, suggest
nothing to you -

If, when you
come to some of
your *practical*
Lectures, & to any
of my own peculiar
subjects, such as
Ward Construction
& Nursing Hygiene,
(those things which

an old Nurse like
me has had
most experience
in,) I could give
you any, the least,
practical assistance,
I should be happy
& grateful to have
the opportunity -

In the meanwhile,
I am quite overjoyed
at the prospect of
the good you are

going to do

The thing once
begun is quite sure
to extend itself &
prosper, so that
there will not be
a higher Service
than ours in any
country.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Of course I agree
with you that "the

{folio text by archivist:} SU 214 to 226

SU 214-214A

SU 214 incomplete signed letter, 3ff, pen
[2]

He did not wish to live:
he had not the spirit of life"
and one who saw him just
after death told me that
he looked as if the Burden
had been ~~suddenly~~ lifted off:
& the Rest had suddenly
come.

I have seen that look on
him in life: a sort of
innocent, half incredulous,
half curious, all modest,
glad surprise

[He never laughed, as perhaps
you know.]

For *him*: 'tis Death is dead,
not he'.

He has passed
From Death called Life which us from
Life doth saves - [sever]

And when one's mind
strains forward to ask: oh
where *is* he? Where *is* he
in this his New Year?
What is he feeling now?
he might better ask:
 where are we?
My sister & a family party
 were in the house: but
 when they ran to him, there
 was no breath, nothing.
My mother, - except when she
 sees people she is not used
 to, when she has moments
 of passionate grief which
 exhaust her, - is gentle &

mourns naturally: only saying
'-when shall I go after him?-
 shall I go to- night?'
She begged so to go in & "kiss
him": but yielded on being
told that *he* was not there:
it was only his old garment.
[By the time they had been
able to tell her, the grand
old head was much altered:
 & they did not wish her
 to see it.]
My mother does not read or
 write letters now.
I am glad to know that my
 Father cared for my work.
 I had ~~not~~ but one pleasure
 in being a 'public man':

SU 214a

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apart from getting the
work done: because I
thought that it would please
my Father that I should be
one, as he could not be one
himself, which he lamented
to the very last year of his
life,- not on account of any
personal ambition of his own,
but because he had wished
"to help" my Uncle Bonham
Carter,- for whom he had a
friendship, "passing the love
of women," singularly
touching in a character so
reserved as my Father's
But I never noticed that my
Father cared much for my
work. He may have done
so however, without speaking
of it.

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I think I feel his being out
of my world, now that
I realize how intensely alone
he has left me, in it, more than
during the first shock.
I shall take up my work again
as much as possible as usual,
& as soon as possible as usual
- for he would not have liked
his death to disarrange any
one's single day: Such was the
unique modesty of his
character in every thing -
And then we will all lie down
& be at rest: when we
can say we have finished
the work that God has given
us to do.

It has soothed me writing
to you who cared for him.
And I thank you for it
& am ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU 215 {archivist:}

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June 1875
Miss Nightingale

incomplete letter, 1f, pencil
small way of [2]

Council & Commee= (on the N. Fund)
is 1. the want of any Committee man who
would really master the subject
& have time to work it:
& 2 the want of a Secretary
who *having mastered* the
subject had time to
extend & push it.

If your Secy- could give
his whole time, that *would*
be a man -

God speed the work:
I think you have launched it:
yrs ever sincerely & gratefully
Florence Nightingale
Please, if you are so good as
to write, write to old address:
35 South St.

H1/ST/NC3/SU216b SU 216 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Malta Sewerage & Drainage:} 35 South St
Park Lane W.
May 18/76

Dear Mr. Rawlinson
Few things give me more pleasure than to hear
from you: & I was very glad to read
anything about Malta. [I return the paper:]
I remember *Mr. Unsworth* perfectly:
But I am afraid this result must be
disappointing to all of you.
You send out a most competent man as an
Inspector *to cleanse Malta*. And as soon as

they have him, ~~out~~, they appear to ~~have~~ set him
to work upon small Engineering details:

& so far as we know, *Malta seems to be as dirty as ever:*
And the *plague* is at Muscat:

If it comes west, *is it not certain to pounce*
on Malta?

