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LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JUNE 10, 1872 JUNE 10, 1872, ff1-4

f1 pencil to Sir Sydney Waterlow

Would you suggest that I ought to write?

[Is not Miss Barclay gone then to Highgate?]

Mrs. Wardroper

Miss T. is quite right. Mrs. Wardr really does

"mystify herself" with her "4 hours' talking"-

You cannot imagine how different what she

says to you is to what she says to me

I mean that she is quite reasonable about

Miss T. in what she says to me. About the

2nd hour - but by the time she has talked

for 4 I suppose it is all in a 'muz-

& she retains nothing afterwards of what she has said

Also I mean that what she tells me you

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have said is so different from the truth

1) she gave me to understand that she had

said to you & *that it rested* so that

you "were not to get rid of the old

Gentleman" (Mr. Whitfield) because it would

injure" her- & he was so "vindictive"-

And so with other things-

2) You do not answer anything about my

proposal that I should urge on her

a week's holiday now- or as soon as

something is settled with Treasurer

Were you to see her as I see her (because

I can't take up my hat when all is said

that wants saying) I am sure you would

that her brain might go any day.

F.N.

f4 {TOP HALF OF THE FOLIO IS FADED, BUT THE BOTTOM HALF IS TRANSCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:}

2) You do not answer anything about my
proposal that I should urge on her
A week's holiday now -- or as soon as
something is settled with Treasurer
Were you to see her as I see her because
I can't take up my hat. When all is said
that wants saying. I am sure you would
think that her brain might go any day.
F.N.

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72/16 F.N. TO [HENRY BONHAM CARTER] 10 JUNE 1872

JUNE 13, 1872, ff1-8 LETTERS TO W. CLARK PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {BELOW: envelope, F31 IN PENCIL, in other hand}

F31
W. Clark Esq.
3 Brown's Road
Surbiton Hill
Surrey

13/6/72

f2 {BELOW: F31 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/72/17/2 {PEN, HANDWRITTEN BY FN}
F31

35 South Street, June 13/72
Park Lane, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
W.

My dear Sir

I am grieved beyond
what I can express that,
from ever-increasing illness,
I fear that I have no
chance of being able to
see you -- But should
your stay in England be
prolonged & I become
somewhat better, I trust
that you will yet give
me the power of making
W. Clark Esq.

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an appointment with you.

I received with gratitude
your able pamphlets on
Tied Arches &c. They
appear to be applicable to
many useful purposes,
including the formation
of Water Reservoirs. I
am of course no judge of
the Engineering details
which are I have no
doubt masterly.

[10:122]

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The questions about this
are Imperial questions.
And I would venture to
suggest that you should
send copies of your
pamphlets & plans
officially to the India
Office. They would
then come before the Army
Sanitary Commission
(to whom I may mention
that I lent the copies
you were so good as to
send me; but only privately)

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I had already asked
Dr. Sutherland of the
Army Sanitary Comm:
when I received your note
informing me of your
arrival whether
he would not profit by
your stay in England
to see you at the Commn
(Horse Guards S.W.)
And I find that Dr. Muir
has done so too -- about
your Water supply method
Dr. Sutherland is most
anxious to see you &

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make your acquaintance.

He has already
discussed with Mr.
Rawlinson (the Civil Engineer
member) some points
about Water Filtration
for Calcutta which Mr.
Rawlinson desires to talk
over with you.

They would then be able
to obtain some of your
most valuable information
by a conference with you,
if your pamphlet came
before them officially.

And I should also

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profit by your kind
permission to write
& ask of you any
questions.

You doubtless know Sir
Bartle Frere & have
probably seen him
already -- If not
might I have the
pleasure of introducing
you?
Excuse this brief note
for the present

[end 10:122]

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And pray believe me
dear Sir
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

JUNE 27, 1872, ff1-10 FN'S NOTES WRITTEN AGAINST DR. SUTHERLAND'S
COMMENTS ON MIDWIFERY PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

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72/18 F.N.'S NOTES ON DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS ON MIDWIFERY
QUESTIONS 27 JUNE 1872 HI/ST/NC1/72/18a (FIRST PART)

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Please {DIAGONAL}
return to F.N. {DIAGONAL}
Dr. Sutherland [27/6/72]
You will
probably wish to
go much deeper into
the question than
these Generalia --

Nevertheless do not
destroy *this* -- but return
it to me with the rest,
when you write your
final opinion
~~I have put down~~

F.N.

[JS hand:] 27/6/72
I have "written on the margin", as
you desired, "returning the
"paper to you for further
"consideration", as you desired.

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If by "first-rate Practitioners"
you mean real Accoucheuses
I do not believe that "6 months"
of any teaching could make a
heaven-born genius into one.

I thought we agreed on this
Paris gives 2 years -- tho' a portion
go away after 1 year. *None under*
1 year.

{I believe *this*, to make women, }
{"first Doctors & then Midwives", is }
{Miss Blackwell's view }
2 years, if for anything more
than the Midwifery Nurse

This is not a practical difficulty
if we are to judge from our experience
at K.C.H

We were, if you call
this being "sought after"
beset with ladies

f6 {PEN} IV₄ 72/18 F.N.'S NOTES ON DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS ON THE MIDWIFERY QUESTIONS 27 JUNE 1872 (SECOND PART)

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applying to enter
for 1, 3, 4 months,!!
to practice afterwards
as Phys: Accoucheuses!!
upon our certificate.
Of course we declined, not
only to certify but even to admit
on these terms.

These *ladies* then went to Queen
Charlotte's -- And one at least
I know who upon a *one*
month's certificate from Q.C.,
without any other education,
went out to practise in India
as Phys: Accoucheuse!!

But there were others too -- I
believe the average time is *3 months*
on which Q. Charlotte's certificate is
granted as Midwife!!!

Certainly

Certainly -- But I should not
undertake, even by asking a
professional person, to
compile a Midwifery Manual
-- I don't think that this comes
within my sphere -- much less
to put a Manual into the
hands of "ordinary English
Midwives".

12. I think *Miss Blackwell* has
answered this question already.
She gives as her opinion that
the ordinary Medical Education

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given to *men*
 should be given to
women -- & that this
 is the only solution to
 the question -- with
 or without a year at
 Paris -- or some similar
 Midwives' School (which
 is what she gave herself)
 [I am not surprised -- I only
 state her case]
 2. *Dr Braxton Hicks* has
 already given a similar
 opinion. Give the woman
 a man's general Medical
 education, he says. ~~Am~~ Or
 don't let her practise Midwife
 at all.
 [I believe *Miss Blackwell*
 would say: (the converse of
 your expression) -- Make the
 woman "first a Doctor & then
 a Midwife"]
Miss Jones -- *Miss Jones* could say
 nothing but 'Do as I do' -- You
 can't write down what is to be done
 in moral training -- It is a matter
 of - - - *training*. *Miss Jones* & *Miss*
Torrance, (perhaps the last the best),
 are *accomplished moral* trainers.
 Either of these would *make* a
 School by being at *its head*
personally.
 [It would make some moral difficulty
 but not much, if "*ladies*" were
 admitted. We only admitted one
 (*Miss Osburn*) at our Midwifery Sch
 at K.C.H. & did not certify her
 of course. But *Miss Torrance*
 has ladies under her & will have
 more: -- that is as Nurses --]
 and it makes no difficulty]
 under such a head as she is.]

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13. 14. 15.

We do not even dream
 of building -- either by means
 of the N. Fund -- or by collecting
 subscriptions -- or in any other way.
 Nothing would induce me to
 such an undertaking, were I as
 well as I am ill.

[If we did begin a School, it
 would be by ~~on the~~ taking the healthiest
 of the London Workh. Lying-in Wards --
 probably Marylebone St. Pancras'
 was pressed upon us.

But we *certainly* should not build.]
 14. The Trust Deed, drawn up by us,
 [myself], prevents building.
 As for its preventing us from "training
 Midwives", I take it it could do
 no such thing.

England wilfully persists in
 ignoring the difference between
Midwifery Nursing & Midwifery --
 All her Lying-in Hospitals do so in
 their certificates. It was I who
 established the difference -- Therefore,

‡if I were able to establish a
 School, & have 2 certificates,
 1 for Midwifery Nurses
 1 for Midwives (who would *pay*)

I take it, there could be no
 legal difficulty on the part of the Trust
 No: but we could (& should)
 take a *Workhouse* Lying-in Ward.
 (I thought we agreed on this).

15. *Answered above*

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Answered above

I would not undertake
to have an English
Midwives Manual
drawn up. That must
be done by the *Medical heads*,
if we ever have a School.
Or if any one else sets up a School --
16. Very likely
But need we discuss this
now?

17. *Answered above.*

Miss Blackwell's "views", as
I understand them, are: that the
ordinary male Medical Education
should be given to women.

And this is what I should
expect of her.

I have never known her enter
in the least into any idea that
there could be reform.

I believe she wd say --
London Medical Student (*female*) = Physician
Accoucheuse
Paris Elève Sage femme = Midwife
(not Accoucheuse)

If you wish to combine the two educations
I, Miss Blackwell, can think of no better
education than *the one engrafted on the other*.

{WRITTEN TO THE LEFT OF ABOVE:}

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I can ask *Miss Blackwell*, if you like --
But I believe what I have stated
is her "*view*".

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72/18 F.N.'S NOTES ON DR. SUTHERLAND'S SECOND NOTE ON THE MIDWIFERY
QUESTIONS, 3 JULY 1872 HI/ST/NC1/72/18e

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Is not this merely
saying: do just as
was done so well
at K.C.H. *minus*
the K.C.H. ward.

Or in other words
leave out what is to
be left out & put in
what is to be put in --
(which is just what
we intended)
Put your hat on your
head & your ~~sho~~
shoes on your feet.

3/7/72

Of course. We would never
undertake, at least
during my life, any training
of any, "ladies" or others, for
Midwifery or any Nursing,
without their *residing* under
our Matron, in our quarters,
under our Rules -- 3/7/72
Is not this merely saying
that Mr. H. Bonham Carter
who has made all our

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agreements so
well -- whether with
K.C.H., St. T.'s,
Poor Law Infirmary at
Highgate, or elsewhere,
should do the same
again?

Make your agreement,
mutatis mutandis,
is all that is here said,
is it not?

3/7/72

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Certainly --
 But this is merely
 saying:
do what you did do --
 is it not? --

HI/ST/NC1/172/18g

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72/18 F.N.'S NOTE ON DR. SUTHERLAND'S THIRD NOTE ON MIDWIFERY PAPERS,
 4 JULY 1872

f3

I see in to-day's "Times" an
 Advertisement:
 "Nurses for Private Cases
 properly trained in
 Midwifery *at a moment's*
notice".
That is the Institution for me.
 It beats Vienna & Berlin hollow
 with their 6 months' & even
 Q. Charlotte's with its
 one month'.

4/7/72

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JULY 12 & 19, 1872, ff1-6 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN
 BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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72/19	F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND	12 JULY 1872
72/20	" " "	19 JULY 1872

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/19

Miss Heaton 5 Embley
 Dr. Farr Romsey July 12/72 [12:212]
 Hampshire

Dear Dr. Sutherland

Is there any way of working out this scheme?
 Miss Heaton is right: that the real difficulty is in
 the *training*.

The way she proposes viz. to send them for a year
 to the (Lawrence/General) Nursing Asson now at Royal Free
 Hospl is simply to turn them out *inferior*
Nurses without any *Sanitary* knowledge at all
 but what is heaven-born.

[You probably remember this Asson & its inconceivable
 blunders & appeals to me who was obliged to withdraw my name. It had
 a

succession of

deplorable Supts & no training. Now it has a tolerably good
 one: but not skilled: & at my earnest urgency has taken the R. Free
 but is still, among the Nurse=Training=Schools, inferior
 It would be however invidious of me to say this --
 especially as I shd not recommend any other --
 not even either of my own --
 I do not think Sanitary knowledge for ~~the well~~ health can
 be taught at all at a Sick Nurse Training=School,
 which must necessarily be in a Hospital, where
 the best that can be taught of Sanitary knowledge is

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for disease & not for health --

how to keep a *Sick Ward* or *Sick room* ~~healthy~~ --

(And this I think too we teach better at Highgate

than at St. T's) ~~But~~ [we could not have them at Highgate]

especially now that Mr. Whitfield does *nothing for us* -- And we are going to part

with him

But -- I have nothing better to propose --

My best SANITARY pupil, out & out, is Miss Lees. But she is in great affliction now -- & going abroad with her mother -- And she hates the whole Lecturing business -- & Committee & Social business -- And -- so do I --

Tho' I have no great faith in Miss Blackwell, she is much more in their way than Miss Lees.

I do not see my way to proposing anything.

[Miss Heaton offers a paper of hers -- you see if I wish to read it. It is not come.]

yrs v. ffully

Florence Nightingale

Perhaps you had better return me

this sheet with proposals, if you please.

[end 12:212]

F.N.

f6 {BELOW: [19/7/72] HI/ST/NC1/72/20

Miss Heaton

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Embley
Romsey

Dr. Sutherland

What should we say to her now?

Do you wish to see the paper which she has drawn up (& has twice mentioned)?

F.N.

19/7/72

SEPTEMBER 7, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MISS HILL PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE pen

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72/21 F.N. TO MISS HILL 7 SEPT. 1872 (DRAFT)

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/21a

[6:450-51]

7 *To Miss Hill, Highgate* Sept 7/72
Remember that I expect every one of you
to do 3 times as much as I have done
myself.
I say that in joke -- For who am I that I
should 'expect'?
But like Nelson's signal at Trafalgar "England",
I do feel that God expects those who
now have such great opportunities
to bring Nursing & Training to a very
much higher level than the highest
I knew -- And this, I cannot say
that I do see, except in one or two like
Miss Torrance.
May I go back a little with you to my own
times?
The difficulties & oppositions of my own youth
were so great -- the displeasure of the
best people, of those whose opinions
one was bound to respect & who looked
upon one's calling as little, if any, better
than if an educated woman had gone to be
a maid of all work -- the impossibility of

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getting any training or preparation at all
in England -- for I can remember the time
when, rightly or wrongly, careful mothers
of any class would almost as soon
let their daughters go into temptation
as into Hospital Nursing
these (& many other things) contributed
to form more of a habit of endurance &
patience than of anything else -- valuable,
no doubt, but which I am thankful is not
needed ~~now~~ in the same way now that
the path is comparatively easy.

My health was ruined almost before I
had begun.

Still would that there were a little
more power of patience now --

But this great amount of contradiction
(from the good) kept one humble --

I am sometimes amused, sometimes pained
to see the vanity & conceit (to which

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I can never remember any temptation)

among people to whom the Hospital Training has been made so attainable as to be almost without a stumbling block or at least with fewer stumbling blocks than they would have had in any other calling or even at home. I do not say that it is so *afterwards*. I have sometimes smiled & sometimes wept/cried tears to hear Nurses & even ladies talk of their "sacrifices" when I knew what these so-called "sacrifices" were & when those who really had made sacrifices never talked of them or "counted them all joy".

This is the bad result of being "the fashion".

When we became "the fashion" in the Crimean War, we deteriorated --

You have observed or will observe this yourself.

No one can be a Superior without having to combat all these things.

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The power of patience of looking before & after -- of understanding the importance of the present time -- & that God has now put our future into our own hands is more wanted now than ever.

But *I* was *forced* by difficulties to be continually looking to God who alone could remove them. And *this* the present state of things does not contribute to making us realize.

I do not mean but that at all times one must not more or less stoically submit to while utilizing the pressure of the present: withdraw one's mind from impatient thoughts: put one's whole trust in God.

The difficulties of this time are probably really as great as those of my time: i.e. if we really do feel it our bounden duty to be always aiming at *improving* the work committed to our charge --

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But as Dr. Livingstone went on, on,
 against every difficulty, on, on; & the
 Exp: fitted out with every convenience
 stopped & turned back at 3.
 So don't you think? is the course of things
 with regard to Nursing &c &c
 Yet this cannot be *God's* plan.
 He must mean us like Livingstone
 to be always going on.
 And if we look at our Nurses, in
 this sense, as persons whom we have
 to be always carrying forward both as
 Nurses & as women, we shall look upon
 them with a far more holy solicitude
 & a far deeper affection than if we
 think of them merely as instruments
 for the work -- or as persons whom we
 "like" -- with a truer than even a mother's
 care --

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Then we shall look upon them with a
 sort of divine hope in the midst of
 their failures (wh. must not vex us too
 much). I mean that we may have & must
 have for them enterprise, forecast,
 high tho' humble hopes -- these hopes all
 supported by a habitual patience.

x x x

Not feeling like an "oracle", I feel as if every one of them
 could or ought to be able to teach me something:
 as if I might learn from them something
 better than any thing I had to say.
 Miss Torrance has taught me very, very much.

OCTOBER 15, 1872, ff1-28 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1IV₉

72/22 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 15. OCT. 1872 (FIRST PART)

f2 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:} {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/22a

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
& *Confidential* {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
No. 1 {IN PENCIL} 8
35 South St. Oct 15/72
W.

My dear Harry B.C.

I have been waiting for time
& strength to write to you
one of my long pencil statements
about St. T.'s all this past week.

Finding by your note just
received that you are from
home, I will postpone this:
& merely write for your
consideration the answers
to your queries, as far as I
can answer, with the "remarks"
(of the most immediate pressure)
which constitute the reasons,
as it is quite impossible to
put all I have learnt during
the last fortnight in ink.

f3 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

I have seen Miss Barclay
& the whole of her private
notes, printed papers, & other
papers which she brought
back with her -- made notes
upon them -- discussed each
with Mrs. Wardr -- who took
back the whole to Miss Barclay
-- whom I am now to see again
-- also Mrs. Wardr -- also Miss
Torrance (about some women
whom we *must* take from
Highgate -- if Miss B. is to go
to Edinburgh) -- Miss T. then goes
to Lea Hurst -- I have seen
Miss T. & Mrs. Wardr each
several times -- And I have had
Miss Lees staying with me.
[you will see presently how this
last applies]

f4 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

I merely mention this, because
my "remarks" must necessarily
look as if made ex cathedrâ.
But they are really the result
of days & nights of consideration
& communication.

Edinburgh

"It is very unfortunate", as you say,
"that we have no ground plan
"of the buildings". I never can
understand clearly without
this. Still I have picked
up a good deal from Miss
Barclay who is clear & accurate,
& am helped by my own
recollections of the old building
(16 years ago, you will say)
when I was invited to "inspect"
this beastly den of thieves,
for it is nothing else, by the
authorities.

f5 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

To answer your queries:

1. "Shall she go?"

Yes: I think so --
tho' the difficulties are enormous
-- aggravated as you are aware
by Mrs. Ward's not knowing
one of her women from Abraham.
-- Miss Barclay not much
more -- & this undertaking coming before
Miss Torrance, who can tell
a turnip from a sheep's head,
has gone in to St. T.'s --
[I had quite made up my
mind to ask you to undertake
no more Institutions till Miss
T. had been at least 3 months
in St. T.'s --

But now this has come
upon us -- I cannot
think we should be right

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to decline it -- And they the Edinburgh Commn want
Miss Barclay to come in a
fortnight!!!]

2. "what stipulations shall we
make *sine qua non*?"

3. "what recommend"?

That is just the difficulty --
that we must discuss & are
discussing most closely with
Miss B. But I do

{THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

wish we had another head
-- who knows the place & the men
-- in among ours -- to knock out
sparks. That however we
have not.

I like Miss B. exceedingly.
She has simplicity, straight forward=
ness, uncompromising duty-ideas,
strong will & courage & I think sense
[I doubt her knowledge of character --

f7 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT (ALONG WITH FOOTNOTE:}

tho' greater than Mrs. Wardroper's --

which is in fact nil -- it is
nothing to compare with that

of Miss Torrance (alas!)

Agnes Jones

Florence Lees

But she is quite on the pedestall
(Standpunkt) of these 3 -- & quite
above every one of all the
other 'ladies' we have yet had.

[This sort of thing Mrs. Wardr never
seems to see*]

But oh will her Miss Barclay's head stand it?

[end]

* And we shall have to guard against

[12:215]

this with Mrs. Wardr as long as she lives.
How to do this: will always be our main
question -- She is a real Hospital
genius -- manages St. T.'s better than
any one or than I could ever have done
it -- hardly ever makes a mistake.
But she does not know & never will
know one woman from another. E.g.

f8 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

That is just what I don't know.
That is just what no one could
tell us but Mr. Whitfd, if he were
a man -- which is just what he
is not.

[I must return to Mr. Whitfield
by & bye -- but will here mention
that Mrs. Wardr's inconceivable
indiscretion in 'letting out' to Mr.
Whitfd even now every secret
or delicate subject *fancied* by her or entrusted to her
is at this moment one of our most
serious draw-backs† I was obliged to ask

[inserted from p. 24] [section below crossed out]
She is always letting fly at Miss Lees to
me & others & even to Mr. Whitfield. Miss Lees has great faults. But she
is of as different a *make* from all our
'ladies' except 3 as a race-horse is from
a cow.

E.g. again -- Mrs. Wardr says to me, in a
patronizing tone: "do you know I think
those notes of Miss Barclay's pretty fair?"
(putting her below the Deebles, Osburns, Kilverts,
Kidds). The fact is: they are as far
above anything Mrs. Wardr can do herself,
who, you must have observed, is quite
incapable of giving you any reasonable
outline of a scheme -- or anything Agnes Jones even
could give -- (Miss Lees & Miss Torrance could do
better) as Mrs. Wardr is above others in Hospl genius. **[end]**

f9 {THE FOLLOWING SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

Emily Verney about one of these
things. (It concerned Miss Lees)
And she told me that there was
not a shadow of truth in it
having been present at the time]

{THE REST OF THE FOLIO IS NOT CROSSED OUT:}

To return to 2.3.

In discussing these with Miss Barclay

[13:310-12]

-- I think that we must make
such "stipulations" *sine qua non*
as ~~it~~ are easier for us to do for
her than for her to do for herself
as e.g. that the Fever House,
now to be converted into
Nurses' House shall be
limewashed so as almost to be
turned into lime -- floors
thoroughly saturated with
beeswax & turpentine or such
mixture -- drainage thoroughly
seen to &c &c. But then this
ought to be done at once

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-- also e.g. what furniture we should
insist upon for Nurses' rooms

&c &c &c

I think she should make a
sort of cat's paw of us.

3. I think there are some
things which she will much
better obtain by her own
personal influence when *there*
than in any other way.

E.g. the persuading the Doctors
to evacuate the compartments
appropriated to their use &
their Clerks in nearly every
ward -- (a most horrible
invention -- how *can* you answer
for Nurses' behaviour with
such a trap *in* the ward?)
or at least that each Doctor
should only keep *one* -- he having

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4- or 5- or 6 wards -- & we
convert the others into
Sculleries --

[We can scarcely convert them
into Nurses' rooms. For it
is hardly possible with any
compartment short of a wall,
or even then, to make a
corner of a ward healthy or
decent for a Nurse -- the
latter of course especially
in a man's ward.]

These x sorts of things I think
should either be left to
Miss Barclay entirely,
to bring about when *there*
or should be simply "*recommended*"
by you.
x We will enter with Miss B. upon
what "sorts of things" one by one--

f12

There *is* a Nurse's room thus:
{SEE PHOTOCOPY to every Ward or cluster
OF DIAGRAM} of Wards on Medical
side -- & two -- (& better
rooms --) to every Ward or cluster
of Wards on Surgical side -- I
understand -- but will enquire further
of course.

{THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

4. To return to your queries: --

"Shall she take only a part
at first?" --

I think not --

I think she must undertake
with our women (12)
at first only

1	Medical Ward	Female
		3 nurses
1	" "	Male
		3 nurses

1 cluster of Surgical Wards

5 or 4	Male & Female
	1 Nurse 2 Assts Day
	1 Nurse 1 Asst Night

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And one Supernumerary.

These 12 from us.

[To this I will recur.]

I think she must take the Supcy
of the whole at once
with 4 Assistant Supts from us,
2 by day & 2 by night.

I have gone very fully -- into
this part of the question
particularly -- with Miss B.

Could we have had a Division,
either Male or Female, either
Surgical or Medical, to ourselves
in a tolerably distinct building,
I should most certainly have
recommended ~~our~~ her beginning
with this (as Agnes Jones took
the Men's side at Liverpool
first.) But the wards are

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[4]

intermixed in the strangest way --
we cannot even have our
own 3 wards adjoining each
other -- & the ~~above~~ having a distinct
~~arrangement~~ Division to ourselves is absolutely
impossible.

{THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

This & the fact that she has been
elected Supr of the whole
by the (Edin:) Committee --
that she has accepted, subject
to our & her own subsequent
decision --
that no other proposal was
entertained -- by them --
that Mr. Fasson (upon whom
she must be more dependent
than we like -- but he has
been very kind & wise)
& nearly all the Drs. are warmly in
favour of this.

f15 {THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

that I have reason to believe
they will have her *thus*
or not at all
that we do not know whether
the willingness on the Edin:
side would ever be renewed

these things, together with a
multitude of reasons, such
as the inevitable collisions,
were she *not* to take the
whole -- make me think
that, under the peculiar
circumstances, she must
take all or none.
She herself thinks so.

{THIS SECTION IS NOT CROSSED OUT:}

5. There *will* be "great
difficulties in maintaining
any separation in Dormitory
& meals between" our Nurses

f16

& the old ones.

I have suggested a plan --
to be more fully discussed
between Miss B. & me tomorrow --
by which she could appropriate
2 Dormitories of 7 beds each
in the Nurses' House -- to our
12 Nurses -- (thus admitting if
any only 2 of the old Edin:
lot) & by breaking a door
between Probationers' (her own)
& Nurses' houses -- enable
ours to have their meals
in the Probationers' Dining=
room. The worst of it
is, till Probrs are not quite
raw, our 11 Nurses cannot
leave their wards at once --
* some must dine at another
hour. And this will make
** 4 sets of Dinners. Still the * `some'
may dine with the Probrs making only 4 **

f17 {THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

5.a. The difficulty about the abominable "ward arrangements" I have already ~~considered~~ alluded to above.

{THIS SECTION IS NOT CROSSED OUT:}

6. "Mrs. Wardr's going to Edin:"

I am not at all sure that Miss B. wishes it -- nor that Mrs. Wardr herself wishes it -- I am sure that, if I were Miss B., I should not wish it. With all my immense admiration for Mrs. W.'s cleverness, for her noble qualities, I think her inconsiderate talky-talky has increased to such a degree, I think that her indiscretion, while always preaching "tact" & "conciliation", is so amazing -- that, tho' I depend unreservedly on Mrs. W.'s judgment about some things, & love her more & more, if I were Miss B., I would

[5]

not have her with me ~~on any~~ account at first.

I have however said nothing, & mean to say nothing of the kind.

I think Miss B. must decide. And I am sure she will tell me unreservedly what she thinks best.

{THIS SECTION IS CROSSED OUT:}

N.B. I should just add that

Miss B. who is a great & just admirer of Mrs. Wardr's, told me (what Mr. Whitfd told you.

I fear but too truly) that not a day elapses but "Mrs Wardr "says something so impulsive & "aggravating to one or other of "the Sisters that she repents "it bitterly afterwards". [I did not know that she even remembered enough to "repent" what she said.]

[end 13:312]

f19 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

I am sure that Mrs. Wardr often
does not know what she writes --
-- oftener what she says.

E.g. she wrote to me a few days
ago that "Miss Torrance
"wd now only stay with her (at
"St. T's) till *March*"

I, incorrigible, believed it.

It was a perfect bomb in the
midst of my arrangements with
my mother.

But I immediately decided to
stay here till middle of November
to instal Miss Torrance -- then
to go to my mother for 2 or 3
weeks only -- & then to be here
entirely till Miss Torrance goes,
in order to learn from her
(Mrs. Wardr is incapable of
learning) & be able to carry
on the Home when she is gone
-- not to go to my mother in February
at all

f20 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

[I mention this here, because
my plans in this respect (modified)
which I hope to carry out --
will form the subject of a long
communication with you.]

I actually wrote the foregoing to
Embley -- when, the next time
I saw Mrs. Wardr, I found
that there was not a shadow
of a fact in the "*March*"
supposition -- that she did
not know she had said '*March*',
& could not think why she
had said *March*, "except that
"*March* was the half year to
"*September*" !!! [I have since had a letter
from Miss T. to the same effect]
I am afraid that Mrs. Wardr's ~~in~~
~~so-las~~ inaccuracies with the
Sisters are so terrible (from her
overworked state) that Miss Cameron
is justified in what she has said.

f21 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT:}

And I do most sadly own
that such are the contradictory
statements which Mrs. Ward
makes to me in the course of
one conversation that, did
I not know her so well, I
shd say there was "prevarication"
(the word she applies to Miss Cameron)
insincerity or concealment
but I am equally sure there
are none of these faults
or -- incipient brain=softening

To this I shall have to recur,
as I am quite sure we cannot
conscientiously carry on the
Training School without
some plan which I am going
to propose to you -- for
as it were perpetuating Miss Torrance's
ways & rules.

f22 {THE FOLLOWING FOLIO IS CROSSED OUT}

[6]

Most Confidential

7. *Mr. Whitfield*

"Shall he go to Edinburgh?"

Most emphatically: No

Most emphatically: we must
have nothing whatever to do
with him, in consultation
or otherwise, till you rid
us of him in name as
well as in fact.

For 7 years he has been in
habits of intoxication as I now
learn. I only knew before of 5
For 5 years or more he has

been in habits of intercourse
with our women to the verge (&
beyond) of impropriety --
and I say this in the strictest
confidence -- if I were to pursue
the enquiry, I believe it would
be found to the verge of
immorality. [And -- he is

"carrying on" at this moment with Butler.]

f23

For 7 years he has done nothing
-- absolutely nothing -- in
instruction to our Probationers
-- nothing in the way of
explaining even those models
& diagrams we have -- or in
bandaging -- or by the bedside
-- or in Lectures -- or in
Examinations -- nothing in
short of all that he undertook
to do.

The very (printed) questions
which he drew up himself
he has left to the Probationers
to answer by themselves --
And (with the exception
of a gifted person like
Miss Lees) *the Probationers'*
constant habit has been
to *copy* the answers *out*
of *Hoblyn's Dicty*, or other books,

f24

or from each other.

[And Mrs. Ward^R knows it].
For 7 years he has not even
said one word to them to
shew them *how to keep Cases*.
The very entries in the Record=
book are falsifications.
[Also: I must mention, but this
is not his fault, that the
entries about sick Cookery
are false. Our Probrs learn
no sick Cookery.]

For 7 years he has given them
no assistance as to their
Notes of Lectures --
Nor in any thing whatever --
[He lost the key of our models]
& did not know it --
neither in the explanation of
stomach=pump or other
appliances.

f25

These are but a few of the facts -- or rather of the no=facts. Now beyond all possibility of doubt -- that I was going to write to you.

If he offers to go to Edinbro', ± shall I tell Mrs. WardR that I shall tell our CommEE what I know? She knows that I have not done so already. She does not know whether I have told you, -- I leaving it purposely in doubt, -- because so many people, I find, know of his dishonourable conduct & "wonder how we can keep him on" that I thought it less awkward for it not to be known exactly what you knew.

f26

[7]

I shall myself have no further communication of any kind with Mr. Whitfield --

[And I have struck him out of my Will] It is silly, perhaps, to mention this. But I only want to express that I *can* have myself nothing more to do with him.

I happen to know, *par* parenthese, that he scarcely knows most of our Probationers by sight -- & that Miss Barclay is one of these -- I believe she would refuse to go with *him* -- but have had no talk with her about it.

I do trust that we shall begin with Mr. Croft with the New Year -- But this must form the subject of another letter.

f27

I know from Mrs. Wardroper herself that he has done nothing whatever of any kind in the instruction of our Probrs since they came into the new building (a year).

I think this fortunate -- because if e.g. he had been very sedulous in instructing them for the last 3 months, it would have been then awkward for us to get rid of him at Christmas. But all the same it would have had to be done -- for he has so disgraced himself in

f28

the eyes of all the Sisters & Nurses who know him that we could not without impropriety continue him as Instructor. If I could tell you all I know against him, I am sure that you would feel this even more strongly than I do.

yrs

F.N.

[end 12:217]

OCTOBER 15, 17 & 21, 1872, ff1-8 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND & HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₁₁

72/23 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND 15. OCT. 1872
72/24 F.N. TO [DR. SUTHERLAND] 17. OCT. 1872
72/25 F.N. TO [HENRY BONHAM CARTER] 21. OCT. 1872

f2 {BELOW:

Herbert HospL 9
Oct 15/72 [15:222]

I *entirely* concur in this
letter of Mrs. Shaw Stewart,
this moment received.

It is "Immediate" indeed. [end]
F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

f5 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/24

Herbert HospL 11
Oct 17/72 [15:222]

I have just received this --
H.R.H. is a very formidable
antagonist indeed.

Thanks for your two notes
with enclosures, received
yesterday on this subject. [end]
F.N.

f7 {THIS LINE: [to H.B.C.] HI/ST/NC1/72/25

[12:218]

MOST PRIVATE, *Please return*

{BELOW:

12 Oct 21/72

Miss Torrance

She is gone to Lea Hurst for a
fortnight at least.

I have had, as you know, many
conversations with her. She has
poured out the whole of her story
with that wretched little Dowse.
She marries him merely to do him good.

In a moment of weakness, she
engaged herself to him on account
of his *threats!* (unmanly wretch)
that he wd "go entirely to the bad" if
she did not.

She says: that she wishes she could
break it off

that she wishes he wd fall in love
with somebody else

that she knows that it is God's call
for her to come to us

f8

that if I had but spoken to her
 a fortnight earlier
 [yet I came up here at the very
 first hint she gave me]
 she wd not have engaged herself --
 Over & over again, I have had
 it on my lips to say (as I believe
 she intended I should): "Shall I
 break it off for you?"
 But I hold that one must not do
 this for any but a girl in her teens.
 I now pray for *her* sake even
 more than *our own* for some
 way to get her out of this trap.

 This is Strictly Confidential
 All that is said to Mrs. Wardr goes
 straight to Mr. Whitfield --
 & to half the Hospital besides.

OCTOBER 21, 1872, ff1-6 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₁₂

72/26 F.N. TO [~~HENRY BONHAM CARTER~~] [DR. SUTHERLAND] 21. OCT. 1872
 72/27 F.N. TO DR SUTHERLAND 21 OCT. 1872 HI/ST/NC1/72/27 (1 ENCL)

f2 {BELOW:

Herbert Hospl 13

Nursing Quarters Oct 21/72

[15:223]

1. Will you kindly enable me to answer
 this question? of Sir H Verney's?

[I wrote to Sir Harry, according to your
 instructions.]

Also: kindly tell me whether any thing

2 more has been heard of the

"intrusive propositions" --

[end]

I will send at 3 for the answer --

FN

f4 {BELOW:

Edinburgh Royal Infirmary 14 Oct 21/72

[13:312-13]

We are going to undertake the Nursing
of this beastly "den of thieves" --

[Nothing that I have ever known except
the Vienna GenL Hospl approaches it in
badness -- Medical Staff in both
cases excluded]

The *Fever House* (late) is to be
converted into a Nurses' Home for
us --

Will you kindly tell me whether
the precautions enumerated by
Mr. Fasson are sufficient?

Should not the drainage, W.C.'s
&c be thoroughly looked to (overhauled)?
{REST OF PAGE CUT OFF}

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saturated with beeswax & turpentine,
or something?

Also: any other suggestions?

[12:218]

St. Thomas' Probationers' Home

At the 11th hour, after we have been
in a year, & our new mistress of
Probrs coming in next week, Mr. Whitfield
informs me with glee that her
sitting-room (a large one) is papered
with a "*highly arsenical green paper*".
(sic)

What *shall* we do?
Dr. Sutherland

[end 12:218]

OCTOBER 17, 1872, ff1-2 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PEN HANDWRITTEN
BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HI/ST/NC1/72/27/2

f1

1716. Oct. 1872 {IN PENCIL}

My dear Harry B.C.

This is a very serious matter [12:217]
indeed.

What *can* the man mean
by bringing it forward only
now, when the Home has
been occupied a year -- &
the room in question by
his 'dearly-beloved' Martin?

Is it a 'cast' for his
continuation in our post?

~~However~~

If there *was* any thing
which our "Medical Instructor",
("Medical Adviser" I understand
he calls himself) was
bound to see to, it is

f2

this sort of thing.
Any how, we are bound
to see to it now.
We must 1. find out ~~to~~ whether he
is playing us no trick -- 2. the
thing must be put to rights
at once before Miss Torrance
comes in, *if* he is correct
[Had he but written a week
ago, it could have been
included in the "alterations"
with little or no trouble to
yourself or others.]

What *does* he mean, after
years of neglect, by writing
all this now?

Can you see to it at once?

[end 12:217]

yrs

F.N.

17/10/72

OCTOBER 22 & 23, 1872, ff1-11 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER & DR.
SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

IV₁₃

72/28 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 22. OCT. 1872

72/29 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND 23. OCT. 1872

{NOTE BY F.N. ON LETTER FROM SIR HARRY VERNEY 23. OCT. 1872

f2 {BELOW: 15 HI/ST/NC1/72/28

Mrs. Crawford 15 Oct 22/72

Kirtlebridge Accident

You know what a drive the last

3 weeks have been to me --

I have always neglected to ask

you what notice I ought to

take of this letter --

Mrs. Crawford is, I believe, the

Stafford Supt, dismissed for

want of sense --

-- competed with Miss Barclay for Edinbro'

-- I have no doubt the sort of woman

who would behave excellently

for a few hours in such a

catastrophe as this.

I do not know *Dr. Webb*, an Army Surgeon,

who writes *Longmore*, of F.N.

Netley, sent me his letter

enclosed.

Hy B.C.

[see reply on back]

f4 HI/ST/NC1/72/29/1 {Below Herbert Hospital

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Oct 23/72

see enclosed Note from Sir Harry.

[15:223]

You know the (Mr Thompson's) state=ment is ridiculous as to not being able to have Nurses in a Hospital like the Herbert, because the Wards are called "Regimental". The Patients are the same.

But it is impossible, it was never intended, & Sidney Herbert put it on record that it was impossible to "train" Nurses at all in a Military Hospital. [As for poor Mrs. Deeble doing it, it is absolute folly to think of it]. You can

f6

only *train* Nurses in a large Civil Hospital where there are all ages & both sexes -- & where the Nurse is not the only *woman* in ~~her~~ a man's ward --

{INSERTED FROM **f1v**}

You then transfer them to a Military Hospital to learn its ways before sending them abroad.

{**f2r** CONTINUES:}

It is however of course important for us to know (from Mr. Thompson) how the land lies. What answer, ("addition" or "alteration") should be made to ~~Sir~~ Mr. Cardwell in Sir Harry's proposed letter to him? -- which was written (from my letter) in case he could not find Mr. Cardwell. F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

Please return me *this*
& your answer by Bearer 24 October 1872
Immediate

[end]

f11 HI/ST/NC1/72/29/2a {IN PEN, NOTE BY F.N. ON LETTER FROM SIR HARRY VERNEY}

I wrote for Sir Harry (while here)
a full answer for him
to use to this.

F.N.

Oct 24/72

OCTOBER 23, 24 & 26, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND & HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₁₄
72/30 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND 23. OCT. 1872
72/31 " " " 24. OCT. 1872
72/32 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 26. OCT. 1872

f2 {BELOW: 19 H HI/ST/NC1/72/30
Mr. Danchell's pamphlet 19 Oct 23/72

Could you give me an opinion
on this man's opinions?
on Sewage

{DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS}
It is desirable for an invalid
like me to have her tea
made from Distilled Water
made by a Dist^d apparatus
behind the Kitchen boiler?
F.N.

Dr. Sutherland
Why did you suppose that we had
not already sent down to "inspect" the

f3
Edin: Infirmy for our Nurses?
It was *after* such "inspection"
that I applied to you -- about the
Nurses' Home (late Fever House)
which is *in* the
Infy (back) Court -- F.N.
& the measures to be taken
to render it safe

[end 13:313]

{DR. SUTHERLAND'S COMMENTS}

f4 {BELOW: 20 HI/ST/NC1/72/31

Mother "*Hubbard's*" arrangements 20

[see Miss Hubbard's letter 23.10.72] Oct 24/72

Could you help me as to what

this woman means? --

I did not know that I had

"recommended" any other

"*Bedding*" than the Hair Mattress

upon the ordinary iron Bed stead

or (for delicate people) the Rheocline

(Serpent Spring) Bed-stead.

But it is absurd to give the latter

to "Elementary School-mistresses"

who will never see such a bed

again in all their lives --

[A Rheocline bed-stead complete

with hair mattress & bolster,

such as I had the pleasure of

sending Mrs. Sutherland,

costs from £10 to £12--]

f5

I did not know that I had

invented the Hair Mattress.

But certainly I never allow

any other in my house,

even for the servants, &

upon the ordinary iron bed-stead.

F.N.

f7 {BELOW: 21
21 Oct 26/72

Miss Barclay says I *must*
see Mrs. Wardroper
Are you going to St. T's
to-day?
If not, I will send & ask
her to come *this* afternoon.
F.N.

R.S.V.P.

OCTOBER 28, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER & LIST OF NURSES
PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₁₅
72/33 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 28 OCT. 1872
72/34 F.N.'S NOTES ON LIST OF NURSES [28 OCT. 1872]

f2 {BELOW: 22 HI/ST/NC1/72/33 **[13:313-14]**

1 12 Nurses 22 Oct 28
5 Assistants

Please insist to-day with Mrs.
Wardr that the proportion
of Nurses to Probrs must be
at least 4 to 8.

[Poor Mrs. W. changes every 1/2 hour.]

Nurses

1. Lyons}
2. Monk x} accepted
3. Ball } sometimes given } by
- 4.x Barnard} " " refused } Mrs
- ~~or~~ Attwood Probationers W.
- 10 May/70 Nurse Sep./71
- 5.6 Bothwell |
- 6.7 Watkins |
- 7.8 Robinson stet | accepted
8. Rutherford } Mar/72
9. Wand } | decline to go
10. Pilcher } | so far
11. 9 Upton 13 Dec/71 } not completed year
- 12.10 Hammoch 7 May/72 } These 2 offered by
- } Mrs. W.

Miss B. says will do

x Miss Barclay still says Mrs. Wardr only wants
to get rid of Monk -- but she does not wish to alter

f3

Please settle this with
Mrs. WardR to-day

Lemon } can all go
Chisholm } in about a
Mesher } month.
[& Berryman } *This: an advantage*
[if determined upon }
[might go with the Nurses }
[or *Westle in lieu*
Miss Barclay would prefer
Stains to Berryman
but says to re-open discussion
with Mrs. WardR
is the one thing she
can't do.

f4

5 Assistants
Chisholm.....Fever
Mesher.....Night Surgical
will come from Highgate
[Spragge to our surprise declines]
as you know
Pringle} Day
Lemon }
There remains
1 Night Medical
the most difficult to find
The choice lies between
~~Lennox~~ ? No --
Kennedy ? I don't think will take
night --
~~Berryman~~ a Probr
or Westle | offered (to me) on Saturday
| by Mrs. WardR -- refused by
| her to Miss Barclay.
I dread a Probr But
Miss B. says -- sooner than
have any more discussion
with Mrs. WardR will take her
Stains a Sister

f6 {PEN} {BELOW: 23 [not FN hand]

Edinburgh 23

Pringle & Lemon -- Day Asst Supts

Mesher & Westle -- Night D[itt]o

not justified in asking Edinb: to pay £35 to such {THIS LINE IN PENCIL}

Chisholm -- Fever Supt

Nurses

Lyons -- *Monk* -- *Barnard* -- *Attwood*

Probationers

Bothwell -- *Robinson* -- *Watkins*

Upton -- *Hignett* -- *Castle* 5 mo.

less than 5 mo: {PENCIL}

Prob. Prob. {PENCIL}

can go only as Assistant Nurses £16 at first? {PENCIL}

Hunt & Humphreys have

asked to go --

{PENCIL:}

much (both) under a year

Probrs

Mesher

Westle first employ as Nurses

or otherwise in selected Wards

Westle not to be promoted as matter of course

no hurry about Night Supts

Be

[end 13:314]

f

Taylor

87 Bond St.

Gt. [?] Dover St.

Cooper & Holt

22/ iron bed stands

sacking bottoms

35/ hair mattresses

16/ bolsters & pillows

painted & polished deal imitation light wood

wainscot or ash

£3.5 chest drawers

269/ wash stand

26/ dressing table

carpet 2 or 3 strips

2 chairs

looking glass

3 blankets

2 prs. sheets

pillow cases

counterpane

bed-room set

OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 3 & 4, 1872, ff1-14 LETTERS TO H BONHAM CARTER
PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

IV₁₆

72/35	F.N.	TO	HENRY	BONHAM	CARTER	31	OCT.	1872
72/36	"	"	"	"	"	3	NOV.	1872
72/37	"	"	"	"	"	4	NOV.	1872
72/38	"	"	"	"	"			[OCT-NOV 1872]

f2 {BELOW: 24 HI/ST/NC1/72/35

Edinburgh 24 1 Oct 31/72

My dear Harry B.C.

[13:314-15]

Once more

I have gone over all these with
Miss Barclay again.
I enclose Mrs Wardr's ultimate
(`vero ultimo', she says) List
Miss B. & I very strongly feel
that we have descended in
Mesher to the lowest standard
we can for *Night Assistr.*

She does not ~~think~~ know *Westle* to be
~~at all~~ superior to *Barnard*, *Attwood*,
she thinks her rather inferior to *Lyons & Ball*,
(*Ball*, it appears, she is not to have
Do not you think that if she
takes *Westle*, it should be on the

f3

distinct understanding that {REST OF FOLIO NOT WRITTEN BY FN}

f4

Lyons, Monk, Barnard, Attwood,
 WESTLE go as Nurses --
 for her to select among them
after trial her Night Assistr?
 I have most urgently begged her
 (& indeed there was no need
 of urgency) not to renew
 the inevitable with me
 needless with her
 experiment of sending out
 to me (Crimean War)
 heaps of untried women --
 "to fill up my number" --
 merely because they "wished to
 go" --
Much, much better go with
 a smaller number -- undertake
 fewer wards.

[end 13:315]

f6 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/36 HI/ST/NC1/72/35
Edinburgh 25 Hy BC ~~Oct~~
 4/11 Nov 3/72

saw Miss Barclay twice on Saturday --
 she quite taken aback (as I)
 by Mr Hope's letter to you --
 she quite understood as we did
 that selected Wards -- actually named
 by Mr. Fasson -- were to be reserved
 for our (her) Nurses --
 [I don't think she is to blame for this
 muddle -- the not having anything
 in 'black & white' is to blame]
 We both agreed that this must be
 settled before she goes to Edinburgh
 -- that she cannot undertake it
 (without)
 She wrote a (very good) letter to Mr.
 Fasson posted it on Saturday --
 awaits the answer here -- 25 Bolton St.
 will not leave till Wednesday --
 much approved of your reply to
 Mr. ~~Fasson~~ -- Hope --

[13:315]

f8*Rules*

I looked over her proposed Draft
 -- made them a great deal more *general*
 But we both agreed not to send them
 till we have Mr. Fasson's answer --
 It makes me very uneasy -- more so
 than her
 Because -- what people they must be!
 [What we understood was written down
 in her note book *on the spot*. I saw it.]

Nurses

She entirely declines 2 of the 4
 (under 6 months') Probrs -- *Hunt*
 (simply "grotesque") *Humphreys* (a
 would be lady)
 would prefer being without the
 other 2. *Castle & Hignett* --
 & taking only ye 4 Nurses
 ye 4 full Probrs (chosen
 8 instead of 12

But all this we have adjourned
 till the major question is settled

[end 13:315]**f9** {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/37

Herbert Hy BC 26 Nov 4/72

4 4/11 [18 years ago

we reached Scutari]

[15:223-24]

My dear Harry B.C.

This is disastrous.

The not having a complete Nursing

Staff there is our ruin --

1 for linen } to have all these fine

1 for sick } quarters for

which were built for

a complete Nursing Estt

for 650 beds

I ~~have~~ sent down to the Army Med: Dep:
 for advice.

This is the context of the answer:

Unless we are prepared to
 back up the two women
 as representing a Staff
 we must either let them go
 or we must provide a Staff
 complete

f10*Peroration*

Upon these premises
what do you advise?

Will you act?
go, as you said, to Mr. Cardwell
with a note from Sir H. V.
and/or to Sir G. Logan
with a note from me.
All depends upon
1. whether you will undertake
2. " they will let you "
the proper Nursing of the H.H.
There is not a day to lose
F.N.

4/11/72

f11

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How to do this?
For me to write out a statement
of what was the original intention
& what we should propose
(250 sick including Venereal)
address it to Chairman (Sir H.V.)
& let him forward it to Mr. Cardwell
This: their advice.
As the matter of Nurses rests
primarily by Regulation
with the Director=GenL of the
A Med Dep:
perhaps it would be well, I am
told, for Sir Harry or you to
see *him* & go into the whole subject
with him -- i.e. on the assumption
that you will put in a
complete Staff
In this way obtain his views -- (he could
give great support with War Office

[end 15:224]

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{BELOW:

[not FN?] see within {IN PEN, WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}

Miss Pringle 27 Oct. or Nov. 1872
Wishes to state her own case -- to

[13:315-16]

"set herself right" -- with me
This case, as I understand it, is --
that she has *always* been *promised*
to go to Edinbro' if we undertook
any work there --
that her mother is dying (slowly)
of Ovarian Tumour at Edinbro'
that she may be called away any
day to her
that she should not then return
to St. T.'s -- her time with
us having just expired
that we know her well enough
to know that if she goes
to Edinbro' she will not
neglect her work on account
of her mother (who *may* live
for years -- as those cases often do)

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but that if she is on the spot
the weight of anxiety will be
off her & she can attend
to work & mother both -- seeing
her once a week or once a fortnight.

I think Pringle should be authorized
to give St. T.'s a 3 months' notice
at once
& that if she does it without
being authorized, no one can
complain of her -- in any fairness --
Our loss in Pringle is immeasurable
But she has *not* been fairly dealt
with. Mrs. Wardr, as I know from
herself, herself *offered* to Pringle to
go to Edinburgh, even before Miss
Barclay went there -- having

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repeatedly offered it her in the
last 2 years.

If Pringle is prevented taking a
post in Edinbro' Infy, & then
leaves us for good & all to
go to her mother, we shall be
rightly served.

I have read the Treasurer's letter:
it seems to me nothing to the
purpose -- What Mrs. Wardr now
says, still less --

I see Pringle tomorrow at 4.

[end 13:316]

===== {REST OF FOLIO NOT WRITTEN BY FN}

NOVEMBER 5 & 7, 1872, ff1-9 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER & DR.
SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

IV₁₇

72/39 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 5 NOV. 1872

72/40 " " " " " 7 NOV. 1872

72/41 F.N. " [DR. SUTHERLAND] 7 NOV. 1872

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/39}

Miss Mackenzie 28 Nov 5/72

Highgate

(one of poor Mrs. Wardroper's
harum-scarum performances)

[12:218-19]

In a pitch dark-night in such
a storm of wind & rain as that,
if the Messr had not been in
the house, I cd not have sent
out a *maid* for a cab --

She sends a Nurse, walking,
with this scrambling letter
(enclosed) for about the
50TH time of discussion --

I had Miss Torrance in the house
at the time -- asked *her again*.

She again said she thought it
would 'do' -- I told her pretty

f3

[3]

And I severely blame Mrs. Ward
for not dismissing both Gregory &
Mackenzie after their disgraceful
quarrels.

I sent Nurse back in a cab:

with only a few pencil lines:

"cannot say 'Yes' --

Let us take counsel to-morrow --

Mr. B.C. thinks it impracticable"

something to that effect.

[end 12:219]

F.N.

{REST OF FOLIO WRITTEN BY HENRY BONHAM CARTER}

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[2]

much what you had said.

She considered -- but still
thought it might be tried.

Miss Barclay had previously in
answer to a question of mine
given the same opinion --

It is impossible for me to have
an opinion.

You say: Miss Mackenzie would
lead Miss Hill instead of
Miss H. leading Miss Macke

All I know of Miss Hill is:

admirable intentions --

serious draw-backs in a *MATRON*

such as: gossiping confidence

with MedL Officer about Nurses

-- judging of Probrs by how she

likes their behaviour -- to herself --

f6 HI/ST/NC1/72/40

{BELOW:

Sir Harry V. 29 Nov 7/72

Herbert Hospl

Sir H.V. comes to London on

[15:224]

Monday by first train

till Tuesday.

[So you can have your CommEE

if you wish]

will call on Sir G. Logan on

Monday or Tuesday

hopes that you will go with

him

asks if *I* should write to Sir G.

Logan -- beforehand --

YES, certainly -- do you not think?

If so, shall it be *merely* to
make an appointment for you?

{REST OF FOLIO NOT WRITTEN BY FN}

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Sir H.V. will also ~~call on~~

see Mr. Cardwell, if we think

well -- (afterwards or before)

[end]

Certainly, do you not think? --

-- afterwards? -- YES [

F.N.

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{BELOW:

Mr. Plowden 30 Nov 7/72
Sanitary B.B. Proof

Please look carefully over -
 particularly p.p. 48, 49, 50-
 (new)
 -- correct or alter anything in
 mine --

& in Dr. Acland's --
 Do not you think p. 50
 the expression "genuine
 scientific spirit" a very
 unfortunate one? -- when we
 have just been saying that it
 is the *practical* spirit which
 we rather wish for in "these
 enquiries" --
 Also: might they not give a word
 of praise & support to *Major*
 Tulloch's Report? p. 50
 Sir B. Frere took away my copy of it
 from his great interest & admiration.

NOVEMBER 8, 1872, ff1-4 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

 IV₁₈
 72/42 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND 8 NOV. 1872
 72/42 DR. SUTHERLAND TO F.N. 8 NOV. 1872
 72/42 HENRY BONHAM CARTER TO F.N. 9 NOV. 1872

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/42/1

Sir Harry Verney 31 Nov 7~~8~~/72
Herbert Hospital

[15:224]

SIR G. LOGAN

In accordance with your advice,
 Sir Harry will come up by first
 train on Monday to see Sir
 G. Logan.

[*Is Sir G.L. at the Office*
every day? & at what hours?]

Hy Bonham Carter will
 accompany Sir H.V. to
 'interview' Sir G. Logan

Both think that I should
 write to Sir G. Logan beforehand

-- not merely to make an
appointment -- but to put
all 3 'au fait' --

Hy B.C. says: he knows
really nothing *of the past history*

f3

or present state *of the Nursing*
question at the Herbert,
& should therefore ~~wish~~
require to be primed as to
facts x --

wishes me to put them into
a letter to Sir G. Logan --
entering somewhat into the
question generally
& letting him, Hy B.C., see the
letter -- before sending it to
Sir G.L.

Will you enable me to do this
with the shortest possible
delay?

x [N.B. I need hardly say that Sir
Harry knows still less.]

f4 Sir Harry will afterwards
see Mr. Cardwell.

[end]

{THE REST OF FOLIO HAS WRITING IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

NOVEMBER 9, 1872, ff1-18 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

IV₁₉

72/44 F.N. TO [HENRY BONHAM CARTER] 9 NOV. 1872
72/45 " " " " " " " "

f2 {BELOW:

33 HI/ST/NC1/72/43

Mrs. Wardroper [H.B.C.] {H.B.C. IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}
Octavia Hill 9/11/72 [12:219-21]
Please {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
return to FN {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}

2 letters
sent for information
You will think my questions about
Miss Pyne* high-flown.
But they were not
I simply asked whether
she could stand alone,
owing to disastrous information
received about others at
St. T.'s who could not

f4 {THE FIRST PART OF THIS FOLIO IS IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S} {THEN FN
WRITES:}

Certainly -- if --
FN
I think ~~perhaps~~ I had better
see the papers -- tho' I am not
of much use unless I happen
to know the "some one" to refer to
Miss Pyne: I asked Octavia Hill
" Hornby: -- -- Miss Barclay
(very satisfactory)
" Worthington: -- -- Miss Wilson
a governess (since dead)
& Lady Nelthorpe
satisfactory but no very clear account
like Octavia Hill's

f5

Miss *Constance Stapylton*

Return {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}

near Chesterfield

~~who~~ I ought to be able

to get some account of her --

Who are the others?

Are they 7 -- *besides* the

one to come from Pr. Alice?

[end 12:218]

MISS SPENCER

MISS BERESFORD (I am sorry)

Vincent

{THE REST IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

f6

{BELOW:

Miss *Torrance* 34 9/11/72

[12:220]

-- one of the greatest misfortunes

of our lives is that her rooms

at St. T.'s were not ready

for her as soon as she

came back from Lea Hurst --

(I mean the "Arsenic paper" room)

-- she was *crying* to go in --

Now that man has got hold of
her.

& see the letter she writes to
me!

If you know the interview,

all emotion on her part,

all tenderness on mine,

on which this followed,

you would think it extraordinary

-- I suppose he dictated it --

I need hardly tell you that *I* have

never said or written a word to her about

f7

Dr. Dowse -- *She* has poured
 out to *me* -- her misery.
 If you knew also that she
 has missed 4 appointments
 for which I had thrown up
 every thing to see her --
 & 2 of these she did not
 send word till the day *after*
 that she would not come.

I am so unhappy -- really
 unhappy.

I have not answered this.

What *can* I say? --

She told me with the deepest
 emotion that it was all
 "worry" "at home" -- & she
 did not wish to be there but

f8

for one night.

What *shall* I do?

{THE REST OF THE FOLIO not FN HAND}

f10 {BELOW:

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Mrs. Wardroper 9/11

I have not been able to write
 out any more from my
 heads of notes [illeg]
 yet -- have written 6 more sheets [red pencil]
 10/11

I am sorry to say there
is a great deal more -- &
 worse.

{A SECTION NOT IN FN HAND}

I cannot make out *what* he is. [red pencil]

Mr. Croft -- good. "
 I think you have done all that "

f11

man can do.

"

It will not be such a drive as the last 6 weeks [red pencil]

{A SECTION IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

-- I am afraid it wd be impossible

-- I think I must try for a flat
at the nearest end of Victoria
St.

You see it *will* be a month
after Miss Torrance arrives
before I can be there --

[I must go to Embley on Thursday]

f12

There is no time to lose.
I shall have only 5 months
(possibly ~~less~~ only 4) of Miss Torrance's
stay --

And possibly may be
compelled to go to my mother
in February.

Miss T. will not now
stay beyond beginning of May
or end of April --

{INSERTED FROM **f11**:}

It will not be such a drive as
the last 6 weeks.

{BACK TO **f12**:}

One thing will be: I shall
not have these tremendous
visitations of poor Matron's --

Miss Barclay says: "yes, it will
be just the same -- She will keep
us standing any number of hours
& in the middle of the night" --

Yes, but it will not be the same
for me -- Here I can't tell her to

f13

go -- There I think I could
on the plea that it is only
5 minutes' walk.

I am told -- of course I
cannot be sure -- that things
wd subside if she could see
me frequently & easily -- *if* [red pencil]
she found the Sisters `getting [red pencil]
happier' -- [of course I shd
be most careful to see no
one but *through* her]
I am not afraid of her -- I
always think: there is a
great woman inside

x p.2 [red pencil]
I cannot say that her *manner*
with me is excitable -- Many
admired women in society have a
more excitable manner. It is the
matter -- so rambling -- so excited --
But *manner* & all: excitable in Hospital.

f14 [MOST OF FOLIO by Henry Bonham Carter, FN WRITES OVER]

HBC: can't see how Bowman's name can be omitted....]

FN: Very well

HBC: [someone else should serve in his place]

FN: Certainly not --

we *must* have *you* -- It [red]
is the only good one --

Have Sir Clark [red]
or Marjoribanks

f16 {MOST OF FOLIO IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN; FN WRITES OVER}

She respects you -- likes you --
controls herself with you --
I have always looked upon this
as the greatest blessing --

f17

see my note x p. 2

{A SECTION IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

Yes: But these jealousies are

f18 {MOST OF FOLIO IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN; FN WRITES OVER EXISTING}

excited already -- & wd perhaps
subside more if I were
there than here --
I shd of course see no
one but thro' Mrs. Wardr.
till she has been there
one month, I think -- & this *will*
be.
most desirable if it can be
done --
we will not talk of it
beforehand -- lest it leak out

NOVEMBER 10, 1872, ff1-7 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE **f1** {PEN} IV₂₀

72/47 F.N. TO [HARRY BONHAM CARTER] 10 NOV. [1872]

72/48 " " " " " " " "

f2 {BELOW:

Miss Hill

37

Nov 10 HI/ST/NC1/72/47

Probrs

I have had a good deal of talk
with Miss Torrance about this
(even during the last week)
& a good deal of thought --

I cannot think but that Miss
Hill will only just be able to keep
the place going -- *without the
School* --

Miss Torre asked me --

I said that you -- -- --

that we -- -- --

&c &c -- what you may suppose --

She said: that the Probrs did
for Assistant Nurses in the Wards
&c -- Tho' this was not quite
our purpose in a School, it has
its weight.

She said that Altree & Burdett
were quite competent to take Wards
as she told you --

f3

that another whom Miss Hill
did not think competent
was so

&c &c &c

I cannot really judge --

I think Miss Hill judges of
people too much by their manner
to herself

I think Miss Torre was *lax*
during the latter weeks --

[I remember A.H. Clough's word
of a woman in her condition,
(not one of ours:) -- 'I treat
her being in love as if she had the Scarlet Fever']

I should like to talk to
Miss Torre farther of this, if
I may keep the List --

f4

[I have found Miss Torrance
quite reasonable & as
acute as ever even within
the last week on these subjects]
I think I will give Miss Hill
the Books she asks for --
It will not ruin me --
And I will make a List
more at leisure
I have a good many books
wh. I have lent to Probrs
& can make up a List
when I have time --
Please return these enclosed to me
for the present

f5 {BELOW:

38 Nov 10 72
11 sheets written in the greatest
haste & without even
looking over.
Please return me the whole
with your remarks --
~~By way of a~~ As to my ~~going~~ move (to live
near:) I have the smallest possible
confidence in the result of any
thing I may be able to do,
but while every day seems to
be adding to the urgency that
something must be done,
I cannot see that there is any
thing else to do --
I told Mrs. W. by way of
appeasing her -- she is so skatter=
brained that I believe, roused

f6

by Mr. Whitfd, she fancied I
was going to hold a sort of
"Courts" of *her* Sisters & Nurses --
that I would only see them or Probrs
during exercise hours
that I would ~~t~~make my time theirs
that she shd appoint each every
day
that it wd not kill them to
spend their exercise time with
me once in 6 weeks --
the Probrs have 2 exercise times
morn & afternoon
I would see one in each
-- the Sisters barely get an hour
after "wine-time" --
it is impossible for them,
indeed for any, to come up here
in exercise-time --
it is a business, a giving up an
afternoon to come up here.

f7

Mrs. W. seemed satisfied.
I believe your influence over her
is the best she has.

[end 12:221]

NOVEMBER 10, 1872, ff1-17 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₂₁

72/49 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER 10 NOV. [1872] (FIRST FOUR SHEETS)

f2 {BELOW: BXIV 39 IN PENCIL, IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}
BXIV 39 Mrs. Wardroper { Please [12:221-27]
{ return

that the first thing to be done must be
to prevent her receiving all those
Visitors & taking them all herself
round the Wards or to see things
that her business is neglected --
that she can never be found in
her Office in the morning --
that pressing work stands still
while she is chattering elsewhere
that this happens nearly every
day till 2 o'clock
that she is in the constant & notorious
habit of questioning Sisters, Nurses
& Probationers about each other --
questioning Nurses about Sisters
& favourites about those she dislikes
that this is not the way to gain
information --
that her inconsiderate practice of

f3

scolding Sisters before the whole
ward has caused & is causing
Sisters to leave
that it is very desirable to have a
rule & for it to be administered
strictly -- but that the present
rule if any is applied so unfairly,
so unjustly, as to cause much
real distress among the good ones
& triumph among the bad.
that it is notorious that the Matron
will unsay all she has said to-day
by tomorrow or even the same day
without apparently any recollection
of the rule she has just laid down
-- that the bad ones take advantage
of this & set the Matron's
authority entirely at defiance --
in fact, she has no real authority
left while the good ones are

f4

left entirely without protection --
the others boasting that they
can always "out wit" Matron &
"turn her their own way" --
that this has very much increased
lately -- that it has been observed
that Matron ages, alters, has
less the use of her own mind,
every week -- that she deteriorates
every week --
that it is notorious, that at the
end of a long conversation with
her you are exactly at the same
point as when you started --
She has said & unsaid, every
thing that had to be discussed
a dozen times in the course of
an hour -- & you are just
where you were before --

f5

that she has complained herself
of her own brain -- that
this cannot be otherwise with
the enormous amount of talk
she gives herself -- & that it is
sadly conspicuous to those who
love her -- a triumph to those
who do not.
that Mrs. Wardr's variableness is known
to be such that she will say
e.g. on 4 successive days
that A.B. shall take her whole Staff
of Sisters & Nurses in a fortnight
that A.B. shall have none of them
at any length of notice
that A.B. is much to blame for
asking for any but Probationers
that A.B. may have any Staff
Nurse ~~of it~~ she likes -- naming
one after another.
Of course fine game is made of this
among the bad.

f6

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That she will stop the Sisters or the
Lady Probrs in the midst of their
work or after a hard day's
work going to bed say between
9 p.m. & 10 in the Corridor -- & talk
for 1 1/2 hours till they are ready
to sink with fatigue
that this talk is nothing but gossip
or saying & unsaying every thing
as fast as she can
that the good ones get out of her
way sometimes even hide as
she goes by
that there are no 'good words' in it
[Alas! I can corroborate this.
She sometimes talks here from
4 till 8 p.m. -- till I am
'prostrate' for a week]

f7

that Cameron, Bourne & Lemon
went thro' her own mismanage=
ment & bluster
that she is aware of this all thro'
her own protestations to the
contrary -- & that they would
have stayed & done well, had
she had the most ordinary
tact & courtesy
that her manner of speaking to
the Sisters is such that
gentlemen & gentlewomen have
said (who happened to be within
hearing) that they were
"thankful they had the stairs
behind them" -- meaning
that they escaped immediately
not to hear her --
that it was a "heart-break" to
hear her -- that many supts have
said, if such language were
addressed, to *them*, it would
"break their hearts".

f8

that Cameron & Bourne were
as much lost to us as if
we had put them in the coal=
hole -- both came in with
high religious convictions -- both
had the making of *first rate*
Sisters in them -- but nothing
was *made* of them --
that Lemon went because she
thought Bourne so ill-treated
-- the immediate complaint
being this that Bourne
justly & sincerely wanted
Matron's attention -- & time
after time was either driven
out of her Office or could
not find 'Matron' in it --
the complaint of all --
that none but Pringle have any
thing the least like a 'filial'
feeling for 'Matron' -- & even she

f9

always speaks of her as 'poor
Matron' --
that there is no bond of *union*
among the Sisters whatever --
tho' we have had (& *have*)
excellent material among them
that Mrs. Wardroper is herself,
& most emphatically,
a *bond of severance*
that they & the Nurses & Probrs
say: no 'good word' has
ever been spoken to them
except my poor, lithographed
letter.
that Miss Barclay has from
conscientious motives (she told
me this, naming one after the
other) refused one lady after
another, friends of her own,
who wished to be admitted as

f10

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Probationers refusing even
to forward their applications
to Mrs Wardk or Mr B.C. --
on the `considered/deliberate conviction
that no woman must go
to St. Thomas' who cannot
stand alone, like Miss Pringle,
as she will certainly have
every good & earnest feeling
knocked out of her -- as far
as she is open to influence --
[F.N. has recently done the same
tho' she did not know, till
afterwards, how far Miss Barclay
has done it]
that any one who requires
support, advice, congeniality,
religious or moral sympathy,
a bond of union in fact
must sink at St. T's --

f11

that Miss Williams is one of
these -- she will not,
it is said, stop 6 months --
yet a first-rate person --
that Miss Stains is another --
a low-spirited, conscientious
person & most excellent Sister,
who cannot endure Matron's
rough, harsh, unjust ways.
[both these implored to go
to Edinburgh]
that Miss Airy would do very
well under a less flighty
Matron -- as it is, it is feared
she will degenerate
that Miss Hawthorn is a
tremendous gossip -- almost
too like Matron -- but has
capital points

f12

that all these are like
 sheep without a shepherd
that Cameron, Bourne, Lemon
 were unspeakable losses to
 us
that Lemon ought to & would
 come back under a better
 regime
that nearly all the present
 good Sisters will leave
that Mrs. Ward^R is herself aware
 of it -- says that no Sisters
 will stay under her --
 because we!! (F.N. & H.B.C.)
 tempt them to be Sup^{ts} --
 that we shall have to be
 satisfied with a lower class --
And -- it is true -- no good
 Sisters will stay under Matron --

f13

that it shows a want of
 principle in Mrs. Ward^R
 (of which she would not have
 been guilty in past years)
that while she knows tho'
 she denies Butler's immorals
 she will get rid of a Cameron
 sooner than of a Butler.

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| new |

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That finding out for herself [stt]
 tho' she denies it that she
 was losing all influence, all
 authority over the Sisters,
 she took to paying them
 visits, visits of nothing but
 gossip, visits of hours' length --
 irregular, partial, capricious
 -- sometimes talking a Sister
 to death -- then taking offence
 without saying why -- & not
 speaking to her for weeks --
 that this has only alienated
 the Sisters still more -- (instead
 of having them to tea once a week like Miss Torrance)
 & not unjustly so --
 & has increased from over-talk
 & excitement Mrs. W.'s `strangeness'
 to such a degree that authorities
 have said she may over-step
 the line between excitement &

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insanity any day.
 that this `burthening' herself with
 more talk, more bustle, more
 windy scandal-mongering
 has reduced her power in
 real business to a minimum
 that Pringle is the only bond
 of union in the Hospital
 & the only person who,
 the word is openly pronounced,
 stands between the Matron
 & a state of mind which,
 if not insanity, as much
 prevents any proper working
 of the Hospital as if it were
 that what is called in Medical
 language `senile activity' has
 come over the Matron --
 viz. an excessive & aimless
 restlessness -- She is no sooner

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sate down in her Office
or elsewhere: but she is up
again -- no sooner has she
gone away from ~~her~~ ward, or
Sister, but she is back again.
She is always wandering about
the Corridors -- no one knows
why -- no one knows what
she is doing -- what is her
business -- but whether she
is on business or not signifies
little -- for the *business* is
not done
that business (of others) would be
actually better done if she
would rest herself in her
house a little -- but she is
no sooner in than she is out
again -- hindering every body --
helping no body.

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that her troublesome wandering
about *at night* -- keeping
Sisters & Lady Probationers
out of their beds -- & even
waking them -- for some
purposeless gossip -- has
been beyond all bounds
[The remark has been deliberately
made `it does not require
`Medical knowledge to know
`that this' (referring principally
`to the *restlessness*') `is the way
`insanity begins']
that her grand fault: *shiftiness*
is increasing so much
that no one can depend upon
her -- in this sense: she gets
out of a just application by
a `shift' -- & then gets out of

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cont. (SHEETS 5-9)

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what she has said by a `shift'.
[Those, men & women, who still
care for her, say: The Matron
is `shifty' -- Those who do not
say, I fear: she is `cunning'.]
that `she is always putting words
into the Treasurer's mouth
which either he has not said
or which she makes him say
afterwards
that this is so well-known that
no one attends to her when
she says: Treasurer & Governors
say so & so --
that the Hospital is really
most `workable'
that the Treasurer lets her have
her own way in every thing

f3

& that things of importance
are so easy that, with
the very high class of Sisters
whom the name of the Proburs
School attracts to the Hospital,
if we could by relieving her
in some way sober her down
to her proper place & frame
of mind
"they (the women) might work
"the Hospital with all her
"imperfections & love her
"for her good qualities" --
[This was said to me exactly
as I have put it down --
And I think it is impossible
to put the case more
clearly in a few words.]

f4

I pass over some smaller things.
For, on the other hand, it is
distinctly said, that if we let
things go on as they are for
another year, another year
will see the close, probably
of 'Matron' altogether.

I have been told that to go
away for a year but nothing
less & that soon would
save the Matron completely --
I am no judge of this -- Where the
excitement is a direct consequence
of general ill-health, this is often
~~generally~~ true -- But I believe
that Mrs. W's general health
is now pretty good -- And I
think that if she could go away
for 6 months in a month or so,

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it might save her -- & us --
You say for 3 months in a
month or so --
That I would most certainly
try for
But I doubt whether any
power on earth would get her
away -- for 12 months, 6 or 3,
it would be all the same --
She is too jealous, too suspicious,
too excitable -- above all, too 'shifty'.
And I doubt whether Miss Torrance
now would undertake the temporary
charge of the *HospL* -- [no one
else could]
Still we might try for it --
saying *no word beforehand*
The Hospital & 'Home' for 3 months
under Miss T. (Mrs. W. coming back well)
would be set up -- *All the good Sisters would stay.*

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That the numbers of visits she
receives from 'great folk'
attracted by the name
& wishing for information as to
management & organization
has "turned her head" --
--"not being a woman of much
education" -- (sic)
that the 'information' she gives
is entirely valueless -- flighty,
self-contradictory, mere talk
that people who know nothing
go off, thinking there is nothing
better to be known --
& people who know something
are discouraged & go elsewhere
[I have become painfully aware
of this -- especially during the
last year -- & in the last month

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two eminent instances of this
have happened -- 1 of each sort --
persons who wrote to me after
having gone first to her for
information -- she had told me of them, with
the utmost pride, herself --
More about this another time]
that she is looked upon very
much in the Hospital
as a sort of semi-insane King
[by right (divine?) both from
Treasurer & from us]
whose sign manual must be got
but whose opinions & rule must
be avoided as much as possible
[I was most sadly struck by this
in Miss Barclay -- full of compassion
for her -- of a certain sort of deep
regard for her -- but who in all this

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Edinburgh affair has been compelled to treated
her as the insane Monarch --
& who evidently can neither understand
how we could put our School
under her -- nor that she
ever was very different --
She asked me: "has she any
"serious notions"?
I told her --
She said: "they have all been
"crowded out" --
She said, more than once: "it is
"impossible to me to understand
"how a woman who knows,
"or who must have known,
"what business is can think it
"can be done with all that talk,
"can think it is not effectually
"undone by all that talk" --
She says piteously: what others say
deridingly: "Mrs. Wardroper is:

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`much cry & little wool'."

She told me, emphatically, that
if it had not been for that
visit of yours to St. T.'s
one Saturday, I think,
nothing would have been done
about Edinburgh,
every thing undone every day,
& Matron gone on talking
till Doomsday.]

In fact, it has come out
lately over & over again
that 'the Matron' is of no
use, except to hinder

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Probationers' Home

I say least about: because
there is most to be said & yet
it can be summed up in a
few words --
that it is "in great need, very
"great need indeed" --
that it is a failure --
that there is no rule, no
governance, no influence
whatever, except for bad --
that the word: *training* of
women, i.e. of women as
women -- is a mere jest
that many, very many women
of the Nurse class -- & nearly
all of the gentlewoman class --
come in with the highest
& most earnest purpose.

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that it is all pounded out of
them, often in the first
week, with the very few
exceptions who can stand
alone that we have had
that 'Matron' never addresses
a word to them which
can help them
that she never comes into
the 'Home' except when
there is a 'row' -- & *it is
much better than* she should
not --
that 'Extra' is an unprincipled
woman (whether immoral or
not I do not care to inquire)
but that those who knew
her 7 years ago assure

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that she was very different
then -- that it is St. T.'s
wh: has deteriorated her --
& that it is 'poor Matron's'
'driving her about', wh: has
been one main cause --
that there is neither punctuality
nor order, nor even common
cleanliness, nor quiet
in the 'Home'
but that Miss Parkinson has
at least introduced some
of these things -- but that
she is 'little' -- Miss Torrance is
'en grand' --
that it is almost impossible for

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either Sisters, Nurses or Probrs
to get even Medical advice
that Mr. Whitfield really
ignores them -- that they
must not ask any Doctor
for Medical advice,
except thro' Matron --
that Matron forgets or
puts it off for weeks, as
she does every thing else --
that some, e.g. Pringle, have
suffered severely thro' this
till I interfered --
[This is really disgraceful]
that Matron's capricious injustice
is now so well known
that that clause (wh: she
flaunts in every body's face)
that she can dismiss 'without

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appeal' will prevent ~~people~~ women
worth coming from coming.

Also that people say -- & I know
the W.O. has said this (in so many
words) -- that we vest
the "patronage" of the places
(who ask us for Nursing
Staffs) in Mrs. Wardroper
& that she is not fit to
exercise such "patronage" --
[this was said specially as to
Supts]

Also: that Mrs. Ward^R has spoken
openly in the Hosp^L against
my coming to live nearer the
Hosp^L -- & that the reason is
that she knows that she has
no influence whatever over

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the 'Sisters' -- '*Sisters*' they are
none -- rather foes & strangers
& is afraid of my finding it out

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With all this: that when the influence
~~that when~~ of "S. Extra" & Mr. Whit^{fd}
is removed -- IF *she will allow*
the latter's to be removed --
she will sober down --
especially with Miss Torrance --
& especially if I come to live
near & if when sobered down
she will *trust* me again --
more especially, if she can
be got to go away for a time
that she tells Mr. Whitfield
every thing -- & never more
so than in the last month
that she tells her sons every
thing --
that she *must* have *some one*

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to do this to --
 & if it could be *Miss Torrance*
 & *F.N.* (sic)
 that Mr. Whitfd is 'always in her
 Office' -- never more so than
 in the last month
 that respectable people go
 away when they find him
 there --
 as Miss Barclay says: "I skedaddle"
 "as soon as I see him" --
 that she must be under some
 one's meridian -- when she
 is under *F.N.'s*, *under F.N.'s*
 (except in great occasional
 excitement)
 but then afterwards under Mr.
 Whitfd's -- & under 100 distracting
 Meridians --

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[9]
 It is a sad & thankless task
 to put down 'poor Matron'
 under heads --
 I have a good many more
 But I scarcely think it necessary
 There is no more thankless
 office than to be a Detective
 where one cannot be a Reformer [end 12:227]
 {THE REST OF THE FOLIO IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}

AUTUMN 1872, NOVEMBER 11 & 13, 1872, ff1-10 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM
 CARTER & DR. SUTHERLAND PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₂₃

72/50 F.N. TO [HENRY BONHAM CARTER?] [AUTUMN 1872]
 72/51 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND, 11 NOV. 1872
 72/52 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER, 13 NOV. 1872

f2 {BELOW:

40 Autumn 1872? [archivist]
 propose a woman for Sister
 one day & turn her out the next
 as having "always been incompetent"
 She exercises a "patronage" for wh: she
 is unfit,
 a discretion wh: is indiscretion
 a selection wh: is not only her caprice
 but her caprice of an hour --
 her appointmts are disappointmts
 -- her rule misrule
 her governmt anarchy
 We cannot conscientiously continue our
 Sch: under present regime, unless that
 regime is distinctly altered. 1-- by Miss
 Torrance's 6 mo & by choosing her successor --
 2 by Mrs. W. accepting & willingly & trustingly
 accepting such intercourse on my part
 as alone can make it possible for
 us to judge of -- much more to carry out
 a proper state of things

[12:227-28]**f3**

The question is now:
 can we devise & Mrs. W. enter into
 such a plan of *her working with me*
 as alone will make it possible for
 us to remain at St. T.'s longer than
 our year's notice.
 It is not: what will Mrs. W. 'like'?
 While taking every care to leave all
 authority in Mrs. W.'s hands --
 to consult her wishes in every thing
 to consider her as head (in
 spirit & in truth as in name)
 as the very means to our end --
 that is: of continuing our School
 under Mrs. W. *as head* --
 it is no longer a question of what
 Mrs. W. 'likes', of what Mrs. W. 'thinks',
 but whether Mrs. W. can be brought
 to 'like', can be brought to 'think'
 such things, ~~as can~~ can be brought

f4

to accept such measures as
can alone make the continuance
of the School *under her*
possible to conscientious people
Treasurer ditto,
mutatis mutandis
we the making of St. T.'s --
St. T.'s now truly the *unmaking* of us [end 12:228]

f5

Lennox copied notes
Mrs. W.'s Sister Guildford
Table

f6 {BELOW: 41 HI/ST/NC1/72/51

Notes on Lying-in 11/11/72

I enclose "Lancet"
What do you say?

{THIS SECTION WRITTEN BY DR. SUTHERLAND}

Miss Lees

paper on War Hospls of 1870

Please procure for her
12 copies --
you can send them here, if
you wish

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

f8 {BELOW:

Canon Gregory 43 Nov 13/72
 7 30 a m.

[12:229]

just received only
Could you tell me one line
to write to him *at once*?
I feel this is only one of a long
series of similar things which
Mrs. Wardr has brought & will
bring upon us
& that we shall have to take
matters almost entirely
into our own hands or
close the School --
What Mrs. W. may or may
not have said to Canon
Gregory, I of course do not
know -- I only know

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that she has told me
on alternate weeks for
many months
that she was going to make
Miss Gregory Sister
(she told me this again
not a week ago)
& things against her which
made one's hair stand on
end -- as to heedless, childish,
harum scarum incompetency!
The fact is: Gregory & Mackenzie
ought to have gone
months ago --
A precious opportunity was
lost of making an
example -- then --
But Mrs. Wardr has been flattered

f10

by Canon G.

[T.O.]

[end 12:229]

NOVEMBER 13, 19 & 27 1872, ff1-11 LETTERS TO DR. SUTHERLAND & HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN} IV₂₄

72/52 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND, 13 NOV. 1872

72/54 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER, 13 NOV. 1872

72/55 F.N. TO DR. SUTHERLAND, 19 NOV. 1872

72/56 " " " , 27 NOV. 1872

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/52

42 13/11/72

[12:229-30]

Medical Instruction to our Probr

Nurses at St. T.'s

Mr. Whitfield has placed his

resignation in my hands

And it has been formally accepted

by our Committee.

[This ought to have been done

years ago.]

Will you be so very kind as to

consider the paper enclosed

(which you will recognise)

& make any comments upon it

which you consider necessary,

preparatory to our beginning

with Mr. Croft, our new

Medical Instructor to the Probrs

School?

13/11/72

F.N.

f4 {BELOW:

44 HI/ST/NC1/72/54

Miss Torrance Nov 13/72

I had a long conversation
with her last night --

I have *alas!* a great deal
more to tell you about
the Hospital & School.

The only thing (most sensibly)
she begs to have answered
at once is:

*who is she to call in in
case of Probrs' illness --
especially at night?*

Perhaps you have already
settled this with *Mrs. Wardr.*

In that case, the only safe
way is for *me* to communicate

f6

it direct to Miss T.

Miss T. says: truly: --

both Mr. Whitfd & *Mrs Wardr*
will be in league to
introduce *him*, Mr. Whitfd,
into the Probrs' Home on
this pretence

Miss T. suggests

Mr. Jones

as living I understand
in HospL

R.S.V.P.

[end 12:230]

f7 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/55

Herbert *Embley* 45 Nov 19/72
 Romsey

I concur, as I know you do, entirely
with the enclosed.

[15:225]

There is nothing for it but what
you proposed --

viz. that a Comm: of 3, with
yourself on it, should at once
settle the matter -- on the spot.

What you said about
the Linenry -- against the separating the
Nurses from the Linenry -- is also --
borne out --

[end]

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

f11 {BELOW: 46 HI/ST/NC1/72/56

Herbert Hospl 46 Nov 27/72

Sir G. Logan's letter enclosed
as you desire

[netley]

Mrs. S. Stewart's returned
for reference

as you desire
v. -- especially -- about the "water"
to be laid on --

F.N.

Dr. Sutherland

{THIS SECTION IN DR. SUTHERLAND'S HAND}

DECEMBER 26, 1872, ff1-21 LETTERS TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

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72/57 F.N. TO HENRY BONHAM CARTER, 26 DEC. 1872

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/72/57a

St. T.'s 47 26/12/72
I send these 5 sheets
because I think I am
hardly justified in keeping
them back --
Please return them --
I may add to them --
ever yrs with
Xmas love
F.N.

26/12

f4

35 S. St
Miss Torrance Dec 26/72 [12:230-33]
My dear Harry B.C.
There are 2 or 3 things I ought
perhaps to tell you, because
they regard *Accounts*: -- [red]

1.
Miss T. says (what I have long
known *must* be the case)
that the *Tradesmen's Books* [red]
are NOT kept separate
for *Home & Hospital* -- i.e. [red]
that the things are mixed up
which are for ~~the~~ our women in the
Home (*Probrs*) & for the women
in the "*Blocks*", as they are
called
that she (Miss T.) writes out
the *Tradesmen's* orders -- but

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when the things come,
part of what she has ordered
is not there --
& she finds on enquiry that
Miss Parkinson has intercepted
the parcel by Mrs. Wardr's orders
& taken out things for the "Blocks"
She asked me, merely as a query
whether that fine sheet,
drawn up by young Mr. Wardr,
was not 'cooked' -- [HBC] We are charged
10/ a week per Probationer irrespective
of actual cost -- {THEREFORE SYMBOL} no cooking possible

{INSERTED FROM **f6**:}

[illeg] us. but if we could show from
the Hospital Books a less rate of
cost ~~it was~~ we shd be entitled to
reduce -- not likely --

{BACK TO **f5**:}

She says that these matters
are in inextricable confusion
And Mrs. Wardr will not let
her see the Books --
She said (what of course *I* have
always felt in my intercourse

f6

with Mrs. Wardr)
"why cannot she say to me: --
`I have got into a muddle
`here are the books --
`let us get them straight --
`while you are here' --
"she *might* know that I am
"honest & faithful -- wd tell
"no one but perhaps you --
"whom she ought to tell herself".
But no

f7

2. |

Miss Torrance says that she is
doing *almost nothing* [red]
& can do nothing
that all she does is to
-- preside at meals
-- write out tradesmen's orders
-- make up Washing Bills &
 count out linen
-- & read prayers
that all she sees of *Probationers* [red]
is at meals
 & prayers
that she never sees any thing of
Candidates
Mrs. Ward~~r~~ carefully keeping this
out of her hands
& never consulting her about
these -- or about any thing whatever

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3. |

As to *Candidates* [red]

Miss T. ~~always~~ invariably (and I can
truly say *I* always did --
always *desiring a second opinion*
upon these)

let even her Housekeeper have
an interview with them

& consulted her afterwards upon
them -- certainly she has frequently
admitted the advantage of this -- [blue]

[And in special conversation
this was always mentioned
as one of the points for
which Miss T. shd be there
with Mrs. Ward^R]

4. |

As to *Correspondence* [red]

this was mentioned both
in conversation & in writing
(& even, I *think*, in the Treasurer's
Agreement) Certainly. [blue]

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viz.

that Miss T. shd take her
share of this.

But Mrs. Wardr carefully
excludes her from it

She, Miss T, neither sees nor does
any part of it nor any thing

about *Probrs* or *Candidates* -- [red]

I have urged this & she promises --! [blue]

5. | Farther,

Mrs. Wardroper never tells or gives
notice [red] to Miss Torrance (not even
the same morning) of any thing
that is to take place in the
'Home' --

E.g. You know Mesher was
living in the Home when sent
off to Edinburgh --

About 5 hours after Mrs. Wardr
knew, & not long before Mesher

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was to start, a message came
to Miss TCE "to prepare
sandwiches" --

And that was all the *notice* [red]
she had that Mesher was going
[HBC] Very likely -- On Monday/16 I appointed to
[blue] see all the Edinbro' lot (7) on foll[owin]g Thursday ~~at~~
3 (?) When I came all were out but 3 no notice
having been given

6. |

--- Mrs. Wardroper

(& indeed I was quite aware
of this -- and 1000 different
things have happened to myself,
wh: made me aware of it)

is quite incapable of

laying out any one's work [red]
or her own

in the morning --

Sometimes she wd come in &

gossip with Miss TCE

every morning for 2 or 3 days

then be 2 or 3 days without

seeing her at all --

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7.|

--- About the *Sisters*: -- [red]
 (& I too can corroborate this)
 Mrs. Wardr has no idea
 of *making* HERSELF *responsible* [red]
 for showing the Sisters, (or
 'Home' Sister, or Nurses,)
 each her work on appointment
 [illeg] I know a remarkable instance of this.
 She *makes us* THEM *responsible*
 for *asking* HER.

The consequence is: to her:
 that she is beset with questions
 -- to them --
 that, never being able to find
 her in her Office (for she is
 always having visitors)
 everything falls into confusion
 [The work & Drs. *make* the
 Sisters -- not Mrs. Wardroper]

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Miss Torrance says:
 that Mrs. Wardroper has no idea
 of the duties of 'Home' Sister [red]
 except that of "*running about*" [red]
 with orders from herself --
 of "doing as with S. Extra" --
 that she uses Miss Parkinson
 in that way now
 & does not use herself (Miss TCE)
 at all
 that she declares she will *never* [red]
 have a 'Home' Sister for the
 'Home' [red] *exclusively* but will
 always have her in the *Linenry* [red]
 & Office with herself

v [in blue pencil]

Miss T. ought to have the
 Record to make up every
 month.

[not FN hand:]

Yes--I think so too but then
 the Home Sister must not have
 Linenry [literary?] work put upon her.

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that she will never allow
 any part of her
Probationers' Correspondence [3 lines in red]
 books
 accounts
 to go into the '*Home*' [red] or '*Home*
Office' at all --
 that her '*Home*' *Sister* shalt
 always *sit in the Linenry* [red]
 & do these things there
 [I should waive this point
 if only Mrs. Wardroper would
 give up any portion of *Probrs* [3 lines red]
corresponde, books, accts,
 into hands of '*Home*' *Sister*]

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[4]
 --- She told me she was
 9. | most anxious Miss T. shd
 --- begin these -- specially Bible
 CLASSES [red]
 You are no doubt aware
 that there have been no Classes
 at all
 & Mrs. Wardr has never arranged
 any
 not even a *Bible class* -- [red]
 Miss Tce says (what I have
 always heard)
 that *Sisters* are tremendously
 Probrs [red]
 hard-worked
 & *Nurses* [red] not enough
 that the *Sisters* [red] are so hard
 worked that they are obliged
 to take the help of the willing
Probationers [red], not of the unwilling Nurses
 that, if Mrs. Wardr were but

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capable of laying out the work
& of making the Nurses do their share
-- the Probationers could well
have ~~their~~ *afternoon classes* [red]

that she (Miss TCE) has told

Mrs Wardr repeatedly
she *wd stay in* [red] on Sundays
if she might have a *Bible*
class -- [2 lines blue] [HBC] Mrs W told me she had
said so

but has never been allowed
to have one --

[not FN hand HBC:] [5 lines blue] I did not send her any one page
but having 2 days before
appted to see the [illeg] Probationers
expected Mrs. W. to tell her I was
coming (5 o'cl), which she did --

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that she (Miss T) goes out
because she is doing nothing
One half-day in the week
& one hour's walk a day
(both of wh: I think quite
necessary for health)
is all she wants & part of Sunday
[I told her that you had
tried to see her twice -- a
Saturday & a Thursday &
both times had been told it
was 'her day out' --

She was evidently sorry -- she
said with regard to the second,
-- Mrs. Wardr did not tell her that
she *might* [blue] see you, if she stayed
in]

f18

10| *Changes of Probrs in wards:* [red] --
 --- Miss T. says: she is
 unable to get any kind of
 knowledge of the *Probationers* [red]
 that she is not even allowed
 to know, far less to be consulted
 about the *changes of Probrs* [red]
 (from ward to ward) [red]
 -- that once when she said
 something to Mrs. WardR
 about the importance of this
 & that it was difficult ~~for~~ often
~~her (Mrs W.)~~ to decide, which [red]
Probr to which Sister
 Mrs W. answered -- off=hand
 `oh she never troubled her
 `head about that -- she had
 `no time -- she only thought of
 `putting ~~each~~ Probrs into any ward
 "they had not been thro' before"

f19

[5]

"she can't afford to think of ~~that~~ suitability"
 and -- Miss T. adds -- & so do I
 "She never will" --
 ===
 As to the rest --
 I will only run over what
 you know already: --

that none of the *superior* [red]
 Sisters will stay
 that they complain that
 there is *no bond of union*, [red]
 no support [red], moral or religious,
 nothing done to make their
 positions *possible*
 no rule, no help, no one to look to [red]
~~that~~ *but themselves*
 no comfort, no strength.

f20

that they can't bear it.
[Miss Williams [red] -- the best, after
Pringle, has said this decidedly
-- & as I believe truly]
And yet Mrs. Ward^R declares
she won't let me see the Sisters
-- whom I think I could make
less discontented.
Mrs. Rhodes [red], I hear, is a
vulgar, pushing, under-bred,
inferior woman
[About her *competency* I can learn
nothing]
Miss Notcutt [red], tho' a nice person,
I have been told (*not* by
Miss Tce) is quite unfit for
Pringle's ward (Male Surgical)

f21

Starling (children's ward)
doing well
Parkinson: fast degenerating
into a "*runner about*" on
messages
Leighton: Probr (the delicate one you know)
Silly, good, affected
wd do for a small number of
children: nothing more
new Probrs
Miss Beresford: must go
Spencer: wd do for a
quiet Medical
ward -- slow --
Worthington: the best
but erratic
& 'kicks' --
wants control
& has none

[end 12:233]

APRIL 21, MAY 9, JULY 9 & 31, 1873, ff1-19 LETTERS TO J.J. FREDERICK,
MARY JONES & DR. E.A. PARKES PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
f1 {PEN}

IV₂₆

73/1 F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, 21 APRIL 1873
73/2 F.N. TO [MARY JONES], 9 MAY 1873
73/3 F.N. TO [MARY JONES], 9 JULY 1873
73/4 F.N. TO DR. E.A. PARKES 31 JULY 1873

f2 {BELOW} H16

35 South St. April 21/73
Park Lane W.

[12:264]

My dear Sir

I cannot resist the pleasure
of contributing, tho' it is but
a small mite, to your Christ
Church foundation; and I
wish the noble cause 'God
Speed' with all my heart
& soul.

I wish I could do
more towards it.

But I think my most
pressing business becomes
more out of all proportion
J.J. Frederick Esq.

f3

to my strength every day --

Pray for me that His
strength may be made
perfect in weakness.

If you or Mrs. Frederick
should in your rounds of
kindly visitations meet
with young women of
high principle, good
intelligence & good health
& of course unimpeachable
Moral character who

f4

being fit for domestic
service would like
the more useful career
of Hospital work,
we have some vacancies
in St. Thomas' Training
School. And there is
ever more demand for
our Trained Nurses
than we can supply. We
have lately undertaken
the Edinburgh Infirmary.
I wish we could undertake
all the London Workhouse
Infirmaryes. But we have not
the Nurses --

f5

Pray remember me
kindly to Mrs. Frederick.
I hope that your little man
thrives as he ought -- And
Pray believe me
yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:264]

f6 {BELOW: J47} HI/ST/NC1/73/2a

35 South St. May 9/73
Park Lane W.

[12:267]

Dearest ever dearest friend

Your Easter letter did me no end
of good, as it always does. Thanks 100

A very dear friend of mine
who went thro' the Crimea with
me died at Bermondsey,
after 4 weeks' struggle with
Typhoid fever, at Easter tide.
And tho' I could not wish her
back, O no, -- yet 19 years of
troublous recollections pass
away for me with her. She
was a nun --

I found a very nice maid
for my mother, thank you, &
took her down in that snowy

f7

weather at the end of February,
settled her, & came back
===

I have taken for the last 6
or 8 months to seeing a great
deal more of our Matrons
& Nurses -- one or two every day --
& to having those who come
from a distance staying in
the house -- This not only
compels me to give up a great
deal of my Indian & War Office
work, but takes out of me,
I think, more than any thing did
before -- I have never been
used to lead, except by leading
in work -- I am not good
at talking & preaching & examining
except on the spot.

But this seemed so clear a call

f8

of God that I could not
refuse it. And of course
it is a thing which, once
embarked in, increases, & crowds upon
& absorbs one more every day.

[end 12:267]

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We have undertaken the
wretched Edinburgh Infirmary
-- a 'beast' of a place -- & a
den of thieves -- & have
been in it since November --
Miss Barclay, our Supt there,
is a woman after your own
heart -- a splendid leader of
women -- first in every thing
-- really a mother to our Nurses.
She is staying with me now --
(ran up by Night-train --)
And -- you will think I never
write unless I want something

[13:320-21]**f9**

could you recommend me a
Night=Superintendent, for her?
-- the advantage would be now
that Miss Barclay could look
at her for herself now or
within the next week --

Miss Barclay has almost
run us dry -- We furnished
her with 2 Night Supts -- the
first really effected a
reform in that lawless place
among the drinking, profligate
(old) Night Nurses -- who are
however being gradually weeded
out -- but Miss Barclay was
obliged to give her an onerous
charge of Wards which fell in

f10

[2]

unexpectedly -- the next has
fallen ill & is little likely
ever to be strong enough again
for such a place --

It should be, I need not say,
a not young, but wiry woman --
good on her legs, & in her head
-- absolutely trustworthy &
with something of the Missionary=
spirit -- For nothing that I
had ever known of War Hospitals
surpassed the wickedness
of this Edinburgh Infirmary
when we first entered it.

Also: a London Hospital, the
most busy in accidents &
acute diseases, is really
a slow place compared with

f11

this Edinburgh Infy, where, ~~for~~ &
in consequence of the crowd of MedL
students, they get *in* & they get
out acute & critical cases
faster than in any place I ever
heard of --

And the Night Supt's wits
are often called upon for
Night Admissions.

The Night Supt has £30
with 1/6 a week for washing --
& uniform -- tea, sugar & every
thing found --

She superintends the night=
nurses of the whole place --
some 36 wards (many small)
besides single rooms -- Of these
about 22 wards (number increases)

f12

are nursed by our own trained
Nurses -- besides Ophthalmic
& Fever Wards -- (which last
in a separate building are
not within the Night Supt's
domain.)

The place is rough -- but
Miss Barclay takes great
pains that the food &
accommodation shall be
thoroughly healthy -- And the
advantage is being under
such a woman as Miss Barclay
who carries the women with her
in every thing. The worst of
it is: she is killing herself. She
shares the Night Watch twice a fortnight.

[She was out in the War
& is aged about 37
-- very wiry in many points]

f13

===

We get a great many Lady
Probationers now at St. Thomas'
-- & very good ones. But how
strange it is that no woman
between 20 and 30 now
has any constitution!

===

God speed & bless you
God guide us all --
How I wish I might
think you pretty well --
ever my dearest friend's
loving

F. Nightingale
(written amid so many
interruptions)

[end]

f14 {BELOW: N5 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/73/3
N5

35 South St. July 9/73

Park Lane W.

Dearest friend

Surely you know that what
interests you interests me just
as much even tho' we may
never meet again on this side the
grave

Most heartily besides do
I sympathize in your plan
for nursing Incurables --

I think that even (if you
would relax in your resolution
not to be "under the N.F.
CommEE", we might come

f15

to some definite arrangements
for an Annual subsidy
if you would kindly take &
train with your own
invaluable training some
of our ProbRS whether in
the Incurables' Home you propose
or in District Nursing, or both
But I have ascertained that,
without some such definite
arrangement, it would be
impossible to ask the N.F.
Ctee for a Donation to *buy*
the House: tho' this might
easily have been ~~done~~ given while

f16

you & we were at work
together
I am so absolutely drained dry
at this moment [And I
have £400 to pay towards
building a new School at
Embley by Xmas]
Friends of mine will
undertake to find you
£50 for the "House"
for the "Incurables".
[I only wish it were £500]
God speed you --
in great press
ever yours
F. Nightingale

f17 {BELOW: AXXX & 9 HI/ST/NC1/73/4
{IN PEN:}}

[12:280]

35 South St. AXXX July 31/73
Park Lane W. 9
My dear Sir
How can I have been
so long in thanking you
for your great kindness
in sending me the 4TH
Edition of your great
work: Practical Hygiene.
You have produced a
{IN PENCIL:}
most capital Edition indeed
I have already given
many copies of this
priceless work: for we
E.A. Parkes Esq. M.D.

f18

make it now a part
of the `Course of Reading'
for our more advanced
Probationers in training
for Matrons' & Sisters' places.
I have entered the correction,
as you desired, in all our
copies at p.641.
Pray believe me
with renewed thanks
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

f19

Sidney Herbert will have
been dead 12 years
next Saturday --
God bless you for being
so faithful to his memory.

[end 12:280]

DECEMBER 19 & 30, 1873 & JANUARY 8, 1874, ff1-12 LETTERS TO M. MOHL &
J.J. FREDERICK PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}IV₂₇

73/5 F.N. TO M. MOHL, 19 DEC. 1873

74/1 F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, 8 JAN 1874

f2 PEN:} HI/ST/NC1/73/5a CV 10

[4:501-02]

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Dec 19/73

Dear M. Mohl

I do think that I am the most
unfortunate Tantalus in your hands
I ever fell across Nay: he was in
heaven compared to me. What! you
wrote to me on the very subject of
all others I care most about, viz.
the "principle of morals" & your
"speculations" about it, & "on its
"difference or agreement with the
"stories & others" -- And you did
not send it me.

`Fiend! thou torment'st me ere I come to hell
Send it me this minute.

Or I will shut you up in a country
house in Paradise for 3000 years
with 3 Deans, 2 Bishops & 1 Archbishop.

Some time ago, you said you would
send me your theory about the Gnostics,
as embracing most forms of religion

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

And you never did.

Send it me this minute. Or
your term of 3000 years shall
be lengthened to 30,000 and 3.

I want nothing so much as your
inspiration.

If I have time & strength: but
latterly I have been so broken up
& broken down: nothing solaces
me so much as to write upon
the Laws of the Moral World:
especially as exemplifying, if
possible, the character of a
Perfect God, in bringing us to
perfection thro' them in eternity.
Quetelet, who is an old friend of
mine, sent me his new "Physique
Sociale" & "Anthropo métrie".

These especially interested me:
because in as far as the laws
which register mankind's crime
& other social movements are

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Laws: of course all Legislature
& Administration must be
based upon them: instead
of being just the reverse.

Latterly: I have been reading
over again the 'Physique Sociale'
with the view of writing as above.

But of course there are weeks &
months that I cannot write --
And then it all has to be begun
over again.

Now, give me a fillip, do.

Dec 30/73

Dear M. Mohl
All my misfortunes always
culminate each year at
Christmas. It's a way they have.
So this letter has remained
unfinished many days.
But it shall go all the more
& see what it can get out of you.

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

I am not like you. Because
I have to ask a favour. You have
to grant one

And the more the letter won't
go: the more I say, it shall

About the Eucalyptus:
in our Sanitary Report on Algeria:
(we sent a Commission there)
we alluded to its healthy properties
They mainly show that Drainage
is required.

In India we advised Bamboo
for the same purpose. But
Eucalyptus would do. Only
neither one nor the other are
substitutes for Drainage.

Indeed in India all tree
vegetation is considered healthy
in Epidemic times. But as
Malaria exists notwithstanding trees,
we must insist (not on Eucalyptus
but) on Drainage works

[9:919]

{PEN:} {BELOW: C V 10 IN PENCIL, IN A HAND OTHER THAN FN'S}
[2]

The famine, instead of making
us redouble our efforts to prevent
such horrors seems likely to
shrivel up all our small attempts,
by Sanitary Engineering, draining
& irrigation, to render such
calamities less possible.
Gulliver (Campbell of Bengal)
is doing excellently well.
So is Lord Northbrook, but he
has as yet hardly realized
the tremendous extent of the
calamity which looms in the
distance. And the Zemindars
& their foolish English advisers
are still trying to mislead
Gulliver by will-o' the wisps

[end 9:919]

I am so hurried & bothered
I can't say more: Nurses &
Matrons & Superintendents besides

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

hem me round

Sometimes I ask myself,
after all my "Laws" & "Moral
Worlds": is there a good God
after all?

You see I have the more
need that you should write
to me. And this goes
for that purpose only. Do not
disappoint it, poor beast!

ever yours

F.N.

[written sideways] ~~An~~ Anglais (?)

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: H20} black-edged stationery

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Jan. 8/74

I was extremely
obliged to you for your
great kindness in having
the 3 copies of the
'C.D. Acts paper' made:
& in sending them to me
so soon.

As well as for your
careful suggestions
which I have scrupulously
adopted: erasing "Hansom"
J.J. Frederick Eq.

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

&c It is always very
kind to put one on
one's guard against any
possible inaccuracy,
however trivial --

[The person who gave ~~the~~
that part of the evidence
viva voce certainly
said 'Hansom cab'.
It would be dreadful if
this meant a *gentleman's*
open cabriolet]

But what I write for now
is: to ask you to be so
very good as to tell me

f10 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

how & what I am to
repay for the work so
well done?

My dear Father was taken
from us quite suddenly
on Monday morning
at 8 o'clock. He had
got up at his usual
early hour. There
was a large family
party in the house:
but when they ran in

f11 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} not seen for verification
to him he was quite gone.

For *him* it is best so.

He was quite ready to go.
He was the best father
to his people & cottagers
I ever knew.

But no one can tell
what the break up is
to us for me especially
who had never once
thought that I should
survive *him*
& no last word or message --
yours sincerely F. Nightingale

f12 {ENVELOPE ADDRESSED IN PEN:}

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY IN LEFT-HAND CORNER}

J.J. Frederick Esq .

Army San: Comm:

Horse Guard

8/1/74

{WRITTEN ACROSS THE ADDRESSED ENVELOPE, IN PENCIL, archivist}
Death of Miss
Nightingale's
father
&
asking for candidates
for the
Nursing
Service

FEBRUARY 14, MAY 1 & JULY 10, 1874, ff1-7 LETTERS TO M. MOHL, W. HARVEY & MR. RATHBONE PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 IV₂₈

74/2 F.N. TO M. MOHL, 14 FEB. 1874, in print out]

74/3 F.N. TO W. HARVEY, ESQ. 1 MAY 1874

74/4 F.N. TO MR. RATHBONE, 10 JULY 1874

H1/ST/NC1/74/2 letter

[5:343]

Please address

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Embley

Romsey

Feb 14/74

Dear M Mohl

Our General Election is almost over & with an overwhelming gain to the Conservatives.

[9:747-48]

As far as my concerns go, I am anything but sorry. In every single respect almost they have gone worse under our own Ministry for the last 5 years than under any other.

The 3 Conservative India Ministers I have known, Lord Stanley (now Lord Derby), Lord Salisbury & Sir Stafford Northcote, were literally "Angels & Ministers of grace," compared with any India Minister on our own side.

I am in hopes that the Conservatives

may still come in time enough
to save the remains of wretched
Bengal from the Famine
& that D'Israeli may give the
"Surplus" of 4 or 5 millions
not to afford us a few more luxuries
but to save a few hundreds of thousands
of these Bengalese from being starved
to death:

all which might have been helped
if the Duke of Argyll had not stopped
our Irrigation.

[end 9:745]

Sir Harry Verney has lost his seat:
his son has not won his and Jack
Bonham Carter has lost his seat
of 27 years at Winchester, & with
it of course his Chairmanship of
Ways & Means.

Mr Lowe said that this new
Parliament would be plutocratic,
& the next revolutionary.

[9:745]

But no man has done more to
drag down Mr Gladstone's Government
than Mr. Lowe.

[end 9:745]

I have to thank you for the
Eucalyptus pamphlet, & also
I believe for a most curious little
book, called Studies of Man,
by a Japanese. Is it by a real
Japanese? There is nothing
in it new: but I certainly shows
marvellously well how the profession
of Christianity religion & its performance
in these miserable rich poor countries
strikes a "stranger."

If it was not you who sent it,
please let me send you a copy.
It is now to be bought.

God bless you.

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 5:343]

f2 {BELOW: 11 IN PENCIL WITH A CIRCLE AROUND IT}

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: H24} HI/ST/NC1/74/3 [black-edged paper]

Embley

May 1/74

W. Harvey Esq.

Sir

I am unavoidably
prevented from leaving
Embley till Monday:
could you kindly alter the
Saloon Carriage
to *Monday* May 4
Romsey 13 pm
& oblige
your obedt servt
F. Nightingale

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} E33 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/74/4 [12:298-99]

Nursing Asson

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

July 10/74

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am sorry that I have kept these
valuable notes of yours so long for I
have added nothing to them.

But I should be very happy if when
you get to work, after your paid Secretary
is appointed -- you think I could make any
suggestions, to do so & as I might perhaps then

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}
have more leisure

I have written to Miss Lees in the sense
you suggested. She wrote to me herself & made
it easy, for me to do so.

{THE ABBREVIATION N.B. IN PENCIL}
N.B. [She says that we should make
Nursing a profession attractive to 'ladies'
by giving a higher training & that we
should give a higher training, because 'ladies',
more than 'common women', as she calls them,
are attracted to apply at St. Thomas'.]

But I did not point out to her this
little inconsistency because the object is:
not to prove her wrong but to engage her
to work]

in haste

[end 12:299]

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

JULY 18, 1874, ff1-5 LETTERS TO DR. DUFF PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1

IV₂₉
74/5 F.N. TO DR. DUFF, 18 JULY 1874
74/6 " " " " " "

f2 HI/ST/NC1/74/5 [black-edged paper]

Dr. Duff
Sir

35 South St.
Park Lane
London W.
July 18/74

Nothing can excuse my venturing to intrude [10:399]
upon you and I will not make matters
worse by attempting to do so.

Sir Arthur Cotton tells me that your
kindness will not think it an intrusion:

The thing is this:

I have been for 15 years engaged in

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matters, principally regarding Sanitary
administration, for the troops & natives
in India. And most official
papers on these subjects pass through
my poor weak hands.

Latterly I have been asked by the "authorities"
to write something about the Zemindar &
Ryot question: & they have themselves
supplied me with some materials.

It is an awful question:

you are the first authority living on
the state of the population in Bengal.

It has been suggested to me, for I had not
the audacity to think of it, to seize upon
some "opportunity of asking you to send
me your remarks".

I can scarcely hope that you will have
time or inclination to read the
accompanying (very) rough Proof: which
would be the first sketch for anything I should

f4

write, were I to carry out what is more
a proposal of others than my own
still less that you would find leisure to
give me your (truly invaluable) views on
the subject

Rather ought I to ask that you will
forgive me for wishing you to read
one unnecessary line

[end 10:399]

Under great press of overwork & constant illness
pray believe me -- for your great works for
our Indian fellow subjects -- ever your grateful servant
Florence Nightingale

f5 {BELOW: P3 IN PENCIL} [black-edged paper]
P3 | No 2 | 35 South St.
----- Park Lane
London W.

Dr. Duff

I add to my misdeeds by sending you a
copy of a previous pamphlet which
gave rise to the idea of writing the one
which now implores, ~~tho~~ very humbly,
your criticism upon its first rough
Proof.

[10:399]

[end 10:399]

July 18/74 Florence Nightingale

AUGUST 14 & 19, 1874, ff1-5 LETTERS TO DR. E.A. PARKES & DR. DUFF
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1

IV₃₀

74/7 F.N. TO DR. E.A. PARKES, 14 AUG. 1874
74/8 F.N. TO DR. DUFF, 19 AUG. 1874

f2 {BELOW: AXXX & 10 pencil [black-edged paper]}

To: Dr. E.A. Parkes AXXX 10 HI/ST/NC1/74/7
{BACK TO PEN:}

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 14/74

My dear Sir

I have written to Lady Herbert about
your poor Mrs. Newman: urging her claim.

I am sorry to say that no application
of mine would be of the least effect
for her. You may be sure that,
on *your* recommendation, I *would* try to
do something, if I could.

f3

I know nothing at all about the pension
said to have been obtained by the
other Lady mentioned.

Surely if Mrs. Newman went to Renkioi
"on the understanding" that she was to
have such or such "a rate of pension",
she must have some written document to
show to this effect.

f4 [black-edged paper]

35 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 19/74

My dear Sir

I cannot thank you enough for your [10:399-400]
long, most wise & kind letter full of
hints invaluable to me.

I am the more obliged, because I fear
that you could ill afford the time & strength
to write it.

I could have wished that it had been otherwise:
& that I might have reaped a little more of

f5

your unique experience about our poor Ryots.

But whatever you do must be of
such incalculable importance in God's world
& God's work that I can only pray for
God's blessing on whatever work you are doing
& not wish it otherwise.

This is merely a word of grateful acknowledg=
ment. I hope that, more than uncertain as my
life is, it may not be the last time that I
may enjoy some communication with one
whom I have ever considered as one of the
most favoured of God's servants:

& in His name I ask for your prayers &
blessing

I am ever yours faithfully & gratefully
"Florence Nightingale" [end 10:400]

~~The Revd~~

~~Dr. Duff~~

FEBRUARY 19 & APRIL 17, 1875, ff1-6 LETTERS TO J.J. FREDERICK & "DEAR
FRIEND" PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN DATED FEBRUARY 19 & APRIL 17, 1875

f1 {PEN} HI/ST/NC1/75/1/2

V₁

75/1 F.N. TO J.J. FREDERICK, ESQ. 19 FEB. 1875

75/2 F.N. TO ---- ["DEAR FRIEND"] 17 APR. 1875

f2 [black-edged paper]

with a guinea fowl

+ 6 new laid eggs

(from the country)

J.J. Frederick Esq.
Army San: Comm:

Horse Guards

19/2/75

letter to J.J. Frederick

f3 {BELOW: H21 IN PENCIL

H21

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Feb 19/75

My dear Sir

You have not sent me the account this
year of your Benevolent Socy: so that I
am fain to ask you to accept £5 for any
branch of it: or for any of your private
charities that you choose:

I do not know whether you are aware
that we are making an enquiry to obtain

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information of all the Trained District
Nursing in London for the purposes
of the proposed National Nursing Society.
Could you send me a Report of your
District Nurse: & also could Miss Lees
(whose name may not be unknown to you)
make her rounds with this Nurse among
her Patients for one day some day possibly
~~this~~ next week? if we could so arrange it.
I am always glad to hear of your little son
& delighted to think that he is making
the joy of his mother & yourself.
I have never thanked you for so kindly
making a copy yourself for me
of Lord N.'s letter --

[end]

Pray believe me
always sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

J.J. Frederick Esq.

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35 S. St.
April 17/75

Dear friend

[I am sometimes ten days now
without opening my general
corresponde: a thing which has
not happened to me since
1855.]

I grieve indeed at your loss
in your dear & noble Sister:
but this world seems to me
so terrible that when I
think of what she has gone
from & what she is gone to
life appears to me death &

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death life, as I am sure it
 does to you.
 I lost this winter the last
 faithful friend of my
 Crimean days the dear
 Revd Mother of Bermondsey
 the purest soul I ever knew
 But I could not mourn
 To be able to say
 It is finished
~~Fathe~~, into Thy hands, Father
 I commend my spirit
 What blessedness like that?
 ever yours affly
 F. Nightingale

AUGUST 23 & 26, 1875, ff1-6 LETTERS TO ROBT. WIGRAM & MISS BLOWER PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED AUGUST 23 & 26, 1875

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75/3 F.N. TO ROBT. WIGRAM, ESQ. 23 AUG. 1875
 75/4 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 26 AUG. 1875

f2 HI/ST/NC1/75/3

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Nat. Assn Sick Poor Nursing Address

[13:747]

35 South St.

Robt Wigram Esq.

Park Lane W.

Sir

Aug 23/75

Most candidly do I say that I would wish to
 do what you think most helpful to your
 object: & would even lay aside my dislike
 to giving my name without my work to
 be "one of the Vice Presidents of your Assn",
 as you, who have done so unspeakably
 much for it, ask.
 But it strikes me that being "a Vice P." would

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even hinder, while it could in no way
help the work that I am able to do
for you: & trust to continue to do.
I could not serve on Ladies' Committees: nor
pretend to do so: nor take any share in
administrating or investigating work.
All that I can do in helping or advising, or
that Miss Lees & others *think* I can do,
is much better done as not publicly
connected with the Assn, I believe.
If you want "to quote" our "name" as your "supporters," surely that is
sufficiently secured: or whatever weight
you may please to attach to it: by
our willingness to work *under you*: i.e.
to furnish one cluster of Districts with
Nursing: & place it under your Officers.
While I should not be able to direct your
organization one bit the more by being
"one of its Vice P.s", any moral effect
that may ~~be~~ attach to the above arrangement
would be weakened by myself serving
under myself [pencil] would it not?

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I have heard frequently from Miss Lees:
& think the 'start' is quite as favourable
as we could have hoped. There is no fear
but that there will be plenty of work by
& bye. With every hope of success,
yours ever faithfully Florence Nightingale

"Miss Pyne *is* in London": & sends me word
her "heart is divided in two". Still I believe
she will complete her re-engagement of a year at Edinburgh:
after which I shall not be surprised if she
enters the Assn: or does work as "District Supt"
after all.

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f5 {BELOW: A VIII & 1 PENCIL, HI/ST/NC1/75/5a**[13:534]**

A VIII 1 Lea Hurst
 Cromford, Derby
 Aug 26/75

Dear Miss Blower

Miss Machin tells me that you are
 going to her at Montreal: at which
 I rejoice & that you could pay
 me a visit here on your way on Saturday,
 at which I also greatly rejoice:
 pray tell me the *train* you will
 come by: & I will send to meet you

f6at *Cromford* Station.

There is a train leaves St. Pancras 11.50
 Cromford 4.18

But consult your Bradshaw:

pray stay with us as long as you
 can: & believe me (in haste)

yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

My love, please, to Miss Crossland

SEPTEMBER 2, 1875, ff1-4 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
 FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1875 {PEN}

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75/5 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 2 SEPT. 1875

f2 {BELOW: A VIII & 2 (WITH A CIRCLE AROUND 2), IN PENCIL **[13:534-35]**
roll 3*Private* A VIII 2 2/9/75

My dear Miss Blower

I hear from Miss Lees this morning
 that she has an application "from a lady in the
 "Southern HospL, Liverpool: highly recom=
 "=mended by the Lady Supt" -- as "well
 "trained".

that she very much doubts this:

which concurs with what you say --

Could you kindly find out something *definite*
 about this & let me know? [Myers was

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the name of the two Sisters who were to be
Matrons of that HospL. They appeared
to know little or nothing. They called themselves
Deaconesses]

Miss Lees says she *is* to have the "two
ladies" we recommended from (our) Miss
Pringle's Edinburgh School.
She mentions a *Miss Phillips*: (is that one of
the Edinburgh ladies?) & says, if she takes
the *Liverpool* lady, she will then have 6.
Who are the 6?

Messrs. Montgomerie & Greenhall
Gracechurch St
London

Allan Line }
to Quebec }

Messrs. Allan's Office
Alexandra Buildings
Liverpool

are the two Addresses Miss Machin, gave F.N.
for the Steamers '*Moravian*' & '*Peruvian*': & taking places

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Did you learn *Cupping* at St. T's?

3. Your coming round here must have increased the fare paid by Montreal -- I think I ought to pay the difference (for the pleasure of seeing you) -- Please tell me what it is.

God speed: ever your affecte
F.N.

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 1875, ff1-4 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER PENCIL & PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 1875

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75/6 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 15 SEPT. 1875

75/7 " " " 16 SEPT. 1875

f2 HI/ST/NC1/75/6 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: A VIII & 3}

A VIII 3

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Sept 15/75

Dear Miss Blower

I am very much obliged indeed to Mrs. Blower for her very kind invitation to the Nurses. It is so great a favour for them to go quietly to your house: & be put on board 'all right' with you --

I shall send them from here so as to be in Liverpool by the 11.15 arrival Train, as I telegraphed to you to=day.

[13:535]**f2v** {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL}

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I do not know what Miss Crossland may have written to you in answer to yours to her of the 13TH: but I think that it would be much better if, as you so kindly propose, Dr. Blower would have the goodness to "pay" "the expense of the nurses' Luggage from London", "shipping" &c and for us to "send him the amount".

I shall write to you in the morning by the Nurses, but nothing that you need
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f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL}

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read till you are on board.

What must be read now I put *here*
with a 'God speed': & a God bless you all.
in great haste
ever yours affly
F. Nightingale

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} A VIII & 4 PENCIL HI/St/NC1/75/7 A VIII 4. see
H1/ST/NTS/A16/17/29b

Lea Hurst

Cromford: Derby

Sept 16/75

6 a.m.

[13:535]

One more word of 'God speed'
before you start, dear Miss Blower.
I enclose for your Voyage Bonar
& offer 'Ocean Teachings' at p. 8 as my best
good wishes.

I send you a packet of books by Nurse Sealy
& hope I have done what you wished in sending
the Commentary on the New Testament *without*
the Text: One *has* a Bible of one's own: &
with the Text the Commentary makes two
cumbrous volumes: on the N. Test. alone.
God speed & God bless you 1000 times
Let us hear from you as soon as you can
ever your affecte

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{IN PENCIL:}

I enclose a letter to Miss Machin
to your kind care

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APRIL 19, 1876, ff1-9 LETTERS TO DR. ACLAND PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED APRIL 19, 1876

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76/1 F.N. TO DR. ACLAND 19 APRIL 1876

[8:365-68]

f2 {BELOW: H38a IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/76/a

Women's Diplomas &c} 8a 35 South St
Park Lane W
Private {DIAGONAL} April 19/76
(6.30 a.m.)

My dear Sir

I feel it such an immense question, the one you are so good as to ask me upon: & myself so unable to deal with it.

I feel that I agree with you so entirely as to "Would we could induce the Women Doctors to take up Midwifery & Nursing": while *they* are moving heaven & earth "to go in for the ordinary MEN'S EXAMINATION".

At the present moment when you are so earnestly & kindly striving to maintain the Netley Medical School *on the very ground* that this "*men's examination*" leaves, (upon the shewing of Annual Reports of Examiners &c) "more than two thirds" of the men e.g. unable to use the Microscope, to apply practically any knowledge of Chemistry, to make even the most important analyses of food & drink, as are in daily requisition: & "more than nine tenths", e.g. incompetent to perform the most trifling operation. I confess that, having always striven to induce the women to take up *Midwifery*, on this & other grounds, I feel them, if possible, more strongly than ever:

Dr. Acland

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Fortunately for them, they cannot make us legislate that the Public *shall* employ *women* Doctors any more than we can legislate that the Public shall employ men-Doctors from what we think the best schools.

Give us free trade: & *let the Public decide.*

II. But may I venture to lay what seems to me the root of the whole matter before you:

is it not 'putting the cart before the horse' to say -- 'we will legislate that *no woman shall practice as Midwife* before she has successfully passed an *Examination of competence*' --

& NOT to provide such *Training, such instruction, & such Institutions as shall enable her to pass such Examination?*

If the 'horse' were provided, i.e. if the State were to start a *Model School for Midwives*, would not this be much better than any legislation for *Midwives*? [might we not have had & might it not have saved us from the pressure of this legislation, now impending, to admit *women* to the *ordinary men's examination*"]?

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But may I venture to lay a few considerations before you?

I. Can we force women to take up *Midwifery & Nursing* by ~~allowing~~ legislation to prevent them from being *Doctors*? any more than we could force them to be *Midwives* by passing an Act to say that they shall not be *Officers of the Army*?

Have we any right to shut women out?

Give "free trade" in Diplomas:

& I have a lurking idea (in which I may be quite wrong) that, as in many other things, women will no longer be so very eager to toil for the "fruit" which is no longer "forbidden". But, whether this idea be right or wrong, shall we not do more harm than good in shutting out the women?

Let them try: Once we have "free trade" supply & demand will, will they not?, adjust themselves: it will be seen by the simple test of utility, of profit & loss, whether *women Doctors* can get practice, & deserve practice.

f5 {BELOW: H38b IN PENCIL

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about legislation?

[It seems to me a sort of lazy, unenterprising,
in short, stupid thing, of the women to say:
'we will be *like men*': instead of trying
to work the immense field, *Midwifery &*
Nursing, which is theirs by right.

But, you see, Messrs. Stansfeld, Cowper-Temple,
Lord Houghton &c 'aid & abet' them in
this: & do nothing for the other]

As no School for Midwives is provided for them, they seem ~~unable to~~
~~invent~~ to have

no invention to do anything
but what men do. [intention?]

Of course what will be answered to
No II is: 'that is a matter, like
everything else in England, for *private*
enterprise on a *self-supporting* basis
to supply: viz. *Schools for Midwives*'.

That is very true.

But it will be a *long time first*.
And meanwhile a vast field for women's
work is left untilled & a vast amount
of suffering among the poor (& rich too)
is left unremedied.

A *Model School for Midwives* started
now by Govt or by a few rich *individuals*
with competent advice: would probably
advance the matter by 100 years.

[Almost every thing of this kind of work in England has been done

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by this time. a number of fully qualified
Midwives -- (pointing the way to these aspiring
Women Doctors, by the bye -- who now will
be satisfied with nothing but legislation
to make them Women Doctors) these Midwives training
others again in new *private Schools for Midwives*?
And we might then never want the `cart': viz.
legislation to tell us that no woman
shall practice as Midwife but with &c &c
Because the public would itself have
furnished the `cart'.
[St. Petersburg has founded such a School
for Midwives: a very admirable one:
a 4 years' course: as you are aware]
Any how, if not the State: those who are
interested in the subject: (attention of late
years has been enough directed to it:)
might have ~~had~~ a *Model School for*
Midwives started by a few rich men --
And how much better it is, is it not?, to say
to women: `show us what you can do':
furnishing them *with the means of learning*
TO DO: than all these fights & struggles

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in this way: a wise philanthropy has started it:
the public has taken it up, when it has found
the benefits in its own body or mind:
& joint stock & commercial enterprise has
then placed it on a *self-supporting* footing]

I am afraid of over passing all sensible &
reasonable limits of language:
& certainly all proper bounds to this letter:
if I were to say what if I am right, you
will know far better than I
of what *vital importance* it seems ~~to me~~
that a *Model School for Midwives*,
in which the *course of practical & scientific*
instruction should command the confidence
of the public, should be started with
as little delay as possible (instead of
all these discussions about legislation)

Nothing but this will show *women* panting
for a *Medical career* where their *true field*
is to be found.

No one but you would so command
the confidence of the public if it were known
that *you* were the promoter of such a start.

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There is, I believe, but little doubt that women, so trained, would command half the ordinary Midwifery practice in England: -- perhaps even we should live to see it.

[It does not appear to me that *Midwifery* is in the same category as *Medicine & Surgery*: -- or that legislation, (or anything else) concerning it, should necessarily follow in the same lines: -- if only for this reason that Child-bearing is not a disease or an accident: it is naturally a natural process of health: which would happen, naturally, I suppose, with every ~~healthy married~~ properly constituted couple.

This is not to say that *Midwifery* should not be thoroughly taught: (The Midwife should have a sound Medical as well as

general Education: which & should comprise Diseases of Women & children: & above all *Hygiene of Women & children*, & comprise everything Obstetric.]

You are kind enough to wish to see me & "ask" my "opinion" on this subject: (otherwise no apology would suffice for this letter:) & would "come up to London" "almost any day" "to see" me "at 4.30". Possibly this letter may, as I wish it, save you this trouble at present: probably you will cry: 'enough & too much'.

But if at any time you are in London
(not to come "on purpose") & would let
me know *the day beforehand*: & fix
any hour in the afternoon: there is
scarcely any engagement I would not
put off if you } Pray believe me
think me of the least} my dear Sir
service. } Most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

Proposed "Maternity Home & Training School": [8:378-80]
 AII 23
 35 South St.
 Park Lane W.
 George Frere Esq. June 5/76

In returning to the Lady Superior of St. John's House the plans of the proposed "Maternity Home & Training School" which your Council were so good as to allow me to see, together with Mr. Salter's letter of explanation, I have in accordance with the kind invitation conveyed in your letter of April 11, accompanied them with some notes which, though roughly put together, embody the results of a careful consideration of the plans -- in which I have been assisted by two gentlemen who are recognized authorities upon the subject of Hospital

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construction.

May I venture to say that the plans are in many respects admirable, & afford evidence of a very great advance in the adoption of sound principles of Sanitary construction?

I would add, if I may, one or two remarks upon some points of your letter, & of the printed Prospectus & Circular:

1. In the plan which was carried out at King's College Hospital in the years 1862-1867 at the cost of the "Nightingale Fund" under the auspices of your Council, our object was to train *Midwifery Nurses* to be employed among the *poor*:

We advisedly called the Nurses "*Midwifery*" and not "*Monthly*" Nurses, conceiving that

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the former designation more correctly indicated both the nature of the work which the Nurses would have to undertake among the poor: & the amount of *training* required for the purpose. In point of *fact*, these Nurses were better qualified than any ordinary Midwives: & did for the Poor more than these Midwives ordinarily do. We did not call them "Midwives", because we considered that even the training which we gave fell far short of what properly qualified Accoucheuses ought to have: and we therefore made it a condition of their employment, that they should act under the direction of the Medical men. But -- the ultimate object was: to attempt to substitute *trained* for untrained *Midwives* for the *Poor*: And what was done was regarded as a first step towards this end.

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The distinction between "*Monthly*" Nurses & "*Midwifery*" Nurses was therefore in our view an essential one:

It indicated moreover the difference between the requirements of the *Rich* -- (at any rate according to present demands) and the wants of the *Poor*, to meet which the Training School was designed.

2. The present scheme does not appear to contemplate such a provision for TRAINING as was carried out at King's College Hospital (tho' on a small scale) and therefore not such an one as would, according to our views, be sufficient for the necessities of the case:

There, with 10 Beds, we had a skilled Midwife Instructor, and 6 Resident Pupils -- the whole being under the supervision of

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the Lady Superior & the Sister of the Ward:

In the present plans, there are 48 Beds: & having due regard to the number to be occupied, a corresponding Staff of *Training Midwives* & *number of Resident Pupils* would be required, if the Institution is to be a *Training School*.

The proposed accommodation is surely insufficient for this purpose. [Some of the notes refer more in detail to this point.]

3. Altho' perhaps somewhat premature to refer to the time when the Buildings shall be completed, I have little doubt that, should the organization of the proposed Training School prove, according to our views, efficient -- that is, should we be not only satisfied with the *Lying-in* accommodation -- which promises, with some alterations not difficult to carry out, to be

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admirable -- & with the accommodation for
Pupils, at present not a little meagre --
 but also with the *Training means* afforded:
 -- the Committee of the Nightingale Fund
 will be glad, only too glad, to avail
 themselves of its resources in training
Midwifery Nurses & Midwives for the *Poor*.
 May I add the warmest interest & sympathy
 in your project. The prospect as well
 of an Institution which shall not destroy
 Lying-in lives, & which shall teach the care
 of infants: as of opening a School
 under good conditions rather for Midwives for
 the Poor: than ~~not only~~ for Monthly Nurses for
 the Rich: the prospect of having all
 that done which is essential for this:
 fills me with hope.
 I wish you 'God speed' with all my heart
 & strength: & shall be proud if we can,
 by maintaining pupils with you, follow

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in your steps -- & extend among a larger
 number your benefits promised to
 the Poor. Pray believe me Sir
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale
 May I add that if I can be of the least
 little use in considering at any time
 further plans, I shall be only too happy
 to put myself at your service: & without
 I trust the almost unpardonable delay
 incurred this time?

F.N.

[end 8:380]

DECEMBER 22 & 28, 1876, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MISS MARY JONES PEN & PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DECEMBER 22 & 28, 1876

f1 V₇
76/3 F.N. TO MISS (MARY) JONES 22 DEC. 1876
76/4 " " " 28 DEC. 1876

f2 {ENVELOPE ADDRESSED IN PEN} {BELOW: J48 PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/76/3/2}

J48 -- Christmas Evergreens
-- 12 mince pies

Miss Jones

Sup^R

39 Kensington Square

22/12/76

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: J48 IN PENCIL
J48 35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 22/76}

My dear friend

You must not think that I ever forget you &
yours. I should so like to know about your
Incurables.

Countless & best Christmas loves
& fervent prayers for the very best Christmas
blessings upon & to
you, the Sisters who may remember me
& to all the Sisters
& to all your people
peace & good will from God.

May all His blessings be yours:

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} I am so sorry there
are scarcely any
holly berries this
year:

F.N.

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/76/4**[6:629]**

J49

35 South St
Park Lane W
Dec 28/76

My dear friend

About your `boy':

it occurs to me that you might like
to send your `boy' (whom you want
to send to the sea -- surely it is too cold
at present) *for a few weeks* to

St. Agatha's Home for Invalid Children
near Wickham Road

Beckenham: Kent S.

built at her own expense by Miss Hawthorn
(late Sister Elizabeth of St. Thomas')

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

& opened last month.

I would gladly pay the 8/6 a week for
him.

She is a first rate woman & Nurse: &
of course nurses her little Patients herself.
I send you the Rules: & also a (corrected)
~~Prospectus~~ the only ~~ones~~ copies I can lay my
hands on. Therefore please return it
~~them~~ to me. [Boys must be between 5 & 12
to be admitted: girls between 5 & 14]

I should like to know how many Patients
you have.

If you know anything about Miss
Sellon's last days:

I should dearly like to hear it.

Also: about her Successor: is it
Miss Chambers?

with every good wish for the highest
Christmas blessings, ever yours.

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[end 6:629]

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

You will have felt, like me, the death of one who was to me a more than 20 years' friend, Miss Sellon: who, however far she may be above us now, we may be very sure never forgets us now she lives in God -- O happy, happy she.

I heard from her but a little time before her end here. I had no idea it was so near.

F. Nightingale

[If I have not written, it is because I am unable: -- increase of business: increase of illness, my poor mother often left to my charge since my Father's death]

OCTOBER 11, 1877 & AUGUST 12, 1878, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER & SIR SYDNEY WATERLOW PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE OCTOBER 11, 1877 & AUGUST 12, 1878

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77/1 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 11 OCT. 1877

78/1 F.N. TO SIR SYDNEY WATERLOW 12 AUG. 1878

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My dear Miss Blower

I write this to try & catch the mail: & to
thank you for your melancholy letter:

[13:539]

I feel so much as you do: it will be
the ruin of the place if she leaves it:
but I shall almost be glad if she does.
No danger of her not finding work fit for
her. And you too, how much
you have suffered in this disastrous place.
But how much you have helped her: she
could hardly have lived thro' it but for you.
Thank you & thank God for it -- We feel

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very anxious to hear what comes next, as you

may suppose -- And if it is her *leaving*, it will be her *liberty*

I think you perhaps attach too much importance

to petty intrigues. But if your view is correct,

& the men ~~are~~ in power are amenable to

such influences, it is hardly possible to wish

her to stay. But I have lived thro' many

intrigues in the last 25 years: & am living

them thro' still: Intrigues are not peculiar

to Canada. But I should suppose the

real secret or key is: the impecunious state

of the Institution. Then let her be free.

I cannot commend us all often or earnestly enough to the

care of our Father in heaven who is all goodness

yours & hers ever

F. Nightingale

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Oct 11/77 5 a.m. address 35 S. St.

f4 {BELOW: A VIII & 5 (WITH A CIRCLE AROUND 5), IN PENCIL,

Canada A VIII 5

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

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Miss Blower

Montreal General Hospital

Montreal

11/10/77

f5 {BELOW: C VIII 3 , IN PENCIL, black-edged paper

St. Bartholomew's Sisterships }	Address
& Matronship }	35 South St.
C VIII 3	Park Lane W.
	Aug 12/78

Dear Sir Sydney Waterlow

I am bound in duty to report to you [13:76-77]
the movements of our Montreal (trained)
'Sisters' & Superintendent

Miss Machin, the Lady Supt, & another
lady, her Head Sister, were to sail from
Canada the day before yesterday, the 10TH
& expected to be at Liverpool on the 21ST.

Any time after that I presume she

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would be at your service: to have an
interview with you, if you wished it --
tho' I doubt not they would both prefer
a little longer holiday before entering
on active duty. Still they will be
glad to put themselves entirely at your
disposal.

You expected, I think, that you would
wish & be able to keep open the *Night*
Superintendentcy as a preparation=post for your
after consideration as to fitness for a higher post

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as well as a *Sister ship*.

[I did not telegraph to Miss Machin to allow herself any longer time in Canada, in consequence of your last kind note of July 31 as you still speak very doubtfully of the date for filling up the next vacancy -- as "another" "Sister" may be "married", you say, "early in September". And the same urgency may again occur, in which case it would be very unfortunate if Miss Machin were not here:

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You kindly say, in your note of July 31st, that nothing will you think, prevent your "seeing the ladies who are coming from "Canada, as soon after the end of August "as they can make it convenient, but "if they want a little holiday before "coming to me, it will not be of any "consequence, as the immediate vacancy "will probably have been filled & it "may possibly be the end of October "before I am ready to place two more Sisters. This is however uncertain" &c - &c -

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Miss Machin's

~~The~~ 4 Head Nurses (of ours) have
 arrived in England from Canada
 two of whom we thought might be
 recommended to you for consideration
 as 'Sisters'.

We are most anxious to submit all our
 possibilities that may second your kind
 & wise intentions to you for your
 consideration.

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Pray believe me
 dear Sir Sydney Waterlow
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale

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N.B. I am now at Lea Hurst }
 Cromford }
 Derby }

attending on my mother: letters may be
 addressed here: or any letters will be
 forwarded to me from 35 South St.

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F.N.

Sir Sydney H. Waterlow M.P.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1878, ff1-2 LETTERS TO SISTER FRANCES PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 5, 1878

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78/2 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES

5 SEPT. 1878

f2 HI/ST/NC1/78/2

Lea Hurst
Cromford: Derby
Sept 5/78
6 a.m.

Dear Madam

I am truly thankful to you for writing to me:
Your account is more cheering than I had
dared to hope. Thank you a thousand times
for it. May I hope that there is not very
severe pain: or what is worse very severe
suffering from shattered nerves? And can
they sleep? Has Sister Laura had full
consciousness? But I do not want to
trouble you with questions. You are too good.
We pray for you 'without ceasing'.

May I enclose a Cheque for £25 --
I could send another £25, perhaps more, in
2 or 3 weeks; Added to your terrible anxieties,
you should not have money anxieties. I hope
to send more.

I trust that the Sisters at Ascot will be
able to house some of your Patients. I have
written to give up a bed which they had
promised me.

You know that King's College HospL &c have
now a Convalescent Home, kept by a Miss
Cunningham, a niece of my Sister's. Would
they take in some of your Patients?

God bless you again & again: I will not
take up your time: ever your faithful servt
Sister Frances Florence Nightingale

SEPTEMBER 6, 1878, ff1-7v LETTERS TO WILLIAM CLARKE PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 6, 1878

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78/3 F.N. TO WILLIAM CLARKE, ESQ. 6 SEPT. 1878

f3 {BELOW:

F32 Address

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY} 35 South St.

Park Lane

W.

Sept 6/78

My dear Sir

I feel that I can say nothing for a man
with a Missionary spirit such as yours,
except to give him joy & to give ourselves
joy very heartily on his Expedition & its
results.

To me this is the very beau ideal of
work.

You have stirred up the Colonies & set

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them practically to work as no one else
could I give you joy indeed
[Do you remember -- in Washington Irving I
think it is, some lines which represent
a vision appearing to Columbus & prophesying
to him his future?

"Thine evermore transcendent happiness
"World beyond world to visit & to bless"
I cannot conceive a finer destiny & I think
it is yours.

I bless God for it.

I trust that Sydney & the Hunter River
District, & Bathurst &c and Adelaide
-- and Canterbury & Wellington & Auckland
will carry out to the full these noble plans:
& that the new 'worlds' of New South Wales
and South Australia and New Zealand
will thus be 'blessed' indeed.

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About Madras wish I could give you [9:816-17]
good & certain news of it [I had a great
correspondence with the Governor & the
S. of S. for India not quite a year ago
about it]

But, I believe, during the famine year the
whole Municipality resources were engaged
in saving life from famine &, except increased
expenditure in cleansing for the additional
200 000 people that filled its streets, there

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was nothing done.

The grievances which can only be removed
by water supply & house drainage still
remain And the Governor, tho' with
an extraordinary knowledge of detail,
scarcely seems awake to the necessity of
what alone can give efficiency to his details.

The India Office has tried to stir him up.
I hope you will hear good news on enquiry
in London.

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And believe me if you can tell me
that your Madras scheme is going to be carried
out, I can hear no better news in this world.

[But 'economy' (so called) is all the rage now
in India, I fear] {I fear IN PENCIL} [end 9:816]

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You must accuse my 'necessity' & overwork
& not myself for my not having written
my congratulations sooner:

yours under great stress of business & illness
but still ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

W. Clark Esq
& &

SEPTEMBER 26, 1878, ff1-16 LETTERS TO LORD DERBY & RT HON COL STANLEY,
MP PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SEPT 26, 1878

f1 {PEN}

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78/5 F.N. TO LORD DERBY 26 SEPT. 1878
78/4 F.N. TO RT. HON. COL. STANLEY, M.P. 26 SEPT. 1878

f2 {BELOW: A XXVIII 4 & 5, IN PENCIL A XXVIII 4 & 5
Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}
& *Confidential* {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY} HI/ST/NC1/78/4/2
Please forward {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
CROMFORD

A
SP 26
78 [envelope]

Rt. HonBLE
Col. Stanley, M.P.
& & &
War Office
Pall Mall
Florence Nightingale} London S.W.
26/9/78 }

f3 {BELOW: A XXVIII & 5 (WITH A CIRCLE AROUND 5), IN PENCIL,
A XXVIII 5
Address

35 South St. **[15:522-24]**
Park Lane W.
Sept. 26/78

Dear Lord Derby

After long years I venture again to
recall old "Florence Nightingale" to you
& to ask you a kindness.

I have been so bold as to write to
Col. Stanley about matters pertaining to
the Army Medical School & Warrants &c,
in connection with Sidney Herbert's 'Royal
Commission on the Sanitary state of the Army'

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in 1857 -- it was in carrying out the conclusions of that Commission that Lord Herbert founded the Army Medical School & framed the Warrant of 1859.

Would you be so good as to `speak for' me to Col Stanley and principally as to the share I had in Sidney Herbert's Commission of 1857: & again in the `Commission' (India/sanitary states) of 1859-63, over which you yourself presided with such great results.

Pray believe me
 dear Lord Derby
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale

The

Earl of Derby
 &c &c &c

f6 {BELOW: A XXVIII & 4 (WITH A CIRCLE ROUND 4), IN PENCIL,

Private {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}

& Confidential {WRITTEN DIAGONALLY}

Army Medical School}

Netley: } Address

A XXVIII 4 35 South St.

Park Lane W. [15:572-24]

Sept. 26/78

Sir

Very meekly `Florence Nightingale' comes before you, trusting only to Lord Derby to `speak for' me: & principally as to the share I had in Sidney Herbert's `Royal Commission on the Sanitary State of the Army' in 1857 -- & again in the R. Commission on that of India in 1859-63, over which Lord Derby himself presided, [Sidney Herbert died in 1861]

In carrying out the conclusions of that first

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Commission, Sidney Herbert was the founder of the Army Medical School, -- grafted first on Fort Pitt Hospital at Chatham, which was the practical Training place for Army Medical officers then. When Netley Hospital was finished, the School was transferred to Netley, which is an Invalid Establishment, and the only Hospital in England where the effects of tropical disease on soldiers can be studied to any good purpose.

The Warrant of 1859 was also Sidney Herbert's solution of another problem of that R.

Commission -- and it was a successful one -- to frame a Warrant & conditions which would enable the Army & Navy to offer inducements to the class of men they want, better than those offered in Civil life.

[The R. Commission of 1857 was well aware of the difficulties of getting suitable men, & of the need of improving both their education & status. If I might, I would refer you to the letter of Sidney Herbert prefixed to the Army Medical Regulations, & to the Warrant at the end.

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If I might, I would appeal from the present constant changes in small details to the great principles contained in these documents, which, if adhered to, could scarcely fail to fill up the ranks of Medical Officers with men suitable to consort with their brother Officers of any grade.

Forgive me: there is scarcely any one but I left to speak for Sidney Herbert's 'ghost'.]

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The consequences of the departure from that Warrant of 1859 have been: increasing difficulty in obtaining the best men for Army Medical Service. And since then the Army Medical Department has undergone repealed alterations which have more & more departed from the intentions of the R. Commission of 1857 & the Warrant of 1859, so that subsequent proceedings have more & more borne the impress of want of acquaintance with the necessities -- almost of a

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breach of faith with the public -- while the great advance in Civil Medical education & status, in consequence of recent Medical legislation, has given to men entering the Civil Profession a very different estimate of their position than they formerly had.

2. As Government has to draw its supplies of Officers from this source it need hardly be said that such men cannot be attracted into Her Majesty's service by small arrangements altering Departmental details, such as abolishing the entrance examination, or weakening the Netley School -- or sending Candidates to Aldershot to learn Hospital work proper, Hospital discipline proper & riding: -- which Aldershot training might very well be entered on *after* the present Netley School course of 4 months -- all too short for the work -- but not *substituted* for it.

Even in 1857 this was the case:

Is not what the Government has to do to compete with the Civil profession by

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offering such inducements in the way of rank, status, pay & privileges as will induce young men to forego the advantages in money & position of Civil practice & enter Her Majesty's Service?

Will Petty changes make any difference in the present state of matters bring one good man to the poll -- or prevent the Department from having to content itself with the worst leavings of the Civil Medical practice?

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3. Is there any real road out of the present difficulties arising from ~~paucity~~ littleness of candidates (in both senses of *littleness*), except in the direction of the Royal Warrant of 1859 with such additional inducements ~~as~~ as the changed position of the Civil profession renders necessary? -- [And on this subject Government has an official adviser at hand in Dr. Acland & the General Medical Council:] and then to issue such a Warrant as will bring in the required supplies: and to

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keep to it:

What is wanted are the men:

4. After a Warrant is once issued, the public look upon it, I suppose, as of the nature of contract: which ought not to be departed from at least in the case of those who have entered the public service under it: due notice of any contemplated change to be given in order to keep faith with the public.
At present there is no continuity in the service: -- is there?
5. If I might -- I should venture to ask that there should be no interference with the Warrant on the Organization of the Army Medical School &c without those who remain of the framers of that Warrant -- or without the Professors of the Army Medical School who have been

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for years carrying out its provisions --
being formally consulted on the subject.
Ought not the British Medical Council also
~~surely~~ be one of the advisers of the Government
on such an important matter?

6. Other matters absolutely necessary to the
efficiency of the Department may be put as
follows, namely
-- the strictly technical teaching of the School
-- its observation of young men during their

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School course with its power to cast
out the unfit *as now*, -- subject of course
to the confirming sanction of the S. of S. for
War -- the teaching to be thus in the
same hands as the discipline *as now*:

-- and the final Examination

These things appear to be the very root
of the School's usefulness.

[end 15:524]

I will not make this too long letter longer

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with words of apology
but pray believe that I am
(with many apologies)
ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

Rt HonBLE

Col. Stanley M.P.

&c &c &c

OCTOBER 5 & OCTOBER 31, 1878, ff1-7 LETTERS TO JAMES CAIRD & MISS BLOWER
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE OCT 5 & OCT 31, 1878

f1 {PEN}

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78/6 F.N. TO JAMES CAIRD, ESQ. 5 OCT. 1878

78/7 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER, 31 OCT. 1878

f2 {BELOW: F28 IN PENCIL, HI/ST/NC1/78/6

Sir G. Yule's Rules } F28 Address
for Civil & Police Procedure} 35 South St.
returned Park Lane W.
Oct 5/78
6 a.m.

My dear Sir
I cannot thank you enough for all your kindness.
I wish you 'God speed' with all my might on
your great mission [You cannot guess
how disappointed I am not to be able to
see you before you go.] My best wishes
will follow your mission every where. If I may,
I shall perhaps send after you to India any questions
that may appear worth suggesting, without of course

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expecting any answer till your return,
which may God prosper with a great
freight of important work for India.
[If I may, I shall send occasionally to
your house in London to know what news of you]
As you do not leave London till the 9TH,
I may perhaps venture to send you (in London)
on the 7TH some questions on the "Printed
Questions" of the "Famine Commission".
These will of course require no answer:
-- if they are worthless you can but throw them
into the Red Sea.
Now God speed your mission & bring
you safe home again & bring India safe
too is the earnest prayer of
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

James Caird Esq.

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{BELOW: A VIII & 6 (WITH A CIRCLE AROUND 6), IN PENCIL,
A VIII 6 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
CROMFORD

A
NO 1
78

Miss Blower
Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
London S.E.

1/11/78

f5 HI/ST/NC1/78/7/1

Lea Hurst
Cromford Derby
Oct. 31/78

[13:78-79]

My dear Miss Blower

How glad I was to receive your letter I cannot tell you. Except your leaving Miss Machin alone at Lincoln & she leaving you alone (for a while) with Sister 'Harley' at St. B.'s both of which things we ought not to lament as they were clearly God's doing. He seems to be guiding all things well. 'Seems' I impertinently say: *Of course* He is always guiding all things well: but here we

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can seem to see it.

And so on Monday you will be 'Sister Abernethy'. God give you joy in it -- I was going to say 'I give you joy' but I feel so anxious that the other is more my feeling.

It is a great relief to me that you appear to have no *small* Operation Wards to look after & that you have as a rule only the Male Operations: which is quite enough in all conscience: & no care of the "instruments".

I tell you in confidence that I think the negotiations about Miss Machin's own post ~~are~~ as "Matron & Supt of Nurses" are making most satisfactory progress more so than I had dared to hope.

God grant that you may soon be all together at St. B.'s "Put your trust in God & keep your powder dry": A St. Bartholomew's 'Sister' must be a Sister of St. Bartholomew's, & not of anywhere else.

You will make your little Staff under you loyal to you & to St. B.'s.

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I am looking forward to seeing you.
 Miss Machin must have one hundred
 exhortations to take care of herself
 we commend her to God.

fare you very very well
 God bless you again & again

I need not tell you how very sorry & grieved
 about poor Miss Vincent I feel. But I trust,
 I trust

My best of loves to Home Sister

[end]

{in gt. haste IN PENCIL:} in gt. haste
 F. Nightingale

JANUARY 24 & APRIL 14, 1879, ff1-8 LETTERS TO JAMES CAIRD & MISS
 MACKENZIE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JANUARY 24 &
 APRIL 14, 1879

f1 {PEN}V₁₃

79/1 F.N. TO JAMES CAIRD, ESQ. 24 JAN. 1879

79/2 F.N. TO MISS MACKENZIE 14 APRIL 1879

f2 Florence Nightingale

{illeg. May 24/79 H42, typed copy in 45805 ff133-35

Private {DIAGONAL 10 South St.
 Park Lane W.
 Jan 24/79

My dear Sir

Once more I come to
 trouble you: but this time it
 is only to bid you 'God speed'.

[9:823]

We look to your Report with
 the most intense anxiety to
 arouse the people of England
 to a sense of their duty towards
 the people of India.

We are like children: we
 have forgotten to learn our
 lesson (on the state of the
 people of India) in order to
 run to the window at the
 sound of the drums & fifes
 in the street going -- oh me:
 what devil has done this? -- to
 James Caird Esq

&c &c

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Candahar & Jellalabad

The only chance of real reform in India lies in a powerful Report such as yours will be which will interest the people of England.

And -- if an Indian Dickens could arise!

or if the 'Times' could think India of as much importance, as Cyprus & send out a 'Special Correspondt' to 'discover' the interior!!

or &c &c

The India Office say in so many words that they hope that Mr. Caird will disregard the limitations of the instructions to the Commission

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And they also hope that you will tell us something about the Famine Mortality And so do I.

Another subject:

A Mr. Digby whom you will probably see at Madras: says that the Indian Govt have two courses before them (1) doing nothing: & a Poor Law will be necessary in a generation: (2) exerting themselves to improve agriculture (active to devise such means as shall increase the food= producing qualities of the soil) "for there is untold wealth a few inches beneath the surface of the soil if an improved plough is used to turn it up".

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The same Mr. Digby says:
 "With better village government,
 (the enlargement & improvement
 of the village system), better
 village statistics, & general
 widening of knowledge,
 agriculture could be improved,
manufacturing industries introduced
 & famine become as impossible
 in India as it is in France."
 No one will know so much
 about this as you.

A leaving of the wretched
 ryot to his ignorance, his
 poverty & his plough (which
 scarcely scratches the soil)
 is the doctrine which
 many preach here:

I was glad to hear the India
 Office say that their great hope
~~of~~ now of reviving interest in

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 this terrible Madras tragedy
 was in "Mr. Caird's report":
 but that it will require courage
 like yours to bring to light
 damaging facts.
 God speed you & God bless you
 in so divine & Saviour like
 a task
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale
 I have twice written long rigmaroles
 to you

[end 9:824]

f7 {BELOW: F19 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/79/2

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

April 14/79

[12:333]

Dear Miss Mackenzie

So Nurse Owen is gone. I have
been feeling very sad about her:
And yet it is not sad. She
has another Easter morn than
ours. She was a brave
woman & stood to her post

{A SECTION BLOCKED OUT}

shown her. She was happy, I
believe & quite resigned.

I should like to know who
was the Nurse who nursed her
& any particulars about the
last days. I was very much
obliged to you for your note.

Did Nurse Owen wish to
see any of her family from

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Yorkshire? And did they see her?

And was any wish expressed
about her funeral? What are
you proposing about this? And
could we help you?

I will write again but
my heart is full:

but I was anxious to ask
about the funeral while
there is time:

[end 12:333]

MAY 9 & MAY 10, 1879, ff1-10 LETTERS TO DR. H.W. ACLAND & MISS MACKENZIE
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 9 & MAY 10, 1879

f1 {PEN}

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79/3 F.N. TO DR. H.W. ACLAND 9 MAY 1879

79/4 F.N. TO MISS MACKENZIE 10 MAY 1879

f2 {BELOW: H39 IN PENCIL

H39 May 9/79
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

I venture to trouble you
on the ground of my interest
in the *trained* District
Nursing proposed by the
'Memorial fund' in Oxford:
& of my interest in Miss
Airy (Sister Albert) of St.
Thomas' whom you know.

[13:768]

She was with me last night.
I gather from her that, if
she could be called "Training
Lady Nurse" or "Training Head
Nurse", (to satisfy her
family's objections), & if she
were empowered not only
to nurse in the District
H.W. Acland Esq MD
 &c &c &c

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herself, but to *train* & supervise
 the nursing of other Nurses:
at the poor people's own
homes, she would come to you
at a Nurse's salary, £25, "all
found" & "uniform".

This is simply from love of the
work. She could have a
Matronship at £100 a year.
And it was in fact to talk
over her future that she came
to me. She told me that
she had written to you.

She prefers *Nursing* to
Matron-izing: as I think,
rightly.

I am so satisfied that
nothing real can be done in
District Nursing without the
most vigorous *trained*
supervision, such as Miss

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Lees gives, that I have the
less scruple in writing to you --
I believe that you have a lady
Supt of the District Nursing:
(tho' I suppose she does not
give ~~that~~ actual *training* to the
District Nurse in her work)
or I should have suggested
Miss Airy for *this* post.
I was surprised & pleased
that she wished for District
Nursing -- it never would
have come into my head
for her. She is a *finished*
'Male Surgical' Hospital 'Sister'.
It was Miss Smith who first
wrote to me about the 'Memorial'
And it is to her perhaps that
I ought to address this suggestion
about Miss Airy. But perhaps
you may kindly communicate

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with her.
The longer I live the more I
see how District Nursing
degenerates into alms-giving,
(nursing a non *nurse*=ndo
without *trained* & constant
superintendence. But I know
you agree on this.
I have seen your protégée, Mrs.
Scharlieb. What an admirable
woman! Instead of
thinking how little will do
to make a Lady Doctor in
India, *she* thinks that the
best *only* will do, the most
thorough Medical education &
training. *That* is the way
& the truth & the life.
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

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I have omitted to say: -- if Miss Airy went to you, possibly one of our St. Thomas' Nurses would follow *her* to you if you wished it: for the District work.

Buxton Hospital: I have understood that you kindly offered the Head Nurse=ship of this to Miss Airy who declined it: & that they have offered it to the Devonshire Sq. 'Nursing Sisters' They, the Buxton Hospital, applied to us for a trained Head Nurse & 4 trained Nurses under her, all or some of which we should be willing to supply: but we thought it better to delay: as there is, I believe, a kind of enquiry pending.

Could you kindly give us *your information* upon this matter? F.N.

f7 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/79/4

G1 May 10/79
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE W.

My dear Miss Mackenzie

I shall be so glad to send the books for Nurse Payne And I like to hear of dear Nurse Owen & of you all. I hope if you wish to keep Nurse Jordan that she will stay.

Let it be about the Cross & wreath as you wish: & I shall expect from your kindness to hear about the Grave=stone We shall never forget your kindness to Nurse Owen.

About the plans: I am so sorry that there appears to have been some mistake. Nothing could have given me greater pleasure than to have

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seen Mr. Warner. But I am
so overworked. I have
to see so many more people
on so much more business than I
ought to undertake that it
is quite impossible. I am,
as you perhaps know, entirely
a prisoner from illness to my
room. My Doctor tells me
to talk for half an hour every
other day with only one person at once. I am compelled to
transgress that order every
day of my life. And I very
often have to talk on business
4, 5 & even 7 or 8 hours a
day: but I am never able to have more
than one person in the room at once.

I understood that Mr. Warner
was so good as to show the
plans to Sir Harry Verney
& explain them to him:

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& then that he kindly promised
to let me have *tracings* of the
principal WARD=floors:
& of the *ground floor*: & of
the floor comprising the *Out=*
Patients' Dept, whichever
that is, showing also the
drainage.

This is not a mere matter of our
interest: a Children's
Hospital is to be built at
Heidelberg: & we have been
asked by the Grand Duchess
of Baden, who has herself
established Hospitals & Training
Schools for Nurses, to send to
her plans of our best Children's
Hospitals ~~as~~ to imitate.

I have already procured for
her other plans: which are waiting
to start for yours. [I need

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hardly say that I should
be too glad to pay for any
tracings that may be kindly
made for us].

Sir Harry Verney who has
left London has given me
a tracing of the Drainage
which I understood was
to be returned to Mr. Warner
who was so good as to call
upon Sir H.V.

And Sir H. told me that
the tracings of the *Ward plans*,
ground floor plans &c were
to reach me -- which however
they have not yet.

And I have been so
pressed as to be unable to
write to you.

Regretting very much that

JULY 19, SEPTEMBER 10 & SEPTEMBER 11, 1879, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS
MACKENZIE PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JULY 19,
SEPTEMBER 10 & SEPTEMBER 11, 1879

f1 {PEN}V₁₅

79/5	F.N.	TO	MISS	MACKENZIE	19	JULY	1879
79/6	"	"	"	"	10	SEPT.	1879
79/7	"	"	"	"	11	SEPT.	1879

f2 {BELOW: F21 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/79/5a

F21 July 19/79
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE W.

My dear Miss Mackenzie

I regret so very much not
having been able to answer your
kind note before about the
Medical books for the Nurses. I can
only plead my old reason --
want of strength, overwork &
illness.

[13:194]

I should be so very glad to
send you the books you mention
& any others. Might I ask
whether you can make use
of the books in a systematic
way? *and how?*

I mean in directing the
reading of the Nurses, &
giving classes to the Probationers?

I have no doubt that you

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 think as we do
 that a little desultory
looking into Medical books on the
part of the Nurses is rather
objectionable.

Since I wrote this, I have
heard that you are thinking
of applying for another
appointment than Shadwell
I am sorry for this.

Miss Gardiner (from
Highgate) who is Matron
of Canterbury Hospital with
a staff of our trained Nurses
is obliged to resign on account
of ill health. She will
leave on October 6. They
will advertise for a successor.

f4 {BELOW:

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I gave the plans which
were so kindly sent of
the Shadwell Children's
Hospital, with those of
two other Children's Hospitals

None: of the other many
plans of Children's Hospitals
I had collected were
worth anything as model
plans to the Grand
Duchess of Baden for
the proposed Children's
Hospital to be built at
~~Baden~~ Heidelberg.

She was very grateful

Will you kindly tell the
secretary of E. London Hosp^L
so? 10/9/79 F.N.

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I am so totally unable to
see Mr. Warner,
under severe stress of business
& illness.

yours ever sincerely

Florence Nightingale

[end]

f6 {BELOW:

Lea Hurst G2 HI/ST/NC1/79/7
Cromford

Derby ~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~ {PRINTED ADDRESS}

~~PARK LANE. W.~~

Sept. 11/79

6 a.m.

My dear Miss Mackenzie

It is not from want of
thinking of you that I have
delayed so long in writing. {in writing IN PENCIL}

I suppose you are now
at Manchester. And may
God speed you in your new
duties.

First, I have to ask you
whether you have been so
good as to settle all about
Nurse Owen's grave=stone:
& as to ~~ask~~ her relatives, whether
they would allow me to
contribute £2 to the expense
which shall be sent wherever
you desire me to send it.

f7

Next: your new position at
the Manchester Infirmary
rendered I suppose I must
not say: alas! -- a reply to
the questions in your last
letter unnecessary.

As to the same subject:
I presume that you will not
wish or be in a position
to take any steps for the
present -- you will have
enough to do at that great
place [and may your doings
be prospered! for some time
to come without Nurses'
~~to~~ classes & Nurses' studies.
But if you wish to renew

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your plans on this matter
of Nurses' books -- I mean
beyond merely "urging" them
to read -- but having some
system for improving the
Nurses in reading the books
you ask for, & I can be
of the least help to you, pray
do not hesitate to ask me.
I shall always try to be at
your service.

