

Wellcome Ms 9001

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Wellcome (Claydon copies) MS 9002, microfilm, 1866-67

9002/1 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

29/1/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am making a collection of
my Hospital books for M. Leroy -
Mrs. Fairholme's protégé -
one of the most eminent of
French Surgeons (Army)
& whose Typhus (Tent) Hospital
in the Crimea was a model.

[14:1021]

I remember his kindness in
shewing me all over it well
tho' how I could have
"promised" him my "book"
when I never dreamt of
writing one, *then*, I do not
know -

[end]

==
Papa gave me a very kind
message from you about Lord
Napier -

Can you tell me *when* he
goes? to Madras? -
and whether he is in
London?

I must tell you that he quarrelled

ever yours

with me

at Scutari

F.N.

9002/2 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Feb 7/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

We have come quite
to an end of our patience
with our washerwoman,
who is so very dirty
& nasty, that I mean
to give her notice
next Saturday for a
fortnight from that
day -

and to send down
our *whole* washing -
(servants included,
who are quite pleased

at the arrangement) -
to Embley, if you will
allow us.

It will entail a good
deal of trouble upon
Mrs Webb, who will,
if she is so good, have
to look after it,
pay my washing bills &c.

It will also entail a
good deal of Carriage
expence on me -

But this London (Hampstead)

washing is really frightful.

Also it will entail
upon me having a good
deal more House linen.
- as I use so many
sheets - that I often,
have them home in
the middle of the week.

And I should be very
glad if Mrs. Webb could
get ready as soon as
possible the sheets &c
she has been so good
as to undertake for me.

If there is any thing
we ought to do in the
way of having boxes
to carry the linen
backwards & forwards,
per Rail, pray tell
us.

You see, Lord de Grey is
my new master at
the India Office -
and Lord Hartington
at the War Office.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Wellcome Ms 9002

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9002/3 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

Private {at angle} 9/2/66

Burn

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I think that nothing [9:545]
had better be said to
Lord Napier, (especially
if Ld Stanley is there,)
farther than that.

I hope to be well
enough to see him, Lord
Napier, before he starts.

To tell you the truth,
Ld Stanley wrote to me
last month wishing to
see me. In declining

I asked *him* to see
& talk to Lord Napier.
These second rate
statesmen are so
queer - it would be
as well now to take
it ~~as~~ quietly & not
to look as if there
were any active intrigue
to convert Ld Napier.

I hope to be able
to see him - Please learn
when he goes -

ever yours
F.N.

[end 9:543]

9002/4 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [5:179]

10/2/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry
not to be able to say a
word about Alderman
Waterlow's Dwellings -

Of all things, they
interest me most -

And his Report has
given me a new idea -

May I keep it? -

ever yours

F.N.

9002/5 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

14/2/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I assure you I have
thought very anxiously
about not losing this
opportunity of seeing
Lord Napier.

[I was not able to
take the Sacrament
on Sunday - tho' Mr.
Jowett wrote to offer
it me. And] I don't

think there is the least
chance of my being
able to see any one
this week - perhaps
not till this day
week - the 21st and
if Lord N. starts
the 23rd, perhaps he
won't like that -
What should you say
to my *writing* to

him now something of
what we want - &
then seeing him for
10 minutes early
next week, if
possible?
Do you think he
would read what
I wrote?
[I should tell you
that if he has any
feeling about me,
it is not a friendly

one]

I suppose nothing
passed which made
you think Ld Stanley
had been "at " him.

ever yours
F.N.

9002/6 signed letter, 1f, pencil

17/2/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid I must turn over
Capt. P. Jackson to you -

Even, were Ld de Grey still at
the W.O., you would do anything
that can be done better than I.

Perhaps Ld Hartington may
be accessible to you.

I think Capt. P.J.'s a most
hard case - We know his services.

It is quite true that I had
the promise he refers to - from
Ld de Grey verbally & from Capt
Galton in writing.

But *I* can do no more.

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9002/7 initialed memorandum, 1f, pencil

Parian Cement
(Keating's Patent)

the one we recommend
is procured from the manufacturers
Messrs. Francis - Bros
Nine Elms
&
17 Gracechurch St
from whom every information can be obtained
The price of the coarse - used for the first coat
is 3/ per bushel.
The price of the fine - for the finishing coats
is 6/ per bushel.
A bushel of coarse Parian with an equal
portion of clean washed sharp sand is
sufficient for 2 ½ yards supl of Plastering
half an inch thick, and one Bushel of fine
Parian mixed pure will be sufficient
for the setting coat on the same area -
24/2/66 F.N.

9002/8 unsigned note, 2ff, pen {arch: ? Feb 19 66}

St. Thomas' Hospital
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

PRIVATE

Mr. W.'s opinion

"That 2 or 3 gentlemen of *high*
character who would *take*
an interest in the work,
men who *can speak & are*
not afraid to do so & who
can devote a little time
to the service
e.g. Sir Harry Verney MP.
Mr. J. Bonham Carter
MP
Mr S. Smith
of Combe
should become Governors of
the Hospital; if three or

"four such persons would *only hang together*, in a *very short* time the whole ~~world~~ would be left to their arrangement - And you might depend upon it that the powers that now be would insensibly defer to better men. x x

"At present Lord Leven stands alone - He is not exactly suited to compete *single handed* with the tradesmen who attend the Committees & General Meetings. x x x

"Ld Leven, being on the Grand Committee, could,

"when the annual selection takes place (on or about the July Court) be able to nominate one or more of your men (Governors) to act on the Grand Committee - and by this means in a short time to upset the present Clique."

9002/9 unsigned letter, 2ff, pen

I gave Papa April 6/66
£20 for the 35 South Street, {printed address}
washing. Park Lane,
 London. W.

Dearest mum

 The Governesses' paper
is unquestionably yours.
For they do not send *me*
one. But, further than
this, I *never* vote
for any Institution
whatever. I *never*
subscribe to anything,
except on condition
of my having *no* vote.
[If I did not stoutly
adhere to this, my
whole life would be
taken up with being
canvassed & canvassing.]

 The worst of it is that
many Institutions,
especially the Incurables,
have actually kept
my name on, even
after I had withdrawn
my subscription - on
account of the voting
- saying that my name
was of more use than
my money. And the
degree to which I am
pestered with those
wretched Incurables
is past belief.

 But I *never* vote.

Dearest mum: I always
like your "letters," (however
much ~~you~~ I am "pressed".)
Because you are the
only person who write
to me without requiring
an answer. And
that is the real secret
of writing to the sick -
write to them things
which don't require
an answer.

[1:181]

Every body else write
to me questions.

[end 1:181]

As for the one legged girl
at Sherfield, of course
I give her up - If you
think well just to write

& say "that I have
enquired & cannot
serve her" - as short
& general as possible -
it might be right.
But even that may
not be necessary.

My new maid is come
- not promising. But
it is early days to
judge. I shall be
curious to know what
Tem: writes to Webb
about her - She has
never been in service
before & is 52.

I hope Papa is well again
ever dearest mum Your loving Child

9002/10 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [1:334-35]

April 19/66

Dear Pop

I send you a Turner for your birth-day.
But I think I shall change it for one
which is coming from Colnaghi but not come.
So this is only a stand-in=its place -
to mark the day -

For that scrippit dud of a lock of
hair sent to Sabilla Novello, I have a
sonnet from her sister - [I should have
had two, ~~but that~~ had you let me send
the whole lock-]

I suppose Mama must see the
sonnet - & then let it come back to me,
please; for I have not read it yet -

I am sending back the two Azaleas -
They have *behaved nobly* - And I would
not send them back now, but that I
think they want "a course". I am as sorry
to part with them as if they were human
creatures. Please let them be well done by.

ever thy

F

9002/11 initialled letter, 1f, pencil **[1:335]**

May 4 {arch: '66?}
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest

Sir Harry is so good as to
offer me your carriage for
the next fortnight -

But it would not be worth
while - I might not be
able to use it more than once
1. on the days the "Thorn in
the Flesh" is here, I can do
nothing else -

And indeed I am always
worked up to more than my
full strength -

This is the reason why I can
never do anything *unexpectedly*,
as to day -

F.

9002/12 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 18/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest

I have just now heard of
dear Mama's bad
accident - & was
just going to write
to you about it -
when I received
the enclosed. I am
sure Miss Jones
must be very ill
to write that - And

I am very sure I am
doing Mama's
friendship for her
the greatest service
in giving Mama
the opportunity of
relieving her -
Could you telegraph
to me tomorrow
whether Lea Hurst
is empty - whether
I should write to
or telegraph to

Fanny Walker - if so,
should I tell her
to get in a girl -
if so - whom -
or what preparations
should I tell her
to make

And perhaps it might
be desirable for you
to telegraph to Miss
Jones too to tell
her to go -
But, if Miss Jones

says she cannot go
till Monday, then
perhaps it would
be better (for Fanny
Walker's comprehension)
for me to write to
her, as above, & not
telegraph to her -
Is there any wine out? -
What provisions
must be got it?
Please *not* say to
Miss Jones that I have
sent you her letter but
return it to me -

{on top of first page}
ever your
F.

9002/13 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Whitsun Eve
1866

Dearest

I was quite delighted
with Mama's telegraph.
I only hope that she
is receiving as much
benefit from the
pleasure she is giving
as Miss Jones will
receive from going.
She cannot go till
Tuesday - as you will
see from the letter
I enclose - which
I send, because
Mama will like to
see the message to
herself -

Also: I wrote to

Miss Jones, urging her
to take a Nurse with
her. [I have been told
that her life might
drop any day - & that,
on the other hand,
if she takes care, she
may live to be a strong
old woman.] You see
she will take "Sister
Laura". (Mrs Girdlestone)
And I am sure
Mama will be as
much relieved as
I am, to feel that
she has a 'sponsible
person with her. I
have made bold to
write to Miss Jones

& say so -

Also: would Papa
write me word by
return of post.
the best train,
the best station to stop at
& whether it is needful
to write & have a
cab to the station -
& if so, where am
I to write -

for Miss Jones &
Mrs. Girdlestone
on Tuesday -

I have told Miss
Jones that I will get
her this information
from the primeval
source -

[Also: Sir Harry was
so good as to wish
to take her down to
Claydon today. I
knew she could not
go. I believe she can
hardly speak. But
I told her of his invite, because I
know it would give her such
pleasure.

 This is what she
alludes to.]

Please not to tell
Miss Jones I have
shewn her letters -
but return them to me

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 Perhaps Fanny Walker had
better be told that there will
be two ladies (on Tuesday).

9002/14 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

May 22/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Your correspondent's **[6:342-43]**
name - *qua* Islington
Poor Law Medl= Relief -
is Dr. Stallard.
I know of him, but
not him.
It is a disgraceful
state of things - and,
I believe, far worse,
in every other London

Parish than Islington.

Islington, at least
in my day, was
about the best Board
of Guardians in
London -

I do not see what
good could be done
by asking a question
in the Ho: of C.
Of course Mr. Villiers

would answer that he
had no official
information - And
you would have
wasted your force,
which is always a
pity.

The only thing that
could be done would
be: to have a clause
in the new London
Poor Law Act.

Unless you stop me,
I will write to Mr.

Farnall about this,
without mentioning
either you or Dr.
Stallard -

Should they do it, of
course then it will
be everything to us
to have the support
of M.P.s -

The state of things is so
terrible that something
must be done -

It is like the Colonial

state of things: in
taking money for
Licenses to sell Poison.
-which again is like
Vespasian, who said
the money did not
"smell" which had
blood upon it, provided
it brought coin into
his Treasury - or
something to that effect -
God forbid that we
should have reached
the days of the Roman

Empire -

I have heard from
my mother, tho' not
of her own hand - &
from Parthe. Webb
says my mother is
a great deal better
[She writes or rather dictates, just like
herself -] I think
a good deal of
Webb's opinion, tho'

I confess I was very
much alarmed
at my mother's age,
at the consequences of
such a fall -
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9002/15 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {arch: '66}

May 23

My dear Sir Harry

I hope if it is any convenience for Capt.
Verney to meet you here to luncheon, he will
not require an invitation -

I believe I am going to receive the
Communion on Sunday at 3. Shall you be in
London? - And, if so, would you like to come? -
yours ever
F.N.

9002/16 initialled letter, 2ff, pen **[1:181]**

Dearest mum

I was very thankful to
have your little bit, written
by Aunt Mai.

Also - to hear from
Sir Harry of you -

You have such beautiful
weather at Embley - [And
here - it is a bitter
blighting East] that I
hope, as I hear from Sir
Harry, that you get out
in the garden, it will
do you good. It *ought*,
by the beautiful Azaleas

I have had from Embley.

 You know that Jack
has accepted a Treasury
Lordship -

 I wish, dearest mum,
that you would consult
Mr. Taylor now & then,
to please me - I need
not tell you who know
him so much better
than I, that he is a
safe & simple man,
& with real genius
about some things -

Emily Verney is in London,

 as you know. She
 called here yesterday -
but I was not able to
see her. They say she
is looking so well -

 ever dearest mum

 Your loving child

F.

May 30/66

I have got a dreadful
little Swede to look
after, come here to
learn to be a Matron.
She ought to have
learnt English first.

9002/17 initialled letter, 4ff and envelope, pen [1:182-83]

May 31/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I forgot to say that I
sent your "Alex: Scott" &
"Monckton Milnes" by
Monday's box.

I read A. Scott with
the greatest pleasure &
interest - and I presumed
to mark it - hoping
that it would have not
the less interest for you,
my dearest mum, if
your poor old child
had marked it. I
know Papa justly dislikes
books being scribbled on
But I thought these

were for your own special
reading.

What a life-time it
seems to me since I
knew Alex: Scott -
hard upon 30 years.

I was glad to see: -
"The aisles of blessed Peter
Are open all the year" -
my old friend, again.
We have the most
inveterate East wind
& gloom here I ever
knew.

Revd Mother is better.
But I fear that her
life, like mine, is a
burden to her - that is,
each step of the day's
work is a burden -

I hope I am a help
to Sir John Lawrence -
For indeed the cool
way people speak of
his immense difficulties
& the intense way
in which *he* feels
them *himself*, make
me mad with the
desire of helping him.

Should you ever have
to spend August &
September at Embley,
dearest mum - [May
the time be long first
- I hope you will,
for *many* years &
many more, go on
spending the autumn
at Lea Hurst. God
forbid that it should
be otherwise] But
if you should ever
spend August &
September at Embley,
I might perhaps
come & spend them
with my dearest mother

if I live.

I think I shall live,
somewhat on the
principle that the
Jew thought Roman
Catholicism must
be true, on the ground
that it had survived
the horrors of Rome.
So I think, I *must* live
some time longer,
because I have
survived the suffering
of last winter.

I don't suppose the
journey to Embley
would kill me - if
I had some man to

arrange it entirely for
me.

I shall never go to
Hampstead again,
now the Sutherlands
are gone -
I could not leave
London before
Parliament is up -
For all Government
purposes, Norwood
is quite as far as
Embley.

Sutherland may be
sent to the
Mediterranean for
Inspections in
August & September.

In that case, it would
be just as easy for
me to do the Government
Indian work for
those two months
at Embley, if I only
could once get there.

But all this is a
castle in the air.
God only knows -
And I know that
I hope it will be
many, many years
before you spend
your autumns at
Embley.

Ever my dearest
Mum's loving child

F.

[cut off]

came to Embley, it
would have this
advantage, that I
should get rid of
the dirty old prig,
Delany, for the time,
& bring only Temperance

F.N.

{postmarked envelope} London MY 30 66

[not FN:] F Nightingale
to her mother

May June/66

[FN:] Mrs. Nightingale

Embley

Romsey

9002/18 initialed note, 1f, pencil {arch: ?May 1866}

Would you tell Sir Harry
that I gladly avail
myself of his kind offer
to let me write a letter
to him (to shew) about Dr.
Muir -

I had not his letter in
time for last Thursday -
but will do so soon -

Also: I will return his
Saugor letter, as soon as I
have ascertained what
definite hope there
might be - for a Poor Law.

I will not shew it.

Our Govt affairs }
as bad as possible} F.N.

9002/19 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: May 1866}

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear

I shall be delighted for
Tem: to go somewhere to night
- the more so as my
housemaid goes to morrow
to a sick sister for a week.
And Tem: will have no
other opportunity - as we
shall again be only 3 maids -
F.

9002/20 initialed letter, 1f pen

Dear

Today & tomorrow
I am so busy (& so ill)
that tho' I should like
much better to hear
Sir H. read them, I
am afraid I cannot.

Could you let me
have the Notes to look
at myself. And I
will return them
punctually (tomorrow
if right to do so)

F.N.

9002/21 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearie

I was very sorry to hear (*after*
you were gone last night)
that you were so ill= lodged -

If you will stay here to-night,
there is the room over my room
& the back drawing -room
for you & Julie -

As your goods are here,
there would be only your few
things to send for from the
Hotel-

Please say, if you stay, what
time you will dine - & if Sir H.
will dine with you -

F.N.

9002/22 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Sir Harry

I feel it such a very
difficult thing to write a
letter about my nuns -

And I don't feel at
all sure that this will do

No public use is to be
made of it, of course -

I would re-write it, if
you liked -

Many thanks for Lord
de Grey's evidence (China
Committee)

I hope to see Emily
before she goes. To-day I

am overdone with business.

I have good accounts
from Embley - My mother
writes herself -

ever yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

9002/23 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Dearie

What *did* Dingly come for?

She was expressly told by Mrs. Sutherland
not to come - that she would be
written to -

It is just this sort of thing which
makes my maid's life impossible - these
women forcing themselves into the
house - & just upsetting me when I am already
overdone -

If she could not wait & wanted
her characters, why could she not
write?

If she does these sorts of things,
she is not the woman for me -

[I have seen H. Richardson &
she is going to consult with the Reeves
tomorrow - about Dingly] ~~They say she is coarse~~

I shall write to Mrs Fowler's
woman to ask some questions to day
unless I hear from you some better excuse for
{written vertically} Dingly's invasion.

9002/24 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: ?1867? March, May-June?
1866}

Private

Dear Sir Harry

Many thanks about poor Capt
Jackson. Would you kindly
write to him for me? -

=

about Mr. E. Hart's Workhouse [6:350]
Infirmaries -

what they want (or ought to want)
is not your money but your
name as M.P.

you are perhaps aware that
this is the very thing I have been
working at with the Poor Law
Board - an uniform London
"Hospital & Asylum" rate for the
Workhouse sick, to be placed
under a central administration.

Of course whether they carry this
or not depends on the Ho: of
C. And therefore your name
as M.P. would be invaluable.

Of course E. Hart wrote to me -
not merely for my name but
my opinion

I put him off with a vague letter
(because I think, as I am working
privately, it would be damaging
the very cause I am working for,
to seem to be agitating publicly)

This is quite different, of course, for
a M.P.

You probably know that Mr. Hart

is the Editor of the "Lancet" -
that the "Lancet" has had a
Commission for investigating
London Workhouse Infirmarys
And Mr. Hart, in his letter to me,
recalls to me that I was the
author of this Commission.

But this does not change my
opinion - I mean, that I had better
not appear -

But the more M.P.'s they get, of
course the better.

9002/25 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

June 4/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest

I was very glad to
have your letter
about Mama -

This is only to say: -
do make the garden
send me azaleas -
I have only 3 (flowers)
When I complained
of lilac Rhodos, it

was not because I
was "a despiser of
seasons," or thought
lilac Rhodo:s came
instead of red -
but that they came,
instead of *Azaleas*.
Mr. Compton once
sent me (he only
sent me flowers
once) a sheet of
yellow, *flame-coloured*,
(like Guido's pictures)

white Azaleas, when
Hill sent me only
lilac rhodos, which
only do (for a room)
when in the midst
of yellow Azaleas.
I want a *sheet* -
When I remember
what used to be at
Embley. And I have
been obliged to
furbish up some
a fortnight old

Also I want Strawberries

I don't think Sir
Harry looks well -
not ill. But
he looks as if he had
not enough to eat
& that was not
digestible

ever your
F.

9002/26 initialled letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 66} [6:264-65]

June 5

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have been thinking
with great desire of your
kind proposal to speak
to Mr. Villiers about the
Liverpool Workh: Governor.
But I am afraid it
won't do.

1. because Miss A. Jones
& her Staff have no
recognized position
(e.g. her appointment
has not been recognized
by the P.L. Board -)
there is no real tenable
ground upon which
Mr. V. could interfere.
[Mr. Farnall is quite

cognizant of the Governor's
conduct - (tho' I have
not told him some
curious little anecdotes)
I don't think *he* thinks
he could interfere]

We are in truth attempting,
rather against the
grain of the Liverpool
Vestry, to introduce,
solely on sufferance,
a better system of
Hospital (Workhouse) Nursing
- *on sufferance* until
its usefulness is proved

And, having done so, I am
now trying to get a
definite position for
Miss Agnes Jones, so that

Mr Carr (the Governor) may
no longer interfere maliciously.
If he then continued
doing so, we might
consider of an appeal
to Mr. Villiers.

At present (*I believe*) the
Liverpool Vestry would
be only too glad to get
rid of us - if they had
a pretext. And an
appeal to the P.L. Board
might give it them.

[But I am quite sure
we shall have to come
to you, & your kind
mediation with Mr.
V. At last].

2. I don't think Miss Agnes
Jones *could* appear against
the Governor

I should be very glad
to hear what you think
of last night & of
the prospects of Govt= -
& of war - & about
omnibus rebus & quibusdam [almost everything & something more besides]
alliis
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9002/27 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

June 6/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest

Sir Harry is quite
earnest that you should
stay at Embley even
another week, if you
think best.

ever your
F.

75 years this day Sidney
Herbert wrote to me the
telegraphic news of Cavour's
death. With those words
I told you of -
How are the mighty changed!

9002/28 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

June 13/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear

1. please read Mr.
Rathbone's letter. I have
no Photo: of myself - If
you could send me "TEN
"Photo:s" of myself, & me
write the "autographs",
that would be the shortest
way. [I had much rather
give myself to his ten Nurses
than to the Queen] If
you can't, please send
me the address he
wants "to the photographer
"who has the best one
"of me." Poor man! he

is in a terrible scrape -
- 2. I send you a most
satisfactory account of
Mama from Mr.
Taylor, to whom, as
I told you, I wrote.
But it does not
help me in the least
as to whether I ought
to do anything to
encourage her to stay
at Embley this year -
rather the reverse.

Please return me both
Mr. Taylor & Mr. Rathbone,
with your answers to
both, if you can
 ever yours
 F.

I was so sorry not to be
able to see Emily -
[another time, I hope].
I am glad to hear that
Freddy has passed his
Mods.
See how "up" I am.

9002/29 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

June 16/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

I have a terrible Visitor
coming here from Sunday
July I till Friday [I don't
mean he is coming to my
house, but he expects me
to make all the
arrangements with the
Poor Law Board &c for
him to see the whole
working of our Workhouse
System]

It is M. Husson, Director
of the Assistance Publique
at Paris - one of the best
administrators in Europe.
I have already begun to
get him introductions &c.

9002/30 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

June 16/66

In regard to a suggestion
that the Quarter Master Genl should
make Officers understand
that they have full powers & that it
is known that they have full powers -
to provide safe accommodation for troops
- & that they will be supported by the
Govt at home in doing so: -
it is said
the state of anarchy in the War Office
must be remedied first -
what is wanted is the entire re-casting of
the system of the War Office -
this required re-casting has already been
proposed to the Treasury by Lord de Grey

-there is a Committee before which some
of the most important parts of the
reform will come -

There should be a proper Officer (with
the troops) representing the War Office
to do everything necessary for the care
& comfort of the troops. *His* should
be the responsibility to incur expenditures
& the full powers -

Genl Brown's evidence is very significant
as to this point:

viz: that the Govt at home will pay
but says: - 'don't do it again' -
(as things are at present managed)

9002/31 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [1:758]

June 21/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

If *Mrs. Young* would like
my cat (it is a she - 3/4 thoro'-
bred) about 8 months old,
I should be rather glad to
send her down directly - by
Rail - if you would kindly
indicate the way, so that she
should not be left to
be thirsty in a basket
this hot weather longer
than necessary - I did
not like to trouble you with
her. She has just lost her kits,
which it was an act of the grossest immorality
in her to have at so tender an age, at all.
== Capt. Galton says: - (of his
Evidence before you) -

"I made as many of the

"most positive assertions as I
"could - all of which
"were contradicted by
"every other witness" -

Please burn this -

The consternation &
agony of hurry in
Govt= offices at a
time like this must
be seen to be believed -
ever yours
F.N.

9002/32 initialled letter, 3ff, pen

Burn

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
June 22/66
5 p.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I have *just* got your
note. Many thanks
about the cat. She
shall come by the
11 o'clock tomorrow
morning, as you are
so good as to have
her met -

The strong **[6:343]**
impression on the
part of Govt=
evidently is that

they will go out -

They are winding
up their affairs,
exactly as in the case
of a Bankruptcy;
And I cannot
describe to you what
the confusion is -
Last night in the
thunderstorm I
had to be sending
papers to their
offices - both to
Lord de Grey & Ld
Hartington, from

both of whom letters
have been sent to
me to the above
effect. And whom
do you think my
main-stay in this
turmoil? Temperance.
It is she who
drives backwards
& forwards in
cabs with my
letters & papers

I can't help
clinging to the hope
that there may be

a Reconstruction -
tho' my Ministers
evidently don't
expect it.

Lord de Grey will
not "put forward"
Sir. J. Lawrence's
papers. He says
it would be
unconstitutional -
And this, after
wasting his five
months' Ministry
at the India Office.
[But it is true.]
They make me
write pretty nearly

all day & night.

I expect we shall
lose the London
Workhouse Infirmary
Bill, if Mr. Villiers
goes out -

Please burn -
ever yours
F.N.

The Q. does not come
till Tuesday. All
mouths are open
against her, even
to scandal.

9002/33 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

{arch: offering to come
from 1st week in Aug 66
to Sept 2nd or 3rd week
6 or 7 weeks}

June 23/66

Dearest mum

Thanks a thousand
times for your great
wish to set my mind
at ease about coming
to Embley.

My "mind" is just
this: - from the first week
of August to the third week
of September is the only
time I can dispose of -

If you were to stay at
Embley *on your own*

account, I would come.
But, as I am sure
that Lea Hurst braces
you & does you good -
& as I am sure it is
for Papa's happiness
that you should go -
- rather than keep you
at Embley, I would
think whether it would
be possible for me to
undertake the journey
to Lea Hurst.

The Last report from
the War Office to-night
(Saturday) was: - Ministers

stay in Dissolution in
autumn.
But it is only a report.
Cabinet Ministers know
nothing till Tuesday
But, whether they stay in
(as I most fervently hope)
or go out, - there is not
a chance of business
allowing me to move
before August - before
Parliament is up, in
fact - *IF then*.
I do not dread the journey
whether to Embley or Lea Hurst,
so much as you think.
with you at the end of
it - I don't believe

it will do me as much
harm as moving to
Hampstead, (house, furniture
& maids,) without a
man to help me, has
done me ever since
1861. I have
always lost the whole
3 months at Hampstead
in recovering the move.
7 weeks' clear rest at
home, without a household,
-even with two journeys -
will do me less harm, I
believe - than that.
I think I have now told you
the facts exactly as they
stand - And I gladly
leave you to decide.
dearest mum -
 ever your loving
 child F.

9002/34 unsigned memorandum, 2ff, pencil

June 28/66

Last Day's Evidence of China (H. of Troops)

Commee

curious but adds little to our information

Gibson's fixes error of judgment on P.M.O. in not coming back to Hong Kong & bringing or sending Surgeons from Japan & also on Genl Guy Rowland says in the same breath that Hong Kong is very unhealthy is perfectly healthy, & that he was obliged to take so much quinine that he is still deaf with it (5 years after)

He apparently implicates Genl Guy infor not taking responsibility enough on himself

But [He is a "queer fish"]

Robertson (who is quite trustworthy) implies they ought to have been able to hire anything they wanted - at least in the way of Hospital accommodation.

Cox proves that Moody had power if he had chosen to exert it *not* to have sent the men to Kowloon.

The gist of the whole matter is this: -
The same thing would happen again "at the shortest notice"

There is nobody to hang, except perhaps

Genl Guy - for a few minutes - *not* till ~~he is hung~~ - just enough *not* to hang him.

The conclusion is:

You must now provide a good Hospital & Barracks at Kowloon

& improve those at Hong Kong.

& by all means have a more definite system of responsibility - arranged between Officers Commanding & the W.O. at all foreign Stations

Suppose as follows: -

S. of S. for War to Commandg Officer going to
Hong Kong -

In giving you this appointment, remember
that I will hold you personally
responsible for every man who dies
out there -

Commg Officer

May I do anything ~~I may~~ which in consultation
with my Principal Medl & Engineering
Officer I may consider necessary? for
securing the health of the men?

S. of S.

Yes: - provided you are not prevented
by superior Military necessity -

Commg Officer

Am I to understand that I may
incur any necessary expence in this
duty - provided I explain clearly all

the reasons for incurring the expence?

S. of S.

Certainly

Commg Officer

On this understanding which
should be communicated to me in
writing, I accept.

This would be making the best of the
present bad system.

But it would be evidently better
to have some Officer *representing*
the W.O. who would be responsible
for all *material* appliances of health
(Barracks, Hospitals, Rations, Clothing,
&c) & who would be
authorized as part of his ordinary
duty to incur the required cost
[There should be one such officer at every Station
or group of Stations].

9002/35 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Friday {arch: 4? June '66}

 You never told me what
Colnaghi said - Nor are the
Babies come - nor the Turners.

 If Sir H. could look in upon
me about 2 or 3 *to-day* - not that
I have anything to say - but I
am curious to hear the prospects
from last night - Lord Stanley
writes to me "My hands are
rather full" which in *him*
I consider to be a state of

[5:521]

mental enthusiasm bordering
on dangerous excitement -

[end 5:521]

 F.N.

R.S.V.P.

 about Sir Harry
I am afraid tomorrow I
 shall be busy *all* day.

9002/36 unsigned memorandum, 1f, pencil

 Saturday

 Perhaps I am quixotizing - but I can hardly help
saying, with regard to Emily's Drawing-room -
I hope it will depend not only on her own health
but on the state of the weather next week -

 Weather here since Wednesday" -
Wind N.E.

Sky - dense universal cloud, tho' no fog-

 This morning, hot sun, tho' the sky still one grey.
Wind due E. probably quite clear in the
country - in London the most dangerous weather
of all -

 This afternoon - hot, close, sky one dense cloud
- wind N.E.

 In 10 consecutive *Junes* I have spent in London, I never remember
such an one

9002/37 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?June 1866}

Monday

Dear

I have heard this morning
both from Lea Hurst & Sir H -
Probably you have too -

Mama does not go to Claydon
but comes to 32 on *Friday*
next for "10 days or a fortnight"

Papa gives up coming to me
on this account, which I am
rather sorry for -

Sir H. - says he will be here
"on his way through London"
to-day or tomorrow, (wishing
to see me). I will send you
his letter which is merely
political when I have had time to read it thoroughly. It is dated
Saturday. Villas Collerets.

I can't conceive where the
Mohls are. I had a letter from

her but a few days ago - *since*
M. Mohl's return - in which
she did not say a word
of either of them leaving
Paris - On the contrary. I feel quite uneasy.
 ever your

F.

How ill Miss Cunningham looks
how unequal to an Indian life.
how little up to an enterprise,
either in body or mind - I
felt when I saw her that
I was more equal to going
to India that she - tho' I
was quite worn out by 3/4 hour
interesting talk.

9002/38 Letter to F.N. from Sebastiano Fenzi

Florence 21 June 1866

Dear Madam

Many kind thanks for your beautiful letter. My brother Carlo read it and when he came towards the end his large blue eyes filled with tears.

I beg to enclose his official papers which constitute the very small tribute of our heart felt thanks

The kind left us this morning at 5 o'clock for the camp--all Florence wast here on his passage to wish him God speed. The cheers sounded loud and long in the morning air, and they who heard them felt that they came indeed from the core of every Italian heart. It is a wretched thing, but a nation such as ours, the ancient ruler of the world, has a right to have recourse to it, to at length, vindicate its long lost freedom and independence. Such a moment as this is great and solemn illeg! Italy has at length the strength within itself to call out to mortal combat that hard and ignoble power which more than any other has been the cause of its miseries and shames!!

My only regret is that though in good health and strong I cannot girth round me my good sword but must needs remain a passive spectator of what is now happening without being allowed to stake my life on the altar of my beloved and glorious country.

Again thanking you for your very great kindness I beg to remain, my dear Madam, your ever sincerely obliged, Sebastiano Fenzi.

...P.S. My wife who is an English lady would beg of you to kindly allow her to possess your photograph given by yourself to her. We shall prize it with more love, admiration and veneration than our people here keep the image of the Virgin Mary, and if you allow us, we shall send you a photograph in return of ourselves and our *eight* children! ...send photo to Robert Heath Esq 31 Old Jewry... he will forward

initialled note at end of letter by F.N., 1f, pencil

If Parthe likes to send
the lady my photograph,
"Barkis is willing" -
And I am quite
agreeable to having
theirs -
F.N.
7/7/66

9002/39 initialled letter, 2ff, pen [1:183-84]

Dearest mum
I hear Parliament
will certainly not be
up before the 10th August.
I of course, am busier
than ever.
But there are hopes
this most wicked war
is over.
I have heard from
the Crown Princess of
Prussia (Princess Royal)
You know your little
favourites, Sam & Rosie
are going to Lea Hurst
on Friday. Rosie said
to me "I am going on
Friday to see my
Aunt Fanny," (with
great emphasis.)
Surely you will not
disappoint her by
not going to Lea Hurst.
And the by-standers
said, "She is so fond
of her Aunt Fanny".
But, wherever my
dearest mum is, I
hope to be with her
about the middle
of August.
The weather here is
detestable: constant

leaden East wind fog.
You know the rioters
pulled down half a
mile of railing here
into Park Lane on

Monday night.

It was the most
pathetic, interesting
night I have spent
for 6 months -
so much good energy
wasted -
so little spite &
violence in their
struggling -
so much less harm
done than at sight=
seeings (like the D. Of

Wellington's funeral) -
where lives are
recklessly lost -
so much care for the
women & children -
For my part, tho' I saw
stones thrown, &
three bonfires, I
thought it a very
instructive spectacle
Ever my dearest mum's
loving child
F.

I hear that Parthe is
better than ever she
was in her life.
July 25/66

9002/40 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 25 July 66}

Dearest mother
I hear Part will
certainly not be up before
the 10 of Aug
I of course am better
than ever
But there are hopes this
most wicked war is over
I have heard from the
Crown Princess
You know your little
favourites Sam & Rosie
are going to Lea Hurst
on Friday. Rosie said
to me "I am going on
Friday to see my aunt

Fanny (with great
emphasis) surely you
will not disappoint
her by not going to LH
& the by stander said
"she is so fond of her
At Fanny but wherever
my dearest m is I hope
to be with her about the
middle of Aug.
The weather here is
detestable constant
London East wind fog
You know the rioters
pulled down half a
mile

of railing here into high
Park Lane on Monday
night
It was the most
pathetic interesting
night I have spent
for 6 months
so much good energy
wasted
so little spite & violence
in their struggling
so much less harm done
than at sight seeing
(like the D of Wellingtons
firmness [?] where lives are
recklessly lost -
so much case for the
women & children

For my part tho' I saw
stones thrown & three
bonfires I thought it a
very instructive spectacle
Ever my dearest M's
 loving child
 F.

July 25/66

9002/41 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

July 26 {arch: 65}

Dearest mum

I was very sorry that
you were so much
disturbed about the
riots - but I was
exceedingly glad to see
Watson, who told me
so much more about
you than I am able
to hear, except from
Parthe, generally.

About Lea Hurst,
I will write more by

post.

You know there is
nothing I should like
better than that you
should go to Lea Hurst
this year.

I am sure that
nothing will be easier
than to find you a
house to stay in in
London - [every body
is gone]. And Parthe
means to come up to
London for the first
week in August - so
that you & she might

be together.

And I am quite
sure that nothing
will please me better
than to go to *Lea Hurst*
to see my dearest
mum.

I am not in the
least afraid of the
journey.

The nursery & nursery
bed-room would be,
of all things, at Lea Hurst
what I should like
best.

But I think it may

be quite the beginning
of September before
business allows me
to move - we are so
very busy with the
new Minister now -
 x I will write by post
Ever my dearest mum's
 loving child
 F.N.

x And therefore I should
be doubly sorry if
you were to stay all
through August at
Embley.

9002/42 signed letter, 6ff, pen **[6:350]**

Private July 26/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
 Park Lane,
 London. W.

My dear Sir Harry
 I write to you, instead
of to Parthe, because
I have no time - an
odd reason.

 Last night late, to
my infinite horror,
(for I thought it was
because Mama had
had a fit,) arrived
Watson the butler
from Embley. Poor
mother had been so
frightened by the
accounts about the riots

that she sent him up
to bring me back!!
However, I was very
glad to have a
long conversation
with him, in which
I gleaned, I believe,
a much clearer idea
of Mama's state than
I could have had
otherwise.
I feel quite sure that
there is no real
reason against her
going to Lea Hurst
- & that she would
be very glad to be

induced to do so. But
she wishes to come to
London. Now I am
sure that nothing
would induce her
to do so so much
as to hear that
Parthe was coming
to London for a week
& would take a
house with her -
[There must be houses
now to be let &
whole Hotels.

I don't think it
would do, for poor
mother to come HERE
tho' I did at one time

think it possible. But
she turns night
into day. And my
business has so much
increased that I am
sure the additional
care would render
me incapable]

I believe she would be
ready to come to town
in a week -

She has an idea that
the accommodation at
Lea Hurst would not
do for me - Now I
don't know any better
rooms in the world
for an Invalid than
the Nursery &
nursery bed-room at
{word cut off}

All things considered,
I think, if Parthe,
without mentioning
Watson at all, would
urge all these things
upon her, - nothing
would have more
effect.

I feel that, if she
does not go this year,
she will never again -
that her usual inertia,
coupled with a fear
about me, are what
prevent her going -
that the hope of
meeting Parthe at

[2]

32 - or, 32 failing, at
some other house in London -
[there must be plenty
to be had now -] would
be a main inducement
- coupled with the certainty
that I should like to
go to Lea Hurst, (which
I should)
I think it very probable
that I shall not be
able to leave London
till September 1.
[I have had letters
from Mr. Gathorne Hardy
& Ld Cranborne, to the

effect that they must
communicate with
me, after Parliament
is up]

This would be another
reason for my
poor mother not
waiting out August
at Embley for me.
(when I don't think
there is a chance of
my being free till
September.) Change
of Ministers has
just doubled my work.
I have sent Watson back
to Embley, telling him
as much as I dared

of this. He himself
asked me *not* to
say: - that they (the servants) were
convinced Mama's
reason for staying
at Embley was to
receive me.

He also said, what
I knew before, that
no one had the
influence over Mama
"that Lady Verney had".
Of course I have
written to Mama
on my side.

Please burn -
{printed address: }ever yours
35 South Street, F. Nightingale
Park Lane,
London. W.

P.S.

I am afraid Mme Schwabe,
poor helpless thing,
has got no advertisement
in the "Times", after
all, about her sick
& wounded.

==
One more thing about
my mother.

I most earnestly desire
that she should go to
London & Lea Hurst.

But if she came to
London upon my
account she would
stay till I was ready
to go to Lea Hurst.

[3]

(which may not be
till September)
Now it is quite
impossible for me to
undertake this
additional responsibility
- or one additional
care (or talking) for
the month of August.

I hope therefore
she would leave
London, when Parthe
does, if Parthe comes.

~~F.N.~~

[She told Watson that she
"hoped to go to 32
with Lady Verney"]
Therefore, you see, she

~~F.N.~~

has not given up the idea
of London - & would gladly
come to be with Parthe,
I believe, Please burn
at some
other house F.N.
than 32.

9002/43 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

July 27/66

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I wrote in such a
hurry by Watson that
I want to say over
again what I said
by him.

I do earnestly hope
that my dearest mum
will go to Lea Hurst,
if at all equal to it.
I shall certainly be
quite equal to go to
Lea Hurst. I do not

think there is much
chance now of my
being able to leave
London till the
beginning of September,
because there is so
much business for
us, both at the
Poor Law Board &
India Office, owing
to new Ministers,
after Parliament is
up, (which is not

till August 10.) Therefore
I should be doubly
sorry, if my dearest
mum, were to be
waiting at Embley
for me all August.
London is so empty
now that there would
be no difficulty in
getting you a
house or half a
Hotel close by here.
[You know that 32 is
to be let *beyond*
August 1.] But Parthe

is coming to town at
the beginning of
August, for a night or two, so Sir Harry
told me. And
perhaps you & she
could take a house
or part of a Hotel
together for a week
or two, so as to
enable you to see
Doctors -
I write in haste,
merely to convince
my dearest mum
that I am *quite* as

ready to go to Lea
Hurst as to Embley -
& that there is
nothing in the world
I shall like so
well as the Nursery
& Nursery bed=
room at Lea Hurst.

I will write again.
Ever my dearest
mum's loving child

F.

There is no more
rioting - nor a
shadow of it.

9002/44 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Burn July 28/66
 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 London. W.

My dear Sir Harry,
1000 thanks for your
letter.

I must now leave it
in the hands of others
to decide about my poor
mother's moving.

It is impossible for
me to decide or
undertake for her
as well as for myself.

As for myself, I can

make no undertaking
whatever at present.

I heard this morning **[6:350-51]**
that Gathorne Hardy
wishes to bring a
Metropolitan Workhouse
Infirmary Bill
before the Cabinet
in November - that
he gives up his time
from this to then
to prepare it.

This, I believe, is no
secret.

Indeed I think he told
the deputation so on
Thursday - [which was
introduced by Ld
Grosvenor instead of
Ld Carnarvon] -

Of course it is a secret
that he (Mr. Hardy)
has asked me to
"Advise & suggest".

And I have kept
myself quite free
from the deputation,
in order to do so -
tho' I was asked to
write a letter to be

read by them.

Under these circumstances,
I should of course,
make no engagement
to leave London
before the Bill was
prepared - which
we let slip thro' in
February & which
I will not let slip
through now - even if it lasts
till November -

[Mr. Villiers comes
to me on Tuesday.]

*It would be therefore
folly for poor mother to
stay at Embley on my
account.* ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/45 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Health of Troops July 28/66
Committee 35 South Street, {printed address:}
CHINA Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have received the
Evidence of H.R.H.
& the letters from Genl
Guy & Romaine - which
three documents are
a résumé of the whole
case

H.R.H. disposes
of the case as against
Ld de Grey by showing
that he, the C. in C.,
was consulted u to
the customary extent,
& that Ld de Grey's

policy was precisely the same as that of his predecessors.

Genl Guy shews that he could not have sent the troops to Japan for two reasons

- 1. that the Marines had not left

- 2. that he could not spare them

He also shews that, if any blame rests, it is on Wyatt, for not

exercising his powers fully.

The reason given by Genl Guy for increase of Guards at Hong Kong is: - that the stores had increased in extent & value.

He clearly shews also that a quick passage brought the troops to Hong Kong from the Cape, before they were expected.

It appears from
Romaine's letter that
the Marines were
not removed from
Japan, till long after
they were directed to
do so.

All of this shows want
of unity & co-operation.
It is clear that Government
must make up their
minds what to do
with Hong Kong & Kowloon.
They should either give

up Kowloon, or make
it defensible - with
plenty of good
Barrack accommodations
- as quickly as possible.
Your committee have, of
course, considered
this news & very
important matter x
before finally printing
their report.

N.B. x One of its most
curious disclosures
is: that Government
were never apprised

of the increased number
(& necessity) of Guards
from the increased
number of Black
guards, (as you
yourself called them)
The whole is a melancholy
tale of dislocation
& disorganization.
I think Percy Herbert
showed his hand
at the Examn of
H.R.H. in rather an

unguarded & ill-tempered
way for a gentleman.

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9002/46 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?July 66}

Tuesday

Dearest

I did not send back
the Photos to Colnaghi's
yesterday. Because no
servant that I have is
capable of carrying them to
a cab in the rain without
letting a drop fall on them -
or indeed of carrying them
without bending & dogs earing

I shall send them this
morning in a cab, because
I must not keep them
any longer, unless you are
going to Colnaghi's -

My only reason for wishing

them to go by you, (besides
your choosing the two
babies,) is that Colnaghi
will understand at once
from you, what it is
uncivil to write, that
the Dresden Photos are
too bad for civilized
people -

But I must not keep
them beyond today

F.

9002/47 initialed note, 1f, pencil

Army Medical School {arch: ?1866 July or Aug}

of course the danger is;

in showing my letter:

is Mr. Hardy the sort of man

whose only thought will be -

how did she get to know? -

who told her? the Chief Clerk?

the D.G., or the Under S. of S.?

It so happens, none of the 3 -

[Every one in my world is

talking about it: Dr. Acland

saw it in a newspaper - &c &c &c]

Mr. Hardy is the only man who

can do anything:

but we must not get any one

into trouble

If you do show Mr. Hardy any part of my
letter please write to Dr. Acland
that you have done so. F.N.

9002/48 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Pray say what time you will lunch,
to suit the trains. And I will have the
pleasure of seeing you accordingly -
Any time before one or after two will
suit me -

Unless I hear to the contrary, I shall
suppose 2.30 for your lunch -

Could you see that poor helpless Mme=
Schwabe & advise her what to do?

[15:618]

I should have thought she ought to
advertise perpetually in the "Times" -

I have only seen *one* advertisement.

[end]

I feel quite puzzled about poor mother -
She says now that she will go to Lea Hurst
"by the end of August or in September" - And
"if F.N. should go to the Hurst" - as if she thought

I were going there without her - [I have
not heard from Aunt Mai] & that she
would be left at Embley without me -
Would you kindly leave this note (enclosed)
at Ly Colebrooke's?

ever yours

F.N.

Aug 3/66

9002/49 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Aug 11/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I was so very glad to
see your hand=writing again,
&also to think that you
have enjoyed your
summer at Embley

I MAY be ready to
leave London in about
ten days. But I am so
entirely dependent upon
my masters that I
cannot possibly be
certain of any thing or day.

You must not think

that *I* am hesitating
as to whether I shall
go to Lea Hurst or
Embley.

*Where Thou goest, I
shall go.*

At whichever place
you are, when I am
able to leave London,
I shall go *there* my
dearest mum.

But I should be
sorry indeed if,
I coming to Embley,

& you intending
perhaps to have left
Embley soon after,
should thereby give
up Lea Hurst on
my account.

Because it is not for
my health, as you
may be quite sure,
that I come so far -
but to see my dearest
mum - and, if it
were possible, Papa
too.
I don't know that I can

say more than this: -
- I will come to you
at Lea Hurst or
Embley, wherever you
are, when business
lets me go - & will
write a day or two beforehand
ever my dearest mum's
loving child

F.

I *must* leave it in the
hands of God to settle
where - for I am
quite incapable to
settle for another
as well as for
myself, which is too
much for me already.

9002/50 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London.

Aug 13/66

Dearest mum

I think I shall be able,
if nothing unforeseen occurs,
to keep my promise, & to
come to you within 10 days
of the breaking up of the
Session (last week.)

I think I shall be
able to leave London
On *Friday* or *Saturday* next,
the 17th or 18th.

Of course, if Ministers
give me any work to do,
I shall stay, (even then) -
& be obliged to put off again

coming to you.

I will write to ask
for Watson, so as that he
may come for me the
day *before* I start.

As soon as you tell me
where I shall find you,
I will write to ask
Bratby to engage for me the kind
of invalid Railroad
carriage which poor Mr.
Clough used always to
engage for me (I have
not travelled since his
death) & which requires
engaging some days before

the time.

Of course I shall
travel by the quickest
train.

I feel that, later, I
may not be able to
leave London. And
therefore I seize, dearest
mum, the earliest day
to see you -
ever your loving child
F.

9002/51 initialled letter, 1f, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Aug 13/66

Dear Papa

Mrs. Sutherland's note
explains my situation as
I never have been able
to explain it myself - & as
my own family have
never been able to
understand it. Therefor I enclose it.

Please return it to me.

I feel quite worn out -
& as if I must give up
housekeeping or work
before long, without help.

ever your loving child

F.

9002/52 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Aug 13/66

Dear Papa

Despairing of any
resolution being taken by
Mama

[She writes to Mrs. Sutherland
- "will *Florence* go to Lea
Hurst or Embley, I
wonder?]

I have written to her to say
that I will come to HER
on Friday or Saturday
next (7 or 18) *wherever*
she is.
& that I will write in time

for Watson to come
the day before.

I fix the time, because I
feel the day may soon come
when I may neither be
able to leave London nor to
work in London any more.

Perhaps I ought to add,
that it is quite certain, if
I wait till 32 is empty, &
till Mama has been at 32,
I shall not go at all.

I have written to Combe
to ask Bratby to hire the kind
of Rail-road Invalid Carriage
Mr. Clough used always to

take me in to Malvern -
if to be had on Embley
rail-road.
To go in an Invalid Carriage
upon a *truck* always kills
a real Invalid at once.
I have never travelled since
Mr. Clough died.
It is a misfortune that none
of my own family have
ever known what illness
was in all their lives.
Of course, if work should
be sent me, I must put
off going even ~~then~~ now.
 ever dear Pa
 your loving child
 F.

9002/53 delivery note, 1f, pen

15/8/66 3 brace partridges
 1 hare
 (carriage paid)
 R.G. Whitfield Esq
 Manor House
 St Thomas' Hospital
 Newington
 London. S.

15/8/66
 2 brace partridges
 3 rabbits

 carriage paid
 Mr. J. Mitchell
 29 Great Percy Street
 Pentonville
 London

9002/54 delivery note, 2ff, pen

17/8/66 1 brace partridge
 1 snipe

Mrs= Douglas Galton
 12 Chester Street
 Grosvenor Place
 London S.W.

17/8/66 2 brace partridges
 1 hare

W. Clode Esq
 General Register Office
 Somerset House
 London W.C.

1 Hare 1 Leveret
2 Partridges Oct 23/66
to Capt. J.S. Field
 Portswood Park
 Southampton

{printed piece of ripped paper:}
 Passenger's China and Glass Works,
 9, High Street, Southampton,
 July 17th, 1866.

Sir,

9002/55 delivery note, 1f, pen

17/8/66 3 brace partridges
 (carriage paid)

Dr= Farr
General Register Office
Somerset House
London W.C.

17/8/66
(carriage paid)
Miss Jones
Lady Supt=
King's College Hospital
London W.C.

P Holland Esqr M.P
Burial Acts Office
Local Government Acts Office
Whitehall
London S W

2 brace Partridges
Sept 24th- {not in F.N. Hand: from FN Sept/66}

9002/56 incomplete letter, 4ff, pen {arch: August 66?}, first 2ff not FN hand; the following transcribed 2ff

You ask, *what* is the "seule parole"? [3:377-78]

In the original Spanish, it stands:
"le père Eternel n'a dit qu'une seule
parole (qui est son fils); et il la dit
&c &c"

But I left out the words "qui est
Son fils"; because I thought they would
be mistaken; & because I am so weary
of the perpetual controversy, as to *what*
"son fils" is.

Oh how I re=echo those wise words: -
true religion "ne s'occupe plus aujourd'hui
de contester ou de railler le côté légendaire
de la mission du Christ;" x x "il s'agit
d'étendre et d'élever la notion de Dieu,
que depuis tant de siècles le dogmes
religieux s'acharnent à renfermer
dans les étroites limites du symbolisme"
x x x "Ne perdons point le temps à
faire le procès à telle ou telle doctrine
religieuse. Il n'y en a qu'une vraie,
celle qui nous montre et nous donne
Dieu."

Oh.' I am weary to death of "losing

the time" in discussing the "miracles", in such sentences as you quote to me of dear good Jowett's, whom I love dearly, but of whom I never could read one word, much less the sentence you quote & the Essay you quote.

"Il n'y en a qu'une vraie, celle qui nous montre Dieu." Is not that exactly the same as "Dieu n'a dit qu'une seule parole, et il la dit continuellement" ? And you ask what that "parole" is? Is it not His *character*, His *will*, His *laws*, His *logos*? What are all those but the same thing?

As a Florentine writer, a woman, one of the Pazzi, in the 16th century, says: "don't you feel within yourself what treasures are contained in these two words "*voluntas Dei*"? She says, "two words". The Spaniard (who makes God speak), says "one word" - "une seule parole".

The idea is the same -
But we don't want to hear God say
his "seule parole". I really know not
one single writer at this present day,
who EVER asks: what does God say?

We have been asking very loudly lately:
what does Lord Westbury say? -
What does the Archbishop of Canterbury
say? - what do Wilson & Williams say?
What does Jowett say? - what does
Colenso say? - & even what Sir
Roundell Palmer says - about the
character of God?

But, upon my honour I don't
believe there is one single English
writer who has ever asked: what
does God say - about His own
character.

I must quote again to you from
St. Gertrude, again a woman, writing
in German, in the 16th century - (God
speaks)

En quoi ferais je éclater ma toute)

puissance, si elle n'avait pas le
pouvoir de me renfermer moi même
en moi - même dans quelque endroit
que je sois, en sorte que je ne sois connu
ni aperçu, qu'autant qu'il est à propos
selon la circonstance des lieux, des
temps & des personnes?" [ie. Tho' He is
always saying la "seule parole", yet it
takes Centuries for us to understand
it - and we shall always be making
fresh discoveries in it - but now
nobody asks what it is.]

What extraordinary mistakes
Luther & St Teresa made as to the
character of God! (I use the phrase
"character", instead of "word" of God,
tho' I like the phrase "word" best,
which is an exact translation of
the "seule parole" & also of the logos,
because you always stop me when
I say "word," with asking me whether
I mean the Bible & then raising a
discussion as to what the Bible is -

[end 3:378]

9002/57 initialed letter, 3ff, pencil

Embley Sept. 15/66

Dear Pop

If Papa likes to stay with you till
Tuesday or Wednesday, I give
my consent.

I should have been furious,
if I had had to go back to
London the third week in
September - But, as it is,
"Barkis is willing."

== About the maid"

[Mama has only this moment
given me the letter, so I
write in haste.]

I call my "want": -

a maid to wait upon me &
to take entire charge of myself

& my tiny household -

There is not "lady's maid"-ing -
no "hair-dressing" - no "dress=
~~housekeeping~~ making" -

I keep no housekeeper's
room -

A person who is above
running up & down stairs
after me, or bringing in my
tiny meals &c would be
perfectly useless to me.

Wages are not the question
with me - I would give the
highest wages a lady's maid
& housekeeper in the highest
family receives -
And my "maid & housekeeper"
has certainly less to do than
a housekeeper in a great
family - or a lady's maid in a
gay family.

Still I question whether
a housekeeper who has lived
in great families (like these
mentioned) would take *my*
place - which is like a
convent - & no men-servants
& no housekeeper's room. no
dinners - no visitors -no "London
season" -

I would gladly pay her
journey down here & back,
to see her. And she might
sleep at 35 S. St., so as to
see the maids & the kind
of house, on her way -
But till the situation is explained
to her, it is vain to ask her.

I have just paid £4
travelling expences, (besides
staying at No. 35,) to a maid
with the highest recommendation

who, I am certain, came down
here merely for the lark -
She declined my place, on
account of the "stairs" & on
account of having to bring
in my "meals" - tho' I had
explained it all to her
before - by letter. and she
gave me the expence &
trouble of having her here
for a week - from Shrewsbury
by London = just to tell me this.

Also: I am certain I have
seen many maids, who
unwittingly showed me the
letters from their mistresses,
(old friends of ours) recommending
my place because I gave
"high wages" & because it
was an "easy place". They came,
intending to do *nothing*.
I have kept the maid's

letter, which is much the
best written letter I have
seen [but then you know
one must hear Lady
Hartopp's side of the question
-it is a disagreeable
letter, I think] -

No: on second thoughts
I send back both letters.

I think I can only say
that, if the maid is both
fit & willing to undertake
what I want, I would
then pay her journey down
here to look at her -

But *my* maid has
absolutely no mistress but
her own conscience. Mine
is a confining place - And
yet there is almost absolute

liberty -
Any thing may go on down
stairs without my knowing
it.
And to introduce a
London housekeeper, with
principles à la Corser
(Lady Clarges' maid) among
my three Puritans would,
I think, break my heart.
 ever your
 F.

9002/58 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Embley

Romsey

Sept. 17/66

My dear Sir Harry

By a terrible piece of
ill-luck, I have only just
received this letter from
Sir J. Lawrence, which
we had been impatiently
awaiting, dated June 17,
& forwarded to me by
the India Off: *July 20*,
just two months ago.
Had it not been that
I see their post mark,
I should not have
believed them -as the
India Off: have yet
to learn the calendar.

difference between months
& days -
It is a most extraordinary
piece of ill-luck - for
I have had the most
worthless letters, with
every number & every
street but the right
one, in the address -
And yet they always
reach one -
If it was the fault of
Lord What's his name's
servants, I think it
was very ill-natured,
as they knew I lived
3 ~~days~~ doors off.

The delay of the letter
has been almost
destruction to us -

But I don't write
now to complain -
only to ask: do you
think there are other
letters for me at no. 32?
[I don't know how
this came to No 35 at
last. and I don't
suppose I could find
out from my maids.]

A thousand thanks for
your kind thought
about the Railroad
Carriage for me when
I came down here

I have never thanked you
for it.

I ~~really~~ think my mother
pretty well. I really
see but little
alteration in her, I mean.

ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9002/59 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

Embley

Romsey

Sept 19/66

My dear Sir Harry

1. I am very glad to think
you are going to the Social
Science - And I wish I
had anything for you to
read for me - But I
have let all that kind
of thing drop thro, I am
sorry to say . .

It will be a great
benefit your going to
Liverpool - I *hope*
our Mr. Rathbone will
be come back - But
I heard from him last
week at Keswick.

I heard (not from

himself) that he was quite
worn out with organizing
the Cholera house= to-house
visitation at Liverpool.

2. Papa came back last
night. And I have seen
him to=day. He looks
to me ten years younger.
And I am sure his
visit to you has given him
great pleasure

3. About the maid: -
of course one can tell
but little from a
letter - but *this* maid
sounds more promising
than Lady Emily Foley's -

tho', whether it is the
maid or Lady Lucy
Calvert that I like
I don't exactly know.
It is such a very
pretty letter - her
affection for you & her
graceful kindness -
I think, as she offers to
"communicate" with the
maid, it would be very
desirable if you would
kindly write to her
what I said to Parthe
about the "qualifications
I require" - as she asks
after these - & if she
would ask the maid
(Mrs. Rushforth) if
she would undertake

what I want - And if
Lady Lucy thinks her
up to it, the maid might
write to Parthe whether
she is disengaged - & not
engage herself without
letting us know, till
Parthe can see her &
Lady Emily Foley's -
I think Parthe ~~can~~
rather misunderstood
one clause in my letter.
My maid is rather
more superintended
than other maids -
because, from 7:30 a.m.
till 8.30 p.m., she
sees me constantly -
And all her orders

come from me direct.

With regard to the evenings, I regret to say that I know enough of London houses (& latterly of Lady Clarges) to know that ANY thing can go on below stairs without the master's & mistress's knowledge. This, not more but less, in my own household. What I intended to imply was: - that I could not bear to introduce a great London housekeeper among my three Puritans.

I think it wise to put in this Codicil to my letter to Parthe -

Also: to say it would be a great advantage to me to have a person used to superintend the kitchen, without being cook. And this both Lady Lucy Calvert's & Lady Emily Foley's seem to have been -

I think if Lady Emily Foley would write to hers to ask her my questions before she engages herself elsewhere, it would also be an advantage -

And now I will not
worry you any more
about maids.

It is very good of you
to take so much trouble.

One other thing I don't
agree with Parthe
about - I think (and
I have had terrible
experience) that it
is the stupid ones
who "get into mischief"
far more often than
the clever ones.

As Mrs. Robert
Arkwright said of
ugly maids: they ~~are~~
get into mischief far
more often than

pretty ones -

Believe me
dear Sir Harry
ever yours
F.N.

Mr. Gathorne Hardy is
getting us into terrible
mischief (I dare
say you know) tho'
he is neither pretty
nor clever.

9002/60 four cards, 1f, pen & pencil

{card 1}

Mr. T.G. Ross
Patriotic Fund
19 New Street
Spring Gardens
London S.W.

2 brace partridges
carriage paid

{card 2}

Mrs Wardroper
Manor Cottage
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington
London S

{card 3}

Captain E. Gardiner Fishbourne
Office of Patriotic Fund
19 New Street
Spring Gardens
London S.W.

3 brace Partridges

Sept 24th

{card 4}

Miss N. Nov 27/66
5 Brace Partridges
2 Hares
1 Pheasant

9002/61 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:173]

Embley

Romsey

Sept 25/66

~~35 South Street,~~

~~Park Lane,~~

~~London. W.~~

My dear Sir Harry

About Aldershot Female
Hospital & Mrs. Daniell,
I am so very sorry that
we can't help from King's
College Hospital with a
Midwife or Matron=Midwife,
unless they will send ~~one~~ a woman
to be trained by us.

"All trained in our
Ward are under definite
engagements before coming
to us for instruction.
As yet we have trained
none to be in readiness

"for a vacant post -
but Mr. H. Bonham
Carter thinks we may
so take one or two,
if very promising
women apply.

Miss Jones writes this morning: -

"I do not know of
any one outside our
Hospital who
would be suitable.
I did recommend
one to Mrs. Edwards
when she had the
women's Hospital
at Portsmouth, as
a temporary help

"& to teach one of her
own people - then
she had a guinea
a week. I find
this woman is now
engaged."

I have kept Mrs. Daniell's
& Col Arthur Herbert's
letters - Because I am
going to ask in another
quarter. But I have
very little hope. We
require 6 or 12 months'
notice to find & train
such a woman. Ladies
are so very thoughtless -
they always think there
are large numbers of
such women *on hand*.
Women fit to be engaged

always are engaged. Ladies
don't act in that way
for themselves. For
their own confinements
they engage a Nurse &
months beforehand - &
don't engage a Nurse without training.
But I write now, in case
Mrs. Daniell & the Aldershot
people should make
up their minds to *choose*
& have a woman trained
by us at King's College
Hospital. for Aldershot
Female Hospital.
I will write again -
ever yours
F. Nightingale

9002/62 signed letter 2ff, pen [8:174]

Embley

Romsey Sept. 29/66

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry,
(more than disappointed)
that we cannot help
the Aldershot Female
Hospital to a Matron-
Midwife or even a
Midwife, at present.

All my enquiries
have led to nothing
but "No person at
present to recommend."

But I am more
sorry than surprised.

It can be only by
accident that you
can find a Matron,
Midwife or Head
Nurse, competent
to undertake such
duties, at liberty
at a week's or
month's notice.

People are beginning
to find this out =
& write to us a year
beforehand for a

Trained Matron or
Trained Nurses - which
is none too soon.
[The gov'r of New South Wales
has just written
to me for four
Trained Head Nurses
to found a School
for Hospital Nurses
(for the Colony) ~~in~~ at
Sydney in the Infirmary.
And we have been
obliged to answer:
Give us time. We
have not one who is
not engaged at the

end of her training.]

I most earnestly
wish that the Aldershot
people would select
a woman, & send
her to us to train
at King's College Hospital
for them as Midwife
or as Midwife=Matron.