I saw Miss Carpenter after her return from *India*.
She gave me a most o
outrageous account of the
indoor cess-pits & foul smells which seem to do duty
as House Conveniences' in the ~~women's~~ Native Ladies' Quarters
at Dacca, Benares, Baroda, &c &c &c= & even

[2]
at *Calcutta* where we had hoped
the proper connection of houses with main sewerage
was going on. {Instead of that, excrete go into an *indoor cesspit*
{& soak into the soil *under*, the *dwelling rooms*:
In some cases, where Residents wives (English
ladies) had begun to visit the Native Ladies,
& become ill from the foulness, their husbands,
(English gentlemen) had forbidden their visiting.
To go to gaol seems, in *India*, the most
efficient & immediate thing to do *for health*.
Pray believe me ever your old friend
& comrade
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU217-217a

Nightingale (Florence) Two sheet letter to The Rev. Henry Hawkins, chaplain to Colney Hatch
Asylum "After Care of the insane."
June 2nd 1879 Bought from Miss H. Hawkins

H1/ST/NC3/SU217a signed letter, 3ff, pen

London June 2/79

Miss Nightingale {in large letters not FN hand} also in 9088/22

My dear Sir

I wish I could help you,
with regard to what you
wrote to me about on May
10, viz. finding a lady "to organize
a plan for the after care
of poor & friendless female
Convalescents"

But alas! overwhelmed
with business & illness, I
am almost the last person,
to help you, as I would.

God speed your Meeting
on June 5.

I am on the other hand
going to ask you for help.
I am frequently written to
to know if there are TRAINED

Lady Matrons & Lady Nurses
to be had to attend on
& superintend the nursing of Female
Lunatics. Latterly

I have had two letters from
the Chaplain of Robben
Island, S. Africa, asking
for such.

Have you *trained* Ladies &
trained Nurses for your
Asylum Work at Colney
Hatch?

Could you recommend such?
And above all have you
a TRAINING School for
Nurses for Lunatics?
Or do you know of one?

When I speak of a Training
School, I mean a Training

School, such as we have
for Hospital Nurses &
Matrons now at St. Thomas'
Hospital, & at several
other large Hospitals,
where the Probationers go
thro' at least a year of
systematic training IN
the Hospital Wards, with
an organized system of
superintendence, where
their work is tested, &
where they live under
discipline in a Home adjoining.

All this, I should fancy,
[but I ask one of the greatest
experience & devotion in
yourself] was yet more
necessary for Lunatic than
for Hospital Patients.

How I wish I had
time & strength as I have

inclination to carry
out such a work.

But I have far too large
a circle of duties already
And I am ~~entirely~~ a prisoner
from illness to my room.

I leave out entirely the
question of Asylum Nurses
being trained OUT OF not in
the Asylum nor about the Patients for
their duties: which
seems yet more utterly
impossible than for Hospitals
& Hospital Patients.

In Germany there are
Training Schools for Asylum Nurses,
& Lady Attendants *in*
Lunatic Asylums.

A lady, half German & half
English, whose Sister died
as Lady Assistant in such an

[2]

Asylum, is likely to
come to live in England
& might be interested
in the work.
Now that *Hospital* Nursing
is so largely carried on
by ladies, I hope that
you will be able to
tell me that you
have found many *ladies*
for your Asylum attendance
& have trained them in your Wards.

You have, I assure you,
my best wishes that you
should succeed in all your works.

Would I could give you
more than good wishes!