I cannot tell you how I
think of you: & long for
the work to be forwarded
at the difficult post on
which you have entered.
I am so anxious: I would
gladly hear from you --

f9

I came down here, after having
had a hard year's overwork
to take charge of my dear Mother
-- always a great risk to me
but this year I was completely
knocked down with uncountable
pulse & 90 hours of no sleep
& obliged to send for Dr. after
all, who says -- "Go away for
3 months, & don't write or speak

But I cannot
But I must not trouble you with
my troubles. Only I must ask
your kindness to excuse on this
too true apology my not
writing sooner.

I must earnestly desire
to know that you are getting
on well: & how you find
the Infirmary

Believe me

Most anxiously yours

Florence Nightingale

How about your "children" at Shadwell?

SEPTEMBER 23 & OCTOBER 18, 1879, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS MACKENZIE & C.B.N. DUNN PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 23 & OCTOBER 18, 1879

f1 {PEN} V₁₆

79/8 F.N. TO MISS MACKENZIE, 23 SEPT. 1879

79/9 F.N. TO C.B.N. DUNN, ESQ. 18 OCT. 1879

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/79/8/1

F20 Lea Hurst

[13:273]

Cromford: Derby

Sept. 23/79

My dear Miss Mackenzie

You are now established
in your new post. And
much you must find to
do in it. I assure you
you have my best wishes
that you should succeed.
And may God speed you!

It is a most arduous
post. By & bye when you
have a moment to write,
you know there is no one
who will be so interested
in your news as I.

I am sorry to trouble you

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with my contribution (enclosed)
to dear Nurse Owen's
tomb=stone. But I have
not her sister's address.
Will you kindly convey ~~it~~ the enclosed
to her, & say how much
I think of Nurse Owen
in connection with such
words as these:

"Jesus saith unto her -- Thy" sister
"shall rise again".
or "Thy" sister "liveth".

And now I must not
take up your time. My own
is so overtasked here, what
with my Mother's precarious
state, no one to do certain

f4

things in this village but I,
& much old business
& loss of strength that
I am writing at 6 in the
morning -- my only time {my only time IN PENCIL}
God strengthen you for
your task

f5 {ON AN ENVELOPE}

Miss Mackenzie
Matron
Royal Infirmary
Manchester

23/9/79

f6 {BELOW: A XXVIII & 8, PENCIL A XXVIII 8**[6:559-60]**

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Oct 18/79

My dear Sir

I saw *Mrs Bratby* a day
or two ago. She is well
aware how much you have
done for her. But she looks
very ill. She looks to me as
if she were breaking up.

She complains much of a
cess=pool in their garden: which
has been a nuisance for years
& years past: She says that,
when she opens her window in
the morning to breathe the
glorious air, if the wind
blows that way, West?, she
breathes nothing but *Cess=pool*.

Do you think this can have
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

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anything to do *with her illness?*
[I think I have known that
state of the blood produced
by fouled air.]
And can nothing be done
to *remove the cess=pool*
altogether?
She says the Inspector came to
see it: but did nothing.
Mr. Yeomans, she says, proposed
to lay an old door over it:
but is that any good?
She has had a slight bleeding at
the nose this week. I saw
her afterwards: & she only
seemed depressed. But I
thought I would tell you,
because I suppose *any* bleeding
in her state might come to danger.

f8

Mrs. Britland:
2. I am very anxious to learn
from you exactly what
was the state of the case
as to the "*open sink stone*
drain" which, ~~being~~
undergoing repair, was the
cause of the blood=poisoning
~~which~~ which was the cause
of her death.
And what was your MedL
Certificate of the *Cause of Death*.
If you could make it
convenient to come & see
me kindly *tomorrow (Sunday)*
at 5, or at 4, if it would
suit you better, *should you*
be in the Village, -- would
you be so very good as to
do so? But if it is
inconvenient, could you

f9

kindly let me know about
 poor Mrs. Britland's
 open drain, & Mrs. Bratby's
 cess=pool by *Monday morning*?

3. Has the other abomination
 of a pig which infected
 the *Limbs*' well been
 removed?

Mrs. Limb was very ill
 last (Friday) night & to=day.

Harriet Limb goes to work
 to=day.

4. Old *Lyddy Prince*, tho'
 wonderfully `spirity', complains
 of Indigestion. Perhaps
 she might have `something' to do
 her good. She speaks of your
 kindness with enthusiasm --
 yrs sincerely F. Nightingale

FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 20 & MAY 15, 1880, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS MOCHLER
 PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 20 &
 MAY 15, 1880

f1 {PEN} V₁₇

80/1	F.N.	TO	MISS	MOCHLER,	13	FEB.	1880
80/2	"	"	"	"	20	MAR.	1880
80/3	"	"	"	"	15	MAY	1880

f2 {BELOW: B VII 2 IN PENCIL B VII 2 13/2/80 HI/ST/NC1/80/1 black-edged
 stationery

Dear Miss Mochler

Would you kindly tell
 Mrs. Shore with MANY thanks
 that I have quite given
 up the little housemaid
 Eliza Colte Lizzie
 Brooks comes back to
 me tomorrow week.

Miss Irby starts from
Vienna tonight on her
way to York Place,
thanks to Mrs. Shore.

Would she tell Miss
Irby where & why I am gone,
& that, if I stay more
than a week she Miss Irby must
come & see me there?

f3

I thought Shore so
poorly last night
How is he this morning?

Would Charles come
here this evening & tell
me if he has secured
the Saloon Carriage
at Victoria Station?
for tomorrow?

I am almost done for,
& believe I could not
stand another day.

I hope to see you
when I come back, & would
I could see you now!

f4

I was so *ashamed* of
the State in which
the new housemaid had
left the room when
you came in the other
day.

God bless you
ever yrs
F.N.

1/ for the cab that day
1000 thanks
for the books

f5 {BELOW: B VII 3} HI/ST/NC1/80/2 black-edged stationery [8:984]

Does Mrs. Shore } 10 South St.
know that Miss Irby} 20/3/80
is laid up with }
a bad foot? }

Dear Miss Mochler

I am sorry that you
are going on Wednesday.

So many are the chances
of my not meeting you
again in this world that
I will ask you, if you have
nothing better to do, to be
so kind as to come & see
me on *Monday* at 5

I have put off Miss
Machin on purpose

I have found the little
dirty bag.

ever yrs affly
with love to Sam & Rosalind
F. Nightingale

f6 {BELOW: B VII 4 HI/ST/NC1/80/3 black-edged stationery B VII 4 10

South St.

[8:984-85]

Park Lane W.

May 15/80

Dear Miss Mochler

Thank you very much
for your very kind letter
of April 22. I immediately
wrote to Lea Hurst
to know what Adam
Prince was about in
not answering your letter.
He had mentioned to a
friend of mine how
very much delighted
he was at receiving it.
Afterwards I heard
that he had lost your
address, & was distressed
at not being able to
write to you.

f7

[I have not heard that
he has been doing wrong
lately.]

Pray write to him again
& tell him to write to
you, as I have done.

Old Sister Allen has been
very ill & better again.

Mrs. Limb & Mrs.

Broomhead, the same:
worse & better again.

Rebecca Buxton, the
carpenter's daughter, is
dead: a great release.

Jane Allison's sister
has been for several
months at Manchester:

f8

the children are thriving.
I hear from Mr. Dunn
pretty regularly -- but
the news is all variable
in this way. Mrs. Dunn's
mother is dead.
Lizzie Holmes has been
ill: but is well again &
at work
I shall leave Adam Prince
to tell you the news
about his Mother.
Thank you, thank you
& thank Miss Rabe too
for your charming
cards for my poor old
birth=day. My love to her.
No doubt you hear from
York Place: they are much

f9

exercised about their
plans, I am afraid.
Thank you very much
for the capital lessons
on St. Paul &c &c
I cannot get better
(you kindly ask) I think
I get worse but it is
too soon to look for betterness
is it not?
I hope you are 'all
right'. Excuse so short
a note now. I was
anxious about Adam
Prince:
with best love, ever
yrs affly F. Nightingale
I have asked my sister for you
about the Photograph & will remind her

MAY 29 & JUNE 4, 1880, ff1-9 LETTERS TO C.H. FASSON & MISS MOCHLER
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 29 & JUNE 4, 1880

f1 {PEN} V₁₈

80/4 F.N. TO C.H. FASSON, ESQ. 29 MAY 1880
80/5 F.N. TO MISS MOCHLER, 4 JUNE 1880

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/80/4 [black-edged paper]}

F8 Address
 10 South St.
 Park Lane W.
 May 29/80

My dear Sir

So far from any
apology being needful
for your writing to me,
the matter on which
you write is one of
the keenest interests
in my life.

Your news was the
most unwelcome, your
letter the most welcome
I could have had.

No more can I say
at present. [I have

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only just received
yours of the 26TH]
It is a part of my life,
the subject of your letter:
so kindly put.

Pray believe me
ever your & the Edinburgh
Infirmary's faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
C.H. Fasson Esq
&c &c

f4 {BELOW: B VII 5 HI/ST/NC1/80/5a

[6:637]

"Adam Prince is not generally
any steadier. He had a
week of idleness & some
days' drinking last week,
being Whit week"

Address

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

June 4/80

My dear Miss Mochler

The above news I did
not like to send you
till I heard from you.
But I earnestly hope
that you will go on
with poor Adam in
the way that you
think best as if
you had it not.
Silence might ruin him:

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trust in him might
still save him.

Do you think I ought
to do anything more
for Lyddy? She has
Mr. Dunn whenever
she wants him: &
1/ a week. I only hope
the sons do pay.

I have a cheery letter
from Aunt Julia at
Lea Hurst.

She does not however
mention Jane Allison,
who is one of my greatest
anxieties. Platts & she
have quarrelled: & Platts
has moved to a house

f6

near, with the children,
whom she sees every day.
Mr. Dunn thinks it most
"wrong" for her to live
alone. But everything
has been tried to reconcile
her with Platts: & nothing
has succeeded.

She is learning millwork.
And Mr. Yeomans proposes
that she should take
female lodgers.
You know the Sister,
Sarah Allison, is now
at Manchester.
Yeomans says the neighbours
are very unkind to Jane.
And I am in daily
terror of an explosion
of insanity.

f7

You ask after little Lee --
he was worse, then
better -- you know he
has Psoas abscess --
& now, tho' there are
no signs of rapid
sinking, there is small
prospect of his ever
leaving St. Thomas'
again. He is quite
charming, happy &
contented.

We visit him twice a
week & take him toys
& things.

He is quite unable to
wear the "jacket": without
which they could not
let him return to Ascot.

He never complains.

f8 {BELOW: [2] B VII 5

Pray do not say that
you are "not coming
again". I trust
earnestly that there
is no chance but
what you will go to
Lea Hurst when the
Shore Smiths go. Please
put that down in
your heart's Memo
book.

I have been getting worse
& am scarcely now
able to sit up in bed --
(you kindly ask)
I have thought so much
of your loss -- & rejoice
that you are now

f9

comforting the principal
sufferer.

I shall have much much
more to tell you
about Lea Hurst
when I can write.
Please bear Lea
Hurst in mind.

O might but God prosper
it & its master, &
bring them together.
is the earnest prayer
of ever yrs affly

F. Nightingale

JUNE 24 & AUGUST 20, 1880, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MRS BLAIR & MISS MOCHLER
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JUNE 24 & AUGUST 20, 1880

f1 {PEN} V₁₉

80/6 F.N. TO MRS BLAIR, 24 JUNE 1880

80/7 F.N. TO MISS MOCHLER, 20 AUG. 1880

f2 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/80/61 black-edged stationery

London June 24/80

[16:867-68]

Madam

You have my deepest
interest, my deepest
sympathy in the
matter of the Convalescent
Hospital which you
wish to build near
Bolton-le-Moors, & of
which you already
have the site.

I am sure that
the benefits of Convalescent
Homes are only second
to those of Hospitals
& indeed that no
Mrs. Blair

f3

Hospital is complete
without its Convalescent
adjunct: so few Patients
leave Hospital able
to return at once to
their work & their
poor homes. And
this dooms them
sooner or later "to the
parish" in too many
cases: i.e. to be
dependent on the poor
rates: to a life of infirmity.

Not only do I think
"small" Convalescent
Homes admissible:
but I think it better
to begin with a small

f4

building which can be enlarged.

You ask me "where to see the *working* of a small Convalescent Hospital"

Would it not be better to see several?

You have probably seen

1. Miss Hawthorn's, St. Agatha's, near Beckenham.
That is in a private house: & for children only.
Have you seen the
2. Dover Convalescent Home?
3. the Ascot Convalescent Home, near Brecknells,

f5

Berks, kept by "Sisters" --

One could ~~not~~ hardly recommend the *building*: but the "working" ~~& care~~ is excellent: that is for women & children.

4. Have you seen the Convalescent Home,
Black Rock,
Brighton

(Miss Marsh's)?

5. the Eastbourne Convalescent Home?
6. You have of course seen the Memorial Herbert Home at Bournemouth?

that was built on purpose for its object, viz. for *Convalescents*.

f6 {BELOW: F44

[2]

But before building
on any large scale,
you will probably see
those near Glasgow,
in North & South Wales,
& others
But I strongly recommend
the *Cottage* form,
like that at Bournemouth
You ask to see me:
how gladly would I do
so in such a cause: but you only
give me from to=day,
Thursday, when I
received your note,
till Saturday. It is
quite impossible I
could not even name

f7

any time *before* the
week after next: alas!
Mrs. Wardroper will have
told you that I am
under the severe pressure
of ever increasing illness
& overwork: & entirely
a prisoner to my room.
And I might add -- to
show you how gladly I
would see you, if I could,
that my Doctors order
me to talk only half
an hour every other
day, which in *practice*
is every half hour every
day. My time is
entirely filled up with
overwork: -- persons

f8

leaving London or England,
who appoint themselves
for weeks beforehand,
among the rest.

I am scarcely able to-day
to write this note.

If you would have
SKETCH=*plans* of your
proposed "small
Convalescent Home"
made, & sent one,
I would give them
all the attention in
my power, & consider
every detail. And
I would obtain valuable
opinions from the
Army Sanitary Commission
 &c &c

f9

But I must have
the permission to keep
the plans at least
a week for criticism:
as I cannot command
my own time.

God speed the future.
"Blair Convalescent Home"
is the earnest prayer
of ever yr faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 16:868]

f10 {BELOW: HI/ST/NC1/80/7 black-edged stationery B VII 7

Mrs. Lee 10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Aug 20/80

[8:987]

My dear Miss Mochler

I have not a moment
but send you the answer
from St. Thomas'.

I do not like to venture
an opinion.

So much depends on the
mother being a capable
woman, which I suppose
she is not.

I ~~send~~ return you poor Adam's
letters to you. God save him.

Love to all 6 at the dear {6 IN PENCIL}

Hurst: the dear ones: in great haste {: the dear ones: IN PENCIL}
ever yours affly

F.N.

{IN PENCIL:}

Who has my mother's Eider down
quilt? Please ask Mrs. Shore

AUGUST 25 & DECEMBER 19, 1880, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER & C.B.N.
DUNN PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED AUGUST 25 & DECEMBER
19, 1880

f1 {PEN} V₂₀

80/8 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER, 25 AUG. 1880

80/9 F.N. TO C.B.N. DUNN, ESQ. 19 DEC. 1880

f2 {BELOW: A VIII & 7 A VIII 7 *with a packet*

Miss Blower
St. Bartholomew's Hospital
25/8/80 [black-edged]

f3 {BELOW: A VIII 7 IN PENCIL, HI/ST/NC1/80/8/2 [black-edged paper]}

Nightingale had encouraged her application to Liverpool.

A VIII 7 10 South St.

Park Lane W.

Aug 25/80

My dear Miss Blower

[13:84]

How can I express my
hope that you will find
some charge useful to
hundreds & satisfactory to
yourself?

I know of the Liverpool
application & am very
anxious to hear how it
goes on

Pray let me know.

[end 13:84]

I hope your two ladies,
whom you have enabled to
take so good a holiday,
will return in high feather.
But I hope you too will

f4

have as good a holiday
which you must
require at least as much.

Pray accept the two
books which you mentioned,
& a little book of my own
which asks for the honour
of your acceptance.

The 'turn' which ladies
are now taking for a
smattering in Midwifery
is so alarming that, as
there is to be an "Employers'
Liability Bill", so there
must soon be a "Doctors'
Liability Bill" for granting
Midwifery Certificates to
ladies who know nothing -- or
what is worse than nothing --

[8:368]

f5

I have a friend in London,
wife of the Govt Secy at Madras,
who, after 21 years'
successful study at the
Madras Hospitals, is
now taking 3 years in
London, passing the
Examinations at London
University. And this
first-rate 7 years'
education is *not too*
much, she thinks, for
Midwifery practice in
India. [I have known
ladies think one month,
many three months *not*
too little].

[end 8:368]

I hope your single=
handed reign at St. B.'s
has not been rough: & that you
are well.

f6

God bless you, wherever
you go:
ever affly yours
Florence Nightingale

f7 {BELOW: A XXVIII & 9 HI/ST/NC1/80/9 [black-edged paper] A XXVIII 9

Lea Hurst

Dec 19/80

[6:640-41]

My dear Sir

I am sorry to trouble
you again with my
troubles. But again
I have been very uneasy
about Fanny.

She has begun again
to say, if she has not
exactly her own way:
'I can't stand worry':
& to day she said, on a
similar occasion: '*My
brain goes round & round*'

To day too upon my
expressing a hope that
we should be all
comfortable together in

f8

London, whither she
has daily expressed a
wish to return: she said
'I wish to be a housemaid,
& to be *quiet*':
& then a good deal that
was very vulgar about
her conscience towards
me being so good,
about her being better
than other servants,
& about her not giving
satisfaction &c &c &c

At prayers yesterday
she said, 'it was no
use her trying to be good.
And to day she quite
resisted having prayers
at all.

f9

I am at my wit's end
how to manage her.

I can see nothing but
temper in all this: but
I may be quite mistaken
& there may be real
illness.

What do you think
should be done?

If you kindly wish
to see her again, would
you call tomorrow --
perhaps about 3.30.

We start on Tuesday.
I had not received your
note when I put up
my packet to you this

f10

morning. I conclude
that it is now decided
that the site should
be in or near Bunting's
garden: & that we
are to look out for a
secondhand building -- for,
the WhatstandwLL Coffeeroom

With kind regards
to Mrs. Dunn,

in great haste
most faithfully yrs
F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

[end 6:640]

FEBRUARY 14, 15 & 16, 1881, ff1-13 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE FEBRUARY 14, 15 & 16, 1881

f1 {PEN} V₂₁

81/1 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES, 14 FEB. 1881
81/2 " " " " " "
81/3 " " " " 5 FEB. 1881
81/4 " " " " 16 FEB. 1881 [env in 45776]

f2 {BELOW: A VII 1 IN PENCIL} A VII 1 HI/ST/NC1/81/1

Please tell Mrs.

Wardroper & *Mr.* 14/2/81

MacKellar 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I have this moment
received a Telegram from
the Director General.

[15:851-52]

"Mrs. Fellowes can, if
she has taken her passage,
embark either at London
fifteenth instant"

that is, tomorrow:

"or Dartmouth seventeenth
instant"

that is, Thursday.

I presume you will go
~~in~~ to Dartmouth.

Does that necessitate your
leaving here before *Thursday*
morning? F. Nightingale

[end 15:852]

f3 {BELOW: A VII 2 PENCIL} A VII 2 HI/ST/NC1/81/2

14/2/81
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I have just heard from
Netley that the Nurses, i.e.
the Supr of Nurses at
Woolwich, Miss Caulfield,
with one of her Nurses, &
two from Netley, will embark
from Netley on *Tuesday,*
tomorrow, for Natal.

[15:862]

"The passages are secured
&c &c for *Tuesday*".

Have you heard this, &
are *you* going on *Tuesday*?
Pray keep my Messenger
to send to Sir Wm Muir
(with note enclosed)

f4

if you have any occasion
i.e. if you have not heard.
[The same Principal Medical
Officer is still P.M.O.
at the Seat of War who
was there in the Zulu War.
Do you know who he is ?]
The Netley Nurses take out
a small cooking stove
& spirit=lamps for heating
drinks & water at Night.
&c
I have written to Mr. McKellar
about your Surgical Pocket
case, & to ask information

f5

about outfit &c.

I shall now write to him
to say that you may
possibly go tomorrow.
But the first thing is
to ascertain this.
Can you tell me?
[They only yesterday
received notice at
Netley that their
passages were taken
for tomorrow:]

God bless you ever:
ever yrs

F. Nightingale
The Netley Nurses take out

f6

*"all kinds of Hospl requisites
that may be difficult to
get out there in an
hour or time of emergency
& which will make
the Sisters always ready when
there is a difficulty
in getting Govt requisitions
&c"*

I have communicated with
Col. Loyd Lindsay about
giving you a credit
from the National Aid
Soc'y

in haste

F.N.

I will write again to=day.

[end 15:862]

f7 {BELOW: A VII 3 IN PENCIL} A VII 3

HI/ST/NC1/81/3

15/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

The Netley Nurses take
(in a Bullock Trunk)**[15:863]**

Lint
Bandages of all kinds
Oil Silk
Cotton Wool
soft Linen
Laudanum
Liebig
Disinfectants &
"a little of every thing I can
think of:" (it is Mrs. Deeble
who writes) -- "that may be
"wanted at night or on
the march which perhaps
could not be got in a hurry
from the Govt store".

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"Of course the Sisters' supply
will be only used in
extreme necessity; -- our
private store was invaluable
last time and rendered
the Nurses doubly useful
to be so prepared for any
sudden demand."

{IN PENCIL [not FN hand]
X Rippingalls patent stove is the
costs about 35/. & 40/. -- one

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"One Bullock Trunk to each
& a White's bag between two"
is the amount of luggage
allowed for the Netley Nurses.
I have telegraphed to Mrs.
Deeble. She telegraphs:
"Take two spirit lamp one
X paraffin cooking stove
apply to Mr. Sullivan
united service institution
Whitehall Yard for
maker name he knows
best about them" (sic)
God speed: in haste
ever yrs affly
F. Nightingale

[end]**f10** {BELOW: IN PENCIL} [not FN hand]

Miss F's last letter A VII 4
had on way to Natal

Feb 19. 1881.

{IN PEN, IN FN'S HAND:} HI/ST/NC1/81/4

Feb 16/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I rejoice, though we
shall miss you sadly
at St. Thomas' Hospital,
that you are willing to
accept a position so
arduous as that which
you will fulfil so well,
& that you are going
out, under the authority
of the War Office & the
Director-General of the
Army Medical Department,
to nurse our wounded at
the seat of War, in Newcastle

[15:864-65]

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& wherever you are wanted.

My conviction is secure
that, owing to your thorough professional
training at St. Thomas',
& the character for ability
& suitableness for such
duties that you have
impressed on the authorities
at St. Thomas' Hospital
& Training School, you
are perfectly well fitted
to superintend the Nursing
of & to nurse the Sick
& Wounded of our troops
in the Field & in Hospital.

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I say nothing of your
singleminded devotion, your
admirable discretion & temper
for this work. One cannot
praise a lady to her face --
especially when these are
above all price.

But I may say that.
I am sure the Principal
Medical Officer & other
Medical Officers will
appreciate, when they
come to know you, your
simple desire to do the
best for their Patients by
carrying out their orders
to the full, & your
thorough competency to

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carry out such orders.
 God speed. I bid you,
 from the bottom of my
 heart `to the crest of
 my soul', in your
 important undertaking.
 And I give our men joy
 who will be under your
 care, while I wish them
 well with all my might.
 And I am ever
 your & their faithful servant
 Florence Nightingale
 Mrs. Fellowes

[end 15:865]

FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 1881, ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 1881

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81/5 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 16 FEB. 1881
 81/6 " " " " 17 FEB. 1881

f2 {BELOW: A VII 5 IN PENCIL} A VII 5 HI/ST/NC1/81/5/1

16/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Fare you very well and
 Au revoir.

[15:863-64]

I hope you received
 from Mr Childers your
 3 letters of introduction
 to Sir H. Robinson
 Sir G. Colley
 Sir Evelyn Wood
 I enclose one to Mrs.
 Hawthorn.

Mrs. Wardroper tells me
 you wish for a sort of general
 "testimonial" from me.
 I think I might as well
 ask for a "testimonial"
 from you. I have
 oweever {however IN PENCIL}

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written a sort of thing
from the bottom of my
heart, which please
use or not, as you like.
My heart goes with you
tomorrow to Dartmouth
& on board the 'Warwick
Castle' & all the way to
the Cape of GOOD HOPE & to Natal &
up to Newcastle & thro'
every night & every day on
your blessed work --
And I wish my poor
old body could go
with you too. Think of

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me as always with you
in spirit.
We shall glory in your
successes, in the poor men
you will nurse & save &
soothe. You are my 'Cape of Good Hope'
And pray remember you
are to come safe home.
God speed -- God speed -- God
speed.
I give you joy -- & I shall
telegraph tomorrow
my 'Godspeed' to
Dartmouth if I know
where.
*Is there anything I can
do for you now -- or*

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anywhere you would
send my Messenger?
Have you got everything?
cooking stove included?
I think Mrs. Deeble's
telegram meant:
"*two spirit lamps or*
paraffin cooking stove
maker to be heard of at "United
Service Institution"
But I am afraid we bother
you. Believe me
my Cape of Good HOPE
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end 15:864]**f6** [not FN hand]

Miss Nightingale's testimonial & *last letters* {illeg} on board the
S.S. "Darwick Castle" = Feb. 19. 1881

{BELOW: A VII 5 IN PENCIL

Mrs. Fellowes A VII 5
on her way to Natal
Florence Nightingale }
Feb 16/81 } [black-edged]

f7 {BELOW: A VII 7 IN PENCIL} A VII 7 HI/ST/NC1/81/6/1

17/2/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE W. **[15:865]**

Once more & once more

God bless you & your

work -- And He *will*

bless you & it.

Pray commend my best

wishes & thoughts to Miss

Caulfield & the other Nurses.

You live in the thoughts

& prayers, dear Mrs.

Fellowes, of yours ever

in strongest sympathy

my dear Cape of GOOD HOPE

Florence Nightingale

[end]

f8 {BELOW ON AN ENVELOPE: A VII 7 IN PENCIL

A VII 7

{POSTMARK & STAMP ARE ILLEGIBLE}

Mrs. Fellowes

Yacht Club Hotel

Dartmouth

17/2/81

MARCH 3, 1881, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MARCH 3 1881

f1 {PEN}

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81/7 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 3 MARCH 1881

f2 {BELOW: A VII 8 IN PENCIL}

S. Africa A VII 8

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON

X

MR 3

81

Mrs. Edward Fellowes

Nightingale Nurse

Military Hospital

Newcastle

Florence Nightingale} *Natal*

3/3/81 [black-edged]

f3 {BELOW: A VII 8 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/81/7/1a [black-edged paper]

Private {DIAGONAL}

P. Destroy {DIAGONAL}

A VII 8 10 South St.

Park Lane W.

March 3/81

[15:865-66]

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

We have not been unmindful
of our dear brave Mrs. Fellowes.
On the sad news of Sir G. Colley
being killed, & when it was
decided that Sir F. Roberts
was to succeed him, my
brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney,
saw Sir F. Roberts, in order
to "introduce" you to him.
And he, Sir F.R., said
"You may depend on my
taking every care of her"
And Sir Harry is "quite convinced"
that he will "You may be
sure that I will look after
her", repeated Sir Frederick
Roberts. I have written

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a letter as a "reminder"
about you to Sir Fred Roberts.
I am equally "quite convinced"
that your wisdom is such
that you will have as little
as possible any but *official*
relations with the Medical
or indeed with any ~~but~~ of the
authorities. And above all
that you will never except
in emergency -- which I pray
God may never happen --
allow yourself to be even
suspected of appealing to
Head Quarters against the
Medical or Hospital Authorities. [Looking
far back, I made it a law to
myself that whatever they did
-- but, I trust & believe those
days of enmity are long since past

f5 {BELOW: A VII 8 IN PENCIL} A VII 8
[2]

whatever they did, I held my
tongue, & would never
appeal against them. We
Nurses must work under, not
judge, nor be suspected of
judging our masters]

You will not be surprised
if you receive a small box
of Lint & Bandages -- but
I wish I knew what you
really did want -- by the
same vessel that takes out
Sir F. Roberts.

Please telegraph to me -- but
in guarded words -- any
short-coming of, or difficulty
in getting Hospital stores
& Medical comforts for the
Patients. We have correspond=
=ences & if you would kindly

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telegraph, your Hospital
wants might really be
supplied within an incredibly
short time. Thank God there
is a Telegraph.

If you will write, your
information will be
perfectly safe with me
& might be of real use.

I was so thankful for your
welfare as far as Madeira,
of which I heard from Genl
Kirkland, and I shall
be so glad to hear about
the other Nurses, to whom
I feel sure you have kindly
commended me.

God bless you again & again:
I think of you in my poor
prayers night & day:
My Cape of Good Hope, à Dieu
F. Nightingale

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This letter must be consigned
to your Paraffin stove.

[end 15:866]

MARCH 10 & APRIL 28, 1881, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & MISS GORDON
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MARCH 10 & APRIL 28, 1881

f1 {PEN} V₂₄
81/8 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 10 MARCH 1881
81/9 F.N. TO MISS GORDON 28 APRIL 1881

f2 {BELOW: A VII 9 IN PENCIL

S. Africa A VII 9
{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
LONDON
X
MR 10
81
Mrs. Fellowes [black-edged[]
(Nightingale Nurse)
Military Hospital
Newcastle
10/3/81 Natal

f3 {BELOW: IN PENCIL} A VII 9 HI/ST/NC1/81/8/1 [black-edged paper]

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I was so touched by your [15:868]
choice of hymns for the last
day you were in the "Home".
And "Eternal Father, strong to save",
was sung for you in the Chapel
at St. Thomas' the Sunday
after you left us, & the Sunday
after that. And the two
amputations & all the Patients whom you had
nursed in 'Albert' said:
*"and did not we sing it
with a will?"* And have
not we prayed for you & with
you "with a will"?

March 10/81
I was not able to send this:
most earnestly do I hope to
hear of your welfare & that

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you are accepted as Nursing and to nurse
under the authority of &
commissioned by the
Principal Medical Officer.

Please mention when you
write in what Hospital
you are: & where are
Mrs. Hawthorn & poor Lady
Colley: & where the other
Nurses.

I have such a kind note
from Sir F. Roberts about
you, written the night
before he embarked, promising
to take every care of you.
[But I hope you will not
need it] When a man

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with the weight of 15000 men
on his shoulders writes
such a note on the eve
of his departure, I feel
ashamed ever to think even
I am overworked.

But I must only say now
what I cannot say
how much I am
with a cheer & a God speed
ever yours in good hope

Florence Nightingale

[end]

{IN PENCIL:}

I am ashamed of this meagre
scrawl. It is only to remind
you that we are always thinking
of you -- God bless you again
& again.

f6 {BELOW: F18 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/81/9

F18 April 28/81
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE W.

My dear Miss Gordon

My best Easter wishes were
yours, tho' I had no time
to write at Easter. May all
the truest blessings of the
'risen' life be poured upon
you & the work.

[13:463]

Take the will for the deed.
My poor words you will not
miss much. My thoughts &
prayers are ever with you.
God bless you.

My love to Miss Huguenin,
please. What I say to
you. I say to herself --
And now, may I be

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permitted to ask you a favour
we have had for 6 months
in training (as Supt) a young
German lady, Fraulein von
Cornberg sent us by the
Grand Duchess of Baden.
She has to return about
June. She ought to see
the first, almost the only
Workhouse Infirmary, nursed
by trained Nursing, & training
Nurses.

Would you think it possible
to have her in order to see
you all at work for about
a fortnight -- the second fortnight
in May?

f8

We have found her timid:
but very observant & acute.
exceedingly devoted to her work
& to learning all she can in
training & nursing.

If you are so kind as to
take her for a fortnight, you
must allow me to pay
for her.

Will you kindly let me
know at your earliest
convenience whether you
think this request at all
to be entertained?

I have not time to say,
even if I could, how deeply

f9

interested in every part
of your work I feel -- But
you know it & how glad
I am whenever you have
time to hear any particulars
however small or large,
that you may be kind
enough to tell me

The people here were
greatly pleased with your
Miss Murphy. I hope
to make her acquaintance

Pray believe me
ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

[end]

MAY 4, 1881, ff1-6 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 4, 1881

f1 {PEN}V₂₅

81/11 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 4 MAY 1881

81/10 " " " " (TELEGRAM)

f2 {PLEASE SEE PHOTOCOPY OF TELEGRAM} HI/ST/NC1/81/10/2

Florence Nightingale	Mrs. Fellowes	[15:869]
Claydon House	Mackellars Hotel	
Bucks	17 Dover St. Ldn W	

Welcome home with undiminished
 hopes tho some regrets I
 long to see you I
 shall hope to see you
 next week you are going
 to Saint Thomas so glad

[end]

f3 {BELOW ON AN ENVELOPE: A VII 10 IN PENCIL}
 A VII 10 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
 WINSLOW
 D
 MY 4
 81

Mrs. Fellowes
 Mackellar's Hotel
 17 Dover St.
 London W.

4/5/81

f4 {BELOW: A VII 10 IN PENCIL}

Private {DIAGONAL} HI/St/NC1/81/11/1 **[15:869-70]**

A VII 10
 Claydon House |Burn|
 Bucks -----
 May 4/81
 ~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~ {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 ~~PARK LANE .W.~~

My dear Mrs. Fellowes
 I can only say: Welcome
 home: 'all right': -- And tho'
 your disappointment is mine,
 we will not say 'all wrong'.
 -- God will bring about what
 I know lies as much at your
 heart as at mine: the reform
 of the Nursing of the
 Military Hospitals. But
 we must not proclaim this
 at the corners of the streets.
 -- Somehow I don't think He
 means me to do it: but
 somehow I think it is you
 He means.

f5

By this same mail from
Natal I had a letter from
Mrs. Hawthorn who has
been in charge at Fort Amiel
-- a letter which I will
shew you, as well as
one from a medical officer
there. And I will shew
you some M.S. notes
on Military Hospitals at
home.
Thank God that you mean
to return to St. Thomas' (& as
Night Nurse -- not only
for the joy & benefit it is to us
to have you there -- but
because I think it is the

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best preparation for the other
things. I would gladly
throw my body in the breach
that you may succeed in
them.
It was very good of you to
write to me & give me your
address. I am so *sorry* to be *here*.
My head broke down entirely:
& I was obliged to come
down here for a week's
rest: But I hope to be
back in London next week.
And then you will come
& see me: will you not?
as you kindly propose.
I have so much to hear
from you. God bless you:
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end 15:870]

MAY 7, MAY 26, JUNE 28 & JULY 7, 1881, ff1-13 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED MAY 7, MAY 26, JUNE 28 &
JULY 7, 1881

f1 {PEN}		V ₂₆	
81/12	F.N.	TO MRS FELLOWES	7 MAY 1881
81/13	"	"	26 MAY 1881
81/14	"	"	28 JUNE 1881
81/15	"	"	7 JULY 1881

f2 {BELOW: A VII 11 A VII 11 HI/ST/NC1/81/12/1

Claydon House

Bucks May 7/81

~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

~~PARK LANE W.~~

[15:870]

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I am so anxious to know your
plans. You were so good as
to tell me that these were: --
to return to St. Thomas'
But Sir Harry Verney tells
me that you are going "to
Norfolk" "the middle of next
week." I must return
to London middle of next week --
Should I find you gone?
And how soon to return?

Would you come here &
spend a night, Sir Harry writes,
~~says~~, on your way to Norfolk?
["Claydon, Bletchley, Bedford,
Cambridge, Norwich": he says]

Please relieve me of the

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fear of not seeing you
next week, either at
South St. or here --
 & believe me ever
yours in joy or woe

 Florence Nightingale
[I wrote to you at 17 Dover St]
How are you? F.N.
 in haste {in haste IN PENCIL}

[end]**f4**

{BELOW ON AN ENVELOPE: A VII 11 IN PENCIL}
 A VII 11 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
 WINSLOW
 D
 MY 7
 81

Mrs. Fellowes
 Lady Gladstone's
 Herbert House
 Chesham Place
 Belgrave Sq.
7/5/81 London S.W.

f5 {BELOW: A VII 12 IN PENCIL} A VII 12 HI/ST/NC1/81/13

May 26/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

How sorry I am that you
need Homburg. I was
inclined to regret that you
are not going into St. Thomas'
at once, as I know you
wished it; but if you need
Homburg, grieved as I am
for the cause, it is as well.

I enclose Mrs. Hawthorn's
letter -- the one you have
not seen -- Please return
it to me.

Let me see you before
you return to St. Thomas',
(tho' I hope to see you
often afterwards while
there).

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When you are in London, (both
before & after going to Homburg,
if possible) give me a
chance of seeing you. But
please give me a few
days' notice, as I have
appointments every afternoon.

Excuse this scrawl.

Let me say: write down,
even if it is for yourself alone,
what you gathered in Natal,
about our subjects. It
so soon slips the memory.
And at St. Thomas' you
will have no time to write.

I had a kind letter
from Col. Loyd Lindsay

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this morning. He says
he has not seen you
since your return. He
does not mention whether
he has heard from you
or not.

I think we should
keep up all these
connections with our
subject -- do not you?

Good speed:

& believe me, in haste,
ever yours (& I shall
never cease to call you
my Cape of Good Hope

I cannot half say what
I mean)

F. Nightingale

f8 {BELOW: A VII 13 IN PENCIL} HI/ST/NC1/81/14

A VII 13

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

June 28/81

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I give you joy on taking
possession of Leopold Ward.

[12:363-64]

Evil must always be
augured when people begin
work with a self-confident
& reckless spirit. But I
augur the *highest* & best
success from *your* beginning --
out of which will gradually
grow fruits -- meet for the good cause.

You know the year's
training is only to teach
us to train ourselves -- And
your present year's Sistership

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will lay a fine foundation
for future work of
the highest kind of hope.
I give you joy: & I pray
for your success --
with plenty of faith
& no misgiving --
which there would be if
you thought all the battles
were won already.
I shall look forward to
seeing you some "Sunday"
soon. Will you allow
me to write again?
And will you write to me?

f10

God speed:
in haste
yours ever
dear "Sister Leopold"
& still my "Cape of *Good Hope*"
F. Nightingale
You have not left me
the promised M.S. of
your Natal lucubrations
& what you heard there.
F.N.

[end 12:364]

f11 {BELOW: A VII 14 IN PENCIL} A VII 14 HI/ST/NC1/81/15/1

July 7/81

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED aDDRESS}

PARK LANE W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

[12:367]

Thank you for your
most kind note I trust
that the poor jaw case is
going on well.

Will you allow me to
put a petty £1.1 into
your hands (I wish it could
be ten times more) for your
Harmonium for Leopold?

I have a few more
books to send which I
had not time to put up on
Monday.

Please remember that,
if you are kind enough to
entrust me with any M.S.

f12

About Orderlies, however
short or scrawl=y, it
shall be sacred to me.

God bless you:

God bless the work
And God bring some good
gentlewomen to it
is the fervent prayer
of yours ever affly

F. Nightingale

[end 12:367]

f13 {BELOW ON AN ENVELOPE: A VII 14 IN PENCIL

A VII 14 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON

11

JY 7

81

Mrs. Fellowes

Leopold Ward

St. Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge

7/7/81

S.E.

MURPHY & MRS. FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

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82/1 F.N. TO C.B.N. DUNN, ESQ. 12 APRIL 1882
82/3 F.N. TO MISS MURPHY 27 JUNE 1882
82/2 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 14 APRIL 1882

f2 {BELOW: A XXVIII 2 HI/ST/NC1/82/1

A XXVIII 2

April 12 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE W.

My dear Sir

I am very much to blame
if I did not answer Miss Hurt's
question before -- except that
every day more & more I find
it an increasing difficulty to do
my Lea Hurst business in
addition to London & Indian
business which was a great
deal too much before.
I have not had one day's rest
for 2 years --

But I certainly thought that
several weeks ago it had
been settled, in concurrence
with Mr. Shore Smith, that we

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should *pay the rent* of the
two cottages for at least two
years -- & that the Estimate
of the *repairs & furniture*
wanted inside was to have
been sent us with a view
of determining our contribution
to it.

We suggested that Mr. Yeomans
should be asked to visit &
report which we hope he
has done. Mr. Shore Smith
expressed his satisfaction
that an Engineer should be
the Secretary. You were in
hopes that you had secured
both Manager (in Mr. Joseph
Peach) & woman -- And we asked
to know their salary.

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We were so far from thinking
that any body was waiting for
us that we were rather
waiting upon the Miss Hurts & you
to hear further. It is
impossible for us of course to
undertake any of the business
arrangements out here.

Pray forgive me if I have
made any mistake:

& believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Pray give our kindest regards to
the Miss Hurts -- & assure them of
our great interest in the Whatstandwell
Coffee room.

C.B.N. Dunn Esq

f5 HI/ST/NC1/82

I am so very sorry that my
Friday & indeed every day
this week & part of next
is already filled beyond my strength
with engagements on business
of long standing.

I am very sorry. I wished much to see
you. Could you propose some day
next week or week after?

June 27 F. Nightingale

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{BELOW: A VII 15

A VII 15

April 15 {DIAGONAL}

{STAMPS & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON.W

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Mrs. Fellowes

Leopold Ward

St. Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge

14/4/82

S.E.

f7 {BELOW: A VII 15 HI/ST/NC1/82/2/1

A VII 15

10 South St. Park Lane .W.

April 14 1882

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

It is so very long since I have seen or
heard from you: tho' I hear of you
continually --

I want so much to see you, but
unhappily cannot for a few days. I am
so knocked up with never having had
a day's rest for 2 years that I am
compelled to go out of London tomorrow

f8

for a few days alone.
 Will you fix some afternoon kindly to
 see me when I come back
 at 5 if that will suit you?
 I heard of a 'knee' of yours some time
 back which grieved me. I hope
 it is quite well

f8v

I send you some letters which will
 grieve you from Mrs. Hawthorn
 -- I have more.
 Please keep them private & let me
 have them again --
 Letters will be forwarded from here to me
 God for ever bless you & your work --
 ever yrs
 F. Nightingale

JUNE 29, JUNE 30 & JULY 4 1882, ff1-17 LETTERS TO DR. CRAWFORD, MISS
 MURPHY & SIR JAMES CAIRD PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED
 JUNE 29, JUNE 30 & JULY 4, 1882

f1 {PEN}VI₂

82/4 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 29 JUNE 1882
 82/5 F.N. TO MISS MURPHY 30 JUNE 1882
 82/6 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 4 JULY 1882
 82/7 F.N. TO SIR JAMES CAIRD 4 JULY 1882

f2 {BELOW: CI & 1

Private {DIAGONAL} HI/ST/NC1/82/41

CI 1 June 29 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W. [16:471-72]

My dear Sir

I have been turning
 over in my mind what
 you were so good as to
 ask me, viz. about a
 proposal to allow one
 or two Night "Sisters" for
 special cases at the
 Herbert Hospital. And
 I cannot forbear troubling
 you with these few
 remarks or rather questions:

I think I understood you
that there are very few

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serious cases in the Herbert
Hosp^L and most of them,
I suppose, are among
Artillery "*Invalids*". But
taken as a whole you
would perhaps say that the
great building is rather a
sick barrack than a
Hospital.
Its pavilions are so separated
(that a Nurse cannot have
more than 64 sick on
one floor. And she might
have only 32 (or even 20)
on a floor.

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Would it be possible so
to arrange the cases that
the one or two or three bad
cases requiring (occasionally)
night nursing should be
in the same ward or floor?
Systematic Night Nursing,
I understood you to say,
was not at all required.
[And indeed I know that,
at Netley, where there
are so many more "*Invalid*"
bed-ridden cases, the
Night "*Sister*" has often
nothing to do all night:
the Patients are "*all asleep*".]

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What you propose is simply to detach a Nurse for special duty, as the Medical Officer should judge needful.

The "partitioned room" for the Nat. Aid Socy's Nurses is no doubt in the Nurses' block, which is too far away for effective work. I hardly see how you can have night supervision from there. But a telephone to Miss Caulfield's room would bring her at once.

In each Pavilion there is a Nurse's room & scullery in line; Could one of these rooms

f6 {BELOW: CI 1 IN PENCIL,
CI 1

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be given up to the Night Nurse?

If you detached two Nurses for the night work, could one of them be on duty & the other at hand in this room?

What occurred to me after thinking over what you had said to submit to you & to ask you was this:

would it be possible to have the bad cases on one floor of the same Pavilion?

If so, could the night Nurses have one of the Ward rooms *for the time*?

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(with a telephone to the
Supt's room)?
But if the bad cases were
in different Pavilions, might
it not be necessary to have a
similar arrangement for
each?

In the great difficulty of
having one woman alone
at night in that great
building with perhaps
two bad cases requiring her
care in different Pavilions
-- & in the great unwillingness
to leave those bad cases

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without trained female
Night Nursing, *if it is desired*
pardon me if I have
submitted these things *for*
your consideration; merely --
And thanking you for your
most kind visit which
I trust will not be the
last

pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford
Director GenL
&c &c

f10 H1/ST/NC1/82/5

I am so very sorry not to be
able to see you. I have quite
knocked up & am obliged to
put off all appointments.
Nothing else would prevent me
from what I so much wish

I still hope to see you at
some future time

[end 16:742]

June 20

F.N.

f11 {BELOW: F24

F24 P O S T {CREST} C A R D

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE. {PRINTED ADDRESS}

Miss Murphy

Lessness

Abbey Wood

30/6/82

Kent

f12 {BELOW: CI & 2 HI/ST/NC1/82/6

Private {DIAGONAL}

Night Nursing: } CI 2

Herbert Hospl }

July 4 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Pray excuse my not
having answered your kind
note before, saying that
you saw no "insuperable
"difficulty in placing the
"cases requiring Night Nursing
"in one of the wards now
"in charge of the Sisters"
at the Herbert Hospital.

If this be done, you
could try the experiment
of placing two trained
~~Night~~ Sisters there during

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the night. You would
propose simply to try
this arrangement.

Perhaps the 20 bed Ward
in one block would be the
best to try it in.

You would not wish to
have such cases in two
separate Pavilions unless
Sisters for the Night Nursing
were attached to each.

No doubt Miss Caulfield
makes her visit the last
thing at night & the first
in the morning.

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Success attend you in
all things:
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford
&c &c

f15 {BELOW: F29 Answered {DIAGONAL HI/ST/NC1/82/7 typed copy, 45807 f1

July 4 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir James Caird

The paper which you were
so good as to leave with me
is simply invaluable -- and
I rejoice in the hope that
you will speedily bring it
in some forcible form
before the Public -- especially
the part which relates to
Land Banks -- a remedy
which would probably
produce a greater change for
the better in the state of the
cultivators than any 'Act'
whatever.

[10:631]

[end 10:631]

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I return the precious M.S.
 with thanks because I
 scruple to keep it. [I need
 hardly say that I have neither
 shown it nor will ever quote
 it] I am in haste that
 you should put it to use:
 & urge the Land Banks in
 every way. Have you
 spoken to Sir Louis Mallet
 again about them?

[10:632]

[end 10:632]

I have not enclosed the
 little printed paper, because
 you kindly said that you
 thought you could find
 another copy, & I might ~~keep~~

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keep

this.

If you want it, please send
 one a Post Card.

With my kindest regards
 to Lady Caird, whom I wish
 I could have had the pleasure of
 seeing before she leaves for
 Scotland,

pray believe me
 ever yours sincerely
 Florence Nightingale

JULY 25, 26, 27 1882, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & DR CRAWFORD PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}VI₃

82/8 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 25 JULY 1882
 82/9 " " " " 26 JULY 1882
 82/10 " " DR. CRAWFORD 27 JULY 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 16 HI/ST/NC1/82/8

Private {DIAGONAL} 10 South St.
Park Lane W.
July 25/82

Dear Mrs. Fellowes

My brother-in-law, Sir Harry Verney,
shall say to Mr. Childers to-day in the
House that you volunteer.

I will then write to Dr. Crawford,
the new Director-GenL, who has called
upon me (who was in the Director GenL's
Office when Sidney Herbert & I framed

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all the Nurses' Regulations)

He is a much more able man
than his predecessor -- friendly to reform
& friendly to Nurses.

Mrs. Deeble has offered to go.
At present we have about 20 wounded
(on board the fleet). Ramleh was occupied
without a wound

Sir A. Alison I am glad you know --
but he is only to command the 2nd Division's
1st Brigade: I think -- Sir E. Wood the
other -- when the whole force is
sent out. It rests however really
with the Army *Medical Dept* whether
a Nurse's offices are utilized or not

ever yrs sincerely

F. Nightingale

You have of course told Mrs. Wardroper that you volunteer.

I have never been abler to find another afternoon since you so cruelly cut short my longed for visit.

Yet I have a perfect heap of Natal (Army Hospl Corps) evidence & letters for you. You know we have had an enquiry under Sir Evelyn Wood. And these were required by him. Genl Drury Lowe I have also seen on the subject.

FN

f4 {BELOW: CI & 3 HI/ST/NC1/82/10

PRIVATE {DIAGONAL}

Mrs. Fellowes: } CI 3

Trained Nurse }

for War Hospitals} July 27 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir I am truly grateful to you for your kind note.

[15:910]

I communicated at once with Mrs. Fellowes at St. Thomas' Hospital. She says: "pray "tell the Director-Genl, I am "PERFECTLY willing to go to "Malta or Cyprus: only too "glad".

or, she adds afterwards, "to be moved on into Egypt," if he desires, "later".

Will you therefore be so very kind as to do as you propose, viz. "put her name

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"forward as one of the `Sisters'

"to be sent out"?

I will not now trouble you

with another word,

except to say that I am sure

you will kindly give us the

earliest intimation of *how*

soon Mrs. Fellowes is to

hold herself in readiness

"to be sent out"

And pray believe me

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

`Good speed' to all you do:

F.N.

[end]

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The Director=General

Dr. Crawford

&c &c &c

f7 {BELOW: A VII 17 HI/ST/NC1/82/9

Private {DIAGONAL} July 26 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Mr. Childers tells Sir

Harry Verney that you had

better write to the Adjutant

Genl, offering to go with

the Army wherever your

services may be useful.

[He whispered to Sir H.V.

that one good reason is

that he is favourable.]

Then that either Sir

H.V. or I had better write

to him, Sir G.W., stating your

"qualifications".

[It is not decided where

to send Nurses, whether

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to Egypt or Cyprus.]

Pray address your letter

"*Private*

General

Sir Garnet Wolseley K.C.B.

&c &c

Adjutant General

Horse Guards

S.W."

the sooner the better.

You know of course
that Sir Garnet commands
the Expedition.

f9

I have had no answer
from the Director Genl yet.

But without waiting for
his reply I write at once
to you as Mr. Childers
recommends.

I told the D.G. that you
would either go to see him
or make a formal
application to him, as
he might desire

Good speed

ever yrs.

F. Nightingale

Of course every body is
overwhelmed with work

JULY 27 1882, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

Pen VI₄
 82/11 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 27 JULY 1882
 82/12 " " " " " "

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{BELOW: A VII 19 HI/ST/NC1/82/11a

MOST PRIVATE} A VII 19 10 South St. W.
 July 27/82

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

[15:910]

Nurses are to be sent, that is recommended to be sent, "to the "base hospitals to be opened at *Malta* "and *Cyprus*". "And", "if Mrs. Fellowes", the Director=GenL says, "would accept "employment in either of these, I shall "have pleasure in putting her name

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"forward as one of the 'Sisters' to be "sent".

It is "not at present contemplated"

"sending nurses to *Egypt*".

[Indeed, how could they, when it cannot be at present seen whether Hospitals can be there ~~or not~~ at all, or not?]

You will observe that Malta & Cyprus are NOT to be as it were Convalescent Hospitals, "as it is proposed to remove "the sick & wounded from the sphere "of operations" to Malta & Cyprus

"AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE" --

I fear there will be much, much sickness: all the train of hot weather diseases.

Doubtless as we gain ground in Egypt, there *may* be Hospitals *there* too. But I am not bidden to say this.

f4

My letter to Sir Garnet Wolseley is written. But I shall not send it till I have your answer to this -- & till I know whether you have written to him --

Is ~~S~~ Dr. Crawford to "put your name forward"?

Your presence & that of the Nurses will do untold good in controlling & influencing these wretched, untrained Army Hospital Corps men? I could show you such evidence of their neglects -- nay atrocities.

f5 {BELOW: A VII 18
[2]}

God guide you --

You must be pressed indeed.

I hope this is not your Accident week --

The Father Almighty be with us --

I hope to see you anyway.

ever yrs. affly & anxiously
F. Nightingale

[end]

f6 {BELOW: A VII 18 HI/ST/NC1/82/12a

A VII 18 in great haste 27/7

My dear Mrs Fellowes

I have sent in my answer to the Director= GenL saying that you accept his offer to "put your name forward" "as one of the `Sisters'" for Malta or Cyprus -- & to be "moved on to "Egypt", if Hospitals are later formed there.

[15:911]

I have also sent in my `character' of you to Sir G. Wolseley, as Mr. Childers desired.

I have asked the Dir. GenL (he said a

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formal application from you was unnecessary) to let us know as early as possible how soon you were to hold yourself in readiness.

I consider that leave is as good as granted (as *bad* as granted, I mean) to you to go -- & that therefore your preparations may begin.

Would you like to see me on

Sunday or Monday or Tuesday about
5? I should be loath indeed not to

see you again before you start.

[Sir G. Wolseley starts on Monday,
I believe. He commands in chief, you
know.]

Yes: grievous as it is to us to lose
you even for a few months I believe
you are heaven-called to help in the
reform of Military Hospitals. And
heaven knows they need it.

What the Orderlies of the Army Hospital
Corps are where there are no trained

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Nurses we know --

[I shall continue sending you ~~a little~~ something
of the evidence, because you should
know a little what you have to guard
against. You need not read it if
you have not time. Only put it
all in an Envelope & return it to me.]

What Orderlies are when they have
good trained Ladies over them we
also know: the transformation is
almost miraculous when a woman
like you who *knows* how to exercise influence

f9 {BELOW: A VII 19

A VII 19 [2]

without knowing it is there in the Wards
God speed you
I must let this go -- but I will write
again

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I think, too, that, if you
can once get a footing in Mily Hospls,
God will send the opportunity for
you to ~~have~~ make your share in the reform --

[end 15:911]

27/7/82

JULY 29 1882, ff1-11 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & DR. CRAWFORD PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FN

PEN} VI₅
82/13 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 29 JULY 1882
82/14 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 29 JULY 1882

{BELOW: A VII 20
A VII 20

Most Private July 29 1882
10, SOUTH STREET {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE .W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Late last night I heard
from the Director Genl that
"eighteen" Nurses "will leave
"as soon as we can arrange
"for their despatch" "for the
"Mediterranean" "and will
"be distributed as follows"
"four and a Superintendent
"at Gozo, Malta: Genl Hospl
"four and a Supt at
"Cyprus, Genl Hospl,
"four in the largest Hospital
"Ship now in course of
"fitting out":
(she is now at the Royal

[15:911-12]

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Albert Dock)

"four in the base Hospital
"at Alexandria, the Medical
"Staff & equipment of which
"is in part already there
"and in part on its way
"out".

"Five Nurses under a
"Supt will be sent *later*
"for duty in the base
"Hospital at Ismailia --
"Egypt" -- as there is "no
"doubt we shall be able to
"establish a good base
"Hospital there when the

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"troops advance".

I conclude that you will
wish to go with the first
set: the eighteen:
as, if Arabi submits, we
may never have occasion
to have a Hospital at
Ismailia. God grant
we may not.

Have you any commands
or choice? or wishes?
The D.G. had only "just"
received the Secretary of
State's sanction for the
Nurses when he wrote.

f5

I hope to see you on
Sunday at 5.

The D.G. asks us for
"any other volunteers
"like Mrs. Fellowes" !!

(see next page)

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

f6 {BELOW: A VII 20 HI/ST/NC1/82/13b A VII 20 [2]}

IN STRICT CONFIDENCE

is there any ~~one~~ lady whom you
know lately out of her
year's training who you think
would do for the War --

? Miss Moncrieff

Miss Winterton? a lady who is now

Night Nurse in ? Arthur

~~or ? Albert~~

or some male Ward

? Miss Prince

? Miss Hicks

(now at Marylebone

Infy)

? Miss Richardson

(now at District Nursing)

? Miss Gibson

or ANY one whom you have
seen at work: not "like
Mrs. Fellowes": that is
impossible: but any one

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whom she would choose
(if she had her way)
to work under or with her.
God guide us all.

[end]

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f8 {BELOW: CI & 4 HI/ST/NC1/82/14

PRIVATE {DIAGONAL}

Trained Nurses } CI

for Mediterranean} 4

July 29 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

In answer to your very
kind note, I think it
tolerably certain that we
shall be able to recommend
three or four Nurses in
addition to Mrs. Fellowes.

[15:912-13]

It would, I am sure,
very much facilitate the
selection & ensure a
better choice if it could
be arranged that Mrs.
Fellowes should be the
Superintendent at a
specified Hospital: -- and

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she would of course greatly
prefer one in Egypt; --
with liberty for her to
recommend the Nurses
to be employed under her.

If such a course met
with your approval, we
should do our best to
supply the staff (subject
of course to the names
being approved by you
in regular form).

Mrs. Fellowes is, in my
opinion, from her character
& past experience likely

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to be by far the most
efficient Superintendent
whom we are likely to be
able to recommend:

tho' it is possible that
we may be able to name
to you another suitable
as Superintendr.

I would venture to urge
that Mrs. Fellowes should
have the charge of Nursing
of the base Hospital at
Alexandria; or subsequently,
if need be, of that at
Ismailia

Mrs. Fellowes volunteers

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to go out at her own
expence to Alexandria
overland.

I cannot thank you enough
for your kindness:

I send off this note in haste
after going over our Nurses:

and pray believe me
ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Crawford

Director=Genl

&c &c

[end 15:913]

JULY 31 & AUGUST 2, 1882, ff1-12 LETTERS TO DR. CRAWFORD & MRS. DEEBLE
PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JULY 31 & AUGUST 2, 1882

f1 {PEN}

VI₆

82/15 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 31 JULY 1882

82/1 " " " " " "

82/17 F.N. TO MRS DEEBL 2 AUG. 1882

f2 {BELOW: CI & 5 HI/ST/NC1/82/15
CI 5

Private {DIAGONAL}

July 31 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

We should be prepared
to recommend several (4 at
least) trained "Sisters" of experience
as such, in accordance
with your kind note of
July 28. *Shall I send you in*
"their names", as you directed?

[15:914]

We should be glad to
know what outfit will
be provided for the Nurses:
& what pay?

[We presume that all
the "Military" Nurses will
be required to wear the
same uniform.]

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It is possible that you
may have authorized the
Supr of Nurses at Netley
to carry out all the
arrangements.

May I ask you whether
you wish me to refer to
Mrs. Deeble, (as she has
now applied to me)
instead of to you,
having regard to your
letter of the 28TH?

And will you be so
good as to refer me to
any orders (if such there are)

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as to supervision & discipline
&c under which the
Nurses are to be engaged?
-- especially is the Local
Hospital Supr to have
authority as to discipline,
& dismissal?

Pardon me for troubling
you with these questions:
we are only anxious to
be under your orders
& conform to your wishes
in every thing & only
too happy to do something
to assist.

[end]**f5**

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
The Director=Genl
Dr. Crawford
&c &c

f6 {BELOW: CI & 6 HI/ST/NC1/82/16
CI 6

July 31 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

In answer to your kind
note of July 28, desiring
me to send you the names
of "any other volunteers
"like Mrs. Fellowes", to
serve as Nurses in the
Egyptian War Hospitals,
we have, after careful
selection, to submit to you
the following:

[15:914-15]

Mrs. Fellowes
Miss Solly
Miss Airy
Miss Winterton

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Miss Solly is now & has been for some years the excellent "Sister" of a Men's Surgical Ward at St. Thomas' Hospital.

Miss Airy was also such for many years: & only left St. Thomas' for superintendence of a Hospital.

Miss Winterton has very much less experience: but we can still confidently recommend her.

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We await your orders:

[end 15:915]

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford
Director: General
&c &c

f9 {BELOW: CI & 7 82/17

August 2 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Deeble

In compliance with your request, I send you in the name of the sixth whom we can recommend.

[15:916-17]

Miss Young
She has not quite completed her year of training with us: (while the three first are "Men's Surgical" `Sisters' of long experience:) but Miss Young is a person of stability, has been in India, & had some years' work before she came to us.

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The names therefore now
stand thus:

Mrs. Fellowes
Miss Solly
Miss Airy
Miss Winterton
Miss Richardson
Miss Young

Might we ask for an
official letter of appointment?
To save trouble it might be
in one letter addressed
to Mrs. Wardroper
or to me?

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Might I ask also, if any
of them have to come home,
on account of illness,
resignation or other
emergency, will she
have a free passage
granted her?

May I remind you
that Mrs. Fellowes would
perform the services
without the pay of a
Superintendent, if you
wished to employ her thus
in any Hospital in Egypt
with her "Sisters" under her?

f12

Good speed:
and hoping to see you
again before you leave
England -- pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Pray give me the very
earliest information of
when our "Sisters" are
to start.

[end 15:917]

F.N.

AUGUST 3, 1882, ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE **f1** {PEN} VI₇

82/18 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 3 AUG. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 22 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC/82/18
[2] A VII 22

[15:919-20]

I know that there is no occasion to ask
you to impress upon all the 5 Nurses
as far as you come in contact -- how I wish
they could all have been under you --
that they go out in every respect on the
same footing as the other Army Nurses
& must accept the position loyally,
not expecting any preference to be
shown to them as Nightingale Nurses

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but the contrary --
 that the regular Army Nurses will naturally
 be in some respects preferred to Volunteers

In some respects, tho' the comfort to
 us would have been unspeakable of
 having our 5 under you, I think
 you may almost prefer not being
 HospL Supt -- (provided you are under
 a woman like Miss Stewart who knows

what Civil HospL work is -- & I need not
 say -- keep those with you loyal to her
 as to the work, even where they see mistakes)
 -- You are spared the botheration of
 managing the feeding &c of the Nurses --
 & have full scope to devote yourself to
 the Patients -- And -- to the Orderlies --

But I sadly fear that when you are
 Supt, you will have not all our Nurses
 but some inefficients under you -- But you

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will know how to manage the troublesome
 & conceited without betraying superiority.
 Mrs. Deeble herself told me: "they are very
 "conceited -- And the MedL Offrs spoil them".

You will not let the MedL Offrs see that
 there is any rivalry, except in good works
 or that the Nightingale Nurses, above all,
 wish to do anything but help the MedL Officer,
 in obedience to the P.M.O., & *not* assert
themselves.

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{BELOW: A VII 22 IN PENCIL
 A VII 22 [3]

You are put down as *Senior* Sister:

that is supposed to give you authority
 over the others

Miss Solly as the next in ~~rank~~ seniority
 [I had to answer this question at the moment,
 & thought it best, as Miss Airy dislikes
 supce. But *she* will have to be senior
 over the 3 others.]

f6

You are all requested to understand that you may be unable to get any *Washing* done. [The Sisters often have to wash out their own things.] & ~~must~~ may provide accordingly -- Sheets are not to be expected. Mosquito nets should be taken

"Mrs. Fellowes" is requested to take
a stove

her (Nurses') instrument case
" thermometer
" Subcutaneous Injector
" Solution of Morphia

Miss Solly & Miss Airy probably have their own (Nurses') instrument cases -- & should take them
A bullock trunk is allowed for each.

But nothing else is to be taken but a Gladstone bag in the hand
the thick cloak on the arm
the thin one on --

f7

Outfit

I sent all this to Mrs. Wardroper on Tuesday night -- No doubt she has told you.

The good Orderlies will be glad to have you. The bad ones who are very conceited the Nurses must manage without being imperious or repelling; *and* -- report them only in the last resort.

f8 {BELOW: A VII 22 IN PENCIL A VII 22 [4]

If there are any vexatious Regulations about e.g.
going out or not going out &c, they must remember
that these are necessary for the evil-doers, & not for
those that do well

[If they made a Regn that I should not look
out of window, I should obey & not mind]

God bless you:

ever yrs F.N.

[end 15:920]

AUGUST 3, 5, 7 & 8, 1882, ff1-16 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & DR. CRAWFORD
PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED AUGUST 3, 5, 7 &
8, 1882

f1 {PEN} VI₈
82/19 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 3 AUG. 1882
82/20 " " " " 5 AUG. 1882
82/21 F.N. TO DR. T. CRAWFORD 7 AUG. 1882
82/22 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 8 AUG. 1882

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: A VII 23 IN PENCIL A VII 23
PRIVATE {DIAGONAL} HI/ST/NC1/82/19

August 3 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

[15:920-21]

I would rather have
gone over the present position
with you viva voce: but
as I am afraid that I may
possibly fail to see you
again, I must tell you what
you want to know thus.

1. You will be sent to *Egypt*,
not to Malta -- (which was feared)

2. You will be under Miss
Stewart, that capital woman
whom I mentioned to you,
as local Hospl Supt at
Alexandria -- not under a
Netley or Woolwich Nurse.

{PAGE CUT OFF}

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

-- has been 13 years in it herself.
3. Mrs. Deeble has general "control"
(-- does not go out herself
till end of August --) "of the
"Nursing arrangements (as regards
"female nurses) -- whether she
"be in England or at the Seat
"of War".

"The Local Hospital
"Superintendents will have
"full authority in their
"respective Hospitals,
"subject to Mrs. Deeble's
"guidance -- & will send
"to her monthly reports as
"to conduct of Nurses &c"

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

"The Nat. Aid Socy Nurses are under
"the above regulations".

4. It is requested that you
(our Nurses) write to me
besides. And I am sure
this is meant as a safe=
guard. I hope you
will not find it very
onerous.

5. It is proposed that you &
Miss Solly shall go out
first to the Alexandria
Hospital -- I thought you
would like this best --
& that then when there
is another Hosp^l in Egypt,
you should be its Supt
& Miss Solly your Assistant.

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

They are determined to keep
the 3 SupcIES (£80 a year each)
for the "Govt Sisters" -- Nor
can we be much surprised.

I ventured to say for you
(the only way of securing one for
you) that you would give
your services *without the pay*
as HospL Supt

£30 a year -- little enough --
is the pay for all but Supts

I am afraid the others
(our other 4) will be under
Miss Caulfield -- but nothing
is settled yet.

[end 15:921]

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: A VII 24 IN PENCIL A VII 24

Aug 5 1882 HI/ST/NC1/82/20

10, SOUTH STREET {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

I *had* thought of the
desirableness of your meeting
Miss Stewart before you left
England & have arranged
that if possible she shall
in passing thro' London
(she is at Netley) come here.
I will telegraph to you the
moment I know, *IF* she
comes & hope you may
be able to meet her here.
If not, I must be your
interpreter with Miss Stewart.

[15:921]

f7 {THIS SECTION IN PEN:}

The "Hospital Ship" Carthage
(which I was invited to go &
look at) is to be nursed
by 4 ladies of the Nat. Aid
Socy Nurses -- ~~not?~~ Miss
Stewart -- not one of them --
& But the Carthage is to take ~~these~~ her & you two out
as at present arranged.

Miss Winterton came to
see me yesterday. She
appears to have the
{THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}
makings of a capital "Sister"
in her, & her truth & humility
are far more hopeful than

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

the complacent self-confidence
of many Nurses for success.
But I was rather appalled to
find that she knew nothing
whatever of the working of a
Military Hosp^L: thought it
was nursed by women: did
not know that it was one
woman with a number of
Army Hosp^L Corps men who
did the Nursing.

If you have time could
you give her some notions
on this?

I am sure she is an
excellent woman: & loyal.

But it is this sort of thing
which makes us fear -- yet

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

why should I fear? -- God
is with us.

Miss Airy will not be able
to tell her anything of *this*.

And Miss Caulfield?

Order this moment come (9. am
You & Miss Solly are "ordered"
to be quite ready by
Tuesday. You will be
of Miss Stewart's party
on board the "Carthage"
which will probably sail
on the 9TH.

Would you ~~like~~ spare time to see
me again first? tomorrow
or Monday

God bless you

[end]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

f10 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: CI & 8 PENCIL

NURSES FOR THE EAST:} CI 8 HI/ST/NC1/82/21

August 7 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Referring to my letter of
the 3rd inst: in which I
informed you that Miss
Richardson, one of the Nurses
whose name was sent in,
was unable to go, I have
now, in compliance with
Mrs. Deeble's urgent request
to recommend another Nurse
in her place, to submit
to you the name of

[15:922]

Miss Helen Norman,
daughter of Lt. General
Sir Henry Norman K.C.B.

f11 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Member of the Council for India

Her age is 26. She
has been trained at St.
Mary's Hospital, Paddington,
under the very efficient
Matron there, Miss Williams,
(a former pupil of the
Nightingale School)
Miss Norman has been more
than two years at St.
Mary's Hospital, & receives
a high character from
Miss Williams, both as to
Nursing qualifications &
general high fitness for the
task.

f12 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Her health is reported excellent.
Miss Norman has sought &
obtained her father, Sir
Henry Norman's fullest
consent, to her joining
H.M.'s Nursing Service
for Egypt.

We shall be glad to hear
in reply at your very earliest
convenience whether she
is accepted.

Her present address is
St. Mary's Hospital
Paddington
W.

[end]

f13 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD
&c &c
Director Genl

f14 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: A VII 25 IN PENCIL A VII 25

Aug 8 1882 HI/ST/NC1/82/22
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Mrs. Fellowes

Once more, once more,
 fare you very well.

[15:923-24]

"Our Sisters will embark at
Albert Docks Ship
 Carthage at *four*
 o'clock this day".

[Telegram just received]

Your letters of service not
 yet come here: you will
 probably receive them
 on board, unless they have
 been sent to you at St. T.'s.

f15 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

I enclose letter for Miss Stewart:

My love to Miss Solly.

How is your poor Hernia case?

God bless you all:

God guide us all:

He is with the right

O Lord of hosts, lift up

Thy everlasting doors,

& be our life.

Florence Nightingale

f16 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

It is yesterday 26 years
 that I came back from the
 Crimea War.

[end 15:924]

AUGUST 14 & SEPTEMBER 9, 1882, ff1-10 LETTERS TO DR. CRAWFORD & MRS. COX
 PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
 DATED AUGUST 14 & SEPTEMBER 9, 1882

f1 {PEN}

VI,

82/23 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 14 AUG. 1882

82/24 " " " " " (NO. 2)

82/25 F.N. TO MRS COX 9 SEPT. 1882

f2 {BELOW: CI & 9 HI/ST/NC1/82/23

Nurses for the Mediterranean:

CI 9
Aug 14 1882
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your
note of Aug. 12.

[15:924]

The 3 Bullock Trunks
have arrived at St. Thomas'
Hospital.

I am so sorry to trouble
you for orders:
in your kind note you
say "for the 3 nurses
"about to proceed to
"Cyprus & Alexandria
"from St. Thomas' Hospital"
I have a letter from Mrs.
Deeble this morning:
saying:

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"The Malta party will
"embark on Wednesday
"at Tilbury by a Comp
"steamer -- name not
"given or hour of
"embarkation".
She does not say that
our three Nurses are to
be of the "Malta party"--
& on a previous occasion
she told me they were
not to be so.
Might I ask to know,
when it is settled, how
soon the "Cyprus & Alexandria"

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party embark? & where?
I have telegraphed to Mrs. Deeble.
With many thanks for
all your kindness
pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
The Director Genl
T. Crawford Esq MD

[end]

&c &c

f5 {BELOW: CI & 10 HI/ST/NC1/82/25*Nurses for the Mediterranean*

CI 10

No 2

Aug 14 1882 HI/ST/NC1/82/24

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

In reference to my note,
just sent, I have since
received a Telegram from
Mrs. Deeble,

[15:925]

"Not any of your party
"are for *Malta*."

Every moment of your
time must be beyond price
& therefore I will only
trouble you for orders as to
the day that the "Cyprus
& Alexandria" party start,
which I am sure you will
kindly send when it is fixed.

f6

Kindly forgive me.
Good speed to all your
arrangements: which are
praised by all & obeyed gladly
by ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD
&c &c
Director General

[end 15:925]

f8 {BELOW: A V & 17 HI/ST/NC1/82/25

A V 17

Lea Hurst

Cromford Derby

Sept 9/82

My dear Mrs. Cox

Thanks very, very many for yours of
Sept. 6, just received -- I should have
been so glad to have had it before -- while
I was still in London.

[15:927-28]

We have sent off 5 parties of
Nurses, (not under our own arrangements
I am sorry to say) to Malta, Cyprus,

f9

Alexandria, Ismailia & Hospital
ship Carthage lying in Canal off
Ismailia -- And a further party is
going in a day or two.

We were of course told not to send
anything to soldiers -- "Every thing lavishly
"provided" -- And in the doubt
whether anything sent would not lie
unpacked at Alexandria as at
Balaclava. I did send nothing

If I had been in London [I was
obliged to leave ~~as~~ soon after our
last interviews & arrangements were
finished a few days ago because
I am so ill & have been so ever since]
I might have been able to talk over
the authorities to allow the Smelling Salts &
Cholera belts, & silk handkerchiefs. I may possibly be
able to gain something yet -- & will
let you know -- a thousand thanks.

f10

There is the old trouble -- getting
things up to the front --

Your zeal & active goodness are
everything --

God bless you

in greatest haste

ever yrs

[end 15:928]

F. Nightingale

SEPTEMBER 14, 1882, ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS COX & MRS FELLOWES PENCIL & PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 1882

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₀

82/26 F.N. TO MRS COX 14 SEPT. 1882

82/27 F.N. TO [MRS. FELLOWES] 14 SEPT. 1882

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: A V & 18 HI/ST/NC1/82/26

Private {DIAGONAL}

A V 18

Sept 14 1882

[15:929]

My dear Mrs. Cox

I did not lose a day in asking at
the "proper quarter" whether I might
send out the Articles to Egypt which
you mentioned & which you so kindly
offered to distribute to "individuals" at
Portsmouth. [I could have got together the money]
But the answer was so unsatisfactory that
I did not send it you. It was to this

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

effect, dated Sept 13/82
that they "lost no time in letting" me know
"that 1. the smelling salts would, they
feared, become very soon useless in a
climate like Egypt -- and as the
men of A.H.C. that accompany troops
into action have stimulants to administer
to ~~them~~ men, as also in the Field
"Companions & Orderlies' Haversacks have
Ammonia in solution, the substance of
which smelling salts are made
"2. they have sent out many hundreds of
Ophthalmia napkins of linen for
cases of sore eyes which are better than
silk & will wash better, if they have
to be utilized more than once.
"3. every man has one or two properly
made flannel Cholera belts to tie
on with tapes, & usually the Company
Officers see that the men wear them".

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

We know now alas! what we
expected how much of the
"complete & perfect" Medical
arrangements existed only on paper.

Pray, pray be so very good as
to tell me all you know -- and
no one knows so much of what
practically occurred.

[end 15:929]

f5 HI/ST/NC1/82/27 {FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: A VII 26 IN PENCIL A VII 26

Sept 14 1882

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

[15:929-30]

Joy, joy for our terrible victory
at Tel-el-Kebir. We in England
do not know to-day yet how much
we may have suffered. But
we think of you all at work
& we bless God you are there.
We trust you have the full
work you long for, & we so long
for for you -- As, long before
this reaches you, things will
have marched apace, I will
only say *what I cannot say*,
but what you know already,
my dear Sisters - - - - -

There is one strength, I am
sure, in the whole Expedition
for men & women too: "It is
"the idea of duty & the feeling

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

"that every man" (& woman)
"is working, not for himself
"but for the general cause",
the general good, "his country"
& his God. †

And there is but one heart
in all England, man, woman
& child: and that is a
heart for you & your
work & your men.
I very much hope that
letters from you, with
plenty of details, are now
on their way home to us.
We have sighed for news
from you & been disappointed.

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{THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

God bless you all
A party of sisters starts
tomorrow for Ismailia,
including our Miss Helen
Norman, of St. Mary's;

Possibly they may have
a Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir
with Sisters.

But ~~to-day~~ we know
nothing. You will know
as soon as we.

We have had cheery letters
from Miss Airy: & know of
her arrival at Cyprus by telegram
but not from herself -- there has
not been time, as there has been from you, ye rascals,
X The suspense to-day of
the poor mothers & wives
in England is dreadful.
But how it lessens it to know that
their sick & wounded will be nursed as

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

you will nurse them.

I do trust you are well.
Sometimes I fear you are not.

We have heard from Miss
Winterton. They had a very
bad passage thro' the Bay.
Once more, fare you very
well my dear friends
(or strangers), my dear Mrs.
Fellowes & Miss Solly

ever yours

my Capes of Good Hope

[and oh! be prudent]

Florence Nightingale

Before Sir Garnet Wolseley left
England, he said: "The first
operation will be to seize the
Suez Canal -- the second the
Kassassin Lock -- the first
battle will be on Sept. 15,
(it was on the 13th): & the war
will be over 3 weeks after that".

[end 15:930]

SEPTEMBER 18, 1882, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 18, 1882

f1 {PEN} VI₁₁
 82/28 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 18 SEPT. 1882 HI/ST/NC1/82/28
f2 {BELOW: A VII 27 IN PENCIL *Egypt* A VII 27
via Brindisi {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

CROMFORD
 SP 18
 82

Mrs. Fellowes
 care of Capt. Hector
 commanding S.S. Carthage
 (care of P. & O. ~~Agents~~ Cy
~~Port Said~~

18/9/82 Alexandria
~~London~~ ~~Egypt~~

f3 {BELOW: A VII 27 IN PENCIL
Private {DIAGONAL} A VII 27 {WRITTEN SIDEWAYS ON THE LEFT SIDE OF PAGE,
 IN PENCIL:}
 A thousand
 times
 fare you
 very well
 F. Nightingale

Sept 18 1882
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes -- Joy that
 the War in Egypt is over: it
 might have been so terrible --

[15:931-33]

And oh *may I say* -- joy that
 you have had the work you
 went out for & that we so
 hoped you would have?

I was thankful ~~to your~~ beyond
 measure for the message Miss Solly
 conveyed to me from you -- viz.
 that you "hope I will not
 "trouble at all about this upset
 "for things are smooth enough
 "now". You cannot tell -- or at
 least I believe you *can* tell --
 what more than a "trouble",
 a grief & a terror & a gnawing
 anxiety it has been to me -- how
 gladly I ~~have~~ would if I could have
 borne it all for you, and a

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thousand times more. To have
secured for you all the *circumstances*
we wished for your work,
I would gladly have given
my life. But you are made to rise above
~~But~~ circumstances perhaps this is God's way
His ways are not as our ways --
of preparing you for the
great work which I am
persuaded He has in store
for you some day in some way
in reforming Military Hospitals
~~Nursing~~ [I had 10 years of
contradictions & disappointments
before He gave me my work.
And oh how badly I did it.]

But ~~oh~~ how cautious we
must be -- how prudent -- how
reticent -- in doing any work
for God: especially of this kind.

You were so very good as to
promise that if they told you
"not to look out of window", you
would obey: that is, obey the most unreasonable.
And, when first you volunteered,

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that you would "go to Malta or
"Cyprus or anywhere", so you
might "get your hand in".

I hope, more than I can say,
for the men's sake, that you
may have had a Field Hospital
before this, or a busy Hospital
on shore -- But soldiers must
obey orders. And to you the
"roughing" it has been: the
resigning yourself to "comforts"
which you detested & to work
which you did not want,
while the work which
wanted you was within
reach -- a severe kind of
"roughing" indeed -- perhaps
the severest, as I know by
sad experience.

But it will not last.
This short War is not life.
But all will depend -- ~~all~~ your
possible future in the work
we pray for for you, O my Cape

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of Good Hope, -- upon the name
you gain here. That name I
know will be of one who
obeys authority, however
unreasonable, in the name of
Him who is above all, & who
is Reason itself of one who submits
to disagreeables, however unjust,
for the work's sake & for His
who tells us to love those we
don't like -- a precept I
follow oh so badly -- of one
who never criticizes so that
it can even be guessed at that
she has criticism in her heart
-- & who helps her companions
to submit by her own noble
example. And oh dear friend,
this I am sure I need not say:
forgive a fidgety old woman,
-- not to breathe one word to
any Nurse or other person
in St. Thomas' or indeed elsewhere

f7 {BELOW: A VII 27

[2] A VII 27

of your annoyances, great tho'
they be [Home Sister & I are
as 'safe' as yourself: like deep wells]
But you know what Nurses are.
[It will be all over the Hospital
the Doctors, Mr. McK. &c will
smell it out -- thence to the Army
Doctors -- your whole future
which I do so look forward to
when I am gone, may depend
upon this -- You know what
Hospital gossip is -- & you know
what true dignity is -- It is
never to communicate with an
inferior except what will
raise her -- not to seek her
sympathy -- you don't want her
to raise you -- except in those
things which will purify ~~her~~
& elevate her standard of life
-- that standard which the
great Commander in Chief holds
~~raises~~ high before us all.
I don't mean conventional dignity

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of position -- but the true dignity which is of Christ. And pray for me that I may have these things for I have them not.

Fare you very well, dear friend. If this campaign shall have been a disappointment, (tho' I pray God it may not), it may be, as *He* sees the things He orders, the best preparation for a future Army Hospital life. Or it may be ruinous for it. [But I think that would kill me.]

If they see that you think the Doctors ~~know nothing~~ are self-indulgent, the Sisters know nothing, that you despise *any* body, that *would* be ruinous -- [We are not there to criticize them]

Mrs. Deeble asked Miss Pringle, Supt of Edinburgh to go out. And she said she would, *UNDER* one of Mrs.

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Deeble's Supg Sisters, *with* her
 Edinburgh Nurses, "that she might
 help to maintain discipline
 & a good spirit among them --
 & absence of criticism" --
 [we *knew* that you would know
 more than your Supg Sisters --
 that is no news] And that
 is what I know our Mrs. Fellowes
 will do --

[Miss Pringle or Edinburgh Nurses
 are of course not going out now.]
 Forgive, I say again from the bottom
 of my heart, a most anxious
 old woman, who can scarcely
 write this letter.

I know not where this will
 find you: I hope immersed in
 work: for sick & wounded last
 beyond the end of War -- And there
 are of course many more sick
 than wounded.

 You know, I will know in years to come still more, what
 delicate & difficult engines of reconstruction
 Hospital Nurses are.

[end 15:933]

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 1882, ff1-17 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 1882

f1 {PEN}

82/29 F.N. TO MRS ^{VI₁₂}FELLOWES 30 SEPT. 1882
 82/30 " " " 1 OCT. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 28 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/82/29 A VII 28

Lea Hurst: Cromford: Derby
Sept. 30 1882

[15:933-35]

Welcome, welcome home, my
dear Mrs. Fellowes, welcome
home safe & sound, as I
hope: after all your
labours which I know you
wish had been ten times
more. But how happy
must we be that the war
is so well over when it
might have been so different.
I wish I were in London to
welcome you: but perhaps
you will kindly come here
& let me have a sight of you.
I know not whether you are
going out again yet in the

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Carthage to fetch home more
wounded & sick under
your kind care, of which
I have heard so much
from the Patients who went
to Cyprus: & am sure that
much more is to be heard.
As to your grievances &
annoyances: [I had your
letters of the 1ST & 11TH *both*
together -- & a very kind message
in a previous letter from Miss
Solly, for which I was very
grateful.] As to these,
would to God I could have
borne them all *instead of*
you. But I know you would
remember that if you are to be

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some day a Military & War Hospital
reformer, as we fondly hope,
& as you seem to be called to
be -- oh don't disappoint
this hope -- my Cape of Good Hope: [I gave such a
'character' for *discretion*, of
you, to Sir Garnet Wolseley, to
Sir Frederick Roberts, & the
Director Genl] ~~that you have to~~ I knew that you would
remember that we have to earn our name,
to earn ~~your~~ character: the
'character' of one who obeys
authority, like a true soldier,
the authority we have accepted,
however unreasonable, in the
name of Him who is above
all & who is Reason itself --
[I need not remind you of this
-- it is rather you who should
remind me -- I have suffered

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so much in letting you go:
I thought perhaps, when it
was decided that our Sisters
should not be a separate
party under you as Supr,
I should not have let any
of ours go -- do not prove
me a fool in ~~yielding~~ not withdrawing you all]
I knew that you would
remember to earn the name
of one who submits 'loyally',
as you said so well, cheerfully
& silently, to disagreeables,
[we know "that offences will
come"], however unjust, for
the work's sake & for His
who tells us to love those
we don't like -- a precept
I follow oh so badly! -- pray
for me --

f6 {BELOW: A VII 28 IN PENCIL A VII 28

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-- of one who never criticizes so
that it can even be guessed
that she has criticism in her
heart -- & who leads her
companions to the same noble
submission by her own noble
example.

Miss Pringle the Supr of
Edinburgh Infy, was asked
by Mrs. Deeble to go to Ismailia,
& for ~~a party of~~ 5 or 6 Nurses
Her reply was that if they, her
Nurses, might form a separate
party *with herself* among
them to help in the discipline
under one of Mrs. Deeble's
Suprs, they might go --

I know that our Mrs. Fellowes
would "help in the discipline"
wherever she was.

f7

I long to hear all your
experiences.

That you may not suppose,
but I am sure you would
not, that my thoughts have
not always been with you,
several letters of mine must
have been lost, owing to the
early departure of the Carthage.

And forgive a fidgetty old
woman -- I ventured to say:
do not ~~to~~ (however superfluous=ly) do not breathe one word to
any Nurse of your annoyances,
great though they be
I knew the warning was not needed
But I was fidgetty --
You know what Hospital
gossip is -- it ~~will~~ would be all
over the Hospl go from
Nurse to Doctor -- & from Doctor
to Army Doctor -- & from Army
Doctor to Whitehall -- & to War Office.

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Let them hear of us only by
our good work.
And you know what true dignity
is. One of its attributes is: to
communicate with an inferior
only that which will raise her:
~~not~~ to seek her sympathy -- (you
don't want her to raise you)
only in that which will
raise her standard of life --
that standard which the
great Commander-in-Chief
holds high before us all --
you & I don't mean conventional
dignity of position -- but the
true dignity which is of Christ.
And pray for me that I may
have these things -- for I have
them not.
And if I might say so let
us for the work's sake not
breathe one word of our annoyances

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even to friends -- much less to
Nurses.
With regard to the "comforts"
of the Carthage -- ~~it is this~~ which
you did not want -- it is the
cross of many to "endure
hardness" -- it was your cross
to endure *comforts*. And I
know by late experience of
my own this is the hardest
cross when one longs to be
doing hard work.
Much of this I ventured
to write to you: do forgive me.
I knew that you would
remember -- [you gave me the
kindest promise that, if you
were told "not to look out of
window", you would obey] that
you would remember that the

f10 {BELOW: A VII 28 IN PENCIL A VII 28
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faintest rumour of the
insubordination of Sisters
goes far to justify the War
Office in placing them -- or
as we should say in *misplacing*
them. The War Office says:
'you must go out under our
superintendents'. If the Sisters
say: 'We will 'behave well' if
'we go out under Supts we
'like: but we can't unless we
'go out under Supts of our own' --
a man of the world will say
at once, 'you are not the sort
for us'.

By 'behaving well', every
Govt office means: loyalty not
saying things against their
immediate superiors.

This is absolutely indispensable
in the Army. But in the Foreign
Office the most distinguished

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men will not get on if they
"go about saying things against
their chiefs."

You will back me from
your own experience of the world
in saying that, if people talk
against those [illeg] in charge,
it is not malice, it is not
untruth, but it is unwisdom
-- those people won't get on
in good work as you have
often noticed.

I am sure that your kindness
will give no place for people
saying that you have justified
the War Office & proved me a
fool.

For if I had withdrawn you
when you could not go out
under your own Supt or as
your own Supt, the public would
have misjudged your Training School
& your cause & yourselves.

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But if you knew how I have
suffered in thinking over & over
whether, when every thing went
so contrary to our hopes -- I
should have let you go -- in
thinking over & over whether
everything had been done that
could be done to get you into
the Field Hospitals, you would be
sorry for me.

[You kindly wrote to me, when
it was first proposed for you to go,
in answer to a question of the
Director Genl's -- that you would
go to Gozo or Cyprus, so that you
could once get your hand in
among the soldiers]

{THIS SECTION WRITTEN IN PENCIL:}

I have to break off --
& you with all your kindness
will say -- & I do too -- that
I have said too much already

Forgive me.

[end 15:935]

f13 {BELOW: A VII 29 IN PENCIL A VII 29

Lea Hurst: Cromford: Derby

Oct 1/82

Welcome, welcome home, my
dearest Mrs. Fellowes: twice
welcome back to Alexandria
to fetch more of our poor
fellows. And thrice welcome
home after that.
And blessings, blessings on you
that you "feel you have
much *good* news to tell me".
How heart & soul & mind
in me thirst for it. How
I would have run up to
London to meet you if I
could. How I reckon upon
being in London to meet you
when you come back -- & to

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hear all the "good news", I need
~~which~~ not tell you -- which my whole spirit
goes out to meet & which
I know you will tell me.
What splendid work you
must have had after the
last battle -- & how I think
of the poor fellows nursed
by your skilful devoted
hands & minds -- & the
good work done so well.
And how I long to hear of
it all.

Thank you, thank you
again for saying you have
"good news" -- I have been
so anxious, so miserable for
you. But that does not signify

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I trust you will have a
good passage out & back --
And then home & to work,
my Cape of Good Hope, I
trust.

I am curious to know the
manner in which delicate
operations are performed
at sea.

But I keep all my
questions back, knowing
that you will kindly
answer them some time.

Thank God that you
are here. And thank God
that your health has not
suffered. But I am sorry
for your 'bad finger'. Is that

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a poisoned finger?
How sorry I am not to see
you now you well know
& also how with my whole
heart I say God bless you
yours ever, with great
love, my Cape of Good Hope
Florence Nightingale
I did not receive
your kind note
from Portsmouth
till this morning:
I am writing to Mrs. Wardroper
to ask: Is it well with
the children? -- O may the
answer be: It *is* well.

f17 {BELOW: A VII 29

Mrs. Fellowes
care of Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital,
Westminster Bridge
1/9/82 London, S.E.

OCTOBER 2, 1882, ff1-7 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES & MRS. COX PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED OCTOBER 2, 1882

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₃
82/31 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 2 OCT. 1882
82/32 F.N. TO MRS COX 2 OCT. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 30 IN PENCIL {WRITING ON ENVELOPE IN PEN}

Please forward A VII 30
{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
CROMFORD
A
OC 2
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Mrs. Fellowes
care of Miss Crossland
Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
2/9/82 London S.E.

f3 {BELOW: A VII 30 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/82/31
A VII 30

Lea Hurst
Cromford
Dearest Mrs. Fellowes Oct 2/82
I cannot let you go without another
word of greeting -- You are always in my
thoughts -- & another word of blessing
in that you so kindly say you have
"good news" for me -- That is the *best* of
news for me -- Thank God --

You have been 'grievously vexed' -- Forgive

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me for the share I have had in it --
 Would you rather not have gone out at all
 than have gone out in that way & under
 those circumstances?

Forgive me for anything I may have
 said amiss in my long letter to you
 yesterday --

You cannot tell how I long to see you

You have but a month more at
 longest of being "grievously vexed &c" --
 -- how thankful you must be that you are
 not responsible for it -- or for any body.

I have sometimes found in my life that
 the very hindrances I had been deploring
 were there expressly to fit me for the
 next step in life. [This was the case --
 hindrances of years -- before the Crimean
 War --] *May it be possible that THIS*

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*may have been the express way sent to prepare
 you for some important work hereafter
 in War & Military Hospitals?* [Please
 God it may be so for the men's sake
 but then it *must* be done through the
 women] --

Now fare you very well and au revoir,
 And believe me to be | very, very soon |
 | please God! |

 your truly 'loyal & devoted servant'
 Florence Nightingale

f6 {BELOW: A V 18b IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/82/32

A V 18b Oct 2/82

[15:935]

Thank you, thank you a thousand times,
dearest Mrs. Cox, for your letter about
the "Carthage" Nurses, & Dr. Pennington
You cannot imagine what joy it gives
me. At least, your kindness did
imagine, for in your great goodness
you wrote off at once, & turned
anxiety into joy for me -- Coming at

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that moment, it was ecstasy -- For
I had had great cause for care --
No. Miss Stewart is not Miss Stewart
of Crimean renown. She is not ours
at all. But one of the National Aid
Society Nurses & not a very energetic one (strictly confidential) --
Mrs. Fellowes &
Miss Solly are our two, both St.
Thomas' "Sisters" of Male Surgical Wards
[All the St. Thomas' Staff are trained by us]. Miss King is not
either one of ours. She is a Netley Nurse.
We have other Sisters at Alexandria
& Cyprus: one at Cyprus, Miss Airy,
also a first rate "Male Surgical" Sister,
from St. Thomas', one of those disinterested
women who will give up a well-paid
Matronship

[end 15:935]

OCTOBER 4 & 14, 1882, ff1-11 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES, DR. CRAWFORD & MRS. COX PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₄

82/33 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES	4 OCT. 1882
82/34 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD	14 OCT. 1882
82/35 F.N. TO MRS COX	14 OCT. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 31 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/82/3 A VII 31

Lea Hurst

Cromford

Oct 4/82

How much I thank you for your
dear visit yesterday,
dearest Mrs. Fellowes --
& how much I hope that
your kindness did not
overtire you.

This is only a word of the
tenderest & liveliest
greeting to you & Miss
Solly on your second
Expedition to the East.

Please thank Miss Solly for
her letter received this
morning -- & tell her
(what I read out of a letter
to you) about the Doctors'

[15:930]

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appreciation -- which
(& others ~~things~~ too) I hope to
read to her myself when
you come back.
I profit by your kind
permission to enclose a
letter thro' you to "Sister" Young
at Alexandria
Fare you well: fare you very
well: & better still au
revoir: au revoir.
God bless you: And He
will bless you --
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end]**f4**

{BELOW: CI & 11 HI/ST/NC1/82/34

PRIVATE {DIAGONAL}

CI 11 Address
10 South St.
Park Lane W.
Oct 14/82

My dear Sir

I was extremely obliged
to you for so kindly
sending me that Telegram
from Cairo of Oct 3
concerning the health & work
of the Sisters, & yet more
for your kind note enclosing
it. I saw Sir Garnet
Wolseley's despatch & Telegram
concerning the Medical Dept
with great pleasure &
without surprise.

The Army MedL Dept can

[15:938]

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only gain from any enquiry
which may be instituted.
And I have no doubt any
such enquiry will be
welcomed by you.

Might I ask you to be so very
good as to direct me to
the name & *date* of the
newspaper in which
Surgeon Genl Hanbury's
Report appeared?

About the Army Hospital Corps.

I was told -- this was before
the War -- that there was to be
a general enquiry into its
organization -- possibly with

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Sir Garnet Wolseley at its
head

Might I venture to ask your
great kindness whether &
when this is to take place?
& any particulars that you
might be good enough to
furnish? as to its members &c.

This too might be of the
greatest service in making
the Army Medl Dept as
efficient as you would
wish in placing the
whole Hospital Corps on
a right footing in its
relation to the Departmt:
tho' it is evident that the
enquiry might easily take

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a wrong direction.

I shall be at South St.
again in another week
& hoping that some day
I may have the great
pleasure of seeing you
again. I will not
trouble you, who must
be so occupied, with
a longer letter now about
these vitally interesting subjects --
but only beg you to believe
me ever your faithful servt

[end]

Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD &c &c
Director Genl

f8 {BELOW: A V 19

Private {DIAGONAL} HI/ST/NC1/82/35

A V 19 Address

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

Oct 14/82

My dearest Mrs. Cox

[15:939]

I cannot thank you
enough for all your letters.
I trust & pray that not
a word of them may be
wasted. Any thing that
you will be so good as to
write to me from first
source, from what you
know so well how to gather
(& sift) among those whom
you see returning from the
War, will be *terribly*
welcome, & of the
greatest service.

I wish indeed that Genl

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Cox would *write* the
organization he created
in the Franco=German War
before a battle.
I know alas! so well
how much in our Army Medical
arrangements exists only
on paper. The last
Director GenL, tho' an
excellent & conscientious
& in a sense an able
man, had no idea
of enquiring, after
framing excellent Regulations,
whether these were carried
out or not. And his own Medical
Officers flatly disobeyed his
Circulars & orders.

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Mrs. Fellowes found time
to run down to me in
Derbyshire before the
Carthage sailed again.
I hear from all our Nurses.

{THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}
Pray excuse these disjointed
scraps -- I am so interrupted
I shall be back at South
St. in a week -- There are to
be enquiries -- as you know.
~~But~~ Every thing addressed to
South St. is forwarded
to me at once,
& will be, as I say, *terribly*
welcome & I trust useful
for the men
to yours ever gratefully
& overflowinglly
F. Nightingale

[end]

f11 {BELOW: A V 19 A V 19
 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
 DERBY
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{WRITING ON ENVELOPE IN PEN:}
 Mrs. Cox
 26 South Parade
 Southsea
14/10/82 Portsmouth

NOVEMBER 4 1882 ff1-8 LETTERS TO MRS COX PENCIL & PEN HANDWRITTEN BY
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}
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82/36 F.N. TO MRS COX 4 NOV. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A V 20
 A V 20
 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
 LONDON
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{illeg. P.?} Nightingale {DIAGONAL, IN PENCIL
{WRITING ON ENVELOPE IN PEN:}
 Mrs. Cox
 26 South Parade
 Southsea
4/11/82

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: A V 20 A V 20 HI/ST/NC1/82/36}

Private {DIAGONAL}

Nov 4 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My very dear Mrs. Cox

Many, many thanks for your
letters. The Committee of
Enquiry has begun its sittings.
It embraces, as you know, a *general*
enquiry into Army Hospital
Corps, organization &c --
into Field & Base Hospitals,
Sea Transport for sick & wounded
-- & lastly into Medical
arrangements ~~for~~ during the recent
campaign in Egypt.

[15:941-42]

Any information or hints
that you could kindly give me

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

to put me on the track --
Any names of witnesses to
be examined who you
think would be useful --
especially of those who
would speak out --
would be of the greatest service.
Will you tell me whether
I should be at liberty to
mention with *names* (privately) what
you told me about Dr.
Pennington having applied to
Sir Owen Lanyon to buy
fresh provisions at Ismailia -- & no one
having the power to purchase:

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

And whether they would be
good witnesses when they
come home (is Sir O. Lanyon
at home?) or whether they
would deny all about it?

Also: what were the *details* of the "wild"
Medical "confusion" "before & after the battles"?

I shall try for Genl Cox
to be examined, if I may.

In answer to your question
I have not heard of any Fund
to furnish discharged Invalids
with warm clothing &c. But if
Genl Cox would write to

Col. Sir Robert Loyd Lindsay M.P.
2 Carlton Gardens
S.W.

who is Chairman of the National
Aid Socy; & is on this Committee

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
of Enquiry , it would elicit
whether the Nat. Aid Socy
would do anything.

None of *our* Nurses are
come home -- All ours (with
others) are concentrated at
Alexandria & in the "Carthage"
detained at Alexandria. They
have 9 per cent sick of the
Force.

Success attend all your
operations.

ever yrs

F. Nightingale

As far as I know, the "food" on

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
{BELOW: A V 20 IN PENCIL
A V 20
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board the "Carthage" was
good -- but ~~ever~~ the
distributions were at such
odd times. The Sick
& wounded *Officers* were
not, however, as well
attended to at the
Hospital *proper*, the
common soldiers, sick &
wounded. [I think
however that, there, complaints
were exaggerated -- One poor
fellow (Officer) who died,
whom you may have known,

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
could not eat or drink any thing --
& his life depended upon
not exciting vomiting.
People so often attribute
to that word "he could not eat
anything" the meaning
that there was nothing
fit for him to eat.]

[end 15:942]

NOVEMBER 10 & DECEMBER 1 1882, ff1-14 LETTERS TO MRS FELLOWES PEN
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₆

82/37 F.N. TO MRS FELLOWES 10 NOV. 1882
82/38 " " " 1 DEC. 1882

f2 {BELOW: A VII 32 IN PENCIL HI/ST/NC1/82/37 A VII 32

PRIVATE {DIAGONAL & UNDERLINED 4 TIMES}

November 10 1882

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

Dearest Mrs. Fellowes Thank you
for your note written just
before you reached Alexandria
[I have not received anything
since] And thank you yet
more & again for your
precious visit to Lea Hurst,
so kindly made.

[15:943-44]

Anxiety filled me during
the extraordinary stormy weather
we had the end of October &
afterwards, lest the "Carthage"
should be at sea on her way
home. Thank God you were
not. The D.G. tells me you
are still off Alexandria. And
I hear from the other Sisters that

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they see you occasionally -- &
send you their Convalescents --
 & that there is not
enough work for your active
souls, while on shore they
have rather too much work
-- not for their wishes but
because more might be done
for the Enteric cases, especially
at night, were there more
Sisters. I suppose it
would not do to propose
that some Sisters should be
spared from the Carthage,
finding their night accommodn
still on board the ship.

Dr. Crawford told me that
he had seen you at Portsmouth
& asked your opinion on some
things.

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I shall have much to ask when
you come home.
If 'roughing' was desired, Miss Airy
seems to have had enough of it.
But she writes such cheery letters.
God bless you all for your brave
hearts.
My love to Miss Solly.

The Committee of Enquiry x, which
I think I mentioned to you, into
the Army Hosp^l Corps, as well
as into the Medical arrangements
in Egypt, & into a proposed
extension of the Nursing Service
at home with the object of ~~the~~
trained women training the Orderlies
in Nursing duties -- has been sitting
already a fortnight.

x Your friend Sir Wm MacCormac is on it

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I am so hurried & interrupted.
But let me say -- there is no soul
in Army, War Office, Medical
Dept, or Committee of Enquiry
who does not sing the praises
of the Sisters' war work.
Several Telegrams have been
shown me by the D.G. from the Doctors: `The
Sisters have "worked nobly"' &c

I saw one Colonel of a Regiment's
letter: "the only satisfactory
thing out here as concerns
the sick & wounded has been
the Nurses' work & the Carthage"

Everything that has as yet
come out on the Comm: of Enquiry
has shown how valuable the
Nurses' work has been.

My heart trembles with [insert thankfulness para below here]

f6*Strictly Private* BURN

I do not know who can have
told Miss Stewart that you
"had written home complaints".

It was not I. The only
letter I have written to her
(in answer to one she wrote
me) was quite different
from that, you may be sure,
& was returned to me from
the Ismailia P.O.

She has never made a
"complaint" to me of you".

If you like to give her my
kind regards, & tell her that
I did not fail to write but
that it failed to reach her,
pray do. But, if not, not

I wish I could give you news
one hundredth part as
interesting as yours to me.

f7 {BELOW: A VII 32 IN PENCIL A VII 32

thankfulness -- but it *trembles*
still. For upon this will
turn very much *what* the
recommendations of the Committee
will be with regard to the last
part of their instructions.

Let no want of concord or
discretion appear to mar that
blessed work. And let no one
be able justly to say what
was said to me last month.

"It is only Roman Catholic vows
that can keep Sisters together".

I am sure that you, my dear,
dear friend, will do your utmost to prevent these
things from being truly said.
Let us be persecuted for
righteousness' sake, but not
for unrighteousness.

God has great designs for you.

[end 15:944]

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I saw dear Home Sister
the other day full of vigour.

Matron had not returned
then from her holiday.

I am afraid she is not
much better.

With great love, God for ever bless
you -- always yours

F. Nightingale

f9 {BELOW: A VII 32 IN PENCIL
via Brindisi

A VII 32

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON

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NO 10

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Mrs. Fellowes

H.M.'s Nursing Service

British Expeditionary Force

Transport 32

Hospital Ship "Carthage"

Alexandria

10/11/82 *Egypt (or elsewhere)*

f10 {BELOW: A VII 33 IN PENCIL
Private {DIAGONAL}}

A VII 33 HI/ST/NC/82/38

Dec 1 1882

10, SOUTH STREET

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Mrs. Fellowes

Thanks for your letter of
Nov. 16. In reply to your
question: "do you think we
"ought to stay out here until
"nurses are ordered to return?",
I suppose that you will
continue your services
so long as they are
required by the authorities.

[15:947]

I trust that by this time
you & Miss Solly are
transferred to the Gabari
Hospital at Alexandria

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where I am sure you are
very much needed.
And I am so very glad that
Miss Airy who has done
such splendid work among
the Enteric cases, who need,
as Doctors themselves now say,
more Nursing than Doctoring,
and Sister Cannell's party
are gone to the Citadel
at Cairo, where there
was quite a cry for ~~their~~
skilled Nursing.

Miss Norman writes from

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the Abbasiyeh Hospital, Cairo.
They have Enteric at both
Hospitals.
The greater the "disagreeables"
of Military Nursing -- ought
not we the more to be glad
to be there? There is an
"unsatisfactory" struggle in all
War Nursing which none
can know but those who
have done it: The more
"unsatisfactory", (& I hid
nothing from you:) the more
I have always felt
called to it.
Will you excuse a brief

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letter? I am very much
overworked.

Pray give my love to Miss
Solly: & thanks for her
letter.

With regard to your
resignation, you will see
that it is preferable for me
to make no remark upon it.

I cannot thank God enough
that you all (of our Sisters)
are well. Others have I
am afraid suffered.

Alexandria, as I know well,
is delightful in November &
December.

We are here in blackest fogs.

[end]

My sister, Lady Verney, is poor body,
completely helpless with complicated
Rheumatic Arthritis. ever yours most truly
F. Nightingale

f14 {BELOW: A VII 33

via Brindisi
Carthage *Egypt*

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

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A VII 33

Mrs. Fellowes
(H.M.'s Nursing Service)
Gabari *Military* Hospital
Alexandria
(or elsewhere)
Egypt

Dec 1

APRIL 12, MAY 26 TO JUNE 9, 1883, ff1-6 LETTERS TO MISS BLOWER & GRAND
DUCHESS OF BADEN PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED APRIL
12, MAY 26 TO JUNE 9, 1883

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₇

83/1 F.N. TO MISS BLOWER 12 APRIL 1883

83/2 F.N. TO GRAND DUCHESS OF BADEN 26 MAY TO
(DRAFT) 9 JUNE 1883

f2 {BELOW: A VIII 8 IN PENCIL A VIII 8
 P O S T {CREST} C A R D {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Blower
 Royal Southern Hospital
 Liverpool

[13:269]

12/4/83

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I. helps to keep up good & high tone

1. besides Lady Supt a Mistress of Probrs -- whole business to 'mother', teach, train & take care of Probrs 2. lady of Committee shd keep up constant corresponde with-out-Nurses, District, Private &c

Every Nurse shd be a little Missionary of good ways to keep Nurses up shd be her task -- to communicate with Nurses about joy or sorrow in their own homes. -- encourage them to write for advice -- communicate with private families she knows about their Nurses

All our Supts have Private Nurses.

Irish Supts have Roman Catholics -- Priest will not let them ~~have~~ join in prayer with Protestant Nurses.

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II. we try to keep ourselves together by money gratuities annually for 3 years to all Nurses, ladies or others who have done well.

This necessitates Annual Report from Supt, generally one of our training (for we never entrust our Nurses except to a trained Supt whom we generally know) -- before the gratuity is given. Thus we keep up our knowledge & our tie in some degree.

Annual Meeting

Xmas cards --

but alas! we fall so short

Matrons: Miss Pringle -- worth all we could do with her Nurses -- Miss Vincent.

All our Nurses have not the faith & trust & love -- so necessary even *materially*, for good Nursing -- But our Home Sister! great

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ability -- does every thing as in presence of God --
want of highest religious motive we deplore in
Nurses -- not want of morality, uprightness & kindness
-- we have that -- may be from wave of irreligiousness
over our land -- men of lower classes either "heathen"
or "Salvation Army" -- women of upper classes play at
High Church -- or are Rationalists -- or as they please
to call themselves, Agnostics -- Some ~~prefer~~ of
most religious women prefer entering High Church
Sisterhoods to what they regard as our more `secular'
work.

"Antagonism by Progression" -- In God's plan we
often do as much good by rousing those antagonistic
to us to do the same good in their
own way as by
doing it ourselves --

one practical difference -- see H.B.C.'s letter

[end]

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[see her letter April 23]

[8:840-41]

A XXVIII

{WRITTEN BY FN:} HI/ST/NC1/83/

To G.D. of Baden

May 26 - June 9

1883

varieties -- waves in our living material for Nursing work

waves of splendid, waves of indifferent gentlewomen

at present many applications, few good ones --

Many are called but few are chosen --

not fit to control themselves, ∴ not to control others
reasons

1. Schools rising up all over London, Edinbro', Dublin
Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, Belfast -- great
Training Schools for Nurses -- thank God -- and many of
these are under our own Supts

2. Women's intellectual life developed in England
High Schools -- University Colleges -- Colleges for Lady
Doctors, for Art & Music. Education, teaching, literary
work, more attractive than Hospital work --

but not an 'all round' education like Nursing
Still teaching a grand employment whether in Schools
or Colleges, as well as in Nursing -- Elementary School.

Mistresses also a new profession. All tends to
raise women more to the level God made for her.

3. Another side to question -- reason why moral
quality of ladies who come to us not quite what it was. Home &
family life does not now supply moral discipline
it once did. Young ladies not accustomed to obedience
-- to idea of duty prevading every trifle -- to nice household
ways as once -- as they began to think of independence
other than in marriage -- to think of going into professions
of maintaining themselves, the other idea of a strictly family
life went out. Devotion to home duties best preparation for

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high devotion to Hospl life

There is good in all things. God's school the best
He is training His own world. He must do it in
His own way. I only watch & try to learn what
it is He would have us do -- how He would
have us follow Him

4. Ladies do not come to H.R.H. as Nurses.
Too many come to us. In England primo geniture
& the inequality of fortunes left to sons & to daughters
is in our very blood. the proportion of gentlewomen
who have to maintain themselves & even their families
is large. This may account both for number who
swarm about any opening to professional life -- & for
their not coming from highest motives or from
any great fitness

5. In Germany Baden & Berlin movement came
from on high -- highest lady of the land -- with
us it comes from below -- etiquette that the Crown
or Royalty shd not patronize effort of this kind
till it has succeeded.

Much too inclined to fashion in England. Whenever
we have become fashionable, we have declined in
devotion & in the best things. If Royalty were to make
us the fashion, what wd become of our higher motives
except in as far as loyalty is a higher motive. But we
often degrade it.

To theorize about causes less useful than to suggest measures

JUNE 23 & AUGUST 3, 1883, ff1-11 LETTERS TO SIR JAMES CAIRD & DR.
CRAWFORD PENCIL & PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JUNE 23
& AUGUST 3, 1883

f1 {PEN}VI₁₈

83/3 F.N. TO SIR JAMES CAIRD 23 JUNE 1883

83/4 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 3 AUG. 1883

f2 pencil HI/ST/NC1/83/3

10 South St.
Park Lane W.
June 23/83

Dear Sir James Caird

I trust that you have
been keeping Sir Wm.
Wedderburn up to the scratch
in enlightening ~~us~~ & crusading about
LD Ripon's true policy.

When is the reading of his
paper on "Raiyats' Banks"
to come on?

Pray excuse me for not
enclosing the Proof before.

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The amount of violence,

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
continuous & virulent,
against the Native Jurisdict.
Bill, &, under colour of
this against the whole of Ld Ripon's
acts, is appalling.
It is like the rush of the
poor children at
Sunderland -- as blind,
as ignorant and, one
fears, as fatal --
If Sir W. Wedderburn
could stem the rush
it were much to be
desired.

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
Excuse this note.
I have been ill --
And with kind regards
to Lady Caird
if she will allow me
believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: CI 12 HI/ST/NC1/83/4
Private {DIAGONAL} CI 12

Aug 3/83
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir
I have been anxiously
awaiting the fulfilment of
your most kind promise
to make an appointment
to see me on some
matter which, you wrote,
you wished to speak to me
about.

But I have waited in
vain. I know how busy
you are.

Any afternoon next week
that you would be pleased
to fix *about* 5, if that

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

hour suits you I would
keep open for the great
pleasure of seeing you.

2.

This Cholera is a terribly
anxious time. In how
many people's minds Quarantine
& Cordons seem to substitute
themselves for Sanitary
measures as preventives.
And how curious a retrograde
step this is! I hope you
are satisfied that everything
has been done that could
be done in averting Cholera

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

among our troops. But the
Mortality is extraordinary in peace time.
We had hoped that we should have been freer.
I have been asked whether
trained Nurses are to be
sent out to the NATIVE
Cholera patients, as well
as Doctors. And one
trained lady volunteered
to me. Should you
advocate anything of this
sort?

3. Hoping to see you so
soon, I had reserved
a question, prompted
by the Reports from the
Medical Officers upon

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

~~the~~ our Sisters' Nursing in the
War in Egypt which
you were so very good as
to send me.

It was this:

referring to a "Confidential"
letter which regarded the
Civil Nurses on board the Carthage,
we should be very ~~g~~ anxious
to know whether the other
Nurses are supposed not
to be obedient to the
Medical Officers,

obedience is quite as
much required, I may
say more, of the Civil
Nurses than of the Military
Nurses.

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

{BELOW: CI 12 IN PENCIL

[2] CI 12

We are anxious to know
whether you have been
led to the conclusion, by
what you have heard,
that the Civil Nurses have
shown themselves less
amenable to discipline
in carrying out the orders
of the Medical Officers
than the Netley Nurses.

Having regard to the
report about these two
Sisters of ours on board
the Carthage, we are much
afraid that it might lead
to such an impression on
the part of some of the

f10 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Medical Officers.

From what I have heard
personally, I am induced
to think that any such
impression would be incorrect;
& that the fault really lay
with the Carthage superintendr of
the Nurses, & not with
the Nurses themselves.

We should regard it as
a very serious defect if
our Sisters & Nurses
did not learn quite as
strict obedience -- indeed
a more strict obedience --
both to the Medical Officers
& their female Superiors --

f11 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

than would be required
in any Military Hospital.

I rather regret not having
sent to your kindness this
question before. The fact
is: I had written it some
weeks ago, but in the hope
of seeing you from day to day upon other
matters, I did not send
it.

Pray believe me

ever your faithful & anxious servt

Florence Nightingale

Dr. Crawford

Director GenL

AUGUST 13 & 20, 1883, ff1-9 LETTERS TO MISS CADBURY PEN HANDWRITTEN BY
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

VI₁₉

83/5 F.N. TO MISS CADBURY 13 AUG. 1883

83/ " " " " 20 AUG. 1883

f2 {BELOW: F 15 IN PENCIL
F 15

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
LONDON.W
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AU 13
83
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Miss Cadbury
Parish Infirmary
Brownlow Hill
13/8/83 Liverpool

f3 {BELOW: F 16 IN PENCIL

F 16 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
BLETCHLEY-STATION
8
AU 20
83

Miss Cadbury
Parish Hospital
Brownlow Hill
20/8/83 Liverpool

letters published in M. Christabel Cadbury, *The Story of a Nightingale Nurse, and Kindred Papers*

HI/ST/NC1/83/6

f4

Aug 20/83

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

My dear Miss Cadbury

Thank you so much for your
long & most interesting letter.

[13:675]

I rejoice that Miss Gibson
is going at once on her holiday
& am thankful that you think
her better.

It is very alarming &
uncomfortable how many Nurses
contract Typhus Fever at the
Parish Hospl. This is so *avoidable*:

f5

[2]

and I fear the Head Nurse of the Fever House, tho' a good Nurse, can give you small satisfaction in the care she takes of the Probationers under her. Perhaps she is incapable of such supervision.

About your grave question as to the Night Suppy: indeed I do feel how essential a Night Supr is to you: will you allow me to think it all over, as regards Miss Gibson? With a message to the Nurses I must end as yours ever
F. Nightingale

HI/ST/NC1/83/5

Aug 13/83

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

My dear Miss Cadbury

[13:675]

I am so glad that you have come back ~~so~~ rested & well from your holiday.

How I wish that I had time to write all I could wish.

But one thing I am sure I need not say: I was quite appalled by Miss Crossland's account of Miss Gibson's health. I am sure

f7

that you will not allow her, till she goes on her holiday, to go into the Wards, & that you will send her on her holiday on the earliest possible day. Your kindness will have forestalled me.

I am so pressed that I am quite unable to do more than bid you 'God speed'

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end]

f8 Letter to Miss Cadbury for nurses 20 August 1883, HI/ST/NC1/83/6, 45807 f96

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Will you say to your Nurses

[6:323-24]

what I cannot say how
 deep is the interest always in
 my heart for them. They know
 the first beginning of Trained
 Nursing in Parish Hospitals
 was made at Liverpool under
 Agnes Jones. That beginning
 was the Pioneer. But every fresh
 staff of Nurses are Pioneers.
They, the present Nurses & Probationers

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are, or *ought* to be, now the
 Pioneers -- Pioneers in obedience, skill,
 gentleness, trustworthiness -- for they
 are *trusted* by God with His
 sick must prove themselves worthy of this trust. Pioneers in learning
 Nursing,
 -- & without obedience there *can* be
 no Nursing & no learning, or training
 -- as they will know when they have
 in their turn to train others.

May God bless them: we know
 what His blessings are (in the Sermon
 on the Mount) May God give to them
 & to me hearts and eyes and hands
 & feet. F.N.

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 1883, ff1-9 LETTERS TO RESIDENT ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN, ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

VI₂₀

83/7 F.N. TO RES. ASST. PHYSICIAN, ST. THOS. HOSPITAL 1 DEC. 1883

83/8 F.N. TO RES. ASST. PHYSICIAN, ST. THOS. HOSPITAL 2 DEC. 1883

f2 {BELOW: F1 HI/ST/NC1/83/7

Immediate F1
To the
Resident Assistant Physician
to be left in
Charity Ward
St. Thomas' Hospital
Florence Nightingale}
1/12/83 }

f5 {BELOW: Dec 1/83
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

Sir

Dr. Ord has been so very
good as to admit
my maid, Fanny Dowding,
to a bed in Charity Ward.
And he kindly said
that she had better ~~be~~
enter this afternoon.

[8:982]

Dr. Armitage who has been
attending her almost daily
is afraid of the hurry to
her of moving her (somewhat
unexpectedly) to-day, as
from fear of haemorrhage
she has been kept absolutely
quiet in body & mind,
tho' she is anxious to go into

f6

St. Thomas'

I will send her, if you
will allow me, on
Monday & will send
to know what hour is
best

Commending her to your
kind care

I beg to remain, Sir,
your obed serv

Florence Nightingale

To the Resident Assistant Physician

[end 8:982]

f8 {BELOW: F2 HI/ST/NC1/83/3

Dec 2/83

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

Sir

By Dr. Ord's orders
the patient for Charity Ward,
Fanny Dowding, will be at
St. Thomas' at 11
tomorrow (*Monday*) morning.

[8:982]

Might I venture to
request that she may be
carried up to the Ward,
as she has been kept
perfectly quiet here, for
fear of haemorrhage?

I know that I need not

f9

bespeak your kind care
for her.

pray believe me
your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale

[end 8:982]

To the

Resident Assistant Physician

JUNE 5, AUGUST 20, SEPTEMBER 19, 24 & 25, OCTOBER 1, 1884, ff1-19
LETTERS TO FRANCES GROUNDSELL PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN}

VI₂₁

84/1	F.N.	TO	FRANCES	GROUNDSELL	5	JUNE	1884
84/2	"	"	"	"	20	AUG.	1884
84/3	"	"	"	"	19	SEPT.	1884
84/4	"	"	"	"	24	SEPT.	1884
84/5	"	"	"	"	25	SEPT.	1884
84/6	"	"	"	"	1	OCT.	1884

f2 HI/ST/NC1/84/1

10 South St. Park Lane W.
June 5/84

Frances Groundsell If you would
like to have a day or two at
your uncle's, I find I can spare
you till Monday or Tuesday
next. Please answer:
F. Nightingale

f3 {BELOW: A IX 1

A IX 1

P O S T {CREST} C A R D {PRINTED}
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE. {PRINTED}
Miss F. Groundsell
Dr. Whipple's
4 Chichester St.
St. George's Square
S.W.
5/6/84

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: A IX 2 HI/ST/NC1/84/2

Claydon House: Winslow: Bucks
A IX 2 Aug 20/84

Dear Frances

I am very glad to hear such
a good report of your father &
mother -- my kind regards to them
-- & of yourself.

Would you like to stay till
Monday or Tuesday, in next week,
instead of going back on Saturday?
If so, write me word --

f5

God bless you
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

f6 HI/ST/NC1/84/3 {BELOW: A IX 3

Claydon: Sept. 19/84
Dear Frances

You are now going to
be left in #10 South St.
with Mrs. Durney. And
we will see what the
little woman can do --

You will take charge
of all that Ellen is in
charge of till I come
home -- And you yourself
will be under the charge
of Mrs. Durney, under
whose charge will be
the house.

f7

You will forward all
my letters & papers
to me here. Ellen will
give you the address --

You will write to me
& tell me how far the
workmen have got on
with their work, if any
-- especially with the
Drawing-room floor --

Before I come home,
Mr. Vare's men will
have to come & clean
all the windows & put
up the Drawing-room

f8

curtains: but I will write
to you about this --
You will have plenty to
do: And may you
learn to do it well.
All the books & papers
lying about must be
put back in the places
where I left them --
Mrs. Durney will take
charge of the Accounts --
I cannot write any more
at present.
Any papers or parcels
not forwarded to me
here are to be put together

f9

to be given me when
I come back --
I hope that you will
be comfortable -- And
may God bless you --
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

f10 {BELOW: A IX 4 HI/ST/NC1/84/4

Claydon A IX 4
Sept 24/84

~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~ {PRINTED ADDRESS}
~~PARK LANE. W.~~

Dear Frances

I thank you for your letter --
Will you tell Mrs. Durney
that being very sorry that
her cold is still so bad, as
she also tells me, I have
desired Dr. Armitage who
did her so much good before,

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to call upon her: and she
 may send his prescriptions
 to Squire's to be made up --
 & I should be glad to hear
 from you ~~how~~ what Dr.
 Armitage says about her.

I will write again
 to-morrow about your
 wages & board wages.

God bless you
 yrs ffully F. Nightingale

f12 {BELOW: A IX 5 HI/ST/NC1/84/5

Claydon Ho: A IX 5 Sept. 25/84
 Dear Frances

I send you your Wages
 viz. from June 25

1/2 month at	£14}	14. 2
	+ £ 3}	
2 1/2 months at	£15}	3. 15
	+ £ 3}	-----
		4. 9. 2
		=====

Board Wages

(Sept 23 - Oct 21)	£ 2. 16

	£ 7. 5. 2

And I hope that you will
 be able to put something
 into the Savings Bank out
 of your wages.

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I have raised your
wages to £15, tho' I had
cause, as you know, to
suffer much from your
want of skill. But I
hope to be able to raise
them to £16. And if
I find when I come
home that you have
put something in the
Savings' Bank & that
you have done well
in your now somewhat
responsible post, I hope
to be able to add to what
nest-egg

f14

you have in the Savgs Bank.
And may God bless you
& lead you in the right
way
is the fervent prayer
of yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
I hope you are well --
& I doubt not the
Doctor will be able to
set Mrs. Durney to rights,
to whom my kind regards.

£15 {BELOW: A IX 6 HI/ST/NC1/84/6

Claydon Oct 1/84

Dear Frances

I expect to be home
in about 10 days: but
it will depend upon
Lady Verney who is
very ill. I am no
better: & little able to write.

Most people would
pass off your letter to
me with: You silly child
But I am anxious, as
you have good sense,
to show you why you [next 2 paras not on film, not verified]

are a silly child

You say you are
"disappointed" - do you
think I am not
disappointed? You
did ~~twice~~ what
in the whole course of
my nursing life I have
never known done but
twice, & never by the
same person more
than once. You
did it twice in then
days.

If you had done it
to any one else rather
than *me*, I should have
parted with you at
the end of your month.
Any one else would.

You say: I did not
say that if you did
"anything wrong" I should
N"not raise your wages."
No: people don't say so:
they part with you.
I did not. And I
raised your wages to £15.

f16

Now think -- what you
would have had, if I
had raised them to
"£16" after the 2nd
month -- *Just 2/6*
more.

Now think what you
have had more.

10/10 to put in the
Savings Bank:

And the chance of
£1 to pay your
journey home -- (tho' it
is quite unusual for a

f17 {BELOW: [2] A IX 6
mistress to grant a holiday
to a maid a very few
weeks old) -- that is to
say you have had 8
or 9 times the half-crown
you are moaning &
mourning over -- And
you have had a
promise of more for
the Savings Bank now --
Do not make *me* wrong
in keeping you --
My dear child, I would
gladly have suffered
the very serious loss of

f18

my small strength & health
if it had done you
good.

Now I can write no
more.

May God bless you --
And no one shall look
in *your* face when
I come home to see if
you are not ashamed
of yourself -- I am sure you
will never be so ~~sappy~~ silly again
dear Frances:
F. Nightingale

f19

One would have thought
that, merely out of
self-interest you
would have known
better than to write
such a letter -- But
I hope you
don't think F.N.
only of interest.

NOVEMBER 28 & DECEMBER 2, 1884, ff1-9 LETTERS TO DR. CRAWFORD & MISS
EMILY CALLWELL PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED NOVEMBER 28
& DECEMBER 2, 1884

f1 {PEN}

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84/7 F.N. TO DR. CRAWFORD 28 NOV. 1884
84/8 F.N. TO MISS EMILY CALLWELL 2 DEC. 1884

f2 {BELOW: CI 13 HI/ST/NC1/84/7

CI 13

10 South St.

Park Lane W.

Nov. 28/84

My dear Sir

I have never thanked
you for your kindness
in sending me your
Regulations &c for Nurses.

Dr. Maclean has
written to me telling me
of his retirement from
Netley. The Warrant
for septennial appointments
is, I believe, out -- is
it not? --

f3

May I take this
opportunity of giving you &
ourselves joy of several
of your beneficent
measures -- especially
for that of the
Examinations of Medical
Officers for the grades
of Staff Surgeon, Brigade
Surgeon &c &c &c --

May success attend
your most difficult,
honourable progress!

f4

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
T. Crawford Esq MD
Director GenL

f5 {BELOW: F17 HI/ST/NC1/84/8

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Dec 2/84

Dear Madam

I am indeed exceedingly
grateful for your kindness
in writing me such a full
account of Doctor & Nurse.

It is a delight to know
of such a successful case
-- & that you suffered so
little & are now so robust.
It does one's heart good.

You are so kind as to
say that you would give
any further information.

f6

I understood or may have
misunderstood Miss
Crossland that you knew
something of Fitzroy House,
Fitzroy Square, as a place
where ladies who have
no home & no friends
in London might
go for say an Operation,
their own Doctor & *his*
own Nurse attending
them.

Pray, if I am mistaken,
do not trouble to answer

f7

this.

The questions it was
sought to ask of a lady
who knew Fitzroy House
were:

would a lady=Patient
be comfortably tended
there?

what sort of person
is the Lady-in-charge?
is she a trained Nurse?
are the rooms comfortable?
is the sick diet good?
what sort of place,
compared with a good
home, is it?

f8

what sort of interest does
the Lady-in-charge take
in her Patients?
& does she attend
operations?

Pray excuse my asking
questions about a place
you may know nothing
of -- & in that case put
my letter in the fire --

And pray believe me
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Miss Emily Callwell

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Miss Emily Callwell
4 Phillimore Terrace
Kensington

2/12/84 W.

JANUARY 14, 1885, ff1-10 LETTERS TO MISS ANDERSON PEN & PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DATED JANUARY 14, 1885

f1 {PEN, }:VII₁

85/1 F.N. TO MISS ANDERSON 14 JAN. 1885

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:} HI/ST/NC1/85/1/2,
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LONDON. W

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Miss Anderson
Parish Infirmary
Brownlow Hill
14/1/85 Liverpool

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: F13} typed copy 45807 ff158-60

F13 10 South St.
 Park Lane W
 Jan 14/85

My dear Miss Anderson

[12:376-77]

I have been vainly trying
for a moment's time or
strength which is the
same thing to wish
you every New Year's joy
that Infinite Love can give
-- but I am always wishing
it you in my heart.

You have left your
remembrance as Night
Supr in many hearts
in St. Thomas' Nurse
Franklin, Night Nurse in

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Albert, is ~~talkings~~ talking
of you still, I am always
hearing of Miss Anderson,
how good she was as Night
Supr: so "respected" by
the Nurses. Night Nurses
often in a difficulty -- then
Miss Anderson so helpful
would you let Sister be
disturbed -- would show
Night Nurses what to do
& help them -- then
would keep the Ward
during an operation -- &
when the operation case came

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

back, not standing by
but helping so much at
the bed -- kept such
a cheerful, holy tone in the
Ward -- so important
always knew when Night
Supt Miss Anderson came
in.

Then the best Sisters say:
Miss Anderson never
satisfied with her own
work -- always aspiring
higher.

Oh! there I recognise
Miss Anderson. I know she

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

is never satisfied with
her own work now --
always aspiring higher --
And that is the true
good work.

I know how she must
influence the Nurses now
-- & raise the whole
Night Nursing --

And I hope she
does not find it dreary
when she thinks of this

The good Night Supt
is *truly* giving God
"Glory in the highest --
& on earth peace -- good

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} H1/ST/NC1/85/1/1b

[2] F13
will towards men" --
What a noble calling!
scarcely any thing nobler.
How I should like to
hear any thing you can
tell me of your work --
It must be very heavy
now. But *His*
"strength is made perfect
in our weakness" --
What should we do
with out that promise?
My best love to Miss
Gibson -- & my kind regards
to Miss Palmer, please.

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

I have but a sorry
account to give you of home
affairs "Home Sister" has
been very poorly & is
staying here at this moment
Matron too is very ailing --
Miss Pringle, of Edinburgh,
has been obliged to go to
Pau in the Pyrenees for
the winter.

Sister Albert (Miss Stewart)
dined here last night with
Home Sister -- *She* is
particularly brisk & bonny --
So is Sister Airy, (not=

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} in pencil, overwritten in pen
 withstanding Diarrhea &
 Dysentery) at Cairo in Egypt
 -- very heavy work on Night duty now --
 as cheerful as a bee.
 Miss Estcourt is thriving --
 is now night Staff Nurse
 at her own request in
 Alexandra -- She is to have
 that Sister ship, for Miss
 Isla Stewart is leaving.

I can fancy how you have
 exercise for every gift
 & talent where you are
 I trust you are quite well.
 It does my heart good to hear
 them talk of you.

f10

{THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}
 Now, again God bless
 you & your work, very dear
 Miss Anderson:
 Pray for
 yours ever affly
 Florence Nightingale

[end 12:377]

FEBRUARY 21, MARCH 28, APRIL 2 & MAY 18, 1885, ff1-18 PEN HANDWRITTEN BY
 FN

f1 {PEN, }:} VII₂
 85/2 F.N. TO DR. T. CRAWFORD 21 FEB. 1885
 85/3 " " " " 28 MAR. 1885
 85/4 " " " " 28 MAR. 1885
 85/5 " " " " 2 APR. 1885
 85/6 " " " " 18 MAY 1885

f2 {BELOW: CI & 14 HI/ST/NC1/85/2

Private {DIAGONAL}

CI 14

Feb 21/85

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Pray let me thank you
with all my heart for your
great kindness to Miss
Williams whom you have
appointed to be superintendent
of Nurses at the Hospital
for Wounded at Suez -- &
for approving of a Miss Byam
on Miss Williams' recommendation
for one of her Nursing Staff.
We understand that she has
sent in for approval a

f3

second name.

This permission to her is
a true kindness.

Will you think me too
encroaching if I ask
-- not with Miss Williams'
knowledge -- would you not
think it desirable to allow
her to recommend to you
the names of the remaining
two Nurses to complete the
Staff of four?

You probably think as

f4

we do that it is important
that Superintendts should
have Nurses with whose
character & qualifications
they are acquainted

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful & grateful
servt

Florence Nightingale

T. Crawford Esq MD
Director Genl

f5 {BELOW: CI & 15 HI/ST/NC1/85/3

March 28/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Pray forgive me for
asking you if you have
news of Miss Williams
& her 3 Nurses whom you
appointed to Suez, and of
our four Nurses (Nat. Aid Socy
'Ladies' Branch') who accompanied
them.

I read with joy that
six of them have been sent
by you to Souakim, to the
Base Hospitals there.

Even if they suffer in health

f6

it is still joy for them, for
they will have suffered
doing their duty where
they are most wanted.

But any particulars of
where & how each of the
8 Nurses is that you
will be so very kind as
to give me from your
(doubtless, daily) Telegrams,
or of the wounded, or Field
Hospital Orderlies & M.O.s,

f7

will be gratefully welcomed
by my dear Sir,
your ever faithful servant
Florence Nightingale
I wish that all eight Nurses were
at Souakim

F.N.

Dr. Crawford
&c &c

f8 {BELOW: CI & 16

HI/ST/NC1/85/4
CI 16

March 28/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

Since I wrote to you, I
have been 'requisitioned' by
the "Princess of Wales' Branch"
(Nat. Aid Socy) for 4 Nurses
to go out & take the places
of those at Suez who
have been happily sent on
to Souakim

Might I ask you whether
there are any Nurses now
at Suez? or any Acting
Supt?

We cannot of course send
out 4 Nurses without a head;

f9

but one of them must be
chosen as competent to
act as Supr over the others.
We are acting under your
authority certainly are
we not?
Might I ask some
particulars about the
Suez Hospital & what
we are to do?
We are told that the Nurses
asked for are to go out
by *next Wednesday's* steamer

f10

& will find full occupation
"immediately" on arrival,
which is just what we want.
But I question exceedingly
whether they can be chosen,
appointed & out-fitted by
next Wednesday. It seems
impossible.
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
Dr. Crawford
&c &c &c

f11 {BELOW: CI & 17 HI/ST/NC1/85/5 CI 17

April 2/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W. [in other hand] Answered 4/15]

My dear Sir

Thank you very much for
your kind Telegram & note.
We understand that you
consider any further despatch
of Nurses to Suez by the
'National Aid' unnecessary.

As response to your
previous message (in your
letter), one of our very best
women, Miss Styring, a lady
experienced both as a
Surgical Ward Sister, & in
superintendence is willing
to go to Egypt. I therefore,

f12

according to your desire,
beg to send in her name to
you as having volunteered
for Egypt, & as one that
we can strongly recommend
She is quite fit for a
Superintendent if required;
but would willingly go as
Sister.

I trust from your letter
that *all* the eight Sisters
who went out in the
"Navarino", Miss Williams
being their head, -- *including*
the four sent out by the

f13

Nat. Aid Socy (Ladies' Branch),
are gone to Souakim
But the Ladies are now afraid
that they ordered two, Miss
Hicks & Miss Dowse, up the
Nile for their Dahabieh
& they are thinking of
recalling them by Telegraph
for *Souakim*. But I hope they are *there*.

I need not say how grateful
I shall be for your kindly
promised "latest news"
of the Sisters &c at Souakim,
& what they are doing,
& where they are, there.

f14

With all my heart I wish
you the highest success in
all your arduous work.
You are doing wonders.
May you be rewarded!

I trust that the relative
you mentioned to me is
better.

Pray believe me
my dear Sir
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
To the Director Genl
Dr. Crawford

f15 {BELOW: CI & 18 HI/ST/NC1/85/6

Private {DIAGONAL}
CI 18

May 18/85
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

You kindly sent back your
Acting Supt of Nurses, Miss
Williams, with her 3 Nurses,
by Brindisi mail, to Suez
Military Hospital, on Friday,
May 8. [They had brought
home wounded from Souakim by the "Iberia".]
Her orders were: -- employment

at Suez, or, if necessary,
Souakim: or possibly Cairo

I have just had from Suez
a Telegram from her. She says
that they have no employment,

f16

or Nursing position given
them: asks if they
had better return:
begs for your orders and
advice. The last words
of her Telegram are:

"unexpected
"position less
"better return
"ask Dr. Crawford"

Probably you have had some
Telegram too on the subject.
May I ask your orders --

f17

what you wish & what you
advise -- Kindly say:
And I will telegraph to Miss
Williams at once.
It is a very painful & disagreeable
position for her.
She was quite prepared to be
sent wherever they were
wanted, of course. They had previously
been sent to *Souakim* from Suez, i.e. on
their first going out.
Might I ask -- you have
been so very kind to her --
as speedy an answer as
can be given with due
consideration & enquiry --
as to what you desire them

f18

to do.
Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt
Florence Nightingale
May I venture to ask: could
I send my Telegram when
I have received your orders,
to Miss Williams by
the same means by which
you Telegraph? or how?

Dr. Crawford
Director=GenL

AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 12 & OCTOBER 11, 1885, ff1-6 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₃
85/7 F.N. TO FRANCES [GROUNDSELL] 22 AUG. 1885
85/8 F.N. TO MISS LENNOX 12 SEPT. 1885
85/9 F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE 11 OCT. 1885

f2 A IX 7 HI/ST/NC1/85/7

Claydon Ho: August 22/85
Dear Frances

I shall be glad to let
you go home on Tuesday.
Take a fortnight if you
like it. And I trust
you will enjoy it.

For your journey I will
advance you a sovereign,
that you may not have to
draw your money out of
the Savings Bank.

You have still a little
left of your Board Wages

f3

I am sure that you have
taken every care of Mrs.
Cordery.

Give my kind regards to
your father & mother,
& ask her if there is any
book she would like to
have. I have
been so poorly that I have
not been able to order a
book to be sent you for
her. But we can
send one by post
God bless you

f4

With kindest wishes for
 a happy holiday
 yours sincerely
 F. Nightingale

f5 {SEE PHOTOCOPY OF TELEGRAPH} HI/ST/NC1/85/8 Winslow [illeg]

From {PRINTED}	To {PRINTED}
Nightingale	Miss Lennox
Claydon House	Childrens Hospital
Steeple Claydon Bucks	Belfast

So very sorry I fear
 unable to reach London by
 seventeenth or eighteenth please tell
 me your latest day in
 London Reply paid

f6 HI/ST/NC1/85/9

10 South St. Park Lane W
 Oct 11/85
 My dear Miss Pirrie
 Miss Vincent will be
 "very happy to show" you
 "all" she can about her
 Infirmary
 (St Marylebone Infirmary
 Ladbroke Grove Road
 Notting Hill W.)
 "tomorrow (Monday) at 12
 o'clock".
 God bless you
 ever yours F. Nightingale
 I hope you got home well last night.

OCTOBER 14 & NOVEMBER 19, 1885, ff1-10 PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:}

VII₄

85/10 F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE 14 OCT. 1885
 85/11 F.N. TO SIR THOS. CRAWFORD 19 NOV. 1885

f2

M2 HI/ST/NC1/85/10a

Oct 14/85

10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

My dear Miss Pirrie

[13:695-96]

How deep is my interest,
how intense my feeling for
you & your work I need not
tell you. Every woman must
feel the same. You have
done a noble deed in beginning.
God will grant the success.
You have already done great
things. But to know that you
may have, & that soon, a
trained lady to speak to in
the form of a Night Supt
tugs at my heart & that
hereafter no vacancy shall

f3

occur among the Nurses but
shall be filled up with a
trained Nurse. I rather
deprecated your having
Nurses from us, on the
ground that Irish don't like
English nurses. To help you
must be the desire of us all.
And as you tell me that
you think the Belfast R.
Hospl cannot perhaps
Miss Vincent, could by & bye
help you with trained nurses.
How did you like the St.
Marylebone Infirmary?
[You must have been amused
at my sending you two

f4

Telegrams & a note -- but when

I sent over to Miss Vincent
on the Sunday to know when
she could show you the Infy,
she appointed 12 on Monday.
And I was so afraid I should
not reach you in time for
your convenience.]

Pray, for all our sakes, observe
some regularity in exercise
& meals. The Doctors &
ex officio Guardians seem
so very kind, we do cordially
thank them in our hearts
for it -- but I wish you had
some lady too.

Miss Herdman writes to me:
`should you see my good friend

f5

"Ella Pirrie, please give her
"warm greeting from one who
"loves & admires her".

We all must echo that.

I should feel so very grateful
to you if you could some day
spare time especially to
say what trained Nursing=
help, particularly at night,
you have secured. Please write
to me.

I take advantage of your kindness
to trouble you with a
packet for Miss Lennox
It is a book she wished for.

f6 {BELOW: H1/ST/NDC1/85/10b

[2] M2

The Infirmary ground is yet
unplanted. It seems ridiculous
to offer you Rhododendrons
from England. But if you
think well, might we send you
some? We have furnished
the grounds of two London
Workhouse Infiries with Rhododendrons
which did well.

Is there any Flower Mission at
Belfast? If one can get in
flowers, & plants, a canary or
singing bird in a cage, a
tame cat which will not
hurt the canary, it is a
civilizer, is it not? -- in the
Wards of an Union Infirmary.
~~But~~ I hope you have these

f7

cheerful things in your own
rooms.
You wished for a book on
Nursing. I am sorry to say
that Smith's 'Lectures on Nursing
which I sent for are out
of print. I send two others
which I hope may be useful.
And may I send 'Smith' after
you if I can find a copy
at any place?
I will not say farewell,
or rather I *will* say
fare you well, fare you
very well, & hope
that our friendship is only

f8

begun. I trust you were
not very tired on Saturday.
God bless you: and He *will*
bless you --
and believe me
ever yours with the deepest
sympathy
Florence Nightingale

{THIS SECTION IN PENCIL:}

I venture to send
Short Life: because it is so pretty
Daddy Darwin
& Gordon
for yourself

& a dozen books of pictures &c
for your Children's Wards
if not too much for your luggage.

[end]

f9 {BELOW: CI & 19 H1/ST/NC1/85/11/2
envelope CI 19 *with a brace of pheasants*

Sir T. Crawford &c &c &c
Army Medical Dept
6 Whitehall Yard
Florence Nightingale}
19/11/85 }

f10 HI/ST/NC1/85/11/1

Nov. 19/85 10, SOUTH STREET {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

May I give you joy, & give
 ourselves joy, of your well-won
 honours?

You have been very kind to
 Miss Williams (of Suez)

May I hope some day for the
 pleasure of seeing you again?
 ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

DECEMBER 19, DECEMBER 21 & DECEMBER 25, 1885, ff1-9 PEN & PENCIL
 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN, }:}

VII₅

85/12	F.N. TO SIR THOMAS CRAWFORD	19 DEC 1885
85/13	F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE	21 DEC 1885
85/14	F.N. TO FRANCES [GROUNDSELL]	XMAS 1885

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: CI & 20 H1/ST/NC1/85/12
 CI 20

Dec 19/85
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Some little time ago you
 were so very good as to say
 that I might fix a time
 when you would do me the
 favour of giving me a visit.

I am ashamed to say
 why I have not profited
 by your kind leave before,
 which is from press of work,
 -- what must yours have been?
 -- & of illness, which I hope
 is certainly not your case.

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

But now I trust to claim
your kind promise.
I will not mention to-day,
~~for you are sure to be~~
~~occupied;~~ but any day
next week except Monday
& Wednesday & Thursday --
or (not to interfere with
your Christmas holidays
which I hope you are
taking) any day you
will be pleased to name
after next week about
5 o'clock, if that hour will

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

suit you, provided you
will kindly give me
notice two or three days
beforehand, I shall be
so glad to ask you about
many interesting things.
Pray believe me
dear Sir Thomas Crawford
ever yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} HI/ST/NC1/85/13/1

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Dec 21/85

[13:696-97]

My dear Miss Pirrie
Good speed to you I am
always saying in my heart.
You cannot think how
anxious I am that you
should have lady-help,
trained help. I hope that
you already have that
lady who you said was
coming to be your Night
Supt I hear with
gladness that a sister of
yours is to be a Probationer

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

of Miss Vincent at St.
Marylebone Infirmary
but most of all I trust
that you are keeping
strong & of good courage
in your great work -- you
who must be the nucleus of,
I hope, a goodly future trained
Nursing Staff at Belfast
Infirmary which needs you
& of perhaps a future
Training School for Infirmary
Nurses --

Pray God you spare your

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

health for this -- & please
God you have already
one Lady Assistant --
Would you do me the favour
to accept what I enclose,
hoping that it may be
some little help to one
or other of your plans for
your very large family,
my little mother.
It is the Virgin Mothers,
this season reminds me,
that do the good.

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

Pray tell me if only by
a card what helpers
you have got.

And may God bless you
my valiant woman --

A happy Christmas to you
in making so many good
& happy & a good New
Year in the highest sense
of the word -- & many of them
-- for the sake of the cause
ever my dear Miss Pirrie
your faithful admirer

Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil

[end]

f9 {THIS ENVELOPE IN PEN:} {BELOW HI/ST/NC1/85/13/2}

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON.W

{illeg. 2x?}

DE 21

85

Miss Pirrie

Belfast Union Infirmary

Belfast

21/12/85

H1/St/NC1/85/14 pencil

Frances

with FN's best Christmas

& New Year's wishes

1885

DECEMBER 30, 1885 & JANUARY 8 & MARCH 9, 1886, ff1-9 PENCIL
HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN, }:}

		VII ₆	
85/15	F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE	30 DEC. 1885	WITH XMAS CARD
86/1	F.N. TO MISS DAVIDSON	8 JAN. 1886	
86/2	" " " "	9 MAR. 1886	

f2 H1/ST/NC1/85/15/2

"These are my thoughts for thee"

And "Mercy & Truth are
met together" in Union
trained Nursing
& some "cards" for the
little ones

FN

Dec 30/85

Miss Pirrie

f3 {PHOTOCOPY OF A CHRISTMAS PSALM}

f4 {BELOW: P10 }}

10 South St. P10 Jan 8/86

[12:379]

My dear Miss Davidson

A *good* night to you
& a *good* night, & *good*
nights to you for every night in all the Year
1886 -- for yours ought to be
good nights, doing God service
-- & to all the Night Nurses
good nights.

And would you do me
the favour of giving a kind
message to each of the Night
Nurses from me -- & tell
them that I asked after

f5

them all -- & wished I could
see them *all*.
& give my poor little cards
to the 13 Night Staff Nurses
& the one little Nurse-maid
merely as a remembrance
that I think of them in the
night & bear them on my
poor heart before our
Loving Father -- in & out of their work.
God bless you: & God bless
them all --
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

f6

Excuse pencil writing

[end 12:379]

f7 {BELOW: P11 }} HI/ST/NC1/86/2

10 South St. P11 March 9/86

[12:379-80]

Dear Miss Davidson

Are you going to leave us
for St. Marylebone?

Then all the more do I
bid you 'Good speed' on your
work of Night superintendency
for I believe *there* more charge
is given over the Night Nurses
by day as well as by night,
& more responsibility.

"Rejoice", as St. Paul says
to you. "And again I say
"Rejoice" --

f8

As an old woman you
will allow me to say that
extreme regularity in going
to bed & getting up is the
only way, the real essential
for a Night Supt ~~as~~ or Night
Nurse to preserve her health
-- regularity in taking her
meals & in sleep.

You can tell immediately
where this is neglected
in the health on Night duty.

I trust you will sleep
well where you are going --
I should like to hear from you
Pray preserve your health.

f9

You asked me for a Surgical
book `more for a Nurse
`than a Student' -- Will you
kindly accept two which I
think are more like what
we want than others? But
the book has still to be
written which we want.

God bless you in your
career -- a career of progress
till you are 80.

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:380]

MAY 12, 15 & 24, 1886, ff1-10 HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN, }:{}

VII,

86/3	F.N. TO FRANCES [GROUNDSELL]	12 MAY 1886
86/4	" " " "	15 MAY 1886
86/5	" " MRS. FRANK ACLAND	15 MAY 1886
86/6	" " FRANCES [GROUNDSELL]	24 MAY 1886

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} HI/ST/NC1/86/3

A IX 9

Claydon May 12/86

Dear Frances

Thank you for your letter.
God bless you -- I hope you
are getting on comfortably.
I send you another £1 Board
Wages -- No doubt Mrs. Neild
spends your money for you
as she does Nelly's. It is
nicer so.

I am sure I shall find
the house quite clean &
fresh when I come back.

You might write & tell

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
me what Mr. Vare is doing.
I am not able to write
much
God bless you again --
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I hope you have good news
of your Aunt.

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: A IX 10 }} HI/ST/NC1/86/4

Claydon Ho: Winslow Bucks

A IX 10 May 15/86

Dear Frances

I was very glad of your
letter. Did you receive
a Sovereign all safe
last Wednesday?

Please send me here
by Parcels Post (carefully
done up so as not to be
injured)

you will find them in
the right hand shelf of
the loose shelves at the
top of the book-case at

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

foot of bed in little
Drawing-room

-- Mrs. Overtheway's Remembrances
-- Six to Sixteen
-- We and the World
-- A flat Iron for a Farthing
-- Melchior's Dream
-- A great Emergency
 (all six are clean nice-
 looking books of the same
 size) 5/ books --
 and
Ian of the Wind Mill
 a 1/ pamphlet

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

My kind regards to Nelly
 yours sincerely
 F. Nightingale

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} HI/ST/NC1/86/5

{BELOW: F45 }
Claydon House F45
 Winslow May 15/86
 Bucks 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
Private {DIAGONAL} PARK LANE. W.

Dear Madam

I received your note asking
for Lydia Norman's character
to-day. And yesterday I
received one from her asking
me to give you her character,
but followed by a Telegram,
asking me not to do so.

I do trust that she has
not behaved unhandsomely
by you, & that she waited
immediately on you, so as
that her change of mind
should put you to the least

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

possible inconvenience.

Your note shall be
answered any how: I advised
Lydia Norman to seek for
a situation as kitchenmaid
UNDER a good, firm, kind
Cook=housekeeper. Had she
been otherwise, how gladly
would I have thought of
the girl, in whom I am
greatly interested, as
under your wing! As it is,
I can only regret that she
has been 'off & on' with you

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

Again hoping that she has
not caused you trouble
 pray believe me
 ever faithfully yours
 Florence Nightingale
Mrs. Frank Acland

f10 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} HI/ST/NC1/86/6

 A IX 11
with kind regards
 & best wishes
to Frances
from May 23 } £1
for Board Wages}
But I shall be
coming home
this week --
in haste
Pray write
God bless you
May 24/86

SEPTEMBER 14 & DECEMBER 25, 1886, ff1-12 PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

f1 {PEN, }:

VII₈

86/7 F.N. TO SIR THOMAS CRAWFORD 14 SEPT. 1886
86/8 F.N. TO MISS HERBERT XMAS DAY 1886

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: CI & 21 HI/ST/NC1/86/7a

Private {DIAGONAL}

& Confidential {DIAGONAL}

CI 21

Sir Harry Verney's Sept 14/86

Claydon Ho:

Winslow ~~10, SOUTH STREET,~~ {PRINTED ADDRESS}

Bucks ~~PARK LANE. W.~~

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

You have kindly talked
to me more than once of
your wish that the Army
Sanitary Comm: should be
strengthened, especially as
regards the work which you
have so much at heart: the
Sanitary work of your own
Department (British &
Colonial) & not only the
Indian work --
that it should have the
power of *calling for* all

[9:661-62]

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

reports (even "secret Minutes",
or whatever they are called)
coming within its competence --
& that it should be made
strong enough to influence
the S. of S. for War to give
the money & the *Executive*
reality to what you
recommend & it recommends
in short that it should be
re-organized to strengthen
your hands & to be what
it was intended to be at
first.

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

We had eagerly hoped & expected
that you would have been
yourself the President of
the re-organized Army
Sanitary Comm: & would
have led its work yourself.
But you cut this ground
from under our feet the
last time I had the pleasure
of seeing you. You spoke
then of who should be its
President -- how it should
be made a strong Comm: --
& who should succeed Dr.
Sutherland, whom you had
so often kept at his post --
but declined yourself to be the President.

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

About this last: Dr. Sutherland's
successor: you mentioned
Dr. Hewlett or Dr. Cuninghame
You also spoke of the great
necessity of the S. of S. for
War himself taking the
Comm: & its business in hand
& giving it a living life,
as Sidney Herbert did
[War Ministers change so often
now that they seem not to
have time to take anything
in hand]
Is it true that the crisis
is approaching: & that Dr.
Sutherland's intended

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} H1/ST/NC1/86/76
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retirement is about to take
place? [He did not seem
to contemplate *immediate*
retirement]

Is it true that the War Office
does not intend to give him
a successor? & that, if the
duty has to be maintained,
& if a fit man can be found,
it will have to be done at
the expense of the India Office
which will doubtless make
considerable opposition to
this, in the bad state of the
finances of India?

Now, we must ask you
what is to be done?

f7 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:}

You will say, most truly,
that as for the Army Sanitary
Comm: as a part of the India
Office having the weight of
the present Army Sanitary Comm:,
it simply cannot: & the
Comm:, instead of being
strengthened will have
been weakened.

How to obtain a living
force to be exerted by
some one in authority at
the War Office?

We look to you to tell us.

f8 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

Pray believe me
 dear Sir Thomas
 ever your faithful servt
 Florence Nightingale
 Sir Thomas Crawford K.C.B. M.D.
 Director Genl
 &c &c

[end 9:662]

f9 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: B IX 7 }} HI/ST/NC1/86/8/1

Xmas Day
 1886
 10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
 PARK LANE. W.

Dear Miss Herbert

[12:381]

So I meet you again as
 Night Supr. May all
 Christmas blessings be poured
 upon you & your work -- &
 upon your charges, the Night
 Nurses, whose work I often
 envy. I am so fond of Night
 Nursing. May the child
 Jesus be born again in all
 our hearts to-day.
 I send 16 Christmas cards
 with my love, asking you to
 be so good as to choose

f10 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}
 one for yourself, & send one for Miss Snodgrass, who
 I understand is at Weston super Mare --
 & choose, because you can choose suitably so much
 better than I, for the following Nurses:

1. Nurse Hay Ophthalmia
2. " Hewlett Elizabeth
3. " Christie Victoria } I send two about
4. " her nurse maid " } *children* on purpose
5. " Charity Babcock {Charity AND Babcock ARE CIRCLED}
6. " Moulton Christian
7. " Charlton George
8. " Ramsden Arthur

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9. " Hanson Albert

10. " Church Clayton
11. " Williams Leopold
12. " Elliott Edward
13. " Mitchell Obstetric

And one more for fear I should have
omitted anybody -- perhaps your Assistant --

I pray God for you & for them all in the
night season -- I send one card with an angel
hovering over the sleeping city. That is how
I think of Night Nursing -- May we all

f11 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

answer the angel as Mary
did:
Behold the handmaid of the
Lord: be it unto me according
to Thy word --

God bless you all, dear Miss Herbert
ever yours & theirs
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:381]

f12 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} H1/ST/NC1/86/8/2

B IX 7 *with a parcel*
 Miss Herbert
 Night Supt
 St. Thomas' Hospital
 Xmas Day

DECEMBER 27, 1886 & JAN 1, 1887, ff1-10 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN
f1 {PEN, }:}

VII,
 86/9 F.N. TO MISS ANDERSON 27 DEC. 1886
 87/1 F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE 1 JAN. 1887

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} env H1/ST/NC1/9/2, copy 45807

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}
 LONDON.W
 X
 DE 27
 86
 "Northern" {DIAGONAL}
 Miss Anderson
 Parish Infirmary
 Brownlow Hill
 Liverpool
 27/12/86

f3 {BELOW: F14} pencil H1/St/NC1/86/9/1, typed copy 45807 f233

F14
 Dec 27/86
 10, SOUTH STREET,
 PARK LANE. W.

My dear Miss Anderson
 So you are appointed to
 the Northern. And you have
 my very best, my most fervent
 wishes that you may have
 success in the highest sense --
 It is not now a question
 whether you shall go or not:
 therefore let us only think
 of the future, ~~which~~ even, tho' it
 may be a difficult one, let us
 trust our Heavenly Father
 who wishes the welfare of the

f4

Hospital & your own, more
even than we can do
ourselves, that He will
make it a prosperous
one as He calls prosperity
-- a blessed one in His
sense of the highest blessings.
It is His Christmas gift
to you -- And I hope
you will kindly let me
know from time to time
how you are going on, for
I shall be most anxious --
I do not know when you
go.

f5

I am so grieving with
Miss Gibson for her great
trouble & grief.

And I am so very sorry
for poor Workhouse Infirmary
losing you.

Now, I will say no more
but loving Christmas greetings
& let me be ever affectionately
yours

[end 12:377]

Florence Nightingale

f6 H1/ST/NC1/87/1/2 pencil, envelope

M5

Miss Pirrie

F. Nightingale

1/1/87

f7 M5 HI/ST/NC1/87/1/1

10 South St. Park Lane W.
New Year's Day
1887

[13:697]

My dear Miss Pirrie

Do I ever forget you &
your poor charges & your great
work? Never. I was
so thankful to hear from
you some months ago
& to find that your path
was less difficult & on
the whole prosperous --
& that you had some help --
I am hungry for news --
And I trust that you may

f8

kindly find time to
give me a word how
you are going on.

May the best of New
Year's blessings from our
Loving Almighty Father
rest upon you -- Glory to
God in the highest -- you
are giving Him the glory
He likes best -- & peace
on earth -- He takes our
cares & burdens, & gives us
His love, joy, peace --

f9

& goodwill towards men --

His goodwill to us, &
ours to one another.

God bless you again &
again.

I send my little £5.5
Do not give it to the
Board, unless you judge
it best. I meant it for
a little nest-egg, for you
to supply any wants of
Patients you thought pressing
-- any little amusements --
But do as *you* think well
with it.

f10

I send some Xmas cards
for your children.
There is no greater interest
I feel than in your
glorious career --
ever yours overflowing
Florence Nightingale

[end]

JANUARY 1, 1887, ff1-10 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₁₀
87/3 F.N. TO MISS LENNOX 1 JAN. 1887 & PHOTOGRAPH OF MISS LENNOX
87/2 F.N. TO MISS PIRRIE 1 JAN. 1887 HI/ST/NC1/87/3/1

f2 H1/ST/NC1/87/3/1

10 South St. Park Lane W.
Jan 1/87

[6:483-84]

My dear Miss Lennox
The best New Year's
blessings be yours: be poured
out on you & your little
charges & your work, to
whom & to which you are so
devoted. A blessing upon every
one of your children. How is too
that little boy you told me
of about 12 years old, who
had to get a wooden leg,
& got a little pig instead
& made the pig fructify for
his family? And how are

f3
the boys on board the Training
ship, who did so want a
Matron? That is what the
boys in the Gordon Boys' Home
want so much now.

Thank you many, many
times for the pretty green
Irish cushion=cover you
so kindly sent me ~~in the~~
some months ago. And
thanks for your good
Christmas wishes, dear friend

This is the *children's* time;
pray that the child Jesus
may be born anew in our hearts.

f4

I send you my little contribution.

Don't give it to your Committee
unless you judge it best.

I meant it for a resource
in case you wanted anything
very pressing for your children
But do exactly as you
think well.

How is Miss Pirrie? and how
is the Workhouse Infirmary
under her? She seems
to make progress.

You will think I am all
questions -- And so I am

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I want to know so much
about you all.

Now, fare you very well,
dear friend. Go
d bless you
again & again. And He
does bless you.

Ever believe me
sincerely & affly yours
F. Nightingale

f6

Miss Lennox
with F.N.'s very best love &
best good wishes for her
& her work
for the New Year 1886
& some Cards for the children

f8 HI/ST/NC1/87/2/1

3 New Year's cards
with every New Year's blessing
for dear Miss Pirrie.
And a packet of cards for
the little ones' Twelfth
Night

1887

[13:697]

f9 {SEE PHOTOCOPY OF CARD} H1/ST/NC1/87/2/1

f10 {SEE PHOTOCOPY OF CARD}

MARCH 25, MARCH 29 & MARCH 30, 1887, ff1-9 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₁₁
 87/4 F.N. TO PORTER, ST. THOMAS' HOSPITAL 25 MARCH 1887
 87/5 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 29 MARCH 1887
 87/6 " " " " 30 MARCH 1887

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} HI/ST/NC1/87/4

By desire of Mrs. Wardroper

To PORTER: ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL

Please direct Nurse Griffiths

(from Lady Belper)

to *Elizabeth Ward*

Florence Nightingale}

25/3/87 }

f3 H1/ST/NC1/87/5/2

To enquire {DIAGONAL}

A1 wait

a verbal answer, please

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

F. Nightingale}

29/3/87 }

f4 HI/ST/NC1/87/5/1

KI

10 South St. Park Lane W.

March 29/87

Dear "Sister Frances" How

is she? It was good of

you to write. Indeed she

is one of my oldest, dearest

friends --

May God bless her -- and

you all -- And He *will* bless

her.

Please give her my

dearest love -- & commend

me to her prayers -- as I

pray for *her* -- But how many

would be glad to be in

f5

her place.

God bless her again and
again.

Tell her it is her loving
& grateful old friend --
ever yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

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I am sure you will tell
me if there is anything you
could wish me to send her.
I do not like to send any
thing hap hazard; you are
yourselves such admirable
judges of what it might be
possible for her to take.