[N.B. I do not
myself like the
plan of making
the Midwife the
Matron. The very

essence of a Matron's employment is that she ought to be *in all places at once* - whereas the Midwife is, or ought to be, chained to the bed-side of a Patient, sometimes for hours - if during the day, how can she give the due supervision to the other patients - especially where

besides the Lying in Ward, there is a ward of general cases - if during the night, how can she be fit for her general duties the next day? - A Matron *must* have *some* sleep. † or she will take to drink, as this woman appears to have done.]

But, however that
my be, I wish
Aldershot would
send us a woman
to train for them.
And I would gladly
pay the money
for her. [You know
we pay King's
College Hospital
for the board of
the women under
training - And
this is generally
defrayed by the
persons sending
the woman to be
trained - as the
"N. Fund" pays for
the Lying-in beds.
& the Training =Midwife]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I can scarcely speak
too highly of the moral
training given us, in
this our Midwifery
school, by the Lady
Supt., whom you know
(Miss Jones) - or of the
Medical Training, given
by the Physician Accoucheurs.

9002/63 signed letter, 8ff, pen

Embley	Oct 14/66
Romsey	35 South Street,
	Park Lane,
	London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

A letter of yours of
Aug 31 enquiring about
your parcel of Deer skins
has only just been
given to me -

No such parcel had
arrived before I left
London -

But I do hope you
have made it out all
right by this time.

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Your visit to Liverpool **[6:269]**
gave me & all the greatest

satisfaction - Miss Agnes Jones wrote to me that she did not know who you were, & she is afraid you must have thought her "cold & formal". Had she known who you were, she says she "should have been much more afraid of you than of the Commissioners." Your visit did her one great good. For she got some arrangements thereby which she had been asking for ever since she came -

But now I must bother
 you about the maid,
 Mrs. Rushforth (she is
 here) recommended by
 Lady Lucy Calvert.

If Lady Lucy would be so very kind as to make out & tell you the whole truth about her as a friend, it would be a great thing for me.

[This was my only reason for sending for her.]

Because her last place was with Lady Shannon, & that a year ago - And I know nothing of Lady Shannon -

It seems as if she
 (Rushforth) knew all

the great Powis family -
 She was twice with
 Lady Charlotte Montgomery-
but the first time 18
years ago - And besides
that, she was with two
other members of the
family, Lady Sarah Hay
Williams, & I think Lady
Windsor - (or some sister)
[I am not very well up in
my Peerage]
I like her - she is hearty -
but, I should think,
shatter-brained. And
I doubt her having
discretion or good sense
-her having a "head piece"

[2]

in short.

 She says that she has
twice "had an interview
with" you, & once with
Parthe for *your* place
as Housekeeper.

 Can you remember why
you did not take her? -

 And could Lady Charlotte
Montgomery remember
why she parted with
her the first time? -

 I should think she
was an immense talker
- but very affectionate.

 She is very anxious to
have my place - & has
been "looking for a place
for 5 months" - *that* seems

odd -

 You see what I feel is
this. Temperance waits
upon one as well as
(or better than) any one
I ever had. I should
not exchange her, except
for a person who would
really take entire
charge of me & my tiny
household (including
the kitchen) For this
she must have
trustworthiness, good
sense - a good head.
My household is so easy
to manage - three maids
as good as gold -

But everything in the shape
of management falls
back upon me -

I must have a person who
will undertake every
thing with the tradesmen,
who will turn back the
milk when sour, the
fish when stale &c &c,
not leaving it to me
either to be poisoned
for 4 months with
sour milk, or to have
to "make the row" myself -
She must be able to order
my tiny meals. And
she ought to know how
things are to be done,
in the way a mistress
of a middle-class
household is obliged to ~~do~~
know.

Then, as you know, there
is a good deal of
running up & down
stairs for me (I being
entirely a prisoner to bed)
carrying business=messages
&c - And this is really
one of the most important
of my *wants*. She
must have good sense
to do this.
I will tell you the kind
of thing which happens
to me - a well=dressed
woman, a Miss -, rings
at the bell & is shown
into the dining=room -
{printed address upside down}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

She says: she shall
be confined in
my dining=room, if I don't

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get her a provision. I do
so, & I find afterwards
she does not go to the
place I provide.
Now a good maid says
to such a person: - go
about your business - I
won't take such a message
to Miss N.
But, on the other hand, I
am afraid to give such
a permission to a maid
who has *not* good sense.
*For she might turn away
from the door my
Matrons & Nurses &
poor friends, IF she
considered them "mal*

mises" - [you remember the
National Guard at the
gate of the Tuileries]

The consequence is: that
scarcely a day passes
that I am not interrupted
in the midst of my
hardest work by
monstrous impostors.

If my maid is not
capable of taking this
sort of charge, I am
better as I am -

~~Now~~ Then would Lady Lucy Calvert
kindly tell you whether
Mrs. Rushforth is strictly
honest - I mean, in

not admitting any one into
the house (of her own -
friends) to feast without
my knowledge - [if you
knew what doings went
on at Lady Clarges'!] - in
not making her own purse
out of the tradesmen &c &c
- my three are such
good Puritans -
if, above all, she is
entirely sober - [she
seems to me excitable]
& if she has the good
sense, discretion, &c
necessary to take her
part in such a
situation as mine - to
have her wits about
her - and, when she

gets accustomed to my
ways, to act with
authority & trust = worthiness,
- without referring to &
interrupting me every
moment of the day
in the midst of my
work - for little
emergencies, such as I
have mentioned, & for
the current work of the
household -

I enclose you 3 of her
letters - which I don't think clear - And, as I
say, I find her puzzle =
{printed address upside down}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

headed - E.g. I
tried in vain to
make her tell me her
situations consecutively. And

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she could not remember
why she left Lady Charlotte
Montgomery the first
time -

Also, could Lady Lucy say
whether she is given to
flirting? - & what were
the reasons for her leaving
each of the places in
the Powis family?

If I were once settled
with a maid, I do hope
I should be settled
for life -

It would be truly kind
of you if you could
obtain, as a friend such *real*
information for me -

DON'T say that I must
not "expect any thing
perfect". Is there any
body in the world but
me who would have
gone on so long as I
did with Ann Clarke,
with Fisher, & with
your enemy, the "Prig"? -
I will take Rushforth,
even if she is very
im"perfect" indeed -
but then she must
not be *more* "imperfect"
than any maid I have
now -

 ever yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale

Rushforth is not in the least
"fine" - tho' fond of her
Peerage.

9002/64 signed letter, 4ff, pen [6:530-32]

Oct 15/66

My dear Sir Harry

I feel very shy of "giving my opinion" to your "friends in Manchester" as to "founding a Children's Hospital". Because so much depends upon local circumstances.

But I will say, as shortly as I can, what my experience is, for or against.

1. Have they considered what are the essentials of a Children's Hospital? - The baths, the exercises of all kinds, - in a garden (not too pretty to spoil - with plenty of green sward) - in covered sheds, for bad weather - in play = rooms, for very bad weather - the exercises, including Gymnastic exercises (which ought to be superintended by a man - a Professor - otherwise the children will hurt themselves more than benefit themselves) - including

Singing exercises in Chorus - all these form an important part of the medical treatment of Children - Then, there must be classes for instruction, which again, must be carefully regulated in reference to yr Children's health. [The boys & girls ought never to meet but in chapel.]

Then, the proportion of Nurses to children ought to be considerably more than double that of ~~Ch~~ Nurses to adults - in a Hospital. And you must have nurses to your baths, to your exercising grounds, &c &c &c so that no children should be left alone. Because there will always, of course, be many confined to their wards. Then, the difficulty of getting good Children's Nurses in sufficient numbers is great indeed - & is not at all obviated, as is sometimes thought, by having Religious orders - Children are so utterly at the mercy of their nurses. (be they nuns or seculars).
[If ladies did but know what goes on in their own nurseries, they would guess at what I mean.]

But they seldom do. When I see ladies driving in parks, with their dogs' heads out of the carriage= windows, & children walking in parks with their nurses, I think I would give the dogs to the nurses & take the children myself, if I were the ladies.]

II

There are but two objects, I believe, in founding a *Children's* Hospital -

1. to keep the children innocent of what they must see & hear in an Adult Hospital
2. to secure all the essentials enumerated above, which are quite different for a *Children's* Hospital from what are essentials for an adult Hospital.

If they are *not* secured, I do not hesitate to say that children are better off in the female wards of an adult Hospital x

In saying this, I entirely exclude, as you do, Workhouse Infirmaryes.

As soon as a Workhouse child is weaned & out of arms, it ought to be removed

x And where are they secured in England?

from the workhouse walls, never to re-enter them. The Union school ought to be in the country, entirely under different administration separate from the workhouse & ought to include its sick children's Infirmary.

But a well-nursed adult Hospital, (tho', of course, many of its Patients are degraded women), has a very different moral atmosphere whatever may be said to the contrary, from any existing Workhouse Infirmary, especially nursed by paupers -

And, in a well=constructed x well=administered adult Hospital, the children are actually better off for being mixed up (*judiciously*), with the woman.

A woman=Patient will look after the child in the next bed to her, & be amused & interested by it in return.

But never have a Children's *Ward* in a General Adult Hospital. That combines

x But the Manchester Hospital is not such in construction & in situation as I should like to put children into.

all the disadvantages of the adult Hospital with none of the advantages of the Children's Hospital.

[And I could tell you terrible experiences which have been made in these Children's Wards].

A Children's Hospital should be in the country - & not only that, but have large grounds attached to it.

And, however large & good the grounds, it must have a Convalescent Hospital ~~all~~ (Best, of course, at the sea=side) to which to draft off its children the very first day it is possible.

Children, rather more than adults however happy adults suffer to such an incredible degree, from being in Hospital, that they ought not to be kept an hour longer than medical or surgical treatment is constantly & strictly necessary.

At the Paris Enfant-Jésus, the most complete children's Hospital in the world, & with large & capital grounds,

the mortality among the children is still so alarmingly high - that they have convalescent sea-side branches - to which to draft off the children - It must be remembered how large a proportion of Children's diseases is due to Scrofula -

In my "Notes on Hospitals," (Longmans), I have in my Chapter on Children's Hospitals, gone much more fully into the essentials of Children's Hospitals than I can do now - & have also given the plan of one to be erected at Lisbon, which I was employed to do by Albert.

I have not a copy of my book by me, (for I always give it away every 3 weeks) or I would send it you for your friends.

I should like to repeat what I have said there that none who have *not* passed their lives in Hospitals know how

necessary is public opinion to keep down
cruelties & neglects in Hospitals - & there
can be no public opinion in children's
Hospitals.

If your friends should determine
upon founding a Children's Hospital,
it would give me the greatest pleasure
carefully to revise their plans, supposing
they think I could be of any use - or
to answer any further questions.

And I hope they will not think the
above remarks are: - an exhortation
to do nothing - for the poor brats.

Pray believe me
ever yours affectely
Florence Nightingale

9002/65 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Embley

Romsey

~~35 South Street,~~
~~Park Lane,~~
~~London. W.~~
Oct. 15/66

My dear Sir Harry

I send on another sheet
my answer about Children's
Hospitals. I am quite ready
to answer as far as I can, any
other questions they think me
worth asking.

I shall be very much
obliged to you to obtain me the
information about Rushforth
from Lady Lucy Calvert.

Rushforth's whole conversation
with me is: - praising herself -

Now, I am far from thinking
this, conclusive, against a
person -

Some of the most efficient
women I have ever had
would, it is not too much to
say, have spent the rest
of their lives in praising
themselves -

But the thing is: - that I can't
make out from Rushforth
in the least whether she *is*
efficient, or in what -

Even with the pencil in my hand,
I can get from her no
consecutive information about
her places.

And no one else can.

I am sorry to say, the impression
in the house about her is: -
that she is such a talker
she would never "do"; & so
puzzle=pated.

I have seen so many & am
so tired of the work that I
would take her, even if, she
would "do" *at all*. I feel
sure she is good.

ever gratefully yours
F.N.

9002/66 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

My dear Sir Harry

I think I will hardly
trouble you to speak to
Lady Lucy Calvert about
the maid.

Sir John MacNeill said,
"one must be in such very
robust health to undergo
the Water=cure".

And I feel: - "I must
be in such very robust
health to undergo" that
maid.

I kept her till yesterday
hoping in view to see in
her some sign of efficiency
or common sense. For

I

have no one else in view - &
feel now as I really
could not undertake the
going on with the search.
But there really existed no
 doubt in any one's mind
 here - that she "would not do".
She could not remember, at
first, having been with
Lady Charlotte Montgomery
at all x - And afterwards
she talked of her with
tears in her eyes!
And so about *EVERY* thing.
Also: - her indiscretions!!! -
She told me a story about
the husband of a lady
she had lived with -
which I believe to be false -
which, true or false, should

x as you saw also in her letter

never have passed her lips -
& which I would not have
her tell my innocent
maids for the world -

I thought I would have
waited to hear from Lady
Lucy Calvert before I ~~wrote~~ determined
whether to give Mrs. Rushforth her
"coup de grace" - But, as there
will be still some delay,
& as I feel so incapable
of dealing as a mistress with Mrs. Rushforth,
I think I will write to
her today & dismiss the
matter. She is a good woman,
I am sure - but "so funny", as all this
household called her.

Thanks for your news of
Chorlton Union, which
interests me very much -
I will not trouble you

to keep the "Builder" for me,
as I *have* it - & as Mr.
Worthington sent me
the plans (for my
correction) before they
were finished. [But, as
he did not mention
this to you, please not
to say so to any one] The
inexpensiveness is a model to us -
ever yours
F.N.

Oct 18/66

9002/67 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Embley

Romsey

Oct 25/66

My dear Sir Harry

Mrs. Ogden (the Bristol
Midwife) has written to
know whether she "is likely
"to get the situation
of Midwife to the
female Hospital at
Aldershot - &
"if she has any chance
of success."

I am sorry to trouble you-
But I pass it on to you,
(like the "Black Baby",
poor little thing!) for Col:
Arthur Herbert.

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9002/68 initialled letter, 3ff, pen

Private {at angle}

& Confidential

5/11/66

[15:419]

My dear Sir Harry

The Director=General,
Gibson, retires in
March.

The only man who
can retrieve, if it is
still retrievable, the
ruin of the Department
(Army Medical) is
Muir -

He is also ~~the man~~,
both from field &
foreign service,
seniority &c &c the

man who ought to
succeed him -

We received a positive
promise from Lord
de Grey that Muir
should be the next
D.G.

But we are now in a
great strait.

In matters of this kind,
Genl= Peel is entirely
governed by Lugard
& Duke of Cambridge -
as he used to be
by Sidney Herbert.

And, I understand, that

Beatson is the man
they are thinking of
- a very good fellow
& a wretched Inspector=
Genl=

Anything I could say
to Sir E. Lugard would
set him against my
man -

As for the C. in C., he
has always been more
than civil to me. But
then I have been
more in the way of
doing him favours
than of asking for them

Since Sidney Herbert's
death, I have never
written to him but
once. He wrote an
answer, as if he had
been a friend - I don't
think he quite signed
himself

your affecte
George
but it was
something
very like it. And then
he called -

But if I could find
any other means to reach
him about Dr. Muir,

without myself ~~doing~~
appearing in it, I
should infinitely prefer
it. Also, I should not like
to be refused.

[N.B. Gibson, was the D.
of Cambridge's man &
has all but ruined
the Department] -

Could you suggest any
course? =

ever yours
F.N.

The way you could best
help us would be by
turning out present
Ministers before
March. Mind, I can

only give you till
the first week in
March - to do it -
In various ways, it
is an untold misfortune
to us, having these
men in *just this*
~~winter~~ next year.

F.N.

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9002/69 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Embley

Nov 5/66

[Battle of Inkermann]

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned
the (enclosed) to you long
ago. I should very
much like to see the
"two other letters" on
Children's Hospitals,
when they come back
to you. I always
learn from the opinions
of my opponents, when
they are *well=considered*
opinions. But how
rarely does *any one*
give a *well=considered*
opinion!

I was very glad that
Parthe liked her stay
at No 35. It pleases
Papa very much to
hear his London house
praised -

There appears to be
an uncertainty in my
mother's mind about
going to London. She
would return with
me - or whenever
No 32 was at liberty
- to stay a few weeks

at your house. Do not
trouble yourself to
answer this question
unless you know when
Ld. Westmoreland gives
up the house. Webb
told me that you
had mentioned (to my
mother) Dec. 1. But
this may be a mistake.

She varies so
exceedingly that I can
form no settled
judgement about her.
Yesterday she rushed
into my room & told
me she was "a dying
woman!" And indeed

I thought so -

Three hours afterwards,
she was walking, like
a girl of 15, briskly
on the terrace - calling
cheerfully to me in
bed in the Music-room
to come & admire the
view. N.B. it was
quite dark.

Please *burn*
I should be glad to hear
of Emily's prospects
for the winter - dear
child -

ever yours

F.N.

[end]

9002/70 initialed letter, 2ff, pen [8:175]

PRIVATE

Embley

Romsey Nov 6/66

My dear Sir Harry

I will return to you Col:
Arthur Herbert's letter -
I am extremely relieved to
find that they have obtained
two sisters from Wymering,
one from as Matron, the
other as Midwife, for the
Aldershot Hospital (female)

I find however from
Col: Herbert's letter that
the latter is to be trained
by the Medical Officer -

May I say - which I
do with great reluctance, (for

I am sure I have enough
of my own business to do,
without meddling with
that of others) - that this
is never found to answer
- not in Paris, where they
have one ~~for~~ hundred
fold the experience we
have - nor any where.
A Midwife must be trained
by a Head Midwife, - with, of
course Physician's supervision,
and in an Institution
where the object of her
training is the sole or
main object.
For either the Medical Officer
delivers himself - in which

case how can the Midwife
learn to deliver?
or she is left to exercise
her imperfect knowledge.
For how can the Medical
Officer give the time to
her instruction, which it
is the sole business of
the head Midwife to
give? [Six months is the shortest
term for such instruction - in Paris 2 years]
The instruction of our
Probationers at St.
Thomas' might just as
well be left to the Physicians
& Surgeons of that
Institution -
The Supt of St. John's House
(King's College Hospital)

has had, I believe, some
dealings of this kind
before with Wymering.

I write in haste & have
no time to put my
words in proper language.

I should not like this
to reach the eyes of any
Medical Officer.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/71 signed letter, 2ff, pen [8:175-76]

Nov 11/66

My dear Sir Harry

Tho' much pressed for time,
I can hardly feel satisfied
to return Col: Herbert's letter
without telling you the result
of my experience, both
abroad & at home - [as
you are perhaps aware,
they manage these things
much better on the Continent
than we do -] as to training
Midwives for the poor.

And I have asked, since
I had Col: Herbert's letter,
the opinion of a person
far more experienced
than I, on the experiment

he proposes to try.

We are both - and very strongly - of opinion that: - quite independently of any motives of prudery, the course proposed for teaching the Sister at Aldershot is only allowable, if no other mode of instruction be open -

As Col: Herbert has "not much faith in paid Nurses, unless they are under some person who works from higher motives," why did not they have Mrs. Ogden, or some other Midwife, *temporarily* with the other Sister as Matron

whilst the one to be Midwife was sent to Kings College Hospital to be trained in the Lying-in Ward & Midwives' School there? -

It is most desirable too that the Sister be trained *away from* the Hospital where she is to act as Midwife -

Lastly: - it is so desirable that "Sisters" ("persons who act from higher motives") should enter this most unpleasant branch of Nursing that when Col: Herbert *has* found just the person he wants, it does seem 1000 pities that she should

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Embley

Nov 23/66

Dearest mum

It is very good of you all to take so much trouble -

If you like to be so good as to ask Legg here on a visit, without giving hopes of my place, perhaps it would be as well for us: to look at her.

But - - I have not the least idea that
she is half as good a servant as my Temperance
or Burch -

What I want is some one to take
charge of Tem: & Burch & me & the household
& the tradespeople -

Else, of course, I would not exchange
Tem: 's attendance for a stranger's.

"17 years" with Aunt Patty may have developed Legg's powers of *endurance*. But I don't know what else it can have

developed -

I should think my place the very
opposite of Aunt P.'s -

a convent of regularity -
with pressing business going on all day
long.

What *I* want is a person to take the
housekeeping entirely off my hands -
- to be able to settle all household
questions without referring to me -
- not to call *me* up in the middle of
the night when a servant has an
indigestion - but to be able herself to
settle the question whether a Doctor or
a Dose is wanted -

to have the **nous** not to interrupt
me at my business for every lying imposter
in London

to be *experienced* in managing a
(small) household -

As Lady Belper so sensibly said about that

school-mistress of hers: -

~~if I~~ what *I* want is a person to save me all these small details - And, If she has no experience in them how can she save me? *I* can't teach her - My training days are over.

I call Temperance & Burch both thorough, discreet, good servants. And I don't at all imagine Legg to be a person, however valuable, whom you could place over them. And the ~~youth~~ childishness of Jane, the cook, makes a really experienced upper servant necessary. Else I shall be (what I am now) my own upper servant. & distracted from business by questions of Beer, Butter - and - by every impostor in London.

Would it not save you trouble if you were to send *this* to Aunt Joanna or Alice? - Alice might possibly be able to judge whether Legg would at all answer this description - I am afraid *I* shall never be able to try ~~th~~any experiment again.

But I shall be quite happy to see Legg, if you are so good as to ask her here - I am afraid I shall be obliged to keep to next week to go to London - And I could not see maids there - I shall be so busy -

ever, dearest mum,
your loving child
F.

9002/73 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: 23.11.66}

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned
this letter before -

Major Bartlett is doubtless **[9:564]**
an authority - Without
local knowledge I can only
say that we *believe* no
Poor Law could be introduced
into India - but only such
a system as e.g. the
French have in Algeria -

I could not cite this
letter to Sir J. Lawrence -
But, as I was writing to
him on measures connected
with it, I took the

opportunity of asking him
a question founded on
this letter.

As to 2.
you know we hold strong
opinions in the opposite
direction - The effect of
the measures mentioned in
the letter cannot be decided except
after long experience -
They have *not* had the
effect he supposes here -
He appears to be unaware
that in Europe the
"seclusion" he mentions
has been tried, with
disastrous results -
But it is scarcely a question
I can enter into, unless,

(as has been the case), it
came manifestly within
my duty -
With regard to the Poor Law,
I am of course no judge
as to whether the state
of Indian society would
bear anything like a
Poor Law -
And he is -
ever yours
F.N.

[end 9:564]

23/11/66

9002/74 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Private Embley Nov 23/66
My dear Sir Harry

I have long delayed in
word congratulating you on
Edmund's return. But
not the less did I
congratulate you in heart.

I have never forgotten
your kind offer about
Dr. Muir & the D.G.ship.

Our party think it
would be better , if you
would first see Sir Hope
Grant & talk it over
with him, with some
such letter as I enclose.

You know Genl. Peel, the
D. of Cambridge & Sir Hope

Grant so much better than
I do that I offer no
opinion as to which you should
see first.

It will be fatal to us, if
we do not have Dr. Muir.
Sir H. Grant has been to
kind in offering to come
& see me that I should
have no scruple of
claiming his visit, when
I come to town, if you,
after discussion with him,
should recommend it.

The only reason why I have
never accepted his kind
offer is: - that I did not
feel as if I had anything
precise & urgent to
trouble him about.

THIS is both precise & urgent.
But I hope that you
will be able to manage
it without me.

Genl. Peel always attached
great value to Sidney
Herbert's opinion which
was entirely for Dr. Muir.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/75 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

PRIVATE Embley

Nov 30/66

My dear Sir Harry

A thousand & ten thousand
thanks for what you have
done about Dr. Muir.

I am quite sure that
not only you have "done
all you could do , but
that you have done a
great deal more than
any one else could do.

I do not feel *unhopeful*.
It is perfectly true that
Logan has 38 years' service,
(14 more than Dr. Muir).
But it is also true that
Dr. Logan, who is a great

friend of *us all*, has no
other qualification ~~tha~~ for
the Office but being
an honest & honourable
man, & a thorough
gentleman - He is a
weak, good-natured,
(just what we don't
want) Health-grumbler -
& retired some years
ago from an office
with not one tenth
of the work of a
Director-General=ship, -
into which Alexander
placed him, because
he was his great friend.
But Alexander never

once mentioned him as
his successor, while he
designated Dr. Muir
as such. I have
never once, in all these
discussions, heard
Dr. Logan spoken of
by any one person as
fit for the post of
D.G.

[He retired from ill
health, after grumbling
for years.]

That sophism of
Genl. Peel's, "If it
depended on me,
would soon have
been disposed of by

Sidney Herbert.
I may possibly write
to another member
of the Cabinet, But, *IF*
I do, I shall say that
my name is not to
be mentioned. I am
sure that enough has
been done with that
already.

I hear from a Minister
of the *last* Cabinet
that present Ministers
may be out before Xmas.
I don't believe it. It is
too good to be true.

I have much to write
to you about. I shall be
in the Celestial City on Tuesday
at latest. ever yours

F.N.

9002/76 list, 1f, pen

Mrs. Moore For Bermondsey
Convent
Vegetables, Fruit, (Apples, Figs) are always acceptable
Flowers, particularly so
Ham & Bacon also -
Mutton or Pork
Rabbits, Hares, and a little Game

9002/77 signed letter, 4ff, pencil

Dec. 8/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearie

About Lady Alicia Blackwood's
enquiry as to Joseph Mitchell: -
1. he has no claim on me -
2. I don't wish him to have my address.
3. if he were to obtain it, I should
not receive him -

I have no reason to doubt this
much of the story -

1. that he was at Scutari -
2. that he is an Incurable Invalid,
(the illness *not* dating from anything he
did at Scutari)
3. that he married a woman very
much above him in position

I think *she* makes great capital
of their afflictions,
I think she is nothing but an
incurable beggar
I think she does not always
tell the same story exactly -
At the same time I don't think this
a reason for treating them like
scamps -
Last winter they applied to me
thro' another source -[fortunately
without finding out my address]
to obtain for him a presentation
from the Pss of Wales - Tho' I have
never asked anything of her, I
exerted myself, & obtained a

semi-promise -
whether to be fulfilled or not, I
do not know -

I think Mrs. Joseph Mitchell
a lady with many strings to her
bow.

He was a weak, ne'er do weel,
good-natured, always-in-scrapes
fellow - a good & industrious cook.
- never "on my staff" - but I had
something to do with the management

There are hundreds of people who,
because once in receipt of very
high wages for a few months'
bad service (or good service) at
Scutari, expect me to support
them thro' life.

I am far from thinking that these should all be thrown overboard, if only one could serve them. But the worst way of serving any body is to send them £2 whenever they ask you -

And, on the other hand, I reserve all my forces for those *many* really suffering from the effects of *good* service in the Crimean War - or who have died from such service, leaving widows & children without provision.

I have just dragged a widow (& children) of this kind by main force thro' the Patriotic Fund. And because they would not

pay her quarter, sent it her myself, *without* her begging.

There is not a shadow of *this* kind of service in the Mitchells' case - She married her cook to please herself - He is just one of those ne'er-do-weels, of whom one meets thousands - There are neither morals nor heroics in the case -

At the same time, they are far from being impostors - like the hundreds I have such - Would you, if you are writing to Lady Alicia Blackwood,

give her my kindest love -
& thank her very much for
the news she sent me,
however painful, of the last
days of our dear good old
friend, Capt. Keatly - & of
his widow's grief - (months ago) -
Do not let my name be used
as reflecting on Jos: Mitchell.
I have (confidentially) given
you my opinion, just as it is,
for Lady Alicia Blackwood,
because I think she must
remember the man. But
I did not give it nearly
as fully when I applied
to Royalty. For why? - The man
is an Incurable Invalid -

And no mistake about *that*.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/78 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 10/66

Dearie

Here's a Bill which I *can't*
pay -

For why? - they *won't* be
paid

A Bill comes to *Mama*
from Bickers & Bush for
Vols IX & X of *Fronde* -

Only Vol IX arrives at 35
& is forwarded to me by Burch
I unpack the parcel myself
& am sure of its contents -

For two days Papa, very
naturally, will not believe
me or Burch -

I come to London & send
Watson to B. & B.

B. & B. shew Watson your
letter, dated *Embley* - say
that they forwarded Vol
IX to me & Vol X to you -
& forward your letter to
Papa -

Word comes back from
Papa that we are to take
cognizance *none* of Vol X
but pay for Vol IX.

I send Watson (most
unwilling) back to B. & B.
[He said it was of no use -]
B. & B. positively refuse
payment for one Vol: -
They say they forwarded
according to directions -
will be paid for both

or neither -

As I have often done
before, I would have paid
for both, to save myself
all this work -

But Papa, in a letter to
Watson, positively forbids
this. And quite rightly,
as I think - For what
check can there be then
upon tradesmen?

ever yours

F.N.

I have undertaken to
explain it all to you -
So - I have done.

9002/79 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch: 11 Dec '66}

Dearest mum

I have been very sorry
to be so long answering
Miss Daman -

The best answer I
find I can make is
this: -

if she likes to send
the books to

Mrs. Wardroper
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington
London S

to

Miss Jones
Lady Supt
King's College Hospital
London W.C.
to
Miss Agnes Jones
Lady Supt
Liverpool *Workhouse Infirmary*
Brownlow Hill
Liverpool
to Miss Merryweather
Nurses' Home & Training School
Liverpool

these ladies are the only
persons I know who
will take pains to
introduce the little
book (thro' the proper
channel) among their
Patients - if they like it.
Of course it is impossible
for me to write
round to all the
Chaplains - of Hospitals
- to know whether
they will accept the
book - And I have
not even a copy to
shew -

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

London
Dec. 11/66

9002/80 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dec 11/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearie

Do not trouble
yourself to answer
my note about
Bickers & Bush.
Papa has written
that as he hears that you have
Vol X (of Fronde)
we may pay for Vols IX & X
(ye Bill) which is
accordingly done today
F.

9002/81 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {arch: 7 Dec ?66}

Dearest mum

I hope you will
be satisfied with
what we have done
about your School
books & maps -

Beatrice has taken
wondrous pains
about it - And she
got the things in
the name of Miss
Alice Lushington,
who is a subscriber.
And, altogether, I

think they are
extraordinarily cheap -
- especially the
maps - Indeed, we
were rather inclined
to get them bigger -
But these were the
biggest the National
Society had - &
only 9/9 & 12/.

I have paid the
Bills, which I enclose.
Kneller will be
sorry to hear that

there has been
great anxiety about
Dean Dawes - a
long continuance of
Diarrhoea -which
weakened him
extremely - But
he is better &
begins to go out again,
thank God! -
Mind, you dearest
mum, you send me
four splendid hampers
of Christmassings on

either Saturday or Monday
- for Revd Mother who
has been ill again -
- for Miss Jones, who
is in great trouble, -
- for Mrs. Wardroper
& others.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Dec 7

The letters for Peter
& Coachman are
Christmas presents.
Also, will you be sure
& send me
four great hampers
of Christmassings
on Saturday or
Monday for my
different Hospitals.
Poor Mrs. Sutherland -
her brother still
lingers - ever, dear Pa,
your loving child F.

9002/82 initialled letter, 3ff, pen [5:179-80]

Dec 22/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.
Dear Papa
Anent your cottages: -
You are quite right -
But I deny that you ought
to call them "Hospitals" -
I don't believe that in Wellow,
a "cottage Hospital" would
find enough of custom
to keep itself alive.
I am going to write about
your village Diphtheria -
As you are about the cottage
subject, I send you a letter
of Mr. Chadwick's, which

please return to me -

But I have answered him
that I don't agree with him
about cheap construction
(this refers mainly or
entirely to *town* cottages)
tho' I have no doubt that
his "concrete," IF cheapness
is to be the object, is the
best thing. But what
we really want is NOT
cheap construction but
facilities for every working
& other man to have
his own freehold house -
It is a shame for us to be

building with brick, while
our cousins in New York
are building with polished
white marble. Nothing
would raise our civilization
more than *beautiful* &
healthy dwellings for rich
& poor - And if the
rich would eat but half
the Beef they do & if the
poor would drink but
half the drink they do,
& put the other half
into their building,
both their stomachs &
their houses would be
all the better -
But then our laws must

be such as enable good
houses to be built
which now they don't.

The cheapness of construction
would then be a
secondary consideration.
Health & civilization
would be the primary
ones.

I say nothing about the
"contagion" part of Mr.
Chadwick's letter - because
you don't care about it -
I never could think why.

But even the best of men
look to charms & not to
common sense management

The letters for Peter
& Coachman are
Christmas presents.

Also, will you be sure
& send me
four great hampers
of Christmassings
on Saturday or
Monday for my
different Hospitals.

Poor Mrs. Sutherland -
her brother still
lingers - ever, dear Pa,
your loving child F.

9002/83 memorandum, 1f, pen

For Christmas greeneries

Mrs Moore

Convent of Mercy
Bermondsey
S.E.

Mrs. Wardroper
Manor Cottage
St. Thomas' Hospital
Newington
S.

Miss Jones
King's College Hospital
W.C.

Mrs. Barrie
St. Elizabeth's Hospital
47 Great Ormond Street
Bloomsbury W.C.

9002/84 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Christmas Eve/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am thankful those
Westmorlands are out
of your house -

They have almost
completed the measure
of my misfortunes.

Altho' latterly my
housemaid has called
for letters by my order,
this letter from Sir

John Lawrence, which,
as you see, arrived
on Nov. 7, was only
given me when
your housekeeper,
Mrs. Turnham,
arrived to take
charge of the house.
It is the most
extraordinary ill=
luck - because I
had a packet from

Sir John Lawrence
arriving by the same
mail, to which
this letter was the key.
And no week elapses
that I do not receive
a score of letters
with No 32 & all
sorts of wrong
numbers & streets
ever yours
F.N.

9002/85 initialed letter & envelope, 1f, pencil

Christmas Day/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I neglected to return
this to you at Embley -
~~My~~ best Christmas wishes
for the best Christmas
blessings from
my dearest mum's
ever loving child
F.

{envelope postmarked}
Mrs. Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

9002/86 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Private Christmas Day
1866

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

First, let me send you best [12:163-64]
Christmas wishes for the best
Christmas blessings upon
you & all yours - from your
ever grateful & affecte

F.N.

Next: I have been a long
while returning you the
letters enclosed (upon
Manchester Child's Hospl).
Mrs Wardroper gives the
experience of the present
temporary St. Thomas',
which has the amazing

disadvantage of one single
too large Female Surgical
Ward - into which the
children go - I have no
doubt that her observation
is correct of the disadvantage
to the poor Operation Cases
of crying children: constituting
more than half the whole number.
But - there are few Hospitals
which get so large a
proportion of operations
as King's Coll: - And the
Supt there is so much of
my opinion, viz. that children
are rather an advantage
than the contrary in the
Female WardS (not Ward) *provided*

there is a possibility of
judicious distribution &
arrangement of the cases
that, now there is an
endowment for a Children's
Ward, the experiment of
mixing with adults is
still to be tried, if possible
under the terms of the
endowment.

I need hardly say that a child should
never be in the next bed to a *fresh*
operation case. We want the woman
in the next bed to amuse & be amused
by the child. This is impossible after Operations,
or in any case where the utmost quiet is required.

2. I do not think it
possible that ANY "system
of visiting", -exceedingly
desirable as it is, - can
be "effectual" in the way
of ensuring the right care
(in a Children's Hospital.)
I have already stated (in

the Chapter on Children's
Hospls in my "Notes on
Hospls) how undesirable
it is to lead children to
complain against their
Nurses. It can only end
in one of two things: -
revenge upon the children
by the Nurses - or
expulsion of the Lady
Visitors -by the authorities.

[This wholesale expulsion
was actually put in force
in a Hospital I know
owing to a lady having
complained of the Nurse
(on the word of a poor
burnt child) to the
authorities - who found
that the Nurse had only
carried the treatment
ordered into effect]

(Who can tell whether kindly or not?) -

You know that I hold that any nursing arrangements *dependent on Lady Visitors* for the *current inspection*, which ought to be in the hands of the *resident head* of the Nursing, is absurd. Lady Visitors, ~~(filler)~~ only prevent drunken Nurses from doing things, which they are not likely to do, when the Visitors are in the ward. We want to abolish the drunken careless Nurses altogether. Public opinion is: - while it is walking thro' the wards. Now it does not take very long to walk thro' the wards. And when

they the Visitors are gone, then there
is no more of it (public
opinion)

In any system of administration,
big or little, upon which
I have ever been consulted,
I have always advocated -
- at the same time that
I would have the *utmost*
liberty of visiting,
compatible with ~~the~~
Hospital order, from
Lady Visitors, from Patients'
Friends, from Inspectors
& Inspectresses -
the only "public opinion"
that can be constantly efficient must be
within the Hospital -
the only "inspection" that

can be constantly efficient
is the current inspection
of the *resident heads*.
All the rest is only
most valuable and indispensable
accessories, no doubt -
But what would you
expect for the management
of your household, if
your housekeeper lived
in the next street? -
ever yours gratefully
Florence Nightingale

[end 12:164]

9002/87 initialled letter, 4ff, pen

[3:466-67]

Private {at angle} Christmas Day/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Do you know Lord Ebury?

You know I always come to you
in difficulties

Miss Jones, of Kings Coll. Hosp=,
has got into a terrible scrape
with her Chaplain, Mr. Giraud -
-as I think, for her *non*=
ecclesiastical propensities
& not for her ecclesiastical
ones - [And I mean to stand
by her all I can]

Lord Ebury is said to have
written to the Charing Cross
Hospl= Committee against
Miss Jones, influenced by
this Chaplain. [Miss Jones is

about to undertake the Nursing
of Charing x Hospl=, as perhaps
you know.]

The Chaplain is a long standing
grievance - He has been, for
years, a material obstacle
to the work, gossiping with
the Nurses, & talking to
them about things which
no Chaplain should ever
mention except to the
Superintendt=. This grievance
has lately reached its
climax - And the "Sisters"
unanimously (the worst
of it is that the Nurses
like this gossip) signed a
remonstrance, backed by

Miss Jones, to the Council of
St. John's House = praying
that the Chaplain might
be made to resign. He
has been asked to do so.
But Archdeacon Wordsworth
backs the Chaplain.
The Bp of London has, I
understand, always been
on Miss Jones' side - &
would have given Mr.
Giraud something in his
own Diocese, (to get rid of him) had he not
held him as totally unfit.
But the Bp is ill; & cannot
be written to (since October)
Meanwhile the Chaplain is
doing every mischief in
his power, (even writing
in newspapers,) & in a
way calculated to injure
the funds of the Hospital -
dragging into the question

this poor subject viz. that
Miss Jones & the Sisters &
Nurses occasionally go
(which I very much regret)
to the early Communion at
St. Alban's - *about which*
he has never once opened
his lips to Miss Jones or
any of the Sisters - [this
single fact will shew you
what manner of man he is
more than anything I can tell]

The council of St. John's House,
moved by the clamour & by
Archd: Wordsworth may
(tho' I can scarcely believe it)
ask Miss Jones to resign
instead of Mr. Giraud.

This would be simply

destroying the only Sisterhood
in the Ch= of Engd= conducted
on rational principles.

I, for one, should with=draw
our Midwifery School, as
soon as our engagements
with the Hospl= rendered
it possible - tho' there
is absolutely nowhere else
where I could put it.

I do not know what to do -
Personal meddling might
do more harm than good.
I should like to consult
you - [I *have* told Mr.
Bowman my mind
about the Chaplain. But,
then, you see, Mr. Bowman
is of our mind.]

With regard to Lord Ebury I

think, if he *has* written to
the committee of the
Charing x Hospl=, as this
involves a question of
practical *Nursing*, I
might speak about that,
if *you* know Ld Ebury.]
But, you see, we don't know
what he has written.

It is also said that an
anonymous letter has been
traced to him. But this
is hardly likely, is it? -

No one can suspect me of
ecclesiastical propensities -
And I consider that Miss
Jones is the only person
(in *England*) who has
solved the problem of nursing
a Hospital by a
Sisterhood - well & thoroughly.

Private {at angle}

2. I am sure that, after
all you have done for the
(Gonzaga) nuns at Gt Ormond St,
you will be sorry to hear
that Dr. Manning sent for
the Superioress on Saturday
& told her that he had
powers from Rome (which
I believe to be a lie) to
remove them - & that
he would let them know
his decision in a week.
Nothing more can be done.
Priestcraft is the same
in all countries - it
CANNOT allow independent
action & good administration
to any under its power -
whether that power is
Anglican or Roman - ever yours
F.N.

[end 3:467]

9002/88 signed letter, 4ff, pen

Dec. 29/66
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

[13:46-47]

My dear Sir Harry

I saw Parthe. She looked
better than I expected -
She told me what you
had kindly written to
Lord Ebury. Pray remember
that we do not really
know what he *has* done.
And he *may* deny it all,
if it was private.

--

About sending my letter
(about Children's Hospitals)
to Manchester: - I think

it entirely depends as
to whether Mr. McConnel
is the sort of man
who would keep the
details & anecdotes
strictly private,
while extracting
from it the general
principles - AT ALL
EVENTS I would
ask you carefully
to scratch out
the NAME of any
Hospital I have

mentioned - [I remember
mentioning the name
of King's Coll: Hosp:
in it] Even thus,
unless a man is strictly
reliable, not only for
honour but for discretion,
it is so easy to trace
these anecdotes -
And it injures not
only the funds of THAT
Hospital but the
general cause -
And it invariably happens
that the Hospitals

about which these
anecdotes transpire,
& for which they
suffer, are the
GOOD ones (who
have found out &
punished the
neglects of duty),
while the Hospitals
about which *no*
neglects of duty
transpire, are
the BAD ones -

E.g. in one of the
largest London Hospitals

[2]

the Head Nurse of a Children's ward in it, contiguous to an adult ward, after years of brutal treatment of the sick children, was detected & dismissed. These years of cruelty went on, spite of Lady Visitors, spite of the Adult Patients in the *next* ward, tho', I believe, finally detected by *their* means. The Matron, an excellent

woman, told me the story herself - Now these things go on undetected in many a Hospital, aye in many a Hospital nursed by nuns. But *this* Hospital, which detected & punished ~~it~~ them, would be the one singled out for abuse, if I were to tell this story.

Alas: - a private letter of mine
was lately read at
a general meeting of
the Lincoln Hospital
a garbled account of
it found its way into
the papers - and a
remark of mine -
(~~about~~ against Nursing under
Medical Officers)
has given the most
intense offence to
the Medical profession
- whereas I should
not have had the
slightest objection to

their knowing what I
really did write.
{in pencil;}But the mischief is: - in garbled
reports of private letters getting into
the papers - which were never intended for
them.

[end]

{pen} I shall hope to see you
before you leave London
on Tuesday morning.

ever yours gratefully

F. Nightingale

{printed address, upside down:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

9002/89 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: 31 Dec '66}

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry & very glad to see that Ld. Ebury's account & that of St. John's House exactly agree.

We knew, of course, that he was "not a subscriber" - that he "knew nothing of the circumstances" at ~~these~~ King's Coll:- that "something of a similar nature" was "going on at "the Charing Cross Hospital "in reference to the nurses "of the sisterhood of St. John's" - [is Lord Ebury ignorant - or is he pretending to be ignorant that the "St. John's" of "King's Coll: Hosp."

is the same as the "St. John's" which is to nurse Charing Cross - If he is ignorant, how wrong of him to interfere about what he knows nothing of!]

We know, of course, that ("in "that") Ld Ebury "has taken some interest" - we knew, of course, that "that is entirely ecclesiastical." It was *because* we knew all this that we asked you to be so good as to interfere - it was *because* we knew that the prejudice against Miss Jones was "entirely ecclesiastical," in

consequence of her *non*=
ecclesiastical propensities
that I communicated to
you all the circumstances
of the machinations of
the Chaplain against
Miss Jones - [is Ld Ebury
ignorant that *she* is the
Supt of "St. John's"?] at
King's Coll: Hospl. in
order that Ld Ebury
might know the rights of
the case at *Charing X* Hospital

We did not want him
to become "a subscriber".
It was not on that account
that I told you how the
Chaplain was injuring the

funds of ~~the~~ King's College Hospital.
It was because we knew
that Ld Ebury, influenced
by this Chaplain, had
written (just as he says
he has) against "St. John's"
to the *Charing Cross* Hospital

It appears to me that he
has either entirely mis=
understood your letter or
is *wilfully* misinterpreting
it.

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

New Year's Eve. 66

9002/90 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Dearest mum

Could you send me
Parthe's letter from the Bishop of Melanesia
&
Kneller's List of Books
now?

F.

9002/91 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Monday

Dearest

I have "this minit" received two of dear
Mme Mohl's scrambling letters, announcing
that she will be at this door at 11.40
to-morrow-morning - (Tuesday)

& asking whether she can be taken in
at you's - till Saturday or Sunday
when she returns to Paris

[I must tell you that I had myself
once proposed this plan to her -
I "finding" every thing, including
"servanting", just as if she were
in *this* house.]

She says it is not a *necessity* to her, as
she could go to Miss Sturch's, Regents
Park, (Miss Sturch is absent & ill)
but that it is a *convenience*, because
Lady William Russell, where she "will
"dine almost every day", lives at the
end of this street (Audley Square)

Mme Mohl does not know that you are in town. Or she would of course have written to you -

Please ~~say~~ tell me what you like - Also say, if you accept her, what had better be done about the "servanting". [I will provide all the food]. whether your old woman would wish to be helped (or would be offended at being helped) by my maids, especially about cooking. whether I had better send in everything *cooked* from here. [I can also provide sheets, if you like} *This* week will perhaps be the busiest week of my life - so that it is not for pleasure that I forward any arrangement of this kind. But, for all these years, I have always felt such a great regret that I could not give Mme Mohl a room in London, as poor Hilary, who could ill afford it,

did. I always look upon Mme Mohl as Hilary's best, if not only friend. *Her* house in Paris was the only home Hilary has ever known. And Hilary's family have never requited her but by saying & writing ill-natured things of her - (to me) And, for the matter of that, *her* home has been a home to me at Paris. I could always go there - And yet I have never been able to give her or M. Mohl a home in London, tho' Hilary did.

R.S.V.P.

I have just had a note from Beatrice. She says she is going down to Lea Hurst with you to-day. I suppose we could not let her know that you do not go till Tuesday?

ever your

F.

9002/92 unfinished letter, 1f, pencil [1:336]

Dearie

It is very good of you to offer to come to= tomorrow- But I could not see any one, not if it were to save my life.

I thought you knew that I worked every day from 7.30 to 5.30 -

& that *before* I I could not see any one except to save the Indian Empire

9002/93 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: ?1866}

Dearie

If you could come a little before 3 for about ½ an hour, I should be very glad.

F.

Sunday

9002/94 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear

This Hickson woman writes 4 sheets (I suppose addressed to me but I thought addressed to you) as there is no address on the sheets to me)

She gives *no date & no address* -!!!! What is the date?

Where am I to find her?

Who is she? - Where is she?

A woman who gives all this trouble must surely be wholly unfit for business -without giving one the means of reaching

I have many letters
from insane of
this kind.

If you will write her address
on the back of this, I will
answer her. It is always
less trouble to me to write
than to dictate an answer

About earth=closets, I [6:536]
wrote to Sir H. a fortnight
ago at his own request
telling him all our
experience, which amounts
(abbreviated) to this: -
Anything is better than the
ordinary Cottage arrangement
But bigger "vegetables" are

procured by liquid manure
than by earth manure,
which *must* wait for
rain to fertilize it.
Attacks of fever & Cholera
are distinctly traceable
to earth closets & manure -
The destruction of life in
Indian Jails & Paris
Gaols in consequence has
been so awful that they
don't dare to publish
the results.

We are quite impartial - We
are now going to *try* it
at an Aldershot Jail,
unless it prove *less*
expensive to bring water.
I showed Sir H. the wonderful
experiments in Garden culture

(now published) produced
by the *liquid* system, at
a return of £100 per acre -
& without fear or danger.

F.

9002/95 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?67}

Sunday
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest

I never make the least
rally. I am afraid I
must be quite quiet
to day - unless Sir Harry
would come in for 10
minutes now - to tell
me about Mr. Villiers.

I have not heard from
that blessed angel Colnaghi
- Nor has he sent me the

Turners as he promised - Was he annoyed
about the Dresden?

F.N.

9002/96 delivery notes, 1f, pen

J.J. Frederick Esq
Army Sanitary Commission
War Office
Pall Mall
London S.W.

2 brace partridges
1 Hare
1 Pheasant

carriage paid

J. Floris Esq
89 Jermyn Street
London S.W.

2 brace partridges
1 Hare
carriage paid

Mrs. Sutherland
Oakleigh
Alleyn Park
Norwood
London S.

9002/97 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

Dr. Johnson's
Great Malvern
Jan 11/67

Dearest mum

The present packet
strictly limited to business
- the next to pleasure.

I enclose a note to Mrs.
Watson about Jenny Dowding,
who, if you see no objection,
I think should come to me
in London about January
23 - but certainly *not*
before I return myself.
I will write again.

You will see that I received
your hamper all right &
very welcome - many thanks.

I enclose a note to Mrs.
Webb about the washing.

As for my coming here: it certainly has answered. Nothing else would have broken off the perpetual grind=stone, the tread wheel of my life in London but my total disappearance. People, (~~NOT~~ *Government* People,) had got into the habit of sending me their business at all hours & desiring their Messengers to wait till it was done. I have been interrupted thus three times in one page in a letter to Sir John Lawrence. Nay, I have even been unable to read a letter received from him till the next morning. It makes all real business impossible.

When people find out
that you are 13 months
at a stretch, & always in
doors, in London, this is
what it comes to.

I keep the secret
absolutely of where I am
now - & I shall keep the
secret (as long after my
return as possible) of my return.
And I shall make
stringent rules (and,
I hope, keep to them)
after my return, as
to only allowing messages
& letters to be brought me
at certain hours in order
to set myself free *for my real business* -
I take no "treatment"
here, but old Mary (the

bath=woman whom Papa
will remember at
Umberslade) bathes me
twice a day in the same
way I do myself at home,
which saves me much
fatigue.

We have had nothing
but fog & snow, except two
mornings when I saw,
I think, the most
beautiful sunrises I ever
saw in all my life -
the clearest blue, the
deepest violet, the most
burning golden, the
brightest red - over the
whole valley. I
{printed address, upside down:}
35 South Street, always think
Park Lane,
London. W.
that, except at Rome, there

[7:327]

are no such sunrises
as here. Milton's "opal
coloured morn," & Guido's
St. Michael (in blue
with a rosy coloured
drapery) stamping on
the Dragon in the
Cappuccini at Rome
must have been taken
from some such sun=
rises. I always think
of my dearest mum
when I see (not
exactly sun=*rises* but)
such colouring.
The last 10 days have been
absolutely dark.
I shall not however,
come here again, tho' I

[end 7:327]

consider that the
absolute silence &
solitude (except 10
minutes a day of Dr.
Johnson) has answered.
For I mean, please God,
quite certainly to come
to my dearest mum
this year -
ever your loving child
F.

9002/98 initialed letter 1f, pen

Jan 16/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Sir Harry

Dr. Sutherland & I opened
the enclosed, hoping to save
you time & trouble. As I
have two of the papers left.

But this is a correspondence
I could not undertake - And
therefore I forward it to you.

I should like to see
the man's letter again some
time - for what he says
I have always thought.

I am sorry to see
that he corroborates what
we all think that
education in England is,
so backward that we

really have not made the
progress in Institutions
corresponding with the
French Govt's ~~Institu~~ Invitation.

All my life I have thought
it so absurd to hear
people inveighing against
the absence of saving habits
- against the ignorance of
their own interests - in
our working men -shewn
by their Trades Unions &c -
When how can it be otherwise
if we give them so little
& such poor Education?

It is nonsense to say that they don't appreciate "education".
How can they appreciate what so few of them ever see?

We are overwhelmed with
business for the Cabinets.

ever yours

F.N.

9002/99 initialed letter 3ff, pen

Jan 19/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Papa

I have been pressed to that
degree this winter that, tho'
I had many things to write
to you about, I have not
been able; nor even to do much
that is urgent business. [To my
great uneasiness, I have
e.g. a letter from the Gd
Duchess of Baden, whom
I helped to organize her
Nursing Society, by me
these four weeks, not only
unanswered but actually
unread. The same with
the Crown Pr. of Prussia.]

I ought to have returned the enclosed before; -
in this case the Medical man & the people about Wirksworth who are likely to support a Hospital should first judge of the necessity.

If all are agreed that a Village Hospital is necessary, then let them try one, if they can get the funds.

I myself think the case of Wirksworth a very different one from that

of Romsey (where not one fact but the existence of a Mrs. Henderson which has nothing to do with a Hospital, except that both begin with a H, was adduced, that I ever heard, to prove its necessity.)
At the same time, the passage I have marked in blue, in the enclosed letter, is not conclusive as to the necessity of a Hospital but as to the necessity of a "skilled" Nurse, capable of nursing an operation.
I myself know, in one of

the largest & unhealthiest
cities in this Kingdom,
a hard-worked Railway
Surgeon, who actually
preferred attending his
Railway accidents at
their own poor homes,
tho' he had miles to go,
to attending them at
his own Infirmary
because, he said, they
recovered better.
At the same time, I only
throw this out as a hint.
Cases of severe Surgical injury
ARE, as a general rule,
best nursed & attended
to in a Hospital, with
all its appliances at
hand - provided, and

this is a great proviso -
the Managers know how
to keep up the health
of the Hospital - which
is sometimes as much
neglected in a cottage
Hospital as in any other.

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

F.

I hope that you have got
the better of your cramp -
& that you let Webb
rub you EVERY night.

9002/100 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 26 Jan 67}

Dearest mother
{6&1/2 lines scribbled out}

And then
I had not time to
re=envelope & forward
it.

Here it is.

Would you kindly let me
know whether any
mending of our Linen

is now done at Embley?

It ought not to be.
Some linen, I think, is
better mended clean.
But I stipulated with
this woman, Rainer,
that, dirty or clean, it
was all to be mended
here, & none of it to
left, as Delany did,
to be mended at Embley.

in haste

ever, dearest mum,

F.

Jan 26/67

9002/101 initialed letter 2ff, pen {arch: 5 Feb 67}

Dearest mum

You will be sorry to hear that poor Miss Jones is full of cares & troubles. And, as if she had not enough, she fell this day fortnight, on that Tuesday night when all the rain froze, on her way to Charing X Hospital, & injured her back.

I am sure it would do her all the good possible to come to Embley. And it would please her to hear

from you.

I hope you yourself are coming to London presently.

I thought Papa looking remarkably well.

I believe Parthe is pretty well.

We are as busy as we possibly can be. I have been meaning to write every day

ever my dearest mum's
loving child
F.

If you are so kind as to
write to Miss Jones,
please address her

Miss Jones

Lady Supt

King's College Hospital

London W.C.

We have no political
news yet. Ministers
have kept their secret,
even from us. After
to day there will be
enough & to spare.

Distress in London is
still dreadful -
- financial crisis last
year
- strikes upon that -
and a temporary

aggravation from frost

- the main causes -
Feb 5/67

I am very sorry to tell
you that poor Mrs.
Sutherland has
another impending
death in her family
- & has gone, being
suddenly summoned -
to Birkenhead to-day.

9002/102 incomplete letter 1f, pencil

Feb 7/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

Dearie

The excellent Mr. Jowett
is coming on Sunday at 3
to give me the Sacrament.

Would you or Sir Harry
or both like to come?

R.S.V.P.

Papa took some M.S.S. of
mine out of this house
into yours - promising to
return them the next day -
I reminded him each time
I saw him - This is
Thursday - & none have

9002/103 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 7 Feb. 67}

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for
your letter.

I think it would be
better to send on Mr:
Chadwick's *drill* pamphlet
to me - & I will promise
to return it to you. I
think it is a very good
idea for you to
recommend it to Kneller.

ever dearest mum
your loving child
F.

Feb 7/67

9002/103 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for
your letter.

I think it would be
better to send on Mr:
Chadwick's *drill* pamphlet
to me - & I will promise
to return it to you. I
think it is a very good
idea for you to
recommend it to Kneller.

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

Feb 7/67

9002/104 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I had meant to have showed you the
enclosed letter from Mr. Farnall of Feb 10 as the
first of a series (on Mr. Hardy's Bill) of
which you saw to-day the two last -

We took upon Mr. Farnall as their best
Administrator -

Please return it me in the morning.

I send you my printed paper.

Feb 19.67 ever yours

F.N.

9002/105 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Feb. 26/67

Dearest mum

I have been so very sorry
no to write to you. It was
such a very great comfort
to me to hear you say that
you had passed this winter
more comfortably than the
two preceding ones.

But it has been quite
impossible to me to write.
We have been so busy with
this Metropolitan Poor Bill
and with India. And I
have had such an attack
on my chest that for 17
nights I could not lie down.
It could not have happened
at a worse time. For it
has made me so in arrear

with my work -

I think Parthe remarkably
well for her. Poor Sir Harry
is worried about his Railway.
Papa wrote most cheerily.

Poor Mrs. Sutherland only
came home yesterday
from a most painful
watching - the third death
in her own family in less
than 6 months - [from
the same most painful
disease Lady Clark died
of - this was.]

And now I have only time
to write about my own affairs.
Rainer is going - Would to
God I had never seen her -
She has been the most
mischievous I have had yet.

And yesterday morning,
Jane Lyons writes me this
note, undated & unsigned.

"Madam,
I take this opportunity of
writing to you to say, I wish
to leave you this day month.
As I wish to take a place
as cook where dinners
are sent to the dining room
daily.

I remain your
obedient servant Jane"
Her mother, Mrs. Lyons, who
has always been my staunch
friend, has come up to
see about it in great
distress. Nothing will
make Jane speak. Her
mother asked her: "How
could you write Miss N.
such an insolent note?"

All she would answer was: -

"Well - I did."

Rainer has upset my household
from top to bottom -

I believe I shall have to
get rid of her before the
month is out -

And they seize the moment
of my illness to do this.

I am sure Mrs. Watson
will be surprised at the
ingratitude of her pupil -

 ever dearest mum
 under press of business
 Your loving child

F.

Would you kindly send one
or two pots of preserves
by next box? -

George Pembroke has been
dangerously ill - And the
other Herberts at Wilton
have had measles.

9002/106 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Friday {arch: ? Nov 1867}

Dearest

Would you or Sir Harry (or both) like to take the
Sacrament with me this next Sunday at 3?

I believe the good Mr. Jowett is coming to give
it me - R.S.V.P.

You probably know that I have had to tell Rainer
to go at once - She goes tomorrow - I was one
amazing big fool not to do this a month ago - She
"stands revealed" as a mischief-maker of the worst

order. And I have to pay a month's wages & a
month's board for my folly in not telling her to
be off a month ago -

And, what is worse, she has misled my good silly
little cook, Jane, who gave me warning on
Monday in the most "insolent note" - (her mother's
word - not mine) Now she is down on her knees
for me to "forgive her" & "let her stay" -
I would gladly do so, but don't know whether
it would be wise -

I am thinking now of taking Aunt Patty's old
maid, Legge, as cook & housekeeper, with a
kitchen-maid, as she is so old -

And myself doing without any other maid
than Temperance -

ever your

F.

9002/107(1) six letters, 6ff, pencil, letter 1

Sunday
35 South Street, v{printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W {arch: ? Nov 1867}

Dearie

My cough gets worse, instead
of better. And I cannot lie
down at night. I am not
fit to speak one word -

I shall not be down stairs
to-day -

But, if you like to come
at 3 o'cl. to this high region,
& tell me Mr. Bowman's story,
without letting me talk, I
shall be very much obliged.

I have had a fortnight
of nights now that I have
not been able to lie down

letter 2

Sunday {arch: ? Nov 1867}
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

Dearie

If Sir Harry could come in for
10 minutes to talk about
Dr. Sutherland's affair as he
was so good as to suggest -

& then you for 10 minutes -
I am afraid that is all I
am up to -

F.

letter 3

Thursday {arch: 2 Nov ?67}
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane

Dearie

Could you let
Temperance's brother
come in at 2, & help
her to wait on a
man who comes to
business & to *lunch* today
(you see I have now
one maid short -)
F.

letter 4 {arch: ? Nov 1867}

I could spare Temperance
to go to Stodare tonight
or any such dissipation
if you could spare her
brother to go with her.
F.N.

letter 5

Can we send you any luncheon?

Dearie

I am very sorry - But I am afraid I can hardly
spare a minute.

Had I known you were coming, I would have put
off Dr. S.

As *it is*, you know I can never see any one or even
read a letter between 11 & 2 -

We are overwhelmed with business - And I, as
always at this time of year, am overwhelmed with
illness -

A few minutes before 2.30 is the only minute
I have. alas!

I am writing now against time.

Are you going to *Embley* (today)?

I should like to have known what Sir Harry said to
Lord Ebury

letter 6 {arch: ?67}

Dearie

Mrs. Bracebridge is in London - And I see
her at 4.15 -

If it is worth your while to come in just
for 10 minutes, I should delight in it. *now at once*
ever your
F.

9002/108 initialed letter 1f, pencil {arch: Feb or Mar 67}

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

My dear Sir Harry

I certainly should have
liked the Bill to-day -
But I don't like to
waste your efforts.

I think what would be
the best is, what you
kindly propose: -

for you to get me one
from the Bill office as
early as possible tomorrow
& if you can't, then to
write to Mr. Hardy & ask
for one -

It would be a great
convenience to me, if I could
have it by
11 A.M. tomorrow
ever yours
F.N.

9002/109 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [6:402]

Friday
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry,

The worst of it is that we
don't know what Mr. Hardy's
Bill *is*, tho' we have been
employed upon it -

If you will cast your eye
over Sections III & IV of the
paper I enclose, you will
see what we *want* -

Of course we must have
a *Metropolitan sick* - rate
for this consolidation.

One of Mr. Hardy's proposals
certainly was: - to club 5 or
6 London Unions together,
for their sick - Now that

is absurd -

The very little that has
leaked out leads us to
fear that his Bill will be
a cost & a mischief & a
trial & a failure - a
kind of abortion of Mr.
Villiers' scheme -

Please *not* to mention
to ANY one that you have
seen my paper - & to
return it into my own
hand to - day - [They do
keep us, officially, like
dumb dogs.]

Will Mr. Hardy be obliged
to make an exposé of his
Bill to night? -

If you are at home
between 2 p.m. & going down
to the Ho: of C., & could
see me for a few minutes,
I should be very glad
 ever yours
 F.N.

R.S.V.P.

9002/110 initialed letter, 3ff, pen {1 Mar 67}

Dearest mum

 In answer to your kind note.
Rainer goes tomorrow. I can't
repair the irreparable - or
undo the mischief she has
done - so will say no more
about it.
I forget whether I told you
that Jane Lyons is on her
knees to stay (which I
expected as soon as she
found that her evil genius
was to be bundled off.) I don't
know whether I should be
wise in letting her stay.
You see mine is actually
a place without a mistress.

What I want to consult you
about is this: -

Legge (Aunt Patty's Legge)
is still disengaged.
Shall I take her as cook &
housekeeper, with a
kitchen-maid?

Legge knows very little of
cooking - but is thorough
& trustworthy.

Middleton, whom you once
had, is also disengaged.
Shall I take *her* as cook
& housekeeper? - with
a kitchen maid.

What did you think of
her cooking? -

What did you think of *her*?

What should you think
of her housekeeping? -

My household would
then be: -
Temperance - to wait upon
me.