God bless your work
If the Chaplain of Robben
Island should come to
England, might I place

him in communication
with you?
under severe stress of overwork & illness
but Pray believe me

my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt-
Florence Nightingale

The Revd=

Henry Hawkins
&c &c

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
H1/ST/NC3/SU218 list, 1f, pen

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The Nightingale Home

St: Thomas' Hospital

June 16th 1880

We, the Home Sister, and Nightingale
Probationers of 1880 beg to thank

Sir Harry and Lady Verney
for the very happy day we spent
on Wednesday June 15th, and to
express

our sense of their kindness
in entertaining us at Claydon -
{actual signatures:}

MS Crossland	"Home Sister"
L. Parsons	S. Rees
M.A. Weston	J.B. Western
A F Hughes	G. Parsons
A.M. Barson	E.H. Pringle
M.M. Oliver	J.C. Bird
Isla Stewart	E Beatty
	H L Tratt
L. Hogg	M Huxley
A O'Neil	R.P. Ashber
E.M. Manning	M. Brinstan
M Dobbs	J.M. Little
M {illeg}	

SU219 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Nov 24/86

10, SOUTH STREET, [12:380]
PARK LANE. W. {printed address:}

Dearest Mrs. Wardroper

I pray that, notwithstanding
this most ungenial weather,
you keep better -

God bless you -

I write now, not to bother
you, but only to ask what
you thought of that Miss
Maxwell, who called upon
you, wishing to become your
Special Probationer -

I have no personal
acquaintance with her

whatever: but I have
heard so much of her
from mutual friends -
one, Lady Caird, who is
one of her references,- that
I cannot but think
she would prove a
most valuable Ward
Sister to you - far above
any "Sisters" we have
- now - so much so
that I think you might
even wish to waive
your & Mr. Bonham Carter's

rule, (not to decide till
just before Quarter Day,
in case better applicants
should offer), & perhaps
promise her a vacancy
which I understood you
that you would have in
March- for, if you
liked her, perhaps a
better applicant hardly
could offer -

She, I understand, is
quite willing to wait till
March, but could not longer.

But I am not of course
asking you to tell me
this: but only how you
liked her.

[end 12:380]

God bless you
ever yours
F. Nightingale

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
SU 220 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

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July 15/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Maxwell

Do not think I am
neglecting your request -I am
enquiring.

Sister Arthur did not
leave any written 'Record' of
you. She was taken ill before
she had written any.

They would be so sorry
to lose you - your great qualities
-out of the Home - your good
influence there -

They feel you have not
sufficiently proved yourself -

They cannot tell you whether
you are fit to be a Ward
Sister - You would not like
not to be a first-rate Sister
[You are quite right not to
choose to be on the Extra Staff]
But St. Thomas' is a fearful demand
upon a gentlewoman's strength,
in every position - & not likely to get lighter.

Would you like to come
back for another 6 months
& prove yourself- & then
see what at the year's end
can be done?

If not, it would seem best
to go to Mildmay-
where may all blessings
follow you -
You will say: if I come to St.
Thomas' for 6 months, then
I just lose my sister at
Mildmay.

I write this down as it were
promiscuously.

They cannot promise anything,
they say, to you more than to
others.
I may have something else to

write to night.

Take this as undecided.

God bless you - God guide us all

I will write again

in haste

yours overflowinglly

F. Nightingale

SU 221 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Nov 27/86

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir James Caird

I received last night from

St. Thomas' the answer to my enquiries

about Miss Maxwell who

wishes to become a "Special

Probationer" at our Training

School for Nurses at St.

Thomas' Hospital.

She has made a strong

impression as to her

being 'able' in body & mind

& purpose- like; as to

her wish to make Nursing

a calling, & as to her special

fitness for it: her great

qualities which you &

Lady Caird know so well.

The vacancy in March

will surely be hers, as

far as anything can be sure.

The answers to her references

are not quite complete. When

they are, the will be sent

to me. But Lady Caird's

makes us certain that

we are safe there.