F.N.

f7 HI/ST/NC1/87/6/2

To enquire {DIAGONAL}

A verbal message, please

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

F. Nightingale}

30/3/87 }

f8 pencil H1/ST/NC1/87/6/1a

10 South St. March 30/87
Dear "Sister Frances" May I
ask you to be so very kind
as to let me know how my
dear old friend is -- I wish
she may be less suffering --
She is surrounded with love
& with those *she* loves -- and
with God's love -- May she
feel His everlasting arms
always under her --

Is there anything she would
like from her

loving old friend

F. Nightingale

f9 H1/ST/NC1/87/6/1b pencil

I trust these are ripe [They are
from the very best fruiterers].
But I almost doubt their ripeness.

May God give His beloved
sleep!

My best thanks for your note,
& very best love to her --

F.N.

30/3/87

APRIL 1, APRIL 2, APRIL 3, 1887, ff1-7 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:	VII ₁₂	
87/7	F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES	1 APRIL 1887
87/8	" " " "	2 APRIL 1887
87/9	" " " "	3 APRIL 1887

f2 envelope H1/ST/NC1/87/7/2

Wait K3

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

1/4/87

f3 HI/St/NC1/87/7/1

10 South St. K3 April 1/87

To enquire after my dear old
friend with tenderest
anxious love --

I pray for God's strength & best
blessing for you & Sister
Laura -- And He will
give it.

Passion Week & Easter are
coming --

ever yours

F. Nightingale

f4 HI/ST/NC1/87/82

K4 with a *gallipot*

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

F.N.

2/4/87

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/8/1

10 South St K4 April 2/87

To enquire after her with
dearest love --
to pray for the Love of God &
of Christ, more tender, more
fervent than that of any of us,
to show itself in its Passion of
Almighty strength to her & to us
may we not call it ~~the~~ His
Passion of Love which showed
itself in this His Passion Week?
& to ask especially after Sister
Frances & Sister Laura --
And she will pray too, I know
for her poor old friend

F.N.

f6

To enquire K5 Wait HI/St/NC1/87/9/2
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
3/4/87
Palm Sunday

f7 H1/ST/NC1/87/9/1

10 South St. K5 April 3/87

To enquire how the dear, very
dear Patient is --
God's best blessing on her
& on you all --
Her 'sweet patience', I am
sure, ever lasts.

F.N.

APRIL 7 & APRIL 8, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:{}

		VII ₁₃	
87/10	F.N.	TO SISTER FRANCES	7 APRIL 1887
87/11	"	"	8 APRIL 1887

f2 H1/ST/NC1/87/10/2 envelope

Wait *with a gallipot*
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
7/4/87

f3 H1/St/NC1/87/10/1 pencil

10 South St. April 7/87

To enquire
most anxiously & with dearest
love
& also after Sister Laura
& you all
ever her old friend
F.N.

I send some Orange Jelly
because I thought that
last sent was too stiff.

f4 envelope H1/ST/NC1/87/11/2

Wait
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
8/4/87

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/11/1 pencil

Good Friday 1887
To enquire after her
& after you all
It is He who says to-day:
Let not your heart be troubled
Neither let it be afraid

I will send the Champagne tomorrow
as you desire -- Shall I send more
Orange Jelly? F.N.

APRIL 9, APRIL 11 & APRIL 16, 1887, ff1-8 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:}

			VII ₁₄		
87/12	F.N.	TO	SISTER	FRANCES	9 APRIL 1887
87/13	"	"	"	"	11 APRIL 1887
87/14	"	"	"	"	16 APRIL 1887

f2 envelope pencil H1/ST/NC1/12/2

To enquire {DIAGONAL}
Wait {with a bottle
 {& a gallipot
 Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Square
 9/4/87

f3 HI/ST/NC1/87/12/1

Easter Eve 1887
 To enquire --
 Did she know that yesterday
 was Good Friday? did she
 take any notice?
 I was glad that S. Laura was
 able to go down --

It is very many years that she
 has never missed in her
 goodness writing me an
 Easter blessing

f4 H1/ST/NC1/87/13/2

Wait with a gallipot
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
11/4/87

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10 South St HI/ST/NC1/887/13/1 **[3:218]**

April 11/87

Dear Sister Frances

How can I thank her enough for
her Easter blessing? Did she
really write it herself? Or did
she dictate it?

But whether written or dictated,
it was indeed an Easter blessing.

Yes: that we may "rise again"
with Him at this time, here,
to a new life & new thoughts &
hearts _ _ _ _ _

This to enquire after her
body. The rest I know is all
right & after your bodies --

God bless you all.

F.N.

I send Orange Jelly. May
I send anything else?

f6 H1/St/NC1/14/2**[3:218]***To enquire {DIAGONAL}*

Wait K10 with a gallipot
 Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Square

16/4/87 HI/ST/NC1/87/14/1

f7

10 South St. April 16/87

Thank you so much, so very, very
 much, dear Sister Frances,
 for your full letters & accounts
 of her, & her interest in the
 little boy & in all -- Thank you so much
 Father, into Thy hands we
 commend ourselves, body & spirit --
 Tell her, if you say anything, with
 my heart's love, that I do that
 continually.
 How critical the news will be
 to-day.
 We can only say: He loves with
 an Infinite Love.

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Thanks, many thanks for all
 your kindness & consideration
 for me.

Can I send anything?

F.N.

APRIL 19 & APRIL 23, 1887, ff1-6 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:}VII₁₅

87/15 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 19 APRIL 1887

87/16 " " " " 23 APRIL 1887

f2 HIST/NC1/87/15/2*wait*

Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Square

23/4/87

f3 HI/ST/NC1/87/15/1

10 South St April 19/87 **[3:218]**

How is she, dear Sister Frances --

As you say, if *she* were to
answer, it would be: "Ready for
either".

May God bless her & you all.

Have you accomplished the moving?

I was so grieved about the Port Wine

It is scarcely likely that you will
try it again: & what you gave is
no doubt quite as good as what
I send. It is the same, a very pure

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Port Wine, which Sir Andrew
Clark ordered for my brother-
in-law when apparently in a
hopeless condition -- And he recovered.

ever yours

F.N.

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/16/2

[3:219]

with a little basin

Sister Frances

39 Kensington Sq

23/4/87

f6 {BELOW: K12 }}

I hope this little Panada without sauce or ornament may
do.

She is one of those who are not fed by "bread" alone but
by the Holy Spirit.

Please thank S. Laura very, very much for her most
kind letter -- a sad delight -- I will write --

God's peace & God's life be with you all. I am
sure you pray the same for me -- How I grieve for you all
but "the Garden of Paradise was only reached thro' the

23/4/87

"Garden of Gethsemane". **[end 3:219]**

ff1-7 LETTERS PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**f1** {PEN, }:}

			VII ₁₆		
87/17	F.N.	TO	SISTER	FRANCES	26 APRIL 1887
87/18	"	"	"	"	28 APRIL 1887
	"	"	"	"	30 APRIL 1887
					(ENVELOPE ONLY)
87/19	"	"	"	"	2 MAY 1887

f2 HI/ST/NC1/87/1710 South St. April 26/87 **[3:219]**

Thank God that she is better

May the improvement continue!

Many thanks for your ~~letter~~note --

with my very best love to her

I send the Panada --

& hope she may like it -- Can we send anything else?

F.N.

f3 H1/St/NC1/87/18/2

wait with Panada
of Leveret
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
28/4/87

f4 {BELOW: K14 }} HI/ST/NC1/87/18/1April 28/87 **[3:219]**

May the news be good!

Is it well with her? But it *is* well with her,

whatever happens --

God bless you all -- & dearest love to her -- & love

& thanks also to yourself & S. Laura --

I send some Panada made of Leveret by way of

something "unexpected". It is quite simple & pure.

Will she like it?

I wonder whether she would care to know that

f5

one of our "Sisters", lent to the Military Hospls
in Egypt for the last 5 years, has returned
home, saved from the wreck of the "Tasmania"
off Corsica, last Sunday week, after a terrible
ordeal. She was "scarcely at all afraid",
thought her "Sisters" were singing
"Eternal Father, strong to save"
for her -- quite cheery.

f6 H1/ST/NC1/87/18/3 pencil

wait

Sister Frances
39 Kensington Sq
30/4/87 HI/ST/NC1/87/19

f7 HI/ST/NC1/87/19 pencil**[3:219]**

To enquire with heart's love.
May she be blessed always.
Thanks so many for your notes.
2/5/87

MAY 5, MAY 6 & MAY 13, 1887, ff1-8 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:}VII₁₇

87/20	F.N.	TO SISTER FRANCES	5 MAY 1887
87/21	"	"	6 MAY 1887
87/22	"	"	13 MAY 1887

f2 HI/ST/NC1/87/20

May 5/87

[3:219-20]

To enquire after our beloved friend
With great love
I will try & write her some account of our "Nurses
employed abroad" -- I have nothing printed.
We sent five to the first Egyptian War -- lent to Government --
who on their return resumed work immediately with us.
On the second Egyptian War we were applied to both by
government & by the Red Cross Socy -- & worked at Souakim

took over the ~~Fever~~ Hospital at Suez, & the Nurses sent
up the Nile were (happily) detained at Asouan where was
the great press of Fever -- I wish I had strength to send her

f3

some more interesting details -- but will try to do so --

The last Sister of ours who has just returned home worked throughout both Wars -- viz for 5 years -- in Egypt. She was returning by the "Tasmania" -- one of the largest P. & O. steam-ships, when the ship was wrecked at 4 on Sunday morning 17TH off the rocks on the Southern point of Corsica. The women were landed with great difficulty, chiefly in a life-boat, with numbers of children, after having been some 6 hours on the bridge of the Tasmania under heavy seas. The life-boat was all but swamped on landing -- under a cliff. Sister Airy was almost the last

f2r

to leave the ship. She had had the presence of mind when the ship first struck to dress herself, to bring a cloak -- On landing, like St. Paul, they made a great fire of sticks -- And her cloak did duty to put on the women, while she dried the night-clothes -- for many of the ladies were in their night-things & without shoes. The cold was intense. After this, the "savage" islanders, again like St. Paul showed them the most generous kindness -- When all the 3 boats came in, there were about 90 women & children. They climbed the cliff & took refuge in two poor cottages. The

Nursing was done by

S. Airy. She had saved her money: "so fortunate,
sewn up in her stays

f4

"because I had it to lend to the many who had none"

I must stop, I will try & tell more

Tell me what I might send her, please
& more pleasant news --

[end 3:220]

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/21

May 6/87

[3:220]

To enquire
with great love
Ale twice daily
bacon &c for breakfast
fish or meat for dinner
at night milk & biscuits

f7 HI/ST/NC1/887/22/2

With 3 bott: Valentine's Meat Juice
 Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Sq.
 13/5/87

f8

May 13/87

[3:221]

I am so sorry for your account of "irritability of stomach"
 -- I dare say, if you like *Valentine's Meat Juice*,
 you have used it. But I cannot resist sending you
 some. We have used it extensively & successfully
 among the worst cases of Typhoid in Egypt
 & I have just used it successfully for an old servant,
 thought to be dying, in Derbyshire. But I have a
 horror of outside advice, like mine -- You will have
 been the right advisers. Excuse haste
 God bless you ever hers & yours F.N.

AY 14 & MAY 15, 1887, ff1-6 PEN & PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN}:}

VII₁₈

87/23 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 14 MAY 1887
 87/24 " " " " 15 MAY 1887

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: K19 IN PENCIL, }

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:} HI/ST/NC1/87/23/2
 LONDON.W

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MY 14

87

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Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Square
 W.

14/5/87

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} H1/St/NC1/87/23/1 [3:221]

May 14/87

10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRESS}
PARK LANE. W.

Could you be so very good
as to let me know, dear Sister
Frances, by one line, so that
I may receive it to-night,
how she is --
Pray God it may be better
But *He* knows
God bless you all
with tenderest love F.N.

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} {BELOW: K20 }} HI/ST/NC1/87/24/2

Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
15/5/87

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} H1/ST/NC1/87/24/1 [3:221]

10 South St. May 15/87
Your news is grievous, dear Sister Frances. How very, very
kind of you to send -- God be with us -- And *He*
is with you.

I suppose the Doctor does call it a "relapse"?
I wish I could think of anything to send. You have
no doubt tried ice, if it does not hurt her, with the
wine or brandy she dislikes least & soda water.
I believe she dislikes soda water & milk iced too much
to take it. The very small "half tea spoonsfuls", as
you say, are the hopeful thing.

f6 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

"I scarcely felt at all frightened, for I knew *He* was
quite near, you know", as our 'sister' said in the
wreck of the Tasmania.

What more can one say? But it is a hard
trial, a relapse --
God save --

ever hers & yours
(not to keep the Sister)
F.N.

MAY 15, MAY 16 & MAY 21, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, } :} VII₁₉
 87/25 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 15 MAY 1887
 87/26 " " " " 16 MAY 1887
 87/27 " " " " 21 MAY 1887

f2 H1/St/NC1/87/25/2 envelope
 K21 No 2 | with a bottle

Sister Frances
 15/5/87

f3 HI/ST/NC1/87/25/1
 [3:221]
 No 2 15/5/87

Dear S. Frances

It just occurs to me -- here is a bottle of that enormously expensive very old brandy -- you are sure I only mention this because it is really *not* like other brandy -- which is ordered for Patients who cannot ordinarily take brandy but whose life hangs on taking some stimulant of the kind -- perhaps with a little ice --

I know not how to recommend -- but I do know that Patients have found this Brandy takeable & have not disliked it. ever yours F.N.

f4 H1/ST/NC1/87/2b pencil [3:221]

To enquire please, after our dearest friend
 with tenderest love -- & blessing
 16/5/87

f5 HI/ST/NC1/87/27

May 21/87 [3:222]

My dearest love & prayers

I tremble to think of what the news may be
 tho' I should not. All is in the hands of the most loving
 Father

It was good of you to write last night

MAY 22, MAY 23 & MAY 24, 1887, ff1-6 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₂₀
 87/28 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 22 MAY 1887
 87/29 " " " " 23 MAY 1887
 87/30 " " " " 24 MAY 1887

f2 envelope H1/ST/NC1/87/28/2
 wait
 Sister Frances
 39 Kensington Square
 22/5/87

f3 HI/ST/NC1/87/28/1

May 22/87

[3:222]

A little line, please:

my tenderest love & most fervent prayers to
 God's love for her

& warmest sympathy for you; & Sister Laura,
 please & all of you in this great trial -- ~~the~~
 but oh how far from being the greatest --

It ought to be joy. Christ tells us "we ought to rejoice"
 "because" He is going "unto the Father". But we
 cannot quite,

I am glad you are with her again.
 Could you be so very kind as to post a little line

f4 H1/ST/NC1/87/29 pencil

to me to-night

Is there anything I could send?

f5

[3:222]

To enquire with deepest love

O what will the answer be?

Thanks for your letters -- with warmest sympathy
 23/5/87

f6 H1/ST/NC1/87/30 pencil

[3:222]

so glad if she can like the Panada --

May God's best blessing rest with her --
 tenderest love

24/5/87

MAY 25, MAY 27 & MAY 29, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₂₁
 87/31 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 25 MAY 1887
 87/32 " " " " 27 MAY 1887
 87/33 " " " " {29 MAY 1887
 {WHIT SUNDAY

f2 H1/ST/NC1/87/32 pencil [3:222]
 To enquire with heartfelt love. May 25/87

f3 envelope H1/St/NC1/87/33/2 pencil [3:222]

May 27/87
 To enquire anxiously & with tenderest love after her
 & after you all.
 F.N.

f4 {BELOW: K29 }}
 wait
 Sister Frances
 or Sister Laura
 39 Kensington Square
 29/5/87

f5 H1/St/NC1/87/33/1 pencil [3:222]

Whit Sunday
 Thank you so very, very much for your note which
 I received by the last post last night
 You all have been watching thro' the night -- And I
 have watched much with you, & her.
 The Holy Spirit will not leave you "comfortless".
 As He did of the cowardly disciples, He will
 make brave men & women of us to-day, if we
 will have Him. But you are brave already.
 Perhaps she is in the Immediate Presence already.
 What joy! for her.

MAY 31 & JUNE 1, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₂₂
 87/34 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 31 MAY 1887
 (WHIT TUESDAY)
 87/35 " " " " 1 JUNE 1887

f2 HI/ST/NC1/87/34/2

wait

Sister Frances
or Sister Laura
39 Kensington Square

31/5/87

f3 H1/ST/NC1/87/34/1 pencil

[3:223]

Whit Tuesday

To enquire

May the Father & the dear Saviour & His
Holy Spirit be very near -- not only near but
quite touching (like the woman: If I can
but *touch* the hem of His garment)

Thank you so much for your note yesterday.

f4 HI/ST/NC1/87/35/1 pencil

Only a verbal message} 6 eggs
please }

Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square

1/6/87

f5 H1/ST/NC1/87/35/1 pencil

[3:223]

I send the fresh eggs but alas! there is no more
hope here below

I send them in the hope of a verbal message
from your kindness.

She is communing with the Father Almighty
whom she loved so well already
1/6/87

JUNE 2, 1887, ff1-4 PENCIL & PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN}

VII₂₃

87/36 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 2 JUNE 1887

87/37 " " " " " "

(LETTER ACCOMPANYING WREATH FOR MARY JONES)

f2 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} H1/ST/NC1/87/36/2

wait

Sister Frances
or Sister Laura
39 Kensington Sq.

2/6/87

f3 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:} H1/ST/NC1/87/36/1

[3:223]

I cannot write. I can only ask, & pray.
And what must you all be feeling!
And *she*? the joy, the glad surprise, the child-like
recognition. What we call unconsciousness
may likely be the highest consciousness --
Thursday.
Has she been able to take any nourishment since she
became unconscious?

[end 3:223]

f4 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} HI/ST/NC1/87/37

[3:224]

Not in memory but in greeting
of the friend of God,
Mary Jones, Mother Superior,
who has now, after this life's patient service,
been taken home by Him
who has ascended up on high & led captivity captive,
to be one with Him
in glorious service for ever,
& has left us mourning but not cast down.
'Who follows in her train'?
This Cross & wreath
are humbly offered by
her poor old Florence Nightingale
Thursday in Whitsun Week
1887

JUNE 3 & JUNE 6, 1887, ff1-7 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, }:] VII₂₄
87/38 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 3 JUNE 1887
87/39 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 6 JUNE 1887

f2 HI/ST/NC1/38/2 pencil

with two {illeg}
Sister Frances
39 Kensington Square
3/6/87 HI/ST/NC1/39/2

f3 H1/ST/NC1/87/38/1a pencil

[3:223]

Dear Sister Frances Thank you so much
for your full account. I feel very anxious
to know what Dr. Dickenson said -- not that I
should ever think for one instant the having
Dr. Dickenson was depreciating Dr. Roberts --
far from it

Alas, that I can only send my poor prayers
& blessings. But God sends, Christ sends His
Holy Spirit. She has it. Pray that I may -- Ask
her for her prayers -- ever yours & hers

F.N.

f4 H1/ST/NC1/87/38/16 pencil

in deepest sympathy with you all
Has Sister Laura had some sleep?
And you?

{WRITTEN SIDEWAYS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF PAGE:} June 3/87

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PEN:} {BELOW: K34 IN PENCIL H1/ST/NC1/87/39/2

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON.W.

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JU 6

87

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Sister Frances
S. Mary's Convent
39 Kensington Square
W.

6/6/87

f6 H1/ST/NC1/87/39/1 pencil

[3:224-25]

10 South St

June 6/87

How very kind of you, dear Sister Frances,
to tell me about the funeral to-morrow, so deeply
interesting to me, so that I can be with you in
spirit.

It will be a hard day for you all. [May I trust
that you will take food with you for between "10.30"
& "4.30" -- we may be of the earth without being earthy]
But for *her* all hardness is over -- Death is swallowed
up in victory -- for her & for you too -- who are "steadfast

f7

"& unmoveable -- always abounding" in the work which
was hers.

Thank God that Sister Laura is having some rest.

I hope too she may go back after the funeral to Mother Ethel
Will you give her my sympathizing love?

The Mother who is taking her Communion now from
the hands of Our Lord Himself will be thinking
of you too in her joy, & hoping, believing you
can feel some joy too all of you -- whom she so loved
for her sake.

I will not trouble you with my weak words.
God & Christ will be with you -- & perhaps she
too -- Why not? She now dwells in Him, as we
all may, according to His promise.

We take not our leave of her but meet her *there*.
ever yours

F.N.

[end 3:224]

JUNE 8 & JUNE 10, 1887, ff1-5 PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN, } : } VII₂₅

87/40 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 8 JUNE 1887

87/41 F.N. TO SISTER FRANCES 10 JUNE 1887

f2 H1/St/NC1/87/40/2 STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

LONDON.W.

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JU 8

87

Sister Frances

St. Mary's Convent

39 Kensington Square

W.

8/6/87

f3 {BELOW: K35 IN PENCIL, }} HI/ST/NC1/87/40/2

10 South St.

June 8/87

My dear Sister Frances How good of you to write to me
about the blessed funeral day -- & to send me
the dear mother's own 'Litany' of the Dead' -- I shall
value it dearly, dearly.

Thank God that Sister Laura is better -- But I
trust she is going to take more rest, as you said.

It would be so good of you to come here some
afternoon. But I should be so sorry if you were to come when
I was unable to see you. I have very heavy work just now
[what must you have?] & am worse, I am ashamed to say.
Let me hear from you when & if you purpose coming --

yours ever affecLY F. Nightingale

f4 {BELOW: K36 IN PENCIL, }} H1/St/NC1/87/41/2

{STAMP & POSTMARK READING}

LONDON.W.

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JU 10

87

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Sister Frances

39 Kensington Square

W.

10/6/87 HI/ST/NC1/87/41/2

f5 {BELOW: K36 IN PENCIL} H1/ST/NC1/87/41/1

I am so very sorry -- I fear I should only be bringing you
tomorrow (Saturday) in vain for me.

Thank you, thank you so much --

Some other day, I hope} God bless you --

convenient to you. } ever yours

with love to Sister Laura F.N.

10/6/87

JUNE 12, JUNE 30 & AUGUST 19, 1887, ff1-9v PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 {PEN}

VII₂₆

87/42 F.N. TO MISS MAXWELL 12 JUNE 1887

87/43 F.N. TO MISS MAXWELL 30 JUNE 1887

87/44 F.N. TO FRANCES [GROUNDSELL] 19 AUG. 1887

f2 {BELOW: F42 }} HI/ST/NC1/87/42

June 12/87

10, SOUTH STREET,

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

PARK LANE. W.

[12:383]

My dear Miss Maxwell

I have been so very sorry
to hear of your disaster
contracted in the good cause

-- & therefore heroic --

& of your relegation to the
Scarlet Fever Ward --

But I heard of a little boy
on your bed. He had
cause to be happy in your
disaster --

May you soon be quite
well -- I have been
longing to see you: God bless you
yrs ever F. Nightingale

[end 12:383]

f3 {THIS ENVELOPE IN PEN:} pencil

Miss Nightingale

/ST/NC1/87/43/2

Miss Maxwell

Lydia Ward

St. Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge

30/6/87

S.E.

f4 HI/ST/NC1/87/43/1

June 30/87

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

[12:383-84]

My dear Miss Maxwell

I am not in the least
"afraid of" you: but I am
desperately "afraid" lest you
should not do what is
exactly the best for your
recovering perfect health.

I did not quite understand
dear "Home Sister's" letter -- Or
rather I (mis)understood that
you wanted to be off to
Scotland as soon as possible.
Hence my fixing Tuesday --

f5

It would *not* be the best
for you obviously
to go to Eastbourne "from
"Saturday or Monday till Tuesday" only.

If you will kindly let
me know as soon as
your plans are settled, --
what day or days you
will be in London "*between*
Eastbourne & Scotland", -- it
will go hard with me
but that I shall find an
afternoon for you -- a
"later day" than "Tuesday".

f6

But would it not be better
for you to go straight
from Eastbourne to Scotland
& not to do anything in
London then except pass
through? If so, as
I hear that you are
'pluckily' returning to us,
the causes of your illness --

after Scotland --
-- May all good & success
attend you! -- then may I
not see you when you
return from Scotland to St.

f7

Thomas?
I do so rejoice that you
have been happy here
in the work. It was
good of you to write.
God bless you
ever faithfully
& hopefully yours
F. Nightingale

[end 12:384]

f8 HI/ST/NC1/87/44 AIX 12

Claydon Aug 19/87
My dear Frances
I was very glad that
you had enjoyed your
holiday -- & hope that you have
been happy & comfortable
since you came back.
The Queen has written a
letter for every body who
subscribed to her Jubilee
Fund. I will bring you
your copy when I come home.
I am obliged to write
in haste to send you

f9

And now, dear Frances: God bless you
 in haste yours sincerely F. Nightingale
 Have you watered the plants & the Ivy?
 How are the cats?

f9v

July 18 - Aug 17 = 30 days - less 14 for your holiday = 16

Board Wages: 16 days = £1.12
 Journey 1.10

£3.2

8/ in hand

Recd July 16 £3.10
 " Aug 17 2.16

£6.6

Board Wages Aug 17 - Sept 14 2.16
 8/

£3.4 in hand

Not that I mean to be away anything like so long.
 You can give your 2/ a day Board Money to Mrs.
 Neild to spend for you.

SEPTEMBER 20 1887, ff1-12 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN {PEN}:}

VII₂₇

87/45 F.N. TO MOTHER SUPERIOR [SISTER FRANCES]

30 KENSINGTON SQUARE

20 SEPT. 1887 HI/ST/NC1/87/45/2

f2 {BELOW: L2 }}

with a small parcel
& 12 fresh eggs

To the
Mother Superior
30 Kensington Square

F.N.

21/9/87

f3 H1/ST/NC1/87/45/11

10 South St Sept 20/87

My dear Sister Frances

How ungrateful you must
have thought me in not
answering your letters -- so kind
& so full of what interests me
most. But never can you have
thought me less interested
in all that concerns the beloved
children of my dear friend.
What is she doing now? how
much she must ~~have felt~~ know now -- how
much have enjoyed -- how much received
in the Immediate Presence --
Does she know what we are
doing? As you say, it seems

f4

years since she has left us --
You feel, I know, the burden of
taking up her mantle. But
God gives the power & the grace
It is like Jacob wrestling with
that mysterious visitant --
[what a scoundrel Jacob had
been -- I don't mean there is
a likeness there] & finding
Him to be 'Love' -- & himself
blessed --

I hope now that you are
settled down & pretty well.
And I know that you have
'raised the altar' to God --
And when we are weak, then

f5

are we strong.
Pray give my love to S. Laura --
I trust that she has recovered
strength.
And remember me to your Lay
Sister.
I was sorry that you sent back
anything. May I not
return the books? I was in
hopes that they might be of
some use to you among your
Patients.
Once more many, many
thanks for the few notes of music
& precious bit out of her
Hymn book.

f6 H1/ST/NC1/87/45/16

[2]

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

Does it ever come within
your possible work to
send Sisters to nurse in the
Hospitals of India?

[10:784]

I remember many years ago
asking your dear Mother.
But she negatived it -- (to Sir
B. Frere, also dead now)

Clewer sent a few years
ago Nursing Sisters under
S. Lucy to nurse & train in
the two Civil Hospitals of
Calcutta, & in the small
Lying-in Hospl (an off-shoot)

f7

to nurse & train native
Midwives -- And these
Clewer Sisters have done
capitally -- & have had all
possible means & authority
given them by the Medical
Officers --

Now for the first time
in India Nursing Sisters,
either from the London General
Hospitals or from Nursing
Sisterhoods, are to be
introduced into *Military*

f8

Hospitals. They are to begin in Umballa, a North of India Station, & at Rawul Pindi -- a Supt & 6 Sisters in the first -- & a Supt & 12 Sisters in the latter.

Would it come in the least within your call to undertake either of these?

If you would entertain the idea at all, shall I send you what particulars I have? Or shall I put you in communication with the

f9

Surgeon Genl empowered by the Govt of India to act for them in this matter, now in London & who came to me about it -- a very sensible man, I thought

Pray that the thing may turn out well -- [the influence of good women & skilled Nurses over soldier Patients is unbounded] For if it succeeds, it will certainly be extended to all the great Military centres of India. And if it fails it will be a death-blow.

[end 10:784]

f10 H1/St/NC1/87/45/1c

[3]

I have not troubled you with
the reasons of my silence --
I was more ill than usual --
I went into the country to my
sister who is a sad Invalid --
& found business instead of rest --
I mean independently of what I
could do for her, poor soul --
Since I returned, we have been
breathlessly busy -- partly with
Indian Sanitary business -- partly
because, after 27 years our
Matron at St. Thomas' has
resigned. And we have had
up from Edinburgh also one of
ours for her Successor. But

f11

thus two great Hospitals have
been disturbed. Pray for us.
I know you are interested in
our things, because *she* was.

God bless you ever & all
your work, Sisters & Patients,
& poor, & children --

How is the little boy who was
so devoted to *her*?

Show me your forgiveness
by telling me of your well-being --

ever yours & Sister Laura's
devotedly

F. Nightingale

f12

I trust you don't let the
work be too much for you.
If it is *quite* out of the question
your undertaking any Indian work,
please send just the word. **No**, {LARGE PRINT}
by the earliest post you can --
If on the contrary the word
Possible. {LARGE PRINT}
Pardon me for asking this

FN

f2v Fare [upside down]

From a letter to Crawford, HI/ST/NC1/82/41

[16:471-72]

29 June 1882

I have been turning over in my mind what you were so good as to ask me, viz., about a proposal to allow one or two night "sisters" for special cases at the Herbert Hospital. And I cannot forbear troubling you with these few remarks or rather questions:

I think I understood you that there are very few serious cases in the Herbert Hospital and most of them, I suppose, are among Artillery "*invalids*." But taken as a whole you would perhaps say that the great building is rather a sick barrack than a hospital. Its pavilions are so separated (that a nurse cannot have more than sixty-four sick on one floor. And she might have only thirty-two (or even twenty) on a floor.

Would it be possible so to arrange the cases that the one or two or three bad cases requiring (occasionally) night nursing should be in the same ward or floor?

Systematic night nursing, I understood you to say, was not at all required. (And indeed I know that, at Netley, where there are so many more "invalid" bedridden cases, the night "sister" has often nothing to do all night: the patients are "all asleep.")

What you propose is simply to detach a nurse for special duty, as the medical officer should judge needful. The "partitioned room" for the National Aid Society's nurses is no doubt in the nurses' block, which is too far away for effective work. I hardly see how you can have night supervision from there. But a telephone to Miss Caulfield's room would bring her at once.

In each pavilion there is a nurse's room & scullery in line. Could one of these rooms be given up to the night nurse? If you detached two nurses for the night work, could one of them be on duty & the other at hand in this room?

What occurred to me after thinking over what you had said to submit to you & to ask you was this: would it be possible to have the bad cases on one floor of the same pavilion? If so, could the night nurses have

one of the ward rooms *for the time?* (with a telephone to the superintendent's room?) But if the bad cases were in different pavilions, might it not be necessary to have a similar arrangement for each?

In the great difficulty of having one woman alone at night in that great building with perhaps two bad cases requiring her care in different pavilions--& in the great unwillingness to leave those bad cases without trained female night nursing, *if it is desired*, pardon me if I have submitted these things *for your consideration*, merely. And thanking you for your most kind visit which I trust will not be the last....

I am so very sorry not to be able to see you. I have quite knocked up & am obliged to put off all appointments. Nothing else would prevent me from what I so much wish--I still hope to see you at some future time.

[end 16:472]

OCTOBER 16 & OCTOBER 21, 1887, ff1-9 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1

VIII₁

87/46 F.N. TO MISS PRINGLE ["LITTLE SISTER"] 16 OCT. 1887

87/47 F.N. TO MISS PRINGLE 21 OCT. 1887 CONTINUED IN NEXT FOLDER

f2

{BELOW:

Oct 16/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {PRINTED ADDRSS}
PARK LANE. W.

Ever dearest "Little Sister"

Yes, surely: 22 beds &
3 cots ?

-- shall we have

2 doz. big flannel red jackets

for the big beds

& because the little cots sometimes
overflow into the big beds,

shall we have

1 doz -- little red flannel jackets?

But we must have some one

to make them up -- And I don't

know what pattern you like;

So, after all, all the trouble

will come upon you of ordering

f3

them -- & sending me in my
Bill.
I don't think it is extravagant
to have 3 doz --
because an occasional holiday
to each jacket certainly
makes them last longer --
Shall I send you the money
beforehand? Send me in
my Bill now, please.
God bless you
ever my dearest "Little Sister's
loving F.N.

f4

Many
Thanks for Mr. Burdett's
paper & the "Hospital"

f5 {BELOW: envelope pencil

Miss Pringle
St. Thomas'

21/10/87

H1/ST/NC1/87/47/1a

f6 {BELOW:

Oct 21/87
10, SOUTH STREET
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

Dearest, ever dearest "Little Sister"

[12:395]

I feel so very anxious for you
and would know how you have settled
the Elizabeth succession. It
is as important as "Jamie
"the first & sixth" succeeding
Q. Elizabeth --

I see Miss Goodman tomorrow,
as you know; & if I might
have one line from you first,
or Miss Crossland, tho' I don't
like to ask you to write, I
should be glad.

If it is Miss H, would

f7

she could have had 6 months staff duty,
first, before she
was settled!

I am so sorry for all these
uncertainties for you --

1. I return the "Hospitals" CommEE
of Matrons' invitation to you --

I do not quite know what
you wish me to say about it;
so I have put down a few
considerations to submit
to you, without any opinion
one way or the other.

f8

2. About a photograph of
the Statuette: I do not know
of any, but then I did not
know of the Statuettes at St.
Tom's till a fortnight ago --

As I mentioned, I remember
seeing a small vignette of it
(probably stolen) on the
title page of the first Edition
of Miss Yonge's "Good Deeds"
-- or a book of some such title
-- "Golden Deeds" perhaps --

3. If you would & if you
could come to me for an hour
at 6 on *Monday* evening,

f9

how glad I should be --
but I don't like to press it --
perhaps, if not you, Miss
Crossland.

I must send off Messengers
in haste. I have been feeding
the Police at Grosvenor Gate
who were almost worn out.

I hope you are not.

Pardon my poor considerations

God bless you

ever yours

F.N.

[end 12:396]

OCTOBER 21, 1887, ff1-5 PENCIL HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1VIII₂

87/47 cont. F.N. TO MISS PRINGLE 21 OCT. 1887 CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
FOLDER (RE COMMITTEE OF MATRONS)

f2 {BELOW:

G61

[12:396-97]

[1]

*Hospals Assocn:**Commee of Matrons*

It is difficult to suggest whether or no a
Matron should accept the invitation of the
"Hospitals Association" to join the "Committee of
"Matrons", without knowing what the Committee
does when it meets.

1. Does it meet for mere kindness & social
communication?

2. Or for seriously discussing certain points of
administration &c given out beforehand, & for
which those members who choose *prepare* such
questions or such answers as they may think useful?

f2v

[N.B. It is difficult to guess how Matrons=regnant can find time -- ex=Matrons could do so -- to attend these Meetings, But that is for each to decide]

1 It is far from certain that even mere social Meetings may not do good. It is shocking how often there is a jealous, not friendly rivalry between Hospital Matrons, chiefs of Training. Schools, ~~And~~ instead of their ~~being~~ union all working for the great cause. [Only the other day a Matron of a large Hospital & Training-School, one of ours, said to me: "you have had great losses -- you refused one lady because she was too young, whom

f3

[2]

"I took, & she is now Matron of a large Irish Workho: Infy; & you refused So & so, &c &c"

"How so?," said I innocently, "I call those great gains: they have all been trained & placed so as to do great work". "O", said she.]

But these Social Meetings, tho' they may be good for bringing Matrons together, will not be good for improvements

2. If on the other hand, they meet seriously to discuss points of administration, in which they want information & counsel, there are two different

f4

kinds. As to questions *material*, it might do good as to questions *personal* regarding the management of & influence over Nurses & Sisters, over women, still less ~~over~~ communications with men, I doubt whether any good Matron could bring herself to discuss these delicate & sacred subjects.

As to the questions which *can* be discussed, there is this consideration: [I have constantly to see official men who generally write beforehand the subjects they wish to discuss -- I have to "get it "up" before they come. *Often* it takes me the whole day.] A Matron who wishes seriously to

f5

[3]

gain information or a final decision upon any
thing of importance or to give it must
"get it up" beforehand, in order to be of any use

Has she time?

Is the labour worth it?

Oct 21/87

[end 12:397]

in haste

OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 13, 1887, ff1- PEN HANDWRITTEN BY FN

f1 VIII₃

87/48 F.N. TO DR. C.B.N. DUNN 26 OCT. 1887

87/49 F.N. TO "LITTLE SISTER" (MISS PRINGLE) 12 NOV. 1887

87/50 F.N. TO SIR THOMAS CRAWFORD 13 DEC. 1887

f2 H1/ST/NC1/87/50 {BELOW: AXXVIII H1/ST/NC1/87/48

AXXVIII

10 South St. Park Lane W.

[6:654-55]

10 Oct. 26/87

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your letter,
& for your kindness to our
Holloway friends.

I am glad that poor Bratby
is better. You do not think
that coming South for the
winter would be best
for him? or that he
would consent to it?

Poor Ann Allen! I will
order her an additional
3 lbs. Meat weekly -- &
some Ervalenta from London,

f3

of which they are very fond.

And I will ask Mr. Yeomans
to supply her with the
"good ale" you wish, if he
finds that no one else
supplies it. If you
would kindly tell me any
thing else, I would do it.
Perhaps you would wish
her to have two eggs a day.
She now has one.

Lizzie Holmes: I am sorry
my good friend is suffering
so much.
& glad that the Lea

f4

Hurst people are doing
something in the village.
Please continue, I know I
need not ask it, your
kind attentions to our
friends -- {PENCIL BEGINS:} & please remember
me to each of them
I am very sorry to hear of any
begining of Typhoid Fever --
we were in hopes the water
difficuly had ceased.
We have had sad work
here -- with rioters every
day for a week in
Hyde Park & Trafalgar Sq.

f5 {THIS FOLIO IN PENCIL:}

The police have behaved
with admirable pluck &
patience: but are
almost worn out. It is
a hideous & degrading
spectacle that we are
not able to do anything with
our vagabonds & our
unemployed but drive
them about from street to
street with our fists

With kind regards to Mrs.
Dunn, ever faithfully yours

F. Nightingale
C.B.N. Dunn Esq

f6 {BACK TO PEN:} G62

Finnish lady 10 South St.
Nov 12/87

[13:492-93]

Ever dearest "Little Sister"

You are so accustomed to
deal with these cases that
I think this might well be
left to you. But as you ask
me I believe this is the
way we should answer the ou
application: --

viz. send the Special

Regulations, & ask for answers,
-- state that you have
no vacancies till? June
next, or -- as the case may be

that the Secretary is
absent for a ~~short~~ time

f7

that you do not train at
St. Thomas' for "private"
nursing

that "foreigners" are generally
only admitted by you to be
trained for some post in
their own country as
Matron or Head Nurse &c

that if she decides to wait
till ?June, ~~would she~~

for the chance not promise which depends on her answers &c &c &c of
being

admitted would she
tell you what prospect
she has of a post in her
own country?
or something to this effect

f8

[It has always appeared to
us too great a risk to bring
a woman from her own
country, who could not
possibly be seen beforehand unless
she was recommended by
referees whom we intimately
knew, -- for us to find her
a post here, -- not only
because she might prove
unfit, but because
Institutions here might not
choose to have a foreigner --

At the same time we have
had excellent foreigners.

But Finland, you see,
is a good way off. She

f9

probably knows Russia
better than we do. But
why does she not try Russia?
[The best Institution for
Lady Physician Accoucheuses
was in Russia. The Grand
Duchess' Nurses were excellent.]

However, I would say
nothing of this kind to her --
Only, if you think well,
just suggest Russia --

Possibly there may be
political reasons against

Her age is in her
favour.

Should she be asked in case she decides to wait till June whether she
speaks & understands English
spoken -- with ease?

[end]

f10 {BELOW:

[2] G62

[12:398]

Elizabeth Ward

It seems a pity to move
Miss Herbert who does
Night Supt so well, & who
likes it.

On the other hand, it is
certainly the safe thing to
put conscientious Miss
Herbert into ElizTH, under
your government, rather than a
one year old Probationers --
& safer even than Mrs. Hannay

And *should* ~~she~~ it turn
out desirable to put a new Sister into
Block 2, it will certainly
be necessary to have tried

Miss Herbert in a Ward
first.

f11

On the whole therefore,
as you ask me, I should
be inclined, among people
available, to put Miss
Herbert into ElizTH,
& Mrs. Hannay into the
Night Supcy.

[end 12:398]

f12

Do you know that Miss
Hogg is promoted to
be Sister Superintendr
of Haslar
This is the naval Blue Ribbon.
I am so very glad that Miss
Crossland has taken a
week's holiday. She
needed it. May the
weather prove propitious!
And you?
God bless you
ever dearest "Little Sister"
yours
F.N.

f13

Dec 13/87

10, SOUTH STREET,
PARK LANE. W.

{PRINTED ADDRESS}

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

You were so good as to say
some weeks ago that you would
kindly pay me a visit which
always gives me such great
pleasure. But you have
not done, as I hoped you would,
made an appointment to come
& see me --

I am compelled by Doctors'
orders to leave London for
total rest for a time; but
would so gladly see you
before I go, if you could
kindly appoint any day,
after to-day,

f14

in the
afternoon this week about
5.15, except Thursday,
that would suit you
ever most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

f2 {STAMP & POSTMARK READING:}

VIII 4 letters to Frances [Groundsell]

after lots of missing letters by FN are incoming, from Crimea period

87/51 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 13} **[8:1000]**

Pine Acre Sunningdale Berks

Dec 23/87

Dear Frances

I send you your Quarter's Wages, which I have much pleasure in raising to £20 - What shall you be able to put by this Christmas?

I wish you with my whole heart all the best & choicest Christmas & New Year's - blessing which our Heavenly Father in His infinite Love ~~has~~/can give -

& to Mrs. Neild with my

kindest regards the same.

Will you thank her for her letter which I will answer - & write

Of the 4 Rabbits, ask her to keep one for yourselves, & to send me two - but- they must come the very first thing in the morning by rail - Or they will not be here 'till Monday or Tuesday.

The other rabbit ask her

to give to Mrs Thomason.
If rabbits come next week,
she may send them all on
here -

I return Messenger's
paper; because it is not
right Only one Cock
Pheasant went to Dr.
Sutherland & no Hen.
Some one must have had
2 Hens for the Brace -
Ask Mrs. Neild to ~~tell~~/ask him
to make it right -

87/52 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 14}

[8:1000]

Pine Acre Sunningdale Berks
Xmas Day 1887

Dear Frances

with heartiest Christmas
greetings to you & Mrs Neild
to whom I will write

Pray send on the Christmas
cards to

Miss Fanny Dowding
with the Honble Mrs. Bagot
Mereworth Castle
Maidstone
Kent

If you put a piece of Card=
=board to prevent the Cards from
being bent, fold back my
Envelope so as to make it small

enough to go into another
Envelope *without* bending the
Cards, which you can fell
thro' the Envelope, pray do.
in haste

sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

{the following f doesn't seem to fit anywhere}
& to put down the Extra
hours, please, on a separate
sheet of paper -

and he need not use the
best paper, please - I gave
you a whole packet for the
Dining - room

I send Xmas Cards for
Messenger with my best
Christmas & New Year's wishes
in haste to save the
post, because I am only
just up & writing in the
dark, sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

87/53 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 15}

Pine Acre Dec 27/87

~~10, South Street,~~ {printed address:}

~~Park Lane. W.~~

Yes, please: Send me the
brown paper parcel, but put up
very carefully. It is a picture
& must not get broken or
injured.

[The coffee ~~all~~ got out & ran
about the parcel.]

Send too Blackborne's cap,
please -

Yours, dear Frances,
F. Nightingale

88/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Pine Acre {archivist: A IX 16} Jan 7/88 [8:1001-02]
Dear Frances

I am too ill to return home,
as I had hoped, just yet. And
I am going, with Lizzie, across
by Oxford to Claydon on
Monday, for 2 or 3 weeks -

You would like to come
to Claydon for a fortnight -
And that would enable
Lizzie to have a complete
holiday at home - if
Mrs. Neild can spare you
you might come on Wednesday
- write me word by what train

Please bring with you my
old black skirt - *not* the
satin new one - the pair
of big lamb's wool knitted
stockings - & the book
"like Christ" (stuffed with
papers) on the top of the
large Revised Bible in
my bed-room -

I hope you & Mrs. Neild
are well -

Nelly will return to
South St. on Monday
by train to Waterloo Station
~~{I will telegraph the hour}~~
at 6.37 p.m.

Ask Mrs. Neild to have
her met at 6.37 at the
Windsor entrance - Waterloo-
& brought home -

I send you a Cheque
of £2.2 -

God bless you
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

88/2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {postmarked: WINSLOW A JA 15 88}

Immediate

ANSD 16/1 J. J. F.

Re Dr. Sutherland

J.J. Frederick Esq.

Army Sanitary Comm:

Horse Guards

London S.W.

Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC1/88/2

15/1/88

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks

Jan 15/88

My dear Sir

I was struck down last night almost by my sister, Lady Verney, telling me, as of a thing that of course I knew, that Dr. Sutherland was

dead!! And Sir Harry, on being questioned, said he was "sure" he had seen it "in the paper 3 weeks or a "month ago"

Would you be so very kind as to telegraph to me as soon as you receive this: Nightingale

Steeple Claydon

Bucks

telling me the truth -

I cannot find it in my
heart to ask Mrs. Sutherland
whether her husband is dead!
My old friend!

I was in constant, almost
daily communication with
her till Dec 20, when
I was obliged to leave
London by Medical orders
for total read. [I took it
as far as I could at Pine Acre;
was no better; & came on
after 3 weeks here]

But Mrs. Sutherland
promised to write. And
I have not heard from her

But the last accounts from
her & from you were so
good that I was not uneasy.

And I have heard from so
many of his friends since,
Sir D. Galton, Sir R. Rawlinson,
& others, who would have
mentioned any thing happening
to Dr. S., & did not Any how, I am sure that
you will be so kind as to
telegraph to me immediately

Pray believe me

my dear sir, in great
anxiety, ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

88/3 initialed letter & envelope, 3 ff, pencil {postmarked: BLETCHLEY
STATION H FE 1 88} **[8:1022]**

Sister Frances
Mother Superior
S. Mary's Convent
39 Kensington Square
London W

88/3

Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks
~~Jan~~ Feb 1/88

My dear Sister Frances

I have not lost sight for a
moment of your wish for a
thoroughly Hospital-trained lady
for your Incurables - & to train
the Sisters - but among our
people have not found one
who would suit you who was
not fully engaged

There *is* a lady, Sister Airy,
who was years at St. Thomas'
as Ward Sister, then elsewhere,
the last 5 years in the Egypt
War Hospitals - a devoted
religious woman, as Nurse
quite of the highest order, fully

versed in "Hospital routine" -
whom I could recommend as
sure to do a good work
among you - a lovely temper -
but who was ~~going~~/appointed to India
to a Military Hospital there -
- only the India Office Doctor
will not "pass" her *for India*.
This was only settled yesterday
It is to me the most grievous
disappointment; for they will
not find her equal - But I
wrote to her immediately,
mentioning your want -
~~I have not~~/there has not ~~had~~/been time to
hear from her.

-2-

She is

Miss Sybil Airy -
- till tomorrow (Thursday) at
the Nightingale Home
St. Thomas' Hospital
Westminster Bridge
S.E.

If you would like to see her,
& talk over the matter with,
her, would you write to her
at once? or even telegraph
to her?

I write to her again to-day,
mentioning this, & asking
her, if possible to delay

her departure another day,
in case you should wish
to see her -

but at all events to write
to you, saying if anything
prevents her from entertaining
the idea -

Her (home) address , is -
51 Ashburnham Road
Bedford -

If she would undertake
your Incurables even for
a time, I know no one
who would do your work so
well. [She is a true lady in
the highest sense also]

You kindly ask after me -
I was sent out of London
bodily by my Doctors to
rest after extreme exhaustion
which affects even my eyes.
But tho' I did my best I
have not had one day's rest,
& am returning to London 19 South St

How can I thank you for the
plant so kindly sent twice?
& for your letters?

I trust you are pretty well
God bless you

ever yours sincerely
in *her* dear memory
F.N.

88/4 signed letter & envelope, 9ff, pen & pencil

Enclosures 4 note sheets } 5 eggs
1 packet }

{in another hand: I leave this letter to the
Council of the Nightingale
Fund}

Miss Pringle
St. Thomas

1/3/88

{archivist: The "25 sober industrious
Agricultural Hampshire
families" letter : may be
kept entire, & given to some
worthy charge:
Nightingale School? -
or British Museum ?

In another hand I think from her
addressing it to me
more formally
by name -
she seems to
permit this.}

10 South St March 1/88

My dearest Miss Pringle

[8:389]

I have written & enclose a letter to the Secretary
of the York Road Lying in Hospital (whom I
only know by a slight correspondence) for
Miss Formby, if you like to send it, according
to your request. [I send her £2.2., to conciliate her for you]

But for ourselves, we always insisted ,as
perhaps you know in the Midwifery School
we kept for 6 ½ years for Nurses, & have always
stoutly stood by it since, on 6 months'

training (2 months in large out-door practice)

& then would only certify not as Midwife but as Midwifery Nurse. In most, if not all of the places where these 6 months' women afterwards served, the Doctor was not "9" but 2 miles off - ~~tho'~~ he might even be in the next street

[N.B. All *abnormal* as well as normal cases were under the skilled Midwife at the head of the School]

Would it not be better probably, in order to obtain admittance to the York Road Lying-in Hospital, for Miss Formby to apply to some of the St. Thomas' Medical Officers, Dr. Gervis or Dr. Cory?

And should not Mr. Arnold White take this matter in hand, we having done what we can to ascertain the best place to go to for his purposes?

[I should deprecate "Endell St.", but if York Road fails, will talk farther about it]

== I want to clean up my own ideas about Miss Formby's "high enterprise" by a little confab with your superior practical knowledge:

we are not sent, are we?, except to the lost sheep of the house of - Britain -

Is it not a higher "enterprise" to be District Nurse to "25" poor Holborn "families" than to "25 agricultural families" in E. Africa? or even to be a trained Sister in a Hospital Ward?

[end 8:389]

-2- {archivist G66}

If of those wretched boys who rioted for 3 weeks in Hyde Park & were driven about by the Police, a number could be trained & organised by competent men for some Colony into a Mettray, a Rauhe Haus, or a 'Dutch settlement' (I do not say it is possible), *that* would be a "high enterprise": and one would say even to a trained Sister: Go, if you have a calling to look after their health & morals.

If of those poor seamstresses & London workwomen - often on the verge of prostitution but not prostitutes -

a number could be trained & taken out to Colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, perhaps as working women in outlying farms, &/at last as good wives far from the towns, that would indeed be a "high enterprise" & a high calling even for a trained Lady Nurse to "mother" them out.

But to take 25 "sober, industrious," healthy Agricultural Hampshire families", out to the Colonies, is an interesting thing as benefiting & raising the individuals, but could almost be done by a devoted landlord in England.

[And is there much more to be done for 25 good labourers' families in East Africa, (possibly less) than in Hampshire in influencing & looking after them. Only no one thinks of giving a day at £200 a year to look after them in Hampshire?]

Seems ~~is~~ not the present plan rather a step not to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England - not to reformation but the reverse - taking away the "sober & industrious" & leaving the idle drunken & destitute

It is not those who are doing well here, or anywhere, but those who are doing ill or going to ruin - our last sheep; that one wants to save. Does one want to take the best labourers & workmen out of England, or the worst, & save *them*?

[The best, the young & sober stone-masons near Lea Hurst are emigrating to Ohio - leaving the idle drunkards behind
Is this a movement one longs to help?]

Everything about Emigration is interesting every thing about the reward & prosperity of good labourers

-3-{archivist; G 66}

But it might almost be said that ~~this~~/it is another step to filling the Gaols & workhouses here to take away the best & leave those boys & girls who populate prisons & Unions - but whom no one thinks of giving a lady to help & reform.

In short, the plan may be a good thing as benefiting individuals who deserve it -

but is it a great work - a 'high enterprise', a saving of our lost sheep, a depauperization & reformation? I don't know.

Does not the work of a trained Hospital Sister, certainly of a trained London District Lady Nurse partake much more of all these things?

Why do not people seriously think of taking & reforming a wretched London court of "25 families"? [Miss O. Hill did.]

All the while I am enthusiastic about Emigration - but for the lost sheep, as far as we are concerned.

ever, dearest Miss Pringle,
most affectionately yours

F. Nightingale

March 1/88

f88/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil roll3b H1/ST/NC1/88/5

10 South St Park Lane W {archivist: F9}

[13:91]

April 30/88

My dear Miss Peddie

Miss Monk has been so kind
as to write & tell me of the
changes at K.C.H. & that
you are now "Home" Sister -
I hope I may give you joy
& give joy also to those who
have to be under your care.

The 'Home' Sister has need
to be so motherly, so
disinterested in matters
of sympathy; giving so
much, exacting so little -
so impartial & generous -
carrying all her charges
on her heart before God -
I often think it is the
most trying & responsible
position in the Hospital
- almost more so than
that of the Matron -
because the 'Home' Sister's
charges change so continually
Few are the perfect Matrons
but fewer still are the
perfect 'Home' Sisters -
I wish you from the bottom of my heart the
highest success, for I
know you will aim at

the highest. And I
trust that your health
is now good; but I fear
you take too little
exercise.

Do the Classes you
give yourself begin
directly? And do the
Professors give Lectures
& Clinical Lectures to
Probationers, & Nurses as
well as Probationers?

I should be so glad to
know after you have
had a little experience

of it how your new
post fits you, & whether
it pinches anywhere>
God speed you -

is the fervent prayer
of yours ever affly

Florence Nightingale

[end]

I have been unable
to write before from
illness.

88/6 signed letter & envelope, 5 ff, pencil {postmarked: LONDON W 4 AP
22 88}

To the

Mother Superior

S. Mary's Convent

39 Kensington Square

22/5/88

W.

Letter, H1/ST/NC1/88/6

May 22/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Very dear Sister Frances

I should have answered
your kind note about a Matron
for Port Said & about Suez before - But
unluckily had no help to give.
We were asked before for a
Matron for P. Said, but had
no one to spare -

We are sending out at once
2 Sisters (at least one is a
step Sister) to a Mahometan
Hospital for women & children
at Cairo under the Khedive;
who asked for our Sisters, because
it has an English Doctor -

And we are sending out

another immediately to start Lady
Ossington's little new agricultural
Colony in S. Africa in all
women's work - I have pocketed
my principles, & ~~allowed~~/got her
the 3 months' - (they give no
more-) training at York Road
Lying-in Hospital - & the
Examn & certife of the Obstetrical
Socy. You know under
dear Mother we always
required 6 months to qualify
as Midwy Nurse - & would
certify only as Nurse - not as
Midwife - Hence you will
say my principles are gone
to the bad - & truly -

You know we asked dear

-Mother to undertake York
Road -

2

We are now asked to undertake
the *Nursing* of the *abnormal*
cases of OUT-DOOR Lying-in
Patients, which require skilled
nurses *after* delivery, about
150 a year, of St. Thomas'
Hospl. I do not think
we shall - not unless we
could hook a Midwifery
School on it -

You have not any papers
of dear Mother's, have you?
which you could *kindly lend*
me, showing her system of
training our women *in midwifery*

on the *out-door* Lying-in
cases at King's College Hospital,
of which our pupil Midwives
always had 2 months' under
their Midwife when the
men-students were away -
(after 4 months in the
Lying in Ward of training)

Neither of these African
Expeditions are quite
within what we consider
we are ~~here~~/there for - But
we did not feel we could
refuse -

May 22/88

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Very dear Sister Frances

4. You do not know, do you? of
one who would do for a
Matron of the 130 boys at
the Gordon Boys' Home - Bagshot
- to have charge of the *health*
as well as sickness of the
boys - to 'mother' them, in fact -

That too does not come
quite within our province.
But we shall have to do
if, if we possibly can, by
enquiry.

I would send you all
particulars, if it were not
troubling you - & you thought
you could help us -

Yes: I have indeed though
of you during this time - may
God prosper you! I trust
you are pretty well - & S. Laura
come back - & my little
friend, who came to see me? -

It was very kind of you
not to give my address -

I have had a 3 months'
serious illness - you kindly ask
- & am not yet out of bed -

And the change in the
Governor-Generalship of India
is such an anxiety - Pray
that that may turn out well!

The Military Sisters who

went out - they had never
seen anything but a Civil
Hospital before - to take
charge at Rawul Pindi in India
are full of pluck & vigour &
difficulties, as they write to me

God bless you

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I think dear Mother would
have liked to hear about
all these things in her
universal goodness - &
therefore I trouble you
about them - But do not even
write, however much I should like to hear
from you, unless there is a 'Yes' to my 2 questions.

88/7 initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil {archivist: 15} **[8:1023]**

To the

Mother Superior

Sister Frances

4/7/88

July 4/88

Dear Sister Frances

I am so grateful to you for lovely flowers
from a place so dear -

I trust things are going well with you -
& your training of Sisters -

You were so good as to write to me about
a lady for the Gordon Boys' Matron - I could not
recommend the post to one who wanted "a better
"appointment", or who wanted to be "near London" -
And we are going to spare one who had been

with us in different posts for nearly 11
years rather reluctantly - for love
of the work - The work is hard - the
conditions are not good - the salary is not good
It would not have suited that lady
Pray for us that ~~it~~/this may turnout well

Thanks: I am not much better - I should so
like to see you - But I am so driven now
especially

Give me a better report of yourself -
ever yours
F.N.

88/8 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 17} **[8:1001]**

Sept 24/88
Telegraph. Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances
Thank you for your letters -
I am so glad you enjoyed
your holiday
& the Irish Exhibition -
Can you find a large, fat
book, called "The Book of
"Health" on the top of
the little tall book-case
in my bed room close
to the Dressing-room door?
If you can, I will tell

you where to send it
I enclose a Cheque
for 3 weeks' Board Wages,
tho' I am not likely to
stay away do long, for
you to pay Mrs. Neild -
God bless you
sincerely yours
F. Nightingale

88/9 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 18} **[8:1001]**

Telegraph Sept 25/88
Steeple Claydon Bucks Claydon House,
Winslow, {printed address:}
Bucks.

My dear Frances

I have great pleasure
in sending you your Quarter,
& hope you will tell me
how much you can put
in the Savings' Bank -

How much did you
put in last Quarter?
[letter cut here]

Sir Harry's brother, Mr.
Calvert, is also here - &
quite an Invalid -

There are only we four -
but still I don't think
we are an uncheerful
four - Praise God for
it. I hope you too
are a cheerful four -
[cut off]

I am glad the cats are
so much cleaner; but
I hope they will soon be
quite clean

FN

I should like to hear any
thing you can tell me
about the house & what
Mr. Vare's men have done
I hope you all go out
every day

88/10 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G64}

10 South St Dec 7/88
Dearest ever dearest "Little Sister"

Our dear young charge is
now in the Immediate Presence
- how sweet to *her*! *She* has
passed the rough waters -
'Joy, joy' to her, happy soul!
She has gone home -

How much she knows
by this time! how much
she has to enjoy -

I was just going to send
to you to enquire - I have
been expecting it ever since
your dear note last night

Will you take an
opportunity kindly of telling
her mother how deeply
I feel with her?

She has parted with
her dear sweet child
willingly -

If I could do anything
to help in the funeral -
I do not know the mother's
circumstances, - I would
gladly -

At all events I should
like to send some flowers -

It would not be a mere
farce in such a case as
this - For she is now a
precious flower in the
Lord's crowns - Or rather,
He is holding His flower
in His hand

I hope you have not
been up all night

Thanks for sending
ever yours

F.N.

89/1 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: G6}

10 South St Park Lane W

Feb 1/89

Dear Miss Peter (if I may call [for rie]

you so) You are returning

soon to Edinburgh, I believe

And I hope you will

allow me to claim the

privilege of seeing you

before you go

Would Monday or Wednesday

suit you at 5 o'clock

or half past? If not, pray

tell me what will suit you.

& with kind regards to Miss Rayner

believe me, I pray,

most faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

89/2 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {archivist: G7} roll
3b

Feb 14/89

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Peter

I send you the little
book you wished to have -

I wonder whether you will
approve it -

Perhaps you are gone -
I most earnestly hope that

you are beginning under
the conditions you & we

wish for - & bid you

success from the bottom

of my heart. God bless you -

ever most truly yours

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC1/89/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

March 15/89
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Sir

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

"anything"

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

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

I am sorry to ask you
to send so far -

Pray oblige, Sir,
your obedt

Florence Nightingale
Mr. Welsh

89/4 signed letter, 1f, pen {archivist: F49}

Mr. Welch March 29/89
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Sir

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

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

Please to send me My Acct
as I always pay weekly
Your obedt
Florence Nightingale

89/5 signed letter, 1f, pencil

10 South St. Park Lane W.
{archivist: F50}
April 15/89

Sir

Would you please send us a
well hung Neck of Mutton -
The last was very good -
And would you direct your
man to wait for your Acct
to be paid?

We did not think your last
Leg very good which we
hung till to-day -

Yours faithfully
Florence Nightingale
Mr. Welch

89/6 signed letter & envelope, 4ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LONDON
[8:1023]}

The Mother Superior
(Sister Frances)
S. Mary's Convent
39 Kensington Square
24/5/89 W.

{archivist: L6}
10 South St Park Lane. W. May 24/89
My dear Sister Frances

Indeed I did at Easter pray that Christ
might rise again in all our hearts, as I am sure
you did for me - She who is gone to the
Immediate Presence always wrote to me at
Easter as you are kind enough to do

Yes: I dare say some, those who were so far
advanced as she was, "know our affairs" - *in*
God as it were; We say we believe that God
or Christ dwells in us & we in Him - and that

must become, must it not?, more & more perfect
hereafter - But 'seeing *in God*' must include
seeing as *God sees* - that is, with the peace that
passeth understanding - Otherwise there are
things here that would grieve them so much.
And I am sure Sister Laura's absence would
grieve her.

Thank you so very much for your letter.

I am so very sorry for your health being
such a source of anxiety - We are all anxious
for it And I am so glad that your
worldly affairs which I will *not* call worldly - those
for the Hospital & yourselves, which are
heavenly - are in a way prospering; & less
of an anxiety to you. And I hope your
Hospital Nursing is prospering - ~~It~~ That
is indeed an 'envious' little strip between
you & the Hospital -

Should it come in your way to know a
Roman Catholic lady, with the high *practical*
qualities of a Nurse, (not a 'vert' - 'vert's are

too much under the priest, are not they?) who would not object to have some months' training as a District Nurse in a *non*=Roman London Training School - such a one is wanted in Dublin - But she must understand cleanliness & all Sanitary things - & *not* almsgiving - Do not look out for her. But if some one should come in your way, (not a nun or Sister), whom you know, would you kindly let me know?

Excuse pencil

-2-

You are very kind to ask after me - I have had a very bad winter - & one unusually full of anxieties, both public & private - both Indian Sanitary & London Hospital anxieties -

She who is gone would like to know that Military Hospitals in India have now begun with their Nursing Staffs - & these have won their spurs already in outbreaks of Cholera, & in nursing the Sick & Wounded in War Expeditions -

Also: that supplying the millions of Hindoo women who die rather than see a man Doctor with women Doctors, Midwives & Nurses, *and* training Hindoo women to be such, has made a good start under Lady Dufferin, both in our States & in native States

London Hospital Nursing a great anxiety -And the movement called the "British Nurses' Association" a very big anxiety indeed - And how to oppose it?

Humiliation is better than fashion - more fruitful every way - Nursing is getting far too much a fashion -

God bless you ever -

ever yours affectionately

F. Nightingale

89/7 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen {postmarked: LONDON W 4 MY28 89}
{archivist: F10}

Miss Clara Peddie
King's College Hospital
W.C.

28/5/89

May 28/89
10 South Street. {printed address:}
Park Lane W.

My dear Miss Peddie

How kind of you to remember
my poor old birth day. And your
roses were as lovely as your kindness.
And how much your long letter
interested me. Do not judge of
me by my silence - it is not the
heart's silence - I think of your work
& long always to hear about it, &
that you are well & successful in

the highest sense

God speed

May I ask to be kindly
remembered to Miss Monk
& believe me
ever most truly yours
F. Nightingale

{note in another hand:}
The sheets enclosed
dated July 12th G67, July 17th G68
& Friday G69, are for
the Councils of the
Nightingale Fund.
One sheet marked Private
I destroyed
A.L.P.

89/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G 67} H1/ST/NC1/89/8

Memorial (B.N.A.)

10 South St July 12/89

[12:532]

Ever dearest "Little Sister"

With regard to signing this Memorial, we think that, - believing as we do that you not only see no objection to it, but that you share, and to a vivid degree, the conviction of the objections to the course of the B.N. Assocn, & of the mischief that course is doing to the steady quiet progress of Nurse-training & Nurse life, - it is highly important that you should sign - The blank

the absence of your name would leave would be so ~~important~~/serious that those who are taking the course we think so ~~disadv~~/unhappy for Nurses would of course take advantage of it to represent you as being on their side -

It is not as if you or we had been forward to appear in the 'fray' - for fray it is - On the contrary we have, as you are aware, done everything we could to avoid it- perhaps more than we ought to have done,

judging by the result - which is that, unhappily, party-spirit, which ought of all places to be banished from a Nurse's life is raging furiously -

The opposition to the B.N.A. Registration Scheme has by no means originated with us - & other considerable Hospitals & Training Schools are even more convinced of its evils than we are -

To take a public part in the matter as experience & judgment dictate has been forced upon St. Thomas' - do

you not think so? & ~~consequently~~ upon you.

We also think that Miss Crossland should sign, as being in charge, under you, of the daily instruction & 'home' of the Training School - that is, if you see no objection

Sir Harry Verney has signed the Memorial, as Chairman, which I now return

I think Mr Bonham Carter's signature, which is in Sir Wm Bowman's possession, should be obtained, as his name has been prominent -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end 12:532]

89/9 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil {archivist: G68}

10 South St. July 17/89
Ever dearest "Little Sister"
I have written to 'Home
'Sister', that I think she had
better keep to ~~the~~/your day mentioned
for her holiday, 24th, on all
accounts, if you have
arranged it with her so - &
have told her the reason why
viz. my sister's great uncertainty
about leaving London -

And I have asked her
to come to see me Friday
or Monday, which ever suits
you -

Thanks a thousand for
~~her~~/your List. Do you think
you would be so very good
as to put the books for them
to it -

God bless you -
I shall hope to see you
after Home Sister's visit
ever yours

F.N.

Pss Xtian's Meeting at
Mansion House to-day -
The Lord will pilot us
through

{archivist: G69} -2- *Friday*
Ever dearest "Little Sister

At all times I do so love
to see you - I have unluckily
an appointment to-day - But
if it would not be inconvenient
to you to come at 3.30
for a short time, we might
talk over your feelings with
regard to this Memorial -

I have kept no copy of my
note to you, which ought to
have begun, to "Miss Pringle" -

I am much exercised in
mind about *not* signing
myself - it seems so cowardly -
But the advisers on our side
seem so confident that I

should reserve my signature
to the opposition we should
be compelled to enter to a
Charter - which opposition would be a
legal document - Nevertheless
I should have liked to sign
the Memorial - because the
Nurses (I don't mean St.
Thomas's) wish it

Please do exactly as you
think best, who only can
judge, about Nurse Jackson
I have no opinion whatever
about her powers - I never
saw her - & I only took
part in ~~it~~/her admission because Sir
Harry had been applied to
more than once, & was
anxious about it

ever yours

F. Nightingale

89/10 signed letter & envelope, 5ff, pen {postmarked: LONDON W H X JY22 89}

letter not in FN hand, but signed and corrected by her, copy, 45809 ff154-55

PRIVATE

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

[12:698]

July 22. 1889

My dear Miss Pirrie

It does always rejoice
me so to hear from you, brave woman!
- making progress as so brave a woman
deserves and thank you very much for
sending me the photograph of your
probationers. I am so glad that you
have won a night-nurse for your
men=patients, and have a probationer
of your own training in it. that is
a victory. - and also that

you have
appointed a head-nurse to the Lisburn
Workhouse Infirmary. So you see
you are really now a Training School
for Infirmary nurses. But do pray,

get away for a whole month this
year. It is absolutely necessary, or
you will knock up. The Guardians
will surely let you put a substitute
in your place for the month - And
tell me that you going away in
the Autumn. I am afraid you can't
get away before.

[end 12:698]

[8:395-97]

As for the Midwives; I hear of your
desire "to give all your probationers"
"Midwifery training" with fear & joy -
- I do not know exactly the ~~ty~~/arrangements
for the Lying-in wards at your
Infirmary; but you have, I believe,
a ward to await Lying-in, delivery
wards (query 2?) that one may always
be standing empty to be cleansed and
aired) and recovery wards.
Forgive me for asking questions - it
interests me so very much. (You know

we had a training school for midwifery nurses for six years & a half)

- What is the average number of lyings-in annually with you?
- What is the average death=rate among them?
Mothers? Babies?

What is the average number of puerperal fever cases, or septicaemia, if any?

You have, I understood, a good old-fashioned Midwife, and her assistant, with both of whom you are satisfied.

[Strictly between you & me, the really good old-fashioned Midwife is sometimes a more useful & thorough person than the three-months'-old ~~practitioner~~ midwifery practitioner; "trained" - as they please to call it - for 3 months in a Lying-in Hospital here - where she probably sees nothing like the number

of cases that you have - You have doubtless a Doctor to call in for the abnormal cases and the sick, cases.

- What is your proportion of normal,
- and what of abnormal cases?

Does the Doctor give the probationers Midwifery instruction?

Does he come in from the Medical & Surgical Wards to the Lying-in Ward, & go out from it to those other Wards? After a good, thorough 3 months' practical training, such as you can approve, in your Lying-in Wards under a good Midwife, do your probationers have any out-door practice among women lying-in *at home*?

The examination and certificate of the Obstetrical Society which you mention, is doubtless excellent as giving your candidates a standing, but you & I beware of thinking that it is anything more, - that it teaches anything. A young woman, of good

Private

education - used to get up subjects, and put her knowledge into words, - can pass the examination triumphantly, and get a first-rate certificate, and know little more what to do in practical Midwifery & how to do it than an Ignoramus. (All this is strictly private-) or at least far less than the good experienced old-fashioned Midwife, who could not pass the Obstetrical Society's Examination to save her life. ~~N~~

No doubt, you do not consider your 3-months-old probationers as Midwives, but Midwifery Nurses - ~~and~~ to know abnormal from normal cases, and when to call in the physician Accoucheur.

[In the Midwifery Training School which we kept, we would not admit Candidates for less than 6 months' training - ~~an~~/of which two were spent on out-door cases - The Midwife, who was an excellent Midwife, first-rate

delivered all cases, normal & abnormal.

And the Physician Accoucheur was only called in in cases of great difficulty; And yet, after all this practice, we only certified them as Midwifery Nurses, and not as Midwives. We had not a single puerperal accident, during the whole time; and as far as we know, those whom we trained have had most successful careers since. In the last year of our School we had alas! puerperal fever from causes outside the Lying-in Wards, and we closed our Training School in

consequence: [FN's hand:& have been too much pressed by other work to re-organize it}

Pardon me this little history -]

I do not like to take up your precious time with answering my questions, my dear friend, but anything that you ever are good enough to tell me, is of the strongest interest to me, as I am sure you will know.

God bless you & your work always.
and Believe me,

Yours overflowinglly, [FN pencil]
but anxiously

{signed in FN's hand} *Florence Nightingale*
My love to Miss Lennox, please

{archivist: M8}

Miss Pirrie
Belfast Union Infirmary
Belfast

[end 8:397]

22/7/89

89/11 signed letter, 2ff, pen {not in FN hand} {archivist: F 51}

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W
Aug 16.89

Dear Sir,

I am so very much
grieved for the terrible loss that
you have had, which is your
little children's loss as well as
your own. I hope you will
be able to make arrangements
satisfactory to yourself as to
the care of them. But the
loss is irretrievable. My deepest

sympathy is yours. We may
believe that the gain is hers.
God be with you and your
children is the earnest prayer
of

Yours faithfully
(signed) Florence Nightingale

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

89/12 signed letter, 2ff, pen [most not in FN hand] {arch: G8} also in
roll 5 signed by FN and env by

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
July 20.89

My dear Miss Peter

I have never thanked you for your **[13:865-86]**
most kind & useful & instructive
letter, both about your own district work,
which seems to be so blest among
the patients, and also of the
training which your two nurses,
Miss Robin & Miss Thomson, had
been having in Glasgow, & the cases
they had been attending during
their Maternity training. It was all
most deeply interesting to me, for
it was so precise, not vague or general.
You have been now 3 months more

at your blessed work, and I
should so like to hear more of
it, but do not like to ask you.

{the writing in bold is very large}~~—and/~~**the less because I
hear a terrible complaint
against you, and I echo
it with indignation. I
am told that you are
much up at night, not
in deeds of burglary, but
sitting up with the patients
at their homes.** Now my dear

friend, this will not do. Upon
the superintendent really falls the
heaviest day-work and no mortal
power can do the day & nightwork
too. You wouldn't let one of your
nurses do that - and I know very

well what day & nightwork is -
Miss Peter, I charge you lay aside
ambition "to be more than human.
What on earth would they do
without you? If you were to knock
up! For all our sakes, do be wise
& prudent.

I am not quite so naughty as I
appear in not answering your
good letter before, for, first of all,
I had sent it to Mr. Bonham Carter
to whom it was of course useful,
and he has been on a health trip
to Norway, from which he has just
come back, but with a dislocated
shoulder owing to a carriage upset,
and secondly we have had a great
drive of business. But I always
carry you on my heart, if that
will do any good. ~~Thank you so~~

much

God bless your work -
And He does bless it.

[FN hand, pencil]

ever yours hopefully but
anxiously

Florence Nightingale
May I be remembered

to Miss Guthrie Wright?

It is delightful to know

how the Patients

appreciate your Nursing.

89/13 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 19} **[8:1002]**

Sept 12/89

Telegraph Claydon House, {printed address:}

Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances

I have just received your
note - And I shall be very
glad that you should have
a *three weeks'* holiday - &
not return to South St
before Monday Sept 23,
which I think completes
the 3 weeks - Elizabeth
left here last Monday - &
Nelly started home on
the same day - Elizabeth
took the Sacrament here

& I am sure took it as Christ's
guest. She did very well
here -

I have scarcely been out of
my room since I came -
from illness -----

Lizzie's ankle seems pretty
well

Pray give my kind regards
to your father & mother.

God bless you - & don't
let Him grieve that you are
no longer so much Christ's
guest.

Sir Harry seems aged but
as active as ever. & yet
more anxious to do good.

Lady Verney, I hope, is
less suffering -

ever sincerely but
a little anxiously yours

F. Nightingale

89/14 unsigned letter, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 20}

Oct 15/89

Telegraph Claydon House, [8:1002]
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks. {printed address:}

Dear Frances

I believe I shall come
home, & Lizzie, on *Saturday*.
I am so very sorry for Mrs.
Neild, & anxious to save
her so that she can be
{approx 4 lines have been blanked out}

My kind regards to
Elizth, who I suppose came
home yesterday

If Messenger comes, tell

him that we shall want
him on Saturday to meet
us.

God bless you all -
Give my kind regards
to Mrs. Codlin

89/15 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 21} **[8:1002]**

Claydon. Oct 17/89

Dear Frances

Thank you for your letter -
I think, if you can wipe & dust
the green curtains so as to make
them quite clean, they had
better be hung up -

You can go on preparing:
but I think we shall not
come till Monday - & shall
be with you, please God,
about 3 -

Pray give my kind
regards to Nelly, & tell her
the same - who will have to order
in things & to Elizabeth -
God bless you all -

Sincerely yrs F. Nightingale

89/16 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen {postmarked: WINSLOW OC 20 89;
ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA B OC21 89 STATION OFFICE}

The Mother Superior
(Sister Frances)

[8:1024]

6 Edward Road

S. Leonard's on Sea

20/10/89

I will make enquiries & answer
your question. The thing is: that
it is a VERY difficult question
to answer - I should say, for
a Training Hospital "not in London"
unhesitatingly Edinburgh - But
you want a County Hospital.
I entirely agree with you that
lectures & examinations instead
of practical work are the object

-2-

of the majority now swarming into what they call Nursing. That is why we are obliged to be so strict in sticking to a year's training.

Give me a few days to answer & enquire. I am on the move - Can you tell me if S. Laura, now of Warminster, who has been at University C.H.

(would that do for you?) is gone to India?

ever yours F. Nightingale 20/10/89

89/17 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil & pen, {postmarked: LONDON X NO 6 89; 7 NOV 7 89 STATION OFFICE} {archivist: L 9}

Sister Frances [8:1025]
6 Edward Road
S. Leonard's-on-Sea

6/11/89

Nov 6/89

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

{the rest of the letter is written the other way on the page}
{archivist: L 9}

My dear Sister Frances. It is not for want of thinking & enquiring that I am so late in answering your question about the best place for a year's training for your "Girl of 23" - May she prosper in all ways!

The Matron of St. Thomas' reminds me that we have had two good Nurses trained from a place close to you: the *Buchanan Cottage Hospital*, S. Leonards on Sea

Both the Matron & our Home Sister (Mistress of Probationers) combine in thinking

Miss Tatham
Cheltenham General Hospital
Cheltenham

would be a good place for you - (Miss Tatham was one of ours.

They ask: *Would* the "drill of a large Hospital" be good for a "girl of 23"? They doubt it - But if you think so our Matron would recommend Leeds. But Leeds is almost as much of a big town as Liverpool.

There is another difficulty: All the Hospitals are poor now-a-days - The Matrons are often compelled to take in more Probationers (who pay) than they can manage for the sake of funds - And they can only ~~pay~~/give particular attention to those whom they are training for themselves. This is a real difficulty in making a choice

I am going to see one of our great Lady authorities tomorrow. I have been waiting to see her - But I fear I shall not have much more to tell you -

I grieve to hear of your health - may you be better for the winter!

I hope still to see you in this world
Fare you very well -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Am I too late?

89/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: CI 23}

Private Dec 3/89

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Long ago you kindly
promised me a visit,
but have never kept your
promise. Sir Douglas Galton
tells me that you are
considering a point for
me: viz. who should be
Dr. Sutherland's successor,
we having lost Mr.
Hewlett -

[9:692]

& whether there should
be two, one for India &

one for home - & who?
Might I ask you kindly
to let me know, if
possible, by tomorrow
(Wednesday)?
If I could hope to see you
tomorrow at 3.30 or
4, I should be delighted;
but at such short notice
how can I expect it?

[end 9:692]

Yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

89/19 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen {mostly not in FN hand,
indicated in bold} {postmarked: LONDON 4 DE10 89 7} **[8:1025-26]**

Dictated {archivist: L 6}

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
Dec. 10.89.

Dear Sister Frances

I am so very sorry that I have
not been able yet to find time
to ascertain Sister Laura's exact
destination In India, but I will
and I was waiting to write to
you till I could. I believe I
know how it is, because I was
shewn some papers from the India
Office some time ago. It is not
very reassuring, I believe that the
trained Sisters under Miss Lock
who were sent out, and who did

such signal good service at Rawal Pindi, and the Black Mountain and in two choleras, have been moved by Lady Roberts' desire to another immense district containing sixteen stations, so that each will have half a nurse a piece; and Sister Laura has been appointed to the Rawal Pindi District with untrained Sisters under her.

But this is only conjecture, and I will obtain exact information for you and myself.

(Sister Laura wrote to me before she went, very kindly, but entirely about training, and not saying precisely what she was going to undertake - only that she believed that she was to go to the Punjaub)

I wrote to her, as you may suppose telling her of the great change in the minds of military doctors and ~~now~~/what infinitely higher ideas of the knowledge and training essential to Nurses, whether Sisters or not, they had now. She replied very kindly. but I heard no more.

FN hand:

**I too feel very uneasy.
May He whose Love is infinite
pour upon you & yours
the choicest Christmas blessings
is the fervent prayer
of yours ever
for the dear "Mother's" sake
F. Nightingale**

{archivist: L10 10.12.89.}

To the

Mother Superior
St. Mary's Convent
39 Kensington Square
W.

89/20 signed letter, 1f, pen {archivist: F38}

Dec 31/89
10, South Street, [13:215]
Grosvenor Square. W. {printed address:}
Dear Miss Masson

You have been good
enough to write me two notes.
You must not suppose that I
have this appointment in my
hands. But if you would like
to see me, as I have not
had the opportunity before, I
should be very glad to make
your acquaintance "between 4 eyes."

I could see you this
afternoon at 5, but I think
to day may be busy with you
& noisy out of doors = or tomorrow
(New Year's Day). If neither of these
will suit you, please offer me one
of two days - With heart felt good wishes
for a happy New Year for you, ever
sincerely yours Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC1/90/1 signed letter, 4ff, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

10 South St {archivist: A XVI II} Feb 28/90

Dear Madam

I cannot say what I
feel about the loss of your
dear husband - to yourself -
- about the loss of his
wisdom & goodness to
St. Thomas' & ourselves

But *his* battle is won:
he is safe at home -

The sorrow can cease
only with your life.
But in this agonizing
grief there is joy. When
two have lived together
in soul & heart as you
and he have, death is
scarcely even a separation
Death cannot touch
such love as yours & his.
- cannot touch what you
have been to him and he
to you. You may well say:
"O grave, where is thy victory?"
& thank God for what
has been, for what *is*.

I once heard a lady say:
of a similar life; "it was
closed like a long
summer's day in solemn
joy for us both"

Your dear husband will
ever continue, please
God, to rule your life
unto the end - let him
not see you in hopeless
grief. That would spoil
even the happiness of
heaven to him.

But pray for St. Thomas';
which was near, I know,
to his heart & yours.
Pray for us, that we may
trust God's love absolutely

And may our Heavenly

LMA (FNM)

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Father whose love is only

bounded by His infinity,
His almightiness, be
your stay & comfort, &
that of St. Thomas' Hospital
& all who belong to it.
This is the unceasing fervent
prayer of yours overflowing

Florence Nightingale

I can write no more -
Sir Harry Verney told me you
would wish to hear from me
Or I should scarcely have
intruded. If you will
allow me, I will write
again.

Mrs. Stone F.N.

To enquire {archivist: A XVI 11}

Mrs Stone
St. Thomas' Hospital
(Treasurer's House)

28/2/90

90/2 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private {in another hand Answered {archivist: CI 24} March 5/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

It would be very useful
to me to know how much you
are satisfied with Mr. Stanhope's
programme in the Ho: of C.
on last Thursday, as far as it
goes.

You were so very kind as to
say, the last time I had the
pleasure of seeing you, that
I might ask you any questions
at any time, regarding the
things which are so near my
heart, & of which you are
so great a master.

Do you frequently come

into London now?

If when it is convenient to you, & you could give me a day or two's notice, you could ~~grant~~/allow me an hour in the afternoon, I should be very grateful. And it might save you some trouble in writing to me.

Five o'clock is my best time. But it is so cold after dark, with a good chance of fog, that Any time after 3.15 I would gladly make yours, if you would kindly fix the appointment beforehand.

Pray believe me

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

I trust Lady Crawford is pretty well.

90/3 signed letter, 2ff, pencil archivist: CI 25} 13/3/90

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

You have probably seen the enclosed pamphlet, which was the last thing Mr. Hewlett did.

[9:692]

- the I.O. sent out copies to the Govt. of India (& I believe, to the Presidency Govts.)

Do you think well of it as being *practicable*?

I have more copies if you should wish to give any -

[end 9:692]

I am penitent for having
kept you so long the other
night, tho' it was very
profitable to me - And I
am afraid my room was
very cold.

But it is to Lady Crawford
I ought to apologize -

If you have any names
to give me for what we
were talking about, may
I ask for them?
I thought perhaps I might have
spoken too confidently to you

But I never feel secure in *any* prospect. For
you know there are *many*
counsellors. And in the
'multitude of counsellors',
there is *not* safety - But
there is a good Providence.

Pray believe me
ever sincerely yours
Florence Nightingale

90/4 signed letter, 1f, pen

Private

10, South Street, March 14/90 {printed address:}

Grosvenor Square. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

On Monday, when the Navy
Estimates are on, the question of
an "improved Dietary for the Navy"
will come up.

[15:567]

I am asked (by an M.P.) whether
"any form of food might
"advantageously be introduced
"into the Navy" which has
succeeded as "portable food
"for an Army on the march"?

There are so many fads now-
a-days about made foods
that I should not venture to
advise without such an
authority as yourself.

[Is there not some wonderful

Sausage in the German Army?]
I shall not expect any answer
to this troublesome letter,
unless (without much thought)
you wish to put on a Post
Card the name of some improved
portable food you would kindly
recommend, that I might
receive tomorrow night or
Monday morning at latest.

[end]

With every good wish
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

90/5 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G65}

March 27/90

Ever dearest "Little Sister"

I shall be so glad to see
you on Saturday -

I am delighted when you
honour me by letting me
send something -

6 Picture books (Life of our Lord)
& will send more -

2 "Convalescence" - a
very great favourite of
mine - but perhaps it is
for older children - And it
requires some one to tell
them the stories of the pictures at the end
of faithful Roman soldier
at Pompeii

- of Admiral Casabianca's
boy standing to his post
in the burning ship
- of the Three who kept the
Bridge
- of Excelsior

1 A Modern Giant-killer
who *tames* the 3 giants,
Water, Fire, Steam, to
a beneficent use, *instead*
of *killing* them, is, I
think, very pretty.

1 A Soldier's Children,
in which the prayer of
the little boy "for all
"the poor naughty ones too"
is, I think, beautiful
1. The Parables of our Lord
is too black
6 promiscuous ones
(not directly religious)
5 (Smaller) play ones
1 Dandelion Clocks - the 3
last beautiful - but perhaps too old
for children
God bless all yours
F.N.

90/6 envelope, 1f, pen {in another hand: Re Dr Sutherland's
Memoir-ette in Times

Confidential

{FN's hand} J.J. Frederick Esq
Army Sany Comm:
Horse Guards
S.W.

31/3/90

H1/ST/NC8/90/7 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

10 South St Park Lane W.

April 19/90

[12:698]

My dear Miss Pirrie

I am so grieved (but not surprised) that you are ~~so~~/but poorly & so glad that you are going to take a really good holiday -

I charge you: take a real rest. And I venture to send you a small subsidy which I hope you will condescend to use as it is intended, because the greatest gift that you can give your Infirmary is your own health, &

as that is God's best present to the Nursing of it - I pray that He will give it - fervently -

And do you help us by throwing off all care for the time

God speed you -

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

You kindly ask after me -
We have had a very anxious winter - & I am in a dilapidated state -

I am so glad of the Belfast Guardians' great doings &c - tho' I wish the Lying-in Wards were not on the "third story" but separate & more isolated.

[end 12:698]

F.N.

90/8 H1/ST/NC1/90/8, unsigned, incomplete letter, 6 ff, pen & pencil, black-edged paper, probably to HBC {archivist: A II 32}

Miss Paget PRIVATE

I think it 19/6/90

would be 10, South Street, {printed address:} [8:398-99]

convenient, when there is Park Lane. W.

a little more time, for
you & me to go over this
subject. She was here 3
hours. And I hope some
mistakes have been
cleared up.

1. She calls *Midwifery*
Maternity. You, her
Council, mean by
Maternity training
training for *Monthly*
Nursing for the poor.
She went on repeating
that *Maternity training*

in the Lying-in Hospitals
is *perfect*, till a lucky
guess brought us to the
same side of the shield.
She then said that there was *no monthly*
training AT ALL in the Lying in Hospitals-

2. So it is with almost
everything. A very few
words between the Council
& her would set her in
quite a different position
of usefulness - e.g. as to
 - a. what are her duties
as Inspector
 - b. what are the *duties*
of a *District* Nurse
 - c. what is Mrs. Craven's
book for
 - d. a Report is generally
supposed to be of *facts*
not opinions - she is

honestly ignorant of this
e: is she to be allowed an
adequate time to inspect
each place - or is she to
be hurried over it as at
Bolton in order to furnish
the Council with *something*
by a certain hour - I understood
her to say that she had only seen 3 cases
~~f.3.~~ is more hopeless - she
a. is perfectly '~~papier~~/table rase'
in SANITARY things
anxious only to keep out
of scrapes - & has no
idea of the difference
in possible sanitation
between *Hospitals* &
Homes of the sick poor
b. the same thing must be

said e.g. in personal
cleanliness of Patient -
& washing 'between ~~Patie~~
blankets' &c &c She is
~~to~~ rather inclined to
deride doing things for
home Patients that can't
be done for fifty in a Ward - her
Ward charge at the London

Except that she is so
clever, good & lively,
her Hospital & Midwifery
experience & love are decidedly
against her doing well
in District Nursing
Midwives' Institute

-2- {archivist: AC 321}

4: The loves of her heart are

1. the London Hospital

2. her *Midwives' Institute*

& here she is positively dangerous

She gave me her Prospectus -

You have probably seen it -

She is perfectly aware of
the ridiculous, if it were not
awful, nature of the

Obstetrical Society Exam:

She is perfectly aware
that the first effect of
Registration would be a
vast number of incompetent
Midwives

And she is partly aware
of the great *want of*
training.

Yet she sticks to this

Institute

as the Panacea -

[I think I should WRITE her
something upon this.

And ought I to communicate
with *Mr. Rathbone* on the
result of our interview?

He is at least as much
wanting as she is as to
~~in the~~ defects pointed out
of her as a District N. Inspector]

5. She & I went thro' the whole of my notes - She entering keenly into it but as if nearly all was new to her -

I understood her to say that she went to only ___ cases at Bolton "There was no time" She had to give in her Report at a certain hour. My wonder is that the Report was so full as it is.

She said that the Bolton Committee was so thoroughly 'up' in Sanitary matters & she was so afraid of being asked questions of what she knew nothing that she evaded the whole thing.

London Hospl

She told me a great deal about this - all to the credit of Miss Lückes & the arrangements - none to the credit of the building

Here she was thoroughly at home - About District Nursing she was like a clever child -

[end 8:399]

{printed address, upside down:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

-3- {archivist: A II 321}

Bloomsbury

There were 10 Nurses
when she was there - one
6 months old - all the rest
under 3 months old

[13:814-15]

It is hardly necessary
to say more

Yet it is evident from
what she says that
there is much falling off
in the other London District homes
even from the Bloomsbury
model -

She says Miss Mansel's
manner to the sick is
perfect.

Both she & Miss Mansel
dwell upon the absolute
necessity of a

General Superintendent
to answer questions from
the different Local Supts
on what they ought to do

She says: She is constantly
asked these questions
on matters of which she
knows nothing.

[She treats all this rather
too much as a good joke
but except about her
Midwives' Institute is
never stupid]

-4- {archivist: A II 321}

Miss Paget says that the
discipline of the Nurses
towards the Sisters is
much better at the London
than at St. Thomas'
With regard to Probationers,
she says her own charge
was 50 Patients
& (I understood) 10 Probationers.
But probably she meant
10 Nurses x & Probationers -
How *could* the Probationers
in either case be properly
attended to?
x They call them all Probationers at
the London. I was very

glad to see Miss Paget.
It is so very useful
to have outside *trained*
opinions.
But she does talk very fast.

black-edged paper, pencil note

{written across the page} What learnt at Bloomsbury : Nursing the room
(Sanitary arrangements
in this)

What learnt in London Hospl in the Wards
Duties of District Nurse (Mrs Craven
how far she saw the work done indicated in those
questions in room Bloomsbury
Bolton

[end 13:815]

{printed address: 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W. {archivist: A II 32 ii}}

90/9 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper

10, South Street,

[12:435]

Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

Dear Sister Victoria

Matron tells me that
you want some toys for
your little charges - I
shall be so delighted to
provide them. At the
same time she says
that the very little people
~~things~~ destroy their toys
so much - But there are
picture-books on linen,
& india rubber toys -
Would it hurt them
perhaps if they put

these in their mouths?

What are the toys fit
for very little children?

I should like to know
what you would like -

I think so much of you
& of your children, like
"Charlie of the Angels," &
how one instructed the
others that "God was
waiting outside to carry
home" one who was dead
- & how Charlie fought
with his jealousies & his
naughtinesses - That was
real religion. And what

an opportunity it is to
teach children real religion
in a Hospital Ward -
& make the poor little
brats rich -

I suppose all that I
used to hear of are dead
or discharged.

But to return to the toys:
would you be so very good
as to choose yourself for
your different ages
to the amount of £2,
& send me the Acct.,
or if you get them at
any stores, I will send
you £2.

God bless you & your

Nurses & charges,
& believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale **[end]**

Miss Elkington

{in another hand: Florence Nightingale} env black-edged
Sister Victoria
Victoria Ward
S. Thomas'

9/7/90

90/10 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper

July 17/90
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Victoria

It quite cheers me up
- your kind letter about the
dear babies -

I enclose £2.1 with
your Accounts & many, many
thanks - and 4 books
not exactly for the children
but for yourselves -

You have "Jackanapes", I dare
say, & "Daddy Darwin"?

"Convalescence" is very
pretty for an older child

With love & God bless you
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

env black-edged

{archivist: C81} *with a small parcel*

Sister Victoria
Victoria Ward
S. Thomas'

17/7/90

90/11 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {arch: Cv3}
H1/ST/NC1/90/11

July 23/90
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Welcome back to Sweden,
dear friend - And welcome
back here this autumn.
I have failed in getting
a book of my sister's
for your which is out
of print. But I hope to
have it when you come
back. Thanks more
than I can say for all
your kindness.
F. Nightingale
Miss Brinck

90/12 envelope, 1f, pen {postmarked: BLETCHLEY ST I SP25 90; STEEPLE
CLAYDON SP25 90; LONDON {archivist: A IX 22} env black-edged

Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
25/9/90 London W

90/13 envelope, 1f, pen, env black-edged {postmarked: BLETCHLEY ST I OC
90;}

{archivist: A IX 23}
Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
7/10/90 London W

91/1 telegram, 1f, pencil {postmarked: BELFAST JA{9} 91}

Steeple Claydon 3.33 p.m. [13:386]
Miss Lennox
children's Hospital Belfast
so grateful for your letter
x pretty irish work a
brave good year to you
x Miss Pirrie Gods blessings
on new year to you both
Nightingale

91/2 incomplete letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper, cut-off

Mr. Burdett } April 28/91
B.N.A. }
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Thank you for writing to
me And in answer
to Mr. Burdett's request to you,
I scarcely think that my
letter meets the present
exigencies of the case

H1/ST/NC1/91/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {arch: A XXV 2}

Private

(Registration) May 26/91

[12:543-44]

(of Nurses: }

(Charter)

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

In answer to your kind
& weighty letter received
on Saturday, I shall be so
glad to see you to-day,
if you can make time
at 5 o'clock or any
hour after 3.15 this
afternoon, as you wish
for "early this week."

Could you tell me
whether Sir Michael Hicks
Beach refused the Licence
on technical grounds as
not within his competency,
or whether he decided the
question on the merits

in which latter case he
would probably
be consulted by the
Government, if as you say
the B.N.A. are intending
to apply for a "Charter"?

Might it not be better
that the Government should
be persuaded to postpone
taking any steps in the
matter - either by way of
"Committee" or "R. Commission"
for the present - (assuming
that they are not prepared
at once to grant the "Charter")
so as to give time for
consideration as to whether
any official enquiry is

{archivist: AXXV2}
desirable & possibly in
the hope of allaying
controversy.

There is of course the
difficulty to be faced that
the B.N.A. are proceeding
with their 2nd List of
trained Nurses which they
announce for publication
on January 1, 1892.

I shall have much to hear
and some things to shew
you when I have the
pleasure of seeing you.

How happy should we
have been if the refusal
of the Licence had ended

their mistaken action &
set both sides at liberty
to join in common work
for the good Nursing cause.

[end]

Please, *a verbal answer*
as to whether & *when* you
can come to discuss the
matter.

Pray believe me
ever yours truly & gratefully
Florence Nightingale

91/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 3}

Private Registration May 27/91 [12:544-45]

& Confidential of Nurses

D. OF WESTMINSTER

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I will send you in the
course of to-day or to-morrow the
headings, as you desired
yesterday, of what you & I
talked about for your
letter to the D. of Westminster.

But, for the reasons I
gave you, I must be *entirely*
foreign to any plan or
discussion between the two
Princesses: or to any design
of showing my letters to
the Prss of Wales FOR THE
PURPOSE of converting the
Pss Xtian. Besides which,

I must assure you for a
fact that ~~my~~ "a Pss Xtian
is not only unconvertible by my
"authority", but just the
contrary.

Also: let me say that I
could not be mixed up in
any way with Mr. Burdett,
who is the most unscrupulous
of men - & of whom we
entertain much the same
opinion as Pss Xtian does
and - as you do.

admiring at the same time
genuinely his ability &
activity in the Pension Fund
matter.

Let me therefore say to
your kindness that you
will please write your letter

{archivist: A XXV 3}
 to the D. of Westminster &
not to me for him. But I
 will still do (as you desire
 it) what you said about
 my adding to it in a letter
 to you for the D. of W. my
~~op~~ convictions about the
 1. badness of the B.N.A. Register
 2. that we are not ready
 for *any* Registration.
 The D. of Westminster who
 was called in as a Doctor
 must of course prescribe
 what he thinks right for
 the case of ~~Pss~~ the two Princesses.
 I wish him success from
 the bottom of my heart.
 But I can have nothing to do
 with the Prescription - You
 will kindly allow me to say this.

It is not, as you well know,
 from want of earnest feeling
 about this ~~most~~ miserable
 break in the Nurse-cause.
 Rather it is from my ~~most~~ anxious desire that this
 breach should be healed,
 (which it would not be
 by my interference between
 the Princesses) - & that
 this most mistaken action
 about Registration should
 be stopped, for which you
 & we are doing our possible.
 I was most thankful for
 what you told me about
Bd of Trade & Pr. Council

May I hope for the "certificate"
 from Miss Stains, signifying that
 this is only for _____ such a time?
 ever yours sincerely
 Pardon me. F. Nightingale

[end]

91/5 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 4}

B.N.A. May 31/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am afraid you will
have thought me very
dilatory when I was
anxious to be just the
contrary - I have been
so hindered

God speed you in
this task - this important
letter -

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

91/6 signed letter, 5ff, pen, black-edged paper {arch: A XXV 5}

B.N.A. June 3/91
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I hope Irish Land
business is to your satisfaction.
- thank you very much for
your most telling speech &c.

Thanks for your packet of
June 1, and in reply:
the ~~beginning~~ x 4 pages of your letter
to the D. of W. are VERY GOOD.
- illustrations of principles,
like this, are so necessary. I
agree with you as to the
part marked out with
pencil by you - because
1. it will only repel Princess
~~x you say you are going to add~~
to them

Christian to tell her to join anything of Mr. Burdett's [The Duke can say what he thinks best]

2. Holiday Homes are repudiated by the most kindly & experienced Matrons. Nurses prefer going to their friends - or, if none, being helped to the Sea &c with a friend

3. It is a good thing for the Nurses to be helped to the Pension by their own *Hospl* - a bad thing by "benevolence"

N.B. I presume ~~all this~~ much of your letter is for *Private Nurses* - & that Miss Stains' Certificate is for *Private Nurses*.

I conclude that the Nursing Homes, see II are for *Private Nurses*.

II. The first part of your "doubtful addition", marked by us in red - may not that stand? omitting the word "*Schools*" which must always be attached to *Hospitals*.

We are advocating *Homes* for *Private Nurses* as the only way to keep them straight - a stray *Private Nurse* is a wretched being - as the proper substitute for *Registration* at present Need you be afraid of making this "*suggestion*" to the Duke? You are not offering "advice".

III. I am afraid we don't think that the "Chancery Barrister's" work will have much influence on the "jury of public opinion", however much he may be supplied with "Materials". Is it to be a book or a pamphlet? Will people read EITHER on this Nursing Registration matter? They are gratified with, alas!, the personal & party acrimony. They don't care for anything else.

IV. You have the materials for "a more definite exposition of the short comings of the "B.N.A." for the Duke's private information. It will not do for any of us to disturb the characters of the nurses by NAME: privately or otherwise,

letter, to Wm Rathbone 3 June 1891

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{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

[16:934]

4. About *Chaplains*:

Is it not the case that in the large Hospls the Chaplain does not "deteriorate" - he is *bad to begin with* & bad to end with. He is generally a 'job' an elderly man, put into a 'snug berth' by some Governors? (as a Matron used to be put in to a Workh. Infy., say a "greengrocer's widow", "second cousin" to one of the Board?)

As for the man at the London Hospital, did he not *begin ill* & end ill? not "deteriorate"

[end]

Now God bless you in
your work - and He does
bless you

ever yours gratefully
& sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Mr. Bonham Carter says
you wish to see
his (unsent) "letter to the
Times"

*Might I ask you to
return it to me?*

F.N.

-2/3-

Would it be too much to
ask your great kindness
to have a copy of my
"Headings" made - &
to give me back the
original for reference
in case of need?

F.N.

91/7 signed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 6}

R. B.N.A. June 5/91

[12:545]

Private & Confidential

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Thank you for your packet
received late last night.
We are very grateful to you
for your wise & unwearied
pains.

Your letter to the D. of Westmr
is excellent. I have no
"suggestions" to trouble you
with, which I think would
be of practical use as
additions to it. (you kindly
ask)

2. I do not "refuse" that
my "Headings" should be sent,
as you say, "*confidentially*
"to the D. of W." tho' I should

prefer that your kindness
should merely accompany
them with the explanation
that they were notes intended
for *yourself & myself*

[I am entirely aware of the
"irritation" of Pss Xtian & her
advisers against poor me.
And I fail to understand how
men of the world, as e.g. Sir
H. Acland, should, without
my leave or previous knowledge, have
crammed me down the
Princess' throat *in a way*
which has created animosity
& greatly injured the cause.]

3. I should prefer, if you would
be so very kind as not for
the present to make the further
use of the "Headings" (which
I did not know were to go
beyond yourself) by way of
materials for a pamphlet or
otherwise, as I wish to try
& put them into better shape

[end]

4. Kindly allow me to explain
some misunderstanding about
the *B.N.A. Register* mistakes

In your valuable letter of June 1
you added at the end in your
own hand: "It may be well

"to add as a P.S. x on a
"separate sheet so that the
"Duke can use it or not as

x to your present letter to the Duke

"he may deem best, a more

"definite exposition of the

"shortcomings of the *B.N.A.*"

I thought it very desirable

(for the Duke ~~not~~ confidentially

NOT for the public)

& ~~said~~/answered you had "ample materials"

for it. Nothing impresses a
man so much as an impartial
statement of the actual mistakes

May we hope that you will

do it now & that you will

make use of the data which

Mr. Wainwright of St. Thomas'

is preparing?

[In your last night's letter you
say that you "have neither the

"time nor to do the work"

i.e. of "writing this for public information" -

But my answer concerned only your

question of writing this for the Duke's PRIVATE
information.

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Private

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

What shall we not owe to you for
all your labours - & what if
you can put a check on this
untoward movement?

You doubtless know, *if* it
is true, that the "decision
"of the Bd of Trade is *not*
"final but can be re-opened.
"And that the President has
"Agreed to receive a deputation
"from the R.B.N.A."

You must be full of other
business -

ever yours sincerely &
gratefully

F. Nightingale

I give you a deal of trouble -
Thanks many for the return of my poor
"Headings."

91/8 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pen & pencil, black-edged paper and env {arch: B XIII 3}

British Nurses' Association June 25/91
-Register }
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

Thank you very much
for sending me that copy of
the letter of the Board of
Trade on May 5 to the B.N.A?

I sent you by Mr. Bonham
Carter's desire some criticisms
of the Liverpool Infirmary
on the entries in the Nurses'
(B.N.A.) Register - I believe
it was rather *returning*
them to you.

Might I ask you to be
so very good as to tell me
at your convenience whether

you have finished your
analysis of the names
purporting to be from the
several Hospitals
of Nurses in the B.N.A.
Register?

& what use is intended
to be made of it?

I have not yet wished
you joy, I cannot condole
with you, on account of that
very foolish & vulgar letter
of Mrs. Fenwick's, signed by
her & Mr. Brudenell Carter
& Sir T. Crichton Browne,
in the "Times" some time ago.

It has had the effect of
opening the eyes of some
Physicians.

Could you kindly tell me
whether you hear anything
more of a Deputation to
be received (some time)
from the B.N.A. ~~to~~/by the
Board of Trade? or what
they are going to do?

Pray excuse me
& believe ~~with~~ me with
our best thanks for all you
are doing so wisely & so well
yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer's House
St. Thomas' Hospital
25/6/91

91/9 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 7}

PRIVATE B.N.A. June 27/91

[12:546]

The London Hospital }
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

Could you do me the great
favour, tho' I am afraid I do
not deserve it, of telling me
what was the result of your
efficient mediation by means
of the Duke of W. (by desire)?

Also: what the B.N.A. is
now doing, whether active
or passive?

are they going to send a
"Deputation" to the B. of Trade?
is the B. of T.'s decision against
granting a Licence "not final"?

[I presume that Pss Christian
did not seize the valuable
opportunity afforded her of

withdrawing from the President=
=ship of the B.N.A.

by the vulgar & ignorant letter
in the "Times" signed by Crichton
Browne, Brudenell Carter, & Mrs.
Fenwick?]

II. If I am not troubling
your kindness far too much,
(you probably have heard of
the troubles of the London
Hospl from *Miss Rosalind*
Paget) - what advice did
you give?

The "London" fears the (too true)
machinations of the Fenwicks
- the falling off of Subscriptions

- the possible withdrawal of
the "vote of confidence" in
Miss Lückes, the Matron -
owing to the agitation set on
foot by the enemy at ~~the~~ each
~~of the possible~~ "Quarterly Meeting."

I need not say that anything
you are good enough to tell
me about the B.N.A. &
Pss Christian that is
"confidential" will be sacred
to me.

[end]

I fear I did not help you
at all as I ought

May all your efforts
for Irish Legislation succeed
is the earnest prayer
of yours every gratefully
& apologetically

Florence Nightingale
If I may send on Monday
forenoon for any answer
you may be good enough to
give, I shall be deeply
obliged.

F.N.

91/10 signed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 8}

July 4/91

8 a.m.

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

More thanks than I can
count for all that you have
done & are doing in the
good Nursing cause, & for
your kind answers to me.

In answer to your note,
received by the last post
last night, asking to see
me to-day "about the
"Hospital Commission", I
should take any of your
wishes almost as a command.
I am thinking how to do so
here. Unluckily I had
yesterday promised to see
some one from the country
whom I cannot put off.

And I conclude that you
are going out of town for
Sunday when I *could* see you
And also I feel that I *can* be
of so little use to you in
this matter.

But if you kindly wish it, &
it is possible to you, I would
make time to see you to-day
at 3.30 for an hour -

I do not feel that I could
do any good, because

1. Have you or could you get

Dr. *Quain's Dictionary*? [I
have not & could not get
one in time] In it you will
find an Article of Sir Douglas
Galton's on *Hospital Construction*
& another on *Hospital Organization*
or Government

or some such title) signed either by Galton or Bonham Carter.

There are also two Articles by me on *Nursing & Nurse=*

training. [I have looked in vain for a copy of these]

From these 4 Articles I think could be gleaned many of the questions you wish to have asked you by the Lords Comm.

2. Have you a copy of my Paper of "Suggestions"? I have not. But I see it in the Lords Comm: Report (Appendix) of last year. [Did you send it them?] In this I have said all I can say about a *Matron's* duties, & organization in regard to Nursing.

see p. 2

I do not think I could suggest any questions to be asked you but what would flow out of these papers -

About Hospital Government generally, is it not the case that the main thing is to have

1. a lay Administration with a Chief Executive Officer (be he called Treasurer or Permanent Chairman) who gives his time with a Consulting committee of business men, meeting regularly, taking the opinion of the Medical Officers

2. body of medical Officers Physicians & Surgeons with Residents & Medical School

3. selected body of trained Nurses *under their own Matron* herself a trained Nurse, with a Training School for Nurses.

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I am, grieved to be of so
little use to you.

God speed your efforts
in this really difficult
work - so misunderstood

ever yours

sincerely & gratefully

F. Nightingale

91/11 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 9}

July 4/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I think perhaps it would be
better now, IF quite convenient
to you, that you should come,
please, at 3.30 today. And
if you are really staying in
London tomorrow (Sunday)
naturally - which I doubt -
I could then send you any
thing you thought omitted.

On second thoughts, I think
that there is not much about
Government or Matronship of Hospitals in my
articles on *Nursing* in *Quain* -
but more about the current
examinations & tests in
training Nurses, showing unintentionally how
futile any General Public Exam.
or Registration

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Matronship is in my "Suggestions" (Lords

91/12 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 10}

Your Evidence July 8/91

"Lords"

10, South Street,

[12:546-47]

Park Lane. W. {printed address:}

Dear Mr. Rathbone

This is most valuable
evidence - & I hope will have
a strong & lasting effect.

Do you give it to morrow
(Thursday)? And does
the Lords' Committee
report this year or next?

I have been so pressed
that I cannot say what I
would & what you desire.
I can only wish you success
& bless you for what you do -

The only remarks I can now
make are

1. bottom of p. 1

"with the latter," as corrected
by you:

does not "the latter" here
seem to mean the "Residents"
& not the entire "Staff"?

2. p.1 to p

As you have mentioned

my "paper", "Appendix F",
would it not be well to put
~~in~~ "*especially page 605*" being the
one about the *Matron's*
authority, as this is the
thing you want looked into
particularly (& not e.g.
about pauper girls p. 604)

3. p. 3

I do not know whether, as
you go into Workhouse
Infirmaries, you would like
to mention the great
difference between them
& the large General

Hospitals

(a) In the Workh: Infirmaries,
there are *no Doctors* &
no Medical School in the
sense there are at the
large London, Edinburgh, Liverpool
&c Hospitals - There ~~is~~/are
a *Medical Supt* & his
Assistant or Assistants -
a very different thing.

(b) There is a very
different proportion of
Nurses to Patients - a
different sort of hierarchy,
in short. The consequence
is that a great deal is
done by Patients for Patients
& by pauper helps, except
in the very best Workh:
Infiries, which is never done
in large Hospitals but by Nurses
& Ward Maids

Agnes Jones herself said to
me: "the Nurse is more like
"a House Surgeon & Supt Nurse"

That is a long time ago -
But I have information up to
this date of ~~this~~/ese cases tho' matters
are greatly improved. But this is
more for you than the Lords, perhaps.

[end]

91/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 11}

Private July 19/91
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am so grieved at your
being laid up. You have
been working at 1000 horse
(or rather man=)power -

God bless you for your
labours, none of which
will be lost.

I trust you are going
abroad with Mrs. Rathbone
"on the 31st for 3 months"
in order to labour more
for God's good cause's.

Thank you very much
for what you say about
your evidence before Lords'
Committee.

I am so glad that the
truth has been spoken
at last, & with power.

[12:547]

I should indeed like to
see your Evidence

You will be able to do
much with Lords Sandhurst
& Thring.

[Strictly between ourselves
Lord Sandhurst has shown
that he has not much
more insight than Lord
Kimberley, whom you
justly call "supremely
"ignorant."

[end]

But you will not throw
yourself back now with work
I trust - we trust - we
all of us trust.

2. Thank you for sending
me the Proofs of Mr.
Montague's Registration
of Nurses Proof, which
is excellent. I will
write about this anon,
as you kindly desire -
May God bless you
& He does bless you
ever yours sincerely &
gratefully

Florence Nightingale
Thanks past counting for your

beautiful flowering plants.
I have had your Miss Stevens
as Type-writer. What a
clever woman she is

F.N.

91/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A XXV 12}

July 20/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I am so glad that you
are going on well. Pray
take care.

In answer to your letter,
I am afraid we must
take you at your word
& say, with you, that
Mr. Montague's Proof
may stand over till you
return in November - may
your return be with
quite recovered strength.
We cannot supply remarks
on it before you leave.
2. *Lords' Commee Evidence.*

I shall be so glad to see
yours.

Idea as to *Heads*, such
as you ask for for Mr.
Fanshawe it is difficult
to give without reading
evidence. If an analysis
of each witness were
supplied, heads might be
given -

And Mr. Bonham Carter
authorizes me to say that
Mr. Fanshawe may apply
to him. But will not
Mr. F. be shortly going

away on his own holiday?

Now once more
good bye and God bless you
& believe me
ever sincerely & gratefully
yours

Florence Nightingale
You lovely flowering plants
still continue coming
to your thankful

F.N.

91/15 initialed letter, 3ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: H24}

Confidential July 22/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My Dear Sir

I think your Memoir-ette
of our dear friend admirable
But I think there are one
or two things which would
add to its value, & if
too late for this, would do
for a longer notice
somewhere else.

1. the difference of his **[14:1037]**
work on the two R.
Commissions - On the 1st
Sidney Herbert wrote the
whole Report himself,
except ~~on~~ a few sentences
but Dr. Sutherland got up the evidence
On the 2nd (India) Lord Stanley [end]

(Derby) S. Herbert died in 1861, being then President, Dr. Sutherland wrote nearly the whole of the Report - The result of this Commission was not only for the soldier but for the *whole native* population - All that has been done for them sprang from this Commission

1st The result of the 1st

Comm: was 4 Sub-Commns

a. B. & H. Comm:

b. Organisation of Netley Medical School (both for India & home)

c. Organisation of heads of Army Medl Dept

D.G. Sanitary: Medl

d. Regulations &c

On all these Dr. Sutherland was the Active Member, Sidney Herbert, the President

2nd The result of the 2nd

Comm: was, as said, the beginning of a Sanitary organizn, for all over India of Civil & Military, Native & European health

In all the following changes of this Dr. Sutherland was consulted. His work was, as you know, immense

If you could give me more time, I could say more, but am doubtful even of saying this.

I entirely agree with you that all controversy must be avoided. And I put down here not the private part. [Lord Stanley expostulated

with me that we ought
not to do the civil part
But we carried it.

In 1863 Ld Lawrence
went out as Gov. Genl,
and I saw him, &
'cracked' by Dr. Sutherland
laid down the plan
with Ld. L.]

~~Even~~/None of this, note you must
~~not~~ use without my
looking over it, please.

You give me so little
time

ever yours sincerely

F.N.

Please do not send the enclosed
note you ask me for for the Times,
unless it is necessary.

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I think, what you might
say in a notice is:

1. the ~~civil~~ native result
of the 2nd (India) Commn
and

2. while not implying
that the Report of the
1st Commn was written
by Dr. Sutherland, he
certainly give the Report
its present shape by
putting the Crimean
experience prominently

forward to S. Herbert
J.J. Frederick Esq

. [end]

{archivist: H24}

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22/7/91

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

~~The~~ Would you kindly
tell me the last
hours of our dear
friend -

& how Mrs. Sutherland
is - & how she bore it
& anything about the
funeral.

This is of course, for
myself alone - just
as one of Mrs. Sutherland's
own letters would be.

F.N.

91/16 signed letter, 2ff, pen [not FN hand] {archivist: F 7}

July 22/91

10 South Street

Private

Park Lane. W.

To the

Editor of the Times,

Sir,

Tho' unwilling to
trespass upon yr attention,
may I say that it would
give me infinite pleasure
if you are able to insert
in your world-circulated
paper, the notice of Dr. Sutherland,
the great Sanitarian which
I understand was sent
you this morning with a
note from Dr. Marston.

[ref 10:12]

I was associated
with Dr. Sutherland in
his Sanitary labours not
only in the Crimea and
Scutari Hospitals but
also in the 14 successive
years after our return
from the Crimean War -

I may say I was
his pupil both in Sanitary
administration & practice
and as anxious for my
Master's fame.

May this serve as my
apology for troubling
you. &

I beg to remain

Sir,

Your obedient Servt

(Sd) Florence Nightingale

91/17 unsigned letter, 1f, pen & pencil, black-edged paper

Sept. 28/91

Telegraph Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow, **[8:1002-03]**

Bucks.

My dear Frances

I shake hands with you,
& welcome you back, &
enclose your Quarter's wages -
And I also send tomorrow your Board
Wages for 3 weeks which
you will give to Mrs. Burge.

I am glad to think you
find Kate looking brighter: I
will write to her tomorrow if
I have not time to-day.
We are so pressed for time
here -

Would you be so good as
to look on the top of the
low book-case nearest door
of the large Drawing room which goes out on the
landing, for some pamphlets

of mine which have been lying
there for several years -
called "The Dumb shall
speak & the Deaf shall hear"
&c. and choose six
of the cleanest & tidiest,
& send them down here,
well-packed, so as not to
rumple them.

Also, will you ask Mrs.
Burge to send to Mrs. Zanelli
(whose address she knows)
a packet of "Leisure Hours"
to read - You know where
to find them. If you are
reading a story in the last
two or three, you need not
send those till the story
is finished. Make up the
numbers you send for Mrs. Zanelli as
well as you can to be consecutive.

91/18 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {archivist: A IX 25}

Oct. 17/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances

Without a moment to
write, I send you
3 week's Board Wages
to give ~~you~~ to Mrs.
Burge

God bless you
affectely yours
F. Nightingale

91/19 envelope, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 26}

Messenger
11/Nov/'91

91/20 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {arch: A IX 27}
[8:1003]

Nov 16/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances

Thank you for your
note. I am very glad
that Mrs. Burge is so
much better. But I
have written to her to
say that she cannot
come back to South St.
till I have made up
my mind after hearing
a full account that
she is fit to return.

Have you heard of
Mrs. Codlin the mother?

Kindest regards to
Kate: affectionately yours
F. Nightingale

91/21 signed letter, 1f, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: A IX 28}

24/11/91

Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances

I think we shall be
home in less than a
fortnight.

But I send you £2.2.
which is 3 weeks' Board
Wages which you had
better give to Mrs. Burge.

God bless you
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

91/22 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {arch: A IX 29} Dec 18/91

Claydon House, {printed address:}
Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances

Thank you for your
letter.

You think that you &
Kate are going on quite
well? Because, if you
would wish to arrange
anything better for you
two, I should like to
do as you think ~~best~~tter.

Kindest regards to Kate
Ask her to write to me
yours & hers F. Nightingale

91/23 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 30} black-edged
stationery **[8:1003]**

Claydon Dec 23/91

My dear Frances

I send you £5.

Please if Mrs. Burge asks
you for money tell her
to write to me not you.
I had not forgotten Mrs.
Hancock. But we did
not keep her address.
She is very welcome to
some meat if you know
her address. Lizzie thinks
it is somewhere near
Hammersmith.

With every kind Xmas

wish to you both,

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

91/24 signed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil & pen, black-edged paper and env {postmarked: WINSLOW DE2? 9?} {archivist: A IX 31}

Dec 28/91

Telegraph, Claydon House, [8:1004-05]
Steeple Claydon. Bucks Winslow,
Bucks. {printed address:}

My dear Frances

Thank you for your very
nice letter -

Yes: you can give the
Christmas boxes - We give
them now all in stamps -
The tradesmen's List is in
the Cook's book - but where
Mrs. Burge's book is of course
I cannot say - Lizzie will
make ~~it~~ out for you as
far as she can ~~of~~ her List.

I will send you some
more money -

With every good New
Year's wish to you & Kate
ever affectionately yrs. F. Nightingale

{archivist: A IX 32}

Miss Groundsell

10 South St

Park Lane

29/12/91 London W

92/1 initialed note, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 33} **[8:1004]**

Claydon Jan 3/92
Dear Frances We have put
off returning for a day or two,
partly because Sir Harry is
so poorly, & there is so much
to do, & partly because I am
so poorly. Mrs. Verney &
her 4 children have had to
go to Rhianva for a fortnight
Mrs. Fred is here with her
three, taking her place with
"Grandpapa" - Mr. Fred is
gone to India for some
months: to escort the
Siamese Prince

I am glad Messenger is

pretty well again.

I am very sorry that
Kate's teeth are still
decaying. It is evident
from what the Doctor
says that she must be
far more careful in
cleaning them, if she would
keep, as is so desirable,
her remaining teeth.

May God bless you both
affectionately yours

F. Nightingale

I conclude the pink &
white curtains in the Drawing-rooms were taken

down - & the green curtains
must be carefully wiped
- & hung up after the
windows are cleaned -

I am sure you will do
all things nicely -
You & Kate - & the
Charwoman when
necessary. My kindest
regards to Kate.

FN

92/2 incomplete, torn letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper 4{arch: A IX
31}

Jan 7/92

{printed address:} Claydon House,
Winslow,
Bucks.

[8:1004]

My dear Frances

We shall be home, please
God on *Tuesday* next, *Jan 12*.

Very likely Mrs. Verney & Miss Ellin
will come on Wednesday 13th
for one or two nights. They will
have the Green Room - make it
look cheerful for them - & Lizzie's
room -

Of course the room that
was Mrs. Burge's will be
{the rest of the letter is torn away}.

92/3 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: C I 27}

Strictly {in another hand: A. Hayes} Jan 19/92
Private {printed address:} 10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

It is a long time since
I have had the pleasure
of seeing you.

And now I am writing on
a business ~~or~~/of great importance
to Siam, on which Mr.
Frederick Verney tells me
he has written to you,
asking whether you would
recommend Surgeon Major
Irving for the post of Court
Doctor at Bang-kok.

Mr. Verney will have told
you the difficulties, the
opportunities of the post -
the great opportunities of
doing good - } the moral as
& of doing evil}

92/3

well as professional qualities
wanted. the *discretion*
necessary for being a real *gentleman*
If, in addition to writing
or telegraphing to Mr.
Verney at Bombay, you
could possible see me &
tell me what you cannot
write, both about Surgeon Major
Irving or about *any other*
Doctor whom you would
recommend it would be
doing us a great favour.
If you are coming into London,
I would gladly see you,
if possible to me, any afternoon
that you would kindly

appoint beforehand. Or if
that is not convenient to
you, would you kindly
write to me? [I need
not say that ~~it~~ anything you wrote would be
quite confidential.]

Pray believe me
ever your sincerely
Florence Nightingale
I hope Lady
Crawford is
well.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC1/92/4 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {arch: C I 28}

Strictly Jan 22/22
Private {printed address:} 10. South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford
I am extremely obliged to
you for your Telegram & for
your letter of this morning
I believe your great
kindness will not think
me importunate if I ask
one question: Our question
is: NOT what are the Director
General's grounds for refusing
his sanction to Surgeon Major
Irving's appointment in Siam
but whether you consider
them sufficient to prove
him unfit for it: *that'*
would be enough for us
without asking any further

reason - Or whether you
would decline to say that
he is unfit.

One more thing however: so
much stress is laid upon
obtaining the NATIVE
opinions of competent
men on the spot for an
appointment so peculiar
as this of the Court Doctor
in Siam. Could any
valuable opinion be obtained from
any good man or men
(natives) "on the staff of the
"Egyptian Army", on which

Surgeon Major A.E. Hayes
has served, about him
Mr. F. Verney has been introduced to some
of these men
Your opinion about ~~Dr. Irving~~/Dr. Hayes
is most satisfactory
But "Infinite possibilities of
"reforms opened out"
& also "infinite possibilities"
of the other kind *according*
to what the Officer & perhaps
also his wife are who
will be recommended to
the post.

I understand from you
that Dr. Hayes has been
asked whether he will

accept the post. Would
you also kindly tell me
what his answer is?

Pray let your kindness
pardon me

& believe me

ever sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

Excuse this hurried note.

92/5 telegram, 1f, pencil {postmarked: BAKER ST. (NO 66) B.0 W P FE 16
92

S. Audley St
Welch Butcher
Paddington at Baker St. W.
Your neck mutton tender and
excellent please let us have
leg mutton as good for
tomorrow Wednesday Nightingale

92/6 signed note & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F5} **[12:444-45]**

10 South St June 4/92
 Whitsun Eve
My dear Sister Charity
It is very difficult to find
books for women - as you said
I send you Andersen,
which is always a favourite -
& a whole set of Mrs. Ewing's
lovely books. But I am afraid
you will think "Jackanapes"
& the "Short Life" too sad -
I will send some others
God speed you -
ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

with a parcel of books
6 eggs
& for Miss Sally
a little orange Jelly
Sister Charity
(Miss Ferguson)
Charity Ward

4/6/92

[end 12:445]

H1/ST/NC1/92/7 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil & pen postmarked:
LONDON {archivist: L II} **[8:1027]**

10 South St. Park Lane W.

June 9/92

My dear Sister Frances, my
dear friend I feel
most deeply interested in
your plans - Might I know
a little more about them?

Might I know about what
Medical attendance the
Hospital is to be under?

And have you any of the
Sisters or Nurses other than
yourself who have had
any Hospital training?

I rejoice beyond measure
that you have so wonderfully
paid off the last of the

Mortgage debt. Need I
say that I wish you the
highest success in every
thing? you & yours

Pardon my writing in pencil:
Pardon my delay in
answering. I know your
kindness will -

May God bless you in
every way.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Have you a ?Lay Sister
still with you who was
good enough to come &
see me once when the
dearest Mother lay dying?
My kind regards to her,
please, if you have.

{archivist: L II}

To the

Mother Superior

(Sister Frances)

S. Mary's Convent

39 Kensington Square

10/6/92

W

92/8 signed letter, 3ff, pencil {archivist: G 3}

10 South Street June 11/92 **[12:445]**

My dear Sister Adelaide

As you were good enough
to condescend to a wish to
have this frightful book, I
hasten to lay it at your feet.

It is like the Midwifery books
which represent the Art of
Midwifery as a performance
of a series of the most
terrific operations

Gynaecology besides
delights in a natural history
of bacilli & a catalogue
of the interesting species
assembled together in
Bacteriology. But I was

amazed & somewhat
comforted to find that
they did want "a trained
Nurse" in one place with
a knowledge of "cleanliness"

As you know your
humble Petitioner spends
her life, (like a ghost who was
looking for his *hand* for
200 years in my brother
in law's house) in looking
for, in any Appendix to any
Gynecological or Midwifery book, rules for the care
of mother & infant in
Monthly Nursing for the poor -
as there are still a *few*

women, I believe, who lie
in naturally - If you can
find any such, will you
kindly direct my attention
to it? & particularly any
which teach the Midwife
or Monthly Nurse to
teach the mother how to
feed & wash her baby -

I wish all blessings on
your head - & am ever
yours sincerely & hopefully
Florence Nightingale

Excuse pencil -

Dr. Cullingworth has been
so good as to send me
his fly leaf of

the rules as to Antiseptics
& cleanliness for *Midwives* with
mother & infant - for which I
am exceedingly obliged -

If the subject comes up,
will you thank him for
me?

F.N.

Is there any *Midwives'*
Midwifery book which
gives a poor chapter on
Monthly Nursing?

{archivist: G 3}

with a book

{in another hand: Letter from Miss Nightingale on *Midwives*}

Miss Christie

(Sister Adelaide)

(Adelaide Ward)

11/6/92

S. Thomas'

[end]

H1/ST/NC1/92/9 letter to Sister Frances, black-edged stationery

July 3/92

[8:1028]

You know how deeply
interested I am in your
enterprise. God bless it!

I think with you that
scarcely any thing is
more difficult than the
question of these poor
Incurables, whether they
linger on for years, or
whether under good
care they recover -

There is perhaps
nothing sadder in the
whole world than to
have cured an Incurable
child & to find that

there is nobody who
wants it back -

Then, the other question

you propose: - Scarcely
any Doctor will give
a certificate that a

Patient is dying - At
one time we might have
filled St. Thomas' with
dying Patients, certificated
by Doctors that they were
"cases" "to be benefited by
"Hospital treatment."

But the reverse is also
the case: Dying men
at St. Thomas' have left
all the luxuries of the
Hospital to go (with the

consent of the 'Doctor)"
to *die at home* -
But very few of the Homes
 which admit Incurables admit
 men - only women & children
 The "Hostel of God" is to
admit men, I believe. They
wrote to me. But with many
pangs I was compelled by
stress of business not to
answer.
As you say, how little one can
do generally to impress the
dying - And yet I don't
think this is quite true -
Night or evening is the
best time - a few words
recalling words they once knew.

How often one is reminded
of the parable of the
highways & "hedges". Those
who have never heard
Good Words or not for years
come in, while we who
have been taught from
infancy are busy & therefore
we "cannot come" -

{archivist: L I2} black-edged pale blue env
 Miss Nightingale
 To the Mother Superior
 39 Kensington Square
 W.

3.7.92

92/10 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pen {postmarked: LONDON W. 7 JY 5 92 64} {archivist: L I3} black-edged, pale blue paper and env
[8:1028-29]

July 4/92

My dear Sister Frances

I know I shall never
finish my letter unless
I rush brutally into the
midst.

I think there can be no
harm in that sentence
about me. You know I feel
that interest in every
morsel of me. But I am
afraid I must protest
against that word "also" -
As it is, people will find
out my address & *make*
me a reference. But if my
address were put down, *as*
a reference, ~~multitudes of~~
people would come merely
to gossip -

I wish you all the highest
success - & hope to hear
more

We have had much more than usually painful
occupation lately. And
this has made me sadly
a delinquent in
corresponde

Forgive me - and God
bless you & yours
ever yours
F. Nightingale

{archivist: L I3}

No 2.

To the Mother Superior
39 Kensington Square
W.

4/7/92

92/11 dictated, unsigned letter & envelope, 2ff, pen {postmarked:
LONDON. W. CXX JY 7 92} [not FN hand]

10 South Street
Park Lane

W.

7.7.92

To the Sister Frances

Madam,

Miss Nightingale
wishes to say that the red
& blue marks in her
letter did not mean
anything in particular.
The Blue mark under the
word "Hospital" was merely
to show that it was not
a good paper to advertise
in, & the Red mark under

the Dr's name was to
show that she had
heard a great deal of
good of him.

{archivist: L I4} [not FN hand]

7/7/92

To the Mother Superior
39 Kensington Square

W.

92/12 initialed note/draft, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 64}

Commn No ~~1614~~/1216

Wm Magee

has been in my service since

January

he has been uniformly sober

punctual & quick/attentive ~~& obliging~~

both in his indoor work & his outdoor work

scrupulously honest & faithful

to duty.

doing his best - clever &

handy in many things - clean

quiet & very obliging

I have ~~every~~ reason to be

satisfied with him

& should wish him to return

to my service

F.N.

London 23/8/92

{letter dated 30 October 1938}

{archivist's note:

Wm. Magee seems

to have married

Frances Groundsell

see letter from F.N.

to Frances but no

mention of Wm.)

With letter of LH Shore Nightingale to Mrs Magee, from Lea Hurst, Holloway, Matlock, Derby. Dear Mrs Magee, I send you a written testimonial from Miss Nightingale about your husband. I think this is the rough copy which she made for her own use. I think you will like to have it as a memory of them both. Perhaps it was sent to the Corps of Commissionaires after 6 months service to say that she was glad to keep him on at South Street. It is dated 23 August 1892.

I also send you a photo of Lea Hurst take nearly in the year. I think it shows the garden side of the house rather well.. I hope you are keeping well and cheerful.

92/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 35} **[8:1004-05]**

Aug 26/92
Telegraph, Claydon House, {printed address:}
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

Dear Frances
I send you a Cheque
as you will have
some more payments
to make - & to pay Messenger
I hope to hear from
you tomorrow morning
and I will write.
My love to Nelly. I
expected to have the
Tradesmen's Week from
her this morning. But
it has not come -
My love to Kate -
Remember me to
Messenger -
Pray do all of you what
you can for poor Quiz
& kittens -
I have had much
to do here -
God bless you all
in haste yours affectionately
F. Nightingale

92/14 signed letter, 2ff, pen {archivist: A IX 36} [first part in Col]
[8:1005]

-2- Aug 28/92

My dear Frances

Thank you for your
letter.

Mrs. Broome will come
on Tuesday - And I am
sure you will try to
make her comfortable,
and show her every thing
as far as you can. And
make her room nice,
& get a few flowers to
put in it.

You will be glad to
be relieved of the linen
which Mrs. Broome will
undertake. And I am glad
to relieve you of it.

And partially of the
furniture -

I have received neither
books nor letter from
Nelly, for which I am
very sorry.

Yes: you may charge me
four days' Board Wages
for Messenger's food -

I forget whether you understood
that the rug which was
always crumpled up - close
to the books on the floor
at the bottom of my sofa

in the Drawing room was
to go to be cleaned. As you
know, it wants it.

God bless you.

I have been so pressed
with business here. There
is no one here but Mrs.
Fred & I & the children.
Sir Harry varies from day
to day. Mr. Fred is away
for his health.

My love to Nelly &
Kate. & say a good
word for me to Quiz.
poor Quiz. Give her plenty to
eat & drink - & plenty of good words
& balcony. yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

92/15 signed letter 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 37} **[8:1005-06]**

Claydon Sept 10/92

Dear Frances Thank you for your letter. I
was very glad that your own family were
so much better than could have been
expected.

I enclose a Cheque:

3 weeks' Board Wages		
from Sept 13	£2.	2.
For your "Card"		10 6
	<u>2</u>	<u>12</u> 6

But if you remember I particularly desired
you to get the 10/ from LIZZIE, to whom I

had given that & other monies -

Nelly has not written to me - Rude
little Nelly! ~~You may tell her that~~
Mrs. Fred Verney and I have had
much communication about her future -
I shall not be able to write to her
unless she writes to me.

_____ We are rather overdone here -

Sir Harry is, thank God, rather better -
If you can find the two large Volumes
of the "Boys' own Book", in the Drawing-room,
one on the table in the window,
one on the long table nearest the door,
would you kindly take them to
St. Thomas' for LEOPOLD Ward
I hope you have been so good as to

do up those letters & papers on the
floor in the corner of the small
Drawing-room between the arm
chair & the folding door.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Broome-
God bless you both

I hope you have prayers

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

I am obliged to have some of Ellen's teeth
drawn & others stopped.

92/16 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 38} **[8:1006]**

Claydon Sept 26/92

My dear Frances

I send you your Quarter. And I hope
your family are pretty well - Would you,
if I do not come back by say this day week,
like to take your holiday without waiting
for me - that is, almost immediately - Are
the things put byack in their places so that
Mrs. Broome could manage, & Kate?

Write & tell me what you should like
I do not mean that I shall be late this
year as I was the two last years -
nothing like it. But I may not be
back quite so soon as I expected.

I hope you all of you go out every
day. And I hope you read prayers.

I have heard from Nelly.

Mr. Fred Verney, I am sorry to say, is not
quite well yet. Mrs. Fred is with him
at the sea.

God bless you

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I shall write to Mrs. Broome tomorrow

92/17 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 39}

Oct 3/92

[8:1006-07]

Telegraph Claydon House {printed address:,
Steeple Claydon. Bucks. Winslow,
Bucks.

My dear Frances
I wrote yesterday to Mrs.
Broome to say that
I should not be back
till the beginning or
more likely middle of
next week - that
Miss Irby *might* come
a day or two later -
for a very few nights -
& that I hoped you
would do what you
liked about your

fortnight's holiday -
If you liked to go
immediately, that you
would -
Did she think she could
manage, if you told her
where she could find
the things?
I had not time to write
to you - for the post
went early - But I
asked her to read
this letter to you -

Sir Harry was delighted
with his stay at South
St. & all the better for
it. Thank you all
So was Mr. Morey
God bless you -
yours, hoping that you
will do what you
like best
F. Nightingale

92/18 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 40}

Claydon Oct 21/92
Dear Frances I am glad that you
have come back all right but sorry
that you had such bad weather at home.
I send you (in great haste) some
money £2.2 for 3 weeks' Board Wages
£1 which I had put up in a
== Registered Envelope for
you to make a present
to your parents - but it was
too late So now I send it to you

Dear Sir Harry has been ~~very~~ ill
tho' now much better.

But Mrs. Verney is ill in her room
with a very bad cold.

Altogether we have been much
pressed.

Kind regards to Kate
God bless you all

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

92/19 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F 96}

Claydon: Oct 22/92 7 a.m.

Dear Mrs. Broome

I have been coming home every day, - but
always detained here - gladly detained
for there is much to do - But we have had
illness - & now Mrs. Verney is shut up in
her room with a very bad cold -

I should however be home soon -
I send you some money in case you need

it. £5 cash

£2.2 Board Wages

I am very glad of your letters -

I will write to Kate
to whom my kind regards - as soon
as I can -

I know you take good care of them
all

God bless you all -

in great haste

{signature seems to have been cut off}

I am always very poorly - & as you
may suppose much pressed

(you kindly ask)

I am sure you have taken & do
take, good motherly supervision of Kate
& given good instruction to her - She is a good
hard working girl - I hope you are all

comfortable. I have written to Frances

F.N.

H1/ST/NC//92/20 signed letter to Frances Groundsell, 2ff, pencil & env,
pen {archivist: A IX 41}

92/20

Claydon Nov 14/92

[8:1007]

My dear Frances

I dare say you will be so good
as to tell me how the Dentist
told Kate to clean her
artificial teeth - She tells
me that he said they were
so dirty he was obliged to
take them all out of the
frame to clean them - but
she does not tell me *with*
what he told her to clean
them - Was it simply with
soap & water?

One very good plan is to
put them in very hot water
for a little when taken off

at night. But this can
only be done if there
is no gutta percha in
them. Is there gold
or gutta percha?

Please tell me when I
come home which will
be, please God, on Wednesday.

You will, I know, be Mrs.

Broome's helper about
the furniture - about
which you know all -
& also about the trades=
=men, as she did not
come till after I was gone

I shall depend upon you,
with my love -
And so will she.

I am so very anxious to
have the Drawing-room
sweet & fresh, - which it
has not been, - that I
am not going to have
the curtains put up
in either Drawing-room
& am going to move
the middle round table out,
as you know, from the
large Drawing-room.

I hope all the floors
are nice.

I want Mr. Vane to
make some little contrivance
to each drawer of the new
Tall-boy in my Bed-room
to hold a card for me
to write upon what is in
each drawer - but he
cannot have the drawers
out, till I come home &
unlock them -

With kind regards to
all,

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

{archivist: A IX 40}
Miss Frances Groundsell
10 South St
Park Lane
London W

14/11/92

H1/ST/NC1/92/21 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: F27}

Dec 16/92

{printed address:} 10, South Street, [12:386]
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Wardroper

Thank you for writing to
me about my dear old friend
"Now the labourer's task is o'er."
She *had* laboured with heart
& head & hand, indeed.

Her last years would
have been sad & forlorn
but for you. You make
her happy - God bless you.

She had the elements
of greatness in her -
Now she has entered,
as you say into blessed rest.
But next to *her* will be a
life even greater than here

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end 12:386]

92/22 notes, 4ff, pencil

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Mrs. Wardroper

She is going on now towards

~~perfection~~ being perfected,

as we all may trust in God

to be - She seems to us

to be calling out to us

{insert from another sheet} And she who learnt so well

how to train ~~on earth~~

Nurses for their future

noble career on earth

"practising for Heaven."

may be supposed to be still

herself in "God's own

Training School" in Heaven

& as such speaking to us to

be ~~always~~ pressing ever forward,

forgetting those things which are believed which

we are sometimes too proud

of - namely our progress

~~of we illeg~~/during the last years Hard in this Chapel where she

worshipped for so many years this day in this case ~~we~~ this day

We are trying to commemorate

her memory - But the truest

memorial to her is to follow

her quietness & firmness in

this age of noise & talk

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& unquietness

-her ~~steady~~ perseverance
with knowledge in this age
of restlessness, (tho' it be restlessness
after good), unruliness & haste
without knowledge in this age of experiments
without experience in this age when talk & even thought &
reasoning "tell but indirectly
& often indecisively upon action"
her ~~steady~~ pursuing without faintness
a steady training to supply
the practical skill which
no reading or Lectures however
useful can by themselves ~~give~~
supply

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but above all her
conviction that this training
must embrace moral discipline
& that no amount of knowledge
or even skill can make a
good Nurse - for the best
woman must be the best
Nurse

such a woman has
unlimited influence over
Patients & over all around,
above/over & under her

if she is otherwise she
lowers the tone instead
of raising it.

Man does not live by
bread alone - & still less woman

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this Nurse a true nurse in
the sight of God as well
as of men & of her fellows
must look not only
for money but for fellowship
& the home of a Regiment or rather a company She must not
be an irresponsible
nomad - but be one ~~of~~
~~a some~~ not of an Army
to which she can do,
from which she can receive
good
but of a small some company
under supervision - & the
help of sympathetic supervision

This is homely advice
but ah what should
we do isolated & without
such a home?

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A rolling stone
gathers no moss is an
old saying & a true one
With Mrs. Wardroper there was no
flying about. Her Hospital was
her home - indeed she could
scarcely be got out of the Hospital
for a brief holiday - or even a
little drive or amusement.
Her heart was in her work.

H1/ST/NC1/93/1 card, 1f, pencil

[8:1007]

Offered to
Frances
with Florence Nightingale's best wishes
for a good New Year 1893
{printed: My Web of Life}
& many good New Years
{printed newspaper notice}

93/2 signed note, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 65}

27/3/93
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.
National Society's Depository
We have had difficulty
in taking the silver paper
off the beautiful illustrations
Here are 3, Resurrection
of Christ, we cannot manage.
Will you?
And two more copies, I believe,
are due to us -
Payment of Acct enclosed
With thanks
Florence Nightingale

Miss Deyns	A	17/5/93	
{printed address:}	10, South Street,		[13:856]
	Park Lane. W.		

Miss Deyns must wear
uniform - Miss Lückes
will send her the
material for dresses
& caps

She need not attend
the "Preliminary Training"

(1) 3 months in Wards
beginning with
Children's Ward

I demurred at first to (2)
because the Out-Patients'
Doctors do do & can do
so little about *diets*

X this includes morning & evening
in the *Wards*. + one day ~~we~~
with eyes & another with
ears.

But I accepted afterwards
 (conditionally upon asking
you), because they seemed
to have such a number of
out-cases which then &
there are 'done' by the Nurses
under Doctors' orders -
which would be a
valuable experience for
Miss Deyns, among the
Bucks poor people -

What do you think?

Then we agreed that Miss
 Deyns should learn all
 she could about
young babies
washing & moving helpless Patients

We discovered a good
many things as you may
suppose - but these are
what it is most pressing
to ask you about.

I made use of your
kind letter

F.N.

[end]

Miss Bella Deynes
 Fenny Stratford
 Bletchley

93/4 signed note pencil, & envelope pen, 2ff, pencil & pen {archivist:
A IX 42} **[8:1008]**

Miss Frances Groundsell
Thornham Green
near Lynn
Norfolk

14/6/93

{archivist: A IX 42}

June 14/93

{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Frances

I was very glad to have
your letter. And we shall be
very glad if you like to stay
at home till Tuesday -
returning here by Tuesday night.

My kind regards to your
parents & Aunt - who I hope will
continue better, all three.

Pickle sends you his duty. &
he was very much concerned
when you went away.

Sir Harry has been to
Pleasley in Derbyshire - & went
down two coal-pits, giving Mr.
Morey the slip. We were horrified
enough at his going to Pleasley.

God bless you
faithfully yours
F. Nightingale

93/5 signed note, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 43} **[8:1008]**

July 9/93

Dear Frances

Would you do me a
favour? It is to go
with Mrs. Bowler this
morning to Church at St.
Thomas' - not to let her
go alone for the first time.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

93/6 signed letters, 9ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: H 40 a}

CONFIDENTIAL 10 South St.
 Park Lane W
 July 22/93
 6 a.m.

Dear Sir Henry Acland

I am so very, very sorry
that I have been unable
to answer your two kind
letters before. But I could
not help it. And I am
still more sorry that I
cannot see my way to
writing the letter to you for
Princess Christian's "Annual
"Meeting" on Monday.
But I cannot help it.

Yet I must not recall to
you that what you wish
me to write would not

have the effect your kindness
supposes.

or that we have acted all
along *on a principle* & in
concurrence, with so many of
the ~~principal~~/chief Hospital
Training Schools -

That would be only
fatiguing you.

The only thing that occurs
to me to suggest for your
consideration, as you desire
such suggestion, is, you will
say, in the Nurses' interests
in *our view*, & *not* in
yours: namely that

you, in taking the Chair,
should not commit
yourself to approval of the
whole scheme of the
Association, and that you
should point out the
difficulties which will
occur in working the
"List" (we will not call
it 'Register'). You might
possibly say that you
'are desirous of giving the
'Association the opportunity
'of making its objects
'known to the Public, & at
'the request of H.R.H.
'had taken the chair - dilate

'upon the benevolent
'objects, & point out that
'the Association wishes to
'afford a certain amount
'of information to the
'public regarding the
'qualifications of Nurses
'whom they may have to
'employ, & by its Charter is
'empowered to do this -
'that *the value of the*
'*information must depend*
'*to a great extent upon*
'*the character of the*
'*Hospitals in which they*
'*have been trained, & their*
'*ability to afford a proper*

{archivist: H 40 a}

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'*training* - And a great
'*deal of experience will*
'be required on the
'part of the Managers
'of the Association, and
'much *discretion* needed
'in compiling such a List;
'that NURSE TRAINING IS
'STILL IN ITS INFANCY'

&c &c &c

You might possibly wish
to add that 'there is
'no public authority for
'licensing Hospitals to
'train Nurses; or otherwise,
'for submitting Hospitals
'to any conditions as to

*'training, and the public
'will have to judge for
'themselves as to the value
'of the training of the
'Hospital mentioned on the
'List.'*

You will, of course, desire
~~that you~~ as Chairman
to avoid introducing any
matter which would
lead to controversy; and
it would probably be
unadvisable to introduce
remarks of this kind
in an opening address -
but possibly you could
do so in your final words
upon closing the Meeting.

2.I feel that in making
these suggestions, at your kind
desire, I am proposing
something which is
hardly practicable.
You can hardly refer to
the opposition to, or (say)
differences of opinion on
the subject of the R.B.N.A.
without giving the occasion
for controversy, or say rather
for *further one-sided
attacks on the opponents*
And this would of course
place you in a very
disagreeable position.

I do not therefore suggest
by any means that you

should kindly say anything
about such opposition
being that of persons
who are *conscientiously*
doing what they consider
best in the interest of
Nurses. If it were true
that "a few words from"
me "would change the
"tide of affairs," such a
suggestion might be made.
BUT IT IS NOT TRUE: is it?

It is of no use writing
to the Duke of Westminster;
nor *moving for a small*
Committee - you kindly
ask. Surely if there

{archivist: H 40 b}
were any way for a
compromise (and I, alas!,
do not see any whatever,)
the occasion of a public
Meeting is not the time
or place for bringing it
forward. The public meeting
is not the Executive or
the Council of the Association
- is it? - An Annual Meeting
must be only an Annual
Meeting for the public to
attend & hear about the
Association, must it not?

To offer myself as an
adviser is impossible

3. The upshot seems to be
- and you can hardly
imagine how it grieves me
to write this - that I am,
I am afraid, reduced to
writing that I see no way
open to do as you desire.
- that I am confident,
knowing as I do, all the
circumstances, that any
"letter" from me to be "read
"to the Princess" - "or to the
"Nurses" - i.e. the Meeting
would be altogether
beside the mark -
that the *differences are*
differences of principle
and not of words -

- that the Princess cannot
be regarded as the real
director or controller of
the movement - & even if
she were, she has, as you
so truly say, entirely
identified herself with
her prompters -
that no Committee could
bring ~~her~~ about any
useful ~~result~~ result.
How I wish that we could
help you! I would gladly
eat dirt, if we could honestly
do so. *But we cannot.*

God speed you -
Pray believe me
dear Sir Henry Acland
ever yours faithfully & sincerely
Florence Nightingale

P.S.

Thank you for your kind caution
against newspaper correspondence
We decided immediately on
seeing the answer of the
Secretaries of the R.B.N.A
in the "Times" of the 6th (to
our letter in that of the 3rd)
that we would make no
reply. I trust that there
has been nothing objectionable
in any words we have printed
or published. F.N.
I shall send this letter by train.

{archivist: H 40 b}

No 2 -4- July 22/93

Confidential 8.30 a.m.

My dear Sir Henry Acland

I have just received
AFTER having written
the foregoing pages,
your 3rd letter. written
after seeing Pss Christian
1. It distresses me
beyond anything you can
imagine that I cannot
alter -
2 You ask me to "see"
or to "ask to see" the Princess."
Knowing as I do all
the circumstances I cannot
but feel that it would
{last line is cut off}

3. Whoever suggested to you that "Mr. Burdett "was an adviser on" our "side" was entirely misinformed.

It is EXTREMELY NOT SO.
Perhaps I had better say no more

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I am extremely sorry that
I could not write before.
I send this letter by train -
F.N.

{archivist: H 40 b}

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A passing remark:

We were told from
Edinburgh where the Princess
addressed 2000 people,
that the "confusion" was
"hopeless" between the
R. British Nurses Association
& the Queen's Jubilee
Nurses - The President
of the latter, the rules of
the latter are in direct
contradiction to those of
the former.

F.N.

93/7 signed letter, 2ff, pen, black-edged paper {archivist: B XIII 2}

Private July 27/93
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

 Welcome home - and
thank you for your letter
of July 6 from Pontresina.
I earnestly hope, with
all our many friends,
that your health will
have been entirely restored.

 With regard to the
subject you write to me
about, viz. the proposed
interview of yourself
with the Princess Christian,
to be "arranged by Mrs.
Dacre Craven", I shall
be very glad to see & discuss

it with you, as you kindly
invite, any afternoon
after to-morrow about
5.30, convenient to you,
provided I may know
as soon as possible.

I have been for 40 years
& shall always be most
deeply interested, as you say,
in every thing that concerns
the real training & true
welfare of Nurses. But
appointments come thick
& fast every day more
than there is time for.
I conclude that you wish

to have our discussion
speedily. This week
Princess Christian had
her Annual Meeting. But
she may be going abroad.
I believe I could say Monday
afternoon if you wish it;
but I will write as soon
as I hear from you.
With kind regards
believe me yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer's House

93/8 signed note & envelope, 2ff, pencil, black-edged paper and env
{arch: F 6}

Aug 29/93

My very dear Miss Ferguson

[12:450]

I was so glad to see you -
Please let me send £1 for your poor
little girl whose outfit you are so
good as to busy yourself about: or others
& 3/ to pay for your cabs, because it was
I kept you

Outfits are so necessary -

God bless you -

ever yours sincerely

Is there any F. Nightingale
book you would like to have?

[end]

{archivist: F 6}

Miss Ferguson

(Sister Charity)

Charity Ward

29/8/93 St. Thomas'

93/9 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {archivist: B III 3}

10 South St W Nov 2/93

[13:156]

Miss M. Stewart No 1

My dear Harry

In answer to yours:

Her "special characteristics are,

1 I think

extreme kindness to Patients

body & soul - she interested

herself in every one as an

individual not only as a 'case'.

omit [Without one 'goody' word, she

influenced almost all for

good. And she had Patients

who had never heard a

'good word,' who could scarcely

speak without an oath.]

yet (or perhaps *therefore*) she

maintained an excellent

discipline.

2

as a Nurse she was first-rate

in Medical as well as in

Surgical Nursing

3 Among many good Head/Sisters
Nurses she was remarkable
for tender & minute x care of
her Staff Nurses, qu omit [yet she 'stood
'no nonsense' - they were
always well 'in hand']

4. a good trainer of Probationers
- always firm & always appreciative
- not making favourites

5 always unselfish - always
devoted

6. orderly & method in all
her arrangements
x if she had anything good to eat,
she always reserved a part
for her Night Nurse. Tho' we
have had excellent Sisters, she
was the only one I have known who
took such care of Night Nurses
Yet she "stood no nonsense." They were
always well "in hand.")

7. good judgment, decided
powers of organization X
(a clever housekeeper)
great tact in dealing with
people of various views - X
She was

8 ½ years at St. Thomas'
(including
(3 1/4 years Male Medical Sister)
(4 " Male Surgical ")

As you say, she left just as
Miss Pringle came Nov. 1887

It was Miss Pringle sent her
to us in 1879 (March)

xx this was more developed
at Donnybrook than with us
Still I think we have a right
to say it. [I have been told
by independent people that
she reformed Donnybrook in
almost every respect - & gained
many friends to the Hospital -
so nice she was with members of
Committee & Visitors

a clever housekeeper. x
x But I hope she will have
a housekeeper at Brompton
It was the worry of housekeeping
when she was due among the
Patients that 'did' for her at
{rest of the page is cut off} [end]

H1/ST/NC1/93/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper {arch: H
27}

Nov 2/93

Dear Sir

I am extremely sorry that
it is impossible for me
to see any one but those
who have long standing
claims upon me - for I am
entirely a prisoner to my
room from illness, & am
overwhelmed with work

I was not aware that
my little note had
"appeared" any where

We find your "Daily
"Graphic" of immense use -
it has actually superseded
in Hospital Wards where

the men Patients take
newspapers the "penny"
& halfpenny "dreadfuls"
which used to be our bane.

Believe me

faithfully your

Florence Nightingale

The Editor

or

E.S. Grew Esq

93/11 initialed note, 1f, pen and pencil, black-edged paper {arch: A IX 44}

[but this shd be 94/1 by date]

To Messenger

You might in case of not
finding Mr. FitzRoy apply
at the Police Station close
to Paddington Green
on the Harrow Road for
7 Manor Place, the address
he gave
Feb 14/94 F.N.

94/2 signed letter, 4ff, pen {archivist: H 41}

PRIVATE March 25/94
Easter Day
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Henry Acland

Thank you for your letters.
- Claydon can never repay
the debt it owes you except
by deepest gratitude.

We are grieved that you
are so poorly, &/I trust you
are improving.

The Empress Frederick
came to see me before she
left England - wise & business-
like & charming yet more
than ever.

I waited till I had seen
her before I answered your
kind letter. And last week
I was too much immersed in
work & cares & weakness to be
able to write.

1. I do not believe that either the British Nurses' Association or the Council of the Queen's Jubilee Fund are qualified by knowledge or experience to have a voice in devising "any arrangements" "to qualify Training Institutions" to train, and 2. as to furnishing names to a Central Body, what is that but opening the whole question of a Public Register - and falling back upon the analogy (or no-analogy) of the Medical Register & Medical qualifications?

3. "The Queen's Trustees or Council" are established for a *limited object* - are in no sense a Body representing the educational side of Nurses. And there is not the least reason to suppose that they desire to undertake the duties you would cast upon them, or that it would be practicable or desirable that the attempt should be made to make use of them for such a purpose.

4. The suggestion as to Sir H. Ponsonby would not avail. There is no spark of such a consensus of opinion between the R. Brit. Nurses Ass: & the leading Training Schools of London, Liverpool &c &c. Edinburgh &c as would render the services of a mere go-between of any avail. And Sir H.P. would be nothing else. He has no knowledge of the subject to enable him to make suggestions.

{archivist: H 41}

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5. With reference to a Central body, which should decide on what Hospitals are capable to train or not, being guided by certain regulations, such as you suggest should be laid down by the R.B.N.A. the Queen's Jubilee Fund Council & other persons, the time is not ripe for any such scheme. The public opinion of Hospitals, as has been seen, would not submit to any dictation. And what is more important, the Hospital managers are

not yet imbued with the
perception of what is
requisite for the proper
conduct of a Training School
Mere regulations &
"arrangements" will not
teach them. The task of
the Central Body would
be a very invidious one
& could not be carried
out in practice.

The Empress Frederick is
in accord with me, I am
almost sorry to say, that
your proposals are not
practicable.

Your kindness always
wishes me to answer
your questions & proposals
fully, according to my
best experience.

But I will not
unnecessarily lengthen this
letter. only to wish
you a happy Easter.
And you will pray that
Christ the Lord shall rise
again in each of us

yours ever sincerely

F. Nightingale

For all your kindness
may He reward you!
& bless you!

94/3 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: F39} roll 3b

April 12/94
{printed address:} 10, South Street, [13:221]
Park Lane. W.

Dearest Miss Masson

I should be so very
sorry if you were to be in
London & I not see you.
Could you kindly come
& see me at 5.30 or
6 to-day? Or if that
is impossible at the
same time tomorrow, if
that is consistent with
your return to Oxford?

Thanks for your lovely
flowers - ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale

94/4 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 66}

To Messenger

Please take this box
to 109 Jermyn Street
by 4.30 this afternoon -
but keep your cab
& ask Mr. Louis Shore Nightingale
to let you take ~~them~~/it on to
Waterloo Station for him
because the box is so big -
You know the platform for Romsey South Western rail
To-morrow (Monday)
please bring a small box of flowers
from Dickson's, Covent Garden ready
at 8.30 a.m. here
You had better take a cab here -
F. Nightingale
26/8/94

94/5 signed letter, 2ff, pen {archivist: CI 29}

Oct 1/94
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Your kindness & your
wisdom have never been
forgotten by me. May I
prefer now an earnest
& I hope not very
audacious request?

I am very much
interested in the Sanitary
Committee of the Bucks
County Council. They hold
their Sanitary Conference
on October 24 at
Aylesbury,

They say: it would

be "magnificent" if Sir
Thomas Crawford would
give us our opening
address -

Is there any possibility
that you would be
able to favour them
thus?

I will leave it to
Mr. Frederick Verney,
the Chairman of this
Sanitary Committee
to describe it & say
how useful your

Address would be -

as indeed it would.

Pray believe me

dear Sir Thomas Crawford

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

To give ourselves a better

chance, I think I will

send this not without

waiting for the more

formal ~~note~~/letter of Mr.

Verney who is in the

country.

F.N.

94/6 signed letter, 2ff, pen {archivist: CI 30}

10, South St. Park Lane. W.

Oct 6/94

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

Will your gentleness

think me unpardonably

trespassing if I presume

to hope that you *may*

kindly reconsider your

determination not to give

the opening address to

the Sanitary Conference

at Aylesbury.

The Conference Day is

put off from the 24th to the

31st of this month. If

you would relent, Mr.

Frederick Verney would

meet you anywhere to

discuss particulars -
You do not know how
 great a help to the few
 Sanitarians in Bucks
your personality would
be. It would do our
cause the greatest
service. "We do not want
"a long address," Mr. F.
Verney writes to me:
"What Sir Thomas could
"do for us without" - he
hopes - "great exertion
"is to give to the Conference
"the encouragement of
"his presence & his sympathy
"& his counsel in a few
 "opening

"words" - "saying e.g.
 "how much interest is now
 "being aroused by sanitary
 "self-help - & how much
 "may be done by a proper
 "use of existing
"administration, & how
"much by bringing
"people together interested
"in the work who are
"all striving after one end."

It is not a long
scientific speech we ask,
but a short opening
address to a Staff of
Workers, who want
encouraging & stimulating.

who want the esprit
de corps & the method
& discipline & organization,
of which a man like
yourself has seen so
much, & the advantages
of which he knows so
well. You are the very
man ~~you~~/we want. "Then,
says Mr. F. Verney, "if
you would stay a bit,
& take part in the debate,
as you felt moved to
do so, this would be
very kind."

Am I very importunate?
Put me in the fire, if I am.
yours ever sincerely
Florence Nightingale

94/7 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 45} **[8:1008-09]**

Claydon House Oct. 29/94
Winslow
Bucks

Dear Frances

A parcel of bound
books, Macaulay's History
of England, 5 Vols:
which has not been
opened, is lying on the
floor in my bed-room
close to the dressing-room
door - I think it had
better be unpacked &
the books taken down into
the Drawing-room &
carefully covered up
from the dust.

There is also the parcel
of Mr. Jowett's Plato,
also I think 5 Vols.,
which now, I believe,
lies on the floor in my
bed-room under the
large round table - Those
I think had better be
unpacked & taken down
to the drawing-room
& covered up.

The books on the
little round table in
my bed-room might
form a separate parcel
for the drawing-room.

Remember me kindly
to Mrs. Reynolds &
Bessie -

And speak to poor
Barglar - & tell him
he ought to write me
a letter - He did look
so miserable when we
set off.

We got thru' our journey
very well - The people
at Euston were so
kind & attentive, for
Sir Harry's sake, whom
they all remember -

But I was very ill

yesterday

God bless you all

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

94/8 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {postmarked: WINSLOW D OC30 94}

{archivist: A IX 46}

Claydon House

Winslow Bucks

Dear Frances

Thank you for
forwarding my letters
Pray put only the
address as above
on my letters - &c -
never "care of" anyone

I hope you will
have a good journey
home. God bless you

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

Oct. 30/94

Miss Frances Groundsell

10 South St.

Park Lane

London W.

94/9 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 47} black-edged stationery

Claydon House Nov. 22/94

My dear Frances

I have received your letter.
If you would like to stay over
Sunday & go back to South St.
on Monday, I think you might.
I will write to Mrs. Reynolds to-day
& say so - & that you will
write to her & tell her which day

you will come, because I shall
not receive your answer in
time to let her know -

I am glad you are so much
better -

Pray give my kind regards to
your father & mother & aunt.

God bless you
yours sincerely F. Nightingale
I hope you will find Mr. Vare's work
all right.

You will pay Mrs. Reynolds,
of course, 2/ a day for your
Board -

Write to me, please -
F.N.