Burch - as housemaid; to
whom I should give the
charge of the linen. [I am
quite sure Legge knows
nothing of keeping an
Invalid clean in linen]

Legge as cook & kitchen
housekeeper - (should you
fancy she knows enough
cooking for me?) She is
too old to do the cleaning.

So I should want a
fourth. And I would
take a hard-working
charwoman, whom I know,
Kendal, as kitchenmaid
& to help in the house.

or would you recommend
Middleton instead of Legge?

I should be only too
glad to take a kitchen
maid of your training -
who wanted to "better
herself" & would come
as my cook, if you
thought her capable.
But you don't.

I am in no hurry.
Nothing can have behaved
better than Jane Lyons
since I took affairs
into my own hands,
ordered Rainer away,
& saw Jane every day myself

But then the strain upon
me is very great.
I am again quite confined
up-stairs to one bed -
& can scarcely move
from Rheumatism.

Tomorrow, as soon as
Rainer is out of the house,
I shall speak to
Temperance & Burch -
& consult them about
my new arrangements.
I give up finding a maid
to take charge of me.

ever, dearest mum,
your loving child
F.

March 1/67

9002/111 signed letter, 6 ff, pen [6:416-17]

March 1/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I have not yet written
to you about Mr. Hardy's Bill,
altho' you asked me.

I sent to Mr. Hardy's
Commn on cubic space, in
obedience to their request,
my views in regard to
Nursing. I purposely
avoided any reference to the
question of administration,
except by pointing out
the necessity for a final
separation between the
government of the Workhouse
& the government of the

Infirmary.

Since my paper was sent in, I have, as you know read Mr. Hardy's speeches; I have studied them & his Bill. I have been greatly interested, & have admired the excellence of his intention - but, with every desire to hope the very best from the measure, I sorrowfully admit that, unless Mr. Hardy proceeds further in the right direction, we do not see any prospect of the introduction of a suitable sick organization

for the Metropolis - except indeed what may arise from the prospective suffering & outcry which will follow from the operation of the measure, sooner or later.

The most grievous part of the question is, as it appears to us, that there is nobody to tell Mr. Hardy the truth about it.

He has had a Commission almost wholly of Medical men - but only on one or two specific questions - the very giving of advice by such a body of men, on one side of a question may tend to obscure the truth on other sides of it.

I come now to the published resolutions of the Poor Law Medical Officers.

These, not to speak of the manifest contradiction in the principles which they have first & last promulgated, are nothing more than views of the *Medical Side*.

Now Medicine, like Nursing depends for its results neither on Doctors, nor Nurses, who are but the servants & agents of a system, but on the administration under which they are to act.

I need hardly tell you that I have had some twenty years of ample

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opportunities for becoming practically acquainted with sick administration & organization. The forwarding of such questions is indeed one of my daily occupations - and I have to give help in the matter not only to committees of Hospitals & other public Institutions, but to the War Office in regard to Military Hospitals. And I have also been in correspondence with the Government of India on the same matter. Of course, with 20 years' experience of the subject, I cannot help asking myself the question: -

"What will Mr. Hardy's Bill really do for the administration of sick?

I have been most unwillingly compelled to reply: - as follows: - the question of the Metropolitan sick is purely an administration question - and good administration (I mean executive work which is the only thing to be recognized in regard to sick) is not provided for in the Bill. What is contemplated is - to continue, under certain improved conditions, the same sort of thing as has existed - but under a better system of inspection - in the hope that, in this way, evil & neglect will be

prevented. But this is
the very principle of
administration to be avoided.
"Inspection" involves in it
the idea of lax administration
& failure: - to be remedied
by punishing somebody -
for neglect of duty.
This is fatal.
The real principle should
be: - to provide one uniform
central management for
the whole Metropolis -
And all the Hospitals
should be managed solely
by paid & responsible
Officers, under conditions
which could easily be
framed to ensure success.
Laxity or failure is a thing
not to be contemplated
when sick are to be dealt

with, unless to be condignly
punished.

The head of the administration
should be a first-rate
practical business man.

One man is quite enough;
or, at most, one man &
an assistant.

No Hospital Committees of
management are required.
Each Hospital should have
its head: - also an able
practical man.

The only Committee required
is a financial one to find
the money - and to
overhaul the accounts -
- and this only because
the money must be
{printed address, upside down:}
35 South Street, raised by rate.
Park Lane,
London. W.
[If this were not the case,

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there would be no need of a
Committee for State
Hospitals, any more than
there is for Army or Navy
Hospitals.]

What is really wanted is an
entire re-consideration of
the administrative part
of the measure -

As it at present stands,
there will be endless
squabbles in the Committees, (Boards)
want of uniformity,
increase of cost,
plenty of work for Poor=
Law Inspectors & Auditors.
- the SAME neglects
happening under the very
noses of the Committees
or Boards - and worse

than all, unnecessary suffering
for the sick poor.

The part of the scheme for
congregating Fever cases
in large hospitals I don't
touch upon - farther
than to say that experience
is wholly against such
a measure - for the
Mortality of Fever Hospitals
has always been so enormous
as to raise the gravest
doubts whether, so far
as concerns the interests
of the sick poor, it
would not save life
to abolish them - &
treat Fever-cases in small
huts.

Pray believe me

dear Sir Harry Verney

ever yours affecty

Florence Nightingale

9002/112 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Mar 1/67

My dear Sir Harry

I did not get your note (kindly offering me from 12 to 12.50) till 12 -

I am afraid it would be quite impossible for me to set part the next hour from my own business -

We are extremely uneasy about this Met: Poor Bill **[6:418]** & the turn things are taking - especially about the Nursing. [This is not my own idea but Mr. Farnall's]

I will take for granted that you sleep at home

tonight (unless I hear to the contrary) & try to send you one or two papers -

hoping to see you on Tuesday -

Mr. Farnall (& I believe Mr. Villiers now) think that this Bill will only open the way to more medical jobbery & more Guardians' jobbery -

F. Burn

I can scarcely move from Rheumatism & am up-stairs

9002/113 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 2/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

The enclosed is a subject which interests me very much & to which I have indirectly paid some attention -

I would gladly look over it now - but I am sure it would be to little purpose - as you can give me so little time & I am very busy.

I hope you will let me see it in proof - when I will read it *carefully*.

F.N.

9002/114 signed letter, 1f, pen

Mar 7/67

[15:476]

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I think your "Society"
for the "Merchant Seamen"
a noble thing to do &
done in the best
manner.

I have carefully read
(& shewn to Dr. Sutherland)
your "Sketch".

We make only the
enclosed Suggestions.
ever yours truly
F. Nightingale

[end]

9002/115 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

My impression is that it would be safer
not to make any allusion to Convict
Hospital provision for Convict sick -

Mr. Hardy might retort -

If Mr. Hardy's Bill is protracted beyond
to-night, we might get safer information for
you - on the above - [It was poor Col: Jebb who showed
me the plans.]

How very sorry I am for the Dean of Hereford's
death - one of my oldest friends -
March 11 {arch ?67} F.N.

9002/116 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Mar 11/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

The enclosed is admirable,
and contains excellent
practical sense, which,
if embodied in an Act
of Parlt, diligently
administered, would
produce very great
good.

[15:476-77]

Then would be the time
to come to detail.

I don't know that
I have anything to add

at present.

The new War Office &
Admiralty scales have
not yet been adopted
by the India Office,
on account of unsettled
questions about
overland transport -
but no doubt copies
can be had.
The "Placard" about
Hygiene (advised in the
Report) would be excellent.

It should contain simply
the things which the men
have a right to.

The manual of Hygiene
should be a small tract
which any good Naval
Medical Officer could
easily prepare.

I think the prizes
would do great good.

[end 15:477]

I cannot thank you
enough for your beautiful
Westminster Abbey
playing of yesterday -
most truly yours

F. Nightingale

9002/117 signed letter, 2ff, pen [6:422-23]

March 11/67

My dear Sir Harry

On second thoughts, it appears to me that Mr. Hardy's note ought to be taken "au sérieux" - & that the answer to it is something like this: -

there is an expression in his note which seems to indicate that he & you are not quite at one in principle as to the management of sick poor, having claim to attendance & care under the Poor Law.

There are two classes of sick persons who will come under the operation of the Act: -

1. sick persons taken from among paupers actually in the Workhouses, or in actual receipt of Parish relief out of doors
2. what may be called *casual* sick cases occurring among casual poor, or sick cases put on Medical relief

& who thus become chargeable
on the rates *only* & *while* they are
receiving such Medical relief.

Now what we contend is: -that the
moment any one of these people in either
class becomes sick, he ceases
by the very fact to belong any longer
to the Workhouse category at all.

These are a new & very special class
of persons requiring quite another
kind of care than they could obtain
under any *Guardian* arrangement -

And it is for this class that we ought to
provide such Hospital accommodation,
attendance, nursing & care as
we would desire to see provided
for any poor persons in whom we
take interest.

We deny the existence of "sick *paupers*"
or "*paupers* sick" altogether - And
we intend never to rest until this
distinction is done away with, and
a suitable organization provided for

treating these sick people, in which
no *Guardians'* idea shall find a place.

[Sick *Convicts* are treated as Hospital
sick - & *not* as "paupers sick" are]

It is not creditable to us that we are
the only people in Europe among
whom the idea of treating sick,
even from amongst the worst social classes,
on the same level as the idle, dissolute
or debased, or even the unfortunate,
is recognized.

2. I think the "N. Fund" Committee
should at once step forward
in your person, & distinctly offer
to train, *at their own expence,*
a Staff of Matron & Nurses, of
such a kind as that ~~they~~ these could train

others, for London Poor-Law sick -
You are the only persons in a
position to offer such a thing.
It would be a legitimate object
of the "N. fund." You would be
borne out in it by every body.
And I hardly see how Mr. Hardy
could refuse - [If he were to order
the Guardians tomorrow to provide "*trained*
Nurses", you are the only people who could
supply them - ever yours
& this only in
time. _____ F. Nightingale
9002/118 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

March 11 {arch: -67}

My dear Sir H.

I think ~~what would be~~ the best would be,
if you could come in about 1/4 before 1 here -
I shall then have got through some of the
(accumulated) other business with Dr.
Sutherland, if he is industrious - And he
will still be here, which *may* be a help
to us about Mr. Hardy's Bill -

But, if 2.30 would be more convenient,
I shall then be alone & at your service -

Please say which -

Mr. Hardy's note is unintelligible to me - He is [6:422]

confuting windmills -

1. We never said that the Bill was to
embrace any but "paupers" -

The expression we used, "to separate sickness
from pauperism", he adopted from me &
used *himself* in his speech -

2. We never said that there were not "ample
powers for complete separation of the sick" -

What we said was that to put them in
district hospitals (Asylums) under new
boards of Guardians (Managers) was to leave
them just as they were before, in all

essentials - & that to pay the Officers from the common Fund, *leaving the appointments in the hands of these Guardians*, is just to open a new door for jobbery -

I have at this moment a (private) note (not to me) of Ld Grosvenor's in my hand, saying merely the same thing, except the last sentence but saying that we shall get nothing more out of Mr. Hardy this Session -
People call Mr. Hardy a clear-headed man -

everything I have known of him has been just the reverse -

On Friday he told Mr. Graves that I *did* say I was *not* satisfied with the Liverpool Workhouse Nursing - Mr. Graves thought it of sufficient importance to write to Mr. Rathbone, who writes to me this morning that I must get it authoritatively contradicted -

F.N.

9002/119 signed letter, 1f, pen

35 South Street W.
March 12/67

My dear Sir Harry Verney

As the Metropolitan Poor Bill is now out of the Ho: of C. Committee, the only question is whether any reconsideration of the principle could be had in the Lords.

The administrative machinery proposed is really an extension of the present system of Boards of Guardians, with a minority of nominated members added. It is greatly to be feared that there will be the same quarrels, bickerings & inefficiency under this new system as there has been under the old. As the care of sick is not a question of Guardians but an administrative matter, could the principle be

discussed fully (in the Lords) of having one Central Committee instead of a number of Boards, - and over this Central Committee a paid executive Chairman to take charge of all the Hospitals & their Officers? -

If the Ho: of Lords were to **[6:425]** affirm this principle, we should have an efficient administration - whereas, by leaving the matter in the hands of a number of Boards, there will be no uniformity of procedure. and the Poor Law Relief idea will still be carried into the care of sick, with which care it has nothing to do

Pray believe me
ever yours affectely
Florence Nightingale

9002/120 initialled letter, 1f, pencil bundle 153 [6:423]

My dear Sir Harry March 12 [HCV 1873, wrong] [1867]
When does Mr. Mill's Motion come on (on the
Metropolitan Poor Bill)? -
I was afraid it was all done -
I had not seen Mr. Mill's notice till
you were so good as to send it in -
I hope you will not talk of your "Parliamentary
life" being "nearly finished" -
Why should it not last as long as Ld Palmerston's
is the earnest question of
yours ever gratefully F.N.

9002/121 incomplete letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 12 {arch: 67}
My dear Sir Harry
Tho' I am grieved at the result of the Bill, [6:424]
I was not at all disappointed.
And I am quite sure that you did the
very best that could be done ~~by~~ for us -
If the Archangel Michael himself had come
down, to make a Motion for us, more could
not have been done -
I confess I had not the least hope -
I had seen two letters from our most
eminent M.P.s in the morning, wh said
there was not the least hope -
For my part, tho' I felt very much discouraged,

I think a good step has been gained in the right direction - which will ultimately be followed by more - It is, as you say, a good sign of ~~the Times~~ public opinion when the eldest son of the greatest proprietor in London who pays least Poor Rates & will be mulcted for the sick poor in the event of a Common Fund to the greatest degree, is willing to go in for it. Besides, Mr. Villiers has committed himself to it.

I hope very little of the practical result of the present Bill -

I have that faith in the moral power of Bumbledom that it will carry every one of its traditions & practices triumphantly thro' any modification of Boards of Guardians. They will be Guardians always -

With regard to F. Stephen writing in "Pall Mall Gazette", I should

say (what I shall say to another paper which has asked me) that, as far as my own judgment goes, we had better make the best of what we have got - of course they will do as they think right. But I think it is wasting breath at present.

It would not do for me to be troublesome to Ministers - We must help Mr. Hardy as well

as we can, if he will let us, with the Nurses.

[If Mr. Villiers comes in, we may be able to help him with details of a Bill in a much wider manner -

Mr. V. himself wrote to me that he was "ashamed " I "should see" "what Sensational "ignorance is."]

As long as there was hope of modifying the Bill, (or of getting it ~~amended~~ thrown out in Ho: of Lords,) I think we were right to agitate.

As to the Lords, would it be worth while (I don't know that it would) for me to write to Ld Shaftesbury or to ask you to see him & get his opinion - I should write something as follows.

9002/122 initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [1:262-63]

March 13/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Papa

I am looking forward to
seeing you next week -

Thank you for writing about
Count Bismark - To my surprise
& joy it is that he is alive.

*Of course he must come back
with you* - And by that time
I shall have found him a
comfortable home - in a
suburban retreat - I would
not leave him by himself at
Lea Hurst on any account -

Now mark the progress of a
myth - in the idea of the school,

children that Bismark was my
Russian cat - brought home
by me - thus: -

Peter was a Russian, brought
home by me -

They have in their lessons a *white*
Russian bear -

Therefore Miss N.'s *white* cat,
under *Peter's* care, must
have been brought from Russia,
by Miss N -

As usual, I have no time to
write - tho' much to write
about - How we must
mourn the good Dean Dawes -

I mind, as if it were yesterday,
17 years ago, staying with
them at King's Somborne, &
seeing his tears, sacred tears,
at leaving his people. Now
King's Somborne School is all
ruined -

He was nearly the last of
my oldest friends -
 ever dear Pa
 your loving child
 F

The East wind here beats every
winter I have ever seen
in London -

9002/123 initialed letter, 1f, pencil **[6:426]**

March 13/67

My dear Sir Harry

I entirely concur in your opinion about my
not meddling in the Ho: of Lords -

It is very odd if Ld Carnarvon, now he is free
of the Cabinet, does nothing - he having
committed himself publicly to the principle
of a paid central administration (for the
sick poor, chargeable to the Parish.)

It is very plain, that the Ho: of Commons,
understanding nothing at all about the matter,

has committed itself to Hardy & "all his works".

As for me, it would not do for me, even in my small way, to do anything to weaken the hands of the Poor Law Board - by carping at its Bill - As, of all things that I desire, I desire most that, if Mr. Villiers comes in, he should work & enlarge upon Mr. Hardy's Bill with a strong hand. It is our policy to weaken the Guardians & strengthen the Poor Law Board -

That Mr. Hardy has fallen into the hands of thieves (in interpreting his own principles) viz -Fleming, Corbett & Markham, is, I believe, certain -

As to Mr. Mill's motion this morning: -
it would be a great amendment
But it is not carefully worded -

And I am afraid Mr. Hardy will say: - "the powers it seeks are already included in my Bill" -

If they are, or if Mr. Mill's motion is carried,
it will be an uncommonly good ground-work
for Mr. Villiers to work upon, if he comes in.
Please let me know the result.

Mr. Mill's motion ought to elicit a very
good *discussion on the principles of*
administration

F.N.

9002/124 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 13/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

Would you read the
enclosed from Admiral Ryder?

I have no objection to your
printing my Suggestions in
the Appendix to your Report.

Still, I don't think that
is the way to do business -

The suggestions were sent
for you to consider, not
for the public.

It was supposed that, as ~~the~~ your
Committee had asked for
them, *they* would take them
into consideration -

To print them at the end
of your Report is merely
a mark of respect to me,
& *not what the object was*,
viz -to submit them for
you to work out.

ever yours sincerely

F. Nightingale

9002/125 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil bundle 153

March 13. {arch: 1873 [1867]}
2.15 p.m.

My dear

I am afraid I could not, at a moment's notice, suggest a better wording -

1. I believe that, with the exception of the words, ("or the executive direction") Mr. Hardy could truly say that he has taken powers in the Bill to do all Mr.

Mill asks, if he (Mr. Hardy) likes -

Of course he (Mr Hardy) *won't* like -

2. The "administration of relief" is a very (possibly purposely) careless wording - We have ~~th~~carefully

restrained ourselves (in considering this Bill) to the "administration of relief" *for the sick poor* - meaning thereby, of course, the "sick poor" *chargeable to the Parish* -

We all were of one mind about this - viz. that it was better *for this Bill* to limit ourselves to the *sick poor*.

3. I believe Mr. Hardy could say that, under this Bill, it was perfectly competent for him to constitute the Metropolis into one "district" - "And then, But for the words "executive direction" - (and it seems

to me that, even about these words, Mr. Hardy is capable of bamboozling the House to anything -) but for these words - Where will Mr. Mill's Motion be? -I mean, it will not get us any the nearer our firm central administration -

in haste

It will be *most* important that Mr. Mill should get up a discussion *now* to-day on these principles of administration -

9002/126 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: 1867} [6:426]

March 14
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I think it an advantage to
insert the words

"board of management" -
instead of merely "district
"board" -

It would stand "district
"board of management".

As regards the words after

"relief:" -
I would insert "to the sick
"poor chargeable *to the rates*".

This would be better than

"to the *Union*".
It is an immense advantage

to us that Mr. Mill should
get up this discussion on
the principles of administration
& teach the House a little
ever yours
F.N.

9002/127 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil [6:427]

Mar 14/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I see by the "Times that
the "amendments" in Mr.
Hardy's Bill were "considered"
yesterday -tho' there is no
report - & that the "Third
Reading" is to-day -

What does Mr. Mill
mean to do about his
Motion? - what *can* he do?

Mr. Mill certainly knows
what he is about.

And, if even a permissive
Clause could be carried, it
would be of great use for

Mr. Villiers to act upon, if he
has the courage, when he
comes in.

[I heard yesterday that Mr.
Forster M.P. said Ministers
would be out before another
week - But I suppose
this is not likely - perhaps
not desirable.]

If you think anything will
be done tonight by Mr. Mill,
perhaps you would send
me back his Notice of Motion
which I sent you back
yesterday -

I send back your Cubic Space
Report, with thanks, the Poor
Law Board having had at last
the grace to send me (2) copies.

9002/128 signed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 15/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

[15:477]

My dear Capt. Verney

I think, with you, that *the*
best thing to do with my
Suggestions will be to leave them
OUT OF the Appendix.

Your Report is a PRACTICAL
one - that is the beauty of it

I wrote, as you are aware,
merely in obedience to a request
- merely to submit points for
the practical consideration of
your Committee -

That. (viz. practical consideration)
is the end of the whole matter

I now merely add: -
one principal cause of the
high Sick & Death Rates
among Merchant seamen
is their wretched accommodation

The more useful attention
you draw to this, viz. the best
sanitary arrangements on
board ship for crews - the
better.

To get drawings & models
from practical people - is
a course which has succeeded
in similar things -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

[end]

9002/129 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Mar 16/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Thank you for sending
me Sir G. Stucley's Notice
(who is Sir G. Stucley?)

We have been expecting
it for a very long while.
You know, 2 years ago,
it was Percy Herbert
who did it.

We can't possibly do
without Dr. Sutherland
at the W.O. It is he who

does all the Sanitary work,
who keeps us going.
Genl Peel, who always
behaves like a
gentleman, has just
thanked him for his
Gibraltar Report -
(Dr. Sutherland is
gone to Malta -
he started last night)
- on Sanitary matters -)
He Dr. Sutherland has been President of
all our Sanitary expeditions.
Ld Stanley was fully aware

that his work on the R.
Sanitary India Commission
- & now on the standing
Army Sanitary comm: -
was indispensable.

Who will answer on

Tuesday?

Sir J. Pakington?

He knows nothing
about it.

I have sent to the
W.O. to know what is
to be done.

ever yours

F.N.

[illeg letter or notes opposite, not FN

9002/130 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 23.3.67 written twice}

Dearest mum

I think you will like to see this account
of our dear Dean Dawes - And probably
Kneller will like to hear it too.

Another heavy fall of snow yesterday -
but gone to-day. Thanks for you most
beautiful scarlet Rhododendrons - 3 blooms
on a stalk.

As soon as you like to send me the
two kits, I am ready for them. But please
send word; that I may have them met at the
Station - & let them be directed accordingly, so

that my Messenger may be able to claim
them.

Papa comes to town on Tuesday
ever dearest mum
your loving child
F.

March 23/67

9002/131 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: 26.3.67}

Dearie

As you have Capt. V. & Emily with you (to
whom my love) if it would be of any
convenience to you to put Papa (& Peter)
to sleep here, pray do - but send me word -

Sir Harry will have told you what a mess
I am in to-day - workmen on the roof -
workmen in the basement -chimney pot &
soot blown down into the drawing-room -
carpet had to be taken up & sent to the
Steam-bleachers -drawing-room unusable
I shall be all right tomorrow - But to-day I am, of animals,
March 26 "most deject & wretched" F. {arch: ?1867}

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9002/132 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Mar 28/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I don't see any particular
harm (except in the grammar)
in my letter.

And I don't see nay
particular good -

Only, please, *if it is* published,
omit the address -

[You could hardly imagine the
quantity of application brought
me by any such accidental
publication of my address.]

It has occurred to me to
suggest to you *not* to disband

your Committee too soon -

I am a very bad one to give
advice on points of policy -

But I cannot but recall
that the reason why the (our) two
R. Sanitary (Army & India)
Commissions had results
practically far surpassing
those of ordinary R. Commissions
was:- that they did not
consider their duties over
with their Report - Four
Committees and one standing
Commission carried out the
"Recommendations" till we
saw them assume a
practical form. In India,
three standing Commissions
are doing the same -

ever yours sincerely
F.N.

9002/133 initialled letter, 2ff, pen **[1:184]**

March 30/67

Dearest mum

Papa came on Wednesday,
as you know. I think he
is looking very well.

The two kits arrived
in high health & spirits.
Have they any names? -
The one with a white nose
ought to be called Pet,
because it is so affectionate
The one with a yellow nose
is an immense curiosity -
it has more hair than
flesh - & there appears
to be very little of it
inside its coat. It
ought to be called Spit=
fire. Bismark, the big

white cat, just arrived
from Lea Hurst with
Peter went up like a
gentleman to kiss the
kits' hands - Spitfire
rose up on its hind legs
& tried to box *his* ears -
who is at least 7 times
its size. By standing
upright on its hind
tip=toes, it can just
reach his nose - & it
tried to fight him -
They are thorough-bred &
no mistake.
I am so very busy that
I cannot write more
to day - ever dearest mum
your loving child F

I hear that Emily is
working remarkably well
She is, as you know,
at 32.

9002/134 initialed letter, 1f, pencil [6:403]

My dear Sir Harry

I will gladly see you, please, about the Bill
(Mr. Hardy's) to-day at 2.30 or at 12 -

R.S.V.P.

I am afraid to morrow it would be impossible for me
And Thursday - does Mr. Hardy intend to bring
it on on Thursday? -

R.S.V.P.

[It is not only that we are so busy, but that I can
get no rest at night for my cough - And, talking
brings it on - If I could have 24 hours without
speaking a word - but that is impossible just
now -]

I have a great many letters (on the Bill) for you

to read - & pencil Drafts of some of my replies.

I could easily send the whole lot to you.
But I believe you prefer reading them by my
bed-side, as questions are more easily
answered -

ever yours

F.N.

You know the Workh: Association has got a Parly
Committee with Lord Grosvenor & others
on the Bill.

9002/135 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil {arch: March 67?, Ap or Mar 67}

My dear Sir Harry

[6:405]

What *am* I to do? -

I can't see Mr. Rathbone.

It's quite impossible -

I can't get up - And I can't speak -
He wrote to me to ask me what he should do -
I answered by return of post that, after
consulting 2 or 3 people, I find that our
party wish the 2nd reading to go on - that
nothing can be done till after the 2nd reading -
that it is undesirable he should see Mr. Hardy
&c &c.

He will set off this morning before he receives my letter -

I enclose a letter from Mr. Villiers -
to show you the mind he is in about speaking. He wrote to me yesterday an enquiry -
to which I answered by Messenger -
This is his reply -

I would have shown you all his letters since the Bill - but that I was afraid he might ask you whether you had seen them.

If Mr. Rathbone merely comes up to hear the Debate, that is all very well.

9002/136 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil {arch: Oct? 1867 [date doesn't work]}

Liverpool Nursing Home}

{printed address:} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

[6:418]

As I see that Mr. Hardy's Bill did not come on last night, I enclose to you
1. a letter of Mr. Rathbone's (& enclosure)

This is a great victory -
You might, if you thought well, state in your ~~hou~~ speech, that the Liverpool Vestry Committee of Enquiry have finally decided to recommend them to extend the Nursing to the female side & Fever

side of the Liverpool Workhouse -

This includes 1000 Patients
altogether - Male - Female - Fever.

If Mr. Hardy should make
any disagreeable remarks
(as he did to Mr. Rathbone,)
you might quite well
retort by reading the
note. We may *certainly*
say that the Liverpool
Workhouse Nursing is a
success -

2. I enclose one of Mr.
Villiers' curious letters -
Nothing we have said

puts the case so strongly
as he does against
the Bill

3. a note of Mr. Parkinson's
These last two letters
are, of course, *private* -
Please return them
ever yours
F.N.

9002/137 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 7 {arch: 1867}

Dearie

I have been so ill for the last half-week that I
have not taken the initiative in any one single thing -
- tho' I ought to have seen several people, & I had
really several things to consult Sir Harry about.

I hope he will give me 10 minutes *to-morrow*.
[One of them is about a scheme of Mr. Rathbone's -]

I am going to receive the Sacrament to-day at 3 -
[I believe my big Plato is going abroad for a few weeks.
which is the reason he offers it to-day.]

I need hardly say that, if you or Sir Harry or both

like to come, I shall be too glad - but, at
such short notices, & having taken it so lately
I can hardly expect it -
Many thanks for your stupendous Scarlet Lily
& Arum &c - The "Liverpool Workhouse Infirmary
!!! have sent me some enormous ferns - And the whole
effect is *proprio pomposo* - like a jungle in
miniature - with the little cats for tigers & jaguars.
ever yours
R.S.V.P. F.

9002/138 unsigned letter, 2ff, pencil [8:33-34]

April 13.67

My dear Sir Harry

About Miss Garrett: -
there is, I am told, no General Hospital
without a School of Students
except the one I mentioned
to you, the "Royal Free" in
Gray's Inn Road -

I should have thought a
Women & Children's Hospital
would have been the
proper place for a Female
Medical School -

Would not this afford
sufficient experience? -

[In my time the Soho Square

Female Hospital was a
very good one - & had
no Students (male) -
Is that the case now? -]

It has been suggested to me
that, if one of the Lying-in
Hospitals could be reformed
& placed under the
supervision of Miss Garrett,
with children added -
Miss G. being the Resident
Medical Officer - a real
School for Female Physicians
would thus best be
established -
You see, these ladies (very

properly) don't intend
to take practice among
men - in England, at
least.

Such female Midwifery
Physicians might well
take rank with
Licentiates.

[HCV notes, scribbled upside down on the page facing the first page,
very hard to decipher

27 Mal 20 if Not man 'spirit in us
 if in our own minds if lead other astray
 J't - ye have taken & by wicked hands
 God of Abm has raised up J - 2 Acts & 3
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 {illeg line}
 made by P
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 so in time of J.C.
 taught to value {illeg introduced fabric?}
 I compare his own work with evil unfaith
 but shepherd
 High P persuaded people to destroy J &
 {illeg John ?}B
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 we have no security against evil
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 Langly any religion with false science
 veil of national prosperity conceals
 ignorance
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 if you live in luxury & Lazarus at door
 Knowledge sum of pleasure & {illeg}
 of life & not to instruct
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 if not crowded in Xtian if veiled by good {illeg}
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 J: died for us prayer for {illeg}

9002/139 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [8:34]

April 13/67

My dear Sir Harry

I send you a sensible
letter of Mr. Whitfield's on
the subject of Female
Medical training -

You know that I have
been beset with applications
to admit Ladies (wishing
to practise) at our Training
School "for 6 or 9 months"
to "pick up" what they
could - the last
application urged by the
"*Delhi Mission*" with a
pertinacity it was difficult
to resist -

I have

always set my face against
any admixture of the
Nursing & Medical ~~elements in Training~~
elements in Training-Schools
as equally disadvantageous
to both -
the Nurse ought not to
fancy herself a Doctor -
the Female Doctor ought not
to fancy that she can
"*pick up*" the knowledge
which the Student is
compelled by law to take
4 years in acquiring
before he can practise -
And I have been all the
more, instead of the less,

confirmed in this -
because I should like
to see Midwifery practice
altogether, or at least
chiefly, in the hands of
Female Physicians -

But those who fancy they
can "*pick up*" ~~this~~ medical knowledge - are
backwarding, not
forwarding, the movement.

F.N.

9002/140 initialed letter, 9ff pencil [8:34-39]

Private

April 16/67

My dear Sir Harry

You see I differ upon every word
of Miss Garrett's note -

But it is not a subject on which I
am (or fancy myself) an authority.

And there fore I write this for you
only.

I could not if I would, and I would
not if I could, enter upon any controversy
with her.

But then neither must *they* ask me
for advice or co-operation (as they have
often done)

1. *She* starts on the ground that the
summum bonum for women is to be able
to obtain *the same* Licence or diploma
as men for Medical practice.
Now I start from exactly the opposite
ground.

Medical education is about as bad as

it possibly can be.

It makes men *prigs*

It prevents any wise, any philosophical,
any practical view of health & disease.

Only a few genius-es rise above it.

If it makes a man a prig,
it will make woman a prig=ger -
But - all that women have hitherto said
is: -

I will take the same *kind* of education
a man gets, but less in *degree*.

Where he studies years, I will study
months.

Against that I set my face -
But - what I want to see is - not, as
Miss G. seems to wish - women
obtaining exactly *the same* education
as men, & exactly the same Diploma
& practising indiscriminately between

the sexes as men do -

Very far otherwise -
Not that I conceive it is much more
indelicate for a woman to doctor
men than for a woman to nurse
men -

But the last is necessary -

The first is totally unnecessary -
Indeed female (American) practitioners
have told me with their own lips
that they should "consider it an insult"
"if called in to attend a man-Patient."

That is as it should be -
What I want to see is women attending
as Physicians their own sex -
especially in lyings-in & in diseases
peculiar to women - or children -
The good of a Licence or Diploma is this: -
that you *can't* get it, except after

years of a certain course -
& that this ensures you against the
superficiality, (said to be) common to
all women -

But, if this good result could be
brought about by women's own good
sense, where would be the necessity
of the "Licence"? -

Do you suppose Miss Garrett gets one
more Patient by being a "Licentiate"? -

Do you suppose that a thoroughly
educated experienced female Doctor
would lose one patient by *not* being
a "Licentiate"? -

I don't.

I think English women have too
much sense -

It is quite true that a *special*
education (i.e. for female cases only) is
always disadvantageous -

It is quite true that every Oculist,

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Dentist, Accoucheur, practises much better for having had a *general* Medical education

But Miss Garrett does *not* say this -

She does not say: - how can we give women the best general Medical education?

She says: - how can we satisfy the "Examining Boards"? -

Now - every old fogey, like me, knows that, if a man is a genius, he can't pass - (these "Examining Boards"-)

that what makes a man pass is memory, chique - words - that "Examining Boards" are just so many charlatans-

[Poor Alexander, the Director=Genl, told me of a man who passed the "Examining Board" triumphantly - & who did not know, one from the other, the heart from the liver, when these valuable Articles were placed before him in the flesh - Every Examiner is full of similar stories -

[close]?]

It was for this that, in 1861, we took

so much pains to organize, & Sidney Herbert to start, a Practical Army Medical School (now at Netley) where men who have passed *all the regular* Medical course are instructed by the bed-side - For, even the *four years* necessary in Civil Hospitals are no sufficient test - Only the dressers & Clinical Clerks get much thereby - while the hundreds who follow in the train of such a man as Fergusson (the "great Carpenter", as Sidney Herbert used to call him) get next to nothing by their "four years".]

2. Who is to organize it then, if Miss Garrett does not? -

It appears as if she wished to be another Fergusson - i.e. totally useless except to Patients.

3. Whether we can do this or not will depend upon our calls & our supply. At present we are engaged years Liess to Leeds, Sydney, India &c &c &c &c

I see no prospect of our doing it for years to come - what Miss G. wishes - I have myself had the regret of refusing *two General Hospitals* within the last month - besides many smaller applications -

We should certainly not think it right to sacrifice some great centre like Sydney, &c &c &c &c, which wishes to form a Training=School, for a scheme so unlicked as the present one under discussion.

For we had rather, of course, have a Training=School in a large General Hospital - whenever we have Nurses to spare.

And as to *Midwifery Nurses*: - at our humble little Institution as King's College, the education is far better than any

thing that could be given us.

[E.g. at Q. Charlotte's & other Lying=
in Hospitals, a certificate as
Accoucheuse is actually given
after a month's or less than a
month's attendance -

The lady who is going out to practise
at Delhi actually got hers in
this way]

4. Certainly it does =

~~We~~

It "increases the expences" *just by*
by *the expences of those Nurses* in Training.

If a Nurse is learning, she can't be *in*
the place of another Nurse.

Mr Rathbone proposes to give us £400
a year to train just 10 Probationers
at Liverpool Workhouse -

We spend £1000 a year at St. Thomas',
£500 a year at King's College -
Ask the Maternité at Paris what *it* spends.

Not one Midwife is saved by having
Pupil Midwives -

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The utmost that is saved is the
expenditure of "Extra" Nurses
in any of these Institutions -
fevers & operations requiring "Extra"
Nurses, you put on your Probationers)
(not however raw Probationers)
for whom it is excellent practice -
or when a regular Nurse is sick
or on leave.

ever yours

F.N.

Confidential

In 1860, ± it took me *months* of very
hard work, *assisted as I was* by all
the first Civil & Army Medical authorities,
to make the Programme & scheme of the
Army Medical School - [Of course I took
nothing from my own authority - All I did
was to collect & sift the best opinions -]

Now I am quite sure that it would take any one months of very hard work to make the Programme of a Female Medical School -

I neither can nor mean to do it -
Miss Garrett, I am sure, neither sees the necessity of this close application, nor means to give it -

[The paper ~~f~~ on Nurses which she read at the Social Science was crammed full of errors in fact, which half a day's enquiry would have enabled her to avoid - & which cost me a whole week's work to answer *after* the fact.]
to different enquirers,
including Dr. Farr.]

The great error of these Medical ladies appears to me to be: -
that they not only put the cart before the horse, but that they expect the cart to drag the horse.
How is a woman to get a man's Diploma?

-that is all they ask -

It is just the same as if I, instead of
qualifying myself to assist Sidney
Herbert in the War Office, had bent
all my energies to: -

how is a woman to become a Secretary
of State? -

How do people in Paris do these things?

for 50 years there has been a
succession of Lady Professors at the
Maternité, who rank (I was going
to say, just as high) but who in
fact rank) much higher than
Simpson or Locock here.

Their works are quoted as authorities
all over Europe -

They command any practise they please when they leave the Maternité
Their names have even been forged -
& establishments set up in their names
by quacks -

There is no struggle with the men=Doctors -

How have they done all this? -

Not certainly by trying for men's
Diplomas -

Not by a paper-war.
not by struggling to get into men's
colleges -

Simply by working a female School
on female Patients to perfection

& letting all controversy alone -
But then, the School is absolutely complete.
An "élève sage-femme" cannot be
certificated *under 2 years*, instead of
in one month, as in England.

The female Professoriat, the "sage-femme" en
chef," & "sages-femmes aides" reside in
the Hospital.

The "élèves sages-femmes de 2ième année"
are made to help in training the

"élèves sages-femmes de 1ère année" -

No Medical School of men ~~I have~~ ever
known is anything to be compared to
its perfection in point of instruction,

both

practical & scientific-

And all this they have done ---how? -

Not by *aping* a man's Medical School -

Just the reverse -

By simply doing the very best to form

good Midwives - & not thinking

about men at all.

To ensure the standard of free public opinion

[There *is* a man-Professor besides - generally

the best Accoucheur in France - but

who does not reside, of course.]

[I believe the female head of this School

has usually attended the Queens & Royal Duchesses

of France in this century - And it was

said that the Empress Eugénie desired

it very much, & would have gone on

quite well, if the Emperor had not

insisted on her having a man-Doctor]

If I were forming a Female Medical School

in England, I should just cut the

Gordian knot at once, & avoid all

collision with men, by beginning
as closely as possible on the Parisian
model, - & then afterwards, if you
extend it to all diseases of women &
children, so much the better -
or even to a more general education
still.

But it is absurd to tell me that
"Madame la Sage-femme en chef"
at Paris requires a Diploma to
obtain her a practice among Queens
& Empresses - or that it is
not trying to make your cart draw
your horse - It is not your "Bishop's Commission"
that makes the "apple-woman" a Deaconess - nor your
"Licence" which makes the lady a Doctor -
As long as Medical ladies go on in
England in this way, I have no hope
One sensible woman, like Miss Garrett, may
now & then win her way to practice
But even she is as senseless as the others
about Female Medical Schools.

Let women begin by that branch of the Profession (Midwifery) which is undoubtedly theirs -
let them do it as well as possible -
let them conquer their place in it -
instead of, as now, as it seems to me, lady Doctors affecting to despise it.

All the rest will follow -

But *none* of the rest will follow, if their only aim is to be to extort from men a man's place -

N.B. Let me explain what I said about a Nurse Training- School being merely an extra expence -

The pupil Midwives of the 2nd year (at Paris) instruct the pupil Midwives of the 1st year -

I have never made any calculation of the kind-

Still I think I must be much beyond the mark in saying that, if the Maternité

were *not* a Training-School, one sage-femme en chef & half the number of pupils de 2de année as sages femmes would be more than sufficient as a Working-Staff - so that you at once sweep off as "increase to working expences" all the pupils de 1ère année, half those de 2de année, & all the Head Staff but one -

As to St. Thomas':

tho' I have often found fault with them for turning a penny out of us, it has *not* been for employing our Probationers as "extra" Nurses - for severe cases - (which is excellent practice)

- *not* for employing them to take the place (temporarily) of sick or absent Nurses -

- *not* even for working a whole ward with our Probationers, as has *not* *never* been done -

but for helping themselves, as they have

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frequently done, to our *uncertificated* Nurses (Probationers who had been with us only a few months) to fill *permanently* ~~the~~ vacant situations as Nurses & Sisters - at St. Thomas' -

In such a case, either St. Thomas' or the woman ought certainly to refund to the N. Fund

But we have been obliged to submit - Because it has been the choice of having our own woman or a stranger as Head Nurse over our Probationers.

I need scarcely say that, as a rule, you must pay Probationers wages -

F.N.

9002/141 copy of a letter, 5ff, handwritten

[13:718-19]

April. 27/67

35 South Street.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge your note of the 24th, desiring that I would "allow" my "name to be added to the General Committee of the Deaconesses' ~~Inst~~ Association."

I regret to say that as I made a resolution not to give my name where I cannot give my work -and as I have already a larger circle of duties than a person even in full health can conscientiously perform, I am

compelled to make it a rule to decline even giving my poor name.

Suffer me to add, however, as you have added the intimation that all that "is asked" of me "is to make the movement "favorably known" - a few words, prompted by an experience of 20 years - The first principles taught me by this experience are: -

that Nursing in Hospitals, & nursing the sick poor at home, is an Art - only to be acquired, like any other art, by the most Systematic training -

that this training can only be given in a Hospital, in which the Superior of the Deaconesses has her Head Quarters, & is herself the Matron of the hospital - at least till she has trained a Deaconess to take her place.

that this necessity of systematic training applies still more to those who are to nurse the sick poor at home, if possible, than to Hospital "Sisters" - because the Hospital Nurse can

always summon a Resident Medical Officer & half a dozen dressers, whereas the Nurse of the sick poor at home may be for hours before she can obtain a Medical man to tell her what to do -

that the Parish Deaconess requires besides a most careful *Sanitary* education -
- She must know all the Acts of Parlt in force, besides, by which parish authorities may be compelled to remove nuisances: if she is to assist the sick poor at home effectually - - she must be competent to teach a little cooking, a

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great deal of cleanliness (including the procuring means of white-washing & 1000 other things.)

In short, to visit the poor usefully & effectively is an art most difficult & to be attained only by a most careful training. Need I say that one of the collateral benefits of this is: - that no idle lady will undergo such a training merely to "try how she "likes it"?

If to the calling of a Deaconess be added the Visiting in Prisons, the teaching of children - just as steady a training is required

for both those difficult Arts - not in a Hospital, of course, but in a Penitentiary or in a School, which must, of course, be under the Deaconesses.

Is it the "Bishop's Commission" which makes the Deaconess? Or is it the training which makes the Deaconess fit to receive the "Bishop's Commission"?

Sir I have ventured to offer you these few remarks, which I might have made much longer but that you probably are in no need of my remarks, in

order to explain why, as you ~~honor~~
have done me the honour of asking for
my poor name - such as it is, I could
not give it except conditions were
fulfilled which experience has taught
me to be essential to your good work.
With that work, I sympathize with
the whole power of my life.
Till we nurse not only the sick poor
in Workhouses but those at home
we have done nothing effectual in
Nursing.

The Nursing of the sick poor *at home*

is of even more importance to their
welfare - & to the true interests of civilization
in Christ than the nursing in Hospitals.

To have London divided into
convenient districts for the nursing &
relief of the sick poor at home,
(including Midwifery Nursing) - as is
already done at Liverpool - should be
our aim.

Already at Bristol & elsewhere, a
"Sanitary woman" has been employed
among the poor with good effect -
I have something like an European

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experience - and I fear I am right in
saying that no city in the world neglects the
sick poor *at home* as London does.

In no city in the world, either, does
sickness degrade the family into pauperism
for generations so much as in London.
Yet, in no city in the world - does a little
timely good Nursing, good food, (and a
change of air for the Convalescent) so
save father or mother from incurable
infirmity - children from consequent
pauperism -

If then, Sir, I could see my way

to assisting such a work even in the
least little degree - by my humble
help, you can hardly doubt that I should
esteem myself favoured by God
in doing so.

Pray believe me
ever your faithful servt.
{in another hand}

[end 13:719]

Miss Nightingale to
Mr. Pelham Dale -
replying to his request that
she would allow her name
to appear in the List of the
The Revd Committee of
the Deaconesses
T. Pelham Dale Training
&c &c Institute

9002/142 initialled letter, 1f, pen {arch: ? May 1867}

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

If Sir Harry could come in
to me for 2 minutes,
I could explain -

F.N.

I should like to have heard
Pastor Fliedner criticizing
this manifest, *supposed*
to be in his name -

[7:597]

It would have been as good
as a pantomime
That he would have forbidden
me to have any hand in it
is beyond all doubt.

[end 7:597]

9002/143 incomplete initialled letter, 2ff, pencil [8:56-57]

I send what I have jotted down, because you asked me & because it is possible you may be waiting for it -

But you must not, please, use this - jotted down in haste as it is without the possibility of consulting my own correspondence & documents -

I will almost ask to have it returned to me -

ever your
F.

I should put off the question for at least a century: shall women have Medical Education the same as men? -

Let them be instructed Midwives, (i.e. Physician=Accoucheuses) first.

P.S.{arch: ?1853} [can't be] [3]

The "tall talk" ladies who mean little & prove nothing
to drag in the
question of Medical Females everywhere -
Mrs. Butler could not ask me to sign
her Petition for the repeal of the "C.D -
Acts" without inserting a passage
about the usefulness of Medical Women
"The interlude was delightful. It had
nothing to do with the Bill - But what
of that?" -

However, I refused to sign till the
"interlude" was taken out.

I can write no more.
I have put down what I could - But I
am "trembling like a cloud driven by the
wind" - as the Veda says -

I could not enter into the controversy
without attacking Medical Education
for *men* - And this is impossible to me -
I have neither time nor strength for it -
& would not use them for this, if I had

try

See what a hideous mess Dr. Acland has made of this by writing to the "Times" about it in an entirely confused state of mind without having really apprehended his question at all.

9002/144 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

April 16 {arch ?~~66~~ 67}

My dear Sir Harry

I have read your letter to Ld Stanley with the greatest interest - & see nothing to add

[I will tell you some day ~~of~~ what part I have taken in the *Supply* Department question Sir H. Storks is to be Director Genl, I understand]

I hope & believe you will succeed in getting a
R. Commission.

With regard to Miss Garrett's letter, there [8:34]
is time enough to talk about it -

If she is "too much occupied" with her "own private

"practice" to organize the School herself, she had much better let it alone -

And I am far too much overwhelmed with business not to be obliged to decline giving any attention to the business, if such is the case -

She will *not* get a Genl Hospl. to admit them (Female Students)

And I should not think well to organize a Nurses' School in any other -

in haste

F.N.

9002/145 initialled letter, 1f, pencil bundle 147

Easter Sunday {arch: ?67} [Apr. 21/67]

Dearest

I am quite a prisoner up-stairs -
After Westmr-Abbey (where I am very glad
you are going) will quite do for me -
both for music & for visit - if Capt. V. is so good
as to play.

I am quite sure that I can quite
well hear the music up here with
doors open &c -

I am unable to come down -
But will it be good for you to come up
this high?

As to Capt. V.'s music, whether he likes
to come before or after W. Abbey, it
is equally "nuts" to me -
"4 1/2" is not too late - for me -

F.

9002/146 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a letter from your irrepressible "ass",
Mr. Dale, & my reply -

If you approve of my reply, & would father it,
I think it would be an advantage.

I am often ~~told~~ asked, "why do you stand by the
High Church Sisterhoods & not by the Deaconesses?"

My answer is: - the Deaconesses put forth
episcopal pretension which the High Church
never do!! -

At this moment, Miss Jones nurses *two*
important Hospitals in London besides other works, & has *not* YET
obtained her "Bishop's Commission"
{very faint, maybe erased?}(I doubt {illeg} the Bishop of London is
{illeg}
while {written vertically} Ap 29/67
{printed address:} 35 South Street.

Park Lane,
London. W.

while
these Deaconesses, without any training
whatever, tell us that a
:Bishop's Commission" makes an
"apple-woman" a Deaconess!!!!
F.N.

9002/147 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 1. {arch: 67-}

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid it is impossible for me
to have the pleasure of seeing you this morning -
But I will just sketch a letter to Mr. Hardy
on Lucina being trained -
& either send it you or give it you this
afternoon -

F.

9002/148 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil, JS draft in 45787 ff145-46

May 1 {arch:.67.}

[8:177-78]

My dear Sir Harry

I send you the bare facts of the case for Mr. Hardy. to be put in your own way, of course -

I have not the least faith in that gentleman.

F.N.

Mr. Hardy

It has recently come to my knowledge that a Board of Guardians has sent a woman, whom they were desirous of appointing "as "Accoucheur" (sic) to a Workhouse, - for *one month's* training in her office - after the "Nightingale Fund" had declined to receive her for a less period than *six months*, which we know from experience to be the minimum, essential for training.

Looking at the amount of suffering & probable loss of life which might be entailed, if this precedent were adopted elsewhere, I would beg to suggest whether the Poor Law Board might not prevent much mischief by requiring that *no Midwife be employed by any Board of Guardians, unless her qualifications & certificates have been previously approved by the ~~Board~~ Poor Law Board.*

I should feel disposed to apply this rule to all cases; and its practical operation would be that a better instructed class of woman would gradually be available for the purpose -

9002/149 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

Here is Mr. Pelham Dale's very civil answer -
What shall I do about seeing him? -

The man thinks himself a Flieger, and is a -
goose -

But what shall I do? -
I am the superior Deity of all "Drolesses" &
Droles too -

I was very grateful to you for letting me know the
Division last night -

What are Ministers going to do? -

I heard last week that Hardy, Walpole & Lord J.

Manners would go -

I also heard that Ministers had received a
very disagreeable communications as to
the state of feeling among the "Roughs" in
London - that they had said: - if they could
kill 10 Policemen on Monday, they should
have the Constitution their own way -

Mr. Villiers says: Ministers are not going out
May 3 - 1867 -

F.N.

9002/150 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

May 7/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I see the reign of
Azaleas is beginning.

Now I shall be quite
furious if Hill does
not send me *twice*
a week (while they
last,) a *sheet* of Azaleas,
yellow, white & red,
scarlet & pink - &
not mulct me as
he did last year -

But I don't complain
of your Scarlet Rhododendrons
-they have been splendid
this year - but hardly
any Lilies of the Valley have
I had ever dearest mum
your loving child F.

9002/151 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil; Friday was May 10, army estimates. John Pakington spoke re appeal made him by marquess of Hartington not to move supply vote, of which he had given notice that evening, but postpone until had laid bills in preparation on the table; although of greatest importance that ests shd receive sanction of the House, he had yielded to reps of lord, and postponed, wd give notice that on Monday next wd bring in a bill limiting enlistment in army, and for consolidating and amending acts relating to EI Co and pensions and a reserve bill to form a reserve of the men in the militia to join army in time of war;

May 8 {arch} [1867]

My dear Sir Harry

I think yours is a capital move about
the motion on Friday -

[15:622]

I do not imagine that any very precise
information is to be had as to the "amount
of the military forces" of Europe.

E.g. Prussia is a standing camp. the
answer would be: -every man fit to bear
arms is a soldier there.

But I imagine that, if Ld Longford
does not answer you explicitly, Ld Stanley
at the For: Off: has the best information.

[end]

9002/152 initialed letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ? 67} May 11

Dearie

If you are wanting to stay in London *merely till Thursday* - would it not do for you to come here?

There is the Dining room, the back Drawing-room (which has a bed in it) & the bed-room over mine - and there is the *vacarme* of Dr. Sutherland in the large Drawingroom as an agreeable neighbour to the inhabitant of this back, "*Honi soit qui mal y pense*".

I shall be ready for the carriage at "3.30" - if that is the hour proposed. And I don't know, after all,

that it would hurt me, IF I DON'T TALK, to go with you - And it would be a great pleasure.

Except that every change we have had among **[6:427-28]** Ministers has been from bad to worse, I should be rather glad to get rid of Hardy at the P.L. {written upside down in another hand:} Miss Nightingale Board. We might then have some chance of getting *back Mr. Farnall - to London -*
F.N.

9002/153 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {written sideways}

{printed address:} 35 South Street, **[3:473] [8:180]**
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you lay your hand, without any trouble upon that letter of mine to you *for the Bishop of London?* - & return it to me? -

After all, I think I shall have to write to him (through you) -

[If I can't get my Act of Parlt= through (this Session) to prevent all clerical gentlemen from interfering at all in administration, *I must.*] **[3:473]**

I suppose you have not seen Mr. Bowman yet - It may be that the obnoxious Clause (about the triple Pope?) is not passed. It is, of
ever yours course, *the Committees'*
May 15- 67 - F.N. P.T.O.

Report, (not any private "views" of Mr. Bowman's)
that I want to see, if I am to do any good
by suggesting.

It is as useless for me to suggest my own
views as to ~~know~~ ask for Mr. Bowman's -
Mr. Bowman's letter to you seems to me such a mistake
altogether. If one of the Sisterhood had
asked me for a "scheme", it would have been very
absurd of me to have given it.

So it seems to me very absurd of Mr. Bowman, as
one of the Council, to ask me for a scheme -

I have nothing to do except with the *Head* of the Sisterhood
on the one hand, & the *Committee's* Report on the other.

9002/154 signed letter, 1f, pencil

May 20. {arch: 1867}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I assure you your
"secular" playing is a very
great pleasure to me.
and I could hear it very
well - & even your song -
And I am very grateful
for such a pleasure.

I am afraid I must
wait till I am a little
better before I can be in
the same room with the
"august".

Many thanks for your
bound copy of the
Merchant Seamen.

Yours gratefully
F. Nightingale

I hope you will come &
luncheon here with Sir
Harry as often as is
convenient. You see: -
that is one word for you
& two for *myself* -

9002/155 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 26/67
35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I cannot tell you how
charmed I was with my
birth-day present - nor
how gorgeous it looked -
the Laburnums & Azaleas
crowning a beautiful vase
Mrs. Sutherland had given
me -

Those flame-coloured
Azaleas are so beautiful -
when the sun shines upon
them, they are the colour
of Guido's Glories round
the heads of his Saints.

But there is no evidence
that there *is* a Sun. On
Wednesday we had a fall

of snow which lasted
half an hour. And
every plant on my
balcony that could be
cut off has been cut off
by the nightly frost.
the North East wind is
dreadful.

I was so thankful too for
your birth-day letter.
I meant to have written,
but I was so ill on my
birth-day & have been
ever since - & so busy.
I was very, very sorry to
hear of the excellent
Capt. Field's death. And

I will write to poor Mrs. Field.
But I have no strength
even for my poor widows.
I have not written even
to Mrs. Dawes yet - tho'
I daily feel, what a loss
he is ! - (Dean Dawes.)
You have not fulfilled your
promise of sending me
Azaleas a sheet of Azaleas - *twice a week*
while they last
Before my last Thursday's
flowers came, I had not
a flower left.
Now that Parthe's laburnum
is gone over to More
O'Ferrall, I have no
right to look at it.

Besides, it is nothing but
 a brown mass.
 So are my Azaleas at the
 end of 3 days -
 I was greatly delighted with
 my beautiful new coat
 on my birth-day - & with
 my three new neckerchiefs,
 which I wanted very
 much -
 I think I had better have
 a second new coat,
 made at Pepper's -
 Please tell Mrs. Webb.
 "The horse-leech had no
 daughters" &c &c &c
 ever dearest mum
 Your loving child
 F.

9002/156 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

May 29/67

Dear Papa

You have had two
 cheques from me for the
 washing - viz -
 1866 March 24 £20
 " November 30 40
 £60

From February 26 1866
 (when you undertook our washing)
 to November 26 1866
 (9 months)
 our washing amounted to
 £41. 2. 10 ½
 You had therefore in hand
 Nov 30 £18.17. 1 ½

Our account therefore stands: -

1866				
Ch.	Mar 24	£20	0.	0
	Nov 30	40	0.	0
		£60	0.	0

Washing

from	Feb 26}			
to	Nov 26}	£41.	2.	10 ½
In hand}		£18.	17.	1 ½
	Nov 26}			

This is just 6 months ago.

If the washing books
are sent up to me,
I should like to
settle them - & advance
farther monies please.
They ought to be sent up
to me regularly at the
quarters, Christmas,
Lady Day, Michaelmas,
Midsummer,

in order that we should
never have a long
account unsettled.
[two lines scribbled over struck out]
F.N.

9002/157 initialed letter, 1f, pen [6:628]

May 31/67
35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear

The place for poor Miss
Easthed is: -
The London Surgical Home
for Diseases of Women
16 Stanley Terrace
Notting Hill
W.

It is founded on the same
principle as Harley St. -
part subscription, *part*
PAY. But it is exclusively
for *Surgical* cases peculiar
to women. Baker Brown,
who is the Senior Surgeon,
has achieved an immense
reputation by his Ovariotomy

operations in this Institution
-the most dangerous
operation going - & on
which he has had the
smallest mortality ever
known - which I attribute
to the better air, fewer
numbers & less overcrowding
than exists in Hospitals.
If unfortunately there should
be no room, - then, for mere
delicacy of feeling, I would
prefer King's College Hospital
to any private Institution.
But it is badly situated -
and collections of bad cases
in a bad atmosphere are
always dangerous -even
under such first-rate Nursing.
3-Lastly I would ever yours
go to St. Thomas'. F.N.
For ovariectomy,
they fit up a private room for the
poorest beggar-woman [end 6:628]

9002/158 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

My dear Sir Harry

I am afraid I must keep to my old
written rule never to see any one after
5 o'clock, not even you - Otherwise I
shall not last out another week -

If I had a maid who was worth
two-pence, she would not have given
you the trouble of coming back -

I saw Mr. Villiers for two hours
yesterday -

If you are going to see Mr. Hardy,
{printed address: vertical} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

I should like, if he could let you know
what he is going to do - but not
that he should know that I have
told you he has written to me -
Aunt Mai (Mrs. S. Smith) is gone to Embley
to find out
what Mama is going to do
about moving -
How long do you stay in town?

9002/159 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

at all this year - a heavy
burden upon me - (arch: ? May 1867}
I don't quite understand your
exclamation "glorious
uncertainty of taste" with
regard to leading articles.
Whether leading articles
speak the truth or not,
whether they are anything
but an exponent of the
Mrs. Grundy, the clever
Mrs. Grundy of the day, -
(What am I saying? -
of the *hour*;) is not
a matter of "taste", is it?
[It is by no means unusual
for two leading articles of
two successive days to
contradict each other}
Still, for people who have
time & thought to spare,

I can easily understand
the reading of leading
articles to be *suggestive*
NOT "instructive" - [I have
neither] But the worst
Hygienic exercise for
the minds of either youth
or age I conceive to be: -
the constant reading of
leading articles by way
of determining opinion.
They are simply the opinion
of the floating talky-talky
of the hour of an ignorant
majority.

Many thanks for the game.
But the horse-leech
hath four daughters, who
are continually saying,
Give, give!

in great haste
ever dear Pa
your loving child
F.

M. Mohl went last night.

I could not see him (on
account of my businesses)
so often as I could have
wished. Still I enjoyed him much.

Mrs. Herbert was here
last Saturday. Her
visits always tear me
to pieces. But she
appeared calmer than
usual. She takes the
eldest boy to Algeria
next week. "O insupportable
& touching loss!" I say daily
of her husband, still -

F.N.

[8:696]

9002/160 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil, bundle 371

Saturday {arch: May '70}
35 South Street [printed address:]
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear

I send "by desire" the
Orvieto Turner by Monday's box.
Please return its portfolio -
Please not to judge of it
without the mount - I should
not have known it myself
again without its mount -
And I don't think Colnaghi
would have sent me a bad
impression -

Please let me have a
second Edition of *Azaleas*
& *Strawberries* on Monday -

Revd. Mother mends, but so
slowly - However, I am in hopes
it is the E. wind - I have
never known such a May,

(we have had two orange fogs)
tho' I must have lived near
20 Mays in London -
And I am in hopes that
June & Manning may
revive her - as we have
deposed S. Gonzaga to
conciliate him -

I wish you could make
Sir H. understand how
more than sorry I am
not to make this house
his & yours. I said nothing
to *him*, because it would
look like a mere get-off -
But I get more & more
incapable of keeping even

myself alive - And I have
the most feeble, incapable
creature (Delany) thrown
upon me to manage for
instead of managing. It
is not so much deficiency
in service which she
might learn, as deficiency
in everything - in common
decency, tidiness, cleanliness.

[She is always doing her
hair in my presence.]

You can say to a woman:
don't put my cap on a
chair & the *po* atop of it
- which is what she did -
But you can't teach a
woman of 52 - A floor's
a floor - & not a table -
a window's a window &

a book-case a book-case.

More fool I for taking her.
I thought of asking Helen
Richardson to speak to her.
But I really don't know
what she could say - It is
utter incapacity - *And* her
personal filthiness!!!!

[N.B.

She has ruined my bed by
bringing the cat to be
confined upon it *on purpose*].

And she thinks herself a model of a
"gentlewoman conducting my household."

Yes: I liked 'Forest Life' very
much

I do trust Mama is not
much the worse -
ever your
F.

9002/161 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen {arch: June 1867?]

snowy London

2.

Certainly - I "wish to have"
you "at my house",
as you call it, (I call
it, at *your* house)
on the "three last
days of June."

3.

With regard to myself,
it is impossible for
me to say any thing.
It was said that
Parlt would sit
till after the second
week of August.
It is now said that
the Reform Bill is
getting on so well

that it will be up early -
which means, I suppose,
the 31st of July.

I should think Mama
would find August
very disagreeable even
at 32 S. St.

I think London disagreeable
now. It is close, it
is windy - it is cold,
it is dusty, it is snowy,
it is one black cloud.
But, having no kind of
plan for myself, I do
not profess to advise.
I have not a *rag* of a
flower left - all those
sent last Thursday

being long since dead
& buried.

ever dear Pa
Your loving child
F.

9002/162 initialed letter, 1f, pen

June 10/67
35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Papa

Mama has written to me
for money for the washing -
I now send you an order
for £40 -
[You have now had £100 in all.]
I am afraid you took no
notice of my request
to send up the Washing
Books, which I have
not now seen since
last December - and
which I ought to see
before I pay.

Please be careful to let

me see them now - & at
least once every quarter=
day - when I will
always send an Average
Quarter in advance -
And please save me the
trouble (great to me)
of writing twice for any
thing.

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

F.

{in another hand;} Recd from WEN £40 00
sent by F.N. for her
washing June 13/67

Embley

9002/163 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

June 12/67

35 South Street {printed address:}

Park Lane,

London. W.

Dear Pa

I sent you a cheque to
your Order for £40 on
Monday - I feel rather
uneasy at having so large
a sum unacknowledged -

The 5th Vol of Montalembert's
Moines de l'Occident I think
you would find very
interesting - He gives the
monks who converted England
to Christianity all the credit
of initiating Agriculture,

[3:380]

learning, municipal Institutions,
& of leaving the robust
Anglo-Saxon character intact.

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

To whomsoever it may concern
Flowers in F.N.'s room
one half dead Agapanthus
 smelling like an onion -
one half dead stock
 smelling like a stock -
two dirty white Rhododendrons
 with all the flowers off
 or hanging by their long stalks
3 or 4 Kalmias
not the ghost of an Azalea
a mass of half dead common
 ferns -

9002/164 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 21 June 1867} [8:789]

Dearest mum

I send you poor Mrs. Dawes' letter
which I think a very touching one indeed.
You know that he made it a principle to
spend all his revenue on the Schools &
places - he did not even insure his life -
And she is left with only £100 a year,
supported by that rich Miss Guthrie, her
mother's step-daughter, to whom Dean Dawes
gave a home for many years. It is evident
that all poor Mrs Dawes' thought is to
avert any shade at all from his memory.
& to shew that it was done with her freeest will.