We are fortunate that the
work has attracted so
good a worker -
And she has my best
wishes for her success
in the highest sense in
all her career-
I am delighted to have
to tell you this:
 & with kindest regards
to Lady Caird
& good speed to your
most difficult & noble
work in Ireland

- you have promised me
a visit when you return
 pray believe me
 ever sincerely yours:
 Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU222-22/1a incomplete signed letter & postmarked envelope, 3ff, pen

[8:942]

{envelope:} Miss Ruth Verney
 Claydon Ho:
 Winslow
3/5/91 Bucks

 May 3/91
 10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
 PARK LANE. W.
You sent Aunt Florence,
 my dearest little Ruth,
such beautiful primroses
& dear little primson buds
the other day - & a sweet
little violet with a
root- And Aunt Florence
planted it in a little
pot - & watered it - &
immediately there came
up another violet - did
Grandpapa tell you?
behind a green leaf
as alive as possible.

There is nothing like a
little garden grown by
one self in London to
give pleasure.

And I wonder whether
now the spring is come
you watch the bees &
insects coming out of
the flowers, where they
have been occupied in
taking a little honey, &
bring out a little pollen
on their backs- Or is
it too early for that?
Aristotle, an old, old
Greek, who has taught

us a great deal about
Morals, tho' he lived
some hundreds of years
before Christ, used to
watch the bees, and he
says that a bee on the
same journey only visits
the same kind of flowers.
It is satisfied, unlike
us, with the same kind
of dish at one time.

Now, you see, Aristotle
& little Harry both
watched the bees -

I have counted the
times (with a second hand

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watch) that a moth
put its proboscis in
sucking the honey out
of a common wild
Scabious. And it was
150 times in a minute-

Do you know the
names of the birds
yet? And are there
still a good many
singing birds after the
very severe winter? A
blackbird comes here every
morning at 5 o'clock
(the first time this has
happened since I lived

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here (some 26 years), & sings -

Perhaps it is one of the
Claydon blackbirds which died

Now give Aunt Florence's
very dear love to dearest
Ellin & Lettice - & help in
pleasing Grandpapa as I know you do - And
give my love to Miss
Spring Rice s, & tell Miss
Frederica that I can't
thank her enough for her
letter & for what they are doing.

How is Nip? - & how is
the bird canary that says pf?

God bless you all
ever your loving

Aunt Florence

If you see anything of Mrs.

H1/ST/NC3/SU223 signed letter, 1f, pencil {notes at top of letter not FN, not transcribed}

Sept 23/95

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Messrs. Eyre & Spottiswoode

32 Abingdon Street. West:er

Gentlemen

Would you be so very good

as to send Blue Book

"Report on Sanitary Measures"

"in India in 1893-94"

"Vol XXVII"

"1895" (just out)

to Sir W. Wedderburn Bt M.P.

Post Office: Buckie

Banffshire

(to await arrival)

Messenger will pay for expences

It saves me all trouble - if

you are so good as to do this

Yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

SU 224 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil
{envelope:}

To the Matron

or Home Sister

St Thomas' Hospital

F. Nightingale

18/6/1901

June 18/1901

[6:670]

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

Dear Matron

Dr. Lachlan† of

41 Clapham Road

is sending to you, please,

a young girl age 21

Nelly Johnson, who has

had Pleurisy- and now

the Doctor thinks an

Operation needful.

And as I know her to

be a very nervous Patient,

& rather alarmed at

Hospitals [you & I know
that Patients are only
sorry to leave *your*
Hospital] I thought if
I wrote to you, it would
give her some encouragement
to know that I knew you
& that she would be
under your care
I need hardly ask: will
you kindly look after her,
as from every one I have
known who has been at

the Hospital, I have
always heard of your
great kindness.