94/10 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 48} **[8:1009]**

Claydon House Nov. 29/94

My dear Frances

Thank you for your
letter -

We shall not at all
events come home this
week - so that you
will have plenty of
time -

I hope Bessie is
helping you - Give her
my love -

Please tell Mrs.
Reynolds with my kind
regards that we shall

not come back this
week & that I
hope to write to herself
tomorrow
God bless you all
in great haste
~~ever~~/yours sincerely
F. Nightingale
I hope your Aunt
continues better -
Does she wear flannel
next the skin?

94/11 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 49}

Claydon Dec. 21/94
My dear Frances
Your List helped me very much.
Will you help Mrs. Reynolds with
addresses &c &c in the List I now
send her?
I will, if possible, send you the
List of Xmas Boxes & some money
by early post tomorrow - Will you
help Mrs. Reynolds ~~with~~/to make the
Tradesmen's List -
God bless you
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

94/12 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 50} **[8:1009]**

Claydon Dec. 21/94

Dear Frances

I send you the List of Xmas Boxes
generally given by Lizzie

Also a Cheque for ~~£14~~4.15-6

You had better buy
that number of stamps -

I told Mrs. Reynolds that I generally
laid in £3 worth of stamps for Xmas
boxes. If she has done so, you had

better buy your stamps of her -
& give her £1.10, which I think
will more than cover what she will
want for the Tradesmen's boys -
Then there will be £2 left for your
Board Wages

£1. 5. 6

1. 10.

2

£4. 15- 6

I do this, because I have almost
finished my Cheque Book, & cannot
afford 2 Cheques till I have another

I wish you all a happy Christmas

sincerely yours

F.N.

94/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 51} **[8:1009]**

Claydon Dec. 27/94

My dear Frances I am very glad
indeed that your Aunt is somewhat
better. & trust that the improvement
will continue -

You may, if you please, go to Day's or to
any Stationer he recommends you to &
get 3 Pocket books for 1895 about
2/6 each - [I am afraid it is rather
late in the year to have much choice]
one for yourself
one for Mrs. Reynolds
one for Bessie

with a good Calendar

with leaves for *Accounts* - at the end
space for each day in the Year for a
Diary

And plenty of useful information

I generally ask for a "*Gentleman's*
"Pocket book" for myself, because
they are so much better & have
no stories or pictures which are so
much better in the Periodicals -

And give one to each with my love,

God bless you all -

I am sorry to be so long away -

I enclose your Quarter with my
best wishes yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

95/1 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 52} **[8:1010]**

Claydon Jan 4/95

My dear Frances

Please pay the enclosed Account
from Miller, if correct - Lizzie says
the "Oct. 20" part is -

Mrs. Reynolds will give you £1.

Please feed the *Birds* in any
place where they will be quite
free from the cats - - And remember

that crumbs will only multiply the
sparrows. What a nuisance the
house next door was! If we
want to save the robins, to hear
them sing in the winter, & the
blackbirds, to hear them sing in
the spring, we must have *meat-y*
things to feed them with, for only
sparrows will eat bread.

We have a robin here which
comes in & out of my dressing-room
in haste & has its own plate
yours sincerely & chair
to sit on
F. Nightingale the bar.

Give my love to Bessie
& ask her to write
me another letter
How is your Aunt?

95/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 53} **[8:1010]**

Claydon Jan 7/95
Dear Frances
Would you be so good as to go to
Massey's & get me
2 doz - of the largest (outside) Envelopes
50 of the next size - but I
should prefer the inner
flap reaching as far
as my pencil mark
25 of the smallest size (yours

Would Massey also send me a packet
(5 quires) of the rough "Old English
"Paper" of which I enclose a pattern
Please ask him to be so good as
to send them all down by return
of post, that is to-morrow (Tuesday)
{the day you go to him) to me

Claydon Ho:

Winslow Bucks
put up so as not to crumple.

[If you cannot get the *middle* size
at Massey's, probably {paper cut off} {you could?}
get it at Henni {paper cut off}
II If tickets come in an Envelope
from the Dental Hospital, please
forward them at once -

Thank Bessie for her letter -
yours sincerely F. Nightingale
P.T.O.

If you cannot ~~get~~ match the
Envelopes I want, let him send
a few of the nearest match he
can *by return of post* & send
the rest later -

95/3 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 54} **[8:1010-11]**

Claydon Jan 11/95
My dear Frances

I do not quite understand
why you could not change your
Cheque - You had better go
to the Bank & change it there -
If you go tomorrow (Saturday) it
must be before 12.

Did you write your name on the
back?
I send a Cheque for Board Wages &c

We have severe frost & snow here.
- the trees all white with rime -
- the birds are starving, the sparrows &
starlings fight for food & drive
away the blackbirds & the small birds
- two sparrows will drive away a
Jack daw -

God bless you
ever faithfully yours
F.N.

I hope your Aunt is better again -
If you like Mrs. Reynolds to send her
some soup in the form of Jelly, I
am sure she would. Shall I
send her some more Whiskey?

F.N.

I am very sorry that Pickle is lost,
but I had rather he was lost than
killed by a dog. He was the only
cat worth a mouse.

95/4 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 55}

Claydon Jan 7/95
Dear Frances

I cannot remember whether
the "Easy Chair" mentioned in
Mr. Hindley's Bill is the one
which always lives by my
Bed, or one of the Drawing-room
Chairs _ You will tell me - But
meanwhile I want to pay Mr. Hindley's
Bill - Yours faithfully F. Nightingale

95/5 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: A IX 56}

Claydon Jan 29/95
{printed address:} ~~10, South Street,~~
~~Park Lane. W.~~

Dear Frances

Could you find in my
Bed-room

1. a roll of very large
white foolscap (clean)
Reports of the "Nightingale
"Fund" for 1893 - It is a loose
flat roll with an india rubber ring round it - quite nice &
clean - It lay till I
went away in the square
chair by my bed - or
thereabouts - No doubt
every thing was moved
when the workmen came
in - but perhaps you
can still find it -
2. a book, tidy but not
handsome, called

"Jubilee Institute proceedings"

It was also lying on
the same chair.

Mr. Bonham Carter
wants these two things -

If you can find them
or anything that looks
like them, will you
take them down into
the Dining-room - & write
a little note to

Hy Bonham Carter Esq
5 Hyde Park Square
W.

that they are there -

& will he be so good
as to come & look if

they are the right ones?

Or shall you take
them to him to see?

II. Sir Douglas Galton

says that he sent
by post to me at
South St - "at or about
"Christmas" a thin
pamphlet with a cover
& my name written in
pencil on the cover
by me, called "The
"Soldier's Hygiene" by
Surgeon Col Evatt - or
some such name as Hygiene
I cannot find it in the
parcels you have sent
me. Could you just look

& see if by any mistake
it has been left behind?
at South St?

III I was thinking of
having one of the book-cases
just came, opposite my bed
where the Tallboy is near
the Dressing-room door -
& the Tall boy to go
where the other Tall boy is
behind the screen & the
other Tall boy to go where
that little piece of furniture
is behind the door on to
the landing - But perhaps
it had better all wait
till I come home -

I am going to write about
some Bills - yours faithfully
F. Nightingale

95/6 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 57} black-edged stationery
[8:1011]

Feb 1/95

Dear Frances

I send you this Cheque
for Bills (which I will send)
& Board Wages.

It is just possible that Mrs.
Shore Nightingale may come to South
St. for a few days - I am sure you will
make her comfortable
{written in right margin} yrs fflly
F. Nightingale

95/7 initialed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 58}

Feb 7/95

Please pay these two Bills, dear Frances

S. Hall £4. 6

Cannon £7

£11 6

I shall have more to send

Don't send the receipts
Mrs. Reynolds will make anything
your Aunt likes
in soup or jelly &c F.N.

95/8 signed letter, 4ff, pen {archivist: F33} **[12:461-63]**

London Feb 9/95

Dear Mr. Treasurer

St. Thomas is in my heart. For 35 years past I have been intimately acquainted with the current work and daily history of the Hospital & the Training School. I cannot therefore but sympathise with you most fully in your present endeavours.

It is now 35 years ago that, through the generosity of the British Public & Army & the cordial co-operation of the Governors of St. Thomas' Hospital, I - after searching experience among London Hospitals - was instrumental in establishing a School for Nurses in the old St. Thomas at London Bridge. Through that School, my connection with and interest in the Hospital has continued till the present time. And, though

precluded for many years past by the state of my health from visiting it, I have, through others, been kept acquainted with it. My very affectionate personal relations with your late invaluable Matron, Mrs. Wardroper, who was the first Hospital Matron to be Head of the NURSING & Lady Supt. of the Nursing Staff, and with her successors & the trained Lady-heads I cannot speak of here.

When in 1871 preparatory to the opening by the Queen of the grand building of the new Hospital, the [FN omitted first new] School was called upon to provide for the largely increased Staff of Nurses required, it was already found to be equal to the occasion, and all the Wards, as they became rapidly occupied by Patients, were supplied with excellent "Sisters" (Head Nurses)&

Nurses, who in their turn became trainers of others - Am I not justified in saying that, in the improvements in the Nursing organisation of Hospitals & in the education & training, moral & technical, of Nurses which have been effected since that time, St. Thomas' has taken a leading part.

We appeal to the public to support St. Thomas. because we believe it to be a thoroughly good Hospital What do we mean by a good Hospital? It is distinguished by a high tone of morals, by admirable organization, by the wise & liberal devotion of the Doctors; - it is a place where any good mother of any class might be glad to see her daughter on the Nursing Staff. Such it must be to be a good Training School

whether for Nurses or for Medical students - a place where the essentials of good doctrine & good practice exist. Add to this where the shape & construction of the Wards admits of windows on both sides - & is such that one "Sister" ~~(Head Nurse)~~ can overlook the whole - [The "Sister" is the keystone of the Nursing hierarchy, thro' whom the Matron overlooks Nurses, Probationers, Wardmaids, Patients]

All this we find at St. Thomas'
May I venture to call attention here to the moral effect of such Wards over the Patients' future life? The men cease to swear; the women learn notions of decency, order & cleanliness that may be carried out at home. The children hear "good words" - perhaps for the first time. They gain good & give good even in the adult wards & even with the young men. A little

{archivist: F 33} -5-

boy of six came in to a man's ward who literally could not speak without an oath. He appeared to know no other words. But under the influence of the "Sister", he became the little missionary of the Ward, without even preaching, as goody children in story books do. When he said his little prayers to the Sister who had taught them to him, with his arms round her neck, she could see with the tail of her eye a man in the next bed put his head under the bed-clothes to hide his tears] - perhaps thinking of the time when he prayed at his mother's knee. At later time when he was not in the St. Thomas but with some "Sisters", he would not even ask for sweets, given away at Christmas time, because it was not "right" for him. If that is not religion, I don't know what is. Four years he was with us. Then he died. {after "perhaps" there are faint diagonal lines drawn through the text.}

How many years is it since St. Thomas has had occasion to turn out a Patient?

One more question: as Science goes on, do not Hospitals become more expensive? Highly trained Nurses supplemented by Wardmaids are more expensive. Doctors order more expensive diets & appliances. Every thing is supplied. Nothing is spared. Whatever is ordered is had. No one asks where the funds come from.

Where things have been worked up to this high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of the great help afforded to this Nursing movement - at first far from being generally understood or approved by/in the outside Public -

by the willing & enlightened support of the Governors, of the Medical & Surgical Staff, & lay Staff of St. Thomas' Hospital

That the Sick Poor should be deprived of the invaluable benefits intended for them by the enforced idleness, so to say, of so many beds now vacant, must be cause of extreme regret to all who are acquainted with the excellent management & organization of the Hospital, lay, Medical & Nursing. And if you are successful in bringing home to the British Public a perception of the very large amount of suffering which would be relieved or removed by the opening of the vacant wards, I cannot but believe that their

generosity will be moved
to supply the requisite means.
We appeal to them to support
a Hospital which from no
fault of its own has seen its
means of usefulness for which
it exists curtailed.

All Success attend you
Pray believe me
dear Mr. Treasurer
yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

I beg to give £100
wishing I could afford
ten times more -

F.N.

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital

[end 12:463]

[8:1011]

My dear Frances

I should like when I come to go
into the drawing-room first which I
have not seen for more than a year -
 & to have the small Drawing-room
 well warmed.

yours sincerely F. Nightingale

Claydon Feb 21/95

Please send me

the *length* & *breadth* of each *bed*
for which you want blankets -
& how many you want

I am sorry not to be coming
home yet for a day or two {printed address, vertical:} ~~10, South Street,~~
Yours sincerely ~~Park Lane. W.~~
F. Nightingale

95/11 initialed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 62}

Claydon MARCH 1/95

My dear Frances

{there is a big X drawn through the first paragraph}

Will you be so good as
to pay these Bills for me
(you need not send the receipts)

Blackborn £1. 17. 7

Dickson 1 4

£3 1 7 {x ends here}

(It has just occurred to me)

that this is your BIRTH-DAY.
May God's blessing be upon it,
& may He always lead you
by the hand. We cannot
go far wrong if we go no
further than where He
leads us.

And will you accept this

(present of a sovereign)

(which you will find)

in this Cheque -

{the last paragraph has a large X drawn through it}

I should like to know
whether the water-supply
is all right now, as I
was told it was frozen -
But that would not
effect my coming home.

I hope to be back
on Tuesday at latest
& will write again

yours sincerely

F.N.

~~Kind regards to Bessie~~

[8:1011]

signed note, 1f, pencil

[8:1012]

10 South St Sept 1/95
{this letter has a large X drawn through it}
Dear Frances

 If you are uneasy
about your mother, to
whom my kind regards,
& if she feels unwilling
to part with you,
you might stay till
Friday. I will
telegraph this to you in
the morning.

 God bless you
 yours faithfully
 F. Nightingale

[note}
Please return
to

 Frances E. Magee
 19 Lancaster Road
 Notting Hill
 W. 11

95/12 initialed note, 1f, pencil & pen {archivist: A IX 61}

Claydon March 3/95

 Dear Frances We have another fall of
snow here & severe frost -

[8:1011]

 Lady Verney is ill in bed
I am afraid I shall not come back
till late in the week - I will write -
Pray tell Mrs. Reynolds, Bessie
& Burglar

 God bless you
 yours sincerely
 F.N. Turn over

Please ask Mrs. Reynolds
to make & send a jar of very nice
jelly to

Mrs. Joseph Coleman
Steeple Claydon
Bucks

F.N.

Please tell Mrs. Reynolds,
Mrs. Holmes always
thanks for what is sent her.

95/13 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Private April 17/95
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sir Thomas Crawford

May I come again to
your kindness for the
most valuable help
which none but you can
give?

[10:229]

May I enter at once
into the matter in hand?

I have lately received
from the Govt of India
thro' the I.O. some fresh
& good Sanitary material
in answer to some questions
of mine, referring chiefly
to the Conference at
Belvedere of Engineering
& Sanitary experts with

representative natives of
Bengal - and a Bill
for drainage works in
Bengal &c &c
Also to the result of
inquiries made in the
Punjab as to the connection
between a water-logged
soil & malarial fever
Also as to the organization
of Village Unions
These papers are extremely
interesting - And not the
least interesting are
some by native Vice=
=Chairmen of Municipalities
-one especially on the
scarcity of water in Bengal
which is almost a history

== of native views.

The Govt of India gives
its consent to these papers
being presented to Parliament

And what we are
anxious to obtain is an
Article reviewing these
papers, but not published
till they are presented

There is no one who
would do it with any
thing like the power of
yourself, if you would
be so very good as to
undertake it

Don't say nay. You
are such a good friend

It would be well to
publish it in the XIX
Century or some such
periodical if they will
take it, rather than
in the Medical papers.

Believe me always

yours most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Confidential

I have also received
dated March 8 from
Lord Elgin a Circular (&
List of questions) to the
Govts of India about a
proposed "Village Sanitary
Inspection Book" - But
it will be doubtful whether this
can be included in the Article, as
it does not seem to have reached
the I.O. F.N.

[end 10:229]

95/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil archivist: B XIII 1}

June 11/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I have thought much
of you during your illness
& absence; and I trust
that when you return
from Switzerland, I may
be able to ask for a
visit from your kindness.

May you entirely
recover your strength in
your tour is the earnest
wish of yours faithfully

Florence Nightingale

Pray excuse pencil

to J.G. Wainwright Esq

95/15 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil archivist: P 9}

June 18/95
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Waterloo Day

My dear Miss Easton

(Sister Elizabeth)

[12:465]

You must have thought
I was long in coming - But
I was enquiring 'all along
'the line' for the best books.
You wished for a book on
"Obstetrical Surgery"
because you had so many
operations of that kind
And I have been recommend-
-ed a very good book
on "Abdominal Surgery"
(Greig Smith's) which I

have got.

But on the whole I think
you preferred

Erichsen - & I send you
his very best Edition -
2 Vols: Say if you
like it - & say if there
is a third Vol: coming
or come in the publication

You have my very best
wishes that you should
succeed as one of the
key-stones under the
Matron - as one of the
Great influences over
Staff Nurses, Probationers,

Wardmaids, Patients,
both technically &
morally.

The highest success be
with you

yours hopefully &
cheerily

Florence Nightingale
Excuse pencil

[end]

{archivist: P 9} {in another hand: Miss Nightingale }
Sister Elizabeth
(Miss Easton)
{archivist: 18.6.95}

95/16 {archivist: B IX 4} Claydon

[12:465-66]

(Miss Allardyce)
I have been a long time
making enquiries - but
here I am at last
You wished for a Surgical
Dictionary - Heath is
not only the best but
the only one. So I hope
it will meet your purpose.
You also wished for a
photograph of me - I have
no photograph of myself
& I do not know

where to buy one -
But you have my sympathy
 & highest good wishes,
 for you & your flock -
 Won't that do as well?
To-day is Waterloo Day -
 the splendid endurance
 & sticking to their posts
 - not of veterans all, but
 of boys, many of them.,
 just out of School. Their
 loss was frightful. But
 they saved Europe.

And I too may think of
 Inkermann Day - the
 battle of the common
 soldier - still more
 splendid
 O for that 'esprit de
corps' among our Nurses
- that holding high the
standard - regardless of
anything but duty &
love of the comrade!
 Let us all be Standard
Bearers.
 ever yours in good hope
 Florence Nightingale

[end 12:466]

{archivist: B IX 4}
Sister Clayton
 (Miss Allardyce)

95/17 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil archivist: P 5}

June 19/95
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sister Ophthalmic
(Miss Shuter)

You never performed
your promise of asking
me for a book you
would like. So I send
you Nettleship, but
I dare say you have
it already -

[12:466]

Tell me some book
you would like.

I hope you get
more reconciled to the
darkness -

& am ever your
affectionate friend
F. Nightingale

[end]

{archivist: P 5}
Sister Ophthalmic
(Miss Shuter)
{archivist: 19.6.95}

95/18 signed letter, 2ff, pen archivist: C I 33}

June 20/95

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir Thomas Crawford

I seem to be always
tormenting you; and you
are always so kind to me.

Am I trespassing too much
on your kindness if I ask
you if I may be allowed
to nominate you on the
Council of the "Nightingale
"Fund" for training Hospital
& Infirmary Nurses?

At present & for years
past it has never been
necessary for the Council
to meet more than
once a year to pass
the accounts.

But the number is reduced
to its minimum, five -
and two of the members
are almost incapacitate,
one by absence & one
by illness -

We are hoping to add
two other younger men;
and we feel that
occasion might arise
when your experience
& advice would be
most valuable.

Our faithful & active
Secretary, Mr. Henry

Bonham Carter, would
call upon you if you
happened to be in
London at any time
that you would kindly
appoint, if I might
hope that you would
accede to our prayer.
With many thanks for all
your kindness
pray believe me
ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

95/19 signed note, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 67}

Mr. Solomon 24/8/95
Please send a pound
of *quite ripe* black grapes
& oblige
F. Nightingale
Pay

H1/ST/NC/95/20 signed letter & envelope, 5ff, pencil & pen {postmarked:
LON 96 37} {archivist: N 6}

Private Oct 30/95

[12:690-91]

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Moriarty

I give you joy that
you have an appointment
that you like; and above
all that *you have Miss*
Vincent - as you say -

One would like to
know a little more about
the appointment:

is there to be a Resident
Medical Supt? & if so
who?

does the Matron have
the appointment & dismissal
of the Nurses?

I am so glad that
probably Miss Vincent

can give you some of her
"training".

Thank you for your kind
letter.

It is rather hard upon you
to have to train for the Lying-in
Wards - It is so difficult
for you to get good training in
London Lying-in Hospitals
And 3 months is quite too
short a time - Then
much the most important
part of the matter is to
teach the poor Mothers

the monthly Nursing of
the baby & indeed the
Nursing of it till it is
a year old:

how to *feed* it
how to clothe it
how to wash it

It is said, for instance,
that the health of
infants is actually
degenerating from the
want of knowledge of
the mothers that *milk*
is a *food*.

You have a fine
opportunity at Isleworth

to bring in this kind
of instruction - But it
must be slowly used.

Shall you have a
Midwife over the Wards
for Lying-in Patients at
the new Brantford Infy
- Or will there be a
Medical man?

And what are to be the
Nurses or Nurse?

I have known something
of Midwives among the
poor in London - And
not one of them gave
anything but ~~the most~~
unwise advice to the

{archivist: N 6} -2-
mothers about the feeding
 & none at all about
 the cleanliness -
There is one Lying-in Hospl
 whose training is much better
 than the rest. But
 what the Pupil Midwives
 learn is lost & forgotten
when they set up for
themselves.
What Lying=in Hospital did
 you intend to go to?
 I am afraid that there
is much too much regard
paid now to books
instead of beds in training

 "dipped in ink", as the
 Hindoo expression goes,
we are all to be - the greatest
mistake that can be
made. Beds must
come first; books
afterwards. We had
a Training School for
5½ - years at one of the
great Hospitals once -
We had to give it up,
because infection
spread from the General
Wards - And this of
course requires the
greatest care wherever

the Lying-in Wards are
within the Parochial
Infirmary -
Are yours under the same
roof?
But what I was going
to say is: that we
always gave 6 months'
training & 3 months by
bedsides at home -
& still we would not
call our pupils Midwives
but only *Midwifery Nurses*.

Miss Hampson, who
was one of our Sisters at
St. T's, is now the
Matron of the great

Rotunda (Lying-in) Hospl
at Dublin - & the
training is excellent there.
But they only call their
Midwives *Nurses*
Excuse my writing in pencil
And excuse my many
questions, because I feel
such interest in the matter.
ever yours faithfully

F. Nightingale

There is now among *Doctors*
after their years of student-
=ship a very just outcry
that 3 months Midwifery
is too little F.N.

[end 12:691]

(archivist: N 6 Letter from Florence Nightingale gift of Nurse N.H. Lee)
Miss Moriarty
S. Marylebone Infirmary
Notting Hill
W.
{archivist: 30 Oct 1895}

96/1 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: H 28}

April 2/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

You were so good
as to say that you
wished to see me -
I have not yet been
able to leave my room,
but if you will excuse
this, I should be very
glad if you would
kindly fix any afternoon
at 5 or 5.30 except
Good Friday (tomorrow)

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

J.G. Wainwright Esq

{archivist: H 28}

J.G.. Wainwright Esq

Treasurer's House

St. Thomas' Hospital

2/4/96

96/2 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: H 29}

April 23/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I do not know whether
you expected an answer
from me to your kind note
I shall thankfully keep
"Tuesday 28th about 5 o'clock"
open for you - as you are
so good as to offer -

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

J.G. Wainwright Esq

96/3 {archivist: H 30}

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer's House
St. Thomas' Hospital
25/4/96

96/4 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: H 30}

April 29/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I shall be very much
obliged to you for 12
(instead of 6) more
10/6 Concert Tickets
for Saturday

& beg to enclose a
Cheque for £6.6

I am afraid I kept
you very late yesterday,
but I was so much
interested in your
conversation.

ever sincerely yours
F. Nightingale
J.G. Wainwright Esq

96/5 signed note, 1f, pencil

[8:1013]

May 8/96
Dear Frances

If, as I suppose, the
"real leather" will last
longer than the "leather",
& if the sofa is a
"comfortable" one for
your mother, & good
& strong, you may
order at Harrod's
the one in "real leather"
for "£4.4 - & carriage
paid to "Hunstanton"

"about 3/6" - And I
hope it will be a
comfort to her
yours faithfully
F. Nightingale
Harrod had better
send his Acct to me
F.N.

96/6 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LO 65}
{archivist: A VII 11} roll13b H1/ST/NC2/96/6

June 27/96
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. **[13:855]**
My dear Miss Blower
I should be grieved
indeed not to see you
as you & your Nurses are
passing thro' London on a
welcome errand.
On Friday July 3 I
fear I could not see you
So pray don't separate
from your Nurses for me
If it were possible
for you to come *between*
the visit to Windsor
& the going to the Duke

of Westminster's without
too much fatigue to
you, I would keep
Thursday afternoon open
for you, if I did but
know about the time
But don't hurry yourself

I suppose it will be
quite evening before you
arrive on Wednesday
July 1 at Mrs. Acland's
If you could kindly

answer my poor little
questions even by a
post-card, I should
be able to arrange
my time

I want so much to hear
about your work in
Manchester.

yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

[end 13:856]

(in another hand: From Miss Nightingale}
{archivist: A VIII 11}
Miss Jessie Blower
53 Ardwick Green
Manchester

27/6/96

96/7 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {postmarked: LO 65}
{archivist: A VIII 12}

10, South Street, June 29/96

My dear Miss Blower

It is clear that you
cannot come to me
between the Queen &
the D. of Westminster

My Wednesday
afternoon is already
taken up -

And I think we ~~will~~/would
say "Thursday morning
between 10 and 11", as you
kindly propose

But that would be
to half kill you.

Therefore

I will see you, please,
on Friday morning in good
time say 10 15 after
all, if that will enable
you to go by the 12.10
train, as you propose.

Could you kindly tell
me the unmarried name of the lady
which I have stupidly
forgotten, who preceded
you, I think, in your

present post, & who
married a clergyman?

If you could kindly

telegraph it to me, I
would gladly re-imburse
the telegram

Hoping to see you so
as to hear about your
work

ever yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

(in another hand: From Miss Nightingale}
{archivist: A VIII 12}

Miss Jessie Blower
51 & 53 Ardwick Green
Manchester

29/6/96

96/8 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

[12:481]

{archivist: C VI 2}
London July 25/96

Dear Miss Harrison

I regret infinitely
that we are quite
decided for their own
sakes not to admit
Probationers at St. Thomas'
Training School for Nurses
under the age of 24.
When the time comes,
it might be possible
to make the other
arrangements you desire

At St. Marylebone
Infirmary the Matron

(who is one of ours)
admits them at 22,
but, she tells me, that
is too young - I strongly
advise you to go on
with the Nursing of
children for the
present & wish
you every success in
persevering for the
future. You are not losing
time F. Nightingale

There must be some
mistake - It is not
possible that I could
have engaged in
"dispensing the medicines
"at Scutari".

[end]

F.N.

96/10 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: P 6} [Carpenter]

July 27/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Christian

I am sorry to be so
troublesome - But I find
it impossible to keep to what
my wish & not my power
dictated - viz. to keep
several afternoons open
this week ~~open~~ till the
Bishop of Ripon could
make the appointment
with me which he was
kind enough to desire -
We are so crowded during
the fag end of a Session
Also: I could not see more

than one person at a time
It is years since I have
been able to do so -
The fact is: I was in
hopes the Bishop of Ripon
meant to give me some
advice -
I still hope he will be
able to make an
appointment to see me -
but I am afraid my
Tuesday (tomorrow) is gone
already.

It is only by scrupulously
ignoring all "interviews"
except those on business
that I keep ~~any~~ time for
work at all -
[I have had as many as
17 applications by one
mail from America]
I am sorry to be so
troublesome
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

96/10 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F 25}
roll3b H1/ST/NC2/96/10

Aug 8/96

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Helen Taylor

[12:481-82]

Thank you for your
note about poor little
Rosie. I dare say the
Samaritan Socy provides
clothes, & I suppose
the Charity Organizn
does. But still as
she has a poor little
body of her own, tho'
one legged, I think
she must have clothes
of her own, must not
she? Could you be so

very kind as to provide
them with what I
enclose? I am so
driven for time, tho'
not I dare say more
than you are - You
can find full employment
for £1 with the
Children - I don't
think they are poor
in St. Thomas' where
they hear more Good
Words than anywhere
else - But they
certainly are very poor

when they come out

God bless them -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

[end 12:482]

96/11 initialed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F 26}

Aug 19/96
10, South Street, {printed address:} **[12:482]**
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Helen Taylor

Thank you for your note
about your Rosie-O! The
ecstatic joy of a "pail" &
"spade" by the sea-side!
But she must be active
on her crutches to use a
"spade".

I am still gladder to
know that she returns to
St. T's who has been
a father to her, tho' she
has lost a leg -

yours sincerely
F.N.

{archivist: F 25} *with the food*

Sister Elizabeth
(Miss Helen Taylor)
Elizabeth Ward

[end]

96/12 initialed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil {archivist: B IX 5}

with a book
Sister Florence
Florence Ward
St. Thomas'

21/11/96

{archivist: B IX 5}

Private Nov 21/96
 10, South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Allardice

[12:491]

I send you "The
Old Missionary": Sir W.
Hunter is a man who
has spent many years -
of his life in India
& knows what he is
writing about. It is a
lovely story, I think.
I have not forgotten the
 books for your men.
Yesterday you kindly

mentioned to me the
things you taught your
Probationers which
you considered *ground*
work: such as Diets
 Lotions
 &c

Would you kindly put
 down for me in the
 briefest manner
the things you do consider
 our ground work -
Medicine & its "component

"parts" are, as you said,
 not our business
 yours sincerely
 F.N.

[end]

97/1 signed letter with printed pamphlet, 3ff & pamphlet, pencil

Private {in another hand: Miss Nightingale} Jan 17/97
{printed address:} 10, South Street,
Park Lane. W.

Dear Mr. Rathbone

I did not receive your
kind letter, about the "Zenana
"Bible & Medical Mission",
(Famine Appeal), dated Jan 13
till the last post last night
Jan 16.

Lord Kinnaird must
have circulated his appeal
before Ld G. Hamilton
yielded & sanctioned the
Lord Mayor's appeal -
There can be no doubt
that the Lord Mayor's Fund
is the best channel.
Besides, there is a serious
objection to the Zenana Mission

About the urgency of the
Famine there are not now,
I suppose, two opinions -
It is a symptom of the
increasing & excessive poverty
of the Ryot that he cannot
stave over one bad ~~famine~~/harvest
without, alas! probably hundreds
of thousands of Deaths from
Starvation.
It is pitiable that we who
are so zealously trying to
do the ryots good, & are so
proud of our law, peace &
protection, cannot understand
the Ryots - Our boasted Civil Courts

[10:873]

even do him harm by interfering
between him & the money-lender
[You probably understand all
this better than any one.]
Rice won't bury - But the
Ryot used to have immense
stores of *Millet* underground
which tided him over a
bad harvest. Now all this
drifts away to the best
market in the money-lender's
hands, which grab it by
virtue of the Civil Courts'
finding -

We hope to get a Select
Committee this Session to
discuss the Indian Budget,
& to show how heavily

our great army weighs
upon the native -

That is all very well;
but Lord Ripon's policy
was worth 30,000 men to
us - No enemy could ever
get in if the great Agricultural
population were contented
We have to consider this.
& also the Civil Courts -
& the Famine as only a symptom
- the disease being the
Ryots' poverty -

[end 10:873]

I have to thank you, oh so
gratefully, for the beautiful
flowering plants which
come every week & delight
my life - tho' I feel as

{archivist: E 35}

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10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

if I were always
preying upon you -
You kindly ask after me
I am almost a prisoner
to my bed & entirely to
my room - But I am
able, thanks to my Heavenly
Father, to do a good bit
of work yet - And I
hope to get down-stairs
in the spring

God bless you
ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

I take the liberty of enclosing
your Envelope

{archivist: E 35}

To Mr. Rathbone

F.N.

{pamphlet: How People May Live and not Die in India by Florence
Nightingale}

97/2 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LONDON SW

April 20/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Very dear Sister Frances

How good of you to
write to me. I wish you
every the highest Easter
blessing, & every success
in your new house & Hospital.
I shall think of you on
your day of Consecration.

How much happiness &
even joy you will give -

We are in the same
heavy pressure of business
(which I am thankful to

have) & ill health - And
you are in the same pressure -
But I trust your health
is not worse.

Could you tell me without
much trouble

[8:406]

-What was the curriculum
of the *6 months* of the
Probationers for Midwifery
Nursing in the Ward under
our dear, dear friend

-what *practical teaching* they
had

-what *theoretical* -

-what practice among lying

in women *at home*?
& under what Midwife?
The Midwife in the Midwifery
Ward delivered all cases,
normal & abnormal, I
believe.
-was Sir W. Priestly called
in at all?
It would be very kind of
you & valuable for me
if you could give me this
information - But don't
weary your dear self
about it.

May I send you this
poor little Cheque for
your Hospital -
would it were more!
God bless you, & He *will*
bless you - and I know
you say God bless you
to me - How much does
that blessing mean!
ever yours, dear friend
F. Nightingale

[end 8:406]

{archivist: L 15}
To the
Mother Superior
(Sister Frances)
S. Mary's Convent
39 Kensington Square
20/4/97 W.

97/3a unsigned letter, 3ff, pencil

Private Rural Nurses May 13/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

Thanks for your note -

[13:895]

I am very glad you are
going to discuss "Regulations
"for Rural Nurses" And

{there is a wavy line drawn through the rest of the paragraph}
I shall be VERY glad, as
you kindly propose, to see
you on *Sunday afternoon*.

I had perhaps better say
now, anent the "Queen's Jubilee
"Institute", that Mr. Rathbone
wrote me a long (typed) letter
some time ago, saying that he
had heard I was going to see
Mr. S. Holland, & urging me
to urge him to send the

Jubilee's "well trained" Nurses
"all over England" "as fast as
possible" - that *that* was the
main thing -

Mr. S. Holland came the same
afternoon - & you know what
he said to me viz. that they had
£50000, & that there was no
longer any stratum worth having
to tap - that they had come
to the end of the best strata -
& that they had no longer the
"well-trained" Nurses &c &c -

I therefore did not mention
Mr. Rathbone's letter to him or
even to you - nor did I
acknowledge it. {line ends here}

Now for the *rural Nurses* -
From many sources I had heard
of the annexation of the Rural

Nurses by the Jubilee Inste
 -of the appointment of the three
 Inspectresses under Miss Peter -
 - of the Jubilee's two "Standards" -
 - of the so-called "standard"
trained at Plaistow for 6 months
 for Rural Nurses &c &c &c
 I am not indeed trying to

inform you - probably you will
 say I am trying to misinform you
 Nor do I understand the subject
 of the 'two Standards' -

All I want to say is: that
it is by the testimony of
knowledg-able people & Doctors
a subject of national importance
 the FEEDING, ESPECIALLY the FEEDING,
clothing & cleanliness of children,
especially under 2 years of age,
that indigestion under that age
 is rarely or never cured - through

life &c I understand
 that the Plaistow Nurses
 do visit the mother twice a
 day for a week after delivery
 & once a day for another week
What I plead for is that
it may be an express purpose
of these Rural Nurses if they
do the delivery &c to see
 the BACK BABIES - THE

PENULTIMATE or even older
babies - The mothers are
 always delighted to show
them if they are in good
condition & make an excuse
 for them (they have a "cold"
 or something) *if they are not*
in good condition - {the last six lines have a vertical line beside them
 in the margin}

97/3b initialed note, 1f, pencil

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Please consider all
this "Confidential" 1, 2.
Indeed, please return
it to me.

F.N.

1/7/97 {in another hand} See within 3 July/97}

{3 ff follow signed by H. Bonham Carter}

97/4 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: G 4}

June 11/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Christie

How good of you to
write to me about Nurse
Cooper - I send to enquire -
with a nose gay, if you
think well to give her a
few flowers - I have not the
least idea how she is
nourished - & our cook is
not a good one: But if
you would tell me anything
that she may have & would like, I would
do my best to get it for her
ever yours sincerely F. Nightingale

{archivist: G 4}

To enquire after Nurse Cooper
with a nosegay

Miss Christie
St. Thomas'

11/6/97

97/5 signed letter & envelope, 3ff, pencil {archivist: G 5}

June 11/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Miss Christie

Could you come & see
me tomorrow (Saturday)
at 3:30 [I have an
unexpected clear time] or
if you are too busy in
Matron's absence, could
Miss Haig Brown? But
I am afraid you are both
of you too busy.

Could Miss Walker
or Miss Boyd Carpenter
(Sister Christian)

But don't disturb yourself.

Any one/Sister whom you
like to see me would
be welcome & would
bring me news of Nurse
Cooper -

I am afraid of being
very inconvenient to you
at such short notice.

yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{archivist: G 5}

Miss Christie

Matron's Office

St. Thomas' Hospital

Westminster Bridge

11/6/97

S.E.

97/6 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: F 40}

June 11/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
Dearest Miss Masson
I am so glad you
have Homerton - God
speed you - & give you
much good to do
& so sorry not to
be able to see you
now - I am so driven
but ever yours
F. Nightingale

97/7 unsigned notes, 32ff, pencil {archivist: A III 8}
[ca. May-July 1897?] **[12:699-704]**

I
Remarks of an Expert of standing
on Poor Law questions
I.f. Undesirableness of Medical
Inspectors -
He says that these *must* inspect
& report upon the *treatment* as
well as the food, ventilation,
cleanliness (& I suppose F.N. Nursing.)
that they ought to be men
of higher standing & higher
salaries than the Medical *Officers* inspected
- some ~~of~~ at least of whom are
excellent & very well paid
that there would be heart-
-burnings & uprisings either on
one side or the other
either the Medical Officers
would, & justly, rebel against
the Inspector put over them
& over

& their experience, who
might be a clever modern
person/Doctor with all the modern
fads - & in that case
you would not get the high
class Medical *Officers* who,
some of them at least, are
really high class men - to
~~Or~~/peacefully serve under his reporting
Or you must be at an
ENORMOUS expence to secure
a Medical Inspector of standing who
would really be an authority
~~over~~/among the Medical Officers
& might legitimately report
about them -
2. Besides (he said) Doctors

are hardly ever men of
business - they have not
habits of business - they are
not punctual, nor orderly
- nor over cleanly -

Private

F.N. was not sufficiently
'au fait' to know that *Medl*
Inspectors would have to
inspect the *treatment* - which
seems to her impossible -
They would have of course to
inspect the Sanitary
condition, food, ventilation,
cleanliness, cooking - state
of Patients as to cheerfulness,
good condition, decency, &c

Private

For the rest, she entirely
 agrees with the estimate
 of the "Expert", No. 2, after
 more than 40 years' exp
 =rience

3. The "Expert" said, that it
 was a subject bristling with
 difficulties, - that it was
 quite unfair to make the
 pauper more comfortable
 than the poor hard-working
 man who has to pay the
 rates - & it was ~~also~~
 discouraging him from
 saving, & frugality, if he
 {printed address, upside down:}
 10, South Street, could get more
 Park Lane. W. comforts in his
 old age without it

{archivist: 10}

II

II "Expert"-

Old people, infirm people
 in Workhouses are much
 better than we are, & are
 more agreeable, especially
 the old women, to talk to -
 They always remember a kind
 word or a flower I have
 given them out of my
 button-hole - they have it
 pressed in a book against I
 return - They like flowers -
 I send the Matron plants,
 & tell her to plant them
 out in the garden, & let
 each Ward have a flower
 in a glass.

The old women are much
 superior to what we are -
 always ready to go halves
 with each other in a screw
 of tobacco or tea - so kind
 to one another.

The young trained Nurses with

"fringes" are not half so agreeable to or so kind to the poor old Patients as the pauper Nurses often are - The old women like to be served by fellow paupers "they're of our sort, as one of the old women said to me. And the pauper Nurses are very kind, keeping the old ~~things~~/souls dry, guarding them

from bed sores, while the young "fringes" are often hard, almost always imperious & set-up, & not putting their hand to the plough.

{on a separate scrap of paper: 2nd page, 3rd letter}

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III

III *Workhouse Schools*

We have too much book-learning

teach them to be cook-maids, nurse maids, house maids - so I can get them all places - & do.

teach them to read their Bibles

but get them animals, cocks & hens, rabbits & dogs.

And let them learn from the animals - we can learn much more from animals than animals do from us - obedience from the dog - but if one cock leads out the rest, they all follow him & if one hen leads them ~~rest~~

back, they all follow her -
teach them kindness to
animals = ~~they~~/animals are so much
better than we

[I remember seeing a row of
Nightingales sitting on the
bar of the fender all
warming themselves - they
had all been taken from
the nest - at night they
went to bed i.e. they were
put into their cages]
I don't hold to so much
grammar & book learning
for Workhouse children.

F.N. entirely agrees: *We* see
so much of it - that is in
those great Workho: Schools,
where the great cooking
range for some hundreds
leaves no room to teach
any single one cooking -
nothing but the commonest
place will take these poor
girls when they come out,
& generally they *can't keep* it
And they come back with
lost characters to the Workho:
or to the Workh: Infirmary,
where they are the most
perfectly helpless beings you
can conceive - they can do
nothing - not even answer
when they are spoken to -
A kind Matron wd often

find them little places -
or take a couple into her
own house to teach - but
they can do *nothing*]
"Expert" said the Workhouse
Schools in Birmingham were
very bad - they did not
even teach the boys *how*
to eat: 7 would eat out of
one plate or 5 drink out of
one cup - But that, he said,
was years ago - [It was F.N.
who asked him the question
because she flatters herself
the big Workho: Infy at
Birmingham is now very
{printed address, upside down:}
10, South Street, good But he did
Park Lane. W. not know this Infy
He had never inspected it

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IV

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IV How to manage the
Guardians

"Expert" -

You don't know how to
manage the Guardians,
Never abuse them - Above
all, you must not make
speeches against them -
What I do is
I call upon one Guardian
- I ~~drink~~ ~~he~~ call upon
another's ~~wife~~/who's not at home & drink
tea with her/his wife - *This* is the
most efficacious method -
I almost always find afterwards that
She has spoken to her

husband - & henceforth
there is no difficulty
with *him* -

But *you* don't know
the right way to set
about it.

I see in my mind's eye
Ly Monteagle sitting at tea
with a Guardian's wife:
And if my gentleman
accomplished so much
with the Guardians by this

means, what will Lady M
accomplish?

I see the "Assistants"
(most difficult of all)
coming for Miss Pringle.

II -4-

One may say here at once Probationers
need first-rate trainers, both in skill
and in character M. Where are the Probationers
to come from?

F.N. The nuns must be at the head of
all - But will they ever admit lay
Probationers or lay Nurses into their *building*?

F.N.? Hierarchy This is important
nuns M. No: not into their
lay Staff Nurses R.C. *building*: but into the
lay Probationers R.C. Hospital (see IV)
~~Probationers~~ Ward Maids {paupers} {archivist: 14}

{archivist: 15}
 If all nuns could be trained,
 people would take the
 Nurses *they* train - not otherwise
 X Do the Bishops know
 anything about the Nuns
 at Paris when they put
 all these restrictions upon
 nuns about not nursing
 men - not sitting up at
 night -
 X but people won't take
 Nurses trained by untrained
 Nuns, so that these Nurses
 could gain a livelihood?
 School of Nurses under trained
 nuns like their lay School.

Nursing in Poor Law Hospitals
 Miss Pringle contradicts some
 her experience limited Limerick
 even there her good Bishop will not
 hear of *lay* Probrs *at present*
 Nor of *nuns* making *night* rounds
 pamphlet seem to think Probs will grow
 up all at once
 (also that Probs don't want first-rate
 trainers both in skill & character)

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provided the Irish L.G.B. will forbid
 all pauper Nurses *at once*. p.19
 That will leave them stranded - And
 Miss P. says some of the *pauper* Nursing
 is actually good (bed sores)
 1 Does the writer speak for all Ireland -
 or for the South? or for the North?
 2 Mr. Balfour's Bill 4 Lady Pembroke
 3 Dublin Hospitals so small & so numerous

p7

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p. 7

operations require the best "trained" Nurses

Night Nurses ditto

not ~~ha~~ raw Probrs

Operation Theatre - one Sister & one Probr

p. 8

II -5-

There are no "recognized City Training Hospls"
in ~~London~~/Dublin

p. 16 Impossible for Probationers to do the

4.15 "night duty" "in turn" - {archivist: 17}

How long is the "turn" to be - not less
than 2 months

Operations ditto - must be attended
by a trained Nurse (3 years' training)
with a Probationers if you please

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Difficulty about nuns is that they are

directly amenable to their Bishop

Night duty the most responsible

so Operation duty

Night duty must have regular hours of
sleeping by day

Pamphlet

Nursing in Poor Law Hospitals Dr. Smyth
Monteagles [*Irish Workhouse Reform Association*]

The pamphlet is exceedingly instructive &
suggestive - but one needs to ask

some questions about it p.16 p. 19

It seems to think that, if the employment
of *Paupers* in Nursing be forbidden by the
L.G.B., Probationers will grow up all at
once, fit to employ on night duty (the {archivist: 18}
most responsible of all) "in turn" - & at

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M. there are no operations p. 7
 "operations" - which require the best trained
 Nurses & the most aseptic (what he
 calls "scientifically clean" -)

One thoroughly trained Nurse & one
 Probationer may be employed at an Operation
 p. 8 see M -

It is indeed the indispensable aim & end
 to get rid of pauper Nurses - But can
 this be done by a L.G.B. Order - or
 otherwise than by introducing 3 years'

[Where are the Probationers to come from?]
 =trained Nurses - when ready - p. 16

{the following paragraphs have a diagonal line drawn through them}

I conclude that he means R.C. lay
 Probationers & R.C. trained Nurses - M. Yes

It is always to be considered that
 Nuns' Hospitals are, more or less, under
 their spiritual superiors - You must
 work your reforms under the nuns; not
 in spite of them {line ends here}

Miss Pringle contradicts some of Dr.
 Smyth's statements - But her experience

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is limited

Does Dr. Smyth speak
 for Ireland generally? ~~Or~~/No for the South?
~~or for the North?~~

He speaks for the South & for Naes (Midland County)
 Even *her* good Bishop will not hear of

lay Probrs at present M. He has changed his
 mind & now thinks
 that it may be done

Nor of *nuns* making *night* rounds
 That will come

And Miss P. thinks some of the *pauper*
 Nursing actually good - see no bed-sores
 & straw mattrasses
 changed (& burnt) every
 fortnight [end]

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M

1 qu F.N. Lady Pembroke's 12 Probrs Only 5
 Probationers not to be found
 2 qu Mr. Balfour's Bill M. won't pass
 before Easter - Monteagle wants to alter some part - see
 3 Dublin Hospls - so numerous &
 so small p. 7
 4. qu Hospl mentioned by him
 qy St. Vincent - Miss Cameron
 the only one which the R.C. authorities will p. 8
 admit training from -
 What "recognized City Training Hospitals"
 are there in Dublin? only St. Vincent &
 Mater Misericordiae
 X How long is the "turn" to be? *not less than*
F.N. 2 months

p. 16 Summary

- 1 Nursing by Paupers - No
2. one trained Nurse for day duty. Certainly
3. Probrs) instead of paupers
 & Wardmaids) [F.N.]
- 4 Night duty "in turn" (see above X
- 5- Fever Nurse in Fever Hospl Certainly
- 6- "Fever Probr" (certainly not "at night
 night in Fever most dangerous
 time

Also: Never exchange between Fever Hospl & Infy

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7 Night duty must not be done
 as it were promiscuously, without organization
 8 ? pauper wardmaids
 9 Inspection Medical Yes
 10 Lady Inspectors - "thoroughly trained"
where to be found?
 Miss Pringle very averse to the "British
 "Medl Journal"

III

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F.N. Difficulty about nuns is that they are
 directly amenable to their Bishop
~~Night~~ F.N. 3 elements should be
 ? ? 1. lay L.G.B.
 2. female under one female head
 qu Revd Mother
 3. Medical {archivist: 13}

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F.N. Night duty the most responsible
~~so-op~~ must have regular hours of
 sleep by day

F.N. Operation duty responsible X
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Men nurses ought to be trained

F.N. just as much or even more
 than Women Nurses

& *never to sleep in* the Wards

X F.N. understands from Lady Monteagle
 that all "operations" of any consequence
 are sent to Dublin - & that
 nothing worse than a fractured bone
 is ever treated in a Workho: Infirmary

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F.N.

have you Industrial Schools? M. Yes
 trades taught - but difficult to dispose of the boys afterwards

Dr. Richards - Priest (Oblate)

- they

often

of St. Charles' College
 Notting Hill

return to the

plough -

girls don't - do well

Lord Monteagle I won't have Workhouse
 Schools without the nuns

IV

Lady Monteagle - Dr. Smyth is a
 R.C.

F.N. What a good thing -

Lady M. his pamphlet - "Nursing in Poor

"Law Hospitals" has been submitted

to the Bishops, including the Archbishop

of Dublin (a restive personage) &, {archivist: 19}

wonderful to say, approved - There

will be no difficulty in that quarter.

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Lady Monteagle - Miss Pringle's health was almost ruined, because she had to sleep more than a mile from her work - The nuns, though they loved her dearly, would not or could not admit her into their *building*. And she was some times called up at night, there being no one else but paupers. But she would never complain.

Now she is at Ruthkeel (*our* Parish Workho: Hospl) where there is unhappily an outbreak of Typhoid, tho' it is but a small Hospl.

But there are too few nuns, even at Limerick - 300 beds - 6 nuns And they will never sanction more nuns, nor lay Nurses -

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Lord Monteagle made the very same remarks that I did on the preceding questions, which gave me some confidence

He has now an *Executive Sub-Committee on Nursing*, sitting at Dublin. - ballotted for from his ~~W~~ Irish Workho: Association - And it is a splendidly representative Commee, consisting of Guardians & Priests!! Doctors!! some ladies &c

V -13-

Lord Monteagle does not wish to commit himself to some propositions in Dr. Smyth's pamphlet, which will be brought forward - The Executive Sub- Committee will not report till after Easter - He wishes to be prepared Dr. Smyth's pamphlet very important

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if only from its recognition by all
the Bishops -

But you can see p - 9 marked } & passim
passage }

that he has no idea of the organization
of lay Nursing
that he thinks "Probationers" as plentiful
as blackberries - to be picked up
everywhere - whereas Lord Monteagle
says - where are they to be found ?
Even Lady Pembroke has only been able
to get 5 out of her promised 12.

F.N.

[It is just the same as when we began.

We found the M.D.s here & all over the Continent
knew nothing about Nurses]
About Gerald Balfour's Bill - to sort
or as he calls it "dissolve" the Workhouses

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into for children

Infirmaries

Lunatic Asylums

&C &C

it ~~was~~/has been read once
& second reading will be when House
meets after Easter

II -5-

You do not denounce the
weeds in a field, but
you cultivate it.
Nothing can be done
without

1. the *trained nuns*
2. accommodation & maintenance
for lay R.C. Probationers
or Assistants
3. lay Probationers who afterwards
will be accepted by the
Public as Nurses & be able

P.T.O.

Ly Pembroke 10 lay Probrs
Miss Pringle R.C. or Ch of Eng.
going to send her one more

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to earn their own livelihood
Otherwise there will be
no inducement for them
to come {there is a line drawn through this paragraph}

Qy - Were there respectively
at the North & South of Dublin
a Workhouse Infirmary for
R.C. Patients with nuns/R.C. Sisters at the
head & another for other Patients
with Anglican Sisters at the
head? Or was there one
Anglican Supt over both,
with nuns (R.C. Sisters) under
her over one?
What does Lord Monteagle
expect from Mr. Balfour's
statement? 21/5/97

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Amelioration of material
conditions - Miss Pringle
Ly Pembroke puts Decent
Apartments &c as a
sine qua non

But is there any chance
of the Guardians affording
them?

Nothing is said by Lady
Pembroke as to who is to
pay the "salary not less
"than £20 a year"

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It is an immense step
that Ly Pembroke has
already 10 Probrs & will
have 11 training already
(at her own expence)
But will the Guardians
pay their salaries - &
provide "Decent Apartments
&c see p. 2
Note - It may not be amiss to
say here that in the first
beginning of reforming English
Hospl Nursing, the first necessity
was found to be proper accommod
-ation, - proper meals, proper supervision, so that

Dr. Smyth's {archivist: 23}
Slip 1 not only "needs the
"supplement of trained Assistants"
but "needs *trained nuns* -
Slip 2 last sentence of all
but where are the training
Schools? an Association
does not make Training Schools
you can't put trained Nurses
under *untrained* nuns
are the nuns trained as at
Paris?
Are Nurses as plentiful as
blackberries? to take
the place of the paupers
have you only to write a note & get one?

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Nearly the whole paper is
taken up with the evils
of pauper Nursing which
are but too apparent-

But you do not/never do away
with an evil by denouncing
it - or by Regulations
against it

If

1. you have trained *nuns*
2. accommodation &
arrangements for trained~~ed~~
lay Probationers
3. if these can gain their
livelihood afterwards as

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as trained Nurses - But
the Public certainly
will not accept them
if they have not been
under *trained nuns*.
Certainly no one not a
Patient to live or *sleep*
in the Wards

Slip 2
 Nursing Duties
 must not include for the Nurse
 - washing bandages
 - water beds
 - vessels
 - dusting
 - cleaning bedstead
 What assistance is the trained
 Nurse to have for these most
 important duties, whether
 Probr, Wardmaid, or one
 for whom Nurse is responsible
 You cannot do away with
 pauper Nursing by a Regn
 You must *substitute* others
 where are they?
 But where are the trained
 substitutes? As well say you {the preceding 6 lines have 2 lines
 drawn
 through them}
 {in the right margin}
 won't have a labourer but only a
 gardener in your garden & take no measure to provide a gardener
[end 12:704]
 {archivist: 24} roll 3b undated [c1897] seems FN contemplated diverting
 money from Fund from St T and Marylebone to midwifery training:
 97/7

write to Hy B C -
 to assist the Metropolitan
 Nursing Assn in
 maintaining its School for
 Hospital trained Nurses
 2 having regard to the present
 means afforded for training
 Nurses in Hospls the
 amount of pecuniary support
 hitherto given to St. Thomas'
 & to St. Marylebone Infy
 may be gradually
 diminished & that possibly

[12:139]

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in the future training of
Midwives may be regarded
as a desirable object
for the Fund
Miss Gordon
proper answer to an
address

[end 12:139]

{archivist: 25}

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Is not this printed sheet
just all that has *not* been
done & is *not* doing?

== As for "Miss Beresford" -
will she be a help or a
hindrance? Is she practical?

== *Private*

Lady M. was here on
Tuesday leaving for Ireland
the next day for the rest
of the year - as usual most
interesting - She knows so
much behind the rose -
read me a good many
letters, one from the R.C.

[12:704]

Hierarchy on the details
of Nursing [Shall we have
a conference of the Archbp
of Canterbury & Bp of London
&c on the same?]
one from the Bp of Waterford
asking for a "certified!!
"trained Nurse" from us !!
I think Ly M. was convinced
that such a person could
do nothing - And it
dropped
one applying for a 2nd Miss
Pringle!! where is she?

Private

Lady Pembroke on one side
Dr. Smyth on the other
But Lady P. has none of
the 'nous' of her sister, Lady
Lothian
[will the nuns accept the
"Pembroke" Nurses"?]
You see *their* (R.C.) Bps &
Archbps issue their edicts
& believe them obeyed -
they are to settle the Battle
of the Nurses.
Every thing turns on
training the nuns.

Your papers & comments
have been of the most
immense use to Lady M
They have not been wasted
Miss Pringle says
Lady P.'s Probrs keep changing
You remember Mr. Peel who
says the W. Infy Patients
like the pauper Nurses
so much better than our
trained "fringes" who will do
nothing - [I think 7 - so
unfortunate.]

[end 12:704]

Workho: Infy Nursing Assoc

PRIVATE July 1/97 97/8

{printed address:} 10, South Street, [12:705]
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

I would much rather have asked you first as to the value of my convictions which are all against the present proposal. But I shall probably yield to you as usual if you argue differently I. The state of things implied in the printed paper (which I return) is not, has never been & is not likely to be -

[And I heard on Tuesday that Ministers are withdrawing their present Bills in favour of Ireland, & are hoping to

Private

give a sop to Cerberus in the shape of County Councils & the like -]

Printed Paper

2 & 3 But it is the R.C. Probrs we want - to serve if possible under trained nuns. Committee - Miss Dunn & Miss Wilson certainly know their business - But who else?

[Dr. Smyth is rampant. And Ld M. says he cannot cope with him]

The training of the Nuns is the one thing needful - Miss Pringle has been applied for in several quarters - & specially by the Bp of Waterford [Confidential]

who has written to Lady M.

Miss P. has laid the difficulties
of the Limerick case in writing before the
Bp of L. And I am to hear
the result.

To resume: Printed Paper
Are not 9 & 7 virtual
contradictions? "defining duties"

11 Salary!? . I think Ld M.
must have shown me the paper
- for he quite laughed at this
"Why, he said, £20 can't be
had for Miss Pringle's (desired)
Assistant" He took away the paper

12. "Decent Apartments" - but
these are just the things which
cannot be had for love or money

"structural alterations"
And the Bill is given up.
It seems to me that this
forking out a year's
training from England
for one is like the cuckoo's
one egg dropped into the
hedge sparrow's nest &
turning out the young sparrows
Either our year's trainee
will turn all the young
sparrows out of the nest
Or she will be a useless
& hopeless element of
unmusical discord.

[end 12:705]

97/9 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen {postmarked: LONDON
12.15 JY ? 97} {archivist: H 31}

July 16/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Sir

I have not forgotten
that you were good
enough to say that
you would come &
see me any afternoon
after the Jubilee was
"well over" - [I hope the
Jubilee is well over.]
Would you kindly
appoint any afternoon
at 5.30, if that hour
is convenient to you,

after Sunday next,
provided I knew soon,
& could keep it open, -
- or give me the choice
of two afternoons -

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

J.G. Wainwright Esq

{archivist: H 31}

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer's House
St. Thomas' Hospital
Albert Embankment

16/7/97

S.E.

97/10 unsigned notes, 3ff, pencil []

This comes from taking evidence
from a Chaplain of an Almshouse

{archivist: 146} Mrs. Hely (Anne Ayre Hely [14:1044-45]
did not come out in
 "August 1854" to the
 "Crimea"

The British Army did not
 come till *September* 1854
No Nurses were sent out till
 November 1854 (sent out in Oct)
 & we were the first -
There was no "frost-bite" in
 August
All the pressure was over
 in August 1855.
The excellent Dr. Parkes
 was sent out in August
 1855 with a large body
 of Nurses, (notwithstanding

Private remonstrances from
 of course the Crimea that there
 would be no Patients
to send him) to Smyrna
And the answer was that
Govt wished to have a
post at Smyrna -

 Dr. Parkes applied to be
under me, probably because
he foresaw the difficulties
& wished to be under the
"Old Original 'Cow & Snuffers'".

 But I reluctantly
declined - Smyrna was
too far - & I had already
2 Hospitals at Scutari
(one of 4000, the other of 2/1000
beds)

& 3 (afterwards 5) in the
Crimea - Besides, before,
we had no *stores*, no *nothing*
to spare - Now we had no
Patients to spare - The
large Hospital at Scutari was
like a Convalescent Hospl

[A 'scratch' crew of
Patients was made up for
Dr. Parkes by direct orders
from home]

I do not remember that
Dr. P. had a Hospital on
the "Dardanelles" - But as
I said my information as
to what he did was not
official but only friendly.

I remember the name
Renkioi.]

Mrs. Hely was a
perfectly respectable
woman: the widow of a
village apothecary.

She was recommended
to me by Dr. Parkes, *not*
"on my return from the
"Crimean War - [I did without
any maid of my own for some
years, I think] but afterwards
She had no capacity for
either Maid or Nurse, but
then no Nurse was a Nurse
And she was *quite* respectable

[end 14:1045]

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My cat is quite respectable -
he neither ~~m~~ is untidy nor
disobedient - & tho' the hero
of a hundred fights, is not
a brawler. He is quite
respectable - but you don't
give him the Red Cross, tho'
he once saved the house
from thieves.

97/11 envelope, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 68}

ask if Mr. Nettleship is
returned & if not when he
will return

Mr. Nettleship
5 Wimpole St.
F. Nightingale
26/8/97

roll3b H1/ST/NC2/**97/12** signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil & pen
{postmarked: LONDON ?? SP 8 ??} {archivist: P 1}

Sept 8/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.9 [12:501]
Dear Sister Charity
[beautiful name!]
I stupidly forgot to ask you
whether there is any book
you would like, either for
yourself, or to help you with
your Probationers, or for your
Ward.
But don't let the
Probationers speak in Latin
when they might speak
in English -
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale [end]

{archivist: P/1}
Sister Charity
(Miss Loyd Still)
Charity Ward
St. Thomas' Hospital
S.E.
8/9/97 {in another hand: offering her a book}

97/13 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 1}

Sept 8/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

[12:501]

I send you
12 fresh eggs from the
country to make custard
for your 'operations' who
are so good & so patient
- only they won't eat -
& some jelly & potted meat
which we make ourselves;
just to see if they will
take it -

And I will get your book.

God bless you

I am sure you keep your
Ward cheery - It is a Ward
with great suffering & great
opportunities F. Nightingale

[end]

97/14 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 2}

11/9/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

Could you tell me
whether your Patients were
able to like what was
sent on Wednesday

yrs sincerely
F. Nightingale

97/15 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 3}

Sept 17/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W. **[12:502]**

Sister Adelaide

You shall have your
Hart & Barbour's a new Edition
Gynaecology too
is coming out

because you will make
such good use of it.

In training Probationers
however, I say to you
what I say to all of us
& what a celebrated
Doctor said to me: 'She
'knows as many words as
'I do; but she does not
'know how to make a
'Patient comfortable' F.N.

[end]

97/16 initialed letter & envelope, 2f, pencil {archivist: O 4}

18/9/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Soup

Dear Sister Adelaide

[12:501]

I send you some soup
for your poor case that
wants nourishment
every 3 hours -

Is there anything
else I could send?

God speed you

ever yours

F.N.

[end]

{archivist: O 4} *with soup*
Sister Adelaide
Adelaide Ward
St. Thomas'

18/9/97

97/17 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 5}

Oct 1/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

Thanks for your letter - **[12:502]**
I am sorry that your poor
Patient has had to be
moved. But I send you
her soup all the same
& a yellow pear
& 4/6 fresh eggs from
the country which I
think always come handy,
with your bad cases **[end]**
yours sincerely
F.N.

97/18 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: O 6}

Oct 3/97
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

I send you a little **[12:503]**
soup for a poor sick
case. You have such a
heavy Ward -
How is the poor Puerperal
Pyæmia whom you had
to have moved? **[end]**
Yours sincerely
F.N.

97/19 initialed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: O 7}

Nov 15/97

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Adelaide

Was it you to whom

I promised Hart &

Barbour's book on

Gynecology long ago,

long ago?

If it was, here it is.

May it be useful to

you! big as it is.

yours sincerely &

lovingly

F.N.

{archivist: G 7}

with a book

Sister Adelaide

St. Thomas' Hospital

15/11/97

98/1 signed letter, 2ff, pencil {archivist: O 8}

Feb 5/98

[12:505]

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Miss Jenkin

(my dear Sister Adelaide

alas! no more)

Did you hear a *howl*?

that was me.

Do you remember

Milton's line

"My sudden rage to tear thee

joint from joint"

That was me

But the whole of Adelaide

Ward will share in my

feelings - & even patients

yet to come

Feb 5 is generally
supposed to be the end
of winter - but with us
it is the beginning of
winter: for our Sister
Adelaide is to leave us
desolate -

You do not say how
soon you are going -
I want to see you,
tho' I am afraid I
shall cry & howl the
whole time

I have been interrupted
again & again during
this short effusion -
Pardon my feelings -

I could AT PRESENT
see you any afternoon
during the next week
that you could make
it possible to come
at 4 o'clock - And
if you will tell me
I will write & ask

Matron for leave
N.B. I think nothing
is more wanted among poor women *at home*
than what is given
in Adelaide -

God bless & speed you
Yours sincerely &
affectionately
F. Nightingale

[end]

98/2 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil {archivist: 0 9}

Sunday Feb 6/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Miss Jenkin
I shall be so glad,
I mean so sorrowful
to see you again to-day
as soon after 4 as
you can come - to bid
good-bye

Take a cab.
If I am too late, then
tomorrow please - at 4
ever your affectionate
F. Nightingale

a verbal answer please

{archivist: 0 9}

Miss Jenkin

Adelaide Ward

St. Thomas' Hospital

6/2/98

98/3 signed letter & envelope, 2ff, pencil

Feb 7/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane. W.

My dear Sister Adelaide

(Miss Jenkin now, alas!)

I return your "Birthday" book,

& will send Tennyson

to your address -

Nothing can console
me for your forsaking of

St. Thomas - but yet

it is a little comfort

not to break off the

tie - outwardly at once.

I don't even know

your new name but

am ever yours F. Nightingale

{archivist: 0 10} with a book

returned

Miss Jenkin

Adelaide Ward

St. Thomas

7/2/98

98/4 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Feb. 28/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Sir
I am very grateful to
you for coming on
Wednesday next at 4.30
that you may administer
the Sacrament to
yours very sincerely
Florence Nightingale
The Revd
Arthur Gordon

98/5 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: F 41}

May 30/98
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.
My dear Miss Masson
I have had to give
away my Saturday - And
now I have only Friday
to ask you to be so good
as to come & see me on
(if you possibly can
without inconvenience)
at 5.
ever yours
F. Nightingale

98/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil {archivist: A IX 69}

Messrs. Novello May 31/98

1 Berners St. 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Please send

10 copies of

"Order for Burial of Dead"

(as used at Mr. Gladstone's
funeral)

F. Nightingale

98/7 signed letter & envelope, 3fff, pencil

Christmas Eve: Dec 234/98

10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

Dear Sister Victoria

[12:506]

Will you accept some
toys for our children's
Christmas tree on Dec 31.

and my best wishes
for a merry Christmas
& a happy New Year for
you all, which I am
sure you are trying
to secure for them -
Poor little things - they
are never happier

than in Hospital -

Is there any thing
that you would like
that I could get for
you? Pray say.

You are very busy
now I dare say.

I shall hope to see
you some time when
you are less busy &
my cough is better

[end]

Yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

{archivist: Dec 29, 1953 From Mrs. Strangman Sister Victoria}

Sister Victoria

Victoria Ward

Dec 24/98 St. Thomas'

00/1 envelope, 1f, pencil {archivist: {A IX 70}}

Please an acknowledgment

To the Editor of

Manchester Guardian Fund

26 Charing Cross

F. Nightingale S.W.

18/7/1900

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envelope, 1f, pencil

{archivist: {A IX 71}}

with F. Nightingale's love

[12:508]

1 brace Partridges

Miss Gordon

St. Thomas' Hospital

[end]

11/10/1900

XX1/12 **U/1** unsigned letter, 1f, pen {archivist: A IX 73 n.d.}

Messenger pay

Messrs. Suttaby

2 Amen Corner E.C.

Please send me a Bible

like the one I send for a pattern
with all the "Additional Matter"
& strongly bound like the pattern.

If you can match it exactly,
please send two copies.

If not, please send one as like
it as you possibly can. And
I will consider whether I will
have another copy.

U/2 incomplete note, 1f, pencil

I should be glad if you
will send me the two little
parcels from Day's -

also the Circulars that
come

Also, would you kindly
look in the Drawer of my
little table by the little
sofa in the Drawing-room
And you will find four
pill-boxes - You had
better send them all, please

{archivist: A IX 72 n.d.}

I was a good deal upset

by my journey, thank
for enquiring

Lizzie & Nelly are well
But ~~Lizz~~/Nelly does not like
the kitchen range here
I hope she will conquer it
instead of letting it

Then follows incoming letters, after XI 12

from Mary Inglis, My dear Florence 1853

A XI March 17 1855 to Madam

XII.2 Sarah Whittaker to FN 1 May 1855 etc. V3/55

incoming list

V1/53, (no date) 1853, Bedford Square, Mary Inglis to FN, recommending Nurse Ker

V1/55, 17 March, 1855, 9 Ferdinand Place, Camden Town, Hampstead Road, London, Agnes Wharton to FN, asking for possible news of her son whom she cannot trace

V2/55, 27 April, 1855, Castle Street, Reading, Berkshire, Mrs. S.A. Farrants to FN, asking for news of William Snell a patient of FN

V3/55, 1 May, 1855, Sarah Whittaker to FN, asking for information about Charles, her son's state of mind before his death

V4/55, 13 May, 1855, Presteign, Radnorshire, Mary Bowen to FN, asking for news of her husband's state of mind before his death

V5/55, 15 May, 1855, St. Mary's Gate, Derby, Fanny Kerry to FN, asking for news of her brother, John Kerry who was wounded at Inkermann

V6/55, 21 May, 1855, Teddington, Ann Grinter to FN, asking for news about a dear friend, John Payne who was wounded and in hospital [Gunter?]

V7/55, (no date), Miss F. Tebbutt to FN, explaining that she is a Unitarian and for this reason FN may not wish to continue to employ her

V8/55, (no date), The {illeg Braring?}, Englefield Green, Mary Jackson to FN, thanking FN for news of her brother's death and asking FN to give a recent small box she had sent to some other deserving man

V9/55, (no date), Washam Chapel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin, Mrs. Pettiger to FN, asking FN for news of the death of Martin McNight, a friend's husband

V10/55, (no date), Calforth, near Swillbrook, near Preston, Lancashire, John and Elizabeth Kellet to FN, asking for news of their son, Robert Kellet who, they believe, was brought to the hospital in Scutari

V1/56, 19 February, 1856, 9 Wellington Mews, Leadbury Road, London, Elizabeth Grundy to FN, thanking FN for a recommendation re her sons' placement in school and relating her own efforts to obtain nurse training (another letter is enclosed)

V2/56, 16 July, 1856, 2 Hague Street, Bethnell Green Road, Eliza Sullivan to FN, thanking FN for her present and asking for FN's help in the discharge of Corporal Tye

V3/56, 24 July, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent's Park, London, E.M. Ecuyer to FN, giving news of her voyage home from the East and asking FN to adjust her wages

V4/56, 26 July, 1856, Abbey Mere, Plymouth, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, forwarding requisition cheques and saying how much she misses nursing

V5/56, 27 July, 1856, from Margaret {Goodman} to FN, thanking FN for her care; does this also ask for testimonial?

V6/56, 4 August, 1856, Wyke, from Mary Jones to FN, asking FN to forward money left with her

V7/56, 6 August, 1856, 24 Norfolk Road, Avenue Road, St. John's Wood, London, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, sending her a likeness of Lord Raglan and giving news of other nurses

V8/56, 8 August, 1856, Abbey Mere, Plymouth, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, returning money FN had lent to her

V9/56, 13 August, 1856, 6 Adelaide Place, Woolwich Common, from Elizabeth Edwards to FN, thanking FN for a present sent from the East

V10/56, 15 August, 1856, 5 Shepard Street, Mayfair, from Jane Harding to FN, giving details of her situation and asking FN's help in finding a position

V11/56, 15 August, 1856, 27 Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, from M. S. Wear to FN, informing FN that money lent to the sender has been returned to her account

V12/56, 16 August, 1856, from Eliza Barker to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return to England

V13/56, 16 August, 1856, from Elizabeth Grundy to FN, asking for FN's assistance with regard to money and a situation

V14/56, 18 August, 1856, Beseley, from Ann Clarke to FN, congratulating

FN on her safe return and asking about additional salary from the War Office

V15/56, 18 August, 1856, 3 Windmill Lane, Edinburgh, from Ann Sinclair to FN, asking if her previous letters with her expense account had gone astray

V16/56, 18 August, 1856, 3 Theberton Street, High Street, Islington, from Matilda Jane McPhee to FN, asking FN about further remuneration due to her needy condition

V17/56, 19 August, 1856, St. John's House, 3 {illeg Times?} Square, Westminster, from Elizabeth Woodward to FN, telling of her care of a patient on the return voyage and of the money still owing her

V18/56, 20 August, 1856, 4 Houghton Place, Harrington Square, from Charlotte Taylor to FN, asking for a recommendation for one of the Scutari nurses

V19/56, 20 August, 1856, Blenheim, from Elizabeth Logan to FN, explaining that her wages are not yet settled

V20/56, 21 August, 1856, Chapel Court, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, relating the progress of her illness and asking for information about the salary paid to nurses on their voyage home

V21/56, 22 August, 1856, Winchurch, from Ann Tainton to FN, asking if the news in the papers of the Sultan's gift to nurses is true

V22/56, 22 August, 1856, 24 Mortimer Street, Cavendish Square, from M.S. Wear to FN, repeating the she has repaid money lent to her in the Crimea with a reply not in FN's hand [M.A. Wear?]

V23/56, 25 August, 1856, Dr Greer's, Great Marlborough Street, from Elizabeth Grundy to FN, asking for FN's help in receiving money owing to her

V24/56, 27 August, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent's Park, from R.M. Ecuyer to FN, thanking FN for money received, and asking advice about a doctor for a poor woman who has a cancer

V25/56, 28 August, 1856, 4 Graham Street, Edinburgh, from A. McLeod to FN, detailing why she is asking for FN's help in obtaining monetary help for her mother and sisters from the Government, with a draft reply

V26/56, 21 August, 1856, Stony Stanton, from Mary Molony to FN, expressing the hope that FN is recovered from her reported illness

V27/56, 29 August, 1856, 6 Adelaide Place, from Elizabeth Edwards to FN, thanking FN for money sent from her own pocket

V28/56, 29 August, 1856, Haversham, from Jane Wallington to FN, writing on behalf of Mrs. Tuffell to ask about the gift of the Sultan and thanking FN for her kind personal attention to her own son when he was ill

V29/56, 30 August, 1856, 7 Burrey Street, Bloomsbury, from Mary Ann Brown to FN, asking for her share of the Sultan's present

V30/56, {c. 30 August, 1856}, 41 South Bank, from R.M. Ecuyer to FN, giving the name of the woman suffering from cancer and thanking FN for her interest, including a letter from a Dr Roe recommending a Dr Fell, with a draft reply

V31/56, {circa 31 August,} 1856, from S.S. [Samuel Smith] to FN, outlining how wages for the voyage home are to be determined

V32/56, London,! September, 1856, from Eliza Tandy to FN, thanking FN for wages paid

V33/56, 2 September, 1856, Exton, Oakham, from Elizabeth Blake to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return to England

V34/56, 2 September, 1856, 4 Saville Row, from Emily Lee to FN, written on behalf of Dr Lee expressing his willingness to see a young woman recommended by FN

V35/56, 2 September, 1856, Pond Cottage, Pond Place, Fulham Road, London, from Christina Montague to FN, congratulating FN on her safe return and inquiring about the Sultan's gift for the Crimea nurses

V36/56, 2 September, 1856, Headington near Oxford, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, giving news of the situations of several former nurses and explaining her defence of FN against certain accusations

V37/56, 4 September, {1856}, 23 Salisbury Street, Strand, from Caroline Bull to FN, asking for a testimonial of her work as a nurse and asking for news of any post she might fill

V38/56, 4 September, 1856, 4 Suttle Stone Gate, York, from Mary Ann Douglas to FN, asking about Mary Marks, a nurse who died in the Crimea

V39/56, 4 September, 1856, 41 South Bank, Regent's Park, from R. M. Ecuyer to FN, thanking FN for her recommendation of a doctor for a poor woman and asking for her help in obtaining a position for a Mrs. Howell

V40/56, 4 September, 1856, Winchcomb, from Ann Tainton to FN, thanking her for information about the sultan's gift and telling of her difficulties in finding a position

V41/56, 9 September, 1856, 12 Golden Square, Aberdeen, N.B., from Ann E. Clarke to FN, describing her religious anxieties and thanking FN for her letter

V42/56, 9 September, 1856, Fisher's Gate, near Shoreham, Sussex, from Mary Robbins to FN, thanking FN for her letter and requesting any news of a suitable situation

V43/56, 11 September 1856, Infant Orphan Asylum, 46 Ludgate Hill, London, from John Buckler to FN, asking for a reference for Mary Ann Howard, a former Crimea nurse who is seeking a situation at the asylum

V44/56, {2 October,} 1856, 2 Chapel Court, High Street, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, thanking FN for her support in her illness

V45/56, 3 October, 1856, 2 Chapel Court, High Street, London, from Margaret Williams to FN, asking for help

V46/56, 7 October, 1856, St Saviour's, Osnaburgh Street, London, from Elizabeth Bertha, S.M. to FN, on behalf of her mother superior, thanking FN for her letters and expressing her regret that due to illness she has been unable to write herself

V47/56, 11 October, 1856, 24 Greyfield Square, from Janet Carmichael to FN, asking FN to see her in order for her to learn the details of Mary Mark's death (her sister)

V48/56, 19 October, 1856, {illeg} near Ross, Herefordshire, from Susan Cator to FN, thanking FN for money received and asking to see her when she comes to London, hoping to find a suitable situation

V49/56, 26 October, 1856, 23 Villiers Street, from Ann Tainton to FN, informing FN she has secured a situation at St George's Hospital and giving her address in London and hoping to see FN

V50/56, 16 {November}, 1856, The Elms, Parson's Green, from I. Jull to FN, {too difficult to read}

V51/56, {17 November}, {1856}, The Elms, Pardon's [?] Green, from I. Jull to FN, about a protégée of FN who cannot fill the position at Fulham currently available

V52/56, 28 November, 1856, St John's House, Queen's Square, Westminster,

from C.P. Shepherd to FN, asking for FN's help with a letter she has received and announcing her forthcoming departure from St John's House

V53/56, 1 December, 1856, 2 Albert Place, Shepherdess Walk, City Road, London, from Jane Evans to FN, enquiring after FN's health and thanking her for past kindnesses

V54/56, 12 December, 1856, 4 Graham Street, Edinburgh, from A. McLeod to FN, asking FN for assistance in finding a position in order to support herself

V55/56, 15 December, {1856}, 45 Parliament Street, from I Jull to FN {too difficult to read}

V56/56, 20 December, 1856, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, congratulating FN on her return to England and sending her good wishes for the season

V57/56, 29 December, 1856, 20 Bosses Gardens, Brighton, from Mary Robbins to FN, thanking her the Sultan's gift she has received

V58/56, {no date}, 7 Little Chapel at Wardour St, 22 Tottenham Street, from A.R. Harnack to FN, asking the favour of an interview [Harrack? In 8995?]

V59/56, {no date}, 5 Sheppard Street, Mayfair, from Jane Harding to FN, telling FN of her recent experiences and asking her help in obtaining a situation

V60/56, {no date}, 3 Yeoman Row, Brompton, from Martha Eskip to FN, thanking FN for money sent to her at Scutari

V1/57, 13 January, 1857, Gordon Square, from Ann Elizabeth Clarke to FN, thanking FN for a book sent and explaining how difficult it is for her to find time to read

V2/57, 13 January, 1857, Trinité dei Monti, from Césarie de Bouchard, rel du S Coeur, to FN, {in French} giving news of Felicetta

V3/57, 13 January, 1857, Faversham Union from Mary Tuffill to FN, thanking FN for the Sultan's gift and asking her to write to the matron of the establishment

V4/57, 30 January, 1857, 32 Place de la Vigne, Bruges, from Sister Averlant to FN, in French, asking for FN's help in the building of a home for poor orphaned girls

V5/57, 31 January, 1857, Old Bewick, Alnwick, from Anne Ward Morton to

FN, thanking FN for gift and recognition received and promising to visit FN on her arrival in London

V6/57, 31 January, 1857, 15 Burton Street, Mile End, New Town, from Charlotte Flexon to FN, thanking FN for her letter and asking to see FN about her sister's gravestone

V7/57, 5 February, 1857, 12 Belgrave St, Belgrave Square, from E. Logan to FN, thanking FN for the Sultan's gift and for FN's help in securing her her present agreeable situation

V8/57, 6 February, 1857, Old Bewick, Alnwick, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, telling FN of the considerations for her future work while remaining open to FN's proposal

V9/57, 8 February, 1857, The Priory, Bradford, Wiltshire, from C. Chambers to FN, explaining her absence from town and inviting FN to visit her and the Lady Superior at Bradford

V10/57, 10 February, 1857, from C. Chambers to FN, telling FN that she will be in London and available to see FN only between three and four o'clock

V11/57, 13 February, 1857, Place de la Vigne, Bruges, from Sister Averlant to FN, {in French}, thanking FN for her gift

V12/57, no date {1857}, Ashby de la Zouch, Ravenstone, from Anne Hely to FN, asking for FN's help in finding a situation

V13/57, 23 February, 1857, N. Brook Street, W., from Laura Cranworth to FN, reporting on the recommendations she has received Anne Hely

V14/57, 3 March, 1857, Clifton, from Emma Langston to FN, asking FN to make application for her to receive either the money or the brooch offered to former Crimean nurses

V15/57, 7 March, 1857, Lea, {illeg Samiston?}, Lincolnshire, from Emily Anderson to FN, asking FN to assist her employee, Keatley, to obtain the rewards offered to former Crimean nurses

V16/57, 9 March, 1857, 7 Mountjoy Square, N., Dublin, from Miss C. St. John Flintner, to FN, asking for FN's help in receiving information about Mrs Susan Montagu, a former nurse in the East

V17/57, 10 March, 1857, Plymouth, Collumpton, from Gertrude Veysie to FN, explaining her present circumstances and her obligation to her sister

V18/57, 12 March, 1857, from E. Anderson to FN, promising to write at length the next day

V19/57, 12 March, 1857, St George's Hospital, from H.M. Willey to FN, asking if FN can recommend Mary Parker for work in the hospital

V20/57, 13 March, 1857, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, acknowledging her gift to Keatley whose name had been omitted from those sent in to the War Office and asking permission to tell Keatley its real donor

V21/57, 15 March, 1857, Rio de Janeiro, from Miss A.S. Clarke to FN, telling FN that she had not received the decoration as her name had been omitted

V22/57, 17 March, 1857, from Emily Anderson to FN, thanking FN for permission to tell the truth about the gift to Keatley

V23/57, 17 March, 1857, from Emma Langston to FN, thanking FN for her personal gift which was intended to replace the official one

V24/57, 31 March, 1857, War Department, from W.E. Godley to FN, asking for addresses of the relatives of Miss Smythe, a former nurse

V25/57, 1 April, 1857, Lea, from Emily Anderson to FN, enclosing a letter from Keatley, now Mrs Hooton, written on her receipt of FN's gift

V26/57, 5 April, 1857, 3 Upper Hornsey Rise, Hornsey Road, N., from Anne Ward Morton to FN, announcing her removal to London

V27/57, 28 April, 1857, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, giving news of other former companions and arranging to visit FN

V28/57, 29 April, 1857, from Anne Ward Morton to FN, enclosing a letter from Mrs Lee giving news of her situation

Jane Martineau letter to FN re HM 24 July 1862: doctor recommended increasing the opiates and stimulants, to have port wine, champagne, brandy when necessary, and a small quantity of ale at dinner,

FN comment on letter of E.C. Appleton, 10 Downing St., Whitehall re Mrs Ann Woodward: Dear U. Sam H1/ST/NC2/V1/63

I know of no

"Invalid *Home*." I wish

I did, ~~for~~ I would go there

myself. I cannot "advise," I

have had enough of advising. not

only for a life but for an eternity- Would

you kindly *return* the certificates (enclosed) to *the writer*
& answer - as you think best.

Ann Woodward was one of those excellent
inefficient women, so dear to excellent inefficient
women, like Miss Morton. She knew nothing
of nursing & was employed by me, (when
I took her (when Koulali was broken
up from which place I had her)
in Hospl needlework &
waiting on Miss Morton.
I was surprised at
my own character
(herein inclosed)
till I came to
the doubt
as to
illeg

FN notes on back of letter of Dr Thos Williams 30 Sept 1864,
H1/ST/NC2/V8/64

He means that I should
look over with Mr Graham
those site plans
when it tells for himself
You think the "pigheaded" way
has carried the day
It is the £25 subscrip
I had already
Well?
Then they have not got
a drainage outlet yet.

letter to FN Oct 17 1866. We had for some time past been looking out for a lady with a knowledge of medicine to attend and nurse sick native ladies, in my mission in Delhi, when, a few months ago, Miss Osburn offered herself for the post. Some difficulty arose about raising her salary, and to prevent loss of time. She joined the "Nightingale School" at St Thomas' Hospital. Now that she is now to some extent under your jurisdiction, might I venture to beg of you that she should not be appointed to any post until we find whether it is possible to secure her to Delhi or no?

Osburn letter clarifies the situation, quite different, an inquiry only.

Note on the back of a letter of Dr Williams, Florence Nightingale Museum
H1/ST/NC2/V8/64 ref [14:673]

[after 30 September 1864]

He means that I should look over with Mr Graham those site plans when it tells for himself. You think the "pigheaded" way has carried the day. It is the £25 subscription I had already. Well? then they have not got a drainage outlet yet.

H1/ST/NC2/V28/57 letter of Dr Williams, Swansea April 8 1865 to FN, re special general meeting of re Swansea Inf, I congratulate you and the cause on the fulfilment of your farsighted prophecy....Alex Graham appointed the architect for the new hosp. And I assure you that every member of our committee while they adopted the resolution of going through the farce of an "open public competition" were determined from the first to appoint Mr Graham as their architect *because he was recommended by you*. No authority could be held by a body of heterogeneous gentlemen in greater reverence than you have been in the affair by the Swansea Infirmary committee.....has lately visited the hosps of Paris and other places, caught typhoid fever, making recovery.

HI/ST/NC18/15 letter 52 unsigned letter, 4ff, pencil

{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane. W. Nov 2/69

Regulations

My dear Harry

The "Regulations" have undergone another sifting
at the "W.O." (which I believe means {Mr. Talbot's}
{locum tenens})

at Dr. Sutherland's hands & mine.

I will indicate 2 or 3 things to explain what
has been done: -

1. The Supt's salary has been taken out,
because, they say, this is a matter of private
arrangement between her & the W.O.

passim 2. The question of calling them "Sisters" instead
of Nurses has been raised.

This is for your consideration -

"Ward Sisters" is a better name than "Sisters".

But that entails a *quiproquo* as to what the Linen
Sister & Extra Sister are - So I have taken out

"Ward" - & I confess to an old fashioned
prejudice for the name of Nurse. [It does

seem ludicrous to call women "Sisters", who, like
those Sydney women, are doing nothing but offering
themselves to the Patients as *wives* -] Still I see the
good of the title "Sister" - And it might warn the
men against the escapades which have been & are
taking place with the Nurses now about to quit -

& break through that 'kind of thing' -

Whether the word used be "Sisters" or "Nurses", it must always be
printed

with

a

large initial letter -

3. I thought that Mrs. Wardroper had objected to the
brandy alternative

I do -

The real rationale of interpreting the matter I believe to be
this:

Malt liquor in an English Mily Hospl, with due care of the Supt,
can be obtained & kept up *good*

Hospital Wine is - Hospital Wine

Nurses who can take Beer had better not have
inferior Wine

Nurses who cannot, or fancy they cannot, take Beer,
should have their wine glassful of wine (2 ½ oz.)
daily - but not more, either of Beer, wine or Brandy.
(the one wine glassful of wine as they please, at
dinner or supper)

Women, & there are many, (not drinking women) who
cannot do without brandy & water are not fit
to be in Hospital at all.

[We made an awful mistake about poor Mrs. Kidd -
Don't let us run any risk again.]

*Brandy should only be taken AT NETLEY on the
Doctor's order -*

On the Doctor's order, of course, any Nurse temporarily
requiring wine or brandy, instead of, or partly
instead of, or in addition to, her Malt liquor, ought
to have it -

[On Foreign Stations, where good Beer or Wine may not be to be
had, it is different.] And on such Stations the Brandy clause might
be

kept.

4. You will see that they & we have taken considerable pains about the Regulations referring to Nurses going round with medical Officers. (altering them several times) - I think, by adding some plurals, we have pretty well covered the ground now -
[The treatment used to be constantly altered by Professors - & the Nurse receive her orders from Orderly or from Patient himself!! - *after* the regular visit, which she attended.]
But, if you can make it more secure, pray do so.
5. The ~~last~~/penultimate Regulation & the ~~last~~/penultimate Regulation but two I believe to be necessary with our present Supt.
[It is incredible how difficult, unless the Supt sees to it herself, both these things are to secure.
(I dare say the Patients are just as well without the medicine - Still they are supposed to come in for it, & don't)]
- The last Regulation is quite essential - Wilbraham is always giving

Certificates

to women dismissed for misconduct - I have specimens of these by me.

6. I believe these Regulations will be issued by the W.O. in the form of a Circular -
{the following 4 lines have a double line beside them in the left margin}

But A Circular ought also to be issued to the Medical Officers - & above all to Genl Wilbraham -
~~But~~ I doubt whether you could suggest this.
Would you consider whether when the

"Regulations" are approved by you, & sent in by you (copied) you might not suggest to the W.O. something of this kind: -

that efficient working of the Regulations will depend very much upon the attention of all, Commandant, Principal Medical Officer, Medical officers, Medical Candidates, X Purveying Officers, being directed to them, as well as that of the Nursing Staff - & upon a request from the Secretary of State being made that all will do their best to give effect to them.

{There is a large star in the left margin beside the above}

X We know that there exists a printed Circular from the Army Medl Dept to "Candidates" (of which cognizance has never been given to us) about the Nursing Service.

We know that in this the Supt is resolutely ignored. [This is a very common trick. They like to acknowledge the Nurses - They don't like to acknowledge the Supt.]

This or some other Code or Circular should therefore be sent *officially* (printed) to the Commandant, Medical & Commissariat Officers, Medical Candidates & others interested as well as to the Supt of Nurses, so that every one may know what they have to do -

[We have gone over the whole Draft anew & have consulted, in the additions & alterations, the result of the past experience

{from the first f}

How can we get the W.O. to make the last (proposed) Regulation binding on the Commandant & Medical Officers? not to give certificates.

HI/ST/NC18/15 letter 54 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane. W. Nov 9/69

My dear Harry

Could you add (*Netley Regulations*)

"The Quarters of the Supt & Nurses will be
exclusively for their own use"

or something to that effect? -

[They are forcing us at the Herbert Hospital
to give up part of our Quarters
to a W.O. Officer's sister!!!]

I saw Mrs. Dibble on Sunday -

She has hired a servant for a month on
trial -

I believe that Mrs. Wardroper's arrangement is
that I should see herself on Thursday,
the 6 Nurses Friday & Saturday, to teas,
Mrs. Dibble again on Sunday -

Could you kindly look over the enclosed List
of Mudie's bound books & mark any
you think suitable for the Nurses as presents,
returning it to me as soon as possible?

I suppose Miss Wheldon is better educated than the
others.

ever yours F.N.

HI/ST/NC18/15 letter 57 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

35 South Street, Nov 3/69
Netley Park Lane. {printed address:}
W.

My dear Harry

I wrote to you on Monday at
91 G.T.

The only thing which pressed
was this: -

Genl Wilbraham says the Netley
Quarters will not be ready till
"15th, *if so soon*" -

I have heard nothing from
W.O.

Dr. Sutherland says (I know
not on what ground) that the
W.O. expected to hear from you
"after Oct 31" -

If the Quarters will not be
ready till 15th, Mrs. Wardroper
(who is not well) wrote to me
that she would be glad to stay
at E. Grimstead *till 10th*.

This morning I have from
her the enclosed - which treats

of several things pertinent to
my Memo.

Please return hers to me -

I think Mrs. Wardroper should
have her option of staying *till 10th*,
if Netley Staff does not go till
15th. (tho' she now says she would
only stay till 8th)

She is only too anxious.
I enclosed a letter from Miss
Osburn to you in my
Monday's letter -

ever yours
F.N.

initialed note on letter of C. Wood, 1f, pencil

Not one can be done without -
There is only one Guard Orderly
to each Division for each watch
of the night - & a special Orderly
for each "special" case - ~~every~~/each 6
hours of the night. All these
are Day Orderlies. F.N.

HI/ST/NC18/17/14 signed letter, 7 ff, pen

letter 14

Netley Night Nurses

Oct 11/70

My dear Henry B.C.

'L'homme propose, mais la femme dispose'
(when that 'femme' is: Mrs. Deeble.)

To the correspondence which you have
enclosed to me, I have only to say: - we cannot
but concur with it in one point, since

1. we put in much stronger terms than is
therein to be found that: -

we considered the "Quarters" full to the brink
for Sanitary safety as they were first approved -
without Mrs. Deeble's child & servant,
a fortiori without the two Night Nurses.

We did, (I believe - at least I know I did)
remonstrate in the strongest terms, as soon as
I knew of it against the danger to health
of partitioning off to form 'Servant's Bedroom'
the one remaining Window at end of row of
'Sisters' Bedrooms'.

2. I have always concurred that the passage
to Kitchen now marked 'Store' - was unfit for
a woman to sleep in - on every account

3. I never liked the plan of partitioning

off the Linen Store for 2 Night Nurses, not only or not so much because of curtailing the Linen Store as because the Sleeping Quarters were already overfull for health - because these/y were two bad Sleeping-rooms after all, - because one would have "to be entered through the other" - & because the "dotted red line" "partition" is out of

the question (now proposed)

4. For health, the present plan is undoubtedly an improvement in many ways -

I will only cursorily mention that we were positively assured

a. that nothing would induce the R.E.s "to give up their quarters" (who now write) -

b. that Mrs. Deeble was the "only woman who would ask it" -

c. that the P.M.O. who now writes & the Acting Commandt had assured both us & Mrs. Deeble herself (part of which she told me herself) that 1. the 'Museum' "Gallery" could not be given up as a private passage
2. that Mrs. Deeble was "asking for more Quarters *for herself* than a Major-General" -
&c &c &c

I say again: L'homme propose mais la femme dispose.

But the relief to overcrowding in Nurses' Quarters is not, by this plan, so great as might have been anticipated. for

~~But~~ 5. I must point out that, tho' the present plan offers advantages, there will still be 3 more people than we bargained for in the "Sleeping Quarters" - viz. 1. Mrs. Deeble's child. 2. the 2 Night Nurses

6. Putting myself into my old position of Matron, I cannot conceive any earthly consideration which, myself being myself, would induce me (a.) to have my "Sitting-room" at the other end of a great building, from the Nurses I was pretending to superintend - divided from them by a great hall, almost like being divided from them by a street. (b.) to have a Kitchen for myself at all - certainly not one much larger & better than that for the whole of the Staff. (c) to place a Servant-Girl (of 16 she was, when Mrs. Deeble spoke to me) quite alone to sleep - - - where it is intended she should sleep - [To place a young girl to sleep alone in Chambers is a joke compared to it.] (d) to have a bed room for my ~~maid~~ servant-girl 3 times as good, in my opinion, as that of the "Sisters" or "Linen Assistant".

7. If we agree to these plans, I think that the two Servant Maids should sleep together in the new 'Servant's Bed=room' - (No. 31 C.) This would have a three fold {*definitely* in the margin} advantage. (1) 2 women are better than one to sleep in Chambers. (2) The over crowded Nursing Quarters are relieved of one - (3. & chiefly) that abominable blocking up of the one ~~Bed~~ Window next the "Sisters' Bedrooms" by the "Servant's Bedroom" may be removed -

But, in this, I should wish to be guided by Mrs. Wardroper.

There cannot be a doubt that a Supt is not a Supt (in our sense of the word) who has her "Apartments", as Mrs. Deeble calls them, on the other side the street (Museum) especially in a Military Hospital

There cannot be a doubt that Nursing discipline (in our sense of the word) will be greatly relaxed by it.

And Mrs. Wardroper may think that, the less

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in such case the Servant of Nursing Staff is mixed up with Mrs. Deeble's, the better -

There cannot be a doubt that this family establishment of Mrs. Deeble's 'the other side the way' (i.e. the 'Museum') is in direct discordance with the spirit of the 'Regulations' - (& with Mrs. Deeble's own desire - which she has stated to me in writing within the last 2 months) viz. that the Supt should be liable to be ordered off in case of war at an hour's notice to the Seat of War -

I have stated, or rather recalled, the considerations, so obvious & so frequently stated, that they scarcely need saying or recalling.

But I am not at all of opinion that we should oppose this arrangement -

Mrs. Deeble has obtained from the authorities concessions (most unwise, in my opinion) which the authorities had said she never should obtain -

She has obtained a Family Establishment

And the new Quarters (on 'the other side + the way') are strictly limited to her own uses -

Unless therefore Mrs. Wardroper sees more of something affecting our 'Nursing discipline', & wishes to urge anything besides what I have mentioned about the 'our' Servant's Sleeping in the other's (new) Room, I do not see how we can interfere with Mrs. Deeble's 'family arrangements' with the Hospital authorities -

P.S. The two new proposed Night Nurses' rooms are not very good. They are only stalls - one must be entered thro' the other. (which is very properly objected to elsewhere) - one has no direct window light - the one next the door will have a sorry time of it. [Night Nursing is after all hard work - and in my opinion Night Nurses should have each a *separate good room*] They are not very quiet rooms.

I should very much prefer dividing the room the *other way*, so that each would have *half* of the large *window*.

Still I see the objection: And I do not see
either how we can possibly find better quarters for
the Night Nurses -

I should very strongly suggest that the whole of this packet should again be shown to Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield on the one ~~side~~/hand & to Dr. Sutherland on the other for their remarks -

And if it will save you trouble to send these of mine with it, by all means.
No letter from you was enclosed in the packet.

N.B. Miss Wheldon's presence in the Quarters makes Mrs. Deeble's absence less objectionable.

ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

Hy Bonham Carter Esq

initialed letter, 1f, pencil

letter 19

MRS. S. STEWART

June 22/71

7 a.m.

My dear Harry B.C.

I send you one of the many letters of this poor woman -

[Recently I have had quite a corresponde about saving the *Nurses' Quarters* at the Herbert Hospl - *for Nurses*. The authorities at the H.H. - (not the W.O.) wished to divide off part for some Officers - in a way which would have made it impossible for Nurses to live in them -

We won -

And it is to this she alludes -
(~~Her~~/One letters by her on the subject to the W.O. ~~were~~/was so admirable as to put poor Mrs. Deeble's - on the same subject of Quarters - to the W.O. in a very unfavourable contrast.)]

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland for information - & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very earliest convenience (remembering that she will write to me 12 or 16 pages every day till I answer) what you think I had better answer to her - (vide Dr. Sutherland's suggestion) I shall be very much obliged -

ever yours

F.N.

HI/ST/NC18/18 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

Mrs. Deeble July 3/71

My dear Harry B.C.

I feel such concern about Netley - & (not the least) about the trouble it is giving you - But I am quite at my wits' end about Mrs. D. {printed address, sideways:}

I feel more tenderly to her but also 35 South Street,
more hopelessly, since I saw Miss Park Lane,
Torrance - who is evidently fond of her - W.
- she says she is "so kind-hearted" - but who as
evidently thinks the embarking Mrs. D. in a
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But the only remedy Miss T. advises is: -

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putting "some one like Miss Pringle" in Miss Wheldon's place - "Miss P. wd quite govern her" -
[But then Miss T. ~~says~~/admits: - "there is no one I ~~know~~/you have like Miss Pringle - And you can' spare her"-]

But - Miss R. volunteered to say: -

you, F.N., might write to her when she does things ~~that~~/about which, if they became known, you could not defend her with the W.O.

[Miss T. implied 1.that Mrs. D thought herself all-powerful with the W.O. 2. that she thought I shd defend her thro' every thing - 3. she Miss T. specially mentioned the "presents" matter.]

I don't know what to do - One cd only write about the "presents" as a Rider to a long letter or series of letters.

I wrote a slip to you this mornng which I am sure you can't read -

But it was only to say that, I agree with you, "if we are not prepared to offer women" (to Mrs. D.) it does not seem much use my writing to her that she can't train in a Mily Hospl -

The fact is, poor woman, she can neither keep our women nor her own - ~~F.N.~~/over

[Miss T. says Mrs. Deeble is quite capable, whenever the fancy takes her, of writing such letters as that about the "apartments" to the W.O. - & of not letting me know till afterwards -† & lastly of forgetting all about it herself.]

initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Mrs. Deeble July 3/71

My dear Harry B.C.

I meant to have written some more remarks ({edge of page missing} Miss Torrance) on her - but have not been able

I agree with you - ~~that~~ you say "Is there {} (in my writing to her "about training generally at Netley "if we are not prepared to offer women"? - {} in answering: No -

You know I think 1 - women can't be trained in Military {}

2. specially not under Mrs. Deeble

Miss Torrance thinks 3. Mrs Deeble *can't train anywhere*

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But Miss Torrance ~~thinks~~/volunteered saying that I ought to write to Mrs. Deeble about *things in general* more specially about taking "presents" -

And it is about this that I want to consult with you - but cannot now -

I do not see how you can do other than write to her what you propose -

tho' she will have forgotten her own letter {edge of page missing} the time yours arrives -

N.B. Miss T. thinks the Netley pay &c ample

yrs

F.N.

unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil HI/ST/NC18/18/21 roll 4, and paper

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you, F.N. ought to write to her when she does things ~~that~~/about which, if they became known, you cd not defend her with the W. O.

[Miss T. implied 1. that Mrs. D. thought herself all-powerful with the W. O. - 2. that she thought I shd defend her thro' every thing - 1. she Miss T. specially mentioned the "presents' matter.]

I don't know what to do - One cd only write about the "presents" as a Rider to a long letter or series of letters -

I wrote a slip to you this mornng which I am sure you can't read -

But it was only to say that, I agree with you, "if we are not prepared to offer women" (to Mrs. D.) it does not seem much use my writing to her that she can't train in a Mily Hospl.

The fact is, poor woman, she can neither keep our women nor her own - ~~F~~/Over

[Miss T. says that Mrs. Deeble is quite capable, whenever the fancy takes her, of writing such letters as that about the "apartments" to the W. O. - & of not letting me know till afterwards - † & lastly of forgetting all about it herself -]

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My dear Harry

I am sorry to have kept these plans even
a post -

But you see so many questions have been
re-opened.

I was positively assured in writing that
the partitions of Nurses' bed-rooms were up to
roof - Only two are

Also, that the Store-rooms off Nurses' Day
room had been "ingeniously" ventilated - I can
see none -

&c &c &c

I had to write to Dr. S. to know whether
there was any Sanitary or constructive objection
to making partitions up to ceiling -

He says not -

I think these Quarters very good, very ingenious.

But I think they would be 50 per cent. better
with certain objections removed.

I do not think my Remarks 1 & 2 mere
grievances but very solid evils - for Quarters
which may be occupied as long as the Hospital
is.

Dr. S. says: "Please tell them to reply as

"speedily as possible, in order that any changes
may be made - as urgent orders have
been sent to complete" -

He need hardly say that to us -
ever yours

F.N.

Embley

Romsey 12/10/69

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letter, f25, typed copy H1/ST/NC3/13

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Copy Barrack Hospital, **[14:165-66]**
 Scutari.
 March 15/55

Dear Sir,

Might I so far trespass upon your kindness as to beg that, when the "Adelaide", Screw Steamer arrives at Malta, by whom I am sending home invalided two sick Sisters & three sick Nurses, you would have the charity to go on board, & see Mrs. Langston & Miss Terrot, two of my sick Sisters & give them the benefit of your advice?

We have missed your invaluable kindness since we lost you here very much.

May I beg you to excuse my troubling you & to believe me

Yours very truly & gratefully

(Sgd.) Florence Nightingale

The Adelaide will sail between the 15th & 22nd of this month from here - with Convalescents for England -

[end 14:166]

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19. Jan 1861 **[16:591]**

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

1. I have written to the W.O. to ask it what it will do to help in sewerage Winchester.

2. I am getting estimates of the cost of sundry hospitals for you per bed.

I send a pencil sketch which was made to revise sundry defects in a plan for a new Bucks. Infirmary which is building

If the lower floor instead of being offices, were wards, and the offices pushed out behind, it would about meet your requirements.

I have written to the W.O for a tracing of a new Regimental Hospital on this plan, which will cost about £80 or £90 per bed. Civil building might probably reach £100 per bed. **[end]**

I was very sorry to hear that you were uneasy about Miss Rawlinson's health.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) F. Nightingale

copy of letter, f57, pen H1/ST/NC5/3/19 not FN hand

Hampstead

[16:539-60]

My dear Sir 7 August 1861

I ventured to send (by the post)
as you expressed a wish for my
"Notes on Nursing" for your nurses, 5 copies
of the last edition which is also the
cheapest, altho' it contains many
additions particularly in the 1st & 2nd chaps
& a chapter, the 16th on "Minding Baby"
which I added at the request of
several "National school Masters who
found they could make their school girls
mind *me* by telling them it was
for baby's sake".

I like your address about a
Building Act. It is admirable - shews
a complete mastery of the case, as
regards densely peopled towns.
Your proposals would not altogether
suit ours, because we build every
man on his own ground, & flats
are almost unknown. However the
Paris experience shows it to be quite
possible to have healthy houses in
flats, - and we too have "Model
Buildings" in flats which yield /have
the average mortality of the other
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parts of London.

If you would like to send me a draft of a building act "suitable for Glasgow, directed against the most prominent existing evils! always those most likely to recur, & could obtain for you every assistance, conforming it to our principles of sanitary legislation & Police. But perhaps you have already done this.

God's hand has been very heavy upon me, for besides increasing illness incessant business He has taken from me the powerful friend, with whom for five years, this very August 7th I had daily co-operated for the Welfare of the Army & the loss is severe indeed.

You must therefore excuse hurried letters & believe me sincerely yours

Florence Nightingale

[end 16:540]

letter, f58, copy

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copy of faded copy by Bosanquet, Extract from letter of F. Nightingale to Capt. Galton May 5. 1863 original 45761 f3

Rec. July 1935

Private

What have the "Sisters of Charity" /"Sisters of S. Vincent de Paul" "done" for "our wounded soldiers & seamen?"

The only R. Catholic "Sisters" in the British Army in the Crimean War were: -

8 Sisters of the Order of "Our Lady of Mercy" of Bermondsey, some of whom with their admirable "Reverend Mothers" went out with the first & remained to the last.

== 10 Sisters of the same Order from Irish houses with a "Revd. Mother" from Kinsale.

== 5 Sisters of an Educational Order, which shall be nameless, as being found totally useless, they were sent home.

In the French & Sardinian Armies there were of course "Sisters of S. Vincent de Paul."

But these so far from assisting our soldiers & seamen accepted willingly & gratefully large stores & much assistance from our nurses, for

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which I have letters of thanks from Marshall Pélissier, Insp. Genl. Baudens & the Soeurs Supérieures.

A Kaiserswerth Deaconess from the Prussian Hospital at Constantinople was also at Scutari & assisted us. This was the only foreign assistance we received.

In Oct. 1854 on my way through Paris to the Crimea, I went, furnished with letters from our Government & from Marshall Vaillant, to ask for "Sisters" from the Order of S. Vincent de Paul to accompany us. *And they were refused* - & this although, after an interview with Lord Cowley, he was so good as to send his Private Secy. with me, in order to strengthen my application.

I am on the closest terms of intimacy with Soeurs of S. Vincent de Paul, in whose house I have been allowed to study at Paris, & am quite sure that the false statements of their services to our "wounded soldiers & seamen" have not been put forward by them.

They were on all occasions our obliged.

(signed) F. Nightingale

[A further note on the same sheet shows incorrect statements had been made in the *Times*&people urged her to send this contradiction "It is not please to be made public".]

Letter, ff59-62, pen, copy, not FN hand

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[3:449-52]

Letter from Miss F. July 4 1863

Proposed Officer for Admission of Sisters &c

My dear -

You asked me the day you went away to read over the "forms for admitting Sisters &c" and tell you what I thought about the matter. After doing as you desired I went over to your house desiring to have a little conversation with you and _____ on this subject, but other things put it out of my head.

The first thing that strikes me is the prominence given to the ideal Community, and in all the prayers throughout, the thoughts seem held *down* to the individuals there assembled, instead of being lifted *up* out of themselves.

I should prefer a service applicable alike to every person of any rank joining herself to the Society (for whatever office high or low) to a series of Services arranging all as it were on different steps of altitude.

It seems to me that differences of position in the family are secular rather than sacred matters and had better be left to the Superior to order and maintain, in her character as Head of the House. She cannot of course do this without reference to Christian principles and must found all her proceedings on these: But it seems to me that special engagements and promises solemnly made may hamper the individual freedom, but are not likely to promote a free & willing and sincere obedience to authority; and will be apt to fret and irritate those subject to them if urged by the Superior in support of that Authority.

Another point that strikes me is this. Since orderly and united action can only be expected as the result of unity in the faith; and since love and harmony

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will be more or less perfectly maintained in proportion as Christian Charity in its widest meaning as described in the Epistle to the Corinthians, is understood, felt and acted upon by those who desire to be united in closer bonds with one another than with their fellow Christians in general, it is surely very desirable for the members of the Society at any rate - and I should think equally so for those to whom their services are offered (whether the Clergy under whom they are to work, or the sick and poor and the ignorant who are under their care) that there should be some enquiry and some guarantee with regard to the *faith*, and proficiency in Christian practise, of every one joining the Society. Will the Bishop act in such a matter without having any satisfaction on these points? Is the probation - of a year - or whatever time may be named - intended to be merely a practical preparation for work? If not, who is to ~~supply the~~ ascertain the moral fitness and supply the teaching and cultivation that is found to be wanting during that period?

Are the Clergy to accept offers of Service and give weight by solemn services to domestic rules and arrangements, and suffer the Superior whose time must be ~~necessarily~~ of necessity very much taken up with other affairs (even supposing her in other respects competent to the duty) to take out of their hands the duty to become the sole responsible person both for preparing candidates for these difficult duties, and also giving assurance of their fitness afterwards, to those over and under them and to their fellow workers, who are quite as much concerned as any one else (and perhaps in some ways more so) in the fitness of the members of their body

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Are people in general so well instructed in the grounds of their Christian Faith, and have they - speaking generally - been so well brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" as to make it at all safe to take this for granted, as a matter of course? If not who is to provide for this part of the work and how is it provided for?

I only read this book of offices once through, but I *think* there is nothing of this kind; and my impression is that though we see the name of a Chaplain put forward in printed papers of the Society it is on these solemn occasions "Sisters" "Elder Sisters" and "the Superior" - who present the Candidates - and the enquiries are chiefly whether both parties are mutually willing and desirous to accept each other as companions.

And there are exhortations to "perseverance" without its being any way made evident whether the candidate does or does not know the right road to her object.

A Subscription to articles of Faith would be something- But ought it not also to be preceded by an examination of the candidate for admission as to her understanding of those articles conducted by a *proper person* - the Parish Clergyman - Chaplain or some one appointed by the Bishop (if he means to take the whole responsibility on himself as he seems to offer himself to do) or might not certificates of Baptism and Confirmation be properly produced and a letter recommendatory from her clergyman, supposing no particular enquiry or examination is deemed needful before the admission takes place.

You and I are of course likely to be prejudiced in our preference for the *amended* service (i.e. a very *different* one from any in the book)-But it appears to me that *any* one putting herself in imagination in the place of a

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candidate must prefer yours for two principal reasons namely that to go *into* the community by that door is easier in as much as there is nothing that draws the person entering into undue notice or uncomfortable prominence - and there is a great deal to support and calm the Spirit in the act of self-dedication.

The other reason is that it is also easier to *go out* than it would be after all those peculiar particulars and precise questions & answers and public declarations of sentiments & intentions which would give the feeling of having begun to ascend a flight of steps and of having in future no possibility of moving, but onwards in the same direction or turning back and going downwards.

Though no vow is made it would not be agreeable to do the thing in a way that might expose you to be considered as a Deserter if you found it expedient to follow some other track of usefulness or duty at some future time." [end 3:452]

Letter, f64, typed, original Hospital for Bradfield College

Enquiry for Mr Stevens.

115 Park Street. W.

July 5th 1864 [16:659-60]

My dear Sir Wm Heathcote

I only received your note of July 1 yesterday afternoon. And I happened to be particularly busy that day. This must be my excuse for delay in answering.

If we were asked to provide an Infirmary for 25 beds upon a population of 150, we should begin by asking (Hibernice) - What horrible sanitary wrong is there at home to be put right that you should require accommodation for such a sick population?

If they really ever have such an amount of Scarlet Fever or of any sick as 25 to 150, there should be most serious enquiry into the sanitary state of the school. And we would indicate the points to be inquired into: drains, sinks, W.C.s, stuffy dormitories, bedding etc etc. (In any building for 150 with which we have to do, we should consider 7 beds an ample allowance and be very indignant if they were all filled.)

Position If the School is in the open country, the Hospl. may be placed wherever it will get plenty of light and air. And if it is a long building, the end may be brought within 20 or 30 feet of the School - always bearing in mind that it must be out of reach of the noise of the play ground - and that, if the diets are cooked in the school kitchen, the Hospital part must be connected with the School by a covered way.

Accommodation Assuming the sick at 15 and the convalescents at 10, one sick ward for 12, one for 3 would be convenient. They should be on the

upper floor with a nurse's room and scullery between them. The convalescents might be on the lower floor. And the Matron should have her bedroom and sitting room on the same floor. Also Clothes room and Clean Linen room. Also a surgery for medicines etc. Two nurses would be quite necessary for the two sick wards, where there is certain to be much night work, besides a cleaning woman, who will have enough to do and must sleep in the house and belong to the establishment. The Convalescents must have a nurse, besides the Matron, - a bed-room and sitting room, a separate door and a separate play ground.

Cubic space The sick beds must have (in the 12 bed ward) not less than 1200 cubic ft - better 1500 - and (in the 3 bed ward) at least 2000 ft each. The Convalescents should have 1000 to 1200 cubic ft each in the bed-room. Unquestionably they should have a Day room too.

I have not had much experience among young sick of the educated class of men. But I once directed myself an establishment for the sick of the young lady class - chiefly governesses - and was both Matron and Head Nurse.

Now an Establishment for 25 sick and convalescents (of the educated class) *is* in fact a Hospital. And I should consider it better that it should have its own kitchen. For Scarlet Fever especially, there must be numberless messes prepared, which *must* be done in the Hospital fire-range. If you do these, you may as well do all the diets in the Hospital. At least I should think so.

I would give as a warning this: - all Ward Offices, now as a rule admirable in public Hospitals - are execrable in every *educated* infirmary I have ever seen - execrable as to position, construction, everything - (I would point out the Rugby School Infirmary) - whereas they ought to be better for the educated than for the uneducated.

[end 16:660]

Ever yours sincerely
Florence Nightingale

letter, f65, typed copy of a letter H1/ST/NC5/3/23

Confidential.

34, South Street,
Park Lane, W
15th May 1865

[9:519-20]

Dear Mr. Rawlinson,

I have this morning had a letter from Sir John Lawrence speaking with despondency of the future progress of sanitary works in India, and enclosing this article (which please return to me) from one of the Calcutta newspapers.

Does it not appear that the way in which they are proceeding with the drainage, is not at all in accordance with your suggestions?

But, however this may be, the matter is of such vast importance and the Governor General is so good in giving me the opportunity of

corresponding with him directly on all these subjects - that I very much wish you would have the kindness to write me such a letter (about this Article) from the Local Government Act Office as you would have no objection to me sending out to Sir John Lawrence for their information in India.

The whole thing ought to come before your War Office Commission. But I wish to save time.

If you could point out tersely the errors they are committing- also the remedies -or general principles which ought to be kept in view, in a letter which I might forward, it might do much good.

I need hardly say that this letter of mine to you is strictly confidential.

If you could answer me, so that I might write by the Bombay Mail of the 18th, it would save valuable time. **[end 9:520]**

Ever dear Mr. Rawlinson,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

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Letter, f66, typed copy, H1/ST/NC5/3/24

Rec 30/9 Sept 3/66
 35, South Street,
 Park Lane,
 London, W.

My dear Madam,

I am very grateful to you for your most kind letter of July 9.

As you have honoured me with a request for my Photograph, I made enquiries in order not to seem ungracious. But, till now I have never but once given it, not thinking it worth anybody's acceptance - and that once was the Queen's - and that is the only 'once' I have ever sat for it vis. by command, which I could not help.

I send you by Book post a little book which I have less repugnance in giving because it contains accounts of many more than myself. The Vignette is done from a Statuette, the work of my cousin Miss Bonham Carter, which she did without my knowledge, since I have been ill (She too, alas! - and yet *not* alas! - is gone to her rest) When I made enquiries for you, I was told of this little book - and that this statuette was the most like - and then first I came to the knowledge of it.

I enclose one (also) from a drawing by my Sister, Lady Verney, with a little owl which I brought in my pocket from Athens some 16 years ago, and which was a great favourite with my family for years. It died, as if on purpose, the very day I started for the Crimea, 12 years ago.

You see this thing of my sister's is more than 12 years old. And I don't like it. It is too much of the "young lady" I can't fancy it can be like me. But they say it is.

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Pray excuse this long story. And believe me dear Madam
ever yours, with great truth,

affectionately & gratefully,
Florence Nightingale.

Mrs. Walker.
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Letter, ff71-79, letter re gift to St Thomas of a picture of Last Supper. London, November 4/70.

Letter, ff80-85, pen, Original

[6:440-43]

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35 South Street, Park Lane, W.

January 6th 1870. 7.am.

My dear Miss Torrance

I am quite sure that you
will give my message to the
Nurses better than I could give
it myself - but this is the
sort of thing that I wish I
could say to them - they
have ben called by God
(for we are only His tools) to
this great work under you.

- but many are called
& few are chosen - let them
know that this is true in
all God's works on earth
as well as in His final
calling of us to heaven.

let *them* strive to be *those*
"few" who are "chosen" to
establish in London the

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great work of taking care
of His sick poor, in the new
And improved Workhouse
Infirmaryes. *This*
is the first - let them
strive under you, to make
it a model for others.

If there is one thing
more than another that our
great Master strives to shew
us, by His life as well as by
His Gospels, it is that He
considers it an honour
to serve the poorest and
the meanest, that He
will not give His crown
except to those who have
borne His cross - that He
does not think much of a
spirit of enthusiasm, but
that patient courage - the

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fighting the good fight
through life, "Enduring Hardness
is what He encourages & rewards.

As His greatest follower
St Paul, said & did, to run with
patience our appointed course,
that is our calling. Now
what is our Nurses "appoint
ed course"? Evidently: to
bring *the nursing* of the
poorest sick to perfection.

And how are they to "run it?"
By "Looking unto Jesus" for
all our life is of nothing
worth except to imitate
Him. And what would
He say to them now, if He
were among them? --

Certainly He would say --
1st hang about your Matron as
bees about their Queen Bee

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Carry every thing to her, -
Complain to no one else - conceal
nothing from her. Strive first
and foremost to carry out
her plans. A house which
is divided against itself can
not stand. 2. Be united
among yourselves, let there
be no jealousies, nor rivalries,
except who shall do best.

Some may have the posts they
like least - some those they
like most - some Night
Nursing - some Day Nursing.

Did our Great Master &
St. Paul always think about
what they liked best? To take
the part that is given you
to do, & to do it, with all
your might - that is the teach
ing which He lived & died

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to shew us. [For my
part, I have done more
Night-Nursing than any one
for I have had to be Night
Superintendent as well as
Day Superintendent (& that
for months & years together)
& I think Night Nursing
may often be made the
best time both for one's
self & Patients] 3. A
Nurses life however much
& even more because her
heart is in her work, is
full of worries & troubles -
A matrons still more so
I, for my part, confess
that I never could have
gone through the troubles
& trials I have had, if it
were not for that feeling:
To this I have been called

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to a work among his
sick poor. He will give
strength and patience &
wisdom even to me who
have none of these things.

4. They, the Nurses
will have assistants under
them, themselves under you
& all under you - They
are responsible to you
to God, for setting always
a good example to those
young women, for teaching
them all they can, instead
of shirking work & laying
it upon their assistants.

[illeg] have to answer to
God for other's Souls ~~as~~
besides our own. And
many of the first shall

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be last - & of the last - first.
Lastly they begin work under
advantages which have never
been before. They have a
Matron for whom I bless God
every day that He has called
her to His work - they
have a new building
which, take it for all
in all is the best in London
except new St Thomas's.
They have authorities in
our favour, they have
none of the struggles which,
going into an old Workhouse
wear out a Superintendent
& Nurse's life, for every
bit of clean linen, almost
every drop of Beef Tea that
is to go into the Patients'

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mouths - wards crowded
up with 200 or 300 beds
more than the building
will hold every winter
& all the rest of it - which
makes good nursing almost
impossible - is God to give
them all these advantages -
& they not to give Him
anything? I am sure they
will answer to His call. He
has given them every thing
which makes good Nursing

Let *them* be *good Nurses*

They were called to His
work at Christmas time -
the time when "Good will
towards men" "peace on
earth" is more expressly
the message of ~~our~~ God.

When we are told expressly

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that we are to give "glory
to God on high" by shewing
"good will towards men" in
the persons of His poor, His
sick, His wretched, forsaken,
sinful & degraded creatures.

It was to these Christ came
And He came in humility
of heart, in poverty of spirits
And it is only to the humble,
not to the conceited or grasping
that He gives His strength
& his help. Let us not
so much as hear of pride
& arrogance & contentions
among our Nurses. But
let them take a pride in
their common calling in
doing it as well as possible.
- for God's sake as well as
their Patients - I shall

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bear you all in mind
every day of my life, & be
most anxious to hear how
you get on. Every trouble
& every gain will be in-
teresting to me. And bye &
bye I shall hope to see
each & all of the Nurses, when
they have proved their
"Armour", & you can spare
them here to tea?

I depend upon them, upon
each & upon all of them, to
uphold the credit of our
nursing - for all our sakes.
& above all to spare the
health and spirits of
their Matron by doing
for her all they can-

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God bless you all
Ever your Anxiously Affectionate
Florence Nightingale [end 6:443]

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London. November 4/70 [6:443-47]

My dear Miss Torrance

I must bid you & our
Nurses God speed with all
my soul & strength on
the opening of the whole
Infirmary & the completing
of the Nursing Staff.

Believe me, I ~~pray~~ think of
you & pray for you daily.

I [illeg] & beg to offer for the
Nurses' room which I know
you have taken so much
pleasure in fitting up for
them the best thing I can offer
And that is: the remembrance
of our Lord's Communion
& Sacrament upon earth.

Let the Nurses kindly,
when they look at this picture

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& still more when they receive

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the Sacrament, sometimes
think of me - who would
so gladly be among you
but who am unable from
constant illness - think
of me in remembrance of
Him whose servants we all
strive to be - whose
"Communion" is: that we
should try to be *like Him*
whose Sacrament is a promise
from us that we will live
& die as He did, to the utmost
of our power, with God's help.
To be "like Him" is to live
for others & not for ourselves,
is to consecrate our plan
of life to the service of
our Father in heaven as He
did.
Christ has expressly pointed out

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some services (and of these the
Nursing Service is so fortunate
as to be one) in which He
not only promises us
"Communion" with Him, if
we strive to do our part - as
He did, but actually says
that - He feels as if those
services were done to Him
personally & He were once
more on Earth receiving
them. When we are nursing
the sick, we may actually be
sure that He says to us:
"I was sick - And ye
nursed me".
But how to do it, so that
Christ may really look
upon the service as done
for Him?
[I feel that - your dear Matron
can answer *this* question

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so much better than I can -
yet - I will try in the very
few moments I can spare
for leisure and strength
I never have - to shew you
how it seems to me.]

One thing is - 1 the great
importance of the Highgate
Nursing Establishment to the
future Nursing in Workhouse
Infirmaries - especially
in London.

With one exception, not in
London, you are the first
regular, complete, trained
Nursing Staff, under a Matron
of your own, in a complete
& separate Hospital, who have
been established for this
kind of Infirmaries.

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I need hardly remind you
that you must show what
Nursing can do for the sick-
how from day to day it must
always be improving -
never be satisfied that
it has reached the best
you can do - not by fits
& starts of fervour - not either
by cold or lukewarm, hard
or indifferent - or hasty ill
tempered service - but
by fervent continuance in
well doing - by uniting
in cordial obedience &
fellow feeling with your
Matron (of whose strenuous
devotion to the work I could
say many words, as you
know that I do not like to say
them to her face) for the welfare

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of the sick.

2 This is it: -

The paramount importance of
faithful discharge of duty
of discipline & obedience to orders -
which I would I had words
to impress upon you, as I know
it from a life's experience.

You *have* a Matron who can
govern.

Can we obey as unto the Lord
& not unto men - that is
with a real *hearty love* &
confidence - & desire to carry
out - her plans - for the success
of the whole building &
Establishment of sick under
your charge?

I do not doubt that you
can.

And therefore I will only add

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a wonderful example of the
power of intelligent obedience
which is now passing before
our eyes in the Prussian
Army which has overrun
France. For discipline
means: to obey intelligently
orders which are intelligently
given -

The Prussian Army, as
perhaps you know, is composed
of every man in Prussia.
That is, every young man in
Prussia - from the son of the
Prime Minister to the son of
the labourer (the rich & the
highly educated, just as much
as the poor, -) serves a certain
number of years *in the ranks* -
& is liable to be called out
in the course of a War -

It was said that it would

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be impossible to require the implicit obedience necessary for success in War - from an Army composed in this way - that "gentlemen" would be too highly educated to obey - that soldiers would sometimes be found to say, 'they knew better than their officers -'

It has been found *just the contrary*.

The highest education knew best the value of obedience - Knew best the essential necessity of it not only for success but for safety.

They were well led - & they obeyed well.

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And that has been the secret of German success - a success so complete, so overwhelming, so astounding that there has been nothing like it in all the history of man.

Two French Armies - the bravest in Europe - taken prisoners - nearly 300,000 men & sent to Germany.

The Babylonish Captivity which we read of in Scripture, can alone be some guide to us of what this means as the crowning cup of misery for a country.

Paris is besieged.

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And this splendid city
with its two millions of
men, women & children,
is on the point of being
bombarded by the Germans
- if peace, for which our
Government is trying with
all its might to negotiate
is not first made - As
Christ wept before Jerusalem,
may we not say He is
weeping now before Paris?
The poor people in all that
part of France, which
has been overrun by
the German Armies, are
without food, without

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shelter, their villages burnt
- their cows, horses, and
provisions, even to the seed
corn for next year, carried
off - their looms for weaving
& tools for work destroyed,
their clothing gone -
And even in this dire
distress they tried to
feed & help the ~~needy~~
sick and wounded left
on their hands. The
peasant women, old &
young, came to the Battle
fields, bringing water, wine,
bandages, bread - & help
which in an hour or two

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later would have been
too late to save the lives
of many hundreds - &
afterwards received them
even their enemy's sick &
wounded into their houses
& cottages - & nursed them.

What a lesson this
is for us Nurses:
In many cases they saved
the lives of those who
cruelly had injured
them - taking all they
had!
The wounded soldiers used
to be heard afterwards, each
calling out for his own
Special "Misses" - who, he said,

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was the only person who
knew how to move him -
generally some old poor
woman who had thus
nursed him with her own
poor help before other
help came -
And in the Hospitals you
could often see the Frenchmen
& the German wounded
or sick laying side by side
the two enemies - & one
sharing any little comfort
that had been given him
with the other who
had actually stabbed
him with his bayonet
after the two had been
lying both wounded
on the Battle field

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Oh what lessons of love
forbearance, & forgiveness
these are to us!
I have wandered from
my subject -
The fact is: that, for the
last 3 months & more I
have been wholly employed
in business for the sufferers
of this awful War - And
so I cannot help talking
to you about them.
What horrors have been
suffered hardly any one
knows - but those who
have themselves seen War -
How long, O Lord, how long?
- is all we can say - &

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pray for peace.

You will not think I
am admiring the Prussians
- To continue the war now is
simple Savagery.
I only mentioned the case
to you of the wonderful
effects of "discipline"
in procuring a *quite un*
[illeg] success - as an
instance of the way & the
only way in which any
Institution can prosper -
The Germans shewed "discipline"
in killing life: may you shew
discipline in: saving life -
3. And the third thing

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I would say is: -
which I am sure will find
an echo in every one one of your
hearts -
that every nurse, when
out of sight of her Superior
becomes invested with greatly
increased responsibilities -
& should try to discharge
them as in the sight of God,
who is, as we will know,
always present.
And let me once more
return to our picture -

We seem to feel at the
Communion that we are
passing into the presence
of God & *laying before*
Him all our lives and actions

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That - which always is in fact
we solemnly & distinctly
acknowledge -

May that remembrance be
in you & in me!

4. Your work & my work is,
in one word: self-denial - But
it brings with it under all
disappointments & trials,
the quiet assurance of having
done some service to God,
if done in a quiet constant
Spirit.

In quietness & in confidence
shall be our strength -
our "Communion" with Him -
our sense of His presence -
Even amid all the hurries
& worries & tiresome troubles

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of a nursing life.

This is the difficulty. But
we may say to Christ:

"Lord, I have never a moment
without a worry How wilt
Thou take up Thine abode
in us & in what manner
shall we be conscious of
Thy presence?" - And
Christ answers - "*Whoever
will take up his or her
Cross & follow me*", I am
one with him or her!!

But mind He says to us:
"*take up the cross*", we are
neither to shirk it - nor
complain of it - nor to rebel
against it, but *take it up*.

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As He did - in God's strength
as St Paul did
I have said a few hasty
imperfect words, not worthy
of the occasion, but such
as I was able write in
scattered moments. My
words are interrupted -
my thoughts are daily with
you - my heart is all yours.

I ask you all - *more & more*
every day to do (what I am
sure you are doing) - to
help your Matron in this
undertaking to carry out
the good of the whole
Institution in the spirit
of that "Last Supper", where
eleven out of the twelve
disciples of our Lord

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gave themselves up, - thro'
many shortcomings & much
weakness still - gave them
selves up to do their Master's
Work - & to train other
"disciples" for that work -
- always remembering:
"except the Lord build the
house" (the Highgate Infirmary
-by far the best of any
Workhouse Infirmary we
have) "their labour is but
bliss that build it."
And the Night-Nurses may
say: - "Except the Lord
keep the city, the watchman
waketh but in vain."
Your house has grown up
by the labors of many -
by the blessing of God.

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6.
If I need not repeat again
how we may secure God's
presence in the "house" He
has built - as truly as
any Church or Temple
(for it is for His poor & sick)
We pray, looking
forward to the future,
that your "house" may
continue to grow & increase
- that you may continue
to "build it up" - not
merely in the sense of
good nursing - tho' that
is much, as Christ tells
us - but in the higher
sense of success in the
nursing of good & noble

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thoughts And lives -
remembering that the
true dignity of life is:
to be engaged in His service.

And let us pray that
the Highgate Infirmary
may be made such that
some may leave it with
some seeds of human
improvement sown in
them - & that you yourselves
may in after life on earth,
in a future life in heaven
look back to it - as the
place in which you have
tried to serve God in His
Sick & poor Children with
all your soul, with all

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your strength, with all
your heart, with all
your mind.
I hope to see you all, &
every one of you in course
of time, soon - But
you can scarcely tell how
driven ~~I am~~ by occupation
I am - & always a prisoner
to my bed from illness.
It is 16 years to day since
we the Nurses landed
at Scutari in the Crimean
War - It is 17 years
that I have had but
twice one week's holiday
except when I had

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Typhus Fever & was
quite prostrate - which
was a holiday.

God bless you all.
And believe me all yours
& ever yours in heart
& soul

Florence Nightingale

[end 6:447]

Letter, ff98-101, pen HI/ST/NC5/3/26, typed copy, 48807 ff158-60

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10 South St

Park Lane W Jan 14/85

[12:376-77]

My dear Miss Anderson,

I have been vainly trying
for a moments time or strength
which is the same thing to wish
you early new years joy
that Infinite love can give -
but I am always wishing
it you in my heart.

You have left your remembrance here
as Night Supt. in many hearts
in St Thomas' Miss Franklin
Night Nurse in Albert is talking

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of you still. I am always
hearing of Miss Anderson
how good she was as Night Supt
so "respected" by the Nurses. Night
Nurses office in a differently - then
Miss Anderson so helpful - would
not let Sisters be disturbed -
would show Night Nurses what
to do & help them, then would keep
the ward during our operation

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& when the operation case came back, not standing by but helping so much at the bed. Kept such a cheerful holy tone in the ward - so competent. always knew when Night Supt. Miss Anderson came in then the best Sisters say: Miss Anderson never satisfied with her own work - always aspiring higher. Ah! There I recognize

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Miss Anderson. I know she is never satisfied with her own work now - always aspiring higher and that is the tone good work. I know how she must influence the Nurses now & raise the whole Night Nursing - And I hope she does not find it dreary when she thinks of this. {?She gives Night-Supt to truly
 Glory in the highest for earth peace

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good will towards men."
 What a noble calling! scarcely anything nobler. How I should like to hear anything you saw tell me of your work. It must be very heavy now. But *His* "strength is made perfect in our weakness" What should men do without that promise?
 My best love to Miss Gibson?
 very king regards to Miss Palmer

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please. I have but a sorry account to give you of home affairs. "Home Sister" has been very poorly in staying here at this moment. Matron Flo is very ailing. Miss Pringle of Edinburgh has been obliged to go to Pau in the Pyrenees for water. Sister Albert (Miss Stuart)
 ? ? Past ? with

Home Sister. *She* is particularly
? & boring?. So is Sister Airy

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? standing Diarrhoea &
Dysentery at Cairo in Egypt.
very heavy work. on night duty now
as cheerful as a bee. Miss Estcourt
& ? is now Night Staff
Nurse at the own ? in
Alexandria? - She is to have that
Sister ship for Miss Isla Stewart
& leaving.
I can fancy how you have
? for every gift & talked?

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where you are. I trust you are
? well. It does my heart
good to hear their talk of you
now again God bless you &
your work. My dear Miss
Anderson. Pray for
yours ever affect.

Florence Nightingale

[end 12:377]

letter, ff102-03, pen f102 {B IX 2} copy, dated Dec 27/86

My dear Miss Anderson
So you are appointed to the
Northern And you have my
very best, my most fervent
wishes that you may have
success in the highest sense.
It is not now a question whether
you shall go or not; therefore
let us only think of the future,
& tho' it may be a difficult one,

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let us trust our Heavenly
Father who wishes the welfare
of the Hospital & your own, more
even than we can do ourselves,
that he will make it a prosperous
one as he calls prosperity -
a blessed one in His sense
of the Highest blessing. It is
his sincere gift to you.
And I hope you will let me

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know from time to time how you
are going on, for I shall be
most anxious [?]. I do not know
when you go.

I am so grieved with Miss Gibson
for her great trouble & grief.

And I am so very sorry for
? Workhouse Infirmary
losing you.

Now I shall say no more

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but loving Christmas greetings
& let me be ever
affectionately yours
Florence Nightingale

letter, f105 typed copy, *Copie d'une lettre originale inédite de Florence Nightingale à Henri Dunant du 4 septembre 1872*, original Ville de Genève
[15:592]

4 Sept 1872

Veillez bien agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de ma très sincère reconnaissance pour l'envoi de la lecture que vous avez donnée a Londres sous la présidence de Lord Elcho. Permettez-moi en même temps de vous féliciter de la réussite de votre noble oeuvre - oeuvre vraiment de Dieu et de la civilisation de Dieu.

Je reconnaissais avec plaisir votre bonté en rattachant mon pauvre nom a la Grande Oeuvre, parce qu'il me semble que c'est plus pauvre jusqu'à la plus riche, ont travaillé lors de la dernière guerre sous vos auspices, disons-le bien, et ceux de la Croix. Elles ont donne non seulement de leur superflu mais jusqu'a leur nécessaire.

Votre bonté me pardonnera de n'écrire que ce pauvre mot. Ma nièce, Emily Verney, fille unique de Sir Henry Verney, est morte hier. C'est elle qui a travaillé plus que nous tous ici en 1870-71. Elle était vraiment le génie de l'Oeuvre des Blessés. Dieu l'a retirée à lui, si aimable, si aimant et si aimée.

Les affaires incessantes et les maladies continuelles dont je suis accablés m'empêchent, Monsieur, bien à regret de faire plus que de vous offrir l'expression de ma profonde admiration.
[end]

Florence Nightingale.

translated copy, f106 Typed with some pen corrections.

f106 {archivist's note in pen at bottom: (Note. This letter is published, though not quite in full in *Les Debuts de la Croix-Rouge en France* (extraits des Memoires de Jean-Henri Dunant) p. 147 This book was published in 1918 at Zurich by Institut Orell Fussli. [Füssli]

Letter, f109, typed

{AI} HI/ST/NC5/3/28 To Miss Pringle.

Glasgow Association for District Nursing:

My dear "Little Sister"

I send for this Association

1. the Preliminary Report to our London District Nursing

Except that people never read anything, this would give them a tolerably good idea of the experience put together.

a). We do not think it possible to try to mix up Private Nursing of the rich with District Nursing of the poor: Because such a trial has always ended in the *rich absorbing* the poor:

b). We do not think it right to mix up *Midwifery* Nursing with *General* Nursing of any.

(In a hurried scrawl I gave you my reasons for this)

2. I send you also two copies of my letter to the "Times" on District Nursing.

3. Dr. Donald Macleod has written to me: but not to ask me for a 'rifacimento' of my "Una" which I might possibly have been able to do: but for an entirely new Article on District Nursing for "Good Words".

It is not a thing which one *can* do 'at call' with an over-worked brain and worn out body: and with everybody asking one [me] to write some Report, Preface, Dictionary Article: or &c. &c. and with never an hour's rest since my Father's death 2 1/2 years ago: besides all old engagements. If I *can* do it, I *will*: but I cannot *engage* to do it: I am sorry to say:

Ever yours

F.N.

(I can hardly write this:)

All our matters I leave to Miss Williams to tell you:

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With best love: F.N.

letter, ff110-13, typed copy. f110 {B IX 12} original, Boston 2/2/7

Lea Hurst,

November 12th, 1879. [8:983-84]

7 a.m.

My dear Miss Mochler

Thank you (you know how deep a meaning lies in that one little word, strongly felt; Thank you) for all your care of my dear Mother and for your letters.

I am afraid that you see some change in her.

I am sure that she has much comfort in Thornton's Prayers: and in what is read or still more repeated to her, even if she misplaces her words, as when she said to you that Thornton's Prayer was a "nice letter".

I have been more struck than ever before, if possible, this year by how much she feels and knows and thinks and even remembers than she can express.

You know the power of expression goes first in old and weak and sick people.

I am sure that she has thoughts about God and Death and thoughts of tenderness and fears and anxieties that she is painfully conscious of her inability to express. In that attack which she had here she told me so much. As in the two years before I was so struck with the activity of heart and conscience even when mind was almost gone, which led her so painfully to search out the truth of the religious words she had used so devoutly all her life.

It seemed that there was truer religion there than in all the words we so unctuously and deftly repeat. I wished I could always hit off the mood of her mind or rather conscience.

Sometimes she told me herself I did. Let us pray for her. Mr. Shore's tenderness for her is beyond all thanks. I hope his Thames Bank affairs are going on well.

I return my mother's prescriptions which I ought to have done before.

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I saw A.P. I am sure you have a very real and high influence over him. Probably no one ever had such before over him. When he speaks of you, it is with tears in his eyes. And his mother told me it made him "quite poorly" to write to you. He came here in toggery which would not have disgraced two Dukes. He told me of his own accord that the love of drink had quite left him: he did not care for it now.

I did not tell him what I knew that he had been met on October 1st coming back from Crich in a cart "not drunk as he had been before but intoxicated" I believe this was the only time.

I tried only to interest him and not to brow-beat or lecture him.

There must have been terrible folly on his Mother's part. She has given him, I am told, the "tit bits" I sent her: etc. etc. etc. And he is too dainty.

I should have said to Adam that I could not go on doing for her if he did not lay by something. But I earnestly hope he will send you money: has he?

He has Neuralgia and "Biliousness", the result of drink: but is much the better for Mr. Dunn's treatment.

I am doing what I can in the cause of thrift and saving. If I had my time here over again, I would give nothing (except in old cases) but on condition that they save.

I shall have much to tell you about all our people when we meet soon:

Mrs. Limb is wonderfully better: but oh the son is going to be married at Xmas and the daughter Limb will have to turn out. This is hard on both. Harriet Limb is going to put into the Savings' Bank doubled by me.

I have taken Henstock and Shardlow off the milk, (but Henstock not off the Cocoatine) after having seen them, and both having promised to put into the Women's Club, and into the P.O. Savings' Bank, doubled by me. I have left Debank on 'milk', subject to her promise of putting into Women's Club and P.O. Savings Bank. I saw her: she cried very much about her misdeeds as to Widow Gregory. I am sorry that there are sad reports about all of them Debanks and Gregorys including the John Gregory's. P.T.O.

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I am sorry to give you a bad report of your little friend's health, Lizzie Holmes. She was ill, and I sent Mr. Dunn. He tells me (but he does not wish her or her mother to be alarmed) that the heart disease is making rapid progress. She is coming here today in the fly to see me.

Walker and Alfred Peach are both at work.

There is to be a free Tea on Saturday, for this is the Wakes. Last Sunday they had to have *six* policemen here.

I have doubled Alison's milk and am paying Jane for work today. She has mended 61 things.

I have doubled Martha Sheldon's milk (I have seen her and the famous counterpane is to be finished next week), and the Allen's milk and am draining their floor. I sent Mr. Dunn to them: and he says the younger has Bright's disease of the kidneys - dryness, meat, milk and eggs are necessary.

I will tell you about them when we meet.

Please tell Mr. Shore that the drainage at the Bratbys is successfully finished: and that I read his letter about the wells at Lea, to Mr. Yeomans. I shall have much to tell him when I see him. Please tell him that the Allens were very grateful to him for their new back windows.

The (Naughty) Henstock boy has been apprenticed to the Derby photographer. He has been both a thief and a forger. I pray that in this new scene he may repent and not become a gaol-bird. The poor mother is a spirit-tapping idiot about her children.

Miss Irby had an adventurous miserable journey back to Sarajevo alone. She writes not in good spirits. Four out of 7 of her girls are dead those who were in training at Prague for schoolmistresses.

Things crowd upon me to tell you: but they must wait till I see you soon: I have no time: this last month is so overcrowded.

Evermore thanks for your care of my dear Mother:
God bless you: your affly

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale
P.T.O.

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Please say to Mr. S.S.

Miss Irby writes from Sarajevo:

"May Miss Johnston go and see Mrs. Nightingale and talk to her about her grandfather Sir Fowell Buxton, and the

slave trade - a subject on which I never knew your mother not wake up to. Miss Johnston wants to go partly I think because she was so devoted for years to her own old grandmother."

Miss Johnston's address is
10 Ovington Gardens

Letter, ff114-16, typed copy f114 original, Boston 2/2/8

{BIX 13} {2}
10 South Street
Park Lane, W.
Aug 19th, 1880.

My dear Miss Mochler,

Seldom was letter more welcome than yours from Lea Hurst. I had been longing to hear and too ill and overworked to write.

I am very sorry indeed that you are going on the 26th. I was in hopes that you would stay till after I come. And when that will be I can hardly say. But I hoped to find you there.

I take the liberty of enclosing £5 and of asking you to be so good to spend it on the flannel you speak of for dear Mrs. Limb and, in anything else either at Lea Hurst or elsewhere that you wish for.

Lyddy Prince: I was very glad you sent Mr. Dunn to her. He says she has only Dyspepsia: but that is a bad "only".

Words cannot say how I grieve about Adam, nor how disappointed I am. And how much more must our Lord grieve and be disappointed in him, I still hope that He may give you a message to him.

Jane Allison I was going to ask you to be so good as to see particularly after. She has gone through a great deal. But I have only just learnt of her return from Manchester. I do not think it is at all pauperizing to help her much.

I am so glad of your account of the little Platts.

Should you think any of the milk recipients had better be taken off or any of the meats, would you be so good as to let me know?

I wish I could offer you a bed in this house, but alas! I cannot.

And now for little Lee: he is called the "little miracle". You know it was thought that he would never leave St. Thomas' again (Psoas abscess) But they had nursed him so well there that he is now

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able to wear his new splint - a much better one than
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he has been able to wear before - He can walk a little - and has very little discharge now. And this very week he was "Presented" and I wrote to Ascot that he might return there. I have now sent to St. Thomas' to know if they think a visit (his mother's) would do him harm - (it is sure to discompose him and he is so happy) and if they could keep him till over the 26th.

(They were going to keep him this week, because there has been a case of Scarlet Fever.)

I am afraid we must not however raise his mother's hopes about his future progress. She will probably think him looking worse than when he left her. It is only by comparison with what he was when he last came from Ascot, when the Doctors at St. Thomas' thought that "he *might* last for a few months" owing to the 'Psoas abscess' that we speak of his being a "little miracle". He is not better, and never will be as compared with his former past and his future. And you see how necessary unremitting first-class Medical advice is to him. He came back to us from Ascot worse than he went: altho' the Doctors at St. T's do *not in the least*

Now I have given you all the details I can till I have an answer from St. T's about his mother.

My love to all the dear old people you mention in the Village: Allens, Mrs. Broomhead, Mrs. Limb, Lizzie Holmes, and thank her Mother for her letter: I am afraid Lizzie Holmes not going to the Mill makes a difference: I hope the Mother does not work harder. Could you kindly ascertain about this?

You do not mention about our own children four: nor whether they ride. How I wish I were with them. Aunt Florence's loving-est love to them all: and to their dear Father and Mother. And pray tell their dear Mother that I have been longing to write to her and will: but have not been able.

I *Hope* what they call "my rooms" at Lea Hurst are *occupied*. Tell her I am afraid I am not coming just yet.

God bless you and all the place "on and on": as the Germans say.

Ever yrs. affly.

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

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How is Mrs. Bratby? and could you see old Mrs. Peach at Critchley? And how is Mr. Haywood

and the penny School Savings' Bank. And does
Mr. Wildgoose *shew*?

letter, f117, typed copy, copy also in Chiddingstone [8:820]

f117 {archivist's note in pen:

PRIVATE

May 6, 1882
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Madam,

In reply to your note, it is some years since I have had any direct information respecting the Sisters of Charity in Westminster - and I can only speak of my experience of this particular Society (St. Vincent de Paul) in France and of its general reputation here.

Their method of 'doing' their charity, so to speak, is considerably opposed to the principles which the Duke of Westminster and other enlightened leaders apply to charitable effort in the present day. Whether with regard to nursing or teaching - and may sometimes be called eminently successful in promoting improvident habits. They are proselytizers.

The Death rate of infants under their charge is always very high from their want of ordinary Sanitary precaution. And the Duke may probably recollect an instance a few years ago where this became public, in Westminster.

Pardon my delay in answering

& pray believe me

ever your faithful servt,

Florence Nightingale.

The Countess Grosvenor

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letter, ff118-119, typed copy H1/ST/NC5/3/32, another typed copy, 45807
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10 South Street. Park Lane, W.

Oct. 23/85

Good speed, my dear Miss Huguenin: you have a great work before you: but I have no doubt you will do it.

I am afraid you will have wondered at my delay. But you did not answer my question what sort of books for teaching the Nurses & Probationers you wished for - nor whether you would consult Miss Crossland. So I consulted her - & this morning I sent for your kind acceptance

Domville's Manual

Berkeley Hill on Bandaging

Hoblyn's Dictionary

Husband

Carter's Elements of Medicine

Huxley's Physiology

Neither Miss Crossland nor I could think of any easier surgical book than "Druitt." And I ordered a "Druitt" - but he is out of print.

Pray tell me if you want other books than these -

And pray also tell me how many beds you have & what sort of cases -

Your letter was immensely interesting to me but rather sad.

However your Residents sound well.

I wish you had the engaging of the Nurses - or at least some considerable power over it & them -

It seems an uphill work.

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God bless you & the work I should like to hear more of it - as well as of the 'classes' - & whether your 'skeleton' is in order.

I cannot help feeling sorry that your Nurses "get certificates". I come in the way of seeing how much harm this does.

Excuse pencil.

Fare you very well - & believe me ever faithfully yours
with true sympathy

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, ff120-21, typed copy
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Xmas Day [12:381]
1886
10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Miss Herbert,

So I meet you again as Night Supt.
May all Christmas blessings be poured upon
you and your work and upon your charges, the
Night Nurses, whose work I often envy. I am
so fond of Night Nursing. May the child Jesus
be born again in all our hearts to-day.

I send 16 Christmas cards with my love,
asking you to be so good as to choose one for
yourself, and send one for Miss Snodgrass, who
I understand is at Weston super Mare - and
choose, because you can choose suitably so much
better than I, for the following nurses:

1. Nurse Hay Ophthalmic
2. " Hewlett Elizabeth
3. " Christie Victoria I send two about
4. " her nurse-maid *children* on purpose
5. " Babcock Charity
6. " Moulton Christian
7. " Charlton George
8. " Ramson Arthur
9. " Hanson Albert
- 10." Church Clayton
- 11." Williams Leopold
- 12." Elliott Edward
- 13." Mitchell Obstetric

And one more for fear I should have omitted
anybody - perhaps your Assistant.

I pray God for you and for them all in the
night season. I send one card with an angel hovering
over the sleeping city. That is how I think of Night
Nursing. May we all answer the angel as Mary did.

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Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
be it unto me according to Thy word.

God bless you all, dear Miss Herbert
Ever yours and theirs

(Sgd) Florence Nightingale [end]

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Oct. 17/87 [8:62-63]
10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir,

Your wishes are law to me. And your account of the young lady of 18 who wishes to devote herself as a Nurse is so very interesting.

But have you thought whether 18 is not too young, both physically and morally?

There are sacred secrets belonging to the sick which 18 could not and ought not to be able to understand - and there are secrets the very reverse of sacred, the secrets of vice, about Patients which their Nurse must know if she is not to be made a fool of; and which one shrinks from any young women, gentle or simple, knowing. (Alas! the "simple" know them far too soon.)

A gentlewoman, or gentle girl, would either be shocked and run away. Or she would be hardened, which is the worse evil of the two. Then about the physical side - we do not take any one into our Training School at St. Thomas's Hospital under 23 - tho' I think we strive to make it a home where the mother of any girl need not object to seeing her daughter.

Whatever you take out of a woman in Nursing life before 23 or 24 you more than take out of her at the other end; indeed you may reckon two years for every one at this end that she loses at the other. Even in Children's Hospital I believe they take no Probationers under 20. (It is true that the present Matron of St. Thomas's (just appointed) who was Matron of the Great Edinburgh Infirmary for 13 years, came to us before she was 20, and has been in the Service ever since.

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But the exception proves the rule (This lady is a pearl of the finest water,) and I think even she would have better health, had she entered later)

We even prefer not admitting *gentlewomen* earlier than 26 or 27, for two reasons: one that gentlewomen are younger in *knowingness* than those who have had to rough it: the other that posts of superintendents will be theirs if they persevere in the life * and 24 is too young to superintend.

Having laid these things, as an old Nurse and Trainer, before you and Mrs. Richmond, I will gladly see the young lady whenever we can make an appointment.

Pray do not think that I cry down Hospital life. To me it is the most sacred, the holiest of all. What is the highest character worth but to use it for those who have none? What is holiness for but to spend it for those who are unholy? And the lovely things one sees among Patients, the return of good feeling among those who for years have never heard a "good word" would alone make the life a delightful one.

Pardon me for not having answered your note before. I have been so

driven both by work and illness since I came back that I have scarcely had time to breathe, and shall be. But in November I hope to have a little more time and to make an appointment to see your maiden fair.

May she run her noble career in life is the earnest wish of yours ever faithfully.

Florence Nightingale

How can I thank you enough for your picture of me: for my sister is more than delighted with it: That is what genius can do.

F.N.

W.B. Richmond Esq.

* i.e. after their year's probation.

letter, ff124-25, typed copy [8:605]

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Claydon Ho: Winslow: Bucks.

Jan. 15/88.

My dear Sir,

I was struck down last night almost by my sister, Lady Verney, telling me, as of a thing that of course I knew, that Dr. Sutherland was dead!! And Sir Harry, on being questioned, said he was "sure" he had seen it in the paper 3 weeks ago or a month ago.

Would you be so very kind as to telegraph to me as soon as you receive this:

Nightingale

Steeple Claydon

Bucks

telling me the truth.

I cannot find it in my heart to ask Mrs. Sutherland whether her husband is dead! My old friend!

I was in constant, almost daily communication with her till Dec. 20., when I was obliged to leave London by medical orders for total rest. (I took it as far as I could at Pine Acre; was no better; & came on after 3 weeks here)

But Mrs. Sutherland promised to write. And I have not heard from her. But the last accounts from her & from you were so good that I was not uneasy.

And I have heard from so many of his friends since. Sir D. Galton, Sir R. Rawlinson & others, who would have mentioned anything happening to Dr. S., & did not.

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Anyhow, I am sure that you will be so kind as to telegraph to me immediately.

Pray believe me,

My dear Sir, in great anxiety,
ever sincerely yours,

Florence Nightingale

J.J. Frederick, Esq.

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Copy

May 21, 88. [4:505]
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Miss Munro,

I think so much of your Egyptian Expedition - You must not, please, day, 'I may fail, & then I shall come back in a year.' But screw your courage to the sticking point. And you'll not fail.

Would you like to have the *Scriptures in Arabic* to take with you - for your own use, I mean? Or perhaps you have a copy already? Please say -

2. It is such a momentous thing to go among the Mahometans - *not* in order to convert them, but that they may 'see Christ' in us -

In India the natives say: there are the Hindoos, & they know their religion & practice it - there are the Mahomedans, & they know their religion & they practice it, there are the Christians, who know their religion & they *don't* practice it" -

And this is the great bar in the way of conversion.

A Governor in India said this to me -

We know they will not have to say it for you -

The natives who are as sharp as needles have lynx eyes upon us now -

But so have our own East-Enders - patients in Hospital - 'infidel workmen', as they are called, upon us -

3. I feel very anxious about your outfit. But you have more recent counsellors than I. I think the gauze flannel worn in India the best (inside) wear - And I always observe that natives them -

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selves, who ought to know best, of hot climates do *not* clothe lightly.

A flannel stomach-belt I think a great protection -

But whatever else there may be difference of opinion upon, there can be none on one point: To clothe *loosely*, to have *nothing tight* about one, is a sine qua non in a hot climate.

You know the "*Sirens Stays*" (to be had at any Indian outfitters) made of a cross stitch material like canvass? These are so recommended by those who wear them, as combining the utmost comfort with the necessity of having good stays for Nursing in -

I am sure you will agree with me that half the soul & health are squeezed out of a woman who wears tight stays - In a hot climate it is destructive, simply -

High heeled boots/shoes are the same - But I suppose nobody wears these now. Holland, 40 South Audley St., I am told makes {folio torn - word missing} inch heels (boots. But you will know all these things {word missing})

4. You feel yourself called to this Egyptian work - a great work it is - This is the accepted time when God will send His spi{word incomplete}

I pray for you hourly that He, full of grace & truth, will grant {word missing} abundantly.

Do you know that in the most ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics we found these words, "God"; "full of grace & truth." ?

They are in some of the Thebes Tombs - & in some of the Nubian temples -

There is as it were a foretaste of the Christian religion -

5. Not neglecting the temporal,

I trust that you will find you are able to put by almost the

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whole of your "free salary", as we call it. The arrangements are quite as liberal as, if not more so than those for the Sisters recently sent out to the Military Hospitals in India by Govt. of India - for which we struggled so.

Commend me to Miss Hughes. I rejoice that you have such a spirited companion I shall be so anxious to hear from you -

I do not press more advice, for it must be tiresome - And you knew it all, I have no doubt.

6. Only, Please have a very loose dressing-gown to throw on at night, if you *should* have to get up -

All blessings attend you
ever yours most hopefully,
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

Letter, f130, typed copy

Confidential 10 South Street,
Park Lane, W,
13th March, 1890.

Dear Sir Robert Rawlinson

[9:693]

I have two, if not more, most kind letters to thank you for - which I do from my heart.

You saw that Mr. Stanhope brought forward in the House of Commons on this day fortnight his plan for spending four millions on Barracks and Camps (*not* in the Estimates) and for the re-verification of the Army Sanitary Commission.

Might I ask you (in strict confidence) whether you could recommend either Col. Tulloch or Col. Ducat for the *Sanitary Engineer* whom it is proposed to put on the Commission? And if either of them would take it? (Their knowledge of India would of course be very useful). It is very difficult to find such a man among the H.E.'s - who would do all the work of the A.S.C. You know (none better) what the qualifications needed are - so I need not mention them. He is to give his *whole* time to the Commission, as I understand (as Dr. Sutherland did). **[e n d**

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Pray believe me, with kind regards to Lady Rawlinson,
Ever yours sincerely,

(Signed) Florence Nightingale

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COPY. July 23/90

10, South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Welcome back to Sweden, dear friend,
and welcome back here this autumn.

I have failed in getting a book of
my sister's for you which is out of print.
But I hope to have it when you come back.
Thanks more than I can say for all your
kindness.

(signed) F. Nightingale
Miss Brinck.
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letter, ff132-37, typed

f132 {AXXV 13 30/5/1891 from Wm Rathbone}

18 Princes Gardens, S.W.
May 30, 1891.

My Lord Duke,

I regret my delay in laying before you, in conformity with your wish,
the best information I could collect as to the difference of opinion
between the British Nurses Association and other Nurses and Bodies
connected with nursing, and especially ~~the difference~~ as regards the
question of registration.

The reply of the Board of Trade appears decidedly to set at rest the
expectation that the registry of the British Nurses Association can
receive official sanction, for if they apply for a charter, the evidence
which would be adduced would make it perfectly clear that they had not
that concurrence of public confidence, which would induce the Privy
Council to give them a charter, to undertake all the various work they
contemplate. In any case, the necessity for a public inquiry, &c., would
involve great delay, and in the meantime it is to be hoped that the
controversy might in some degree be allayed; for we must all feel how
unfortunate has been the personal bitterness which has been infused into
the discussion of a field of usefulness affording scope for more than
all the means and energy which we can hope to see devoted to it. It
would indeed be a happy thing if the refusal of the licence ended the
mistaken action as to the register and set both sides at liberty to join
in common work for the nursing cause.

It appears to me, as far as I have been able to collect and study the
opinions on the subject, that almost in proportion to the

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experience and success of those engaged in the reform of hospital and other nursing and in the training & management of Nurses, is their dread of premature action in the matter of registration.

We are far from having accomplished a thorough reform of our nursing system, though we have made a very satisfactory commencement of it. When I became first interested in this reform, 32 years since, there were only two hospitals in which there was any systematic training of Nurses, and though there were in different hospitals a small number of good Nurses who had taught themselves, the great bulk of the Nurses, both in and out of hospital, were untrained and most incompetent and unreliable. Since those days, great improvements have been made, and we are at present improving very rapidly, but still the number of hospitals where they have such systematic training as could be relied upon to ensure Nurses who had passed through them being well-trained and reliable, is comparatively few. I really doubt whether you could find in the country 500 Nurses who could be safely registered, as reliable up to the point we have a right to expect from those thus authoritatively sanctioned.

It may be said, "Why not confine your register to these, and to those who have passed through hospitals which have a good system of training?" In the first place, you would register an accomplished and expensive staff of inspectors and officers, for inspection and inquiry. I do not see how we are to get these, unless Government took the matter up. In the second place, you would shut out and mark as incompetent a great number of Nurses, whom we are bound to avail ourselves of, as the best attainable, until the systematic training of Nurses has extended and gone on for some years longer.

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It would not be wise or right to discredit those until there are the means of supplying their place by more efficient Nurses. While if you register good and indifferent together, the inferior so largely preponderating, the minimum of qualifications will inevitably become the maximum aimed at. Before we have got a fair average standard of nursing which ought to be insisted on, we should have stereotyped comparative inefficiency.

Nurses are not like Midwives or Doctors, who can be tested by examinations and patent results. Their moral reliability is even more important than their intellectual ability, and this can only be ascertained effectually by those under whom they have been trained, and under whom and with whom they have worked; it is much more important than with domestic servants, yet for these latter we do not like to rely on written certificates of old date, but refer to those who have more recent knowledge for a personal character.

The history of many women engaged in private nursing, who will probably be anxious to be placed on the register of the B.N.A. is often something of the following. It will show how deceptive such a list may be. "A young woman with considerable smartness, good manners and taking appearance, but without sound principles or fixed religious and moral character, goes to a hospital for her training, passes her examination well, and does her professional work skilfully, so as to gain the favour of the medical staff by proficiency in the technical part of a Nurse's duty, which meets their eye. Meanwhile, she has gradually betrayed the defective qualities of temper and principle which clearly indicate that she will never be fit to be trusted on

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independent duty of to be put in sole charge of an invalid in a private case, where a woman of bad temper or with intemperate habits may inflict untold misery on her patient. Or perhaps something occurs which betrays her low moral standard without exactly causing a scandal or ground for dismissal, or justifying refusal of certificate, so that at the end of the period of training, she quits the hospital or Home with it but to the Matron's great relief, and would certainly never be employed by her on her staff, or if applied to confidentially, recommended for employment. She then engages with some private Nursing Institution and is employed by a Doctor who values her professional skill, and, at least for some time, has not the opportunity for discovering her defects of temper and character. This probably goes on for some years, during which time she is steadily deteriorating, but her Certificate gets her name placed on the register; and enquiry, always difficult where the career has been varied and independent, becomes less likely. The Doctor, who at first employed her, has probably ceased to do so, but unless applied to, will not publicly expose her, or has probably quite lost sight of her; and her plausible manners and technical skill will continue to gain her employment in different localities, in some cases even after gross misconduct has caused her dismissal.