Please return me her note. Perhaps his
friends at Embley, Kneller & Co., may like
to hear of her.

I said in my letter to her how much I felt
that my ten years' illness & business had
entirely cut me off from the last ten years
of his life. And it is to this she alludes
in the last part. I did not even write
to him when he was ill.

I believe it is quite true what she says that
no one knew half the good he did & was
doing.

 ever dearest mum
June 21/67 your loving child
 F.

9002/165 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

June 26/67

35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W

Dearest mum

I should very much like
to have Capt. Field's photograph.

I am very sorry not to
have Papa till Saturday -
& still more sorry for the
cause -

ever dearest mum
Your loving child
f.

9002/166 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

June 26/67

35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W..

Dearest mum

I shall return the
Washing book by next box,
for which many thanks,
as for all favours,
Washing favours & all.
You have now had Cheques
to the amount of £100
from me -- so that you are
in hand: - £26. 8. 6 ½
I hope that, from henceforth,
the Book will be sent me
at least once a quarter,
as it is quite too much
for me to have to do

a nine months or a six
months account - I who
never let my bills run
beyond the week or month.

The weather here is
beyond anything bad -
North East wind - dense
cloud.

I subjoin the account/
ever dearest mum

Your loving child
F.

A thousand thanks for
the dressing gown & neckerchiefs

	<i>Washing</i>			
February 26	}			
to	1866}	£41.	2	10 ½
November 24	}			
November 24 1866	}			
to		£32.	8.	7
June 10, 1867	<u> </u>	£73.	11.	5 ½
{Three cheques	£100			
{March 24}				
{Nov 30 }	1866}	73.	11.	5 ½
{June 10 1867	<u> </u>			
In hand		£26.	8.	6 ½
June 10/67				

F.N.

9002/167 initialed letter, 1f, pen [6:433]

35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dr. Anstie

My dear Sir Harry

This is the best of all the
Workhouse reformers -

I don't think Ld Carnarvon
has behaved well to us -.

Neither do I think he has
carried out his promise to
you

At the same time I shall
be quite prepared to defer to
your & Ld Carnarvon's opinion
If it is: -

that we are now in the
dregs of politics -

that for the next 2
months, people will think

only of getting thro' the
Session
& for the subsequent 4
Months

of getting thro' the Election
that therefore it is vain to do
anything now -

F.N.

9002/168 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Sunday

My dear Sir Harry

A friend of mine (Mr. Rathbone, who wishes to keep his name private) sent me the enclosed, (to criticize.)

It is the first 4 sheets of what, I believe, is to form a series of Articles in Macmillan's.

It appears to me so remarkably good that I send it to you, if you like to look it over -

I believe I must have it back, tomorrow, please - F.N.

9002/169 initialled letter, 4ff, pen [1:185-86]

July 9/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

I hope you know that
I mean to come to you,
wherever you are, please
God, for the two months
immediately following the
breaking up of Parliament.
This is the only time I
could answer for. [What
day Parlt will break up
no one knows - but I think
they think it won't be
much later than usual.]
I don't think I shall
have more than 2 months,
if so much, this year.

We are so worn by this
 Indian business - or rather
 Sir. J. Lawrence & Sir B.
 Frere and I are so worn,
 because *nobody* else *is*.
And, unless we get something
 done during Sir J. Lawrence's
 reign, which has only 18
 months more to run,
 nothing will be done.
So that I should not leave
 London at all for more
 than 6 or 8 weeks, for
 fear of losing my opportunity.
The Queen of Prussia was here
 on Saturday, as I dare say you

know. I liked her - much
better than I expected.
I don't think the mixture
of pietism & absolutism
of the Court of Prussia much
better than that of the
Court of Rome.
But nothing could be better
than what I saw of her.
She came quite alone,
(leaving good-natured Lady
Ely down-stairs). She did
her business & went away
again - leaving me much
less tired than I am with
the most ordinary visit.
[I received her in bed.]
She brought me too a very
kind message from our
Queen, of whose great
difficulties she spoke in
a few feeling expressive
 Words.

My acquaintance with Queens
& Princesses is not large, - but
at least it is as large as with
the wives of Cabinet Ministers -

And I have never seen a
Royal lady who was not as
superior - for her interest
in great objects - & for her
power of going *correctly* to
the root & reason of a thing
- to any other lady - as a
person who can read is to
a person who can't read.

As for ~~the~~ our Queens' two eldest
daughters, they are superior
to any girls I know of any
class or country. The Princess
Royal has genius, & Princess
Alice has not. But both
are interested & really versed
in things of administration

& ~~speculative~~ moral philosophy, in
which the wilful ignorance
of most young women
makes one's hair stand on
end. And the Gd Duchess
of Baden, who is the Q. of
Prussia's daughter, writes me
letters (she is, I believe, not
yet 27) which I am sure
I wish any administrator
we had in the Crimean War
could have written.

I thought the Q. of Prussia
looked old, harassed, worn -
(she is 56) And no wonder,
if what is said is true, viz.
that the death of Maximilian
has shaken the Emperor
Napoleon on his throne
more than anything else
could have done - & that

no one knows what may be
the consequence to his Dynasty.
The confidence in his
infallibility is gone. It is
said that, if Max: had
only returned to Europe,
any tale might have been
made up to satisfy the
French peasantry - But
the fact of his having been
shot is fatal.

The Q. of Prussia went to Paris
to-day.

She desired me to make a
collection of my books for
her, which I have done -
tho' not half - because it is too
expensive.

As you asked me, dearest mum,

to make you out a list of my
little "Works," with the
publishers, I am making
a collection for you -
But you must not give them
away, when made, as I do.
I never have a copy of
any of my books *by me*,
tho' I am sure I spend
not less than £20 a year
in ~~giving~~ replacing copies
which I have given away.
And people, even when they
only borrow them, never
return them.

I am quite ruined, especially
by New South Wales & the
United States.

I say nothing about Uncle
Sam, because I only trust
that all cause for
anxiety about him is over.

But I do most seriously think
that absolute rest & ease
are most important - And
that, if these can be had at
Embley better than elsewhere,
he should stay there for some
weeks.

I am afraid I shall not have
time to write to Papa - my
hands are more than full.
Perhaps you would send
him this -
ever dearest mum
your loving child
F.

9002/170 signed letter, 1f, pencil

July 20/67
35 South Street {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I saw Sir Harry this
morning for 10 minutes
on his way to Claydon.

I am sorry to say he
grazed his shin at Ryde
& was rather lame - I
was very anxious he
should see Paget on
his way to the rail - And
he promised he would -
(As a shin is a delicate matter)
yours sincerely
F. Nightingale

9002/17 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Aug 6/67

Dearest mum

I am so overwhelmed with business that I know not what it is to do anything but choose *which* is most urgent to do first.

I am afraid I must forego the great pleasure of seeing you to-day -

As for having a "quiet day", I have not known what it is to have *that*, since I went to Harley St. [And that is 14 years ago this very week -]

ever dearest mum your loving child

F.

9002/172 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil [3:273-74]

Nuns 24/8/67

My dear Sir Harry

I have been so occupied that I have not been able even to tell you why I did not send your kind letter to the "Times".

They (Manning & Co.) are so crafty that they will always turn one's flank.

They would answer: -
"We are not going to turn out the Crimean Nuns. We are going to make the charity more efficient We are going to divide the Hospital into two - leaving men & boys under the Crimean nuns & putting women & girls under the French nuns."

I have tried in vain to alter
your wording by a word or two
in order to put the thing so
that it cannot be contradicted.

At one time I thought of
asking you to consult Sir G.
Bowyer. But, you see, he
does not speak the truth,
any more than the others.

He wrote me 3 letters,
asking me to collect
subscriptions, as if the
Hospital were to be
re-opened on its old
footing!!!!

Of course we know that it
is utterly impossible to
support two R.C. Hospitals,

instead of one -

that Manning *has*
turned away & *will* turn
away the subscriptions
from the Crimean nuns -

& that his object is to
centralize the subscriptions
in the hands of the
ultramontane nuns, *without*
appearing to "turn out" ours.

But I don't know how to
tell this story in a newspaper,
in such a way as that
Manning would not come
out of it triumphantly.
That is the worst of having
no better counsellor than
Sir G. Bowyer.
A great wrong has been
done to the poor (by

closing the *Hospital*) A great wrong has been done to the Crimean nuns by depriving them of their occupation -

[And I believe a great wrong has been done to Sir G. B.] But Manning is aware that he cannot ~~turn~~ legally turn the nuns out of their *Convent* & will say he has no intention of doing so. He wants to persuade them to ask to be sent away to Walthamstow ("to beg" (sic) i.e. -to live on begging-!)

ever yours

F.N.

I am very sorry to sacrifice your letter. Perhaps one might still be written. I do not know the {along side of page} exact present position.

[end 3:274]

9002/173 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Messrs Burge 24/8/67

My dear Sir Harry

I received the enclosed two letters from Messrs Burge & Western & have filled up & sent in my Return accordingly -

Please return them to me

F.N.

9002/174 copy of signed letter, 1f, handwritten in pencil, bundle 144

35 South Street,
Park Lane W.
London. W.

August 29/67

Dear Mr. Rawlinson.

This is only one line to wish you
God speed on your journey - & to say how glad I am
that you are going to have a little change & how I hope
tha it will refresh you & let you up. I trust that
it is only because you a little ailing that you are
dispirited about yourself. We cannot spare you
yet and you must come back quite well to work
for the great cause for which you have worked so
valiantly. Here am I who have been for 10
years an Invalid this very month - always told by
the Doctors that I had not 6 months to live - x for
these last 3 years a prisoner entirely to my couch
and yet I am able to do as much work as ever -
And altho' I will not deny that I shall be very
glad when the time comes to lay down the weary
load yet I am indeed unceasingly thankful
that God still has work for me to do for Him &
enables me to do it - tho' He has taken away so
many of my best friends. We are so very
busy this year that I think I shall not be able
to get away even for a few weeks to Hampstead as
I used.

I will now only thank you for your Aire
& Calder report - which I should have done
yesterday but that it was impossible for me to write.

That God may bless you and spare you yet
for many years is the earnest prayer of yours
most sincerely

Florence Nightingale

Pray remember me kindly to Mrs. Rawlinson.
I trust that she is well -

9002/175 note, 1f, pencil {arch: August 1869?} [5:473]

*Gladstone's Article on Ecce Homo in
Good Words*

it shows him quite hopeless & helpless
in matters of theology - He is utterly
devoid of the critical faculty;
yet he has a sense that there
ought to be criticism - He has
the greatest power of living in
words & formulas of any able
man of the day.

9002/176 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept. 8/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Papa

Many thanks for you
posy & your Lycidas.

I don't quite give up
coming to Lea Hurst. It is
after this wise: -

our Indian affairs which
have been looking as black
as thunder for the last
year, are likely to be
restored by Sir Bartle
Frere, who has taken up
my things almost as
Sidney Herbert did 10½
years ago. It seems to me

almost as if I were beginning
all things anew from the
beginning, as I had to do
when I came back from
Scutari & had to organize
the Royal Commission.
But Sir *Fabius* Frere is
unus qui nobis cunctando restituit rem
[You see I don't forget my
Virgil, when, thanks to you,
just 30 years ago I learnt by heart
the 6th(?) book. and sure
I am I have never opened
it since.]

I am very thick in
correspondence with Sir John

Lawrence just now. It is all
about this Public Health
Service which I want to
establish. What we want is
an Executive machinery
in India to do it - and
a Controlling machinery
at the India Office to
know that it is being done.
Sir B. Frere, in whom all
my hope resides (at this
end), is coming this week
to tell me whether he thinks
that now or a few weeks
later would be a better
time to settle the home
Committee, of which he is
to be the head as I
settled with Sir S. Northcote.

You will understand that

all this is quite private at present.

The Emperor Theodorus is much against us.

I have felt at this time what a very great boon you have given me in giving me a house of your own.

For me to have had to turn out at this time (as I had out of Cleveland Row at precisely a similar crisis of our things) would have been all but destruction - I think my moving now with all my papers is much like the exodus actually

9002/177 initialled letter, 1f, pencil [3:384-85]

Sept 16/67

Dear Papa

I hope you read the long & admirable (literary) Article in the "Times" of *Friday* on Seeböhm's "Oxford Reformers of 1498" - Every word of it, changing the names, would do for the present day.

I think I shall say to Mr. Jowett, as Sir Thomas More did to Colet, "Your school (the "heretical Greek") is the wooden horse "pregnant with a brood of armed Greeks "for the overthrow of our barbarian Troy" How mean, how poor, the Commission on Ritualism, shows beside such works as Colet's & Erasmus' & Jowett's - ever your

I never read the F. "Times", leading Articles - But I think its book Articles capital.

I have read a good deal of Seeböhm - most interesting [end 3:385]

9002/178 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sept. 16/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Sir Harry

I ought to have told you
before what I did with your
letter about Abyssinia & Mr. F. Hearn.

All the Commissary work
belonging to the other side Suez
is done *not* from here but
from India.

The mule-work *is* done
by the Military Train belonging
to the War Office. And the
Col. C. Kennedy whom I
mentioned to you is the
Commandant.

But *your* man wants to
be employed on the
Commissariat.

I therefore gave the letter
(the same day I received it)
to Sir B. Frere, to send
to his friend who commands
the Commissariat at the
India end, a Colonel -
But I asked Sir B. Frere
at the same time to
enquire at the India Office
whether anything could be
done for him at this end

to send him to Abyssinia.

I hear (& believe) the most terrible accounts of our state of preparation or no-preparation at this end -

Better have bought off the captives at any loss of honour.

The whole Expedition may possibly perish.

Many thanks for your beautiful flowers -

2. I don't know whether you [6:532] wanted me to enter into the Moule question. You know

we entirely repudiate *all* the *dry-earth* systems.

After 30 years; trial, they are giving up them every where -

In India the Gaol Mortality produced by them is so frightful that they dare not publish it, for fear of its producing the same out-cry as the Prison famine in England -

And we have now good hopes of introducing water systems all over India. the Leamington Conference was all a hoax.

The "Times" is quite deluded -
ever yours

F.N.

9002/179 initialed letter, 4ff, pen [6:534-36]

Sept. 21/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have consulted some
of our "Bigs" (as I once
heard our Dragoman in
Egypt call the "*great men*
of a country) about your
Dry earth question.

To establish a fair
understanding, one must
always admit this: -

these Moule people have looked
upon the question only on
the side of villages -

we have looked at it
too much on the side of
towns only.

they have tried to force
it upon us ~~in~~ for our towns,
(which is absolute insanity) -

we have perhaps disregarded
too much what may be
said on the side of villages.

For cottages in the country,
unquestionably any thing is
better than the prevailing
management of latrines.

The dry earth system is
probably the cheapest and
with great care can be made
efficient.

[But - with great care only]
People who go to inspect
Baron Rothschild's estate
forget 3 things: -

1. that they see it only when
care is exercised & not
when it is not.

2. that the absence of smell is
not absence of danger
3. that attacks of fever have
been undoubtedly traced to
the dry earth system.

Not a week passes that the
question is not brought up
before us - And we
always answer, *except* in
the case of *towns*; - Try it.

When I asked the question
for you, they said: - Let
Sir Harry Verney try it in
his cottages.

Last week the question
came up before us, with
regard to a Prison at
Aldershot, which has
neither water=supply nor
drainage. We, the
English members, said: -
Try it. The Indian members,

like burnt children, said,
Certainly not. It was
settled that we should
ask the Moule people
for an estimate. And,
unless it turns out, as
we expect, that their
estimate will be higher
(in cost) than it would be
to have water=drainage,
we shall certainly try it.
One thing against the water=
drainers we must
undoubtedly admit: -
that they have never thought
sufficiently what to do
with the sewage -
There are two questions: -
1. facility
2. cost -

The first embraces the ~~fact~~ consideration that
all these things should be
managed so that as much as
possible they shall manage
themselves. Now the dry
earth system can never do
this.

Many cottages have been drained
& so well done as to avoid
the inevitable annoyance
of the dry earth system,
if not *constantly* attended
to.

Then we must not forget that
there is nothing new in it, -
that the same system, using
dry ashes instead of earth,
has made the unhealthiest
towns in England - (Manchester
& Liverpool, e.g.)

It may be said that with
due care the admitted evils,
which exist there, can be
avoided. But then
comes in the second question
of cost - when such methods

especially are applied to towns.

We have an estimate for Madras which shows that to apply the dry earth System to Madras City would cost nearly as much as to execute the gigantic sewer works for the whole of London.

Besides, it is known that the dry earth system only removes 1/200th part of the sewage of a town - & that it makes no provision for the rest.

However, I believe your question more particularly applies to the utilization of sewage of country cottages.

Upon this, I should like to show you the Aire &

Calder Report, just out -
& the beautiful results of
applying liquid manure.

[The present crop of Moule asses
will ere long come round
to liquid manure. And then
we shall have another crop
of asses proposing something
else.]

For this regards the value of
dry earth manure. We
must bear in mind that
no plant can live on any
but liquid manure. If you
put in any other kind,
you must wait for rain to
dilute it. But, with sewage
water, you have a manure
all ready made for the plant -
And if you will refer to
Third Report. Vol I., 1867,
of the "Rivers Commission",
p.p.lix,lx, you will find

the annual value of produce
(from experience) with sewer
water put down at from
£100 to £200 per acre.

Dry manure never did this, I
believe.

== [The above Report is
presented to Parliament.
And the Aire & Calder
Report, mentioned above,
is part of it.]

I ate one of your partridges
with cabbage, which served
me for Saturday's & Sunday's
dinners, & enjoyed it very
much. thanks to you -

ever yours

F.N.

{printed address, upside down}
35 South Street,
Park Lane W.
London. W.

9002/180 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Sept.22/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear

I think it is only right to you to say what I do not feel to be of immediate importance but what has pressed upon me for some time - that Sir Harry is not looking well - & not ~~speaking~~ toned as if he were well - & that he wants a regular home & regular wife very much.

I write this with great reluctance, having the greatest horror of doing harm by interfering - with so much reluctance indeed that

I should not have written at all, had not several people in whose judgment I have confidence told me the same thing. One said, (in exactly the words that I should have used myself, but did not) - he wants a constant home, in his kind of health - & some one constantly to take care of him.

[Mme Mohl said of Hilary - "You can't say that she is the most unselfish person you ever saw - for

she has no selfishness at
all'.]

So I say of Sir Harry. Therefore,

~~But~~, as he takes *no* care
of himself, he wants the more
some one to take care
of *him*. always.

Sir Harry has never spoken
to me of his health.

Nor I to him. And of
course you will not
let him know that I
have written this.

Please not to answer this.

ever yours

F.N.

One person said to me: -
"he is looking very ill."

9002/181 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Oct 29/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have been pressed with business to that degree latterly that I am sure you will excuse my not having written to you as to what I have done about the Queen of Holland - & still more I need excuse as to the manner in which I have done it.

I found that the Q. of Holland had talked to M. Mohl (very much interested) in your visit to her) about it (your visit) & also about any thing I might have written of a religious nature - that M. Mohl told her at once *she could not see it* -

I therefore took the liberty not only of writing to M. Mohl

for his advice about my own
part of ~~it~~ the matter (I entirely concur
with M. Mohl in his
opinion) but of enclosing
your letter to him - And
he writes me word that he
has no hesitation in what he
thinks right & wise & that he has not
given her your letter -
that he will (if I will "allow"
him) "write" to you & "give
~~h~~-you his reasons for
doing so" - that you are
so "kind & reasonable" you
"will not be very angry with"
him - that "at any rate
he wishes to be responsible
for what he is doing."

Unless I hear to the contrary
from ~~him~~ you, I shall
consider the matter as
closed

Sir B. Frere was so very
much pleased by his visit
to Claydon -
in great haste
ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9002/182 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

2 Nov./67

Derby Infy 35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.

London. W.

[16:717-18]

Dear Papa

It was exactly because Mr. Wright did not hold the views expressed in Lord Belper's letter that the Hospital plans have succeeded.

And there is no doubt that all the people who have been defeated consider the plans "very bad."

I am extremely sorry to lose Lord Belper as a valuable ally & still more sorry for the exhibition of temper he has made.

I understand (*not* from the Wright faction) that he, Ld. B., has been "very savage".

& that Mr. Wright has acted
somewhat "without
judgment." And it is
just because Mr. Wright has
acted "without judgment" - (i.e.
"without" Ld Belper's "judgment")
that he has carried the day
for the best Hospital
improvements that could be
effected under the circumstances.

As to the plans being
"rash & ill=considered", probably
no plans were ever so well
"considered" before. There are
perhaps scarcely 20 people
in England who have studied
the elements of Hospital
construction - (and of these
certainly Ld Belper is not
one) - and all who knew
anything about it were

consulted.

I believe however that it is not the "Nightingale Wing", as you suppose, which Ld Belper condemns - but the plan to interfere with the old part of the building [which is so insanitary (for sick) that we, after *much* "consideration", told the Wright faction that they would really find it better & cheaper to sell the building & build elsewhere a new Hospital.]

This is *not* to be done. But it appears that the old ventilation in the old building (which is to be gutted) was planned by Ld Belper's father who put an old man in charge of it

who is dead - since which
it has entirely failed. This
was told me by a friend
of Ld B.'s, *not* of Mr. Wright's,
as the cause of his, Ld B.'s,
ire. We are not to interfere he thinks
with this sacred plan, which has failed.
However, whatever it is (and
all sorts of pamphlets
have been issued about it)
I have nothing to do with the
quarrel -[And I think,
perhaps presumptuously,
that I might have prevented
it.] From the very first I
told Mr. Wright that I would
consider all plans of Hospital
construction, as all plans of
Hospital Administration &
Nursing - but that I never
would canvass for any, least
of all in my own county. or be
made a tool for agitation
{closing & initial partly cut off}

[end 16:718]

9002/183 incomplete letter, 2ff, pen

9 Nov. /67
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Papa

I should be glad of some
answer, please, as to whether
I may expect a hamper
of purchased meats & goods
every week from you -
as the four months from
November 1 to February 28
are probably the only
months cold enough for
this - and November is
nearly half gone already.

If it is not convenient
to you to supply me, I
should go elsewhere. For
I find half London is

doing what I propose to do -
viz. bringing the
London tradesmen to
their senses by using country
tradesmen - & saving, after
carriage has been allowed for,
at least 25 per cent.

My own feeling is so
strong about the wickedness
of letting prices go anyhow
& wasting perhaps £50
a year, when there are
100,000 uneducated children
on the streets, that, helpless
as I am, I am continually
doing what I can with the
tradesmen. And I cut off
a chicken a week off my

own consumption for the sake
of putting a boy on the
Chichester Training=ship
which costs only £15 a year.

I have been paying /10d for
beef & /9½d for mutton, and
10/s a couple for fowls -
and even this is not so
bad as my neighbours -
And all I have been able
to get taken off, after a
course of correspondence to
which I am quite unequal,
is - 0 for beef

½ " mutton [ditto]

1/s " couple of fowls [ditto]

I wrote again to my butcher
& received this answer,
which please return to me,
as it is quite a curiosity.

I shall enjoy answering
this man by taking off
half my custom from him.]
I propose therefore to
have from you weekly
(by the Tuesday's opportunity)
as I said before a
hamper with

1 leg mutton

1 joint pork

(loin or leg or occasional
saddle)

1 fat fowl

(chine, bacon, pig's face &c sausages &c

occasionally)

at your market price.

But I ~~sh~~ would to go farther,
if I could have an answer
from you -

If I found that we could
keep well a week's
consumption of meat,

9002/184 initialled letter, 2ff, pen

12 Nov. /67
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Nothing, I think, can be better worded or more comprehensive than this Notice. The only question is, how the Ho: will take it. And this, you know much better than I. Before putting it on the paper, I should certainly see Lord Stanley & probably others about it.

The Govt= have agreed, at Sir R. Murchison's suggestion, to send out Scientific Men with the Expedition. Still an archaeologist may be wanted too.

But I would take care to learn all this, if I were putting such a Notice forward.

N.B. I have often talked with German Egyptologists on the subject of Abyssinian antiquities - (men of more precise notions than dear old Bunsen.) There is but little to be had - nothing prior to Christianity - tho' Christian monuments have probably been raised on elder ones - nothing at all of the importance of Egyptian & Nubian antiquities.

I will write to M. Mohl
about your letter to the Q. Of
H.

1000 thanks for flowers &c
in haste
ever yours
F.N.

9002/185 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

13 Nov. /67
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

My dear Capt Verney

I wish so very much to
wish you joy of "Her", &
"Her" of you that, if I had
an atom less business, I
should say, 'si c'est possible
'c'est fait - si c'est impossible,
'cela se fera'. But this week
I am afraid it is more than
'impossible.'

Besides my usual work,
so much more work has
been thrown upon me by
a large Civil Hospital (in

which an unfortunate
resignation has occurred,)
that I am having
business interviews with
people every morning,
& every afternoon this
week -

If it the business turns out shorter than
I expect, I will, (if I may),
write to you - to ask you
But, as I hope that your
happiness will last for
a great many more
weeks, nay for a hundred

and forty and four years,
I shall hope to have
many opportunities of
wishing you & "Her" joy,
as you are so good as
to care for it.

ever yours (& "Hers", if
she will allow me to say so)
F. Nightingale

9002/186 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

16 Nov /67
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Papa

As to prices of meat: -
I send you the quotations from
to-day's Times, which I had
not time to copy for to-day's
post (Saturday): -

"Devizes. Nov 14

Beef. Retail prices	/8d	to	/8 ½d
Mutton	/6d	to	/6¼

"Devonshire Nov 175

Exeter
Totnes
Chudleigh
&c &c

Beef	/7d	to	8½ d per lb
Mutton Legs	/6d	to	6½ " "
" Breasts	/5d	to	5½d " "

"York" Nov. 14

Mutton	/5d	to	6½d " "
Pork pigs	6/s	to	7/s per stone.

The highest price quoted for
legs of mutton in the whole
"Times" is "sixpence halfpenny"
per lb.

I conclude this is also your
market price.

Should your Butcher charge
you more than /8½ d for
sirloin of beef, it would
not be worth my while
to have Beef from him

I should be glad of an
answer as soon as
convenient, please - as
I had some difficulty in

ordering in things this morning, owing to my not having had time to write to you to get an answer as to what I may expect on Tuesday.

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

9002/187 unsigned, incomplete letter, 2ff, pen, probably to FPV

21 Nov /67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

In haste, for London. W.

I really have not time to "bless myself" - as Irish say

I wrote your invitation to

Sir B. Frere. Lady Frere

called. But I did not

see her. Probably they

have written to you -

The only good news I have

I send for Aunt Mai.

Manning's persecution of

the nuns had passed

all bounds. *But Sister*

Gonzaga has been got

back to Bermondsey under

Revd Mother. The relief is quite beyond description.

[Latterly I had been

contributing to buy *food*

for the Ormond St.

Sisters!!]

Of course you will burn this.

I hope to write soon
about other things
& better things.
You know perhaps that
we have been extremely
uneasy about Mrs.
Herbert who had
gone to the W. Indies
for George's health.
Even yet they seem to know
nothing *for certain*
of them.

9002/188 initialed letter, 3ff, pen

21 Nov /67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Papa

I quite understood that
you did not tell me of your
neighbour giving 9½ d. for his
leg of mutton, except as
shewing that people in the
country are just as great
fools as we are in London -
that, with the Times reports
daily staring us in the face,
by which we see that

"beef is	/6	to 1/0	per stone of 8 lbs
mutton is	/8	to 1/4	cheaper
veal	1/	to 2/6	than last year
best pork	1/		

We allow our butchers to
charge the same prices as last
year thereby keeping up the price
of meat -

& putting it wholly out of the
 reach of married
 clerks & married
artizans with incomes of
£100 or £200 a year -
scores of poultry, game &c
being thrown away to rot
every day because
poulterers & butchers wish
to keep up the price - instead
of selling it at cheap prices to the poor -
I see that at Liverpool, where
they do things better -
beef is /4¹/₄d to /6³/₄ per lb
mutton /5 to /7 " "
[I am utterly worn out (for
my cares are more in number
than the hairs of my head)
that I have not even the
spirits to give myself credit
that, overworked & overladen

as I am, I will not allow
myself to be an accomplice
in this thievery.]

I had hopes that you would
have sent me in a Bill
weekly for your Mutton & Pork,
as you do for washing.

As for my "leaving it to
"Mrs. Watson to fix the
"price of your mutton", that
is quite out of the question.

I must therefore look in
the Times weekly & make
out my own Bill against
myself weekly.

[I think this is hard upon
me: I who have not time
to read the most important
intelligence in the Times -
& who cannot speak or
write one unnecessary word.]

However

I see, on the very day that you
announced your neighbours
as paying /9½ for leg of mutton

"Retail Prices: at Romsey.

Mutton /7d

Beef /8

Pork /7

But I see in *Wiltshire*

(probably because Wiltshire does *not* do like your
neighbours)

Mutton

highest price /6½

/6

inferior /5¾

/5½

and at *Worcester*

Mutton legs /6½d to /7d per lb

shoulders /6d

Pork /5½ to /6d per lb

As *I* am to fix the price, I
will give you the highest country price
viz. Mutton /7d Pork /7d

lbs at 7/d per lib.

Leg Mutton	8¼oz	4. 9¾	
" "	9.1		5. 3½
Loin Pork	3¼	1. 10¾	

I enclose a Cheque for £5
(which please acknowledge)

And I will keep this Acct
against myself -

As for the fowl I have had,
I don't know how to
charge it. I am told
that the market price
for fat fowls in London
is 2/6 [I pay 4/6]

I shall set it down as 2/6

s

that is 12

2. 6

£0. 14. 6 Paid

But surely your people
could tell me the price of

a fowl & ½ lb Butter
with you.

I conclude, as you have not
told me the prices (in your
Butcher's book) of Beef
that it is as dear with
you as with me- And
therefore I give up the
Beef -

Mama says: - "the cheaper the
thing, the more we use"

Tell her: we are worse off -
for my London experience is:
the dearer the thing is, the
more we use - My 4 (young/3) maids
ate up 14 lbs of Sirloin of Beef in 2 days!

ever dear Pa

Your loving child

{printed address, upside down:}

35 South Street,

Park Lane W.

London. W. F.

9002/189 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

24 Nov /67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

[13:414]

Dearest mum

Could you let me have
my "Prince Albert" (the last
Vol: (which I paid for) up
by the box? -

I am making up this
week for the Nurses we
are sending out to
Australia with a Lady
Supt, a set of books to
take with them

[Any other books fit for
the purpose which you
would send up would be
thankfully received] -

The Vol: I mean is, I think,
called "The Early Years of
P. Albert" - It has my
name in pencil.

Like poor Lord Metcalfe,
"the want of time makes
me half=mad"

ever dearest mum

Your loving child

F.

[end]

Mrs Nightingale

9002/190 initialed letter, 2ff, pencil

Sunday Nov 24/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

You know perhaps that *my*
"Abyssinian Expedition" *for New*
South Wales sails on Monday
week.

All the party come here this
week (by twos) to tea & to be
talked to by me -

Two come on Tuesday - two
on Wednesday - the Supt on
Thursday - the Assist on Friday.

If Parthe or Emily or both
could come in to the tea on
Tuesday & Wednesday to do
them honour, I should be
very thankful. If Capt. Verney

& Emily would sing them a
hymn, *that would* be perfect.
If you would come & offer a
short prayer for them - - -
(but I don't know whether
you would like it or
whether you have time)
One of the two who comes on
Tuesday is a very religious
woman - But, when her
temper takes her, like one
"possessed with the devil".
I see them one by one up
in my own room. They

come at 3 - They drink tea
in the dining-room - perhaps -
about 4.

I have seen the Supt. (Miss
Osburn) twice already - & hope
she will do well.

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

9002/191 initialed letter, 2ff, pen

Nov. 26 {arch: 67}

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

My dear Sir Harry

About the Nurses to-day &
tomorrow: -

I should like your prayers
better than any one's -

Perhaps you cannot come
to-day at all -

If you could, we would have
that part at any time after
3 you could come -

[Unless Mr. Fremantle
happened to be in your house
at the time, I don't think
the prayers of a Chaplain
they did not know would
have the same effect upon

them -as yours.

It is very undesirable that they should think themselves heroines. For they are in fact going out to far more comfortable & highly paid places than we could secure for them at home - & with a careful provision as to passages, outfit & position there, [which, if one hundredths part of it had been bestowed on our going out to Scutari, would have prevented half our misfortunes]

But - it is most essential

that they should go out in a duty-ful, conscientious, prayerful spirit - (not as if they were going on a Matrimonial speculation) -

I think the prayers of one personally interested in their Training=School would have the most effect upon them -

ever yours gratefully

F.N.

2 come to-day at 3
2 come to-morrow " "

9002/192 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Dec 2/67

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Capt. Verney

I must thank you for the
great kindness of you & yours
to our Nurses -

I saw each of those worthies
separately both before & after
the performances - And I am
sure they each & all of them
went away in a holier &
happier frame of mind, &
with a more earnest
resolution
to undertake their duties, as
"approved unto God."

Two or three of them said
to me that she "should never
forget this day" - And I don't
believe they ever will - I believe

they go to the threshold of a new
life, with something of the
feeling (thanks to you all)
with which we ought to
approach a new life -
Each of them said this to me
after her own fashion -
But the elder of the first two
who is a woman of strong
religious feeling (but with
a temper like "one possessed
with the devil") was
particularly impressed -
I hardly know any ones but you
who would have taken such
pains to give them a great
pleasure and to do them
good.

And I too had the pleasure of
hearing the music-
"Nearer, my God to Thee" and
"If some poor wandering child of
Thine" -

I really have a superstition
against croaking my
blessing on your Promessa
But I hope to-morrow afternoon
I may be a little less hoarse.
I can find no present worthy of
her - Neither have I any
claim to make her any
present at all, except through
you - therefore I would
fain give her the pleasure,

greater than any other, of
a present from you, if you
will appropriate this little
sum to it & thus complete
your kindnesses to your
affectionate old (Aunt?)
Florence Nightingale
who wishes you
every blessing
on your Expedition
into the New Land
from all her heart.

9002/193 signed letter, 2ff, pen

Still=room maids Dec 5/67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dearest mum

I have scarcely time to do
my own business. But, as
Christmas is now within 3
weeks, I must not delay
another day asking you
what you have kindly
determined about your
Still=room maid, Jenny Dowding,
& whether you propose that
she should come to me at
Christmas for (say) 3 months'
trial - to see whether London will
suit her health.

My charwoman leaves me
quite certainly at Christmas.
You understand that Jenny
Dowding will be entirely

under Burch - & not under
Temperance at all.

But, as she, Jenny, will
have certainly as second
housemaid very little to do
here, it would be very
desirable if she could help
a little in the kitchen. But,
as one never knows where
that may stop, when a girl
has no real mistress & is
put under a housemaid &
a cook, each of whom is
as entirely unfitted to be
a guide and housekeeper as I think
almost any one I ever saw,
(tho' invaluable to me -)
I should like to know,
please, exactly what Jenny
Dowding has been in the

habit of doing with you, in order that I may neither raise nor lower her position at first.

I should also like to know about her wages &c. also, whether I may be quite sure that, if London does not suit her health, you will kindly take her back - It would be very desirable if she could do the very little Parlour-maid-ing I have to be done, & so relieve Temperance.

You know I shall scarcely ever see her - not once a month. It would be quite impossible for me to take upon myself one additional anxiety - or the speaking of one extra word. I have already

to do a great many things in managing
& ordering which Walker
always did for me. It
would therefore be quite
impossible for me to pretend
to take care of this poor girl.
And that makes me very
anxious. Had she not
been 4 years with you, I
never should have thought
it right to undertake it.
My charwoman was completely
off ~~th~~ my mind. And that was
the great advantage of her to
me.

In thinking over Jenny Dowding,
please remember a house
where there is no housekeeper
& where the mistress is *always*
in bed - & upstairs -

I shall be glad of an answer
as soon as convenient, dearest
mum - ever your loving child

Florence Nightingale

9002/194 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Burn Dec 14 /67
35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dear Sir Harry

Please read the enclosed -
It is from Dr. Anstie, one of the
Secretaries to the "Workhouse
Reform Association", (and a
far better man than Ernest
Hart, who has, in fact
been muzzled by Hardy,
who is a Charlatan) -
I hear but one voice against
Hardy's Act - viz. that it
will prove a mere vehicle
for jobbery - all which
might have been foreseen
by the simplest common
sense last Session. All

that I then stated to you
has come to pass - in trying
to work the Act - merely. [What
will it be when the Act come in force?]
What I ask you to read Dr.
Anstie's letter for is: -
not about my "writing to the
Times," which I don't think
I ever could make up my
mind to do - but -
to advice me about the
Parliamentary Enquiry
next Session
which he proposes -
Is it feasible? -
Is it desirable? -

It is quite certain that the
Poor Law question has
arrived at such a point
that *something* must be
done, one way or other -
I am in such a state that I
ought not to speak, not
to write, not even to sit up
in bed - for a month at least.
The worry, the insufferable
twaddle of Mr. Bowman & all
the Council of St. John's House,
forcing themselves in here -
[you know that Miss Jones &
all her Sisterhood have
resigned] has been such

that I am almost useless -
In the state I am in now,
I could not possibly undertake
any 'coaching' of M.P.s
for any Poor Law
Parliamentary Enquiry
next Session, such as Dr.
Anstie proposes, however
essential & urgent I
believe it to be -

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9002/195 signed letter, 2ff, pencil

Poor Law Enquiry 17 Dec. /67

35 South Street, {printed address:}

Park Lane W.

London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I was quite unable to write to you sooner.

I have thought most carefully over your kind offer (of Saturday) about Ld Carnarvon & a Parliamentary enquiry -

And my conclusion is this: - perhaps the best course would be for you to see Ld Carnarvon and to talk over with him the "Farnham" case, as affording a ground for a general Parliamentary enquiry into the present administration of the Poor Law, including not only

sick & disabled - but also possibly, in the present alarming state of ever-increasing distress, able-bodied & the means of checking pauperism by supplying work. [The policy, however, of including the distress question in one enquiry can only be judged of by Parliamentary men.] It is possible that Ld Carnarvon might go at once to Ld Devon - that Ld Devon might at once consult his colleagues - &

that they might be too glad
to accede to such an
enquiry.

In that case, I do not see why
I need to be dragged into the
matter at all, which I
would gladly avoid - I mean
that there would be no
occasion then for Ld. Carnarvon
to write to me, & for our
letters to be published in the
"Times" - unless Ld. C - himself
suggested such a course, as necessary
to hasten the Minister's steps -
The first thing seems to me
to be to ascertain how the
land lies, with Ld Carnarvon
& Ld Devon, if you would
kindly do so -
Then, if I could do any good,

I would not shrink from it.

Ld. Carnarvon has a most
trustworthy adviser in Mr.
Farnall, whom he knows &
esteems, (& to whom he
made a promise), which
however, he never kept.) Mr.
Farnall knows more about
the practical working of the
Poor Law than any man in
England.

With many thanks, ever
yours gratefully

F. Nightingale
If you no longer want my
Abyssinian Routes, please let
me have them - But, if you
do, they are more useful in
your hands than mine.

F.N.

9002/196 initialed letter, 2ff, pen {arch:? Dec? 1867}

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane W.
London. W.

Dearest mum

In all my driving life, I
have never been driven
as lately.

I have written to Mrs.
Watson about Bismark, as
enclosed. Perhaps it
will entertain you to read
about the Nurses.

1000 thanks for your
books. The Nurses sailed
on Monday, so that they
were gone before your
kind present arrived.
But I had already given
them a handsome Walter
Scott in 12 Vols. The
Chatterboxes &c came from

Willis & Sotheran on Saturday.

But the ship had
already moved down
to Gravesend - And we sent
the whole luggage on board
on Friday.

The "Prince Albert" was
quite right - & formed an
acceptable addition to their
box - many thanks.

Shall I send you back
your books?

If you like to leave them
with me, I ~~know~~ have plenty of
Institutions to give them
to - I have always crowds -
& will give them in your
name.

The Chatterboxes will please
the Little Cripples, whom

Edm: Verney goes to sing to,
exceedingly.

I have a thousand things to say,
but no one can even believe
how I am pressed. I have
congestion on the chest - &
nothing would do me any
good but not to speak,
not to think, not to write,
which is just what I can't
help -

We are going to leave King's
College Hospl with our
Midwifery ward - And all
that has to be done over
again.

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Then I have seen Mr. Bowman
three afternoons & Miss
Jones 2, about *their*
quarrel - between the Sisters

& the Council - which is
wearing her to death. God
only knows how to settle
it.

[end 8:198]

Sister Gonzaga has been received
back to Bermondsey - There
is *one* provided for. God
be thanked for it. It
was a great relief.

in great haste
ever, dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

It is just a twelvemonth
yesterday since I left Embley -
a twelvemonth that I have
never been out of these
rooms but once - never been
down-stairs but once.
Please to order our Christmas greeneries

9002/197 initialed letter, 1f, pen {arch: 67 March}

Dearest mother

The two kittens are
thorough=breds - & no mistake.
They are by far the greatest
beauties I have seen yet.
Pray ask Mrs. Watson to
tell me their parentage,
sex, age & names -

They arrived here late
(I did not send for them,
not knowing they were
coming) - immediately
took possession of the
house & grounds - &
drove away the four big
cats. They are perfectly
clean & do their education

credit.

I am sorry to hear
Jemmy Watson is ailing.

I am very much overdone
with business - [Lord de
Grey comes to me on
Sunday.] But our business
is up in the scale -

ever dear mum

your loving child

F.

I am bid to remind you
that my Ginger wine is
all out.

Thanks for a plentiful
Commissariat.

9002/198 initialled letter, 1f, pencil {arch: ?May 1867}

35 South Street, {printed address:}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I should be very thankful
if Capt. Verney would give
me the pleasure of hearing
him any time convenient
to himself - this afternoon -
on his Harmonium - (which
is as good as an Organ - in
Westm: Abby)

And if Parthe could come
about 10 min: before

ever yours
F.N.

9002/199 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

Monday

My dear Sir Harry

If you are kind enough to take this note,
I think it is very good of you -

I can make out all the lady writes, except
her name - I think now it is *Ungern*
Sternberg.

You will see that she is only in London for
the day - & may be only driving in (to town) for
2 days more - Tuesday & Wednesday -

Would Parthe send me back the 3 photographs of the
Swedish lady & Hospital? ever yours F.N.

9002/200 initialled letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

I should be very glad if Emily liked to come
to the Sacrament- I fancied she would not -
[You know, Mr. Fremantle of Claydon, lead the Seven
Chiefs ~~of~~ against Thebes - Thebes = my big Plato.]
F.N.

Sunday {arch: ?Ap 1867}

9002/201 initialed letter, 1f, pencil

My dearie

I shall be very glad to "have music" at
2.30, if he is so good as to give it (or before) -
And, if you go out in this dreadful weather (they
call this, spring!) & would come for the music
& stay a little after, I should be very glad -
F.

9002/202 unsigned letter, 1f, pen

Dearie

I am afraid I am better without the music -
(tho' I like it so much - or *because* perhaps
I like it so much-) when I have anything
to do which is a great exertion to me -
The Carmelites are often praised for their
immense self-sacrifice in taking the Sacrament
thro' the wall - I often wish I could {arch: May 67?}
F.

9002/203 unsigned letter, 1f, pencil

Dearie

I feel so very little up to driving - now -
It sacrifices with me a whole 24 hours -
& sometimes two -
Still, if you think you really are going away,
I would accept your kind offer -
But Saturday would be better for me
than to-day - unless you might be
planning an expedition for Saturday -
3 o'cl. is a very good hour for me.
And that gives you a drive afterwards, I hope.

Or 2.30

I *could* do it to-day, if more
convenient to you -
R.S.V.P.

9002/204 unsigned note, 1f, pen {arch: ?1867}

I think it signifies *less* going to
the dinner than occasional
visiting of the Hospital - tho'
it is also well to go to the
dinner.

I am sure Sir C. Lewis
will do nothing about
the matter: tho' it is well
to ask him. Would the
"Society" I mentioned do anything?
{printed address, vertical:}
30. Old Burlington Street.

W.

9002/205 incomplete notes, 4ff, pen {arch: ?1867} bold indicates FN
inserted capitals, bundle 144

Here is another dying prayer. Do you know whose
prayer this is?
Father, the hour is come; declare (or explain) thy
Son, that thy son may also declare thee; as
thou hast given him power over **A** all flesh,
that he should give eternal life to as **B** many as
thou hast given him. And this is life eternal,
that they might KNOW THEE *the only true God, &*
him **D** whom thou hast sent. I have declared
(or explained) thee on earth; **E** *I have finished the*
work which thou gavest me to do. And now,
O Father, explain thou me (by thy self) with the
clearness (the manifestation) which I had with
thee (or by thee) before the **F** world was. I have
manifested thy name to people whom thou
gavest me from the world; **G** *thine they were &*
thou gavest them me; & they have kept thy word.
Now they know that all thou hast given me is
from thee. For I have given them the words
which tho ~~hast~~ givest me; & they have received [thou?]
it, & recognised really that I went out from
thee; & believe that thou hast sent me. I pray
for them; I pray not for the world, but for them
whom thou hast given me; for they are thine:
And all that is mine, *that* is thine; and what
is thine, that is mine; and I am manifested

in them. **H** And I am no more in the world;
but they are in the world, and I come to thee.
Holy Father, keep them in thy name whom thou
hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
While I was with them in the world, I kept
them in thy name. Those thou hast given me
I have preserved, & none of them is lost,
except the lost child - (and so the writing
was fulfilled.) But now I come to thee; &
speak such things in the world, in order that they
may have *my* **I** joy perfect in themselves. I have
given them thy word, & the world hates them;
for they are not of the world, as then I too am
not of the world. I pray not, that thou shouldest
take them out of the world, but that thou
shouldest preserve them from the evil. They
are not of the world, as I too am not of the
world. Make them holy in thy truth; thy **K** word
is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world,
so I send them also into the world. I make
myself holy (devote myself) for them, in order
that they also may be made holy in the truth.
But I pray not alone for them, but also for
those, who through their word will believe on
me, that they all may be one, as thou, Father, in

me, and I in thee; that they also may be one in us, in order that the world may believe ~~that~~ thou hast sent me. And I have given them the magnificence **I** (mastery or brightness) which thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are one, I in them, & thou in me, that they may be perfect in me; & the world may discern that thou hast sent me, & lovest them as thou lovest me. Father, I will that where I am, they too may be with me, whom thou hast given me, that they may see my mastery (or brightness) which thou hast given me; for thou hast loved me **F** before the world was founded. Just Father, *the world knows thee not*; but I know thee, & these discern that thou hast sent me. And I have *made known C to them thy name* & will make it known to them; that the love, with which thou lovest me, may be in them, and I in them.

I do not know why these expressions offend you. I always feel on the contrary that they come particularly home to me. Many of them I could almost use myself,

tho' I am sure I have no overweening idea of my own doings.

First of all, it is evident from the perpetual repetition (just what takes place when one at the crisis of his fate, but not yet in action, pours out his soul) that it was said & probably heard - under great agitation - & that we cannot be sure either that we have it exactly as it was said at all.

The first sentence bears no sign that he was asking God to declare him the Messiah by a *coup de main* - but just the contrary. If you read the translation from Ewald of Isaiah LIII, you see what Christ did echo, (not the common idea of ~~the~~ a glorious kingdom for the Messiah upon the earth) but the understanding that the "good man" was to be manifested thro' suffering & in contempt - not thro' glory - that his "kingdom" was to be one of sorrows freely accepted, not one of triumph - And what gives greater power, ~~than~~ a greater "kingdom" than to accept every struggle & every grief & every calumny gladly, in going the road of God's

will? That *is* freedom or power (2

A and B seem rather inconsistent. One can only repeat: - to accept freely suffering in the course of doing God's will *is* to acquire almost unlimited power over all flesh.

C is surely no more than what we say ourselves, or ought to say - viz. That to "know God," all His laws, His character (which must be the work of ages for mankind to do † but I don't see that Christ abrogates to himself the having done it all - on the contrary, in this very prayer, he is always alluding to what those who follow him will do - & elsewhere he says - "And greater works than these (his own) you shall do"] - to "know God" *is* THE WAY by which mankind is to create mankind. For what is to "create" but to "give life"? - And that is just what Christ here says.

The last sentence C in the prayer repeats this. And here there is nothing as if the object were to manifest Christ - on the contrary he tells what the object is

- viz. that they may all feel the same love,
they for God, God for them, he for God & them.

D This phrase repels you. But I am sure
I have often said this myself. Every one
Sees who believes ~~they~~ he has a mission -
And who has not? - - The wonder is that
I have found two eminent men, Sidney
Herbert & Sir John Lawrence, who believed
"my word" - i.e. believed I was "declaring"
God's "word", one of His laws.

E That is always what I am striving
to be able to say myself. It is evident
that God has not given to me to persuade
Lord de Grey or Sir C. Wood or Mrs. Shaw
Stewart or Col: Wilbraham. Why should
I be cast down because it is so? Let
me only think of that work which He
has given me - & admire that He should
have given to such as I am His own
power of convincing such a one as Sir
John Lawrence -

read the blue paper

F. Do these expressions offend you?

All the arguments for an eternity before us
apply equally to an eternity behind us -

Plato & St. Augustine both say the same.
Augustine says that "God loved us before we
were at all".

G - I always feel that Sidney Herbert
& Sir John Lawrence were God's, not mine
(not my dear Clough, but God's dear Clough)
that He gave them to me, not that I took
them. It is obvious that *I* could not have
convinced these great men, unless God had
given them me- (given them, that is, through
the working of their own faculties, which
enabled them to understand that law of
God's which I was "declaring" -) since
I cannot convince a very little one,
Lord de Grey.

And so, on to H. from which it applies
more to one who has formed a great following,
- Fliedner could say it on *his* death bed -
It applies not to me, for whom have I
who is "one with" me now, as I am (or ought
to be) "one with God"? But what a strength

it would be to me, if I had? Only one, but only one, I say to God. But I have not one. It might have been with one. But she would not have it. It was with one. ~~But~~ But she would have it no more. How often have I longed to say, I & Papa "are one", ~~one in God~~ "as thou, Father, in me" "& I in thee".

[As for Parthe, I suppose it is scarcely possible for any two to be more two]

I How wonderful that a man, betrayed, tracked, hunted, with all his hopes blasted & all his plans destroyed, should be able to speak even at that moment of his "joy" - wish his friends to feel ~~his~~ joy - should share, not in time to come *but* now, his "mastery", (his "bright=ness") with his friends. Would that I could speak thus! But, on the contrary, now, I should shrink from the thought of any I loved engaging in a life like mine to suffer my sufferings.

But - - - you spoil every thing by

Wellcome (Claydon copies) Ms 9003, microfilm, 1868-69

9003/1 6ff, pen, signed letter **[1:570-71]**

{printed stationery, but used upside down; arch: Jan-12.68}

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Dr. Johnson's

Malvern

Monday afternoon

My dear Sir Harry

I have only just received
your kind note.

Let me say first what
I am sure you know that
my wishes & prayers &
my poor blessings are
with the happy marriage
to.morrow, not only
tomorrow, but many
tomorrows. Had I
known of it sooner, I
should have taken the

b

liberty of sending flowers-

Do they go to Claydon for
the honey-moon?-

You are so good as to
ask me whether you can
do anything for me: The
only thing I would trouble
you to do is to look in
at 35, & advise Burch
about.- Mr. Bismark,
the white Cat, is lost,
poor fellow!

I have already written
to her & Mrs. Sutherland
to advertise for him.

c

Do you know whether it
is any use putting a
description of the beast
in these cases in the hands
of the Police?- Or does
that only make the
thieves, if he is stolen,
send him out of the
neighbourhood, or kill
him for his skin? -

Temperance, says with
tears in her eyes:- If a
stranger has detained
him, he (the cat) will
"feel it very much".

I have to thank you for a
noble brace of pheasants -

d

& for Lord Carnarvon's
letter - It seems to me
sensible. - At all events,
I could not act in
opposition to his advice.
Many, many thanks.
When we meet again, I
hope, please God, to continue
this subject with you.

I can't tell you how much
obliged to you I was
for your charming note
from Embley. My dear
father's main
interest now is
in his cottages. And I

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don't think he does too much. I believe that more moral & physical good is done by improving the *dwelling* of mankind than in almost any other way. And if all the money that is spent on Hospitals were spent on improving the habitations of those who go to Hospitals - and (on Prisons) of those who go to Prison, we should want neither Prisons nor Hospitals.

I feel a little anxious about my dear mother - It was to me so entirely a new idea that both father & mother would not long survive me - that I have only lately resolved that I would not spend another year without seeing her at home. I did think very seriously whether I should not spend this month with her - But I was quite clear in my own mind that it was better & more desirable & more agreeable

for her to have her
 present pleasant party -
Will you say to Sir B. Frere
 (he has called twice at
 35,) how very much
 pleased I was - I also
 at their remembrance
 of me in sending me
Miss Frere's pleasant
 little New Year's Eve
entertainment -

 Should the subject of my
business *not* come up,
 I would *ask* you not
 to say anything there anent

h

to Sir Bartle. But,
should it come on the
tapis, e.g. between him
& my mother, & you
perceive any misunderstanding
likely to arise, I should
be so very much obliged
to you, if you would
explain, (as you know
so well how to do)--

 that *he* does not
send me business *enough*
to do -

 it would kill me, if I
thought that he would
 not let me do
 the business

I have always been in the

[3]
habit of doing for the
India off: & Sir J Lawrence
& which has taken so *much more* hopeful
a turn since Sir Bartle has undertaken it.
What has happened this
last year to me is totally
distinct from the government business -
which is what I live for.
[I have got into the habit
of letting people, e.g.
the St. John's Council,
use me in a way
which does them no
good & which destroys me.
I mean, please God, to do
my best to reform this in my
life. And so I will say

no more about this at
present]
You know that St. John's
House is broken up.
Miss Jones & the Sisters
are to leave (this very
day their notice expires)
And from that day
St. John's House - the
only Protestant attempt
to found a good &
successful Sisterhood in
the Church of England,-
comes to an end -
Without Miss Jones, it

will be just the twaddle
that all other Sisterhoods
are (including the North
London Deaconesses,
who are twaddles in chief).
The Council have behaved
shamefully- & have also
tried to use me against
Miss Jones - The Bishop
has been disingenuous.

I will not enter upon
the long & melancholy
history of the fall of this
great hope - but only
mention this, because,
even in my retreat,
such calumnies against
Miss Jones reach me.

(Calomniez, calomniez toujours,
il en reste toujours quelque
chose.)

ever, dear Sir Harry
affecly & gratefully yours
Florence N.

9003/2 1f, pen, signed letter {arch: 1868} bundle 147

My dear Sir Harry Jan 18
Thank you for letting
me see Wm Hinton's charming
letter.

I hope the little boy was
not much damaged after
all.

I hardly ever was so
much touched or pleased
in my life as by your
having the little Freds cripples
to the marriage. So few
men would have thought
of it - perhaps hardly any
one else.

I trust indeed it is such
a happy marriage both for

time & eternity as is
seldom seen
I think I shall return some
day next week. *That*
will only give me 3 weeks
before the Session begins.
But I shall keep my
return an absolute secret
as long as I possibly can
except from the India Off:
ever yours gratefully
F Nightingale

Thank you for the Queen's
letter. She is an unhappy
woman, with great powers
not applied.

9003/3 1f, pencil, initialled letter

{printed address}
Jenny Dowding desires)
me to tell you that)Jan 30/68
she is "happy"-)
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest Mum

I think Papa looking
extremely well -

I am glad you are
going to have Aunt Mai
& Uncle Sam -

Jenny Dowding seems
happy - & well -

I send an account of
her to Mrs. Watson; & also
a request that you will
take back Mr. Bismark,
the white Cat, at least
for the present.

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F.

9003/4 3ff, incomplete, pen, 2 fragments + envelope + initialled letter

{printed address on stationery}
{fragment:}

Malvern
Jan 22/68

Dearest mum

I write in haste, we
are to be off tomorrow at
8 30

[fragment:]
reasons why I pa [cut off]
with my charwoman,
I do not wish to have
a charwoman from
Thursday till Monday,

{envelope with cancelled stamp, postmarked London 23 Jan 1868:}
[1:188-89]

Mrs. Nightingale
Embley
Romsey
Jan 23/68
35 South Street
Park Lane,
London. W

Dearest mum

We have got back safe,
as you see - Good Bratby
came & took us up
famously.

You will be glad to
hear that Mr. Bismark,
the white cat, who was
lost, took the opportunity
of coming back too - &
appeared here to
receive me.

We have had, to be sure,

the most horrible
 alternatives of the
 most horrible
weathers at Malvern -
either fog & frost, for
which we could not
see out for the fog
without - or storms
for which we could
not see out for the
smoke within.

 The stay at Malvern
has quite answered to
me for the break in my
work.

 This morning I saw the

hills for the first time,
(like Cauterets in the
Pyrenees, as I always
think them.) But, after
all, low hills covered
unequally with snow,
against an iron grey
dirty sky, are nearly
the ugliest objects in
nature.

 I have not been to
Malvern since A.H.C.
took me there.

 You will see by this
note a deficiency of

pens & ink. Sidney
Herbert came to see me
during that interregnum
in Old Burlington St.
When I had my sitting
room in one house &
my bed-room in another
& told his wife that
it was the first time
in all his life that he
had not seen F.N.
surrounded with
writing.

 So I must conclude
 ever dearest mum
 your loving child

F.

9003/5 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

Jan /68

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W

Dear Papa

It is a 'comfort' to me, every
time you write to me (provided
it is not to ask me to do
something) a letter, which
you very seldom do. And
it would be another to
answer you, if work allowed,
which it does not each
time.

I have been quite unable
to write to you sooner.

I now return your **[3:385]**
"religious philosopher"-
[I don't know who he is.]

I like your "philosopher".
But you know I think
he has only advanced
the very first step. I take

him, paragraph by paragraph,
as you (on another sheet) desire

The first Para: would be
I believe, as nearly true
as possible - if for "tho'"
you substituted "because"-
& omitted "yet"; or read "therefore"
Surely "laws" even of men,
even of states, even of
families, can only be
"wise, just & benevolent,"
in exact proportion as
they are "steady,
unwavering, inexorable".
All "steady" laws are not
"wise"- but no "wise"
law can be "wise," unless
it is "steady".
In this respect the Apostle

James is far beyond your
"philosopher". For he says,
as the great attribute of
God, "in ~~whom~~ Him is no
variableness neither
shadow of turning"- in
the same Epistle in which
he is constantly impressing
us with God as a *Father* &
God as "merciful" etc.
Let us hope that this is
a slip of the pen of your
"philosopher"- this "*though*."
Otherwise it would really seem as if he thought
either "wisdom" or "steadiness" a *defect* in God.
Page 2 & 3 down to "Universe"
I agree with - as I agree
with the first 4
Propositions of Euclid.
But the 5th, the Asses'
Bridge, your "philosopher",

I think has entirely
failed to surmount
What is the "vast design"
of the "great Spirit of the
Universe" but, so far as
we know, to "work out".
"the happiness &" therefore
the "purification" not only
"of the species", but of
every individual in it.
[In this, I think, Christians
have been far before
philosophers.]
If you could see into
God's mind, I believe
you would see that, if
there were but that
one individual in the
world, the laws of the

[end 3:385]

9003/6 1f, pencil, initialled letter

Poor Law Feb 11/68
My dear Sir Harry
 I am sorry that I have
so little to say -
 But I will write again
to-night -
 I think it may interest you
to look over again
1. Dr. Anstie's letter
 of December 12
(which you have seen)
2. Lord Carnarvon's letter
 to you
3. Dr. Anstie's letter
 of December 21
in answer to one of mine-
[I did not of course tell him

of Ld. Carnarvon's letter -
I think this letter of Dr.

Ansties's of December 21
a good one]

5. a letter & printed paper
of Dr. Anstie's of
January 11-

I have not answered

Dr. Anstie's letters of
Dec 21 & Jan 11 -

Please return the whole
correspondence to me.

I enclose a note of Dr.
Sutherland's in which
I agree -

ever yours
FN.

9003/7 5ff, pencil, initialled letter **[5:153-54]**

Poor Law 11/2/68
My dear Sir Harry

In order to do any good, it
seems that you have to break
new ground -

1. The principle of entire
separation of sick

infirm
lunatics
children
&c &c

from paupers

is admitted-

It is admitted by Mr. Hardy's

Act, tho' ~~most~~ imperfectly

All the sources of squabble

in carrying out that Act

which were predicted

have actually arisen

One cannot but expect that

a more complete & judicious

way of carrying it out will
be found.

But Nobody, I believe, now
denies the principle -

Nobody, I believe, now
asserts that to cure sickness
is to attract Pauperism.

2. But the real new pressing
question now=a=days is:-

-What to do with
Pauperism itself.

Every day's advertisements
in the "Times" shows how
urgent this question is &
how unable every body is to
cope with it.

Take the present state of

1. Poor Laws 3. Trades' Unions
2. Labour

What do the Advertisements
show?

Poor Law completely broken
down.

Private Charity ~~completely~~ worse than
broken down & ~~worse~~

for it has increased the evil

"Workhouse Test" completely
broken down

Labour Test ditto.

[Not only are they torturing
these poor fellows with
unproductive labour at
unremunerative prices -
But this Torture = test is
of no avail.

For the Workhouses are
overflowing- And the
people are starving].

And *the least harm* of the overflowing Workhouse is the burden on the rates

The worst harm is:-
with drawing all these heads
& arms from *production*.
It is the "Workhouse Test".
(and the want of Education)
which saddle the country
with pauperism.

Then look at Trades Unions:

Take the answers given by
these Shipwrights themselves-
to the offer of employment
on two ships.

These men (knowing that
ship-building is an irregular
& fluctuating employment)

2

pitch their expenditure at,
the *maximum* rate of their
wages - & then won't take
less -

Is it really possible to believe
that ~~[illeg]~~ our Legislators (who
are to meet to-morrow)
could not - if they laid their
heads together - frame an
Act by which the individual workman
might make & fulfil his
bargain (as to wages) with
his employer - with an
appeal to County Justices
or other authorities - (less
tedious than the present
appeal which is all they
have against the tyranny
of the Trades' Unions)?

As long as ~~you steal from~~
a man is deprived of the right over his own labour, his
power of production, to
labour where & how he
likes, you can't call him
a free man -
And your political liberties
are a farce -
As long as your Legislators
can find no legislative
remedy against the
tyranny of Trades' Unions,
who decree work to be
judged by quantity, not
quality, who decree
that superior quality of
work shall *not* be paid
for - the first element
of liberty is wanting.

For this is:- ~~illeg~~ to steal
from me my power of
production.

["Who steals my purse steals
trash".

But who steals my power of
production steals all I have.]

3. Is it possible to believe
that the State could not
give (at least in times of exceptional
distress) productive work

at
remunerative prices
as in Lancashire-
(NOT as in the "Ateliers
Nationaux" of France)?
Unproductive work, as given
now by Guardians- is
quite as great a blunder

as Trades' Unions ever made.

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4. It is so easy talk of
the artisans going elsewhere
to find work.