After she is admitted, I
should be pleased indeed
to hear how she is going on,
if not too much trouble to
you

With love

yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC3/SU225/2

SU 225-225/1

SU 225

signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

{envelope:}

with flowers

From Florence Nightingale

Miss Grace Hamilton

52 Chester Square

26/6/1900

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180
letter, SU225/1

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June 25/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
Dearest Bertha
Would you please tell
us *what time* the
wedding - God bless it -
is to- morrow?
[We don't want to bother
you with any request.]
Please put down here
Time ==
2. I thought of sending
a nose gay to the bride.
Should it be sent to her
at *13 Queen's Gate* or where?
Please put here
ever yours
F. Nightingale

signed note, 1f, pencil

June 26/1900
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.
these poor flowers bring
every best of wishes to
our dear
Grace
on her wedding day
from us all
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC/SU226a-b 3ff, {illeg E Gertrude?}, re: incomplete letter, M. Mohl mentioned
throughout, in part seemingly about cats, humourous stories

1f, {archivist:} {vert.:} Return to Mrs. Wardroper

SU198 1f, Francis Hicks to FN, Jan 9 1866, 13 St Thomas's SE, re: Committee has authorized
him to enter into an agreement with FN's council re approval of alterations suggested in
original plan, FN to correspond if she has improvements in arrangements for the Probationer's
building

SU199 1f, Henry Currey to FN, Jan 20 1866, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: the Nightingale Probationers Quarters, would be glad to receive suggestions

SU200 1f, Henry Currey to FN, May 4 1866, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: promising the Plans of the Probationers' House in a few days for her inspection

SU201 2ff, Henry Currey to FN, May 8 1866, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: sending herewith the Plans of the Nightingale Probationers Quarters with Matron's House &c, requests return of drawings with observations from her, comments on the position of the road at/near Hospital

SU202 1f, Henry Currey to FN, May 24 1866, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: is looking to have the drawings returned as soon as it is convenient

SU203 2ff, Henry Currey {in another hand} to FN, May 29 1866, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: he is much obliged for her suggestions on the ground floor which will improve both the Small Ward and the Sisters room, consultation rooms suggested by Medical men for private place to converse with pupils than in the Ward, altering upper floor plans more difficult but will consider it

SU204 2ff, Henry Currey {in another hand} to FN, May 29 1886, 4 Lancaster Place, Strand, W.C., re: obliged for the plans being returned promptly, will show the Committee the plans and will provide any information needed, responds to her questions re location of warming surfaces in building, is in agreement of having a small sink with a supply of cold and hot water in Bath rooms and will be done, clarifies her questions re the lighting for the ground floor Probationers rooms

SU205 4ff, S.E. Wardroper to Madam, Feb 28 1866, St Thomas', re: wishes to write her own epistle despite Mr Whitfield's letter, rejoices with FN for her accomplishment re the probationers in the new St Thomas', yet at the same time grieved it has cost her so much suffering and trouble she ought to have been spared, sees nothing to quarrel about in the proposed Matron's residence, Miss Jones' serious difficulties to contend with, drunkenness a part of the source of problems, several dismissals in 7 months, delighted to see Mrs Fowler and able to give her a favourable report of Probationers, applications for Nurses overwhelming and a better class presenting themselves for training

SU206b 4ff, S.E. Wardroper to Madam, May 18 1866, St Thomas' Hospital, Newington Surrey, S., re: thanks for kind and explicit letter re a Swedish lady & {illeg Miss Messe?}, she was glad to be prepared for the surprise, will do her utmost to help the lady, appointment for meeting her to be on Monday at 11 o'clock, wishes to adopt {FN's} mode of 'talking' i.e. slowly, the pleasure of seeing {FN} the previous Saturday, Mr. Currey to shew and explain the working plans of the New St Thomas' to her, Wardroper's dislike of the arrangement of the Small Ward and Scullery, consulting room space might be better appropriated