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It has been suggested by one whose experience and opinion on this subject are entitled to respect, that perhaps the practical solution of the difficulty which would probably work itself out, if not interfered with by official sanction and registration, may be the formation of local nursing schools & homes in different parts of the town and country, to which Nurses attached themselves, and the security of the public would be their character for care in admission and continued watchfulness over the Nurses who belonged to them. Some of these already exist in various localities. But I confess I am not prepared with advice or opinion as to the immediate settlement of this question

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To sum up the information I have received, and the opinion I have formed thereon:

The improvement in hospital training and nursing is not sufficiently advanced, nor is the number of adequately trained, reliable Nurses sufficiently numerous to make it safe or desirable as yet, to attempt a public register, which would be a sanction to an inferior standard of nursing and would tend to stereotype it.

Such a register would give currency to those who least deserved it and injure those good Nurses whose names and position would be used to stamp as genuine and efficient that which was not so.

At some future time, registration of a public nature might be useful, but then the body to be entrusted with the selection of those Nurses who in the interest of the public can be safely registered, should be largely composed of those persons who have been responsible for the Nurses' training, and are thoroughly experienced in the subject.

{in pencil:} Yours FN

letter, f143, typed copy

Copy Private

July 27/93
10 South Street,,
Park Lane, W.

[12:567]

My dear Sir,

Welcome home - and thank you for your letter of July 6 from Pontresina. I earnestly hope, with all your many friends, that your health will have been entirely restored.

With regard to the subject you write to me about, vis. the proposed interview of yourself with the Princess Christian, to be "arranged by Mrs. Dacre Craven", I shall be very glad to see & discuss it with you, as you kindly invite, any afternoon after tomorrow about 5.30, convenient to you, provided I may know as soon as possible.

I have been for 40 years & shall always be most deeply interested, as you say, in everything that concerns the real training & true welfare of Nurses. But appointments come thick & fast every day more than there is time for.

I conclude that you wish to have our discussion speedily. This week Princess Christian had her Annual Meeting. But she may be going abroad. I believe I could say Monday afternoon if you wish it; but I will write as soon as I hear from you. **[end 12:567]**

With kind regards believe me yours sincerely

(sgd.) FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

letter to treasurer
J.G. Wainwright Esq.,
Treasurer's House.
HI/ST/NC5/3/4

Miss Nightingale's letter continued.

Matron to be Head of the Nursing and Lady Superintendent of the Nursing Staff, and with her successors and the trained Lady Heads I cannot speak of here.

When in 1871 preparatory to the opening by the Queen of the grand building of the new Hospital the Nursing School was called upon to provide for the largely increased Staff of Nurses required, it was already found to be equal to the occasion and all the Wards, as they became rapidly occupied by patients, were supplied with excellent Sisters (Head Nurses) and Nurses, who in their turn became trainers of others. Am I not justified in saying that, in the improvements in the Nursing organization of Hospitals and in the education and training moral and technical of Nurses which have been effected since that time, St. Thomas's has taken a leading part.

We appeal to the public to support St. Thomas's because we believe it to be a thoroughly good Hospital. What do we mean by a good Hospital? It is distinguished by a high tone of morals, by admirable organization, by the wise and liberal devotion of the Doctors. It is a place where any good mother of any class might be glad to see her daughter on the Nursing Staff. Such it must be to be

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a good training School, whether for Nurses or for Medical Students, a place where the essentials of good doctrine and good practice exist. Add to this where the shape and construction of the Wards admits of windows on both sides and is such that one Sister can overlook the whole. (The Sister is the keystone of the Nursing hierarchy, thoro whom the Matron overlooks Nurses, Probationers, Ward Maids, Patients)

All this we find at St. Thomas's. May I venture to call attention to the Moral effect of such Wards, over the Patients future life? The men cease to swear, the women learn notions of decency, order and cleanliness that may be carried out at home. The children hear good words perhaps for the first time, they gain good and give good even in the adult Wards, and even with the young men a little boy of six came into a mans ward who literally could not speak without an oath. He appeared to know no other words, But under the influence of the Sister, he became the little Missionary of the Ward, without ever preaching, as good children in story books do. When he said his little prayers to the Sisters, who had taught them to him, with his arms

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Miss Florence Nightingale's Letter continued.
round her neck, she could see with the tail of her eye
a man in the next bed put his head under the bedclothes
to hide his tears.

How many years is it since St. Thomas's
has had occasion to turn out a Patient?

One more question as Science goes on, do
not Hospitals become more expensive? Highly trained
Nurses supplemented by Ward Maids are more expensive. Doctors
order more expensive diets and appliances, everything is
supplied nothing is spared, whatever is ordered is had. No
one asks where the funds come from.

Where things have been worked up to this
high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of
the great help afforded to this Nursing Movement, at
first far from being generally understood or approved
by the outside public - by the willing and enlightened
support of the Governors, of the Medical and surgical
Staff of St. Thomas's Hospital that the sick poor should
be deprived of the invaluable benefits intended for them
by the enforced idleness, so to say, of the many beds now

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Miss Nightingale's letter,

Vacant, must be a cause of extreme regret to all who are acquainted with the excellent management and organisation of the Hospital, lay, Medical and Nursing, and if you are successful in bringing home to the British Public a perception of the very large amount of suffering which would be relieved or removed by the opening of the vacant Wards, I cannot but believe that their generosity will be moved to supply the requisite means We appeal to them to support a Hospital which from no fault of its own has seen the means of usefulness for which it exists curtailed,

All success attend you,

Pray believe me,

dear Mr. Treasurer,

yours most faithfully,

Florence Nightingale,

I beg to give £100

wishing I could afford

ten times more. F.N.

J.G. Wainwright Esq,

Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital.

letter, ff149-53, typed copy

f149 {74 AIX 81} COPY OF A LETTER to the Rev. T.G. Clarke, Birmingham Honry. Secty. of the Balaclava Anniversary Celebration. 25 October, 1895.

London.

Oct. 21, 1895.

Dear Sir,

You ask me to say a few words for the Anniversary of the Balaclava Charge to your veterans. I am often speaking to them in my heart, but I am much overworked. And what I speak in my heart is something like this - The soldier has such good stuff in him. 1. He really "loves" his comrade "as himself" - when he himself returns safe out of gunshot and he finds his comrade or his officer missing, he goes back to bring him off. How many have lost (or rather "gained") their lives in this way, killed or wounded. And there has been no swagger about it.

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2. And when he loves his God he really does love Him. Accustomed to discipline, to obeying orders exactly, he sets his heart to obeying the orders of God, the great Commander in Chief exactly; the orders of truth, holiness, and love. He becomes a real Christian, he resists temptation, he becomes pure, sober, active in doing good to others, to his wife and children first, if he has any.

There are brave "home livers", brave cripples, brave invalids, as well as brave soldiers. These are not always fighting with bayonet and gun, but with the "world the flesh and the devil", not minding being "chaffed", keeping their bodies as the temples of God, just and truthful in all their doings.

3. The soldier is so good to animals - the Horse Artilleryman to his horses; he may not have enough for himself, he may be sinking himself under hardship and exposure, but he will coax his horse to eat, and try and comfort him. And troopers will sally out after dark at the risk of their lives, after fighting

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all day to find a wet ditch and bring back water to their thirsty chargers who have had nothing to drink all day, and who thank their masters for the muddy draught with quite a human affection.

A soldier is always kind to cat, or dog, or goat.

Does he always bring this humanity home?

Does he always bring his bravery and his discipline home?

4. When men drink they *don't* uphold the honour of their country, their sovereign, and their God. They sink lower than the beasts who never over-eat or over-drink themselves. A man who resists drink is perhaps a greater hero than the heroes of that battle, who stood to their (outpost) battery when surprised and gave time for Regiments to come up, which saved perhaps the face of Europe from being changed. So they now may save their village or their parish, if they stand firm, "rooted and grounded in love". At one great battle which had to be fought on the defensive and *won*, the men stood firm as rocks till they fell - not a man stirred. *They* did not fight for glory.

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Where would England be now, but for them? -

And may we not say now, Where will England be if her men do not stand firm like rocks to the right, and the true, and the holy, and the loving? -

Is England better than she was for *me*? Let every man ask himself this question? Sometimes he forgets that we may fight the good fight - the good fight against the enemy - in common home life as well as in the field. (In India, a well known Commander in Chief whenever there was any thing hard to be done, used to say, "Call out the Saints, for Havelock never blunders, and his men are never drunk." You remember Havelock's heroic march in summer heats in the Indian Mutiny). The Saints, tho' "Chaffed", were they who won, and it *is* the Saints who will win, in what is called every day life.

5. In our Civil Hospital and Infirmary life, we find that - though of course the ward "sister" (head Nurse), morally and technically well trained, is the prime mover in keeping up the

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tone of the ward; if three or four ill-conditioned men or women in a men's or women's ward of say 30 behave badly, they drag down more or less the whole Ward - but if well - they drag it up.

But I will tell you what is stranger still. In a large children's ward where the oldest was five or six years and many under one year, if the elder became quiet and good, the babies would stop crying.

Such is our influence over each other from the cradle to the grave, that God has ordained.

See ye to it,

Quit you like men!

Fight the good fight, never forget that you are the brave soldiers of God who loves you. You are fighting for Him and His England now.

God bless you and He will bless you.

Such are the thoughts for the old soldiers of their faithful servant,

Florence Nightingale

letter, f154, typed copy HI/ST/NC5/3/45

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Feb. 14/96

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10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Sir

It gives us all joy, and Patients especially, of your re-opening of two much wanted wards lying empty for want of funds thro' no fault of their own. These wards also contain some of the latest improvements.

And I hope that all the money still wanted which you desire & deserve will come in.

I beg to send my £100, wishing it were much larger for the benefit is great not only to the bodies of the Patients but towards rendering those bodies able to tread a nobler, more useful course in life by the practical lessons they learn in the Wards of order, kindness, and moderation or self-discipline.

This is especially the case with the children.

It is delightful when a Hospital is a School of good morals to the Patients as well as a training School for Nurses & for Students. And such is St. Thomas' Hospital.

We rejoice that our President, the Duke of Connaught, is to perform the ceremony of opening the Wards. [end]

I beg to remain, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully

(sgd) Florence Nightingale

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J.G. Wainwright Esq.,
Treasurer of St. Thomas' Hospital

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Copy

March 24/97.
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Georgina Franklin

Farewell & God speed! We shall pray for you every day -

I hope Heath's Dictionary is the book you wished. (It is a very heavy 2 Vols) All blessings be with you. Here comes the 3 Edwin Arnold books.

A very devout Buddhist, a young Prince who received part of his education at Oxford, said to me; 'What a much wiser & greater man St. Paul was than Buddha. St. Paul said: Be ye husbands of one wife: Buddha said: if you have one wife, you may have fifty. But Buddha was a great hero. (Gautama)

With regard to what you will find at Bombay, is not your Surgeon Major Genl. the great Inoculator Dr. Haffkine?

2. I live in hopes that the English Nurses will have native men-nurses under them for the men-Patients, & native women Nurses under them for the women-There are excellent native Nurses in Hospitals.

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Fare you very well again

God bless you - And He *will* bless you.

Yours ever sincerely

(sgd) F. Nightingale

Will this Hold-all be useful to you?

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May 14/97
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My very dear Sister Franklin

You cannot tell how glad I was to hear from you, nor how thankful to you for writing so soon. I shall be anxious to hear when you have begun your duties in the Plague camp. Pray present my kindest regards to your two companions - *how well* - I know all those duties will be performed.

I am glad to know of the Assistants under you. I believe Ayahs are often very nice people & teachable.

May God be with you - And He *will* be with you. Christ endured that intense heat at the Sea of Galilee which they say is the hottest place in the world.

We pray for you every morning to Our Father yours as well as ours, ours as well as yours. Then we are all one family in His blessed hands.

We have several Indians of mark in England, sent for over here to give their evidence before the "Indian Expenditure Royal Commission". The one from Bombay I have seen already. And I am to see the one from Poona very soon.

I have no home news you would care to hear. We have had a good deal of illness at St. Thomas; but thank God all have recovered or are recovering. I sent a Telegram with the main contents of your letter to Miss Gordon immediately for herself & Sister Arthur; but very likely S. Arthur had heard from you.

We have still this dreadful war between Greece & Turkey going

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on, but we shall keep out of an European War.

People consider what an European War would mean now, but can hardly imagine it. With our arms of precision, our long-range guns, our "Maxims" & "Gatlings", & worst of all our Iron clads.

And now I must stop and remembering that you are never far from our thoughts wish you *not* good-bye but what that word means: God be with you - as He *is*:

ever yours

anxiously & hopefully

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f158, typed copy

f158 [10:796]

Copy

April 26/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

I hear that you are returned from India. I should be so glad to see you.

Could you come & see me at 5 to-morrow (Wednesday)? Or if that is impossible to you, I could perhaps make some other appointment in the afternoon - How long do you stay? [end 10:796]

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f159, typed copy

f159

Copy

May 27/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

I shall be very glad to see you again.

Could you come to-morrow (Saturday) at 5?

I *could* see you on Sunday or Monday afternoon - but it being Whit Sunday & Whit Monday, everything is so crowded.

Very many thanks for your beautiful plate -

Yours affect.

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f160, typed copy

f160

Copy

May 30/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Nurse Franklin

Could you kindly tell me what I meant to have asked you when I had the pleasure of seeing you here - what little thing that might be useful to you I might have the privilege of getting for you.

Yours sincerely
(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f161, typed copy

f161

Copy

June 10/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

My dear Miss Franklin **[10:796]**

I am grieved at your disappointment - & still more at that of your dear Mother about Chesterfield. And I am afraid it is small comfort to you that I think Chesterfield a poor stupid place - India seems to me the great Divinely-appointed sphere (tho' many look on it as sheer banishment) of the present day.

But I do pray that you may find the appt. that suits you - **[end]**
And we know that

"perfect wisdom, perfect love

"Is working for the best."

No: 'not left entirely without guidance' indeed -

Each is as much His care (as some one has said) as if there were no other on the earth.

I hope I shall hear from you -

& I hope I shall see you, when your plans are settled before you leave.

Yours anxiously
(Sgd.) F.N.

letter, f162, typed copy

f162

Copy

Thursday, Aug. 25/98.
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Thank you for telling me of your appointment as Sister in the Government Hospital, Hong Kong.

May all good angels attend you. You have Miss McInth.

I should be very sorry not to see you before your "leaving St. Thomas' "on Friday or Saturday". You *must* be very busy - But, could you come here to see me at 5 or 5.30 or 6 *to-day*, or if not leaving till Saturday, to-morrow (Friday) at 5.

ever yours

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

letter, f163, typed copy

f163

Copy

Aug. 25/98
10 South Street
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Is there anything that I could get for you that you would like to take out to your friend Miss McIntosh at Hong Kong?

Ever yours

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f164, typed copy

Copy

Aug. 26/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Miss Franklin

I return the prints you were so good as to let me see - very interesting.

And I beg to enclose £5 for you to choose a little (Nurse's) Surgical case -

If it costs more, it shall be paid.

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

letter, f165, typed copy

Copy

Sept. 22/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Nurse Franklin

Thanks you very much for your letter. I hasten to send you the £1.14. - I owe you.

I will take advantage of your kind offer to send something by you to the Nurse at Hong Kong. It will be a great thing for her your arrival -

Let me hear from you when you arrive; pray.

Yours ever

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale

letter, f166, typed copy

Copy

Sept. 29/98
10 South Street
Park Lane, W.

My dear Nurse Franklin

We thought that you might like to take some things with you to Hong Kong - - perhaps give something to your friend Miss McIntosh the Matron of the Government Civil Hospl. there - who worked at Poona with you.

I send a box of Eau de Cologne (which I am told is always welcome)

a case of Scissors and a needle-case.

I sent £1.14.0 due to you nearly a week ago - but have had no answer - so I don't know if you received it.

I pray earnestly for all blessings on you & your work - all the best blessings.

ever yours sincerely

in haste

(Sgd.) F. Nightingale.

I hope to hear from you not only now but after your arrival.

letter, f167, typed copy
Copy

Dec. 20/98
10 South Street,
Park Lane, W.

Dear Mrs. Taviner,

Let me thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your kindness and wish you a happy Christmas & New Year.

May I send a writing case & will you kindly accept it? from

Yours sincerely

(Sgd.) Florence Nightingale.

f184v

Two short letters with envelopes addressed

"Sister Charity

(Miss Ferguson)

Charity ward

"with a parcel of books

6 eggs & for

Miss Solly a little orange

jelly give a delightful

picture

Aug 29/93

"My very dear Miss Ferguson

I was so glad to see you

Please let me send £1 for your

poor little girl

whose outfit you are so

good as to busy yourself

about, or others, p3/-

to pay for your cabs, because

it was I kept you -

f185r

outfits are so necessary

God bless you

ever yours sincerely

FN

Is there a book you

would like to have?

The 2nd letter is dated

June 4/92. Whitsun Eve

10 South St.

My dear Sister Charity

It is very difficult to find

books for women, as you said.

I send you Anderson, which

is always a favourite - &

a whole set of Mrs Ewing's
lovely books. But I am afraid
you will think "Jackanapes"
& the "Short Life" too sad.
I will send some others
"God speed you"

Ever yrs sincerely

FN

f185v letter with envelope

"To inquire after Nurse
Cooper with a nosegay"

Miss Christie

St. Thomas'

June 11/92

Dear Miss Christie

How good of you to write
to me about nurse Cooper
I send to enquire with
a nosegay, if you think
well to give her a few
flowers. I have not
the least idea how she
is nourished, & our cook
is not a good one -
But if you would tell me
anything that she may
have & would like, I

f186r

would do my best to get
it for her.

Ever yrs sincerely

F Nightingale

letter to Miss Christie

10 South St (Sister Adelaide)

[8:403]

Adelaide Ward S. Thomas

June 11/92 "with a book
touches on midwifery"

"My dear Sister Adelaide,

As you were good enough to
condescend to a wish to
gave this frightful book,
I hasten to lay it at your

f186v

feet. It is like the midwifery books which represent the art of midwifery as a performance of a series of the most terrific operations.

Gynaecology besides delights in a natural history of bacilli & a catalogue of the interesting species assembled together in Bacteriology. But I was amazed & somewhat comforted to find that they did want "a trained nurse" in one place with a knowledge of "cleanliness".

As you know your humble Petitioner spends her life, (like a ghost who was looking for his *hand* for 200 years in my brother in law's house)

f187r

in looking for in any appendix to any gynecological or midwifery book, rules for the care of mother & infant in monthly nursing for the poor - as there are still a few women, I believe, who lie in naturally - If you can find any such will you kindly direct my attention to it? & particularly any which teach the midwife or monthly nurse how to feed & wash her baby -

I wish all blessings on your head - & am ever
yrs sincerely & hopefully

Florence N
excuse pencil

f187v

Dr. Cullingworth has
been so good as to send

me his flyleaf of the
rules as to Antiseptics
& cleanliness for *Midwives*
with mother & infant -
For which I am exceedingly
obliged. If the subject
comes up will you thank
him for me? FN
Is there any *Midwives*
Midwifery book which
gives a poor chapter on
monthly nursing?

In a note to Florence Stewart
Feb 3/85 FN writes
Dear daughter of my old
friend & of my still dearer
old friend, Sir John

f188r

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 - FN

a loose half sheet says
"Lord Mayo's loss is a great
one -

Not only was he the kindest
of personal friends to me
in the matter of Sanitary
works & administration
in India, But he had some
thing grand & heroic

f188v

about him of which God
knows there is little enough
among statesmen of this
present day here.

Excuse great haste &

believe me

Ever yours sincerely
& gratefully FN.
Lord Mayo's children
asked for a Telegram to be
sent to Shere Ali, that
they forgave their Fathers
murderer & hoped God
would forgive him.

I told my maids on my leaving
to give warning to your
nursery man - For all
your kindness ten thousand
thanks

f189r copy of letter

July 20 89

My dear Miss P.

I have never thanked
you for your most kind &
useful & instructive letter
both about your own district
work, which seems to be so
blest among the patients,
& also of the training which
your two nurses Miss
Robin & Miss Thomson
had been having in Glasgow,
& the cases they had
been attending, during their
maternity training - It
was all most doubly
interesting to me, for it was
so precise, not vague
or general - You have

f189v

been now 3 months more
at your blessed work, & I
should so like to hear more
of it, but do not like to
ask you & less because
I hear a terrible complaint
against you & I echo it
with indignation. I am
told that you are much
up at night, not in dread
of burglary, but sitting
up with the patients
at their homes. Now my
dear friend, this will
not do. Upon the
superintendent really
falls the heaviest work
& no mortal possibly can
do the day & nightwork too
you wouldn't let one
of your nurses do that.

f190r

And I know very well
what day & night work is
Miss Peter "I charge you
lay aside ambition" to be
more than human -
what on earth would
they do without you?
If you were to knock up!
For all our sakes do
be wise & prudent.

I am not quite so naughty
as I appear in not
answering your good letter
before, for, First of all
I had lent it to Mr Bonham
Carter to whom it was of
course useful, & he has
been on a health trip
to Norway, from which
he has just come back,
but with a dislocated

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shoulder owing to a carriage
upset, & secondly we have
had a great drive of business
But I always carry you on
my heart, if that will
do any good. Thank you
so much
God bless your work
And He does bless it
Ever yours hopefully
but anxiously

FN

May I be remembered to
Miss Guthrie Wright.
It is delightful to know
how the Patients appreciate
your Nursing.

f191r

London

Feb 9/95

X I can not therefore but
sympathise with you most fully
in your present
endeavours -

It is now 35 years ago that
through the generosity of the
British Public & Army & the
cordial cooperation of the
Governors of St. Thomas'
Hosp: I after searching
experience among London
Hospitals was instrumental
in establishing a School
for Nurses in the Old St.
Thomas at London Bridge.
Through that School, my
connection with & interest
in the Hospital has continued
till the present time. And,
though precluded for many
years past by the state of

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my health from visiting it
I have through others been
kept acquainted with it.
My very affectionate personal
relations with your last
invaluable matron, Mrs.
Wardroper, who was the
first Hosp. Matron to be
Head of the *Nursing* & Lady
Supt of the Nursing Staff,
and with her successors &
the trained Lady head I
cannot speak of here -

When in 1871, preparatory
to the opening by the Queen of
the Grand building of the
New Hospital the Nursing
school was called upon
to provide for the largely
increased Staff of Nurses
required, it was already

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found to be equal to the occasion
& all the Wards, as they
became rapidly occupied
by Patients were supplied
with excellent "Sisters"
(Head Nurses) & Nurses,
who in their turn became
trainers of others - Am
I not justified in saying
that, in the improvements
in the Nursing organization
of Hosps & in the education
& training, moral & technical
of Nurses which have
been affected since that
time, St Thomas' has taken
a leading part.

We appeal to the public
to support St. Thomas
because we believe it to
be a thoroughly good Hosp.

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What do we mean by a
good Hosp? It is distinguished
by a high tone of morals, by
admirable organization,
by the wise & liberal
devotion of the Doctors;
it is a place where any
good mother of any class
might be glad to see her
daughter on the Nursing
Staff. Such it must be
to be a good Training School
whether for Nurses or for
Medical students, a place
where the essentials of good
teaching doctrine & good
practice exist. Add to
this when the shape &
construction of the Wards
admits of windows on

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both sides & in such that
one "Sister" can overlook
the whole the "Sister" is the
Key Stone of the Nurses hierarchy
through whom the Matron
overlooks nurses, Probationers,
ward maids, Patients -

All this we find at
St. Thomas' May I venture
to call attention here to
the moral affect of such
Wards over the Patients
future life? The men
cease to swear; the women
learn notions of decency
order & cleanliness that
may be carried out at home -
the children hear "Good
words" perhaps for the
first time. They gain good
& give good even in the

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adult wards, & even with
the young men - A little
boy of six came in to a
man's ward who literally
could not speak without
an oath. He appeared
to know no other words -
But under the influence
of the "Sister", he became the
little missionary of the
Ward, without ever preaching
as goodly children in
story books do - when he
said his little prayers to
the "Sister" who had taught
them to him, with his arms
round her neck, she could
see with the tail of her
eye a man in the next bed
put his head under the
bed clothes to hide his tears

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perhaps thinking of the
time when he too prayed
at his mother's knee -
At a later time when he
was not in the St. Thomas
but with some "Sisters",
he would not even ask
for sweets, giving away
at Xmas time, because
it was not "right" for him.
If that is not religion,
I don't know what is:
Four years he was with
us. Then he died. How
many years is it since
St. T has had occasion
to turn out a patient?
One more question:
As Science goes on, do
not Hosps become more
expensive? Highly trained

f194v

Nurses supplemented by ward maids are more expensive. Doctor's order more expensive diets & appliances. Everything is supplied, nothing is spared. Whatever is ordered is had. No one asks where the funds come from. When things have been worked up to this high pitch, what a pity to let them be starved.

May I be allowed to express my sense of the great help afforded to this nursing movement - At first far from being generally understood or approved in the outside Public by the

f195r

willing & enlightened support of the governors of the Medical & Surgical staff & lay staff of St T Hosp, that the Sick Poor should be deprived of the invaluable benefits intended for them by the enforced idleness, so to say, of the many beds now vacant, must be cause of extreme regret to all who are acquainted with the excellent management & organization of the Hosp. lay, Medical & Nursing. And if you are successful in bringing home to the British Public a

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perception of the very large
amount of suffering
which would be relieved
or removed by the opening
of the vacant wards I
cannot but believe that
their generosity will be
moved to supply the
requisite means.

We appeal to them to support
a Hosp: which from no
fault of its own has
seen its means of
usefulness for which
it exists curtailed
all success attend you
Pray believe me

dear Mr Treasurer
yours most faithfully

FN

full signature

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I beg to give £100 wishing
I could afford ten times
more - FN

J.G. Wainwright Esq
Treasurer of St T's H

From 10 South St Dec 7/88.

FN writes to

Dearest ever dearest "Little
Sister" (was Miss Pringle, Matron at St T)

our dear young charge
is now in the immediate
Presence - how sweet to
her! She has passed the
rough waters! Joy, Joy!
to her, happy soul!

She has gone home -

How much she

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knows by this time! How
much she has to enjoy.

I was just going
to send to you to enquire -
I have been expecting it
ever since your dear note
last night.

Will you take an
opportunity kindly of
telling her mother how
deeply I feel with her?

She has parted with
her dear sweet child
willingly.

If I could do anything
to help in the funeral -

I do not know the
mother's circumstances -
I would gladly.

f197

At all events I should
like to send some flowers -
It would not be a mere
farce in such a case
as this. For she is now
a precious flower in
the Lords Crown. Or rather,
He is holding His Flower
in His hand.

I hope you have not
been up all night -

Thanks for sending
ever yours

FN

copy of letter, Edinburgh Pringle

March 27/90

"Ever dearest little Sister"

I shall be so glad to
see you on Saturday.

I am delighted

f197v

when you honour me by
letting me send something -

6 Picture books
 (life of our Lord)
 & will send more.
 2 "convalescence" - A

very great favourite of
 mine, but perhaps
 it is for older children.
 And it requires some
 one to tell them stories
 of the pictures at the
 end of faithful Roman
 Soldiers at Pompeii
 Of Admiral Casabianca's
 boy standing to his post
 in the burning ship
 Of the three who kept the
 Bridge
 of Excelsior.

f198

A modern Giant Killer
 who *tames* 3 giants
 water, fire, steam, to
 a beneficent use,
instead of killing them, is,
 I think, very pretty.
 Soldier's children in
 which the prayer of the
 little boy "for all the
 poor naughty ones too"
 is, I think, beautiful.
 The Parables of Our Lord
 is too black.
 6 promiscuous ones
 (not directly religious)
 5 (smaller) play ones
 1 Dandelion Clocks -
 the 3 last beautiful but

f198v

perhaps too old for
children -
God bless all yours.
FN

Oct 16/87
"ever dearest Little
Sister"
Yes, surely 22 beds &
3 cots?
shall we have
2 doz big flannel red
jackets for the big beds,
shall we have
1 doz - little red flannel
jackets?
But we must have some
one to make them up.
I don't know what
pattern you like.

f199

So, after all, all the
trouble will come upon
you of ordering them, &
sending me in my Bill -
I don't think it is extravagant
to have 3 doz.
because an occasional
holiday to each jacket
certainly makes them
last longer.
Shall I send you the money
beforehand? Send me in
my Bill now, please -
God bless you
Ever my dearest "Little Sister"
loving
FN

Many
Thanks for Mr Burdett's
paper & the "Hospital"
(to Miss Grant, I've
copied these `letters'
as they are spaced on
each line)

f199v

In a card of thanks
written from South St. May 28/89
FN writes

My dear Miss Peddie

How kind of you to remember
my poor old birthday - And
your roses were as lovely
as your kindness. And
how much your long letter
interested me. Do not
judge of me by my silence,
it is not the heart's silence.
I think of your work &
long always to hear about
it & that you are well &
successful in the highest
sense -

God speed

May I asked to be kindly
remembered to Miss Monk

& believe me
ever most truly yrs - F. Nightingale

f200

FN writes about the death
of her Father and of
a letter to J.J. Frederick Esq
Army San Comm
Horse Guards

8/1/74 [similar 1:275]

"My dear Father was taken
from us quite suddenly on
Mond morning at 8' o'clock.
He had got up at his
usual early hour - there
was a large family party
in the house: but when they
ran in to him, he was
quite gone. For *him* it is
best so. He was quite ready
to go. He was the
best father to his people &
cottagers I ever knew.
But no one can tell
what the break up

f200v

is to us: "For me especially
 who had never once thought
 that I should survive *him*
 & no last word or
 message! -

yrs sincerely
 F. Nightingale

Franco German War
 1870

 letter 35 South St. Dec 17 1870
 To J.J. Frederick Esqre.
 My dear Sir
 As I see that your Anniversary
 Sermon for the "Surrey Chapel"
 Benevolence Society is to be
 tomorrow, I cannot help
 sending you my mite £2
 to put in the plate or use
 otherwise, as you please.
 I wish it was more.

f201

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" way. 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 5 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 &

f201v

Orphans", (whose Post card I enclose) have joined the War Victims 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

f202

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 perssues his errand among the villages round Paris which are, we hear, in an almost worse state of misery & starvation

He described the peasantry of the Ardennes, half agricultural, half manufacturing, as living in an almost ideal state of industry, frugality

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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

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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". 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 help them all.

England's "generosity
& magnificent charity"

f203v

as the Crown Princess
of Prussia (who has
worked as hard as
anybody,) 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, but for all
the sufferers, the miserable
men, 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 -

Pray believe me

Ever yours sincerely

J.J. Frederick Esq Florence Nightingale

f204

From Lea House, Matlock 00230

Sept 22/70 - 7AM.

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 thoroughly
impressed by it, & immediately
followed by a collection.

This whole neighbourhood
is, as perhaps you
know, quite a seat of
Wesley's, And it has
worked immensely hard

f204v

for the sick & Wounded,
everybody working in
common. Children giving
their pence, mill girls
their spare time, poor
women sewing shirts &
trousers & refusing
payment, 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 true
light. The frivolity
of the newspapers

f205

in speaking of France as if
she were a child to be
whipped or a blackguard
to be flogged has been
base. Does not the
threatened siege of Paris
rather recall the words
of Christ weeping over
Jerusalem? & must
we not suppose Him,
in human figure & 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

f205v

greater promise in 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
which, we may thankfully
believe, the boy performed.
But I had always thought
he might in some measure
have taken his Father's
place in the Country -

His poor mother, was
lying dangerously ill

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at the time 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."

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I only mention this to
show what manner of
spirit he was of -

I have been trying all
day for a moment to
finish this note - in vain -

You will know from
the newspapers how the
money & stories people have
so generously given 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 -

I trust Mrs. Frederick
continues pretty well

Ever yours most faithfully
Florence Nightingale

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There is an amusing
remark in a letter from
30 Old Burlington St.

London W May 12/57
to "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
born on the arms of the
people. A much higher
triumph than a mere
discernment of honors
by the Crown. The poor
Crown has been worsted.
I am sorry for it. But

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it was not our fault.

I have been guilty of every
kind of official subservience
& cringeing to those in
power - But I have never
yet been able to direct
to Lord: ?Panmure? "the Right -- Is it Palmerston
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 --

Note

(there are more interest... letters in the
big book)

A letter on reorganizing India
& over throw the last system
It was through a letter from

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Mr. John Paget that FN

LMA (FNM)

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heard of the death of Mrs.
McNeill [??]

letter, f223, copy, Original, Kuopio University
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March 5/96 **[13:493]**
{printed:} 10. South Street,
Park Lane, W

My dear Miss Ekblom

I learn more from you
than you can learn from
me.

Do you think you could
be so very kind as to
write down in English
while you are at
Edinburgh or in Scotland
(you will have no time

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here) what you had the
goodness to tell me about

Aseptic things.

for instance

white linen smocks

short sleeves

your never touching

in a dressing or in using

the Catheter any thing
else about the Patients
before it

beds

sterilizing

no sterilizing in the

wards

you say, truly, that we have
gone back to Antiseptics
in the Wards.

Name of that gauze

you dislike

&c &c &c &c &c

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I shall put to the
greatest profit whatever
you are kind enough to
tell me. It will not
be lost

- - - - -

I cannot forbear asking
your kindness to accept
a small sum £5. towards
your new Home for
Probationers [It can be
changed here with your
name signed at the back
But if there is any
difficulty, I will ask a
Banker here to forward
this little sum to a
Helsingfors Banker.]

God speed you

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It is indeed necessary
to have a Home for
Probationers & also for
Nurses in the Hospital
Else there can be no
discipline, no common
feeling, no esprit de corps.
They ought to be like
the 'Holy Family'.
A Mistress does not put
her servants in a lodging
apart from herself
How much less should
we put our Nurses so.

God's blessing be with
you. And it *will*
be
yours ever in hope & love
Florence Nightingale

letter, f225, typed, from Maj-Lis Juslin, President, Finnish Nurses'
Association

letter, ff226-27, pen f226 {XXIII 6}

copy

In reply to a special
invitation to attend the
Balaklava banquet,
Miss Florence Nightingale
has sent the following letter
to the chairman of the
committee; -

"Sir,

I beg that you will be
so good as to thank the
committee organizing the
Balaklava banquet for
the honour they have done
me in inviting me to be
present at the anniversary
of the charge whose
wounded we received at
Scutari, and to say from
HI/ST/NC5/8

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me how deeply I regret
that it is impossible for
me to accept it, as I have
been for years entirely a
prisoner to my house
from illness and overwork
(for which work still
I do thank God), but
that I am ever the army's
and their faithful servant,
"Florence Nightingale".
October 25th. 1875.

Correspondence, ff228-38, typed copies of correspondence of Florence Nightingale & Mary J. Pyne (and Mr Robert Wigram)

1 (a) typed copy of FN letter to Mr. Wigram H1/ST/NC5/9

Miss Pyne

Miss Lees

Sir

[13:744]

I hasten to give you my poor thoughts on the subject of yours of May 31st. After considering it well over, it appears to me that there ought not to be the least difficulty about this. Would you not simply explain to Miss Pyne what the proposal is, relative to Miss Lees and generally the whole scheme as regard the Metropolitan Nursing Association? It is you, it appears to me, who ought to have the right to do this; and x x
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no-one can do it better. And I may write a few words afterwards to Miss Pyne, should you still think it desirable.

Certainly, as you say, you are "bound" to Miss Pyne; and if you take her as it were into your counsel, she will no doubt cordially concur in carrying out the plan. (If I were in Miss Pyne's place, there is nothing I should like so much as this plan, if really pursued with vigour and discretion. It would give me a starting-point and a hold in my post, which no effort of my own, singlehanded, starting command of old nurses - myself a new Matron, *could* give me, and if Miss Pyne is the sensible person I have always found her, she will I believe be the first to enter into your views.)

I should add perhaps that your proposal of annexing the E. London N.S. etc etc. was sent me in writing by Mr. Rathbone before I ever discussed the subject with him, but I do not say this by way of getting out of a difficulty, for in *that* part of the plan I see none. On the Contrary, I was immediately struck by the "beauty" of the proposal. **[end 13:744]**

Ever your faithful servant

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

2. (Draft from M.J.P.) 13th June (1975) [1875]

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3. R.W. to M.J.P.

f231 H1/St/NC5/9 typed copy

4. F.N. to M.J.P. 35 South Street
Park Lane, W. June 17/75 **[13:744]**

My dear Miss Pyne

Mr. Wigram has sent me a copy of your letter renouncing the Matronship of the E.L. Dist. Nurses. He did not ask me to do anything with you, on the contrary he considers it "without remedy". But I do not see *yourself* in your letter. It seems to me written somehow *outside* of yourself.

I cannot help thinking that it is dictated by some misunder- standing or under the influence of some bug-bear which might possibly be set right. If I was inclined to make a joke when I feel very sad, I should say it was the letter of a lover who had taken dire offence at his mistress and who proclaimed very "finally" that he will listen to no explanation. But as I do feel sad, I will only ask, without expecting to receive any answer, whether possibly it may not be descending from the thing of the Work, and *how the work can be best set on foot*, to the personal things which concern only oneself, but in this of course I may be entirely wrong. Pray tell me that I am quite wrong, and believe me,

Yours very affly

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

I am not at home, having been obliged by the Doctor's orders to leave for a villa near town to take my mother to a red Villa like a Monster Lobster, in the faint hope of getting up her strength to enable her to go to her old home in Derbyshire, after which she craves cruelly.

F.N. - whom you so lately called your
"shepherd". **[end 13:745]**

6. M.J.P. to F.N.

f232 Typed copy H1/ST/NC5/9

Address: 35 South Street

June 20/75

My dear Miss Pyne,

You would be surprised and perhaps amused if you knew what an unspeakable relief your letter was to me. It was a letter from yourself and I fully appreciate and understand (even if I do not agree with) all you say, whereas your letter to Mr. Wigram was as it were not from yourself.

The reason of my relief is *that you stay at Edinburgh*. It is a very different thing "reconsidering the whole matter" and electing to remain where you are, in preference to taking something else, from what was implied in your letter to Mr. Wigram - and not told to me at all.

You will remember that you, like Miss Williams, never gave poor me the alternative of your remaining at Edinburgh at all till the present moment. I am a sort of Telegraph wire which only carries other people's messages and minds. You like Miss Williams told me that you had made up your noble minds "not to stay at Edinburgh beyond October" and you added that you wished for a District Nurses School. I had so little idea of seducing you away from Edinburgh that it was not till after, not only hearing from you but seeing you once, as you will remember, that it occurred to me to offer you Mr. Wigram's Matronship which we had declined for one of our Lady Probationers (with her consent) on the ground of her inexperience (she is now to be a St Thomas' Sister). And I had three interviews before your second visit to be, in order to make up my mind whether it was a thing to offer you.

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7. cont. F.N. to M.J.P.

(We had not then the slightest idea of the "National Association" becoming anything. Our Report had been disputed in Committee; had not yet passed, and I had made up my mind - as I think I told you - that the Nat. Assn. would come to nothing, and that we, the N.F. (Nightingale Fund) people would have to do it "off our own hook". It would be too long and too needless to tell you the very curious process by which it came about, all in a day, that Mr. Wigram's and the Nat. Assn. and we, so far as District Nurses became amalgamated) I have with little time or strength gone into this explanation because I inferred from something that was written, that Miss Pringle was under the idea that it was *my* proposal to you to leave Edinbg. I *think* I can (like the best friend I or any woman had - now gone home - who boasted that, though she had never made a marriage, she had prevented many) say that I have never brought away any Upper Officer from a Hospital, though I have prevented many from leaving. I will only now add that the point in which I differ from you is, that I cannot have the least doubt that power over the District Nurses will be much more secured to Matron or Superintendent under the proposed system than under Mr. Wigram's, where I did think any new Trained Matron over nurses not her own would have an uphill battle to fight, without any of the organization which in a Hospital secures even to a new Matron some sort of power over nurses not her own, but as you stay in Edinburgh - which may God bless! - I will not waste your time or mine with a totally useless discussion. **[end 13:746]**

My love to Miss Pringle and Miss Williams. And I congratulate you from having escaped from indecision,

Ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale.

f234 M.J.P. to R.W. (draft) June 23, 1875

f235 F.N to M.J.P. typed copy H1/St/NC5/9

10 South Street,
Park Lane W.
July 11/80

My dear Miss Pyne

I received your Telegram late last evening. It put me in a great difficulty for on the one hand I honestly believe that unless they had had Miss Williams they are not at all likely to obtain a trained lady as Matron equal to you, and I have the strongest desire that the poor London Hospital should have a "famous" trained Matron; there is such field there.

On the other hand you ask me to do what I have never done before; In every case where I have exerted myself to have one of our trained ladies appointed Matron, I have been appealed to by the Hospital Treasurer himself or the Hospital authorities.

In one case the matron was almost entirely put into my hands. I do not think I have ever given a Testimonial without being asked by these authorities and never without having had quite peculiar opportunities of knowing personally not only the lady but the lady's work.

I am always obliged to explain to our trained ladies, who of course ask me for testimonials that this is what alone gives them value. Otherwise I am merely repeating what someone else testifies to. Although it is somewhat different when, as I have said, the *Hospital Authorities* come to me and desire me to find them some trained lady of ours. Then, of course, I do my best.

I do ardently desire that you should have the London Hospital if you wish it that I am speaking against myself.

I have another thing to say; it is not the immense difficulty of the London, as their entire satisfaction with their own nursing that I think a lady should know who seeks this Matronship. And.....

(sheet ends; no continuation)

f238 typed copy H1/ST/NC5/9

F.N. to M.J.P *Pencil Note*
10 South Street,
W.
Xmas Eve, 1881

My dear Miss Pyne,

Indeed I do always remember you and Westminster Hospital - and at this time especially you have as you well know my warmest wishes for every good and perfect gift for Christmas and for many many happy New Years.

And will you fix some day next week to come and see me at 5, if not too much immersed in Christmas preparations - joy to the Patients and Nurses but, as I well know, business to their dear Supnt.

(At present I can offer any afternoon next week but it will not be so long.)

letter, f239, typed. Taken from News Review of the British Red Cross Society April, 1959. Immediately on his return from Geneva, Professor Longmore sent Miss Florence Nightingale, Henri Dunant's Pamphlet advocating the neutrality of the Medical Services and giving an outline of what was to become the Red Cross organization. Florence Nightingale's reply is most illuminating. [can't read

Typed copy, H1/ST/NC5/9

Hampstead
31st August 1864

My dear Sir,

I have to thank you very much for taking the trouble to send me H. Dunant's pamphlets. The War Office sent me the M.S. copy of the printed article with other papers furnished by you.

I agree with you that it will be quite harmless for one Government to sign the Convention as it now stands. It amounts to nothing more than the declaration that humanity to the wounds is a good thing.

It is like an opera chorus, and if the principle European characters sing it will never be cruel more I am sure if England likes to sing too I never will be cruel more," I see no objection. But it is like vows. People who keep a vow would do the same without the vow, and if people will not do it without the vow, they will not do it with it.

England & France will not be more humane to the enemy's wounded for having signed the Convention and the Convention will not keep semi-barbaric nations like Russia from being "inhuman."

Besides which though I do not reckon myself an inhuman person, I can conceive of circumstances of "force majeure" in war when the more people are killed, the better.

I was asked my opinion by the War Office when they sent me your MS or I should truly have thought my opinion worth stating. The question

appears [?] to me really one for Lord Palmerston to settle.

Ever sincerely yours,
Florence Nightingale

f239 {memoir with extracts from FN's letters to A.L. Pringle, in Edinburgh Pringle collection

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35 South St,

[12:270-71]

May 7th/73

"I have been seeing a good deal of our Probationers lately - also have had some of our ex-Sisters staying in the house - And it takes a great deal out of me for the reason that you say: -

I have never been used to influence people except by leading in work -

And to have to influence people by direct talking - is the hardest work, the one for which I am the most unfitted.....

A more dreadful thing than being cut short by death is being cut short by life in a paralysed state.

As for poor St Thomas's needs they are frightful.... And I have never seen poor Matron so overcome as when she came to tell me that she had no Sister to place over 'Alexandra'.....

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35 South St.

June 4th/73

" I sent you by Nurse H. 2 Autotype Prints for Miss Barclay which I understood her to say were favorites of hers. One is the Prophet Ezekial and one the Arch-Angel Michael, slaying the Evil Spirit....

[Besides the pleasure of becoming acquainted with Miss Wms it was quite a pleasure to my bodily eyes to look at her. She is like a Queen - all her postures are so beautiful, without being in the least theatrical.] Had she more experience her 'masterfulness' would be so valuable."

35 South Street

July 19/73

"I have seen Miss Barclay again. The only thing which will do her any good is to have September for exercise of body - rest of mind - & sea-bathing. In the meantime I do think what

she wants is: to be fed like a baby". (Here followed detailed directions.)".....
get the things out of my money.
Humanly speaking, I believe ---- would
have been alive now, had there been any
one to do this for her. And humanly speaking
I believe that I should have got through the

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Crimean War had there been anything of this kind done for me.

Miss Barclay.....brings with her 2 prints for the Nurses,
Christ blessing the children.
The Nutcrackers and Piper.

Please have them framed as she likes out of my money. And please tell me when you want more....

...Remember that there is danger too of unselfish people taking what they *don't* like, because they think: *that* is the finger of God - ~~that He often guides~~ that, He often guides the pure in heart by giving them a liking for what is His work for them - & that we may be misled by scruples as well as by following our own way. I will not say another word, sure that our Almighty Father will lead ---. God guide us all."

"Lea Hurst"

Aug 11th/73

"----- did what was best and wisest. The rest is with God.....But He is displeased when we enquire too anxiously. A soul which

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has really given itself to God does His will in the present and trusts to the Father for the future. Now it is 20 years to-day since I entered 'public life' - and I have not learnt that lesson yet - though the greater part of those 20 years have been as completely out of my hands to mould, & in His alone, - as if they had been the movements of the planets.....

---seems a woman of good feeling and bad sense: much under the meridian of anybody who will try to persuade her. I think her praises have been sounded exaggerated=ly. She wants a very steady hand over her. Such long-winded stories 5 points or at least half of the compass *off* the subject in hand--Had I not been intent on persuading her I should have been out of all patience."

Aug./73

"We are so *one* in anxieties just now, as well as, I trust, in things which will last thro' eternity, when anxiety shall have been drunk up in the light of perfect trust, that I cannot help writing though I have nothing particular

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to say.....There are trying days before
us.....However, we cannot change
a single `hair' - we must look to Him

 `Alike who grasps eternity

 And numbers every hair.'

[I don't know that it is ever difficult to me
to entrust my own `hair' to Him - but to
entrust ----'s, and yours, and poor Matron's
I find very difficult. And I thought
He did not take care of -----'s hairs. What
a reprobate I am!].

"Lea Hurst"

Aug 30th/73

"I am much pressed to-day: & yet can
not help writing a hurried word, for I
am if possible more anxious than you
are.

 You say you "cannot imagine" what
our plans are. We have none. I "cannot
imagine" what we shall do. But my
dear Emily Verney used to say in her last
illness: the greatest trial of all was not
to know: not to know whether she was to
die or live. But then she used to say: it
is *better not to know*, that so I may leave

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all more entirely to God's will. [She will have been dead a year on Wednesday. How much she must know now.] It is quite useless for either you or me to take upon ourselves the solution of this enormous difficulty - we must leave it to God.....

But anxiety is an impertinence towards God. It is trying to teach at Him instead of His teaching us...

But at present the duty is plain. And God always helps those who are obeying His call to duty: often gives them the privilege of saving others. Do you remember the great London theatre which was burnt down at a Christmas pantomime?

Who were the heroes then?

The poor clown & the poor pantaloone who were at their duty!

The audience who were there because they liked it made a selfish 'stampede', and but for a lucky accident might all have been crushed or burnt.

But the clown and the pantaloone, though there was not a moment to save a shawl

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or a coat to throw over the ballet-dancers, gauze-dressed women who if a spark had fallen upon them would have been instantly in a blaze, actually carried out every one of these women safe into the snow, gauze and all.

And the carpenter collected the poor little ballet-children and dragged them all out through the snow and slush to his

own house, where he kept them in safety.

Brave clown - brave pantaloons - brave carpenter (while the selfish audience who were there for amusement almost jostled each other to death.)

So does God always stand by those who are there for their duty - tho' they be only a clown or Harlequin.

All our cares arise from one of two things: either we have not taken up our work for His love, in which case we know ~~that~~ He has bound Himself to take our cares upon Him: or we do not sufficiently see His love in calling us to His work.

I have been 20 years as I told you in

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learning this lesson. And I have not
learnt it yet.....

35 South Street

Nov.18th 73

"It seems as if God were saying to -----
and me: Be still and know that I am
God.

God did not spare His own Son from the
Cross. We must "leave all", all our consolations,
to "follow Him".

These are the times when we must act and
live in pure, naked faith - that He is our
Father (as Christ did in the garden"

Nov 22nd.....The Saints and Martyrs of old
said that we never do God a service but
He rewards us with a Cross - and how
should we embrace that Cross did we but
know its value....You will find
... in life, how often you have to do things
for His sake alone - even to make mis-
takes - for we cannot be sure of results,
& without any earthly strength or comfort....."

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Nov.24th/73

.....dear Matron Mrs. Wardroper has lost her daughter.....I had a few very touching lines.....when I sent on the Indian mail coming in. I cannot think that dear Matron will ever be the same....Her affections are so strong that I think the blow is terrible."

Dec 1st 1873

"The strongest most surviving element"
(of honour) "is this: to help and not conspire against order and discipline. God help us all."

Same date?

"My dear Mother is at Embley. And I *may* go" (soon) for I am full of business: Indian and other-wise: here.

Date uncertain

Evidently Nov. or Dec/73.

"And now once more Christ asks us to drink of the cup that He drank of. He is with us in the dark waters.

I have just parted with ----. She is so dear: and her little defiant ways do one good."

35 South Street

Jan. 7th/73. [?/74?]

"On Monday morning at 8 o'clock my dear Father was taken home quite

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suddenly: he had got up at his usual early hour. There was a large family party in the house, but when my sister and Mrs. Clough ran in to him, there was no breath, nothing. For *him* it is best so: the Almighty Goodness has done with him what is best. But it is dreary that none of us would be by him at the last: no last word or message."

35 South Street
Jan.26th/74

"I can thank God who has taken your dear *Mother* to His own divine life.It is a precious comfort to me that she should have {illeg. 4 words} {illeg, stk out 4 words} found comfort in any words I wrote.....I can not write anything today which will give you strength.....{illeg. 6 words}

Embley, Romsey
Feb 3rd/74

".....My dear Mother wandered (much and painfully) when I first came: But now there is sometimes a gleam of divine happiness in her face, worth living to see.

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Since my dear Father's death I have lost Mrs Bracebridge - she who went with me to the Crimean War.

- She was more than Mother to me - I never knew any one like her: hers was faith: real sympathy with God. Other people live together to make each other worse: she lived to make others better: and such real Xtian humility: with the most active heart and mind."

35 South Street

Feb.27/74

".....from my Mother I came back here last week, overwhelmed with business: her business: - Bengal Famine business, we are now in the thick of it:

- Nurse business

- School business

If I am worse than usual I have no time to attend to illness.

I return to my poor Mother in 10 or 12 days; we have to remove her from the homes in which she has lived for 56 years: it is a hard trial....

I seem to have gone out in the desert with

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our Lord this Lent.

Miss Hornby has broken a blood-vessel: she undertook "(a heavy and noble duty) "at my earnest desire only three weeks ago:And now in all probability even should God grant us her life - she may be months and months before she recovers -

It is a hard blow.

So is Livingstone's death, his loss is irreparable, a heavy blow."

35 South Street,
March 3rd/74

"I am so driven by Indian Famine and Nurse business that I shall not leave London till the latter part of next week if my Sister can stay with my poor Mother till then. I have appointments every day this week."

undated, probably
March or earlier

"You ask whether my work does not slacken: it never will while I live & my strength decays day by day."

Embley, Romsey
Easter Day/ 74

"I have been so tried and tired that I

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am unable though not from want of thought
to write to you as I should wish....
May Christ rise again in all our hearts
to-day. & may we find nothing hard we
do for Supreme Goodness - but love Him
the better for what He *costs* us: as He
loved us the better for what we cost Him."
Please give Miss Pyne my best love: and tell her
that if she had wanted as much to hear
from me as I have to write to her - *and*
always hindered - she would be in a poor
way."

35 South Street

May 21st/74

"Mr Hy B. Carter and I have been most anxiously
consulting to-gether to do the best
for dear Nurse ----'s truest welfare.
If ----were really a good place for
her, I am sure that I could persuade
him to let her go, though he is unwilling:
on the score that she cannot do much
single-handed at -----, as Training Nurse,
and is doing much more good where she
is."

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Embley, Romsey
April 15th/74

"I am writing almost before it is light in the morning.....

I would therefore say first: when we have a great decision to make [are not *those* only great decisions which involve the moral welfare of others?] Must we not begin by making a sort of 'wrestling' with God: (a sort of trial of arms, or rather of generosity:) - which of us, God or I, can be most generous? We know that it is always God who is the most generous: because we see, what His Son did: but let us try to 'hold our own' with Him: don't let us let *Him* beat us out of the field in generosity.....

Of one thing I am very sure: if you" (act) "for any such motive as what ----will think.....your eyes, as mine have been every time I have done that sort of thing, ~~will be can~~..... will be cruelly opened. I mean I have never done that kind of thing - letting myself be guided by 'public opinion', which is always made up of the *weakest & meanest*

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and not the highest of thoughts,...without
the very people who had led me, reproaching
me for it afterwards...

A very good rule is: to ask ones self how
one should advise another in one's place?
Now: how should you advise me or ---- or
----- in your place?

undated

May 11/74

-----isdoing capitally & very happy:
with a heavy charge.....God bless you:
May wedo our duty in
His holy service holily"

35 South St.

May 25th/74

"Every time ----- writes to me she has
some fresh plan.

I think she is decided by dint of being
undecided. And I think she mistakes
change for activity: & restlessness for force
of character. I suppose her to be clever,
for persons for whose judgement . . . I have
respect, tell me so.

{illeg...4 words} --- has

a grievance against us.....and
there is nothing like an untrue effort of
this kind to 'fausser' the whole tone in

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that one relation." With all this, I have a true regard for her: she is thoroughly conscientious."

35 South Street

Aug 2nd/74

- I think of you as you may be sure.....on this day

- It has pleased God that this Anniversary should have been one of dreadful trouble to me:

13 years ago I saw the death of my great friend,

Sidney Herbert, the War Minister, with whom

I had worked for 5 years every day at

the Army both at home & in India...

The work has been hard since....

I believe that I have taken Lea Hurst

for two months: I got together a little house-

hold to take my Mother to what she calls

"home"

My business has been so heavy, as it always

is just before the breaking up of parliament

& I have been so ill that I am unable to

write: & what a good thing that is: for of much

writing there is no end: nor of talking either."

35 S. St.

Aug.6th/74

"I have....arranged everything for my

poor Mother....to go to Lea Hurst, whether

I am too ill to go or not, with her. She has a

Companion and "Aunt Julia" will be with her"

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Out of London

Sept 2nd/74

"I have been very much over-worked=India Highgate, but most of all (for could I be freed from the other cares of life in order to devote myself wholly to these great questions, my life would be easy) by the aimless to-ings and fro-ings..... connected with my dear Father's death or succession. The endless & aimless correspondence takes away all one's strength for greater things.

Patience: as a persecuted woman of the 17th century (that great century compared with the 18th) said: God's will gives an equal sanction to every employment: & in proportion as you are truly devoted to Him, you will be without choice.

I have been compelled to postpone sine die....taking my poor Mother to
Lea Hurst."

Lea Hurst, Matlock

Sept 23rd/74

"I have brought my poor Mother down here after all....

Mrs Wardroper has written to me about (a proposed situation for a pupil) "And I have answered that I should give her leave to take this private

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situation without severing her connection with us:
but distinctly as a quite exceptional case: and on
these grounds:.....

But I am quite sure that Mr Bonham Carter
will justly and strongly object: as being a bad
precedent, which it *is*: & say that people will be
applying to us for our best women for great
ladies: that we have hitherto steered clear
of *Private Nursing*: & wish to have nothing
to do with it - [& I do not see that the lady's
reason: that 'never could our nurses be
more usefully or kindly employed' is any
reason. Of course every body says that]...

..... I have told Matron that Miss
----- might do" (for a post of Assistant Super-
intendent) "but that as we are asked for one
who will develop into a *first-rate* Supt we
must not say that *she* will ~~do so~~, but ask
if they will have her *so*" (-taking her present
Superintendent's account of her first.)

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Nov. 28th/74

"I am almost glad that ----- & ----- are
too busy to come up *conveniently* before
Christmas. For I have only settled my poor

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Mother at my Sister's till then.....

If Miss ---- will but give *herself*, she has good work in her. But that is the difficulty I feel now (you kindly ask) more than I did at the time the not having had one day free from acute anxiety & cares all this year; & returning to my winter's work without one day's or one night's rest....."

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"---- has never taken any `notes' at all, though a woman of considerable observation: & has read with us medical books.....

I venture to tell you all this as it may decide you as to *which* Night Wards to give her: I think her ~~a woman~~ & thoroughly trustworthy.

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2. I do think it possible she may make better progress under ---- than under -----.

I have ventured to tell her she may ask ----- *to put her in the way* when at a loss. [she is not at all a presuming woman]

.... she is a healthy woman: not at all afraid of work....wishes very much to be cautious & instructed: though clever, perhaps *because* clever: ie. because she knows enough to know how little she knows."

"Those have the only real authority who do not wish for it for authority's sake. The greatest fallacy of all is: to suppose that those who like authority are - they who are fit to use it.

----- you can perfectly trust in any Ward: she is still unformed....She is a real fine creature: not presumptuous....

----- decidedly has a head.

but I should guess not exactly a Surgical head.....nice and simple - is able to give a very good account of things - accurate & straight-forward, greatly admires a good

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Nurse. She cannot give sub-cutaneous injections or cup...very anxious to learn.

I told her I would tell you."

35 South Street

Oct 5/75

"I quite agree in all you say about the undesirableness of Bonuses: the desirableness of forming higher, ie. better paid posts: for merit. - It is confirmed by all my life's experience. I have no time to tell you what - Mr Bonham Carter agrees too. I think that Bonuses never answer: only posts should reward merit: ie. better paid posts: - have come up here yesterday on urgent *Indian* business."

35 South Street

Xmas Eve 1875

"I cannot let Christmas Eve pass without one word of greeting: poor tho' that will be - Say a word to Miss Williams & the Nurses for me of love and gratitude to those who have worked so well thro' the year.

Say, as Lord Shaftesbury said (about the training - Boy Ships for sailors:) - a legacy of £100 000 would have done much

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for us: but oh it is a much better legacy to the country
 These well trained sailor boys: that *is* a bequest
 to Great Britain worth making. So is -----'s in
 the well trained Nurses" (she gives) "to Great Britain.
 Say to all the Nurses that while we are making
 little presents to one another, there is a present
 that we can make to the Great Saviour & Deliverer
 whose birthday we are keeping: a birth-day
 present that He values & wants above every
 thing in the world: a present that He cares
 about from the lowest creature on earth just
 as much as from the greatest & most dis-
 tinguished: the present of - *Oneself*
 May we each and all of us make Him
 that birth-day present tomorrow! - remem-
 bering what it is to make it: & that it costs
 something: otherwise it would not be
 worth making - It is: to give up all bad
 habits: to give up our own way & to take
 His.

And may we each pray for one another,
 as I ask them to pray for me: that I may remem-
 ber each Christmas more and more till the
 Christmas we hope to spend in heaven:

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that I am *God's* Florence & not my own"
give" (Miss Pyne) "my warmest xmas love"

35 South Street

New Years Eve 1876 (31/12/75)

"I must send you our love and greetings
 for another New Year: & to Miss Williams =
 & to all.

I will do *our* very best to "lend you" some
 one in Miss Pyne's place for 6 months; it would
 be the very best practice for a future Supt.
 I pray to be directed.

35 South Street

June 8/76

6:30 a.m.

"By this same post goes a letter to Miss
 Williams asking her to come up here at *once*
 to see for herself whether she would like

the Matronship of a London Hospital for which we have been asked to recommend a trained lady.

I have very good reasons for thinking that, under her, & with the help both in trained Sisters and Nurses & in other ways, which we could give her, if desired, it would prove an immense opening for good: & probably become a first class Training School. We have MUCH more work now at St Thomas's than we can do: & are obliged to decline

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both CANDIDATES, & sending out Staffs: we are so full.

We should be thankful for a second London Hospital to train in....

In a post-script. "You say: you are so tired of "judging" - But Oh think of me: how I can sympathize with you-"

35 S. St.

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"I cannot refrain from saying (remark upon the printed paper) that experience shows the extreme danger of mixing up *Midwifery* Nursing with general District Nursing: & therefore of even giving a *Midwifery three months training* to a General Nurse. The Nurse ~~should be~~ & an entirely separate Nurse from the *Midwifery* Nurse: one should never take *the other's* cases: & it is even better that the two *bodies* should be apart X the body of District Nurses from the body of *Midwifery* District Nurses.

Do tell your friends this:

---- ---- is always worrying us to do *Midwifery* Nursing: but hitherto we have stood firm upon the above principle"

X The use of antiseptics has greatly modified the practise in this respect.

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Sept 30/76

6 a.m.

address 35 South St.

"A sober view both you & I take of the possible
futures of life: veiled in mist & sometimes,
nay often, in drizzle: with gleams of the
Father's love: in bright sun=shine: & both
of us knowing well that "behind the clouds"
He is still shining, brightly shining: the Sun of Righteous-
ness. Though I ought to take a
far soberer view than you,..
for I have undergone twice your years.
And for the same reason I ought too, though
I am afraid faith often fails me, to take
a brighter too"
I daresay just now" she (Miss Williams) "feels dreary enough.
But her great spirit will soon buckle to her work:
& find a joy in it..
I am sure you do not feel so stranded as
I did when I was left at Scutari in the
Crimean War alone when Mr & Mrs
Bracebridge went home: or many, many
times since - when Sidney Herbert, the
War Minister, with whom I had worked
5 years in the War Office: died:
when Sir John Lawrence, the Indian
Viceroy left India: & many other times

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when the future fell across my life like a great
black wall, not (as in other lives) making a
change but completely cutting off the future from
the past:

& again when my Father's death brought upon
me a load of cares which would have been
too great had I had nothing else to do: &
had I been in health.

I tell you these things.

because, because

I was going to say something, but I can only
pray."

["because" may well have meant that her pupil needed stirring up]
"I will not write about other things to-day, but
some other day: this dreadful Turco-Serbian
War: these Bulgarian miseries:
the Herbert is a great harass to us, but
God rules all things well: [better begin in
difficulty than be impervious, easy and self-confident:]

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35 South Street

Jan. 1 1877 "There is such terrible loss, suffering - loss
of the best things, suffering of the worst things -
everywhere that I can only cry all night
to the God of the Old Years & the New=
O God send Thy life boats to save us
all: for Thy storms are very terrible.

And I cannot enter into things now=
I can only say how often I echo (----'s) "prayer
for being released from judging".....*

But now I will only send my love to Miss Pyne;
and all the Nurses who may care for it.
God has given us (His fig trees) another year:
that we may bear more fruit: If He has
purged & pruned each of us (His branches)
let us thank Him for this Mark of His
fatherly goodness to each of us His children.
I do not feel it in me to write them an
exhortation. I want an exhortation
so much myself.

But if you would kindly tell me any
book or picture or other thing you would
like for the Nurse's Dining-room, as a
proof of my poor love, I would so gladly

send it down by Miss Williams as a token for

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1877."

[In response to this it was suggested a copy of a verse of the Hospital hymn as a motto:

"To hands that work and eyes that see
give wisdom's heavenly lore:
That whole and sick and weak and strong
May praise Thee ever more."

Miss Nightingale had this finely illuminated on a very large scale: she had several copies made and gave one each suitably framed, to - - at the Nightingale Home at St. Thomas's Hospital, to (I think) St Mary's Hospital, and to us at Edinburgh.] ".....

"As for (Miss Williams) she does not at all come under the head of wanting a Life-boat: though she is worried, though she has tremendous up-hill work..... she is looking *beautiful* Shehas made many notable improvements: & is making many more. This is a famous three months work.....
---- says from 11 to 1 at night is the only time she has for reading & writing.
That is the snare of all young Supts.....

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May 26/77

"We are yet more on our trial than
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And the next two years will in my belief see us everywhere on our trial again as to our system, especially that of the trained Matrons' authority & then fitness to exercise such authority -- after our 20 years of existence - never mind.
Trial, if we are worth anything is the only test & the only virtue."

35 South St

June 13/77

"I write first on business.

A *Miss Richards* a Boston lady, Training Matron to the Massachusetts General Hospital, has in a very spirited manner come to us

for training to herself. She would have taken

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the ordinary year's training with us: but her authorities would not hear of it: & we admitted her as a Visitor. [I have seen her, and have seldom seen anyone who struck me as so admirable. I think we have as much to learn from her as she from us] I strongly recommended her to try and enter the Edinburgh Infirmary in the same way as she has done St Thomas's.....

She is a thorough gentlewoman & a hard working woman of sense & intellect."

[Miss Richards did come to Edinburgh as a Visitor to our great pleasure and profit]

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3 - "We send you Miss Spencer: - her loss is irreparable to St T's: I will not say to *us* because 'us' includes you, does it not? -

But I think her so wise in going "(to Edinburgh)".

There is no better School for Supt. She is so perfect in her own way. -

6. *The Brompton Consumptive Hospital* has asked us again for a TRAINED LADY to fill the (new) Lady Supt's post there. [I have seen the (new) rules & think they secure sufficient power for a woman of experience] We have no one

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whom we wish to disturb..

Have you anyone?

I should have very much liked to have had this Hospl under a good woman: because I think the Hospl knows what it wants."

22/11/77 "How truly I re-echo in myself every day of my life what ---- once said that to have "no judging" to do will be heaven..... I have had a hard autumn, pressing out my life: I am waiting to get a little strength - which does not come - to return to *London*..... Fare you very well."

[paragraph crossed out here]

May 23/77 I know you to be anxious about this affair as another It is trying ----almost beyond her endurance....I trust that the Goddess in her will be roused in her. These are the great moments of a Goddess' life when she is in a hand to hand fight with the contradictions of circumstances, with great duties, dragged down by circumstances to a

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low level when she has to *do* the *truth* in difficulty & surrounding falsehoods.

35 South St.

March 7/78

" this is only to announce that I sent off to-day a box (carriage paid) of 17 Vols. to your address, which Vols. I hope will please.I am very fond of some of the sketches, particularly Elijah, in Dean Stanley's Jewish Church: though it looks such a long book. Jacob too.I have filled up the box with loves."

These volumes were for various members of our party: all so carefully selected; some procured with difficulty one (German) to follow.

X see page 65 for an extract to come here.

Lea Hurst

Aug.12/78

"It is 25 years today since I `retired into public life': my silver wedding and I am thanking God.....

I am so unable to write. I had to come down & to take charge here without a day's or an hour's rest: & the only time I have to write the most important things, is between 5 & 7.30 in the mornings."

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10 (35) South St

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- "We have always intended, as perhaps you know, to re-open our School for training Midwifery Nurses (which we had for 6 years at King's College Hospital) if a suitable opportunity and place recurred.

The Lying-in Hospital of York Road Lambeth, which had been closed on account of puerperal fever, is to be re-constructed both in building and system & has been offered to us to nurse.

My idea would be to have a trained general Hospital Lady as Matron:

(not *Mid-wife*) & under her a skilled Mid-wife & assistant Mid-wife

- by degrees, from 12-15 Pupil Midwives

- probably for the first year a Trained General Hospital Nurse

- cook, housemaid etc. etc.

You will see that the "lady" must

have powers of organizing (*not* ... necessarily a knowledge of Midwifery)

- with great tact & discretion.

There will be 20 or 18 Lying-in beds:

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and the Committee's Scheme, a very good one, is to train District Mid-wives for provident Dispensaries with which it will be in connection & remain in connection in its neighbourhood.

Without this scheme we should scarcely care to undertake it. With it, there is an enormous opening for good.

The Committee wish to take a recommendation for a Matron & for a whole scheme of organization from us. Any lady we recommended & they accepted would select and organize her own female Staff:

But, you understand, we should only recommend the Matron, - as we do in the case of General Hospitals.

She would then pass *under the Committee* as in those other cases: (*not remain under us:*) We should not of course be able to help her even in those other ways in which we can help in the case of General Hospitals: viz. by training & by contributing a Staff of Nurses.

It will be a new thing which the

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lady will have to spin out of herself, as Miss Jones did so successfully - as regarded the Midwifery training - tho herself knowing nothing of Midwifery - in our case in King's College Hospital. If the Mid-wifery *Training School* is a prominent feature, we should probably have a good deal to say in *this*: & should help in money, as we did to a very considerable extent at K.C. Hospl. as in other things.

Assuming that the salary is what she would have a right to expect do you think - here comes the question - that ----- would be the person to undertake this sort of *creation*, for it would be a creation?

I send my "Notes on Lying-in Instns", which probably you have seen before, by book post, not at all as a guide, for who ever undertakes this Lying-in

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Hospital & Training School must work out the problem by herself & not by a *book*.
I have scarcely been able to raise my head from the pillow since I came here.
I have been as it were ground to powder this autumn. May God grind me into good bread for Him!

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The following extract should come on page 52.

35 South St

April 4/76

(Mr Bonham Carter) "means to give some account of" (the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary Training) "in his *Annual Report*: just being prepared:
& I own I thought of the opportunity which it might afford of making some public acknowledgment of the great kindness of your Professors: Dr. Bell & others - in teaching the Nurses & Probationers. [Also it will be a reason for our paying for (say) 6 Probationers in your new Hospital]

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for Extracts from

letter of Feb 14/76

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April/78 "I have seen such a lovely woman - Miss Cotton "Our Coffee Room" - now Lady Hope: living near Edinburgh. I have told her to go and see you."

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10 South Street

".....And a week afterwards I lost my Father: since when life has been a series of charges.....I, like ----, have been tempted to pray for annihilation: but then, I say to myself, I should not know God.

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to the Director Genl of Public Assistance and to three Mothers Superior Accompanying letters of introduction for our friend (Miss Williams) and myself, in view of our visiting some of the Paris Hospitals before the opening of the New Edinburgh Royal Infirmary to learn what we could from them.*

* {written along complete left hand margin of folio}: We went armed not only with these introductions and one from Rev. T. to the Secy of the Arch-bishop of Paris, but with one from the Lord Provost to the Director general of *Assistance Publique*. The latter asked if "Lord Provost" was equivalent to "Lord Mayor". On telling this to the Lord Provost on my return he asked me if I had told the Director General that he was Admiral of the (Forth)

May 7/ 79

[13:357-58]

6 a.m.

10 South Street

"god speed my dear friends on their journey.

All my personal friends, including the Military Director Gen'l, who used to call me 'sa camarade' are dead.....

M. Husson, who would have done anything for me, is dead.

Hotel Dieu: Soeurs Augustine
See the *Lingerie* particularly.

Enfant Jesus: Dames de S. Thomas
(Enfans Malades) de Villeneuve
please look if they have children's baths
..... of any particular make.

Val de Grâce Sisters of Charity
(Military) (Soeurs de S. Vincent de Paul)
here the Male 'Infirmier' service is particularly admirable.

Do not over-do it & make it a task. If you wish to see more Hospitals, I would recommend

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Lariboisière Soeurs Augustines
 Vincennes Sisters of Charity
 (Military)

I send my "Notes on Hospitals" if you would like to consult the Paris Map of Hospitals at the end, & some other things in it on Paris Hospitals & Religious Nursing Orders, see Appendix p.181" **[end 13:358]**

June 12/79

10 South Street

"My message to you (I ought to have written it down) was NOT that "the W.O." wd. take the Nursing Suprdrn under its wing" but that we should do nothing without the authority of the W.O."

Since you left the commissions from both W.O. & Ly Burdett Coutts have been fast & furious.

But *nothing* definite.

Both apply for Nurses to us....

[Col. Stanley says there may be AN ENGAGEMENT any day.]

I am so overworked that I write in direst haste.
god speed the work. PRAY for it."

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Lea Hurst

Sept 16/79 "I am writing in even a greater press than usual: for there has been considerable anxiety about my dear Mother the last day or two."

[paragraph not transcribed]

The New Edinburgh Royal Infirmary was opened on the 29th October 1879: "Christ's Palace", Miss Nightingale called it.

Sept 9th/79

(date?)

"How terrible the news from Cabul. I am almost glad that Ld Lawrence did not live to see his prediction verified - his warning justified."

(to publish? The above is a post-script to a letter marked "private". I

do not think the injunction extended to the post-script. A.L.P.)

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10 South Street

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".....But indeed I am *always* writing to you in my heart: & praying for your strength to be as your day.

For each and every one of you & yours I do send up the warmest prayers. We have a Heavenly Father in common: that is my comfort:.....

When it grieves me that you can expect nothing from me, I comfort myself that you can expect all from God.....

And may the New Year be a good step in the narrow road to all of us.....

And....you often ask about me: it is the last straw which breaks the camel's back/let alone an old woman with a pulse at 120.) you know: and mine is a *sheaf* of straw:.....

Pray for me that spirit & faith fail not.

The constant feeling of duties accumulating and left undone - India work, Training School work, Lea work & family work is a heavy one coupled with

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every Doctor saying "You must go away for at least 3 months & neither speak, write nor think:" and the impossibility of doing this" (or any part of it:) ".....think whether I feel for *you* in the great work of occupying the New Christ's Palace for the Sick:" & long to hear how you cope

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10 South Street

"My dear Mother has been very much worse for the last week. And, tho' she is slightly better, we know how serious is the danger - danger must we call it? danger of going home? at her age.

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"Poor Mother has had a very restless suffering night."

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10 South Street

"My dear Mother fell asleep just after mid-night - after much weariness & painfulness - tho' not so much as during an attack at Lea Hurst this last year. The last 3 hours were in beautiful peace: & all thro' she had been able to listen to & to repeat

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her favouurite hymns & prayers: & to smile
a smile as if she said:

`I'm dying: its all right.'

Then she composed her own self to death
at 9 last night: folded her hands:
closed her own eyes: laid herself down:
& in three hours she was gone to a
greater Love than ours.

I will send you tomorrow my first
2 Vols. of Plato 2ND Edit. The Apology
The Crito, the Phaedo, & the Phaedrus are
those I think you will like.....

.....Do you remember what Ezekiel
says: And at even my wife died:
And I did in the morning as I was
commanded."

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10 South Street

Easter Sunday 1880 "May all the best Easter blessings be for
you and your charges: And may God's
work go on in the true spirit of the
risen Christ. May all our cares & diffi-
culties & disappointments only tend to bury
us with His body: that so we may
rise again to-day to work His work
as He would have it done.....

But first I want to ask you about
the Nurses saving. The idea originated
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
& corresponded with Secretaries of all
kinds of Friendly & Provident Socies,
& have got together no end of informa-
tion, which I shall impart to you,
please God, sometime when we meet.
Also information about what our Trained
Nurses desire in this line. Then, you
know, 183 of the trained Nurses sent
me a request that I would `sit' for my

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`picture.' And I answered 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 following heading:" (Here follows the agreement and some details of the Signatories, showing that nearly one half of them were already saving, or supporting relatives Then some messages and more Easter greetings.)

"You ask after me, - I have come back from Ramsgate where I went for 3 weeks' silence, for the first interval for 23 years, rather worse than I went. But at this I am hardly surprised. I have had 6 years & more without one day's rest of body or mind, ending 23 years of over-work & illness, & themselves ending with my dear Mother's death. And the Drs. tell me I must be "free" for at least a year (its a poor Easter topic) "from the responsibilities which have been forced upon" me (& which they might say I have so ill fulfilled) &

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from "letters"

But when is that year to come?

I believe however I must go away again for a time, if only to work up the arrears of my Indian works, which weigh heavily on my mind. But God's will be done.

Do you know that the trained Nurses gave a most beautiful wreath & Cross for my Mother's funeral?.....

She was buried by my Father. And to-day they spend their first Easter Day together in the Heavenly Father's home: (speaking after the manner of men.) This Easter she has 'Another morn than ours.'

I hope you care about the Elections.

You are in the thick of them.

Sir Harry with patriotic pluck is in his 79th year fighting a losing battle in Buckingham,.....

But what delights me is that the Liberal side find that the labourers & the working men have waked up during the last 6 years to interests entirely new to them.

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Then, 6 years ago, we could hardly get a hearing: now men jam themselves into small hot rooms, struggling for standing room, while for 3 hours they listen to political talk.

Whether we win or not such interest will never die.

And while the Conservative beer is flowing like water, with all sorts & sizes of bribery, the Liberal baker & grocer & furniture maker & even the Solicitor all canvass for love & even refuse fees. The enthusiasm is pure.

May God guide it, & keep it free from beer & give us a House of Commons to serve freedom & justice."

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10 South Street

April 29/80

(Post-script.)

"Since I wrote this, I have just received
yours.

God bless & reward the dear Nurses,
& say for the high & noble spirit with
which they approach this Provident Socy
scheme

God bless them: & He *will* bless them."

(Apparently written

from Seaford Lodge

Seaton, S. Devon

April 24/80

"Nurses' Provident Socy.

I am infinitely touched by your letters but one
question only I must ask now: there is
going to be a sort of Conference on Wednesday next in
Mrs. Fred Verney's house,.....
to give us sound advice upon Provident
Societies for Women as touches possibilities for Trained Nurses.
I should like a little more information
upon what your Nurses' wishes are, as to
sick pay especially. At St. Thomas' we
dismiss entirely any necessity for provision
for *temporary* illness, because the *Hospital*
provides for that, as long as there is any
hope of the Nurse returning to her duty.

I conclude that it is the same at
the Edinburgh Infirmary.

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When you ask "what they would be entitled to in illness or old age", I conclude that this means *dis-abling* illness or *permanent* infirmity and old age (super-annuation) weekly pension or pay.

Is there any other provision that your Nurses would specially desire?

.....

I think it is so beautiful of your Nurses saying, "if we never need it ourselves, it will be all the better & we shall be helping those that do need it.".....
Pray thank them for me, if you think well, for their generosity in taking to this scheme.
And I am so glad they 'save'.....

It naturally takes off what would be a great pull on the Funds, if the Hospital, as all good Hospitals with trained Nurses do, provides for temporary sickness." [And you, I believe, provide for convalescents too] without stoppage of wages or salary."

10 South St.

May 19 1880

"Trained Nurses League
We had our meeting but have not got on very far. We were delighted with your Nurses' spirit"

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Referring to "a new Glasgow Work-house Infirmary."

Could you kindly tell me anything you know or think about this, in regard to its being a desirable thing for a devoted woman to accept & work out?"

10 South St.

June 30/80

".....(Ma fille, j'ai mal a votre poitrine", somebody says: Ma fille, I take holiday in your holiday, I say.)"

10 South St.

August 30/80

"I am in all the `drive' of winding up affairs & seeing business people."

10 South St.

7/9/80

"I am leaving London in half an hour. It is a most serious business.

I am appalled at the idea of your taking any Probr" of a years standing and a stranger to you as your "Junior Assistant" in such an important post.

I do not think 3 years as Sister & 2 years as Matron of a Provincial Hospl too much for the Assistant of so very important a Hospital
..... God guide us: & He *will* guide us."

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Lea Hurst

Sept. 9/80

[After telling me admirable things about the (inexperienced) lady in question, she goes on to say, speaking of taking inexperienced Assistants - a course to which we were sometimes driven in early days by sheer necessity -)
"But neither ----- I am sure, nor ----- I think, have any idea of the horror with which I look back to the harm we have done in recommending one-year-old Probationers to responsible posts." [Our dear Chief - who always sent the best she had & was so scrupulous in describing them.]

Lea Hurst

Dec. 18/80

"I am so thankful that Miss Hogg suits you and is a help to you:
["it is the greatest relief that she has been a help & not a hindrance, a comfort & not a discomfort..... - Judge then how I give God thanks that " (she) " has done you good service, so untried as she is...]......
My autumn has been full of troubles. It has been a time of trials, too sad to tell. But out of darkness comes light. Since ----- left I have been working through the work I came here to do, squeezing the work of months into days, among the people, `tant bien

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que mal' or rather `tant mal que bien'.
Such has been the harass that all power of continuous
work is leaving me - I am losing my memory.
And old age is coming fast.....
May all the best Christmas blessings be
showered upon you and yours: may the
child Jesus be born in each one of us:
May our souls be given us for a New Year's
present."

28/2/81

10 South Street

"Unspoken thoughts go with you.....
but I will not write *settled* thoughts now:
only a little prelude (which I wish I could
make musical) because you ask my poor
thoughts " [Followed by wise counsel for
the circumstances in which we were placed].
"One may easily be too officious."

13/2/81

10 South St.

".....you can hardly imagine how
painful it is to me to put pen to paper except
on the most pressing business.....

I saw Miss Hogg last week.
She has the great "points" of straight-forwardness, a good
judgment, no self-conceit, & an earnest desire to

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do right, besides others which were mentioned before.

And she is capable of giving a very good and observant account, *without* criticism, of any Institution she sees: *not* at all wedded to her own first training or anything of her own.

.....Is there any amusing book you would read? I think I will send tomorrow Macdonalds 'St Michael & St George', & then his 'Sir Gibbie'. But I am afraid you may know these.

X Ld Beaconsfield's Endymion is so low vulgar & libellous that I cannot read it and will not send it. Is there no law to put down such mean libels against the dead?

We are sending 1 lady from St Thomas's & 4 Netley Nurses to the Transvaal War."

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I am doubtful if the passages within these marks should be published - only if the criticism, apart from *party* will do *good*, as stern words from a gentle person sometimes do. A.L.P.

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10 South St.

"I am always thinking of ----- and always "praying for light" - And I say Our Father which art in heaven" & then stop there - is that not enough?

My very best love to Miss Spencer who so nobly fights the battle.

I will write again, when "light" will come: - do not depend upon "sight" in one sort of mystic

al way. There are things, as I know by experience, in which He sends us "light" by the hard good sense of others, not by our going over in sickness & solitude, one thought, or rather feeling, over & over again by ourselves, which rather brings darkness. I have felt this so much in my lonely life.....

I have been to Seaford for one week."

Easter Day

10 South Street

"May the richest blessings of the risen life be all yours - now, here, to day & for ever."

May 7/ 81

10 South St.

"Why is it such hard work to trust one's treasures to Him?.....In post-script: "Can you help making

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yourself anxious about the work? You *must* -
..... I am here at Claydon by myself for only
a few days."

June 20/81

10 South Street.

"I know so well what that is - to be so
uneasy about a person, & then to find
out that God is smiling at my terrors
& that *she* is all right.

I am writing in the early morning: the
"sweet hour of prime", as we can (hardly)
call it in London.....
tell "(----)" I trust July will do her
(almost) all the good I desire her."

10 South St.

July 8/81

"You will think me the blackest,
or at least the brownest of villains.
- I who am always preaching "have
nothing to do with the Fever-house" & now
have sent you an encumbrance to
train there. Like other villains &
traitors, however, I had no idea that
my hint would be taken....
of course the wretches, - but I did not
know it till long afterwards - immedi-

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ately telegraphed to you. Tread me under foot-
I deserve it...."

In a postscript:

"Pastor Fliedner used to say: when towns
applied to him to send Deaconesses -
"have you sent *me* any? - any Probationers?
I can't stamp material out of the ground."

July 27/81

10 South Street

"Poor Matron" (Mrs Wardroper) is in such
straits that I was quite touched at her
relief on hearing from me that ----
would place herself at her disposal as
Sister."

Claydon House

Sept 3 1881

"For the work's sake it is so important for the *heads* to recruit & be well.....

I am here from the absolute necessity of some silence before I go to the innumerable small burdens of Lea Hurst Parish.

.....
I am so glad the Queen's visit was successful.....My sister is gone to Aix en Savoie & Sir Harry to York. But two grandchildren or rather grand infants

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are here.

Dr. Bell I was so very much pleased to see & know. What a noble eager worker he is."

25/10/81

(From Lea Hurst)

"I always feel....more & more the uncertainty of what Probationers may turn out in the second year.

I have 16 more afternoons I must give to the Village people here - then rest a day or two - then come to London.

New Years Day 1881

[Evidently should be 1882

A.L.P.]

10 South Street.

"With what great love I would give you & all yours a happy New Year if I could. Then may I commend your New Year to Him whose love is greater than mine, & so try to satisfy my troubling untrustful heart?

But this year I feel so uneasy about Miss Stains at Liverpool with all her great difficulties....."

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10 South St.

Feb 1/ 82

"We want -

a Night Supt. for Miss Stains at Liverpool

a Matron for Hull Infirmary

a Lady District Nurse for Paddington

District Nursing Home

And I am afraid shall not be able to
provide either, or any! -

Mar. or Ap.

1882

"Miss E.H.P. is doing capitally....& getting her
Wards into beautiful order."In a post-script: We are going to part with
our dear Miss Rye. I don't know whether
most to our reluctance or hers. The London
Female Mission has offered her the Sup.cy of
all the Refuges with charge of the Central
Paddington Home.....I think she is right - but she is a sore
loss to us."

April 21

1882

"The more you can please yourself" (about the
matter of the Ward Assistants Pictures) the
more you will please me ever. Send me
the bill & do not scrimp it.

I have come to Claydon for a few days to

{written in left margin bottom of folio:} Miss Nightingale paid for an
illuminated verse hanging in the Ward Assistants Hall at Edinburgh: we
got a lady to do it for us: the words are: "But I am among you as He
that serveth."

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be quite alone - being almost broken down."

10 South Street

June 24/82

"I think that ---- is now passing through
a (not un-natural) interval of weariness
& indifference to her work." -

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July 5 1882

"What can I say about -----.....It is not a
plan at all - it is an idea, a chimera, a
soap-bubble, crystallized for the moment
by ----- being in England" -

Lea Hurst

Sept 21/82

"About the War Nurses I must speak when
we meet. Joy that the War is over."

Dec. 22 1882

10 South St

"Great love & God's glad-tidings `of great
joy' & every Christmas good hope &
blessing..... Pray...., that
the child Christ may be born anew
in each of our hearts this Christmas
tide. You never think, I know, that
I forget when I do not write.....
'A Dieu' my dear Mother used to say,
every day when we parted. `A Dieu, my
dear child', with such expression."

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(-----'s) "letter about my dear Sister did no such good.....Each day seems to me to make her a little worse: *not Doctor's* `worse' but *Nurses* `worse'. I think it is the most distressing attack of Rheumatic Arthritis I ever saw.....

.....

I received the Nurses' reports & went in as often as I could till 10 days ago. Mrs. Verney came up leaving her own sick child

as the Angels used to come to give Ishmael & Elijah food & drink, you know.

What should we do without her.....

I am immersed in Egyptian Army

Hospital enquiries, *when I can*.

I send my little Angel" (picture) "to carry Christmas greetings better than I can.....

and my very best love to dear Miss Spencer & ask her to write to me.

The crisis is arriving when" (Mrs. Deeble)

"will have to furnish all the Army Hospitals with Nurses.....I have so much to say

& so little strength to say it."

Fare you very well."

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Feb 3/83

10 South Street.

"I cannot say much for my Sister tho' the terrible restlessness which was really the most dreadful of her sufferings, has passed away.....

Sir Harry's Jubilee was celebrated at Buckingham most touchingly & satisfactorily on Tuesday. And tho' she, who would have enjoyed it the most, could not be there, still she enjoyed it much. *All the people* were so truly fond of him, & proud of his Parliamentary 50 years.

Yesterday my dear Mother's birthday 3 years ago into heaven was celebrated by me."

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Dec 29/83

"I always repeat....Let the child Jesus be born again in our hearts. Alas! how long he is in coming...with His purity, His simplicity, His innocence.....

Do you remember Aunt Julia?" (see page 173) " & do you know that she is gone home? She died quite peacefully at Hastings on Dec. 21 - & was buried on Thursday last at Preston near Ravensbourne.

The 'fervid little soul' is at rest - or rather she is gone to a wiser activity, where her keen sympathies will be in full employ."

Feb 17/84

"As Genl. Gordon who is gone to Khartoum writes: I am with you in spirit every day.

.....It is in sad earnest

that I say: Pardon me, for I could not" (write.)

".....I struggle in to her" (her Sister) "as much as I possibly can, & see the Nurses & Doctors here.....Next month she will have her daughter-in-law, Margt. Verney, here, whom I bless God for having created. She is God's own daughter."

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March 5/84

"Tomorrow (Thursday) Sir Harry has two Swedes to luncheon - on Evangelical Alliance business.....

You are quite right to be at home for the April University Solemnities, of which Mr Jowett, now Vice Chancellor of Oxford, who is going to them, had apprised me. God speed." -

Mar 13/84

"I send you the tickets for the Speaker's Gallery for to-day.....

You see I must give up seeing you to-day. But I shall depend upon tomorrow." -

July 11/84

10 South Street

"I don't think ----- is in the "deepest distress"
but in spirited indignation which is
much better." -

Aug 1/ 84
10 South Street

"..... She must, & I think she does,
feel forever a glow at her heart at . . .
tacking her to..., where a vexatious
business has only made her find
more than kind friends on all sides.
.....And a little lively indignation

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has done her no harm....."

July 1884 or

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Aug. 1884

"I am very weak after a month's coughing
& ought to go to the sea, they say, = but cannot.
Miss Airey sailed from here on Wednesday
for Egypt: very bonny."

Claydon

(address 10 South St)

finished Oct. 11 / 84

"It is charming how you received the
Crown Princess" (German) "'in naturalibus' -
how many of her German Nurses have
you now?

You see that Nurses are going up the Nile
to Wady Halfa.....

But Luther says that he looks out & sees
the firmament which God has made
without pillars, & we wretched men are
always afraid that it will tumble
down, unless we make our little pillars
half a foot high.

It is 34 years since I was at Wady Halfa -
- how little I could ever have thought
that there would be trained Nurses now
there. O faithless me that thinks
God cannot make His firmament

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without pillars. - And India - - - that
He could do so much by means of Lord
Ripon - but we are very, very sorry
Ripon is coming home - and that
He cannot do as much by Lord Dufferin.

No: I have the highest reverence for
X "Sir Stafford Northcote" - he was one of
the very best Ministers at the India
Office - the only reason why I have
not the great pleasure of seeing him
now - is that he was at the India
Office & is not now - And I can never
see any one except on business - un-
happily. But I have hardly done a
day's work this twelve month.....
[In post script] "words but not thoughts in
haste.

And God in Whom we are is never
in haste."

(X In allusion to what I had told her of Sir Stafford Northcote's visit
to the Edinburgh Infirmary, when he had remarked, to the
best of my recollection, "I used to see Miss Nightingale
- but not now." A.L.P.)

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Dec. 30/84

10 South Street.

"How thankful I was to hear from you
after that terrible voyage. We prayed
and sang for you "Eternal Father" &
"O God our help in ages past" in our
family prayers here & at the Home. How
thankful we shall be when the warm
weather comes at Pau."

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Feb. 19/85

(The National Aid Society were sending out a Contingent of Nurses under Miss Williams, as to whose health in Egypt some of us were much afraid:)

" It is in the path of duty. It is a grand & noble work. They want her. She is at liberty and willing.....I.....am now perfectly satisfied that they have offered her a post worthy of her, with no particular risk, as *Supt.* of Nurses, in a Base Hospital of *wounded* only, with plenty of work, severe cases, who want her, & in charge: in charge both of Sisters and of the Nursing - which is, of the Orderlies' Nursing too - under the Medical Officer in charge.....

She is to have the Base Hospital at Suez - where the severely wounded - no sick - are to be Nursed, coming by water direct from Souakim, near to which it is supposed a great battle will be fought almost as soon as the Guards who start to-day land at Souakim.....
Nursing proper of the severe cases to be done by the Women - & training of Orderlies, & management of the delicate feeding of severe cases.....

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"It is the greatest possible comfort that Miss Byam is to be with her.....

Think of them as *wanting* her - of the call for such as her - how she will do it better than any one else."

10 South St.

April 1/85

"All that has been done is ignored in the Military Nursing Dept. And they are gone back to principles or non-principles of 30 years ago.....

But a higher than we regardeth it" - And may we look upon this War as raising many "from the death of" material things to the "life of righteousness".

10 South St.

May 18/85

"If there is a War with Russia, which God forbid! & which is quite unnecessary - they will not send Nurses to Affghanistan - quite right - but to Constantinople they may."

10 South St.

May 20/85

"You will not be surprised & I am afraid you will not be sorry to hear that the Nursing Staff from Souakim & Suez are

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coming home."

10 South St.

July 4/85

"----- must not say that the Orderlies
are 'hopeless'.....

The very most important part of a
Sister's duty in the Army is training
the Orderlies who are essentials in
the Field. It is the very 'raison d'etre'
of the Sisters. But that made me the
more raving that the Sisters at Suez
were so over-worked that they *could*
not train the Orderlies as they
would have done so well - and
that the Sisters who were sent up
the Nile were actually employed
without Orderlies - their very 'raison d'etre'
being thus gone.....But enough
of this - "God will direct" - God has directed
.....

Miss Hogg, you know, is now Head
Sister at Plymouth. She speaks highly
of your 'Sister'" (a pupil of the Edin R. Infirmary)
who it seems has been teaching the
boy Nurses very nicely.....

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I do not think it is regrettable that Mr
Gladstone should go to the General Election
untrammelled by Office.

- I am going to see Sir Peter Lumsden."

In a post-script to the above:

"Some kind instrument at Argèles has sent
me some roots - which I suspect to be the
roots of the lovely red anemone.....
I have planted them out - beautiful
Argeles - beautiful remembrance....."
(She had been there in her youth)

July 17/85 "It is always a question with us whether
10 South St. we will give Nurses to be under a Matron
not of our training or of a training
we know. And I think we always
decide it in the negative. We will
not give Nurses except to be under a
Matron of an approved training."

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Dec. 31/ 85

"On this last day of the old year I pray
with all my heart and strength for all
the highest blessings of a *good* New Year
on you.....on you & all yours.

.....And I always remember to pray
.....for the child Jesus to be born anew
in my heart at this season with His purity,
His innocence, His simplicity.....
Will you be so very good as to present my
kindest regards & good wishes to each
of your ladies.....with these unworthy
cards" (she mentions specially Miss Wade &
Mrs Porter) "& dear love & best wishes to
Miss Spencer -- & "jackanapes" to your
boy Wm Bell - I liked his "bed" so much
- how comfortable & home-y it looks!
and "Convalescence" for a Child Patient
.....I think you will like
Convalescence if you read it."

[Mrs Porter is Henley's famous "Staff-Nurse, old style", so
dear to the New Style Nurses as to be fondly called "The crown
of the Staff".

Wm Bell was a Patient who had made a pretty picture of his bed & bed
spaces coloured]

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Claydon House

June 16/86 "I cannot leave them this week.

Two grand-children in measles & whooping

cough....a sick nurse - my Sister so

very ill - & Sir Harry ailing."

10 South St.

Nov.7/86

"Now I do bless Dr. Affleck.....! I wish we had a gold medal for *those* sorts of exploits.....
Dr. Affleck deserves our heartiest thanks for his Lectures in Dr. Bell's place, tho' we can never cease to regret Dr. Bell. I am delighted that ladies have become head laundresses & I wish they would become head cooks. Do you admit your laundress in any sort of consultation or intercourse with your 'Chapters?'.....

I have been rather bothered for the last twelvemonth by enquiring for and despatching Sanitary & Domestic Economy books to India - to be boiled down by some sort of process into Text-books for native girls & women, & for European girls schools - as an adjunct to Lady Dufferin's Fund. Believing as I do that the conditions

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of England & India are so different that each country should have its own books, I did it in a cold perspiration.

I am now engaged to do the same thing in *Medical* books for the Doctresses - to send out the best books on Midwifery & Diseases of Women & Children

I have already collected several recommended to me by Medical authority. But they are so elaborate - they, especially the mid-wifery books, treat Child-birth, not as a process of nature but as a terrible Surgical disease.

And there is a description of every kind of operation that can possibly be invented.

Could you.....ask the authorities of the Lying in Hospital, or the Physician Accoucheur of your Infirmary - for the names of the *simplest & most useful* books on these matters, telling them it is for *India, for Native & other Lady Doctors* - & for *whose Fund*.....I should be so grateful.

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But they in India ought, as for Sanitation, so for Midwifery & Women's & children's diseases to write Manuals for India. The Mortality among native women, & even among European women in India, is far higher than with us - The Sanitary conditions (of the Natives) in Childbirth are fearful. And they have many other drawbacks.....

If there were any book dwelling upon the conditions which should produce health in pregnancy & child-birth, that would be a God-send for me..... They " (the books) "will be chiefly for (trained) native women-doctors. Ah Dr. Affleck is the real Doctor who consults the Sanitary conditions.....

I came back from Claydon very much run down: to a sick household - & to somewhat hard work with everybody going to or returning to India."

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" I had already sent that particularly good little book "Obstetric Aphorisms" to Lady (Dufferin, & to a Madras Vernacular Education Socy - which asks me almost the same questions as Ly Duffn & also Dr. Croom's ...the same, to both.....I did send out "Combe on Infancy" but I think I will send another copy or two. Do you think Dr. Croom would publish his "Lectures to Nurses on Midwifery & on the Nursing required in the various diseases of women It would be so valuable. Then I would send that out. And pray make Dr. Affleck publish his Nursing Lectures on "Fevers" I should like to send him my very grateful regards, if I dared. Oh! make "a beautiful—Edinburgh series of Nurses books" - how invaluable they would be.....

God bless you with His Christmas love. I always think of (----'s) saying that the child Christ must be born again at this time in all our hearts. Pray for me

LMA (FNM)

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that it may be so."

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Dec. 31/86

"A happy New Year be yours. I send my two little children" (a card) "praying for it in a picture, because I think they pray better than I.

And I send the peasant girl giving food to the child sitting on the door-step in the cold, & finding out it is the Lord Jesus - for dear Miss Spencer.

And Miss Grant & Miss Reith two cards if they will accept them from me.....with my New Year's love. And that good old Nurse" (Mrs Porter, Henley's Staff Nurse, old style) "whose acquaintance I made at Edinburgh before you were born" (a mistake!) "..... - May I send her the verse on the New Year under the icicles? And poor Nurse M" (in fatal illness) "may I send her the tower on the cliff - & the tossing sea? And would your Cook take a card from me - the Rising Sun & Peace?"..... The choicest of the Loving Almighty Father's blessings upon you and dear Miss Spencer - & all your Nurses & all your work for the New Year."

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10 South Street

April 9/87

"Easter greetings, love & blessings.

May we rise again tomorrow with new
life from the Lord & Giver of life.....

I have been trying to write to you every day
this Passion week on the subject so
pressing on both our hearts X - but must
still put it off till tomorrow"

My Easter love to Miss Spencer & if I may to Miss Grant"

X {in left hand margin, vertically written:} X alluding to the proposed
change - my going back to St Thomas's & the Nightingale School & Miss
Spencer's remaining at Edinburgh, in charge.

10 South St.

April 25/87

"Today is the Annual Meeting of our
Probationers at the N. House at St. Thomas'
It will be an unusually large gathering
of old & new - even Miss Stains of Liverpool
etc etc for it is the last over which
poor Matron will preside.....

34 Years Matron

27 head of Training School

She looks very ill.....

Sister Airey from Cairo was wrecked
on board the Tasmania off Corsica
Sunday (yesterday) week. Thank God,
Thank God: they were saved, &
sent home over-land from Marseilles,
after being rescued in Corsica.

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She arrived "quite well" at Bedford, as she, like her own dear self, says quite cheerily, writing, which I only received this morning. It will be announced at the meeting to-day. But I have some hopes others may have heard of it in time to ask her to the meeting, where she would be so welcomed. I believe they lost everything."

10 South St

June 20/87

"I am sure your people enjoyed their Jubilee" [On the day of the first Jubilee of Queen Victoria - a glowing summer day - we had about 300 of our Patients of the Edin. R. Infirmary, carried out, by Students & Porters, on to the grass between the Medical & Surgical hospitals, gave them tea there, and telegraphed congratulations to Her Majesty, to which she graciously replied though she had ceased, overwhelmed, replying to congratulations in general. This entirely impromptu fête was a most happy affair. A.L.P.]

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10 South St

June 21/87

"The Westminster Abbey function is over. Miss Crossland" (& others) " saw the Procession from a Picadilly window.

Sir Harry had tickets for the Abbey but gave it up at the last moment - very wisely. He had 500 tenants & labourers & wives & children for cricket, dinner, little Service in Church, games, fire works, bonfire, at Claydon.

I have heard nothing yet of Abbey or Procession from those who were there."

10 South Street

July 16/87

"The holiday is really in the heart. 'In the heart of duty there is rest:' in the heart of duty & of love. My best love to Miss Spencer.....
..... I do so feel with you all. I enclose" (money) "for poor Nurse.....God bless you all."

July 23/87

"My dear love to Miss Spencer. God bless you all the night I say at even: & God bless you all the day I say at morn."

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Aug. 21/87

Claydon House.

"A friendly feeling, when so truly deserved, & not catered for, is a gift of God. The difficulties no doubt at St Thomas will be great. But what is it that Gamaliel says: 'If it is of God, it cannot be over-thrown = if it is of man it will come to nought'."

- left The E.R. Infy on Sept. 16th 1887.

From this time till April 16th 1890 the letters from which extracts are made here are addressed to me at St Thomas' not at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary: unless

on some occasion of a visit there.
The extracts are resumed on the following
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10 South St.

Sept 16/87

"This day of pain & of joy has at last arrived.

Welcome home - welcome home.

And God speed you and the dear home you have left.....

And I prescribe a course of 'Masterly inactivity' for the first few weeks."

~~Sept. 17/87 "Our love & duty
10 South St. shall wrap you
round~~

Extracts written with wide left margin, with dates written in.

Oct 1/87

10 South St

"Thank you for writing me word about the Treasurer's wish.....
The Treasurer has been so good & reasonable that it would be desirable to accede to his wish if possible. But he is also so good & reasonable that he will not "wish" for it if there are too many 'buts'.
I shall think of you today being introduced to your Doctors. It might be an awful ordeal - but I am sure it will not.....Whatever comes naturally in the way of our Profession is 'by the grace of God!'"

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Oct 16/87 [and roll 2?]

10 South Street

"Yes, surely: 22 beds &
3 cots?

- shall we have

2 dozen big flannel red jackets for the
big beds & because the little cots sometimes
overflow into the big beds

shall we have

1 dozen little red flannel jackets?.....

I don't think it is extravagant to have
? 3 dozen because an occasional holiday
to each jacket certainly makes them
last longer -.....Send me in my Bill
now, please.

Many thanks for Mr Burdett's paper

- & the 'Hospital'"

Oct 21/87

10 South Street

"I feel so very anxious for you & to
know how you have settled the Elizabeth
Succession. It is as important as
'Jamie the first & Sixth' succeeding
Q. Elizabeth.....
I must send off my Messenger in haste.
I have been feeding the Police at
Grosvenor Gate, who were almost worn out."

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out"

Along with the above letter Miss Nightingale sent some notes upon the project of the 'Hospitals' association of Matrons to meet for discussions: from them I make the Extracts which follow:

"Hospitals Association" "Commee of Matrons"

"It is difficult to suggest whether or no a matron should accept the invitation of the Hospitals' Associations to join the Committee of Matrons, without knowing what the Committee does when it meets.

#1 Does it meet for mere kindness and Social Communication?

2 Or for seriously discussing certain points of Administration etc given out

before hand and for which those members who choose *prepare* such questions or such answers as they may think useful?

[NB It is difficult to guess how matrons=regnant can find time - Ex Matrons could do so - to attend these meetings But that is for each to decide.]

LMA (FNM)

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we do know who may be in want of
posts -"

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Nov 12/87

"But as you ask me - I believe this is the way we should answer the application: -

viz..... [3 lines of]
that you do not train at St Thomas' for

"private" Nursing

that "foreigners" are generally only admitted by you to be trained for some post in their own country as Matron or Head Nurse etc.

.....Would she tell you what prospect she has of a post in her own country?

.....[It has always appeared to us too great a risk to bring a woman from her own country, who could not possibly be seen beforehand, unless she was recommended by referees whom we intimately knew, - for us to find her a post here, - not only because she might prove unfit, but because Institutions here might not choose to have a foreigner -

At the same time we have had excellent

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foreigners. But --you see, is good [illeg] off (?) she probably knows Russia. [The best Institution for Lady Physician Accoucheuses was in Russia better than we do. The Grand Duchess' Nurses were excellent]

Do you know that Miss Hogg is promoted to be Sister Superintendent of Haslar This is the Naval Blue Ribbon."

Nov. 19/87

10 South Street

"I give you joy of dear Miss Spencer's arrival.....

I was going to press you both to come. But, between fogs & rioters, it would be murder to bring you out. As you know, there is to be a Monster Meeting in Hyde Park, an Army of Special Constables. The fog may close in at any moment....."

10 South St.

LMA (FNM)

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Nov. 20/87

"tho' tomorrow, please God, there
will be no mob -"

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10 South St

Nov 23/87

"Miss Spencer does not look a day older than she did 10 years ago - pure souls never do."

10 South St

Nov 24/87

"The pheasant & rabbit were for you, not that I think you are starving Miss Spencer, but I wanted to have a pan in the fire."

10 South St

Dec. 5/87

"I am writing all I can to-day & tomorrow for on Wednesday my Doctor `turns off' the eyesight, in order to prevent me from working."

Same date

What is Mr Jowett's story about early rising?

[When on a visit to Miss Nightingale at Lea Hurst, one of the party begged Prof. Jowett to lay an injunction on another member against early rising. Instead of reasoning or enjoining he turned to the one complained of with a kind and merry twinkle in his eyes and said only:
"Haven't you heard of the man who rose early, and who was *conceited all the morning and cross all the afternoon?*"

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Dec 17/87

"Did you make a 44 hours seance with
Mr Bonham Carter. like an Irish member?

I am going on Tuesday.

Do you think that Sister Victoria or any
one who wants a little 'go' in the country
would come down & see me at

Pine Acre

Sunningdale

I shall write with my warmest Xmas
wishes best Xmas blessings to you & all
your children.

Two hampers of Xmas Evergreens & 10 flowering
plants will come to you on xmas Eve
for the Probationers Home.

May Xmas & New Year's blessings rain
on you."

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Pine Acre etc. "May 1888 be yours, 'one with Omnipotence'
New Years Day in the highest sense.....

1888 Would it not do you some little good to come
into the fresh but very cold air here....?

.....Christmas business, Christmas benefits, including
beautiful Santa Claus

Pine Acre "I have had much pleasure in making
Jan 4/88 S. Victoria's acquaintance.

[The writer " (of an enclosed letter) " Miss Eleanor Martin, is the
Niece of one of the oldest friends we had. who is dead.]"
address, please

10 South St.

Jan 19/88 "How much I have been thinking of you
& fearing.....

I know, indeed I *know*, I *know* the immense
difficulties" (of a Hospital) "for one who really
takes up the Government.....

'Make *haste slowly*, says the Latin proverb -
Get Victory silently, gently & slowly, say I....
Yes: the worst "difficulties" "arise" from
one-self, no doubt.....

But God knows all the work. And it
is His work, not ours.

That makes all the difference. I am
appalled at" (your) "difficulties, at Indian difficulties

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at War Office difficulties & Sanitary failures. But Infinite Love says: 'Your affairs as you call them which are *Mine* are in the charge of Infinite Love.' Why should we fear? why should we be appalled? we are "about *our Father's* business." I say that to myself."

(written I think
from Claydon)
10 South St
Feb 6/88

"I trust, now that you have really taken the reins,.....that that incessant vigilance, going into all the minutiae yourself, may be 'relieved guard' - Your Sisters know you now - & you know them - And they must share your difficulties - *not be* difficulties. And so I hope it will be.....
by Night as well as by day.....
When the horses all run in a team,
when we are "all made perfect in one",
the necessary daily current supervision ought to be less onerous.....
I know you kindly ask after me. I went away with one 'exhaustion' (in eyes & all) - & am coming back with two.....

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I have always thought that ---- should write a book on Hospital Management & Nursing. I do not understand their" (the Publishers[, etc.) "plan of the book. If it is to begin with a Man's" (lecture on) "Anatomy & Physiology, is it to be a Class Book, such as a "Home Sister" is to use in her classes? Then why go on with an "Essay on Nursing"? You don't want an *Essay* - do you? but actual precepts *what is to be done*.

There is no book on *Hospital Management*. The Military Regulations on this matter are absolutely misleading. *This* would be a book indeed..... But *is* this what they want?"

Address
10 South Street
Feb 7/88

"I think it is" (right) "that ---- should" (write) the book) "(on Hospital management which is a subject almost untouched in any systematic or experienced way -- & Nursing) A book not *about* Nursing.....but *on* Nursing, & on Hospital management would be simply invaluable ... But is Mr. ----'s "mapping out" the one you approve? And does his view com

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mend itself to you - viz. that "every point as it occurred could be studied on the spot?"

Must not a book be written on one's matured conclusions from many experiences? And is there not danger if one runs out to look at a "point" that one's view will be only from that individual "occurrence"?

.....
I hope to be in London tomorrow. I have to see the Supt Sisters going to India".....

In a post-script Do you think with Mr---- that "the wisest thing is to say 'Yes' in the first moment of courage" - or to say it as the deliberate result of consideration? Say 'Yes' *if the last.*"

10 South St

Feb. 26/88

"You may be sure I am very much interested about X Miss --- & her present Emigration undertaking? But does she know anything about the over-looking of the *health* of children cottages earth, air, & water cleanliness, privies etc etc

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And can Midwifery responsibility be undertaken at "3 months training?"

I have written with Mr Bonham Carter's sanction to enquire about the best Lying in Hospital training, & also about Bloomsbury Sanitary training.

Has Miss ----- the 'motherly' element to "supervise" these 25 "Agricultural" families? - can she *create* such an odd position? & be a kind of "spiritual mother" & "mother of health?"

I hope you, who are as much of an enthusiast as I, about emigration will advise her.

There is not much of a "trained Nurse" about looking after healthy families. Would she like to see me?

.....

I send you my favourite morsel - a very 'digestible' morsel - the volume in which (last article) is my dear Port Royal that I am so fond of. [the other Articles too are admirable] Please return it to me when done with - And I will send you Beard's Port [?]

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Royal: 2 Vols: in English: if you do not know
it - & afterwards Ste Beuve's Port Royal = 5 Vols. in
French - full of dainty morsels - & all very
favorite reading of mine - but I shall only
send one Vol. at a time [Excuse my marks
which I am afraid are all over them]

I have not looked at those Articles of
Stephens for 40 years - & it is just as
perfect & telling with me as ever - they are just as fresh with me as
ever - in interest."

Post-Script
to above

"N.B. The male heads of the British
Nurse's Association have been to see me
at their own desire (Register for Nurses)
And I have spent 4 weary days in
writing out things for them & talking over
things with them.

In my own mind I think it hopeless
- all sentiment - no practical grasp
of any detail."

10 South St
March 1/ 88

"I have written and enclose a letter to....

But for ourselves, we always insisted, as
perhaps you know, in the Midwifery School
we kept for 6 1/2 years for Nurses, & have always

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This letter of March 1st part of that of Feb. 26th refer to our
application made to and by a philanthropic [illeg]

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stoutly stood by it since, on 6 months training
(2 months in large *out-door* practice) & then
would only certify not as Mid-wife but as
Midwifery Nurse - In most, if not all of the
places where these 6 months women after
wards served, the Doctor was not "9" but
2 miles off - he might even be in the
next Street.

[N.B. All *abnormal* as well as normal
cases were under the Skilled Mid-wife
at the head of the School]

.....

.....

I want to clear up my own ideas about
Miss ----'s "high enterprise" by a little
confab. with" (you.)

We are not sent, are we? except to
the lost sheep of the house of -- Britain -
Is it not a higher "enterprise" to be District
Nurse "to 25" poor Holborn "families" than
to "25 Agricultural families" in E. Africa?
or even to be a trained Sister in a Hospital
Ward?

If of those wretched boys who rioted for

{X written along left margin of folio}: this letter of March 1st, & part
of that of Feby 26th refer to an application made to us by a
philanthropic gentleman for a "Trained Lady Nurse to go out to Africa in
an appointment described as 'Colony Sister' to guide & befriend the "25
families" spoken of.

Observe how clearly Miss Nightingale defines the object of her works in
the Training School - to train Nurses for the *Sick poor* to work not
desultorily but under satisfactory organizations.

Observe not less the clearness of her conception of what is necessary in
training - the thoroughness of her requirements - the 6 months stoutly
held to & then only for the qualification of Midwifery Nurse - not
midwife.

Observe again the pains she took to educate a Superintendent in the
principles of her aims for management and know with what gentle courtesy
the instruction is given. A.L.P.

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3 weeks in Hyde Park & were driven about by the Police, a number could be trained & organized by competent men for some Colony into a Mettray, a Ranke Haus or a 'Dutch Settlement' (I do not say it is possible) *that* would be a "high enterprise": and one would say even to a trained Sister: Go, if you have a calling to look after their health & morals.

If of those poor seamstresses & London work-women - often on the verge of prostitution but not prostitutes -

a number could be trained & taken out to Colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, perhaps as working women in out-lying farms, at last as good wives far from the towns, that would indeed be a "high enterprise" - & a high calling even for a trained Lady Nurse to "Mother" them out.

But to take 25 "sober, industrious" healthy "Agricultural Hampshire families," out to the Colonies, is an interesting thing as benefiting

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& raising the individuals, but could almost be done by a devoted land-lord in England.

[And is there much more to be done for 25 good labourer's families in East Africa (possibly less) than in Hampshire in influencing & looking after them. Only no one thinks of giving a lady at £200 a year to look after them in Hampshire?]

Seems not the present plan rather a step *not* to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England - not to reformation but the reverse - taking away the "sober & industrious" & leaving the idle, drunken & destitute.

It is not those who are doing well here, or anywhere, but those who are doing ill or going to ruin - our lost sheep - that one wants to save. Does one want to take the best labourers & workmen out of England, or the worst, & save *them*?

[The best, the young & sober stone-masons near Lea Hurst are emigrating to Ohio,- leaving the idle drunkards behind.

Is this a movement one longs to help?]

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continued "Everything about Emigration is interesting -
- everything about the reward & prosperity of good
labourers -

But it might almost be said that it is
another step to filling the Gaols & work-houses
here - to take away the best & leave those
boys & girls who populate prisons & Unions -
but whom no one thinks of giving a lady
to help & reform -

In short, the plan may be a good thing
as benefiting individuals who deserve it,
but is it a great work - a 'high enterprise',
a saving of our lost sheep, a de-
pauperization & reformation? I dont
know.

Does not the work of a trained Hospital
Sister, certainly of a trained London
District Lady Nurse, partake much
more of all these things?

Why do not people seriously think of
taking & reforming a wretched London
Court of "25 families"? [Miss G. Hill did]

All the while I am enthusiastic
about Emigration - but for the lost

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sheep, as far as we are concerned.

March 16/88

[12:524]

"Great satisfaction that the dreaded thing is to be put off "for a year"!

I believe the *General* Register will be put off even longer - & we shall stick to our own Registers."

[end 12:524]

April 3/88

In a post-script

"I am not sure that I quite agree with you as to Nurses not saving - But I quite agree with them "that they can't afford so much". And after a great deal of enquiry I think Mr ----'s plan so unsuited to our Hospital women. Do they intend to stay in Hospital life till they are 60 "or 55 or even 50"? Do Nurses marry more or less than other women? Dr. Steele himself says "More: because they make such good wives." If it is for Private Nurses how does" (it) "apply?

Then what Miss Lückes states is so true that Mrs ----'s plan should not interfere with what the Hospital does

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for its Nurses

.....

It is of course desirable that the Nurses
should have it all thoroughly explained
to them - It is our duty".

April 18/88

10 South Street

"Mind, please you tell that I was obliged to forego sending Xmas
& New Year's cards to *any* one, except to a
poor old desolate soul in Derbyshire, who lost the
Sister she lived with just before Xmas,
pensioners for many years - & to some
sick children & Sta Claus people.....

But I was at Pine Acre alone on Xmas
day & New Year's Days - with no eyes - *no*
nothing."

May 10/88

In a post-script

"I do so feel for the great troubles."

"Don't however retire to New Zealand
without me, please.

I will tell you why."

May 12/88

10 South Street

illeg "We are in this terrible ---- business.

..... At all events,

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we must put it in God's hands.....
 I don't think we..... believe in the victory
 of good and truth in His hands - may it never
 be *against* us but always with us!

.....both with ----- &
 Miss ----- I cannot help feeling that they
 are going into not at all the purpose for
 which they are trained.....

I don't think I shall write even
 my poor little letter to the dear Probationers for
 Wednesday.....

Vale - and Au revoir.

Do you want a book?"

In a post-script "You don't know how much I sym-
 pathize with your wish - not exactly for
 a "New Zealand farm" No, I would not
 leave much=suffering England, hardly
 even for a War - but to be a Ward
 Nurse or a District Nurse.

Nursing was my calling. All this
 Gov't works has been something else -
 And yet I was called to it too. That is
 the only strength.

I feel so ungrateful for what you

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call my 'lovely room' - & for those sorts of blessings.

And the immense opportunities I have had given me - no one has had more - do not think but that I know *how badly* I have used them - in how little of the true Spirit."

[Thus humbly did our Chief estimate herself]
A.L.P.

May 15/88

10 South Street

"Very anxious I feel.....But one thing you may be sure of: forgiveness & love...are never wasted; they will tell some time or other. What" (we suffer) "is part of the vicarious suffering of the world, which we *must* have, whether we will or no; & which if we suffer willingly we are like Christ....."

May 19/88

"----- talks calmly of failing & returning in a year!! 'But screw your courage to the sticking point & you'll not fail' I hope --- is vigorous at *continuous* employments....."

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May 26/88

"I have been thinking a great deal ~~about~~ of that poor ----

If she is really trying to lead a new life she is bound to" (let us know her address) "And I am bound not to let her fall entirely out of sight.

But her best chance is for us all to believe in her wish to lead a new life....."

June 6/88

10 South St.

"Which are particularly the "dear Sisters"?

I want to love them too.

I hope the "Chapter" on "caps" was eminent ly successful.....

I have seen & admired your Miss Hughes & feel at least hope now. I have been trying to help them *with Arabic*.

.....(Mr. Bonham Carter) "had made such slight notes that he could not print anything. But the paper I enclose covers the ground as to *Register*. It is by him.

.....

I hope the Infirmary Baby" (our loving word for the great charge at Edinburgh) "won't be "illeg. ramblin"?} too much "off" dear Miss Spencer's knee.

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June 11/88

10 South Street

finished June 16

" -- they have made the most salutary Regulation in India, as far as the Military Hospitals are concerned, that they will take no one who has not had *three* consecutive years in a Hospital where her training has been - a London or other large Hospital

.....
I have been getting up to write business at 6 a.m. after having had no food the day before. People calling to see me morning & afternoon - & staying the whole afternoon & evening on business - & not one moment for my own business.....

You know that MISS BEATRICE CLUGSTON has died suddenly.....

In a post-script to the above -

"O poor Germany!

O insupportable & touching loss!"

June 28/88

10 South Street

"I return your Probationers papers & records which are very instructive reading."

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June 30/ 88

10 South St

"A Madame Elena Comparetti, a Venetian lady, who corresponded with me last year about establishing a Training School for Nurses, Male & Female, at Padua - (there is none in Italy) suddenly appeared this morning.

10 South St

July 2/ 88

(Signora C.) "wants a book in English on the Organization of Nursing & of Training Schools for Nurses etc. to translate into Italian - And I cannot think of one - Can you? & tell her?

I am condensing my stupidity on Bursaries."

11/7/88

"I was so delighted to make the acquaintance of Miss Buchanan - What a jewel she is!"

10 South St.

July 21/88

"You have been `driven' I am sure. And so have I - with India, (New Viceroy) Gordon Boys etc. etc. etc. & now with Schoolmasters for Lea Hurst: all Sunday I have these.....
I enclose one letter.....And some cuttings from an unknown friend at Philadelphia

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continued about Miss Alice Fisher.

10 South St

July 31/88

(In a post-script) "I wish we knew more of that Female garrison Hospital at Woolwich - As they give a year/ instead of three months) do you think it might possibly develop into a Training School for Midwifery Nurses? or are the cases all too slight & too few?"

10 South St

July 31/ 88

"Only ought we not to know what we are about?.....

I hope I echo your own sentiments - It is so important that the first trained London Hospital Nurse who goes out, under authority, to Cairo, to do private Nursing should be a mirror of morality, is it not? of sense & womanliness, as well as of skill -"

10 South St.

Aug 3/88

"A good journey & a refreshing holiday to you & a casting off of all your cares.

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Aug 26/88

Claydon Ho:

addressed to Edinburgh

"I have never seen my Sister so ill since 1883
.....Indeed I have been more than
a week without being able to write."

4/9/88

Claydon House

addressed to

St Thomas

"Welcome back.....

I hope there is not a throng of anxieties awaiting
you."

Sept 10/88

Claydon House

"On the 15th you, you will have been over

& with us a year. And "(how much had
been gone through) "And though there are
"labours" enough ahead, yet I hope not of
the same kind. I hope now you will
have more of the "Mothers" business

.....But fare you very well. One may
fare well in care as in joy. - perhaps
better . God's the care & the responsi
bility.....

And the future is God's & not ours....."

Sept 10/88

"I am so grieved about Nurse Langford: quite
as much for the Patients she *would*
have nursed as for herself or us - so
many of the good ones have bad health."

Oct 17/88

10 South Street

"`Here I be' again."

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Oct 18/88

"I hear a rumour you are going to give Miss ---- to ----- .
Now you were thinking of keeping her for herself. I have no further opinion about it than that, if you wish for her, you should keep her - *that* is of the first importance for the work."

Nov 27/88

----- (is) "ever in my thoughts & prayers night & day.
But it is God, with His perfect & faithful tenderness, moment by moment, Who guides & comforts."

10 South St

Dec 7/ 88

X "Our dear young charge is now in the Immediate Presence - how sweet to *her!* She has passed the rough waters - 'joy, joy' to her, happy soul! She has gone home.

How much she knows by this time! how much she has to enjoy.

.....
Will you take an opportunity ~~of~~
kindly of telling her Mother how deeply

X {written along left margin:} This refers to the death at St Thomas' from typhoid fever of a dear young Nurse on duty there, a Pupil of the Nightingale School: Nurse Jessie Craig.

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I feel with her?
She has parted with her dear sweet child
willingly.....
At all events I should like to send some
flowers. It would not be a mere farce
in such a case as this. For she is now
a precious flower in the Lord's crown -
or rather, He is holding His flower
in His hand."

10 South St
Dec 8 / 88

"And will you have these flowers
laid on dear Nurse Craig's gentle breast?
The Cross is not what I meant exactly.
- I asked for drooping *corn*, because it
is so beautiful what St Paul says about
us being buried like the seed-corn -
& coming up like the wheat.

It is a good day to die on, the 7th,
because the Lord died on the 7th
(of April) - I used always to keep the
7th of every month.

Her last night was indeed long &
sore.
But

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"A convoy attends,
A ministering host of invisible friends,
Ready winged for their flight
To the regions of light
The horses are come,
The chariots of Israel to carry thee home.

How beautiful is that story of Elijah
and Elisha - Elijah so anxious to spare
Elisha the sight of his death -

Elisha so persistent in following,
following to the last - & seeing the fiery
death - (so was Nurse Craig's a fire)
& receiving a double measure of the
Spirit thereby.

And now what is her growth?
Rather, what is it *not*? receiving
higher & higher errands from God.
Perhaps our temptations are greater
in heaven. But how much greater
the progress, how great the strength
vouch-safed by our loving Father's own
presence - which we *might* have
here - but how few care for it?

O grow, grow, dear Nurse Craig. We

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do not grudge it thee -"

In a post-script:

"O why does not the chariot of fire
come now for us'? I once heard a much
tried woman say -
X But it is a poor thing to be choosing
death in the sudden way we should
like & not in the way God likes -
a cowardly thing - is it not?....."

22/12/88

10 South Street

"This bit of paper comes with so much
of Christmas love that, as it says, it
is all too small to bring it.....
As ---- once said: Let us pray, each
for the other, that the Child Jesus may
be born anew in our hearts this
Xmas".

In a post-script:

"Alluding to the gifts of the Wise Men.
`Love is thy gold, thy service a gem -
Bring these to the Babe of Bethlehem'".

X {written along left margin, next to the Extract}: How touching at this
date - June 1908 - to be reading these brave words in view of the long
waiting & enduring it has pleased God to allot to her. A.L.P.

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Dec. 27/88

10 South Street

"Sir Harry is now lying in great danger.

.....Sir H. Acland.....

has actually put off his journey to Genoa

with his daughter for which the

wagon-lits were taken, on Sir Harry's

account. What goodness there is in the

world!.....

Sir Harry's butler is the best Nurse

I know - & he is devoted."

10 South St

Last Day of

the Year 1888

"I send 20 New Year's Cards with

my kindest regards & my best wishes

for a happy New Year to each of the

Night Superintendents & Night Nurses

in the" (main) "building.....

And I send two framed tints which

I hope Miss Baylis of Block 8 & Miss Maple of Block 2 will

kindly accept with my very best wishes for

the New Year.

And I will send New Year's Cards

most gladly for the Night Nurses of

both Blocks, 8 & 2, if you will kindly

say *how many*.....

I pray for the most blessed of all New Years to you."

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10 South St

Jan 5/89

"The day of my father's death (or birth)
15 years ago"

"It occurred to me that you might
like some books for a Library for the No 8
Block Nurses. would you kindly ask
Miss Baylis to make a List of books
desirable....."

I am so fond of the Feast of the Epiphany
Do you know the lines.

`Love is thy gold: thy service a gem:
Bring these to the Babe of Bethlehem"

Jan 7/89

10 South St

"Sir Harry, though he cannot yet
sit up - so much the better - is wonderful
to be what he is - my Sister is very
suffering . On Saturday at 7.30 p.m.
the Saloon Chimney was on fire &
was not quite out till 2 a.m. on
Sunday morning....."

We cannot be too thankful for
the deliverance - but more, yet more
for Sir Harry's perfect calm thro'
the whole - awaiting God's will in
peace.

He writes to me himself this morning

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(in pencil) "We were under God's hand - &
where else could we be as well?"

Jan 10/89

10 South St

"I send you a book very precious to me,
because for the last 2 or 3 years I
have read (& marked) it with Sir Harry

.....

I think you will like the 14th

"In his Oneness with the Father" p.106
but others too.

10 South St

Jan. 16/89

"Sir Harry makes no progress.....
He cannot now bear being read to:
though he writes to me. And - we
have the winter before us.

My Aunt at Embley is dying with
great suffering. She will not probably
live over to-day.

And I think that perhaps, before the
earth has put off its winter's solemn
sleep, two homes will have been
broken up, Claydon & Embley.
We must trust them with God.....
Is not every thought for those we

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love & trusting them with God? How else could we do anything?

But that does not preclude, rather it encourages our doing everything we can for them.

Sir Harry trusted himself & his wife entirely with God on the night of the fire at Claydon - But everything was being done, & he was satisfied that it was, to put out the fire. Otherwise it is not trust, it is *fatalism*. -"

10 South St

Feb. 3/89

" I have not been able to write - there has been much to do - much distressing business besides.

Sir Harry had a relapse - cold & hot fit - temp. up etc. - the very afternoon of Monday = the day you left.....
.....*There* will be another home broken up - Poor Sister! But God is Almighty Love - how can we say that anything goes wrong. Please tell X Home Sister with my best love."

X {written to left in margin:} Home Sister: Miss Crossland who was a stay & a comfort to Miss Nightingale for twenty years. A.L.P.

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Feb 5/89

"I saw your X Miss Peter for 2 1/2 hours last night.
It would be impertinent of me to say how much
I liked & admired her."

{in left margin: Miss Pauline Peter, a pupil of the Edinb. R.
Infy, eventually Supt Genl of the Q.V.J.N.I. A.L.P.

Feb 23/89

10 South St

"I have been so busy with India - & have had
some little Congestion both of lung & business."

10 South St

Feb. 14/89

"I hope to see you soon - And how much
I have to ask & to hear from you.....

And when the new Valentines come in
- but that is not yet - we shall be anxious
to know how they do.

The account of Sir Harry is good -
& the feeling with him, whether he is
better or worse, is always "I thank God".
In his last letter to me: he says "It is a
sweet feeling that of thankfulness; and
I am so happy in the thought of looking
upwards in all that I say or do - I
desire to add - *think*.

Please tell "House Sister", with my love, about
Sir Harry.

My Sister is very suffering - To my

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great comfort, Margaret Verney went down there yesterday."

A (Lady Secretary) "who does a good work among the Factory girls of Clerkenwell writes me the enclosed note:

I thought that it was out of our beat - that the first thing was to teach these poor things how to make a bed, how to put a poor room clean & tidy, how best to make it wholesome, how to make a little gruel good etc. etc. etc. - & that it was difficult to do this in a "School-room". The trained District Nurses are doing it all day long *in the poor rooms*..... Perhaps I am wrong in what I think of Ambulance Lectures.

"8 p.m." is often the busiest time in a Nurse's day - is it not?"

March 15/89

10 South Street

" I should be so sorry not to see Miss Grieve whom I respect & love without ever having seen her.....
Send to enquire about Miss Howes whom I do feel so very much for."

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April 1/89

" I return your letters with many thanks.

Dr. Bernays is very satisfactory.....
Sir Harry has had the most acute & severe
relapse he has had yet. Thank God the in-
tensity is subsiding. But Sir H. Acland
who slept in the house says the recovery
will be slower.

April 7/89

"To-day is the day that Christ died.....

But this last week I have had my
young cousin, Rosalind Shore Smith, who
calls me Aunt Florence, ill in the house.

.....
I think the serenity of" (Sir Harry's) "faith
has carried him thro'. But you know
I have never shared the jubilation of
his supposed recoveries - I thank God
who has been so good to him & us."

10 South St.

April 19/89.

Good Friday

"The Good Friday blessing - the day of
the kingdom of heaven which the
Penitent Thief was the first to recognize in
the King Man hanging on the Cross -
the day of divine suffering & divine

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progress - be with you."

10 South St

April 22/89

"I did indeed pray yesterday.....

"Christ is risen to-day.'

'And may He rise again in *our* hearts *to-day*.'

10 South St

April 27/ 89

"Sir Harry & my Sister are come to
South St - He looks sadly feeble.....
But *she* looks far, far, worse.....
Her courage is undaunted.
He has been reading with me as
usual."

(In reference to reading for a typhoid Convalescent)

"I have myself been a Convalescent
from all but fatal Fever. One's brain
is as clear - clearer than it ever is
in health. But it is the clearness of
intense sun-shine - or like the
clean cut of a razor - And an un-
suitable book burns into it.
I send, please, two books of small
stories! for her."

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May 3/89

"I did like X Nurse De Laney so very much. I was going to write you a long letter about her - but had no time - How I wish she was ours! She is so genial, so sympathizing with Patients, - & Nurses - each for himself or herself - not only for the whole & so deeply religious.

X {in left margin:} Nurse Delaney who went to Birmingham as Miss [Gibson's] assistant.

Could, if you have a Catalogue of the Nurses books'

1 in the Hospital

2 in No 8 Block, you kindly lend them one? It would help me about the books not to send duplicates."

10 South St

May 11/89

"I send the two books for dear Nurse Mold - Combe shabby but (I find) the best Edition - I wish her the prize of her high calling - success with the minds & bodies of her little charges - success in the highest sense for herself here & hereafter - And the highest sense, as we know, is to lose ourselves in others for our Great Master's sake.

Please send my love to Miss Winterton -

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"At the Egyptian time I knew her well - & should like to have seen her again.

Have you" (a patient) "a nice woman, (with nice children) from *Embley*, Romsey."

10 South St

May 25/89

"You asked me to write a Letter to the Probationers which I did not mean to do for I have no strength. And *then* you would not help me.....

The thing is this: not to scold the Probationers but to hold up sketches of the noblest workers & Sisters to them - without seeming to teach them how the Sisters are to behave to them! And this is quite impossible for me to do without help from the present heads.

Would you and Miss Crossland have a hymn on Thursday to please Sir Harry as you told me he wished last year?"

May 29/89

"I am afraid they are having VERY rough weather in the Channel. And, when

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they have, the passage" (to Jersey) "as we know, is very bad, & long & uncomfortable. Would you *put off the voyage* for a day or two till the weather moderates & go down on *Friday* to Embley..... which is now in glorious beauty, if not dashed by storms."

May 31/89

"May God send you a good voyage.
May He be with you.....
If you like to send the enclosed letter to Mrs Hawthorn, the wife of the Lt Governor, I am sure you will love her. No one knew Gordon as she did - (He was her cousin). She did such good work in Nursing the Sick & Wounded after Majuba at Newcastle & elsewhere in Natal in the War - And she reformed the men at Pietermaritzburg by her Coffee-rooms & other-wise - She is such a good 'Assistant' to God.
O fare you very well.

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10 South St.

June 15/ 89

"Welcome home!.....

Does not the nose-gay say: the red flowers,
the love of God of Christ to thee, to me, to us
all - the white flowers speak of purity
of intention....., putting preferences
aside: - the green, ever fresh, ever
upspringing hope - "chastened", never
"killed" - sorrowful yet always
rejoicing-

10 South St

June 17/89

"I pray that the coming things may
not weigh too heavily.
We are to rejoice evermore in His holy
comfort."

10 South St.

Mid-Summer Day

June 25/89

"I dont know why I am so fond
of this day, John the Baptist's day (which
you will say was yesterday,) But it is
the day of "comfort" when God speaks
"comfort" to us thro' Isaiah: in our
"iniquity" that it *is* pardoned -
when He assures us that His "way"
is being "prepared" & the "crooked
made straight & the rough places plain" -

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that *He* will "rule" & that His "work is before Him," His dear Shepherd's work - He will do it. O in the seemingly inextricable work which lies before me: Indian & B.N.A. & *other*, *He* will do it - which I am so unequal to, mentally & bodily, *He* will do it.

.....
Please give my love to Miss Solly and say how much I feel with her her Mother's illness.....

The Lord says that *He* will "gently lead those that are with young", that is those....to whom he has entrusted to 'bring forth' His difficult plans - *He* will gently lead, *He* will not drive - O how we drive one another!
Don't weary yourself"

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10 South St.

July 12/89

Memorial (B.N.A.)**[12:532]**

With regard to signing this memorial, we think that, - believing as we do that you not only see no objection to it, but that you share, and to a vivid degree, the conviction of, the objections to the course of the B N Assocn, & of the mischief that course is doing to the steady quiet progress of Nurse training and Nurse life, - it is highly important that you should sign - The blank the absence of your name would leave would be so serious that those who are taking the course we think so unhappy for nurses would of course take advantage of it to represent you as being on their side.

It is not as if you or we had been forward to appear in the 'fray' - for fray it is - On the contrary we have, as you are aware, done every thing we could to avoid it - perhaps more than we ought

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to have done, judging by the result -

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which is that, unhappily, party-spirit,
which ought of all places to be banished
from a Nurse's life, is raging furiously.
The opposition to the B N A Registration
Scheme has by no means originated
with us - and other considerable
Hospitals and Training Schools are
even more convinced of its evils than
we are -

To take a public part in the matter
as experience and judgement dictate
has been *forced* upon St Thomas' -
do you not think so? and upon *you*.
We also think that Miss Crossland
should sign, as being in charge, under
you, of the daily instruction and
home of the Training School.....

Sir Harry Verney has signed the Memorial,
as Chairman, which I now return. I
think Mr Bonham Carter's signature,
which is in Sir Wm Bowman's possession,
should be obtained, as his name has
been prominent."

[end 12:532]

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"I am much exercised in mind about
not signing myself - it seems so
cowardly -

But the advisors on our side seem so
confident that I should reserve my signature
to the opposition we should be compelled to
enter to a Charter - which opposition
would be a legal document.

Never-the-less, I should have liked to sign
the Memorial - because the Nurses (I
don't mean St Thomas's) wish it."

10 South St

Aug 7/89

"33 years to-day since I came back
from the Crimean War."

10 South St

Aug 23/89

"To come to lesser things - might I
send you the parcel of books for Nurse -----
same for Nurse ----

Nurse -----: shall I send her books to
-----.

Dearest love to Miss Spencer & oh give
me good news of her.....

In a post script "I am afraid I have not done the books
very well. I felt too tired."

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Nov. 4/89

"I was musing with considerable sadness
as you know on this day - it is the 35th
anniversary of our landing at Scutari,
.....including my Revd M. --when your letter came"
.....

Do now read the great old books, true
for all time, of your as of our, Church,
& not these ephemeral productions....
..... made to suit the taste of the
present day."

Nov. 20/89

10 South Street.

"I then asked ----- if there were any
other book she would like - She said
only one on Obstetrics.....
But I do think..... that
a pen & ink knowledge of midwy. or
ovariotomy is such a bad thing."

Nov.28/89

10 South Street

In a post-script

"Do you know I believe last Saturday
was just 18 years since I saw you first.
Dost remember?

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10 South St

S. Andrews Day

(1889)

"Could you & Miss Crossland be so very kind as to enable me to answer this question about a Mrs ----- (enclosed?)

The sheet addressed to Miss Crossland & me conjointly ran thus:

"Would you be so very good as to tell us "had we a Nurse called Mrs ----- ? She says she was trained by Miss Nightingale at *St Thomas'* London. And *what sort of person* is she? She is trying to be Matron & have sole charge of the Hospital in Honolulu."

The Mother Superior of the Devonport Sisters of Mercy writes: "I have been thirteen years in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, I take a warm interest, and our Sisters who are there write to me" (to enquire.)

This 'Mother Superior' was out with me in the Crimea & remained to the very end. She then went to the Hawaiian Islands with Sisters - collected 130 girls with whom she & her small

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party lived & slept night & day - each one
in charge of a 'family' of girls. [The state of
morals there then is impossible to describe]

After 13 years, she was summoned
home to take the Mother Superior-ship
here. But the work is continued &
has borne great fruit at Honolulu.

It has so very often happened
that people have been appointed
Matrons without enquiring because they
said they had been trained at St T.'s
or been with me in the Crimean War,
- of whom we had either *never heard*
or knew no good, that I am very
anxious to sift this "Mrs ----- " & hope
I am not giving you too much trouble."

10 South Street

Dec.11/89

"Welcome 'home'.

I send the £5 - shall it be more?
for your Christmas 'go s' - Tell me
what more you want."

[Dec 31/ 89 "May the New Year be yours with God's
blessings." from letter marked Private]

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10 South Street

"I cannot say what I feel about the loss of our good Treasurer.

Sir Harry Verney has just been with an Everlasting Cross from me, which he meant to put in your hands for Mrs Stone But you" (were not at hand) - "He went in, & poor Mrs Stone chose to see him.....

She was terribly over-come but sent me word it was her "first comfort" seeing him. So I am glad he went - tho' in the snow -

I do not know what to say. It seems [4:111] too hard for St Thomas' to lose ----- & Treasurer at once.....

But God is always the same - or rather ever new in love. *He* never changes."

Mar 14/90

10 South Street

"It will *help* you to do" (the accounts) "to drive out every day by *sunlight* for 3/4 hour - If I did but know what time, you ought to let me send a carriage.....

I am so glad of the good news of Patients both at St Thomas' & Edinburgh."

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continued in a post-script. "You say poor Mrs ---- wants to see me.....poor soul - I will try.

But I will tell you a story of a man, a hero, like Gordon in character, who for 30 years in India was our guide & instrument, - whose death, last October, has greatly increased all our work & difficulties, - both Indian & War Office.

And we have others - And I am & have been too hard pressed - to see a stranger but with difficulty."

March 27/90

"I am delighted when you honour me by letting me send something -

6 Picture books (Life of our Lord)
& will send more.

2 "Convalescence" a very great favorite of mine - but perhaps it is for older children - And it requires some one to tell them the stories of the pictures at the end of faithful Roman soldier at Pompeii.

- of Admiral Casabianca's boy

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standing to his post in the burning ship
- of the Three who kept the Bridge
- of Excelsior

1. Modern Giant-killer who *tames* the
3 Giants, Water, Fire, Steam, to a
beneficent use, *instead of killing* them,
is, I think, very pretty- .
1 Soldier's Children, in which the prayer
of the little boy "for all the poor
naughty ones too "is, I think, beautiful.
1 The Parables of our Lord is too black.
6 promiscuous ones (not directly religious)
5 (smaller) play=ones
1 Dandelion Clocks - the three last
beautiful - but perhaps too old for
children.
God bless all yours."

March 28/90

"I wish you would tell me anything
you would like to give to the Wards.

The two Cherubs are supposed to be both
looking up at the Infant Saviour - the
one with its chin resting on its hands

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in child-like adoration - the other with its little hand up to its head has an inkling of what the Saviour has to go thro' - & its eyes are just filling with tears, tho' no cry escapes its lips.
Au revoir tomorrow."

Easter Day 1890

10 South Street.

"I suppose Miss Gordon sleeps in London on Thursday. If it could be contrived.....& she wishes it, I think it would be rather wise if I were to see her some time in the late afternoon on Thursday....."

April 16/90

"Only one word more to say what I cannot say.....

And I have a letter from Miss Spencer herself, seeming cheerful, very thankful for her renewed health, hoping to

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10 South St.

April 13/90

Sunday after Easter "I hope you got home last evening without standing in the e. wind....My poor pen can say no more. A Dieu. [not FN: omit]

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July 13/90

"Burdens always accumulate as one grows old - & disabilities. The only thing is pleasing God, to do as well as one can." -

Claydon Ho.

Oct 14/90

"It is a matter of more than two months since I have heard from you And I have longed to hear. It has been an impossibility to me to write And I have staid here very much longer than I expected. But I believe I shall be back in South St. next week.....

But what I write for now is" (this)
"Lady Rosebery has Typhoid and I have twice been written to by her desire to advise about the Nursing: I am so out of the practical work now - and I feel how little can be advised at a distance.....

But I know how fanciful Typhoid is in the conscious stage - *One* person is to give relief.....
[I had a pathetic letter from her anxious little daughter, Sybil, who is not of course allowed in her Mother's room.]"

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Referring to a project of a Private Hospital
July 18/94

10 South Street

"I think the fatigue & anxiety of a
Hospital (which accompanies the blessing)
quite enough without the anxiety of the
money matters - [the opportunity of
Nursing compensates for all else.]"

In a post-script

"I have kept a Hospital for people
"who were not rich" - & tho' I had a
Treasurer & Committee, it was anxious
enough.

And you will find so many pulls
upon you of Patients going out - I am
afraid."

Oct 17/94

"I have been waiting long to hear from
thee & am so glad thou art settled.

.....
I know you kindly wish to hear
about me - worse lately - now
quite confined to bed.....
When people ask me to correct a
book, or find a country District Nurse
or recommend a special Lady Nurse,
that is what worries most.....

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"It has happened to me in 6 months to lose the two nearest & dearest left surviving - The last is my cousin Shore Smith Nightingale, owner of my father's estates & homes - both are let now.

I thank God I am still able to work"

Oct 27/94

"But my Doctor forbade my seeing any one which practically amounted to my having a long business interview every day. I did not dare to add any pleasure to it."

June 21/95

6 a.m.

10 South Street

"I heard last night from Mrs Roscorla (Sister Victoria) of the death of our Miss Barclay.....
She was very happy...And she had done much good in Nursing her poor neighbours in Cornwall.

.....
We have never had a Sister *Victoria* who equalled Mrs Roscorla in her extra-ordinary influence for good over the babies in *Victoria*. But now

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I think I see in a young Sister who needs much experience but who has the gift of love to each baby to know its cry & its individual character - a real S. Victoria."

Dec 7/95 [struck through]

"Pardon this scrambling note. I do not know & have not known these 40 years what it is to have an hours leisure
A Dieu."

In a post-script

"What preparation is there for "the end", for death but life?"

May 13/96

"(In hurry & haste) but not of heart."

Aug 23/96

10 South Street

"My most earnest prayer is "(for the success of my work in Ireland.)

It is all gratitude to Lady Monteagle
.....And when she comes to London I hope to see her.

I am most anxious to hear what you are doing.
God speed you."

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New Year's Day 1897

10 South Street

"You know when you were
at Edinburgh my first New Year's
thoughts were always for you.....
Au revoir.

Dec. 28/99

10 South Street

"I say nothing about a happy New
Year & many of them for you - But
I think a great deal."

Sept 24/99

10 South Street

"I am over-joyed to think that I
may ask you to come "next Wednesday"
.....Now, mind, I ask you:
it is not you who propose yourself"
In post-script
"Au revoir then....."

April 26/1902

10 South Street

"I should be more than delighted
to see you on Tuesday 29th at
5 o'clock.
with very much love to yourself &
Lady Monteagle.

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See page 26 & page 91

I insert here a letter from "Aunt Julia" X

"Matlock,

Lea Hurst, June 26, 1873

My dear ~~Miss Pringle~~ (omit name)

[letter missing, 6 pages, Julia Smith]

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I copy in here a passage from a letter from
Miss Nightingale addressed to me from 35 South St.
Feb.14/78. P. 51

35 South St.

Feb.14/78 "I should like to tell you some
day X what I think ----- & -----
have (unavoidably) misunderstood
one another upon: & that is, *why* we
like to hear any changes among your
people. We (at least Mr B.C. and I) do
not propose any promotion to old
Probationers of ours at the various
establishments where they are during
your engagements X & never except through
the Supt [We have often negatived such
proposals being made.] E.g. we should have
been thankful to have had Miss Spencer
for either of two Matronships during

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the last 6 months, (both of which have
fallen into incompetent hands in consequence)

But Mr B.C. & I though we ought not
to disturb her during her twelvemonth
with you:

On the other hand, some of our Supts,
(not Edinburgh) have allowed some of our
best people to drift, when we had
good appointments going a begging.

A fragment from

Dec. 28th/73

"Mrs Porter

Please give her my kindest

Christmas wishes: & tell her I remember her perfectly: & her care of me 16 years ago when Mr Syme took me over the Infirmary -- how long ago!"

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January 6th 1909 Towards the end of the year just closed, having still preserved the most of the letters from which these passages are taken - some few had been destroyed after the Extracts were made - it seemed to me wise to destroy the greater number because they contained things of a confidential nature, not in my opinion suitable for publication. I therefore destroyed them after carefully comparing with them these copied extracts. And I found so few - & such unimportant - corrections to make that I am satisfied with the accuracy of the few passages taken from letters destroyed after they were made, long ago. Although the copying of letters into *this* book, and all the recollections at the beginning have been made within the last year, the revision of the letters, their destruction or preservation, and the selection of passages that might be preserved have occupied me (at long intervals) for very many years.

A.L. Pringle

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return to her work in June
A Dieu,....."

FN MUSEUM HOI/ST/NC8/2

Legal Contract, f1

NC8/2

Memorandum of Agreement

made this 21st day of October 1854. Between

Miss Nightingale on the one part and *Emma Fagg*of *Queen's Sqre London* on the other part.Whereas the said Miss Nightingale Superintendent has
undertaken to provide Female Nurses for the Sick andWounded of the British Army serving in Turkey. And
in carrying out this object she has agreed to employthe said *Emma Fagg* in the capacity ofNurse *Miss Nightingale* agrees to paythe said *Emma Fagg* ten shillings fee per week and *rising according to*
merit, 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 *Emma Fagg* to return, Save and except

such return shall be rendered necessary by the discharge

of the said *Emma Fagg* for neglect of duty,

immoral conduct, or intoxication, in which case the

said *Emma Fagg* shall forfeit all claim

upon Miss Nightingale from the period of such

discharge. And the said *Emma Fagg*

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.

{signed:} Emma Fagg

Witness. {illeg. Leigh?}

FN MUSEUM H1/ST/NC9/1-2

f1, envelope

Prussian
Cross of Merit
1872

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f2, Prussia House letter

The German Charge d'Affaires presents his compliments to Miss Florence Nightingale and, with reference to his letter of the 20th of September last, has the honor to foreword herewith the Diploma of the Cross of Merit for Ladies, graciously bestowed upon Miss Nightingale by His Majesty the Emperor of Germany.

Prussia House
August 16th 1872

Letter, ff12-15 pen. f12r HI/ST/NC18/14

Private
Lea Hurst
Matlock Aug 21/68

My dear Harry

At last I send you the War Office letter. [15:179-82]

[I had written an answer to it by giving, tho' very shortly, one or two of our principles - But on second thoughts, I tore this up, &] I merely wrote a formal acknowledgment, beg to acknowledge 6998

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recapitulating its contents
[& carefully putting "Sup. Genl. of Nurses in Mil=Hosps=" (if she is to be Sup=Genl: at all, of course she must be Sup=Gen not of "Netley" only - there are Nurses at this moment, as you know, in the Herbert Hospl. at Woolwich - & Devonport Hospl. = is

ready for Nurses, if there were any)
beg to express the great readiness I feel
to serve them

[this is hypocrisy - Blow me if I do!]
will lay the letter 6998 before you
(Comm: of N.F.) at once 427
beg to express the great readiness of you
to serve them

f12v beg to acknowledge.....

(recapitulate about "Nurses"
wanted at Netley")

beg to acknowledge also about
candidates "ready to be submitted".
& readiness to meet their views -
[It was a beautiful letter & said
nothing at all.]

Now, you can go ahead.
Please to tell me what you think had
better be done next.

Of course, the less they can be made to
interfere with us, the better we shall
be able to serve them.

With regard to Mrs. Deeble, I was told by
a W.O. official himself that it would
"certainly be better if she were selected
"by Mrs. Wardroper without any further
"interference" from the W.O.

I was told also that it would be better
for us to "lead directly to their (the W.O.)
"sending their whole 'lot' to Mrs. Wardroper

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"who would then put them through the
"very same enquiries as she would any
"other applicants."

I have been told that, among the "several
candidates" (at the War Office) there
are some who have been "dismissed"
by Mrs Shaw Stewart -
that "two women have applied for the Office
of Linen Nurse - one of whom was
dismissed by Mrs. S.S. " (but for "ill-health") -
I don't know how far all this is correct.
But I know (from the Minutes) that
Genl Wilbraham has taken on at Netley,
where he is carrying on the Nursing
under himself, women "dismissed" by
Mrs S Stewart. [Even if these women
were angels, I cannot see how this can
be aught but damaging to all discipline]
But this refers to present Nursing at
Netley - not to "candidates" to be "submitted"
to us.

I think we shall have to act with the
very greatest caution -
And yet we must avoid the very
semblance of being influenced by the

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dismissal of the late Sup=Gen= either in its antecedents or consequents.

[Do you think we are obliged, in honour, to tell Mrs. S. Stewart that we *have* been applied to?]

I am sure we shall have no bed of roses -

It will be most difficult for us to say, if we are asked, what is the right policy about the existing Nurses at Netley. [Perhaps however this won't come on at once]

I received a hint, a few days ago, that they would be "required to come to St. Thomas' Hosp: one or two at a time for inspection - & the best of the "lot" selected, if any are found good enough". We shall certainly require a great deal of circumspection in determining what we will do & what we will not do for them.

The best way, I suppose, will be to be

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guided by what we should do for any Civil Hospital applying to us.
I shall have, I suppose, to trouble you with an account of the W.O. Minutes that I have seen (for the last 5 years) & their perpetual mania of interference.

[Of this I know nothing from Mrs. S. Stewart - Rather she knew the little she did know from me-]

E.g. Sir E Lugard recommends a woman to Mrs. S.S. whom she dismisses after a time (for very sufficient reason) - I see a very harsh Minute written (in bad grammar) by Sir E.L. in the W.O. Minutes that he "*knew*" (how *could* he know?) this woman to be an "excellent" Hospital Nurse, & to be "dismissed without cause".

N.B. [The woman would neither do - nor learn to do - anything which a Head Nurse always does - And she would

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have been dismissed by Mrs. Wardr in
a month]

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I don't mean that we shall be troubled by this particular woman, for she has been set up as a school-Mistress - by Sir E. L., I believe.

Again, e.g. I have seen a (printed) Minute by Genl= Wilbraham, contending that a "woman of the Middle Class who understood linen" was "all that was wanted as "Sup= Genl" that she "required no Hospl training whatever" - & that the less she interfered with the Nurses, the better, who ought to be exclusively under the Doctors & himself.

It is true this was some years ago. [During the late Bagarre, ending with the dismissal of Mrs. S.S., I have not only not been consulted but have received no information officially from the W.O. whatever]

I do not think Genl W. would say this now. I believe it was specially aimed at Mrs. S.S

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I could tell you a great many more of these Minutes. But this is enough for the present to put you au fait.

I have been told in the strictest confidence - *not* by Dr. Sd. - that the Director Genl. (Dr. Logan) has been down to Netley to inspect the Nursing - at the request of Genl. W., who was very anxious to prove that he could carry it on his own hook - or at least with some untrained Supt= "of the middle class" & without a Supt. Genl., I infer, from what has since passed, that Dr. Logan, (tho' he is a child in such matters,) found "it would not do at all" - that they have been afraid of some scandal - & also that Dr. Logan, notwithstanding his known general partiality for *untrained* Supts. & his particular partiality for Mrs. Deeble, thinks that there must be a Supt. Genl & a *trained* one. At least he has recorded this in a Minute. To wit, Mrs. Deeble if found fit after training. I *have* Mrs. Deeble's address.

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Another man of the W.O. wrote to me (rather coarsely) "if there any little strangers (at Netley) Genl. W. must be their god=father."

It would doubtless be as well if you were to burn this letter. I don't think we could, in honour, take any Nurses of Mrs. S.S.'s either dismissed or not by her, without asking *her* for a character. [I have always found her characters correct - Genl. Wilbraham's, Dr. Parkes', Dr. Maclean's - to the *highest degree incorrect.*] Yet I see the great difficulties of renewing intercourse with her. But there are difficulties every way - And I suppose we could not ever yours possibly make FN the condition that we would not let any of the existing Nurses remain. (?) [One Caroline Oakes, now acting Supt. at Woolwich, a Nurse, is, I believe, a very valuable woman.]

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Something like Barker (of Sydney) F.N.

letter, ff16r-17v, pen

f16r HI/ST/NC18/14 4

{wrote 5 Sept with
enclosure for
War Office}

Lea Hurst

Matlock

Aug 28/68

My dear Harry

War Office

As you ask me, I decidedly incline
to think that all communication with
the W.O. should be in future from
yourself, *subject to my seeing the Drafts -*
[I say this last because, as the W.O. has
worried me now for 14 years, I know
a few more of their dodges than any
body else]

[15:182-83]

I think that they must certainly wait
"till the beg. of Oct." It was entirely
their own fault that the letter now in
your hands dated Aug 17 (?) received Aug. 19 was
not sent July 16. [All the world knows
that nothing can be done in London in
Sept.]

I think that what you propose will do very
well I would take care not to let the
W.O. *misunderstand* that we will *only*
take "one or two" candidates {I mean that they should understand we will
train them Supt. & Nurses as well.
I entirely agree that the W.O. should be

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treated like any other Hospital *
applying - & that they should agree
"to make no prior engagement with
the candidates".

If you choose to send me this Draft, before
it is sent to the W.O., I could then, (if
it will do, which I do not doubt,)
send it back to London & have it
put in the P.O. there, without troubling
you farther.

But I could write a farther note of
introduction (of yours) to the W.O. if
you think it necessary - which I don't.

* At the same time, it is well for us
to bear *in petto* that it will be rather
a promotion (of a Supt.) from a Civil to
a Military Hospl. than the reverse.

A Supt. has £150 rising to £200, pension
& everything found - in a Military Hospl.

If the W.O. asks me what should be the
rate of pay of a Sup. Genl., I think I
shall say: - this to begin with
A Sup Genl has a very distinguished
position. [She is a Commissioned Officer
[piece cut out here]

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- She is not the Officer of the Governor
but of the War Office - she communicates
directly with the Sec. of State.]

Nurses have £30 rising to £50 - pension
very liberal - everything found.

I have always believed that, if we had
more of such engagements (with Gov'ts.)
as Sydney, as India would be, as the
War Office - we should get a higher
class of women than we can get to serve
under little peddling Committees - like
the Leeds - under Treasurers like Mr.
Hicks - under a Workhouse Governor,
like the late Governor of Liverpool, W. -
[What Agnes Jones went through, I believe
no one knows but I]
I know *not* so much of Mrs. Deeble as you
do. But I fancy that she & many other

women like her - would, both for the
pay & the dignity, serve in a Military
Hospital & not in a Civil one or
in a Workhouse -

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I will do about all the other things
as you say

I showed the Leeds papers to Mrs.
Bracebridge (she was here) who is a
good judge. She was even more
struck with the lying perversity of
Miss. D. than I was. She said: "she is
a 'real bad' one and you will have
to suffer more from her" -

She thought the answers quite
conclusive - & was much struck with
the 'straight-forwardness' of Mrs. Wardroper's.

[Otherwise, I should deprecate showing
the papers beyond our own Committee

-You know the force of: 'calumnies,
calumnies toujours - il en reste toujours
quelque chose' -]

At the same time, Mrs. Bracebridge
and I were agreeing that we had
several ladies in the Crimean War
worse than Mrs D - And the worst
of it was: - we could not get rid
of them {tho' they sometimes got rid of us)

[end 15:183-84]

this to begin with
has a very distinguished
she is a commissioned officer [possibly shd go to cut out spot above]

Letter, ff18-19 from Henry Bonham Carter to War Office to Sir H. Storks
6th Sept. H1/ST/NC18/14/5

Letter, ff20-21, pen. f20r HI/ST/NC18/14

Private

War Office Nursing

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane

W

Oct 8/68

[15:183-84]

My dear Harry

No answer has been sent to mine of Sept 9 -
Indeed there was none to send. But I have just received
a verbal hint that we had better close as
soon as we could (in "October") with the W.O.

I re-inclose your letter which I did not
send. Dr. Sutherland (who was the only
person at the W.O. *then* whom I could
consult) thought that they might misunder=
stand it - that "the principle required
"personal application" - that, if not explained,
they would say "that the right of rejection
"involved the Hospital patronage being
"virtually exercised by Mrs. Wardroper".
However this may be, I knew there were no
Chiefs at the W.O. then, except Sir J.P.,
who is a great deal worse than none.
So I wrote a merely formal letter, to Sir H. K. Storks,
on Sept. 9, recapitulating theirs of Aug. 17 (which you
have) & mine of Aug. 19 - & saying that I
had laid the application before you - as
I therein stated I should -

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I then added, almost in your words,
- that you had desired me to say that
you were temporarily absent - but that, &c.
&c., even were terms arranged, nothing
could be done about the selection of
candidates before the beginning of October.

And I added a very short Paragraph
at the end that your experience led you to
suggest that no Candidate should be
engaged even conditionally before her training was completed
&c - I gave your name but not our address.
This, I am told, we had better now follow
up.

I think, the less I appear in it, the better,
from this time.

I promised that you would communicate
with them on your return.

It appears that they have Mrs. Deeble
& several women as Candidates for
Supt Genl., Nurses & Linen Nurses
respectively.

I suppose that you must arrange with

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Mrs. Wardroper about receiving these
candidates for selection & probation -
& that you must write to the W.O.
that you are now ready to receive these
women for examination, with the view
to the best being put on trial -
after you have arranged the terms with
the W.O.

But, about the order of things, you are
incomparably the best judge.

Only, it would perhaps be as well, if I
were to see the drafts first = of the
letters to the W.O.

I am told (but I believe it to be a mistake)
that we are expected also to select & train
from among the Nurses now at Netley
& Woolwich. [There was no mention
of this in the W.O.'s letter to me, I think]
they have now an "Acting Supt." at
Netley at £60 a year, a dismissed
Nurse!!!, with whom Genl. Wilbraham
professes himself perfectly satisfied -

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How this woman is ever to be used by us

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as Nurse, much less as Supt. I can't conceive. I believe the "Acting Supt." at Woolwich, Caroline Oakes, is an excellent woman as a Nurse but not as a Supt.

At Netley, during the reign of the present Acting Supt, a Nurse has gone & married an Orderly.

The very facts which Genl. Wilbraham writes to me prove the place a bear=garden. Yet he expresses (to me) his perfect satisfaction with them.

[end 15:184]

ever yours

F Nightingale

Letter, ff22-23, pen. f22r HI/ST/NC18/14

Private

[printed:] 35 South Street,

Park Lane, W.

Oct 12/68

My dear Harry

"Mrs Hy Bonham Carter" (pray don't let her call me "Miss N.") tells me to send this to you to-day.

[15:185-86]

May I say that I do not think the W.O. would assent to your letter? I think they would prefer to go into the market.

I think that we must go strictly upon their own letters - & I would venture to suggest that your Draft after "additional pupils]" might proceed something in this fashion: -

"and the Committee will be glad to receive the names & addresses of any candidates whom the Secy. of State may think fit to send them.

They will proceed with them in the usual way, selecting such as appear fit for the office. They will then pass them into the School for

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"probation - & those who
 prove themselves fit for the
 (important - ? -) office of
 Sup. Genl. (or of Nurse & fit for Nurses)
 in Her Majesty's Service will
 be entered on the Committee's
 register in the usual way &
 the names sent to the Secretary
 of State -

In the event of the number who
 pass through any of the stages
 towards completing their
 training being insufficient, the
 Committee will intimate the
 fact to the Secy of State with
 the view of additional candidates
 being sent to them. Or they
 will be ready to recommend
 for the Secy of State's consideration
 other trained Nurses who appear

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"to be competent for the
 required duties."