That is a talent not
possessed by one out of a
hundred even of good workmen -

[And certainly we have
not attempted to give it
them by Education] But where
good & clever ~~men~~ gentlemen have found work *for*
them, they have always been ready to take it.
All these things every body is
talking about-

But, in the face of a Poor
Law utterly broken down
no one seems to have
considered what new,
Poor Law is to be built
up - ~~FN~~ Such

3

Such things as these coming
before one day by day.
in the newspapers
indicate that we cannot
go on as we are-
that the whole subject of
unemployed poor - i.e.
of working faculty without
the will or means of
applying it productively-
must be taken up by a
Special Commission or
Committee which will
go into the entire question
without prejudice - & *tell*
us what is to be done-

F.N.

9003/8 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Sir Harry?: Feb. 20. 68}

My dear Sir Harry
I observe Mr. Rathbone asks me whether the
Notices should be put in the Obituary or
elsewhere in the papers -
What do you think?-

If you can send me your notice for the Pall Mall
at once, I will send it with the others -
If not, I will send the others without it at
once to Mr. Rathbone's Agent in the City -
There is time still to get them into tomorrow's
Daily Telegraph but not into tomorrow's Times-
which requires all}
notices by 12 noon} FN.

9003/9 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868} [3:394]

Private {on diagonal} Feb 20
My dear Sir Harry
You know that our darling is
dead-
I hope that you will return
thanks for her at your prayers-
For with her it is "well".
But with us it is terrible-
There is so much to be done- We have
never an hour to give to recollection
Mr. Rathbone has written to me
already to know about Successors
- & what is to be said to the
Nurses - who at first declared
they would not stay now she
is dead. [This is not so
unreasonable as it sounds -
No one knows what she has
gone through but God & myself -
And no one but her could have
carried the Nurses with her.
I never knew any one like her,

& I never shall again]

The first thing I have to do however is to consult you about the enclosed .

Mr. Rathbone has sent it to me (with a letter to his Agent here) to be put into the "Times" & "Pall Mall-

He authorizes me however to alter it.

I don't think *she* would like it. She was the most really humble person I ever saw -

I know however what his object is. He thinks it will please & encourage her more uneducated followers -

What do you advise?-
I don't think it would be

amiss in the Liverpool papers
But I doubt whether it would not look obtrusive in the London ones, especially in the "Pall Mall" which always laughs at every thing
But I really am not the best judge -

Every word of it is perfectly true-
ever yours
F.N.

She appeared quite conscious when she was dying- The Nurse said to her: "You will soon be with your Saviour" And she answered quite calmly "I shall be well there"

F.N.

[end 3:394]

9003/10 1f, pen with pencil revisions, initialled letter/draft {arch: Feb. 21. 1868}

I have not the least idea that "Mrs. Kidd" *will* do for the head.

My dear Sir Harry

I propose to send the enclosed to Mr. Whitfield -

I only send it to you to put you 'au fait'-
Mr. Whitfield must have time to think -

And I think it will only hurry him for you
to see him to-day - as you kindly propose -

I propose to send the Messenger into the
city - 1. to give the Obituary Notices to Mr.
Rathbone's Agent - [I think I gather that you advise
no Notice to be sent to the "*Pall Mall*"] 2. to beg
Hy B. Carter to call here- Had I better do this before or after
sending to St. Thomas?

Please return me my letter to Mr. Whitfield as soon as possible
FN

9003/11 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 21.2.68}

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot tell you what a comfort &
support your sympathy for *her* work is
to me.

I don't know that I need trouble you to
go to St. Thomas' to-day-

I have had a full & well-considered
opinion from Mr. Whitfield & Mrs. Wardroper.

I have written to Mr. Rathbone both to-day
& yesterday-

H. Bonham Carter has been here -

And till we have Mr. Rathbone's answer,
I can do nothing more-

I am now so very much amiss - I had a
great deal of hard writing yesterday- & even
to-day. But that is all=

We know that it is *well* for our darling -
And, as for me, I am used to be driven by
great storms in great ship-wrecks -
A never-to-be forgotten misery is nothing new -

ever yours gratefully
F.N.

Feb 21

9003/12 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868}

My dear Sir Harry

March 4

I don't know whether you were serious in your kind intention of interceding with Miss Lees or Mrs. Lees-

But I think it would be better to let it alone for the present .

Mr. Rathbone & I are going to try another plan to make that Miss Gilpin do -

If this falls thro', I think we shall *then* try to do something with Miss Lees - & call upon you to help us -

I have had from Nice a really heavenly inspired letter from Agnes Jones' mother & sister - breathing

nothing but gratitude for Agnes' happy life & happy death - & hoping that we do not reproach ourselves for her over-work- The sister adds: - as for me, I was so proud of Agnes' work that the sacrifice to me of her sweet society was nothing

ever yours

F.N

9003/13 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [6:284-85]

March 8/68

I return all Papa's letters - except a scrap about Agnes Jones - which I have torn off & which I should like to keep- It is so precious to me, every sympathy with *her* & with her work, who will never return to us, whose like we shall never see again .

I look upon her success as complete, not a partial success-

In less than 3 years- the time assigned for our Saviour's public life - she had done a Saviour's work - She had reduced the most disorderly Hospital population in the world to a state of Christian discipline, which even the

police wondered at. She had carried 80 rather common= place women with her, so as to be one with her- She had converted a Vestry to her views- the first instance of the kind in England- She had disarmed all opposition -- all sectarian zealotism- So that Roman Catholic & Unitarian, High Church & Low Church literally rose up & "called her blessed" (in the Vestry which was held after her death) - a dry old Churchwarden (whom I know) leading the way & making one of the most affecting speeches I ever heard, while moving the resolution of a vote of condolence (no mere form) to her Mother & Sister.

All Roman Catholics & Unitarians, High Church & Low Church,- seemed to have merged their differences in this- that they had seen, in her, *the one true essential* thing & that ceremonial religion is as nothing in comparison.

It is this that I mean by her complete success-

And how did she do it all? She was not a girl of any great ability- excepting that she always had an immense talent for getting through business in a short time, without slurring it & without fiddling over it-

She did it simply by the manifestation of the life which was in her- So different from the governing, & the ordering & the driving

about=people principle .

And every body recognized it-
the paupers - & the day old
Vestries - & every body- even the
rascal=Governor.

As for the Nurses, her influence
with them was quite unbounded.
They would have died for her.
Because they always felt that
she cared for them, not merely
as instruments for the work,
but for each one in herself, as her
Mother & her child in one -
& not because she cared for
popularity or praise among
them - but solely for their
own well=being-

One of Agnes Jones' own family
told me that no one ever cared
less for praise (tho' she was
graceful & witty & young)-
I should not say that, because
I think it was in her an absolute
zero. She had no care for
praise in her at all. Ö sancta Agnes,
'ora pro nobis'-

9003/14 2ff, pen, initialled letter

March 11/68

Miss Rye

I can only say about this: that

I have a great admiration
for her work - & some for
her- & that I believe she
could not go on with her
work, without some
pension, or subscription,
or both - not because
she "has expended x x. her
small means," for I don't
think she ever had any-
but because she left
remunerative work to
take the Emigration work
& that the means raised
for this are exhausted -

x x. But this is my belief only -
I am not certain of it.

Next: as to myself:- I feel
it rather ill-natured of me

to say it, but my failing health
compels me - It is quite
impossible for me to be
referred to about things
alien to my work - Miss
Rye & her friends don't
help me in my work - I
am at this moment fainting
for want of a Successor
to Agnes Jones- But they
are always expecting me
to help her (Miss Rye) in
hers -

I did help her-

She was perpetually writing
home to me from Australia
about Lunatic Asylums -
And I did what I could -
(tho' I knew nothing about
her)

She & her friends then took
advantage of this (just now)

to ask me to receive & ask
Subscriptions for her .
Also about this Queen's Pension-
I said I was totally unable -
But I subscribed - to the
Subscription -

I feel that, while ladies
are letting such as Agnes
Jones die of hard work,
& no one ever offers us
the smallest personal help,
- it is wholly a prostitution
of terms for them to come
to *me* & take up a little
more of my hard- worked
strength -as Miss Rye's
lady- friends do - all of
which I want for my own
duties - too large already.

=. The Co-operative Groceries are
not come - And this is
Wednesday afternoon - two
whole days from the time
you kindly took my Order -
Ought I to do anything? -
=

Mr. Jowett stays with the
G. Lushingtons next Sunday -
He says - Parthe asked him
to luncheon - And he would
gladly join you at luncheon
next Sunday -

He is coming to give me
the Sacrament at 3- Would
you or Parthe or both like to
come? -

ever yours gratefully
F.N.

9003/15 2ff, pen, signed letter

[16:698]

March 17/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have been asked to
obtain your help about this.

This Quarantine enquiry,
if granted, will either do
much good or much harm -

The *Commission* should
consist of Merchants

Sanitarians and

a Lawyer or two.

The *Instructions* should
state clearly that the object
is to obtain facts & evidence
as to the practice of
Quarantine, its grounds and
results - and finally the

measures which (in the
Commissioners' opinion) would
mitigate or prevent the
out break of Epidemic
diseases at sea=ports and
on board ship .

~~[If the affair is conducted
as the Cattle Plague
Commission was, the
country will be ruined:]~~

You will see that some of
the best names in the
Medical profession are
among the signatures - &
the M.P.s for Liverpool,
Manchester, Edinburgh,
London etc -

The point is now to
get good men for this
Commission - & good
Instructions -

The Duke of Marlborough
has appointed *to-day* at
one o'clock to receive
the Deputation at the
Privy Council Office .

The appointment of so
~~to~~ early a day is considered a
favourable symptom - as
to the probability of the
Duke's granting the prayer
of the Memorial.

I should be glad to do
anything, as I moved for
both the Army Sanitary
& Indian Army R.
Commissions, if I could
be of any use - I mean as
to writing "Instructions" or
looking out for men -

[end]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9003/16 3ff, pen, signed letter [6:286] [1:189-90]

{printed address} March 27/68
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London W.

Dearest mum

I have been intending to write
& thank you every successive
week for your dear letters -
but have never been able -
You are almost the only person
who ever write to me except
to ask me for something.

I am very sorry not to
hear that you have been free
from spasms - I was in hopes
that this splendid spring would
have exempted you, dearest
mum, from these .

Jenny Dowding is going on
very well. She is always a
little tearful about Embley
when I see her, but she is
well & active, clever at her

work, cheerful & good=tempered.

And even Burch has
always a good word
for her. She has a wistful
look about her eyes, which
betokens either sensitiveness
or delicacy of health. And I
wish I could see more of
her - just as I wish I had
more time to write to you.

But "you have no idea how
"I am overworked" the very
words dear Agnes Jones, of the
Liverpool Workhouse, wrote
to me but 16 days before her
death. The whole work
of finding her a successor
has fallen upon me. And,
in addition, as Harry B.C.
says, they appear to
expect me "to manage the

Workhouse from my bed-room."

I believe we have found a
woman at last to take her
place - the younger of two
Sisters, the elder of whom
we have been training as
Matron for Sir W. Heathcote's
new Winchester Hospital.

But I am not allowed to
mention her name yet -
as she is still in Government
employment under Sir
Walter Crofton.

But she is no more like to
Agnes Jones "than I to
Hercules."

I don't think anything in
the course of my long life
has ever struck me so much
as the dead lock we have
been placed in by the death
of one pupil - as combined,

you know, with the enormous
jaw, the female ink which
England pours forth on
"Woman's work."

Dear Hilary used to say that
my demand upon my
country was:- a young woman
with a head.

And that is just what, it
appears, does not exist.
At least, if she has a
head, it all runs to pen &
ink.

It used to be said, that people
gave their *blood* to their
Country

Now, they give their *ink*.

It is impossible to describe
the heavenly way in which
Agnes Jones' Mother & sisters
have behaved to us.

But they Agnes Jones' mother & sister will not let Mr.
Rathbone put up Tenerani's
statue to her memory.

You know, he ought never
to have asked them.

He wants me to persuade them
- I can't.

He does not see (few people
do) the awful character of
the sacrifice they have
made to God's work.

And, humanly speaking, it
might have been avoided.

She might have been alive now.

They can only say: we gave
her for God's work - God
keeps her memory. If you
say, you want a statue to
keep her memory, that is
your affair, not ours.

People who *can* make such
a sacrifice are not those

who care for memorials.

 If it were to be done, it
ought to have been done
without asking their leave.

 If they had been people to
have given it, they would not
have been people to make
that awful sacrifice -

 ever dearest mum

 your loving child

 F.

I have seen Papa- I think
him looking remarkably well.

[end 1:190]

9003/17 1f, pen, initialled note {arch: [?1868]} [1:336]

Easter Sunday

Dearie

 Temperance is very much shut up with
me -

 And I should much have liked her to
go to Westm - Abby this afternoon -

 If her brother is going with you, could you
take her too with the carriage? -
 to hear the Dean -

 F.

9003/18 1f, pen?, unsigned letter

{printed address}

N. Fund April 18/68

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I send you 3 answers to me

1. from Lady Mary Vyner

2. " Miss Campbell

3. " Miss Wilson -

If you could read them over with Parthe &
return them to me, I should be
much obliged.

I think they are all very good
ones -

But what I want to ask you
is- would you, if you were
I, accede to Miss Wilson's
request about the "Monthly
Packet"? I don't know
what she is likely to write -
And I think it is actually more
trouble to me looking over
other people's productions than

writing myself(?)

Is not the "Monthly
Packet" edited by Miss
Yonge? - I should have
thought it was of all periodicals
the one least "read by gentlemen".
& most by the flimsiest sort
of Ritualistic lady (?) -

But I don't know - It is well
to spread one's nets to catch all kinds of fish-
I am glad she is convinced
about Mr. Bowman's Miss Jones(?) -
From all parts of Great Britain

I hear the same story - "Entirely
"distorted versions had reached us"
And I shall hear the same from India.

I return Mr. Palfrey with many
thanks. It is a very good
letter - But I entirely disagree
about Ld. Palmerston's "promptitude"
in the Canadian Expn. in 1861 (on
which I was employed.) I believe it
saved us from an American War

9003/19 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Ap: 1868.} [13:607]

Miss Jones & St. John's Council- Monday
My dear Sir Harry

If you would be so good as to re-model the
last page/sheet of my letter to Miss Wilson, I will
re-write it any way you like -

I would rather it were with as little
feeling & as business-like as possible - And
therefore I am glad that you should do it &
not I, if you will be so good -

But, as Miss Wilson asked about it, the
truth is that, in a place like Rugby, I *wish*
the facts of the case to be spread about -

The case is a very serious one indeed: -
I am told by persons who entirely disbelieve
the story of the Council & deeply regret it,
& who are themselves, Low Church - that,
while the present stories are circulated
against Miss Jones, it is vain to think of
trying to get her into any London Workhouse

I was told the same thing by Mr. Rathbone,
for Liverpool- He added: I know & love
& value Miss Jones - I have quoted her by
name, as you know, in all my pamphlets. But

"I find it vain even to contradict the lies that are circulated against her -

And this, altho' Manchester employs at *its* Workhouse the 'All Saints' Sisters, who are ten times more High Church than Miss Jones

I am told (on the authority of the present Supt. of Kings Coll: Hospl. herself) that, were Miss Jones to take a Hospital, all Miss Jones' Nurses would go to her, & *she* (the Supt.) would not have a Nurse left -

ever yours

F.N.

Mr. Bowman forgot himself so far as to tell me (with his own lips) that he intended to *prevent* Miss Jones from obtaining employment at certain Hospitals.

I therefore can hardly be said to think too much about the present state of things & its danger.

[end]

9003/20 1/2 2ff, pen, signed letter {arch: [1868]}

May 8 7.30 am

My dear Sir Harry

You must have thought me very ungrateful not to have answered your kind invitation before -

But I have been so pressed -

I don't at all give up the idea of going to Claydon for a short time- And I shall so enjoy the entire peace & rest - & the having a remembrance of your Claydon in my mind for future days -

But it would have been impossible for me to have left London this week -

Among other severe pressures is Liverpool [6:288-89] Workhouse - Our Assistant Superintendent, a young woman of 28, who has been there barely 2 months, Mrs. Kidd, has sickened (& by every post I expect to hear of her death)-

[Dreadful pestilential place! just what a place always comes to, which has been overcrowded for years, on however healthy a site. They are killing all our best people - And how we are to go on I don't know. This Mrs. Kidd, tho' not a divine genius, like Agnes Jones - very far from it - was a thoroughly honest woman - And one must have knocked about the world as I have to know what that means]

I could not be out of an hour's (by Messenger) reach of Mrs. Wardroper while this miserable affair is pending - even were there not other very serious things.

I think it possible (Parthe says she will go to Claydon on June 4 or 5) that I might go there according to your most kind invitation about Saturday or Friday next (16 or 15) & stay till the Monday week (25).

Even that would by a great holiday for me, *if I give any address to nobody.*

I should take Tom: And if you wished to ~~spare~~ save Susan, I could take another maid - No kind of preparation need be made for me - beyond putting the sheets on. ~~the~~
However there is time enough to talk of that -
I am not gone yet -

2. If you could give me the political prospects, I would gladly tell Sir I Lawrence, to whom I am writing to-day .

3. Pray consider, if your house is let, whether you cannot make use of this - There is the bed=room over me - & the Dining=room, of which you could have the almost exclusive use - [So few men come here now -] And it would give me so much pleasure if I could make you comfortable-[I have not many pleasures -] It is not that kind of thing which tires me-

4. I hope Emily is not the worse for this exceedingly trying May -

5. Do you know anybody who would care to go to the enclosed thing?
I should like to hear the boys sing -

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9003/20 2/2 typed synopsis of note

9003/21 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:335-36]
to F.P.V. 1866

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Revd. Mother of Bermondsey
has been dangerously ill
with Pleurisy & Fistula.

[Mrs. Bracebridge says
Manning will kill her]

All my Embley things,
including flowers, have
recently passed to her.
-besides Gunter's Turtle
Soup. She understands
that I shall never
forgive her, unless she
becomes as fat as a
Lord Mayor with time
& soup.

I should much like
a box of *Flowers* &
Strawberries on Whit Monday
(for myself)- large

quantities of Azaleas,
yellow & white, [I
can't complain, this
time - of the red
Rhododendrons - beauties
have been sent me -
lilac ones I hate.]

We can't get any
strawberries in London
- they are either so dear - &
or not to be had at
all.

I have got the
Turner *Orvieto* photo:
from Colnaghis', which

is what I wanted to give
you, dear Pop, on your
birth-day. It is the
finest specimen of
a Turner I know.
It is not mounted.
But, if you like it, I
will have it mounted.
And the *Provisional*
Turner I sent you
I would just as lief
keep for myself-

I always have *peculiar*
reminiscences of Embley
on Whitsunday - I hardly
know why - but I

believe it is the Azaleas
ever your
F.

9003/22 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:192]

May 13/68
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

It has been a dreadful
disappointment - not
to hear from you to.day
or yesterday - & not even
to have the weekly
flowers. or things, from you.

It is the first birth=
day I have ever had
without hearing from
my dearest mum -

And indeed I may

say that, except one
Tuesday, I have heard
from you every Tuesday
I have been so terrified -
I don't think I ever
was so frightened in
all my life.
But I have just received
Watson's telegraph -
for which God be
thanked. I can write no more.
ever dearest mum
your loving child
F.

{not in FN hand}
One of those
miserable lapses
of memory to which
I am so subject
& perhaps the
worst

May /68

{not in F.N.'s hand, arch:}
no reason whatever for this terrible
excitement of FN's

9003/23 2ff, pen, initialled letter

May 15 {arch: 1868}
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry you are not
coming to me -

But I always want you
to do exactly as you like best -

How would it do to split
the difference & for you to
come half the time to
Lady Lucy & half the time
to me?--

No answer needed to this.
At any time I have nothing
to do but to order clean
sheets to be put on -
With old fashioned house

keepers like me, it is a
vanity to have a house so
clean as never to require
cleaning for a guest -
I would have a latch key made to the
door -
I hope you will *always*
order you dinner here
when convenient -

I do not think there is the
least chance of my going to
Claydon, thank you much. And
the reason I mention
this now is that, as all

your servants are there,
& Whitsuntide approaching,
you will probably make
some use of the house
yourselves -

Do you know whether Mrs-
Wardroper was presented
to the Queen on Wednesday?-
Do you know whether our
Nurses & Probationers could
see the Stone=laying or see
the Queen pass on that day?
ever yours
FN

9003/24 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

May 18/68

My dear Sir Harry

I dare say you have heard that our Nurses [13:417]
arrived quite safe at Sydney on March 5 -
were conducted straight to Govt. House (by Lady
Belmore's own desire) & were received there with
great kindness -

- within a week of their arrival signalized their
usefulness by taking Prince Alfred in charge,
- and we come in for a share of the honour of his
rapid recovery.

I have heard from all the Sydney authorities -
And I understand that Lord Belmore has
written home to the D. of Buckingham with my
name at full length. But he of Buckingham
vouchsafes me no word -

[end]

I trust that the present Ministers have
not suffered *much* fatigue from the civilities
which they have shown me during the last 2
years- Or that, if they have, they will "go
out" soon enough to enable them, with care &
attention, to recover.

Perhaps you can re-assure my mind on this
point.

2. I hope you have let your house to your
satisfaction - I do not know to whom? -

3. How well I remember the noble old 4th. -
You see how they have signalized themselves, all
fainting with thirst as they were! - at Magdala.

4. Remember I depend upon you to order
your dinner here - Otherwise I shall be
sending 4 times a week to ask - I only
want you to do exactly as you like -

ever yours
F.N.

9003/25 2ff, pen, initialled letter

Constantinople. Consul= General's letter

1. It is no matter of "telegraphing"-

Had they not better tell us to send the Nurses
"by telegraph"?

What do they suppose the Nurses are doing when
they are *not* sent for, who are thus to be sent
out at a few days' notice? -

This is a matter upon which we are now compelled
to speak very plainly.

If they cannot get Aladdin's lamp to build them
an Institution in a few days, neither have we
Aladdin's lamp to create Nurses in a few days .

If they can get Nurses from other Institutions at
a moment's notice, we are very glad .

[There is one Institution which I had rather not
name farther than by saying that it advertises
in the "Times" every day - which takes all
our dismissed Nurses, without asking or
receiving characters from us, & advertises
them again as "ready" at a moment's notice].

2. [Were it not that the Consul= Genl. particularly,
asks for my "advice" & "suggestions", I should beg entirely
to decline this part of the subject] But: -

as he does: -

A Word of Advice to those about to introduce
women into a Hospital of the kind described:
Don't.

The Hospital, as described by the Consul=Genl., partakes closely of the character of a *Regimental* Hospital - to which I have always steadily refused, throughout my Nursing life, to send any of our Trained Nurses .

Reasons:-

"Average No. of Patients: 15- Maximum 40 -

"Venereal diseases most common.

"Cases (surgical & other) not generally severe"-

This is exactly the run of cases in a Regimented Hospital -

Now, what is the use of wasting "a superior Sister" and a "thoroughly capable Nurse" on such cases as these? -

They are much better in the hands of men - especially of *sea-men*, who are capital Nurses.

It requires a woman of the very highest stamp of character to be Matron in such an exposed, thankless situation as this -- unsupported by the large Nursing Staff of a General Hospital - And I need not say that such a woman we should not place in such a situation, out of which nothing can come - the sphere of the work cannot be much extended. No Nurses can by [be?] trained there - Such a woman we should place at the head of a large Workhouse or

General Hospital, with a Training-School under her-

3 (and I am afraid I shall give much offense here)

No respectable woman fit to be a "superior Sister" could be found to go on such terms as these, *not for any salary*:-

viz. to "hold office at (a man's) will & pleasure" but "herself bound to stay with" him - & also to be "under the immediate order of the Medical man"-
Of course we "bind" her for a period of years-
Of course this is terminable on both sides-
Of course she is subject to & "under the immediate orders of the Medical man" in *Medical* things -

But the Medical man must have no "orders" to give whatever in the internal discipline of the two women - The Surgeon *must not* be Matron nor the Matron Surgeon-

And the "Nurse" must be entirely under the control as to disciplinary matters, of the "Sister"-

Both must be, of course, under the general control of some constituted authority - which may be the Consul=Genl., or a very small Committee named by the Consul=Genl. -

but not to be on the terms proposed by the C.G. at all. The C.G. may die or leave - And then

what becomes of the poor women?-

4. This is the time of year at which we take in Probationers at St. Thomas' Hospital for our Training=School -

And of course many are rejected for no reason which at all touch their morality but who do not come within our conditions -

I have two now in my eye (one of whom has already been in the East) who

might possibly suit the Consul=Genl. tho' I exceedingly question whether they will take what is in fact a small Venereal Hospital I would not -

I will immediately send off to Mrs. Wardroper, if you approve, to enquire of her

This is the only way I can serve the Consul Genl.

F.N.

June 8/68

N.B. I may mention that we might have at this moment 146 women in India in twos, in the manner proposed by the C.G., if we considered this a desirable kind of plan.

FN

9003/26 2ff, incomplete, pen and pencil?, unsigned letter/draft

Mr. Carr - June 9/68
re Miss Osburn

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose you H. Bonham Carter's opinion -

Please return me his note-
I have sent him all the papers about this unfortunate printed letter to-day - & suggested that he should see you to-morrow, if possible - after having read the

[contd not in FN hand, not leg]

9003/27 1f, pen, initialled letter

{printed address} June 10/68
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

A thousand and a thousand thanks -

You are a magician-

It is an unspeakable relief to me both that Mr. Carr
will withdraw those printed copies -
& that he understands the matter in a
business-like way (& not in a rude &
insolent way)- the donkey!

No one but you could have effected this -

I shall write to Miss Osburn (whom I am sorry,
really, for) in the lightest possible tone - not
making any bug=bears -

But, had you not effected this, I felt it was
quite on the cards that there might be a regular
split- the end of which would have been
the extinction of Miss Osburn's usefulness &
of our Nursing Staff - and quite a storm -

It was quite a night=mare to me-
Many, many thanks- & again many thanks -

The donkey!! the donkey!!! the donkey!!!!

ever yours

F.N.

9003/28 2ff, pen, signed letter with envelope, cancelled one penny stamp postmark: London Ju 13 68} [1:192]

June 13/68 {printed address}
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
London, W.

Dearest mum

I am always writing to
you *in my heart*. But if
you knew what the turning
of life's heavy wheel of
daily business is to me-
And so much of it comes
to me merely from the
laziness or cowardice
of men.

But now I must write
to you to remind you
that this is my dearest
mum's Golden Wedding.
either June 15 or June 18

- which is it?- 1868.

I am going to write
more at length. But
to.day it is impossible.

I believe it is better
altogether for the country
that I should have had
my life. And therefore
I will thank God & you
for it - tho' I am not
quite sure that, if He
had asked me, I could
have accepted it.

But that is cowardly!

ever my dearest mum's
loving child
F.

{envelope:}
Mrs. Nightingale
Embley
Romsey

{inside flap of envelope}
Golden Wedding day 50 years/68

9003/29 4ff, pen, initialled letter [1:264-65]

June 13/68

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dear Papa

I write to you to remind
you that this is your
Golden Wedding=Year.

On June 15 or 18, 1868,
(which is it?) you will
have been married 50
years.

There is a letter of
Bunsen's to his wife,
on the anniversary of *his*
Wedding Day, which I
think is worth all the
rest of the book put
together:-

"Our pilgrimage is now in
the *downward vale* of
life: let us try to secure
frequent moments of
solemn consecration,
of taste for the higher
consciousness, which
presupposes leisure
& repose" x x x

"With you I desire ever
more & more to share
the highest reach of
spirituality x x x
to find the response
to my better self x x

"I pray to be enabled to
see more clearly & that
the way may be shown
me x x x

think over our life" x x

I wish I could copy
for you the whole letter,
which ought, I think, to
form part of an
Anniversary Wedding
Service.

The tragedy of *my* life
is so deep that I must
put off writing to you
about this.

I hope to see you on the
"26th., 27th., 28th.," as you
propose - you & "the
boy."

Oh dear Papa - ~~you~~ "ye
"gentlemen" & ladies "of
"England who sit at
"home at ease"- does
it appear to you that
that was the moment
(when my "Una" was
hardly cold in her
grave) to say that
she was gone to
"harder work"? What

I had to say to the women
of England was: Why
did she die?- *Because*
you would not help
her.

If I mistake not, the
passage you object to
was this: "let her not,
"merely 'rest in peace',
"but let hers be the
"life to stir us up to
"fight the good fight
"against &c &c &c ".
That sentence I would

repeat, if I could,
like a street preacher,

to all those lazy, selfish
women in carriages
whom I see blocking
up the Park at this
moment before my
eyes, *who killed her-*
- not tell them that
she is gone to "harder
work."

And as for myself, I
am so ~~over~~ weary &
heavy-laden that, if
the next existence
for me were that of
an owl, so that I

could live for 100 years
at rest, without
any men throwing
their business upon
me which they
ought to do themselves,
I should be glad.

At this moment I
am days & weeks in
arrear -

So must close - but
shall be ever, dear Pa,
Your loving child

F.

I will write if I can, so
that you shall have it on
your Golden Wedding.

9003/30 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1868.}

Miss Osburn June 15
My dear Sir Harry
I should not trouble
you with this - but that
it seems almost vital
to the Sydney Nurses' existence

The only thing which I
should ask of you to do *now*
is what H.B.C. suggests:
- to ascertain from Mr.
Carr whether he *has*
recalled *all* the printed
copies -

I have a letter from the
Sydney authorities by last
mail. still praising the
Nursing Staff - but
complaining of Miss Osburn's
delicacy of health - [I am

far from thinking - that this
may not possibly be our best
(& last) resource - viz.
that she should resign on
account of ill=health .]

Please return me the
two enclosures

F.N.

9003/31 2ff, pen, initialled letter **[1:193]**

{printed address} June 17/68
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

Dearest mum

Tho' you have taken no
notice of my filial invitation
to tell me when your
Golden Wedding day is -
yet the day occupies too
much of my thoughts for
me not to write again.

Would that I had
something worthy to give
my dearest mum on her
Golden Wedding= Day.
But I have not. I can
only give her my life- i.e.
the record of my life. So
I send the List of my
poor little "works" which

you asked for & took away
when last you were here -
(would you believe it - but
I have never had time to
make out this List before)
And you must please take
that, being all my works,
and my "Una" in "Good Words",
as written for your
Wedding Day by
my dearest mum's
ever loving child
F

9003/32 2ff, pen?, initialled letter **[1:266-67]**

June 17/68

Dear Papa

Though you have not vouchsafed me any communication as to what day is your Golden Wedding- yet I resume mine.

My life is & always has been such a tragedy- if by tragedy you mean the combat - of the man's soul with destiny -

- of course I don't believe in destiny - but I have no objection to say: - the powers of evil - only that we believe the Gods are with us - the ancients and a great many moderns believe the Gods are against us in the struggle with powers of evil.

But I have not borne a high part in this tragedy I have been & am so dragged to pieces with small conflicting claims - which obscure & fritter away the great end & story of the tragedy -

And the power of resistance which I was always sadly deficient in is - you can't think, how much diminished by illness -

Mr. Jowett's life is ~~atra~~ a tragedy in the highest sense- But then he takes so much

nobler a part in it ~~than I do~~ -

And then I am a wreck, stranded, oh
these many years on the rocks, And at
short intervals there comes a storm, and
my ship is driven again with a great
bump upon the rocks, parting amidships
a little more than before-

I have always lost my main friend or
fellow-worker just when his or her
presence seemed most essential to
carry on the work -

Mr. Jowett's life is a tragedy - a perpetual
struggle with destiny .

But then there is so much of the heroic
element in it .

I often wonder that people don't look more
at Christ's life from that side- as the
grandest tragedy & heroic life that ever
was - [But all *that* is spoilt by the
muz & maze they are in about the
Atonement]

I think what is discouraging in the world
as it is - is the absolute want of the
tragic or the heroic element in most
lives, especially in our family & class-

I do not believe there is the least struggle -
or the least consciousness of the need of any
struggle- *for the world* - there may be a
little for themselves, to be good=tempered &c.
There is not either the least consciousness of the
struggle when they see it in others -
I have heard Mr. Jowett & Dean Stanley
likened to one another -
Now, in the life of the first, there *is* the
tragedy, the heroic element -
In the life of the second there is not the
faintest trace of the heroic side He is
incapable of bearing the slightest part in
a tragedy-
His own comfort- to be comfortable in this
world & *the next*- is the moving principle
of most men -

A thousand thanks for the payment of the Rates
for this year Up to Lady Day & July - &
also for the last year -
This is truly a beautiful house --
ever dear Pa
your loving child F.

9003/33 1f, pen, signed letter

{printed address} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry
Miss Rye is always to be heard of
at Mrs. Fynes Webber
Chevening
Sevenoaks

or at
Miss Rye's Office
20 John Street
Adelphi
W.C.

I am rejoiced to think of the Queen's
Liberality to Miss Rye - whom I believe
to have done good service to her country.
& greatly to heed this liberality, in order to
continue such ever yours
good service.

F. Nightingale

June 22/68

9003/34 1f, pen, initialled letter

Lord Shaftesbury

25/6/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have written & send for your criticism such a letter as you appear to desire - tho' I never should have done so without your wish -

It occurred to me:-

shall we ask Ld. Shaftesbury to be on our "Council"?

[You know poor Sir John Liddell is dead - & we have not filled his place -]

I should not like Ld. S. to be on our Committee of Management because he knows nothing about it - & has not time to learn -

But what should you think of asking him to be on our Council?-

It is more for his sake than ours -

If he chooses to be Chairmen of the Meeting of this wretched "blind ass"- as Theodore would call it - it is a pity that he should not know something of the principles on which alone Nurses can be trained - We *must not* be identified with the "blind ass"-

F.N

9003/35 1f, pencil, initialled note {arch: June 1868} bundle 132

Could you kindly just look at the 2 papers enclosed?- & return them all to me?

The question is this:-

it seems almost cruel for me to write to Miss Osburn about this when 4 months *must* elapse before she can do anything - to stop it - unless something could be done with Mr. Carr in the mean time to call in these printed copies of letters -

But *I* could do nothing - with him if I tried - He has always behaved to all of us as if Miss Osburn went out as his cousin- Not our [illeg] nurse. In [illeg] haste. [too faint]

FN

9003/36 1f, pen, initialled note {arch: June 1858, bundle 132 blue paper}

Dearie

If you will drive back
~~round~~ this way, so as to
let me know that the
beau Sabreur is properly
married, & to let me
see your pretty things,
for a few minutes,
(I suppose it will
not be before 3 or
after 5) I will
hang the India Office
during that time -

F.

Thurs:

9003/37 1f, pen, initialled note arch: June 1868}

Sir Harry

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

I should like to send
my "Una" in "Good Words"
to Ld. Shaftesbury -

Would you kindly do
this?- Or shall I?

He is going all astray on
the Nursing questions

F.N

9003/38 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: ?1868}

Dearie

I am afraid that it is quite impossible to
me to see them either now or at any other time -

1000 thanks for the moveable picture stand -
Is it not rather an unusual shape for a
print? - or do you double it in somehow? -

I was a little disappointed not to hear
from Papa or Mama, tho' I wrote to them both,
on their Golden Wedding-Day Did they
say anything about it to you? -

Please

9003/39 1f, pen, unsigned letter/note/draft {arch: June/July 1868}

Lord Shaftesbury's letter

1000 thanks -

I will return it -

You know the Meeting of Genl. Lawrence's Society
(which is to be presided by Ld. S. on the 30th)
includes all the principles we most do
deprecate-

Could you read & return to me the enclosed
letters?

I think Hy B.C. quite right in not going -

I have been consulted by Genl. L.- beyond
my strength -

I have always replied -

We find it quite impossible to indoctrinate
them with right principles (or with any
principles at all)

Yet they put my name on the top of their
Report - which I compelled them to
take off-

I have not really anything more to say

than I have said in my "Una" -
I am quite determined not to be
quoted at their Meeting

as H.B.C. says
in their favour -

But I will think as to what can
be said to Ld. Shaftesbury

The fact is:-

the name of "Protestant Nursing
Society" will take anywhere-
And not one of these men know *anyone*
of the principles or conditions on
which a Nursing Society depends
for its efficiency.

9003/40 2ff, pen, initialled letter

2 July/68
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

Dearest mum

A thousand thanks for
your note. But you
do not say what day
you will come here .

Under this uncertainty,
I think I will fix
Tuesday for my coming
to Lea Hurst. Indeed
I can't wind up business
sooner.

This house shall be
quite ready for my
dearest mum- either

Tuesday - or as soon
after as possible
- the sooner the better.

If you still send Watson
to me on *Saturday*, it
will have this advantage
for me that he will
order the Invalid Carriage
for me - which otherwise
I have to order in my
own name - which I
never do, if I can
help it.

I take Temperance with
me to Lea Hurst - and
Papa tells me that
you wish me to take

Jenny too - and that
you will bring a
housemaid with you
here.

This is, of course, as you
like.

Please tell Watson to
write to me, if he
comes on Saturday -
and by what train -
also, if he brings a
housemaid with him.
to go on to Lea Hurst.

I trust, dearest Mum,
that you will not
stay long in London
but will come on soon

to Lea Hurst. I long to see
you-

Do not, please, send
me the weekly box,
unless indeed you
come yourself on
Tuesday, when it may
be useful.

I kiss your hands -
ever, dearest mum
Your loving child
F.

9003/41 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter [12:129-30]

July 5/68

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
London. W.

My dear Sir Harry

Would you look at Lord
Shaftesbury's two letters &
my proposed reply?

I do not think it would
be well to urge him
farther - to be on my Council-

I have paid the tribute
to him of asking him
whom I admire -

But I think I should
do some things he would
not like - if on my Council.

I don't like Genl.
Lawrence's bad Nurses,
because they are good
Protestants -

And I shan't dislike
Miss Jones' good Midwives,
because she is a Ritualist.

We have already Ld.
Shaftesbury's support in
doing what he can to
induce these people, (the
Genl. Lawrence set) to a
more rational course -

I don't know that we
should ask him for
more - Our end is answered.

But I should be
exceedingly sorry if he

were to take my letter
as not *caring* to have
him - now -

What do you think?
ever yours
F.N.

[end 12:130]

9003/41 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 7/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I go to-day to Lea Hurst -
I am fairly worn out -
My mother comes, I *hope*, to this house to-morrow
& follows to Lea Hurst in the course of a week.

If you or Parthe can make any use of this
house, I need not say: Pray do -

I give my address to *no one*- I say,
I am gone, to Ephesus, much preferring the
fighting with the wild beasts there than here.

If every body is to know where to find
me, I am lost-

ever yours
F.N.

Many thanks about Ld. Shaftesbury
I quite agree

9003/43 1f, pen?, signed letter

Lea Hurst

Matlock

35 South Street, {printed address}

Park Lane,

W.

July 13/68

My dear Sir Harry

I have not written, because you are quite sure that I shall feel myself "honoured" by Mr. Fred: Verney's stay "beneath my humble roof"- - if while my mother remains, she will like it all the better - He can have the "Green Bed-room" (the one over mine) & the Dining-room to himself- if you will tell Burch - Or I will write & tell her, if you wish it, Jane (the little cook) will be proud to cook for him (& his friends, if he likes it).

I think he deserves the greatest credit for going to Amerika - My introductions will not be distinguished ones, I am afraid - But such as I have, "give I thee" - i.e. I will send

(in haste)

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9003/44 2ff, pen, signed letter

Lea Hurst
Matlock

July 25/68

My dear Sir Harry

I was somewhat aghast at your wish
for "introductions" for Mr. Fred - from me -
1. because, tho' I have "lovers & friends" in
Amerikay, they are all at home *in a drawer* -
And I don't remember the names of my
"lovers" much less their addresses

2. because I have *never seen any* of them!!
Of course they are all very estimable people -
very - But perhaps they may be like Mr
Chadwick or the Town Clerk - And I am
afraid Mr. Fred would not be ravished
by the society of Mr. C- or the Town Clerk -
With this proviso, I have done what, I can -
& send the results.

You see, I am afraid, not one of them is
at all political, like e.g. Mr. Sumner, or "in
society", like e.g. Mr. Appleton (who is, I believe,
now in England with Mr. Longfellow, his
brother-in-law)

And pray remember that, as a careful

Aunt, I don't vouch for one of the men,
whose names I inclose - All have
corresponded with me & send me Books
& Reports - And that is all I know of them
Suppose they should be poisoners & burners
in disguise, (like that very respectable
Professor at Boston (?) who killed &
burnt his dearest friend)-!?

Mr. & Mrs. Hill, of Athens, are now at New
York - collecting money for 500 Cretans
they have to provide for, in the Agora
School=house at Athens!

I have told my Burch (& Jane the cook)
to provide for Mr. Fred at 35 when
he comes -

Pray thank Mrs. Verney for her most kind
note

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9003/45 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

[13:277]

Lea Hurst

Aug 29/68

Matlock

My dear Sir Harry

Harry B.C. has confided to me the very disagreeable business of sending you these very disagreeable papers - belonging to our Leeds business.

I send you 6 enclosures.

Harry B.C. asks you to read them - & then return them to him.

He will be back from Scotland about Sept. 18. Mr. Bowman will be back in London about the same time -

And as soon after that as possible,

Harry B.C. wishes to have a Committee on this Leeds business.

Indeed, but for the impossibility of getting together a Committee, there ought to have been one to rebut these Leeds accusations immediately.

They will do us a great deal of harm.

But what can we say? -

Miss Dinsdale was not a suitable

candidate to have received.

An unsuitable person is sent to be trained.

Mrs. Wardroper tries her best.

The person remains unsuitable- and is clever enough to see that, as she will be rejected and as this will damage her, her only plan is to turn round & accuse Mrs. Wardroper.

It is an old dodge.

Her statement is very ably drawn up- a great lie based on a little truth.

But the proceeding of the Leeds Committee is to me inexplicable - except on the ground of the "constitutional inability" (as some one puts it) of some bodies of men to discern truth from falsehood.

It is said that Englishmen will never degrade themselves into *secret informers*. What must we say of these Leeds men who actually abuse all right & confidence by turning 3 of our women into *secret informers*?

It appears to me that we are the Plaintiffs & not they .

I think Harry B.C.'s paper & Mrs

Wardroper's form a complete answer.

These papers should be laid before our Committee as soon as possible with the view, if you see fit, of their being communicated to the Leeds Committee -

If we cannot go with the Leeds Comm: hand in hand, they had much better, however, break off from us entirely. How can we send women to be under such a head as Miss D.? She would be quite sure to ruin them. And she is quite sure to fall through And it is equally certain that the Leeds Committee will be too stupid to see that she has fallen through.

As for her statement of want of system in the training, it is perhaps hardly worth notice. But it would be easy to show that there is no Training=School,- Anglican, Lutheran or even under the old established R. Catholic Orders, where there are methods, to ensure & to test every step in the training, at all to be

[end]

9003/46 2ff, pen, signed letter

[5:338]

Lea Hurst Sept. 25/68

Matlock

My dear Sir Harry

It was very good of you to write to me at all. The Bucks paper gave infinite pleasure here -

I am not very much surprised to hear you say that you "mean this to be your last election" (tho' I hope that means that you feel pretty sure of winning it.) For I have thought often lately that, what with Ho: of C., & with Railways, & with County business, & with doing everything for every body, you had more to do than any one man could do - But I *am* surprised at, & do most earnestly protest, against the reason you give for it.

Surely it is not the business which "draws you earthward" - but you who draw it heavenward- Surely there can be no other or higher "preparation for another world" than to serve God so faithfully in this as you have done in the Ho: of C. and in County business. Surely politics are

one of the highest ways of serving God.

Sir D. LeMarchant published in his Life of Lord Althorp a scrap of Autobiography by Ld. A. in which he said that, at the age of 49, I think, he meant to retire from public business, for the sake of preparing for another world - That always seemed to me the most extraordinary mistake that ever was made. I suppose Ld. Althorp was one of the honestest men who ever lived - one of the purest & most disinterested politicians & statesmen the Ho: of C. or Cabinet ever had - And what in the world could he want better for a preparation to meet God?

I suppose Ld. Palmerston did many wrong things in his life - But surely it was the great redeeming, the ennobling, feature of his life that, till the very last hour before the very last illness, he worked as hard at what he thought the good of his country, as a young Collegian works for ambition to get a first-class -

I most earnestly trust that both of you & Capt.

Verney will win your seats. *for the good of the country.* which we will not deny God by denying that He cares for.

2. I am obliged to come back to London next week - [In fact I ought to be there now.] M. Mohl is at No. 35- And, when I go back, may I put him into No. 32 - we "doing for" him, of course, as last year -

Do not trouble yourself to answer this, unless you have some reason for wishing to prevent it.

[M. Mohl enclosed a note to me for Parthe to ask for this a fortnight ago. But I returned it to him, as I thought he had much better stay at No. 35 till I came back.]

He is studying at the British Museum.

3. Lord Shaftesbury wrote me a very kind note, when starting for Homburg, offering to reconsider the ~~subject~~ question of his being on my Council. [I thought you had been talking to him.] Perhaps

you & I had better talk it over (& also with Harry B.C.) before I answer Ld. Shaftesbury. I do not want to identify our Training ~~School~~ with the Low Church party - as I have always kept it quite free from the practice of the High Church sect - tho' *they*, at least Miss Jones, have done us essential service with the Midwifery School; & I hope will do us more -

4. I have heard from Miss Osburn & will send you the letter as soon as I have answered it- The first page is to you, explaining why she was able to be of no use to your son, in consequence of ~~the~~ your letter to her arriving the day after he landed. Mrs. Verney came & drank tea with her.

Harry B.C. thinks that Miss Osburn would be much pleased if Parthe would send her "Avonhoe" from herself - I have not seen Avonhoe yet.

ever, dear Sir Harry, your affect.

F. Nightingale

I shall send your

excellent criticism

on the unfortunate Leeds business to Harry B.C. as soon as I hear of his return.

9003/47 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 5/68
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dearest mum

Journey all night

Train a little late - or

I should have written on

Saturday night .

Rain all the way.

Saloon carriage a great
success - Hope you will
have it when you come -

Octavius carriage at St.
Pancras' Station to meet me.

Yesterday a real summer
day - wished I could have
enjoyed it at Lea Hurst.

Saw M. Mohl - He looks
well -

I find it a great
disappointment my increasing
inability to bear more than

¼ hour's conversation at the
bed=side - & keep
up work at the same time
at all .

I find here such an
accumulation of work-
And this morning's mail
brings in such anxious
& harassing Indian &
Australian work as
might well terrify a
stouter courage -
East wind to day.
I don't believe my eyes
or cough are the worse
for the journey, thanks
to you all. But, of

course, as I grow older, I
feel being tired more
I have not a minute to
write my Watson- Dr.
Sutherland is coming -
And I must "dépouiller
ma correspondance", as
French Ministers say,
before he comes -
Nothing could have been
better than the way the
whole journey was
managed, thanks again.
If I had known that
Papa would have liked
to have kept any of the
"Revue des Deux Mondes,"
I would gladly have
left them - but they

were all packed & in
the cart~~ria~~ when
he mentioned it .
But I could send any
by post - that he wants
to finish reading -

Au revoir -
ever dearest mum
yours & his
lovingly & gratefully
F

Mrs. N
Lea Hurst
Matlock

9003/48 2ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Oct 10/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

When I left London, I wrote to Mr. Rathbone,
as you & I agreed I should, to thank him
for his kindness in sending me (a change
of) plants from a Nursery man & to
stop it, as I thought, for "good".

No sooner am I come back but (this
very day) it begins again.

What *shall* I do? -

I must write to him on Monday
about a heap of business he has sent
me to do - And therefore must
mention this (about the plants) in
some form or other .

If you could give me a word of
advice by return of post, I should
be truly obliged .

My mother says she is coming up
about this day week .

In another week, I felt, when I left Lea
Hurst, it would be exquisite- (with the
autumn tints - scarcely then begun)

But certainly, it is hardly fit, for her
to drive about there (in the dark,
which, when I came away, she was
already beginning to do-)

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Mr. Jowett is coming up to London for
Sunday 18th. May I ask him to sleep
at 32 S. St- we "doing for" him from
here -

=

Conceive my abject terror when I
received Miss Osburn's resignation
by last Sydney mail- owing to Mr. Carr
having published her letter -

However, when I came to consider it,
I perceived that it was the only thing
she *could* do-

I therefore wrote to her, telling her that
the danger was over- that the copies
were withdrawn (for this we have
to thank you & you alone) & that we
would not "accept her '*kind*' resignation".

I wrote the same thing to Mr. Parkes,
the Chief Secretary at Sydney, who had
written to me about it.

Miss O. was just as much disgusted as
we were at Mr. Carr printing her
private letter -

I give her great credit for this -

I am overwhelmed with business - in great haste
ever your affecte.

F. Nightingale

9003/49 1f, pen, signed letter

{printed address} 35 South Street
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

You will be more frightened than hurt
by this packet.

1. are 2 letters from Miss Osburn -
the first has a message to you in it -
the second is the famous letter of abdication

Of course I have told her that our
Committee are much touched by her
disinterestedness but beg to decline
{cut off. her final offer?}

I have told her that I showed you her
letter of abdication & gave you her
message about Mr & Mrs. George Verney.

It would perhaps be better, if you
write to her (but I don't ask you to write)
not to say that you have seen the rest.

Please return me the letter

2. letters returned to Parthe

3. a letter announcing the death of
poor Mrs. French's second daughter
- for Emily, who was kind to the first

I have written to poor Mrs. French &
told her I was about to tell Emily

P.S. Your Miss Wilson, of Rugby, tells
me that her brother is going to be
married - And she loses her home
& occupation there - I am sorry

P.P.S. Lord Mayo is going to India- [I
always know when there is a
catastrophe coming,] - because he has
written to ask to see me -

Private
ever your affectely.
F. Nightingale

Oct 24/68

9003/50 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 1868 (October?)}

My dear Sir Harry

You *don't* think the Q. of
Holland will want to see me
at a moment's notice - If
she comes, I *must* have
at least a few hours' notice.
I am up to my chin at this
moment in papers -

yours

FN

9003/51 2ff, pen, initialled letter **[5:362]**

35 South Street, 4 Nov./68
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

Please tell me what I
ought to do about Mr.
Chadwick's request.

I have always, as he
knows, kept entirely out of
political siding one way
or the other - I have
served each side just
the same. ~~one way~~

He puts this however in
a different way.

I think Mr. Chadwick
would be an useful man
in the Ho: - I think he
would be an infinitely
better man in the Ho: of C.

than as he has been, for the
last 15 years, agitating
& publicizing & cross &
restless.

But I don't think he ought
to have asked me this-
If I give my name, I
bring down no one knows
what controversies upon
me - And no sum
that I could afford to give
would be of any use to
him without my name.

[9:614]

To undertake anything at
all that will bring down
any correspondence upon
me is past my power.

I have more painful cares
at this moment than
any one human being can
or ought to undertake .
I am pressed to that degree
by Lord & Lady Mayo's
departure- (She too has
just been here) that
I can hardly breathe.
Still, if you thought well,
I would send Mr. Chadwick
my name & £5.

[end 9:614]

I don't think either Mr.
Mill or Mr. Chadwick
or- many other men -
have used me well -
about many things -
They make me take no
end of trouble for them.
They never do anything for

[9:614]

me. Mr. Mill has never
helped me about India.
Then they both of them
often say to me: "Give
me your name",- & leave
me to bear all the
correspondence which
invariably in my case
follows upon it.

[end 9:614]

in greatest haste
ever yours affectely.
FN.

9003/52 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, 7 Nov/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

[16:655-56]

My dear Sir Harry

I see your name on the
enclosed (which however I
can scarcely decypher)

The true answer to it is
- let them see the plans
of Aylesbury Infirmary
which was specially
planned for a small
number of beds - &
will be an excellent
model to follow-

But, if you have already
answered or are not
going to answer, just
return me the enclosed,
please.

Pray tell Parthe that
"I've been quite cheered
& nourished in my heart
for to" read Avonhoe =
ever yours
FN .

I followed your advice
about Mr. Chadwick.
Many thanks.

[end]

FN.

9003/53 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, 7 Nov./68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have no other excuse,
now that the Mayos are
gone, for not seeing the Q.
of Holland but the
general disinclination I
have to waste strength,
when I am so overworked,
in what will have no
practical result .

She is now at Claridge's
If she does not forget all
about it, & if she persists
in her wish to come ~~here~~ to see me,
I can only say what I
said about the Q. of
Prussia, she must be so
good as to remember

that I can only see her
by herself, (me in bed,)
& her lady even must
be left down.stairs .
I should not have thought
but that she would have forgotten all about it,
only she mentioned to
somebody, I forget whom,
that I had not seen her
& had seen somebody
else, I forget whom -
when she was last in England
ever yours
FN.

I had an extremely good
& satisfactory letter from
Lord Mayo- just
starting . I saw
them both, separately,
& supplied him with a
paper of suggestions
at his own desire.
FN.

9003/54 2ff, pen, initialled letter

Private {on diagonal}

35 South Street, 14 Nov.68

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot help writing [5:339-40]
my little "Godspeed"- to
you who will have so many-
for Monday & Tuesday.

[I don't know whether your
nomination is on Monday.]

So sure as I am that your
Election will be conducted,
as far as you are concerned,
not only in the spirit of
God but directly for the
service of God, I cannot
but look upon it as a
great religious ceremony.
For politics are the highest
department of God's
service.

My good wishes attend on
Capt. Verney.

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How much will be decided
on Tuesday for the future
course of God's government!

Not but what I am far
from thinking Mr. D'Israeli
a servant of the Devil or
Mr. Gladstone an
unmitigated apostle of God!

But still the issues which
hang upon that day are
the most important of
all.

So much religious reform,
social reform, commercial
reform, administrative
reform, reform in

governing our great
Dependencies, has followed
the political reform of
36 years go - may we
not trust & pray that
equally great or greater
may be the reforms
which will follow the
Constitutional Change of
1868 -
May God's will be done in
us & by us all!

[end 5:340]

ever yours affectely.

FN

I received the most modest of little
notes from the Q. of Holland on
Wednesday & saw her on Thursday.
She was most interesting - She

[8:842]

talked chiefly Theology & the
prospect of this world getting
out of its woes & vices.

I thought her much saddened &
altered since last I saw her.
but, if possible, more attractive.

[end 8:842]

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I will tell you a piece of bathos-
the frantic eagerness of the W.O.
to get rid of Sir. J. Paken., (which
would make them pass any
number of Reform Bills, if
they could) F.N.

[Pakington]

9003/55 2ff, pen, last page in pencil?, initialled letter **[3:340-41]**

35 South Street, 17/11/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear

To be sure I like to hear
progress- I am thankful
to hear it- By this time
it is all settled - I should
have asked you kindly to
telegraph - but that I felt
sure, if you did not, I should
think something had

happened.

Mr. Rathbone found
time in his hard pressure
to write:

"I believe Liverpool is
considered about as
safe as a constituency
of 38 000 of which
over 20 000 have
never voted can be-

"& in SW Lancashire
tho' a hard fight it
must be we expect
to win".

Mr. Rathbone's nomination
is to.day.

I heard a not very hopeful
account of Godfrey Lushington's
canvass. But he had done
himself good by the fight.
Clerical influences it was
said would be too strong
for him - and certain
clerical jobbing in alms
houses, of which you will
probably not never hear.

[His fate too is settled by
now. May it be all right!]

East wind here dreadful.

F.

As, when you receive this, all except Marlow,
will be settled, I will put
in now: the admirable &
adorable Mr. Wyatt, Chairman
of the Board of Guardians of
St. Pancras who is building
for the Saint a new & excellent
Workhouse Infirmary at
Highgate which we !
are to nurse (the first
London Workhouse which has
made proposals to us)-
invites me to send a friend
to the Laying of the First Stone
on Dec 10 I thought it just
possible Sir Harry might go?

F.

9003/56 2ff, pen, initialled letter **[5:341-42]**

35 South Street, 20/11/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Thanks very many for most
interesting letters -
I have forwarded them each day
to Papa -
I could not but give one tear
to Capt. V.'s defeat- but Great Marlow
two to his victory or better
than victory- for he is
more than conqueror [And
so I told Sir John Lawrence-
There has been a terrible
smash among our young men
But on the whole surely
this Election may be called
the most glorious event of
our Parliamentary history -
the grandest story of our
times - great as that is
[And this, tho' many of the
men we cared most for
have been defeated]

There is a backbone of
common sense in our people
which carries us through
all our difficulties.

Think of more than a
million of working men
coming untried by
experience tried by
every kind of sophistry
& cry (& intimidation in
some cases) & saying:
"we will not have Radicals-
we will have no extreme
men on either side- we
will have the real men-
we are 'constitutionalists',
not of the D'Israeli's sort".
I think we should be proud
of our good old country-

God bless her!

Still D'I. might very plausibly say: "when you proposed reform, half of you ran into a 'cave', half of you voted against. We put confidence in the people. Here is the result. Why do you turn us out?"

Mr. Rathbone, on the morning of his nomination, went to the Liverpool Workhouse, & did business by himself for 2 hours in our Nursing Administration. & wrote me word of the result. [I did not ask him -indeed I did not.] It is of such men as these that England is made. Everybody is very sorry about Mill - & every body

expected it. He has written himself out of Weston. The Briton won't stand that writing about & dictating to other constituencies & his own. But he is an irreparable loss. I hope he will get in somewhere. I am afraid Abingdon is a cruel disappointment to many.

In the greatest haste (for I have been writing all day to Sir J. Lawrence & Ld. Napier- & that poor woman, Ly Herbert, is coming)

ever yours
F.

9003/57 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: Nov.24.68}

Tuesday 2.p.m.-

My dear Sir Harry

It is such a very great disappointment
not to see you to-day- & not to congratulate
ourselves viva voce on your "return"-

But, what between the business that
does come & the business that does not
come, I, like poor Brutus' wife, "fall distraught"
to-day.

[And I have not done Sir B, Frere yet -]
Sir J. Lawrence sent me a whole sheaf of
papers about his proposed Sanitary
Executive for Bengal by last mail
to do before his departure-

=

I have followed exactly your advice-
sending it to the poor Sisters of Ormond St -

With the gigantic, I had almost said
diabolical, power wielded by the Confessional,
Manning is equally able & willing to
deprive them of Subscriptions- And I know
of at least one instance where he *has* done so.
It would be madness for *them* to undertake
to raise funds- And they are so simple=
minded -

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[end 3:274]

in haste

ever your affecte.

Thank Parthe for the FN
flowers

9003/58 1f, pen, initialled letter

Dec 4 {arch: 1868}
35 South Street, {printed address;}
Park Lane,
London W.

My dear Sir Harry

1000 thanks for all you have
done - for me -

With regard to Sir G. Bowyer
I will ask leave from the
"Revd. Mother" of Bermondsey
to tell you what the Sisters
of Ormond St. are suffering,
while he thinks he is
"supporting them entirely"

With regard to the Herbert
Hospl., I will tell you about

the foundation=slip - It is
not at all as it is
represented in the "Times"

ever yours

FN.

9003/59 2ff, pen, initialled letter [3:387-88]

35 South Street, Dec 15/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear Papa

I return these scraps (of yours,)
because you desire me -
They appear to me scarce
worth answering. There
seems small wisdom & less
power in making these
"enumerations of miseries,
unless the Author means
to proceed farther as to
the moral government of God.

I subjoin a phrase which
strikes me as resuming
more power than all these
good books: one man was

pointing out to another (a
very hardworking man in
doing good - real good)
some horrid prostitutes, &
saying:-'It is very dreadful.
"These are women."

The other answered: "*They
are in God's hands.*" He
hasn't done with them yet.
*Shall it take less time
to make a woman than
to make a world? - Is not
the woman the greater? -
She may have her ages of
chaos, her centuries of*

*crawling slime, yet rise
a woman at last".*

Surely it is no answer to this
to say: - yes, but the time
is too long-

I have been trying for a
week or more to write -
but no one can tell who
has not tried what it
is to have one's days
packed like bricks in
a house= wall - as I have,
for 15 years together -
And as if I had not
enough to do, both the
Crown Princess of Prussia,
(our Princess Royal)

& Mr. Rathbone have
been here, giving me
work to do.

[end 3:388]

ever dear Pa
your loving child
F.

9003/60 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Dec 17/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My very dearest mum

You can't think how I have been
watching for a moment to write to you -
And now you will think I write merely
to get our Christmas greeneries - which
many little eyes are anxiously awaiting.
[I send on another sheet, to save you
trouble, what is wanted. All had
better come on Tuesday with the usual box,
please - to me.]

You have probably heard of dear
Lady MacNeill's death. She died of
pleurisy about 3 weeks ago. She
was not old. She was taken ill on
Saturday November 21 - was told of
her danger the next day - said she
was "glad to go before Sir John"- made
arrangements for every body's comfort-
& so died on November 26, the next
Thursday. I did not hear of it
till some time after - but received this

morning a most interesting letter, which

I will send you. tomorrow.

They were a little anxious about Sir John -
but he has busied himself in kind
cares for every body as usual - and is
better than they expected to see him.
She was one of the best & cleverest women
I ever knew- & with a great spirit in
time of trouble.

If my dearest Mum is alone in February,
and if I can possibly get away,
(but you know how busy people are
at the first meeting of Parliament)
I should feel a great inclination to
come down & see my dearest mum
for about 3 weeks - But this is the
vaguest vision at present- you know
how little mistress I am of my own
life -

ever my dearest Mum's
most loving child
F.

9003/61 2ff, pen, signed letter [7:761]

35 South Street, Dec 21/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry,

I know of no book giving
any account of the Paris
Charities - Nor do I believe
it possible that there can
be, if any, one approximating
even to the truth.

The Religious Orders of
course do not publish any
account of their charities -

And all Charities are in
Paris connected directly or
indirectly, so much with
the Government that no
account could be published
except authorized or
indeed undertaken by the
Government.

Even the 'Assistance Publique,'

upon which Administration
nearly all the Hospitals
of Paris depend, published
no Statistics, till we
induced the 'International
Statistical Congress' to
sanction a system which
I drew up.

[Till then, they published
an Annual thing, called
a 'Compte Moral', which
might just as well have
been called a 'Compte'
Immoral -]

There are statements concerning
the 'Bureaux de Bienfaisance',
which are half municipal,
half charitable, (in one

of which I once lived)-

All these are either
large folios or small
quartos - both of Hospitals
& Bureaux.

[I have an account of
the *Protestant Charities*,
which I presume you do
not want.]

If your object is to
obtain an enquiry into
(the modes of administering)
foreign relief, in connection
with the revelations of
the last few years as
to Poor Law & Charities in
London, I have long been

convinced that nothing but
a R. Commission would
elicit any information
at all worth the paper it
is written upon.

[end 7:761]

Please thank Parthe for
the beautiful princely
Guernsey (Madison) lily-
The bulb shall be faithfully
taken care of & returned.
ever yours
F. Nightingale

9003/62 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Dec 23/68
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My very dearest mum

I must thank you for the
most splendid & princely
supply of Christmas
greeneries & other good
things - which are all
already distributed- &
which have gone to cheer
many little faces & sick
faces who would otherwise
have much pain & difficulty,
(as I have some times) I
feeling that there is
"goodwill towards man"
amidst the "wades of this

"troublesome world" on
this Christmas Eve
which is said to be so
joyful.

There is so much in the **[5:181-82]**
grinding London poverty
which cannot be realized
in the country.

It is so hard for gentlefolks,
who have never seen any
thing but Agricultural life,
to speak of "East End
pauperism" as a thing of
blame.