SU207a-c 6ff, S.E. Wardroper to Madam, May 23 1866, St Thomas', re: Mr Currey's promise to look over the plans this week, comments that he is a little forgetful and may need to give a reminder, delighted with the Herbert Hospl- Site and construction, lovely view from the wards, recommends their new Hospl to have larger lavatories and W.C's, more in depth details on her opinion on the function of the rooms and how it can effect efficiency, the meeting with the Swedish lady with [Miss Meppe Messer? Beppe?] as interpreter, recommend her to spend as much time as possible for English with promise to assist her, unable to help {illeg Mrs. Vieniyn?}, agrees with opinion re the District providing their own Supt=, as the only way to ensure success [hard to read names]

SU208a-b 5ff, S.E. Wardroper to Madam, Oct 24 1866, St Thomas' Hospital, Newington, Surrey, S., re: encloses a note from Miss Osburn & returns Mr Winter's and Miss Boucherett's [packet], hopes they will not appt {illeg Miss Genna?} Supt= and if they do will regret the decision as 'untruthfulness in a Superior never can succeed', does not believe she will be more faithful to Mrs Bromhead than to them, Mrs Wardroper forgave her more often than she should have, writes that Mrs Ayden likely to become Midwife to the female Hospital at Aldershot

SU209 1f, Henry Bonham Carter, [May 1866], re: was glad to see the Plans, requesting to have a copy of memorandum for Sir J. Lawrence, recalls the draft he had seen from some months previous

SU210 1f, Henry Bonham Carter, May 12 1866, re: asking if objection to keeping the Plans a little longer and for John Clark & Mr Bowman to see them

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 997
SU211 signed letter & postmarked envelope, 3ff, pencil

{envelope:}

Miss C. Manning
Miss Haddon
2/5/73 Dover

London May 2/73
Dear Miss Manning

Only the constant pressure of
business & illness, together with
the difficulty of any reply to
your question, would have
prevented my answering your
note before -

[12:56-57]

Tho' advertising more than once
to your age, you do not say
what it is - I guess it to
be about 16.

I know no Institution which
would take in a young lady
of that age-
Miss Clara Manning

I could not recommend Kais
erswerth, even if they would receive
you - The spirit of
the place is beautiful- But
as a Hospital it is so inferior
to any London Hospital, where
you see more real work in
a week than you do at Kaisers-
werth in a year - as a place
for learning to take *Sanitary*
care of School-children, it
is absolutely nothing - the
Germans have not the most
elementary notion of what
we English call cleanliness,
good air, & children's care -
Besides, - & in this they are quite
right,- they told me that they

consider every year taken out of
a woman under 24- as so
much taken out of her life
at the other end -

Also: do you speak German perfectly?

I sympathize so very *much*
with your object- especially with
that of knowing how to "take
care" of a large class of children
- that I would I could help
you more -

At St. Thomas' Training School
we prefer not to take in before
the age of 23- It is true that
some of our very best Sisters
(Head Nurses) were young ladies
of 21 when they entered- But

we have not hitherto trained
except for Hospital or Workhouse
life.

[end 12:57]

Take courage, my dear soul. Be
sure that to do well the
work that is immediately
before one is the best training
while awaiting the age
when God may open the way
for more work the best
preparation

— You do not wish for any thing
to be decided "till August" -
& before that time we may

— strike out something for you.
District "Nursing" among "the
poor of London" *at home* is
I think, the noblest, because
(for a person above 25)

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the most useful kind of
work - more so even than
Hospital work -

But between an "August" &
an "April following", what
could any one learn, except
those who have had much
previous experience?

But do not suppose I am
discouraging you - If you
persevere, be quite sure
that God will not let His
call to you, if it is a call,
be wasted -

[end]

A letter addressed to me,

care of Hy Bonham Carter Esq
91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park
London W.

will always find me.