Rt. Honble

Maj.: Genl. Sir H.K. Storks &c &c
 &c &c

is his name & style.

H.K. Storks

The signature "H.K. Storks"

is in his own hand-writing.

(Mrs. Hy B.C. desires me to tell you.)

I should perhaps add that I understand
 the W.O. cannot hear the name of
 poor Mrs. S.S. without foaming
 at the mouth -

that Genl. Wilbraham's letters to me, strictly
 interpreted, mean: - that *he* makes
 a much better Matron than Mrs. S.S. -
 & that "*his*" Nurses are all so good
 that they *will* marry the Orderlies -
 in haste ever yours

FN

Letter, ff24-27, pen, from Harry Bonham Carter, 1868

letter, ff28-29, pen
f28r Oct 24/68 HI/ST/NC18/14/9a

War Office

Nursing

{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,

W

I have learnt that on Thursday
they wrote to the Commandants
of Netley & Woolwich, asking
each to mention any
Candidates he recommends
for training by us -
They did not consult me -
(except in the one case of
Mrs. Deeble)

[15:185-86]

I can't conceive what this is
done for - unless it is
that Wilbraham, who is
wild to be Matron,
pesters the W.O. - to let him
take on candidates - And
they do this to choke him
off -

[No mention was made of it in
the W.O. letter to me]

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Wilbraham, Parkes, & Maclean
have actually applied to the
W.O. to let them take a
candidate to be trained by them as
Supt. for a *Civil* Institution.

!!!

Of course they were indignantly
refused, with the self-evident
reason that "they could
not train for themselves." -

FN

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I have sent down to the
W.O. every day to know
whether they are not
ready to go ahead with
you - I can't learn
that they are doing any
thing except that they
have got, besides Mrs.
Deeble's name, 6 names
from Genl. Wilbraham,
which I am very sorry for.
I told the person who
told me that I feared
there was some mistake,
~~for that~~ on their part,
for that you did not
take women from Institutions
to train & return them
to Institutions &c &c F.N. [end 15:186]

Letter, ff30-31, pen H1/ST/NC18/14/1

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W.O. Nursing

{printed:} 35 South Street
Park Lane,
W.

Nov 3/68 [15:186-87]

My dear Harry

I agree with you that this matter is
"pressing". I did not write yesterday,
partly because I was occupied all day
for Ld Mayo, partly because I expected
to hear from the W.O. this morning, which I
have done (unofficially, of course, you
understand.) -

They are extremely angry with Col.
Wilbraham, tho' of course, he being their
Officer, they cannot say so. They say
that his proceeding is entirely unauthorized
by them - & his answer (to the W.O.)
entirely unjustified by their letter to him.
- & that we should be justified, if we
chose, in breaking off with the W.O. on
the ground of what he has done.

It appears that he has questioned

his Nurses all round whether they
"chose to be trained" and, on all saying
Yes, he wrote off to Mrs. Wardroper, without

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'With your leave' or 'By your leave' to the W.O. - which, ~~And~~ they justly, say, Policemen X would have been ~~just~~ as much justified in doing.

They say that they merely wrote to him & Col Shaw of Woolwich to ask the same formal question, which they were obliged to do, as it had not been notified that we had been written to to train Nurses.

that Col: Shaw has just written the answer they intended (& which Wilbraham should have written) simply giving the characters of the women - & of the Nursing.

[As I have not seen any of the letters, neither the W.O.'s to the Commandants, nor the Commandants' replies, I can form no judgement. But I suspect that the W.O. letter was very loosely worded & that they are a little ashamed of themselves.]

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I do not think that we stand worse but rather the better for Wilbraham's idiotic proceeding in writing to Mrs. Wardroper. Because it will incline the W.O. more to our side. But, I knew (from dealings with the W.O. these 7 years, ever since Sidney Herbert's death) that this will be a very trying & unsatisfactory ?business - viz. training for them - & that we shall wish ourselves well out of it many times before we have done -

They say that a letter to you will probably go to you in the course of to-day or tomorrow, asking you to see Sir. E. Lugard.

I *think* that now they would rather we should decline candidates, each upon her own merits, than write them a hard & dry rule that we will not take people from Institutions - [But they ought never

to have got us into this predicament -
~~But~~, In conversation, you can of course

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say what you think best.
[I said, something to the effect,
that our general rule was = - `we will train
new blood for you - & send it in
to train the old blood. We don't
wish to admit old gossip, old tradition,
to dilute the *Training school* -
when just what we want to avoid
is to bring the *old* traditions of
the place we are to train for
into the fountain head, our
Training School

Under all these circumstances, I suggest, if you
thought it best, that no letter from
you shall be written, *until* we see
whether your interview does not come
off. If you do not hear by Thursday,
please tell me -
I think they are in a scrape - & feel
themselves to be so.
Of course you will make no use of this
letter, in any communication. You
have Wilbraham's letter to Mrs. Wardr.
to go upon - in haste yours **[end 15:187]**
F.N.

letter, ff32-35v, pen HI/ST/NC18/14

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Private

W.O. Nursing

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,

W 7 Nov./68 [15:187-90]

My dear Harry

It was a great relief to me to receive your note of Wednesday night - tho' I have not had the grace to answer it. I think we stand as well as can be expected, thanks to you, at the W.O. - and a great deal better than I expected.

A good many things will however be referred to us - some of which I had much rather they settled themselves.

Two or three times in the last few weeks I have been asked various questions about pay & pension, Regulations &c. I have said that, when the matter of Training was formally referred (to you) of the Nurses, I thought the matter of paying them had better be formally referred too - & that you & I & Mrs. Wardroper & Mr. Whitfield would do our very best, to advise the W.O. taking into consideration the rise in the

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Market price of nursing since the Army Regulations were first drawn up (1858) & taking into consideration the things that are to be taken into consideration,

e.g. the fact that the Nurses engage for life

that they expressly engage, to be ordered abroad on War Service or to "foreign parts" in Military Hospitals

that there *is* a radical difference (of which no one can sufficiently appreciate the hourly consequences but those who have *served* in Military Hospitals) in the position of a Nurse even in a male adult ward in a Civil Hospital, & in a Military Hospital ward, herself the only woman there.

[Men, like Genl. Wilbraham, of small observation, point to, the nuns in French & Italian War Hospitals, & say

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`there you see what can be done.' It is true that we have a great deal to learn from French Civil Hospitals - & even from French Military ones - But we should be ashamed indeed if our Nurses could only do in the wards what French "Sisters of Charity" do. These men do not know what a life I led in the Crimean War from the French (Sardinian) "Sisters" coming to me for the most trifling emergency, e.g. how to dress a bed sore - & borrowing & taking our things. Perhaps the only similarity between the position of a French nun & an English Nurse in a Military ward is that both are women. For the really good (Augustinian) French nun=nurses do not take *Military Hospital Nursing*.]

We must also of course take into consideration the printed Regulations (of which I will send you a copy.) These were calculated by Dr. Farr & me & drawn up by Mrs. S.

Stewart & me in 1858. The original rate of wage was £20 rising to £50, - pension - & everything found.

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At our desire the W.O. subsequently raised the *beginning* rate from £20 to £30 - everything else as before -
[They have now forgotten that they did this.]

Mrs. S. Stewart was strongly of opinion that it would be better to begin & end at £50 everything else as before. She says that these women are & should be considered (which is undoubtedly the case) as at least equivalent in rank, & responsibility to "Sisters" in the four great London Hospitals.

[Three of these, as you are aware, pension some deserving "Sisters" - not by rule but by grace.]

Gnl. Wilbraham writes a wild Minute to the W.O., wishing to do away with pensions altogether - & raise the wages immensely.

With regard to Supts. the rate was fixed by the W.O. (subsequently to the Regulations in which the point was not included) at

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£150 rising to £200 - (maid of all work to be paid by W.O.) - everything found.

With regard to what ~~the~~ Sir E. Lugard said about there being no Supt. Genl. in future, I think that will be referred to us ultimately. And I don't make myself very unhappy about it.

They seem to be unaware that there was an appeal against the Supt. Genl. - to the W.O. - & that there will now be appeals from two Supts instead of one -

The real matter of importance to us is that there shall be no appeal against the Supt. to the COMMANDANT - And *this* appeal Genl. Wilbraham was sharp enough to see could be maintained as his right - & he constantly encouraged it. Now it would be absolutely impossible for any Supt., no matter who, to maintain discipline among his Nurses, if they are always to be flying to the Commandant, especially to a Commandt. like Genl. W., (the most ecstatic moments of whose life are those in which he can maintain some absurd complaint from a Nurse against her Supt.) for redress

f34v

[This question we had better not *raise* - but be very careful how we let it be taken for granted.]

The Supt. of Netley must be a person of very strong & calm mind & purpose - & must thoroughly well know what she is about.

She will find herself besieged with requests from the Medical Officers (which she will often find it difficult to refuse) eg. to take the Nurses off duty & send them to attend on a lady in hysterics - one of the Officers wives - or rich Out Patients of the Medical Officers - &c &c &c. She will find the Medical Officers denouncing a Nurse to her for drinking - & the same men giving that same Nurse a first-rate recommendation which secures her a first-rate place - Or they will order a Nurse out of her ward entirely, owing to the fiddad of some Patient complaining to the Commandt. - (the ground of complaint being discovered to be, that the Nurse had refused the brandy bottle to be placed under the Patient's pillow (sic), & had insisted on

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giving him his brandy as ordered by the Medl. Off=) Or they will ask for a Nurse to be taken from her wards & sent to amuse a Patient (sic).

All these things, or one or other of them, were of daily occurrence in the Crimean War. And I believe them to be, if any thing, of more frequent occurrence, now.

I know of two, if not three Institutions, which no human power could induce again to take a recommendation from either Genl. Wilbraham, Dr^s Parkes or Dr. Maclean, because one or other or all 3 had recommended a Nurse as Supt. who had to be dismissed in a fortnight & who, it was found, had been turned out of Netley.

Yet practically the recoil of these malpractices falls not upon the Commandt. or Doctor in fault but upon the poor Supt. of Netley.

[N.B. You will find upon the List of Candidates, I believe,

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a Miss Frodsham. She was strongly recommended to me by Dr. Parkes - Mrs. Wardroper has seen her & will probably never wish to see her again.]

Lastly - you mention about the comparative merits of Herbert & Netley. It would be much easier for us to begin at Herbert, both because of the character of the building & of that of the Commandt. But Netley is the pressing thing. Netley is the difficulty. And if Mrs. Deeble is a person of strong character, Netley is the place where we ought to begin.

[The unlucky part of it is that there is no one now but I to tell Mrs. Wardroper the strong peculiarities of Military Hospls]

[end 15:190]

Yours,
F.N.

Letter, f36, pen, blue paper

f36 HI/ST/NC18/14/12

W.O. Regulations

{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,

W Nov. 11/68

[15:190]

My dear Harry,

I do not know whether
the question of Pay & Pension
has yet been referred to
you by the W.O.

I send you a copy of the
Regulations - I have
already alluded (to you) to
the points in which they
have since been altered
by the W.O.

Pp. 47, 48, and
Pp. 123 to 131 refer to
Nurses.

I do not think the W.O.
would be at all indisposed
to do what we wish - especially
if Sir. J. Pakington goes out -

[end]

Yours

F.N.

Letter, ff37-39v, pen, letter to W.O. November 1868 by Edward Lugard

Letter, f40, pen copy, letter by Harry Bonham Carter, 14 Nov 1868

Statistics, f41, pen copy {Return of the Nursing Staff in the Royal
Victoria Hospital, Netley, 27th October 1868, signed by Richard
Wilbraham.

Statistics, f42, pen copy, Candidates for appointment as Nurse, Army
Hospital, 11/11/68

letter, f43, pen

f43r H1/ST/NC18/14/15

Private

W.O. Nursing

My dear Harry, [15:190-91]

There has been another Nursing "row"
at Netley - which I am not very
sorry for, as it *may* teach Genl. Wilbm.
not to be Matron -

Gregory (the woman who is, I think,
last but 2 on your List - & who has
been Nurse about 7 or 8 months) has
been ~~there~~ openly insubordinate - & has
rushed to Genl. W. saying that she
will not obey his toady, Mignot.

Wilbraham writes to the W.O. &
asks to transfer Gregory to the Herbert
Hospital. [I knew this would be the
kind of difficulty to arise]

I have not seen the W.O. answer -
but I believe it was simply to the
effect that they thought that wd be
a very bad plan - & that as Genl. W.
had taken the responsibility (of the
Nursing), he must bear it.

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Altho' I am quite of Gregory's mind -
viz. that I would not obey Mignot -
yet I think this is a clincher against
our taking this Phoenix (or any others
of Genl. Wilbraham's phoenixes.)

[He has had two "rows" & a marriage
among 6 Nurses in a few weeks -]

In fact I had a hint from the W.O.
that I had better tell you of this fine
piece of work -

I am disgusted about Mill & Godfrey
Lushington - but much comforted
by our other successes -

I suppose you were at Winchester -

I send you what Temperance calls a
"gentleman duck & his female"

[end 15:191]

ever yours

F.N.

18/11/68

Letter, ff44-50, pen

f44r HI/ST/NC18/15

1 Oct 69

As to "matters" however, there are 2 or 3 things
in Mr. Whitfield's letter which I decidedly
dissent from - And it would be very awkward
for there to be a division in our own camp,
if the plan is finally referred to me by the W.O.
Eg.1 [I write from memory, Dr. S having

[15:208-10]

kept Mr. W.'s letter]

1. It is absolutely out of the question for
there to be a Sick Nurse's room or Nurse's
bed-room where Mr. Whitfield proposes
& again re-urges - beyond the Linen-room

The fire-place is the smallest of the
difficulties.

[I have always anticipated that it would
be one of our small cares that Mr Whitfield
would never understand the difference
between a Hospital where the Assistant
Nurses are men & one where they are women]
The very first rule in a Military Hospital is
{illeg. folio obscured} out of their
quarters - which quarters must be within
one door, under command of the Supt.

Every night of every year Military Hospital
contains an uncertain number of Non-Commissioned
Officers and of Orderlies who are more or less
the worse for drink.

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You expect that the discipline in a Military Hospital will be better than that in a Civil Hospital -

It is much worse - of what we call the ordinary discipline in a Civil Hospital *they* have not an idea -

And even the discipline of a *Civil* Hospital is not what it should be -

[Agnes Jones - no prude - & two or three others of our Lady Probationers - told me that the hanging-about of the Porters & other men at St. Thomas' about the doors & passages was most objectionable - but that this sort of thing scarcely came within Mrs. Wardroper's cognizance -]

Even the discipline xx of a *Civil religious* Hospital like Kaiserswerth, where the men's wards are nursed by Deacons under Deaconesses (& where Pastor Fliedner was perfectly satisfied with his Deacons) did not prevent Agnes Jones - no prude - from seeing things which occasioned her telling me that she would have no Deacons in any Hospital - (*a fortiori*, she said, no Porters within any wards) -

xx Yet this discipline was most severe - No woman (or Deaconess) slept on the floor of the men's wards. No woman was allowed on that floor after 8 p.m. - Severe Typhus or operations cases were "sat up with" by women, selected by name (of whom I was one) but not by any young Deaconesses.

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I believe entirely that all the women we are going to send to Netley are as completely above this kind of thing as I am myself - All I say is that, in a Military Hospital, protection to propriety must rest entirely with our skill in planning the Quarters - with the Supt., & with the women themselves - ~~And what a thing it~~

They will have none from Military discipline, none from the authorities - And people outside will not even understand the difficulty -

And then, what a thing it is to expose respectable women to such disagreeables

as these - to *any* that can be helped - or even
to the suspicion that they are of the sort
who do not mind them!

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You expect to find help from the Military authorities in putting down breaches of propriety & even graver offences

You find just the contrary -

[As Mr. Gladstone said of the Neapolitan Govt. **[7:328]** (under the Bourbons): - the Govt. is itself the worst offender against order & law -] [end]

I slept with the key of our Nurses' Quarters **[14:1026-27]** under my pillow at Scutari - myself, with one Assistant, answered the Night - bell, myself opened the Quarters in the morning -

Agnes Jones did this from the day she took possession at Lpool Workh: till the day of her last illness.

During my illness (in the Crimean War) - not one of my Nurses, thank God, but a new-made (soldier's) widow whom I had taken in as servant, left the Quarters at night & passed several successive nights in the Store of a Sergeant of the 1st Class - [The consequences were soon obvious]

I went myself to Lord W. Paulet, then Commandant, & requested at least the transference of this man - But, tho' the man was in direct breach of a Military ~~discipline~~-trust by admitting persons at night into a Military store of which he was in charge - to say nothing of the moral offence - I obtained no redress - not even a reprimand to the man **[end 14:1027]**

f48 [4] H1/ST/NC18/15 pencil

My conclusion from all this is: -
men there *must* be as Nurses in Military Hospitals -
Military authorities there must be with quite other
powers than in Civil Hospitals -
Military Medical Officers will always make claims
upon the Nurses which "the Doctors" don't do in
Civil Hospls.

Therefore we must stand out very obstinately
for our principle - viz - all the Nurses' quarters
to be within one door - Linen-room adjoining
but not within the Nurses' quarters - no
pretence for Orderlies to be hanging about -
2. Another of the matters in Mr. Whitfield's letter
from which I dissent is:

he proposes to substitute cold foul air for cold
fresh air in the Nurses' Day Room by cutting
off two large stores which can never by any
possibility be ventilated

3. Why cannot the "Nurses' boxes" be put in
the proposed Store-room beyond the Linenry? -
[N.B. I believe he is right about the partition
marked out with red lines]

I have left myself no time for more - And you
will say I have been too long already.
Please send me back this (my) letter. I must
consult you farther about it before I decide

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what to say to Mrs. Deeble -
Also - I have something to tell you about what
"the Doctors" have been doing at the Herbert
Hospl; which may make some stipulation from us
necessary at Netley -

in haste
ever yours
F.N.

[end 15:210]

Embley 1/10/69
Romsey

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usual sickness - And unusual cases which happen seldom must be provided for (in a Military Hospital) specially - However I think it a very good thing to have a "Sick Room" -

October 3/69

Yours of October 2 just received

I will answer at length another day - [I believe it to be quite impossible to get a servant, who will cook wholesome food for 7 people besides herself - scrub & clean ~~& what~~ even if she does not mend for the Supt. (who ought not to spend her time mending her own clothes) - for less than £20 to £30 - & cheap for the money too!]

Please return me this latter scrap (only *this*)
as a reminder to myself

The thing I wanted to mention about the Herbert Hospl is this: the Principal Medical Officer has made the Acting Supt. there (who is only a Nurse) give up her Nurses (who are Head Nurses) take them out of the men's wards - to be Assistant Nurses in the female infectious

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wards - This sort of thing which is always happening & which will test Mrs. Deeble's sense & firmness severely (it is of course destructive of all discipline & Nursing) must be prevented *by Regulation* - And I shall consult you about inserting a Regulation to this effect in a Draft which I am preparing for you according to what we agreed.

It is a thing about which Army Medical Officers have actually no conscience - I have been asked by ~~them~~ an Army M.O. to take a Nurse out of her ward, with perhaps 60 or 70 Cholera or Fever Patients under her, in order to nurse his wife in hysterics - or a soldier's child in Scarlet Fever, or a woman in her confinement, or a bad woman, or an Officer who had something the matter with his thumb -or, in one instance, to go "*and amuse*" (sic) a hypochondriac - or to attend on the Med Officer's private patients.

It requires more temper & presence of mind than can well be supposed to refuse these requests, *without giving offence* -

I understand (& believe) that all this is worse in time of peace than of war - in Military Hospitals -
ever yours

FN

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{printed:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W

re *Mrs. Deeble*

These may be useful to
you as reminders -

{Note by Harry Bonham Carter]
one hosp "Herbert" you asked me to return
{signed:} HyBC
[2 illeg lines]

letter, ff51-52, pencil, black-edged paper f51 HI/ST/NC18/15

Netley

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W

Dec 2/69

My dear Harry

The "Regulations" have been
returned from the Army Medical
Department to the War Office
without a word of alteration -
This is more than I had hoped
for.

They are now gone to the
(late Purveyor's) Control Dept.
for any remarks on the Linenry
part of the business - I have
not much fear of any alterations
there, as they have been always
devoted to us -

"Mrs. Harris" has promised
that, when they come back
from there, they shall be put
into Dr. Sutherland's hands

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Draft Regulations, would have told the Director Genl., Sir T. Logan = & that the least which would have been done, would have been to alter the Regulations -
If they had asked the W.O. to request us to withdraw same & send another, *I think they would have been in their right* -
So far as I know, *nothing* has been said.
I have received the enclosed note from Genl. Wilbraham, written 3 days after the fact - apparently wholly ignorant of it.
[I have not breathed a word of all this to Dr. Sutherland, as, if I did, it would be all over the W.O. or to any one, except Mrs. Wardroper, who probably has heard from Mrs. Deeble too.]

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[2] HI/ST/NC18/15 2b
But this is not all -
Lennox declared herself "physically unequal" to the work - & laid up from Thursday to Monday - just when an amputation-case was most wanting her - & wished to resign!!

Mrs. Deeble hopes that she will "rise to her work" - she says Lennox is not ill but nervous

Mrs. Deeble herself seems to be the one who has behaved most perfectly in all this.

She speaks highly of Miss Wheldon, Clark, Kennedy, Strong - & does not seem discouraged.

She has persuaded Lennox not to resign, at least at present

LMA (FNM)

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ever yours

F.N.

letter, f53, pencil

f53r HI/ST/NC18/15/51

Dec 5/69

Draft Regulations

My dear Harry

I have snatched this copy for you before it **[15:215]**
receives its Imprimatur: -

(the pencil amendments are by the D.G. Sir G. Logan
- the others are the Control amendments -)

1. I had put in the word "Wardmasters" before
And *they* had taken it out -
It is better in.

4.& 6. This is put in to meet your proposal
that the Ration rate should be tried for
6 months.

But the Control Dept. say that it
would have been better to have made
the whole Paragraph general - i.e. to have
asserted the Nursing=right to mess-money, to
cover "Beer, Porter or Wine" - *at such rates
as shall from time to time be fixed by the
Secretary of State* - (or something to that effect)

What do you say?

9. has become practical nonsense under the
various emendations - It should stand
conf. Reg 44

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HI/ST/NC18/15 15/3

Please return me *this* paper, with
any Annotations you may consider
necessary upon *this* paper -

They raise a little question about
the name "Sister" - But I suppose
now that you have explained the reason
of the name in your letter to the W.O. -
WE had better not draw back from it?

[end]

yours

F.N.

Sunday 7.30 a.m.

Dec 5/69

I *must* return this by 11 on Monday

morning. I with difficulty kept it
over to-day - If you cannot
conveniently let me have it to-night,
I will send for it between 9 and 10
to-morrow (Monday) morning to your house.

letter, ff54-, pencil, pale blue paper f54 HI/ST/NC18/15/4

Thursday
11.45 a.m.
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W

My dear Harry

Thank you for the
Regulations & Mr. Talbot's
two notes -

I will appoint Mrs.
Deeble to-morrow here - (Friday).

But, as the whole
gist of my communications
with her has been to
represent to her the
Regulations & every thing
else as emanating
solely from the *War Office*,
it is impossible for me
to shew her this copy

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of the Regulations -

She would recognize
it at once -

~~Could you have it -
copied for me so as
to let me have it by
an early hour tomorrow
(Friday)?~~

If this is very
inconvenient, I could
get it done - if you
will return me the
copy at once -

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I think "Mrs. Harris"
(the War Office) has not
behaved very well to
us - I will tell you
why, when I am in a
less hurry
ever yours

FN

On second thoughts, I think
I had better keep the copy
you have sent me - I
will get all the *pages*
copied in which your
hand or mine appears -
& then the whole will
appear in our (W.O.)
Secretary's hand to Mrs. Deeble.

letter, ff56-8, pencil, black-edged paper
f56 HI/ST/NC18/15/5

{printed: 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W Dec 13/69

Netley "Regulations" -
My dear Harry

These were passed last
week with but few alterations -
& all these in our favour -
e.g. the responsibility is fixed
on the Medical "cadets", (as they
are now to be called,) of
sending for our Nurses if
the treatment is changed.

[15:215]

&c &c &c

I obtained a copy (for you to
look at) on Saturday week, sent
it to your house on Sunday 5th -
But, as I was obliged to return
it (on Monday morning,) finding
you were not at home, I sent
for it back on Monday 6th -

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I send the enclosed as *my*
Certificate - The parts
therein mentioned I was
obliged to leave untouched -
The middle parts I tore
out & carried -

They were matters of
merely verbal importance -
ever yours -
F.N.

[end]

letter, ff58-61, pen
HI/ST/NC18/15 6a From Mrs. Wardroper to FN, May 12th, 1869

letter, ff62-67, pen
f62r HI/ST/NC18/15/7a

Netley

May 16/69

My dear Mrs. Wardroper

I have been so busy that I have not
had time to look over these Regulations
properly till to day.

[15:191-204]

And now I think I must ask you
to re-consider the points under the light
~~of~~ with which I am going to trouble you

1. Wages of Nurses in Military Hospls.

£30 per ann: up to £50 at a rate of
annual increase of £2
agreed.

With regard to Foreign Service, *going
abroad is a regular part of the Service
undertaken*. And this is, or ought to be
carefully explained to every woman on
her engagement.

I fear it was not so to Mrs. Deeble.
Yet it is actually a part of the Regulations
that the Supt. Genl. shall, "in time of war", or "when
General Hospitals are formed during war
"proceed to the spot", & "undertake the
superintendence" of nurses - [The same

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"in visiting & placing Nurses in new Hospitals" "whether at home or abroad, in peace or in war"]

It is true that there is a proviso by which she may appoint another person to do this. But I should think a Supt. Genl. totally unfitted for her place, who did not herself undertake the superintendence in new or difficult circumstances such as these.

To return to Nurses' service abroad: - It was first thought that as the Army Service *involves* this, viz. *to undertake to go at a moment's notice to any part of the world* - that as the pension it involves may be thought to make a reasonable equivalent for the additional wear & tear - & that as it is extremely undesirable to encourage by artificial inducements "adventurers", ladies or otherwise, (of whom we had, I regret to say no lack in the Crimean War -) it was thought that the Nurses' wages abroad should *not* be increased.

Still, times change so fast, wages are, happily, rising so much - and the

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Army Nursing Service is, (it tears my heart to say it, -) so much lower & more difficult to re-establish now than it was 10 years ago, or than when I returned from the Crimea, that I will only submit to you the grounds on which, the opinion was based that *Nurses' wages abroad should not be increased*, & then be guided by your opinion.

They were these: -

that Army Matrons & Nurses on their engagements are to be made thoroughly to understand the nature of the service they undertake - & of course a serious part of the service is that it involves sudden & long removals -

that it never would do, for obvious reasons, to make the foreign Stations objects of desire to Matrons & Nurses that *foreign Stations will never do for an untried Matron or Nurse*

that volunteering for foreign or war service must be the exception - careful selection the rule. ["Adventurers" will be generally ready to volunteer].

that every Matron & Nurse refusing to go abroad when ordered should forfeit all re-admittance

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into the Service & all pension

but that one year on Foreign Service should count as equal to two years of service for pension, in case of disability.

These are the reasons for which it was thought best not to increase Nurses' wages on foreign Service.

I am far from thinking them *final*.

I only enumerate them to you.

Should you *still* think that there must be an increase, I think that it would not do to give a rate of "£40 for the first "year &c &c" - since this might cut both ways - The woman might be

actually, in receipt of higher wages than the £40, if she had served more than 5 years at home, when she was ordered abroad.

Or, on the other hand, say she returned to her Service at home, after a year or two, she would think it hard ~~that~~

~~her~~ to return to her former-rate of wages ~~should drop~~

What would you say to this? ---- viz. that she should have an addition of £10 *ten* per annum made to the rate of pay she was in the receipt of at the time she was sent on such service - (& one year to count as two for pension, as before.)

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At the same time, the War Office has not asked us this question. We are not bound to consider this subject of foreign Service wages unless we ourselves think it necessary.

[If you are thinking of India, it is we & not Mrs. Deeble if she becomes qualified who, now & for a long time to come, will be asked for Nurses for India - if asked at all.

And we shall have to make our own conditions with Madras, or Calcutta, or as the case may be.

It is obvious that it will be years & years before Mrs. Deeble will be independent of us for the supply of Trained Nurses - since Military Hospls. are no Training-Schools for Nurses - & a longer time still before she will be able to supply India, if at all.

If ~~it~~ India becomes some day for Nurses, as I hope it may, a fixed 'Covenanted Service', I question very much whether the supply will ever come wholly from our Military Nursing Service but from yours - either wholly or in part]

f64v*2. Pension*

I think, with you, that the "pension for disability in the 10th year of service" is small.

[I did not calculate these Rates, which were done at the General Register Office, but] again. I will submit to you the grounds on which these were based.

These were: -

that the inducement to stay should be the improvement of pension

that the better plan is to promise a small pension after 10 or 12 years' service, on a scale so graduated thereafter as to offer an inducement to remain, at the same time that it would afford facility for enforcing retirement without injustice.

You will observe that the Supt. Genl. can recommend for augmented pension, in any special case, up to £50 per ann. [Even this will require caution - since a strong efficient Nurse may render extra useful service who yet, during her whole service, may have given more anxiety & less satisfaction than others

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who had not the opportunity of doing the special Service

[So far as I remember, it was the War Office which insisted on the words being put in "in case of disability" in every case of pension - under 60 years of age] If you still think, which I do, that "30 per cent" is small - how would it do to begin at 40 per cent of her wages "in the 10th year of service", & so on as before? - [That would be £20 a year -]

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3. Money allowance to Supt. for messing
of Nurses -

The Hospitals are provisioned by the
Purveyor-in-Chief - all provisions
supplied by contractors. I have
seen a good deal of this - & must say
that, under the present Purveyor-in-Chief,
all things are considered both good &
cheap - Also, we must remember
that all these Hospitals are in the
country.

[The Nurses now have 10s a week
board wages - delivered into each
Nurses' own hands - a miserable,
&, in a Military Hospl., even an
indecorous proceeding - liable to every
kind of mischief. Yet there would
be, of course, terrible difficulties in
altering this (for poor Mrs. Deeble
if she become Supt. Genl. unless the whole concern is changed]

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[3] Hi/ST/NC18/15/7c

How would it do to propose this -

that, for each Nurse, the Supt. will
be allowed 11/ a week - to cover the
expenses of the Nurses' messing - *and*
washing of personal & household linen
would this cover it? -

[I have always been a great friend to
"finding" Nurses with everything in which
you do not wish themselves to stint
themselves - eg. washing, tea, sugar, a
proper quantity of beer &c.

With regard to washing, it is a
great strain upon a Supt. to see that
her Nurses send enough linen to the
wash, *if they have to pay for it.*

And no Nurse ought to be allowed
to wash her own linen, (which is also
a great temptation to many - tho' there
is a "Regulation" against it.)

With regard to the Nurses household
linen, to the best of my recollection
the late Supt. Genl. caused a clause to
be inserted in her Report to the W.O.
that she wished the Supt.'s salary to

include washing of household linen.]

I do not think this a good plan at all -
objectionable

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But you know much better than
I do what is at present best
about ~~household~~ these things in the current
times.

I give you all the information I can -
& will then ask you to give me your
opinion.

And I would certainly, as you say,
stipulate that "the grant should be
made on trial, for 3 or 6 months".
whatever it is.

4. Porter, wine & brandy were not
included (at least I *believe* not)
& were not intended (?) to be included
in the grant made to the Supt. (for *her* to
provide.) How should this be? -
[They were sent in extra by the Purveyor.]
I *believe* but am not sure.]

Do you include "beer" in your "9/ or
10/a week" ? - also tea, or coffee, & sugar? -
I always did.

At present 1 oz. brandy or 1 wine glass
of wine is allowed to each Nurse by Regulation
in lieu of one of her "three half=pints Porter"
per diem - "as she likes best" - I agree

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with you that this should be altered
to: "when the Supt. considers it desirable".
I am not aware whether the late Supt. Genl. allowed it:
[Of course, if the Nurse comes under
Medical treatment, then all this, as
well as her diet, comes under the
"Medical Officer's prescription".]

5. It is in the highest degree desirable
that advantage should be taken of
your Staff going to Netley to exchange
the present uniform worn there
(which is a perfect stone of offence)
for your uniform -

ever, my dear Mrs. Wardroper,
yours affectely
Florence Nightingale

PS. 6. I suppose that we must specify in
any recommendation whether the 9/,

10/ or 11/ a week is to include
"the provision of medical comforts in

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case of sickness" - In the first allowance
made to the Supt. Genl., *it did*.

In the second, it did *not* include

"wine & brandy, in case of sickness". **[end 15:194]**

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letter, ff68-71, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/8a {Mrs Wardroper to FN, May 20 1869

Letter, ff72-73, pen

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Netley May 22

My dear Harry

I think I had better hand over all **[15:194-95]**
these papers to you now - [And I will tell
Mrs. Wardroper that I have done so -]

If you like to draft a letter to the
War Office upon them, & let me see the
Draft, I will gladly go over it. - (with the papers)

I entirely concur with Mrs. Wardroper's
last letter (May 20).

1. As *she* will have to explain the nature of the
engagement to the women, I think she is the
best judge as to the necessity of her having it
in her power to say: 'if you are sent abroad,
you will have £10 a year extra'. -

At present there does not seem much
chance of war or of Nurses being sent to
Foreign Stations at all -

2. I think 11/ a week for messing *and*
personal & household washing - covering everything
but medicines, wine & spirits -

a good sum - to be tried for 3 or 6 months -

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payable to Supt. only -

I would carefully guard this -

Have nothing to do with present Nurses - I think

I told you about the Netley Nurse

I think I told you about

the Netley nurse whom

Wilbraham had the folly to

exchange with Woolwich

They have their reward.

She has to go.

But possibly War Office may say that

granting the 2/ a week for washing -

is, in effect, raising the Nurses' wages

£5 a year - Which it is -

In that case we must re-consider it -

[9/ a week would be enough for messing alone,

paid into Supt.'s hands -]

The washing has always been on a most

uncomfortable footing - And this should

be seen to =

Mrs. S. Stewart has always acted upon &

advocated *the Supt.* paying for the household

washing & the Nurses for their personal

washing.

But I am not positive what is done now.

We were not asked about washing, it is true

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3. It is said that the W.O. do not mean

to have a Sup. Genl. -

But, in their letter to you, they offer

Mrs. Deeble as Candidate for "Sup:Genl."

I am glad you have that letter -

Stick to this -

Nothing else will work -

Also - it is said (I know not on what

authority), that they are revising the

Regulations *without us*.

As in this letter they send you the "Regulations",

to go upon, this authorizes us, I suppose,

to insist upon seeing the "revisal", if any. [end 15:195]

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letter, ff74-75r, pen pale blue paper
f74r HI/ST/NC18/15/10

June /69
{printed} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W

Netley Nurses

My dear Harry

I return your letter (copy)
to the W.O. which I think is
excellent. I ought to
have done this before.

[15:195-96]

We need have been under
no uneasiness as to what
to do with the existing Netley
Nurses - For they were sure
to "do for" themselves X - There
has been another row &
another dismissal - And,
I was told, (but this, I dare
say, is exaggerated) there is
not now one left except
temporarily engaged. General

X They have "done for" themselves -

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Wilbraham finds out that,
notwithstanding his inclination
to be Matron, & his experience
in the post, he does not
fill it successfully.

He has applied to the Commr= of
the Herbert Hospl., who, very
properly, refused absolutely,
to give him a Nurse.

The W.O. applied to me, &
asked if they might send
to Mrs. Wardroper - I said,
they had better write to you.
But, I am not sure
their letter to Mrs. W. is not
gone.
I have nought to say in the

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matter except that I
would not send an angel
from heaven to be a Nurse
in Netley in its present
state. ever yours [end 15:196]

FN

June 30/69

letter, ff76-77, pencil

f76 HI/ST/NC18/15/11 [15:196-97]

I have shown the enclosed Draft of yours to Dr. S., who thinks with me,
that it will do very well. He wants you to add (at end)
that till a Supt. Genl. is appointed, disputed points
might be referred to me - But {printed: 35 South Street,
I don't think this will do. Park Lane,

FN [end 15:197] W.

July 8/69

My dear Harry

I do not wish to pre-judge the question
of Mrs. Deeble having her children with her,
especially as I have always held that some
of our best women were likely to be: widows
struggling for the sake of their children -

But I believe this: that any relaxation
in our principle that Supts. in *Military*
Hospitals must *not* have children,
temporarily or permanently, to live with them
in *Quarters*, could ultimately end but in one
way ~~this~~: viz. a Regulation that ~~mothers~~ women with
children shall not be Supts. at all

In a Military Hospital the difficulties
are so endless: - -

Is the W.O. to prescribe at what age a
little girl is to cease to live with her Supt.
mother? I should think after 13 quite out
of the question in a *Military Hospl* - But
I have known this age to come at 9 - The

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mother is *always* the last person to perceive this coming on -

If the little girl is quite an infant, ie. under 5 or 6 - is the mother to have a Nurse maid to look after her? - Certainly the "Supts. servant", who has to cook & clean for the Nurses, could not look after a child properly - Are the Quarters to provide for a Supts. family? -

Then, a Military Supt. *must* look after the *Night Nursing*, if any, *herself*. Is she to have a young child sleeping with her? -

Then, we have always said, all Matrons & Supts. (most of all, Military ones,) should ~~live~~ *not* in a house to themselves, but with their Nurses. A house is an impediment to a Matron's duty.

Poor Mrs. Deeble has been most unfairly dealt with & given to understand (by Dr. Logan, I believe - *she* says by the W.O.) that she was to have a house to herself, to have her children with her, & a "large salary" -

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I was asked the question indirectly for her, & I replied that I thought the W.O. - *might* allow her to make arrangements to have her little girl, for a permanency & her boys on their holidays in a house in the precincts of the Hospl. - ~~for the same~~ but *not in Quarters*. X X

2. I think £150 rising to £200 the very least that could be offered to Mrs. Deeble as Supt. [And I believe that she has been led to expect a great deal more]. If she becomes Supt. *Genl.* she must have more

ever yours

F. Nightingale

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No child, in my opinion, ought ever to come [16:452]
within a Hospital - especially a
Military one - [end 16:452]

Letter, ff78-79, pen

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{printed:} St Thomas's Hospital, with insignia
Newington, Surrey, S.E.

Augst. 24 1869 -

{Letter from Mrs. Wardroper, signed) to H.B. Carter

letter, ff80-83, pencil, black-edged paper HI/ST/NC18/15/13a

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Embley

Romsey

{printed:} ~~35 South Street,~~

~~_____ Park Lane,~~

~~_____ W Aug 3/69~~

Netley

My dear Harry - [Excuse pencil]

[15:197-98]

I ought to have returned you
the W.O. letter before.

Dr. Sutherland thinks that, as
you have been asked (in a previous
letter) to train both Supt. & Supt. Genl.

- As it is obvious that, till there are
2 Supts., there can be no Supt. Genl.

- & as the Netley Staff will be ready
in 2 months, - it might be well for
you to take up the question of a

Supt. for the Herbert Hospl. in
connection with the training of a
Staff.

[I don't know whether you
replied (to the W.O.) on the question
of the training of another Supt.]

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You will have to settle whether you will do this training by itself, or in connection with a second complete Staff. [Dr. S. thinks: the time has come for moving in this direction.]

I however differ with Dr. S. so far as this: - that I should be disposed to wait & give Mrs. Deeble *at least a year's* experience in Netley before she has any thing to do with Supt. Genl.=ship in the "Herbert".

It is so very different being Female Head of a Civil Hospital from being that of a Military Hospital - No one who has not tried it can tell the difference which there is, e.g. Simply in the Under Nurses being men - & consequently in *all* the

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Nurses, of whatever grade, being *not* under the Female Head *directly* - However you may define the position of each, there still remains a chasm *as to what is the relation between Supt. & Orderlies*, which nothing but experience & judgment on her part can enable her to bridge over - An inexperienced Supt. is almost certain to begin by putting her ~~Head~~ Nurses into the same position that Head Nurses occupy in Civil Hospitals, where *all the Nurses are women*. And soon she finds out that this will not do at all - I think even Mrs. Wardroper is disposed to undervalue this great difference.

And I have heard Mr. Whitfield say that "sick men were the same everywhere" - completely ignoring it.

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Whatever mistakes poor Mrs. Deeble may make, at first, she may, *if she chooses*, be completely out of our reach. She may, *if she chooses*, say, (& quite truly): - How can Mrs. Wardroper advise me about a *Military* Hospital? -

I am therefore well pleased that she should have nothing to do with the Herbert *at first*, till she has gained her experience.

But, of course, I keep my opinion that, without a Supt. Genl. ultimately, they will never do anything with their Military Nursing -

[Wilbraham has almost destroyed not only his own but the Herbert's Nursing Staff.]

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[2] HI/ST/NC18/15/13(b)
But I think it quite cruel that They (whoever 'They' is) should have raised unfounded hopes in poor Mrs. Deeble & very hard upon you to have to undeceive her.

With regard to the "Rules": - the present Regulations will do very well with a few almost verbal & *figure* alterations - & some omissions - *plus* 3 or 4 Rules (which we can easily frame) for the interval when there is to be *no Supt. Genl.* - which I am afraid will always be a difficult interval, owing to Genl. Wilbraham's propensity (what a curious taste!) to encouraging Nurses to rush to him with complaints.

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But, thank God, our Nurses,
I don't think, are inclined to
this sort of thing - Rather the reverse!
[I am sure it would have
been absolutely impossible for
Mrs. Deeble to undertake the *old*
Nurses -]

By this time, Mrs. Wardroper
will, I suppose have been
to Netley & formed her
judgement-

If you think I can be of any
the least use, I will take
care to be back in London
to see Mrs. Deeble & the
Nurses before they are started
for Netley - (if I am alive) -
I do not think I shall be of

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much use, because War Hospitals
are so different from Peace -
in some respects, the difficulties
of War are of course much
greater - but, in some, I am
sure they are less - And *I*
should reckon the immense
press of business in War
as making many difficulties
less than in peace -

[end 15:198]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

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Embley

Romsey

Aug 18/69

[15:198-99]

My dear Harry

About the "ages" &c of the
Nurses for Netley: -

I should not hesitate, if I were
you, in sending a woman of 24,
recommended by Mrs. Wardroper,
& desired by Mrs. Deeble -

It is necessary, of course, to
have a general rule about "age"
in a pension=service of Government -
& also as a guide to inexperienced
Supts., & as a strengthener of
the hands even of experienced
Supts. in refusing Nurses of 10
or of 90 years of age - [I was
going to put Nurses of 18 - But
Mrs. S.S. had 2, if not 3, of
18.]

But no such rule ought to be
"hard & fast". There is many a

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woman of 24 as steady as if she
were 50 - & many an unsteady one of
40 who will not be steady
at 50 or 60 -
A trained steady woman of 24 or 25
I think should never be
rejected merely on account of her
age -

[My own Temperance, whom you
know, is a specimen - She is as
steady as a Church - & far more
so than any woman of twice
her age whom I have had
before - By the way, did you
know that her aunt lived with
Mr. & Mrs. Hopkins for 36 years.
She has come home (near here) -
She cannot recover Mr. Hopkins'
death at all - cannot bear to
see any one - & speaks of him
as if he had been more than a

father & mother - & indeed of
Mrs. Hopkins too, in the same way.

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Temperance's eldest sister, is, you know, with Mrs. Wardroper now as Probationer - (Emma Hatcher.)

I should be rather glad if I could write my letter to the Gd. Dss. of Baden (about the 'Statute') soon - but do not want to press you. I know how every one presses you -

I am very glad the chicks are getting well. My love to Sibella, please - ever yours
F. Nightingale

letter, ff86-87, pen, black-edged paper f86r HI/ST/NC18/15/15

Embley

Romsey Aug 18/69

My dear Harry

By this afternoon's post, (& after I had written the enclosed) Mrs. Wardroper has sent me (by your desire) a full, true & particular account of the Nurses for Netley - each of the 7 - which I have read with the greatest attention & interest on my own account.

[12:181-82]

She thinks that I shall say that Pringle is too young. (the choice being between Pringle & Lennox) - and I believe would be almost glad that I should end her uncertainty - as Pringle now avows herself willing to remain as a "Sister" with her - provided you will give her a room to herself.

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I would I could say something very wise on the occasion - (especially as, from all I have seen or heard, I should think) Pringle & Lennox likely to ~~turn out~~ become two of our best performers-) But I cannot say that I should myself consider a person's age, 23 or 24, - everything else being right, - a bar to her entering a Military Hospital - tho', if Mrs. Wardroper is anxious to keep her with herself, I think it quite a fair & just excuse to ~~say~~ allege her age as a reason against Netley.

You see that my wisdom amounts really only to this: - that there are many things to consider. On of the greatest draw-backs at Kaiserswerth was: the constant change of "Sisters" - the frequent sending away

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of the best "Sisters" to other Stations - & substituting inferior ones at the *parent* Station - Our Lady Probationers have told me this is a great draw=back at St. Thomas' - I know the difficulties at the present temporary place - & merely throw this out as a hint.

If Lennox is there as a "Sister" & satisfied, perhaps then it would be as well to let Pringle go to Netley or vice versa.

You see I am not much help.

I wish I could be.

Do you know the only one on the list that I should shrink from sending, *without* Mrs. Wardroper having tried her first again *under her own eye* is: our Emm from Lpool Workh:? This, *only* because, of all Hospitals, a Workhouse is the one where

there is necessarily most liberty,
& least propriety for the Nurses,

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and a Military Hospl. the one
where there must be least
liberty & most propriety -
Agnes Jones had the highest
opinion of Emm - But both
she & Mrs. Wardroper told me
what I have said above about
Workhouses -

I shall not however say to Mrs.
W. what I have here said -
as I think it so tiresome of an
outsider, like me, coming in to
add elements of uncertainty.
And Emm certainly deserves promotion
(if Miss Freeman will recommend
her) in great haste
ever yours

F.N.

A quiet, discreet *manner* is of the
greatest consequence at a Military
Hospl - I say this as regards
Pringle, Lennox, Emm, one &
all - never having seen
one of them.

[end 12:182]

letter, ff88-89, pencil HI/ST/NC18/15/16

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Embley

Romsey Aug 21/69

My dear Harry B.C.

I do not think I acknowledged your question [15:182]
about the Supt.'s salary -

I think £150 rising to £200 in 2 years
enough & not too much - And, after the way
in which Mrs. Deeble's expectations have been
raised (not by us) I think it would be impossible to
begin at less -

But, you know - during the past 8 years, how
immense has been the correspondence with the
W.O. on this subject - it having been purposely
left undetermined in the Regulations - e.g. -

(1) whether the Supt. should qualify (by length
of service) like the Nurses *for pension* -

(2) ditto ditto whether her pay should be
raised if sent on *foreign* service

(3) whether her salary should not be fixed
~~at a figure~~ to include

(a.) wages of Supt.'s servant [this word a
misnomer - since
the "Supt's servant"
cooks & cleans for
Nurses.]

(b.) Stationary & many other
little provisions for Nurses

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This last (3.) was strongly advocated by Mrs. Stewart & as strongly opposed by me - since I conceive, it is not in human nature, for a Supt. who is perhaps a widow with children, or even parents, depending upon her, to do her duty liberally by the Nurses if these things are to come out of her children's bread. And it is quite out of the question for a Supt. (who has enough to do without) to be trying to save part of a competent servant's wages by doing servant's work herself -

Then there was an enormous correspondence with the W.O. as to what this servant's wages should be - [And on this I consulted Mrs. Wardroper - 2 or 3 years ago -] It is difficult now to get a good plain cook *and* maid of all work to go *into an Institution* under £30 to £35 a year - [Of course, such a servant likes a private family best.] I am not sure that Mrs. Stewart did not give £40 once.

Possibly you will think that we had better let *all* these details & others sleep, till called upon. **[end]**
ever yours

F. Nightingale

letter, ff90-, pencil
f90r HI/ST/NC18/15 17a

Netley
Supt's furniture Embley
Romsey
Aug 26/69

My dear Harry

[15:200-01]

I incline to think that the Supt. should *not* provide her own furniture but that it should be provided as & distinctly understood to be Government property -and this not at all as an 'exercise of poverty' but rather the contrary & for the following reasons.

A (Military) Supt. cannot too much accustom herself to the truth that an Army is moveable & that she must be always ready to go where she is most wanted.

It is true that there is at present no appearance of our having any large foreign Army General Hospital except in India - & still less appearance of our going to war -

But it is also true that the immense expenditure of Netley is justified every year by Ministers to the Public by the necessity of having a "complete Hospital Establishment" ready to be transported to the "Seat of War" "at a moment's notice", if wanted - &c &c.

And still more is it true that our Government

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is annually invited to send (& does send -)
its representatives to the "International Conference"
for the care of the Sick & Wounded in war -
& that, to frequent remonstrances from foreign
Governmts. why we do not join their Association
more heartily, we always answer: that it
does not do to trust these cares of war to
voluntary Associations - that we are forming,
as a Government, our own organization for the
care of the Sick & Wounded, always ready to
be transported to the seat of &c &c &c -

[I have myself been employed, time after
time, to write these letters, both officially &
privately, to foreign Governmts. & Royalties -
And I confess I have never done so without
feeling appalled at what this our vaunted "organization"
really is - & what wd. become of it & us, were there
war.

Yet, during the last 3 years, there has been
more of this fashion & kind of thing than I
ever remember since the Crimean War -]

To return after this mountain to our mouse:
the Supt's furniture -

I think *the Govt.* should always provide
*good solid furniture for two good rooms and
an Office* for each Supt.

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[3] HI/ST/NC18/15/17(b)

I think that it would even be better, if *she* were not made "an allowance" for it, but if it were chosen *for her* by some one who understands what *good furniture* is -

I should take great pains about the selection of it - There should be a good comfortable arm-chair & sofa, a book case, good carpet - no high pieces of furniture, to gather dust & be out of reach - no chests of drawers or wardrobes too heavy to be moved from the wall, to sweep & dust behind - or with too narrow space between bottom & ground to harbour dust.

[15:201]

But I should do the same thing *mutatis mutandis* for the Nurses.

These women are Head Nurses.

The cell of each ought to be comfortably furnished & large enough (each with its own window) to have a comfortable arm-chair & book-shelf, besides all proper Washing apparatus & good chest of drawers or wardrobe -

I should give each Head Nurse a sofa - (these women ought to be able to lie down, if necessary, without heating & tumbling their bed) - But, as these (Netley) Nurses have a Day-room, I suppose we must be satisfied with a sofa or two there -

But then - all this ought to be distinctly understood to be Govt. property - A Matron or Head Nurse

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in a *Civil* Hospital ought to be led as much as possible to consider *that* her *home* - for life -

But, it is just the reverse in a *Military* Hospital. For, a *Military* Nurse to hesitate or grumble at being sent abroad is really as grave an offence as for a private to desert or shirk duty - since she was expressly engaged on those terms.

But, as, for a private to desert is nothing as compared with a Commanding Officer, so it should be made as much out of the question as possible for a Supt. to suppose that she may not be sent anywhere at a moment's notice - do you not think? - P.S. *And she ought not to be encumbered by her own furniture.* [I am afraid, as we have asked for *foreign* pay for Nurses, we must do the same for Supts. -

It would not be fair otherwise - And, also, for *pension* for Supts.]

As for a Supt. Genl., if ever we come to that, she, of course, ought not to have foreign pay - Her salary should be above all that - And it should be as absolutely impossible for a Supt. Genl. ~~not~~ to think of not heading any foreign or war party herself, as for a General Commanding an Expeditionary Force not to go with the Expedition himself.

It is her business. ever yours [end 15:201]

F. Nightingale

letter, f93, pen

f93 HI/ST/NC18/15/18 18

Netley Romsey - Sept 3/69

My dear Harry

I wrote to you in great haste [15:202-03] [16:453]
(to save this morning's post) about
the Netley plan.

But, I don't know that I have
any thing to add except that
I will gladly see Mrs Deeble,
if it will do the least good,
either here or in London,
"about the end of September",
as you say - before she goes to
Netley - You shall keep me informed,
please.

I hope she is a woman of
some nous. *Nous* is wanted
every where, but most of all, I
think, in a Military Hospital -
besides gentleness & firmness -
Military Officers are such queer
things & have such queer ideas
about Nurses ever yrs F.N. [end 15:203] [end 16:453]

Letter, ff94-95, pen
f94 HI/ST/NC18/15 19

Netley Embley - Romsey Sept 3/69 **[15:203] [16:453-54]**
My dear Harry B.C.

I thought it better to obtain some information
from Major (now Col) *Ravenhill* who built
the Hospital before sending you in my
Remarks on the plan

Here they are -

I think with the proposed alterations the plan
is a very ingenious & good one - & gives
no more than is absolutely essential for
respectable women.

Of course an adaptation must always
be awkward - And one would not have
made such a plan originally.

[It is essential that all serving out of Linen to Orderlies
should be over a counter, & (as it were)
outside of the Nurses' Quarters - so that, on
current business, the Orderlies should
have no business to be inside the Nurses'
premises - It is essential for decorum,
comfort, every thing - the more so, as I
believe it is impossible to help (entirely)
occasional, tho' rare, calls to give out
Linen at *night*. The Linenry ought, by rights,
to be like a shop with private dwelling behind, entered

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by separate passage.

Perhaps you would say, when you send in your
plan, with Report, to the W.O. that such &
such (giving a List) is the accommodation
you consider required. but that, if this can be
secured in some other or better way, *that* would
be, of course, all you desire -

Or something to that effect.

I understand that the W.O. is anxious to have
your Report in as soon as possible, in order
to make arrangements to enter on the work at
once So I will send this off at once

Excuse haste

[end] [end]

ever yours

F Nightingale

f95r Returned

plan & Mr. Whitfield's letter
Mr Whitfield's former Report.

letter, ff96-97, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/10 Aug 18/69. From H.B.C. for Mrs. Wardroper, to Mr. Whitfield

letter, ff98-99, pen **f98** HI/ST/NC18/15/21

Embley

Romsey Sept 7/69

Netley

My dear Harry B.C.

I am at work on your packet - **[15:203-04]**

2 Could you, when you have a moment's leisure, give me an answer to my question, or rather Dr. Sutherland's question, about "*Gratuities*" & Travelling Expenses to the Nurses & Acting Supt. now at Netley, when they leave.

I think I sent Dr. S's note by last Thursday's morning post to you addressed to your house.

3. *Fort-Pitt-Midwife=Matron*

What sort of answer shall I give to this woman? -

Her testimonials are not worth the paper they are written on.

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But she may be a very good woman for all that.

I saw her 12 years ago, (I believe 13,) at Fort Pitt - And I recollect she asked me to "remember" her -

As for my "giving her my address," you see by the address, (St. Thomas', with which my connection was not even thought of 12 years ago,) that this was not so.

Shall I leave the woman any opening for hope? - **[end 15:204]**
ever yours affectely.

F. Nightingale

P.S. Would you kindly tell me whether you see any real choice in itself between my seeing Mrs. Deeble here or in London? at end of Sept.
N.B. It is rather difficult for me

LMA (FNM)

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to ask people here -

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P.P.S.

When you go home, please send
me the Q. of Prussia's letters -

But don't take any trouble
about this now - It does not
matter. I really only
put it in, because I am
writing.

F.N.

Letter, f100, pen.

f100 HI/ST/NC18/15/22 {8 Sept./69. J. Sutherland to Mr. Carter

Draft Letter, ff101-03, pen **f101** HI/ST/NC18/15/23a*Draft letter*

Furniture It is obviously necessary that [15:204-05]
furniture should be provided. And I
believe that the W.O. will assent to this.

Foreign Pay for Supt. Would it perhaps
be better only to "suggest" that, in case the
Supt goes on foreign service, some
reasonable addition to the salary should
be made?

Pension of Supt.

I quite agree that it is better not to
suggest any alteration, & to avoid raising
questions, if you think the following,
based on existing Regulation, will do: -

by existing regulation, she will have
£100 a year (ie. on our proposed salary)
on retiring at 60.

if she retires at any number of years
exceeding 12, but under the age of 60,
she will have an addition of £4 a year.
Thus, if she served 15 years, she will
have £40 + 3 X 4 = £46— £52

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[It is thought that the W.O. may possibly object to the augmentation of salary from £150 to £200 as rather rapid in 2 years - & may say it should take 4 years to make -

I merely throw this out as a hint -

I think that your letters to the W.O. ought to be a sort of ultimatum - & that the W.O. ought never to be able to say that we are 'going in' for all we can get - but will 'draw in our horns' if they make us -

I don't think they *do* say this of us. But as Sir. G. Logan certainly *has* done this, sinners are always suspicious] I don't know that Sir G.L. has been consulted at all -
Age of Nurses

I think it undesirable to raise any question about the Regulation

I would "let that hare sit."

It *is* objectionable to have Head Nurses under "30" years of age - if not trained, it is wrong.

But our saving clause is that ours are *trained* Nurses - in a year's training, it is pretty well known whether a woman under 30 has the manners & discretion of an older woman

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[From what I have heard, I should trust Pringle more than either Clark or Emm for *this*.]

But, sooner than alter the Regulation, (which is one that obtains almost every where) I would substitute Lennox for Pringle.

Strong is, I believe, only 26.

The Regulation saves itself (No 278) & admits of expansion to any age by prescribing "emergency" as a reason for departing from the prescribed ages viz. 30 to 40.

This is an "emergency" - the greatest emergency of all - to send in a whole new Staff all at once.

But certainly the most *desirable* age for women to enter the Service is between 30 & 40. The Govt. has a right to expect a certain term of efficient service - And I am afraid, if we were to begin raising questions, we might be told that no Nurse shall be admitted to the benefits of the Service, if over 40. [One of our Nurses is over 40.]

I think I would leave the present Regulation as it is & say nothing.

Mrs. Deeble herself is, I think, slightly over 40. (which she must not be by Reg)

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Uniform Certainly let the St. Thomas's uniform be introduced, without saying anything.

Servant's Wages. I felt rather inclined to propose a rate of wages - But I am told that we should leave this to the Controller.

In the changes in the W.O., Mr. Robertson (Purveyor in Chief) is now Controller at Portsmouth - And Netley is under him - which I am glad of - [He is a time=server but an able man.]

Mrs. Wardroper's first Report.

As she went to Netley by request of the S. of S., it would be well to send a copy of this.

Supt's "Rations"

I should feel disposed to give her the same mess & washing money as the Nurses - [We have never gone on the principle of the Supt. eating twice

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[2] HI/ST/NC18/15/23(b)
as much as the Nurses.] She would have to report on this expenditure, & send in accts. to the Commissary or to the S. of S., until a Supt. Genl. has been appointed.

[I learn at the W.O. that Mrs. S.S. has precisely the same money allowance as the Nurses - She thought it too much & had the allowance reduced. This was found to be too little - and she paid the difference due to her own mistake]

The point then to put forward, under Regulation 23, is that the money allowance for Ration & Washing should be the same for the Supt. as for the Nurse.

Sept. 10/69

[end 15:205]

Letter, f104, pencil HI/ST/NC18/15/24

My dear Harry B.C.

Tho' I have written in haste, I hope I have [15:205]
included all the points.

I enclose an Abstract of the Supt.s Regns. which
Dr. Sutherland made for me, as (for the first time in
my life, I believe) I came away from London without
the W.O. Regulations - [You may want it for reference, if
you have them not by you - Please return to me]

Mrs. Wardroper tells me that it is not yet
settled whether Lennox or Pringle is to go -

I should determine this by: which she thinks
would be most useful to *her* as a Training=Sister
& keep *that one*, making it worth her while to stay

- I will write about this again -
The qualities for training women are of quite a different order
from those for ordering Orderlies. Women can never be trained at
a Mil: Hosp: But Orderlies
must be managed ever yours [end]

FN

Embley

Romsey
10/9/69

Letter, ff105-06, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/25 {Sept. 13/69. Mr. Whitfield to
H.B.C.

letter, ff107-08, pen

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W.O.

8 Sep. 69

The enclosed I believe applies to all
your points.

We want to dispose of
Anne Mignot. Would you kindly
answer my question about her?

Mr. Carter has written to
day that until Mrs. Deeble is
tried he does not intend to
move about the Herbert hospital.

It hence appears to follow
that the best nurses including
Mignot might be drafted if
necessary to the Herbert
Hospital. But if there is no

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need for any of them, they will have to go as temporary nurses with a month's warning. & Mignot who has served as Sup. for 18 months might have a gratuity.

If you have any thing to say on this would you kindly write by return
[signed] J.S.

f108 [FN pen reply]

My dear Harry

They want very much to answer about this.

Because they ought to give a month's warning.

And now there is barely 3 weeks (to Sept 29)

ever yours

F.N.

9/9/69

Letter, f109, pen, not FN hand, FN additions**f109**

HI/ST/NC18/15/27 on War Office embossed paper

Sept. 1st.

Would you be so very good as help me to an answer to the following points.

[15:201-02]

1. At Netley there is as you know an *acting* Superintendent Anne Mignot, who was one of Mrs. S.S.'s *nurses*. for less than a year [in pencil]

FN

2. There are several temporary Nurses.

3. All will have to leave when the new staff goes down next month.

Now, what would be fair to Anne Mignot?

Should she be offered the place of nurse at Herbert Hospital? If she declines

FN hand: She will destroy the others, if she goes there [line in pencil]

FN

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to step down from her present position, what would be a fair gratuity to give her?

With regard to the others who are temporary nurses, should anything be done? Would you give a gratuity under the circumstances?

They all want their travelling expenses - which I suppose they ought to have - in going home.

The Military Commandant at Herbert Hospital is to be replaced by the Inspector General of Hospitals as Commandant whose Commission is not yet ready.

f110r

There are very few sick there. I wrote you about the future nursing of the Herbert Hospital. and nothing further will be done there until the N. Committee states its views. The report of the Committee is wanted in order to proceed with the quarters at Netley.

{signed: J.S. [as above]}

[in pencil] [FN pencil note]

My dear Harry B.C.

How would you answer this question, if you were I?

Please tell me -

It is rather hard to ask *me* this question, because, so far as I know, there is not one of these women whom Mrs. Wardroper would not have dismissed.

f110v [in pencil]
before her year's probation
was out - And, so far as I
know, there is not one of these
women who will not take
with her the most magnificent
testimonials from all the
Commandants & all the Doctors.
That is the hardness -
Genl. Wilbraham says that they
are "admirable" (to the War Off.)
& then tells things of them
(to the W.O.) which make
my hair stand on end -
[And it is not so easy to
make MY hair stand on end] -

Mignot had not been a year
at Netley before she was made
Acting Supt, when she had, I
think, £70 a year - "Gratuity"
enough, one would say!

I hope to send you all your Netley
plans to-morrow - **[end 15:202]**
ever yours F. Nightingale

Letter, f111, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/28 {16 Aug/69. From T. Crawford to H
Bonham Carter Eq

letter, f112, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/ 29 14/8/69. from {illeg?} to Col: Murray

Letter, ff113-16, pen, HI/ST/NC18/15/30 Sept.16, 1869. from Mrs. Wardroper to `My dear Sir

Letter, ff117-18, pen, HI/ST/NC18/15/31 16/9/69. John Sutherland to Mr. Carter

Letter, ff119-22, pencil f119 HI/ST/NC18/15/32a

Embley

Romsey Sept 17/69

[15:207-08]

My dear Harry

When Bonivard wrote to the authorities of Geneva (in Calvin's time) renouncing his citizenship, his own letter was returned to him with the word 'Stultus' [stupid] upon it - no other answer.

Since Sidney Herbert's death 8 years ago, I have rarely seen a document from the W.O., which could rightly receive any other answer but the Genevese city's - 'Stultus!'

This about the Nurse's quarters is really too much.

Col. Ravenhill says that "they will not be ready much before the end of November" -

f120r

& proposes certain contrivances for the Nurses to inhabit, which I should think decidedly wrong -

[I would not yield this point, because, if you do, they may very likely not finish the alterations till spring -

And then our nice respectable Nurses will have been pigging in their contrivances all winter.

I think *that* would be a very bad start.]

If the W.O. provided the Nurses' dress, we should certainly

be told that it could not be ready before next year - & that it would "cost £500".

I wish they would let us provide the alterations as we do the dress -

f121r

[2] HI/ST/NC18/15/32b

I have written (much what I have said here) to Dr. Sutherland, - & sent him besides a copy of Mr. Whitfield's Estimate, as you sent it me -

If I were you, I would not retire from what you now say viz. that you prefer keeping the staff till (say) 1 November - that you think the Govt. should pay salaries from 1 October - & that, having conceded the point (of 1 Novber) you decidedly deprecate putting the Nurses into any make-shift contrivances for Quarters -

[They can do the alterations quite well (so as to leave an ample margin) by end of October.

And they ought -

This is Crimea over again!

f122r

I do not enlarge upon these contrivances for Quarters - because no doubt they have all been sent to you -

One is for a temporary Linenry at a distance from the Nurses' Quarters - People don't know what a Military Hospl. is - We should have poor Miss Wheldon laid up with a Nervous Fever in a week. And there is no use in running risks to temper & convenience on first starting. We are not going on a campaign -

Oh if Govt. Offices had but a little of Civil sense - & ordinary

LMA (FNM)

1008

practice -

Is it to be Lennox or Pringle?
after all?

[end 15:208]

ever yours
F.N.

letter, f123, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/33 23 Sept 1869 Ekblom to HBC

roll 5 Notes, ff124 pen f124r HI/ST/NC18/15/34

Proposed alterations for [16:452-53]
accommodation of Nurses - Netley.

1. There will be no difficulty in dividing off the separate Nurse's rooms - each with its window - each with its partition *up to ceiling*.

2. There will be no difficulty in dividing off the diminished Linen-Store by a glazed partition so as to leave the proposed passage.

3. The room marked "Linen Nurse's room" has no fire-place, altho' they have shown one. It has no flue, & none can be carried up. This proposed appropriation cannot therefore be carried out. But, instead of this, it is proposed to improve the whole accommodation as follows: -

4. to break a door thro' the wall between C and A where the pencil marks are.

This door to be the door into the Nurses' & Supt.'s Quarter from the Hospital Corridor.

5. to convert the proposed Linen Nurse's room into a Store opening directly out of the Linen Store

to continue the division separating the Linen store from the "passage" straight to the end as shown by the pencil mark.

- so as to cut the storeage entirely off from the Nurses, (which is essential for their privacy & comfort)

f124v

the door at C to be retained exclusively as an issuing door & half door with counters: In this way no Orderly could ever come out of the Corridor, unless for carrying in the Clean Linen & for heavy work.

Of course the partitions shown at the end of the linen store cutting off the lobby would not be introduced. The end of the Store would come close up to the main wall: and, being lengthened in this way, it is proposed: -
6. to convert the "Store" close to the Supt's bed-room into a Linen Nurse's room - & not to disturb the partition with the red marks across it.

There is no fire place there at present, but there is a flue, & a fire place can be easily made.

7. Good reason should be shewn for proposing to cut off two dark stores from Nurses' Dormitory (*Day-room*)

- an arrangement otherwise so objectionable.

8. The Supt's Office seems dark - but, as all the rooms are 15 ft. high, perhaps there is light enough.

f125r

9. The Servant's Bed-room being the passage to the Kitchen is objectionable. A Partition could be run up where pencil-dotted, so as to give her a room to herself.

The door at B is, I understand, never used except by the Supt. Otherwise the poor Servt's domain would be intolerable.

10. The "Nurses' Scullery" to the far left of the plan belongs to one of the wards.

11. We used to think a *Mending Room* indispensable. But, I understand that at the Herbert Hospl, in order to simplify wages-rates & books, the Linen is to be returned into the Supt's Linenry *repaired* from the Laundry. Possibly this is the case at Netley now. Otherwise

LMA (FNM)

1011

we used to think the Mending best done
on the Supt's premises in a room
adjoining Linen Store.

[end 16:453]

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Letter, ff126-27, pen. f126 HI/ST/NC18/15/35 25 Sept 1869. Mr. Whitfield to H. Bonham Carter

Letter, ff128-29, pen. HI/ST/NC18/15/36 16 Sept. 1869. Mr. Whitfield to H. Bonham Carter

Letter, ff130-, pencil f130r HI/ST/NC18/15/37a

Embley

Romsey Sept 14/69

Netley Nurses

My dear Harry,

I have received this question (& information) from the W.O. - which I wonder we have not had before: -

The plan for the Quarters is now in the hands of the C.R.E. at Portsmouth for enquiry and report.

It is said that it will cost £500 -

This must be sanctioned by the S. of S. before the works are begun.

These will take time - & the present quarters will have to be vacated.

Now comes the question: -
"How long can you give them - ie. how long could you keep the new

f131r

Staff in hand before sending them to Netley?"

There would be no harm in placing the *existing* Nurses in any accommodation they could find about the Netley building - for a mere temporary occupancy -

But they ask (very properly) - whether it would be advisable to bring in the *new* Staff before the Quarters are ready?

On your decision will depend whether they ask the *existing* Nurses to remain awhile longer until your new Staff arrives -

[I, FN, make no suggestion either way - I see the difficulties

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both ways]

f132r HI/ST/NC18/15/37b pencil

2. *myself*

About myself, which is a very small part of the matter, I should be glad to know your decision as soon as possible, because if the Nurses still go to Netley on the 29th, I should come back to London on Saturday week (the 25th) - [1. I find it very difficult to ask any one here. 2. I *could* not ask *the Nurses*. 3. I should like to see Mrs. Wardroper before I see Mrs. Deeble or Nurses.]

On the other hand, I should

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[3] HI/ST/NC18/15/37c
be very glad to put off my leaving here for another week or two (later than Michaelmas) because 1 - my mother has not the least idea of my going
2. My father is not yet come back here (Parthe has detained him at Lea Hurst.)

But these things ought not to weigh in your decision at all. I only mention them, because, the sooner I can be let know, the better - so as to arrange -
Also: I should be very sorry if Mrs. Wardroper's little October holiday were put off.

3. *Mignot*

They have recommended Mignot for 3 months' salary as a "gratuity" - [I cannot make out whether she has not had 3 months' notice, after all.]

f133r

4. *my Friday's letter to you.*

About a point as to "Age of Nurses": -

[15:206-07]

I do not see that we are at all bound to apologize to Govt. for the Nurses being *under* age - That is *our* affair (who recommend them.)

For Nurse, or Supt. being over age I think some explanation is due to Govt.

E.g. suppose a Supt. enters the Service at 45, she retires at 60 with a pension of £100, but, if at 40 & she retires at 55, she has a pension of £52 - only -

As the 15 years' service of the latter are unquestionably better years, than the 15 years' of the former, I think it hard upon Govt. to pay that pension of £100. & ~~for (possibly) 20 years of life~~

f133v

[4] HI/ST/NC18/15/37d
notwithstanding the Scriptural parable - -
[I was 34 when I went to the Crimean War - Had I been 10 years older, I doubt much whether I could have rendered the same service - (tho' I don't think I have been wanting in courage in the Govern't. service during the last 15 years) - I am now 49 - & question whether, if ever I were in perfect health, I could ~~properly undertake~~ efficiently accomplish such an Expedition.] A Supt. had far better begin under than over 40. A Nurse had better begin under 30 than over 40 - I know no woman of Mrs. Wardroper's ~~ever yours~~ active, moving=about energy at 53 or 54 - (which I believe she is -)

[end 15:207]

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Letter, ff134-35, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/38 18/9/69. John Sutherland to H.B. Carter

Letter, ff136-37, pen HI/ST/NC18/15/39 20 Sep 1869. Whitfield to H.B. Carter

Fragment, ff138-39, pencil f138r HI/ST/NC18/15/40

[2]

They suggest that

Sir Harry, as Chairman, should
tell Mr. Cardwell that the
new Staff is ready, but
that, when the Quarters at
Netley came to be examined,
it was found that all the
Nurses, including the Supt.,
slept in one room -
- that there were, in fact, no
Quarters in the sense in which
Quarters exist in Civil Hospitals
- and, considering the
respectable character of the
women whom they want &
must have - (if possible), even
more in Military than in
Civil Hospls.), - that it was
necessary to ask for proper
quarters for them, - & that the
expenditure is necessary for the
existence of efficient Nursing

[15:206]

f139r

[This, you will understand, is suggested merely to expedite Mr. Cardwell's decision - & thus to save time, if practicable.]

I offer no opinion as to whether it had better be done in this way -

[end 15:206]

f139v

Harry Bonham Carter
14/9/69

slip with note to HBC from HV Sept. 30 H1/ST/NC18/15/42

letter, f140, pencil f140r HI/ST/NC18/15/42

Private 1 Oct 1869

[16:454-55]

Netley Nurses' Quarters.

My dear Harry B.C.

About this troublesome business: -
(now pray your good Gods that I may be short!)
I thought, (as you seemed to anticipate) Mr. Whitfield's letter so very objectionable, both as to matter & manner X X tho' unquestionably right in some points & probably right in others - that I felt no doubt as to not sending it to the W.O. and yet did not like to make no use of it.

I therefore took the liberty of sending the whole to Dr. Sutherland - And he has retained Mr. Whitfield's letter, until he sees that the plan (expected up yesterday from Portsmouth) includes all the requirements. He takes note of Mr. Whitfield's statements. He thinks it quite out of the question showing

X X objectionable because the W.O. would certainly say:
"here is an old House Surgeon, on the faith of a whipper-snapper of an Architect's boy, dictating to us!!"

I do not say that it would be either fair or honest for them to say this - But they *would* say it. And it would be putting us into quite a false position with the W.O. - the more so as Mr. W. is quite right as to "cost" & "time".

f140v

Mr. Whitfield's letter at the W.O. -

I am afraid that your reference to plan & cost will be reckoned an undue interference, if ever it gets into the Works Department - ~~For a~~ similar reason.

[N.B. Not Col. Ravenhill, but the C.R.E. at Portsmouth, is the responsible planner - And all that we can do is to see that the plan fulfills the conditions.]

[end 16:455]

Letter, ff141-42, pen. f141r HI/ST/NC18/15/43a

Oct 3/69

Netley Nurses' Quarters

My dear Harry

No doubt you have had official intimation of [15:210-11]
& the amended plan to look at -

I have not -

I will merely tell you what I hear:

The plans have come back to the W.O. from Portsmouth

The C.R.E. has adopted essentially Mr. Whitfield's plan as amended by us.

Unfortunately the tracing they gave Mr. Whitfield was not quite correct!!

The building has been carefully measured - & the proposals adapted so as to come into the actual construction -

Unfortunately, so far as I can understand, the Nurses' rooms will be a little smaller - (not much) Some, the smallest, 9 ft X 8 ft. 4 inch - or 75 sq. ft instead of 80 - Some a little larger - They say that the result is a large saving in cost, & tho not having to make a window to light the passage - which would have necessitated another (false) window to match (in the frontage) [I do not quite understand this. Perhaps they only say it to save their own mistake about the cost]

f141v

They object to iron, & use stained & varnished wood. The partitions to be carried up to the roof.

The Estimate was to arrive at the W.O. yesterday. They said there that it would not exceed £200 - just what Mr. Whitfield said.

Orders have already gone to proceed with the outline of the work - And they say it may certainly be finished by the end of *this* month (as indeed it may!)

They have planned plenty of excellent storage very ingeniously - two sufficiently lighted stores

They leave the small housekeeper's store, which is well lighted & is now in use.

Instead of throwing this into another store beside it, which would answer no good purpose, they leave the partition & convert the room (which has a good window)

~~There is~~ into a spare room for a Sick Nurse, which they will fit up, if required.

But the Nurses' rooms now being divided up to the ceiling & each having a window to open, any of them would do for a Sick Nurse for any usual sickness, & unusual cases wh happen seldom must be provided for specially - how a very good thing to have "Sick Rooms" **[end 15:211]**

f142r H1/ST/NC18/15/43b**[1:436]**

St Pancras'

I have had a deplorable letter from poor Mr Wyatt - desiring us to give up his cherished idea - as he feels sure that our Trained Nurses will not be wanted - or asked for.

No doubt you have had a similar one -

I shall not answer till I hear from you what I had better say -

I am less surprised than grieved -

He blames exceedingly the Poor Law Board for vacillation - not more than I do -

[Since I have known anything of Administration, I have never known an Administration nearly so bad as this - And this is saying a good deal.]
in haste (and you will wish, I were
in hastier)

ever yours

F.N.

Letter, incomplete, ff143-44, pencil F143r HI/ST/NC18/15/44a

Oct 7/69

[16:455]

Embley

1. *Netley*

I am sorry the W.O. have not sent you the plans - I understood they would. Neither have they me.

But orders have been sent that the Quarters are to be ready for occupation by the end of this month.

This then is settled.

There is no danger of National Bankruptcy on *our* score.

The Estimate is £180 - & they have added £20 for contingencies - [end]

!!

2.

Mr. Wyatt & St. Pancras.

I have answered him quite generally on the Poor-Law question.

The ~~conduct~~ conduct of the P.L. Board is deplorable -

On the Nurses' question I have said that I must communicate with

f143v [2] HI/ST/NC18/15/44b
the. Lpool Vestry will probably hear it - & Miss Freeman too - at last -
I wish I could help you - But I can't
- I have corresponded with the heads of the Lpool Workh: Infy. at their own request for upwards of a year since Agnes Jones' death - with an amount of thought & mere writing labour on my part which would have managed all the Crimean Hospitals.

And, if all this time & strength had been given to playing at dominos with the cat, it would have been spent to just as much purpose.

I gave Miss Freeman nearly a week in the spring - She is a cleverer woman than her Sisters - but with 2 great infirmities of mind - want of truth - & want of consistency - so that her lies

LMA (FNM)

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don't ~~do~~ even hold water -

She will never do any real good -

But still we must not listen to

complaints against her - for our own sakes -

f144r

you - adding that I understand
- you have received no communication
~~with~~ from Mr. Moore, the Vestry Clerk.
Possibly Mr. Wyatt will write again -
It seems to me almost equally
undesirable for us to assume
that the Nurses, asked for officially,
are not wanted - or to write
to the Vestry & inform *them* that
they do not want the Nurses
asked for -
I thought you would perhaps make
some suggestion about this -
3.

Trueman & Miss Freeman

I believe Trueman's complaint -
But I believe both that our
Nurses are not now to be controlled
& that Miss F. is not the person to
control them -

I believe she wishes to get rid
of them -

I don't think it will do for us
to receive complaints against a Supt
- And it will *LOOK worse than it is*.
Of course Trueman will tell others. And

From a letter to A.L. Pringle

But what I write for now is" (this)
"Lady Rosebery has Typhoid and I
have twice been written to by her
desire to advise about the Nursing:
I am so out of the practical work
now - and I feel how little can be
advised at a distance.....

But I know how fanciful Typhoid is
in the conscious stage - *One* person
is to give relief.....

[I had a pathetic letter from her
anxious little daughter, Sybil, who is not
of course allowed in her Mother's room.]"

H1/GLI/A36/1 5 signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:655]

Miss A. Whyte March 1/88
{printed address:} 10, SOUTH STREET,

PARK LANE. W.

Madam

I have never thanked you for
allowing a Midwife's attendance
to a poor Charwoman of mine,
Mrs. Wilks, with her first child,
last year. Will you allow
me now to enclose a small
contribution, £2.2 [end 6:655] [13:559-60]

And might I ask you whether
it would be possible for you
to admit IMMEDIATELY for
3 months' teaching & training,
in Midwifery, from our
Nightingale Training School for
Nurses at St. Thomas' Hospital,

a trained Lady- Nurse of ours,
Miss Formby, who is engaged
to go out to East Africa ~~as~~
to look after 25 agricultural
families, emigrants, in
3 months' time. There is
therefore not a day to be lost.
Miss Formby's age is 30;
she has had 3 months' experience
in the Obstetrical Ward of St. Thomas'. {'the' overtop one}

I believe Miss Formby has
applied to you- & was told
that there was no room at
present for her.

Might I ask if it would be

possible *under the circumstances*
to make an exception in
her favour, without displacing
any one else?

May we take for granted that,
at your Institution which has {'at' overtop an}
such claims to our admiration, {'our' overtop y}
the pupils live *IN* the Institution
to be ready for cases at night-
that they have also *out-door*
practice- that they have
constant clinical instruction as well
as lectures- & that after
a successful 3 months' training,
they are certificated, *not* as
Midwives but as Midwifery
Nurses only? What

abnormal cases have they the
chance of attending under a
skilled Midwife? And do
the skilled Midwives of the
Institution deliver all
abnormal, as well as normal
cases?

Pray believe me

Madam

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

Would you kindly send me 2 copies
of the little square book of "Hints",
the best I know? F.N.

[end 13:560]

Miss Annie Whyte

Secretary

General Lying in Hospital

York Road

Lambeth S.E.

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signed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

May 24/88

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

Dear Madam

First, allow me to thank
you very much for the
excellent training & great
advantages which Miss
Formby has enjoyed during
her 3 months' stay with
you, & practice both on
in-door & out-of-door
Lying-in cases. And
tho' I must always deplore
that your 3 months' term
of training is not at least

[13:561]

6 months', so as to give
the pupil- Midwives
more practice, & a
better chance of seeing
abnormal cases, yet I
most gratefully acknowledge
the superiority of training,
practical, Sanitary &
theoretical, for the infants
as well as the mothers,
which you give your
pupils.

I could wish indeed
that a supplement to your
excellent little book, (for
which I beg to enclose 3/
2 copies, which you kindly sent me)

were published, containing those lessons on the care & feeding of Infants, which I understand Miss Atkinson so wisely gives to the Nurses.

[end 13:561]

[The very child, a first child, of Mrs. Wilkes, for whom you kindly sent a Midwife, Mrs. Martin, at my request last year,- a beautiful little boy, I believe-died of "*Nursery Biscuits*", which you so justly denounce.

[6:655]

This was no fault of the Midwife. The child was several months old.

But if your Midwives

could be taught to put a little sense into the poor mothers, when attending them in their Lyings-in, perhaps there would be a chance of the poor mothers leaving off the practising the blunders of their predecessors -
2 fatal blunders indeed -
I am now going to ask you to be so good as to send Mrs. Martin, of Medway St. Westminster, to the same Mrs. Wilkes (whose marriage lines I enclose- & beg you to return to me)- for a second confinement-

[2]

She is expecting her
lying in, I understand,
in about a month. So
she has not left much
time to lose- [The child was
born, I believe, *before* the Midwife
arrived, in her first confinement.] **[end 6:655]**
Again thanking you for
your great care &
kindness, by which
Miss Formby has, I
trust, so largely profited, **[end 13:561]**
believe me to remain x

H1/GLI/A36/2b
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
Miss Atkinson
Matron
or Miss Annie Whyte
Secretary

H1/ST/NC19/7-9
H1/ST/NC19/7
torn envelope, pen
wait for an answer
G.H. Makins Esq
2 Queen St.
Mayfair
Florence Nightingale }
17/9/87 }

H1/ST/NC19/8
note, 1f, pen
The Bearer is: Mrs. Robertson
G.H. Makins Esq
2 Queen Street
Mayfair
Florence Nightingale }
20/9/87 }

roll 6 H1/ST/NC19/9 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct. 21/87

10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}

PARK LANE. W.

My dear Sir

How kind you have been
to my Patient, Mrs. Robertson,
and in permitting her to write
to you about the fitting of her
Truss. I wonder whether she *has*
written to you -

To me she writes: "for most
"of the days on walking or
"standing, it (the Truss) is
"not uncomfortable - when
"sitting or stooping *it hurts*
"me a *good deal* in the groin.
"I am afraid I am rather a

"troublesome subject to fit -

"I will give it a fair trial=
"Mr. Makins said I should
"not feel it very comfortable
"at first.

"I am quite satisfied if I have
"any extra exertion it will
"help me very much, should
"I not feel able to wear it
"always".

Her husband writes to me to
thank you for "such
"eminent Surgical Skill
"and attention", as well he may

& adds: "We shall be truly
"thankful if the efforts to
"aid in restoring a weakness
"she has long felt be attended
"with any degree of success".

He is an excellent Scotchman.

Might I ask whether you
would be so very kind
as to tell me what you
would advise Mrs. Robertson
to do - whether she ought
to come up to London again
for the people at Spratt's

LMA (FNM)

1030

again

to see the Truss in position;
or whether you would
wish in your kindness
to see her again yourself?
I am ashamed to trespass so
upon you. I was so
extremely obliged for your
letter about this good Mrs-
Robertson -

With kind regards to Mrs.
Makins, to whom I am
about to write to thank her
for her kindness about Mrs.
Wardroper, pray believe me
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale
G.H. Makins Esq

H1/ST/NC19/5

signed letter, 2ff, pen

Letter enclosed {up diag} Sept. 17/87
10, SOUTH STREET, {printed address:}
PARK LANE. W.

Dear Sir

May I ask you kindly to
make an appointment
on *Tuesday morning* next, if
possible, *after 11 a.m.*,
to see Mrs. Robertson,
the wife of my brother-in-law,
Sir Harry Verney's land steward?
She is suffering in the way
Dr. Benson, the Local Doctor
(Claydon, Bucks) whose
note I enclose describes-
I told her that she ought
to be seen by you or some

other London Surgeon of note,
& that if she would come
up to my house, I would
ask you kindly to arrange
an appointment to see her-
If you desire her to have a
Truss, perhaps you would be
so good as to tell her where
& what kind- & if she
should be fitted at Spratt's-
& give her his address, or
elsewhere. She is a stranger
in London.

Perhaps it should be

mentioned that, tho' a very
active woman, she has
suffered from womb-trouble
ever since a very bad
confinement 23 years ago-
But it is not for this she
is coming to consult your skill
& kindness.

Might I send my love to
Mrs. Fellowes, & hope that
she is now in perfect health?

Pray believe me

faithfully yours

Florence Nightingale

G.H. Makins Esq

H1/ST/NC19/6 signed note, 1f, pencil

ask for answer

to F. Nightingale's Sept 7/87
note 10, SOUTH STREET,
{printed address:} PARK LANE. W.

to wit

ask at

G.H. Makins Esq

2 Queen Street

Mayfair

at what hour on Tuesday

morning he can see

Mrs. Robertson at his own
house

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NTS/C37/6 note, 1f, pencil

[12:314-16]

Prob Lady P.s' Diaries

Would you just look over these

but without taking them

away? at least not at present

These, taken at random,

are an account of what

they do every average day

~~for a~~ during the year's training

in my opinion it can

hardly be called training -

read HyBC {HyBC hand in bold}

unfamiliar hand, 1f, pen

Lady Probationers Record

of Ward duties with

remarks

Miss Hunter

Miss Wright

Miss Morris

De Lüttichan

Mrs. Carroll

initialed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

5 SPECIAL PROBRS' = *Day of Ward Duties*:

2. These are the Diaries: or rather the

Horaries *not* of Probationers

but of Ward Assistants. For

(a.) We do not glean from these at all what

they are doing in their *special* position of*learning*: or what is being done *to them*in the way of *teaching*.(b.) '*Sister*' scarcely appears at all: & in most

[de app. et de non exis endem est r.:

she scarcely *exists*:- in none as a teacher or *trainer*. (*One* seems

to be judging (& approving) *the Sister.*)
 & another ----- *the Hospital*)
 The Diaries are interesting to me as an old
 Nurse: & as giving some account of the
 proportion of 'menial' & 'dressing' work.
 But they afford scarcely the slightest clue
 to what the place is doing as a *Training*
 School: to HOW they are put IN THE WAY
 either of 'dressing' & nursing: or even of {'either' overtop illeg}
 servants' work: which, in one or two of
 the ~~cases~~ instances must be as ~~absolutely~~ new to
 the performer: as the Nursing work.
 or to what instruction of *training* they are
 receiving in ANY *thing*: *Nursing or Study, or Ward* work:
 [One of our best 'Sister's said to me ~~illeg.~~ {'one' overtop our}
 that, during her own probationary year, (NOT
 many years ago:)
 'we did what was right in our own eyes':
 (~~absolutely~~).
 What we want to know is: *how* this is
 not the case now: & *how the training*
is given.
 This, these Horaries fail to show us.]
 see p. 2

2. The opinions which are given at the end of

each show rather the cheerfulness & amiable
 willingness of the Probationer (Trainee) than the
manner & amount of training she is
receiving. We do not want her opinion: we want
 her FACTS.

It is as if you were to ask a Patient
 what Hospital treatment he is receiving:
 & he were to answer: 'None but
 what is good for me'

3.
 [It is a pity that almost all have taken a STUDY day:
 tho, if they had told us more *what & how* they '*studied*',
 it would have been valuable:
 & ~~none~~ few a *Doctor's* day. This too is un= *informing.*]
 -One (Miss W.s) is like a child's }
 not one in my opinion shows the least talent. } 27/12/76 F.N.

p. 2

In fact, if one were to judge *only* from these Horaries, (which one does *not*) one would be disposed to believe the state of things now at St. Thomas' what has been described to me absolutely by Miss Gardiner at Highgate: & more qualified=
=ly, by the best Surgical Sisters & even by the best Male Medical without an

'Extra' Nurse at St. T.'s-
Miss G. said: "I tell ----- it is quite absurd to talk of my ~~being~~ giving any *training*. It is just as much as can be done to get thro'

"the Wardwork ~~for me to be~~ if I am working as hard as I can all day long in one of my Wards: & ~~for~~ any Probationer is ~~to be~~ working as hard as she can not only *not* under me but in another of my Wards."

The best Surgical ~~ill~~ & even the best Medical "Male" Sisters (in heavy wards) at St. T.'s have always told me: that it is impossible to "do justice to the Probationers" ~~in~~ without an "Extra" Nurse: that they, the Sisters, *must* "do" the worst dressings, or the most critical cases (in Medical Wards) *themselves*: & that they can only give the *Probrs*= even "the 10 months' old *Probrs*=", the slighter cases or the 'menial' work to do: because they (the Sisters) *cannot overlook* (train) them: the Probationrs= they "have not time" Sister Arthur has in fact told me exactly what Miss M. says

27/12/76

F.N.

N.B The "pinning up checks" occupies a ridiculous amount of *space* (if not of *time*) in the Horaries?

To sum up: If the *Probr*= cannot do what there ought to be an "Extra" Nurse to do, she *must* do a *Ward Maid's* work: & our best Lady *Probrs*- have solicited & obtained an "Extra" Nurse's place (temporarily) on this account

I *shd*= like to see these Horaries again:

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[end 12:316]

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H1/ST/A92/2/32 envelope & signed letter, 6ff, pen

{envelope}

Sir Francis Hicks

[12:301-03]

&c &c &c

Treasurer's Office

St. Thomas' Hospital

25/5/75

{letter}

St. Thomas' 35 South St.

Medical Visits: Park Lane W.

May 25/75

Dear Sir Francis Hicks

First: I must thank you
very much for your very kind
letter of May 22: altho', as
you anticipate, the change
which you yourself appear
to consider as disastrous,
[how much more so much I!]
contemplated by you,
carries a sort of terror with
it to my mind.

I will not trouble you
with the arguments, obvious

& not so obvious, against making {overtop illeg}
a change,- fraught with so
many ills, direct & indirect,- [ills?]
-as that in the hour of {'in' overtop of}
Medical visits_ for 17 years
so wisely arranged by St.
Thomas' Hospital: & now,
you tell me, *perhaps* to be allowed
to the afternoon.

Because I am quite sure
that you have thoroughly

gone into them. in every
possible light: in consultation
& in private.

But allow me to say that,

unless the Treasurer &
Governors of St. Thomas'
Hospital can make the
sun & the Earth to alter
their relative positions, &
the Sun to set later for the
6 winter months, no
possible arrangement that {overtop illeg}
even the Treasurer can make
can do more than mollify the
evils which will spring
from the alteration in the
admirable systematic daily
course, of the Hospital order,
laid down by himself
& the Matron.
For the whole question lies in

H1/ST/A92/2/32a

the natural order of things:

forenoon { from early morning
 { up to noon & after

& *evening*

Hospital Patients *must*
be attended to:

afternoon: Patients generally
sleep, & *ought to* sleep, or rest:
or amuse themselves:-

they want this relaxation as
much as their Nurses:

Sisters & Nurses ought to
have as much of the *afternoon*
as possible ~~for~~ to themselves
for rest: [little enough in
Hospital life under any
circumstances:] for exercise,
or for a little leisure:

Probationers for exercise &

[2]

self-improvement: & classes:

If then the Medical visit
is in the *afternoon*:
the Hospital drive & bustle
is just prolonged throughout
the *entire* day:

the Patients are stirred &
'routed' up *after dinner*,
just when they ought to be
resting:

Surgical cases, 'dressed'
morning & evening, are
're-opened' "to show the Surgeon":
who is not there at the proper time:
(a thing which would not
be tolerated in any foreign
Hospital of name in which
I have ever served:)

Dispensary work is all
thrown into the evening:

'Sisters' - (who of course
would not be true Ward 'Sisters", {'true' overtop be}
if they did not attend the 'Visit',)
have not an hour's real rest:
or freedom: or exercise x: they
are in a round of bustle all
day long:

[Probationers, or course, must
also attend the 'Visit', as it
is an essential part of
their training:]

the only *regular* exercise {illeg smudged ink}
a number of comparatively
young women will become, [become? odd]
for 3 & months of the year, after
dark: &, for 3 other months, in the dusk -

x It was the common saying,- only
too true,- that at old St. Thomas',
20 years ago; the only undisturbed
exercise good 'Sisters' ~~had~~ could be sure of all the
year round was at 4 o'clock on
summer mornings.

=====

There are so many other
serious & irremoveable
objections that I
am obliged to put force
upon myself not to dwell
(upon paper) upon what
I am certain have received
your fullest attention: so
that I should be only
re-urging what you have
already urged upon yourself
far better than I could do.

Suffer me only to add
that the change, if carried
out, would remove
one of the principal
distinctions which render
St. Thomas' so superior

H1/ST/A92/2/32b
to other Hospitals in its
"Nursing": & one which
I have always regarded
as of great importance
in its bearing upon the
Training- School for Nurses.

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Mrs. Wardroper's admirable
arrangements, authorized
by yourself, to which I
am never weary of bearing
testimony, cannot be
reproduced under any
change from ~~any~~ morning
to *afternoon*, - unless the Sun
can be persuaded to change
afternoon into *morning*.

And I may perhaps be
forgiven for suggesting that
~~in~~ no Continental Medical
School with which I am
acquainted [and few or
perhaps none have lived
in so many Continental
Hospitals as I have] of

{ 'suggesting' overtop illeg }

any mark would
listen for a moment to
the arguments *for* the change
of hour urged commonly. {'commonly' overtop illeg}
Yet how noble, how complete
is the teaching in the really
great Schools of the Continent!
But I feel, dear Sir Francis
Hicks, that I must
crave your forgiveness for
overstepping my limits
(which I ought to confine
simply to the *Nursing*:
& mean to do so)
in alluding to the Medical
part of the question.

I know, however, that your
kindness will feel *inclined*
to forgive me:

& I will only add that I
entirely concur with you in
thinking that the change
which you propose with
regard to 'friends' visits' to
Patients is an advantage-

And in regard to your
last kind expression, of a
wish to take me over the
Hospital, I can assure you
that it is the greatest regret
of my life that I am unable
to profit by your kindness:
& that nothing but my
absolute imprisonment to

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room & couch could prevent
me.

[end 12:303]

Excuse this letter written
under pressure of illness &
heavy & anxious business:
& pray believe me

dear Sir Francis Hicks
ever your faithful servt=
Florence Nightingale

Sir Francis Hicks

&c &c

LMA (FNM)

1041

Treasurer's Office

H1/ST/NTS/C14/8 initialed letter, 2ff, pen & pencil

"Regulations" Dec 1/92

(3 enclosures)

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

My dear Harry

[12:451]

Miss Gordon left these
with me, after having gone
over them with Miss Crossland.
- I went over them with
Miss Crossland last night.

"Hospital Nurses"

Miss C. prefers "24 to & not over
"30". She says we find
Probrs= of that class of life are
quite old at 30 sometimes,
& quite old enough always-

(2) *"Specials"*

25 to & not over 33.

//(4) omit

//(8) They both agree about not

leaving so much option

to the Probrs- & about
compressing as at (8).

Questions at back

see (12)

Time Table

see "Exercise"

*Could you be so very kind
as to copy out this on a
"Time Table"- & send it me?*

[I have hunted in vain
for one]

Omit Table of "Night Duty"

as they say. [As you say,

"Night Duty" must be
in the first year *after*
training. But it must be
Miss Crossland is anxious
that we should call
our training (& make
it) *two years or three*
- to fall in with the
Times-

[end 12:451]

ever yours

LMA (FNM)

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F.N.

A/RNY/85 initialed note, 1f, pen

a small gift for the Biblewomen Nurses [13:738]
with Florence Nightingale's deepest sympathy

for this noble attempt to provide Nursing & cleanliness
for the very poor: with gratitude to God & fervent
prayers for its extension & progress:

{up diag in other hand:} /Cheque £20/

& if she might hint a wish it would be that this little
sum should be expended in water=proof cloaks=
or washing= gowns for summer, & washing linen sleeves
to take in & off, & washing aprons, or washing money,
for two or three of the Nurses in the very poorest
districts, where there is not local 'Lady' to look after
these things for the Nurses

Mrs. Ranyard

F.N.

26/2/75

[end 13:738]

H13/EGA/230 signed draft, 8ff, pen & pencil, see also Add Mss 45818
ff237-59

[8:63-65]

[I]

OR

I have been asked to write a
few words about ~~funds for~~
the proposed new Women's
Hospital. I

The first thing for a Hospital
is: that it should do the
Patients no harm. And in
this Women's Hospital there
will always be a large
number of the cases most
sensitive to Hospital harm:
that is, to not only foul air
but want of *fresh* air, of light,
& sun, of floor & cubic space
- to whom any crowding is fatal
overcrowding- to whom these
things, with cleanliness ~~(cleanliness~~
~~of walls & floors as well as~~
~~or persons, beds & utensils)~~

~~[and there must be~~ and all
 conveniences for cleanliness,-
 & the requisite staff
 & for Nursing ^ ~~illeg~~
~~illeg]~~- are as much
life & death necessities as
 food, Nursing & the Medical
 Staff itself. For some
 operations, each patient much have
 a small Ward to herself &
 All the Wards must be
 capable of direct inspection.

~~(Hospitals? are an inter-~~ {a large X crossing out lines to un=
 =mediate stage of civilization.
 We must see to it all the
 more that this is not
~~un= civilization)?~~

All these things cost money
 - not in the end ~~though~~, for

cases cured or relieved in
 moderate/decent time are cheaper
 than cases lingering in Hospital
~~Women's diseases are Sanitary~~
~~tests.~~

{2 lines x-out with diag lines as well}

[But the main thing today {overtop illeg} is {overtop &}, ~~here, now:~~

the *School* of Women= Doctors,
 the Woman Medical Staff.

Why do we want a Women's

Hospital, officered by

Women= Doctors? Because

Women= Doctors, tho' they may

have the best theoretical

teaching, & Lectures,- tho' they may pass the

most successful Examinations,

take the highest honours-

have the best that the

greatest {illeg nun?} Professors can {vert. line in l. marg. up to

'[But]'

give- "the same as men", in {vert. line down l. marg. to end of folio}

short- if they have not the
practice & responsibility that
Hospital posts give to men=
=students, are only Parasites'--
meaning by this word: *others*
thinking & acting for them,
feeding them with knowledge
they cannot assimilate &
make their own *in practice*
No General Hospital, even if
it admits women= students,
appoints them to any post.
Then students are (dressers,
clinical clerks, registrars:
they may be, they ~~seek~~ seek to be,-
House & Assistant Surgeons &
Physicians, Residents, Resident
Accoucheurs &c &c -

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Without these opportunities of
practice & responsibility,
a woman student, however
able & successful, must be
more or less of a "Parasite"
(~~like a Church goes who let
the Church going & the clergyman
do his salvation for him,
as has been well said.~~) {text heavily x-out}
And none feel it more than
herself.
You learn a thing by *doing* it.
That is *Life*.
Life is the thing- practical,
earnest, modest *doing*,
which gives life to the dead
book.
Give our women=Medical=
Students *life* -

This is the "Day" of Examinations.

All School & College work, all
Education- Elementary, Higher,
Professional- all runs to
Examinations.

But, *except* as sufficient
provision is made for a
thorough *practical application*
of the teaching given,- the
Examination & the teaching, the letter is dead
~~Give us life~~ - Give us life,
if only (at present) in the
practical work of this one
Hospital for Women treated
by Women Doctors.

You want efficient Women
folio}

{vert. line in l. marg. to end of

Doctors- for India most of all
whose native women are now
our sisters, our charge -

(there are at least 40 millions
who will *only* have *Women-*
Doctors & have none) -

But for England too you want them
give them then besides a Women's
School of Medicine, a *practical*
School in a Women's *Hospital*.

It is so in every thing: namely
that without room for
practical application of
teaching, teaching is nought,
or at least only half the
battle. It has been proclaimed
so in Agriculture- in all Arts
& Sciences. It is the ground
for the present cry for all
Technical Education. [See that
~~with~~ in winning the 'Certificate' we do not
stop {overtop shop} short, even {overtop `}` in Technical things]

The need of training, practical {vert. line in left marg to end of folio}

training for women is the
discovery in this country
of the last 30 years.

Such an Institution as this Women's
Hospital ~~in the outward & visible~~
~~sign of~~ marks the reform
of the last very few years.

It *used* to be supposed 30 years ago that
women needed no training,
except for music & drawing.

We might have lectures on Music
for a life-time. If we have
no practice, how can we play
or sing?

Medical & Surgical work
is no exception. On the
contrary it is the vital
example. Life or {overtop &} death
depends on the *training*.

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~~Education is not instead of,~~
it is for the development of

{text all x-out with large X's
down to 'education to the
end.'}

independent, responsible
action, initiative, progress,
industrious learning how to
make progress 'from the
'cradle to the grave', or
more correctly from the
~~education to the end.~~ Let

the great Masters of Medicine
& Surgery say what the
Medical Student, even if he
has won his Diploma, is
after 10 years. If he has not
won his spurs in practical
work, he ~~He~~ has deteriorated.

{'If' overtop of}

The (year's) practice for women secured {vert. line in r. marg from
here
by a Hospital post, to be
gained *only* in Hospitals

to end of folio}

served by women, is essential. {vert. line in l. marg. to end of folio}

But if this be the case with
a woman- Doctor remaining
in England, how much more so
for her who is going to India, where
she may find herself called
upon all at once, (for there
is no one else,) to attend the
most critical cases, brought
to her probably because all
native aid has failed- to
perform the most important
operations, without assistance
- not only where there is no
Doctor within 100 miles -
but, of there were, nothing
on earth, no suffering, danger,
nothing would induce the

Hindoo or Mahometan woman Patient
to allow a Medical man to
approach her- more especially
in one of Women's diseases or
child birth.

In India ~~too~~ instances have
been known of (so-called) fully qualified
Women Doctors -
not having had the independent
practice of a Hospital post,-
- who have lost their nerve
when called to unassisted
responsibility.

Throw persons into the water
to make them swim - but
what if they drown others?

~~Lastly,~~ But there are Women- Patients
in *England*- What do *they* want?

Is women's Medical Service in
India & there *only*, wanted? What
are we to say for England?

What woman of us all has not
known many, many poor women,
who would rather go thro' any
suffering than undergo the necessary
examination before men- students

{ 'examination overtop

Examination}

at the General Hospital? ~~And~~

~~it is singular, no or perhaps not
singular that those women,~~

~~Hospital Nurses, who have seen
the most of these examinations~~

~~as Nurses, are often those who
will illeg submit to them as~~

~~Patients They risk health & life
rather.~~

{text is heavily x-out}

To the Women's Hospital, even where
nearly every Patient pays something,

~~they go~~ many women by preference would go-

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Lastly,

Where & how can a woman or
a man be taught how to *teach*?

Only in active service

Only in the campaign of life -

Where can they acquire the
instinct of correct diagnosis?

Only by the beside of Patients,
with every faculty quickened

& intensified by direct

personal responsibility.

The woman's Hospital officered

by women will become the

women's Medical Normal School,

And as time goes on and the

younger women become older,

they will be kept *young* in

professional knowledge,-

Medical, Surgical & Sanitary, -

- by constant contact with those

who read, discuss & think out
the newest (& the oldest)
problems of Medical science.
The greatest *men* doctors value
most highly the constant
comrade-ship of younger
Medical men. Do not
Medical lectures at Hospitals
mean, in practice, the
submission of the lecturer to the keen
competitive criticism of
younger men, all alive to the
newest & latest revelations of
older theories, strengthened or
weakened by experience?
Why not the same advantages
for women: as for men- doctors?
They must *learn* to teach.
Teaching demands imperatively
the ordered classification of

knowledge, and a cultivated
power of imparting it. Women
only can thoroughly, fearlessly,
& frankly, teach women all
branches of Medical Science.
Is not this true? But, they
must be properly *equipped*
for such duty. And for this
the responsible practice
of the Hospital, the careful
preparation for the Lecture
room, & the keeping in touch
with the younger, fresher minds
will combine to it them.
We want to press the whole of
woman's faculties, & bring
~~one or another~~, the scientific,
the executive powers as well as the
sympathetic & the more
contemplative, into the

service of the sick, which is {vert. line in l. marg down to Florence}
 the highest service of the
 noblest love

Good speed to the new
 Women's Hospital
 to which in all its branches
 men give their frankest aid
 is the prayer of
 Florence Nightingale
 London July 6 1888

H1/ST/SJ/A44/1 draft notes, 8ff, pen & pencil {both in FN and another hand

[8:380]

ordered Proposed Maternity Institution & Nurses
 Home & Training School
 Notes on Mr Salter the Architect
 Letter

[16:818-19]

A Mr Salter appears to forget that in "trying
 "to assimilate" his "plan" to that of "Lying
 in women's own homes" he has omitted *the most*
 essential condition, viz that in any room
 inhabited by the same Couple a *second Delivery*
 CANNOT take place within 10 months, and may
 not take place for years. *This I believe to be*
 the real secret of safety at home.
 The nearest approach that can be made for her
 is: to have 2 *Delivery Wards to each floor.*
 one of them always standing empty: month
 and month about:
 And these *Delivery Wards*. I believe to be
 essential, in any Lying-in-Institution of
 more than 3 or 4 beds, and in constant use,
 for any safety. Mr Salters' single bed Wards
 are then Capital. But *delivery* in the single bed

Ward would not be without danger: nor would it be assimilated to home lyings-in. As Mr Salter wishes, unless each Ward after each Delivery remained empty for 10 months,- a condition which renders any Institution at all, impossible. - Neither does *economy* appear to be attained by this plan; since the essential "standing empty" (for cleansing & *aeration*) of each Ward,- even for a much shorter period than 10 months,- seems, by Mr Salters own shewing, to be necessarily longer than if there were a Delivery Ward; ~~and illeg for this is important,~~ If the Ward Scullery is to do the duty of a *Delivery* Scullery, this so greatly increased the Scullery work, that it renders *absolutely* essential one good sized scullery to each 4 beds,- not to be used for any other wards- together with Bath Sink, Slop Sink, W.O. &c &c, Sink Bath for *soiled* linen; - and all this standing *periodically empty* with its wards But this appropriation of one Scullery to [next 3 lines in FN pencil] each 4 Beds I believe to be desirable in any ~~X~~ case - {X x-out 3 times}
[2] {to the left of the above text}

N.B. [To have all the soiled *Delivery* Linen in this Ward=Scullery somewhat increases the risk to the Lying= in Women in the Wards].

It is so much better to have all the Delivery bustle and Mess apart-

[end 8:380]

C. It would be impossible to nurse this, in many respects, *admirable construction* with only 12 *pupil-Midwives*; even were there *three qualified training Midwives*- as there ought to be. (and for the first year, 2 qualified Nurse besides) Nor could there be any *training* worth the name) in such a case: -

see Note

at back {up diag to left of text}
with 27 occupied beds, there might well be 25 *pupils*: or with 36, 3 {illeg}:

- and there *must* be a thorough, sufficient and completely organized, and thoroughly qualified TRAINING MIDWIFE Staff

(I do not think one Midwife to every 6 or 8 pupils too much: (this is roughly speaking: for the *Staff Midwives* are, of course, not 'told off' in this way.)

There should also be a *Class- room*.

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Note to B.

[cd be used in Hosp]

The Architect states that 3 *beds* only out of each set of 4 are to be occupied at the same time.

If there are *Delivery Wards*, it would not & it be necessary to have one Ward out of 4 always undergoing cleansing: (i.e each empty for 3 months) especially as one *Block* out of 4 must be always undergoing a thorough cleaning, scraping, lime washing: & standing empty for rest and aeration.

- D. Are there not too many windows &c draughts (through a fault on the right side) to the *Wards*?
- E. "Organ" could not be borne by an average woman, during or soon after delivery: and would wake the Night pupils {Night overtop night} sleeping by day - [where half the Patients are under 9 days old, and the other half lying-in-women who cannot leave their beds, an organ seems superfluous.]
- ~~F.N.~~ {x-out with 6 lines} [FN hand here]
- F. *Ward Ventilation*: is not this open to some question? The Architect proposes to combine Tobin tubes with the Ventilating grate. He says the Tobin tube is intended to clear out the air from the stagnant corners of the room: but in one half of the room he places the tube in the corner close to the door, where the opening of the door would prevent stagnation. Would not the long channels for these tubes soon become foul & be difficult to clean? Moreover the inlet for foul air thus proposed- would it not prevent the action of the ventilating grate when the fire is lighted? In warm weather it would only act, provided there are adequate means
- 5 for the removal ⁹ of the air as well as for the admission of fresh air. The Sherringham ventilators would scarcely Over {boxed in}

suffice for the exit, & moreover would allow the foul air to pass into the upper wards.

On these grounds is it not essential to provide shafts carried from a little below the ceiling of each Ward SEPARATELY, to above the roof - the lower part of the shaft to be terminated by a louvred opening, so that, in case the action should be reversed, there should be no down draught -

The bottom of the shaft should be capable of being removed to admit to easy cleaning. The shafts should be placed in the corner of the room on the same side as the ventilating fire place. The proposed ventilation would differ for admission of fresh air.

G. As regards the *Corridor & Passages*, if these are to be closed & warmed, it should be by coils of pipes in each, heated from a central boiler: & fresh air should be admitted through the coils so as to ensure the ventilation of each corridor & lobby separately.

[end 16:819]

x by Ventilating Division Windows to open
& close by a handle

[end FN hand]

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- [7]

- "Nurse's Room" may be well turned into a Scullery: but there must be either 2 Linen Rooms, One for each block;- or the LINEN may be kept *in Scullery*, which is quite admissible: In that case the "Linen-room" might be made into a "Nurse's room". But it would be far better to give up the "Nurse's room", & throw half of the Linen Room unto each Scullery, where there must be a hot linen's closet,- a small kitchen range,- where Syringes &c {illeg etc, te?}, one for each woman, must be kept and washed, where Infants must often be washed and dressed, and where there *must* be room for nurses and pupils. The Scullery *is* the "Nurses Room" in a Lying

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[8] {to the left of the above text} [8]

in Institution: and must be made proper for the purpose. ~~The~~ A Nurse's Bed-room in proximity to the Ward not necessary: tho' not undesirable. There must be an efficient system of *Bells*.

5. ~~We suppose~~ It is proposed to *deliver* each Woman in her own Ward: in this case, after each Delivery the Ward ought to stand empty for at least 10 months: (to "*assimilate it to "a womans own home"*)-
which of course is impossible - [This ----- {assume HyBC hand in bold}

objectionable also, for the danger of disturbing the women in the next 3 wards: especially if one were in a state of exhaustion]

This makes the *Periodical vacating & cleansing & aerating* of the whole appurtenances of each Ward still *more essential;-*

for, if the Scullery is to do duty as the Scullery of a Delivery Ward as well, it will have a good deal to do -

- 6 Is it intended that the lying-in woman shall occupy the same Ward from time she comes in till time she goes out? There is No Convalescent Ward. (3 Changes are good). But if only there were a Delivery Ward, no other change is *necessary*
7. It is not desirable to have *ward doors* opening *opposite* each other: & it is no necessity of the plan -

8 Will not the "Open spaces" make dangerous cold draughts & be liable to the rain & snow beating in on bad weather

If there is a Delivery Ward (which is considered essential) the passages and Corridors must have no "open spaces", and must be capable of warming; as the Women will have to be carried through them after delivery.

9. The *Lifts*, if, (as stated in the Architect's letter),

~~9. Yes. Lifts~~ it is intended that the Patients
should ascend in them, are,

(as shewn) too small to admit of this: But there are many objections to Patients being carried in Lifts.

10. We see no provision for *isolated* accommodation
for a *sick* or Fever lyings-in woman: This is essential:
and is referred to in Mr. Salter's letter. {assume HyBC hand in bold}

11. We see no accommodation for having *reliefs*
of *pupil-Midwives*. [FN pencil] By adding *another floor to "Home"*,
more sleeping accommodation might be obtained.

Nor is the number proposed to *train* given:

- {illeg a=?} 30.

(There are only 12 Nurses' beds
and 5 Ladies' " } shown: and
no reliefs.

=sleeping accommodation for 16 in all, including Matron, Nurses &c: or 17 with two beds in one room.

12. We see no accommodation for *Head* MIDWIFE
or *Midwives*.

There must be one, if not two, or even three *Midwives*. The head Midwife will expect 2 rooms. The "Sister's" accommodation, however, might be turned to this purpose.

13 Is not the mortuary (though there should be [not FN hand]
no deaths) rather too much in sight of the left hand
block {illeg v-?}

Even if there were no deaths, this is objectionable.

(Of course *no post= mortems*, will be done here).

14. Points of Compass not indicated -

15. 4 floors & 3 FLOORS of WARDS Objectionable-.

This is the blot of the plans both for health
and convenience of administration.

Also: it necessitates vacating 12 beds: viz. a
whole blocks - always for *periodical & thorough cleansing*:
scraping ye plastering: & lime= washing & aeration.

Of course you cannot be scraping, white
washing &c over the heads of Lying= in
women. The whole block from top to
bottom must stand empty at one and
the same time.

To have *more than two floors* of wards
one above the other should ~~F.N.~~ always
be avoided, if possible: as there is always,
too, risk of the *foul air* from the *lower* room
passing into the room above: & of the
means of exit for foul air are to be
solely windows &c & Sherringham valve
in the walls, the foul air would then pass
[11] almost directly to the room above: {[11] to the left of other
text}

{not F.N. hand:} Maternity Home

&

Training School

Notes on

Plans

[FN:] To sum up:

1. The *Site* is low & flat:

open to the East:

has good circulation of air from
River .

Sub.soil: said to be Gravel-

2. *Plans* show a central
administrative block separated
by open lobbies from Pavilion blocks.

Pavilion blocks 4:

each pair of block connected

by an intermediate block

containing Stair-case & Ward Offices

Each Pavilion: 4 floors.

Basement floor apparently half

sunk: contains cellars, store-rooms,

Housekeeper's, cook's, & servants'

bed-rooms- Out Patients' Departmt-,

including Dispensary (in a Lying-in Institution, *the fewer drugs, the
better:*) & Medl= Officer's room.

Unadvisable to place *Out Patients' Waiting* {inserted:} A room where
Midwife

[FN blue pencil]

can examine Patient to

see

when admission desirable
is of course essential.

But this had much

better not be

under a

ward

Room, especially if sometimes crowded,
under Sick Ward.

Hospital Servants' sleeping accommodation

should be airy: & if possible separate

from Ward buildings:

Coal Cellar inconvenient, because not central:

- should be airy: & if possible separate

from Ward buildings:

Coal Cellar inconvenient, because not central:

- should be under or in communication

with Laundry or *Kitchen:* *not under
a Ward.*

Wards are on ground floor, first floor,

second floor. Ground floor appears

raised 8 steps: or about 4 ft. above

general ground level.

Undesirable to have more than 2

{please note: illeges in this folio are unclear as all are overtop other
illeg text}

floors of Wards one above the other:
especially if exit of foul air from rooms
is to depend solely on windows &
Sherringham valves in walls: as foul
air from lower room would then pass
almost directly to room above.

Each Pavilion is cut off from adjacent
central Ward= Offices= block by open
corridor: corridor giving access to Wards
also open: will give access to rain, snow
& cold, besides 'Wards': Night attendance
will be severe indeed:

East set of 4 Wards {illeg would?}} better complete
in itself, with Scullery, Slop sink, W.C.
accommn=: with a place for portable baths:
& arrangements for easily filling &
emptying baths -

If however {illeg there is be} but one Ward Scullery
to each 8 Wards, {illeg then} enlarge {illeg it} into small
Kitchen 10 ft. x 12 ft at least with
small range: & all conveniences
for hot water & warming linen:
- Slop-sink should have lobby for
portable bath & &c &c:

Delivery Wards: if 2 (with Scullery &
other appurtenances) {illeg are} attached to each Floor,
plan would require remodelling, if to be
arranged with regard to administrative
economy: &, previous to such remodelling,
better lay down specifically exact proportions
of Scullery accommn= &c to be allotted to
Ward: & No= of Wards to {illeg to be attached to} each pair of
Delivery Wards -

The plan of Delivery Wards strongly recommended. {HyBC in bold}

The Plans are a great advance
in Hospital design: & deserve
the highest interest on that
[13] account.

{not in F.N. hand:}

Maternity Home

and

Training School

Notes on Plans

and Architects

Letter to

accompany

letter to Honorary

Secretary of the

John's House of

5 June

H1/ST/NC18/15 unsigned letter, 4ff, pencil

My dear Harry

I think this Draft will do very well

1. Dr. Sutherland (who was here) suggests that you should leave out the Paragraph (bottom of p. 14) about not "hanging up in the wards," he saying that this is sufficiently provided ~~for~~/against by the proposition about "Circulars".

I don't think so.

I think that they are so stupid that they might say, 'if we "hang up in the wards" Circulars not necessary.'

Whereas what we want is (& Dr. Sutherland agrees) Circulars emanating from W. O. - (& not ward - hangings.)

2. Dr. Sutherland further suggests whether in lieu of your last 4 lines, you should not put "As the entire staff, including the Supt altho' carefully trained for the work, are new to the service of a Military Hospital & as questions may arise at first requiring experience to deal with them, I add that, should any such questions

"present themselves, the Commn will be happy

"to aid in advising the S. of S. in regard to them"-

I don't think so

I prefer your last four lines, as being more general, less likely to set any body's back up.

3. I have been greatly pleased & rendered more hopeful by the progress Mrs. Deeble has made in the last 3 weeks - Her tone is quite altered - there is much more

consideration - less ignorant self-confidence
- less dependence on patronage & interest -
Shrewdness I knew she had - But it shews
much more power of reflection & apprehension
than I gave her credit for that she should
in so short a time have mastered 1. that
the interest of the Horse Guards & Director Genl
will do nothing for her - that it lies
entirely with W.O. & Treasury - 2. that

Military General Hospitals are totally unlike
Regimental Hospls (to which she has
been used) & far inferior in discipline
to Civil Hospls.

I have not time to go more into this now- But
I write it for this reason - Mrs. Deeble has
repeatedly urged upon me lately that she
must, absolutely *must*, see me to go
over the Regulations with me *before* she
goes ~~down~~ to Netley on Saturday - I agree - [I want
her to/ her think that the Regns emanate *entirely*
from the W.O.]

Dr. Sutherland (who agrees & who will do his
best to get them thro' the W.O.) suggests
that you should either call upon Mr.
Talbot or write to Mr. T. A private note
something as follows -

H1/ST/NTS/A16/17/29b book inscriptions:

Murchison, *A Treatise of Continual Fevers* with pencil inscription
H1/ST/NTS/A16/17/29b with inscription: "Offered to Miss Blower /on her
return to England and on her entering upon the great St
Bartholomew's/with Florence Nightingale's very tender blessings upon her
and her work that she may "run" with "continued" patience the "race" set
before her, as may we all. Xmas Eve 1878.

* and books *Hymns of Faith and Hope* Horatius Bonar. Jas Nisbet 1874; fly
leaves inscribed in pencil. vol 1 "Dear Miss Blower: with F.N.'s best
wishes for the voyage (See "Ocean Teachings" p 8) Lea Hurst Sept 15/75
Vol 2. "Miss Blower: "Good Will" to Canada: from F.N. 15/9/75"
vol. 3 "Miss Blower from F.N. 15/9/75 God speed the new work in Canada.
Sept 15/76" and

Introductory Notes on Lying-in "A humble warning little book offered to dear Miss Blower with Florence Nightingale's best love August 1880" (note sure which sister)

H1/ST/NC18/15/72 signed letter, 1f, pen

17/1/72

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

W.

Messrs. Humphrey & Cairns

Gentlemen

I beg to re-inclose these papers which Dr. Sutherland of the War Office has again seen & approved - & which I will ask ~~beg~~ you to return to me -

Would you be so good as

1. to send me an Estimate of the cost
2. to let me know the length of time you will be over the work?

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Will you be kind enough to let me have my Acct of work already done by you here as soon as possible & oblige your obedt servt
F. Nightingale

initialed letter, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC/18/19/88

Queen Charlotte's 27/1/73

My dear Harry B. C.

I think the next thing is to get,
as you say, the Mortality Statistics

1. *in the Hospital*

2. *among the women they deliver
at home*

for each year since the
W. C.'s were altered - (or, from
1857 - & the date of the alteration of
W. C.s.)

You will see, p. 14 of my "Notes",
that I did get the Mortality
up to 1868

and, p. 40, I have given for
7 of the years since the
re-building (& before 1868)
the Death- Rates - Some of which are
enormous - 81.2, 70.3, 54.2, 39.2 -

But we had better have it all
out now - particularly the
difference between the Mortality
of *their* women delivered *at home*
& " " " *in the Hospital*
year by year - since 1857 -

I sent the whole thing to Dr.
Sutherland - & include his answer -
- not very good -
yrs

F.N.

Please look at my note (blue) on your
"NO" red 3rd page of Dr. Sutherland's
old letter

initialed letter, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC18/18

MRS. S. STEWART June 22/71

7 a.m. [15:221-22]

My dear Harry B.C.

I send you [16:457-58]

one of the many letters of
this poor woman -

[Recently I have had quite a
corresponde about saving the *Nurses'*
Quarters at the Herbert Hospl - *for Nurses*.
The authorities at the H. H. - (*not* the
W. O.) wished to divide off part for
some Officers - in a way which would
have made it impossible for Nurses
to live in them -

We won -

And it is to this she alludes -
(~~The~~/One letters by her on the subject ~~were~~ to the W. O. was so
admirable
as to put poor Mrs. Deeble's - on the same
subject of Quarters - to the W. O. in
a very unfavourable contrast.)]

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland
for information - & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very
earliest convenience (remembering
that she will write to me 12 or 16
pages every day till I answer)
what you think I had better answer
to her. (vide Dr. Sutherland's suggestion[])
I shall be very much obliged -

[end 15:222]

ever yours

[end 16:458]

F. N.

I will reply about MISS LEES to -day.

Her address is: -

Miss Florence Lees

The Lindens

St. Leonard's on Sea -

She was not in London yesterday

nor has been but once since May 12 -

unsigned letter, 2ff, pen & pencil H1/ST/NC18/18/20

Mrs. Deeble (Letter to you returned) June 14/71

My dear Harry B. C.

I return this letter, without knowing what on earth to say about it.

She has misunderstood every Paragraph nearly {printed
address:,vertical:}

of yours. And every Paragraph nearly of hers 35 South Street,
is a misunderstanding. Park Lane,

Still the letter in itself is clear enough - W.

She cannot keep our first rate Nurses -

And she cannot keep those she appoints herself -

She seems (like Miss Osburn) born to ruin an undertaking of this kind.

I had a note from Dr. S. to the following effect: -

"In the present state of matters I do not see what

"more the Committee can do. She has not

"kept your Nurses & she has not been able to

"keep her own - Would not the best way now

"be to leave her to her own responsibility entirely?

"not to let her feel that she has the Committee to

"fall back upon, & to shield herself behind? -

"Perhaps a sense of this might awaken her to the

"*danger of her position* - I see no other course -

"You cannot implicate the Commee in her bad management.

I don't agree with this - I believe she would not

last the year out - without you "to fall back upon"

I only mention it for your information - as I presume

that Dr. S. has seen the 2 letters she has written

to the W. O. - & he has ~~always~~ hitherto defended her generally

- & not thought her "position" "endangered" -

[I do feel that our knowledge of her having "accepted

"valuable presents" rather "implicates" us "in her

"bad" conduct - And I wish I could feel sure

that Mrs. Wardroper had spoken to her quite plainly

about this - which will be brought up against her,

sooner or later - And Mrs. D. is quite capable of

using Mrs. W.'s reticence if it was so as a screen-]

I am quite ready to write to Mrs. Deeble
anything you like (on the general subject.)

~~But~~ my own impression is - her fate is sealed -
unless she "awakens to the danger of her position" -
[I could not help being amused at Dr. S.'s previous
letter to you about Celts being provident & Anglo=
Saxons *not* - (re Pensions) I suppose he is the
only person in the world who would not have
stated the reverse way of the proposition - He himself
is a Celt - & perhaps you know that his own imprévoyance
is something miraculous & incredible, even among Celts.] [end]
~~Temperance tells me such charming stories of your children - partly~~
collected from the Messenger who "adores" them - partly from her own
admiration
of the little man who comes "like a professed little Messenger" ringing
at our door.

unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/18/21 roll 4 [15:222]

Mrs. Deeble July 3/71

My dear Harry B.C.

I feel such concern about Netley - & (not the least)
about the trouble it is giving you - But I am
quite at my wits' end about Mrs. D - {printed address, vertical:}

I feel more tenderly to her but also 35 South Street,
more hopelessly, since I saw Miss Park Lane,
Torrance - who is evidently fond of her - W.
- she says she is "so kind-hearted" - but who as
evidently thinks the embarking Mrs. D. in a
Supcy the most hopeless venture that cd
have been made -

But the only remedy Miss T. advises is: -

putting "some one like Miss Pringle" in Miss Wheldon's place - "Miss P. wd quite govern her" -
[But then Miss T. ~~says~~/admits: "there is no one I ~~know~~/you have like Miss Pringle - And you can't spare her".]
But - Miss T. volunteered to say: -
you, F.N. ought to write to her when she does things ~~that~~/about which, if they became known, you cd not defend her with the W. O.
[Miss T. implied 1. that Mrs. D. thought herself all-powerful with the W. O. - 2. that she thought I shd defend her thro' every thing - 3. she Miss Torre. specially mentioned the "presents" matter.]
I don't know what to do - One cd only write about the "presents" as a Rider to a long letter or series of letters - [end]

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I wrote a slip to you this mornng which I am sure you can't read -

But it was only to say that, I agree with you, "if we are not prepared to offer women" (to Mrs. D.) it does not seem much use my writing to her that she can't train in a Mily Hospl.

The fact is, poor woman, she can neither keep our women nor her own - ~~F~~/Over

[Miss T. says that Mrs. Deeble is quite capable, whenever the fancy takes her, of writing such letters as that about the "apartments" to the W. O. - & of not letting me know till afterwards - † & lastly of forgetting all about it herself -]

initialed letter, 1f, pencil, black-edged paper H1/ST/NC18/18/22

Mrs. Deeble July 3/71

My dear Harry B. C.

I meant to have written some more remarks ([from] Miss Torrance) on her - but have not been able yet.

I agree with you - ~~that~~ you say "Is there any use [hospnurs] (in my writing to her "about training generally at Netley["]) "if we are not prepared to offer women"? -

in answering: No -

You know I think 1 - women can't be trained in Military Hospls
2 - specially not under Mrs. Deeble

Miss Torrance thinks 3 - Mrs. Deeble *can't train anywhere*

But Miss Torrance ~~thinks~~ volunteered saying that I ought to write to Mrs. Deeble about *things in general* more - specially about taking "presents" -

And it is about this that I want to consult with you - but cannot now -

I do not see how you can do other than write to her what you propose -

tho' she will have forgotten her own letter [by] [edge of page is torn]

the time yours arrives -

N. B. Miss T. thinks the Netley pay &c ample. [end]

yrs

F.N.

initialed letter, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC18/18/24

Mrs. Deeble

35 South Street, July 10/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

My dear Harry B. C.

I think it will be very kind indeed of you to write this. (enclosed) -

I have telegraphed to her, according to your suggestion -

[I have proposed Saturday or Tuesday week -]

I will return the rest of your enclosure tomorrow -

Many, many thanks.

ever yours

F.N.

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signed order, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC18/21/61

Six Volumes
of
Byron's Works
to be bound as much like
the *pattern* sent as possible
to be lettered on *back*
Byron Byron Byron
~~Vol-I~~ ~~Vol-II~~ ~~Vol-III~~

Byron Byron Byron
~~Vol-IV~~ ~~Vol-V~~ ~~Vol-VI~~

& in gold letters
on the *side* of each Vol:

A. H. C.
Embley Dec 9/72 F. Nightingale

signed receipt, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC/18/21/67

35 South Street, May 31/72
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

Advanced to Thomas Higginson
to enable him to enter
the Corps of Commissionaires
the Sum of Thirty-five Shillings
£1.15.0

Florence Nightingale
Thomas Higginson
his mark [a large +]

and 10/ advanced for
maintenance
Thomas Higginson
his mark [a large +]

H1/ST/NC18/21/1-14 reports to Wardroper from matrons on Nightingale nurses; detailed reports back and some from nurses 1880 1881

unsigned letter, 2ff, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/68, black-edged paper

London Jan 1870

[16:767]

Sir

The following are the criticisms on the tracing which you have sent me: -

1. No Convalescent Home should ever be surrounded - or near a body of buildings. Convalescents should always be placed in the open country where they are not likely to be encroached upon by population.
2. The central portion of the block within the Day-room & wards and containing the Staircase is too large, too complicated, too costly.
3. The Lavatory should not be *within* the body of the house, but should have its own outer ventilation & be isolated so as to keep the damp out of the house.
4. Superintendence of the Convalescents' sleeping rooms & also of their day rooms is necessary - & would be very difficult on this plan.
5. The sick wards are out of the way of all care & superintende.

Also: they should not be near the Laundry. This part of the arrangement for male & female sick with their Nurses will have to be reconsidered.

6. It is undoubtedly better to have one Dining-room for the men & one for the women. Still this is not essential. The men & women may dine separately at a different hour. Or the room might be partitioned down the middle. On the whole, convenience & economy would appear to be best consulted by having one Day-room which should also be a Dining-room for each sex.

7. Generally the Administrative part of the building appears large & costly - overweighting in importance the Patients' part - for whom nevertheless it is intended.

All that is wanted may be done at £150 or £160 a bed, everything included - or less

[end]

letter fragment, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC/18/21

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And the people are as filthy as their dwellings.

The water appears to be generally bad & unfit for use. Filth of all kinds is washed into the shallow ponds & shallow wells - or into the drying-up river beds from which the people obtain water almost poisonous. The domestic habits of many of the people appear to be little better than those of the lowest class of animals.

Can we be surprised that Nature's laws are vindicated by the decimation of those who transgress them in this way?

But worse than this -

A long course of bad domestic habits ~~tends to~~ mak[es] people morally blind. The inexorable/hard & fast link between pestilence & its determining causes is first lost sight of - next ignored - & then denied. Cholera is a bad thing - but that people should feel that nothing need be done - that nothing can be done - that what has always been is the best thing - is a worse thing than Cholera even.

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signed letter, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC/18/21/71

16/1/72

Dear Dr. Sutherland

Here are the Humphrey
papers again with your
kind permission.

He asks for the "order" "at
once".

Will it not be an immense
job?

Will it not be almost
pulling the house to pieces?

Must I not ask for an
estimate?

[It can hardly be done
while I am in the house -
But I am soon going to Embley.]

What kind of time will it
take to do?

yrs v. ffully

F. Nightingale

signed letter, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/70

[there is a large X drawn through this letter]

Feb 5/72

Dear Madam

I will not worry you
with words to say how much
I agree with & honour your
letter -

God speed your undertaking
is all I can say

& believe me

ever your faithful servt

Florence Nightingale

I enclose for your proposed
Portsmouth Soldiers' Institute
the Cheque for £10.

. F.N.

Miss Sarah Robinson
Guildford

LMA misc paper i

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signed draft for an inscription, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC/18/21

Bell & Daldy's
Illustrated Edition of Longfellow's
Poetical Works
With the thought of all the
kindness
of my friends of
Lea
ever fresh in my mind
& that to *them* may give some pleasure
the little mention of me
at page 406
altho' so unworthy of this or of their
goodness
this book is gratefully offered
by

Flor N -
To the care of Mrs. Wildgoose [T.O]

signed remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/38

London May 22 1869
Messrs. Glyn
pay to the Honble Lucy Kerr or Order
the Sum of Five Pounds 0.0
(for the "Cambridge Asylum" Widows)
£5.0.0.

Florence Nightingale {signature crossed out}

signed remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/39

London June 30 1869
Messrs. Glyn
pay to deaconess Olga von Billerbeck or *her Order*
(for the building fund of the Deaconesses' Hospital
at Alexandria)

the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0
£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale [illeg initials over the
signature]

initialed letter, 2ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/15/57 black-edged paper

Netley 35 South Street, Θ /Nov 3/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Harry

I wrote to you on Monday at
91 G. T.

The only thing which pressed
was this: -

Genl Wilbraham says the Netley
Quarters will not be ready till
"15th, *if so soon*".

I have heard nothing from
W. O.

Dr. Sutherland says (I know
not on what ground) that the
W. O. expected to hear from you
"after Oct. 31."

If the Quarters will not be
ready till 15th, Mrs. Wardroper
(who is not well) wrote to me
that she would be glad to stay
at E. Grinstead *till 10th*.

This morning I have from
her the enclosed - which treats

of several things pertinent to
my Memo.

Please return hers to me -

I think Mrs. Wardroper should
have her option of staying *till 10th*,
if Netley Staff does not go till
15th. (tho' she now says she would
only stay till 8th

She is only too anxious)
I enclosed a letter from Miss
Osburn to you in my
Monday's letter-

ever yours
F.N.

LMA misc paper i

1080

initialed letter, 1f, pencil H1/ST/NC18/15/55

My dear Harry

I return Regulations with some remarks -
in pencil - Please look at them.

Do you know *what day* our Staff goes to
Netley?

I enclose Mrs - Wardroper -
Please return her to me -

It would be a great convenience *to us all*
if we could know whether they go on the
15th.

in greatest haste
yours

Nov 10/69

F.N.

Thanks for Mudie.

unsigned letter, 4ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/15/52

How can we get the W.O. to make the last (proposed)
Regulation binding, on the Commandant & Medical Officers?
not to give certificates - **[end 15:214]**
{printed address:} 35 South Street, Nov 2/69
Park Lane,
W.

Regulations

My dear Harry

[15:212-14]

The "Regulations" have undergone another sifting
at the "W.O." (which I believe means Mr. Talbot's
(locum tenens) &
at Dr. Sutherland's hands & mine.

I will indicate 2 or 3 things to explain what
has been done: -

1. The Supt's salary has been taken out
because, they say, this is a matter of private
arrangement between her & the W.O. -
passim 2. The question of
calling them "Sisters" instead
of Nurses has been raised.

This is for your consideration -

"Ward Sisters" is a better name than "Sisters".
But that entails a *quiproquo* as to what the Linen
Sister & Extra Sister are - So I have taken out
"Ward" - & I confess to an old-fashioned
prejudice for the name of Nurse. [It does
seem so ludicrous to call women "Sisters", who, like
those Sydney women, are doing nothing but offering
themselves to the Patients as *wives*-] Still I see the
good of the little "Sister" - And it might warn the
men against the escapades which have been & are
taking place with the Nurses now about to quit -
& break through that kind of thing.
Whether the word used be "Sisters" or "Nurses", it must always be
printed with a
large Initial letter.

3. I thought that Mrs. Wardroper had objected to the
brandy alternative.

I do.

The real rationale of interpreting the matter I believe to be
this: -

Malt liquor in an English Mily Hospl, with due care of the Supt,
can be obtained & kept up *good*

Hospital Wine is - Hospital Wine.

Nurses who can take Beer had better not have
inferior Wine.

Nurses who cannot, or fancy they cannot, take Beer
should have their wine glassful of wine (2-1/2 oz.)
daily - but not more, either of Beer, wine or Brandy.
(the one wineglassful of wine as they please, at
dinner or supper)

Women, & there are many, (not drinking women) who
cannot do without brandy & water are not fit
to be in Hospitals at all -

[We made an awful mistake about poor Mrs. Kidd -
Don't let us run any risk again.]

*Brandy should only be taken AT NETLEY on the
Doctor's order -*

On the Doctor's order, of course, any Nurse temporarily
requiring wine or brandy, instead of, or partly
instead of, or in addition to, her Malt liquor, ought
to have it -

[On *Foreign* Stations, where good Beer, or Wine may not be to be
had, it is different.] And on such Stations the Brandy clause might
be kept.

4. You will see that they & we have taken considerable pains about the Regulations referring to Nurses going round with Medical Officers - (altering them several times) - I think, by adding some plurals, we have pretty well covered the ground now -

[The treatment used to be constantly altered by Professors - & the Nurse received her orders from Orderly or from Patient himself!! - *after* the regular visit, which she attended]

But, if you can make it more secure, pray do so.

5. The ~~last~~/penultimate Regulation & the ~~last~~/penultimate Regulation but two I believe to be necessary with our present Supt.

[It is incredible how difficult, unless the Supt sees to it herself, both these things are to secure.

(I dare say the Patients are just as well without the medicine - Still they are supposed to come in for it, & don't.)]

The last Regulation is quite essential - Wilbraham is always giving Certificates

to women dismissed for misconduct - I have specimens of these by me.

6. I believe these Regulations will be issued by the W.O. in the form of a Circular -

But A Circular ought also to be issued to the Medical Officers - & above all to Genl Wilbraham -

~~But~~ I doubt whether you could suggest this.

Would you consider whether when the

{the last four lines have a double line beside them in the left margin}

"Regulations" are approved by you & sent in by you (copied) You might not suggest to the W.O. something of this kind: -

{the following paragraph has a large star in the left margin}

that efficient working of the Regulations will depend very much upon the attention of all, Commandant, Principal Medical Officer, Medical Officers, Medical Candidates x, Purveying Officers, being directed to them, as well as that of Nursing Staff - & upon a request from the Secretary of State being made that all will do their best to give effect to them.

- X We know that there exists a printed Circular from the Army Medl Dept to "Candidates" (of which cognizance has never been given to us) about the Nursing Service. We know that in this the Supt. is resolutely ignored. [This is a very common trick. They like to acknowledge the Nurses - They don't like to acknowledge the Supt.]

This (or some other) Code or Circular should therefore be sent *officially* (printed) to the Commandant, Medical & Commissariat Officers, Medical Candidates & others interested As well as to the Supt. of Nurses, so that every one may know what they have to do.

[We have gone over the whole Draft anew & have consulted, in the additions & alterations, the results of the past experience.]

initialed letter, 2 ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/15/47a

My dear Harry

I am sorry to have kept these plans even
a post -

But you see so many questions have been
re-opened.

I was positively assured in writing that
the partitions of Nurses' bed-rooms were up to
roof - Only two are

Also, that the Store-rooms off Nurses' Day
room had been "ingeniously" ventilated - I can
see none -

&c &c &c

I had to write to Dr. S. to know whether
there was any Sanitary or constructive objection
to making partitions up to ceiling -

He says not -

I think these Quarters very good, very ingenious.

But I think they would be 50 per cent. better
with certain objections removed.

I do not think my Remarks 1 & 2 mere
grievances but very solid evils - for Quarters
which may be occupied as long as the Hospital
is.

Dr. S. says: "Please tell them to reply as

"speedily as possible, in order that any changes
may be made - as urgent orders have
been sent to complete" -

He need hardly say that to us -

ever yours

F.N.

Embley

Romsey 12/10/69

signed letter, 3ff, pencil H1/ST/NC18/17/24

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Dec. 22/70

[16:457]

Netley Night Nurses' Quarters

My dear Harry B.C.

I do not see how, as you say, we can do anything but accept this - Nothing can have been so unreasonable as Mrs. Deeble in all this - & nothing can be less perfect than these rooms for Night Nurses.

The window opening into the Corridor looks straight across the Corridor on the open sky - Otherwise I should say we were hardly justified in putting a Night Nurse into a room with only a borrowed light - & next door to a kitchen - There will be room for the beds being placed with the heads away from the Division wall - which is a thick one - & not very permeable to ~~be~~/noise or heat.

Otherwise, - knowing as we do now, Mrs. Deeble's great want of consideration for the Nurses, - I should say that the position of a Night Nurse sleeping on a summer afternoon - with, at her back, ~~to~~ what *m{ight}* be a roaring kitchen fire, cooking for Mrs. Deeble's boys - & unable to open her window into the ~~passage~~/corridor, moreover, on account of the noise, - was not a desirable one.

As you say, 2 servant girls sleeping there are not so objectionable as one - but in that case, with Mrs. Deeble's 'slammer' girls (maids) "of 16", I should think they had actually better be sleeping together (without a compartment, I mean) altogether, I fancy this must be the end.

-2-

viz. that the maids should sleep there -
& the Night Nurses in the Supt's late bedroom.
But I don't see how you can do otherwise
than accede & say that, if practical
evils should arise, they can be dealt
with afterwards, - & that both windows
should have cords for drawing them
up & down at top.

≡≡≡
I am so sorry about all your Child=
misfortunes - but they seem to be
pulling thro' them very well, thanks to
your good management - And I hope
Sibella's will be the merest shadow of
an attack. Pray give her my love -
& sympathy **[end 16:457]**
ever yours
F. Nightingale

unsigned letter, 4ff, pen H1/ST/NCI/66/18a

H35

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.]

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 Infirmarys, 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 ~~in~~/on very perilous duty!
The forlorn hope is nothing to it.]
You must refuse to sign any report,
not sustained by positive irrefragable evidence.

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 Mediaeval system of Hospitals - ignoring all that has been done.

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.]

LMA misc paper i

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2 signed cheque forms to pay to Mr. Robert Robinson five pounds

form March 12 1888 H1/ST/NC18/21/58

Mr Robert Robinson £5

remittance form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/59

to Mr Robert Robinson for £5, dated August 23, 1888

£5.0.0

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Mr George Pickworth, Please add my name to the List of Subscribers to
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Florence Nightingale

10 South St. Park Lane W.

[No. of Copies] One

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London February 10 1871

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pay to Priscilla Lydia Sellon on her Order

(For the Shoreditch Smallpox sufferers)

the Sum of Ten Pounds 0/0

£10.0.0 Florence Nightingale {illeg initials over signature}

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London July 9 1869

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pay to Mrs. M. Gonzaga Barrie or her Order

the Sum of Five Pounds 0/0

£5.0.0.

Florence Nightingale

delivery form, 1f, pen H1/ST/NC18/21/66

sent

July 14/71

by command of

Her Imperial & Royal Highness

The Crown Princess

{printed address, vertical:} 35 South
Street,

(the other half Park Lane,

of these papers will follow in a day or two) W.

from Her Royal Highness's

most devoted servant

Florence Nightingale

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/021 form filled out, 1f, pen

for a copy of a portrait of William Farr, dated 17/10/78

H1/ST/NC3/SU151 copy of a letter of William Rathbone

Liverpool
25 January 1864

My dear Miss Nightingale

I have not troubled you with a reply to your note as I waited till I could hear from Sir J. McNeill what chance there was of Miss Erskine. I heard from him this morning that there is none, her duty to a sick sister making it impossible. From the position the thing has now assume I am not sure that there would have been any chance of getting her aid.

I had a long confidential consultation yesterday with Mr Cropper (who has been one of our most energetic and influential workhouse reformers and whose name is probably know to you), the Poor Law inspector of the district (a very superior man) and with the governor of the workhouse who is also very clever and very influential. There are so many difficulties which only the governor can overcome, as to accommodation, departments, etc., and he was so thoroughly up to what was required here would be such opposition to any fresh [?] independent, even though nominally subordinate authority in the workhouse, such fear of the donors of charitable assistance interfering, that when I suggested that I should write a letter to the governor (which I shall send through Cropper, who is a guardian and on the workhouse, i.e., hospital committee) offering, on condition of my name not being mentioned to even the guardians themselves, and reserving no right to interfere or criticize and the public to know nothing of the matter, to place at the disposal of the governor a sum of £700 per ann. for three years to introduce a system of nursing under a trained superintendent (who is to be a lady but not to be called lady superintendent but hospital or assistant matron), a larger number of trained or superior nurses, say one to every forty or fifty patients, and the under nurses to be not paupers but respectable women. My idea was to have the trained nurse and under her to take available women out of the paupers off the pauper list and make them under nurses, but Mr Carr begged that, if he was to try the scheme, it might be in one of the hospitals in which no pauper official should be; any woman fit for a nurse would not be (as a rule) in the poorhouse unless she had some moral taint, and if wished to raise the moral atmosphere we must not ask respectable women to mix as nurses with such women, particularly in circumstances of great temptation.

There are three hospitals in all about 100 patients. The male hospital, the female hospital and the fever hospital; we should probably try the male and fever hospitals. If they prospered I dare say my father and brother would join to do the whole, which would cost about £1000. As to medical comforts, we must not name them; the doctors, who are first-rate, order what they please and there is no want there. Miss Merryweather was struck with the liberal management in this respect. We must say nothing about the future. If we succeed I expect the guardians will do it, or if not, an offer of a subscription might be accepted then; the mention of it would injure our chances now.

Your letter to me is so calculate dot help the matter with a few modifications, that I want you to be kind enough to allow me to use it, either by rewriting, with modifications in the sense altered in pencil,

the second and third sheet, and signing it, without addressing it by name to me, or by authorizing me to have it copied out with those alterations, as extract of a letter from you.

Please return me the original as the erased portions are valuable to me as reminding me of things within my own experience.

As to a lady superintendent, that is the greatest difficulty; have you heard of one that will suit our altered plans, who will be willing to obey in order to command, and not care what she is called if she can do a great Christian woman's work, the extent of which for good no one can foresee; tact and refinement and religion without bigotry are absolutely necessary. We must get Mrs Wardroper to let us have two or three, as many as she can spare, of her best scholars and perhaps Miss Jones for such a work would let us have a few also; we ought to see our way to six or eight good nurses before we dare begin and then take a hospital at a time.

I am sorry to trouble you again if you are worse than usual; the answer to this letter will wait or week or a month if necessary; it will be some time before we must act.

yours

(signed) Wm Rathbone

H1/ST/NC2/V2/66 Note on back of letter

Jésu je t'ai donné mon
bonheur: donne-moi ta
foi!
Pourquoi aurais-je envi de
trouver rien de plus doux
que la mort
J'espère que je suis persuadée
mon Dieu, que tout ce que tu fais
est bien fait
Le moindre de nos cheveux est compté
Ainsi nos peines donc
toutes un but

H1/ST/NC2/V1/70 E Cox to fN 14 rue Le Merchier Amien. May 9th My dear kind friend. Your loving truthful letter has ben to me like oil on the troubled waters. I seem to be living in such a sea of lying deceit and fraud, that I scarcely know *where* or *how* I stand! Not a vestige of truth seems left in this whole nation. The longer I live amongst them the more utterly depraved I find them and the more they find I have to give the more mean and paltry the way in which they try to exact it from me, as I know they always like to hide from the poor and the soldiers what England has done and is doing for them as far as I have health and strength I *myself* give and tell them all England sends it, to show them her sympathy often I am compelled to accept the company of priests and ladies or gentlemen as my companions illeg illeg these people try and set me on one side and telling the people I do not speak French well and therefore they will explain of course I am compelled from courtesy to listen and then I am startled by hearing the way in which they impress

on the people that it is *they* have brought the things as they have so much love for their suffering poor &c and then when they have finished I begin by telling them who I am and that I am sent by England to relieve their wants and that my husband Col Cox is the gentleman who represent the English Seed Fund and has tried all in his power to see justice has been done them for England likes to hear all their most pressing wants illeg and that the decent people who accompany me have only come to show me the way and that I do not require an interpreter. All this aggravates me and makes me almost out of all patience but then when I remember the smiling happy faces of the wounded when they see me and the grateful looks of the poor in the villages I feel I am regarded then thousand times more than I deserve for the little I have been able to do, therefore I am not justified in being impatient but now ther is another thing which rather trys one and that is--as I go about in the villages where there has been desperate fighting I see a thousand ways and means I mt have turned to far better account. In the poor sufferers if I had only trusted a little more to one's own idea of what was right and not yielded to the false ones of others! But these experiences in this bitter war has certainly taught me many wise lessons. I think if anything so unfortunate ever occurred again may yet be turned to good account. I always return from the places where there has been these desperate battles with the feeling that we as women fell very far short of our duty in not always following closely on the battle field and seeing the wounded there gathered up and taken to a safe place and I will tell you *why* it is woman's work.

If the Germans as conquerors are to be to us the living existing examples of what conquerors are to *be* and *do* in this our age women alone can ever deal with them-for as men they would not dare to refuse us permission to pick up the wounded and carry them away to some safe place. I am assured-but then again--can I believe it? That in almost every battle in the north the Germans wd not allow a Frenchman to be approached until their own wounded AND dead were carried away out of sight! And there are cases such as at Bussy les Dours where one man alone was heard moaning and calling for help for nearly 3 days and that the Germans removed from an outpost as they did not like his groans they held a pistol at the cure's throat because he tried to pass the boundary and reach the dying man. This the cure told me at Villers/Bretormeux there was the same thing occurred, but then only for 24 hours. Whether all this can be verified will be seen hereafter. But if a band of nurses cd be assembled at such times for this piteous North? What a crowning glory it wd be for humanity! But then again where can the women be found for such a work and who wd be worthy of such a holy mission? With one such to accompany me and a pocketfull of silver and many valuable illeg would have been ? The silver ... I tell you that during this calamitous time if I had only had a suitable vehicle at my disposal and a little of the money to do as I pleased with which has been so recklessly squandered in many places this wd have been the one work to which I wd have devoted my energy--one could not have made the effort, however badly it mt have ben done it mt have led to a way being found for carrying it out regularly. Col Cox and self often talk over all this. Can you find out for me who made out the questions which are printed and

sent here and elsewhere. For replies? I wonder if it was a person who saw for himself all the great wants of humanity is to allowed to step in between belligerents a far more searching code of questions must yet be asked and replied to. Has it ever been suggested ha each and all who were sharers in the Red Cross work shd if they have time and inclination send in a code of question, the eyes and ears of those who drew up the queer and a/

H1/ST/NC2/V4/70 Note on letter of J.J. Frederick 6 September 1870, pencil

The Secretary of
our Army Sanitary Commission
at the War Office
a married man of
probably £150 a year
his wife keeps no
servant-yet cooks for
poor sick neighbours the
game I sometimes send for herself
-has lost a child
but is again "expecting." F.N.

H1/ST/NC2/V13b/71 pencil note, black-edged paper, following a letter
from Mme de Staël [15:807]

Emigration saves England from these
tremendous convulsions

If France wd emigrate, she might be saved too
wh The longing which seems instinctive--as food
must first be got out of the land, to possess the land
drives the enterprising Englishman to the Colonies.
The enterprising Frenchman can only get his land
in France- Everything out of France is an exile.

The best & wisest motives of common human
nature are the remote causes which drive
a Frenchman to revolution.
It really was reserved for the Devil of France
of 1871 to operate in the name of Liberty,
Equality, Fraternity
of this barbarous disaster in a civilised world

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Quel genre de littérature, bon Dieu!- so little truth
& so much rhetoric-it is astounding
then they don't dare to tell the most interesting &
characteristic parts of a life, because they will not fit
in their pompous baym [?] M Mohl
She spoke of it all, as one just came from heaven & going
back again might do (Madam de Stael) F.N. [end]

pencil note, H1/ST/NC2/V34/89 written on the diagonal

How will the
Register protect the
public or the Nurses
Not at all
The public will have to enquire
as before
The Nurses can only be
protected by being
found out
73
years ago
old Apothecaries have
died out

H1/ST/NC2/V30/89 note on a letter of W. Burdet 5 July 1889

Mr Burdett & "The Hospital"-- The Hospitals
of London, Edinburgh & Liverpool, with
Mr Bonham Carter and 3.
Who cannot desert the
Hospitalism

H1/ST/NC2/V34/89 pencil note on back of letter by Henry Acland 12 July 1889

Letter of Laura, Walduck's Private Hotel 11/7/89 to FN thanks for her kind letter, destroyed. "I think *she* would have endorsed *almost* every word.

I my "fortnight" shows me by now inefficiency it will not be thrown away. However I have not forgotten my five years' training nor my *medical* nursing. As to the hospital I *never* was proficient.

Nay, *do* cease to regret her part. Our God forgives *mistakes* (I am not speaking of *her*, the blessed one). He over orders all things. He *has* over ordered all. *She* was sanctified since her "going home." I have SUFFERED. Blessed be His Holy Hand for that suffering. Pray for me.

yours gratefully

+ Sister Laura

C.S. Denys

6 Burwood Place, W.
30 December 1871

I have set down my answers on separate sheets, as I was compelled to make them longer than your space allowed. I have tried to give what may prove suggestive to those who will help you in your excellent work.

Your questions are comprehensive and will draw forth full accounts from those willing to communicate. I would, however, suggest two additional questions, viz: "Has the course of instruction been enlarged, or curtailed, within the last twenty years? In what directions?" "What has been the relative proportion of midwifery cases attended by men and women, each year during the last ten years?"

Your book is most valuable. It will be a right noble thing if a woman should conquer that male opprobrium, puerperal fever! Believe me,
very truly yours
E. Blackwell

H1/ST/NC/18/18/19 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [16:457-58]

My dear Harry B.C.

I send you one of the many letters of this poor woman -

[Recently I have had quite a corresponde about saving the *Nurses' Quarters* at the Herbert Hospl - *for Nurses*. The authorities at the H.H. (not the W.O.) wished to divide off part for

some Officers - in a way which would
have made it impossible for Nurses
to live in them -

We won -

And it is to this she alludes -
(~~Her~~/One letters by her on the subject ~~were~~/to the W.O. was so admirable
as to put poor Mrs. Deeble's - on the same
subject of Quarters - to the W.O. in
a very unfavourable contrast.)]

I sent this letter enclosed to Dr. Sutherland
for information - & enclose his reply -

If you could tell me at your very
earliest convenience (remembering
that she will write to me 12 or 16
pages every day till I answer)
what you think I had better answer
to her. (vide Dr. Sutherland's suggestion
I shall be very much obliged -

[end 16:458]

ever yours

F.N.

I will reply about MISS LEES to-day.

Her address is: -

Miss Florence Lees

The Lindens

St. Leonard's on Sea -

She was not in London yesterday

nor has been but once since May 12 -

SU90 signed letter, 4ff, pen, black-edged paper

My dear Sir John McNeill

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 -

I do not think that you
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 -

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.

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 -
with my kindest love
to Lady McNeill & Miss
Ferooza believe me ever
faithfully & gratefully yrs
Florence Nightingale
30 Old Burlington St
July 15/57

SU98 signed {by M. Smith} letter, 4ff, pen {not in FN's hand}

30 Old Burlington St
Decbr 2d

{archivist: 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 suffers
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 obliged to Sir John Mac Neill for another copy of the Hospital Diets of the Edinburgh In-

firmary. She also wishes to tell him that Mr. Herbert was afraid of going his length about the Purveyorship on the Field, - he will see that on that account they have not done so. With Florence's affectionate regards,
pray believe me
dear Madam
truly yours
M. Smith

SU101 signed {by M. Smith} letter, 4ff, pen black-edged

Roslin House
Great Malvern
Jany 29th/58

My dear Madam,

I should have
the greatest pleasure in
answering your enquiries
concerning Florence Night-
ingale but that I am
unable to report of her as
I would wish - She
varies from week to week

but on looking back
through the time that I
have been with her since
September last I am com-
pelled to say that I fear
there is no real change
or progress - I believe
"much the same" with some
gradual increase of weak-
ness, not from day to day,
but from month to month
is the only faithful re-
port that I can give.

She works on as usual,

& I am convinced, that
even in regard to health,
if it were possible to
deprive her of work, she
would be the worse,
I believe it is the earnest
desire to carry through
the work that keeps her
alive, & if ever she can
have any real rest, it
can only be after the
work is completed -

She is intending to
be in town on the

4th. This place suits her remarkably well for such intervals of rest as she can take - She is in a Water cure establishment, where she has constant medical care under Dr. Johnson in whom from experience she has great confidence. She has very little treatment in the way of Water cure but the good air

of the place & the comparative quiet make it very suitable to her. Her Father is staying with me here & goes daily to see her in the Water Cure establishment which is close to us - She remains entirely in her room & sees no one else, Indeed since her health so completely failed in August she has not attempted

to see any one except on business - She lives devoted to her work, labouring with all the strength that remains to her. All those who serve her on business, in town, said that her head never was clearer or more able for business than now - She

desired me to say that
she had been daily
intending to answer
Sir John McNeill's letter
but the quantity of
writing she has had
has prevented, &
though she had much
wished to write with
her own hand, she
now allows me to

write for her -
I beg to remain
my dear Madam
very sincerely yours
Mary Smith

SU102 signed letter, 4ff, pen black-edged, not in FN hand

{archivist: M. Smith's writing}
30 Old Burlington St
March 14th /58 [added arch]
My dear Sir John {archivist: McNeill}
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

I am sorry to be obliged
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
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-
mediately that I re-
ceive them -

You will be glad to
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
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

& the scheme for the
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 - then
we should be very

much obliged to you,
as it is to be incorporated
into the Regulations.

I hope Lady MacNeill
& 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

SU151 signed letter by Wm Rathbone, 4ff, pen

Liverpool 25th February 1864

My dear Miss Nightingale

I have not troubled you with a reply to your note as I waited till I could hear from Sir J. McNeill what chance there was of Miss Erskine - I heard from him this morning that there is none, her duty to a sick sister making it impossible.

From the position the thing has now assumed I am not sure that there would have been any chance of getting her aid.

I had a long confidential consultation yesterday with Mr. Cropper (who has been one of our most energetic and influential workhouse reformers & whose name is probably known to you), the Poor law inspector of the district (a very superior man), and with the Governor of the Workhouse who is also very clever & very influential. There are so many difficulties which only the Governor can overcome as to accomodation departments &c, and he was so thoroughly up to what was required, there would be such opposition to any fresh independent even though nominally subordinate authority in the workhouse, such fear of the donors of charitable assistance interfering, that when I

suggested that I should write a letter to the Governor (which I shall send through Cropper who is a guardian and on the workhouse i.e. Hospital committee) offering, on condition of my name not being mentioned to even the guardians themselves and reserving no right to interfere or criticise & the public to know nothing of the matter, to place at the disposal of the Governor a sum of £700 pr ann: for 3 years to introduce a system of nursing under a trained superintendent (who is to be a lady but not to be called Lady Superintendent but Hospital or Assistant matron) a larger number of trained or superior nurses say one to every 40 or 50 Patients and the under nurses to be not paupers but respectable women. My idea was to have the trained nurse and under her to take available women out of the paupers off the pauper list and make them under nurses, but Mr. Carr begged that if he was to try the scheme it might be in one of the hospitals in which no pauper official should be; any woman fit for a nurse would not be (as a rule) in the Poor house unless she had some moral taint, and if we wished to raise the moral atmosphere we must not ask respectable women

to mix as nurses with such women particularly in circumstances of great temptation.

There are 3 Hospitals in all about 1000 Patients. The male Hospital, the female Hospital and the fever Hospital; we should probably try the male & fever Hospitals. If they prospered I dare say my Father & Brother would join to do the whole which would cost about £1000. As to medical comforts we must not name them, the Doctors who are first rate order what they please and there is no want there. Miss Merryweather was struck with the liberal management in this respect. We must say nothing about the future. If we succeed I expect the Guardians will do it or if not an offer of a subscription might be accepted then; the mention of it would injure our chances now.

Your letter to me is so calculated to help the matter with a few modifications, that I want you to be kind enough to allow me to use it either by rewriting, with modifications in the sense altered in pencil, the 2nd & 3rd sheet & signing it without addressing it by name to me, or by authorizing me; to have it copied out with those alterations as extract of a letter from you.

Please return me the original as the erased portions are valuable to me as reminding me of things within my own experience.

As to a Lady Superintendent that is the greatest difficulty; have you heard of one that will suit our altered plans, who will be willing to obey in order to command and not care what she is called if she can do a great Christian womans work the extent of which for good no one can foresee; tact and refinement and religion without bigotry are absolutely necessary. We must get Mrs. Wardroper to let us have two or three, as many as she can spare, of her best scholars & perhaps Miss Jones for such a work would let us have a few also; we ought to see our way to 6 or 8 good nurses before we dare begin and then take a Hospital at a time.

I am sorry to trouble you again if you are worse than usual, the answer to this letter will wait a week or month if necessary; it will be some time before we must act.

Yours re

(signed) Wm Rathbone Jr.

{archivist: from Wm Rathbone to Miss Nightingale Enclosed to Sir John with note to him 1864}

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/15/45a signed letter by R.J. Whitfield, 3ff, pen

{printed address:} St. Thomas's Hospital.