In all trade & great mercantile

& manufacturing enterprise,
there is & must be, an
element of uncertainty,
an irregular element,
which does not exist
in Land & Agriculture .
There are & always must be
times when Labour has a
great deal too much
to do & times when it
has a great deal too little
to do.

The wicked element in it
is this:- that, whenever
Emigration on a very
large scale has been
proposed, the country
has stepped in & has
said: No, we won't have

this drain upon our
population - Because
then we can't undersell
every other country -
(which we do now, by
having a much larger
population than we want.)

The wicked element in the
Poor Law is that it prevents
private enterprise from
finding work for those
who have not got it &
who would do it, if they
had.

It says:- No: we will tax
the whole country to
support these, in the
necessary fluctuations of

9003/63 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, New Year's Eve
Park Lane, {printed address} 1868
W.

My very dearest Mum

I celebrate the last day of the Old Year
to you in my heart.

To me who am always glad to see the
last day of the Old Year, & to know that
I never shall have to see its ugly face again
- & who always hope that the New Year may
bring brighter & better working prospects,
even tho' I may not live to see the half
of it, the last day of the Old Year can scarcely be said
to be a sorrow- I who have so long done
with personal hopes & fears -

I am sorry to say that I have to send
you with the Old Year a Beast with a
Bill.

Of the 'bonnet front' I know nothing-
for 11 years I have worn the same bonnet-
about once a year.

Of Godsell's Bill I also know nothing
But, if there be anything for me in it,
please let me pay it.

'Pope & Plante' has sent his Bill to me

for the spun silk vests. £5.5. And I
have paid it. So please don't let him
send it to you -

I am sorry to say the Commissionaire has
celebrated the Old Year by getting drunk
(after having taken the pledge.) And I
shall have to dismiss him- after having
had his family in hand for 2 years.

ever my dearest Mum's
loving child

F.

9003/64 1f, pen, unsigned note {arch: ?1868; Miss Jones of KCH}

I am seeing poor
Miss Jones about
every week. She is
one of those whom
I try to persuade
that her work comes
under Category 1-
She declares that
L. Hurst saved her
life. I want her
to go to Embley for
a fortnight about
a fortnight hence.
Might she?

She has been here
3 times for a night
or two. in the last
3 weeks.

9003/65 2ff, pen, initialled letter {arch: ?1868; with another letter,
black-edged paper bundle 136}

Dearest mother

You will be nearly
as sorry as I am
that Miss Jones decides
against Embley

I don't at all
believe in the "well"
she speaks of.
O ~~filleg~~ those "Sisters."
I am sure they are no
Sisters, "according to
the Lord"- hardly
in the non= natural
sense" but in the
unnatural

I believe I could

still persuade Miss
Jones if I were with
her. I hope she
will still go some
where in November.
But then it won't
do her half the good.

 Please tell Beatrice
however that the
plan holds of
having two Superintg.
Sisters, one for each
House -

 ever dear Mum
 your loving child
 F.

9003/66 1f, incomplete, pen, initialled letter {arch: c.1868}

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 You probably know that there has been
a "Bagarre" at Netley (in June) & that
Mrs Shaw Stewart has been compelled
to resign. She was "gazetted=out".

 After considerable delay, the War Office
has written to me to choose & *train* for
them a Supt. Genl. & Nurses - & that
all candidates, of whom it appears there
are several, are to be sent *to us* -

 [As for poor Mrs. S. Stewart, she had the
ball at her feet & has kicked it in
the face of every man she had to do with.
Twice I replaced it at her feet - And twice

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she began the kicking process over again.

It could not but end as it has ended.
But Genl. Wilbraham has been as weak
as water.]

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You know Mr. Wyatt who, in 12 months,
has reformed the Poor Law system of
the worst administered parish in the
world, St. Pancras- They have applied to
us to train a Nursing Staff for them for
their new Infirmary at Highgate, 500 beds,
(18 months hence)-

I have long thought that the Poor Law Board
is hopeless - & that what we do we must do
at the other end, through such men as Mr. Rathbone
& Mr. Wyatt.

FN

9003/67 1f, incomplete, pen?, unsigned letter {arch: ?1868}

Friday

My dear Sir Harry

I am immersed in very
painful business, for which I
have had to write nearly for
48 hours for this evening
which is both Australian &
Indian mail -

But, if I can, I will send
you anything about the Poor Law
to read (I would gladly have
gone into the subject fully)
in time- Shall I send it to
38 U.G. St? I do not
know that I shall be able-

I am so glad you ate a good

9001/68 1f, pen, initialled letter [1:267]

35 South Street, Jan 4/69
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

Dear Papa

Many thanks for the
payment of the Rates &c.

About your "response: & "objections" to
my "Political Economy", I
am afraid that you have
not read my letter,
(as Aunt Mai says)

I have a long letter to
write you about
Theological matters-
but no time now -

ever dear Pa

your loving child

F.

9003/69 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

You have often suggested that I should write
a little Article on the Poor Law -

I have written the enclosed -

[If it is to be published at all, a good deal in
it that is too familiar, a good deal in it
that is *impudent*, will have to come out.]

I am not intending to make it any longer.

Would you be so good as to look at it?

I would modify or alter it in any way- or
what I should much prefer, I would put
it in the fire.

But, if it is to be published at all, I understand
that it should be published at once -

[If it is to be in any of the February Magazines,
I believe it ought to be sent by next Thursday]

I could write other papers, as the question
develops itself- But I could not develop this
paper -

As you know, it is not properly my own subject-
And I should never have thought of writing
upon it at all, if you & others had not
kindly urged me -

I understood that the question is marching
so fast, that what appears too "advanced"
now will next month be "in arrear"-
You see how entirely the "Times" has changed its
tone within a very few days -
There is a discussion to.night at the Social Science
- I have had not intercourse whatever with
Dr. Stallard, but I think he has done
good service. & will do more -

ever yours
FN

Jan 4/69

9003/70 1f, pencil, initialled note

35 South Street, Jan 5/69
Park Lane {printed address}
W.

My dear Many thanks for the
beautiful Rhododendrons &
white (Clematis?)-
I wish Mr. Hill could produce
the like.

I do not like to ask either
you or Sir Harry to come over
here in this driving rain-
especially as he has been so
poorly, to sit in his damp
clothes in the Rail road-
afterwards -
ever your F.

9003/71 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 5/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I don't know what you will say now-
This wretched Commissionnaire has just
confessed to Temperance *that he never did*
take the pledge which, in the paper
enclosed, *he declares to have taken.*

You see, he is nothing but a tissue of lies.
And I have no doubt now, putting together
what Sister Gonzaga has told me, with the
fact that while he was earning excellent
wages with me, his family always seemed
in such abject poverty - altho' the two
eldest children always gave *all* their little
wages to clothe the mother & the little ones-
I have no doubt now that the man has
constantly been taking rum all this time.

[In Christmas week he had from me
11 good meals here- besides a Round of
Beef & a large Plum=pudding to take home
to his family- and 18/ in money- And then
he always alledges they are starving!!! Yet the
wife, poor thing, is an excellent manager &

the little girls are patterns -]

What shall I do?

It is very good of you to be troubled with
this miserable & provoking business .

[I must tell you that Sister Gonzaga, in her
out-spoken way, wrote to me: "if you are
fool enough to keep that man" &c &c]

The man now offers to go this night to a
priest (he is a R.C.) & take the pledge
bona fide, & bring me back a written
paper to that effect-[This may be only
a fresh deception} *What shall I say about*
this? -

I will abide by what you advise -

If you still think well viz. "to give him
"formal notice to leave me, saying at the
"same time that ~~you~~ shall not enforce it
"if he" strictly keeps the pledge- I shall
be grateful to you to tell him yourself .

Thank you very much for your offer to
get me another Commissre. - But about
this I have no difficulty - I have simply
to write to the Adjutant who has at this
moment half a dozen men he could
send me- But the Adjutant distinctly
told me that he could not find that
Molony another place - that "no one
"would keep him but" I"- that
gentlemen sent him back on the
Adjutant's hands - him & his *like*
ever yours
FN.

Please return the enclosed, tho' useless.

9003/72 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 5/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry.

It is so very good of you to
wish to see my wretched
Messenger. And I thankfully
accept it .

But I am afraid he will
not tell you the truth .

He has certainly been
drunk not with Beer
but with Spirits twice
if not thrice since
Christmas Day- And -
this is the worst. Sister
Gonzaga says that *several*

times (when he came to them
on messages) during the
past year he had
certainly been drinking
rum, tho' he was not
drunk - Now he took
the pledge in August 1867-
And he has repeatedly
assured us all that
he has taken *nothing*
since, but Cider. [I
believe that a very little
affects him- But then,

you see, that is not the
 question- The pledge
 says '*nothing*']
 It is absolute *ruin* to the
 the man's family if I turn
 him off- And they must
 either starve or go to the
 Workhouse -
 I will abide by your decision,
 whatever it is.
 [Of course I do not wish
 to mention Sister Gonzaga's
 name to the man -]
 ever yours
 FN.

9003/73 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

{printed address} 35 South Street,
 Park Lane,
 W.

My dear I send you back your work. I thankfully
 accept the other. But I have not even begun it yet
 Especially these short days I am obliged to take all
 the day=light for business- and I have been so ill
 that I have been unable to do anything at all but
 lie flat in bed excepting during those hours -
 and sometimes during them--~~then~~ I am weeks in arrears
 [And Dr. Sutherland, instead of saving me, will
 actually make me write one Memo. for him
 & another for the War Office - as this very day.

I therefore think I had better return you
 your work- & probably when you come to town
 have a paper pattern bought to copy from, (and then
 the two works need not be the same)- as
 I shall be weeks nay months in doing it - & am also
 fond of trying new stitches -

ever your
 F

I have a most faded
 dreadful place in
 my carpet before
 the window - which
 wants a rug- But
 then I don't like to
work for myself-
 This is: *Pauperism*
 FN

Jan 5/69

9003/74 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street Jan 5/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am so sorry to hear
that you have been so ill .

I would not, on any
account, bring you
out here in the driving rain -
merely to get damp-

Could you, before you go,
return me my little
paper (too long already)
on the Poor Law- with
any advice you may
be good enough to give?-

P.S -

If you advise publishing it
(but I hope not) is there
any particular Magazine
you would advise putting
it in?

ever yours
FN

I am very sorry about
the Commissionnaire-
how sorry the fact of my
having kept him, hoping
against hope, 2 years & 1 month
best proven-
But I entirely concur in
your opinion- His
lies make him hopeless.
FN.

9003/75 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 6/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I hope that you were not
the worse for your journey.

My unlucky Commissre.
took the pledge last night
& brought me his ticket
(which I suppose is ~~a~~
genuine) from the
Temperance Office this
morning.

The man is in a
dreadful state. He says
that he shall be discharged
from the Corps, because
that I am certain to be asked

for his character.

I suppose his having
now taken the Temperance
pledge would not make
any difference in your
opinion as to my course.

[I had written last
night to the Adjutant
for another Commissre.
to replace this man ~~on~~ next
Saturday.]

I have had a great
deal to do with soldiers,
a great deal to do with
Irish soldiers, & a great

deal to do with drinking
soldiers (unfortunately) .
But I do think this is
the only ~~man~~ soldier
I ever
knew who would
deliberately put his
'cross' & signature to a
lie- such a lie as that
he had taken the
Temperance pledge .
(in August 1867.) I think
now what a fool I was
not ask to look
at his Temperance
ticket. But it really
never came into my
head till yesterday
morning when I sent

my maid Temperance
to him to ask for it-
& doubt the fact which
he had volunteered to attest.

ever yours

FN

9003/76 3ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 8/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am more sorry than I
can tell that you have been
so ill. But I thought you
looking so far from well
all 1867 that I choose
to think this the "clearing
illness". Of course it
will be for the Drs. to
say whether you may
stay in England. But, if
they let you stay in
England, and if they let
you attend Parlt. when
it meets, I hope they
will tell you to stay

quietly at Embley - you have
5 clear weeks before you
-& not to run backwards
& forwards anywhere on
business.

Thanks for your kind
advice about that wretched
Commissre.. I am sorry
to say his wife has written
to me. But I shall stick
to your advice. I am
sorry also to say that
my Adjutant is gone
- just gone. And I do
not know the new one .

However, no enquiry about Molony's character has yet reached me.

Many thanks too for your kind advice about the Article. I think, if you would have it copied & send me all the criticism upon it you can, as you kindly propose, but return me the original M.S. in my own hand as soon as possible, that would be the best.

I can't correct or alter or curtail, cut out, or modify a paper from any but my own M.S. (I can't otherwise find the place) or from print. And many's the

paper I have had (not copied but) printed [at my own expence]) & then cut & substituted & modified at my ease- Sir John McNeill told me this 12 years ago - And many people who have written as many official papers as I have will tell you the same .

Tho' I have published little, I have written some hundreds of official papers (& printed). for the Govt. Offices - & ~~all~~ mostly in this way.

But I don't want you to
trouble yourself about
it.

If you are so good as to
have it copied & send
me back my M.S. -- - (&
then send me all the
criticism you can. All
criticism is acceptable).

Besides, I have wanted
my M.S. two or three
times already. Facts
which I had collected
& put in there & could
not look for again, &
had to quote .

N.B. I do not consider my Article
a proposal at all -

I consider it merely as
suggestive -
Afterwards I could, if
thought well, write a
proposal.

But indeed I have no
strong wish to do either-
in great haste
ever yrs affectely. &
gratefully
F. Nightingale

9003/77 2ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 18/69 [15:588-89]
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

You will hardly believe that
I have never found time to
read this Circular (till
to.day) from the International
Society for Wounded Soldiers, in
which you have taken an
interest.

Would you kindly read it?-
I need hardly say that I
cannot go to their Berlin Conference.
And I know no one but
you who would recommend
our cause there "with dignity"-
But I do not ask you to
go. On the contrary I ask
you what I shall answer.

The result (of this International
Society) will be a moral
one. It will not be a
practical one.
It presents to Governments
the human side of ~~filleg~~ War.
That is all.
It is a sort of Greek chorus,
extolling the merit of
being humane-
Nothing more -

Our Government would
never send a "Plenipotentiary".

I have been asked to
write to Mr. Longmore, of
Netley, (who was sent to
the previous Conferences

by our Govt.,) to ask whether he is
~~has been~~ to be sent to this.

But I really cannot
undertake any one else's
business, being hardly able
to do my own .

If they want to extend
themselves to "maritime"
operations, of course they
must apply to the
Admiralty for a "Délégué".

To our English notions it is
certainly (& as I think,
justly) absurd to think
of preparing a Corps of
Nurses, male & female,
for War, to do nothing in

peace.

Also, there is the very
great danger of taking
the responsibility off
Governments of providing for
Wounded & Sick.

But I have already said
all this more than once.

[The Crown Princess, (but
this is, of course, strictly
between ourselves,) expressed
to me in the strongest manner
her opinion of the helpless, dirty,
useless set of Nurses, male
& female, Doctors, "Knights,"
accommodation, &c. provided
by this machinery in the
Sadowa campaign.]

ever yours

F Nightingale.

[end 15:589]

9003/78 2ff, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Jan 18/69
Park Lane, {printed address;
W.

My dear Sir Harry

The Corps of Commissionnaires
has kept on that wretched
Molony at our request. But
they have fined him 10/. I
know he has pawned almost
everything & can hardly
pay this. But I think it
is hardly right for me to
interfere farther in his favour?

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I am afraid the *management*
of the Corps is by no means
first-rate . E.g. They leave
employers to make their
own bargains with the men,
which, (in such a case as
mine, e.g.) is unjustifiable-
I have a respectable man
now, but stupid.

I hope that you are making progress at Embley & will stay there. [The E. wind fogs here are dreadful.] I beg to remind you, in my grand=maternal way, that I shall expect to see you better after this than you have been for the last 2 years. We can't spare you.

Thanks for returning my paper with its pencil annotations. Is there any more coming?- I mean, was there a copy taken- and are you so good as to make your remarks on the copy? What

do you think I had better do with it? - and is there any particular Magazine you would kindly recommend for it? [cut off]

9003/79 6ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Jan 23/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

[15:589-90]

My dear Sir Harry

Again I have to say what I have so often had to say before as an excuse for not answering your kind offer (to write for me to M. de Sydow) sooner - that I have literally not had a moment.

I think it would hardly do, either for you or for me, to reply to him exactly in the terms you propose. Because, as you are aware, our

Government *has* acceded
to them. And it would
hardly do, either for you
or for me, to ignore this.
As you are aware, all
the points in your
proposed reply have
been urged before upon
them, both officially
& unofficially- And
nevertheless our Government,
(apparently for political
reasons & not to *appear*
to be behind the times,)

has acceded to all the
propositions hitherto
agreed to.

[But it is certainly owing
to us that they have
not made themselves
more ridiculous than
they are - or as
ridiculous as Dunant
would have made
them.]

It appears to me that
the only thing you or
I could do would be:-
to express warm interest
in their proceedings -
& altho' holding to the

view that Governments
should be held
responsible for their
sick & wounded in war,
nevertheless wish every
success to endeavours
made for interesting
all countries in those
thrown upon their
mercy by war.
You will know so much
better than I how to put
this & to make it less
bald
If you think that it
would be more respectful
for me (especially as the
Crown Princess had so

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much intercourse with me
lately - I will tell you
about that another time
- & as she will most
probably see the
Proceedings) more
respectful for me to
write a note to enclose
in yours, I will do so -
But it is a trouble to me
even to write a note -
additional.
I am very much obliged
to you for ~~writing~~ your
kind offer to write to them,

which I most gladly accept.
I think, if you would say,
besides saying what you
propose as to my ill=
health (this as a reason
for my ~~declining~~ incapacity to go
to Berlin or anywhere) - if you would
say something as to my
overwhelming business -
because I should not
like them to think that,
while we are putting
forward the responsibility
of Governmts., I am

neglecting my Govt.'s
work from any cause,
especially as we are
at this moment, as
you probably know,
training a complete
Nursing Staff for Netley.

~~As to the "~~

The best of it is: that
~~our~~ our Governmt. *does*,
always *has done* &
always *will do*
what this International
Society *proposes*.

Lord Raglan always
detached the necessary

to see after the enemy's
wounded. He did this
even when we could
hardly see after our own.
- as at the Alma, so
on every other occasion.
I am sure it was
beautiful to see how
the Russian wounded
~~were~~ who fell into our
hands were removed
& tended by us - much
better than they were
by themselves.
So at the Tchernaya, it
was beautiful to see
the Sardinians bringing

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in & tending the Russian
wounded.

As for the "maritime"
operations, cannot you
fancy how the old
Jacks will laugh: -
'what ~~do~~ is this _____
Conference (another oath)
coming to say to us? -
haven't we always
rescued the enemy
from drowning (another
term of endearment
much used among seamen)
in sea-fights when we battered their ships

into our cockpits
& brought ~~in~~ their wounded
& nursed them ourselves?
And, as we hope to
win in the next War,
as we always have done,
shan't we look after
their wounded, as we
always have done,
without this _____
Society coming &
prating to us - ?" &c &c
ever yours
F. Nightingale

[end 15:591]

Has Parthe been &
married somebody from
32? There was a
wedding there to.day.
I saw the bride. Her
veil was in her hand.
Therefore I would
advise you: look to this.
F.N.

9003/80 2ff, pen?, initialled letter **[5:146-47]**

25.1.69

Dearie

Many thanks for all the trouble
which you & Sir Harry have
taken about the Article-

I think I will re-write it-
[I had not time to open it till
to.day.]

If you recommend "Fraser", will
you tell me whom you write to-
& how? - & the address? -

If you recommend Mr. Reeve,
will you tell me *when* is the
next Edinburgh?-

I *had* been recommended to
write a Poor Law Article for one
of the Quarterlies.

But my feeling was 1. that I
did not *ride* heavy enough
for a Quarterly- 2. that, tho' I
really like Mr. Reeve better
than most do, I had not time
for a correspondence which he
would most certainly honour me

with in modifying my Article-

as I am essentially *not* a
Periodical writer-

But, as I *am* re-writing it, it will
be quite heavy enough for the
Edinburgh, IF he will admit it -

Yes: I should certainly sign an Article, containing facts & opinions on a subject of this kind, at least with my initials. Because Sidney Herbert disapproved of writing on these subjects anonymously- He said that one ought to be called to account for & to stand to one's fact & opinions in these things, as a man has to do in the Ho: of Commons - [I have never published anonymously except newspaper articles on his work, a great many years ago- which were written by Dr. Sutherland & me at Old Burlington St

& published in different newspapers. That was before his death.]

N.B.

If you refer to my letter to Sir Harry, you will find that what you take exception to - about my having said that I had written so many hundreds of Reports - referred exclusively to what he said "that the first thing to do was to make a copy of my paper"- & my reply- that people who wrote so much as I do found a M.S. copy made from their own writing useless for reference. They write, revise, *print* & cut up the *printed* copy. [This is so much the case that, as you are aware, a formal remonstrance was addressed by Government to their Report=writers for the printing expence entailed by

this practice- I did it at my own expence.]

ever your
F.

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9003/81 2ff, pen?, signed letter

25/1/69

My dear Sir Harry

The Water Works man
came here to-day to revise
the cistern &c, supply of water
&c of this house- I let
him inspect the house- [He
worried me excessively, I being
engaged with a gentleman from
the War Off: at the time -
with sending in messages,
whether my name was
"Nottingham" or "Nightingale" &c
&c &c. But it is not *that*, I want
to trouble you about.]
He wished me there & then
to set down who was the
owner of the House- & what
its *Annual Value* -
I said I would write (& so got
rid of him -)

If they mean by the Annual Value, the Assessed Value, it was £200 when I came into the house & was raised to £300 - very unjustly, as I think -

I took care to look down & through his book- [For I really thought the man was an imposter- However it was all right.] And I saw that the gentleman occupying houses here, which I knew to be larger than this, had put down as Annual Value £200
£240
£200 -
What ought I to do?-
I have got to write to him

Should I put down

Owner	Annual Value
W.E. Nightingale	£300

Or may I put down £200?
Or ought I to put down what I am insured at - tho' I forget what that is?

The man said: the object of the Company was to revise the water rates-

I have been paying hitherto about £7 water-rate per annum. quite enough -

[I have put up a Condensing Apparatus to my Boiler- And that supplies *me.*]

ever yours

F. Nightingale

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9003/82 1f, pencil?, initialled note

Please ask Mama about this. I know nought about it. I cannot bear to trouble poor mother- & often pay her Bills, if I know they are right- Of *this* I can tell nothing -- Tear off this slip pray-

27/1/69

FN.

9003/83 2ff, pen, initialled letter **[1:809]**

{printed address} 35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.1

My dear

I want Mrs. Watson to
send, if possible by Tuesday's
box, some Arrow-root or Rice
or Rice Blancmange made in a Mould
which was delicious -

It is for a poor lady
the wife of one of the best
of our War Office clerks
(the man I used to call
my Temple to Friendship
who has had a dreadful
confinement in which
the child's life was lost
& almost her own.

She was miserable at the
loss of the child (the
husband earning about
£120 or £150 a year)
& insisted on sending the
poor little body into
the country to be buried
with her sister's children
-as she could not
bear it to "lie in a great
London Cemetery, all alone"-
I am now sending in wine
& things, as she is
ordered every kind of

restorative- And any
thing at once delicate
& nourishing that
Mama would contribute
would be acceptable.

ever your
F.

31 Jan/ 69

9003/84 4ff, incomplete, pencil, initialled letter [arch: end Jan. 1869]

[2]
35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.

Peshawar has been made one of
the worst spots in the whole
world by bad engineering.
The causes of Fever & Cholera
there are perfectly well known.
And *Ld. Napier* of *Magdala*
repeated them to me in his
peculiarly graphic way (which
shows such practical ability)
the other day.
Amritsar has not a single drop
of good water to drink -
This was well known - But I
have quite recently had a
report on the subject, which
it really is impossible to repeat
to 'ears polite' -

[9:890-92]

As for the *Hills*:- "Your Correspondent"

is probably not aware that the
Hills themselves have been
repeatedly attacked with
Cholera from filth, nuisance
& bad water -
that this subject has been
continually before us- &
that we have continually had
to report thus:- Improve
such & such a Hill Station-
-do not occupy it with men-
-till it has been improved -
-at present it is actually as
pestilential as such & such
a Station in the plains

On all these subjects Reports come

home to us monthly .

Quite latterly I have been engaged in reporting on the very subject "Your Correspondent" treats of. & particularly on the abominable state of the sub-soil ~~of~~ upon which they have built the new Allahabad Barracks - terminating my letter with our strongly expressed opinion that, had this been done in England even, nothing could have saved the inmates from Cholera - in Epidemic years .

Lord Napier of Magdala gave me his own priceless evidence of 40 years that we have rather *understated* than over stated our case .

He has sent me (since) confidential printed documents connected with his own command

On one of these I have had to report. (confidentially) It contains the account of an outbreak of Cholera traced directly to an indecent & abominable neglect which I really cannot transcribe, (tho' I have had to report upon it.)

Also: (but this is by the way:) it *has been* repeatedly urged, to complete the communications over & under the Indus, so as to be able to occupy Attock instead of Peshawur. where, if they are making improvements at all, it is at the slowest possible pace - [Peshawur cannot be safely evacuated, unless there are means of pouring in troops at the shortest possible notice.]

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[With regard to Sanitary things, it would seem as if the authorities were struck with judicial blindness Here is a thing which has happened since the New Year- at home- After years of representations, complaints & urgencies, followed up since Sidney Herbert's time, we had obtained a water=supply for Gibraltar. For the town this was opened (by Lady Airey) with a formal ceremony - The consequence (of the whole new system) has been that, for the first time, Gibraltar has been free from Cholera or Fever at an Epidemic time. I reported this to a Cabinet Minister at his own desire.

£1000 was put on this year's Estimates to extend the water=supply to the Garrison

And it was struck off!

We believe that we have succeeded

in getting it put on again by a statement that the £1000 would repay itself in 3 years (not by saving soldiers' lives - that is no matter) but by saving the water=carrying & rates. But even of this (its being replaced on the Estimates) we are not quite sure.]

I would gladly enter more fully into the subject (of the letter enclosed.) But, as you will, I am sure, see, I who have to report to the authorities have not a moment to spare for non=authorities. I cannot report upon my reports-

If you make any use of the above statement, you must not, if you please, mention Ld. Nap. of M., nor my correspondence with Ld. Mayo's govt., nor my reporting, nor anything which will point to names. [The Gibraltar story is quite confidential- Mr. Cardwell does not even know that I know anything about the Estimates.]

Neither should I have written even so much as I have done here, if it had not been that it is proposed (in the letter enclosed) that Sir Harry should "bring on" the "Hills" question "in the House". which is simply laying so much in the balance *against* Sanitary improvements.

I have written amid many interruptions- **[end 9:892]**
ever your loving
F.

I have much to write about besides,
but must put it off

9003/85 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, 12/2/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I have hardly had a minute to breathe - much less to think, since I received your kind letter.

Everything has been going *by the board* in these new Estimates. With the utmost difficulty I have saved out of the rigging the Army Sanitary Comm: & half the Medical School. I will tell you all about it when you come to London.

In the meantime, this is strictly private. I have not even told Sir B. Frere. In this country, it is never wise to advertise that you are near drowning.

I have not even thought of M. de Sydow till just this minute- And I have written the enclosed, which I have not so much as read over or corrected. Will it do? I think if you would still

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be so good as to add a few lines to back it up, & enclose it, it would be much better -

It is a difficult thing to do- One must be very civil, because they have been very civil, treating me like a Government all to myself-

At the same time, as our Govt. is going to send, I believe, two (different) Deputations, one must not dwell too much on Governmental action being independent of them. Also, as any letter may be

read publicly, I don't
think it would do to
talk of my being
"consulted by Govt. as
to Poor Law & other Matters"
especially as they are
very likely to print all
letters in their "Protokoll",
(such a word!)
I think if you would just
back me up as to my
being busy & ill- as
to my warm interest &c
-my *attendrissement* at
the honour done me - &
a little more of what
Sidney Herbert called
necessary "cock a doodle"- what

[end]

9003/86 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:148]

Burn

35 South Street, Feb 13/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I have never thanked
you for your kindness
in sending me the
"Industrial Employment"
paper.

Of course we concur in
all these things being done.
Let *all* "waste lands" of
Great Britain be reclaimed.
But let people make a
very simple calculation
by which they will see:-
A B is the increase of our
population every year-

X Y is the number of acres
additional, required to
feed them with bread
alone -
Upon this calculation,
2,400,000 additional acres will be
required for the 10 years increase
not including the compound increase.
Now there is not that
quantity of waste lands
at this moment in the Kingdom.

Do not depend upon my
figures, for I have not
them before me. But
it was a little calculation

I made for my Article
(which has been accepted)
But this is of course no
reason against cultivating
what waste lands there
are-
On the contrary .

We are aghast at the
new Estimates- The War
Office is drifting into
the hands of the Horse
Guards. These men Cardwell, Childers & Co.
are not Ministers nor
put there to be Ministers
They are Mr. Gladstone's
Secretaries- ever yours
FN

9003/87 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 1869}
23 Feb/1869

Dear P.

I have engaged a Saloon
carriage for *Tuesday* (12.45)
& told my Father I would
come

I suppose I had better
stick to *Tuesday*- tho' very
inconvenient to business-

I shall thankfully accept
your carriage & man -

9003/89 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street. {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.1

1.3.69

My dear Sir Harry

About the enclosed which
I return- [you will have seen
on Friday night that there
was another & similar
question put:]

so long as matters with
regard to the Army remain
as they are, the present
relation between the S. of S
for War & the C. in C. must
remain as it is.

It is virtually this: the Govt.
~~the Govt. S. of S for War~~ is supreme over the
Army, as it is supreme over
every other Dept. in the
state - but the Govt. works
thro' Heads of Departmts.

The C. in C. is a head
appointed by Her Majesty.
He manages all details
subject to the S. of S.
But the C. in C. is virtually
a permanent Officer.
and the S. of S. a moveable
one. The permanent
Officer will always be
supreme over the moveable
Officer- unless the latter
has the extraordinary
ability & will, like
Sidney Herbert, of
mastering his business-
so as to know it as
well as or even better

than the permanent Officer.

But, since Sidney Herbert,
no one has done this -
& least of all will Mr.
Cardwell do it.

Hence the C. in C., like every
other permanent head of a Dept., has
more power virtually than
the S. of S.

I am afraid that so it must
remain. At all events,
you know, practically
Mr. Cardwell will never
be "supreme over" anybody.
Sidney Herbert, with all
his grace & bonhomie, was
- just because of this that,
knowing as much as the

Horse Guards themselves,
he could not be "put
down" by them.

But that time is past.

During the 14 years I
have been in the W.O., I
have never known the
H.G. so rampant as now.

It is really a *practical* & not a
theoretical matter.

ever yours
FN.

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9003/90 1f, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, March 1/69
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

Could you read these 2
letters from Lord Mayo to Sir
Bartle Frere & let me
have them back in half
an hour?

If you could not do that
conveniently, I could let you
have them again to - day -

Could you give me the
street & number of the great
French Papeterie - I think
the name is Marion & I think
the Street is Regent St.

ever yours

FN

9003/91 3ff, pencil?, unsigned letter

[1:337]

March 12/69

Dearie

1. Many thanks for Spenser & the corrected Una -

We are just now in the thick of our work - & I am
afraid I must put off the doing of it till August -

2. Mr. Jowett is coming here to give me the Sacrament on
Sunday at 3-

Would you or Sir Harry, or both, like to come?

R.S.V.P.

[end 1:337]

3. I don't know that I have any "message", thanks, for [5:148-49]

Mr. Froude, except that as he "hoped", ~~from~~ to you,
"to have another Article" from me- I should be
glad if he would indicate in what direction he
wishes this second Article to be-

I am of course prepared to follow up that view
of pauperism with another development of the
same -

But I had so much rather have heard first
what people have to say on the other side .

You say:"I suppose you have seen from the
"Reviews on your Magazine Articles what people
"say of" &c &c- I have never seen any "Reviews"

at all of the ~~only two~~ "Magazine Articles" I ever wrote - [But then I never see anything] & should be most glad to see them

I never have time to look thro' any paper (nor eyes) except what I am *obliged* to read in the "Times"- And I should be glad even if, when you send me in the "Pall Mall," you would kindly mark what I am to read - Has there been anything in the "Pall Mall" about my "Magazine Articles"?

=

If Mr. Froude would rather *tell* me what he has to say, I would make an appointment to see him some afternoon

=

I have sent my Article to about 20 men, most of whom asked for it- because I wanted criticism- Of these but 3 or 4 are as busy as myself - Only 3 & those the busiest of all- Sir John McNeill, Mr. Jowett, Mr. Rawlinson, have sent me any criticism -or indeed have acknowledged it -

I send you Mr. Rawlinson's letter, which I think a very powerful one-

Please return it .

You see what he says about Mr. Carlyle -

4. I am sorry you have to go- but glad you have let your house well- *Remember to ask Sir Harry to come here. when you go -*

5. Many thanks for the hyacinths- The white hyacinth, surrounded with red tulips, is a knowing invention.

6. I will send the Cornhills- They were directed to me- And I thought they were a present. from Embley -

I have not had time to look at them .

9003/92 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: ?1869} 30.3.69

My dear Sir Harry

I think Parthe is quite
right to give up going to Bagshot

Combe is a better place -
but not nearly so good a
place as Embley, for her -

However, the right thing
is, of course, what you propose-
viz. to ask her Dr.

It is a curious thing, but
a well-ascertained fact, that
~~it~~ there is more danger of ~~a~~ cold to
an Invalid changing her room,
her house, or taking a drive,
even if only to the next Street,
than taking a journey, especially
into a better atmosphere-

But, of course, any move

while this wind continues is

out of the question -

But it cannot last much longer.

[Who has not a head-ache
in this weather?]

ever yours

F.N.

March 30

9003/93 2ff, pen, initialled note + initialled letter

35 South Street, Ap 4/69
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

I have written a little note to my mother,
tho' I scarcely know whether she
opens her letters -
Parthe goes to Combe to-morrow - Her
Doctor gives a perfectly good account
of her -
I cannot be thankful enough that
Bertha & William Coltman are
with you -
I have told my dear mother about
Sir John Lawrence's visit to me -
I hope you read Lord Stanley's
speech at Glasgow in yesterday's
"Times" It seems to me one
of the finest things of the kind
that ever was spoken- And the
last part would, if cut up into
proverbs, make as many proverbs
as there are sentences in it- much better
than Solomon's- ever your F

35 South Street, April 4/69
Park Lane,

W.

Dearest mum

This bit of paper only comes
to give you a kiss.

We are always thinking of you
& very sorry that you are so
suffering, dearest mother.

Yesterday afternoon Sir John **[5:523-24] [9:623]**
Lawrence spent with me.
He had just come from the
Queen, from the presentation to
her as a peer. But he did
not mention this.

I think he is a little more
simple, modest & grand than
ever. When I see these

grand old fellows from India,
 how the English Ministers
 of the present day dwindle
 into mere rats & weasels in
 compassion. Sir John
 Lawrence is like a Roman
 Caesar of the noblest type -
 say Titus or Marcus Aurelius.
He went off in a thick drizzling
 East Wind fog - & would
 not even let a cab be sent for. [end 5:524] [end 9:623]
 ever my dearest Mother's
 loving F.

9003/94 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, {printed address}
 Park Lane,
 W.1

April 8/69

My dearest mother

 We are so very glad to
hear that you are less
suffering- and we really
hope that you will be able
soon to sit up & enjoy the
spring- [here: of spring
there is little, of sun there
is none.]

 We have been so very
sorry to think of what a
serious attack you have
had. I should have
come down to see for myself
how my dearest mother
was, had it lasted any
longer. But, thank God, I

hope by this time you don't
want your troublesome old
daughter.

We are at this time very busy
at the India Office; making
up the year's Returns &
all that kind of thing.

But we are *always* very busy.

I say, like Mr. Bright -
[only he says it to the Public
& I say it to my thumb]

All the Offices ask me for
advice - I give my advice -
my advice is masterly. I
tell them what to do. And
they don't do it.

[9:620]

Or rather I am like the French
journalist who says that

he has uttered 8 millions
of truisms in the last 10
years- so have I- that
it is more tiresome to
teach truisms than to
relate murders, which
Tacitus says is tiresome -
so I think-

& that not one of the 8
millions of truisms has
benefited one of the 8
millions of his readers-
that is just my case, always
excepting India.

Sir John Lawrence, in his
grand simple way, said:
-'you started the Royal
Commission-you initiated

the public opinion which
forced Sir Charles Wood to
take up Sanitary works,
which he did not believe in,
- *as a policy*. And now
there is not a Station in
India where they are
not doing something.'

But I shall be wearying you -
ever my dearest mother's
loving child

[end 9:620]

F.

9003/95 2ff, incomplete, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, April 8/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Many thanks for writing so often
about my dear mother.

I trust that, if she can but
get her strength again, she
may be better after this
very serious attack than
before, & have indeed a new
lease of life.

Here there is to - day a dense
East wind fog. & canopy of
smoke.

With regard to your note
upon my "Inspector of Nuisance":

1. my Article applies more
exclusively to London, (vide
first sentence) your remark
to the country. In London
the "Inspector of Nuisances" can
go direct to the magistrate
& take out a summons
2. my observation applied not
however to any distinction of
town versus country - but
to this: the "Inspector of
Nuisances" has only to do
with the *outside* of houses,
(except under extraordinary
circumstances) the Poor Law
Medical Officer has to do
with the *insides* of houses-
which are, after all, the
most fruitful in causes of
disease. Why then, I say,
not give the Doctor who
sees the inside of a house
(when he is seeing the Patient)

immediate power to bring
these inside evils before
a magistrate or other
authority? It might
be done by a very small
alteration in the Act.

Your case actually confirms
mine & comes within my

principle . I say: - let
your Parish Doctor be
your Inspector, & let him
have power to act directly
by taking the case before
the Magistrates, if necessary.
This would, of course, require
a modification in the Law.
In large towns, in England,
where the most costly &
successful works of
water supply, drainage &
sewerage have been

introduced, the improvement
in the people's health has
not been at all commensurate.
Why?- Because the
works have been all
outside the houses. And
the insides have been
neglected.

Take the case of Liverpool -
The cottage-owners got themselves
strongly represented on the
Town Council- And the Town
Council did not use the
powers, (which it has,) of
enforcing on the cottage owners
the connecting their cottages
with the sewerage of the town,
& putting up sinks &c &c &c
Hence the insides of the
houses have remained
unimproved- And I have,

9003/96 1f, pencil?, initialled note + 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Easter Sunday
Park Lane, {printed address} 1869
W.

Dearie

1. Mr. Jowett is in town to-day & has
sent to ask whether he shall come -
at 3, I believe . I hope that Sir
Harry or you or both may like to
come. [I asked all ~~the servants~~ the maids last Sunday,
not having the least idea he
R.S.V.P- would come on Easter Sunday]

2. Are your servants going to the
Crystal Palace to-morrow?
3. Shall I hear anything about Godson
Carl Fliedner's knife from the maker
4. Would Emily like any books
from my very ragged regiment?
Only let her send me the names of those she takes
She has not sent me the names
of those two last -
I have some books of yours to
return - F.

April 13/69

Dear Sir Harry

Many, many thanks for
taking the trouble to bring the
Daffodils & Primroses which,
potted, look beautiful.

As for your so kindly
thinking about my going to
Claydon at Whitsuntide, I
cannot help telling you how
much I thank you for it,
(tho' you desire me not).

It would be a pleasure
to me all my life to look
back upon- if I could do it -
I must not think about
it now -

When Whitsuntide comes....?
In the meantime, you must lay

your plans about Claydon
without any reference
which you have so kindly
made to me -

About your Mr Norris & his [13:722]
Nursing (District) project
for Buckingham &c -

this morning I heard that the
two Miss Miles's, "Deaconesses"
under Dean Howson at
Liverpool, for visiting the
sick poor - (not in connection
with Mr. Rathbone's District
Nursing) were going to leave
Liverpool, because the very
hard work in the town was
too much both for their
health & their pockets

It occurred to me whether
you would like to mention
them to Mr. Norris -

They had a training both
at Kaiserswerth & Strasburg -

The two Sisters will not
separate -

They are women of experience-
If you like it, I will send
you their address for Mr.
Norris -

They were known to dear
Agnes Jones & to her
excellent aunts - (but not to me.)

[Should Mr. Norris think of
them, he must obtain
all particulars from Dean
Howson, as I could not
undertake this]-

[end]

=I hope you are pretty well -
ever yours FN

9003/97 1f, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, Ap 19/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear "Pop"

I send you the most
unromantic of all possible
Birth-day presents, two
fi-pun's- And I wish
they were as many hundreds.

Mama's progress must
be very slow but I hope
sure- She must need the
greatest quiet & with so
low a pulse lying down
entirely. But I should
hope that when able
to drive out, she may get

stronger with the spring.

Here the weather is
abominable. To.day wind
W. But for the last 3
days, wind E & N. &
only no fog because
wind so high. Yesterday
bitter- Out-door hyacinths
&c in park said to have
been cut by frost.

ever your

F.

9003/98 2ff, pen, initialled letter

May 1. 1869

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am very sorry that we cannot
help you with a Nurse to the
Little Cripples -

But, rather, we want you to
help us-

=

Mr. Norris of Buckingham

I read the Miss Miles'
address

14 Maryland Street
Liverpool

But as I had the same
difficulty in reading it as
you, I addressed all
applications which reached
me for them to

The Misses Miles
care of Miss Smyth
The Retreat
Drumcondra Hill
Dublin

(Miss Smyth being the person
who wrote to me- & her
address being on the letter)

Or, of course, Dean Howson
of Chester? would do as well.

San: Comm:

Mr. Paget, who is on the Sanitary Commission of which you speak, applied to me to let me see him about it - And I believe I am to do so.

Is it not a cruel pity that they should appoint a *Sanitary Comm: (lucus a non lucendo)* without a single member who has any *Sanitary* knowledge or capacity, except Col: Ewart & Mr. Paget?

A subordinate member of the Govt. spoke to me about it & asked if he should put on Sutherland- I said, what can he do against all that mass of ignorance, incapacity or indecision?-- Mr Paget

who is the only man who does know anything about it, says *he knows nothing* . If they could have got a good sprinkling, such as I had on both my Royal Commissions, of competent men, they might have done immense good. But now....?

ever yours

F.N.

May 1/69
what a May!

9003/99 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 2/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Dearie

Many thanks for the offer
of the temporary kitchen=maid.
But I have not sent your
letter to Turnham -

It would not suit me
at all, in my small
household without a
housekeeper, to have in
a stranger- thank you very much
all the same-

I do not know who told
you that I was in want of
temporary help- Of course
any temporary arrangement
I should make *within* my
own household, getting in a

charwoman to help, whom
I know- And this I have
done- And I hope Sir
Harry will come in to
dinner as usual- He
shall not be poisoned.
The letter which I wrote to
Papa yesterday about it *holds* -
I did not like to write
to Mrs. Watson, even
enclosing it to Mama,
for fear of troubling her,
body or mind.

But, if she could hear
my letter to Papa about
it, & *then empower Mrs.*
Watson to write to me,
that is what I should
like the best -
To-day is an orange fog,
with a W. wind; I don't
know that I ever saw
such a thing in May -
ever your

9003/100 3ff, pen, unsigned letter

35 South Street, May 4/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Many thanks for your letter
But I will limit myself
to day entirely to the kitchen=
maid business- as you say
you will be so good as to
speak to Mrs. Watson again
about it .

If the kitchen-maid "objects"
seriously, "to London as not
suits her health," I think it
scarcely desirable to say
anything more about it.

But what would Mrs.
Watson say to this proposal,
viz. that I should have the
kitchen=maid (say) in a

fortnight from this time
till the beginning of August,
when in all human
probability I shall come
to Embley or Lea Hurst,
(as the case may be)-
the kitchen=maid might
then return with me - all
of course subject to your
good pleasure - to you - -
so short a time in London
could not do her health
much harm

And then it might be
settled one way or other
whether she should return
with me as permanent
cook to London (say) in

October-

Mrs. Watson knows so well what I want that I entirely depend upon her opinion whether the kitchen=maid would suit me. She knows that though there is not much to do there is a good deal of responsibility - for instance, she has to pay the Bills weekly- Now I have to order=in every current thing myself. I should be exceedingly glad to be relieved of this, as soon as the person has a little experience.

But I should think it quite unwise to *press* the kitchen=maid to come, even if you were kindly willing to part with her.

It must be as it seems best.

Only I should like to know by return of post, please, if you or Mrs. Watson would write to me - as I have another person in view.

This other person is *only for the summer*. She is, in fact, Mrs. A'Court's cook. Neither could I think it right, under my peculiar circumstances, to take her for a permanency, or any one

except from yourselves or
Mrs. Bracebridge or Combe.
My disasters have been too
great in this line.
Temperance & Jenny do the
most perfect credit to
their good training.

I do not think that I ought
to undertake the Allsops'
cook, of whom you write.
I think it would be too
great a risk- I do not
mean on account of the
cooking - but on account
of having a person whom
you do not know where
there is literally no
mistress & no upper
servant.

9003/101 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 4/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot thank you enough
for your kind note .

I am afraid I must give
up going to Claydon at
Whitsuntide, however much
I should like it dearly -

I know I should give it
up at the last moment-
And therefore I had rather
tell you now, in order to set
you quite at liberty, which
I am afraid your kindness
would otherwise prevent
your being -

I do not expect to have
more than Whit Sunday & Monday.
~~An~~ *if that* - And it would
do me more good to lie
still & *do nothing*. (if I can)-

Thank you a thousand times.

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I wish you would come &
dine here as usual on days
that are convenient-
You shall not be poisoned.

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I have looked in vain for [5:149-50]
anything for you "to read for"
"Mr. Corrance's Motion"-

I am myself looking forward
to it with great anxiety -

But motions for enquiring
"into the existing state of
Pauperism & Vagrancy- & the
principles upon which the

"Poor Laws are at present
administered" will not do
much, unless it bring
about a re-consideration
of the whole question.

For, if it is the Poor Law which
makes Pauperism, the Poor Law
which makes Vagrancy,
we want an inquiry into
the whole thing- the very
application of the principles
of Political Economy- the
very operation of the Poor Law
in generating paupers-

As people said I was "oracular"
in my paper in Fraser,
I have written a paper
on my paper which is

so extremely bad that I
think it will do very
well -
I do not offer it to you to
read - for I know you do
not like those little lines-
And it is quite in its rough
state -
But it is of course quite at
your service if you like to
look at it before Mr.
Corrance's night-
I shall dwell upon the
advantages you offer for
Emigration in your Hudson's
Bay C: Territory paper (which
I liked very much) in Fraser
The very Turks are before us in
providing ever yours
for Immigrants!

F.N.

9003/102 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street, May 6/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Following up your letter, I have
this moment engaged Mrs. A'Court's
cook for 2 months- As Mrs. A'Court
takes her back at the end of that
time, (having only released her
because she Mrs. A'C. has let her house
for 2 months) & as I take the
cook *with the pet-dog*- the
two being inseparable- I have
done a safe thing at all events-
The cook occupies exactly the
same position with Mrs. A'Court
that she does with me viz-
of being a cook without a kitchen=
maid--

But alas! what am I to say [5:313]
to your expectation that I shall

come to Embley "early in July"-
I thought I had made it
clear enough that there is no
human probability that I
shall leave London before
Parliament is up- That is
to say, it would be as little
easy to leave London for me
any day before August as
now. In other words, if
there were any immediate
necessity for my seeing my
dear mother (which God forbid)
I should come - But I
could come now just as well,
or just as ill, as any time
before the House is up -

Only consider - It is now 13 [9:620]
years that I have been in
the service of the Govt. Offices-
And, during those 13 years,
I have left London *once*
before the House was up- (viz-
(last year.) And then a
great disaster was the
consequence.
There have flown 3 years since
I have had this house -
thanks to you - And - the
first year, 1866, I could not
leave London till *August 18* -
The second year, 1867, I could
not leave London *at all*.
The third year, last year, I
came to Lea Hurst the first

week in July - the first time
that I have broken=loose
since 1856- And we lost
an important India Office
step in consequence, owing to
the inevitable delay of sending
papers backwards & forwards.
Judge ye, if I ought not to be
spared the pain of declining
to do *what I always would*
do if I could & what, *if*
I cannot, I ought not to be
asked to do -

[end 9:620]

I have a hope, tho' by no means
an expectation, that my
dear mother may go to
Lea Hurst yet this year-
ever your
F.

9003/103 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

Private {on diagonal}

35 South Street, May 10/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

You are so very good to me to
think about my going to Claydon.
I will tell you exactly what my
feeling is- And I am sure
you will understand it -

I have of course written to
my father & to my mother that
I would go to Embley any
time that she wanted to see
me- My dear mother wrote
to me herself that she wanted
me "not to disturb my
business for her- But Mr.
Taylor has promised to let
me know *at once* if he thought
her worse- He persists in
saying that she will "recover
her strength"- Still, at her age,

there might at any time be a
rapid change towards the end.
have told my father that
I will come *at any time*, if
that is the case, or even if only
she were to express a wish
to see me -

This being the case, I should
not like her to feel, nor
should I like to feel myself,
that I was "pleasuring" at
Claydon, (which it would be
to me), when I was too busy
to come to her -

Also: - it really would be
destruction to my business
if I did *both* -(Claydon & Embley.)

My father wanted me to
promise that I would go to
Embley "early in July"- I said
I could not possibly promise
in justice to my business,
to go before Parlt. was up.
(*unless* under the above
contingency, which God forbid.)
Now you will understand, dear
good Sir Harry, how it is
with me- And how,
under the circumstances, I
could not go to Claydon,
now, as you are so kind as
to wish.

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Could you kindly, some day
when you are passing along the
Haymarket, call at that Cutler's

where you were so good as to
order a knife for me for
Carl Fliedner, & ask them
why they have never sent it
to him? I paid my
Bill above a month ago -
And they offered themselves
to send it to him, I paying
the expences- And they
never have

ever yours
F.N.

9003/104 3ff, pen, initialled letter **[5:150-52]**

35 South Street, May 12/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

So the practical result
or rather the practical non=
result of all the Poor Law
discussion is simply this: -

the public are to be left
to pauperize by private charity
without let or hindrance

and the Poor Law is to
pauperize by rates as usual.

It appears to me that
what we ought to do now
is to advocate a Congress of
delegates from all Charitable
Institutions all over the
country to meet in London

for the purpose of forming
an Union to include &
systematize all the objects
- & that one fundamental
principle of this Union
must be that all
Establishment charges &
salaries must be paid by
the Committees rateably,
(charging ~~the~~ a percentage to each-
the object being- to have a
personal check)
so that the contributions
from the subscribers
should reach the poor
without a farthing of
deduction.

[I do not see why, if we
have a Congress of Delegates to
emancipate the slaves, we
should not have one to
attend to our own poor -
And there are Charities
already conducted on the
principle that the Committees
pay all Establishment's
charges.]

This appears now to be
necessary.

I entirely agree in the
latter Paragraphs in the
"Times" Article of to-day *May 12* -
But, if those paragraphs
be true, some such Union

as I have suggested between
the different Charities
follows as a matter of
course.

If this cannot be done, then
the next thing, bad as it is,
should be to advocate
stopping the supplies
altogether- so that the
rates may do every thing
& that a due economy over
these rates should be
exercised.

But, if the Government wants
a proper ground for action,
they ought to have a R.
Commission to cover all
the ground.

[2]

Private {on diag.}

It is a cruel pity that
Mr. Corrance who seems to
be a good man should
have so little understood
the subject as just to
have played into the
hands of the Govt. He
said just what they
wanted him to say in
order to be defeated. And
his letter in the "Times"
of to.day May 12 is contradictory
to the beginning of his speech.
of Monday night. He takes hold of the most
offensive, the most impracticable,
the most destructive &
pauperizing of all
conceivable Agencies, and
proposes it. viz. that

Government should supplement
out of the Rates the
voluntary Charities.

Mr. Goschen was perfectly
right in negativing that,
(altho' his speech was a
speech of straw.)

[Our proposal was that
Governmt. should have
a certain control over
the voluntary Charities.]

Mr. Corrance advocates a
system directly the reverse
of the Paris one then
praises that. He advocates
the Paris system & then
proposes a quite
different one. He advocates
just what the French don't do,
then praises what they do do

The Paris system is that,
up to a certain point the
Government allows private
charity to exert itself to
the full, keeping a direction
over it.

We have twenty different
Agencies, doing the same
thing twenty times for one
person.

We want an agency so
that the one thing needful
should be done for the
one person.

This is what they have in
Paris

But this is not supplementing
out of the Rates, which is
the one perfect means for
pauperizing people -

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In the Debate, every one of the elements has been considered.

And the non= result is:-
want of capacity - want of capacity on the part of the Govt. to deal with ~~it~~ the question - or rather I suppose I should say on the part of the Legislature.

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There seems to me such a terrible vein of what may be called the 'aristocratical element' running thro' it. People are afraid to interfere - And if you ask them why, there seems to be no reason but - 'this is a good

[3]

world' (for those who have got by capacity or inheritance - the good things in it) - And they are afraid that any enquiry (into the Political Economy of those who have not) will interfere with their 'good world.'

I send you the Notes for my Article, as you are so good as to wish to take them to Embley. But, if Parthe would send the me back by Tuesday's box, I should be glad I wish to begin my Article (if I

do it) *with our gained*
ground. For I think we
have gained ground.
And as I have only one
hour a morning, 7.30-8.30 A.M
a.m., to work at these
things, I could not
afford to lose a month.

ever yours
FN

9003/105 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter {arch: 1869}

35 South Street, {printed address;}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir harry

1. A thousand thanks for
enquiring about Karl Fliedner's knife
& for paying the little Bill, which
I enclose- 3/4 - (with a new 3-penny Bit,
for luck.)

I have had to write to his mother
(she is such a good woman) with
a contribution to Godson Karl's
sustenance- And I dare
say I shall then hear of the
advent of the knife-

ever yours
F.N

May 12

2. I returned you the German Atlas you
were so kind as to lend me- & have

ordered a copy at Williams &
Norgate's- They had it not
in stock- It appears to
me the best Atlas I know. And,
as far as I can see, almost
all the latest things, Railroads
&c. are *in* -

But my feelings are hurt by
seeing all North Germany put
down as Prussia in blue.

F.N.

3-

If you like to send me back my
little scrap book about the Papal power
in Ireland, *anent* the Irish
Church bill, I will finish it -
But do not take a moment's
trouble in looking for it-
It is not worth it -

FN

How can I thank you
enough for your good
wishes - you give me *joy*-
on my birth-day?

F.N.

9003/106 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

35 South Street May 29 {arch: ?69}
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Dearie

I send the rough Notes
because you said you would
like to see them - And
Sir Harry wished to have
taken them to Embley.

Please return them,
read or unread, by
the Tuesday's box or
Tuesday's post -

Many thanks for thy
birth=day books -

But I was charmed
with Jessica's First Prayer

& with Lettice Lisle as
a whole -
Mr. Fred was so good as
to call here to ask if
he should play on the
Harmonium- But I
was too ill & busy that
day to do more than
send a message of thanks-
And I have not been able
since- Pray, if you
write, tell him so - &
that I was not the less
thankful- ever your F.

The Rough Notes are
as much for Papa,
if he cares to read any
of them -

9003/107 2ff, incomplete?, pencil?, unsigned letter {arch: ca. 13 May
1869}

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry to have been so
tiresome about the Corrance
question- But I really have
not had a minute -

Also- I see the enormous
difficulties- I do not believe that
Govt. mean to do any thing but
shilly=shally -

Now, when a man like Mr.
Wyatt, late Chairman of Guardians of
St Pancras, resigns because he
finds that the jobbing & the
opposition are so intense, the want
of support from the Poor Law Board
so marked that his efforts are

paralysed - & he can do no good -
does it not seem that a
fundamental change in the
Poor-Law is wanted? -
I believe that nothing but a R.
Commission to work up the
whole subject, as Sidney Herbert
& I did the Army Sanitary
subject, would make the
slightest impression-
But, even were Govt. to grant
such a R. Comm., who is there
to work it now? -

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I send you the rough notes
for my paper- as you
kindly wished to see them -

Please return them to me in a
day or two- In their
present state, they can be of
no use to you -

=

To-morrow is India mail.
Saturday Sir B: Frere comes to
me- And you will probably
be out of town & cannot see me then

9003/108 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, June 7/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

I have sent a *Sermon* of mine!
- a recent production - (in the
old green portfolio) by the
linen-box to-day - according to
your desire

If you can let me have it
back by the Tuesday's box
next week, I shall be glad -
and will, if you like it,
send you another - according to
your desire that I should write
one- ever your

F.

9003/109 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street June 11/69

Park Lane {printed address}

W.1

' I shall look forward to seeing
you on or about "the 25th."
for "2 or 3 nights"-

also the "small Boy".

Madame Mohl is in London -

at the Deanery for

Westminster-

ever yours

F

Lady Annabella's marriage

to a R. Catholic attaché -

not a very select prospect

9003/110 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

35 South Street, June 24/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I have just heard from my
father that he will be here &
will *dine with you at 3.30*
on Friday (to.morrow)

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I have been so unequal lately
to any but the most pressing
business & am so in arrear
even with that that I
have never answered your kind
note about the Deaconess
Olga v. Billerbeck -

If my family see no objection,
I should see none, to my
joining with Mme. Schwabe &

Css Bernstorff, as you propose,
in signing a letter of
recommendation of the "Alexandria
Hospl.," provided you & H.
Bonham Carter will write
the letter, provided my
address is not given, in any
way, as a reference -
& you will be so good as to
send round the letter to the
Merchant Seamen's friends, as
you kindly say -

I hope that Emily enjoyed the
Q.'s Concert-
I have never thanked her for so

kindly sending me the account
of Elise o. Ungern=Sternberg's
death- & also for
sending me news of Parthe -
I hope that Mr. Fred will come
& play on the Harmonium
some time - which I much
enjoy, if he is so good as to
spare the time- But I have
been incapable for anything
lately-

9003/111 2ff, pen, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 7/69
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dearest mum

I think that I shall be
able to come & see you about
Saturday, if you will be so
good as to sanction the
arrangements for me.

I am afraid that I shall
be obliged to ask for
Watson to take me down.

And I will order the railway
Invalid Carriage from this
end.

If anything should occur
to prevent me from going,
as may always happen
with me, I will telegraph
to him.

What shall you say if I
bring 3 maids? It is
after this wise:- Temperance
must come, of course. Jenny,
if I were so much as to
"even to" her that she was
not to come "home", (as she
always calls it,) would
really, I think, break her
heart- [Otherwise I should
be very glad if she would
stay here & keep Burch
company.] The third
is Elizabeth Hill, a young
cook whom I have just
taken- sister to the
excellent temporary cook,

Mrs. A'Court's, whom I had.
Elizth. Hill seems to be a
good girl, quite a girl,
but not to know much.
I engaged her only on trial.
And Beatrice, Mrs. Sutherland
and I all thought that it
was out of the question
my engaging her at all,
unless she could come &
be tested at Embley &
have also a little of
Mrs Watson's good teaching
I having no one to look
after her.
I shall bring only a cat and
a half- both very clean
& healthy

To.day is the day I went to
Lea Hurst last year.

I long to see my dearest
mum- And I shall be
sadly glad of a little rest &
quiet.

If more convenient to give
me my old room, now
Papa's, I shall like it
as well as any - & can quite
well mount those little
stairs.

Au revoir, please God -
ever my dearest mum's
loving child
F.

I will write to Mrs. Watson
in order to save you as much
trouble as possible, ~~in order~~
to tell her what I ask you-

9003/112 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 9/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear Alice

Many thanks-

I trust to come to.morrow

by the ~~filling~~ 3.10-

It was the *Saloon* Carriage

I ordered.

I did not at all want

Watson till the same day -

(of my going)-

Parthe comes here next week for doctor for 2 or 3 nights-

so that I leave Jenny &

the little cook to help

Burch- I am afraid it

[cut off}dreadful disappointment.

{cut off}Jenny But the two

{cut off} will follow to Embley

{cut off} in a week or 10 days -

{cut off} my mother permits.

{cut off}before bring only

{cut off}Temperance- with me -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/113 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, July 9-7.30 {arch: 69}
Park Lane, {printed address; a.m.

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be delighted that you
& Parthe & Emily (& Parthe's maid
I suppose, & a man?) should
come here next week -

I will therefore leave 2
maids, i.e. Jenny & my new little
raw cook, who were going
with me to Embley, here
with Burch.

They will follow me to
Embley when you are all gone,
probably on Saturday week -

[This will not prevent
your using the house afterwards,
as Burch will be left. And
she will have a companion.]

I will not put the servants on
board wages till after Parthe
has been here - & will desire
them to go to her for orders
for your own meals, & order
in the things from our trades=
people, sending the bills, as
usual, to me.

Do not, please make any
objection to any of these little
arrangements- I assure you
for little household reasons,
with which I do not mean to
worry you, it is best so.

[If Parthe brings a man, I would
suggest that it should be the
most innocent- as we have
no where but the *women's* pantry
for him to sleep in.]

[I am afraid that Parthe will find
My new little cook ~~is~~ very
raw - I have only had her a
few days - She was in fact
only engaged to go to Embley
to be under Mrs. Watson.]

I believe there is every thing in
the house except, I *think*
Port Wine. And this, I shall
desire Burch to get from my
wine-man -

I hope that you will be
comfortable -

The sooner Parthe can let us
know his day, the better for the maids -

One thing I will ask you kindly

to remind Parthe & Emily of-
that my whole *business* depends
on me, a cripple, being able to
find my books where I put
them- & therefore, if they
will be so very kind as always
to put back a book in the
place whence they have taken
it! - - - I am unable to go
e.g. into my Dining-room more
than (say) once in 2 years -
If e.g. books are carried down
there, they are as good (or as
bad) as lost for me - Burch,
an excellent servant, being
quite *incapable* in this respect.
& I having no one to look after
her- A valuable book of M. Mohl's was
lost for 9 months in this way-

ever yours

FN

9003/114 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: 1869}

Embley

Romsey July 13

My dear Sir Harry

I hope you will not so kindly torment yourself about the 'changement de décor' at 35 S. St. I assure you it did not in the least signify.

Burch will be very happy if Emily & her maid come to her.

I find my mother altered certainly- she is shrunk & smaller in person- but very cheerful - more so, more enjoying & willing to be pleased & satisfied & really happy than I have ever known her in all her life till last year, when it was

very striking. I think I may have expressed to you before the great change & happiness & comfort this is.

She has much strength left

- goes out every day. both in carriage & garden - & sleeps well after

- But I must put up my letters at once -

I will write again

Please destroy this -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/115 1f, pencil, initialled letter

Embley {printed address}

Romsey

~~35 South Street,~~ July 15 {arch: '69}

~~Park Lane,~~

~~W.~~

My dear

 If going to London, why not
go to 35, if 32 is not ready?

 If so, please write or telegraph to Burch
immediately- & tell her to
stop Jenny & Elizth., who will
otherwise come here on
Saturday - & telegraph the
same to me -

 It will be no great
disappointment to them,
as I told them they might
have to stay till next Tuesday or
Wedny., to put it off a few
days longer -

 Mama varies, of course. but
is *always* cheerful. enjoys her
drives & walks - triumphs daily

in the departure of Hill- (and really the effect on the garden, as far as I see it, is most striking.) never complains. [Webb says, her eyes are not worse- Of this I cannot judge]

She told me how kind Lady Sarah Williams had been- among other things, in her thought in sending her a bamboo light umbrella- I trust that Mrs. Verney is going on quite well-

ever yours

F.