God bless & speed you-
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

SU212 signed letter, 1f, pencil

17/6/73

Dear Miss Clara Manning

I have corresponded with
several friendly Institutions in
the hopes of finding some one
that would do for you -

Did you know the Revd-
Mr. & Mrs. Pennefather - he,
alas! is dead?- I did not
know them: but they were great
friends of my dearest friend
& pupil, Agnes Jones-

Mrs. Pennefather still
keeps up his Training Institutions
They "think" that you "might

"be received into their
Probationers' Home - & have
some little training to help"
you "to Nurse the sick poor" -
Will you put yourself into
communication with their Supt-
Miss Bell
Supt-
131 Mildmay Road
London N.

I wish you God speed with
all my heart & soul
& am
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

SU213 incomplete letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil

{envelope:}

Miss Clara Manning
at Miss Haddon's
Effingham Crescent

8/7/73 *Dover*
London July 8/73

Dear Miss Manning

I am sure that you are [13:96]
quite right in not even
making enquiries until
you have your father's
consent. No Institution
would, or ought to take
so young a lady without
her parents' entire sanction.

— In case Mrs. Pennefather
should not take you, I
have another string to your
bow - (i.e. in the event of your
father's approbation) -

If you would call on or
write to
Miss E. Merryweather
Westminster Hospital
London S.W.
you would hear any particulars
about a Nurses' Home
which is to be begun in
about a fortnight
near the Westminster Hospital,
-It *may* be that it will be
such as you might avail
yourself of for a time.
[The Miss Merryweathers are
the Supts= of the Nurses'

Home & District Nursing
at Liverpool, concerning
which I send you a
pamphlet.]
Miss E. Merryweather is
only come to help for a
time Westminster Hospital
in London to get its
Nursing into order -
God speed you -

[end]

SU228/1 1f, Henry Bonham Carter to Nurse Elizabeth Hancock, March 28 1876, 91 Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, London, W., re: from the Committee of the Nightingale Fund Nurse Hancock receives a satisfactory report of the manner in which duties were performed & accordance with Regulations, is informed of a 1st gratuity of £2

SU228/2 4ff, printed Address from FN to the Probationer Nurses in the "Nightingale Fund" School at St Thomas', May 1872, London, re: unless a Nurses makes progress, they are going 'back', progress needs to be made even after training &c (read to Probationer Nurses May 8 1872) {FN hand top left:} Elizabeth Hancock

LMA (FNM) H1/ST/NC3/SU180 1002

SU228/3 6ff, printed Address from FN to the Probationer Nurses in the "Nightingale Fund" School at St Thomas', May 23 1873, re: one year further to becoming 'perfect as out Father in Heaven is perfect', focuses on improvements {FN hand top left:} Hancock

SU228/4 7ff, printed Address from FN to the Probationer Nurses in the "Nightingale Fund" School at St Thomas', July 23 1874, re: themes being heroic, trustworthy, obedient, orderly

H1/ST/NC3/SU227/1

SU227/1-2 signed letter & postmarked envelope, 2ff, pen & pencil
{envelope:}

Miss L.J. Phillips

C. Phillips Esq

Atherstone

7/2/74 Warwickshire

London Feb 7/74 [12:290-91]

Madam

In answer to your note of
Feb 2 which has been
to different places after me,
I hasten to say:

that gentlewomen are admitted
at our St. Thomas' Training=
School for Nurses

[Some for payment: & some who
have not means or free
Admissions]

who will fulfil the enclosed
conditions (see printed paper

)
subject to the selection of Mrs.
Miss Phillips

Wardroper, our Training Matron,
who decides upon the
Candidates after a
personal interview
that these vacancies for
gentlewomen are always
filled up long before
they fall due
quite as much for those who pay
as those who do not
And there are always a
number waiting for admission
At this time the vacancies
have all been filled up:
But if you desire to answer
the questions on the printed

Form I enclose: & to forward
them to Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
London S.E.,

I will inform her of your
application to me, & she
will inform you whether
she thinks it desirable
for you to pursue the
application.