8 Octob 1869

Dear Sir

Some of the deviations from the proposed alterations have arisen from the previous imperfect plans, the diminution of the accommodations for the sleeping of the nurses will not very objectionable, on the other hand the extra windows, *now* brought to light, will be an immense advantage to that end of the corridor which otherwise must have remained very dark -

The Linenry no doubt will be capable of holding all that is required and the serving window tends to keep the Quarters more private -

In making the partitions of wood, whether for the best rooms or otherwise, *very great* care should be taken to have *well seasoned dry wood*, that there should be as few crevices as possible for the harbour of vermin -

The two end rooms will answer for the purpose of temporary sickness amongst the Nurses, but I fear ~~filleg~~ for any case of Typhus or Scarlet Fever that even the proposed Infirmary must be considered objectionable, as in such a confined space, nothing but entire

removal would be a beneficial preventive -

I thought Miss Nightingale suggested that the old store room should be made into a room with fire place for the Linen Nurses use - Will she not require some kind of room apart from the others? -

{the next three paragraphs have a line through them with the word *Mistake*

in the margin}

There is one very serious objection - to the amended Government plan, which I think the Nightingale Committee ought not to sanction viz = where it is proposed to close the present entrance to the Lady Superintendents sitting room & to make her enter from the passage to the Nurses day room, thro' the left hand store -

No Lady would like to have such an arrangement for her friends, or even herself nor do I see any reasonable object in the suggestion, on the contrary a very great additional expense and what is of very considerable consequence delay in the completion of the work -

Why cannot the old entrance to the sitting room be allowed to remain & let the Store room be entirely separated? There is some pretext for the entrance to the left hand Store room being near to the Lady Superintendent Bed room, if the additional expense is no object -

I think the introduction of the Hot water pipes into the Nurses sleeping rooms *most objectionable* & by no means requisite, if the water pipes in the Linenry are not sufficient to warm & ventilate the rooms, (I do not say heat,

because that is unnecessary) then one or two small additional coils of pipes should be placed in the passage and the warm ~~filled~~/air would sufficiently enter the sleeping rooms from the large fan lights which are to be over each door -

I am sorry to say that I have been so hindered, that I could not return your papers this afternoon with any remarks & have therefore kept them to send by the man who will go early into the City tomorrow morning

I remain dear Sir
yrs very truly obliged
R.J. Whitfield

Attn

Hy Bonham Carter Esq
per &c

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/48 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Private

35 South Street, Oct 25/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Harry

Thanks for yours, just received -
I will write at length about it.
In answer to your question, I could see Mrs. Deeble any day before Nov. 8 Sunday inclusive - at 4 p.m. - *provided* I knew a day or two beforehand, (as I sometimes have 'Indian' appointments at that ~~time~~/hour)

Or I could make an appointment
2 or 3 days beforehand at almost any
time she likes - up to Nov 8 -

Next Sunday, should she be in London, she might come & spend the day here with her little girl - & have an early dinner -
And I could see her both before & after.

It might be that I should be able to do this (if she liked it) the Sunday after - Nov 7 - But I am not sure -

[The only time when I find it really impossible to see people is *after 6 p.m.* - i.e. in the evening-]

I am so glad that Mrs. Wardroper is

to have her poor little holiday prolonged.

I think I must see her before seeing Mrs. Deeble - Or I might see Mrs. Deeble twice - & see Mrs. Wardroper between the twice - Perhaps I had better see Mrs. D. twice at all events.

It is difficult for me to know what to say to Mrs. D - unless I have some cue from Mrs. Wardroper - It seems unfair *not* to advise Mrs. D - And yet, if she is not a very prudent woman, she may make an unwise use of what one tells her, & tear open old sores - at [end] Netley -

I will not keep your Messenger - but will write again - about the other things

I merely answer what seems 'immediate'.
ever yours
F.N.

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/015 47(b) (c) unsigned memorandum, 4ff, pencil

Netley Nurses' Quarters

1. I think it a very serious grievance that the Nurses' ~~qua~~ bed-rooms are not all to be divided up to ceiling - [These quarters are not temporary but permanent - These Nurses are not Probationers but Head Nurses] I should certainly ask for all the partitions in the Nurses' sleeping quarters to be carried up to roof.
2. I think it a very serious grievance also to move Nurses 2, 3, 4, 5 for any slight illness into Nurses' Rooms 1, 6. [There is nothing annoys a respectable woman more than not to have a single spot she can call her own] And I think it worse than a grievance to ~~put~~/move Nurses 1, or 6 into a room where even a slight attack of Diarrhoea, Feverish cold or Bronchitis has begun - then to move her back into her own (late Sick=)room without the possibility of any thorough airing - or temporary evacuation for cleansing I consider therefore the place marked "Infirmary" as essential
- 2a. But I should certainly ask for an *open fire-place* in "Infirmary".
- 2b. I should let the "Linen Nurse" sleep in it, on the understanding that she evacuates for a

Sick Nurse -

[The grievance in this case would not be the same as in the other. Because she would go into a spare compartment - which she might even retain, if she wished it - at all events till there had been a thorough cleansing of her own room, which, after a case of ordinary Diarrhoea even, is quite necessary -

Even in a private house those 6 small rooms with occasional illness, - never to be evacuated except by moving the sick person from one to another, - would become unhealthy.

3. As for Typhus &c, Small pox &c, *that* must always be removed out of the Hospital at once if possible. There are plenty of cottage rooms out of the Quarters to which such cases can be sent - A case of such severe illness would be better outside in the Cottages There would not be the slightest difficulty about this.

But I would have the "Infirmary" to be used as I have said, & in case of necessity for cleansing ~~the~~ of Quarters -

4. It is decidedly better *not to have Hot water* pipes in bed-rooms if it can by possibility be avoided - I agree with Mr. Whitfield's remark & with his ~~a~~ suggestion -

I am only afraid that the Nurses' bed-rooms *with the Gas* may be too hot.

5. I do trust that sufficient ventilation for
Gas-lights is provided -

There seem such a quantity of Gas-lights.

6. *Store-rooms out of Nurses' Day-room*

These would be objectionable as reservoirs of foul air, even in a well-aired private house, & should be avoided, if possible.

Are two Store-rooms ft 8 x 154, (good sized rooms) required for Nurses' stores, boxes & the like? -

Surely it can be estimated *how much* is required -

If they were ft 6 x 8, or ft 6 x 6, or if there were only one, the objection would be much diminished -

How much space is required for Nurses' boxes &c

- let that space be provided - instead of two great store-rooms, 8' x 14'.

A couple of light closets, with windows into room & Corridor, would apparently be all that is required

7. *Nurses' Day-room*

The climate is not cold - Room sheltered from all but W., S.W., & S. winds

Still some warming may be necessary -

[Dr. S. says: "ask for an open fire-place" - It is an open fire-place,
is it not?]

8. *The Supt's Bed-room* can afford the passage -
It will still be ft 15 x 14.

9. *Linenry*

Arrangement as to Serving Table & Window quite essential & very good -

Returned

2 plans

R.E.'s letter

Mr. Whitfield's "

Mr. Cardwell's "

Enclosed

F.N.'s Observations (these) -

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/015/49 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [6:436-37]

Embley - Romsey
Oct 10/69

Mr. Wyatt & St. Pancras

"in consequence of the change which took place last
"April, in the administration of Poor Relief in St. Pancras,
"it appears to me most improbable that the present
"Bd of Guardians will ever carry out the arrangement,
"made so kindly by the N. Comm.,- that a Staff of
"Trained Nurses should be provided, for service in the new
"Infirmary at Highgate; - this building is now
"complete & except the fittings ready for occupation" -

My dear Harry

This is the sentence in Mr. Wyatt's letter of Oct 1
about the Nurses

What is to be done? -

I would merely suggest for your consideration whether
under the circumstances you might not simply ask
them about what time their new Hospital will be
ready in order that the completion of the training may
be timed with reference to that event?

Or something to this effect, addressed to Mr. Moore,
the Vestry Clerk, or whoever it is you have been in
correspondence with -

It is obvious that Mr. Wyatt means his as a
communication to you - as a friendly hint that we
may not be left in the lurch.

ever yours

F.N.

[end 6:437]

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/50 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Embley

Romsey

Oct 11/69

Netley Nurses

My dear Harry

I think, as time is getting on, I had better submit to you, tho' unfinished, a Draft of Regulations for the Netley Nurses - Nos. 1 and 2 -

They speak for themselves - But I have put a sheet of pencil notes inside -

Please return me these *my* notes as well as the Draft Nos. 1 and 2 - *with your remarks* -

I dare say we shall have to amend them several times -

And of course we must keep in account what the W.O. will give us -

I am again having a most painful corresponde with Mrs. S.S. [She wants to publish! what she calls her "Trial" & Defense!! & actually hopes to re-enter the Service !!!]

But I have taken the opportunity to ask her (with Dr. Sutherland's concurrence) to suggest any thing she may think ought to be considered in the Regns - And no one could do it better, if she would but do it briefly & calmly -

This then may suggest some farther alterations - I propose going over the Draft with Dr. S. again after it comes back to me from you - ever yours

F.N.

—— Plans received - hope to send them you back to-morrow

LMA misc paper i

1120

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/51 initialed letter, 7ff, pencil

35 South Street, 1 Nov/69
Park Lane, {printed address:}
W.

My dear Harry

Miss Osburn

I enclose a letter to you, which came
under cover to me -

Mrs. Deeble

I saw her yesterday & her lovely little
girl -

She goes to Netley on Wednesday & then
wishes to see me again -

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Genl Wilbraham says that the Quarters
will not be ready "till 15th, if then -"

[I believe him-]

Nothing at all has reached me from the W.O. -
about this

Mrs. Wardroper, poor woman, has been laid up

at E. Grinstead, & wishes much to defer

her return "till 10th"- if the Netley folk don't go "till
15th"

I wish this may be accomplished -

The W.O. ought to tell us, if it may -

Confidential

Your hints about Mrs. Deeble were very valuable
to me - also some I received from Mrs.

[15:211-12]

Wardroper -

I felt more interested in the woman than I could
have supposed possible -
I felt more doubtful of her having the stuff in her
of a Supt. Genl, or even of a Supt, than I could
have supposed possible -

She has great qualities - but they are those
which enable a woman to bivouack & struggle
as an Officer's wife & mother - not those
which enable her to govern & fit herself
into a great organization, like Netley

She seems to have no idea beyond a Regimental
Hospital -

She will be engaged in planning a *nice tea* for
the Nurses, while she will let, I am afraid,
accounting, reporting & Nursing go anyhow -

I should think she had the incapacity of a
baby to see or reflect upon difficult conditions -
& not the intelligence to know if she fails -

Do you think it would be desirable to suggest
to Sir E. Lugard that Mrs. Wardroper should
accompany her to Netley, for a day or two? -
I don't like proposing this, because I think

it is doing the W.O. - a great favour. And the
W.O. will probably think they are doing us
one -

I foresee that we shall have to do half Mrs.
Deeble's business for her, if she is to remain
as Supt.

And yet I like her -

[end 15:212]

I am sorry to say she has *not* been able to find a servant

== And in this I could not help her. I don't think she will -

The "Regulations" have undergone another
consideration & sifting -

I was going to return them to you to-night,
but find I must keep them another day -

== ever yours

F.N.

I hope Sibella & the children are prosperous -

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== I have always written in such a hurry that I
have never thanked you for your remarks
on Gd Duchess, as I ought - I wrote to
Gd Duchess, of course, at some length - But
I adopted with scarcely any addition your
'Statut' Observations with great gratitude -

F.N.

No. 1 - *Conditions of Service for Netley Nurses*

" 2 *Regulations for Netley Nursing*

Here is a Draft, concocted by Dr. Sutherland & me -

[Please compare with green book]

They are divided into No. 1 "Conditions of Service" and No. 2 - "Regulations for Nursing" -

Because it has always been contended that the Regulations or parts of them ought to be hung up in the wards.

N.B. I do not think so -

I think it a very bad plan to subject Nurses who are Head Nurses to the criticism of Orderlies & Medical Candidates -

But I do not like the whole concern -

I cannot bear to suggest to our nice respectable Nurses that they may "*appeal against their Supt*" I do not believe one of them would ever think of it. [It was good for such "wretches" as poor Mrs. S. S. got about her.]

2. Neither do I think it possible for a Supt to super=
=intend if she has not absolute power of dismissal -

N.B. We know enough of Sir E. Lugard & of Genl Wilbraham to know that they have no dearer pleasure than to support Nurses against their Supt.

[I have seen written Minutes of Sir E.L.'s that would scarcely be credited in Civil life.]

Yet I know not what else to propose -

There *must* be some appeal - until there is a

Supt. Genl.

[For my part, I have heard a great deal of the "support" the Military authorities are so "anxious" to give to the "Nursing Establishment."

I never could find out in what it consists, except in inviting the Supt to parties to which she had better not go - & in inviting the Nurses to complaints against the Supt which they had better not make.]

Draft No. 2

Art. 9 -

There was a constant quarrelling, acute & chronic, between the late Sup Genl & the Medical authorities at Netley about the Nurses' attendance on the Medical Officers in the wards. *She* wished it to be *always*. N.B. It is necessary to remark that Netley is a Medical School in a different sense from a Civil Hospital.

The "Candidates" to whom Clinical instruction is there given are *not* Students but men who have already "passed" at the Civil Schools & are in possession of diplomas or other "Licences"

To the "Candidates" is also sometimes entrusted the prescribing for & treatment of Patients.

Clinical instruction is also given by the Professors in the wards *apart from* their own visit to & treatment of Patients (which I believe is not the case in Civil Hospitals)

At this clinical instruction the Professors did not wish the Nurse to attend - *tho'* *always* at the visit.

[This was a 'stone of offence' to the late Supt= Genl. She appealed to the W.O. & surprised a decision in her favour viz. that the Nurse should *always* attend. She also complained of "Candidates["] (mistaking them for "Students") being allowed to treat Patients - which, right or wrong, was no business of hers. Any how, it is said that Art. 9 (or 'Art 9 in pencil') is

quite necessary -

I do not like 'Art 9 *in pencil*', because I think it opens a door to Army Medical Officers, which we shall never shut - Army Med: Officers are but too well inclined to employ Ward Nurses at *everything but Ward Nursing*.

16. *Last Article in pencil at end.*

Our own experience tells us that something of this kind is quite necessary -

The Army Med: Officers will order off the Nurses to attend on the *Female Ward*, on Officers or Officers' wives, on private Patients -

And it is often difficult for the Supt to refuse without offence

A Regn would protect her.

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/53 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, Nov 4/69

Park Lane, {printed address:}

Sir E. Lugard's letter W.

My dear Harry

I return this as desired -

Only 3 things occur to me - about it -

1. Please look at No. 5, in which the scale of pay
"at present" is laid down, as in the "Medical Regulations["]

The printed "Medical Regulations" give £20
to begin with. This was found to be
quite insufficient - And £30 to begin with
was authorized, before we came on the tapis
at all -

I suspect it is a mere verbal blunder in the letter
But it is better to notice it.

2. Please look also at No. 7. in which they
give servants £18 a year (too little) & expect apparently
the "allowances" - i.e. food & washing, I suppose -
to be made by the Supt, whose "servant"
specially she is not. She is servant of the
Quarters.

This should certainly be put right.

3. No. 9. As regards "making up Materials
in store", I think I should state that a
proper uniform is now to be provided &
must be kept up - that the "material" "in store"

can be used for any purpose not interfering with this.

[I do not fancy there can be any difficulty in
 our

using up what there is, without spoiling our uniform - But €/certainly I would not take either Mignot or Mrs. S.S. (I do not know which is meant by "the late Supt") as my guide in dress.]

These things I think need setting right.

I have this moment had a note from Mrs. Deeble, returned from Netley -

She says there is little prospect, they tell her, of the Quarters being ready by the 15th even -

She also says she has not been able to find a servant either here or *there* -

For the latter I am most thankful -
To have had one of the Officers' pets would
have been dreadful, as "servant".

I have known enough about such things -
But I could not tell her this.

Nov 4/69

"It is 15 years today since we landed at Scutari, the
eve of Inkermann" [end]

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/54 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

35 South Street, Nov 9/69 {printed address:}
Park Lane,

W.

[15:214]

My dear Harry

Could you add (*Netley Regulations*)

"The Quarters of the Supt & Nurses will be
exclusively for their sole use"

or something to that effect?

[They are forcing us at the Herbert Hospital
to give up part of our Quarters
to a W.O. Officer's Sister!!!]

I saw Mrs. Deeble on Sunday -

She has hired a servant for a month on
trial -

I believe that Mrs. Wardroper's arrangement is
that I should see herself on Thursday,
the 6 Nurses Friday & Saturday, to teas,
Mrs. Deeble again on Sunday -

Could you kindly look over the enclosed List
of Mudie's bound books & mark any
you think suitable for the Nurses as presents,
returning it to me as soon as possible?

I suppose Miss Wheldon is better educated than the
others

ever yours F.N.

[end]

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/56 signed letter by HBC, 2ff, pen

Mrs. Deeble
{printed address:} Guardian Fire & Life Assurance Office
11 Lombard Street, London.

Mrs. Deeble 15/11/69

Dear Madam

I am informed by the
War Office this morning
that the Quarters at
Netley will be ready
by Saturday & requesting
that the Staff may
enter as soon as possible
afterwards. Write in reply
to say that you & the Staff
will proceed to Netley on
Monday next the 22nd & I
should recommend your
going yourself on the
previous Saturday
It would be better
for the Nurses to go on
Monday in time to
arrive about the middle
of the day so as to have
daylight for taking
possession.

I send you an
Extract from War Office
Letter of the 2nd with
reference to your pay
allowances & servant.

You will be entitled
to pension according to the
War Office Regulations: this
& other matters will be
defined in a new set of
Regulations which are being prepared.

Yours truly Hy Bonham Carter

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/015/58 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [6:437]

35 South Street, 10/11/69

Park Lane, {printed address:}

St. Pancras W.

My dear Harry

Your "attention is called", as they say in the newspapers, to the Poor Law Board Order about the new Highgate Infirmary of St. Pancras', (vide "Times" of to-day)

It has been suggested whether it would not be well if you were to call at or write to the Poor Law Board -

They may want our Nurses at the Highgate Infy, after all. The P.L. Board has the power to order them

I am afraid I must press for an answer about the Netley Nurses' day: Mrs. Wardroper has herself put me off a day - I had

packed all my engagements as close as herrings in a barrel. [Two separate men, going to sail for India, had asked me to see me -] And I know not how to arrange my days -
ever yours
F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/15/59a initialed letter, 5ff, pencil

My dear Harry

I think this ~~letter~~/Draft will do very well -

1. Dr. Sutherland (who was here) suggests that you should leave out the Paragraph (bottom of p. 4) about not "hanging up in the wards", he saying that this is sufficiently provided ~~for~~/against by the proposition about "Circulars" -

I don't think so -

I think that they are so stupid that they might say, 'if we "hang up in the wards", Circular not necessary'.

whereas what we want is (& Dr. Sutherland agrees) Circulars emanating from W.O. (& not ward-hangings -)

2. Dr. Sutherland further suggests whether, in lieu of your last 4 lines, you should not put
"As the entire Staff, including the Supt,
altho' carefully trained for the work, are
new to the service of a Military Hospital
& as questions may arise at first
requiring experience to deal with them,
I add that, should any such questions

"present themselves, the Comm: will be happy
"to aid in advising the S. of S. in regard to
them" -

I don't think so -

I prefer your last four lines, as being more
general, less likely to set any body's back
up.

3. I have been greatly pleased & rendered
more hopeful by the progress Mrs. Deeble
has made in the last 3 weeks - Her tone
is quite altered - there is much more
consideration - less ignorant self-confidence
- less dependence on patronage & interest.
Shrewdness I knew she had. But it shews
much more power of reflection & ~~appreciation~~/apprehension
than I gave her credit for that she should
in so short a time have mastered 1. that
the interest of the Horse Guards & Director Genl
will do nothing for her - that it lies
entirely with W.O. & Treasury - 2. that

Military General Hospitals are totally unlike
Regimental Hospls (to which she has
been used) & far inferior in discipline
to Civil Hospls.

I have not time to go more into this now - But
I write it for this reason - Mrs. Deeble has
repeatedly urged upon me lately that she
must, absolutely *must*, see me to go
over the Regulations with me *before* she
goes ~~down~~ to Netley on Saturday - I agree - [I want
her ~~to~~ to think that the Regns emanate *entirely*
from the W.O.]

Dr. Sutherland (who agrees & who will do his
best to get them thro' the W.O.) suggests
that you should either call upon Mr.
Talbot or write to Mr. T. a private note
something as follows: -

"In sending you this letter, it has occurred
to me to suggest that it would be very
advisable to explain the bearings of the
Regulations & their requirements to Mrs.
Deeble before she goes to Netley on
Saturday 20th. If you concur in this

"& would kindly let me have them or a copy of them, provided you agree generally in their scope, I would take the necessary steps & return them to you for further consideration before they are formally issued" -

I concur in something of this sort -
tho' it is rather a painful thing for me to do the governessing of Mrs. Deeble who is a kind of woman for whom I feel a good deal of respect & admiration. And - that heavenly little girl!! [She ought to be made Supt Genl]

4. I am convinced it will be quite necessary for us to draw up the heads ~~of~~/for her Annual Reports, - to be issued as an Instruction from the W.O. - ~~And~~ [She herself has asked me to do this privately for her (while asking me to let her write privately to me.)]

The better plan would be, (if you concur,) for me to jot down a few heads, for you to take them &, with Mrs. Wardroper, add to them, & then for you to suggest to the W.O to issue them as an Instruction, supplementary to the

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Regulations, (for Supt)-

~~But for this there is no hurry -~~

5. I have seen all the 6 Nurses now - They are of a far superior stamp than any I have seen before -

Kennedy & Lennox I was charmed with -

Also with Clark (in a different way.)

Emm has least intelligence - but her fidelity to Agnes Jones' memory is most re-assuring -

Strong has least experience - &, tho' attractive in her good principles, I should be rather afraid whether she is fit to be Head of 3 or 4 wards -

I have not time now to go into this.

I *preached* for 4 hours to each party of 3 -

[I am a little afraid of Clark's tongue -

Of her goodness & cleverness I have no doubt.]

ever yours

Nov 16/69

2 p.m.

F.N.

{Enclosures

{1. Your Draft letters

{2. Your Copy letters

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/15/60 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

Private

Nov 18/69

Re Mrs. Deeble

My dear Harry

You see I have talked to Mrs. Deeble, till she feels a mystic awe of the W.O., as *its* Officer & no one's else. [This was quite necessary, for the ignorance of this very clever & good woman was deplorable She ~~told~~/implied to me that she had such interest with the D. of Cambridge (whom she has twice been received by & who, I have very little doubt, told her this himself) & with Sir G. Logan that we should see her "Supt Genl in 6 months" &c &c &c &c &c &c -]

It is quite essential that she should think these Regulations emanate *solely* from the W.O.

The Lord only knows how many lies I have told her - or how many the poor woman has swallowed -

She thinks the W.O. have the wisdom of Solomon, the severity of Draco, & that miraculous insight into Nursing which will enable them at every moment to see in Pall Mall exactly what she is doing at Netley. This is all right.

Now, as we all know that the W.O. is nothing but a "Mrs. Harris" (& never will be anything else) Mr. Talbot may ruin all I have done at any moment.

I think "Mrs. Harris" has surpassed herself (in his letters) -

If she, Mrs. Deeble, were to think that we have framed those Regns & show her ~~to~~ them as such, & that the W.O. afterwards may alter them, of course I may just spare my pains in governing her -

[The first time I saw her, she talked to me in the wildest way - But she has lately completely altered her tone & become quite sensible.]

If anything occurs to you for me to say to her, please let me know *early* tomorrow -
ever yours

F.N.

I think it is unfair of the W.O. to "submit" our Regns to Sir G. Logan - If he touches them, he will ruin them. And if the Supt.

once becomes the Officer of the Army Medl Dept.
& not of the W.O., I (for one) shall entirely
decline having anything to do with the
Nursing - knowing that Nurses x will then become impossible.
It is quite the reverse of what I was promised
by (& have laboured to secure for) the W.O.
But they are such idiots -

F.N.

x The present P.M.O. at Netley is the man who
~~said~~/wrote a Report that the Nurses should have no Supt
- that they should be directly under the Medical
Officers - who should have the power
of punishment viz. by depriving them (the Nurses)
of their "beer" (sic) !!!

Is this to be inserted in the Regns?

ACC/ H1/ST/NC/18/15/61 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
W.

Netley

My dear Harry

I dare say you know that the "Regulations"
are to be shewn by Sir G. Logan at a London Meeting
of the P.M.O. & other Officers (of the Senate)
of Netley on Friday - & then discussed -
which is much better than sending them
to Netley to be discussed -

Also: we have received a quasi-promise
from the W.O. that, if any alterations are
made, we shall have an opportunity of
seeing & acceding or not acceding to them.

As Mrs. Deeble now fully understands &
accepts the Regulations (after a lengthened
interview between us on Friday) & as she
is fully ~~impressed~~/imbued with "Mrs. Harris" it
will be very impolitic if they do let the
Regulations be altered.

I have been much impressed by Mrs.
Deeble, having now had 4 afternoons with
her, & feel very hopeful

Miss Osburn

I return your letter & send one to me - I am

very sorry for her & limit my letters to her
now to affectionate sympathy & congratulations
that she is likely to form a School of good
Australian material.

At the same time, I cannot but feel wonder at
such expressions coming from a Supt as: that
she finds fault with the "Sisters", only that
they may not say afterwards she thought
them perfect - I thought a Supt found
fault to make them (not perhaps "perfect["]
but) better -

I see Mrs. Wardroper is not without misgiving
as to what this means & foreshadows.

St. Pancras

You see by to-day's "Times" that this matter
is at last settled - Now perhaps is
the time to put in about our Nurses -
for the new Highgate Infirmary.

I hope your cold is well -

ever yours	{Enclosures
F.N.	{2 letters from
	{Miss Osburn

Nov 23/69

{from page 1} I keep the Regulations
& Mr. Talbot's 2 letters
till the alterations,
if any, to be made
on Friday, come in.

ACC/ H1/ST/NC18/17/19 initialed letter, 4ff, pen

Private 35 S. St.

Nov 4/70

My dear Harry B.C.

I should be really ashamed of not having returned your papers sooner, if I had time or strength even to be ashamed.

Night Nurses' Quarters

1. Your official letter had been sent to Netley for estimate & remarks last week
2. I understand that no objection will be made at W.O. either to turning out R.E. into Lunatic Ward - or against Mrs. Deeble's children being in the building.
3. *Mrs. Deeble*

This being so, would it be wise to do more than simply to hint kindly & *privately* about the children?

All that you say is true & more than true
And I feel it yet more strongly because I believe that what she is doing *can* end ultimately only in a Regulation that Supts shall have no children -

But she is quite incapable of entering into your (or our) reasons -

And all that would be conveyed to her mind would be: that we, instead of supporting her, as we ought, with the W.O., try to take from her even that which the W.O. gives her -

Could you not put the points solely on the ground that in *Military Hospitals* the Supt should have as few family cares as possible - & that, in order to enable her [to] have her children provided for near her, but not *in* the Hospital, we had [a]ll stood out for her pay being [g]iven in full -

[bu]t we fear that exception *will* be taken [(/]subsequently, if not now) to the children [at] the W.O.

that we cannot but feel it right to [w]arn her of this - as she might herself

blame us if we did not -

because, either as Supt Genl or Supt ~~in~~/at the
seat/~~time~~ of War, (both of which she wishes
to be,) she must herself anticipate
the objections that might be made
& that in fact exist to a Supt with
actual family cares ~~in the house~~ tying her down -
(or something to this effect)

Officially I should, if I were you, in your
~~my~~ letters to her, ignore the children
altogether.

If we enter into a contest with her

I fear she will beat us.

[At the same time, I think something
must be said - as, knowing both the
woman & Dr. Beatson, I cannot but fancy
that all the responsibility of her having
the children with her is thrown
upon our Committee]

~~[She has not behaved to us in a straight forward~~

manner. Still it is certainly better for the
Nursing Staff that she should remain in
communication with us. I think she
would break off altogether, if the (enclosed[])
Draft letter proposed to be written, however
true & wise, were written -

N.B.

With regard to her replacing Emm: -

(this is quite by the way) -

I don't think Nurses *can* be *trained* in
Military Hospitals - least of all by Mrs.
Deeble - E.g. In a Civil Hospital the
Nurse or Sister begins or should begin
by being an *Assistant Nurse* - But she
can't begin by being an *Orderly*!
But there are other reasons for not
training, only testing women in *Military* Hospitals
[These I gave to Prussia. The Q. asked me.]

ever yours truly

F.N.

{from the first page}

I have to

write to you

about Miss

Rumpff &

Miss Lees -

F.N.

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/17/23 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Netley Night Nurses' Quarters

My dear Harry B.C.

I was very glad to hear that you were out again - & that Sibella was well - And I hope the "Littlies" are getting well thro' their misfortunes.

Enclosed is Dr. Sutherland's last Report [15:221]
of our unlucky Mrs. Deeble's doings -
[She seems to think of nothing but
getting what she wants for herself-]

I really don't know what to advise -
because, altho' we might say that we
will not let our Night Nurses go there
except under certain conditions of Quarters,
yet we know already by experience that

Mrs. Deeble will if she wish it, afterwards alter those conditions
of Quarters - &, (unlike Prince Gortschakoff
without sending us a "Note" -

She is a Prince=Worse=than=Gortschakoff [end]
ever yours

F.N.

Dec 17/70

Please return
me the enclosed.

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/17/24 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

Dec 22/70

[16:457]

Netley Night Nurses' Quarters

My dear Harry B.C. -

I do not see how, as you say, we can do
anything but accept this -

Nothing can have been so unreasonable as
Mrs. Deeble in all this - & nothing can be
less perfect than these rooms for Night
Nurses

The window opening into the Corridor looks
straight across the Corridor on the open
sky - Otherwise I should say we were
hardly justified in putting a Night Nurse
into a room with only a borrowed
light - & next door to a kitchen -
There will be room for the beds being
placed with the heads away from the
Division wall - which is a thick one -
& not very permeable to ~~lig~~/Noise or heat

Otherwise, - knowing, as we do now, Mrs. Deeble's great want of consideration for the Nurses, - I should say that the position of a Night Nurse sleeping on a summer afternoon - with, at her back, ~~to~~ what *may* be a roaring kitchen fire, cooking for Mrs. Deeble's boys - & unable to open her window into the ~~passage~~/Corridor, moreover, on account of the noise, - was not a desirable one.

As you say, 2 servant girls sleeping there are not so objectionable as one - but, in that case, with Mrs. Deeble's 'slammerkin['] girls (maids) "of 16", I should think they had actually better be sleeping together (without a compartment, I mean)

Altogether, I fancy this must be the end -

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viz. that the maids should sleep there -
& the Night Nurses in the Supt's late bedroom -
But I don't see how you can do otherwise
than accede & say that, if practical
evils should arise, they can be dealt
with afterwards,, - & that both windows
should have cords for drawing them
up & down at top.

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I am so sorry about all your Child=
misfortunes - but they seem to be
pulling thro' them very well, thanks to
your good management - And I hope
Sibella's will be the merest shadow of
an attack - Pray give her my love -
& sympathy

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/18/17 signed letter, 8ff, pen, roll4

Mrs. Deeble

35 South Street, May 19/71

Park Lane, {printed address:}

W.

My dear Harry B.C.

I am afraid the great obstacle in the way of ~~Mrs.~~ the Supt's success is: *the Supt.*

This is what she does not understand - viz. that all the bolstering up in the world on our part of the Supt will be of no use, if she can't stand on her own legs -

I think this is the most un=matron=like, un-workman=like letter of hers I have seen (tho' it is not an offensive one) - I mean that she so entirely misunderstands her own position & duties.

[She reminds me of Shore who said when he was learning the flute that he was obliged to go out of the room not to hear himself practise] -it was so bad - So, in helping Mrs. Deeble to practise her duties as Supt, we must put Mrs. Deeble out of ~~du~~ sight & hearing as much as possible.

It is extremely difficult to make any "remarks[]" of any use: -

1. "asking *them* (the W.O.) to consider" &c (the woman must be crazy) - Does she suppose that Mr. Cardwell or Ld Northbrook, (which,) is to "consider" whether Batstone will be "equal to the duties"

Or does she suppose

~~or~~ that they are to send for a Dr. - Sir G. Logan of the A.M.D. to "consider" with them? -

If she does write such a letter to the W.O., (she really has not common sense) they, if kindly disposed, i.e. if Mr. Talbot is still there, will refer the letter to you - if not, if Mr. Talbot is ~~still~~ gone - they will give her such a *snub* as she has not received yet - not even for her "Apartments" letter of Dec 31 - They will tell her that, if she cannot perform her Supt's duty - they cannot perform it for her - And she had better resign.

[I know that there is not an inch between her & Ld Northbrook doing this.]

She is so absolutely stupid about her relations with the W.O. that I live in hourly dread of her writing another "Apartments" letter to them, in which case nothing could save her - nor the Nursing either.

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= The real truth about "age" I take to be this: - most Drs & Matrons will tell you that a woman of average health has generally better health & strength from 50 to 60 than from 40 to 50.

(I except disease - since disease becomes more fatal, I suppose, with every 5 years of life.)

But 30 to 40 is of course a better ten years of health & strength than either -

The question of Batstone's age, *if she is* well & strong (of which of course I know nothing) seems to me not that which Mrs. Deeble wishes to raise, but the question whether, as the W.O. will only at most have 11 years' Service out of her, - instead of 30, as they would have with a woman beginning at 30, - it is worth the W.O.'s while-

If we have no one equal to Batstone in other respects to recommend, it *is* worth the W.O.'s while.

Permission to violate the W.O. Regulation as to age (which we made ourselves) is I believe necessary to apply for - And to you they always {illeg submit?} at once

But for Mrs. D. to ask *them* to "consider" &c what she proposes is of course preposterous -

Also: it is obviously no use to give Mrs. D. our Phoenixes, even if we had them. They won't stay with her. She says so herself, you see.

2. As for the rest of her letter, it is really only boring you to repeat what I have said before (in my previous letters about this unlucky Deeble,[]) - which is all the answer I could give.

The last Paragraph on the third page is only a fine sentence which I taught her myself - for raising the ~~salary~~ pay &c to *present* standard.

[Her tone used to be so different - she is like the old proverb of a 'beggar set on horseback' &c]

3. Dr. Sutherland still says: - "there is something we don't know."

"The terms are very good," he says: "there is something you don't know of" -

Something there is we don't know, I believe, & something the women themselves don't know - in *this* sense: - the personal influence of Mrs. Deeble & its effect upon them -

viz. they see that, in direct contradiction to all her former professions & engagements, she tries for 'apartments' entirely out of their circumference.

- she takes presents - & many other things, - (these being so, -) there must be, which they know & we don't -

And how can we expect them to regard their engagements more than their Supt does?

[I am sadly convinced, tho' I cannot lay down chapter & verse, that the *upper quarters*, at the W.O., know & have known for nearly a year past, more than we do Or they would not speak of her as they do] {illeg illeg illeg}

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35 South Street, {printed address:}
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4. Dr. Sutherland suggests whether in what he truly calls a very "serious" state of things, we should try to obtain from the W.O.

"to abolish the pension & add the value to the salary - or else, to give the women the option - so much pay without pension - so much *with*" -

This would require consideration -

And I merely tell you what he says -

He here adds: - "I cannot help feeling that there is something we don't know of." *not at all my {illeg illeg}*

5. I am extremely glad that the "serious cases" "increase" at Netley - I mean I am extremely glad that "serious" Military cases all over the Empire are more & more sent to Netley where (when all is said), after all, they receive much better care than anywhere else - & have a better chance of recovery.

6. [Mrs. Deeble's "comparison" with the pay of "other appointmts"] She wishes us to give her women all fit for Supts' places - Of course the W.O. won't pay the "Sisters" as Supts. And if they would, such women would not serve under Mrs. Deeble.

The "pay" she talks of in her 'comparison' is the pay of Matrons & Supts.

I feel sure, I don't know whether you do, that such women even as Miss Pringle, *Sisters at St. Thomas'*, would not serve under such a woman as Mrs. Deeble - with whatever pay.]

7. I cannot at all say whether the "duties" of a "Sister" at Netley now are harder than or as hard as those of a "Sister" in Civil Hospitals - (in all the great endowed Hospitals except St. Thomas', "Sister" is the same as Head Nurse - at the "London" is called "Head Nurse" -)

Mrs. Deeble herself told me *not*.

Mrs. S. Stewart *always* told me *not*.

i.e. that the duties of the woman at the head of the Ward or Wards in a Civil Hospital were far heavier than those of the woman in charge of the Ward or Wards in a Military Hospl, however "serious" the cases -

For one thing, the Wardmaster relieves her of so many duties -

And she has *much* more time to herself -

[Mrs. Deeble now says differently. Without going to Netley myself, or Mrs. Wardroper going, I really feel unable to judge.]

8. & most important

I will if you wish tell her gently
something of the above -

Perhaps it wd come better from me than from you.
Her whole tone in this letter is that it is for
her to ask the W.O. to "consider" the question of
"pay" - to "consider" whether Batstone is "equal"
&c

And so it is -
She ought to communicate directly with the W.O.
And we ought not to have to prop her up
But no other effect could come now of any of her
communications with the W.O., except a more
peremptory refusal of what they might grant to you
-You keep her on her throne

And that is all.
[I have felt that the higher quarters of the W.O. for nearly a year
have known more against her than we do, -
tho' it is more easy for me to "feel this than
to prove it", as A.H. Clough used to say.]
Her whole tone in this letter is: that you must be
able, or ought if you are able, "to do better x x
for her" - i.e. that all our best women are
to go to her, that she is to be unable to keep
them - & then that our best women
are *still* to go to her.

x x vide last Paragraph of her letter

[Had we more Kennedys & Lennox es to
go to her, could she keep them?]
It is impossible that you can keep a Reservoir of
Nurses for her - ever yours
for her always to
draw from & never F. Nightingale
to keep them -

I will entertain some faint hope
that Kennedy may stay longer than "Oct 1 ["]
Whether I have any the faintest hope
that Mrs. De. will be allowed to stay
more than a year or two I really
can hardly say myself -
But that she is entirely blind to the {illeg}
W.O.'s feeling against her I have
not any difficulty in saying -

F.N.

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/18 initialed letter, 7ff, pen black-edged

April 25/71

Mrs. Deeble's letter

My dear Harry B.C.

The two "Sisters", Strong & Kennedy, by Mrs. D.'s own shewing, "have worked with diligence & devotion."

Yet she cannot succeed in keeping our Staff together - tho' (also by her own shewing,) "it will be "a serious loss to the service to lose two such efficient "women". x

Mrs. Deeble does not of course attribute this to her own "self-seeking" example, nor to the atmosphere of grasping & selfishness which she has created about her, x [This, you will observe, is quite a different thing from any of the constant changes which happened in Mrs. S. Stewart's time, who/She, I think, never lost "efficient women" she wished to keep-]

(of which she has unfortunately already launched the proofs beyond ourselves, & landed them in the possession of the War Office)
She attributes ~~them~~/this to "the appointments being in "themselves such as to cause dissatisfaction" - and in a sort of *ex cathedra* manner re-opens the question with you which she had, over & over again, settled with me/us - & starts a sermon on the text that those "appointments" may be "regarded as a grievance" - of which she at least 4 times in reckoning up their advantages told me that they were the very best "appointments in our gift" - & "*much better* "than the Sisters' appointments at St. Thomas'." Now, she says, that "in the nature of things," they "must ever prove a cause of discontent."

~~People~~ & [This is exactly the same as has been her course with herself -

She began by declaring that she was satisfied to give up child, live in Quarters with Nurses &c &c.

Now she asks for I will not re:capitulate.
What impression can one hope to make on a Supt like this, as to the *real influence & authority* she ought to exercise over her Nurses? -]

To return to what she says as to the "Sisters" being "underpaid": -

the facts are just as they were -

She reckoned up to me (when I went fully into the whole question with her) the Sisters' receipts & the Sisters' necessary out-goings - [Netley '*finding*' more than St. Thomas' []] - at Netley and at St. Thomas'

& also - but she told me this in confidence - that the St. T.'s 'Sisters' often have to buy meals at their own expence - &c &c) - I will not swear to the figures - but she convinced herself & me that there was more money (*independently of the Pension*) in the Sisters' pockets at Netley than at St. T.'s.

Now, she sinks the question of the Pension altogether probably because she has discovered her own inability to keep any one long enough to earn a pension.

[You know that the beginning at £20 was raised

to begin at £30. before Mrs. Deeble -

But the rest, the raising the Pension to begin at £__, the improved allowances &c were made *for* Mrs.

Deeble's Staff - were fully discussed by me with her

- & were stated by her as I have said above to bring the actual remuneration in money higher at Netley than at St. T.'s.

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She now says: "brings up the cost *to the Govt*" but - *to the Sisters too* - because "the Govt" undertakes some "cost" which at St. Thomas' the Sisters have to undertake for themselves - She forgets that she conclusively proved this to me with the utmost apparent minuteness accuracy]

2. I have not one word to say for Kennedy & Strong - especially not for Kennedy who is or rather was a superior woman to Strong -

They have deliberately broken their engagements -

They have no case, even when they are asked, to make for themselves - Kennedy none whatever.

Strong is a nervous woman & it perhaps would have

been better at first, to consider the husband's existence as conclusive against Netley for *her* -

Mrs. Deeble has no *direct* blame in the matter.

But none the less do I feel that she is incapable of any principle of governing or keeping the Staff together - & that, if she does not keep it together, that is failure, & *will be considered such by the W.O.*

3. I wish very much that we could convince the poor woman that we sympathize with her - especially in this matter of the Sisters leaving her - But, I assure you, I have "prodigué" sympathy upon her. But she has such a curious, unthinking, unknowing mind that she does not think it 'sympathy' to show her the way by which alone she can secure the Supt General=ship - she would think it 'sympathy' if we were to tell her that any Sisters she could train would do - that any "apartments" she could get for herself she ought to get for herself &c &c - all steps which would entirely put her success & her Supt=Genl=ship out of the question.

She does not see that facts are what ~~to~~/we have to deal with - that it is a fact that she has put proofs into the hands of the W.O. of her own "self-seeking" - & that they will not easily believe, (if these women go one by one, ~~that~~ whom she pointedly admits are a "serious loss",) that she has "not failed in any point of her duty ~~to them~~/as Supt - & that she "has been a mother" to persons whom she wished "not to pass in front of my apartments"-

The W.O. will say: - no blame whatever may attaches to her, except that she is unfit to be a Supt, if the people she superintends go away - & leave us -

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4. The question is: - & you ask it - what is to be done?
especially ~~about~~/"with a view to" your "answering her letter of April 20

& to "proposed further letter" from me -

If it were I, writing in your place, I should answer much on the grounds alledged above (tho' not in the tone.)

saying something to the effect that it is scarcely probable the W.O. will raise terms so fully settled after discussion not 1 ½ years ago to her satisfaction -

My own impression is that those two pages about it to you, tho' they sound so candid & so magisterial are the afterthought of the moment.

But this does not make it better for us.

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She hardly deserves kindness - Yet we must show kindness - and I *feel* kindness - towards her for the sake of the Service -

5. As to my ~~writing~~/"proposed further letter" to her - I think I must answer her last letter which you have - And I should answer it much in the terms tho' greatly shortened I proposed in my last letter to you - (& something of what I have put here) - if you will tell me how - carefully eliminating all *direct* blame to her for the Sisters' going -

but treating *as a fact* that, if she cannot keep the Sisters together - that *is* failure - as she says these Sisters are a "serious loss" - that the W.O. will

consider it so - that the W.O. certainly will not think that she can train Sisters better than those she considers as a "serious loss" - that she has personally, in her communications with the W.O., put it out of our power to impress the W.O. with her ~~abilities~~/great fitness as a Supt [I would put this very gently] & then state my personal experience & conviction (not the fruit of the moment, you know I told the Q. of Prussia so when she consulted me some years ago)

that women cannot be trained in a Military Hospl

[As for poor Mrs. Deeble doing it, I think I have scarcely ever seen a person so incapable - (to be in her position of Supt at all, -) of training Sisters.]

that the W.O. ~~will say~~/may feel: - no blame whatever may attach to her but

she may be unfit for superintendence, & a person who cannot keep good Sisters, does not seem fitted to be their Supt. [This is a repetition.]

6. *Batstone* -you ask me

I do not think a Workhouse (was she in a Workhouse?) the best antecedent for a Military Hospl -

I think her age, 49, an objection - mainly because the W.O. gets so little out of her before she retires & is pensioned

I think Mrs. Deeble will make her an excuse for repeating that the Military duties are so new to them (our trained women) that she could train them better from the beginning -

I think that Mrs. Wardroper should carefully ascertain *what she is now* that we may not make the same mistake with her we did with Emm. It *would* be indeed a serious thing to us now if Batstone were to turn out like Emm

But, with all these "I think"s, I am far from saying that Batstone may not be the best we can do - And we can only do our best -

Only be sure of her - of what she is now -

I believe Mrs. Wardroper has a very high opinion of her - [I do not know her at all.]

7. I think it would be better if you were to refer for consultation these two things to *Dr.* Sutherland, viz. 1. Mrs. Deeble's letter April 20 about the "Sisters' appointments" & their value - 2. Batstone's age - as he has had so much to do with the Regulations &c -

And you can of course shew him this letter (mine) if you please

ever yours

F.N.

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P.S.

If Mrs. Deeble HAS taken "valuable presents" from the Polish Count Doctor, who died, she may depend upon it that the very people who may have connived at this (& the like) will, if they ever know that she is in disfavour at the W.O., or if she ever makes herself too disagreeable at Netley, rake these things up against her -
- the "Sisters" who have left her may be enquired of (without our knowledge) - & her fall will be near.

This is always the way in the Army -
All this makes me feel that she is standing on the brink of failure - & it would be "unkindness" not to warn her.

ACC/H1/ST/NC18/021 initialed letter by J, 1f, pen

16/1/72

Dear Miss Nightingale

The job ought not to
be a very large one.

I should so simply as you
say. Ask for the two things

1. An estimate of the cost

2. The length of time they

will be over the work

Curiously enough all the discussion

in the times has gone round

to this plan but by no means

so completely carried out as

yours will be. Your house

will be the first in London cured.

J.

ACC/H1/ST/NC/18/15/46 signed letter by R.J. Whitfield, 1f pen

St. Thomas's Hospital. {printed address:}

Medical and Surgical College,

Newington, Surrey, S.E. 9th Octr 1869

My dear Sir

On again looking
at the corrected plan
& reading over the Engineers
statement it is probable
that two doors already
exist in the Lady Superintendents
sitting room, in which
case the intention is
to close the door in the

side leading into the
Store room which will
be the proper thing to
do -if such is the case
& the entrance facing
the corridor is to be
left the only objectionable
suggestion is the
introduction of hot
water pipes into the
Nurses sleeping rooms

Yr vy sincerely

R.J. Whitfield

at

Hy Bonham Carter Esq

J. Conolly letter to FN April 18 1862, Hanwell printed:

My dear Madam, I am truly sorry to say that epileptic cases are not admissible at Earlswood, and except in certain asylums for the insane I fear it is not practicable to have them received. From Bethlehem and St Luke's they are excluded. There is an asylum for paralytic and epileptic cases, of which D Brown-Sequard is the physician, but I do not exactly know the plan of it.

The terms in the few private establishments for idiotic case would not be less than £100 per annum. There are persons who would receive a single patient of the kind, but I fear the expense would be too great.

At the Barnwood Asylum, near Gloucester, I believe even an epileptic patient might be received for £60 a year. I will gladly make any inquiries.

My reply to your letter has been delayed by unexpected and very painful circumstances in the family of one of my dear daughters, and I pray you to excuse it.

That I grieve to think of your continued feeble health is scarcely necessary for me to say, or that I remain, ever with the sincerest respect and regard

yours most faithfully

J. Conolly

has V3/99 etc., but no V1,

H1/ST/NC2/V30/67 Milnes Edge to FN July 23 1867. Three years ago I had the hon of inscribing to you a little vol entitled "A Woman's Example and a Nation's Work" which essayed to describe the operations of the US San Com during the late civil war in the North American republic. Will you kindly permit me to bring under your notice another pamphlet from my pen, dealing with a home qu...

The mortality amongst the ch of the poor is prob much greater in Man than in any other Eng city, and some of the leading residents have resolved to place the Children's Hosp and Disp on a footing wh will meet the pressing exigencies of the case. The com and patrons of the inst number in their ranks many of the pr gentry, merchants and manuf of the district....15000 to 200000 reqd, nearly half subscribed. To help forward this good work I have wr several articles....Asks her perusal of acc pamphlet and that you will be pleased to address to the com some words of advice and enc? Such words from you will induce the wealthy in this city and vicinity to open their hearts to the cry of these poor little sufferers...

H1/ST/NC2/V30/67 Draft reply by Dr John Sutherland, for a letter to F. Milnes Edge, re his letter of 23 July 1867 regarding a children's hospital.

H1/ST/NC2/V31/67 Milnes Edge to FN July 28 1867. Heartfelt thanks for the beautiful and most suggestive letter which you have been pleased to write me on our children's hosp. I shall take the liberty of reading it to the com, privately of course, and I know they will thank you as I do, and earnestly seek for your counsel and advice on their undertaking.

In face of existing circs a hosp is really a desideratum, altho as you will have perceived by the pamphlet, a much larger number of patients are treated in their homes. I am glad to be able to state that our com are now paying increasing attn to san matters, and there is some promise of the corp assisting them in their praiseworthy endeavours. We are striving to bring about the appt of a health office and also that of a bd of health composed of the leading medical and sc men in this district.

[n.d. after July 23 1867] From a draft letter in Dr Sutherland's hand to Milnes Edge. Florence Nightingale Museum H1/ST/NC2/V29/67. Your appeal is the second I have received from Manchester within the last few days. You appear to be trying to stem the torrent of [illeg] mortality by medical attendance, for you have two special establishments for children. It is right to get your hospitals out of Manchester, because Manchester is no place for sick people, especially for sick children, but the causes of the high death rate among children in Manchester are those which neither hospitals nor medical attendance can reach. Children are made to live--not to die--and if they die it is because the society in which they are born contains some element which directly contravenes the laws of God.

This element you have in your social system and in your town. Until mothers are left to do mothers' work, and until mothers and children have places to live in where the health of both has a fair chance of

being preserved, you may do what you like in the way of children's hospitals, but you will leave matters just where they are.

We in this country like to do exactly what suits us. We even claim the privilege of dying [illeg] and children. It is an unfortunate offshoot of liberty, and one is compelled to ask sometimes whether some hand strong enough to pull down and cart away much of our cities and to rebuild them all, as is now being done by the French authorities. In this would it not be in the end more economical than all our Christian "support of voluntary contributions". It is an abysmal subject, which the practical Lancashire mind ought to take up and deal with.

H1/ST/NC2/V35/67 Jas Clark to FN Aug 15 1867. Tilliepronie? Turland? Aberdeen. I scarcely knew what reply you can make to Mr Whitfield w/o knowing how they illeg in the applic to the queen to lay the foundation for St T Hosp. At the same time I cannot see "the importance which wd be given by this in the *future* of St T Hosp" The only thing that occurs to me is that if they did not state in the applic to the queen that she mt choose her own time... be at Buck Palace poss where the hosp bldg was not more than 5/10 minutes drive...at the same time as their apology for repeating appreciation of HM the impos of the future of the hosp. Of course they... I am very glad to hear that Mr Ellis is availing himself of his position to promote san measures.

I hope you may leave London soon-- you really want air and country ... [hard to read, seems was a sell to get queen, can cite as intermediary]

H1/ST/NC2/V39/67 Robt Hamilton, 1 Prince's Rd Liverpool. Letter Sept 17 1867. The foundation stone of the new Southern Hosp in this town is to be laid by Lord Derby on Wed Oct 23. The hosp is to contain 200 beds and the bldg com have endeavoured in the plans to carry out the suggestions that you have made on the constr of hosps--they wd therefore feel a peculiar pleasure in being favoured with your presence on the occasion.

It is so probable that upon your seeing the site as well as the plans, some valuable suggs may occur to you--that they hope it will not interfere with your other arrs and that the state of your health will permit you to accede to their request. Shd you do so, I shall have much pleasure in placing my house at your service during your stay in Liv and wd endeavour to ensure you as much as poss of the privacy you so much prefer.

JS draft: I regret that years of confinement to a sick room render my presence in Liverpool impossible at the laying of the foundation stone of your new Southern Hospital. All I can do is to send you my very best wishes for the success of your undertaking and to offer any little assistance in my power in looking over the details of your plans should you desire it.

H1/ST/NC2/V36/67. Whitfield to FN 15 Aug 1867. Mrs Wardr having given me your message, I have much pleasure in forwarding the six photos taken of te old hosp by Mr Bedford together with some others that I have had made. The 5 allegorical figures are the stone statues which formed part of the *original* gateway from the Borough High St, into the hosp between the years 1707 and 1724 Mr Guy, at his own expence had them removed and

placed in the centre of the front square (the north side of which containing 3 wards for women he had built) wh you will see in one of Mr Bedford's photos. In 1832 the new north wing you may recollect was built and conseq the figures were again removed and wd have been destroyed had I not rescued them from the bricklayers cellars, where they were placed under heaps of brick bats etc. Now I place great store in these old relics of the past and suggested to the treas to have them brought together in some convenient place whi I though mt be made to harmonize well the present arranged building. However mr B who knows that there is but one gate to heaven (tho' his facetious friends who know him well say of him that he wd be sure at the last to endeavour to make an amendment and get in at the windows!!) Thinks that there ought to be but one gate to our hosp, now it will be obvious to any thinking person from the very peculiarity of the site its great length, the centres of traffic being Westminster Rd and Bridge, Lambeth and the river, that there ought to be free ingress at all these points, with stationary portico? And looking forward to the completion of the embankment of the Thames (in time no doubt on both sides) and the very greatly increased river traffic it wd appear to me essential that there shd be a *special* entrance from the river, and if ad convenient wd command all the numerous accidents occurring on the river and along the banks both far and near, to ... suggested a "water gate" with portico lodge and acc for accidents to be recd and examined and poss for cases of submersion (suicidal or otherwise) to be illeg before being sent to the illeg or mortuary to carry out my ideas I have got my son, who has been educ as an arch and was in Mr Currey's office to make me a design for the water gate to be placed in the centre of the hosp, facing the river and opp the hosp chapel. My son having had the working of the plans for the new hosp has been able to make the style of the design harmonize with the illeg of the bldg and at the same time to bring in the five figures, one of the objects I had in view, as well as to obtain that which in a very few years if not now will be considered an essential and will then have to be made at very great cost and inconvenience. I will send you a photo from my son's sketches and also 5 photos of the present temp hosp. Personally I am greatly obliged (and I am sure all wd be if they cd now it) by the very great interest you have, and are talking in the question of the foundation stone, whatever may be the result. Your friend Ld Leven and Melville whose da is an attendant on her majesty might assist only I think he has added his name to the petition w/o giving the authority? Proper advice how to proceed.

JS draft reply V37/67 I am afraid I have done in the matter of the foundation stone all I could possibly do, and that I shd newly expose myself to another refusal by interfering further. The only way to have done would have been for the governors to have moved and not the officers. At least this is what occurs to me.

H1/ST/NC2/V40/67 [Gorham] letter to FN Oct 19 1867. Holywell St Alban's Please return to F.N. I know that you are interested in the neighbourhood of Winchester and I believe in the hosp there. This is almost the only apology I can offer for troubling you. I will briefly

state the object of my letter. I have long felt a great wish to see the "Lepers' Wards" at S Cross utilised in some way but from their peculiar const ...difficulty in making them useful. Probably reason why they have ... Six months since when visiting a friend at Winchester the idea occurred to me that they might be adapted (with very little alteration or addition) to form a cottage conv home for the benefit of the Winch Hosp. There is no such house in that neigh and to you need not urge the immense benefit of such sanatoria. Money is not easily raised at Winch, but I am informed that a great many very val leases are falling in about this time to S Cross and that now there will be...I am willing to offer my services gratuitously as supt to support myself I have a small income and an urgent wish for Christ's sake to be useful. With regard to my capabilities I shd refer you to Dr Martyn, phys to Gen Hosp at Bristol and the house surgeon of the Bristol Royal Inf. Gives address St John Mildmay Wells

JS draft: I am an advocate for conv hosps attached to infirmaries. But to be of use they must be exceptionally well planned constructed and administered. Unfortunately from what I know of St Cross it is about the last position which ought to be occupied by a hospital for convalescents and the foundation of your proposal would thus be altogether unsuitable.

JS comment on letter of A.J. Lawrence 31 July 1867. after JS comment re no question

H1/ST/NC2/V2/88 letter of Rosalind Paget Tuesday. 28 Waltons, S.W. Will you pardon my writing to you direct. I have been a nurse among nurses for 12 years and it is as the representative of many that I venture to speak. We hear that at last the principal training schools for nurses are about to protest as to the registration of nurses by the British Nurses Assoc. Miss Lückes and the few that are privileged to know your private opinion may be content to rest in that knowledge but as one of the body militant of nurses I do entreat you to give us proof that you agree, as perhaps you can hardly realise how the great band of nurses not only St Thomas' but all) consider you the beloved head of their profession and we now entreat you to speak the word and head the list of those who only wish to follow in your steps.

I only hear this one question, "what does Miss Nightingale say?" I trust you will pardon if I have said aught amiss but the importance of the expression of your opinion to the future of our beloved profession is my excuse. Permit me to remain,

yours faithfully

Rosalind Paget,
with printed prospectus V3/88

H1/ST/NC2/V1/99

letter of Lily W. Quintard, St Luke's Hosp, Cathedral Heights, NYC to FN Aug 7 1899, had visited in London. had seen Aldershot, described. Sister Browne and Aldershot.

You seemed to much interested in what we are trying to accomplish in army nursing in the United States that I shall take the liberty of sending you a report of our work when it reaches such a shape as to mean

something. At present we are only trying to work out a system, and we find it difficult to gain the points which will make that system work at all...but will.

letter of J Braxton Hicks to FN Feb 22/72. Will you again permit me to send a few more notes on your work, coupled with the same apologies for crudeness and also for the liberty I have taken throughout in the research. I mean if my freedom is too much shown. Some of them have already been in the former remarks sent to you and ...re apply. I have already stirred in the collection of the death rate in private practice. I hope to obtain something before you close your M.S. worthy of a notice.

If I can be of any future service to you I shall be happy to do so on an intimation in what direction I can assist.

letter to FN from Robert Hamilton 17 Sept 1867. The foundation stone of the new Southern Hospital in this town is to be laid by Lord Derby on Wed, Oct 23rd. The hospital is to contain 200 beds and the building committee have endeavoured in the plans to carry out the suggestions that you have made on the construction of hospitals. They would therefore feel a peculiar pleasure in being favoured with our presence on the occasion.

may get more ideas when see site!, house at her disposal in Liverpool.

Whitfield letter to FN 20 Feb 1866 H1/ST/NC2/V2/66 re her letter, has consulted with Wardroper re Liv, Jones, fever hosp; rec for her studies: South Household Surgery, Hooper Medical Dict; Hoblyn's dict of Med Terms; 1 and 2 Johnston's Educ Handbk Physiology, Dr Bernays' chemistry, London dispenses A.T. Thomson, Manual for Midwives Churchill; Physiology of Common Life Lewes, Chemistry Lewis, Ward Osteology, Ellis Anatomy; why does not Rathbone now bring himself a little more prominently forward? has staked his money liberally, wd be more charitable, re example; re St T your committee having now arranged with the authorities of the hosp for a term of 7 years from opening of new hosp at Lambeth...to instigate some of her friends to become governors of the hosp; S. Smith, J. BC, HV etc to take an interest and speak; Ld Leven on grand com

Acland to FN Jul 5 1889 Oxford embossed; write unwillingly because always to ask your advice and something for you to do, re Princess Xn; I think that the queen's daughter deserves our hearty thanks for taking the trouble she has in assisting as far as she was advised in promoting the progress of your work; ...re do give me a kind word or give me suggestions to make!; FN comment: Mr Burdett & "The Hospital 2, "The Hospitals of London, Edinboro & Liverpool, with Mr Bonham Carter who cannot desert the Hospitals...

Redpath letter March 12 1889, PO Box 80 Kimberley, SA; H1/ST/NC2/V6/89 reread old letters, dear; Lady Frederick Cavendish, re her husband, broker in busy share market of Kimberley, exciting uncertain occupation; was aa struggle at first; did some private nursing with good results but strength now will not stand any great strain and necessity ceased; my interest in all hosp work and any sick nursing keeps as ever; if I had the means I shd like to start a home for private nurses in Kimberley;

there are very few really good trained ones; at Carnarvon Hosp, nice building, some good trained ones from England; has joined BNA with a view to carrying out some such scheme as mentioned and will be useful if charter is obtained to us out here, but I am afraid you don't approve of the movement, as I see not St Thomas' nurses on the com, nor your own among the patrons and gathered so from HBC's pamphlet that he sent me; grateful for any Nightingale letters or papers, wd dearly like to have your own annual letter to probs; hope Pringle happy and successful at St T; wd you like to send dear Miss Crossland to spend a year with me?!!!; Mrs Coltman's letter Feb 6 returned to me that Mrs Smith is gone; Embley will be let

Nina Shalders H1/ST/NC2/V8/89

Hogg to FN H1/ST/NC2/V12/89 re sending 3 nurses to Malta to serve; get so many men laid up with typhoid and Med fever there that good nursing is required and Maltese nurses are said to be dreadfully untrustworthy; went in troopship Tower? all went on board to see off, to serve 3 years, same allowances as mil sisters except no extra pay for the senior sister; re Mrs Deeble leaving Netley, she will miss her work and work her, but she has satisfaction of knowing she has settled it on a firm and satisfactory basis; always yrs very affectionately

Pyne letter, H1/ST/NC2/V13a/89 re her letter, will take time to

Gertrude Wyld, Darenth May 17 1889 H1/ST/NC2/V14/89, wit FN und, since last wrote have opened a pavilion of 40 imbecile cripples (men) nursed by women and fined it answers very well; all require gentle nursing and careful feeding as quite helpless; lately nursed an acute case of pneumonia and patient now up and as well as ever; astonishing how the untrained nurses we have in these asylums thirst for knowledge and I am sure we shd get a better class; enclose a letter sent to a paper re nursing the insane, hope you will approve of it; wrote it because read a statement that trained hosp nurses do not make good asylum nurses; now in want of a head attendant or asst matron and am trying very hard to get a trained woman; has been at op at St T; took wife of coachman, Croft operated, asked for her to be present, has done well; I am hoping that each time I write to you before I write again you will have found a tr school for me; how much I shd like a large one; trying to do all I can here, but it is in vain because have no help; clipping Nursing the Insane, argues shd be part of hosp training
Winterton

Winterton got de Laney letter from Wkh Inf H1/ST/NC2/V22/89, nice letter; Gibson's work, uphill struggle to make changes; "I do pray for you, dear Madam, and I think we all do, though we look upon you as a blessing and something to be thankful for. I will certainly try to do my best, and do my little to help on the good work, and I know full well we heed all you say, and I am sure I have need of prayer and more faith; it is often a great trouble to me that my allegiance to the Master is so cold and indifferent

Gertrude Wyld to FN H1/ST/NC2/V23/89 Many many thanks for your kind sympathetic letter, which has come to me as a special message of comfort in a most trying time, that I am now passing through. Darent Asylum is an immense building, divided into three parts.... The Pavilions for 400 cripple cases, matron, same doctors as the asylum; am answering all ads that appear likely as I shd like to return to hosp life; salary her a good £8-100; wd accept a little less to be able to have a home where God is feared and remembered, that is the secret of success at Notting Hill;

H1/ST/NC2/V24/89 Pirrie to FN June 23 1889. Belfast Union Inf. I shd have written when I forwarded four photos to you. I thought you wd care to see our band, that you have always been interested in.

Many of them are fine bright girls, there they look dark and solemn.

We have made some changes lately that you will be pleased to hear of. The Guardians have granted me an additional nurse--one for the male wards at night. I have always wanted this--it grieved me to leave the patients at night to the night porter! Who knew nothing of them or their medicines--so I have put on my senior prob, who has had her year of training, and find her a great comfort.

Last week, one of my staff nurses, Martha McNally, was appted head nurse in the Lisburn Workhouse Infy. The salary is not much more than here, but she wishes to try what she can do for them. There are about 80 patients, who are in a miserable way, no comfort or niceness in the wards. So we are becoming in time, as you wished, "a Training School for Infirmary Nurses." I was very pleased about her appt and glad she wished to go--although she was very happy here, and had the best male surgical wards--she is a good nurse and will do her duty. My three probs have worked so well all year. There are now 2 vacancies on the staff for them, one of my staff nurses passed the exam of the Obstetrical Soc London, and two more go up in July, and one goes to Dublin for the exam there.

I am so anxious to turn out really good midwives- they are wanted all over the country so badly.

Miss Lennox is at Portrush just now, for a holiday. I hope she will come back refreshed, the hot weather is trying for her.

I have not been away yet, with so many changes I can't well get off till the autumn. I hoe the Guardians will allow me to put a substitute in for a whole moth this year.

Burdett letter to FN H1/ST/NC2/V25/89

Balkwell Royal Inf Newcastle on Tyne H1/ST/NC2/V26/89 July 2/89

Alfred Roberts, Sydney H1/ST/NC2/V45/89 July 24 1889 to develop a class of trained nurses at the Prince Alfred Hosp; abundant supply of applicants, 3 years training and 3 exams each year; last year Lady Carrington got up ...asks for a bust of her as leading ornament; enclose syllabus of lectures giving to the nurses this year; since FN kind enough to select for us the 5 nurses many years ago training has gone on apace and esp so since Osborne left; I calculate there are now from 150 to 200 trained nurses in the colony; regret to say nurses' quarters all scattered in different parts of this hosp, struggling to get the £1,000 required to erect a "nurses' home" in grounds

Chambers' Enc H1/ST/NC2/V62/89 letter Sept 25 1889, with FN und; as editor of the new ed of ~Chambers's Encyclopaedia emboldened to ask if you wd care to revise the article "Hospitals" which you mt think requires to be entirely re-written; if consents will send the old to see; includes a sketch of her in another vol;

A.G. Burgess H1/ST/NC2 (date missing) writes again to ask advice, for 6 years matron, only 36 but advised to get lighter work; has lost family, wants to begin a home on own; submits plan to her for advice and blessing, encloses testimonials; Crossland knows her, devoted to little children; nursed several little delicate children before became nurse, the first is now duchess of Portland, who will help; wd help if cd say FN approved

H1/ST/NC18/1/6 Pringle "Nurses and Doctors." reprinted from the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* (May 1880) 8 pp (6 by Pringle 2 by Bell) for the Nightingale Fund Council; re old and new system; old system and new system;

printed Memorandum for Probationers as to Finger Poisoning, etc., Memorandum for Probationers on beginning Ward Work July 1878 H1/ST/NC18/1/8/1 and H1/ST/NTS/C16

bundles of applications for tr at KCH in 1866 and 1867
H1/ST/NC18/8/39-111 business as usual! corr between M Jones and HBC, after closing

H1/ST/NC2/V55/72 HBC to FN 9/11/1872 on returning to HBC (Fasson)

FN comment: I am extremely sorry to say that

on that anxious Saturday Miss
Barclay took away the whole of

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these. that she was to
have given them back
to you on the Wednesday
evening when you saw
her at Bolton St. before
starting - but I suppose
packed them up by mistake
I have a rough copy of the first

Have you got

Mr Fasson's letter to her
hers to me - I gave this back to him
which I sent you on that
Wednesday morning?

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H1/ST/NC2/V59/72

Wardroper letter to her father was "sorry that she is not so clever in nursing as I cd have wished" will never become an accomplished or skilful nurse, has many admirable qualities; Robt Gregory letter to SEW Nov 11 1872 (copy by FN) astonishment on reading your letter; during daughter's stay at hosp I asked several times how she was getting on and you invariably told me she was progressing satisfactorily, content; you now send me word that she is incompetent to discharge the office of a nurse and you wish her to leave; incompetence not a mater of sudden development; it has either existed all along or it does not exist now; aware more nurses than you know what to do with; HBC expressed great repugnance to employing gentlewomen on the N Fund. This he expressed to be in a letter when daughter's entering. Wd be unjust treatment and certainly not the consideration one looks for from a gentleman to a lady who has done her best to make herself useful in a charitable work for wh I believe she ha a real vocation and to wh she has devoted herself with unremitting energy.

H1/ST/NC2/V59/72 HBC to FN returns C Gregory's letters to you. I think he probab has reason to complain, certainly that Mrs W did not reply on the first or soon after--the first being that she was prepared to take on Miss Gregory as nurse on her own a/c but afterwards found as he told me that the sister I forget which objected and other illeg nurses gelt themselves aggrieved. She said tat she did not know whom to make sister after Pringle and thought she must make Gregory. At the same time I think Canon Gregory from the corr I had with him about the "obligation" somewhat shifty--like many clergymen he thinks when he has said ...must take some of the blame myself for not having made the circs of her changeability and indecision ...?I do not know whether Miss G still will wish to return. Canon G has not written to me

H1/ST/NV2/V59/72 copy of Mrs Wardroper's letter to Canon Gregory Nov 9 1872 by HBC, with FN red pencil comments; I had at one time rather contemplated offering a position of nurse to Miss Gregory hoping the increased resps ...wd be of service to her. Circs however now quite prevent my carrying out this plan, and as the com have not at the present time any suitable work to offer to your da, she may consider herself quite free to make any arr for herself that she may consider suitable to her capacity. I am sorry that she is not so clever in nursing as I cd have wished, and altho' I am sure she has tried with much perseverance to do her work well, yet I am afraid she will never become an accomplished or skilful nurse. She has so many admirable point sin her character wh are so highly essential to ward nursing that it makes me all the more regret her having failed in some other points of equal importance. much pain to say, feel the disappointment who I trust will meet with occ elsewhere equally as well adapted to her resolve [?] and inclination as cd be found in St T.

H1/ST/NC2/V2/88

Rosalind Paget to FN 28 Bolton, S.W. Tuesday no [1887-88] seems first letter: Pardon y writing to you direct. I have been nurse among nurses for 12 years and as rep of many venture to speak. We hear that at last the principal tr schools for nurses are about to protest as to the reg of nurses by the BNA. Miss Lückes and the few that are privileged to know your private opinion may be content to rest in that knowledge, but as one of the body militant of nurses I do intreat you to give us proof that you agree, as perhaps you can hardly realize how the great band of nurses (not only St Thomas' but *all*) consider you the revered head of their profession and we now intreat you to speak the word and head the list of those who only wish to follow in your steps.

H1/ST/NC2/V6/97 Pringle letter to FN 4 July 1897 St Josephs's, Raithkeale, Co Limerick

Dearest "Mother-Chief" How good you are to me to send me the Letter and to send it with your own hand and with so loving a message. To read it is, for me, to be sitting with you almost and hearing you speak.

I am so glad you strike a vigorous blow at that misleading idea of nursing being a sacrifice instead of a privilege. No doubt its right performance calls on us sometimes to "endure hardness," but that is only discipline.

Dear Sister Victoria! I had heard of her illness and death and how you cheered her. Miss Hornby wrote to Miss Spencer and so it came round to me. I can see her now

re her letter I am so glad of what you say about industry and regularity and the observations of the helpless, amongst other things.

This is a most home-like little hospital and needs no very difficult changes to make it as nice as need be. Of course it is not for me to *make* the changes but only to point them out. The sisters are so entirely in earnest in their wish to perfect what is wanting that I have every hope they will succeed. I have told the superiors it will be no use my remaining longer unless, after the holidays, a regular system of training is instituted--a school formed in fact (for members of the community) at one or other of their hospitals. I incline to this for a beginning instead of struggling unwieldy Limerick. We expect to see Lady Monteagle tomorrow and I hope she brings me a good account of you, dearest "Mother-Chief."

H1/ST/NC18/8/125-30 Heathcote to HBC re training for May 21 1867 re Freeman training; June 3 1867 re applic for staff of nurses

H1/ST/NC18/8/112-16 applications for nurses for Leeds (Dr Teale)
York (Dean Duncombe) Winchester (Heathcote)

H1/ST/NC18/3/6 Chadwick to FN re circ of info as to opening of the 2 schools for nurses, it seems to me to suggest for consideration wh it my not be notified to the medical officers of the Poor Law unions, esp the midwifery nurses, to the medical officers of health of the metropolis.

To the lying in hosp physicians. FN comment: Yes.

This mt e done by a note to the pres of the PL Bd asking him if he wd have the kindness to inform the medical officers. He mt perhaps be got to insert the request in one of the official circulars or to send a circular with the two ...The info mt be sent direct by circular to each MO..., put in names of the com. Has any announcement bee made through the medical journals?

I will call again when Miss Carter is in. I wanted to have inquired again of Dr S, re rate for whole army....

HBC corr with Agnes Jones, SEW, about appt to Liverpool in 1864 in H1/ST/NC18/4-1-42, newspaper clippings on N Fund in Times and Daily News, not in chrons

M Jones to HBC 1864 28 Nov re Manchester; and Morgan corr from Manchester with HBC on; H1/ST/NC18/4/27

HV to HBC July 23 1864 from Claydon has seen Miss Burt, sister of dean of Ripon re lunatic hosps; spoke to FN on, who concurs in thinking that appl cd not be entertained unless from commissioners in lunacy; Miss N did not doubt that great improvement was desirable in the nurses of this class of patients H1/ST/NC18/4/34

H1/ST/NC18/8/117-24 HBC re York Sept Oct 18867; Duncomb to SEW

H1/ST/NC18/8/6/1-40 HBC and N Fund re St Thomas Lambeth, Ogle, HV, Hicks, Bowman, Marjoribanks, Spottiswoode

H1/ST/NC18/8/1-195 HBC applications for info re training, applics for nurses; misc, esp midwifery; Sydney 1867

H1/ST/NC18/2/1-4 N Fund, contributions, powers of committee; Statements of Voluntary Contributions (printed)

H1/ST/NC18/5/1-50 acks for money

H1/ST/NC18/8/5/5-8 Marsh, Lucy M.D. with HBC on Nottingham Gen Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/5/15 corr HBC with Cambridge Addenbrooke's about to be reopened after being rebuilt; our idea is a good trained head nurse to each of the 5 large wards and subs to do menial and night work Dr G. Humphrey

H1/ST/NC18/5/32 corr with Madam from Royal Inf Manchester 1865, from illeg George Reed?

H1/ST/NC18/6/1 stylized copy of letter of FN to Henry Bonham Carter

27 Norfolk St., W.
21 March 1865

Private and Confidential.

I will answer your (3) first as to accommodation for probationers in the new hospital of St Thomas'. I am very sorry to say that:

(a) I see no improvement in great London hospital matrons since my time. I am quite sure that we can do nothing half so good as stick to Mrs Wardroper and Miss Jones.

(b) I have always been very anxious not to have an undue proportion of probationers to beds. But I must leave these more or less to Mrs Wardroper to decide. She must say how many probationers she thinks can properly be taught (1) in the present St Thomas', (2) in the future St Thomas'. (It is certainly the lesser of two evils to have a few too many probationers--to beds--rather than to send out, instead of a staff of nurses, scattered nurses, that is the greater evil.

(c) I consider a separate house for probationers an unmitigated evil. They should be all together and under the matron's eye, who too should live in the hospital.

It was unavoidable now, and I am even in doubt whether we shall not have to on with it if people choose to send us probationers and pay for them while St Thomas' is what he is now. but my conclusion from all this is that you would be perfectly safe in entering into an agreement with St T's for a term of years of some duration if they build especial accommodation for us, which accommodation must be in the hospital, under the matron's eye and properly healthy.

Certainly they should lower the charge for maintenance. But I think the required accommodation for probationers should be limited by the number who can be properly employed about the patients, not by our funds--because I am so sure that we shall come ultimately to train for people paying.

H1/ST/NC18/7/1-81 HBC corr 1866 SEW, M Jones, Derby Inf, Lincoln, Liverpool WI, Middlesex

H1/ST/NC18/6/1-9 plans for new hosp, elevations, ward plans

Henry Currey 13 June 1865 H1/ST/NC18/6/7 printed:

on bloc system, as the great French hosp of Lariboisière, but instead of being ranged on sides of a centre court, the plan as been extended in a continuous line, avoiding prominent defect of too close proximity of the blocks with ref to their height; one pair story, so isolation of the blocks; ward or pavilions; lighted by large windows on both sides; ward 28 ft wide by 120 in length for 28 beds, 1800 cub ft per patient; beds placed at distances of 8 ft from centre to centre, and windows arranged alternative with the beds, at a level to enable a patient to look out of them; cheerful aspect with external balconies towards the river; small wards for 2 beds, contiguous but not communicating with the general wards in each block for special cases for separation, with 3600 ft if single patient; WCs lavs project from main bldg, windows on 4 sides to provide thorough ventilation to prevent escape of any noxious effluvia into the ward; wards 15 ft high

H1/ST/NC18/6/14 HBC hand Miss N's remarks on plans as shown in *Builder* (printed clipping "Proposed St Thomas's Hospital, Lambeth" Aug 5 1865:556) Aug 5 1865, for accommodation for probs. draft in HBC hand I think H1/ST/NTS/C2/2

A separate and distinct training establishment for nurses with every facility for encouraging among the probs the habits of self respect with a systematic knowledge of the duties they are about to undertake ought to be an integral part of every new hospital.

Suggestions as to hospital plans (as given in *Builder*) with a view to the better accommodation of the Nightingale probationers and the general arrangement of details w/o altering external plans--the blocks are numbered from the Bridge A, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

No. 6. The whole to be appropriated to the matron and probationers. The objection to this is the distance from other parts of the hospital. This is its *worst* aspect, but the decided comfort it would be to the matron and the power of supervision over the probationers which it wd confer ought to outweigh the objection. The sisters wd some of them have occasionally an increased walk (say 100 yards). To the matron in her daily rounds it wd be no inconvenience as the distance wd be the same in either situation.

The matrons' residence to be at the end of block facing river, affording ready communication with probationers at all times. The *ground floor* less the portion belonging to residence of the block to be appropriated to matron's offices. The *basement* to contain linen stores for immediate use, as also the *attic* (if required) for the more cumbrous goods (blankets, etc.).

It would be well for the establishment to be independent of hospital kitchen, and therefore on *first floor*, plan kitchen, dining rooms, etc., on *second and third floors* dormitories for probationers say 30 to 36.

No. 5 unaltered.

No. 4 ground floor to be a ward.

No. 3 ground floor (now kitchen) to be a ward.

the kitchen to be in the basement under a surgical department for outpatients.

HIKLM or perhaps under entrance hall B. Drug stores and kitchen stores might be kept in basement under one of the pavilions. the kitchen would be accessible to steward and to stair cases. The objection to its present position as being under a ward obviated.

No. 2 and 1. unaltered.

The pavilions or blocks to be occupied as follows: *illeg* first *surgical*. No. 1 male, no. 2 male, no. 3 female. Next *two medical*, no. 4 male, no. 5 female. The same relative proportions as in old hospital.

The duties of surgeons wd be concentrated and dressers be nearer their work. A second operating theatre wd be saved, a second theatre at all being objectionable, frequently causing differences among surgeons and misunderstandings with pupils.

The space for second theatre might be converted into special clinical dept for lectures, work or writing rooms for registrars and for clinical clerks and dressers. By having one fixed place for the dressers and clerks to make their records instead of the small consulting rooms

attached to the wards In each block as proposed, the dressers wd be more readily found, the wards wd be quieter, the nurses thereby less liable to interruptions and temptation and the small consulting rooms wd be available for other purposes, e.g., bedroom for day nurse in ward where there is no sister.

The *night* nurses' dormitory shd be distant and quiet, e.g. in one of the attics. The day and night nurses to dine with the sister attached to ward, dinner to be supplied from hospital kitchen.

These alterations wd create a deficiency of 28 beds, to meet which 4 attics mt be appropriated, and for many cases with decided advantages, say in *three surgical* blocks worst cases of venereal, erysipelas, delirium tremens, pyemia.

One medical block. Smallpox, erysipelas, delirium. T. and some forms of uterine disease.

If 4 attics were only sparingly used they wd afford good accommodation for at least 40 beds increasing the proposed no. of 588 to 600.

More accommodation is required for porters and other male servants. A single entrance seems very objectionable. No entrance or landing from the river.

H1/ST/NC18/19/19 HBC to Osburn 7 July 1871; responding to hers of 19 April to FN at her request, cannot make any reply to her enquiries that can lead to any useful purpose, so prefers not to write at all; I can only add on my own account also disappointed, also means of (2 draft letters on same 4 pages together)

H1/ST/NC18/19/19 2 FN drafts for HBC on blue paper

Please return

HyBC

To *Miss Osburn* 14th July 1871

Dear Madam

Miss Nightingale has requested me to acknowledge your letter to her of the 19th April & desires me to say that she feels it quite impossible for her to make any such reply to your enquiries as can lead to any useful purpose.

She has therefore preferred not writing at all.

I can only add on my own account that being persuaded of the inutility of entering into any discussion by correspondence as to the events which have occurred I have also refrained from writing to you.

The dispersion of the nurses has of course been a cause of much disappointment to us all.

yrs &c [in HBC hand]

HyBC

to Miss Osburn 3 November 1871

Dear Madam

I received yours of the 7th
September a few days ago.

It was far from my intention in
writing my last letter to imply any
want of interest, either on Miss N's
part or my own in the work in
which you are engaged, or to convey
anything which would tend to damp
your efforts in carrying it on.

I wished merely to acquaint you
with the reasons which had prevent
ed Miss Nightingale from replying
to your recent letters viz the
impossibility under the circumstances
of forming any sound conclusions
on the questions raised in your
letters & her consequent inability
to reply to your enquiries for
advice.

That this should be so, is only the
necessary part of the responsibility
which you undertook in taking charge
of a nursing Staff at the Antipodes

You may be quite ~~that~~ certain
that nothing will give Miss Nightin
gale & the committee greater satis
faction than that you should
succeed in establishing not only
a sound system in the Hospital

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but also the means of extending it through the colony. They would say that in doing this you cannot be better employed.

That I should have referred to the dispersion of the Nurses as a cause of disappointment ought not to have surprized you, it could not be otherwise than a source of the deepest regret that the staff selected by the committee at the request of the Government & sent out at such considerable cost should by your own account have failed so entirely-

Miss Nightingale desires me to express her regret at being unable to write herself & to assure you of her ever-continuing interest in your personal welfare & your work.

She send you a copy of her last publication "Notes on Lying in Institutions"- which your sojourn in King's College Hospital will render doubly interesting--The new hospital at St Thomas' was opened on the 1st October &c &c

(Here follow general remarks)

yrs &c HyB.C.

Osburn to HBC 6 Sept 1871 Sydney Hosp, re dispersion of nurses, had no idea! H1/ST/NC18/19/20

other letters to HBC Torrance, Deeble

H1/ST/NC18/19/1-18 HBC corr re matron, Deeble 1871, seen

H1/ST/NC18/17/1- HBC re Netley, Northbrook 1870

H1/ST/NC18/17/27 seems not on mf, FN letter pen

Netley Night Nurses 35 South Street [printed] Dec 30/70 H1/ST/NC18/17/27

Park Lane

W.

My dear Harry B.C.

I don't like this at all.

And I am sure that you do not.

[I have sent down to the W.O. to see if there is any information to be had. And Dr Sutherland concurs with what I am about to

say.]

Practically, the letters enclosed amount to this, that the quarters will not be ready for some weeks yet.

Is there any reason at this season of the year, when Invalids, it is said, do not arrive, to send in two new Nurses into make-shift accommodation?

Our principle has been to go in when everything was ready.

It seems that you must take one of two courses:

1. to leave the matter entirely in Mrs. Deeble's hands, i.e. accept by letter of the temporary arrangement- only stating that

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as it is of great importance that make shifts of this kind should be as little resorted to as possible, no time should be lost in completing the Nurses' Quarters.

2. To state that it would be better to incur the delay than to run any risk to (or of not satisfying) the Nurses just at entering on a very arduous duty.

You are the only persons, you & Mrs Wardroper, who can judge whether 2. is the decision to come to.

[I do not myself value Mrs. D.'s decision as far as the *Nurses' comfort or Sanitary condition* is concerned.]
I hope your flock is going on well. [end]

ever yours

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/19/76a

Notes as to establishing a Government Training School for Workhouse Nurses [6:320]

(1) As to the *advantage* of Government doing it at all.

The example would as coming from Authority have a beneficial effect. Recommendations from the Poor Law Board to employ trained nurses, or to raise salaries with a view to obtaining trained Nurses could be made with more effect.

The position & status of the nurses, socially might be improved by the indirect character of importance ac=

quired by connection with the Govern=ment.

Means might be obtained for erecting buildings for accommodating the Pro=batationers & for improving the salary & qualifications of Superintendent &

Doctor

Disadvantages

Difficulty of altering all Govern=ment regulations to meet changes of circumstance & times. Alterations which would be likely to be frequent in a new system.

Dependence for success on the Matron & incompetency of any Government Department as a Court of Appeal from her especially with regard to dismissals & to some extent admissions.

(2) As to Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary Does it afford proper means of training-

As to Highgate. May not the Nightingale Fund do more successfully what is required especially if it spends some capital

(3) Assuming that it is desirable t apply to the Poor Law Board, then I

think our experience shows that

(a) Boards of Guardians will not pay for the training.

(b) that the Probationers must not be selected by the Boards of Guardians, but solely by the Principal of the Training School.

(c) that objections are not as a rule made by Employers to this course, they being ready to appoint nurses who are recommended to them.

(3) Government ought to provide additional accommodation & maintain & pay for as many Probationers as cannot be usefully employed in the actual work of the Wards, e.g. at Highgate there are about 20 nurses & 20 Ward Assistant ~~nurses~~. Probably it would be worth while for the Board to be at the expense of the keep of say 6 to 8 Supernumeraries

for their own purposes (according in fact to the arrangement we propose to them & to that in force at Liverpool as I see by Mr Croppers letter).

If the number of Pupils is to be increased, the whose expense of the additional number would fall on the Government as the whole does on us at St Thomas' Hospital- (Undoubtedly at St Thomas' the number of the Hospital staff is diminished in consequence of the use they make of our Probationers & hence their willingness to build quarters for us)

At present I do not believe that Highgate is capable of training 20 Probationers, having regard to the number of Patients in the Wards. Certainly it is not having regard to the capabilities of the Staff.

We agreed that 6 was quite enough

for Miss T. to begin with & there is every reason to adhere to this.

There are certain points I should like to consult her upon before expressing any opinion, especially as to how far the duties of Ward assistants are compatible with the position of Probationer learning to become a full blown nurse. I presume the Assistants do scrubbing & cleaning & fetching to a considerable extent.

If not, or if this work is incompatible with learning the duties of nurse- the ward assistants might be treated as Probationers (or a portion of them) & by arrangement the number available for drafting off be largely increased. It would not answer to the Training Institution to allow this except on receiving a quid pro quo, such as aid in wages.

I am aware that Miss T. has already

promoted one or two Ward Assistants, but it does not follow that as a system, it would be right to treat all or many of the class as Probationers & on this I wish for further information.

(e) The object of the school should be limited to supplying those larger Infirmaries which require a complete staff, Superintendent & nurses. This is quite enough for the schools to undertake. the smaller Infirmaries which are nursed only by one, two, three, or four nurses will gradually be supplied by women who have acquired their training & longer experience in the larger Workhouses & desire change- Many women prefer a smaller hospital & the greater importance on some cases which their position gives them & the

smaller Infirmaries can afford to give & do give I believe often higher wages. Women so placed are subject to but little supervision & ought to be of more standing & experience than Probationers who have had a year or even two years training as Assistant nurses. To send out the latter, except as part of a Staff under a competent Head, would be simply throwing away the cost incurred by the School.

Henry BC 26/5/71

You will have noted the contents of Mr Wyatt's letter & the difficulties he foresees. This is so far as expense is the difficulty in favour of a Government plan.

I have not in these notes come to any definite conclusion by way of direct answer to Mr Rathbone & on hearing further, I will throw this into a better [odd shd be will]

shape or see him. He is no doubt persuaded that I am somewhat impracticable & does not therefore approach me in any way since my letter of last year declining to train an Assistant Matron for Liverpool Workhouse. I said, if you recollect, that we would reconsider the proposal after getting into the new St Thomas & that is probably what Mr Cropper refers to.

His theory is, that some improvement even tho' based on a defective system is better than doing nothing, & moreover he has great faith in the power of money to get over difficulties - in cases where money is of no avail.

H1/ST/NC18/9/58-67 HBC corr on Staffordshire Inf letters 1868, re supplying lady supt and perhaps staff of nurses

H1/ST/NC18/9/43-54 HBC and Taunton and Somerset Hosp re lady supt required 1867 and 1868, and other packets all HBC corr, not entered in chron

H1/ST/NC18/9/90a seems to be in FN hand, on HBC stationery 13 May 1868, to an unnamed recipient, input, no copy as yet

13 May 1868

Madam

In reply to your letter of the 11th I would observe that no doubt the particular question you refer to in the Enquiry Paper was not intended for Gentlewomen, but all the other questions are or may be strictly applicable. Your remarks are I think sufficiently answered by yourself when you say that the objections which you

assume might be raised would not deter you.

I have not hesitated in saying there is nothing in the course of training or treatment of the pupils which ought to be an obstacle to gentlewomen to experience, several gentlewomen having completed the whole course.

With respect to the terms under which you would wish to be admitted, I would ask you to consider the object which we have in view viz

to train our probationers
so as to qualify them
to undertake a well defined
& specific duty, one of
great importance &
responsibility. When
qualified, they are employ
ed by different Institutions
either as Nurses or in
superior situations in
charge of the nursing

Persons so employed must
necessarily to a certain
extent give up private
ties in so far that is to
say as the latter are
incompatible with the
due performance of
their engagements-

No business could possi
bly be conducted on
any other terms.

To say therefore that any
one in such a position
could be at liberty to
abandon her duties for
the purpose of attending
to family calls without the
consent of the Employers
would obviously be out
of the question. I have no
doubt you do not mean
this-

Whether actually engaged
in work by any Institu-
tion or waiting for
it the managers of the
Institution in one case
& the committee of the
Fund in the other, would

naturally desire to accord every reasonable facility to Probationers to attend to urgent family requirements. I should recommend you to put yourself in communication with Mrs Wardroper & make an appointment to see her & then if you think well of it & Mrs Wardroper is prepared to admit ~~assist~~ you to enter upon the usual terms.

You will readily perceive on consideration that it is impossible

for the Committee to admit ladies who are unwilling to place themselves under any obligation to give their services for the very important objects sought to be obtained. Our means are limited, the demands upon us very great, every probationer who after training retires from the work throws us back a whole year- -

Merely to train women to enable them to nurse their own families & friends would be like a drop in the ocean.

Even the few qualified women whom we send out (few as compared with the numbers required) to Hospitals in the hope of their being employed in the sphere where their services may be most useful form but a slight leaven in a great mass. We are most anxious that gentlewomen should come forward to qualify themselves for the work, but whether they do it as a means of livelihood or not, they will be of no use whatever unless entering upon it was a serious duty of the

very highest character I can readily sympathize with those who are loth to leave their home & fear to be neglectful of their home duties. There are very many most indeed, who are better at home, who have no call to leave it, but for some there is a higher duty than mere home duties. In every profession the duties for the calling, the public duties, so to say must always, do take precedence over the private duties & there are plenty of people in the world who undertake such duties without the dire necessity of earning their bread. We do not put our demands higher than this. I beg to remain
your obedient servant
Hy BC

H1/ST/NC18/9/91

To Mrs Marian Brown 27 Nov 1868 HBC says FN requested him as sec to reply to her letter applying for a position of a sum given by the sultan in 1856 for the benefit of the nurses in the mil hosps, and also applying to receive aid from a fund wh you state to have been raised by collections!

H1/ST/NC18/9/92-123 HBC corr, applications for info re training, 1868; refs to reading FN's Una, some ask for a few months experience, over the age

H1/ST/NC18/9/1-40 corr Osburn, Wardroper, Kilvert; Taunton and Somerset, Eye and Ear Bradford, North Staffs Inf, St Pancras Inf, Glouc Inf, Radcliffe Inf, North Riding Inf, Bristol Royal Inf and HBC draft on training for a German hosp (not there) 1868, Wardr and HBC corr on applications; nurses who want appointments; re Gen Inf Hereford

H1/ST/NC18/9/41-42 re Birmingham; H1/ST/NC18/9/81-85 Radcliffe 1868
H1/ST/NC18/9/68-73 Radford, Baster, St Pancras

H1/ST/NC18/9/68 Aug 18 1868 letter to Wardroper from James Moore, clerk, St Pancras guardians apply to obtain from St T in about 18 months a staff of trained nurses for the inf for 500 patients to be erected at Highgate; guardians believe that FN greatly in favour of the adoption of this experiment and in interest of sick poor

Aug 21 1868 to HBC re his of 19th H1/ST/NC18/9/70

H1/ST/NC18/9/71 Nov 5 1868 Moore to HBC re St Pancras, [W.H.] Wyatt the chair has recd a letter from FN wherein she mentions the subject of a staff of nurses for the new inf for this parish; I am desired to ask whether it will be more convenient to meet a com

H1/ST/NC18/9/73 Nov 21 1868 Moore to HBC re visiting committee reported back to guardians re supply of trained supt and staff for Highgate, I am instructed to accept the offer of the com of the Nightingale Fund to supply the supt and nurses on the completion of the bldgs

H1/ST/NC18/11/1-100 1870 Liverpool 1872-73 Highgate RIE Trinidad and 1872-75 applications from various insts

12 Oct 1870 HBC to Rathbone H1/ST/NC18/11/1

apologize for not replying to his letter to FN forwarded by her to me some time ago re maintaining a prob at St T; com not in a position to entertain your proposal; we have unfulfilled engagements; pressing; new hosp; hope to increase the number of probs so as to be able to afford more efficient help than hitherto; another difficulty; organization adopted at Liverpool Wkh opposed to the principles which appear to us to be essential for successful intro and maintenance of female nursing; wd be very much indisposed to rec any lady trained in the N Fund School to undertake a post under such unfav conditions; of little use arguing this with the managers--they have done what they believe to be for the best; When therefore the managers of any Inf or hosp allege as evidence of success of their admin that the nurses are admirable and the nursing excellent...saw Miss McLaughlin at Sedan, very happy and well; I have just returned from a tour among the war hosps in Germany and visited Sedan on way home; re addressing his letter to his brother the MP cannot main

to input H1/ST/NC18/11/1

corr with Torrance

H1/ST/NC18/11/8 etc HBC and corr with AE Hill, Highgate, W.H. Wyatt

H1/ST/NC18/11/14 letter from Offices of the Crown Agents for the Colonies, Jan 24th 1873 to HBC re report of Fund; re Govt of Trinidad contemplates appt of a trained nurse for a large hosp, with FN pencil note. For a trained nurse of superior standing to be selected from a large hosp in this country to take charge of the nursing dept of the Hosp of Port of Spain in that colony, in the hope that the local hosp may become a tr school for nurses to be employed in the gen hosps and coolie estate hosps throughout the col. To notice of early of Kimberley by govt,

This wd be a noble thing to do

And I am sorry we cannot do it.

I shd "say *further* that less than 2 trained women could not with any expectation of success be sent out on such a ~~mission~~ work as this - better they shd be two "*Sisters*" of some Order or Society - provided it is a *Training* Order [I was writing to Miss Jones on business & mentioned this casually. have not yet had her answer.] that we shd not think much of the judgment of a woman who wd go out *alone* on such a work as this however devoted she was don't you think so? 9/2/73 HBC I do. what society is this?... All Saints St John's House? FN red pencil:

I am afraid there are only those 2 & 3 Miss Sellon's ("*Devonport Sisters of Mercy*") they *have* some good Sisters & 4 those Sisters who nursed Mr. Wyatt's smallpox hospital--some Berkshire nurses.

FN letter H1/ST/NC18/11/18 pencil, black-edged paper

Nurses Papps & Hunt 35 St. St. Jan 28/73

Dear Mrs Wardroper

I have just received the
enclosed Telegraph from
Miss Barclay & think it
better to send it off to you
at once-

There is not a doubt
from its context that she
has received Mr Bonham Carter's
letter of last night written
from here wh: I mentioned
to you-

And there is not a doubt that

we must consent, if, *after*
reading that, she still wishes
it- do not you think so?

If you wish to, & if you can
start *Papps & Hunt* off by
the 10 a.m. from King's Cross
to-morrow, they had better
join company with
Miss Swansbourne who
starts from here tomorrow
by that train.

How shall we manage it?

If you do not wish or cannot
find time to start *Nurses*
Papps & Hunt till *Thursday*
I will see them on Wednesday
[breaks off]

Jan 28 telegraph re Swansbourne

H1/St/NC18/11/21 FN hand it looks like, for HBC, compare with HBC to FN in H1/ST/NC2/V43/72 same date ***

91 Gloucester Terrace
Hyde Park W
14 Septbr 1872

My Lord

Mrs Wardroper on
laving St Thomas' Hospital
for her holiday three
weeks or more ago
requested me to reply
to your letter of the
7th August respecting
nurses for the Worcester
Infirmary. I have
been unable to reply
to it in consequence
of negotiations for the
supply of a large

Staff of nurses with a
Superintendent to an
important Hospital which
if completed will exhaust
our available nurses
for a period beyond
Christmas. This arrange-
ment is now so nearly
close that I think
it right to delay no
longer - in informing
you that we shall
be unable to meet
your wishes.

I will venture to make
an observation or two
on the regulations &

I make observe [odd] in reply
to a remark in your
letter that in a Hospital
of this no. of beds the
matron ought we think
to be ale to superintend
the nursing Staff
without the assistance
of an Assistant, as in
fact you suggest, but
on the other hand
she can never be qualified

to do so unless she has herself undergone proper training & herein no doubt lies a considerable difficulty to find a

qualified female superintendent.

Referring to rules 100, 101 116, & 122, our experience has led us to the conclusion that a fatal error runs through them all viz making the Matron responsible to the House Surgeon for the conduct of the Nurses, placing the nurses under the orders of the House Surgeon, requiring women servants to obey the orders of the House Surgeon as their master. This system, we maintain is the main cause of the want of

moral discipline which ends in most Hospitals the making women responsible to the House Surgeon or other Male officer. The whole female Staff ought to be responsible to the Matron she to the Committee- The Matron should be responsible that the nurses properly carry out the orders of the medical men in everything concerning the treatment of the patients: and [y] complaints against nurses by medical

men or patients should be made to the matron who alone (of course under the orders of the Committee) should take action upon them, & any complaints

against the matron should be made to the Committee. Miss Nightingale has reiterated this principle in all her writings on the subject & I apprehend that nobody who has had anything to do with the management of a female Staff would gainsay the good sense of it.

Doctors are very apt to imagine that because they are the proper & only persons to give orders respecting the treatment of patients, therefore they must have the entire control of the Staff. The fallacy of this has been proved by the scandalously defective organization & condition of the nursing Staff of our Hospitals & Infirmaries & the total absence, until late years, of any means of procuring good nurses for the sick.

Trusting you will excuse these observations
I remain My Lord
your obedient servant
Hy B.C.
sec...

Otway to HC Feb 1 1872 Co Antrim

H1/ST/NC18/11/39 letter to HBC describes . offers £60; FN asks for info as to their requirements; with furnish in a day or 2

H1/St/NC18/11/40 Lady Warrendon letter to Mrs Wardroper re ladies anxious to est an inst of nursing sisters in Edinburgh, rec to apply to her by Mrs Sweet of Devonshire Sq, Bishopsgate St, asks if can supply 2 or 3 from N School

H1/ST/NC18/11/41 to HBC Elizabeth Pulling, Cambridge thanks r her inquiries re nursing mgt; expecting nurses from St John's House this

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month to take charge of a small temporary hosp for smallpox

H1/ST/NC18/11/49 in German Helmsdörfer to HBC from Darmstadt more on North Staffordshire.; supt asks for night nurses; Huddersfield 1873

1875 HBC with Boston Cottage Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/11/92 Belmont Belfast 1876 re Belfast Wkh Inf

H1/ST/NC18/11/94 from the manse, Ottawa Canada 1874 Daniel Gordon then wrote Wardr for info FN letter on! or clean copy? 23 Sept 1874

H1/ST/NC18/13/1-13 to HBC, Rathbone 1878, potential nurses, Rathbone on being asked to be on council

H1/ST/NC18/13/14-24 re Highgate after Hill's death; re closing the school; corr with Sidney Waterlow on, Hinck's applic, but Mrs Luckling appt matron; they had tried to get Hincks in; with the other's apptmt decided to withdraw their nurses; books left at the inf; next letters are re nurses leaving; Wm Appleton, clerk, for Central London Sick Asylum District, Highgate Inf

corr with Malcolm McNeill of Edinburgh bd of supervision Poor Law

H1/ST/NC18/13/32-46 HBC and Montreal, terms for the engagement of nurses, signed by P Redpath for Montreal Gen Hosp

H1/ST/NC18/13/60 re Linicke and with Wardroper

H1/ST/NC18/13/64-75 re Lincoln Hosp, Vincent; inquiry to SEW from Henry W. Hutton, rev, Vicars' Court, Lincoln; Vincent to HBC re his objections to her being a candidate for Lincoln, she idle and keen to work; HBC to Vincent re the negotiations going on

H1/ST/NC18/13/76-86 re Bart's Machin and Styring, Twining, RIE, Salisbury district; Memo of Instructions by Matron to Ward Sister on Duties to Probationers H1/ST/NC18/13/85

H1/ST/NC18/13/81 Twining to HBC from 20, Queen Square W.C. I am anxious to ask if anything is now being done by the Nightingale Fund as to training nurses for Sick Asylums or Infs under the Poor Law, now that Highgate is no longer nursed from St Thomas'. I was greatly disappointed at the check given to the whole cause of improvement wh I consider was given by the change of plan there, and wh I quite hoped wd have been followed by many other district & others. I am trying to obtain all the info I can as to the hope and chance of improvement, but I am not aware if any inst is now nursed by your staff or any other nursing org, or, if you still train nurses for that especial dept of work? Miss Nightingale knows that this subject has been my interest for at least 25 years, and I am endeavouring to bring it again before public notice, as this same public is content to believe that we have gained all that we desire.

H1/ST/NC18/14/1-15 HBC on Netley with roll 5

H1/ST/NTS/Y/36/ Deed of Trust of N Fund, indenture 20 June 1857, and Dec 20 1860, and July 19 1876 *Deed of Trust and Other Deeds relating to the Nightingale Fund*. London: Blades, East & Blades 1878.

H1/ST/NTS/Y36/71 has pencil minutes from Nightingale Fund council

letter of Laura Wilson from N Home 1876 H1/ST/NTS/Y17/1a

The Hospital Nursing Supplement. with short version of BMJ article and typescript, not sure who by "I have been called upon and "The Late Mrs Wardroper" *Hospital Nursing Supplement*. April 28 1894:xxxviii. not by FN; and order for unveiling of memorial,

H1/ST/NTS/Y27/5 Corrected manuscript and as printed in the order of service, Order of Unveiling of the Memorial to the late Sarah Eliz Wardroper...by the lord archbp of Canterbury at St T Chapel April 30 1894. [12:392]

To the Memory of Sarah Elizabeth Wardroper

A faithful servant of God and man, the working leader in a great reform quietly and peaceably pursued, by which the care of the sick took its right place as a high and holy calling that enlists the noblest qualities of heart and mind, and turns to efficient use the intelligence, refinement and devotion of good women. For 33 years Mrs Wardroper rendered faithful service as matron of this hospital. Selected by Florence Nightingale as the first supt of the school of nurses, established by her in this hospital, she was successful during the last 27 years in training and sending out into our own and other lands capable women, worthy to carry on the good work. She retired from her post in June, 1887, and died at East Grinstead on the 14th day of December, 1892, in the 80th year of her age.

I was sick and ye visited me. Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt 25 chap, verses xxxvi and xl.

H1/ST/NTS/Y27/7 "Miss Nightingale's Tribute" in *The Hospital Nursing Supplement*. (5 May 1894):xliv. recycles from the BMJ longer piece.

H1/ST/NTS/Y34/1 presented by Mrs Minet, née Rayner. Accounts of the Shipwreck

H1/ST/NTS/A1/1 Heads of a proposal to be made by the committee for Miss Nightingale's Fund to the Governors of St Thomas' Hospital...from conf held at WO 17 March 1860

H1/ST/NC18/20 reports of Wardroper and Whitfield, lists of probs passed etc., examination of Croft; also of AE Hill from Highgate

H1/ST/NC18/20/1-19 matrons' reports of probs, and reports to NF council; 1st class and 2nd class still in 1867; and reports of those Maria Inwood and Ann Burgess 2nd class unworthy to be placed on register of certificated nurses; these reports give details, strewn through, of

dismissals etc.

12 Feb 1869 explains difficulties from irregular periods for probs;
shows how people can be demoted later;
Dec 4 1869

04 12 1869 matron's report that Torrance and she, in compliance with request, went to Highgate, met by W.H. Wyatt at station, to new inf, recd by architect; The bldg is pleasantly situated on a healthy elevated site....After returning from Highgate I accompanied Miss Torrance to St Pancras....The wards were very much overcrowded, badly ventilated and impure, only 2 windows were open in each of the wards we entered....Torrance summoned to com, who were satisfied with her qualifs and decided to accept her, already having agreed to take from us a staff of 9 nurses; for her to decide.

Report (No No.) with FN comments:

One report expl Miss Isabella Hawthorn who on account of an accident recd in the hosp (Oct 1870) was reported last year to have resigned, was re-admitted 13 Oct 1871.

1871 report, or draft?: describes lectures given; Clark, Bernays. "The practical tr of the probs by the sisters and others has not been neglected and supplemented by ourselves, who will use every effort to place the Nightingale Training School on the most efficient system. FN und and comment; I think it is deceiving the Committee to leave this in--And if they chose to make enquiry, it could be denied by trustworthy persons. [re first unds]
then: *Then let him do so.*

1873 April 1873, report for 1872 has FN comments on the nurses names. Machin Cdn, Leighton going to India. on cover:

FN blue pencil:

Dr Bernays gave 3 Lectures

Mr Le G. Clark 4

but few of the Probs took any notes at all

& none were looked over or examined.

[Hence the qui pro quo]

In 1872 Dr Peacock gave none. H1/ST/NC19/20/18

letter of A.E. Hill to HBC May 16 [1872? 1873?]

returns her marks to the N com for the gratuity, probs have had 4 lectures from Dr Dowse; at commencement of last year I began and for some time continued giving the probs classes, but from want of time have been unable to continue them.

In a workhouse inf there are so many demands upon matrons time from nurses, probs, ward assts and patients--besides office work, that it wd not be possibly successfully to carry on a tr sch w/o having a trained asst to work under the matron in taking charge of probs.

Croft's report shows how much more material covered than haphazard; and Wardr wrote authorities where people were and asked for reports;

H1/ST/NC18/20/22b FN note, pen with her own red und

*8 of our Nurses left Highgate Inf
in about 7 months*

*(not including Babb, who never
ought to have been sent)*

*i.e. at more than the rate of one
a month*

In about the same time

*7 of our Nurses were supplied
to Highgate Inf*

*(not including Babb, who never
ought to have been sent including*

*For who was dismissed
at St T's & kindly taken on
at Highgate with alas! very
little success) or at the rate of
one a month*

Or up to the present date

*10 of our Nurses have been
supplied to Highgate*

*(exclusive of the said 2)
in little more than a year.*

Report for 1874, 10 May 1875 signed by SEW and J Croft: is long; FN red pencil comments after list of Mr Croft's Lectures:

This is rather meagre

Comparing it with FN's account to Mr Jenner which was rather visionary. compared with this.

Report for 1876 has FN comments, queries with what salary on appt 25/3/76 FN comment on appt of Crossland as home sister. "Most eminently fitted for her post & most grateful we are to her. F.N."

FN letter to HBC H1/ST/NC18/21/78 pencil input, do digital?

Nurses' Pension & Sick Fund

May 2/87

My dear Harry

This has been awaiting your return some time.

I know not whether Miss Vincent has written to you - as I asked her.

Every 2 or 3 years a 'recrudescence' happens. And the subject is (happily) brought up again & again.

"The Hospital" - a stupid paper - is full now of contributions on the subject which have

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been sent me- But I have
not seen Mr. Burdett's letter

Probably you have.

Miss Vincent's is a very business-like contribution to the matter-giving names & suggestions.

{she had previously spoke to me about it. And I had told her all the objections which I learnt from you.]

Her people, you see, are willing to do their best to obviate our objections.

So were Mss Pringle's people some ~~6~~ or 7 years ago, if you remember.

Miss Bristow, of Belfast, [we had Miss Crossland from her, if you remember] is less business-like- but worth reading.

All the dissertations I have had this year ~~refer to~~ include the raising of a "Jubilee Fund" for the end in view.

I have give Miss Bristow likewise the difficulties

Would it be possible to work up something for them?

That something will be done appears certain- probably something that will have no sound basis, & will break up, unless you help them.

Miss Vincent's paper of *Suggestions* s *suggestive*. Will you kindly fix a day for seeing me this week?

ever yrs affly

F.N.

H1/ST/NTS/C35/4 Mr Croft's Notes of Lectures 1874. Lecture XXVI. London: Blades, East & Blades. 12 pp. poultices, water dressings; enemata, nutritive enemata, what can be absorbed directly by the lining membrane, thin beef-tea. bedsores

1873. Lectures XIX-XXV. 74 pp. Lectures XIX Disinfectants and Antiseptics. 11 pp. The removal or neutralisation or destruction of that which is offensive to the senses or hurtful to the body is "disinfection." e.g. carbolic acid; septic derived from Greek, signifies putrefactive; antiseptic is then anti-putrefactive or against or preventive of putrefaction; disinfection has a wider meaning; some agents disinf w/o being antisept, and some antiseptics as well as disinfectants; deodorant feeble; putrefaction accomp by offensive odour, but fermentation is not; malt is fermentation. Putrefaction of animal and vegetable structures gives rise to several foul gases, and animal or vegetable beings or organisms wh are capable of growing and multiplying to an enormous extent. these gases and infinitely small bodies escape into the air under fav conds. The atmosphere around us is charged with germs as they are called; their existence is beyond a doubt. They can be collected and examined under the microscope and experimented upon.

1 experiment...Prof Tyndall's lecture on Dust and Disease", showed particles or germs though to naked eye air is empty and invisible.

Carbolic acid is both disinfectant and antiseptic; sulphurous acid powerful disinf; chlorine good aerial disinf; solution of chloride of lime; chlorinated soda solution useful only temporarily; chloride of zinc; chloralum; permanagante of potash and chlorozone or Condy's Fluid. Letheby says active in destruction of dead organic matter, but does not appear to exert much action on vital manif; charcoal oxidizing and has disinfecting action; heat; boiling water. Do not imagine for an instant that ...are to be looked upon as substitutes for ventilation and fresh air and cleanliness--these first place, disinfectants second.

Lecture XX Fevers 15-25. cites FN Notes on Nursing p 207 of mgt during convalescence. watching temp for. typhoid requires more care than typhus. Before leaving room patient shd have a warm bath for cleanliness Nurse shd ascertain that his clothes have been thoroughly disinfected and cleaned before puts on, bed and bedding to be sent away to be disinfected.

Lecture XXI 27-3 Relapsing fever. Lecture XXII Chorea, St vitus's Dance 37-46. Lecture XXIII 47-66. Lecture XXV suspended animation and artificial resp 67-74.

[so, very clear probs being taught germ theory in 1873, and antiseptics and disinfectants.

H1/ST/NTS/C/38/1-5 ward diaries of Nightingale nurses given by Lucy Seymer, for Haig Brown, Allardice, Blackett, Lunderey [?] and Ward, all 1891 and H1/ST/NTS/C36/2 ward diaries 1873 Machin, Vincent, Spencer, Hornby, Pyne with FN und

H1/ST/NTS/C14/4 Duties of Probs under the Nightingale Fund [to scan]

Things that a Ward Sister ought to teach every new Probationer. by Machin. H1/ST/NTS/C15 c1874

Point out various cupboards where lint, tow, bandages, ointments, etc. are kept, any instruments or utensils not in sight that may be required. Show lavatories and explain bedpans and all such utensils, and how to use disinfectants.

How to wash and lift helpless patients, esp men, how to make beds, change sheets and dust, to do dressings, take temps, pulse and respiration, to read "cards" at bedheads, to apply iodine and other paints and liniments.

To make and apply poultices and fomentations.

To give enemata, pass catheter (female), to prevent bedsores, to make and put on bandages, cover splints, etc.

To explain reasons for giving or altering medicines.

To question probs if poss on special cases after round of the attending physician or surgeon.

To prepare for ops. To administer medicines and feed helpless patients. [evidently in 1874 well beyond housekeeping]

H1/ST/NTS/C17 Memorandum of Instructions by Matron to Ward Sisters On Duties to Probationers. Easter 1879. S.E.W. 4 pp

H1/ST/NTS/C37/1 ward diaries of lady probs 1873, Machin, Vincent, Spencer Hornby Pyne and Hunter, Knight? Morris, de Lüttichan Mrs Carroll with FN comments, Not good practice

H1/ST/NTS/C27 Nightingale Fund Memorandum respecting the admission of Gentlewomen under the Regulations for Special Probs May 1868, HBC sec. The com being anxious to induce gentlewomen to qualify themselves...for superior situations are prepared ...to admit a ltd no. of probs free of expense with the addition in cases where the cand's means require it, of a small salary of £10 during the year of training. the Com have power to assist Probs who may be willing to become cand's for these appts (and whose means require it) by some addition to the small salary allowed during the year of training

Box with H1/ST/NC1/V series seen again April 2008;

Shrimpton letter to FN June 25 1872, 5 Whitehall, S.W. FN comment:

Lying-in Inst Notes

Dr Shrimpton

re not answering her kind note, tardy, grateful thanks for your admirable work on lying-n insts, which I found in Paris on my last visit there. I have read it a second time, but not with the applic and stat

work required to do it justice. Such a work, in my opinion, cannot be complete from various causes over wh we have no control, but certainly your book is most powerfully conclusive in its arguments and will have an immense influence, not only over lying-in insts, but over all hosp ests, demonstrating the disastrous effect of "HOSPITALISM."

You will agree with me, I think, that there are many difficulties to be overcome before any great reforms can be effected....working themselves out. The local san boards will give more power to medical men ...lead to es of small isolate d hosp wh will become the centre of action of all san matters throughout the country, leading poss to many reforms, the revision of the poor laws, &c. Statistics point increasingly to this.

Every hosp has now a service of midwifery, attendance on poor women in their own homes, to which service dev is given every day. Your work gives an immense impulse in this direction but I see that things must be left to work themselves out in England. The powerful action of indiv initiative will be brought to bear as soon as the necessity becomes known.

Reorg of army

H1/ST/NC2/V6/65 11 April 1865 letter to FN from Alex Graham. Carlton Chambers 8 Regent St. SW "*Swansea Inf*" I have to ack your note of yesterday (missing) with a newspaper and an enclosure which I return with thanks. I believe the com are acting in good faith, and that it has been their intention from the first (notwithstanding their extraordinary course of proceedings) to employ me as their architect. I have not yet recd official notification of the decision of the general body of subscribers, but only a private comm from Dr W. I really hope that this remarkable com will not give you any unnecessary trouble in a matter in which you have taken so generous part.

H1/ST/NC2/V7/65 Alex Graham to FN 4 May 1865. "*Swansea Hosp*" I have been requested by the com to lay before you the approved plans of the new bldg. They were prepared, as you may be aware, to meet the instruction which the com circulated to competing architects. I took the opportunity when working them out to adopt the suggestions which you were pleased to favor me with in your criticism of November last; at the same time, reducing the administrative portion of the bldg to suit the views of the com. To enable you to judge how far the reduction is likely to interfere with efficient admin, I send with the 8 approved drawings the two original plans. The only point which, I believe, I have failed to attend to is more direct communic between the nurses floor and the upper floor wards. I can easily remedy this, if you consider it desirable. The baths in connection with the out-patients dept are for salt water. The necessity for those was urged upon me by the com. Awaiting the favour of your remarks,

H1/ST/NC2/V16/62 Dearest Miss Nightingale May 23 [1862] signed M.C. Moore, re kindness of Mrs Smith, prays for her. May our dearest Lord grant you to know and do His blessed will. May He love you and make you love Him eternally.

H1/ST/NC2/V19/62 Inglott to FN 15 Aug 1862, asks for her approval of plans of Malta Hosp of Incurables "in their complete and finished state." He notes that "almost all your suggestions have been attended to and embodied in the several buildings, and the est is now as perfect as the most perfect charity could have made it." On the blank page he intends, with her permission, to quote her opinion of this hosp, shall call for the book. thanks for invaluable assistance

H1/ST/NC2/V2/58 Shaw Stewart to FN July 27/58 from Lariboisière, crossed out sections and FN corrections. Additional Hints Pavilion Hospitals suggested by studying the construction of the Hôpital L. letter has hers of the 14th. I shd have answered yours of the 14 before but waited to see how far I could honestly to you and myself answer the important qu as to vent. In result I am compelled to defer answering as regards my own obs, most of these questions because, ...re weather, hopes to acc the inspecting of night watch. Persons at the L H who mt be good judges incl foremost the director... there are numerous sheets of this, contd. rewritten

H1/ST/NC2/V3/58 11 Aug 1858. JSS to FN from Lariboisiere Aug 11 1858 encloses account as far as cd make it of the Bethanien way of cleaning their floors, puzzling description (but account not there)

H1/ST/NC2/V4/58 JSS from Larib cont Sept 17 1858, returns to FN's questions. Essential to both the systems of vent here that the engineers shd have access the whole of the night both to the engine room and to the greater part of the underground space, called souterrain; (very clear she is answering FN's questions)

H1/ST/NC2/V5/58 JSS cont Sept 30/58 at Hôtel Dieu, On Saturday eve I left the Hop L sincerely grateful for a most instructive sojourn and for much kindness recd there, came here, was kindly recd, settled myself in, a very comfortable room, hear the blessing in Notre Dame hard by and on Sunday having been with infinite comfort it gives to our blessed early service I was shown thro the hosp, presented to the prioress who was as kind as when she came to L. and to the nuns incl the excellent old Mere. re lunatic hosp at Bicêtre,

H1/ST/NC2/V6/58 cont Oct 22 1858 Hôtel Dieu. This is in answer to yours of the 12; in a day or two I hope to send you remaining thoughts suggested by the Hop L. It is useless and yet inevitable to repeat my old and constant regret at submitting any ideas to you till I have seen and thought over all I hope to see. I return enclosed the plan of the proposed reg hospital intended to be but one story (but query if this for all). The proper san and med authorities shd decide whether or not it is healthy in a small hosp of 60 patients to have but one story, or whether the patients shd be on one floor and the kitchen if not in a separate bldg yet on a separate floor. The smaller the hosp the more chance of kitchen smells. Dr Esse of the Berlin Charité Hosp prob correct that for a small hosp of 80-100 patients decidedly best and best economy in the end tho' an additional expense to have a detached bldg

serving both for kitchen and wash house. Also a detached dead house. with plan on blue paper, with FN headings on

H1/ST/NC2/V7/58 JSS Nov 10/58 from Hôtel Dieu; I subjoin some final thoughts sugg by the Hop L, sincerely regretting to submit them to you before I have seen all I hope to see. 1. Pavilion form of hospital, has ignorantly speaking, great advantages and great disadvantages. Authorities have recommended its adoption by the War Office on sanitary grounds. It is and shd be taken for granted. Will the form be precisely, or not, as at L.? English climate shd be well considered in all arrs; if L to be copied, unheated corridors, open terraces, many ground floor door

H1/ST/NC2/V1/59 Margaret Goodman to FN Sept 30 1859. I still see in the public papers bad accounts of your health...I have left Miss Sellon's est, for which perhaps I was never adapted and have returned to my former occupation of school teaching. Hoping to resume my old sphere of labour at Christmas I took temporarily a small village school. I am disappointed about St James's School which will not be vacant for another twelve months. Asks for a testimonial (next letter from bp of Moray and Ross re Goodman)

H1/ST/NC2/V2/59 FN from Margaret Goodman, Swindon, Oct 19 1859 her goodness touches me even to tears, thanks for sugg respecting employment, has accepted a school nr Cheltenham if clergyman approves of her testimonials

H1/ST/NC2/V17/67 Pelham Dale to FN on embossed Deaconesses' Institution, 50 Burton Cres WC. May 2 1867. I had meditated answering your letter at length and had written down my ideas. I find it however so difficult to express them in moderate compass? That I am induced to ask you to give me a personal interview. I am quite aware that this in the present state of your health and occupations is a bold request but from your letter I am quite sure you would sympathize with my efforts and approve my aims. I am the more desirous for such an interview as I think that I could not fail to illeg my suggs how best to carry out such a system of training as you maintain for sisters indeed have illeg training and so I hope are so far an illeg to what you sketch out but of course at present all is illeg I think however the ??

A.E. Jones H1/ST/NC2/V22/67 June 12 1867 from Liverpool Wkh. What is it that these ladies Grant, Lawrence, etc with Mrs Kinnaid and Miss March want to do? & how far have you referred them to me? I recd last week a summons to London to meet them on Monday next & was told I had been nearly telegraphed for the week before. However I wrote that unless for some matter of great importance I cd not go, but I waited for a visit. I heard Mr Chalmers of Beckenham was to pay me. He has just been here and I understand no more. He had been with Miss Merryweather and had probably learnt enough from her--perhaps he was prevented asking me the same questions as on the only subject he mentioned my advice and hers rather differed. I saw at Burton Crescent how little the sisters were

trained as nurses by having patients in the house to practise on; and I knew often how the poor people suffered from the inexperience of their nurses and want of a doctor and therefore I did not give unqualified approval to this plan, unless they had some good nurse and doctor at hand.

However I do not pretend to be able to advise people how to organize, and therefore I do not see of what use my going to London would be. Even were I to combine with seeing this committee several other matters I do not understand what I cd do for them--and to so combine and arrange to see other people I shd require more time than is possible before Monday, as I shd have to leave this on Saturday. However as they have heard of me through you I want to know what you wish me to do. It would not be impossible for me to leave for a few days... ,

The gov and I have been at war but peace is now proclaimed. Messrs Cropper and Rathbone got into a scrape thro indiscreet zeal, but I think you will consider the enclosed a valuable doc as the gov does not often commit himself on paper.

H1/ST/NC2/V23/67 AJ Lawrence to FN June 14/67. I am very much indebted to you for your letter of 12 and for your private and confid commun of 13th. I quite und that a small hosp won't do. (Indeed the sugg came from another quarter) that the home shd be if possible *within* the hosp and that the matron shd be at its head. But how are we to begin? Suppose after th ex of Liverpool we call ourselves "Training School and Home for Nurses." How are we to get access to hosps until we have secured some competent nurses? Shall we not best attain this by opening a home for cands under a matron who wd simply be housekeeper, having secured a few probs, seek to connect ourselves with some hosp and when the probs are qualified undertake the charge of it?

I am afraid that I shall exhaust your patience in asking such question but I fell how important to lay before our friends some distinct props and I must confess that with other engagements I am not able to give that attn to the subject which it deserves, and altho there are many who are ready to work, someone is wanted to start the scheme in the right tract. I think a gentleman is rqd who wd give his whole attn to the subject though he need not "do matron."

I have before me the regs as to training prob nurses at the Liverpool Tr School. They seem excellent. Shd we endeavour humbly to follow in their track? Seek to make arrs with the hosp for tr women desirous of working as hosp district and private sick nurses?

H1/ST/NC2/V27/67 Thos Worthington to FN 14 July 1867 with printed pamphlet, Thomas Worthington, "Some Account of the Pavilion Hospital recently erected at the Chorlton Union Workhouse, Withington, near Manchester" Manchester 14 July 1867.

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Dear Madam, It is impossible for me adequately to express the great pleasure and satisfaction I have felt in the kind and encouraging words you have on several occasions addressed to me and especially in your letter of the 9th inst accompanying your valuable paper "On the Nursing of London Workhouse Infirmaries."

Had I not been much absorbed by the serious illness of my wife I shd have replied by return of post, but for a few days I felt obliged to postpone all correspondence.

This delay, however (and I am thankful to say the cause for it is past) gives me the opp of further thanking you for Mr Rathbone's volume, which you so kindly sent by the following post.

It wd be well if in our great centres of population we had a few more earnest hearted and practical minded men like Mr Rathbone.

If my little pamphlet proposes any real value and is likely to serve any useful purpose, you do me justice in thinking that I shd be best pleased that I shd have been so widely circulated, and especially with the sanction of your name and influence.

You refer to the precarious state of your health. May I, dear Madam, without being intrusive, tell you that I have a venerated mother who having (or half a lifetime suffered more than medical science believed it possible for human nature to endure, retains at 75 the utmost activity of mind and intellect and has felt a mother's pride in reading those letters which you have so kindly addressed to her son.

H1/ST/NC15/4/11 letter of Rebecca Strong to Mr Chamberlain, pm 18 Jan 1939; sorry not get OBE personally "but hope to see the day when nursing holds a definite position--a standard educ with its diploma, in place of each school for nurses having its own method.

A rapid advance in medicine and surgery has been made since Lister's day, but no corresponding advance in the teaching of nurses, upon whom doctors depend for an accurate report.

In time of war our hospitals and nursing services are largely depleted of their nursing staffs and have to struggle on with voluntary help.

The influence of Florence Nightingale seems to be fading, with the exception of HRH Princess Arthur of Connaught, pres of the RBNA..

H1/ST/NC15/27/1-11 corr with HBC 1885 re Paddington Inf, proposal re sending nurses from Bloomsbury House to nurse in Greenwich; letters from Victoria Haus Berlin, duties of probs; C.S. Loch? letter to Wardr Aug 25 from Berlin asks for regs re Nightingale Nursing School, and contract; Victoria Haus has to rearrange its relations with the Friedrichshain Hospital from Dr E. Goldhammer (I think) with regards from Frl Furhmann and Frl Oberbeck; letter from Rachel Williams Egypt thanks friends at St Mary's for silver tea service, with a list of subscribers!, incl HBC, Joseph Bell, Sieveking

H1/St/NC18/27/15 Ehrenborg, Stockholm, to HBC re com, thanks for gratif, good wishes to Miss N.

letter Jan 18 1886 from Univ Hosp of Pennsylvania asks for rec of a woman to be head of hosp and tr school, attached to Med Dept of university, modern hosp H1/ST/NC18/27/15

card for inv to Nightingale Home St Thomas' Hospital occasion of annual address to the probs nurses

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Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Assoc, printed 6th report for year 1885 HBC
on gen com; re nurses appointed, H1/ST/NC18/27/

H1/ST/NC18/27/31-56 mainly re naval, incl Pringle corr, and 1 FN

H1/ST/NC18/27/52 pencil nd [input not scanned] [1887]

"Memo" Miss Crossland's

I think this very good; at least
I have no suggestion worth
making.

The only thing I would venture to say
is ~~that~~ to ask the question:
could not the line be drawn
less 'hard & fast' between (1)
the "main body" & (2) the "heads"
or the "superior appointments"
See Para 2.

The "educated intelligent
"Ordinary Probationer" is very
justly held up in this very
memo.

We do give them Cottage Hospl
Matronships

alike with the Special.
sisters & head Nurses are
recruited in many Hospitals
from either class alike &c &c

Would it be possible *not*
to cut off *explicitly* "Ordinary
Probationers" from all the
superior appointments," as
appears to be done here?

This was very forcibly said
to me by an ex-member of
the India Off: whom
I dare say you know-
viz that we appeared (he
had not of course see this

paper) to preclude the
possibility of the Ordinary
Probationer rising.
this we do not really do.

One of our best Matrons was
an "Ordinary Probr."

&c &c
F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/58 done as etext, pencil letter

1 March 1888

Miss Formby

My dear Harry

I suppose *now* you think I had better try to do this--*York Road*. I have no more means of doing it than others. (It seems hard that when we have so stoutly stood our for *six* months midwifery nurse, two months of outdoor practice in the six months, even if doctor two miles off instead of "nine," I should be called upon to do this.) As for Endell St., what I have been told within the last year by Mr and Mrs Craven is disgusting, but I know nothing now of Endell St. myself.

I must write this MORNING *to York Road*, if at all, for I have not a minute for days after. So I must trouble you for one VERBAL WORD by messenger.

I entirely agree with you about the nonsense of "high enterprise." It is a higher enterprise to be district nurse to "twenty-five families" in Holborn than to "twenty-five families" like these in S. Africa.

If a Mettray, a Rauhe Haus or a Dutch settlement could be organized by competent men (I do not say it is possible) in *some* colony, for the wretched hundreds of boys who rioted for three weeks in Hyde Park--that would be a "high enterprise," and I should say even to a trained sister, go.

If the poor workwomen in E. London now on the verge of prostitution, but not prostitutes, could be trained and taken out to colonies by competent ladies (I do not say it is possible) as domestic servants, wives, perhaps, working women in the outlying farms, that would be a "high enterprise," and I should say to a trained lady nurse, if it could be so organized, go.

but the present seems to me a step not to the depauperization but to the pauperization of England, not to reformation but to the reverse, taking away the "sober and industrious" and leaving the drunken and destitute.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/59 done as etext, pencil letter

28 March 1888

Private. Miss Young, Solly, Prince, as assistant matrons

My dear Harry

I am obliged to have recourse to your wisdom and kindness again. Miss Pringle's letter enclosed. Of the three, *Miss Prince* is by far the best woman. But she is so inefficient. She had no command of her ward when with us. But she and her ward were under her nurse's command. *Miss Solly*: best as to ability, and as to her not having scrimmages with Miss Crossland as Miss Buchanan so unhappily has done. But--you fully discussed the risks.

Miss Young--I believe you know my opinion of her. And as to her "much knowledge of the world," it is entirely superficial. And she say she is intimate with people who hardly know her by sight. She is not even well educated. She did not do well in Egypt. but *she may be improved*. Miss Pringle does not say how she has done as *assistant*.

Before Miss Pringle's arrival, Miss Young gave out that she was sure of the appointment because of something *Miss Pringle* had said to her at Edinburgh. And Miss Pringle spoke to me of a "Mrs or Miss Young," whose relation had spoken of her to, her, Miss Pringle. You remember.

I am surprised at Miss P. thinking of her. But then *Miss P. must know her* now far better than I do. If you say "*Miss Young*," please say under what precautions.

May I send *tomorrow, Thursday morning* at 11 for your answer? Please to help me with your sound advice.

ever yours

F.N.

What a pity that Miss Crossland and Miss Pringle cannot consult together.

H1/ST/NC18/27/60 done as etext, pencil letter [13:566-67]

10 S. St.
4 June 1888

My dear Harry

I think that in many things, especially as regards charity and care of their own people, the "Jews" have to convert *us*, and the "missionary spirit," as M Mohl used to say, had much better be shown among our own poor outcasts in London.

In the East we are often trying to "convert" populations moral and therefore even Christian compared to ourselves. Besides, the *languages* are such a difficulty. (I am now in a sea of troubles with Miss Munro, whom I could not throw overboard, though she is totally unfit for Cairo.) (You and I quite agree on these points.)

If you and Miss Pringle choose to have this "Miss Pauline Schorr," "from Jerusalem," for a year's training, you will be serving Dr Chaplin's cause a great deal better than he knows how to serve it himself.

I don't think we ought to ask "Miss Airy" for a scheme of this sort. And I don't think she would take it. She is far too good. (I tried to get her into Miss Jones's successor's in Kensington Sq, who asked me for one for a time to train their sisters in their own little hospital. But she would not go.)

Her forte is nursing *men*, officers and privates and managing and training men = nurses, in which and in her conduct with medical officers she is all but perfect. I do wish she could re-enter their career. Miss Airy is indeed "of decidedly religious character."

You do not know, do you? of a place to get an *English = Arabic* alphabet and prime, *with pronunciation*. I sent all over London on Saturday for one for Miss Munro, and could get nothing.

What a strange commentary of our possession of India. There are plenty of German ones. Don't trouble about his. [end 13:567]

Letters came late this morning. And I am answering yours in haste, to be "early" according to your desire.

thanks for income tax.

ever yours

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/73 Burdett letter to HBC April 6 1889. Preparing a short life of FN to publish in The Hospital, wants a likeness.

H1/ST/NC1/27/74: copy of HBC letter to Burdett, has sinned greatly in leaving his letter so long unanswered, delicacy, not at liberty to do anything in airing your proposed memoir without FN's consent, have no photograph; he is right that no life of her has been published nor any record of her work as far as I know; no good likeness of her, but I have a photo, perhaps the best, though not satisfactory, may lend it and also get an autograph

H1/ST/NC18/27/83 C.E. Barff to HBC 29 Nov 1889, from Manchester &

Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Inst

H1/ST/NC2/V25/67 July 12 1867 from Richard Aspden, hon sec Clinical Hosp and Dispensary for Children, Park Place, Cheetham Hill Road. Manchester. Res appointed her an hon gov of the inst. Sends rules. With copy of the resolution July 8 1867. JS draft. Thank him for honour, but say that you have been obliged to keep yourself disengaged from these insts because you cannot in any way become continually responsible for them, and you find that you cd by no means agree with the rules in which they illeg.

FN hand: excuse my asking them not to illeg my name- so much occupied that I feel very unwilling to occupy myself upon while

H1/ST/NC18/15/67- seen again April 2008

H1/ST/NC18/25/67 James Clark to FN July 9 1867 wrote last night melancholy intelligence, I cannot help thinking that Whitfield gives good reasons for the queen being asked to lay the foundation stone. I wish it had to be laid where we wished and where it would, had the prince consort lived I cannot think the bank of a muddy river the best place for a hospital. It may get air, but not of the best kind any room, in the summer...and chilling east wind. But the queen must not e told that or any part of the unfortunate story. I am glad you got over the queen's visit so easily....I will tell the queen on some convenient occasion that you were must gratified by her kind message...

I hope the visits of the royal ladies to hospitals may do us some good, owe to you.

The subject of hosps reminds me to ask your opinion of consumptive hospitals. I dislike them and believe they do little good in consumption. with sketch

H1/ST/NC2/V45/67 Dec 20 1867 letter of James Clark to FN, has just recd her note (missing), understand Whitfield's anxiety to have queen lay stone but whatever the effect of the ceremony on the character of the school, it cd never raise the character of the hosp to what it mt have attained, had they placed it in an open dry situation near London; only chance of not sinking further the character of the hosp is to have attached to it a large conv home in an open, dry situation, to send convalescents as soon as they can be moved; impure air must ever prevail in the proposed hospital. I will do anything I can to incline her to do it, when the proper season arrives, which cannot be before the spring. But I must tell you that there is nothing the queen dislikes so much as these crowded ceremonies. Before the time arrives I shall be glad to hear from Mr Wh or see him.

H1/ST/NC2/V35/89; Acland to FN July 15 1889 re sermon ended my brethren Fight! Fight!! fight!!! only fight on the right side; the sermon of our wise and gentle counsellor. One thing I do *not* accept viz that a register may be wanted in 40 years. If ever long before that. So do I agree [hard to read] we must try to stop the cavilling between the BNA and Burdett. My daughter has stopped the Nurse Round (BNA) because she will not allow a paper become so abusive to be put into our Nurses' Home. hopes to call tomorrow

H1/ST/NC18/11/1 HBC to Rathbone

H1/ST/NC18/11/2 Wardr to HBC sends 2 enclosures re training nurses for Dr Bridges, first intimation

H1/ST/NC18/113/1 28 Nov 1870 Torrance to Wardroper from Central London Sick Asylum District Highgate Inf that Pringle told her intended to come to St T but fell, made out list and ests for the whole place

H1/ST/NC18/11/4 FN note 92/73

Wardr letter to HBC from St T, Miss Hill informed her re meeting of bd at Highgate H1/ST/NC/18/116/6b re appt of Hill

H1/ST/NC18/11/49 19 Jan 1873 Helmsdörfer letter to HBC from Darmstadt thanks for his (in German) and again 21 March 1874

H1/ST/NC18/11/53 Feb 4 1873 Machin letter to HBC from Stadt. Krankenhaus, Carlsruhe, Baden to HBC thanks for info and regs of training, asks for another copy to forward on to Canada, and if a report or prospectus of the hosp with names of directors, physicians etc. wd be pleased have. Can you inform me whether special probs receive any theoretical instr or is their tr confined to hosp practice? What range of salaries is usually given in England to matrons and supts?; Time of my going to London depend upon the reply of my friend Mme de Bunsen received from FN when that is settled I shall send the regs duly filled in to Mrs Wardr

H1/ST/NC18/11/56 Feb 8 1873 letter of G. Wedgwood to HBC. Our nursing inst for co of Stafford is a revival of one in existence for 2 or 3 years called the Lichfield Diocesan Nursing Assoc, which lacked support, from sectarian objections to a church managed inst, and want of a "home." Sir Smith Child on the death of his son some years ago built a memorial hosp of 12 beds on the ground of the North Staff Inf which he made over to the govs of the inf to be used as an incurable infy . We have never been in a position to open it however for incurables. Sir Smith Child who is a liberal supporter and I may say first reviver of the nursing inst proposed that his bldg shd be made the home for the nurses. Such it is, but the nursing inst has no other connexion with the inf than a local one, and that of training its probs (2 at present) in the wards. The inst is modelled on that of Lincoln and is intended to serve the same object, est about 5 months. First appt a lady, Miss Harding, as lady supt, sent her to Lincoln to serve a sort of apprenticeship under Mrs Broomhead. We have found real difficulty in getting nurses. Asks if can rec nurses to us. Lincoln ex. Home is health. God father to the com is Rev Sir L.T. Stamer Cliffe Ville Stoke on Trent

H1/ST/NC18/11/57 from C.H. Simmonds, supt of nurses North Staffs Inf Hartshill Stoke...wants night nurses to HBC

H1/ST/NC18/11/60 Frances Hill letter to HBC from Athens Feb 20 1873 re sent letter to Mrs Capt Verney in Malta requesting info on inst for tr of nurses, list of questions, reason is a society of phil ladies under patronage of Queen Olga of Greece has just been organized here for moral and physical amelioration of the poor and destitute. reformation in hosps and esp intro of tr nurses will in time receive the attention of their society so desirable to get info asap; re "that *divine* work originated by dear Miss F. *Nightingale* cannot but be interesting to you

H1/ST/NC18/11/61 letter April 1 [1873] FP Verney to HBC from 32 South St. Florence says that I had better send the enclosed to you. If you can give any help either directly to Mr Norris, rector of Bucks or to me she shall be pretty obliged; with HBC note We have no one to recommend at present. Possibly some Highgate probs mt do hereafter. Miss Barclay reports well of Dr Laseron's. Shall I suggest applic there?; FN note:

I am afraid it is

no use- I think

VERY highly of Dr Laseron's place now.

but they have not one to spare

They supply Aberdeen, Perth & elsewhere

with Hospital Nurses. 28/5/73 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/62 and /63 Wm Robt Smith Huddersfield Inf to HBC

H1/ST/NC18/11/64 21 July 1873 letter to Wardr from Edith Balfour, 6 Cleveland Gdns Hyde Park, in Madras a midwifery scheme since 1843, in 1872 I obtained the sanction of govt to form a nurse class, re lying-in hosp; pupil nurses etc.; re rules; difference between the *Nightingale* system and that of Madras seems to me to be that the *Nightingale* nurses are trained with the object of serving in hosps; the Madras nurses and midwives are trained to be independent practitioners and spread themselves over the country; re Nagpur, Calcutta, bombay etc. thanks for papers sent; asks re numbers of pupils

H1/ST/NC18/66 [fix #] Wm Ogle, Bradford to HBC re report of *Nightingale* Fund offering a copy of FN's *Notes on Hosps* to hosp bds who may be proposing to erect new hosp bldgs, bd at Derbyshire Inf wd gladly receive, he in habit of quoting from the book when making suggestions for our further improvement; but not however in condition of proposing to erect; we have already new and altered old, asks for FN's name in

H1/ST/NC18/11/68 Otway to HBC expecting to hear from him re request re admitting Miss Perssè our lady supt into St T for a short period, Wardr consents

H1/st/NC18/11/72 printed ad in Oxford University Herald for probs for Highgate from Committee of the *Nightingale* Fund

H1/ST/NC18/12/1-54 1876 re hosps, Linda Richards, Croft

H1/ST/NC18/12/48 Martin Brimmer 47 Beacon St. Boston to HBC Nov 7 76
re Linda Richards, supt, getting training

more from Daniel Gordon 23 March 1876 H1/ST/NC18/12, met with her in
185, re Prot hosp in this city, Co of Carleton General Prot Hosp, and
proposal to est a nurse tr school; re getting someone St Thomas'; any
lady appointed to this position may expect the hearty co-op of the
directors in maintaining and increasing the efficiency of the hosp and
success of the nurse tr school

Wardr to HBC re taking on the Herbert H1/ST/NC1/12/5
H1/ST/NC18/12/9 with Pringle 1877 RIE, Lucille Pringle
corr with St Mary's Sieveking
H1/ST/NC18/12/23-25 re M and N Westminster, Grosvenor House
H1/ST/NC18/12/26- from Maria Machin at N Home
and from Montreal Gen Hosp, from Laura Wilson, Styring, Crossland

H1/ST/NC18/12/45- with Bristol Royal Inf 1876; Nurses' Home and Training
School, Frederick St. 1875

H1/ST/NC18/12/48 letter of Martin Brimmer to HBC Nov 7 1876 re letters
between them 2 years ago, when HBC got training in England. Our attempt
failed notwithstanding your good offices, because the right person was
not then to be had, but we succeeded soon after in getting a supt of the
school here who has proved herself admirably fitted for the place,
having had the best training which this country cd give and being
qualified by character, capacity and tact for this difficult post;
doubled number of pupils. supt Miss Richards will not be satisfied with
her acquirements in the art of nursing until she has served in the best
school for nursing she knows of. She is most anxious to be allowed to
enter the school at St T Hosp in London for three months, and the
directors of the school are desirous that she shd have this opp...leave
of absence;

letter Jan 8 1877 Brimmer to HBC, wrote Rathbone to ask him re
permission for Miss Richards to enter school at St T, sent his letter to
HBC, so write directly; Dr James Putnam will deliver this letter to you

Linda Richards to HBC July 16 [1877] H1/ST/NC18/12/47 I did not expect
to be entertained at N Home as a guest, and for this great favor please
to accept my most sincere thanks. My stay here has been most pleasant.
And I have gained all I could have hoped to gain. Mrs Wardr has kindly
sent me where she knew I cd best gain what I wished. Mis Crossland has
kindly shown me the "home Management" ad I feel that it will be a life
long help to me. Most gratefully, Linda Richards
St Thomas July 16.

Massachusetts Gen Hosp; Boston Training School for Nurses, 1873 est
Martin Brimmer pres

H1/ST/NC18/12/52 printed clipping from *Times* Good Friday March 30 1877 letter of R.K. Kestell-Cornish missionary bishop for Madagascar quotes FN letter: "It is not but just that we who are supposed to be the most advanced in knowing how to cure should help in alleviating a scourge which our boasted civilization has inflicted upon an aboriginal population. May I mention that the nurse whose services proved so opportune is Miss Emily Gregory, who, with experience gained in hospital nursing here, was led to take up missionary work in Madagascar? Subscriptions for the 'Madagascar (Tamatave) Hospital' will be received by Messrs Coutts and Co., 59 Strand, on behalf of Bishop Cornish." then his letter to FN:

"I beg permission to endeavour to enlist your sympathy in a work which I have very much at heart. This town of Tamatave, in which I am at present located, contains about 10,000 inhabitants, of these perhaps from 8000 to 9000 are natives, while the remainder are principally Creoles from Mauritius and Bourbon, with a sprinkling of European traders. Upon this mixed population a very severe epidemic--smallpox--has fallen, which has decimated the native population and has not wholly spared the Creoles and Europeans. When such a calamity occurs the native authorities have one only rule of action; they send away to the forest every infected person. The natural result is that those who escape death by disease are to[o] likely to be starved to death. When I found out what was going on and that it was in vain to look for any other action from the Hovah authorities, I secured a piece of ground, upon which there was a small dilapidated wooden house, and placed there a lady who was staying with me--a Nightingale nurse of large hospital experience, who, as my have been expected, promptly came to my assistance. She has had as many as 90 patients under her care at one time, and if many have died, their sufferings have been alleviated by all that tender care could do for them, while a large number have by her instrumentality been restored to health."

H1/ST/NC18/25/1-15 HBC and Berlin

H1/ST/NC18/25=4 Principles of NF as regards to Training School. for Workhouse Nursing Assoc. in other and HBC hand. Lady Wantage's inq "as to poss cooperation as..." The Nightingale Fund School maintains about 32 and turns out as tr nurses on an ave about 27 probs each year. About one third are lady probs, latterly increasing. St T Hosp absorbs a considerable no., able to send out to other hosps; preference to hosps or inf wh apply for a matron and staff as we find it useless to send out trained nurses to serve under an untrained matron or indeed in any inst in wh the nursing org is not acc to our views. and once started to continue to supply any vacancies occur "until such time as the hosp or in is able to train it sown nurses." HBC hand: If wkh Ass were supporting a tr school

H1/ST/NC18/25/9 HBC to FN 6 Aug 1887 re corr; Maxwell, treas, Miss P. good he agrees to her proposal to postpone her arrival; have urged nec of Mrs W keeping to time in quitting the House with her furniture by 1 Sept in time for cleaning etc. with family new re Herman and Elinor Dicey

H1/ST/NC18/25/10 HBC to FN 7 Sept 1887 I had better see Dr Payne and ascertain his particulars; will call on him, re nurses for India; re Homerton, supplying Miss Aston,

H1/ST/NC18/25/11 HBC to FN 4 Sept 1887 re Mis Hamilton, enclosed, she is 32, re army nurses for India; Homerton, Aston and her applics to FN
H1/ST/NC18/25/12 HBC to FN 9 Sept long letter re interview with Payne this aft

H1/St/NC18/25/6 HBC to FN 30 April 1887 re prov fund
H1/ST/NC18/25/5 HBC to FN 27/3/87 re Marylebone

H1/St/NC18/25/1 letter of Dr Dumont, Berne to HBC

H1/ST/NC18/28/1 HBC and FN 1890 re Gordon of Leeds includes FN notes comparing Gordon, Masson, Scott, Solly [12:429-30]

[January 1890]

Miss Gordon of Leeds, age forty-two, has the indispensable element of moral strength and soundness and a right foundation--works from the root of all things, has tact, kindness, firmness and purpose--cheerful care for everyone, morally and physically--uncommon common sense. Very considerable powers of activity in work, influence and discipline, but her practical ideas of discipline probably differ somewhat from those of an already highly trained London hospital nursing staff. Has worked up her present hospital to a high degree of nursing efficiency and moral tone, has worked well with and under the junior as well as senior medical staff, and with the house committee. Great powers of management and of heading the nursing--bright and spirited, and though overworked, never seeming so, has had hardly any experience of St Thomas' *since her training fourteen years ago.*

Miss Solly, age forty-two? decidedly clever, critic of sisters' and nurses' characters, has been sister at St Thomas' both formerly and lately, assistant matron for fourteen months, but no severe testing of her powers as acting matron owing to Miss Pringle being so little away.

Has an old and deep interest in St Thomas' and knows it well and its capabilities. Well educated, has travelled and perhaps may be called in a good sense something of a "woman of the world." Understands housekeeping and arrangement. Intelligent, sensible in matters of conduct and discipline. Very kindly interested in the welfare of the people, would allow no departure from propriety, serious, thoughtful, benevolent. *Her deficiencies those of want of physical power, and probably of motherly sympathy.*

Miss Masson, age thirty-four, a fine combination of qualities, good and well cultivated intellect, great aptitude for ward management, very kindly, bright and of a pleasant humour.

Deeply interested in her ward work, very active and thorough in it, distinctly fond of management, particularly thoughtful for and clever with the patients, morally and physically.

Great possibilities, never tested in general superintendence.

Miss Scott, excellent ward manager in St Thomas', Bright--not much

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test of capabilities of general superintendence. **[end 12:430]**

H1/ST/NC18/28/8 FN letter to HBC lectures pencil

Dec 16/92

Dunstan

Chemistry

I should have liked very much
to have gone *with Miss*
Crossland into the subject
thoroughly by means of Dr.
Bernays' Lectures before
saying anything, if you wish
me to say anything-
To go most simply into
elementary chemical principles
as regards air good

foul

water good

foul

earth ditto ditto

food value of

no value

but above all no crotchets,
no learning, seems the thing

The PRACTICALLY ridiculous
mistakes of even excellent
learned men are most
disastrous, for women,
~~even~~ especially nurses.

The practical applications of *Elementary*
Chemistry to HYGIENE

I would insist upon
particularly-

P.S. Lord Stanley (Derby)

said to me: 'you

know

'nothing will be done about

'foul air in Churches, Theatres,

'Exeter Hall, cottage bedrooms

'& indeed all bedrooms till

'we have invented something

'something on the inside

walls would be best
'which would *change colour*
'of *itself* when the *air* was
'*foul*.'

I have again & again
felt the truth of this-
again & again asked a
Medical Officer of Health
fired by it but did nothing.
Would you ask Mr. Dunstan?
At all events it sets them
thinking.

Everywhere I believe is
Analysis of *Air* now practised
Would you ask Mr Dunstan

about this? simply I mean
as regards *foul* air.
And there are so many different
sorts of foulness.
Make him talk about it.

Could ~~you~~ he teach the
Probationers in *English*, &
not in Latin?

I feel as you do how
risky it is to begin
with a new man, for us
_ & a new Hospital man
besides, whom we can't oust.

But you know a great
deal more than I do.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/28/14 FN letter to HBC Dec 15/92

[12:385]

15 December 1892

You know, of course, that our dear old friend Mrs Wardroper died yesterday afternoon.

"Now the labourer's task is 'done.'* And she *had* laboured well and with strength.

Her last years were sad an forlorn and we cannot regret their ending. Her son was very attentive to her.

Her last weeks were quite painless and they hardly knew when she ceased to breathe. We had been expecting her death daily.

She was a *great* woman. "I said I will take heed to my ways and my tongue" and I will not enter into her life now. I think of her as having entered *not* into her "rest" but into something greater--into a life greater than here.

I wish something could be put in the *Times* or *Daily News* about her. If you wold be so very good as to send me something--your thoughts and facts are so much better than mine. Now today I would consult a friend who is rather a good hand and who leaves town tomorrow. But this is of course as you think well. **[end 12:385]**

H1/ST/NC18/28/24 HBC to FN 23 Nov 1893, re applic of da of Sir John Tyler, Indian med officer, mother, Lady Tyler called on Gordon, da is 25, has had a year at St Mary's wants to qualify for Indian Army Service. FN comment: I did not know this.

with reply of FN

My dear Harry 25/11/93

I received a little while ago the enclosed from Lady Tyler. I did not answer it. I have always disliked as much as you do people making "interest" with *me* to get in.

I have "no acquaintance" with Sir J. tyler. And I cannot remember ever hearing "dear Mrs. "Wardroper" mention Lady Tyler.

But it is much to be deprecated, is it not? refusing people on account

of religion.

I am afraid the "India

"Army Service" is very ill disciplined.

F.N.

I had an application from Lady Caird some little time ago for a young lady which I sent to Miss Gordon. I only asked her to send papers.

The letter sounded well to Miss Gordon.

I have heard nothing since. I should not like the R.C. to turn out *this* candidate. I told Lady Caird we had no vacancies. then

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/28/29 Feb 2 1894 letter of AL Pringle to HBC from Holy Cross Soc of Trained Nurses, Ladbroke House, Notting Hill. Mother superior of a convent in Nottingham of the sisters of Peace asked us to undertake the tr of two of their sisters for district nursing. they wish to have their sisters properly qualified and wd employ them regularly in nursing the poor. Does this aim place them, with reference to your power of tr them in the same position as, say, the MN Assoc. I remember your telling me when I was about to place Miss St Clair at another hosp under the impression you cd not admit her, that you cd receive Catholic pupils sent to train for a definite position. Before advising the rev mother asked her to call on you; the bishop wishes the sisters to be trained. They wd be dispensed from wearing the habit for the time. AL Pringle

H1/ST/NC18/28/39 Dacre Craven, hon sec to M and N N A to HBC 31 Jan 1895 returns cheques signed; only just a quorum yesterday: Mrs Grenfell, Mrs Minet and myself; Miss Hughes asks for a third staff nurse

H1/ST/NC18/28/42 Oct 24 1896 letter of Amy Hughes to HBC thanks for help and interest he has shown in her book, no idea of the grave complications from rapid extension of district nursing; re FN's efforts in form of a series of papers and her permission to dedicate them in a work to her; most grateful to him for guiding on dangerous places, quite unsuspected; hopes to have FN's approval if not the preface

H1/ST/NC18/28/43 Henry Burdett letter Nov 6 1896 to HBC that FN who has practically revised the whole of Miss Hughes's book on distr nursing wh the Sc Press is about to publish has refused to carry out her first intention or promise by writing a short preface. There is a general desire to honour Miss Nightingale's work, wh no one possesses to a greater extent than myself, but you will be the first to perceive that the perpetuation of her memory and influence cannot be promoted by anybody w/o her consent. We have arranged to publish a complete series

of manuals on nursing in all its stages by the leading authorities of the day, and propose to call the "Nightingale Series" subject of course to Miss N's consent, which...is certain to be refused. with HBC draft reply how much FN objects to giving her name

H1/ST/NC18/28/47 letter 19 Aug 1899 of Joshua Baërza, director of Barbados Hosp seeking tr for 6 of poor middle class women white or coloured with a taste and desire for work [to FN or Gordon?]

H1/ST/NC18/28/48 letter Jan 17 1900 from Barbados General Hosp to LM Gordon thanks from directors for willingness to co-op with them in receiving natives to be trained at the Nightingale Home and several more 1899 and 1900

H1/ST/NC18/28/49 letter of Jeanne E. Scherer 12 Av du Troc Paris Nov 21 1899 to HBC I do not know whether you remember me and the kindness you showed me last year re the tr of nurses at St T and how thanks to your rec the head sister there recd me and showed me and my friend so much that was useful.

We have taken a step since then and a nurses' tr home is at length going to be opened in Paris. I take the liberty to send you by this post the papers concerning this home, about wh I am again going to throw myself on your kindness and interest.

We have got some money together, have a flat in view, doctors favourable, found a lady to be head, small scale. The lady says she must go to London even if a short time to see the training home;

H1/ST/NC18/29/2 Wantage letter to Times 15 May 1900 re nursing in S Africa; 3 distinct classes of nursing sisters now employed in S African mil hops:

1. Those belonging to the Regular Army Nursing Service
2. Those enrolled in the Army Service Reserve, with quals similar
3. Those employed locally, and Br Red Cross com not resp

H1/ST/NC18/29/8 letter to FN from Georgina Franklin June 12 1901 from Govt Hosp Hong Kong Before me lies the difficult task of asking you a favour...emboldened by love of a work and the wish to continue it as long as possible--which owes so much to your fostering care. Desirous of devoting my days to nursing career, to soldiers for whose service I originally trained and for whom since temp duties in mil hosp at Rawalpindi ... In 1893 circs induced my acceptance of a post here, treatment of tropical diseases so constantly affecting our troops in India to wh place I shd like to go. One of the main difficulties re transference to Indian Army Nursing Service is my age (37), limit of 35; however your influence....Hong Kong may grant a pension after 10 years service. Climate in Hong Kong

H1/ST/NC18/29/10 ALP to HBC May 21 1901 from Mater Infirmorum Hosp Belfast re inv to attend (order is wrong) can't attend: "As to our dear Mother-Chief, the feeling grows always more tender and the appreciation of what she has done for the sick and of what she has been to us becomes ever more strong and clear, and is made now very moving by the thought

of her age and the weakness that must accompany it.

God be good to her. And may many noble lives be given to the work. I was so pleased to see the lines in the Hospital for her birthday...." New wreaths of reverence and love. Angélique Lucille Pringle

H1/ST/NC18/29/9 ALP to HBC June 17 1902 from Mater Infirmorum Hosp Belfast re inv to attend "the most tender remembrance of our chief, always so loving and careful for us, comes surging up with the thought of the yearly gathering"

H1/ST/NC18/29/12 27 Feb 1903 letter to HBC from Sra Bice Cammeo sec of Union Femminile We are going to open in Milan the first School for Nurses and we wish to study the most noble and perfect example in the matter that England has given us. asks help, statutes, progs, etc. and again 23 April 1903 from Bice Cammeo thanks for sending; HBC reply (copy) 4 April 1903

list: NC1 from FN

NC2 to FN

NC3 suppl H1/ST/NC3/SU1-57 re SJ and Crimea

SU58-169 McNeill; SU170-79 Riddell House

SU180/1-186 to Rachel Williams

SU181-225 misc incl some from FN

NC4 of interest

NC5 copies of letters (I have all it seems)

NC6 diary and Xmas cards

NC7 books, pamphlets and articles by FN

NC8 re Crimea

NC9 honours

NC10 memorials, etc

NC11 pageants and theatre

NC12

NC13 residence and burial

NC14 newspaper cuttings

NC15 reports re nursing insts

NC16 pamphlets re nursing

NC17 misc

NC18 HBC

H1/ST/NC18/23/1 FN letter, ink, with JS letter of same date on back

35 South St.

Park Lane W.

Dec 15/76

Herbert Hospl Nursing

My dear Dr Sutherland

I am extremely obliged to you for
your two letters of 13 Dec on this subject:
& as you desire me to reply by
this mornng, I do so, (tho' of course
only provisionally). [blue pencil] & somewhat hastily blue pencil

[I have of course consulted with
Mr Hy Bonham Carter.]

1. We should be disposed to accede
by way of compromise to your *No. 1*
viz. "in order to afford the Superintendt

"access to the x S. of S., she should

"be instructed to transmit all

"commns *thro' the P.M.O.* (who

"is Governor)"

x [This means of course to A.M.D.] Editor's note

2. "that the Orderlies be directed to

"receive instructions from the Nurse

"in all matters relating to the Sick.

"Complaints against Orderlies to be

"made to the *Med. Off. in charge.*"

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"[they are under *him* for discipline]"

We cannot help the Medical Officer
being made the referee for
complaints against Orderlies
but of course the complaints
will be made BY "THE SUPT"

except "*on emergency*" [See Reg 48

3. "Care to be taken that the 25 cases
 "are warded together."

Did they actually intend to give *spread*
about in wards or blocks the 25 cases?

~~cases~~ to one woman? or man either?

But even as 3 proposes, is the
Nurse to have charge of x. sq. inches
on No. A. Ward floor, & not of y. sq inches?

And supposing *Patients* on y. sq inches
not under her charge to secrete spirits,
&c &c &c under their mattresses to be
dirty &c &c or Orderlies either (things of daily occurrence
in Military Hospls where there are no

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trained Nurses) in beds next to
"her" beds.

is she to do nothing?

As you are aware, the Nurse (Sister)
should be distinctly *in charge of*
a Ward or Wards
as in Reg 41 reading "*shall*" for 'should'

It is scarcely necessary to explain
the reasons of this to *you*:

it makes of course the difference
between trained Hospital Nursing
and a bear garden.

4. "Complaints against Nurses to be
 "dealt with *by Supt.*"

Of course.

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II In reply to your desire that we should "consider & put down the terms" that "would ensure the "independent action of the Superintendt "in all matters connected with "Nursing":

we should be disposed, as above said, to accede by way of compromise to No. 1 & ~~that~~ we think that *with this modification* the Netley Regns

8 to 15 inclusive

23 & 24

40 to 45 inclusive

47, 48

&

52-54

seem to embody what is essential.

The 'Sister' to be distinctly *in charge*

{Nurse

of a Ward or Wards

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Mr Bonham Carter told Sir W. Muir & Dr Monro that we would

"endeavour to modify Netley Regns

"by way of compromise in order

"to some extent to meet their

"views as embodied in *new*

"Regns with regard to position

"of *P.M.O.*"

The above is a (provisional) sketch

of what we propose for this purpose.

[N.B. The *ration money* must be increased:

but Mr B.C. has, I believe, already sent in our calculation on this head.]

Would you be so good as to inform

Dr Monro that Mr Bonham Carter

will see him *on Monday* if

convenient to him?

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[pencil]
Pray believe me
(in some haste)
dear Dr Sutherland
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

FN letter, pen H1/ST/NC18/23/3 i

35 S. St.
Dec 26/76

Herbert Hospl
My dear HyBC

I return your Syllabus [I wish it
were a (Papal) 'Syllabus']

I cannot think of anything else to be
done but what you propose: viz.
to write such a letter, declining,
as will leave *an opening for a further
proposition.*

I feel this the desire for further possibilities the more because if
[blue pencil] we

are convinced that it does not
do, that it will never do, to put down 4 or 5 women among
00 or 500 men under the
same head as that of the men,
in Military Hospitals:

& if we are convinced that in all
Hospitals, Civil just as much as
Military, the Hospital administration
should never be in the hands
of the head of the Nursing Staff,
(on this Civil case all women, & therefore
the head is a woman)

*because it is found that the practical
friendly competition* (I will not say division)
of authority is ~~so~~ important: [see p. 2] [red pencil]
& it is practically known that

~~no~~ improvements are ~~ever~~ rarely made blue pencil
under one absolute authority,

(because 'public opinion' ~~ever~~ rarely comes in)

- if we are convinced of this, I think
we ought to fight even a losing battle

- for other women besides our own;
- & for the Hospitals themselves.
When I remember what hopes were
founded on Muir's Director Glship
by 'us', the Sidney Herbert party:
[were are 'we' now?] it is very
disappointing to find the same result
in the 3 instances I have known:
viz. the Army Medl School; the Army
Medl Warrant: the Nursing.
yrs ever
F.N.