9003/116 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

Embley

Romsey Aug 5/69

My mother bids me say that her Basket-chair suits her perfectly She went out in it on Sunday - Since then, it has been rather stormy. And she has been so late that she has gone out in the close carriage by preference - But, should we have summer weather again, such as we had the first week I was here, I am sure that she will make a great deal of use of it. For she was often out on the lawn till past 10 o'clock then - besides taking her carriage drive-

I asked her whether she had any fault to find with it, before you paid its Maker at Derby-

[2]

And she said: 'if she got fat, it
'was rather too *narrow*'-

But when I asked her whether I
should tell you this, she said
'No': that it was only because
she liked a great roomy
carriage -

And I do not think myself
she said it seriously -
[You know she likes a little
compliment on her figure,
which indeed, (when she is
nicely dressed, as she is every
afternoon,) is just like a
girl of 20. much younger than
either of her daughters']-

I thought her bent when I first
came- But I do not see it
now-

And oh she can do such a great
deal more than I can.

But she requires a great deal of

[3]

care now- not only bodily (which
she has) but mental (which I
try to give)- to keep from her
the least care or trouble or uncertainty-

While she is free from this, she
is happier than I ever saw

her in her life - really happier

But it is incredible how much
worry it costs her if any one

writes to her to do the
slightest thing. such as, Sir

Harry sending Mr. Fraser here

& Parthe writing for photographs of herself -

But do not tell Sir Harry this.

I suppose it was necessary -

I only mention it, because it

is really indispensable to

save her from having to make

the least decision - or from

even knowing that there is the

most trifling uncertainty- or trouble

or from having to look for things -

= [4] *Rain* [7:698]

There was a good even down=
pour of July rain for many
hours yesterday & a thick
night fog after it-

I suppose the farmers will
now say, 'O my corn', as before
they said, 'O my grass'-

But I don't agree with you
(as to *beauty*) about "burnt up
grass". I thought I had
never seen Lea Hurst so
beautiful in my life as last
year with the *golden* pasture
- or as, this year, Embley, with
the park as richly coloured as
a field of ripe corn- England
is so much too green that the
golden tinge (of the drought) on
the grass is just what you
want for beauty-

This morning the beautiful colour

[end 7:698]

9003/117 1f, pencil, initialled note

I cannot help re-opening my letter
to say: for I could not have a
good conscience without:-
is not what this Dr. says quite
enough in itself to shew you what
he is?-

He "possesses a *wonderful* remedy"

He "has obtained a remedy from a
French Doctor"-

You "are at liberty to visit the Ladies"

18/9/69 F.N.

Please burn

{line pointing from here to "*wonderful*":}
the very language
of the Quacks -
Who can mistake
it? -

9003/118 2ff, pencil, initialled letter {written on a letter from HV}

My dear Sir Harry 18/9/69

I am truly sorry to hear of
this misfortune -

In general, I never answer such
a question as yours without writing
to consult several authorities -

But your particular question
having been, alas! addressed to
me by different persons so often
during the last 13 years, & every
year having strongly confirmed
all experience on this subject,
I cannot have the smallest
hesitation in replying:

all those Doctors *in Paris*
and in London who
profess to do the thing
supposed are quacks -

the way they make their
dishonest reputations is
well known to all the
experienced:

they cure some ~~filleg~~ tumour
which is *not* Cancer - & then
they say: "here is Cancer, &
I have cured it"- 'go & see
the lady, go & see the lady'.

The dupe goes & sees 'the
lady'- (*how CAN she tell*
whether it was Cancer or
not? - *she* has been told
by the Dr. he cured her of
Cancer)- And so the
dupery goes on -

You hear nothing of the
thousand victims of *real*
Cancer who die in agony
under the hands of these
men - with their 'Secrets.'

PAGET is the safest Surgeon
& soundest authority in
England for Cancer-
& certainly will not "use the knife" if not expedient or necessary. FN

9003/118 2ff, pencil, initialled letter + attached 1f fragment, pen

Embley

Romsey

Oct 1/69

I think my mother "carefully" understands [1:267]
that you will not be back here
till Saturday week. (9th.)
(I am sure I do.)

I do not see that she has any
reluctance, (after a "careful" enquiry)
to "Bertha & her husband & children"
coming here on "Monday week 11th."
She is very fond of Bertha.
What disturbs her is any uncertainty,
any confusion, having to make any
decision, having the power to recall
a decision she has made - being
asked to re-consider a decision-
be it of the most trifling nature.
When this happens from a person
walking about the room, to herself
walking about the room, the
confusion of mind is so painful

that, tho' I have mentioned this
before, it is so impressed upon
my mind that I mention it
once more. [She has come into
my room, almost hysterical, to
know if she could not put off
a person whom she had made
me write to accept, against my own
advice to her-]
the moment before] *Burn*

=

On Wednesday evening, after thunder
& lightning for some hours there
was for about 5 minutes almost
a water-spout- It came thro' the
roof in 2 places - one "swimming
the back.stairs" the other, thro' the
Bay-room where I was. "swum
me in my bed" as the servants say
- but not quite -

I never remember, except in the East,
such a heavy pouring rain, as out
of a jug, for a few minutes-

Au revoir

ever your loving child

F

We are very much grieved to hear
about Aunt Mai- I should
like very much to hear again-

F

{attached fragment:}

[6]

I shall always
remember the deep
obligation I have
to Saxton in re
Salisbury, when
every one else was
too stupid, too
cowardly or too
interested to speak
out -

9003/119 1f, pencil, initialled letter

Embley

Oct 7/69

[16:720]

My dear Sir Harry

The first real insight I have had about the Derby Infirmary is: *your* note.

I send you Mr. F. Wright's letter, because there is in it a message to you.

I have criticized & returned the plans (Alterations in the Old Building) which he there alludes to- but have added quite plainly the impression which yours has confirmed in my mind, viz. that they had much better build a new building- It will be cheaper in the end. It matters very little how they muddle over the old building, except the cost they are sure to incur- & which

will probably in the end have been enough to build a good Hospital
You say truly: "the old Building is detestable- W.C.s airing themselves into the passages" &c &c -

They sent bad plans of a bad building for me to criticize. I did so- And they say I have sanctioned them. Next, they proceeded to do what was not in the plans - And then they made other plans which they want me also to sanction - And so on, and so on until they are in their right minds

[end]

I am very glad you gave that Miss Kilvert a little one of your gentle Lectures. She thinks herself a Goddess- And no one has contributed more to this undesirable end than - good Marianne Thornton.

ever yours F.N

9003/120 2ff, pencil, initialled letter [1:624]

35 South Street, Oct 22/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

How terribly sorry I am for Capt. Verney's
misfortune I cannot say- it is
such a serious thing for a man
enthusiastically fond of his profession
& aspiring in it- & he is such a
fine fellow- But all this you know-

And I should be wanting in
duty to mine (my profession: nurse
to Her Majesty's Service) if I did
not say that I think heroism
as heroic in bearing wounds &
amputations as in going into battle-
And it is a far more signal
patience which bears loss of
limb at home than in the
excitement of war -

If you would not think me a
brute, I should say that it is
well worth losing an Election &
losing a foot to shew how a

brave man & a good man can
act in both these trials- For,
after all, it is not the object to
go into heaven with two feet but
to go there "enduring hardness,"
tried in patience, courage &
goodness to the heroic degree -
that is, having taken one's degree
in virtue- Edmund must
certainly come out a Master-

I shall be very anxious to hear
that he goes on well for the next few days, if some one
will be so good as to give me a
word- You do not say
what day it happened- I gather
it was the 19th. [That is
just 15 years since I was
made Sup. Genl. to go to the Crimea.]
With Edmund's kind of mind,
I am sure that, if this unlucky
gun was to go off, he is ten

thousand times happier that
it should have shot him
than that it should have
shot his friend.

But none the less do I wish
all shooting at the Devil-
tho' I believe that is foolish,
for certainly Englishmen are
a great deal better for
their love of field-sports &
climbing Matterhorns -

One thing I can say - that it
is 'no end' better for a young
man (or woman either) to
have even such a terrible
accident as this, better for
future health both of body
& mind, than to have
a long consuming sickness -

I will send your bulletins on to
Papa- I left my mother
wonderfully well- ever your
in gt haste F.

9003/121 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 25/69
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

I am quite thankful to have
your Saturday's account - &
also this morning's-

One is always anxious till
the first dressing & first
few days are over.

Poor Mrs. Verney - she has
had rather a rude
experience of her first
2 years of marriage- But
I hope she will be
enraged with me at
calling her "poor"- And

I am sure she will think
that she ought to be
prouder of him (and of
herself, I add) than
of all the heroes of
Balaclava who rushed
to the charge this day
Oct 25 15 years ago -

I hope however she is
keeping well, which is
part of her duty in
H.M.'s Service -

[Your letter to Dr. Farre was

sent- & your 2 letters posted
on Saturday, as soon as
come.]

Mr. Savory is a very able
man- And, if Mr. Paget
was not to be had, I do
not know that a better
substitute could have
been -

ever yours (anxiously)
F.

9003/122 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Oct 26/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be very glad to see
Mr. Fitzjames Stephen, if he will
be so good as to make an
appointment -

You know that Office work
in bed does not lend itself very
well to convivial intercourse or
any other - But, if he would
make an appointment any time
(*except* in the evening) a day or
two before hand, I have no doubt
I could keep it- If he asks
what time, I would say 4 *p.m* -
& leaving him to fix the day -
(I do not know how soon they
start.) But I would make it
any other time: any day, if he
will give me 2 or 3 days notice

We are not at all easy about our
Indian Sanitary matters) (tho'
Lord Mayo is very civil to me -)
The retrenchments are making
in the wrong direction -
The cheapest thing they can do in
the Military expenditure *is*
to save sickness & to save life.
Any retrenchment in Military
& Sanitary expenditure, that is,
in the contrary direction tends
only to increase expence in
replacing troops & incurring
the necessity of sending them
to Hill Station -

We are afraid Lord Mayo has
a passion for Quarantine &
(by this very mail) have heard
from the very Medical Officers
that he is incurring large

expenditure in this way while
a Government enquiry, authorized
by the D. of Argyll, proves
it to be an absolute absurdity.
And that he is cutting off
expenditure in the only
preventives which can be
of use -

I would not however tell Mr.
F. Stephen the above
prematurely- as he may
think I am going to ask at
once for £10,000,000 for Sanitary
works- and "the Lord will
"harden his heart" against me
in the beginning. in that case-

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I had the great comfort of seeing

Mrs. Verney, tho' but for a few
minutes- She looked as
calm, as pleasant, as fresh,
as pretty, as if she had
just come from a Garden=
party instead of from an
Accident Ward -

There is a Nurse for you!!

I abdicate, I resign, I deliver
up my functions to *her* as
"Queen of the Nurses" (a
letter reached me by post
addressed "the Queen of the Nurses
England"

from some Hindoos in the
interior of India)

I was sorry however to see her
looking more delicate than
2 years ago.

I don't think her account of E. a bad
one tho' I am afraid there
is great suffering -

ever yours

F.N.

9003/123 4ff, pencil, initialled letter {arch: 11 Nov 1869}

Private {on diagonal} **[1:572-73]**

My dear Sir Harry

As you have been so good as
to speak to me about that
painful subject, the Railways,
I cannot help venturing to say to
you what I have always felt in myself

That it is a very great
misfortune - a misfortune
rendered greater by its being
shared, I am told, by the
vast majority of all those in
England who have had
anything to do with Railways,-
is beyond a doubt -

But - there is no ~~misfortune~~ evil
really in what makes a man
more of a man - in what is
not occasioned by our own
lust of riches or ease or power
our own bad passions -

[2]

As you may be perfectly sure
that you did this for the good
of the county & not for your own,
I think that you should no more
torment yourself about it than
if you had lost a ship or an
arm or a leg -

Even Philip, with the loss of the
Spanish Armada, was *greater*
than this.

Forgive me for saying this -
Many times, in a public course
which does not yet number
16 years, my life has been
broken to pieces at my feet -
as in 1861 when I lost
both Sidney Herbert & A.H. Clough
who were all the world to me
And I have had, with broken
heart & health, painfully to
put the fragments of the wreck
together again. At those times,

[3]

I have felt that, had there
been the smallest grain of any
ambition but that of *God's*
service in the work I did
with Sidney Herbert, I must
have died or gone mad -
Not being this I could only
feel that that which still
appears to me the most
mysterious dispensation, misery
never-to-be-forgotten is not
really a misfortune in *God's*
sight -

I think I have never spoken so
much of myself before. Forgive
me -

Were your trial to end in your
going to Madras, to rule,
for the good of the natives,
a kingdom larger than
Great Britain, I cannot but

[4]

say that, if it were I, I should
look upon your Railway adventure
as no evil but a great good
no misfortune but the reverse -
~~But~~, As I doubt your going, I
will say no more about *that* -
Excuse what I have said &
burn it -

ever yours

FN

Embley

Romsey

11/9/69

9003/124 1f, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter

35 South Street, Nov 12/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear Pop

Please thank Mrs. Verney for her
welcome note-

I was very sorry to hear of your cold
but hope it is now going on well.

I was charmed with our N.W.

defenders & also with the Two

Nests- altho' shocked at your

immorality in bringing over

a *cousin* to make the 2nd. Nest.

And indeed I do think

"Annie" is too young - to marry.

Sir Harry was so good as to
tell me many particulars which

I wanted to know about the

Accident ~~I think that~~

you ~~filled~~ them

the words which Lord Brooke

applies to Sir Philip Sidney:
yet did we not know whether
the 'wrack of heavenly agony'.
whereupon we all stood was
more forced from us by
admiration of him or by pity
for his case -

I have knocked about thro' &
over a good part of the
world's accidents & sicknesses-
yet scarcely remember ever to
have known such simple
cheerful heroism- & in his
wife too -

I think she must esteem
it worth the loss of a foot -

Thank God he is going
on so well. And I think he
has partly saved his life (or
at least very serious complications)
by his calmness of soul & body
& his great presence of mind

9003/125 4ff, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Nov 22/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dear Mrs. Verney

I hope that you were not
very much tired on Saturday.
Your face is a good sight
for sair e'en which being
translated means, it is such
a pleasure to an old woman
like me to see your
heavenly face.

Here are the Statistics
you asked me for- And
if they will be of any interest
to Lady Sarah Williams, I
shall be the more repaid.

[16:456]

Every year, in the Home

Army- taken on the last
4 years for which returns
are complete- we have
729 men alive who
would have been dead
but for Sidney Herbert's
measures- and 5184 men
always on active duty
who would have been
"Constantly Sick" in bed.

At the Herbert Hospital
we have (unfortunately for
the Hospital) about 400
Patients fewer than the
Hospital was built for,

& 500 fewer than the
'requisition' for sick
accommodation was
made for

And so, mutatis mutandis,
with other Hospitals.

[end]

Taken on the last 2 years,
the Death.rate of Bombay
(Civil, Military & Native)
is lower than that of
London- the healthiest
city of Europe.

And the Death.rate of
Calcutta for the last 2
years is lower than that
of Liverpool or Manchester.
This is the result of the last

3½ years' work- of the
Drainage & Water-supply
measures. &c.

Every body who has been
absent from Calcutta
for 3 or 4 years says,
on returning to it, that
no one would know the
place again.

But there is a greater hope
even than this:-

The Municipal Commissioner
of Bombay writes that
the "huddled native masses"
"clamorously invoke" the
aid of the Health Departmt.,
if but one death from
Cholera or Smallpox occurs-

[2]

- formerly half of them
might be swept away
& the other half thinks
it 'all right'-
now they attribute these
Deaths to dirt, foul water
& the like- & loudly
declare that we ought to
prevent them.

This we owe to Sir Bartle
Frere, both while in India
& since his return.

The Municipalities, Municipal
Officers & Justices of Peace
both of Calcutta & Bombay
have worked nobly-

And the general success is
due to Sir John Lawrence

The returns from the Army are also favourable. But still much remains to be done to save them from outbreaks of Cholera. Already from the uncompleted returns of this year we see that we have lost upwards of 700 men from Cholera alone. And it is to remove this that special efforts are now being directed

The "Bombay masses" are wiser than some of our Military authorities - or even than our Privy Council.

I send a copy of a letter from Dr. Livingstone to Sir Bartle Frere for Capt. Verney's amusement. [Dr. Livingstone's writing is almost illegible.] It does not contain much that is not in the Despatch to Lord Clarendon - but it is very characteristic of the man.

One of the Nurses whom we have sent to Netley was out with Dr. Livingstone & Bishop Mackenzie on the Zambesi Mission. She gave me what is, I should think, a faithful character of Livingstone- of his extraordinary power over

the Native races- thro'
qualities which seemed
something like St. Paul's)
Please be so good as to
return me Dr. Livingstone,
whom I think I will send
to Embley.
Please tell Sir Harry that
spiritually, or in the
non.natural sense,
I am, I suppose, sorry
not to have seen Mr.
Fitzjames Stephen - but
that materially, or in the
natural sense, I am, I am
afraid cowardly enough
to be glad. being over=
worked {printed address, upside down} Love, please
to all ever yours overflowinglly
Florence Nightingale

9003/126 3ff, pencil, initialled letter + note?

{printed address; arch: ? 26 Nov 1869}

I send a copy of a letter from
Dr. Livingstone to Sir Bartle
Frere (Dr. Livingstone's own
hand-writing is almost
illegible) which may interest
you & my mother.

It does not contain much
that is not in the Despatch
to Lord Clarendon- But it is
more interesting, as being
more characteristic of the man.

I *must* ask you, *please*,
to return it - as I have to
return it to Sir Bartle Frere
[One of the Nurses whom we
have just sent to Netley
was out with Dr. Livingstone &
Bishop Mackenzie on the

	<i>Miles</i>
Alexandria	
to Cairo	166½
Benisooef	77
Minieh	82½
Osyoot	94¼
Girgeh	88
Keneh	64
Thebes	48½
1st. Cataract	124
Derr (Nubia)	132½
Ipsamboul	47

	924¼
to 2nd. Cataract	40

From Alexandria } Miles...964¼	
to 2nd. Cataract }	

35 South Street, Nov 29/69
 Park Lane,
 W.

Thanks for the question about the plants-
 I send (by to-day's linen-box) a
 collection of flowers of Chrysanthemum,
 large, of various colours, petals
 curled as by fairy fingers,
 for the great Moody's information -

A Lady Emily Williams - no
 connection of Lady Sarah-who
 has taken Sir Harry's house at
 32-- sent in to me with her
 "kind enquiries-" (I do not know
 her) these magnificent
 Chrysanthema -

I am told they are of the easiest
 rearing-

If Moody has any like these, I
 should be thankful to have
 them- If he has only

the common Chrysanthema, one buys
those here in the street for less
than carriage -

Store plants die on the road.

He will be the best judge
whether he has anything that will
do to send -

My own opinion is: that there
is nothing till the spring bulbs
come -

And I hope he will prepare
plenty of slips of the common
Scarlet Geranium for me next
year - & common yellow Calceolaria
Thanks.

=

I do not share the feeling **[5:202-03]**
at all which you attribute
to me against the collection
of Art Treasures -

In London, I think, one
main business of such
colossal fortunes as the
Westminster's, the Sutherland's,
the Ellesmere's, the Burdett
Coutts', is: to be the
gatherers depositaries of
Art Treasures for the people -
But then they must really
throw open their galleries to
the people- "man does not
live by bread alone"- & our
life would become sordid
indeed, if it were only busied

9003/127 2ff, pencil, unsigned letter/draft {arch: Nov, 69}

35 South Street, {printed address}
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

In reply to your note:

St. George's has always been in trouble about his
Nursing, ever since I can remember him at all
He has been always advertising for Superintendents
or Matrons- never finding them or never
keeping them-

The situation is not indeed one which I should
recommend a "competent" "lady" to accept,
even if I had her to recommend.

They do not give their Matrons or Supt. the power to fulfil
their responsibilities which we give to our
Matron at St. Thomas', as you are aware,
as Chairman of our Committee- The position
of St. George's Matron is not indeed one in
which she can perform her responsibilities-

Some years ago, I knew a good deal personally
of the interior of St. George's- The matrons had
no defined power- They were not indeed
persons to whom you would delegate power

These persons are gone -

But, having been perpetually applied to by
St. George's to recommend ~~Matrons~~ Superintendents, I believe
I may safely say that the position now is
little better than it was then -

Did I know an Agnes Jones, I should not
recommend her to take St. George's for the
sake of a "respectable home & employment"-
I should recommend her to take a Hospital
where the responsibilities, duties & powers of
fulfilling them are such as we give

Mrs. Wardroper -

But I would not recommend a Supt. unless
she had been *trained* & tested- And of course
any such that we have, are engaged months
& months beforehand -

If St. George's wishes us to *train* a Supt. for
them, it will then be for you to decide (as
Chairman) in connection with H.B Carter &
Mrs. Wardroper whether you will train a
Supt. *without* a few Head Nurses to go with

her to support her-

I doubt whether *I* would

I doubt whether I would take such a situation *myself*, unless in time of war or emergency.

But St. George's is in no emergency. Or rather he is always in an emergency -

9003/128 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter [8:536]

35 South Street, Dec 2/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

Mrs. Bracebridge I saw as she went through London. I thought her *slightly* better & less lame than last year. She told me not to write directing to *Folkstone* till she sent me her address, as they should move if they did not like their quarters- She never *has* sent me her address. If I wanted to write to her, I should address

Mrs. Bracebridge

Atherstone

to be forwarded

I told her that my mother had frequently said to me 'could we not get Mrs. Bracebridge to Embley?' She was pleased but said her health was such that she could not go to a tree-y place during the autumn -

This, of course, does not hold for "after Christmas"-

She is compelled, I know, only to drive out during sunshine - & to take care of herself in every way, alas! Tho' better, I think her much altered - far,

far more than my mother is
tho' she is much your junior. [end 8:536]

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I have just sent my
second third of £150
(£50) to "F. Wright"
(for the Derby Infirmary)
by his desire- [the
new Wing called after me
is opened.] & told
him that he may have
the *third third* when
he likes

ever your loving
child F

What did Mr Moody say
to the enormous Chrysanthema?

9003/129 2ff, pencil, signed letter

Manufactory of Beef Tea

35 South Street, Dec 16/69

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I do not feel myself very
competent to answer your
question- But what I
believe to be true is this: -

The best Beef Tea, the most
agreeable, wholesome & nutritious, is what
is made *fresh & fresh* in the
kitchen- Our best
London Hospitals, I believe,
do this.

I scarcely think that there
would be a profitable outlet
for Cattle in the shape of
Beef Tea at our London
Hospitals.

There are at present several

large manufactories, from which
Beef Juice is sold, for
making Beef Tea & Soups,-
besides the Extract of Beef
on Liebig's plan -
You require Manufactory
& skilled people to undertake
it.

Beef Juice is made as part
of a manufacture of cooked
preserved meat- and,
being part of a manufacture,
it would probably be
cheaper than if it were
made by itself.

Beef Tea in the form of Jelly
can scarcely be made so good
& nutritious as you can make
it on the spot when wanted.

I am told also that,
notwithstanding good intentions,
parts of the Beef find their
way into the Jelly, even in
the best manufactories,
which a good Hospital Cook
in making Beef Tea would
reject.

I do not however feel myself
now in my retirement
so competent a witness, as
I once was-

ever yours
F. Nightingale

9003/130 2ff, pencil, initialled letter [5:533]

Private {on diagonal}

[1]

35 South Street, Dec 17/69 7.a.m.

Park Lane, {printed address}

Mr Goschen W.1

My dear Sir Harry

You kindly asked me
whether I would not see Mr.
Goschen -

I felt afterwards that it
was perhaps a shirking (of an
opportunity to do some good)
not to accept your offer -

But I do not think that
I could ask to see Mr. Goschen
I think Mr. Goschen must ask
to see me-

If you know him very
well, & if you could kindly
see him (*not* write to him)
& give him the enclosed letter,
that would be, I think, a sort

of introduction -

And I would much rather
you told him that *you* had
proposed the introduction
and not I.

[Mr. Jowett, who is a friend
of his, proposed the same thing.]

Mr. Goschen can, in his minutes & speeches, lay bare the whole state of the case, like a Registration Officer, so that *others* may grapple with it - but when he comes to the part where you expect *him*, the Statesman,

to deal with it, he stops -

His speech at Sion Coll: was like the *Torso* of Theseus. - a very good stump but without head or feet or hands.

Unless Mr. Goschen felt disposed to see me, I do not feel that I have the strength or eloquence to be likely to make any impression on him. certainly I have not enough to give his trunk a head-

ever yours
F.N.

[end 5:533]

9003/131 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, Dec 17/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Returned with thanks

If my memory serves me,
the "Wren" was a Golden=crested
Wren- in the Pentons' time- in
the old tree in the middle of
the sweep opposite the
Parsonage door- And Matilda
Penton the Operator -

Now Golden=Crested Wrens
lay not only "8 eggs" - But I
have myself counted at Embley
up to 13 and 16.

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I sent a copy of "Stone Edge" [1:337]
to Miss Osburn, our Supt. at
Sydney. She has read it
aloud with great satisfaction

She is a Derbyshire woman -
a Carr. She has made
great friends with Lady
Belmore, the Governor's and
Mrs. Lambert, the Commodore's-
wife- the latter a great friend
of Jervis Giffard's -

[end 1:337]

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I find, on sending to Mr.
Calvert's, that Sir Harry does
not come up till tomorrow
(Saturday.) If he has not
started when you receive this,
will you tell him that I
will send some letters of mine,
of some consequence to me,
to him at Mr. Calvert's

for his arrival tomorrow?

I hope he will lunch here if convenient.

[The letter to his address at
Claydon, which I send
to.day, is merely an
answer to an old question
of his about Beef Tea
Manufactories]

ever your

F.

Lord Napier of Magdala has
been here- There *is* a jewel -

9003/132 2ff, incomplete?, pencil, initialled letter

{on diag.}

Private [2]

35 South Street, Dec 17/69

Park Lane, {printed address} 7½a.m.

W.1

Dr Thompson

My dear Sir Harry

We are extremely anxious to
get one of the new Assistant
Physicians=ships at *St. Thomas'*
for Dr. Thompson, one of the
Vincent Thompsons, son of the late
Mr. Sergt. Thompson, & brother of Lady
Brodie-

[In Blanch Clough's most serious
Fever at Tenby, he was telegraphed
for & by his incessant care &
skill during a whole week
saved her life, thanks be to God!]

To attain this, there are 3
people to be conciliated at *St. Thomas'*
Mr. Hicks Treasurer
Sir W. Tite
Sir Musgrove President

[3]

Private {on diagonal} Dec.17.69
35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.1

Madras

My dear Sir Harry

In relation to the Governorship [1:573]
& to health for standing it,
Sir B. Frere asked me your age -

I did not exactly know it -
And I did not like to ask
Parthe, because I thought she
would think that I was
furthering the matter- which
I assure you I am not -
It is much too vital an
interest for me to meddle
with.

yours
F.N.

Did you not once tell me
that *Sir W. Tite* was very
much indebted to you
for his Election?
If you could kindly communicate
with him, I would supply
you with every particular
about Dr. Thompson's
Physic=al Career? -
Sir- Musgrove - do you know
or could you tell me how to get at ?

We are told that there is no
time to be lost-

ever yours
F.N.

9003/133 2ff, pencil, signed letter [1:625]

35 South Street, Dec 31/69
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Mrs Verney

or, may I say, Margaret?

On Tuesday, if you are in London,
I hope to see you & Capt. Verney
at this house. if all the
imps & spirits of Poor Law &
Public Offices were here -
Please say what time you will
come. And please say
whether you will have
luncheon or dinner- & at
what hour -

Do you sleep in London? How
I wish I could offer you beds-
But I am myself turned out
of my room (by a stupid
accident or blunder) & am

living at the top of the house-

Please send all your
parcels here = (One is come
already, for Cpt. Verney's servant)
And at least you can have
the dining-room & little parlour
here to yourselves for your business for the
day. How I wish we
could save you any fatigue!

I will write to-morrow -
in great press of business,
with dearest New Year's love
& my poor prayers for the best
New Year's blessings on you
& all you care for
ever yours
Florence Nightingale

9003/134 2ff, pencil, signed letter {arch: ?December ?1809}

35 South St. Friday 8.a.m
My dear Capt. Verney

I am afraid I never can forgive you -
certainly not within the present century for
having passed me by, when you found No. 32
was flown, & gone hunting among the
heather & the Philistines for a lodging.

Sir Harry had not gone from this
house 3 hours when you came - And you
& Mrs. Verney might have succeeded to his
empty rooms so well.

It seems such a poor welcome back
to send you to look for lodging elsewhere
And I am quite certain that, during all
your 6 months away, you have not
met with such inhospitality- There's
not a Fellah in: all Egypt but would
have taken you in -

I did not hear of your having been here
till nearly an hour afterwards - I sent
after you directly- But of course then
you were housed.

But you shall be punished for it -
You *shall*. I will pursue you "to the
"confines of eternity".

May I venture to suggest (what I dare
say you have done already) that, *if*
you ought to be guided entirely by what
Mr. Savory says- if he wishes you
to stay 2 or 3 days in London for him
to see "Stumpy" several times - you ought
And I am sure Mrs. Verney will agree
with me in this. I hope that
you & she would spend them here, as
Sir Harry does not return here till

Monday or Tuesday -

I had charming letters from Mr. Fred
and the "ladye" Maude yesterday.
And if you had stayed here you
should have seen them -

(Indignantlly but open to reason)
ever yours & Mrs. Verney's
F. Nightingale

9003/135 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter {arch: ?69} bundle 150

Dearie

I am afraid I have not a chance of seeing you before you go-

I cannot speak or move without pain.

I am told that I must live entirely by rule, if I am to live at all -

And it is much better for me that there should be not doubt about it- that I have no hesitation open to me -

The least thing upsets me

'Non udir, non sentir m'è gran ventura'-

After that message of Burch on Sunday, I was retching till 2 in the morning -

Dr. Sutherland repeated the operation on Tuesday by staying over my poor little hour of rest - & with the same result to me -

And I have to begin work at 7.30 a.m-

whether I have been sick all night or not -

Indeed, for the last week, I have not been free from this retching (not vomiting) a single night.

It quite wears me out -

I am told it is not an uncommon result of an over worked brain & heart (I mean the organ)

revenging itself in this way- at the least extra pressure - the least agitating message or effort

I am glad you are going out of town - I am quite sure it is vain to try to get well if you do what you did last Sunday -

I have a reason for wishing to be told (if you could tell me) anything you thought about Id. Stanley- when you saw him -

I like your Avonhoe very much. It has the true literary ring- But how could you let little Quick die? I never could have let poor Bismark die, (as they have done at Embley)

Where are you going to?

If you like to read the enclosed, do -
If not, please return it to me- Any how
I must ask for it back to-day -

Any comments thankfully received, if you
read it -

What *shall* I say to Miss Wilson? - She
has taken such immense trouble for us -
But I cannot have myself quoted in
the "Monthly Packet" especially if I am
to write in "Good Words"-

I look upon Miss Yonge's school as the
very weakest milk & water of High Church=
ism - while Miss Jones, (late of King's
College,) is the noble army of ye High Church
She is the only one who has ever carried
out an useful organization - She is as
much a General as Sir R. Napier -

I wish *I* could go out of London -
But I quite made up my mind last week
that I would '*disappear*,' (as last December,) the

9003/135 1f, incomplete?, pen, unsigned letter/draft

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I am often urged to have
"Medical advice."

I accede -

The first thing any "Medical
adviser" says, from his own
observation of what is going on,
is: What is all this going on?
- what are those incessant
door-bell rings? - have I not
told you that this sort of
thing must not be - that
absolute quiet is essential for
your work, if not for your life?

It is no use sending for me.
or my giving you Morphia -
- You must send for silence &
regularity -

One said: "~~Bless~~ bless my soul -
how could you be such a fool?"
[I was then racked with Neuralgia]
& wholly without natural sleep -

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I assure you, dear Sir Harry,
that *the only* question is now:-
whether, by observing the
"extremest quiet," my present
life & work can be kept on -
- and *not* whether my strength
will bear the kind interruptions
& variations of my friends,
however gladly I would welcome
them.

That has been decided by a
Higher Power than any of us -
to whose Will I wish to bow
with what cheerfulness I may.

= I would almost ask you *not*
to acknowledge this letter-

I cannot expect that your sense
of the matter will agree with mine

9003/137 1f, pencil, initialled letter {arch: ?69}

Sunday.

Dearie

I have Mrs. Bracebridge coming to-day
at 3- And the odd part of it is that we
do not know whether Mr. Jowett is coming or
not- I have not had the Sacrament for 2 or 3
months- And he (he preaches in London this
morning) offered to come, of his own accord, to-day
No hour was named. And, tho' Mrs Bracebridge
is coming to take the Sacrament, I have not
the least idea whether he comes or not. not
having heard from him since.

I am afraid I could see no one else to-day

I hope to have several opportunities
of taking the Sacrament with you & of seeing you.

very sorry

your

F.

9003/138 1f, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Thursday {arch: ?69}
Park Lane, {printed address;}

W.1

Dearie

1. Godson Carl's name is:

Carl Fliedner -

Many thanks about the knife

2. You are quite welcome to take all the books in the
house, "dirty" or not dirty, if you please.

[Because I don't suppose my *usual* reading will
interest you & yours]

But, if you will be so good as always to leave a
little pencil note with the titles of the Books,
so taken- That is all that is necessary -

It seems almost certain now that M. Mohl's
book has disappeared in this way -

And it has happened to me that people have
borrowed books out of my own rooms, without
telling me, & returned them into the Dining-room
(where I never go) without telling me.

3. I return Spectator- with many thanks -

4. Mrs. Cowper's American book is up-stairs -

You must wait for it, please, till I can go up -

I am so pressed by business that I
hardly know what to do

The whole Liverpool Workhouse business
is on us again.

5. Please return me Mr. Rawlinson's letter -

6. You know that I have not the Cornhills-

F.

Wellcome 9004, microfilm,

9004/1 2ff, pen, signed letter, bundle 147

35 South Street, New Year's Day
Park Lane, 1870
W.1 {printed address}

My dear Mrs Verney

I write a line to say that
I have "inspected" my (empty)
bed-room - that I think it
will be quite dry enough on
Tuesday to sleep in without
danger - that, if you will let
me know, I will put up
2 small beds in it for you
on Tuesday - (it is now
denuded of earthly goods, in
order to hasten the drying)
that this will entail no
trouble except on the workman
who puts up the beds -

& that it would make me
very happy -

I am sure that Sir Harry &
my sister will agree with
me that you ought not to
tire yourselves (after a day's
business in London) by
going on to Folkstone to sleep,
just on the eve of a long
journey -

I did not mean to have
re-occupied the room myself
till Tuesday or Wednesday -
therefore you see you are not
'ousting' me or giving me
anything but a great pleasure,

if you will -

I have also a dressing-room
for Capt. Verney - & the
Dining-room at your entire
disposal - if you will
tell me at what hour you
please to come -

I seem to have no idea
but 'drying' in my brains.
For we are getting the new

Highgate Infirmary dry for taking in
St. Pancras' Pauper Patients
as fast as we can - I think
our Matron, there, is a second
Agnes Jones. We hope to "take in,"
next week -

Will you tell Sir Harry
that Mr. Goschen has been
here?

-that I have also some other
things to tell him about
when I see him?-

I was very glad to hear of
his enjoying his skating -
For I did not think him
looking well - 2 or 3 weeks ago-

With every New Year's love
in great haste
ever your affecte. old
'Aunt'

Florence Nightingale

9004/2 2ff, pen, initialled letter [1:625-26]

35 South Street, Jan 4/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

I write one line to say
that 'Edmund & Margaret'
are off, looking as well &
happy & active as possible -
He is a little changed, I can't
quite say in what - but
looks in sound health -
I preached a little - but did
not like to preach ~~too~~
violently, lest she should be
always sparing him & he
should be always sparing
her- But I told him
that, tho' he has made one
of the quickest recoveries
that ever have been made,

he is also making one of the
quickest exertions that
ever was made - that,
as long as the wound is
not firmly healed, he must
not think of any active
exertion - must keep his
foot up - & not go into
strange places - & that,
as long as he has any
nervous pain in the stump,
(tho' he has much less than

others,) he must remember
that the vital system has
not recovered the shock
& feel for it accordingly

Du reste, the open air, any thing which contributes to his health, to appetite & digestion enough to feed himself *well*, is the best Doctor -

I am glad he saw Savory to.day, who is a sound opinion, & I believe preached much in this sense -

As for his wife, she is a sort of heavenly-minded young woman - I don't know that I ever saw any one quite like her. **[end 1:626]**

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I am afraid I could not see Mrs. Stephen, thanks- I

have had more people to see this winter than ever since 1861- And I am less & less able to see any people except on precise & definite business. General Propagandism is quite beyond me now -

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I am glad you are going this week to Embley -

I will read & return the Cunningham- thanks

At this moment I am quite in arrears of business
ever your

F.

"Margaret's" last words were: "We have **[1:626]** been so *happy* in our visit to Claydon" And I do believe this is true

9004/3 2ff, incomplete?, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 132

Confidential {on diagonal}

[1]

35 South Street, Jan 7/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

Thanks for this very interesting letter.

"grey twilight softer than sleep"-

Shall I ever know again in this life
what it is to say anything but at the
morning twilight: it is not yet light,
& oh how it hinders my work to write
by candle light in bed? & at the
evening twilight: it is already dark
& o h what pain it gives me to write
by lamp light in this position?-

2. We have always urged that the
"Local Govts. should have their own
budgets"-

3. What a pity that so able &
intelligent a man should not get
up the Sanitary subject thoroughly!
~~This letter ably~~

This letter ably points out the
results of neglecting the first Sanitary

laws, which have been repeatedly
pointed out to them, in India.
Repeatedly it has been urged upon
them, officially, & with the
strongest evidence & reasons -
to examine every *Station* in
certain definite things, & to
improve each in turn -

It was distinctly told them &
proved to them by giving them
experience & facts: -- - - that
~~that~~ to build new Barracks where
wanted was only one element-
that, if these new Barracks were
built on old *fouled* ground,
without pure water=supply,
without &c &c & ("the proverb is
somewhat *musty*") (or rather
somewhat nasty)

the men would be no healthier in the new Barracks than in the old. & the vast expence would have been just so much money thrown in to the cess-pit.

In spite of this, standard Barracks were ordered everywhere on totally unexamined ground - rather, on ground which was known to be foul, & without any of the first of Nature's requisites for health. And the result is: that, to use their own words, they will have to begin again.

I have been latterly in correspondence with a member of Lord Mayo's own Govt. by his own desire about this

In regard to the cases cited in the letter

he does not appear to know that, at Meean Meer Cholera arose

from what could not be tolerated in the most temperate climate without producing Cholera: - the Barracks were drained into cess-pits - the drinking-water for the men was drawn out of wells in the same ground- & was actually contaminated with sewage matter- Also: the cess-pits were so near the quarters that direct nuisance arose in the quarters from them.

At Allahabad, the new Barracks were built on land saturated with the filth of centuries. And the first fruits of our Cholera enquiry was: to report home this pleasant fact.

[Lord Napier of Magdala told me also that they had moved a Regiment affected with Cholera into them.]

9004/4 2ff, incomplete?, pencil?, unsigned letter [1:735-36]

35 South Street, Jan 9/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

I have really had not a moment to answer yours which, as it is the *third* letter which states that I have "emptied your larder," I suppose desires an answer.

May I state the facts?-

1. £150 a year is the average sum I pay for my 'boxes' from Embley. *including Carriage.*

[This annual sum is sometimes more, sometimes less- It would be wasting your eyes & my time to go into particulars-]

Of these, the *Washing* is, as you know, paid for out of the £150.

Of these, every bit of *Meat, Bacon, Chine, & Chickens* is paid for-

[Before I made the arrangement

for Mutton with Embley, I did not pay for the bits of Bacon &c &c sent me - By my own desire these are now added to the *Paying List*, which I pay you every quarter.]

On the day you last told me I had "emptied your larder," I received (not by my own desire) 1 saddle Mutton- in the hamper of Evergreens for the Highgate Infy.- - besides the ordinary weekly "Leg"- This was weighed by my Cook & entered by me, as well as the "Leg," in this Quarterly Acct. for Meat kept by me against myself.

[Since I have been cooking at this house for my excellent Deputy at the Highgate Infy. & sending it up cold, I have always had to

purchase the *de quoi*- Whether I have bought it of you or of the London shops, I have always paid for it.

This is now just over, because the Guardians have appointed the Cook. But I had to provide the first meals of all our Nurses there.]

I have had also double (& more) allowance of game during this latter time (-a fortnight.)- I offered some time ago to pay for the game. You told me it was intended as a present.

The only other "emptying of your larder" that I have occasioned that I know of is: that some joints of meat were sent thro' me, addressed to destination unasked for, on St. Thomas Day. That is the only meat I am certain which ~~filled~~ has ever come from you, *unpaid* for, here. I wish I had weighed them at the time. But

I can guess at the weight within a few oz. And I have already added them to the Acct. I keep against myself, to be paid to you, at Lady Day [I should have paid for them before, but, as they were ~~2~~ all directed to the persons for whom they were intended, I thought that they were meant as a present to these, & that the carriage simply was meant to be paid by me- which carriage amounted to £2.odd. that week alone.

2. Of the Mince pies & Buns I have only the same thing to say. They were sent in hampers addressed to the persons for whom they were intended. Buns I could have bought at our Baker's for 1d. a piece. Mince Pies we could have made (& did make) in my own kitchen for my servants & *clients*. I paid for the carriage about 6 times as much

9004/5 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

Private {on diagonal}

35 South Street, Jan 11/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I return you with many thanks Sir. Tite's letter- I have no doubt he is honest- i.e. that he does not mean to favour any other application first- I think he would be honest for love of you - But I hear (& have heard from the first) from Head Quarters at St. Thomas' that we ought to be first in the field, because men of St. Thomas' own school would obtain the priority in appointments. We have now done all we

could for the moment - And

I thank you -

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I am sure that you will not [9:901]
make any motion in the
House on the subject of the
"Hills"- without fully
consulting first with Sir
Bartle Frere- & also, if possible,
with Lord Napier of Magdala-
It is a policy entirely
reversing that of the R-
Commission, presided over
1. by Sidney Herbert 2. by
Lord Stanley- which was based
on the fullest & largest evidence
ever taken-

in the world - which
every year's evidence &
every year's experience has
more & more firmly
corroborated - as well as
every successive Ruler of India
It would be stultifying all
our strenuous efforts of
11 years - & without any
evidence except that of the R.E.
& Commanding Officers whose
own almost guilty neglect
has been the cause of many of
ye outbreaks of Cholera -

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No doubt you know about the
Hooghly Fever- It is the old
story. But Lord Mayo's Govt.
(as one of its members who
is in correspondence with me

about it tells me) are going
to pass an Act to enable
us to deal with the
proprieters on whose lands
the Fever is bred- which
no one even pretends is
not preventible - Some
hundreds of thousands will
probably die first -

[end 9:901]

ever yours

F.N.

I should be glad to know what
you hear of Edmund. I felt
not a little anxious at his
going abroad without his
sailor=servant. We never
allow amputations to hop
about or hang down the
limb much till the stump
is *firmly* healed. FN

9005/6 2ff, pen, initialled letter [8:471]

Jan 17/70

x x x x

I should have been much interested in re-reading the Medical Vol: but found, after keeping it a fortnight, that I had not a chance of even cutting its leaves - so sent it to-day by Linen-box.

I read the Addresses at the time they came out, as reported in the newspapers

The only one that is considered of any scientific value is, as I dare say you know, Prof: Haughton's -

Dr. A. is called 'Barnum' by the authorities-

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He wrote to me (about a fortnight ago) about the "Contagious Act"-

I answered, gravely & circumstantially.

A benevolent lady of indistinct ideas & of total ignorance of her subject, who appears to be the wife of Dr. Rumsey of Cheltenham (one of Dr. A's colleagues) wrote me a day or two afterwards a violent declamation against myself for my signature of the petition against the "Act"-

I answered calmly with Statistics - which I knew she was quite incapable of understanding but which I administered on the principle that Sir S. Baker gave a dose of Tartar Emetic to all his Arab importunates for medicine- the which choked them off for a week at least

Wellcome Ms 9003

572

My letter appears to have
had the same effect on
Dr. A.

=

Mrs. Sutherland is anxious
that I should mention to

Capt. Verney that Mursch
the excellent courier-servant
who attended A.H. Clough
abroad on his last journey-
& then Mrs. Sutherland's
brother the same,- is now
at liberty & in London-
I mention it to you, but
scarcely suppose that they
would, if they take a
foreign servant, as I most
earnestly hope they will,
bring him from here
ever your loving
F

9004/7 1f, pen, signed letter

35 South Street, Jan 29/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

My father thinks that
there is some idea of your
letting your house (altogether-)
this Session-

Whether this be so or not,
will you kindly remember
your engagement to me, viz -
to inhabit the top bed-room
& dining-room here for all
or part of a Session, whenever
it is convenient to you
& oblige your always affecte.

Florence Nightingale

Love to my mother
& Parthe

9004/8 1f, pen, initialled letter {arch: Jan 1870} bundle 147 [1:193-94]

Saturday

Dearest mother

Tomorrow Mr. Jowett comes to give me the
Sacrament at 3. I had asked Mrs. Bracebridge
who is to be in town (from Sat. till Monday only)
to join us, when I had not the least idea
that you would stay over Sunday in London -
I cannot bear that my dearest mother should
be so near & not join us, if she likes it.

At the same time, I cannot bear that she should be with me & I not speak to her. But the fatigue to me of taking the Sacrament is so great that I do not even see Mrs. Bracebridge. I think it is one of the greatest afflictions not

to be able to take the Sacrament at church,
because there you need not speak to any one ,
I am obliged to see Mr. Jowett afterwards.

ever dearest mum
your loving child

F.

Perhaps you could take Mr. Jowett back to
his house after the Sacrament -

9004/9 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

Private {on diagonal}

35 South Street, Feb 12/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I cannot thank you
enough for what you have
done about Mr. Cardwell
& D. Galton -

But Mr. Cardwell must
ask Capt Galton to stay
on the Army Sanitary Comm:

Or- how can he?-

It is this which has
already put us in the
greatest difficulty - (this
queerness of Mr. Cardwell's)

Lord de Grey thoroughly
understood that Mr. Cardwell

must ask Capt. Galton to
stay on the Commission,
& believed that he had
induced Mr. Cardwell to
do so - [Lord de G-
wrote me 2 kind little
notes to say so - the latest
on Feb 2.]

Since then, a most important
Meeting of the Commission
had to be called - And
Capt- Galton could not
attend- Me he told in
confidence that it was

because he Capt. G- had not
been asked by Mr. Cardwell
to remain on the Comm:

How *could* he attend? -
In consequence, we managed
not to have the Meeting-
[It was the meeting of a
Sub=Committee, on which
without Capt. Galton we
could do nothing.]
If you could manage to
tell Mr. Cardwell (which
you will know how to do
much better than I)
that it is no use his saying
that "he has made no

"change," unless he notifies
to Capt. Galton that *it is*
so, & unless he, Mr. Cardwell,
requests Capt. G- to
make "no change," & to
remain on the Comm.:
you would be doing the work
an important service -
& Mr. Cardwell too (who
really seems not to
know what he is about.

ever yours
F.N.

Private

9004/10 1f, pen?, initialled letter

Private {on diag.}

35 South Street, Feb 12/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W. I

My dear Sir Harry

I fear that it would
scarcely be wise to "talk the
subject over" (of Capt. Galton)
with Lord de Grey -

He would tell you that
he has done all he could
with Mr Cardwell.

And he would *not*
tell you that Mr. Cardwell
has a jealous antipathy to
his (Lord de Grey's) interference

Wellcome Ms 9003

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at the War Office -

[Neither did HE tell me
this]

I can quite understand

that you may not think it
well to speak to Mr
Cardwell again -
Because, if Mr. C. said to you
that he will not ask
Capt. Galton, that would
shut us up altogether.
If I were to see you for 10
minutes, I might perhaps
be able to explain this
better -

ever yours
F.N.

9004/11 2ff, pen, unsigned letter [1:268]

35 South Street, Feb 13/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

x x x x

I am afraid that you are very
cold up o'th top o'th nob -
not that I think snow and
East wind disagreeable or ugly
at Lea Hurst. The last winter
I spent at home I spent
with you there - in a deep
snow & liked it very much

Here there is a tremendous
North Easterly gale - too much
of a gale to leave fog - hard
frost & driving snow -

But this is not nearly so
trying as the dense dark
London fogs of January -
darkness all the 24 hours -

Sir John McNeill has been
through London on his way
to Italy - for health - I am
sorry to say -

He came to see me last
Sunday. He is 75.

I cannot see the least
difference in the vigour of
his mind- the excellence of
his judgment - the accuracy
of his memory & attention -

As I told him, to see him
is at once to me the highest

hope & the deepest pain -
It reminds me of the days
when a great career was

just begun (Sidney Herbert's-)
when we were full of the
highest purposes & the
most successful plans -
Since then, all our hopes
seem blasted, & all our
plans destroyed -
Still when we look at
India & what it was
15 years ago, when we
look at the Army & what
it was 15 years ago, we
must hail a great progress
And who am I that I
should complain if we
have not had more?
[I will send you a letter
that I have had since,
from Sir. J. McNeill, if you
will return it me.]

=

Mrs. Bracebridge is in London
on their way back to
Atherstone - She says she
has had a good winter at
Hastings - I cannot think
her less lame -

=

Sir Harry looks better.

I read Bishop Temple's
recantation - Poor Wretch!
I suppose there is joy
among the Devils over
one more Bishop that
degradeth himself -
at least there is among
the Puseys & Denisons -

9004/12 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

To-day is the second anniversary of
Agnes Jones' death
35 South Street, Feb 19/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W. I

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be extremely glad
if you will shew kindness

to *Dr. Cunningham* -

His address is:
18 Manchester Street.

But he goes out of town
from to=-day till Monday -

On Tuesday he goes down
to Scotland to see his "old
mother" whom he has
"not seen for 18 years"-
but hopes to be back within

the week-

He is extremely eager about
our work & proposes to let
us cut out his time for
him during his very short
leave of absence -

I like him much.

=

I have a note from my
father this morning,
saying that he comes to
you on Monday-

=

I have not forgotten
about "Cardwell's proposed
Bill" - but have been so
pressed by unavoidable
business-

ever yours

FN

I return Margaret's
charming Journal
with many thanks.

9004/13 2ff, pen?, initialled letter

Burn

35 South Street, Feb 19/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I shall be very glad to see you on the subject of
"Cardwell's proposed Bill"-

But it will be rather to hear what you have to say
than to say anything myself -

For I have nothing to say-

I do not see how you can oust & alter Cardwell's
Bill, unless you oust or alter Cardwell -

It is Cardwell whom you have to get rid of (at the
War Office) & not his Bill-

His Bill is the inevitable result of what has gone
before - And the inevitable result of both is - -
failure.

I can say nothing about his Bill, because it is as
if Archbp Manning were to ask me how to
manage the Ecumenical Council - I could only
answer, (as Punch does,) in one word: *Don't*.

If a fervent Protestant is asked an opinion about
R Catholic measures, what else can be answered but-

Don't?

If I who shared with Sidney Herbert all his plans,
whose main principle was: to perfect every
Department of the War Office separately & then to

bring the whole under the direct & immediate hand of the Secretary of State, am asked how best to reverse this entire policy - what can I answer but: Don't- Sidney Herbert gave in the Cabinet - in his evidence before Parliamentary Committees - before R. Commissions - in every possible way - he, the best, the *only* War Office administrator we have ever had - this opinion - that one Secretary of State in the Ho: of Commons of ordinary powers was quite enough to manage the business, both administrative & Parliamentary Sir G. Lewis, tho' a very inferior administrator, gave the same opinion. It is true that, if you change the Secretary of State 4 times in one year, (as has been done since I have been in the War Office,) you can hardly expect him to master all the business in 3 months - But the War Office is now a perfect avalanche

which no one can stop & which would crush me (who have too much other work to do already) if I were to put a finger in it - Mr. Cardwell- & Sir J. Pakington before him- upset Sidney Herbert's work by bringing the Departments which he had so carefully organized separately (like the fingers of the Secretary of State's hand) under one Control Office. i.e. under a separate hand.

[The Control Office is already a break-down.] And then Mr. Cardwell wants to introduce 2 or 3 permanent Parliamentary men - into the War Office (because he says, he can't do the business - he is incompetent to carry it on - which is perfectly true) How are these new men to arrange their relations with the Control Office?

Nobody knows. They have got rid of the only man who could help them- viz. Capt. Galton And, should there be a war, there will be a catastrophe to which that of the Crimea will have been as nothing - Like a famous politician of the last generation, I should say: I could not have conceived anything worse than Sir J. Pakington's administration, if I had not seen Mr. Cardwell's- And- I should

have thought that there could be no
administration as bad as Mr. Cardwell's,
if I had not see Sir J. Pakington's.
As for Ld. Northbrook, - - but I knew something
of his doing during the 6 months he was
under Sidney Herbert. Even then, he was an
"obstructive" & a prig- the worst of prigs -
[To-day. they sent to ask me ~~question~~ to solve a problem about Hospital
Supply. But- to solve the problem you must
just undo all that the Control Office has done -
& restore that which S. Herbert so carefully
organized.]

The curious part of the whole matter is this:
Genl. Balfour was put, on account of his Indian
good work, into the War Office to do there *just the*
reverse of what he did in India -

And he has done it-
Sir Storks, on account of his Scutari good work,
ditto ditto ditto ditto -
Mr. Cardwell, who professes to be a friend of Sidney
Herbert, has *exactly reversed* all that Sidney
Herbert had done -
The War Office is a cyclone- And I keep out of it

Feb 20/70

If you have 10 minutes to spare this afternoon, (Sunday)
please tell me- ever yours FN

9004/14 lf, pen?, initialled letter

Feb 28/70

My dear Sir Harry
I return Margaret's charming
Journal. which I ought to have
returned before -

Also: the Old Soldier's little Sermon.
I have scarcely had time to read it-
And I should like to have a copy of it.
but cannot make one - *Could you*
ask Jemmy Watson at Embley to
make one? - & send it me? -

To my family it is touching from
its mention of me. but to me it seems
(tho' I am grateful to my old friends,
the soldiers, for their recollection of me)
about the best Sermon I ever heard *in*
itself ever yours

FN.

9004/15 2ff, pencil?, initialled letter

35 South Street, Thursday {arch: c. Feb 1870}
Park Lane, [printed address]
W. I

My dear Sir Harry

1. I am so distracted with business that I am afraid
I could not see you to-day at all- And at all times
my poor head is too weak to listen to reading aloud,
even of letters, thanks. But I should be charmed to see
Margaret's Cairo letter, when you can spare it
I have business again every day this week -
But if you are in 32 on Friday or Saturday about 3, I
should hope to see you "for 10 minutes"-
I return Margaret's 2 charming letters

2. Thank Parthe very much for the print--stand
come back

The Cameron Watts is very fine- almost like a
Rembrandt -

Richmond has, I am sorry to feel, quite missed
Margaret's heavenly expression - for she is a heavenly
young woman. & so exaggerated or caricatured her
profile as to make her just what she is not.
Her countenance, tho' not her face, is like a Fra
Angelico -

3. Thank you for your notice about Mr. Bruce. We
were quite aware that there were as many Medical

[8:474]

opinions on the one side as on the other.

But that is just what we deprecate - That
is just why the best men will not allow
themselves to be used as witnesses -

Some men have said that *in their OPINION*
legislation is necessary & that *in their OPINION*
legislation will do what is required.

This without facts - or even in spite of facts
Some men on the other side deny both conclusions
altogether -

Who is to decide? -
Clearly there must be enquiry - a real
investigation into *facts*. not a controversy of
opinion -

[Controversy, as Faraday said, never did any good.]

Opinion has been substituted for investigation.
[Miss Garrett has fallen into this error to that
degree that men who *have* knowledge, say of her:
that she willingly & knowingly writes for those who
are ignorant - too ignorant to understand her

fallacies.]

If Mr. Bruce is merely going to accumulate more
opinions, he had better let it alone, surely- don't you think?

[end 8:474]

4. Thank Parthe for Emily Cunningham's Extract.
We have Monthly Statistics of *Children* - one of the
Returns we instituted.

Till they have done what we required, viz
drainage where drainage is necessary,
agricultural improvements, tree-planting on
the treeless plains, no improvement in health,
no diminution in Epidemics is possible -

But Miss C.'s statement is too vague for us to
be able to make any use of it, I am sorry to
say - I wish we could!

5. I am sorry that I cannot recommend any one whom I *know*
for Mr. Grant Duff (whom I re-inclose.)
[I have had these applications before.]
But I am not sure that I would if I could.
It must be the merest chance if one is able to
speak to all those qualities- And it must be
the chance of chances, if such a phoenix happened
to be able & willing to be out at Madras *just +2 months hence*
[I have however a note of it]

We always stipulate now *for a year's notice*
at our (Nurse) Training School.

When I think how we find a year's trial &
training all too little, how often we are
deceived & disappointed in persons when they

are launched on their own responsibility, even
after that year's training & trial,
I can but sit down in humbled amazement
when I see persons recommending others after
3 months' trial after a week's, - after even
an hour's interview -

Never again shall we (with my consent) do
what we have sometimes done at Mr- Rathbone's,
at Sir Wm Heathcote's, at other's earnest
requests, take a person whom they or we
have found - anyhow, get her appointed patch
her up with 2 or 3 or 4 month's training &
send her to her destination-

Liverpool Workhouse is a total failure - dear
Agnes Jones' work totally wrecked (in 2 years!!)
So is Winchester Hospital Nursing.

6. Thanks for the charming little "Partridges"-
(-"Good Words for the Young" - which I return)
I perceive that I have so mixed you up both - that
you must please take this letter for both.
I was sorry that I did not know that Parthe was
there. But I was so tired having been at
work with Dr. Sutherland all the morning & seen

Wellcome Ms 9003

589

Mrs. Bracebridge (who is in town only for a few
days) that they did not tell me till after P. was
gone - ever yours

FN

9004/16 1f, pencil?, signed letter

35 South Street, Mar 2/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry to trouble you -
but my father has returned
me the enclosed "Valuation"
paper with 4 columns not
filled up.

Can you kindly tell me
how to fill them up?

1. With regard to "Sewers' Rate",
I enclose my card.

I suppose it is 8/4 (which
I have inserted in pencil)

Must I put down *by whom*
paid?

2. With regard to "Annual Value,"
35 is rated (in this card) at £200,

on another at £180- And
what "Annual Value" exactly
means I do not know-

With regard to the other two
columns not filled up,

I am quite in the dark-
Please return me the whole,

card & all

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9004/17 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

March 3/70

My dear Sir Harry

I am *always* "inclined" to see you -
But - the spirit is willing & the flesh is
weak - weaker than usual -

I have been so overworked, so
"interviewed" for the last 3 weeks that
I must give myself rest now from all
business that is not *indispensable* & from
all pleasure altogether, & "inclinations"-
=

As for "Army Estimates," they are not
now sent to me, as they used to be -
And I am glad of it. I feel that,
while it harrows up the past to a degree

painful beyond description & which people can hardly enter "into", I
could do no possible good- by putting
in my oar-

The British Lion sits in his den - **[10:105]**
& employs the asses to prevent him from

doing things. or to prevent things
from being done -

Lord Mayo & the D. of Argyll are
legitimate descendants of the British
Lion - But Mr. Cardwell is not
even this- Even if he is not the
British Ass, tout pur, he is a very spurious
off spring of the British Lion -
In order not to break my heart, I limit
myself now entirely to the business I have
undertaken- the Sanitary - in the War Office.
Have you any reason to think that
Dr. Sutherland's position will be
attacked on the Estimates?

[end 10:105]

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I think that you will make a very
good speech on the subject you

propose -

We entirely agree on
1. enlisting for 5 years in Infantry
2. Reserve Force
3. separate Army for India.

=
I believe Mr. Jowett is coming to
give me the Sacrament on Sunday
at 12-

Would your or Parthe (or both) like
to come? R.S.V.P.

ever yours
F.N.

9004/18 1f, pencil, initialled letter

March 4/70

My dear Sir Harry

You could not, without trouble,
lay your hand on Lord Napier of
Magdala's letter to you, of which my
father told me? - & send it me?-

I am afraid that I have made
some mistake & that he, Ld. Napier,
expected me to write to him about
an appointment to see him -

I have not his address -

ever yours
F.N

9004/19 1f, pen, unsigned letter

March 8

Dearie

With regard to the Shetland shawls:

1. the address was *not* enclosed in your note, but, as I do not think I shall go to the expence of 30/ to 'dog' in bed a Shetland shawl of the variety you describe, I will not trouble you for it especially as I shall want *two*, one off, one on -
 - 2- I think I will therefore trouble you to get me \neq one, as you propose i.e. *two*. The one I bought from you last year - but which has not washed very well- was 12/ or 13/ I *think* - ~~But~~ it was a most wonderful match to my dressing-gown - It now looks rather shabby -
- Thanks for the beautiful lilies - & "Vivian Grey"
(which I had a particular curiosity to see)

9004/20 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

March 8/70

My dear Sir Harry

1. When I was younger, like you, I believed in such a scheme as you propose for giving women "some knowledge of Medicine" to go to India with-
 2. I have frequently been applied to for "Missionary women" going to India (by themselves) lately - to gain them admittance into St. Thomas'-.
- generally, to "pick up" "medicine," under the garb of a Nurse, from the Medical & Surgical Staff
- I have become (most unwillingly) convinced that this would end in a mere smattering -in a tumbling between 2 stools, & finally, in the great probability of my having the blood at my door of some (Indian) Patients
3. I believe that H.B. Carter, Mrs. Wardroper & I have come to the unanimous conclusion that we would never again attempt to patch up women in a few months for any Nursing Office, however much we are pressed to do so -

And I believe that nothing would induce Mrs Wardroper to accept a Candidate to pick up a knowledge of medicine, unless from ~~a~~ some conviction of mine *which I have not*.

4. Miss Jones, of Kings Coll:, after very many more essays than we made, came to the same conclusion

But I believe that the present Supt. there takes in any one in the way you propose -

And I would not deter you from

trying this

[It always seems to me that, the less people have of *permanent* "Sisters," the more willing they are to do this kind of thing.

They have (or had) at Kings Coll: Hosp. not one "Sister" 3 months old.]

in great haste

ever yours F.N.

A thousand thanks for Margaret's charming journal.

O to be in the desert about Cairo [1:626] "for 3 weeks"!

Tell them to report particularly how Rameses II lying on his face in a pool at Memphis. is how he does - a colossal mutilated statue - one of the finest, if not the finest in Egyptian sculpture

9004/21 1f, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, March 8/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

You were so good as to say that you wished to show some courtesy to *Dr. Cuninghame*, Lord Mayo's emissary to us, & Sanitary Commissioner of the Govt. of India -

He is now again in London but *only till the 28th.*, (unless I can get his leave prolonged)

His address is
Dr. Jas. M. Cuninghame
18 Manchester Street
Manchester Square

ever yours

FN.