You may perhaps be coming
to London: when a personal
interview will be equally
desirable for you & for her.
The opportunities we have
for recommending gentlewomen

who will really & vigorously
undertake the career of
Nursing

for employment are still [in pencil]
far more numerous
than the ladies who are fitted
to, & will, undertake it.
Let me wish you 'God speed'
in this noble & useful course
I am unable to write more,
being overwhelmed with sorrow
& illness & pressing business,
besides my usual work.

You probably know that Mrs.
Bracebridge is dead.

With every good wish for
your best success,
pray believe me ever your
faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:291]

Pray, my dear Sir,
believe me
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

lf, re: {archivist:} Specimens of
Miss Florence Nightingale's
Writing
given to me L. Dunn, by
Miss Nash x (niece) of Fording bridge
a direct descendent
{3 lines by arch: not transcribed}

draft, lf, pen
A happy New Year
Think truly & thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed
Speak truly & each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed
Live truly & the life shall be
A great & noble creed

From glory unto glory. 2 Cor 3 18
To glory's full fruition
From glory's foretaste here
Until His very Presence crown
Our happiest New Year.

Never failing, never frowning
He is with thee! Thine own Master,
Leading, loving to the end!
C x x x
All to- day yet more to- morrow
Yes with Him for ever dwelling
Thou shalt share His joy excelling
Thou with Christ & Christ with thee

O Xmas, merry Xmas
This never more can be
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshadowed glee
But Xmas, happy Xmas,
Sweet herald of good will
With holy songs of glory
Brings holy gladness still

SU235/2 1f, Rosalind Nash to dear Sister, July 7 1938, Woodgreen, Fording bridge, re: has not forgotten her promise, has had difficulty in finding FN's writing that isn't sad, wants to focus on her courage and brightness, refers to hymns FN had been reading on New Year's Day

SU230/a-b 3ff, Rose Adams to FN, Nov 4 1889, Ladies' Sanitary Association, 22 Berners Street, Oxford Street. W., London, re: hesitant to bring enclosed complaint to the Medical Officers of Health for White Chapel, apparently not the first complaint to be sent to them, the Col. out-patient dept- 'leaves much to be desired', the need to be prudent with funds for the Hospitals, mentions Miss Lückes, outside pressure works best, finds the Medical Officer of Health for the District the best Sanitary authority to apply to, the credibility of the Yatmans, awaiting FN's response

SU231 {the last folio of this letter is seen in SU230b}
3ff, Rose Adams to Madam, Nov 7 1889, Ladies' Sanitary Association, 22 Berners Street Oxford Street, W., London, re: feels compelled to obey her, is fearful of further scandal arising to cause financial loss to the Hospital, refers to Mrs. Yatman and a letter and asks how to respond, food a problem according to a quote "go into training at the London--no--there it's a feature that Nurses should suffer thro' insanitary conditions"

SU232/1 2ff, Rose Adams to FN, Nov 11 1889, 22 Berners St. W., re: having written to Mrs Yatman concerning her letter being passed on to be read, sanitary improvements at the Hospital being implemented, namely the W.C. of the out-patient dept.

SU232/2A-E 8ff, M.L. Yatman to Miss Adams, Nov 9, Fernden, Haslemere, Surrey, re: stating she was at liberty to give information, the men's out-patient WC was vile, clarifying complaint issues, W.C. on the Night Nurses Quarters 'in a bad state', offers one of her/his daughters to keep a list for a week of strict particulars for a day nurse diet, sends this and a list of Nurses who were ill with details of their conditions as well

SU232/33 1f, re: Nurses food and how ill-prepared it is, the hope for wise supervision & protection of Nurses almost dispelled

SU233 1f, Rose Adams to Madam, Dec 31 1889, Ladies' Sanitary Association, 22 Berners Street Oxford Street. W., re: giving information re a notice of a proposed nursing effort for Lepers that Dr. Mackenzie told Rose Adams she wanted to hear about, printed article also enclosed titled, 'The Lepers at Molokai' by Hugh B. Chapman Vicar of St Luke's Camberwell, Dec. 30.