FN letter, pencil H1/ST/NC18/23/4

Your Draft returned Dec 28/76
7 a.m.

My dear Hy BC

I have kept this 24 hours: & yet no light visits
me for making the "Remarks" desired:
because they the A.M.D. seem *to shift their ground* every time
we accept it.
I cannot therefore tell in the least how they will take
it. I trust it will be *considered an opening for further propositions*.
It is very good: & I think we ought certainly to
fight the battle. [I don't think they will understand
about the "units."] The only remark I have made

is: that I would put *last page instead of "OURSELVES"*
"our Trained Nursing" or "our Trained Nurses."
[It is really, without exaggeration, preposterous to
think of our submitting our *Trained Nursing*
to such an authority as *Dr Slaughter:*
when we find it all we can do at *St T's*
to maintain it against *their Superior Officers!!!*

You said that you supposed experience of
actual evil led Miss Stains to be so bitter/[insert here] against
such a subordination /as we too are so determined/

In this you are perfectly right:
I particularly wish just now to avoid telling long
stories & I will mention only one: she told me ~~the~~ one reason of her
leaving

The Herbert, among others, was this: a Nurse
a semi=lady, ~~late~~ engaged by Mrs. S. Stewart just
before she resigned engaged herself to be married to
a handsome young Orderly 20 years her junior:
- very likely a semi-gentleman too.

The woman was parted with à l'amiable:
but it was impossible afterwards to go into the wards without
being saluted by Orderlies, Serjeants, Medical Officers,
P.M.O., Capt. of Orderlies, everybody: with "*Why could*

you not let this poor woman marry this
respectable young man? (This is natural enough.)
Now here you are quite helpless: it is no use Dr
Slaughter being "*a moral man,*" as Dr Munro says:
Because - marriage is certainly "*moral.*"

This is only one thing:
The total want of power of ~~Superior~~ even first-rate Medical
Officers of appreciating the discipline which
makes up the "*moral*" or technical efficiency of
women is: *the thing.*] I will only add:
I earnestly trust that *your letter will not be*
considered final against. It ought not to be
2. Ought I to answer Dr Munro's letter?

H1/ST/NC18/23/

HERBERT *Hospital Quarters. Furniture &c &c*
Part II

State of Quarters ~~probably~~ very bad. They were ~~are~~
Occupied by *Married Serjeants'*
families after being a Cadet Hospl
~~probably~~ want thorough cleansing &
'Doing up'

Qurs were originally UNFURNISHED except
Kitchen, Sleeping Rooms, & Infirmary
Supt's rooms WHOLLY unfurnished
Dining Room had only *Barrack room chairs*
the Dining Table was a bench
no carpets anywhere

Eating services for Nurses NIL

no cups & saucers [they drank their teat
out of *Patients'* BROTH PORRINGERS ~~cups~~ !!!

No breakfast service of any kind
no knives or forks or spoons]

[ye Nurses used *Patients'* blackhandled & knives & forks]

Is the Supt to furnish her own quarters?

Infirmary was furnished for 3: but with

Hosp bed & bedding no carpets

Nurses Bed rooms furniture very fair

but where is that furniture now?

[I know where 13 presses are & some
tables: they were rescued] I suspect the rest gone

Must not *the Quarters* be not only THOROUGHLY CLEANSES
but also *properly furnished* before we send Nurses?

[on diagonal

This which is all as stated is put down more precisely
on other sheets

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7. *Dress* x?

The Herbert Hosp Regn dress was rather
ridiculous

the *St Thomas' Nurses' dress* is pretty

& suitable & might be made of *better material*
unless we invented something of *washing*
material which would be better
than either

Is there to be a *washing allowance?*. /Yes.

(There was none under Mrs S Stewart

(The nurses paid for the *washing*

Other was none under Mrs S Stewart.

The Nurses paid for their own washing

8. Who is to pay for the *Bed-linen & washing?*

(The Nurses paid for the *washing* of their

own *sheets, towels*
& bedcases &c &c !!
This is not as it should be

9. Who is to pay for the *Washing for Quarters?*
Table cloths, dusters & everything wanted
for use of quarters.
[Mrs S. Stewart used to pay it out of
her own pocket. Such a bad plan!]
Notes to 7. X Is the *Supt* to buy the *nurses' uniform?*
Or the nurses?
[At Netley they Nurses buy their own uniform
(Having an allowance for it.)
/Superintendent should do this
The consequence is: not two nurses are alike
was this *OUR* arrangement?]

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10. *General Servant* doubtful whether
one can do the work of those
large Quarters.
A *Charwoman* however might
easily be got in to do scrubbing.
/for special cleaning
11. *Infectious (women's) block* IN the Hospital
/Important/
smallpox, scarlet fever (women & children)
Is this to be under our Supt?
[I should very much deprecate it/at least at first
as I deprecated having it there at all.]
(Mrs S. Stewart paid te Nurses out of her own pocket.)
12. *Ward Sculleries.* The allowance of *firing*
Firing: (coal & wood) used to be so inadequate
that *no hot water* could be had in
the evening for fomentations &c &c
or Beef Tea warmed or &c &c
unless in the *general Kitchen*
afterwards the allowance of firing was
stopped altogether
& no hot water could be had but
from Kitchen
this is *most objectionable*
we must stipulate *for our Nurses*
that there should be a *sufficient*
allowance of firing to have *fire*
in the *ward sculleries day & night*
and firing allowance ditto ditto so scanty that
it never lasted after 6 p.m. & in the bitter cold
winter mornings *Patients & Nurses* suffered severely

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13 *Supernumerary Nurse very desirable*
I advised Miss Stains not to ask for one
yet: & it did occur to me, tho I
did not of course say so to her
that we might in times of emergency
supply a *temporary* supernumerary
It would be capital practice for
our young ladies *under* HER

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Indeed, do you know, I am afraid
we shall have a *great deal* to do
for them
As soon as Sir Wm Muir can answer some of these questions
Must not Mrs Wardroper & Miss Stains
(Or someone from us) to go down soon
to look at state of quarters, Furniture
& the 1001 things necessary to be done, before we *can*
properly send in a *proper* nursing Staff?
[N.B. *Miss Stains* has not a farthing
of her own.] [use this for hosp]

H1/St/NC18/23/7 Herbert Hosp Contractor's Prices.

Partial letter (or cont?) H1/ST/NC18/23/5 input, get scan (prob with
H1/ST/NC18/23/2 of 18 Dec 1876)

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N.B. We have ourselves probably erred on the one
side as the A.M.D. is now erring on
the other.

We have stood to the *theory*
as they are now standing to the [blue pencil 2 lines insert]
opposite theory / that the Supt
is to be supreme over the women;
& *not* to be responsible to the administrative
authority which manages the rest of the
Hospital: but to some authority *OVER BOTH*:
& we have so little attended ot the *practice*
or rather to training *her* for the *practice* - for knowing
what she is to say & *what* she is to do:
i.e. ~~for~~ to training her for this *friendly competition*. [end ver]

--for good judgment, in short, or
knowing *how far* & *how* the theory
is to be pressed & in what practices or cases: blue pencil
that I am afraid we must say that
every one of our Supts whom we
have appointed as Supts has failed

LMA misc paper i

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[blue pencil] more or less, some utterly, in carrying the theory into practice *with judgement*.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/23/6 FN notes on Herbert Hosp Quarters nd. get scan

H1/ST/NC18/23/20 FN letter pen

35 S. St.

Dec 18/76

My dear HyBC

P.S I have (you ask) Mrs Wardr's & Miss Hill's &c
M.S. Reports for 1876 with papers included:
& will return them to you.

Dr Munro:

1. Will you not show him that we feel, as a
breach of faith to us, their offer, nay request,
to each of the 2 Nurses at the Herbert
to remain untrained.

N.B. Nurse Kate has been 8 years (not 15) in
Hospital Nursing.

I look upon it as absolutely impossible that

untrained she could remain & obey a new
(trained) Supt: after having been 8 years
under one who knew & did nothing
except Linen. An Angel could not do
it.

2. I send my letter to *Dr Munro* for you
also *Dr Sutherland's* & my letter for reference as you desired.

3. I have sent for & received *Col. Clark Kennedy's*
Report: but it has only one Para. about
the governing authority
of Genl Hospitals.

An I think there must be another Report
of his about *Nursing*.

I will however send this to your house.

It is the only office copy: & must be returned.

F.N.

H1/ST/NC5/6 Z. Cope re Alice Fisher letters, and refs to Lucy Seymer
seeing them. typed copies from 45804-06

H1/ST/NC6/3/2 FN New Year's card for E.H. Pringle
Miss Pringle
with
Florence Nightingale's
very best
New Year's wishes
for 1883
My Grace is sufficient

H1/ST/NC6/12 FN annotation booklet, Margaret Scott Haycraft. Remember the Lord, and other poems. London: J.E. Hawkins, Mildmay House n.d.
Sister Victoria (Miss Elkington)
with F. Nightingale's
Christmas love
1893

H1/St/NC6/9 FN Xmas card booklet The Better Land, by Mrs Hemans. ill C. Noake:
Have we not the
"better land"
to bring about us here?
on Christ's birth-day?
[to] Miss Allardyce
(Sister Clayton)
[from] Florence Nightingale
with her very best
Christmas wishes
1893

H1/ST/NC6/5 FN annotated Xmas booklet, Oliver Wendell Holmes Remembrance,
Miss Pringle
[from] Florence Nightingale
with fondest remembrance
& love
Christmas 1896

H1/ST/NC6/10 FN Xmas booklet, Charlotte Murray, Heaven-Light for Earth-Shade
Sister Florence (Miss Allardice)
Christmas
1897

from Florence Nightingale. Note presented to the Nightingale School by the Lady Riddell, née Allardice

H1/ST/NC6/11 FN Xmas booklet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Remembrance
[to] Miss Peter
[from] Florence Nightingale
Christmas 1896

FN account book
quarter's Account ending March 31/56
£429.11.4 ½ H1/ST/NC8/6, bills paid, wages etc.

Für Feste und Freund der Inneren Mission. heft 14: Johanna Trome
[?] Florence Nightingale eine Samariterin nach dem Herzen Gottes. Berlin:
sent by the author. 16 pp old script H1/ST/NC12/8

A Pageant & Masque on the Evolution of Training Nursing and the right of Life to Health. designed by Mrs Bedford Fenwick, words M. Mollett. pamphlet. Hygeia. 12 pp. dreadful

H1/ST/NC12/6 Minet, Wm. Future of the Nightingale Fund, proposing a scheme for training nurses as administrators 19 Feb 1913.

work must be training; be national; as it was the pioneer of skilled nursing, so shd it endeavour again to become in any new departure it may take. The want of the nursing world today? Normal training is provided; the larger hosps now do for themselves what we have taught them to do; and our school can claim to do no other, and perhaps no better work than they. We must therefore look wider afield than mere training. demand for higher posts, matron, supts, inspectors, under PL, ins, factor and educ acts. require special admin ability. "I propose then that we shd become pioneers in a work that no one has yet undertaken by giving to certain selected nurses who have passed through the normal course a further tr in the prs of admin." 3 or 4 each year. to continue in conj with St T; at end of normal tr apply annual surplus to give certain nurses a further year's tr. [seems he did not know of FN's hopes to do this." Must pay a salary, maintain the nurse; have to pay fees. The total of these will form the value of the scholarships we are offering. quasi scholarships. not competitive. selection mt be made by council on consultation with matron, home sister and teachers. Several alternative subjects for this post-grad course; idea shd be very little, if indeed any, nursing in it; but admin and soc or social ec. "I am confident the wishes of Miss Nightingale in doing something to advance the higher tr of nurses, and in preparing a proportion of Nightingale nurses to fill the higher admin posts open to the profession." for ambitious woman who hopes to rise to the higher posts; wd also attract the best class; wd add to prestige of the Nightingale School "and wd help to make it again, as it has been in the past, the foremost of the national tr schools." wd strengthen connection with St T. submitted to council

H1/ST/NC18/26/50 1 May 1882 Dr Thomas W. Grimshaw wrote HBC with satisfaction of Committee of Governors of Steevens Hospital, that Miss Franks, appointed 1 July 1879, began work 1 September, instituted training and 26 nurses trained to date, 14 in the hosp, three at other insts, three in nursing poor at home, six in private nursing, eight probationers in training with printed rules and applic form for nurses, Dublin Nurses' Training Institution, 26 Usher's Quay, under Steevens Hospital H1/NC18/26/51-1-2

H1/ST/NC18/27/56 re candd for N School, Tokyo Hospital, letter of Wm Anderson to HBC 31 Dec 1887, learns from Pringle with regret that not considered advisable to entertain the applics of the Japanese candd who desire to be admitted as probs to St T (explains why shd be), the first and only hosp in the capital K. Takaki, on staff of inst and formerly a distinguished pupil of St T; our hosp has been the English centre of the educ of the new school of Jp surgeons, and their desire to adopt our nursing system, so 2 of their nurses dispatched to London; will be a disappointment to be excluded; difficulties from death during voyage to England of the person with whom sent from Japan, Sir Francis Plunkett, min to Japan, now in England and him;

H1/ST/NC18/33 see 28-33, 1875

printed The Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor. lists patrons vice presidents archbp of Canterbury, Ld mayor of London, earl of Sh; trustees; duke of Westminster, Thos Brassey MP and Frederick Mocatta; lists council; duke of Westm is chair; duke of Northumberland, Baron Lionel de Rothschild, A.H. Brown MP, Charles Shrimpton; Andrew Johnston, W Rathbone, Russell Sturgis, R Wigram vice chair, Robt Hanbury; Mrs Danby Harcourt; Feb 6 1876; more printed papers of

National Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor in their own Homes and the East-End Nursing Assoc; we want: 1. a fresh supply of women; 2 fresh and more perfect means of training them; 3 the force, human and pecuniary, wh will enable us to turn the supply of women to the best account; has Memo of position of affairs; conditional offers made by Miss Nightingale and by the East London Nursing Society; 3 offer made by "a friend of Miss Nightingale" to enable the Amalgamated Assocs to entertain her offer; 9 June 1875; signed by E. Lechmere and R. Wigram

bundle of Rathbone letters to FN not seen!

H1/ST/NC18/33/28 11 June 1875

H1/ST/NC18/33/29a 18 June 1875

H1/ST/NC18/33/30 letter 3 July 1875 sorry to hear from Wigram that Miss Pyne declines to come to them; seems ladies want a trained supts and inspector of outdoor nursing in Manchester, as their present matron has all her time absorbed by private nursing

Rathbone letter to FN had satisfactory interview with duke of Westminster, consented to be chair of assoc; wants her to write a letter of intro to Burdett Coutts

H1/ST/NC18/33/31a Lees letter to FN "My dearest friend & Queen" Overworked as you are, I hardly like to add to your many burdens, but *without* you, what can I do? When I first heard of the plan you proposed and the conditions annexed, my heart sank within me--it seemed so utterly impossible.

Will you therefore be patient with me, if I venture to ask you once more whether indeed I am capable of doing this work? If I may--as your pupil and delegate, come to you almost daily for instructions?

[I know how great a tax this will be upon our time and strength-but how else has such powers of gains? or can give such clear, wise and yet womanly counsel? And, before undertaking this work, may I ask your counsel and advice upon the minor details of furnishing the future "Home" dress of the D. Nurses &c?

In spite of the Home sickness that comes over me, when I think of leaving my mother - I find myself "making dreams" of the future "Home" that I may be able to make for myself and for those who are to live and work in it with me.

If I am able to carry out even *half* the dreams I have formed of future work, I much doubt whether I could ever give it up. But, as you

know, my life has been such an unsettled one--that although "nursing" like a silver thread, has hitherto run through all my wanderings, yet nevertheless this scant life has had a freedom of its own, which being tied down to any sort of work could never give. And then--without being rich--having just enough money to live and travel with is rather against any useless mortal's "settling down." I am therefore going to accept this work for two years. But dearest friend & "Mistress," it much indeed be *under* you that I undertake it. I must report to you almost daily, and learn from you how I am to meet and surmount the difficulties that must surround a work of this kind at the beginning. Up till the day before yesterday I had been wicked enough to hope that "the big scheme" might never be carried out--it seemed to me so impossible to obtain from the public the large sums required! But now I have little doubt both that the work will be done, and *is doing*..... with sincerest affection & esteem I remain, ever your most devoted and attached friend, subject of & pupil, Florence S. Lees

H1/ST/NC18/33/33 hard to read Burdett Coutts to FN July 4/75

H1/ST/NC18/33/34a Rathbone to FN 7 July 1875

H1/ST/NC18/33/40 Metro and national report; Robt Wigram vice chair, G.T. Biddulph, HBC, Isaac Butler, Andrew Johnson, ETK Fortescue members of exec committee

H1/ST/NC22/4/1 FN pencil note on card

III Life of Christ 4

Feast of Tabernacles - Xt goes up	John VII 1-
If any man desires to do His will &c v. 17	} " 14-36
He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory 18	}
In Jerusalem: at the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles"	"
If any man thirst, let him come unto me & drink	} " 37-end
Are we glorifying Jesus? If not, we shall not have}	" VIII 1
the Holy Spirit	" 2-11
Women taken in adultery - Jesus' lesson to us all	
Discourses: I am the light of the world (over)	" 12-20
I do nothing of myself - I always do those	" 21-29
things that please Him - death = carelessness	-30
hardness	30-39

He sent me	
The Blind Man cured	John IX 1-12
" " brought before the Pharisees	" 13-34
" " Jesus	" 35-41
Discussions: The Good Shepherd	} X 1-5
Jews' chatter " " "	} " 6-18
	" 19-27

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(over, 1)

I am the light of the world -

John VIII 13-20

I judge no man-& yet if I judge my judgment is true } see
 for I am not alone but I & my Father which sent me } XVI 32
 [Am I alone or is it I and my Father?] } VIII 16
 If we know Jesus, we know God: & God & Jesus } " 19
 will come & dwell in us } XIV 8,9
 (the greatest Event in our Lives) } " 22.23

Book of Confirmation Lessons H1/ST/NC22/4/1 March 21 1889, some of these have FN notes in them, one is copied clean from FN's card above.

First Communion May 19 89

[FN]

Life of Christ, Birth & Childhood

(2) Life of Christ down to the first Passover

(3) II Life of Christ. 1st Passover

III Life of Christ - 4

Bowman writes "my dear friend"

H1/ST/NC22/3 is relic of hair, but whose? from gravesite at FN's funeral in?

have to do good search for A.E. Jones letters to FN testifies to improvements made by Agnes Jones and nurses H1/ST/NC/18/7/70

H1/ST/NC6/2 FN card to Mrs Fellowes (beautiful)

May God fulfill this} for my dear friend

& every New Year's wish} Mrs Fellowes

[at bottom]

& give this for her ever loving

Dec 29 1882 Florence Nightingale

note: recd on board *Carthage* Xmas 1882. Alexandria

H1/ST/NC6/3/2 FN Xmas card for Pringle:

Miss Pringle

with Florence Nightingale's

best wishes & humble prayers

for the highest blessings

of the New Year 1884

on her & her work

wherever she is

H1/ST/NC6/4 FN Xmas card for AL Pringle

Miss Pringle

"Little Sister"

Florence Nightingale's

tender Christmas love

1894

printed report. National Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor. Sub-com of reference and enquiry. 1875.

H1/ST/NC15/11 letter to FN from Farr July 30 1863, Gen Reg re 2 reports

exceedingly good. The London is the true model, or rather will become so, by publishing the complete table II and with JS notes

H1/ST/NC15/11/2b with Statistical Tables of the Patients Under Treatment in the Wards of the London Hospital during 1862, by Morrell Mackenzie. London: Eden Fisher 1863

H1/ST/NC15/27 printed report. Maison de Santé Protestante de Bordeaux. fondée 1863. 7 to 21 rue Cassagnol, 62 rue Laroche.

Florence Lees. Report on the Lazarettos (Field Hospitals) and Stationary Military Hospitals in the Franco-German War. Long account (destroyed) of the want of supplies and conveniences and the refusal of the Johanniter to give anything out of their large stores, of which no inventories were kept. Some cases of supplies being given by them to officers for orphans and deaconesses and medical men, but never for the wounded, for whom they were intended. Membership of "Order" of St John was paid for as a distinction and privilege. Many unauthorized "members." Then a manuscript. partial. with underlining by FN. and comments in red pencil. at reference to training of at least six months in some hospitals. FN: The danger is of lowering the *standard* of nursing & training (in hospitals) *generally* by this system. At powers given to "lady visitor" FN comment? in *Feld* or Stationary Lazarettos? At Sister in charge. FN: ? How about "Lady Visitors," in Lazarettos where were *no* Nurses or 'Sister-in-charge'? - were they not useful at Sedan &c &c?

H1/ST/NC5/3/16 typed extract from General Grey's letter Balmoral Sept 21 1856 to Mrs Grey

Miss Nightingale comes here today to dine and sleep that she may have a good opportunity of speaking to Lord Panmure who also arrives.

I cannot quite make out what important changes she wd suggest, for it is clear to me that individuals far more than systems have been in fault.

I have just seen confidential reports of the French and Russians losses during the war. The former out of 230,000 men who first and last landed in the Crimea, lost about 70,000 by actual death, or about 30 percent. We out of 97,000 men lost about 21,000 or about 21 percent, reckoning all in round numbers the Russians own to a loss of 300,000 men in the Crimea.

[22] Sept 1856 Balmoral (no date) We had Miss Nightingale here yesterday and were all much pleased with her quiet retiring manner. Indeed the way she has avoided all notoriety since her return to England deserves all praise, and her example might have been followed with advantage by many of our generals. She was here an hour with the queen and prince, and after the queen went, the prince called Sir George (Clark?) (Jas?) and myself in, and we had a long conversation on our hospital system generally. I was amused to hear her talk in the most natural regimental slang of the PMO (principal medical officer) etc. She described a state of great confusion for want of anybody to give orders, but it does not seem to me to be the least the fault of our system that this state of things existed, but to the want of individual energy,

beginning at the head.

She is not the least pretty, and has a sort of nervous twitch of the mouth, but she looks very ladylike and has a nice gentle manner. She is staying with the Clarks at Birk Hall.

Oct 2 1856. We had luncheon at Birk Hall and I sat by Miss Nightingale with whom I had again some very interesting conversation. I was rather cautious at first about saying that I thought we had overdone the thing immensely as regards the comfort of the men, but found to my surprise she quite agreed with me. She admitted the great superiority of our hospitals and system to the French, but thought we might learn something from the Sardinians. The result of all my conversations with her is to convince me that though some forms may be simplified, it is not the system that is so muchgeneral ignorance of their duties.

Oct 5 1856. Miss N has left us this aft. [So, FN failed to convince him]

H1/ST/NC8/9 Account of sums recd and expended by Miss N. on account of nurses in the East

1854. 2 cols, debit and credit

total 3815.7.6 and lists of payments

account book. Quarter's account ending March 31/56 £429.11.4½

H1/ST/NC8/6

includes Sacrament Xmas Day 2/6

nurses' new year's "tree" 1.10.6

Lady Alicia Blackwood 25.0.0

Dumont up to 25 July 4.0.0

Payments to nurses

adv to Mr Black for milk

8 boat on board "Ottawa

passage for one of the "Allobroges to Corfu" 6.11.0

Turk's wages 6 days 13.0

Tobacco 78 okes at 15/pi/bird seed

1 case lemons, 1 case oranges

payment for Roberts, Robert, Stanley, Horan, Mara, Buckle, Vickery, Clover, Brownlow, Skinner, Salisbury, Angela & Co.

Mourning for Janet Girvan

Drake's tomb 11.10.0

Robt Robinson

Edwin Willoughby

Valerio for Pincoffs café

H1/ST/NC12/4 AL Pringle obs re FN and her own nurse training, at Sydney NSW 23 Aug 1911. 86 Ms pages On a visit at Sydney NSW, at a public school, headmaster begged to speak to the girls, gave recollections on 25th the girls. After the compelling attraction of her figure in the Crimea, which fixed her indelibly on the mind in childhood, my judgment was won, as a girl, by her teachings in "Notes on Nursing" which I followed diligently. Then, just when circumstances enable me to respond to it, came the invitation in "Una" to embrace nursing as a calling, and I went to her training school as early as I cd be recd. August 1868 admitted, in temp quarters at Surrey Gdns, in existence 8 years. Lofty wards, long verandahs on one side. Sisters had rooms adj their wards.

Res med off had a house at the gate. Rigorous order. Mrs Wardroper, represented Miss Nightingale in our daily life. Whitfield had drawn up a comprehensive series of questions for the pupils wh each was expected to answer in writing at the end of the first year and each had to exhibit to him then a set of splints, lined and of the various bandages in use. He directed our note taking in special cases. He liked us to ask questions of him when he was making his rounds, had some excellent lessons from him. We had lectures also then from Mr le Gros Clarke, Dr Peacock and Dr Bernays, all charmingly clear and practical. Had to give Mr Whitfield notes of some of those lectures or to answer questions upon them in writing, and if a pupil did well in surgical subjects he was keenly disappointed if she showed less interest on the med side. Above all we were all taught the care of helpless patients.

Supple tr for district nurses. Private nursing of the sick did not enter into her scheme. Others were providing for that. Engagement given

In the circs of the time inevitable that pupils of both grades had to undertake resps with very insufficient experience. This belongs to pioneering days everywhere. The old style of nurse disappeared more rapidly than the new cd be trained. Hosps all around woke up at once to their deficiencies and ...had recourse to the N School for a staff. Scarcity of good cand's owing to the discredit into which the work of hosp nursing had fallen in our country; it was only by slow degrees it came to be recognized as a career open to and calling for well brought up women.

Mrs W in close contact. I think Miss N saw all the appl papers of promise and some exam papers or notes submitted to her and monthly reports of progress. In any cases she saw them and continued to comm with them.

Many unsuitable women, came and went at brief intervals. At end of year re-est of mil nursing wh had been allowed to decline almost to extinction, and Highgate. Netley, Woolwich. Miss Stains bravely came to the school, supt at Wolverhampton and Liverpool RI,

The Abyssinian War called attention to the lapse in mil nursing.

Just when fighting over Dr Deeble, 2 I c of Med Dept, fell victim himself, left wife and 4 ch. Mrs Deeble... 6 N nurses given to Mrs Deeble; Sister Lennox, from the Zambezi with Bishop Mackenzie; Mrs Strong. Lots on Highgate. Pringle was friends with Deeble and Torrance so kept up with Highgate and Netley

June 1871 new St Thomas' on embankment formally opened by queen, now 600 patients from 220, hard to have efficient staff ready
55: visits to Claydon

from Crimea show FN victorious in the nobler warfare. Crossing a court carrying a pitcher of hot arrowroot a med off on horseback addressed her with an outburst of violent abuse. Mad no reply put her pitcher on the ground and stood waiting till he came to an end of his tirade. Then w/o a word or a sign of resentment she lifted her burden and went on her way. Nor did she make any report on complaint of the matter. But someone reported it to Sir John McNeill and the assailant was called to account, and to the best of my recollection was dismissed.

26-30 on origins of ERI

66: Mrs Gladstone visiting Edinburgh for her husband, recounted sitting

with FN on watching return of Eg soldiers. There were tears in her dear eyes as the poor ragged fellows marched past.

Prayer was her resource in her own troubles and ours.

Pringle's return to St T. 76: she was prompt in perceiving any deviation in action from the aims of her school. Gifts for comforts. Children. Conva sister from typhoid. Her leaving in 1890. 82: when ALP went to Ireland to train for poor reconciled, she told Lady Monteagle. Nice account.

85-86 Very many years ago when she had asked me to undertake to see that if she outlived her powers of active usefulness she shd be placed in a workhouse Inf, that she mt at least give some young nurses there experience in tending the old and infirm. Of course I cd not accede to this. Beautiful care surrounded her when she cd no longer choose.

I saw her last in February 1910. She was sitting up by the fire in the familiar room her mind evidently busy with happy thoughts and once or twice she spoke in a tone of satisfaction. Her room was as comfortable and beautiful as she wd have wished it for another patient...Miss Bosanquet crowned her other kindnesses to me by writing when the peaceful end had come and telling me of it all that cd be told.

86: ALP last visit to FN

H1/ST/NC12/4/ ALP "Miss Nightingale: A Contribution" handwritten recollections, 29 pp, followed by extracts Feb 10 1908. Recounts Crimean and Una influence. 5: The war was indeed but an interlude. Poor in hosps and infirmaries....no provision for nursing for private. 8: Una brought some recruits to the school. Age range. Prayers read in the home morning and evening. Much informal hymn singing. Mrs W a good churchwoman, undertook music in the chapel on Sundays.

12: in 1868 there were still old style watchers, elderly women on duty for night, duplicating Mrs Gamp. Mr Whitfield in effect med supt.

H1/ST/NC9/1 Wir Willhelm, von Gottes Gnaden König von Preussen. Das Verdienst Kreuz für Frauen und Jungfrauen 18 Junni 1871, fine doc

July 21 1872 H1/ST/NC18/11/30 letter to Wardroper, from Godfrey Wedgwood, Barlaston, Stone, Staffordshire. The North Staffordshire Inf is in want of a lady to fill the office of supt of nurses. We have a new inf, in an excellent situation, on a hill with a country aspect. It is built on the pavilion plan, for 200 beds. Our present average of inpatients is 140 about. The lady wd be independent except of the weekly com, in her office, wd have the charge of the nursing dept and laundry about 32 or 34 servants in all, and have no charge of the domestic part of the establishment. We offer £60 a year with rooms, board and washing. From the surrounding mining country we have many severe accidents; there is very good practice for nursing therefore. As we have a large dissenting neighbourhood it is desirable not to have a lady with very pronounced religious views who might give offence by any injudicious use of her authority. I shall esteem it a favour if you know of any lady likely to take such an office and adapted for it, if you will recommend her to us. I will then send her a copy of our rules and take up all farther corr.

H1/ST/NC18/11/31 Wedgwood Barlaston now to HBC, re his of 26th, will bring to com meeting. This a detailed letter (evidently HBC responded to letter to Wardroper), re divided jurisdiction of supt, re "lady class". Thanks you again for your remarks, which backed by such high authority as Miss Nightingale will receive due consideration by our com. If wants to see, shall be glad, accept a bed here. Thanks for N report

H1/ST/NC18/11/32 Louisa Lee Schuyler to HBC New York 19 West 31st Feb 9 1872. In a ftnote to Miss Nightingales Intro (Una and her Paupers) to the Memorials of Miss Agnes E Jones, those who are interested in the subject are requested to apply to you for "Regulations about nurses."

Will you be kind enough to send me the printed rules, and whatever you can let me have, that will give both general and detailed info upon the subject of trained nurses.

H1/ST/NC18/11/52 Ralph Hordley letter to HBC July 4 1872 with advert for matron, answers questions of HBC 170 beds, besides detached fever wards (16 beds) nursing staff 12 nurses, 5 probs and 8 wardmaids; supt has separate sitting room and bedroom; housekeeper etc. (Favourable conditions)

H1/St/NC18/11/56 letter to HBC Feb 8 1873 from Godfrey Wedgwood to HBC for Stafford, nursing inst Lichfield Diocesan Nursing Assoc; memorial hosp of 12 beds on grounds of North Staff Inf, as an incurable inf (in mem), Sir Smith Child, not done, cd be a nurses' home for nursing inst, modeled on Lincoln, Miss Harding

Feb 10/73 letter to HC embossed

letter to HBC 13 Feb 1873 12 Spring Gardens SW re trained nurses religious sisterhood, from W.S. Sargeant? FN comment orange pencil
Many would ~~offer~~ "be willing"
a few or none would I choose.
I have o doubt miss
Merryweather would
offer a dozen.
23/2 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/61 April 1 [1873]

FPV to HBC Florence says better send enclosed to you, if can help Mr Norris rector of Buckingham wd be obliged; HBC: no one to recommend.
FN comment: I am afraid it is
no use. I think
very highly of Dr Laseron's place now
But they have not one to spare
They supply Aberdeen, Perth & elsewhere
with Hospital nurses. 28/5/73 F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/11/64 July 21 1873 Edward Balfour, 6 Cleveland Gdns Hyde Park to Wardroper. In Madras there has been a midwifery school since the year 1843, in which European and East Indian women and native women have been

trained as midwives and recd diplomas. In 1871 I obtained the sanction of govt to form a nurse class. A stipend is given to each of the pupils in the nurse and midwifery classes. They are taught daily by the medical warrant officer of the hosps, the lying-in hosp and the gen hosp, and by the Matron of the lying in hosp.

First 6 months...I have also had them taught vaccination. The difference between the Nightingale system and that of Madras seems to me to be that the Nightingale nurses are trained with an object of serving in hosps. Here to be independent practitioners and spread them over country. ...Nagpor, Deesa, Calcutta, Bombay. I thank you for the papers which I have read over with great interest. Can you obligingly favour me with the number of pupils of all grades now in the hosp with their stipends.

H1/ST/NC18/11/66 Wm Ogle to HBC Sept 18 1873. Hosp bd may be proposing to erect new hosp bldgs, Ogle "in the habit of quoting from the book in question is the highest authority upon the subject whenever I make suggestions for our further improvement." have already erected new and altered old bldgs to extent of £23,000, they inclined to receive her recs.

H1/ST/NC18/11/72 has printed advert for Employment as Infirmary Nurses. Vacancies in their tr school at the Highgate Inf

H1/ST/NC18/11/75 Georg Fliedner to HBC from Kai 1873

H1/St/NC18/11/77 from Thena Rourke, acting hon sec, Ulster Hosp for Sick Children, re Mrs McIntosh letter

H1/St/NC18/11/78 Robt Longman to HBC, for a trained nurse £16 per year with uniform. Reply asks for more particulars

Boston Cottage Hosp 18 March 1875 from W.H. Wheeler, to HBC for a nurse 12 bed hosp, H1/St/NC18/11/79

H1/ST/NC18/11/82 Dec 10 1874 H.W. Rumsey, MD, FRS, Priory House, Cheltenham to HBC re his of 3 Dec with FN's "very valuable paper, which I am glad to possess a copy of, and to refer to when engaged in the work of the National Assoc for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor." the com, org founded by St John of Jerusalem Hospitaliers proceeded on pr of inviting co-op of insts engaged in supplying this nec, esp of sisterhoods done their work admirably; but I see no reason why they mt not co-operate under Miss Nightingale's system. Our great pr is comprehensiveness of effort, influenced by Christian charity, and guided by scientific instruction.

H1/ST/NC18/11/92 from Belmont Belfast, 19 Oct 1876. My friend Dr W MacCormac of Harley St. and St T tells me an interesting doc from Miss Nightingale has been issued, and that you would prob favor me with a copy. In the infirmary and hosp of Belfast Workhouse, we have in ordinary times some 3000 crowded together. I am objecting to the system of sending in from the country district round about into the town. The

town, a manuf place and seaport, contains upwards of 200,000 inhabs, wh wd furnish sufficient sick and infirm for an est. I wish to get reports to sustain my objections to the overcrowding into an unhealthy atmosphere. I wish the country sick attended to in their own district. Thomas McClure. I am well content to be out of the Parliament.

H1/ST/NC18/11/97 26 Aug 1874 to Wardroper. Feeling a deep interest in the extension of schools for the tr of nurses, asks for any info or publ statements on St T. It seems to me that we mt and shd have in connection with each of our large hosps a tr school for nurses where they cd be educated for their important duties. We in Canada look to England for our guidance. Old country is home. Daniel M Gordon

H1/ST/NC6/1 copy of pages from Rossignol

Excerpts from La Vie de Florence Rossignol, 4 folios, not FN hand
H1/ST/NC6/01/001-002:

6 Mlle Christie est venue passer quelque tems avec nous, elle s'allelait Mde Marsh, elle etait une si bonne dame, et je l'aimais tant; elle était veuve, avait eu beaucoup de malheurs, ayant perdu sa fille unique, et puis sa nièce, elle adopta la famille de cetter nièce et soigna cinq des enfans en consommations et elles sont mortes l'une après l'autre, mais loin d'être triste et sombre après tous ses malheurs, elle est plus gaie qu'une jeune personne, et égaie tout le mond, excepté quand elle parle de ses nièces et alors elle pleure. Lucy Whitby, dont j'ai parlée est une de la famille qu'elle a adopté. Le vingt-neuf de September Mde Marsh,, ma soeur, Clémence et moi dans la petite voiture et Mlle Christie sur le bidet, somme allées à Wingfield, Mlle Christie était devant, quand nous voyons une troupe d'homme près de la barrière, qui regardaient un autre qui etait ivre, et qui voulait monter un âne bien obstiné qui [breaks off]

10: Me Marsh. Les deux dernières la soutenaient, pendant que les six autres tiraient son bras pour remettre les os à leurs places. Je crois que l'opération dura un quart d'heur, et elle criait, cette pauvre demoiselle, car cela lui fesait horriblement mal, et nous, qui étaients enfermées sans chandelle, nous pleurions. Enfin, cela cesse, et Mde Marsh vient nous dire en pleurant que tout était fini et que Mlle C. nous demandait, nous sommes allées, elle était assise dans un grand fauteuil, car elle s'était presque trouvée mal; nous avons vu Wootton, qui disait que cela lui perçait le coeur d'entendre crier Mlle Christie. Cette mê nuit Clémence a couché avec elle, et elle ne dort pas du tout, son bras lui fesait tant de mal. Le lendemain elle s'est levée à trois heures de l'après-midi, et tous les jours elle allait de mieux en mieux, et en se leevant de meilleure heure, le medecin la voit de

H1/ST/NC2/V6/71 JS to FN on War Office embossed. 6/5/71. I have read these letters with much interest and now return them. If the Geneva Conv were fully acted on, neither the Johanniter nor any other local body could interfere.

The Red Cross could only deal with the reps of govt. But the Prussian needs were so much greater than their means, and the Johr being already

in existence as a fanciful corps and the Prussians appear to have delegated to them the proper duties of supply and hence they claimed a right to pidge? Of all necessities except where they were in a weak minority. But this cd be met in any revision. I suppose it wd have to be that each nation reserves the right of helping its own sick and wounded, but mt accept supplies when and illeg or mt hand over its illeg pr tem to those who had the means. It will require much consideration.

My only reason for proposing a limit may work to the medical papers was that Lord Sh's note mentioned them only and then your letter of yesterday mentioned about Mr Lloyd. I didn't wish to limit my share by any means. But if there were any jealousy it mt be removed in some such way.

What an awful state of things these letters reveal. They may have fever or plague at Versailles and elsewhere in France. They are simply killing each other by every engine in their power.

H1/ST/NC2/V7/71 14 mai 1871 Mme de Stael to FN Je ne saurois m'adresser a vous comme une etrangere car je vous aime depuis longtems. Je suis a Londres pour quelques jours et je serois heureuse de vous serrer la main. J'ai subi une demande a vous faire. Mais Sir Harry Verney a qui j'ai exprime mon desir de vous voir et Mme Mohl ... Malade depuis longtemps je sais...le fatigue a le problem et je crois que

Je viens de lire le Memorial to *Miss Jones* .. Je crois que le preface a ce livre lui meme pourrent faire beaucoup de bien. Je m'e?? A vous pour obtenir le permission de le traduire avec le secours d'une amie qui ? L? Admirablement bien.

H1/ST/NC2/V10/72 Braxton Hicks to FN April 13/72. I think the return is very satisfactory on the whole, and does away with a fear I always entertained that the midwives wd practically avoid making returns worth anything.

I think that 2 at least out of the first 4 columns mt be omitted in the "report." I shd think the number and date sufficient. Also the col "Hours surgeon called in" mt for the ... Also if space is important mt not the col (Duration) be omitted, inasmuch as it wd be probably included in the "result."

It wd make the report more readily readable to place a bracket over those cols which have reference to one event [sets out] and red lines for the perpendiculars. However this is immaterial. I have already collected some stats of private practice and am promised more. Whenever you want to close yr MS please write me, till then I shall continue to collect them and shall have always ready those I have collected. I send you a paper wh may collaterally interest you on the stats of midwy ops.

H1/ST/NC2/V12/72 Rathbone to FN 23 May 1871. I have urged Mr Stansfeld to make some arrs for training at the expense of the Poor Law Board a certain number of nurses, say 20 in London and 20 in Liverpool, in the two workhouse hosps whose system of nursing sprang from the Nightingale School. He has asked me to put my suggestion on paper and seems very willing to consider it.

Now, what I want is simply that these two workhouse hosps shd do for

the workhouse hosps what the Nightingale School at St T is doing for private hosps. Before drawing up any proposal I shd like to hear from you if *you have any suggestion to make or warning to give.* (FN und) If you have not, pray do not take the trouble of answering this letter. I shall not send in the sugg until after this week so as to give time for the receipt of suggs from Liverpool or elsewhere.

Who is the best man to obtain info from about the London district workhouse hosp and what is the proper name of the hosp?...FN orange pencil: I wrote the name of Highgate Infy and the name of Mr [W.H.] Wyatt. F.N.

H1/ST/NC2/V26/71 letter to FN from "Justice Grant" post mark 23 Sept 1871.

I beg pardon the trespass on your time by a stranger, but as a friend of your nurses at St Thomas I address you, your hon name and your nurses are at stake. The lady (if such she be) to whom you have given charge of your school--Is there reason to believe from the sort of person you think she is or what she wd appear to you. Those who come into the work with the love of God in their hearts are

H1/ST/NC2/V86/89 from A.G. Burgess, Babies Castle, Hawkhurst Nov 30 1889. Dear Madam, I feel I must most gratefully thank you for your letter which is above what I deserve, and I can only say I trust in the future to become more worthy of being called one of your nurses. I hoped before now to be able to tell you I had settled upon a house and that I shd even be able to commence my new work. I fear I must delay my plans for a few weeks. Dr Barnardo seems to be so burdened about many thing, I do not feel I can leave him until he is more at liberty to turn his attention to this place. He has always behaved most kindly to me, that after 6 years work with him I cannot leave him until he has supplied my place.

I am pretty well just now, and so thought that under the circs I wd allow Xmas to get over before finally settling my plans. ...grieved to hear you are not very well.... will pray..

H1/ST/NC2/V87/89 Maude Stanley to FN 40 Dover St. Dec 4 1889. Please return to F.N. No. 1

the master of Balliol has told me that you would kindly see me some day. I had told him how I desired this honour for so many years and he said he wd try what he could do and I thank you much for say I may call. I am on the Asylums Board and so have TO DO WITH NURSES, ENGAGING THEM FOR THE FEVER HOSPITALS and *seeing after their welfare.* 2.the means of getting *ladies* who were *trained nurses* the *matrons* in our hospitals which ...

H1/ST/NC2/V93/89 Faith Schofield Bolton le Moore Dec 16 1889 (or 10th?) I long to tell you I am improving very nicely indeed. I went to Liverpool to see the doctor six weeks ago and he told me I was getting on very well. He seemed much pleased with my progress--I do not use my crutches or sticks only. In going up and down stairs I use a stick because we have no rail in our stairs--everybody is surprised to see me so much better--I do feel thankful to be so far restored often when I

find myself able to do something a feeling of thankfulness comes over me and I think about you and your help and goodness. I shall never forget you, you have been so good and the doctor too he is very good and kind. ...he does not charge me anything and always so gentlemanly in his manner. ...I often think about St Thomas' it is a most splendid inst it does so much good and is so well managed.

H1/ST/NC2/V94/89 Dec 17 1889 David Patrick, Chambers's Enc to FN. The editor desires to return his illeg thanks for the Ms of the article "Hospitals" just recd. A proof will be sent whenever we get it into type, which may be three weeks hence or so (so, asst to editor)

H1/ST/NC2/V1/91 11 June 1891 Rathbone, 18 Princes Gardens SW, unsigned. I enclose the duke's reply. You will see from his note that he feels the value of our notes to read confidentially, and that he admits my letter is not one that shd go before the general public. I am afraid also that it wd not suit to go before two men so busy as Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Lord Cranbrook.

My opinion therefore, as an old electioneerer, is that I ought to have such a statement prepared while I can do it. The ministries breakup soon and I shall lose the poss of getting hold of my man. You will see that the duke intimates that it mt be well to have that st soon. I think the sooner it is in the hands of Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Lord Cranbrook the more likely are they to get their heads set the right way. Hicks Beach will be prevented from doing anything precipitously and the ideas, when once got into their heads, will prob become part of their own opinions

I do not at all suggest that your notes shd be placed before either of these two gents. All I want is that the man whom I want to employ shd have them, confid. ...re difficultly of a register and sec as the incompetence of the BNA.

H1/ST/NC2/V1/94 Robt Robinson, 47 Queens Head Road, Handsworth, Birmingham 13 May 1894. To FN The enclosed cutting from a Birm paper this morning brought many old recollections of fifty years ago when I was your attendant on three different journeys across the Black Sea to the Crimea when you and your staff of nurses did so much for our wounded soldiers at Scutari and in the Crimea. I never shall forget that day when you were carried sick up that winding path to the General Hospital on the hill. I am sorry to say I cannot say much for myself. Twelve months ago I had stroke of paralysis. So I am unable to do much, but thank God I am getting better, but I am still very shakey on my legs. I am, kind Madam, your obt servant, Robt Robinson.

P.S. I hope you will pardon me for troubling you. I heartily wish you many returns of 12 May. R.R.

H1/ST/NC2/V5/97 Pringle to FN 4 July 1897. St Joseph's, Rathkeale Co Limerick. Dearest "Mother-Chief" How good you are to me to send me the letter and to send it with your own hand and with so loving a message. To read it is, for me, to be sitting with you almost and hearing you speak.

I am so glad you strike a vigorous blow at the misleading idea of nursing being a sacrifice instead of a privilege. No doubt its right performance calls on us sometimes to "endure hardness," but that is only discipline.

Dear Sister Victoria! I had heard of her illness and death and how you cheered her. Miss Hornby wrote to Miss Spencer and so it came round to me. I can see her now in the ward with an infant in her arms; I can hear her "Now Johnny!" to the crying child in the cot, and the crying ceased. May our dear Lord now give her rest in peace.

We must study diligently the many points of your letter. I am so glad of what you say about industry and regularity and the observ of the helpless, amongst other things.

This is a most home-like little hosp and needs no very difficult changes ot make it as nice as need be. Of course it is not for me to *make* the changes but only to point them out. The sisters are so entirely in earnest in their wish to perfect what is wanting that I have every hope they will succeed. I have told the superiors it will be no use my remaining longer unless, after the holidays, a regular system of training is instituted--a school formed in fact (for members of the community) atone or other of their hosps. I incline to this for a beginning instead of stragglng unwielding Limerick. We expect to see Lady Monteagle tomorrow and I hope she brings me a good account of you, dearest "Mother-Chief." thanking you with all my heart from your dear letter, always with great love I am your loving and respectful old "little sister." A.L. Pringle...

I can only put my longing after you and for all good to you into the old prayer "May God bless yo."

Sir George Lawson wrote FN twice from WO in 1897 re Red Cross awards. Sept 18 1897, H1/St/NC2/V7/97 compliments...much obliged for her note and info re nurses wh she sent through Sir Douglas Galton. Re S.A. Terrot's prospects of obtaining a Red Cross for her services--sec of state has sent Miss Terrot's name to the queen for her approval.

H1/ST/NC2/V12/97 inquiry re Catherine Innes.

H1/ST/NC2/V1/99 Lily Quintard to FN Aug 9 1899. Yesterday I made my visit to Aldershot to see the new camp hospital and as I promised to write you about the place I feel as If I had better do so now before I get into the rush of duties I expect to find on my return to St Luke's Hosp, New York. The campus you know is most beautifully situated for the work and the new hosp is very well planned, and will I am sure in time become a model army hosp. So far the nursing has been done by orderlies, but two weeks ago Sister Browne from Woolwich was ordered there with two others and even in this short time the improvement is wonderful. The wards are large and airy, having windows both sides and at the far end glass doors opening out into a gallery where the men can sit when sufficiently conv.

The doctors are delighted at leaving the sisters in charge and will I am sure do all they can to assist them. But as you know well it is very difficult to overcome the conservatism of army regs and make any

great changes. I think Sister Browne will be able to acc a great deal as she is a woman of tack and ability and has already been in charge of an army hosp for five years. Sister Browne wd be so glad if she cd have an interview with you and I am sure it wd be of much service to her--is it possible? If you wd permit it I am sure Sister Browne wd go at any time you wd see her--you wd find her very interesting--I will enclose her address in case you can arrange this.

I cannot tell you dear Miss Nightingale what my meeting with you has done for me. It has been the greatest privilege and I shall count it as one of the most delightful memories? And in hours of discouragement I know it will be a means of strength; thank you a thousand times for granting this privilege to me who was quite a stranger.

You seemed so much interested in what we trying to accomlis in army nursing in the United States that I shall take the liberty of sending you reports of our work when it reaches such a shape as to mean something. At present we are only trying to work out a system and we find it difficult to gain the points which will make that system workable, but I feel sure we shall acc it in time.

I intended sending this from Queenston but was unable to do so--it will now go from New York.

We are leaving a delightful voyage--the weather is perfect and ...only rough enough to roll the ship a little I am sorry my vacation is so near at end, but I shall gt back to my duties quite ready to take up the burden once more....St Luke's Hosp, Cathedral Heights, New York City

ST/NC2/V2/99 from Parsonstown, King's Co. Dec 31 1899. From Private William Horan, late 31st Reg of Foot.

I beg you will pardon me for intruding on your ladyship after the lapse of forty-five years. I am compelled to return you my best thanks for your motherly care of me at Scutari Hosp, also your assistants. I have seen your letter and address on the public press relative to war experience I am satisfied to say now ever will see the sight ...Many is the soldier his bones were in the? And grave yards of the Cr and Const only for you and your staff. I had experienced at Balaclava where the wounded reqd blankets and the stores were ... I respectfully ack if it were not for your merciful kindness to me I wd be on the dead list...I have always prayed that you may be long spared in this world and hereafter that you may be crowned in heaven by our Blessed Lord. I beg to state I was 3 days and nights sentry on your tent on the hill above Balaclava when the Lord that spared me. I am now 72 years of age. I was wounded by 13 inch shell, 2 bayonet wounds, several gun shot wounds and still living and wd like to have a shot at old Kruger.

H1/ST/NC2/V3/06 from Malta 6 July 1906 Arthur A.L. Gedge. I saw in the Malta Chronicle a mention of yr 85th birthday...It may interest you to know that we are using at the Garrison Church, illeg? Whenever the Holy Cm. is celebrated th every Hold com vessels you presented to the Rev Sabin for use at Scutari.

Mr Sabin afterwards left them in charge of the senior chaplain at Malta for use in the principal garrison church. They are in my charge at present as I am in that capacity. I thought this mt interest you and

therefore have taken this opp of writing.

H1/ST/NC2/V31/57 from A. McLeod 28 May 1857, about to become a cand for a matronship in a public inst, req good mgt, great activity, prudence..., wd enable her to be of assistance to mother and sister, asks for a letter from FN to patrons, great value of your name. A Scotch situation, mothers begs to be reminded. Millburn Cottage, Canaan Lane, Morningside, Edin

H1/ST/NC2/V1/58 JSS to FN Jan 6/58 from Hopital General Vienna. I sent yesterday further [hard to read] to say (1) that today's post has brought me a very kind letter from the Countess Stolberg. She allows me to go to Bethanien and wishes me to ...hope to go to Prague. I can reach Berlin..

2. I made the flight and stupid mistake yesterday. In addition to what I stated the head nurses of two of the great London hosps receive 2 pints of beer daily and the day nurses 1 pint of beer daily.

H1/ST/NC2/V3/62 Heathcote to FN 5 Feb 1862 Hursley Hall embossed. I forgot when I wrote yesterday to say that I shall go to town (91 Victoria St Westm) this evening and shall stay till Sat morn. If Dr S cd give me an int I wd call upon him and shd much like to make his acq. I inclose a copy of the address we are putting out--we make a good beginning as to money. Bldg com: Heathcote, chairman; Viscount Eversley, Lord Ashburton, Archdeacon of Winchester, H.C. Compton Esq; Melville Portal Esq, J. Bonham Carter MP, W Barrow Simonds Esq, says repairs won't do "short of an actual rebuilding of the whole house" but where now stands wd "perpetuate the evils of retarded recovery and even of superinduced disease, which a confined space, with a soil vitiated by defective sewerage, cannot fail to produce. The govs have ac, after careful investigation, and on the report of a com, confirmed the rec of the gen com of the hosp, resolved to procure a new and untainted area, of larger dimensions, and to erect thereon a hosp such as, w/o any outlay on unnecessary ornament, but by well considered provision for the sick, shall recover..." position of 130 years ago when originated the es of county infs. Throw themselves on the generosity (sounds like FN letter); contributions already announced led by Ashburton £1000, duke of Buccleuch 250, Heathcote 200, earl of Carnarvon 100, Visc Eversley 100, bp of Winchester 100, F.T. Baring MP 100, ec. WEN, 100, Miss Nightingale 100,

H1/ST/NC2/V4/62 Heathcote to FN Feb 7 1862, thanks for her cheque of £100, and her *Notes on Hosps*

H1/ST/NC2/V5/62 Rawlinson to FN 4 March 1862. I have seen Sir Wm H this day relative to the new site, or rather on the new site for the proposed new co asylum at Winc. Dr S and myself are to go over on the 17th inst inspect the several sites offered. We shall then report to Sir W or to the com. I und that an arch has been settled upon but that Dr S and Capt Galton are to approve the plans--this of course means your approval.

The attempt to initiate sewerage in Winchester has so far failed. I

have no doubt however but that the question will soon be settle din the affirmative. On the 19th inst I read a paper at the Soc of Art on "Town Sewerage". Lord Stanley taking the chair. I will sen you a copy when published.

H1/ST/NC2/V6/62 letter of Wm Beckett Denison to FN 15 April 1862. Printed stationery Burley, Leeds. In 3rd person. Takes the liberty (first letter presumably) that she is greatly interested in a new inf wh is about to be built in Leeds, he and colleagues on com have decided to entrust its planing and execution to Mr Scott, who, at their request, is giving the week after next to visit the pr Belg and French hosps. Meanwhile, the com have to settle their reqs wh they are just beginning to discuss. Mr D has made himself familiar with Miss Nightingale's *Notes on Hosps* and with the evidence she gave before the commissioners. Trusts Miss Nightingale will permit him to ask one or 2 questions upon some points in the construction of hosps. FN has rec that the axis of hosp wards shd be north and south, (quotes) he struck with the rec on first readying it in Miss Nightingale's book, as is contrary to the general belief as to which aspect for a house commands the greatest amount of the sun during the day. Re windows. Re double wards.

H1/ST/NC3/V7/62 JS draft reply to Denison letter, almost identical to what FN sent, RIBA ScGGS/4/3/4, except drops remarks about Woolwich Marine Hosp being bad

H1/ST/NC2/V8/62 Denison to FN 18 April 1862. I am extremely obliged to you for your kind and prompt reply to the questions I took the liberty of asking you about hosps. Grieved re her health. Re planning hosp, "which we intend to be the great hosp of the North of England, and which we desire to be as perfect as possible."

H1/ST/NC2/V9/62 Heathcote to FN April 19 1862. Heard a report she was at Embley. You will see that the site which Dr S recommends above the others is of an awkward contour, necessitating I fear the bldg of 3 floors in the southern wing, which the northern wing wd have only 2 floors. You will also see that I want to be guilty of the heresy of using this additional floor as an additional ward, re inequality of the sexes. Mr Butterfield is coming here on Tuesday to inspect the grounds of which I hear reported the ... I shd be very glad if I could know something of your mind on this one point before you have time to consider the whole. He will be with me till Thursday.

If it is quite inadmissible, we must think of the second best site, which is a I believe nearly flat and in that respect much better. With list of reqs

H1/ST/NC2/V11/62 Denison to FN 21 April 1862. I am greatly obliged to you for the pamphlet and blue book you have been so good as to send me. In the "reqs" we have sent to Mr Scott, we have said that we wished the wards of our new inf to hold *about* 30 patients, to be about 130 ft long by 27, and from 16 to 18 ft high, so as to give about 2000 cubic ft to each patient. But the proportions of the wards in the new "Herbert Hosp"

will be less than this by a good deal, esp in height and as height increasesI send Mr Scott all the info I can collect so that this point will come before him.

H1/ST/NC2/V13/62 J. Conolly May 15 1862 to FN, The Lawn, Hanwell, London W. A much esteemed friend of mine, Capt Leckie, requests me to do him the honour to place before you the plan of an inst in which he feels assured you will be interested. His own generous views in respect to it furnish the best assurance of his sincerity. He tells me that the advantages proposed are really needed.

H1/ST/NC2/V15/62 21 May 1862 from Inglott to FN, 66 New Bond St., comptroller of charitable insts, Malta. In July 1859 I was favoured with a letter of intro to you, but... I was then sent to this country by the Malta Govt to obtain info on several charitable insts, particularly lunatic asylums, and duty of obtaining plans for a poor house for the aged and infirm, for 1000 inmates and a hosp of incurables for 300 patients, which insts are about to be built at Malta. With advice of Dr S, Mr [T.H.] Wyatt was pointed out to me as the architect who had made such bldgs his specialty and who I believe is known to you....so requested him to prepare for me the plans. (So, got Wyatt because of FN). Before proceeding with the fair plans I wd feel very much obliged to you if you wd favour me with your valuable opinion on the general arr of that bldg. Title is comptroller of Charitable Insts

H1/ST/NC2/V16/67 Duncan Forbes to FN April 20 1867. I have got a colliery proprietor here to co-operate with the workmen to build a hosp for the accidents and we are not quite clear about the best kind of bldg and I shd feel greatly obliged shd you kindly give me yr opinion. I cannot really say the number of beds 8-10, perhaps 12. I have got yr book on hosps but I cannot see anything in it that quite illeg on such a hospital. The Rookery, Eastwood Notts.

JS pencil draft. In a small hosp for accidents, the best constr is that of a long cottage raised on a basement about two or three feet above the ground. The patients mt be placed at one end of the bldg, the offices at the other. Or the cottage mt be in 2 floors, the patients being above the offices and stores below. This wd require a stair case. The latter arr wd be the best. If you cd have a plan sketched to show this, adopting the arrs as to wards WCs etc as showed in my Notes on Hosps, I shd be glad to look it over.

It will be necessary of course to determine first what number of beds you shd have and this can only be done by careful inq into the number of accidents requiring special surgical care. Illeg influences materially the cost. As regards the wards the cheapest thing will be to lime white the walls. Several times a year over plaster scraping off the lime occasionally before rewhiting.

H1/ST/NC2/V24/67 Duncan Forbes to FN 4 July 1867

H1/ST/NC2/V23/67 AJ Lawrence to FN June 14/67. Indebted to you for your letter of 12 (missing) and comm of 13th. I quite und that a small hosp

won't do

H1/ST/NC2/V8/65 Alex Graham to FN 9 May 1865 re Swansea. I beg to ack the receipt of my Swansea drawings and your very kind note of the 6th inst. The warm approval which you have been pleased to express of my little work will urge me to increased questions in this particular branch of my vocation. I may mention that a plan and view of the new bldg will appear shortly (at the request to the editor) in the pages of "The Builder"

Printed. Report of the Deputation on their view of the Foreign Hospitals. Richard Baggallay, treas, and others, incl Henry B. Leeson, formerly phys to St T, went with Currey to visit, in Paris: Larib, Maison Mun de Sante, Conv Hosp at Vincennes, Charenton, Val de Grace Pitié, Mil Hosp at Vincenne, /Beaujon, Necker, Enfants Malades, HD, Sal; in Brussels St John, St Peter; in Rotterdam Grand Hosp. Started 16 Sept 1862

Mémoire sur la Nécessité de transférer et reconstruire l'Hôtel-Dieu de Paris. 1785. Proposal of Sieur Poyet, architect et controleur des Bâtimens de la Ville H1/ST/NC15/25/1

H1/ST/NC18/27/15 letter of R.D. Wood & Co, Philadelphia Ja 18 1886. Dear Friend To HBC. Writing on behalf of the Univ Hosp of Pennsylvania, I desire to ask thy rec of a woman of experience and ability entirely capable of being at the head of the internal admin of a hosp and tr sch for nurses combined, in the position of supt. Attached to Med Dept of univ, 125 patients, hosp built 10 years ago. Richard Wood. HBC replied as Wood wrote again 29 March 1886; more corr on, then they appointed Charlotte Hugo of Ilfracombe, N. Devon

H1/ST/NC18/23/19 FN notes on HH. Herbert Hospital Nursing Quarters
Cleansing, Renewing & furniture

required

1. *Separate entrance* to Nursing Quarters
required, so as to shut them off from
the "Linentry

& Mendingroom /Officer's Library & Orderly Officer's room
Once this understood see p 6
this is essential.

2. Nursing Quarters require
thorough cleaning

distemperng e.g. Nurses' rooms/Bathroom (in a miserable condition)
& Sink

colouring

white washing

re papering e.g. Supt's rooms & Infirmary

3. FURNISHING list of *Furniture* wanted [more here, struck through
and more by Wardroper and HBC and FN und]

H1/ST/NC18/22 to HBC 1877, re appt of Alderman Stone, Sclater Booth
letter, Loyd Lindsay, re Galton poss; duke of Devonshire re Galton

H1/ST/NC18/26/48 23 Nov 1880 BF Stevens re books to US com of educ, to
HBC. I send the books to General Eaton, US com of educ, Wash, no doubt
the general will ack; if you find there is still a statuette of FN cd
purchase

V5/70 Werckner re rigours of winter

H1/ST/NC1/SU217 Henry Hawkins, chaplain Colney Hatch, to FN

H1/ST/SJ/C5/1 1883 probs Charing X

H1/ST/SJ/A20/2/2. St John's House diary. Theresa Foster.

Oct 16 1854. Mr Shepherd had a letter from the bp cordially approving the plan of sending nurses to the East. .Oct 17. ...Mr Bowman called to speak about our plans. Lady Canning also. 17/18/19 many letters containing offers of service and some money. Several ladies called desirous to go out to the East. Some parcels of linen sent. Mrs Bowman and Mr Bracebridge (or Mrs??) Called in the evening. Oct 19. Many letters and enquiries concerning nurses for the East. A council at 2 pm to make arrs for sending out our nurses. Present Dr Todd, Mr Bowman, Revd W Clark,Miss Nightingale attended as also Mr (Mrs?) Bracebridge Rev Gleig etc. Six nurses agreed to go out: Lawfield, Fagg, Higgins, Drake, Coyle and Bournett, with respect ot whom it is agreed that ordinary rules be in abeyance and the six nurses for the time of this special service be under the authority of Miss Nightingale ho has made herself resp for all our care of them.

Oct 22 Sunday. Re nurses going out.

H1/ST/NC15/13b Florence Lees. "Report of the Sub-Committee of the Sub-committee of Reference and Enquiry on District Nursing for the Sick Poor." The Metropolitan and National Nursing Association for Providing Trained Nurses for the Sick Poor. London: Central Home and Office. 2nd ed. June 1875. 127 pages plus maps. But no name of F Lees. Preface dated Jan 10 876.

19: "The counsels of Miss Nightingale, the experience of Dr Sibson and Dr Sieveking, the knowledge acquired by the sec of the Nightingale Fund, have contributed mainly to systematise and direct the conclusions to be drawn from the array of stat and personal testimony obtained by Mr Guyton (by whom the entire work of compilation of the appendices has been performed) and the results of Miss Lees' close and careful visitation of hosps and districts. 28-34 is Nursing and Nurse Training. With lots of quotes of FN. Com of ref and enq, chair Rathbone, Acland, Alcock, Capt Blair, HBC, EH Currie, John R Holland, Lees hon sec, Lady Lechmere, EL O'Malley, Francis Sibson, EH Sieveking, Stansfeld, Viscountess Strangford hon sec (2 of them) J Nassau Senior Esq, Mrs Nassau Senior, Wigram. Study of 9 months appointed at gen com of assoc previous year. 35-58 District Nursing; 59- Actual Nursing in London; report has quotes from F Lees. Appendix VII. Suggestions for Improving the Nursing Service of Hosps 98-110 August 1874. Seems to be compilation of FN's cubic space report, plus some material on district nursing.

Lees, Florence. H1/ST/NC15/37 (2) Lees's handwritten report, with FN underlining 25-57

H1/ST/NC15/37/3 Dr Sutherland's Notes on Hospitals for Soldier's Wives with FN section added. Regulations for affording Medical Relief to Sick

Wives and Children of Soldiers and Others entitled to Such Relief.

H1/ST/NC15/10 Prospectus for Liverpool Training School and Home for Nurses. 32 pp. No date. Quotation from FN 5-6. 6: Miss Nightingale has given our plans the same consideration as if (to use her own words) she were going to be herself the matron. From the lady supt of the St John's House Nursing Inst we have recd the most kind and valuable aid....McNeill, Jebb, Clough, Wardr, Whitfield,

H1/ST/NC15/34 1-40 short items, clippings.

Montreal General Hospital. Exposure No. 1. The Suppressed Report and the Lady Superintendent. No author. Re quarterly meeting of bd of govs of MGH August 1877, letter from Andrew Robertson. Machin, intimation of dismissal. Nurse Randall. Tyranny practiced by lady supt. This is a nasty attack. Accusation of Puseyism. Satellites of Holy Cross. Devotion to church of Tooth and McConochie. With clippings; one clipping refers to death of Dr Cline, house surgeon, and asst nurse Miss Flora Bowering; report May 21 1878 Montreal Star has May 21 1878 adoption of report moved by vice pres Andrew Robertson, sec by Dr Campbell,; moved by Campbell... That the society is gratified to learn, from the annual report, that the govs are well satisfied with the trained nursing system, as pursued in the hosp, and it hereby expresses like satisfaction, and resolves that the system shall be maintained and extended in the future. also a res of thanks of the Society of the MGH thanks due and hereby tendered to Miss Machin, the lady supt, and to her asst an and staff of trained nurses for their able and devoted labours in the cause of the sick poor. Also carried: Whereas the soc has learned with much regret that the lady supt and her staff of trained nurses have resigned, be it resolved that the govs be respectfully requested to consider whether it is not poss to have the said resignations withdraw with a view to the re-arr of the staff."(so, vindication)

April 5 1878 Montreal Start. Reported that the lady supt has resigned and that the four English nurses have followed her ex. April 6: Quite true. Over 200 employees principally female nurses have either been discharged or resigned since the new system of trained nurses was introduced two years and a half since.

Appendix to Report on Victoria Hospital. 19-26. H1/ST/NC15/21. Mil hosp for 760 sick and convs, shd consist of ten separate pavilions, each capable of containing 76 sick.... sinks trapped to prevent effluvia from entering bldg. These are extracts from her Answers to Written Questions.

McNeill Papers. H1/ST/NC3/ these are in roll 1. Parthe N letters to McNeill, undated.

Anon. (A member of the Scottish Council) *The Story of the Queen's Nurses in Scotland*. H1/ST/NC15/17. After 1903. Scottish council. Pres Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll; vice press, duchess of Buccleuch and Queensberry, Lady Blythwood, Lord Justice Gen, AHF Barbour, includes Joseph Bell, Mrs Higginbotham, Craigmaddie, Milngavie, Louisa Stevenson, Miss Guthrie Wright

H1/ST/NC18/19/42 Croft to HBC Nov 4 1871. Has anyone volunteered lectures on practical surgery and nursing to probs at Nightingale Home at St T; if not I shd be happy to give an annual course of instruction shd it be deemed illeg by the council and wd be agreeable to those interested, surgeon, lecturer on practical surgery; wrote to SEW, no reply; the office I have accepted is the suptce of the Royal Berks Hosp and I hope to be shortly released from my duties here and to enter on any new work early in Aug

H1/ST/NC18/19/64 1 March 1871 to HBC Cartwright lady supt. Repld 5/3/71. Asks if you can aid me in finding nurses for this inf. Knowing how much you were formerly engaged in the cause of nursing and not being ware that you have discontinued your activity, I do not hesitate to tell you how I am situated feeling assured, will help; this is a new inf; I was apptd to be supt Feb 1870. It was intended that the system of training nurses shd be carried here and a beginning was made and of course many imperfections attended it. All went on however pretty well until the autumn when I left he inf for a moth's rest and just as I had fairly resumed my work, seized with fever, when left sick room it was to find I had seven nurses leaving, a large number out of 15, and I have been unsuccessful in meeting with suitable nurses to take their places. I am wanting immed an experience surgical nurse and thoroughly reliable woman for men's accident ward 21 beds; wages £25 ...I require 8 additional nurses as our staff is to be increased. Each nurse in charge will have an asst on prob. The head nurse has no authority over the other nurses

H1/ST/NC18/16/1-35 HBC on military nursing

H1/ST/NC2/V31/56 Samuel Smith to FN ca 21 8 1856. Der F, as to payments of wages for the time occupied in the voyage, it seems to me that 2 classes cover all:

- 1 those continuing to discharge their duty to the close of the work are entitled ot wages till they reached *home*.

2. Those dismissed for *misconduct* forfeit all claim from the time of dismissal, and those leaving for *sickness* from the time when their sickness assumes such a character as to make deterrence or disruption? The only difference between sickness and misconduct being that the passage home gratis is given in the first case not in the second.

This is on general principle and w/o reference to the terms of any special bargain where such was made. S.S.

H1/ST/NC2/V32/56 letter Sept 1 1856 from Eliz Tandy to FN. Honoured Madam. I return you many thanks for your kindness in remitting me a week's wages it being more than I expected; I shd have ack it before but I did not receive your letters until finding in consequence of my changing my residence. My address is Room No 14, Bakers Bldg, Liverpool St, Bishopgate St,

H1/ST/NC2/V33/56 Eliz Blake Extem Ockham Sept 2 1856. Permit me to offer my hearty congrats upon your safe and happy return to England and to your dear family in peace.

I rejoice that of the Lord's great mercy you have been preserved from all perils that have surrounded you both by sea and by land.

Hoping you are quite well and that you may ever remain under the care and blessing of the heavenly Father is the sincere prayer of your humble servt, Elizth Blake, midwife, late Scutari nurse

H1/ST/NC2/V13/57 Laura Cranworth to FN no date. [23 Feb 1857] I find in Miss Parkes' report of the nurses when Renkioi Hosp broke up that she considered Nurse Hely a very superior woman, a clever nurse, excellent temper, perfectly honest sister, trustworthy and obliging" Mrs Newman fully confirmed this character, as did Miss Le Mesurier, and the former added that she was a real blessing at Renkioi being such a peacemaker. I can not find the name of Miss Leslie in any of the nurse papers that I possess, and am so sorry I cannot help you to clear up the mystery. It was such a real pleasure seeing you today, only I ought not to have found you at home. Pray be good, and go out earlier in the day, when the air is fresher, and when you will avoid interruptions by being out of the house. Yours affectly Laura Cranworth.... You cannot conceive what my great and lasting pleasure your visit in Harley St gave. [so, FN visited Harley St. in 1857]

cat H1/ST/NC2/V11/72 order, still to see

H1/ST/NC2/V1/89 Norman Moore, Warden's House, St Bart's Jan 13 1889. Dear Miss Nightingale, I have been in Rome...re her letter of Jan 6 (missing).

You are right in your hesitation about Montalembert's account of Columba, which has been published as a small separate volume in English, extracted from his "Moines de l'Occident." It is inaccurate in some details and what is more important is defective in its understanding of the society in which Columba lived. St Adamnan the ninth abbot of Iona who lived at a time when men who remembered Columba were still living on the island wrote Columba's life. Columba died in A.D. 597, Adamnan was born in 624 and the oldest existing copy of his life of Columba, which is at Schaffhausen, was wr by the hand of a scribe who died about the year 720. I mention these dates that you may see how genuine the work is. It gives a delightful account of the saint of the time in which he lived, and has been edited with incomparable care by Dr Reeves, the present bishop of Down, Connor & Dromore It is in Latin but the intro notes are in English and your friend wd learn much by reading the intro and the additional notes at the end. The title is: The Life of Columba, Founder of Hy, to which are added notes &c, by Wm Reeves (Irish archaeological Celtic Society) Dublin 1857.

I think that Mr Skene has published an English version of the Latin text (in Edinburgh). In the Dict of Nat Bio ...Vol XI your friend will find a life of St Columba which I wrote from the original sources because many happy recollections of my boyhood were associated with the place of his birth.

The three great saints of Ireland are St Patrick, St Brigit, St Columba. A vast coll of material about all three (in Latin) is contained in the Frias Thaumaturga of Colgan: Lowain 1650. Three small lives...

If your friend reads Latin she had better study St Brigit...

The most ancient lives of the Irish saints are delightful reading from the truthful picture they give of life those early times 500-1000. John Colgan...

H1/ST/NC2/V6/89 Redpath to FN 12 March 1889 PO Box 80 Kimberley S Africa. Knowing how occupied your life is with important matters and what a continual drain there always is upon yr energy and sympathy it seems somewhat impertinent to break in upon you with a mere chitchat letter and yet this is really more the outcome of my unchanged affection for the dear chief of former days. I read over and over the dear letters I had from you long ago and almost forget the time that has elapsed since they were written--many occasions arise for me to speak of you and yr work to people out here, and this has been pleasingly instanced lately in the person of Lady Frederick Cavendish who returned to England a month ago after a three months' visit to her brother our old friend the Rev Albert Lyttelton, now at Kimberley. Her stay amongst us was as refreshment in the desert, so clever and good and loveable is she. He has since very pleasant talk for more than one occasion yr dear self was the theme. She wants to know you personally as she already does Sir Harry and Lady Verney. Please don't think me impertinent but I have a great desire for you tow to meet, believing the fellowship of kindred spirits to be one of the greatest helps in our earthly pilgrimage. I am writing this from Cape Town, coming these 650 miles by ? For the sake of the sea air and bathing--the very great heat Kimberley during the last three or more months quite knocked me up so my good husband packed me off for two months--he is one of the hundred brokers in the busy share market of Kimberley, an exciting and uncertain occ still men like it and I think my husband will do fairly well now, at first it was a struggle, and when in June last year he was thrown back with the camp fever I felt it my duty as well as pleasure after his conv to turn my profession to account and did private nursing until Oct, with good results in every way, but my strength nowadays will not stand any great strain and happily the necessity also cased. My interest in all hosp work and any sick nursing is as keen as ever and if I had the means I shd like to start a home for private nurses in Kimberley--there are few really good trained ones. At the Carnarvon Hosp which is a very nice bldg and well supported by the people there are some good trained ones from England and these have to train the young ones taken in from this country, but there is no systematic tr or classes for them, atho Sister Henrietta, who is in charge and just now in England on a six months' leave, evidently gives the impression from a paragraph or two I've seen in the *Nursing Record* that there is a tr school.

I have joined the Br Nurs Ass with a view to carrying out some such scheme as I have mentioned and think it will be useful (if the charter is obtained) to us out here, but I am afraid you don't approve of the movement as I see no St Thomas nurses on the com, nor your own among the patrons and gathered so from Mr Bonham Carter's pamphlet that he so kind as to send me, I am very grateful for any Nightingale letters or papers he favors me with and shd dearly like to have yr own annual letter ot the probs. I hope Miss Pringle is happy and successful at St T. Wd you

like to send dear Miss Crossland to spend a year with me?!!! I fancy I hear you say "Wretch what treason." This delightful to hear how flourishing "David" and Miss Styring are.

I ad wr thus for when Mrs Coltman's letter of Feb 6 was returned to me from Kimberley and brings me news that grieves my heart--that dear Mrs Smith is gone--so kind and good she was to me--I hoped so much to have seen her again in this life. And I trust I shall in Heaven--what a blank this means to the family and Mrs Coltman tells me Embley will be let....

H1/ST/NC2/V10/89 Acland to FN telegram

H1/ST/NC2/V15/89 Winterton, General Inf Northampton March 27 1889 (in effect a new matron's report to chief) on work here, reluctantly left St T, and only because the strain of work was getting too much for me, but again and again I keep regretting that I have left for I do not think I can possibly settle here. The wards are nice, but we are terribly under nursed, each head nurse has charge of 30 patients, divided into 4 wards,, with only one asst day nurse and a night nurse, and they have left not only all the patients to tend, meals to serve etc, but all the floors to sweep and polish with e=beeswax every week, windows to clean and in fact charwomen's physical work to do. The nurses take alternately one week day duty and one week night duty, so that it is perpetual change and every other Sunday when they change from day to night they are on duty from 6.30 am till 7 pm, when they are supposed to go to bed till 9.30 pm (2 ½ hours) and then go on duty again all night and not to bed till after the ordinary mid day dinner on Monday. The present matron has been here 23 years and until my appt had sole charge of every dept, but she still has charge of all ward ... so I am handicapped all round.

I proposed that the nurses shd take alternately 3 months day and 3 months night duty, and that they shd have an early dinner (10 am) instead of waiting up as they do now for the ordinary midday meal, but I find the proposal is not at all kindly recd, for it seems the nurses do all their washing and ironing and this they do every alternate week when they come off night duty, so that as they cd not be released when on day duty for it, they are not satisfied with the arr and say they cannot afford to put it out. Their only off duty time is from 2 to 9.30 every other Sunday, charge nurses from 3 to 9.30 one day a week, under nurses 3-6 9.30 every other week. I do not feel that I can do any good at all here, so what is the use of staying?

We have just opened a very nice children's ward here, 19 beds, and Miss Pringle has kindly spared me Nurse Mold, who is coming in today, as well as a night nurse and 2 probs from the neighbourhood. Our spring cleaning has just begun, and the poor nurses have it all to do. There is not a single scrubber about the place. They have pictures to clean and hand, paint to scrub, beds to repaired, pillows to refill in fact everything but te whitewashing. And still some of the nurses have been with her many years, only a short time ago ones left who had been here 22 years. The Miss Stewart who was supt on board the Carthage has just come to Northampton in charge of the Nursing Inst. There are no meals prepared for the nurses, they have to get and clear away their own and

altogether it seems such a heathenish place that I do not feel I can settle and do any good her. The inf is beautifully situated in its own grounds and we have now 160 beds. Kind regards Margaret E. Winterton

H1/ST/NC2/V16/89 Godfrey W Hambleton 9 Dorchester Pl, Blandford Sq March 28 May 1889. To FN May I request your attention to the effort that is being made to open a cottage hosp for the cure of poor consumptive patients by the system I advocated at Manchester?

If you will kindly refer to pages 25-8 of the enclosed you will see that this new method of treatment has been followed by complete cure in half the cases and by very satisfactory results in the others. Contrast this with the invariable alternate fatal results of the other modes of treatment of the urgent from place where this system can be thoroughly carried out as clearly established....list kindly give their names as patrons and hope you will help us in this great work by permitting me to add your name? List v16/89. Lord Lieut of Ireland, marchioness of Londonderry, dow march of L, lord bishop of Bangor, Lord Henry V....dean of Chichester, dean of Bangor, etc. and revs, but no doctors.

H1/ST/NC2/V20/89 Solly to FN from St T June 3 [1889] re Miss Tossie's Mission. "Pen" name of author FNbook

H1/ST/NC2/V22/89 de Laney to FN June 18 1889. The Infirmary. My dear and honoured Madam. I have delayed writing to you sooner with the idea of being able to give you a fuller account of this big place, but now as Miss Gibson will be in London, I may leave her to tell you a good deal. She will do it so much better.

I must first thank you for your kind letter. I cannot express how grateful I feel for it and how I feel about it. It has done me good already, and the gift of your sympathy I look upon as one of His best later blessings.

I am sure you will be glad to hear that I believe everyone connected with the places as acknowledges the great improvement throughout.

I think dear Miss Gibson has down wonders and it has been very uphill work, and she has born all the many petty annoyances that try the very best of people with the utmost gentleness.

The wards are looking very nice indeed and the nurses seem to be striving to do their best, even the old ones who have as it were to begin afresh. Some of them I am sorry to say have given Miss Gibson a great deal of worry and trouble, but the most troublesome have left, and matters are much better and brighter.

I go round the wards first thing, some mornings more thoroughly than others. I strive to say a word or two to all those in bed, they like it and so do I! Some are very amusing and very grateful for the least attention. I have not seen any of the male patients doing any fancy work yet tho some make themselves very useful about he wards.

At present I pass nearly every spare minute stamping linen but as son as that is finished I hope to be more in the wards. I sometimes manage to go round twice.

The nurses' home is as near perfect as possible. Miss Gibson seems to have remember every thing for comfort and convenience. The mess room is

in the inf and te cooing is all that can be desired. We have a good variety and it is well served up. I take the dinner and supper as a general rule but Miss Gibson takes it occasionally.

I shd like to have Fairlie Clarke's Manual for Surgery very much, all I have in that line is a small manual of inst by A. Moffitt for attendants on the sick and wounded in war. It is very very kind of you to remember me.

I cd not manage to go to St T before I left London....

I am afraid dear Miss Gibson is feeling very tired though she keeps u bravely and is always bright an cheerful and gets thro an amount of work.

I do pay for you dear Madam, and I think we all do, tho we look upon you as a blessing and something to be thankful for. I will certainly try to do my best, and do my little to help on the good work, and I know full wee we heed all you say, and I am sure I have need of prayer and more faith. It is often a great trouble to me that my allegiance to the Master is so cold and indifferent. Again thanking you for all your kindness.

H1/ST/NC18/19/32 W.H. Wyatt to HBC from 88 Regent's Park Road 26 Sept 1871, have been unable to give any attn to Highgate, unable to give you any info re what has been done re probs, suggest he contact Waterlow. I shd some months since have resigned my appt as a manager of the Highgate Hosp, but I have postponed doing so thinking some point mt occur in which I mt be useful to Miss Torrance. I wd offer to se the Poor Law Bd for you on the matter, but just now my time is entirely taken up with the Hampstead Hosp Enq, the majority of the public will of course form their judgment from the sensational statements in the papers, but the result of the investigation will I have not a doubt be entirely satisfactory to those who have had the mgt of the hosp

H1/St/NC18/19/27 Queen Charlotte's Hosp sec to HBC 11 Nov 1872 with errors in FN book on lying in

H1/ST/NC18/19/28 W.H. Wyatt to HBC 8 June 1871, 88 Regent's Park Rd. It was only today that I was able to see Sir S Waterlow. I told him generally the pints which had been discussed between us, and I think now the most effectual mode of furthering our object would be for you to see him.

Finding that you are likely to be at Highgate tomorrow (Friday) at 5 I have asked Sir S Waterlow to be there at that time, his movements are uncertain for his eldest son is lying very dangerously ill, but I hope he may be able to be there. I wd have gone up to meet you, but unfort I am engaged to dine at Greenwich, but if after you have seen Sir S W you shd wish to see me, I will call on you on Wed. You will find Sir S fairly disposed to try the plan, but unwilling to let it cost the inst very much. I shall be very glad for Miss Torrance to have a holiday, her asst matron come son the 24th, & when she is settled she will be ready to go....I think 6 probs quite enough to start with.

H1/ST/NC18/19/25 Torrance to HBC Highgate, 29 April 1871, I have just

recd gratuities, will send receipt to Mrs Wardroper, will be a week before I get them all, nurses pleased with their letters, hope you will have to send double the amount this time next year, re statuettes will be prized; will settle with Nurse Crowdace next week; If I tell her to go I think she will go, but I wd like to give her another chance; I am sure the nurses wd appreciate the books

H1/ST/NC18/19/30 Torrance to HBC from Highgate 25 Sept 1871 embossed Central London sick asylum District, Highgate Inf. That question about the rules for the probs came on last Monday at the board meeting, and they decided that the rules which were wanted were rules for the guidance of probs *in* the place. I am to draw them up for them by next Thursday.

It really is nec for me now to have the probs (if it is decided that we are to have them) in as soon as poss. I shall be the 4 nurses short at the end of the week and it will be hard work to keep things straight till I get them in.

Miss Cameron left here in July. She needed to have a month or six weeks in Scotland before settling down at St T and I thought I cd better spare it to her than Mrs W cd, so I let her go. The same with Miss Parkinson--she left at half quarter day and Miss Starling goes next Friday. I am very sorry indeed to lose Nurse Biggs this quarter--she leaves to be married.

H1/ST/NC18/19/31 Torrance to HBC 27 Sept 1871. I saw Mr [W.H.] Wyatt today and he gave me your letter. I have not been able yet even to think of the rules that I am going to send in tomorrow, but I shall make them as few and as simple as possible. The work here just now is something tremendous. Since the Hampstead inquiry began the patients have become almost unmanageable, and I have to be in the wards at all hours. Then the ward work is very heavy--over a dozen perfectly helpless cases in almost every ward. If the nurses were not very willing and good indeed I do not know what I shd do. It is fortunate for me that they do not show the same temper and disposition which they did when we first began.

I cd have begun selecting probs long ago for all the board wd have said to the contrary, but how do you propose that I shd get them, and what am I to offer to them--There are many things that will make it far more difficult to get and to keep probs here than it is at St T! And even there with all the advertising it is difficult to get women.

I had an old copy of the Regs here, which I enclose with some alterations which you may perhaps think necessary.

You see I cannot begin to do anything about getting probs until I have printed regs of some sort. I wd not advise you to send any proposals to the board through Sir Sydney Waterlow. Almost everything that Sir Sydney proposes is opposed by the rest of the board.

This inq at Hampstead ought to do a great deal for trained skilled nursing. The nursing there was not so much deficient in "quantity" as in "quality." [good letter]

H1/ST/NC18/7/77 26 June 1866 HV letter to FN, Rathbone seems to want her name connected with his undertaking

H1/ST/NC2/V1/89 Moore to FN

H1/ST/NC2/V1/72 Braxton Hicks to FN from 9 St Thomas' St Jan 11 1872. Madam. Excessive pressure of work has rendered my progress in running through your work very show and spasmodic--...crude remarks, but perhaps you will excuse the form. The discussion as to the death rate in private practice is very much mixed up with this, though I must beg you not to mention at ?namely that Dr Mathews Duncan was and is very bitter against lying-in [?] The latter had written upon hospitalism as you know. Duncan writes against the subject, and doubtless exaggerated the mortality of some practice, doubtless unintentionally, still he makes scarcely allowance. If you have read his review in the Edin Review on your work you will see the tincture and the allusion you make to Simpson and Locock is adverted to in the same spirit. I perhaps may be allowed to add that I hoped Simpson's work as excellent, full of genius and breadth, but Locock, if you will look round is nil, his mark on the professional advance will never appear. I mention these points to give you some expl for the slight sharpness of that review, in order that you may make allowance for the opinions expressed on home practice. Still I think your calculation is not far off the correct one. I am not aware how soon you wish to bring out your 2nd edition, but I thought that mixed up as I am very much in country practiced, I mt privately [breaks off?]

The amount of deaths during the past year. Suppose I cd before 3 months are over obtain those of 20 probably equalling 100 each in town and country equally, this wd be an instalment. In this I know it will be objected that the reports will not be taken from records made at the time. In the vol 1 of Obst Trans (which is at yr service) of two practitioners amounting to about 4000 cases. In our maternity this past year I find only one puerperal fever and one uncertain whether that or not. There were 2200 cases attended and about 8 deaths of all kinds. One was for tumour or basia but the report will be soon out and I will send it to you.

You will see by my contribution to puerpl disease that I look upon zymotic diseases as the main cause of puerpl troubles in some way or another. I am inclined to think the so-called puerperal fever of lying in wards is started by one kind or another of zymotics generally. That in the puerperal woman it loses its particular character or is modified in the body, and that these forms are the most contagious. But I question whether simply pyaemia derived from within at any rate not from lynosis is anything like to contagious, if indeed it is at all, of this however I have no *certain* data.

Dr Martin of Berlin has recently written to show that diphtheria is the cause of puerperal fever, that it is a cause my remarks in the papers sent you show that I believe--so that if a zymotic disease be anyhow introduced into lying-in wards it will spread as puerperal fever. The more in one illeg te more of course will be affected. How far a particular poison is generated by the lying-in woman a principio it is difficult to say. Congregation permits a greater number of course to be exposed and affected. In ordinarily clean wards fancy the simple fact of congregation will not act but it must be seen that the friends and

nusres where they are allowed to go out may introduce the zymotic dis, a scarlet fever w/o it being poss to tell from whence it arose. This is in a general hosp a source of trouble to surgical cases and others.

I may add that during the epidemic of smallpox I have seen very little puerpl fever compared with what I did during the last great ep of sc fever. Smallpox may kill the puerpl state but it preserves its features much more complete than the other zymotics. These points I have mentioned are not altogether recognized by the profession, but the discussion in my paper will show our general belief at the present time. [interesting letter on the state of medical knowledge of disease and transmission]

H1/ST/NC2/V2/72 Braxton Hicks to FN Jan 30/72. Allow me to thank you for your kind present and also for your kind expressions in your note.

Since I wrote to you, I see that Dr Farr has collected some stats, but I can hardly understand, from the imperfect notice I find, how he calculates. Probably you have by this time have heard more details. I will certainly endeavour to get some stats from my brethren.

I hear that nothing will convince Dr Mathews Duncan but that the mortality of home is 1 in 2. This must be certainly overrated for ordinary conditions, and I shd fancy for average times. But he must not fancy. I think for the poor at home (of London) _ For Guy's charity gives a fair example If even we allow 2 more deaths a year for cases which have not come to our knowledge this will make ample provision against error. Of the maternity charities the same may be said, as I know we look after the midwives very closely. In epidemics of sc fever puerperal fever increases much. In this ep of smallpox the patients have smallpox as such definitely, but not puerperal fever--at least this is my experience. Diphtheria in a ward, or village, will produce also puerperal fever in some, diphtheria illeg in another an da mixed case in a third. Erysipelas again the same. But in home treatment you will see that by my paper our enemy is scarlatina. In home cases the contact is unavoidable but in the better classes with means and opp at command it is often impossible to persuade mothers to leave the house. Numerous instances of lives lost w/o the slightest need, I mean where the children have been ill for say 2 months consecutively before, but not giving any anxieties on their account. Yet the mother has insisted on remaining in contact with them despite urgent entreaties of the med man. I saw an instance of this only recently at Leamington. Six motherless children all small are left where in all prob they need not have been. I have doubted how far the alarm caused by the full appreciation of this by women wd counterbalance the advantages of the knowledge of the danger, but certainly the majority do not know a danger very apparent and generally avoidable.

Regarding the MS table it is intended for a very short notice of a case rather to draw up tables from, than to give any account of the details. I like the form of the Birmingham one very much for other purposes, I mean for more complete accounts. I fancy that result date would be sufficient if you have a date at the beginning, but if you omitted that you cd put "Result. 30 days after." It is not easy to obtain accts so long after in a considerable number of cases, at least

in large practices.

Will you kind again excuse literary failings whi I will endeavour to balance by info as far as I can obtain it. [again, note the state of analysis--diseases morph]

H1/ST/NC2/V4/72 Braxton Hicks to FN Feb 22/72. Will you again permit me to send a few more notes on your work, coupled with the same apologies for crudeness and also for the liberty I have taken throughout in the remarks, I mean of my freedom is too much shown. Some of them have already been made in the former remarks sent to you and therefore you must excuse their reappearing. They may be of assistance ot you, or not, if you feel any help I shall have been rewarded. If you do not find them in consonance with your experience pass them aside. I have already stirred in the calculation of the death rate in private practice. I hope to obtain something before you close your MS worthy of a notice.

If I can be of any further service to you I shall be happy to do so upon an intimation in what direction I can assist.

H1/ST/NC2/V16/72 Professor Spaeth to FN April 1872 fair copy, in German

H1/ST/NC2/V31/72 Shrimpton to FN from 5 whitehall June 2 1873. Anxiety and worry with lawyers since arrived in London, did not answer. Your admirable work on lying-in insts, which I found in Paris on my last visit there. I have read it a second time but not with the applic a stat work requires to do it justice. Such a work, in my opinion, cannot be complete from various causes over which we have no control, but certainly your book is most powerfully conclusive in its arguments and will have an immense influence, not only over lying-in insts, but over all hops ests demonstrating the disastrous effect of "HOSPITALISM".

You will agree with me,, I think, that there are many difficulties to be overcome before any great reforms can be effected. Happily, however, I hope I see them working themselves out. The local sanitary boards will give more power to medical men whose efficiency will be developed as the importance of their duties is increased. This will lead to the est of small isolate hops, which will become the centre of action of all sanitary matters throughout the country, leading prob to many reforms, the revision of the poor laws, etc. Stats point illeg to this.

Ever hosp has now a service of midwifery attendance on poor women in their own homes to which service development is given every day. Your work gives an immense impulse in this direction, but I see that things must be left to work themselves out in England. The powerful action of individual initiative will be brought to bear as soon as the necessity becomes known.

The reorg of the army, the compulsory educ act etc will increase considerably the action of local govt all over the country and will bring about the necessary reforms in our hosps arrs. No one will have contributed more than yourself to this desired effect. I have ventured to hint at the probably succession of wants which will add assuredly to the strength of dear old England. Women have their part, and a very great part it is too, in our social progress. Your address to them as "My dear Sisters/ or rather mes chers et tres honores confreres") will

give a good impulse to the women now being made for the medical educ of women. How many women are there of first rate capacity, who have no vocation and who cd create for themselves the most useful carer as "physician accoucheuses'"? I think you must be of my opinion that altho women may be instrumental in all the branches of med at and sc, they cannot practice as physicians and surgeons attending the other sex--they must naturally drift into their own sphere of action--allow me to renew my expression of gratitude and to be,... most respectful and devoted servant.

H1/ST/NC2/V63/72 Lucy Leighton to FN Nightingale Home St T Oct 6 1872. Madam The kindness with which you replied to my letter of inq before coming here and the well-known deep interest you always take in the welfare of all who chose the life I have done and especially in connexion with your own band here lead me to hope you will pardon my intruding again on your time, asking your sympathy and advice.

I made arrs with the illeg home here some months ago. Have been happier than ever I hoped to be in the work. But at the time I came Mrs Wardroper thought I looked delicate in..then since ..has confirmed her and Mrs W says she does not think I have physical power to fill the post of sister or supt. The blow tome is terrible. The more so as tho never perhaps robust I have always led a very busy active life and certainly while here as a prob I have never found the work too much for my strength, *nor in any way suffered from it*. Of course knowing Mrs W's resp to the committee I don't for one moment blame her or believe that she ought to act differently. At the same time I cannot give up the work, here or elsewhere. *Can you, will you, help me?* Not by asking Mrs Wardroper to alter her decision but by giving me some directions as to the best way of securing another sphere of labour. Mrs W has always expressed herself as fully satisfied on every other point.

I have thought I shd be so very happy as matron of a small country hosp, so small that a good share of *nursing* cd form part of the work.

If you are able to bear it--wd it be asking too much to say will you *let me see you?* I have wished it so many years now more than ever.

H1/ST/NC2/V12/72 Emma Cox to FN May 11 1872. Re CDA had worked such wonders in Dover and Shorncliffe, neighbouring villages to the camps from the inquiries I have made on the subject lately, has been confirmed, visiting soldiers' wives. Plymouth.

H1/ST/NC2/V66/72 F.H. von Arneth from Vienna Dec 17 1872, English, trans von Littrow Kolowratring 14. Madam. Our mutual friend Mrs Littrow informed that you want information about the St Petersburg Inst for educating midwives of a better class.

Immediately after I had the pleasure of this conversation with Mme Littrow I wrote to a friend of mine at St Petersburg to get the statues of the new school. I recd them only a few days ago; they are in Russian and my wife translated them for you into German as we learned thorough Mme Littrow that you are an excellent German scholar.

In perusing these regs you will perceive at once that what they are doing in St Petersburg is highly different from what is going on

elsewhere and indeed they are arriving in Russia at a more perfect educ of midwives. Allow me, Madam, as you are kind enough to ask for my opin in this matter to speak of the St P school, and to leave aside the Zurich and other pursuits. As far as I can see they are on a better way at St P than in other towns, females being trained chiefly at least in that branch of medical science which becomes women the best, viz the accouchement and what is necessary to know of diseases of children. Women have regular courses in which men take no part except for teaching. Two capital points can according to my opinion only be decided by time. I mean to allude first to the fact that women educated after the plan of the P. Inst are in my opinion confirmed by many instances easily induced to practice medicine in a larger plan, that is to say also in branches in which they enjoyed no well grounded educ. It is clear that shd this ever be the case the result of the P education would be anything but happy. Another question deciding latterly as the success of the P school is whether the ladies of St P will feel by and by the adv offered to them by these better educated midwives. Perhaps you will consider this doubt as a paradox, but unfortunately I have seen two after that it is not always the better sc educ that procures confidence. Allow me to give you an example. We have in this country to this very day a double class of medical men, the first class was constituted by men of a perfect univ educ and a far higher training in med sc, the second one counts only men of a very indifferent classical educ and of far less perfect medical training, and notwithstanding the alluded differences the public esp in the open country gives very frequently the preference to this inferior class of medical men. A similar thing I am afraid cd also happen in St P.

But even supposed the best result, these higher educ midwives will always be in a very ltd number, considering of course the immense extent of Russia, considering the comparatively small number of women of a better class inclining to the profession of midwives and to devoting their time and more or less considerable expenses to a training which may not everywhere be considered a very Honourable one. Of course to judge well you ought to consider a time where the first enthusiasm, the first hopes of many women to lead a more useful life in devoting themselves to occs hitherto the exclusive domain of men will be by some at least considered an illusion. But this is not all: there are many countries the greater part if not the whole of Germany, Prussia, are amongst them, where it was hitherto strictly forbidden to midwives to perform any operations as turning, using the forceps etc, these being the exclusive province of men midwives. You see se, Madam, that as other revaluation ought to take place where midwives are to take the part of men accoucheurs, the strife between the two sexes, I am afraid, will be a violent one and the newcomers will have great difficulty in getting over it being in the beginning at least far inferior in number, less provided with schools, scattered through an immense empire with I fear little protection and besides under the difficulty of the prejudice of a great number of their own sex. Even the bodily strength will not always be sufficient for those exertions, as every practitioner conversant with accouchement operations is and are they count among those operations afford frequently an immense deal of illeg and

strength.

Such, Madam, are the consideration I shd like to submit to your judgment when all in all I cannot illeg on the trial the pupils of th Petersburg school are undergoing with too sanguine expectations. Unfortunately I am long time since suffering from a disease of the eyes that prevents me from writing. My wife keeps the pen for me and so I have only to add that we both felt very happy to have this commun with you, Madam, who stand so high in leading and advocating the cause of woman. Believe me, Madam, to be with my best compliments and the express desire to be always of your service in similar and other pursuits.

Requests for supts and trained nurses for Liverpool wkh Inf and Gen Inf, Manchester Inf, Herbert Hosp, Melbourne, Hatfield Broad Oak Cottage H destroyed Sept 1935 note on folder.

H1/ST/NC18/26/65 SEW to HBC from St T Jan 19 1882. I send you the enclosed questions in reference to the} intro of female tr nursing into the naval hosps and also female trainers for the young men. No doubt women are sadly wanted for the sick in these hosps tho I fear there wd be considerable danger accompanied with such an experiment. Please let Miss Nightingale have these questions if it will not be troubling her too much. They are sent to me by a lady friend of Miss Hogg's (Sister Charity)

H1/ST/NC18/26/10 Isabel Thorne to HC from London School of Medicine for Women, 30 Henrietta St Brunswick Sq March 23 1880. I enclose some papers relative to the London School of Med for Women. A course of lectures for midwifery is given every other year at the school. Practical midwifery is taken by the students at one or other of the London lying-in hosps, our students generally select the one in Endell St as being the best, but the arrs at the hosp in the York Rd have recently been reorganized and the teaching there is I believe very thorough. AT the hosp in the City Road female pupils are also taken.

There is no maternity dept in connection with the Royal Free Hosp tho the arrs for the treatment of the diseases of women are very good.will procure any other info.

H1/St/NC18/26/40 black-edged paper pencil FN letter, red underlining

Miss Pyne

Westminster 10 South St.

August 3/80

My dear Harry

I send you this from
Miss Pyne. She seems
scarcely up to the facts of
the case.

I feel very much inclined
to telegraph to her to
stick to the *Liverpool*
Workhouse: & to write
that I think the difficulties
at the Westminster are too
great. Though she is so
irreflective that that might
determine her *in favour of* the
Westmr.

I cannot of course write or
telegraph *till I know what*
you have done.

Am I at liberty to tell
her of the difficulties you
told me at the Westmr?

[Your expressions about
Elinor decided me *against.*]
I think too we are bound
to help Agnes Jones' last
career & that we ought
to re-attach ourselves to
WORKHOUSE Nursing, as
soon as possible.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC18/26/41 black-edged paper, pencil, colour underlining

Miss Pyne

Liverpool 5/8/80

My dear Harry

You & I have a
difficult part to play:

Miss Pyne writes,
*asking me to telegraph
to Mr. Rathbone that
she prefers Liverpool,
if she can withdraw
from Westminster*

& regrets that she
ever withdrew from
Liverpool.

She explains that she
never understood Liverpool

was "*permanent*" till after
she had applied for
Westminster.

[I wrote to her much
in your sense, NOT
recommending "any further
change".]

I send you her letter.
I hardly know what to
say: of course also
I should not telegraph
to Mr Rathbone without
you.

[What you told me about
the Westminster very
much impresses me

however, with the conviction that Miss Pyne
could not deal with
those Committees.]

WHAT SHALL I DO?

Lady Lothian has
written to me more
than once that she is
"asked as a member
of the Westminster Home
Commee" to confer
with me on the subject.

I have decline don the
plea that I should
only make mischief.
Now she asks again
What shall I say? F.N.

H1/St/NC18/26/42 black-edged paper pen, blue underling

MISS PYNE. 5/8/80
May my Messenger wait
for *your answer*
about *Miss Pyne*?
I could not write or do anything
today *after* a quarter to *one*
being engaged beyond
my strength all this afternoon
& day.
So sorry it should have
happened.
F. Nightingale

H1/ST/NC18/26/43 pen, red underlining, black-edged paper

Miss Pyne

Mr Rathbone 6/8/80

I do not think she
would accept "a roving
engagement" for a year:
nor that she is a fit
person for it (IF anyone is)
nor that it ought to be
offered her.

I concur with Mr. Rathbone
(with almost intense
sympathy) that his
Workhouse Hospital
trained nursing "the
first that was established,"
should not be allowed
to "run down."

Pray tell him so from me, if
you have an opportunity.

Pray, if you have an
opportunity, give him
my "love,"
& say something of how
grieved I was that he
did not re-enter his
own Liverpool as a
member. I had
so looked for it.

I have not liked to
trouble him (& have
been too ill myself)
but should have been
anxious to know what
was the result of his
son's visit to Calcutta.

Miss Gordon
Edinbro'

I do not think we could
"offer Edinbro' Infirmary
"night supcy for a year
"to Miss Gordon" without
further conference
with Miss Pringle
who is *abroad*.
Miss Gordon *might* do
excellently. I did not *at*
all conclude against
it. But I think
Miss Pringle might
justly say: 'what I
'asked you was to
'*recommend* a one=
'year-old *Probationer*,
'with the express purpose
'of your receiving her back

'For a Suptcy' I could
'not take a lady who
'has been (? 1 ½ years)
'a *Supt* & who is
'not yours *without*
'some enquiry & conversation'

I do not say Miss
Pringle would say this:
but I think she ought
What we thought of Miss
Gordon was: that we
liked her very much
(*I have never seen her*)
but thought her quite
unfitted for Supcy. She
may have been improved,
she may have deteriorated
under her present Supcy
~~But~~ we cannot tell without
knowing more. F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/32 Louisa Hogg to HBC, from Royal Naval Hosp Plymouth
March 23/87. The naval nursing sisters have a very good position, and
are treated not only as ladies but as officers in the hosps where they
work.

Their pay is much the same as that of the mil sisters, but their
position socially and officially I shd say is better. They have more
control over their nurses, and over the arrs of their wards. They begin
at £30, rising to £50, rather slowly, but they have no expenses, as
ample uniform is allowed them. And they have 1/6d a week allowed for

washing, besides getting their aprons, caps, cuffs and collars washed at the hosp laundry. For food we are found with a "mess" and allowed 1/6d a day, which is paid monthly and which allowance we have always found sufficient. In fact we generally have a surplus.

I believe your special probs wd like the work very much. Just at present there are no vacancies, at either of the three naval hosps, Haslar, Plymouth or Chatham, but one never knows when they may occur.

Sir John West Reid keeps a "roster" of names at the Admiralty and it would be as well for your probs to put down their names, some months before they are ready for employment. We want ladies of tact, and some character and Indeed hardly say with a good deal of discretion as many of the older naval surgeons have never worked with women before and the older nurses at first disliked taking orders from a woman. However that feeling has almost entirely passed away and we are all very comfortable here. I am afraid I have ...

H1/ST/NC18/27/31 Hogg to HBC March 187 re his inq about Royal Albert Hosp Devonport. It is a small hosp, close by the dockyard, well built with most modern improvements and the matron has very comfortable sitting room. The late matron, Miss Fanon? was a worthy sort of woman but not at all a lady and certainly not a trained nurse. The wards are very pretty and nice. The visiting doctors are not those most thought of in Plymouth but Dr May is said to be both a clever man and pleasant to deal with. I enclose a list of the patrons and medical staff....

They are now re-opening the lock wards as govt give a grant yearly towards these. I shd think it wd be a nice quick appt for one of your specials and of course I do not know whom you have in view...

I am quite settled in here now- and like naval work much better than I did at first. There is a pleasant set of sisters working here with me and the hosp is said to be much improved since they came. But it takes a long time to get anything at all new or different from their old routine

H1/ST/NC18/27/49 Pringle to HBC from Royal Inf Ed 30 May 187. I have today written to the treas accepting the post, and I will do my best not to disappoint such a kind trust as they have shown. But you know I have no confidence in my own suitability. The treas's letter was so pleasantly worded that it has taken away a certain dread I had of him (not that I knew anything of him).

I wrote privately to Mr Ford on Saturday and today to Mr Fasson telling him about it, and that the offer remained subject to the approval of the general court. Mr Ford paid me a most kind visit and told me that the managers wd take no steps till they recd my formal resignation on hearing again from the treas. This seemed to me very delicate and good of them. But they are just what they have always been. I suppose the treas will let me hear as early as poss, so that no time may be lost for our managers? I forgot to tell him that I am going into the country tomorrow aft till Sat....

For Miss Nightingales sake I am glad of this issue, but she will have to teach me so much and to bear with me. Mr Fasson and Miss Spencer are the two who will feel it most here, tho all are kind. You must not feel

that it is a "sacrifice" for me. There is much pain in it of course, but it comes in the way of duty and that is always the best. And if it is right for me to go it must be best for Edinburgh that I shd go. Since the decision came and my duty of being advocate for Edinburgh is over I can think of St Thomas' as my old home and take pleasure in the thought of working for it. [so diffident]

H1/ST/NC18/19/8 James Hope to HBC 4 July 1871, 119 Prince's Street Edinburgh. We have been in communication with Mrs Wardr of St T Hosp regarding nurses, but find that she cannot at present help us, as she says all she knows of will be required for the new hosp. We propose to adopt some such system as she superintends, of which she was kind enough to send a full memorandum. A lady supt wd be required, and that probably will not be easily got. We have heard of a Mrs Crawford in Liverpool, who is highly recommended by Miss Merryweather the supt of the Nurses Tr School there. But, what we want *first* are 4 head nurses corresponding to your *sisters* in England to do duty *at night*, and see that the ordinary nurses attend faithfully to their duties.

It occurs to me that perhaps Miss Nightingale may know of some experienced trustworthy woman. We find that such a check is much more required than day supervision.

When we remove to the new hospital we shall require more such nurses, but in the meantime, as our accommodation is ltd, we think four cd do the duty. Two being on each night, one in the medical and one in the surgical hosp. [16:784ppp]

The whole plans for the infirmary are completed and we are just going to commence excavating the foundations.

A short time ago I spent some hours with our architect in the new St Thomas', where the clerk of works showed us everything. We got some good hints but, on the whole, I think our new inf will bear a strict comparison. [end]

I had intended to have called for you on the subject of this letter, but had to leave London sooner than I expected. When you have time I shall be glad to know if you can help us.

H1/ST/NC18/19/12 7 June 1872 to HBC from Richard Holmes, sec West Kent General Hosp, Maidstone thanks for copy of N Fund report for 1870; hosp has 40 beds, often full, will prob have to enlarge, asks for copy of FN's *Notes on Hospitals* with appendixes, asks if can get at a less price, by studying such a work I mt be enabled to give a hint at the right moment

H1/ST/NC18/19/18 17 March 1871. Alice Hospital, Darmstadt to HBC I shd be much obliged if you wd kindly send me a copy of the qualifications considered necessary for a perfect nurse by the com or managers of the Nightingale Fund. I ask for the paper for us in connexion with the Alice-Frauen-Verein, a nursing society est by HRH the Princess Louis of Hesse., director. C. Mayo?

H1/ST/NC18/19/78 HC 12/6/71 to Sir Sydney Waterlow. Com of N Fund seeing the large and increasing demand which prevails for tr nurses in wok

infs, are anxious to extend so far as their resources will admit, the ltd means wh exist for training this class of nurse.

The appreciation wh the bd of the Central London Sick Asylum District have evinced of the advantages of trained nursing and the success wh has attended the intro of the system into the board's inf at Highgate induce the com of the M Fund to hope for the co-op of your board in extending these benefits to other insts.

It appears to my com that the Highgate Inf affords facilities for training which no other similar inst possesses. I am therefore instructed to inquire whether your board wd be prepared to entertain a proposition for the adm into the inf of a ltd number of pupil nurses or probs upon terms to be agreed upon.

My com believe that arrs may be made which shall ensure that additional expense shall be entailed upon your board, while at the same time conferring a considerable adv upon the inst.

My com wd only be enable to commence tentatively and upon a small scale and they propose that at first six probs shd be recd who shd be lodged and boarded in the inf, be placed under the immediate direction and control of the matron and act as asst nurses in the wards.

Upon hearing that your bd are willing to entertain the proposal I shall be prepared to enter into further details and if thought more convenient personally to attend and give expls.

1/ST/NC18/23/5 FN note to HBC, pencil, red und

Nurse Caroline Oakes: Acting Supt Herbert Hospital

Feb 13/77

My dear Hy B.C.

The *pension* awarded is £16.16!

Of course she thinks this is all our fault for having deferred the sending in of her claim & statement of services: /till our own Staff & entrance was settled

/insert: the Draft of which was sent me, as I told you, in September/ I have revised a Draft now asking for more

~~& told her~~ & said that I would back it
I presume you have heard nothing
from *Sir Wm Muir*.

Should I, in writing to him, about this unhappy pension [they are really wearing me out at the Herbert with an incessant & perfectly useless correspondce] say anything about our own Staff? Or ask for his answer?

I return Nurse Kate's letter to you: It is important. Yrs F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/23/12 acting dir gen, Munro to HBC on embossed WO 27.9.76
The furnishing of the quarters for the supt and nurses is not yet completed. The moment everything is ready for their reception I shall let you know, and we can make a beginning with whatever staff of nurses

you can supply. This is Sir W. Muir's wish and intention.

Sir W Muir will be much obliged if you will arrange for removal of the nursing sisters now at the Herbert Hosp.

FN comment red and blue pencil

*What an extraordinary
expression, & to us!*

WE are to "remove" the
Nurses?

H1/ST/NC18/11/39 W Walters, Parsonage, Oldham to HBC May 20 1872. I have today recd a most kind letter from Miss Nightingale in answer to one I had written about a matron. We are organizing our staff for a new infirmary in this town. It contains two pavilion wards with nurses' kitchens, rooms &c 12 beds in each. Between them is the administrative bldg with plenty perhaps too much accommodation. We want to find an experienced matron who will help us to organize on a right principle and to begin well. We offer £60 a year with of course board, lodging &c. We hope to command the services of an efficient matron for that sum, but we shd be ready to give more to secure what we want.

Miss N asks for info as to our requirements, which I shall hope to furnish in a day or two. Meanwhile at her suggestion I am putting myself in communic with you & hope you will forgive the trouble I am merely giving you, any advice or sugg you cd give wd be recd with gratitude by our inexperienced com. [so, another matron etc for new pavilion hosp]

H1/ST/NC18/11/40 Lady Warrender to Mrs Wardr May 31 [1872] is this the start re Edinb?, she and some other ladies are very anxious to est an inst of nursing sisters in Edin and she was rec to apply to Mrs W for info and advice on the subject by Mrs Sweet of Devonshire Sq Bishopgate St. ...whether cd supply 2 or 3 from N Nurses at St T for the proposed inst, told another locality, also wh Mrs W knows of anyone who wd be qualified to act as matron or supt. What salary wd be reqd? Lady W ignorant of the whole matter, only that the want of efficient nurses in Edin both for private and hosp work is so lamentable that she has felt impelled to take this up. Asks for any hints

H1/ST/NC18/11/56 G Wedgwood to HBC Feb 8 1873

embossed Senior Oxford and Cambridge Club July 10/73 to HBC from Chas Taylor?? Can't read re his friend to Miss N, certain ladies of the Lawrence family he acquainted with 2, have been talking to me re a plan of theirs for formation of a sort of tr est for nurses in India. It wd be under the immediate suptce of Mrs Beynon? whom I know a little, a da of Sir George Lawrence (wife of Col B a pol official of Rajpootama). Object wd be the prep of women such as easily to be had in India, widow and the like, for employ as nurses in the zenanas. A doctor and his wife to take charge of instr. He asked for assist in search for such persons. Asks informally. Re formal corr between Lord Lawrence and FN who have no doubt quite enough on their hands already. I believe the plan is one of the most practical and bona fide kind. That it will have ulterior

purposes of a missionary sort to serve at the same time is only what one wd expect from the well known opinions of the family or families engaged in it. But the whole thing is to be expounded by Lord L himself in a paper shortly to be sent to me. Chas. Taylor

H1/ST/NC18/11 and another J.G. Allen, MD, 1237 Spruce St Phil, physician at Phil Lying-in Charity and Nurse Society of Phil. Asks for a copy of docs on hi and mgt of school for nurses re St T. I am one of the "principal physicians" and teachers connected with the Phil Lying-in Charity and Nurse ..We are about adding a hosp to our present acc and I will thank you very much for any report, rules regs or info re nurse teaching

H1/ST/NC18/11/95 C.S. Billings, [J.S.?] asst surgeon US Army, librarian SGO (Surgeon General's Office) to HBC. Request for the library copies of any printed reports, announcements, rules and regs or circs of inf relating to the Nightingale Fund for Training Nurses. They may be sent addressed to the Surgeon General, US Army care of Trubner, Ludgate Hill, London, any expense incurred, will be cheerfully met.

H1/ST/NC18/12/30 May 10 1875, Whiteford to HBC, in London but Montreal Hosp corr. I have recd from Miss Machin the papers wh you so kindly sent to Miss Nightingale and wh the former wd doubtless have ... It was determined to employ Mr Alex Graham and he is to prepare a preliminary sketch to be submitted to Miss Nightingale. I can for the present but repeat to you and to capt Galton thro you my own deep sense of the obligation wh you as well as Miss Nightingale re laying the people of my native country until it can more fully be done by those more directly concerned. We however may not be for some time as I will only send the papers with my report when I receive the plan. [use hosp]

H1/ST/NC18/12/29 April 17/75 Nightingale Home, from M M Machin to HBC. Asks to let Miss Nightingale see that plan of the ground of Mtl Hosp if it is in yr possession yet, and please did I leave in the env a letter to me from Mr Redpath. I cannot find it.

H1/ST/NC18/12/26 Charles Alexander, Montreal, March 18 1875 to HBC, re agreement made with Miss Machin to return to Canada to manage for us the nurse dept of the Mtl Gen. Asks assistance of 4 nurses to accompany her

H1/ST/NC18/12/27 Machin to HBC April 1 [1875] Enclosed is from Mtl with my letters this morn. They seem to agree entirely with the terms I have proposed and now I think it is quite clear that I shd go this summer. It is reasonable to suppose that if I am interested in the improvements to be made and am allowed a view in the matter that they shd wish to have me on the spot suggest according to actual obs or exp I have decided and Mrs W is of this opinion, bet to take head nurses not from among the ladies, later on if all succeeds I may want a lady asst. I hope to see Miss Nightingale this aft and when you have the leisure to talk it over with you.

H1/ST/NC18/12/31 no date Whiteford to HBC re Mtl, re lots, false economy

H1/ST/NC18/12/3 SEW to HBC April 10 1876. I enclose an applic form Ottawa for supt and nurses. Mr Gordon represents our conversation on the subject last summer in rather an exaggerated tone

H1/ST/NC18/12/4 23 March 1876. Manse, Gordon re interview with her last summer, brought before your notice the cond of the Prot Hosp in the city, the County of Carleton General Prot Hosp and the proposal to est a nurse training school in connection with it. I mentioned that the number of patients in the hosp ranged from 30 to 45, that the directors had recently erected a new and commodious bldg with modern hosp conveniences, and I asked you if you thought that one person cd discharge the double duties of matron of the hosp and supt of a nurse tr school attached to it If so, cd you rec an appropriate person for the position and at what salary?

You assured me that a prob who has passed under such a course of tr as is given in the Nurses Home under your own direction cd very well discharge such twofold duties, and you were kind enough to say that, if desired, you wd undertake to rec a thoroughly suitable person. You further assured me that you thought one 100 pounds salary per annum, with apartment and board, wd be an appr salary for such a matron... nurses at £25 each per annum...

Nurse tr schools are new in Canada, but their importance is beginning to be realized, and the dirs of the hosp in this city are very anxious to est one in connection with the hosp, the supt of the nurse tr school to be also matron...They have authorized me to request you to recommend to them for this position some thor qual person, trained in the Nurses Home of St T Hosp or in some equally good school, and fully capable of training others, on the und that her salary....asks to inform

H1/ST/NC18/12/5 SEW to HBC Sept 30 1876. Glad to hear Sir W Muir decides for us to take the Herbert, and I hope it may be poss for us to commence with a staff not less than 4. I dare say Miss Nightingale has forwarded letters to your from Miss Pringle and nurse Watkins..., re Stains, Rye, Shillington

H1/ST/NC18/12/22 Sieveking to HBC 19 May 1877. The disaster of yesterday has quite stunned me. I shd not have thought it poss that a body of men who knew anything whatever of nurses? Govt cd have majority of yesterday

H1/ST/NC/18/21/1- Reports to Mrs Wardroper from Nightingale Nurses 1881 letters from employers; letter of Sophia Crump from Capel Village Hosp April 24 likes work in a large hosp much better, glad to know still belongs to the Nightingale Home;
Henrietta Walker letter to Mrs Wardr, after leaving Coventry. Mach 2 1880 Tetbury Hosp Gloucestershire, seems matron, v small hosp; I Huguenin letter Marc 25 1881 from Parish Inf re inqu about Miss Knox; M.L. Carroll from County Hosp Lincoln Apr 20 1881; E Staines re Miss Bloomer, Papps, Ausley from Gen Hosp, Wolverhampton Apr 18

H1/ST/NC18/21/78 pencil

Nurses' Pension & Sick Fund

May 2/87

My dear Harry

This has been awaiting your return some time.

I know not whether Miss Vincent has written to you - as I asked her.

Every 2 or 3 years a 'recrudescence' happens- And the subject is (happily) brought up again & again.
"The Hospital" - a stupid paper - is full now of contributions on the subject which have been sent me -But I have not seen Mr Burdett's letter

Probably you have.

Miss Vincent's is a very business-like contribution to the matter - giving names & suggestions-

[She had previously spoken to me about it. And I had told her all the objections which I learnt from you .]

Her people, you see, are willing to do their best to obviate our objections.

So were Miss Pringle's people, some ~~6~~ or 7 years ago, if you remember.

Miss Bristow, of Belfast, [we had Miss Crossland from her, if you remember] is less business -like-but worth reading.
All the dissertations I have

had this year include ~~refer to~~
the raising of a "Jubilee Fund"
for the end in view

I have given Miss Bristow
likewise the difficulties.

Would it be possible to
work up something for them?

That something will be
done appears certain-
probably something that
will have no sound basis,
& will break up, unless
you help them.

Miss Vincent's paper of
suggestions is *suggestive*.
Will you kindly fix a day for
seeing me this week?

Ever yrs affly
F.N.

List by E Vincent of names of matrons keen to have a benefit and pension club:

E. Vincent, G. Wyld, C. Davidson, A de Laney, M.A. Kent, M.A. Vousden, L Constable, M Shere, M Bywater, H Heasman, M Clutterbuck, E Bartlett, E Watson, E Pattison, M.A. Thompson, J E Mackenzie, H Proschwitzley, C Thompson, E Walker, M Shifford, C Uridge, T. Dugdale, F Newlow, E Lee, J (T?{ Steele, M Swift, H Mcilleg J Cairnie, S Baylis

Report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund 1886. London: Deverell 1887.
With FN: From Miss Vincent. F. Nightingale
Lady Bloomfield's 1887

H1/ST/NC18/23/20 Aston to HBC

references re Galton and treas

H1/ST/NC18/22/10 Galton to HBC Liege 22 Oct 1877

My dear Harry, The more I reflect upon the St Thomas' business the more do I doubt the advisability of taking the position of *paid* treas *with* residence of St T Hosp. It seems to me that it is impossible to divide the position of that of being a subordinate to the board of mgt with the sec or solicitor....paid subordinates. If the ...You cannot compare the position of the managers to the position of paid managing director of illeg because all the directors have ...

St T cured and discharged from St T in Southwark last year, of sick, wounded, and diseased persons 286 inpatient and 25430 med and surg outpatients, incl casualties, 28296, buried from thence after much charge in their sickness 284, remaining under care: inpatients 394, outpatients and casualties 1849, so during last year of poor miserable objects under the care of the said hosp and destitute of other proper

care, in all 30,828, this for 1834;
another for 1835 goes back to 1781;

for 1860 St T
inpatients 46338, died after much charge in their sickness 350,
remaining under cure inp 440, outp 2240
for 1861 St T
admitted, cured, discharged during last year 45762, died after much
charge in sickness 380, remaining under cure inpatients 446, outp 2050,
for 1861

St John's House records agreement with Charing Cross 1884, St
Margaret's; corr 1871 Caroline Lloyd, superior and Dr Lionel L. Beale,
treas KCH; printed H.C.B. Daubeney, vice chair, com of mgt KCH re suit;
1872 "very serious situation re St John's House"; newspaper story
(undated) A Nursing Sisterhood, secession of sisters from SJ House and
painful controversy concerning it; 1874 difficulties; more trouble 1874.
Statement of the Lady Superior as to matters at issue between St John's
House and KCH, to Lord Hatherley, nurses and patients conniving;
finally a printed doc 10 July 1883: St John's House 7 and 8 Norfolk St
Strand WC, resolved unan, that the Council accepts the resignation of the
sisters with the greatest regret, believing that there is no sufficient
ground, no intention as is alleged to lower the moral and religious
standard of their work; statement to Guardian by Bartle J.L. Frere,
treas of SJ House 1883. "Strike of the Sisters"; ref to bitter end at
Guy's re mgt of hosp in hands of med staff or nursing sister, recurred
at KCH, terminated in resignation or dismissal (doubt as to which term
of sister matron and resignation or strike of 30 of the sisters, who
severed connection with hosp and SJ House; struggle for supremacy within
order; then a Refutation by R Few, survivor of its two origination in
1848

Report of com of council of SJ House 28 Jan 1856 approved going into
KCH. Terms of agreement, SJ House will provide for efficient perf of
duties of matron, sisters, nurses and scrubbers in hosp, KCH shall pay
treas of SJ House £800 per ann, quarterly; hosp will provide accomm for
persons,; whole expense of commissariat to be defrayed by hosp; persons
provided by SJ House obey directions of hosp com and any question
arising between the 2 insts to be referred to arbitration of council of
King's College London, beds not exceed 140

Sir Thomas Phillips, chair of joint committee of KCH and SJH: matron nom
by SJH to be appointed to that office by hosp com
printed draft term May 6 1872 of agreement between KCH and SJ House
printed Hints for Nurses (St John's House-King's College Hosp) 4 pp
H1/ST/SJ/A39/7

printed The Nursing in King's College Hosp. H1/ST/SJ/A39/9 7pp, signed
Bowman and Beale

booklet h1/ST/NC5/4 misc copies, extracts of letters. Roll 5 prob

H1/ST/NC5/3/16 typed copies

21 Sept 1856 General Grey. Miss Nightingale comes here today to dine and sleep that she may have a good opportunity of speaking to Lord Panmure who also arrives. I cannot quite make out what important changes she wd suggest, for it is clear to me that individuals far more than systems have been in fault.

I have just seen confidential reports of the French and Russians losses during the war. The former out of 230.000 men who first and last landed in the Crummy, lost about 70.000 by actual death, or about 30 percent.

We out of 97.000 men lost about 21.000 or about 21 per cent; reckoning all in roudn numbers the Russians own to a loss of 300.000 men in the Crimea.

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[22] Sept 1856. We had Miss Nightingale here yesterday and were all much pleased with her quiet retiring manner. Indeed the way she has avoided all notoriety since her return to England deserves all praise, and her example might have been followed with advantage by any of our generals. She was here an hour with the queen and prince, and after the queen went, the prince called Sir George and myself in and we had a long conversation on our hosp system generally. I was amused to hear her talk in the most natural regimental slang of the P.M.O. (Principal medical officer) of kits etc. She described a state of great confusion for want of anybody to give orders, but it does not seem to me to be the least the fault of our system that this state of things existed, but to the want of individual energy, beginning at the head.

She is not the least pretty, and has a sort of nervous twitch of the mouth, but she looks very lady-like and has a nice gentle manner. She is staying with the Clarks at Birk Hall.

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Oct 2 1856. We had luncheon at Birk Hall and I sat by Miss Nightingale with whom I had again some very interesting conversation. I was rather cautious at first about saying that I thought we had overdone the thing immensely as regards the comfort of the men, but found to my surprise she quite agreed with me. She admitted the great superiority of our hosps and system to the French, but thought we mt learn something from the Sardinians. The result of all my conversations with her is to convince me that though some forms may be simplified, it is not the system that is so much at fault as the indiv wh has to had to carry it out. There has been a general ignorance of their duties--an apathy in carrying them out and a fear of resp from highest to lowest...

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5 Oct 1856. Miss Nightingale has left us this aft.

H1/ST/NC5/8

hand copy of FN letter to Chairman of the Balaklava com

Sir, I beg that you will be so good as to thank the committee organising the Balaklava banquet for the honour they have done me in inviting me to be present at the anniversary of the charge whose wounded we received at Scutari and to say from me how deeply I regret that it is impossible for

me to accept it, as I have been for years entirely a prisoner to my house from illness and overwork (for which work still I do thank God), but that I am ever the army's and their faithful servant
Florence Nightingale October 25th 1875

3 Nov [1871] HBC note 9/11/71. Thanks for his letter giving me Miss Nightingale's address, hesitate to trouble her and yet the subject is one which must be gone into. Swinny the widow of Rev H.H. Swinny, incumbent former of Mortlake and latterly principal of the theol college of Cuddesdon and vicar of the parish; eldest daughter married son of Sir Theodore Brinckman, went out as missionary on own account to Cashmere and daughter died there on her way home; 2nd daughter Charlotte she wants to consult FN about, great longing to nurse the sick and some idea of going out to New Brunswick with her brother to Miramichi River; don't wish her to become a sister; high church issue; choice between St T and KCH or Univ and All Saints Margaret St.

Swinny to HBC 12 West Kensington Gardens and re a letter. Do you think Miss Nightingale would counsel Kai. I have no objection if it is absolutely necessary and I should think Charlotte would have none. She is not with me at present. Should you or Miss N require to know more about us...gives refs. Re daughter.

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letter of D. Crawford, Erskine House, Harrow on the Hill to Madam, replied HBC 26/5/71 long letter, read Agnes Jones, convinced of great importance of systematic training for all hospital work, whether small or large scale. I am induced to trouble you with a few lines, object of which ...old friend now building a small village hospital on her own property; ladies committee to be connected with it; she (Crawford) has capacity for it...

Torrance letter to HBC H1/ST/NC18/19/36 29 Nov 1871 embossed Central London Sick Asylum District, Highgate Inf. I have sent in the names of the nurses for the certificates and if it can be done I would be so glad to have the certificates and the money to give them at Xmas. They will get their quarter wages the Friday before Xmas Day and I would like to give it to them all at once. Have you thought any more of having six nurses to train instead of three. Two pupil nurses in one ward seem to be too many for the nurse just now. I think they would be better able to train three or four in a year or two's time than they are to train the two now. Teaching others is new work to them. I shall be very glad to have the register and case book when convenient to send them.

H1/ST/NC18/19/39 SEW to HBC Netley Altho the War Office agreed to pay Berry's wages from the 2nd of Dec you will see by her note that they have not done so. First detachment of sisters were allowed travelling expenses and of course the last two (Berry and Winsall) [Winsale] must have theirs paid also, but you will be able to make all right I dare say; and numerous letters on the same

H1/ST/NC18/19/33 Torrance to HBC 1 Oct 1871. I am so very sorry not to have seen you yesterday but I am generally out on a Saturday afternoon, if I

do not know beforehand that anyone is coming. I have just been writing to Mrs Wardr about a night nurse to superintend and help the nursing at night. The bd are going to give me one. The night work lately has been very heavy--so many serious cases and all the beds full and likely--I am happy to say--to be always so. I am at my wits end for the want of the four nurses. If you wd let me know as soon as poss what I am to offer the probs I shd be so glad. It is not only that they are seriously wanted for the work now, but the bd are in quite a senseless fright about the Hampstead affair and will insist upon any one being taken on at present rather than that the place shd be short of hands.

H1/ST/NC18/19/34 Torrance to HBC 16 Oct 1871. Don't much like the "five quarter" so many will object to it. Probs are sure to expect "instruction" to mean something more than merely showing them how to do the ordinary daily work of the ward. And this is all the nurses can do.

St John's House Queen Square.

13: Messrs Galignani in 1865 asked for St John's House nurses for hosp in Paris for English residents; 14: Mary Jones resigned her office as superior in 1868, succeeded by Mrs Hodson a most generous benefactor and sister, who resigned at end 1870; then Miss Caroline Lloyd; April 1871 Children's Hosp Nottingham placed under their nursing, until 1873, but both it and Paris too small for efficient training; 14: maternity home est in 1877 for training, 10 in-patients, house taken at Ashburnham Road, Chelsea and Mat Home est there;

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15: This work was honoured by Miss Nightingale's sympathy and interest. She inspected the plans (which were based on the newest hygienic principles then known) and gave them her warmest approval." at close of letter to council she wrote: "I wish you God speed with all my heart and strength and shall be proud if we can by maintaining pupils with you follow in your steps and extend among a large number your benefit promised to the poor." appeal to public for funds. 1883 Maternity Home removed to 18 Queen Anne Terrace, Albert Rd, Battersea, work relinquished in 1892 as expend too heavy, numbers of nurses gained LOS dipl there at certif;

16: 1883 a storm broke out, and most of sisters and some nurses left, re-org by Esther Gilbert and Helen Frere; 1885 new agreement between SJH and KC, hosp no longer to be nursed from SJ House; in 1886 Community of All Saints took over mgt of SJ House and later Comm of St Peter; 1886 MAB asked for SJ House help;

18: agreement for nursing at Charing X ended in 1889, as hosp wanted own staff

19: 1892 nursing at North Eastern Fever Hosp undertaken for 1 year; 2 became missionaries in Zanzibar; 24: in 1907 left Norfolk St for Queen Square Bloomsbury;

25: lady superiors and sister superiors: Elizabeth Frere 1848-49, Elspeth Morrice 1849-53; Mary Jones 1853-68; Eliz Hodson 1868-70; Caroline Lloyd 1870-83, Esther Gilbert 1883-86 (became Rev Mother of CHS Priory Ascot)...

V4/65 letter of Dr Williams Swansea April 8 1865 to FN, re special general meeting of re Swansea Inf, I congratulate you and the cause on the fulfilment of your farsighted prophecy....Alex Graham appointed the architect for the new hosp. And I assure you that every member of our committee while they adopted the resolution of going through the farce of an "open public competition" were determined from the first to appoint Mr Graham as their architect *because he was recommended by you*. No authority could be held by a body of heterogeneous gentlemen in greater reverence than you have been in the affair by the Swansea Infirmary committee.....has lately visited the hosps of Paris and other places, caught typhoid fever, making recovery. Norman? Williams Thomas?

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Private and confidential

Miss Nightingale to Mr. Henry Bonham
Carter

24 Norfolk St. W.

March 21/65

~~My dear Henry~~

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I will answer your (3) first as to accommodation for Probationers in the new Hospital of St. Thomas.

I am sorry to say that

A. I see no improvement in Great London Hospital Matrons since my time. I am quite sure that we can do nothing half so good as to stick to Mrs. Wardroper & Miss Jones.

B. I have always been very anxious not to have an undue proportion of Probationers to beds. But I must leave this more or less to Mrs. Wardroper to decide. *She* must say how many Probationers she thinks can properly be taught.

1. In the present St. Thomas

2. " " future "

(it is certainly the lesser of 2 evils to leave a few too many Probationers (to beds) rather than to send out instead of a staff of Nurses, scattered Nurses, that is the greater evil.

C. I consider a separate house for Probationers an unmitigated evil. They should be all together and under the Matron's eye, who too should live in the Hospital.

It was unavoidable now, and I am even in doubt whether we shall not have to go on with it if people choose to send no Probationers & pay for them while St. Thomas is what he is now. But my conclusion from all this is that you would be perfectly safe in

entering into an agreement with St. T.'s for a term of years of some duration if they build especial accommodation for us, which accommodation must be *in* the Hospital, under the Matron's eye and properly healthy.

Certainly they should lower the charge for maintenance But I think the required accommodation for *Probationers should be limited by the number who can be properly employed about the Patients - not by our funds - because I am so sure that we shall come ultimately to train for people paying*

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Miss Nightingale to Mr. Henry Bonham
Carter

(Copy sent to the Treasurer)

Oakhill Park, Hampstead N.W.

August 9/65

I have gone over the Plans for the proposed accommodation of 36-40 Probationers to be trained under the Fund, and I have considered it to be best at once to write and say that it would be in the highest degree desirable for the future prospects of training to provide accommodation on a different principle from what was adopted at old St. Thomas' which all were agreed was a mere temporary expedient a sort of trial arrangement.

In making a more permanent provision for Probationers there are several important points which require consideration.

First among these is the fact that a Training School is not a Nurse staff. Probationers should be so to speak a corps by themselves i.e. they should be all lodged together

in quarters easily accessible to and under control of the Matron. Mrs. Wardroper's quarters should be as near as possible to the Probationers' quarters & her access simple and easy.

(I believe that I am only echoing the views of our admirable Matron in saying this. It is no answer to state that our day and dining room is under the Matron's office.)

You will see that the above requirement which all, who have had Nurses under training, will agree to as very indispensable, is not carried out in the proposed plan.

No Matron however energetic, could by (physical) possibility, with the proposed arrangement, keep up that efficient oversight which should be (I had almost said hourly) necessary to success. And we must remember that the immense distances both perpendicular & horizontal in the new St Thomas' x positively greater than those {in the left margin} x necessitated by
the nature of
the site

at Netley (which I consider the most unadmirable Hospital in the world) to be traversed in order to reach the Wards, where the work lies, makes the above consideration even more imperative.

But not to dwell upon this, training is as much moral as it is professional, and the construction should provide for this. 2. We must require a Day and Dining room above ground. A sunk floor altogether below the level of the ground & partly below the level of the Thames is absolutely inadmissible. We have had too much sickness among our Probationers already.

I would just add that eventually not a few of our Probationers will be women of gentle breeding. And altho' I am the last person to consider their health more than that of women who have to earn their bread, or to wish to make any difference in the quarters of the different classes, yet I must state that it would curtail our usefulness, if we had nothing to offer them

but a sleeping room in the roof and a day room below the level of the river.

Innumerable have been the remonstrances which have reached us upon the matter of our accommodation in old St. Thomas' with which I have not thought right not trouble my Committee, experience enabled me to pass them over as not essential. But one of these from a most influential quarter, influential I mean as being likely to procure us many Probationers of an Order likely to become Matrons - stated positively that the height and positions of our Dormitory at old St. Thomas' most trying to women not accustomed to hard work made all future recommendations from that quarter impossible. How will it be now.

3. I see that at the South extremity of the area of the Hospital between the two ends positions are placed certain quarters. If the Matron were there the Probationers rooms with their Dining and Day Rooms &c &c &c might be placed as near the Matron's quarter as possible. There appears to be vacant ground there. I do not say that this would be best, But I fear I must say that the present plans are what would be worst.

N.B. I do not think the Lift system for human beings is any answer to my 2nd or attic objection. Among women 3 out of 4 would rather toil up any amount of stairs than get into a lift.

Miss Nightingale to Dr. Sutherland
(who kindly examined the Plans)

September

1. The best plan of accommodating "Sisters" & Nurses in a Pavilion Hospital is that each Pavilion Nursing staff should be accommodated in its own Pavilion separately.

But with Probationers it is a totally different question. it is proposed to accommodate them in two Pavilions but without any reference to their work whatever and totally away from the Matron, who is their Mistress.

It is entirely subversive of any moral discipline whatever.

And Lifts having nothing to do with the question at all.

2. There is not a good Training Matron in the world with our present ideas of training Nurses) who will not tell the Treasurer that she would prefer

A. That her office and residence should be together (N.B. The Matron's office if in the end block would certainly be rather far distant from the other end block - but with regularity of arrangement this would not matter And I am extraordinarily mistaken if there is a single good training Matron in the world who would not infinitely prefer that her office, Residence, Probationers Dormitories and Day Rooms should be all together in that end block)

B. That she cannot undertake to train or exercise moral discipline over Probationers unless their quarters are all together and near her.

3. One large Day room suffices for Dining & all other purposes, if the quarters are as they must be together.

It is nonsense putting a Day room and a Dining room together as in the proposed plans. There must be a separate Day room to every Dormitory in such plans.

4. No (or very little) advantage accrues from the Dining and Day rooms being near the Matron's office. Were the office, residence and Probationers quarters to be all divided I should say: put their Dormitories and Day room near her residence.

H1/ST/NC18/611 signed letters, 4ff, printed

Miss Nightingale to the Treasurer

Sept 29/65

34 South Street, Park Lane.

London. W.

My dear Sir,

I have carefully considered your kind letter of the 21st regarding the accommodation proposed for our Probationers at the new St. Thomas Hospital.

If you will allow me to say so it appears to me that in planning this accommodation there has been no one at least to state simply to what extent construction bears on successful training of Nurses.

Also may I say that the proposed construction has been based on the temporary accommodation which we were compelled to accept at old St. Thomas but which was accepted only on the distinct understanding that a more suitable arrangement should be provided for us at the new Hospital -I believe my kind friend Mr. Baggallay would bear me out in saying this.

But all the original workers of the "Nightingale Fund" are gone: Ld Herbert whose loss has told on even much wider fields of action Sir J. Jebb & Mr. Clough. Nothing would have induced Lord Herbert to give his consent to the accommodation now offered to us

I mention these things not as compulsory arguments which would be absurd but as shewing that the very statement which has been made to me viz: that we have the same accommodation (only better) which we had before, is the very statement which we make as proof that we cannot approve it.

There are but two ways of training women for Nurses, one a strictly conventual method, as among Roman Catholic communities involving Spiritual headship

and all the constructive arrangements consequent thereon. The other is to treat the Probationers as personal moral Agents and with the freedom of our National habits.

I refer to this because it is a common mistake to suppose that Nurses are trained for their work mainly (or only) in the sick wards.

Ward training is, as near as may be, one half of the training. The other half consists in women being trained to habits of order, cleanliness regularity moral discipline & a thousand little things I need not name to you.

Now to accomplish this there must be one head or training Matron. There cannot be two, and the whole Establishment must be so constructed that Probationers Dining & Day room dormitories Matron residence and office, Assistants quarters must all be together & the Probationers must be under the Matrons immediate hourly direct inspection and control. These requirements are simply absolutely necessary if the training is to be efficient and the Institution permanent.

May I be permitted to say that with the new & improved idea of Nurse training now arising all over Europe You will find that not a single good Training Matron of experience but will insist upon these points even more strongly than I have done.

And the great errors which have been made in the contrary direction tend even more strongly, as errors always do, to enforce this experience. May I say (though unwilling to be too lengthy) that in two of the largest Establishments in Europe one under the Poor Law, the other a civil Institution my opinion was recently taken in the one case whether the female officers under training could not be under the views & forms of accommodation which the Students are - in the other case whether it was

necessary for the female officers under training to be strictly under the Matron's (Supt) control out of duty hours. My answer in both cases caused in the one the mad project of constructing as for Students to be abandoned - in the other the Regulation is I am told to be altered by authority.

I mention this because I have had a kind letter from Mr. Baggallay, in which he alluded to Workhouse atrocities. I should not like St. Thomas' for whom I feel a personal deep affection to be behind what the improved Workhouse Infirmaries will be, in point of advantages for training female officers. For the new St. Thomas' may and probably will last as long as London lasts and in that case it will have been outstripped in this point even by Pauper establishments.

The next Session of Parliament will probably see the beginning of this great change so far as can be judged of by expressed Public opinion.

With regard to our own affairs there has already been difficulty enough with such points partly arising from the nature of the accommodation provided for us in time past. And I am most anxious (or anxious that it overpowers other thoughts) that in your great new Hospital no mistake should be made in this matter. I would earnestly bespeak further consideration for these requirements. I feel satisfied if I may say so, that you can give them, and that if the case were only fairly brought under you notice more forcibly than I, alas can do it, you would see the necessity and work out the problem better than I.

St. Thomas will become the Great Training School for Nurses for India, England & many places on the Continent. And of this I am quite certain viz. that no Matron who knows her work would willingly undertake it with the means it is proposed to give her.

Let me say that the changes proposed in your Letter of

the 21st do not in any sense remove my objections as to the principle, I had written a P.S. explaining this.

Pray believe me Dear Sir, your very faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

P.S. I am most unwilling to take up your time with petty objections on matters of detail, when I am asking for a reconsideration of the whole matter.

I will therefore only trouble you with these remarks.

1. That no system of Lifts makes any difference to the fatal objection of having the Probationers at two Dormitories which leave no reference whatever either to their work or to their Matron's & are in two distinct Pavilions.

To a question similar tho' not the same, asked me by an Independent Establishment I answered, We should consider this fatal to any Institution whatever.

2. That I as a Matron myself, & as having an European acquaintance among Matrons, may state that all Matrons who have their heart in their work prefer having residence and office together, but that every good training Matron would say that she cannot undertake to exercise proper influence over Probationers unless their quarters are all

together & near her - that if the quarters are all together there is no occasion for anything but our large Dining and Day Room two are unnecessary, and that little or no advantage accrues from the Day room being near the Matrons office, if that is to be at a distance from the Matrons residence, the Day room and the Dormitory should be near the Matron Residence in that case.

I trust you will excuse this long rambling blotted and somewhat abrupt Letter, when you know the circumstances of illness overwork & bereavement under which it is written - I should much have preferred sending it thro' Mr. Bonham Carter, but he is away & I do not like to defer longer than necessary answering your kind letter.

Pray believe me My Dear Sir
Your very faithful and obliged Servant
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC18/23/3 initialed letter, 3ff, pen & pencil

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Herbert Hospl

35 S. St.
Dec. 26/76

My dear Hy B.C.

I return your Syllabus: [I wish it were a (Papal) Syllabus.]

I cannot think of anything else to be done but what you proposed: viz. To write such a letter, declining, as will leave *an opening for another proposition*.

I feel this the desire for further possibilities, the more, because if we

are convinced that it does not do, that it will never do, to put down 4 or 5 women among 400 or 500 men under the same head as that of the men, in Military Hospitals:
& if we are convinced that in all Hospitals, Civil just as much as Military, the Hospital administration should never be in the hands of the head of the Nursing Staff, (in this Civil case all women, & therefore the head is a woman,) because it is found that the practical ~~rivalry~~/ *friendly competition* (I will not say division) of authority is ~~so~~ important: -[see pg. 2] & is practically known that no improvements are ~~ever~~/rarely made under one absolute authority, (because 'public opinion' ~~never~~/rarely comes in) if we are convinced of this, I think we ought to fight even a losing battle

- for other women besides our own:
- & for the Hospitals themselves:
When I remember what hopes were
founded on Muir's Director's Gt ship
by 'us', the Sidney Herbert party:
[where are 'we' now?] it is very
disappointing to find the same results
in the 3 instances I have known:
viz. the Army Medl School: the Army
Medl Warrant: the Nursing:
yrs ever

F.N.

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N.B. We have ourselves probably erred on the one
side as the A.M.D. is now erring on
the other.

We have stood to the *theory* as they are now standing to the
opposite theory that the Supt.
is to be supreme over the women:
& *not* to be responsible to the administrative
authority which manages the rest of the
Hospital: but to some authority *over both*:
& we have so little attended to the *practice*
or rather to training *her* for the *practice* - for knowing
what she is to say & what she is to do
i.e. ~~for~~ to training her for this FRIENDLY COMPETITION.

signed notes, 7ff, pen & pencil

{written along the left margin: This, which is all as stated, is put down

more precisely

on the other sheets.}

HERBERT *Hospital Quarters: Furniture &c &c*

Part II

State of Quarters ~~probably~~ very bad [they !!! ~~were~~/are
occupied by *Married Serjeants'*

families after being a Cadet Hospl]

~~probably~~ want thorough cleansing &

'doing up':

Qurs were UNFURNISHED except

Kitchen, Sleeping Rooms, & Infirmary

Supt's rooms WHOLLY unfurnished

Dining room had only *Barrack room chairs*

- the *Dining Table* was a *bench*

No carpets any where

Eating services for Nurses NIL

no cups & saucers: [they drank their tea

out of *Patients'* BROTH ~~cups~~/PORRINGERS!!!]

no breakfast services of any kind:

no knives or forks or spoons

[the Nurses used *Patients'* blackhandled knives

& forks]

Is the Supt to furnish her own *Quarters*?

Infirmary was furnished for 3: but with

Hospl bed & bedding no carpets

Nurses' Bed Rooms: furniture very fair

but where is that furniture now?

[I know where 13 presses are & some

Tables: they were rescued.] I suspect the rest gone]

Must not *the Quarters* be not only thoroughly cleansed

but also properly furnished before we send Nurses?

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7. *DRESS* x

The Herbert Hospl Regn dress was rather
ridiculous
the *St. Thomas' Nurses' dress* is pretty
& suitable: & might be made of *better materials*
unless we invented something of *washing*
material: which would be better
than either.

~~Is there to be a washing allowance? Yes~~

~~— (There was none under Mrs. S. Stewart.~~

~~— The Nurses paid for their own washing.~~

8. Who is to pay for the *Bed=linen & washing?*

(the Nurses paid for the washing of their
own sheets, towels & bed=cases &c &c !!
this is not as it should be.

9. Who is to pay for the *Washing for Quarters?*

table cloths, dusters & everything wanted
for use of *Quarters*.

[Mrs. S. Stewart used to pay it out of
her own pocket. such a bad plan!]

{in the left margin beside 8 & 9: *Commissariat*}

Note to x

7. Is the *Supt* to buy the *Nurses' uniforms?*
or the *Nurses?*

Superintendent [At *Netley* they Nurses buy their own uniform:
should do this (having an allowance for it.)

the consequence is: *no two Nurses are alike*
was this our arrangement?]

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"[they are under him for discipline]"

We cannot help the Medical Officer

being made the referee for
complaints against Orderlies.

but of course the complaints

will be made BY THE SUPT

except "on emergency": [See Reg 48

3. "Care to be taken that the 25 cases

"are warded together."

Did they actually intend to give - *spread*
about in *Wards* or *blocks* - the 25 cases?

~~cases~~ to one woman? or man either?

But even as 3 proposes, is the

Nurse to have charge of x sq. inches?

on No. A. Ward floor: & not of y sq inches?

And supposing *Patients* on y sq. inches
not under her charge to secrete spirits,
&c &c &c under their mattresses - to be
dirty &c &c - or Orderlies either (things of daily occurrence
in Military Hospls where there are no

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trained Nurses) in beds next to

"her" beds -

is she to do nothing?

As you are aware the Nurse (Sister)

should be distinctly *in charge of*
a Ward or Wards.

as in Reg 41. reading "shall" for 'should'

It is scarcely necessary to explain
the reasons of this to you:

it makes of course the difference
between trained Hospital Nursing
and a bear garden.

4. "Complaints against Nurses to be

"dealt with *by Supt*"

Of course.

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II. In reply to your desire that we should "consider & put down the terms" that "would ensure the "independent action of the Superintendt "in all matters connected with "Nursing"

we should be disposed, as above said, to accede by way of compromise to No.1, & ~~that~~ we think that *with this modification* the Netley Regns

8 to 15 inclusive

23 & 24

40 to 45 inclusive

47, 48

&

52 - 54

seem to embody what is essential

The {'Sisters' to be distinctly *in charge*
{ Nurses
of a Ward or Wards

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Mr. Bonham Carter told Sir W. Muir & Dr. Munro that we would "endeavour to modify Netley Regns "by way of compromise in order "to some extent to meet their "views as embodied in *new* "Regns with respect to position "of P.M.O.

The above is a (provisional) sketch of what we propose for this purpose.

[N.B.

The *ration money* must be increased: but Mr. B.C. has, I believe, already sent in our calculation on this head.]

Would you be so good as to inform Dr. Munro that Mr. Bonham Carter will see him *on Monday* if convenient to him?

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Pray believe me
(in some haste)
dear Dr. Sutherland
most faithfully yours
Florence Nightingale

H1/ST/NC18/23/4 letter fragments, 2ff, pencil & pen

*you not let this poor women marry this
respectable young man?* (This is natural enough)
Now here you are quite helpless: it is no use Dr.
Slaughter being "a moral man", as Dr. Munro says
Because - marriage is certainly "moral"

This is the only thing:

The total want of power of ~~Superior~~/ even first rate Medical
Officers of appreciating the discipline which
makes up the "moral" or technical efficiency of
women is: the thing.] I will only add:

1. I earnestly trust that *your* letter will not be
considered final *against* It *ought* not to be
2. *Ought I* to answer Dr. Munro's letter?

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Your Draft returned

Dec 28/76
7 a.m.

My dear Hy B.C.
I have kept this 24 hours: & yet no light visits
me for making the "Remarks" desired:
because they the A.M.D. seem *to shift their ground*, every time
we accept it.
I cannot therefore tell in the least how they will take
it. I trust it will be *considered an opening for further propositions.*
It is very good: & I think we ought certainly to
fight the battles. [I don't think they will understand
about the "units."] The only remark I have made

for good judgment in short. - for
knowing *how far* & *how* the theory
is to be pressed & in what practices or cases:
that I am afraid we must say that
every one of our Supts whom we
have appointed as Supts has failed
more or less - some utterly, in carrying the thing into
practice *with judgment.* F.N.

H1/ST/NC18/27/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Miss Young

PRIVATE

March 28/88

" Solly as Assistant

" Prince Matrons

My dear Harry I am obliged to have
recourse to your wisdom & kindness
Again Miss Pringle's letter enclosed.
Of the 3, *Miss Prince* is by far the best woman.
But she is so inefficient. She had no
command of her Ward when with us - But
she & her Ward were under her Nurse's command
Miss Solly: best as to ability, & as to her not

having scrimmages with Miss Crossland
as Miss Buchanan so unhappily has done
But - you fully discussed the risks -

Miss Young - I believe you know my opinion
of her - And as to her "much knowledge
of the world" it is entirely superficial - And
she says she is intimate with people who
hardly know her by sight - She is not
even well educated - She did not do
well in Egypt - But *she may be improved*

Miss Pringle does not say how she has
done as *Assistant* -

Before Miss Pringle's arrival, Miss Young
gave out that she was sure of the
appointment because of something

Miss Pringle had said to her at Edinburgh -

And Miss Pringle spoke to me of a
"Mrs. or Miss Young" whose relation had
spoken of her to her, Miss Pringle. You remember

I am surprised at Miss P. thinking of
her. But then *Miss P. must know her*
now far better than I do.

If you say '*Miss Young*' please say under what
precautions

May I send *tomorrow Thursday morning at 11* for your answer?

Please to help me with your sound advice.

ever yours

F.N.

What a
pity Miss
Crossland &
Miss Pringle
cannot consult
together.

H1/ST/NC18/28/1 unsigned letter, 6ff, pen

Miss Gordon of Leeds - age 45
has the indispensable element of
moral strength & soundness & a
right foundation - works from
the root of all things
has tact, kindness, firmness & purpose
-cheerful care for every one,
morally & physically - uncommon
common sense -
very considerable powers of activity
in work, influence & discipline -
{next 4 lines have a vertical line in the left margin}
but her practical ideas of discipline
probably differ somewhat from
those of an already highly trained
London Hospital Nursing Staff.
has worked up ~~the~~ her present
Hospital to a high degree of
Nursing efficiency & moral tone
has worked well with & under the Junior
as well as Senior Medical Staff
& with & under the House Committee

great powers of management
& of heading the Nursing -
bright & spirited - & tho'
overworked never seeming so
has had hardly any experience
of St. Thomas *since*
her training 14 years ago

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Miss Solly age? 42
decidedly clever
critic of Sisters' & Nurses'
character
has been Sister at St. Thomas
both formerly & lately
Assistant Matron for 14
months but no severe testing
of her powers as Acting Matron,
owing to Miss Pringle being
so little away
{next 3 lines have vertical line in left margin}
has an old & deep interest
in St. Thomas, & knows it
well & its capabilities
well educated - has travelled
perhaps may be called in
a good sense something of
a 'woman of the world'
understands housekeeping &

arrangement
intelligent
sensible in matters of conduct
& discipline
very kindly interested in the
welfare of the people
would allow no departure
from propriety
serious - thoughtful - benevolent
her deficiencies those of want
of physical power
& probably of motherly
sympathy

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Miss Masson age 34

a fine combination of
qualities
good & well cultivated intellect
great aptitude for Ward
management
very kindly, bright & of a
pleasant humour
deeply interested in her Ward
work - very active & thorough
in it - distinctly fond of
management - particularly
thoughtful for & clever with
the Patients, morally &
physically
great possibilities
never tested in general
Superintendence

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Miss Scott

excellent Ward manager in St. Thomas.
- Brighton not much test
of capabilities of
general superintende

H1/ST /NC18/28/14 signed letter, 3ff, pencil

WREATH 14 Dec 15/92
10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

My dear Harry

You know, of course, that
our dear old friend Mrs.
Wardroper died yesterday
afternoon -

'Now the labourer's task is
'done' - And she *had* laboured
well & with strength.

Her last years were sad &
forlorn - & we cannot
regret their ending - Her
son was very attentive to her.

Her last weeks were quite
painless - & they hardly knew
when she ceased to breathe.
We had been expecting her
death daily - 60 - 27

54 33

12

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She was a *great* woman -

"I said I will take heed
"to my wags & my tongue"
& I will not enter into her
life now.

I think of her as having
entered *not* into her "rest"
but into something greater
- into a life greater than
here -

I wish something could
be put into the "Times" or
"D. News" about her.

If you would be so
very good as to send me

something - your thoughts & facts
are so much better than mine -
now to-day, I would
consult a friend who
is rather a good hand
& who leaves town
tomorrow -

But this is of course
as you think well

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I hope you

are really

much better.

H1/ST/NC18/28/8 incomplete letter, 3ff, pencil

Dunstan 8 Dec 16/92

Chemistry 10, South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane. W.

I should have liked very much
to have gone *with Miss*
Crossland into the subject
thoroughly by means of Dr.
Bernays' Lectures before
saying anything, if you wish
me to say anything -

To go most simply into
elementary Chemical principles
as regards air

good
foul

water good

foul

earth ditto ditto

food - value of

- no value

but above all no crotchets,
no learning, seems the thing.

The PRACTICALLY ridiculous
mistakes of even excellent
learned men are most
disastrous, for women,
~~even~~ especially Nurses.

The practical applications of *Elementary*
Chemistry to HYGIENE
I would insist upon
particularly -

P.S. Lord Stanley (Derby)
said to me: 'you know
'nothing will be done about
'foul air in Churches, Theatres,
'Exeter Hall, cottage bedrooms,
'& indeed all bed-rooms till
'we have invented something

'-something on the inside
'walls would be best -
'which would *change colour*
'of *itself* when the *air* was
'foul.'

I have again & again
felt the truth of this -
again & again asked a
Medical Officer of health -
-fired by it but did nothing -
Would you ask Mr. Dunstan?
At all events it sets them
thinking -

Everywhere I believe is
Analysis of *Air* now practised
Would you ask Mr. Dunstan

H1/ST/NC18/28/60 initialed letter, 4ff, pencil

10 S. St. June 4/88

To convert the Jews!

My dear Harry

I think that in many things,
especially as regards charity &
care of their own people,
the "Jews" have to convert us -
-- & the "Missionary spirit," as M.
Mohl used to say, had much
better be shown among our own
poor outcasts in London.

In the East we are often trying
to "convert" populations moral &
therefore even Xtian compared to ourselves.

Besides, the *languages* are such
a difficulty.

[I am now in a sea of troubles

with Miss Munro, whom I
could not throw overboard
tho' she is totally unfit for Cairo.]

[You and I quite agree on
these points]-

If you & Miss Pringle choose
to have this "*Miss Pauline*
"Schor," "from Jerusalem"
for a *year's training*, you will
be serving Dr. Chaplin's cause
a great deal better than he
knows how to serve it himself.

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I don't think we ought to ask
"Miss Airy" for a scheme of this
sort - And I don't think she
would take it - she is far
too good.

[I tried to get her in to
Miss Jones' successor's in Kensington
Sq. who asked me for one for a time
to train their sisters in their
own little Hospl. But she
would not go -]

Her forte is nursing *men* Officers & privates &
managing & training Men=Nurses,
in which & in her conduct
with Medical Officers she is
all but perfect. I do wish
she could re-enter this career -
Miss Airy is indeed "of decidedly religious
character"

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You do not know, do you?
of a place to get an *English=Arabic* alphabet
& Primer, *with pronunciation*.

I sent all over London on
Saturday for one for Miss Munro,
& could get nothing -

What a strange commentary on
our possession of India - There are
plenty of German ones -

Don't make trouble about this.

Letters came late this morning.
And I am answering yours in
haste, to be "early" according to
your desire -

Thanks for Income Tax
ever yours
F.N.

H1/ST/N%5/C78/3b

Printed form of The Nightingale Fund Training School for Nurses. Form
letter of matron: _____ has applied to the Committee of the Nightingale
Fund to be allowed to become a Candidate for admission to the School
established at this Hospital for Training Nurses, and has given
reference to you.

I may mention that it is essential that Candidates should be of
unblemished character, and in sound health, both of mind and body.

The work demands intelligence, activity, good temper, cleanly and
orderly habits and thorough trustworthiness, and none should enter upon
it who are not imbued with a strong sense of duty and are willing to

conform to strict rules of discipline. |Previous experience in nursing is not expected.

Will you be so good as to communicate to me in confidence such information as you possess respecting the applicant's *character and conduct*, mentioning also *how long you have known her* and *what means you have had of becoming acquainted with her*.... P.S. The Form printed within can be used or not as you may find it convenient.

Confidential Report [1 page front and back]

Respecting

1. How long have you known her, and your opportunities of personal acquaintance.
2. Previous history (especially of last three or four years).
3. As to health.
4. Habits and disposition.
5. Temper.
6. Manner.
7. Intelligence and education.
8. Moral character.
9. Method of doing her work.
10. General remarks.

Date (Signature)

H1/ST/NT5/C29 printed form. St Thomas's Hospital, Albert Embankment, Westminster Bridge, S.E.

The Nightingale Fund Training School for Nurses. Form letter of John Croft to doctors

Sir, I am referred by Mrs. W.W. Wardroper, the Lady Superintendent of the above Institution, to you, as the Medical Attendant of

who is a Candidate for admission to the Training School.

The Council of the Nightingale Fund desire to be satisfied that Candidates be not only morally, but physically and mentally competent to undertake the Duties of Hospital Nursing. Will you therefore kindly fill up the Form of Medical Certificate attached to this Letter, and send it to me (by post) at your earliest convenience?.... N.B. *Your communication will be received as strictly confidential.*

Medical Certificate H1/ST/NT5/C29/b

1. How long have you been acquainted with _____
Have you attended her professionally?
2. Is she intelligent and of active habits?
3. What is her general appearance, configuration, height, weight?
4. General health?
5. Is the sense of vision good?
6. Any illness of importance?
When?/ What?
7. If fulness of habit, or subject to head affections?
8. Any tendency to pulmonary or scrofulous disease?
Cough or shortness of breath?
9. If at any time spitting of blood?
10. If any heart disease?
11. If vaccinated?

12. Are her parents living?
13. Has there been any insanity in her family?
14. Uterine functions at present?

And in general?

I have this ____ day of ____ 187+ examined ____ and hereby certify that she is apparently in good health, that she is not labouring under any deformity and is, in my opinion, both physically and mentally competent to undertake the duties of Nurse in a General Hospital.

Signed, date, address.