9004/22 1f, pencil? initialled letter **[3:394]**

March 10/70

My dear Sir Harry

I promised Sir B. Frere
that I would lend (only
lend!) this beautiful
Essay of his on Indian
Missions - to you & Parthe -

How blind we are!
And how he shows the way
that God is leading those
vast Indian nations- The
Indian Church will be
the greatest of all the
Christian Churches -
ever yours
F.N.

9004/23 2ff, pencil?, signed letter **[6:448]**

March 15/70

My dear Sir Harry Verney

I send you (in the strictest confidence)
one of the letters to me of Miss Torrance,
our invaluable Matron at the Highgate
Infirmary -

She writes these letters merely for my
own information and, as you know, I
have never shown them even to you -

But possibly Mr Goschen, who has,
in the midst of his business, shewn
himself personally interested in the
Highgate Infirmary, might like to
see this letter, as it contains matters
which can be dealt with by the Poor
Law Board alone - which are of
essential importance to the success of

this quite young Establishment and
which possibly Mr. Goschen might
wish to verify by a visit from one
of his Inspectors & thus settle its
difficulties-

If you show the letter to Mr. Goschen, he
will, I am sure, understand that it is
in the same strict confidence, &
return it to me by you at once -

The 3 points in it I think are:

1. that here are people who can hire
"cabs" & "waggonettes" throwing their
sick relatives or friends on Parish
relief - which is sheer Socialism
2. that Miss Torrance, a person whose
Hospital experience we can thoroughly

trust, says that there are *not more*
"slight ailments," or 'what are called
'malingerers,' in a *Workhouse Infirmary*
than in St. Thomas' Hospital- notoriously
a Hospital of very severe cases -
[I have constantly believed that this
is, as Miss Torrance states it.]
3. that Steward, who will certainly
bring the place to ruin -

Ever, my dear Sir Harry,
yours affectly.
Florence Nightingale

9004/24 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

I return these 2 very good
letters printed & M.S-
There *must* be some local
"Nuisance" authority, which
can compel the cleansing
of this nuisance -
Let these truly energetic
pastors apply to it -
But, if it does not or
will not do the work,
then let a statement of the
circumstances be sent to
the *Home Office*, & an
enquiry asked for.

This is the only other way,
I am sorry to say- And
I have enquired -

F.N.

March 25/70

This day 17 years ago, the
day of dear Grandmama
Shore's death, I was
at Sheffield - or rather
at Tapton -

I have just ~~written~~ sent a [10:114]
letter to Lord Mayo at
his own request on
the removal of Indian
"nuisances," which

took me 3 days to write!,
because our "nuisances"
there are 180 millions - **[end 10:114]**

9004/25 1f, incomplete, pen, initialled letter {arch: 30.3.70; 1st p. missing}

I am most thankful to hear
this morning thro' a telegram
that Reggy Herbert, a fine
Naval Cadet, put ashore
dangerously ill at the Naval
Hospital at Lisbon, is
"out of danger" - But his
mother & Mary had
already started via Paris
& rail ~~to~~ going straight
thro' express to Lisbon -

Those Training-ships are so foul-
never left empty for a time to be
thoroughly ever yours
cleansed. F.
always
having
small pox, fever & measles -

9004/26 2ff, pencil, initialled letter

35 South Street, [printed address]
Park Lane,
W.1

{letter begins on other half of page, clockwise 90d.} bundle 147
Dearie

Right glad was I to see your hand writing again -
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As for "Miss Stephen"- she *must* wait -[I lived in
hopes, as the poor people say, that you had forgotten
it] I could have seen her last week -
It is not a difficulty, it is *impossible* that I should
see or write to her this week or next -
[As I have her note to you, I will write to her when
I can]-
=. I am involved in the most critical Office business,
which ~~a~~ I have either accepted or invited ~~it~~, &
cannot be put off- and in the most painful

Liverpool business, which I neither accepted nor invited - & which quite break me down - both together -

I can hardly even write this scrap -

All this week & next I am driven for every hour & minute - & must not speak one unnecessary word - Or I shall *stop going* altogether.

I am very sorry you have to give up Combe & Bagshot. But at all events those are only pleasures put off -

To go to Embley would be, I suppose, *any way* the best thing for you - & to get out of this atmosphere -

But, of course, this the Dr. must decide - No wonder your poor head has suffered. But I hope that will soon improve, as it is accounted for.

I have not an instant - nor shall have for at least a fortnight. And I have to act Infirmary Nurse to my cook -
God bless you -
ever your

March 31

F.

9004/27 2ff, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

{printed address}

35 South Street, *Saturday night*
Park Lane,
W.1

Dearie

I only heard by to-night's post from Mr. Jowett that, being in London to-morrow, he would come & give me the Sacrament at 3-

I do not know whether you or Sir Harry would like to come again so soon-

R.S.V.P.

=

I have not even glanced yet at 'Mr. Norris' to you'.

How to get thro' day by day I hardly know -

As Mrs Wardroper says, [6:314-15] there has Agnes Jones been dead 13 months- And the

Liverpool Workhouse is
rather more thrown upon
our hands than ever -
Miss Freeman is in town now
to consult us- And there
have been 4 interviews, one
of 6 hours & all of more
than 3-
And she neither knows
what are her difficulties-
nor - what she wants?
If there is one thing which
I should like to impress
upon Sir Harry, it is this:
that the unavoidable evil ~~of~~
in that case

of sending a person with only
a very few months' training
to such a work must
never be repeated -
For, however able the woman,
one year's training is the
very least that can give
a person, without
Hospital experience, the
~~very~~ slightest insight even
into how to conduct such
a work - I could have
managed a whole Hospital with less
trouble, ever your
anxiety & F.
corresponde.
than she has
given me -
And as for poor Mrs. Wardroper!!

9004/28 1f, pencil, initialled note {some writing in another hand?;
arch: ?Mar 1870} bundle 147

35 South Street, [1:338]
Park Lane,
W.1

1. I send you H. Martineau's letter (on "Lettice Lisle")-
Please return it to me -
With all the draw backs, I think her one of the best literary
judges yet existing.
2. If you are writing on Bunsen, do you choose to see an
unpublished printed fragment of his "Life of Jesus,"
which I have?
[But I shall not send it you, if you are going to
criticize him in that shabby and savage manner.]
I have also M. Müller's criticism, cut out of the
"Times", on the "Life"- if you like to look at it again. [end 1:338]

I forgot to ask 2 things

1. what did Sir Harry do after all about my letter
to M. de Sydow, about the Prussian Conference for
Wounded (International)?
2. do you know anything (it is not likely you should)
of a book given me by M. Mohl - printed at the
Asiatique at my request. Quatrains de *Al Khayyâmi*
French & Persian -
It has disappeared. I left it in this house
when I went to Lea Hurst - I have hunted for it
all over the house since I came back- It is *just*

possible Mama may have taken it away by mistake

My name & M. Mohl's name were written on
the outside in his hand - a small grey
French octvo. or rather large duodmo. (new)

F.N.

[not FN hand, in lighter pencil]

It is astonishing how little I can read

But, I have read Lettice Lisle, Ly Verney's I suppose I think
it beautiful & very far superior to Stone Edge & its successor
Patris is always a drawback to me in Scott &
everybodys. But I am getting over it for Lettice's sake now & Mary's.

9004/29 1f, incomplete, pen?, unsigned letter {arch: early 1870} black-edged paper bundle 147

Burn

Dearie

I don't think I need trouble
your servants to-day, thank you -
The Messenger sends a note of
excuse- But I shall put the
matter into the hands of the
Adjutant - Since it is just *not*
to have these matters to investigate
that one employs Commres.-
I have simply answered the man
by saying he is to come to-morrow
to do his work -
I am afraid they are a bad lot -

But I have such a much
worse business to manage -
And Mrs Wardroper, poor
woman, is coming this afternoon,
about it. Those women, Miss
Freeman & Miss Wilson, have
brought the Lpool Workh: to a dead
lock-

9004/30 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

~~Yu~~ April 2/70
Romsey Volunteers

My dear Sir Harry

I followed your advice about this -
And, for my sins, look at the enclosed -
I do not think this will do do you? -
I have no right to use Lord Napier's
almost private words - arranged by myself.
Yet I do not see how to correct or "alter" it
It might have been *read* to them,
but *not* printed.

What shall I do?
ever yours

FN

I hope to see you for a minute before I start
by train 3.15.

9004/31 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, Ap 2/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

Pauper Girls

My dear Sir Harry
I think the Memorial much
improved -
I should not object to signing
this -
Only when one does not know
the people, a Memorial
may be always "hit or miss"-
What shall I do?
I do not share Parthe's
objection - 1- it does not
apply to this improved
Memorial- 2. it is natural

that a Memorial in which
ladies offer their services
should be signed by *ladies*
3. the "Saturday" is so
little serious, so abominable
in its flippancy, that I
cannot say I care the least
what it does say -
It will say: "ladies" ought
to take care of children
of their own - & if they
have no children, the
best thing they can do
is: to marry & get them."

I think of going to
Embley to-day, thanks
to your kind advice.

May I have your
carriage to take me
to Waterloo
at 3.15?

If it is engaged,
I can get another -
ever yours
F.N.

9004/32 2ff, pencil, signed letter, bundle 147

Embley

Romsey

April 15/70

My dear Sir Harry

Memorial: Pauper Girls.

Shall I sign ~~it~~ the Petition as it is now?
To enable you to give me your kind advice, I
send you 2 or 3, *only 2 or 3*, of this
excellent woman's letters & telegraphs to me.
She has been frantically telegraphing to me
all over the country - most of her letters
& telegraphs arriving many hours *after*
the time fixed by her for my telegraphic
answer (as if one *could* conduct this
kind of business by Telegraphy)
[I suspect she has done the same thing by
Mesdames Goschen, Hardy & Gladstone -
as they have not given their names
to the *Memorial*, I see.]

Shall I now sign the *Petition*?
[I would ~~you~~ send you a copy of the roll
sent me, to enable you to judge - but that
probably exactly the same roll has
been sent to Parthe.]

It has at its head the printed
Memorial I enclose]

--

Could you also kindly tell me did
Parthe xx. write at all to Miss Preusser
And if so what line did she take?

xx. Miss Preusser says that "*all the ladies*"
she wrote to answered her -

I wrote to Miss Preusser exactly what you
kindly suggested. But she had not
patience to wait for it -

ever yours

F Nightingale

9004/33 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

[2]

Crystal Palace

Easter Monday

My dear Sir Harry

If your servants are going
to the Crystal Pal: on Easter
Monday, & you kindly invite
mine to go with them,
"Barkis is willing," & will
pay the menue dépense.

I hardly know whether
that poor old woman, Mrs.
Legg, is fit to be left -

If not; *Elizabeth*, the cook,
had better be the one to go to the Crystal P.,
(as she has not been before)
But *Jenny* may go too, if
poor old Legg can be left. ~~She~~
~~[illeg]~~

Would you be so very kind
as to tell them that I say they
may go? if you ask them?

How is your poor butler?
I was glad to hear he had come back to you -

Have you let your house?
I think my mother & father
both wonderfully well -
He has had a cold - but
his way of getting over it
shows his elasticity -

I found the enclosed
from Sir R. Napier -
which I ought to have
returned long ago -

I cannot help fearing
that Edmund's "stumpy"
has been sadly long in
healing. ~~[illeg]~~ It will be 6
months on Monday since
it happened. But if his
health has so much
recovered, we ought not
to complain of Egypt-
ever yours affectel.

Wellcome Ms 9003

608

F.N.

Embley

Romsey

Good Friday - All Easter

blessings be yours

9004/34 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:573-74]

Embley

Romsey

April 17/70

Easter Sunday

My dear Sir Harry

This was the old letter of Sir
R. Napier which you lent me
for the address - & told me to return.

It was abominable of me
not to put in into my letter
when I said I had - & give
you the trouble of looking -

I had mislaid it -

=

Please tell P. that I returned
her (honest) a copy of "Lettice Lisle"
when I left London - & brought
one down (honest) here for my
mother - But they seem to
be in great numbers here, so
that, if she likes, I will filch

it away again -
We shall send her some flowers
for her birth=day-Springs
are late - now. When I
was a child, I always used
to go as soon as it was day light
& bring some lilacs with
dew-drops on them, which
were always in flower for
her birth day - from some
particular lilacs in the
American garden to her
when she awoke in the morning-
But there is nothing of the
kind now-

ever yours

F.N.

9004/35 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

Embley April 26/70
{written across top on diagonal:}

I am so sorry
about Mr.
Fraser's death
at Claydon -
I hope Sir Harry
is well -

Dearie

I send back Margt.'s charming letter
& another.

Have you let your house?

I am so afraid that Sir Harry will
slip out of my hands, which if he does
I will serve Mr. Calvert as the Greek
Brigands did the Captives-

My new housemaid is coming on
Monday on purpose -

ever your

F,

I do not laugh tho' about those unfortunate
captives - I think it the most hideous
story of modern times - gold=greedy, cruel,
murderous savages - They should be treated
like savages - And Greece like a savage
tribe-

9004/36 2ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [1:626-27]

35 South Street, May 5/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Capt. Verney

I was immensely thankful
to hear Mr. Savory's account
of you- Because if he thinks
you can take a ship in the
autumn, he knows you are
all right- But I dare say
that sensible man told you to
take precautions which you
don't tell me.

I think you are rather hard
upon poor 'Stumpy.' You treat
him like a spoiled & troublesome
child, whom you have

Wellcome Ms 9003

611

undertaken the charge of, &
whom you are in duty bound

to furnish with the necessaries
of life- but whom you can't
be expected to indulge -
I feel much more kindly to
poor 'Stumpy'. I am sure he
behaved very well at first -
And if he did not so well
afterwards, you ought to have
shown him some of that
kindness & indulgence for
which you are otherwise so
remarkable -
I feel satisfied, if it had not
been for Mrs Verney's protection
& care, poor Stumpy's life
would have been a weariness to
his flesh -

=

I was very much obliged
to you for showing me your
Book of Sketches - which I
looked through with immense
delight. I shall hope to
see it again.

They are very original & fresh
& bring the old places before
me again - There are some
of the Nile - especially
one *all yellow*- which I
will swear with any amount
of asseveration you please
is the place itself -

For 3 days I have been trying
to finish this foolish note- but
must send it as it is, if at all
ever yours & Mrs. Verney's

F. Nightingale

9004/37 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:268-69]

May 7/70

Dear *what was* I going to say?

I find, from the Banking-people, that
you were good enough to pay in my
Quarter's allowance - here in London -

I thought that you would subtract
from it the £50 which, you will remember,
you kindly gave me *in cash* at Embley-

Wellcome Ms 9003

613

Finding this not to be the case, I
enclose a Cheque to your Order for £50 -

Please acknowledge -
ever your loving child.

F.

9004/38 4ff, incomplete, pencil, initialled letter, bundle 147
[3:389-91]

35 South Street, May 7/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W. 1

Pray tell Mr. Empson how deeply
I feel for him at the loss of
his boy- But I do not
think Mr. Empson at all the
man to be overwhelmed by
sorrow- Let him think
of the boy as gone to join his
mother - gone to continue
his short life, thus early cut
off,- "the fate Heaven gives its
favourites, early death,"- under,
we may truly say, happier
auspices -
"The less of this cold world, the more
of Heaven
The briefer life, the earlier Immortality"

Please be sure & tell Mr.
Empson that I think of his
sorrow constantly, uniting our
wills to God in this as in all
things, as far as in my poor
power lies- "that we all
should be one with Him" in will-
a promise, as I know by my
own sad experience, of which
one never feels the full force
except in deep & lasting
sorrow -
I say nothing to him of the
'banal' consolation: that
time will soothe his grief -

For time only intensifies year by year & day by day
real sorrows- as indeed I
know again by intense experience
Perhaps it is the test of a
real loss that one feels it
only more & more every year
& every month- & every week-
But Aunt Jane once said
to me, speaking of the loss

of her eldest boy Fred, who
perished in Australia, 31
years ago - a loss I believe
that she has felt but once
for 31 years- & that every
minute: "Oh Flo - if this child
should be the only one of mine I shall
have to take in my hand when
I come before God, & say: 'Here,
Lord, am I with the children
that Thou hast given me'!!"- - - -

It was a solemn word. And
I don't think I shall ever
forget that Mother's cry -

If Mr. Empson should find
time & inclination to write me
any word of his boy's last days on earth,
I should be deeply interested.
And I think I truly valued
his boy's mother -

I only heard of the death
thro' Temperance's sister & no
particulars-

ever your loving child
F.

3

Nay- it strikes me that all truth
lies between these two:

Man saying to God, as Samuel did,
Lord, here am I -

and God saying to man as Christ
did, in the storm,

Lo ~~here~~ it is I, be not afraid -
And neither is complete, without
the other-

God says to man in suffering
in misery, in degradation,
in anxiety, in imbecillity,
in loss of the bitterest kind,
in sin, most of all in sin -

Lo, it is I, be not afraid -

This is the Eternal Passion
of God -

And man must say to him
Lord here am I

to work at all these things

I have said all my life,
"Here am I, Lord"-

But I have been "afraid"
all my life, & have never
believed "the Lord's" "Lo, it is
I."

You see, so far from disliking
the Biblical language, as you do,
I always fall into it -
The Bible puts into four words
of one syllable what whole

sermons cannot say so well-
The whole of religion is in God's
 Lo, it is I-
 & man's
 Here am I, Lord.

You know how I abominate
Keble & all that feeble
modern poetry.
Now, I will send you another
grand old hymn: -
"O God, our help in ages past
"Our hope in time to come
"Our shelter from the stormy blast
"Be our eternal home"-
When the 204 bodies were
taken out of the Hartley
Colliery & carried along
to what is called their
"last home", the miserable
widows & villagers who
lined that terrible
two miles' road,
took up the grand old hymn,

one after the other, in
fitful snatches on the
night - breeze, so that
it sounded thro' the night
with scarce any
intermission for the whole
2 miles' way:
"O God, our help in ages past
Be our eternal home!"-
This was told me by one
who was by & heard it! **[end 3:391]**

9004/39 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 147 **[1:338-39]**

Female Medical Education May 7-8/.70

Dearie

I am afraid that I think it would take at
least a month to work out anything for this difficult question

I am afraid that my opinions are so
essentially different that all I could do would
be, like the critic on M. Grandperret, the Public
Prosecutor, to suggest doubts which I could not
solve without questioning you, the Public Prosecutor
at almost every sentence (of what I have
marked in red.)

E.g. Do you wish "lady Doctors" ~~to wish~~
to have the same "training" & "examinations"
as men? - certainly not

[I have expressed my opinion so often in

answer to questions & appeals from Mrs.
Butler & all the "tall talk" ladies - & from
Dr. Acland, Mr. John Stuart Mill, & other men

that it is almost a public one -

I have looked in vain for a note ~~record~~ I possess of these correspondences - but am quite unable to undertake such a search thoroughly at present- Otherwise I would have sent it you]

Briefly, my opinion is this:

1.

Do you wish to make women men=Doctors?

certainly not

Do you not wish to make women, something higher than men=Doctors?

viz. to make women women=Doctors

The "training" & "examination" of *men* is, as is acknowledged by all true Doctors, almost as bad as it can possibly be.

If I am asked whether I should vote for women to participate in these, I should say: Certainly not.

2. The province of *Midwifery*, (including the Diseases of women & children,) is undeniably women's province -

So far as I know, this is denied by no one- except on the ground that women cannot get the education for it

France, as usual, has seen this - & for 69 years there has been in France as perfect an education, *practical & scientific*, for Midwives, as well can be -

It includes a 2 years' course, during which they ~~deliver~~ (the Pupil Midwives) deliver the lying-in women at a Hospital of 200 beds where no Pupils but the Midwives are received - A 1st. class certificate is not given under a 2 years' course

A 2nd. class Certificate under 1 year. Without a certificate, no Midwife can practice in France

The lady Professors of this Institution

have always held a rank, both *scientific & practical*, quite equal to that of Simpson, Locock or any great Accoucheurs -

They attend the highest classes & even Royalty in their confinements. They are Physician=Accoucheuses. not merely Midwives -

[I do not see how you can make anything of the "small Napoleon" here -

The fact, I believe, was simply this. The Empress Eugénie wished to be attended in her confinement by the "Sage Femme en chef" of that time (Physician Accoucheuses). The Emperor insisted on her having a man -

The entrance of the man (& the ~~awkward-~~
~~ness~~ fright & 'émotion' consequent- by no means an uncommon occurrence) interrupted the natural labour &, it is said, risked her life -

But I don't see how you can make anything

9004/40 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [1:269]

May 10/70

You will see by the two enclosed that

I had anticipated you -

But alas! ~~with me~~ not one moment
of strength ever have I to send off
any but the most pressing business.

I am sure that Sir Bartle Frere would
gladly give you a copy of the "Indian
Missions" if he had one - But he has not.
It is not yet printed separately for
sale, tho' I have begged & prayed him
to do so.

You say my mother "thinks only *too much*
of - - -

Alas the thinking *too little* (~~of this world~~) in men & women
has oftener left me mourning -

Surely the Devil invented the plan
of letting the thoughts drift away from
anything hard or sorrowful -

O how are we learn the lessons of
life, hard enough to read any how,
if we are to pass them by "Railroad=
=speed,"? as I have heard M. Mohl
express it too truly -

To me this disposition which destroys
all experience, all reality, all
wisdom, all knowledge, seems
increasing in men-

The friends of my younger age *are not*-
Those who laid things to heart are
not are no longer now -

"She pondered all these things in her
heart"- Does that man or woman
exist now who *ponders* things in the
heart? ever your loving child

F

Sir Harry just come
looking very well
I shall be glad of Moody's pot-

FN.

9004/41 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, May 25/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

Would you not like the
Piano & Harmonium here to be
moved into Lady Sarah
Williams' at once ? They
are doing nothing here - And
if there is not a piano-forte
in Lady Sarah's house,
might wile away some
anxious moments -

Will you please thank
Lady Sarah Williams for me
for her most kind note-

which I did not answer,
partly from my own
difficulty in writing, but
more because I feared
to be only another
infliction on her over=
burdened thoughts. The
more kind in her to
write at all to me -

Tell her I shall be with
them in prayer not only
on the Marriage day
but on many other days -
ever yours

F.N.

9004/42 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

35 South Street, May 27
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I am not going to let
you go so soon, unless Mr-
Calvert has positively laid
hands upon you -

If you can be comfortable
here, you promised to stay
at least half your time -

That brings you to at least
the middle of June- You
were not with me the first
week of May at all -

There is not the slightest
inconvenience to any human being here,
including the cats, if only you

can be comfortable.

=

I am sorry to say that the answer is come back from the Army San: Comm: about Genl. Miller - a very stupid answer, as I think. It is to this effect- that "it would not be advisable to trouble Genl. Miller to come to the Comm: because by their Constitution they could scarcely take practical cognizance of questions unless they were referred by the S. S. for India"-

This is Genl. Baker's decision I do not understand it- Genl. Miller is a much better witness than Dr. Cuninghame whom they took in the way I pointed out - They ask whether you could induce Genl. Miller to write a letter on his subjects- And they would then be able to entertain his views in a Minute or the new Barracks in India they have to write-
ever yours
F.N.

9004/43 5ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [1:610]

Whitsun Eve 1870 [4 June 1870]

My dear Emily

First of all, I recommend your plan to God - and feel sure that, if it is for His service, He will enable you to carry it out-

Things which go easy don't often go well, when it is His work. And therefore I (don't wish you plenty of difficulties, because I am not Saint enough for that but) am afraid you will have difficulties.

But God knows much better what

He is doing than we know what we want.

2. I had a long talk yesterday about your matters with Beatrice Lushington -

The thing which you want scarcely exists yet-

In fact it has to be created -

Perhaps it is God's intention to call you to be one of the creators-

But of course this will increase your difficulties in learning, at the beginning.

Beatrice says that, so far as she knows *that* Miss Buss? on Haverstock Hill? is really the only person who has set up good Middle Class Female teaching - but that the premises are so bad, so overcrowded, that it is quite out of the question your going there yet

There is an idea of lending Miss B money to set up on better premises -

And then you could go -

But this says: Wait.

{cut off} Then there is Miss Clough -

Beatrice and I both agree that it would rather counter act than further your purpose for you to go to her school at *first*- The thing is only in a state of experiment. It has all to be organized.

Later, it might be of use.

But this again says: Wait - Miss Clough knows so much about Schools that it would be most desirable you & she should have a conversation- And Beatrice proposes Thursday (the day after your wedding) at her house.]

Beatrice does not know anything of the Richmond School you spoke of-

5. But there is an Officers' (Military) Daughters' School at Bath- which you probably know about- under a Miss Kingdon -

[This Miss Kingdon was a cousin of our cousin, the first Mrs. Bonham Carter She lived with her till after her death, helping Her with her children, After her death, Miss K. took charge of the children, till J. Bonham Carter married again.

Miss Kingdon then wished to do

something, just as you are doing- And
she undertook this School & has had it
ever since, as Supt.

[end 1:610]

Beatrice thinks the teaching is good
But the girls come in such an ignorant
half-trained, frivolous state that you
will not see anything at all advanced

You might write to *Miss Kingdon*
yourself- Or Beatrice would do so - no[t]

[Genl. Lawrence is the Chairman] pledging you [cut off]
to anything

[2]

6. Beatrice will make enquiries whether [1:611-12] any one of the Schools founded by the late Dean of Hereford is in a sufficiently good state for you to learn at - & especially where that Miss Saily, who was his pupil & whom I once was with, is [Poor King's Somborne, where she was, immediately under the Dean, is quite degenerate.]

7. B. will also make enquiries about Liverpool & Edinburgh but fears there is nothing -

You see the fact is: you have to create -

[I believe myself that there is no country calling itself civilized where *Middle Class Female* Education is so backward as in England]

8. Then there is Germany.

There is, we know, far better teaching in Germany of this class than in England.

But the difficulty is: to find out where you could go with health -

Even if I were sure that the Normal School at Kaiserswerth were in the same state as it was under Pastor Fliedner, I am sure that you could not stand the bad food, the absence of all English cleanliness & privacy &c -

9. Pastor Fliedner's second daughter, Minna, has set up a Middle Class Female School at Hilden, some miles from Kaiserswerth -

But how are we to find out about that? what it *really* is.

10. Beatrice knows of an excellent

Female School at *Berne*.
But she does not know it personally.
And she says: we all know what the
Berne climate is. She will however enquire

11. The (Miss Whateley) Cairo plan
sounds very well.

But of that you know more than
we do.

12. Then you know the admirable
American Mission (Mrs. Hill) Schools
at Athens [Mrs. Hill used to let me
attend her lessons with her.]
They are exactly Female Middle Class -
And Eastern Europe has a strong touch
of the East. its amazing quickness &
genius - its rapid falling off at the least
fancy. its want of steadiness, perseverance,
its lofty aspirations - its disappointing
falls-

But then,
the present state of Greece
the trying climate (cold & hot)
modern Greek to be acquired
&c &c

13.

You have doubtless consulted your
excellent German lady friend who
once lived with you. She would
know, I suppose, about any good
Normal Female School of the day -
in Protestant Germany -

14.

You know how good the Moravian
(Herrnhüter) Schools are- There is
one near Bonn, I think - But
neither Beatrice nor I know it
personally - Frances Bunsen would
probably know-

[3]

You see how little all this amounts to.
It really amounts only to this:

the whole question (or rather practice)
of Female Middle Class Schools is in
an elementary state here-

there are one or two places in England (nothing
very high) where 2 or 3 months
would enable you to feel your way

both as to your own powers & as
to judging afterwards where to go
next -

You must enquire, feel your way,
wait - & try - & make mistakes - & *succeed*
the whole thing is in its rudest state,
as Hospital & Sanitary Nursing was in England
20 years ago -

But - the more difficulty, the more
glory, as the hackney-coachman said
when he drove over a heap of stones -

Or, as St Paul says: Thy strength
is made perfect in weakness.

God bless you

ever, dear Emily, yours

F. Nightingale

Believe that I shall be most
anxiously interested to hear what
you do next - I wish I had
recent information at your service -
But, after all, the most we can do
for each other is to enable another
to clear up his or her ideas - Each
must tread his or her own path of
the Cross - No one can really take
the responsibility for another - My
deepest sympathy, my warmest interest
if that could do you any good, you *have*
F.N.

9004/44 1f, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [8:881-82]

June 7/70

My dear Emily

Our maids are very anxious to see "Miss Maude" in wedding garments- which pleasure would be, I suppose, much enhanced by seeing her with all her bridesmaids -

I really don't think it's vanity but family love (since all our maids who have been with us any time have brothers & sisters in all our family or in yours)

Could you ascertain whether, & if so where, it would be not disagreeable to Lady Sarah Williams for me to send 2 of my maids to see "Miss Maude" come out or go in or go up or come down to-morrow? and at what hour?
R.S.V.P. ever your affecte. old Aunt
F. Nightingale

9004/45 4ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147 [1:612-13] [letter is complete]

35 S. St.

June 12/70

My dear Emily

I will write without delay the few things which seem important enough to write to you - after my conversation with my accomplice Beatrice.

I. "Home & Colonial"-
I feel very strongly what I should do in this case, were it my own child, as e.g. dear Agnes Jones was.

I do not think that you could go there unless 1. you had seen the place for at least a morning; & 2. you had made & had had accepted by them) many arrangements-

You see, unless you had seen something of the place beforehand, & unless above all

they had made special arrangements for you you might not like the place at all,
Might not wish to stay there a week -
I am sure that Capt. & Mrs. Verney, who are so handy-minded & so devoted, will

agree with me -

[I understand what you said that you
could not quite, while with Ly Monteagle
run about after things your own way -
That is true- But far better, I think,
lose a month or 3 months than go to
a place as it were hap-hazard.]

To me much considering, the *course* would
appear thus: - (ask Capt. Verney who
has a compass)

[end 1:612]

1. that Miss Webb (?) should give you an

introduction to the Lady Supt. or the Chaplain) (I don't know quite what their titles are) of "Home & Colonial"-

1. that you should go & spend a day there, with Capt. & Mrs. Verney best of all, with Capt. Verney next best - with yourself least best -

3. that, if you & they are pleased, the next step should be to ascertain whether special arrangements could be made for you-

(a) as before said- that you should not take the ordinary information=lessons but only the teaching=lessons

(b) that you should go only, say, from 9 to 1 three or four times a week -

[I hold it to be quite impossible that you can, without serious risk to health, go

there to teach, or to learn, or even to look on for from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. five days a week

I think it would be much more

profitable even, for you to give there 2 to 3 lessons 4 days a week- they hearing you & correcting you - & after 1 p.m. to be at home, preparing lessons - or, if you have time & strength, going to see other schools -

(c) that you should thus take 3 or 4 months there **[1:613]**
Neither Beatrice nor I have a very high opinion of "Home & Colonial"- tho' we both think that you will acquire there the practice of children, the *dodges* of teaching - Learn what you can like & what you can stand - & that 3 or 5 months will thus be very profitably spent there, *if limited* as above. **[end 1:613]**

2

[My idea of the "Home & Colonial" is very little worth having, since it is so old & ancient - Beatrice knows little more - but she has seen a good deal of some mistresses educated there &, though of course she would not like this said, she thinks their teaching 'tricky'
Still we neither of us think that you could have a better place to begin

with - to drill yourself in]

II *The Richmond School*

[1:613]

We both think that it would not do
for you to offer yourself as a *mistress*
there & that it would tell rather
badly for them, if they accepted you -
You would not learn the art of teaching.
You would only be tied down to teach
certain particular subjects, as best you

may. This is how it strikes us. [end 1:613]

III *Miss Clough*

Both Beatrice & I think that a morning spent with Miss C. at Beatrice's house would give you a good deal of informal help to clear up your ideas &c &c - Because Miss C. has really such good ideas about Schools - knows so much about them- was herself drilled at the "Borough Road" Training School regularly - Beatrice will manage this meeting for you - It is not at all in reference to your joining Miss C. at Finsbury - but only to the *general* thing -

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This is about the result of my lucubrations - You see it amounts to very

little

But I felt very anxious to say this about "Home & Colonial"- You see it would be a very bad beginning for you just to damage your health by engaging yourself for 3 months at any School unless all the preliminaries were satisfactory - & satisfactorily settled - [1:613]

N.B.

Beatrice feels pretty sure that there is no School of the late Dean Dawes' worth your going to, now]

But, first & foremost, get rid of your cough-

2. I don't think you or any one at all can guess ~~at present~~ whether you are equal to the labour of teaching for even 4 hours a day without an experiment first

It is a disappointing thing- which one should always avoid if one could- to break down at first.

God bless you
ever your affecte. & anxious old Aunt

F. Nightingale

N.B. Behold the miraculous effects of [9:915-16]
Bride-cake! As some of Mrs. Fred Verney's had been kindly sent me, for

the orthodox purpose, as I supposed.
I place a crumb under my pillow &
dreamt-- And I dreamt that
I was Under Secretary for India
with a balance of 10 millions on the
right side of my Sheet - & that I
was irrigating Orissa & draining the
Deltas of Hooply & Brahmapootra -
& famine was vanishing away &
Cholera almost extinct. Tell Mrs. F. Verney [**end 9:916**]

9004/46 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147

My dear Sir Harry

I was going to propose something to you of this kind -

I think that you have put the question very well to Mr. Savory -

And he will answer it well -

I conclude that he has seen Capt. Verney lately or will see him -

ever yours

F.N.

June 21/70

9004/47 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 147 [6:467-68]

Buckingham Workh: Nurse June 22/70

My dear Sir Harry

I am so very sorry to throw cold water on this good man's application or any good man.

But so far as appears from this note there is not one of the conditions which we consider necessary for ye success of our Nurses, & which we stipulate ye for

[All these I gave in my letter to the Poor Law Board, written by their request, & printed by them in one of their Reports on Workhouse sick.]

As you are aware

1. we never answer "advertisements"-
2. we never compete with "testimonials & applications"- nor suffer our Nurses to do so - our whole system

is to do away with the system of

"testimonials & applications"-

3. if the "Board" require our Nurses, they must make an application to us - we select, train & recommend - & they appoint - But we have nothing to do with sending in or competing with "testimonials"-

Of course our Training School would be entirely stultified by any such proceeding.

We select out of a mass of applicants our Probationers - we

then train for a year - we then
select again-

Of course we then recommend these
persons absolutely - to Boards or
Governing bodies who take our
recommendation which they have asked
for.

[We should never get Agnes Jones'es or Miss Torrance s, if we entered them in the common lists of "testimonials," which are not worth the paper they are written on]

4. We deprecate sending *one solitary* Nurse to a Workhouse, which we think is only wasting her & breaking her heart

[We have sometimes, it is true, done this e.g. to Hampstead Workh: But those circumstances were peculiar, & the person sent was almost a lady, & able to hold her own.]

We should not send a Nurse alone without making particular enquiries -
- is she to be under the old Matron?
- what sort of a person is the old Matron?
In most cases, it is merely wasting a Trained Nurse to put her under an old Matron -

5. Tho' "£18" is not perhaps low for a country Workhouse, they will not, I fear, get a ~~Trained~~ "skilled" Nurse for this.

[We, the N.F., are much abused by Hospitals & Workhouses for raising the standard of Nurses' wages- But that is our very object.]

6. Lastly, there is such a demand upon us that I doubt whether we have a Nurse to send - at all -

Would you forward the Revd. Mr. Coker's letter to Harry B.C. or to Mrs-Wardroper?

It is just possible they may *know* of some one.

ever yours
F.N.

9004/48 2ff, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

June 23/70

My dear Emily

I should so very much have liked to have seen you, as I hope you know, but that I am very "throng" (as we say

in Derbyshire) with getting
off papers to India by
to-morrow's mail- papers
which unfortunate Vacher
the Parly. Stationer - is copying
with all his might -

And, after the mail, my father
is coming - to-morrow-

Do not suppose that I am
not as much interested as

well can be in your Home
& Colonial; And I
will accept your kind offer
to write to me from Claydon
all about it-
Perhaps you may be coming
up to London again by & bye
I have had Dr. Sutherland here
all the morn'g. & am rather knocked up
I hope that Mrs. Verney
is able to take with her
usual angelic patience
Capt Verney's departure so
soon- God bless you all
ever yours
F.N.

Would you not like to
have this Harmonium
here down at Claydon?
I am so glad your visit was
satisfactory -

9004/49 2ff, incomplete, pencil, unsigned letter bundle 148 [1:195]

{printed address; arch: 1870}
Embley
Romsey
~~35 South Street,~~ July 19 [70]
~~Park Lane,~~
~~W.~~

While the Carters were here, I
thought you would hear from
them- But now they are
gone, I make haste to write
I found my mother altered
certainly - Tho' she was
sitting in the hall to meet me,
& insisted on walking all
over the down-stairs rooms
with me, I thought her
shrunk & bent, tho' very
spirited & lively - But
yesterday which was the
first time I saw her
again down stairs, when

she was "in all her bravery",
I had not this impression.
- she appeared to me, just
like what she has been
for the last 10 years -
with the exception, which
is very marked indeed,
that she is so much more
cheerful, so much happier
really, *this year & last*,
than I have ever known
her in all my life-
She is pleased & satisfied
with every body & every
thing- (except that she

very often asks for her
"Basket carriage" - of that
more anon)
She has been out every day
in the carriage, except
Sundays, since I came -
and every day in the
garden besides.
Webb says she sleeps well
afterwards - sometimes
till almost 10 a.m. -
She comes up-stairs between
10 and 11 p.m. and is
always in bed by one -
Webb says, her eyes are not
worse - "She can read
much better without her
glasses than I can," says Webb.

But I hope & believe
she never does read by
candle light.
The only material difference
that I do see is that she
gives up the pretence
of being up before 5 p.m.
- which I think conduces
materially to her equability
I have been to her every
day but one between
12 and 1, & sat in her
bed-room - And she

gives up offering to come
to me - which I am glad
of, as it was a strain
upon her- Yesterday she
& I sat in the Library in
the afternoon. And it was

9004/50 5ff {or 3ff}, pencil, unsigned letter/draft [1:195-96]

Private {on diagonal}

While my dear mother loses her memory
(consciously, alas! to herself) she
gains in every thing else in truth
of view, in real memory of the phases
of the past, in appreciation of her
great blessings, in happiness, real
content & cheerfulness- and in
lovingness.

I am quite sure that, during the
nearly half-century in which I have
known her, I have never seen her
anything like so good, so happy,
so wise or so really true as she
is now -

I hope to remember throughout eternity
things she has said to me this year
& last, such as:

('Your father has never had a cross') "*I
have been his Cross.*

"He has been a better husband to me

than I deserved."

"My lot has been the happiest
of lots- I did not deserve it"-

"And, with regard to me, her views
are so clear, so generous that I do
not like to repeat them, because *I*
too feel they are not "deserved."

But I do not dwell upon these
things so much (to mark the
great change that has taken place)
- as upon her constant
expressions of appreciation,
grateful appreciation, of you-

She has learnt from life.

Many, perhaps most, have no more
idea of the phases of their past
life, than if that life were the
life of another, a stranger -

A memory, not of trivial facts but
of appreciation of what life has
been, is the only true memory.

This is: *truth of mind* -

[2]

How often I remember that ~~phrase~~
'People are such martinets about
the truth of their words- but
truth of *mind* they never think
of.'

My mother's memory & appreciation
of *life*- especially of *her life*
with you- is in fact better &
truer now than it has been
during the whole of her half=
=century with you.

MOST PRIVATE {underlined 6 times}

One little thing I ought to say which
you may - which you *will* think
a matter quite trifling - & yet
which I see by experience may
make the whole difference in her
remaining life-

This sort of conversation only arises
when she is lying quite quietly in
bed & I am sitting close to her

quite quietly. *never* when she is
walking about the room, or when
she makes me walk about the
room looking at things. Then her mind
seems utterly to fail her. The
most painful confusion of mind
arises- in which she often
makes the most painful mistakes..
& remarks-

This, which I am certain is much
more common than people think,
is surely worth attending to -
It is not the body walking about
the room which is the mischief.
It is the mind wandering about.
It is the mind having the fidgets,
which is the painful part- not
the body ~~which~~ being fidgetty.

You might just as well give her a
blow on the brain as talk to her
while you are walking about- or as
~~let her talk to you~~ encourage her to conversation while she is
walking about-

I have observed it now so much as
to be quite sure of it

9004/51 1f, pencil, in FN's hand, copy of letter to FN + initialled letter (sent to JS certainly, poss also HV?)

Private {on diag.} Prussia
Crown Princess' Letter to F.N.
Potsdam July 23/70

x x x x

"I fancy it may not be impossible that
some people may wish to volunteer
as nurses during the awful war
which is about to begin-
"Should any one apply to you, wishing
to be sent out, *will you please let me*
know? Should they be fitting, I
am sure they will find plenty to do
here when the time comes, as we
had not sufficient nurses last time"
"Ever yours most sincerely
Victoria
C Pr of P."

[end]

Private {on diag.}
Professor Longmore (Netley)
(writing *not* to F.N.)

"is very angry that England has done
nothing hitherto.

"He says that abroad the entire working
machinery is ready.

[following para crossed through with one diag. line, to "F.N.":]

3. "that nothing is wanted in any country
which has agreed to the convention,
except means. [next para struck through]

"that he thinks in the present state of
things it would almost be better to
organize & get funds for our own use,
as we do not know what a day may
produce

[This is, I suppose, not meant
seriously - F.N.]

5. "that it is no use to send supplies
except according to patterns laid down
in the Convention, & that if any thing
is to be done, *money is the best thing*
to send"

9004/52 1f, pencil, initialled letter 2ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 147, with letter of R. Loyd Lindsay to FN dated 23 July 1870, calls her attention to a letter he wrote in Times of yesterday, headed "Help to the Sick and Wounded" subject is one I know you take a deep interest, hopes the proposed scheme meets with her sympathy and approbation, wd appreciate any suggestions or remarks on the subject, urgent importance of the subject [so he took initiative]

July 25/70

[15:628-29]

My dear Sir Harry

May I ask you whether you know

Col: Lindsay?

I don't-

I enclose his note to me.

I enclose what, under your approval, I should say, if you kindly would say it - to him.

[I enclose, as a Supplementary Note to you, some of Mme. Schwabe's- only for your information.]

ever yours

F.N.

I would gladly come back here in

September, to help Col: Lindsay, if ~~illeg~~ the this iniquitous war continues -

At present, I can scarcely hold a pencil yet am overwhelmed with business.

July 26/70

My deepest sympathies are with the sufferers on both sides -

If I could, I would set off to the Seat of War the very hour that the Authorities gave leave & work there -

My helplessness in health makes me ~~nearly~~ useless not only in this, but in giving, as Col Loyd Lindsay asks, "suggestions" & advice.

I rejoice & thank God that so many able & efficient men have taken up that which each can do so much better than I, even were I not so overwhelmed with business & illness as I am -

It is obvious that Col: Loyd Lindsay has taken the wise course. Mme. Schwabe's

way is most uncertain of result.

It appears that the two Governments have taken a first step- They have neutralized the ambulances of the respective Governments -

The next step is the one requested (by Col: Loyd Lindsay's Meeting) of Lord Granville - to do -

If the two Governments require or permit aid, they will reply - And the aid will come under the same rule as the Ambulances

If they do not, we shall have to wait to see what time will bring -

It would help the sick very little to have all their supplies seized - which is what might follow any movement until the

prior question is settled -

If a favourable answer is returned by the two Governments, then Col: Lindsay can hardly doubt that I would join heart & hand in doing the very little that is possible to me in helping him on the General Association.

I have meanwhile joined the Ladies'

"Collection," which proposes to form a branch in connection with Col Lindsay's Committee, when organized - I have done so at their earnest request of these Ladies -

Col: Lindsay is undoubtedly on the right tack. And I will try & help him with "suggestions," if he still wishes it, as soon as the question referred to is settled

It is of course of the greatest importance to place all supplies from voluntary sources & all administrators of them under the Red Cross -

I understand that Surgeons from England are more likely to be wanted than Nurses from England - Col: Lindsay is quite right about Volunteer Nurses - They may make themselves a terrible nuisance (& even an immoral nuisance) unless under certain rules, under proper authority & round a *trained* Nucleus -

Supplies, I hear, are wanted most of all.

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:629]

9004/53 4ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 148

Lea Hurst

Matlock July 30/70

War

My dear Sir Harry

In reply to yours:-

1. You ask me to "tell you whether they (Col: Loyd Lindsay & Co:) "May print "my letter in their appeal"-

I am not quite sure that I know what they refer to.

On Monday 25, I wrote in pencil a few hurried jottings in great haste (& under constant interruption from messages) (which, thinking you were in London that day, I sent off to U. Grsv. St. first, hoping to catch you before you went to the Ho: of C., then to the Ho: of C.;-last without re=opening, by post to Claydon.) Are these what they mean?

As my only idea in doing so was to give

notes for your conversation with Col:
Lindsay, (whom I expected you to
meet in the House) as far as that
conversation regarded his note to me,
I really do not remember what was
in them, the less, as a constant
fire of messages was going on at me
the whole time I was writing-
But, if you think well to take the
onus & "see no objection" "to their
being printed," I am so overwhelmed
at this moment with applications &
responsibilities that I am thankful
to you if you will relieve me of
one -

2. Prussia

My expected & dreaded letter from
the Crown Princess is come -

Would you think it right to
communicate the Extract which I
enclose to Col: Lindsay?

It must not, of course, be printed.
Still I am hardly justified, am I, in
withholding it- since it is an
intimation that Nurses may be wanted
by ~~her~~ Prussia- since Volunteers are more
likely to apply to *them* than to me)
since I could not possibly undertake
to see & select among Volunteers, even
were I in London -

But I would, indeed I ought to,
communicate any answer to the Princess
from them on this score -

[Capt. Burgess, very unadvisedly, as
I believe, did send out 4 Lady Nurses
to Berlin - & without, I *think*
previous communication to the authorities
- about a fortnight ago.]

Also, would you advise me as
to the sort of *general* letter I ought
to write to the Princess?

[I am particularly anxious to avoid
any pitying of me like *on the ground*
that the *other* is the wickeder. It is
hard to tell which is the wickeder
of Bismark or of L. Napoleon]

3. I think it worth while to send
you an Extract (addressed *not* to me)
from a conversation of Longmore's-
vide Paras 5 and 3

- - not that I suppose Col: Lindsay
who is in communication with him
does not know this & more
- indeed the very confidence that
I feel in Col: Lindsay is from this:
that he is really '*au fait*,' *posted up*,
as the Yankee would say -
but I should like myself to know

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whether what Longmore says, (Para. 5.,) is correct) (also 3 Para)

4. Lastly, I send you an Extract from a printed "Bulletin" from Paris.

This again Col: L. Lindsay would know all about -

I should not myself have attached much importance to it but that the person who sent me the "Bulletin" drew my attention to these Paragraphs which I extract

[Of course we must inter=communicate information with Col: Lindsay, if we are to help, at the risk of that information being often no information at all & sometimes useless]

Would you think well, after having seen Col: Lindsay, to communicate with Mme. Schwabe, 8 Clarges St.,

as you kindly offered to undertake the communication,

(1.) about the C. Pr.'s letter about Nurses,
(charging her not to publish)

(2.) about what Longmore says as to
"not sending supplies except
"according to *patterns* &c"

(tho' I am not sure that Mme. Schwabe may not know more about this than Longmore - If so, I should like to know.)

[I said, in my notes to you, that Surgeons were, I believed, more wanted than Nurses. *Of course* that must not be printed ~~now~~.]
& may not be true-

I am afraid I cannot write a word more to-day.

I would send you the originals of my Extracts, but fear not to get them back.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

I *may* have something more to

trouble you about to-morrow-
I presume you go to London on
Monday.

9004/54 3ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 148

Col: Loyd Lindsay

July 31/70

My dear Sir Harry

I will try to do what you want
by Wednesday -

It is now 17 years that I have
given myself but twice one week's
holiday (i.e. not giving my address &
not allowing letters to be forwarded
to me) & what the strain on mind,
soul, & body has been those only can
know who may have experienced it -
added to which during 13 of those
years I have never had an
hour's complete ease from pain

weakness or discomfort.

I had meant to give myself one
week (my third in 17 years -
omitting that which God gave me
in Typhus Fever in the Crimea)
on my arrival here - & gave
my address to none -

In the first 36 hours of my stay,
I had sent me what would be
a good week's work for an Under
Secretary & all his Staff -

And this morning I had 9 letters
which, if I did what their
writers ask, would necessitate,
(with collecting information) from
2 to 4 hours hard writing each.

However, I suppose it is God's will)

And I must forego my one week's

holiday - which I had thought was His will
- ~~tho'~~, whether it can last many
weeks longer I do not know -

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I will try to do what you ask,
tho' I have the greatest confidence
in Col: Loyd Lindsay's & in Capt.
Galton's judgment - (& the greatest
confidence in Capt. Burgess' *want*
of judgment - this in answer to a
previous letter of yours) & feel
that these men who are on the

Wellcome Ms 9003

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stage could do much better
what I, who am off the stage,
am asked to do -
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I enclose Mrs. Schwabe's Circular-
Have you the M.S.? She appears to

have omitted the Para: about
being a "branch" of Col: Lindsay's
Association. And she speaks
only of in "Germany" ("War Hospitals")
If this is so, I think it is very
wrong of her to have kept on
my name - since I expressly
stipulated for these two things -
Could you communicate with her?

It is of little use "adding to our
Forces", if the War Office is in
the absolute state of unpreparedness
as to Control Dept. that it is now.
Every thing has been undone. Nothing has been done.
And all who know anything of the subject

[2]
agree that, were we to go to war
now, we should have a calamity
more colossal than that we
suffered in the Crimea -
Sidney Herbert has been dead 9
years on Tuesday (August 2.)
Sir J. Pakington, & Mr. Cardwell
following in Sir J.P.'s path, have
entered upon a course fraught
with disaster- the very opposite
of what Sidney Herbert initiated.
ever yours
F.N.

9004/55 1f, pencil, handwritten by FN, unsigned copy

(printed)

Extract from Bulletin" Juillet /70
Paris

"Société de secours aux blessés militaires
des armées *DE TERRE* et de mer.
"La société de secours aux blessés est en
permanence au palais de l'Industrie,
porte No. V.
"Elle y reçoit tous les dons en argent et en
nature.
"Elle fait appel à tous les dévouements-
"Les médecins qui seraient disposés à
prêter leur concours actif aux ambulances

volontaires, sont invités à se faire inscrire
au siège du comité-

"Les fonds sont centralisés chez M. le Baron
de Rothschild, rue Laffitte, 17, trésorier
général, qui reçoit également les
souscriptions."

9004/56 4ff, pen, signed letter bundle 147 with a copy

1870 August 2 (anniversary of [15:632-34]
Sidney Herbert's death
9 years ago

My dear Sir Harry Verney

In answer to your twice=urged enquiry,
respecting the "Society" forming for "Help to the
Sick & Wounded" in this awful War-
(may God's best blessing go with it -
as must the sympathy of all who have
a heart in their bodies!)

what strikes me is this:

this lamentable, this deadly war has
found us without any organization wherewith
to proceed at once to the assistance of
our suffering brothers and sisters across the
Channel.

There is nevertheless an organization in
existence having branches, among other places,
in Berlin and Paris: There is, I believe,
a common code of Regulations pointing out
the kind of supplies which ought to be

sent to the Field Hospitals, together
with the steps to be taken to ensure
their neutralization and distribution.
Had we in this country proceeded with
the same activity as has been shown by
both sides in this war, we should not
now be calling Meetings to enquire what
ought to be done and where the Funds
ought to come from.

We have no practical knowledge of how
to go about the work ourselves - but we
can assist those who are engaged in it.

I would venture to suggest (if this had
not been done already- which probably
it has)- that an active Business=Committee
be at once formed - ~~that~~ funds ~~should~~ must of course,
in the first instance be obtained- and
~~that~~, while this preliminary & most necessary
work is being done, the proposed Committee

should communicate with the Branch Organizations in Paris and Berlin and obtain from them the requisite information (if not yet obtained) as to the kind of supplies they require & most want- and that these be made up according to the patterns with as little delay as possible, and placed at the disposal of the Branch organization in the two capital cities to be by them distributed according to the necessities of the Hospitals on both sides at the Seat of War.

If supplies in kind are sent from this country to the Seat of War, it would be necessary to obtain their neutralization until they arrived at their destination. Persons in charge of them would probably need safe conducts.

If the two (French & German) Branch Organizations require only money, the whole work would be simplified by sending money only & allowing the respective branches to expend it.

I need hardly suggest - because Englishmen will always see fair play done- that the most rigid impartiality should be observed in the division of funds.

It is not unlikely that, besides supplies in money & kind, personal service in Field Hospitals might be asked for. I have myself received an application, or rather an offer of acceptance of War= Nurses, should such volunteer, from one whom we all love & revere- & who is now in the thick of the dreadful turmoil.

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There will probably be a demand for efficient Nurses, both men & women; and in this probability I would venture to say from my own experience that any who undertake such work must be not sentimental enthusiasts but downright lovers of hard work. If there is any work which is simple stern reality, it is that

of waiting upon the sick & wounded after
a battle, serving in War Hospitals,
attending to & managing the thousand=and=
=one hard, dry, practical details which
notwithstanding mainly determine the question as to
whether your sick & wounded shall live
or die. If there is any nonsense
in people's ideas of what Hospital
Nursing is, one day of real duty will
root ~~them~~ it out. But are they capable
of one day of real duty? There are
things to be done & things to be seen, &

which at once separate the true metal from the tinkling brass, both among men & women. And then comes long patient unremitting ceaseless toil, anxiety & responsibility for those who can bear it.

Let persons, who may wish to serve in this work, examine & test their own motives & fitness. [I feel compelled to say this, because we have no organization & no Nurses or other agents.] But to those who can in any degree estimate the true greatness of the work & would wish to join in it, I would say: let them offer themselves- Let the Committee keep a register of such, when satisfied, as far as they can be, of their fitness. And such can then be sent out, under arrangements made with the local Organizations, to where they are most wanted

If I could rise from my bed of illness, so as to be of any use, I should, before now, have been off to wherever the authorities would accept my services, as most wanted. If I cannot, there are better than me. who will be able & willing to go, under this awful emergency which has come over Europe. Those who are bone of our bone & flesh of our flesh, our brothers, our fellow Christians (oh that I should have to say it!) are met face to face in the deadliest struggle of our time, armed with every instrument of destruction which the latest science has placed in human hands- Can we stand idly by or take a sentimental part either on one side or the other in the face of all this suffering? Ought we not rather to think only of one thing- the suffering -

- incalculably greater than anything that
our eyes have seen, or *our* ears heard,
 or that it has entered into *our*
 imaginations to conceive (& when we think
 of the peasants taken from their harvesting
 to fight, the whole organization of labour
 broken up, the women & children
 starving & helpless - we see the misery of war
 doubled, tripled, ten fold ed by want & scarcity)
 ought we not to go to the relief of such
 suffering on whichever side, in
 whichever race we find it, wherever
 we are allowed to go to it?

I have put down, because you asked me,
 the very most elementary considerations,
 certain that these & a great many others
 & much farther steps will have been
 taken by the able & earnest men who,
 I rejoice to see, form the Committee of Aid.

May God bless them!

[end 15:634]

Pray believe me

ever yours affectely.

Florence Nightingale

9004/55 original is in FN hand. Extract from Bulletin, written in French

9004/56 8ff, pen, not in FN's hand, copy of Letter 55

9004/57 pencil, bundle 148

[15:634-35]

War

Sick & Wounded

Aug 2/70

My dear Sir Harry

I have put down, because you
 asked me, considerations which must
 occur to every body -

~~They~~ The "Society" ~~they~~ ought to be (& possibly are) in
 connection

already with the *Branch Organizations* of
 Paris & Berlin. [I sent you, in an
 Extract from the "Bulletin", 2 or 3 Paragraphs,
 in pencil, with the address of the *Paris Branch*]

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Pray don't write what you propose
 to the *Crown Princess*- If you knew the
 connection between her & me, & the way
she always throws herself into the breach

in turmoil & war, you would think it
simply brutal of me to write that I am
"gone into the country to rest"- Besides,

she will know in a few days that it is not true that I am "resting" [These Royalties know everything.] She will know that I am entertaining countless applications - [I shall be obliged to return to *London* "to rest," because the writing backwards & forwards increases my labour so much.]

But neither in *London* any more than here would I undertake to see & select among (Volunteer) Nurses - Other things I can't decline

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What I wanted to know from you about the Cr. Pr.'s application was simply this:

what would Col: L. Lindsay's "Society" be willing to do as to registering Nurses for the Cr. Pr?

what would they be willing for me to promise

her in their name?

[I am afraid, if I propose to her "C^{ss}. Bernstorff", she will say, 'I could have thought of that myself']

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If Col: Lindsay says, *all* Nurses must volunteer for *France or Prussia* alike there is this consideration:

- I believe L. Napoleon admits no Volunteer Nurses [They have plenty of Sisters of Charity] If he did, it is in the highest degree improbable that they would accept English Protestant & (if possible) still more improbable that such would or could serve under or with French S. of Charity [I have - & over them too-- but I don't know any body else who would]
- English Protestant Nurses stand therefore under quite another category from other "supplies" & can, in my opinion

Lindsay probably knows more than I do)
only be sent, if sent at all, to one
side, the *Prussian* (German)
Will therefore Col: L. Lindsay's Society" do
anything to meet the Princess' application?
Please ask- & tell me also what
to answer her -
(I ought to have answered to-day]

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I have received a most absurd,
yet touching letter, from poor
Mme. Schwabe -
I must, in business, send it you
with my comments- But I have
not a moment- I will send it
you to-morrow to *Claydon* - Shall you
get it before you start? If not,
please tell me *where* to send it, so
that you shall have it by Thursday mornng. [end 15:635]
[In that case, please telegraph.] Yrs F.N.

9004/58 4ff, pencil, initialled letter + 2ff, pencil, initialled letter
[58] bundle 148

Aug 3/70

MME. SCHWABE

My dear Sir Harry

[15:635-38]

Mme. Schwabe writes to me to-day
that, after an interview with you, you
are perfectly satisfied & you will
satisfy me!!!

When one hears a man like Col: Lindsay,
nearly 3 weeks after the Declaration of War
saying that he is "puzzled what to do
first, and how to begin,"- one feels
that anything will justify Mme. Schwabe
in having begun *directly*-

When one sees both Berlin & Paris
advertising the addresses of their Branch
Organizations (I sent you them), where
every supply may be sent & every
information of what is wanted obtained

one feels that nothing can justify Mme.

Schwabe in having, under (unintentionally)
false pretences, used my name to
obtain supplies from the public
to be distributed - by whom?

Who are "Professor Rinz" (her son-in-law)
& "Madame de Stael" to the English
public?

[Mme. de Stael is the most admirable of
women- & the last of women to whom
to confide the distribution of funds]

If these are Mme. Schwabe's almoners,
she should say so (to the English public)
& not use my name to guarantee the
proper use of the 'alms'-

I guarantee only those funds which are
distributed thro' the French & Prussian
Branch Organizations.

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Pardon me if I say that I don't
think the question is whether Mme.
Schwabe is "comical" or whether she is
"pathetic"- but whether my name
ought to be left on to deceive the
public, *quantum valeat*- I see Lady
Shaftesbury has taken off hers -

But if you think I had better just
let bad alone, *I am quite disposed*
to do so -

I have not answered either of Mme.
Schwabe's letters-

= To waste your time & mine, in this
kind of thing, with all this intense &
incalculable misery hanging over us,
this 'appalling' hell, does seem such
a wretched substitution of play for work

O that I were there, at the Seat
of War, at work - & out of all
this writing, writing, writing!!
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Mrs. Schwabe, with a logic worthy of
the Duc de Gramont, says (in the letter
which I enclose) that, because she did
send me the M.S. Circular [the one I
sent you] professing to be a branch of
Col: L. Lindsay's - & because I agreed
to sign that, & that alone - therefore,
because she did not propose that
when she first wrote to me she
might hark back to her first proposition,
which I would not sign - & conclude
that, without asking me, I *would*
sign it.

Also she says that they doubted Col:
L. Lindsay's impartiality - My good Mrs.
Schwabe herself sent me Col. L. Lindsay's

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first letter in the "Times", (stating that
the first principle of the proposed
Society would be impartiality
between the belligerents.) while
Mrs. Schwabe is incapable of any - &
actually makes it a principle to act
"independently of Governments"-
[I do not send you Mrs. Schwabe's 2nd
letter, which is merely an absurd
outcry like poor Mathilde v. Z. 'S - (&
a declaration of your "satisfaction")
- I cannot understand; I mean, I understand
perfectly how German women *can*
feel in no other way than this -
& sympathize with them deeply -
But it is doing immense mischief to
spread these out cries in England.
"The One Wicked Man's ambition
the cause of the War"-
Do they mean Bismark or L. Napoleon?
If *anything* does really come out, is
it not that Bismark was the knave

& Benedetti the fool? Bismark the
monkey & Benedetti the cat? -
Does any man in his senses see any
difference ~~in~~ between the policy of Prussia
in 1866 & ever since & that imputed to France
now? what has this Emperor
ever done compared with parts of
Prussia's, or rather Bismark's,
policy of 1866?

Really this Prussian innocence cry
is too bad.]

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The fact is, Mrs. Schwabe ought to
have joined C^{ss}. Bernstorff's Association
for the Prussian side (advertised to-day) - & not have
dragged me into anything so
unworthy. as appealing to the
"people of Great Britain," to the
"ladies of England," to send supplies

"to be distributed by the most
trustworthy authorities at the
Seat of War on both sides" -
meaning "Professor Rinz"
& "Mme. de Stael" "at Coppet"!!!

Do not you think so?

ever yours

F.N.

At the same time, I am sure I do not
grudge the supplies she has sent to the Hospitals
She has acted - And Col: L. Lindsay's
Society has not.

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I know nothing of this letter she
mentions from the Crown Princess
to Col: Walker (?) I can't read
the name - mentioning me -
Don't you think that she ought

let me know? It may be some
message to me -

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About the *whole* of this my letter, I
again repeat: if you think
I had better leave the whole
matter alone, & make no
expostulation, I am quite
willing -

Wellcome Ms 9003

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F.N.

No. 2

Col: L. Lindsay's
Meeting

Aug 3/70 [bundle 148]

My dear Sir Harry

I am almost entirely prostrate, & yet feel that I ought to write a few more words about this -

I wrote to you yesterday in ink what I could say in answer to your request.

1. If Col: Lindsay thinks that "supplies" "need not be made up" "according to patterns laid down by "the Convention," then, of course, that passage in my letter must be omitted-

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2. If the Committee (proposed) write to the Branch Organizations at

Paris & Berlin (as they ought to have done long since) they would get all the advice & instructions they want, however,

3.

You see that the French decline taking the services of "foreigners" unless "naturalized", as Surgeons- Do not you suppose, this will be the case, à fortiori, as to Nurses? [I do not know.]

Any how, the Crown Princess's application appears to me very straight-forward - She does want Nurses - Will Col: Lindsay's "Society" empower me to say anything to her?

She merely wants the names & qualifications &c of Nurses who would be ready to go out, if asked.

I put this into my (ink) letter to you yesterday, so as to avoid taking a side & yet letting it be known.

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[But where are they to come from? By raising a flag, you might get sentimental ladies enough - E.g. [That Caroline Stephen is full

of turbulence & good intentions-
And, after giving me more
trouble than ever Mrs. Wardroper
did, for above a year, is
absolutely still without any insight
into the subject whatever.]
But could we recommend such

as Nurses? The real difficulty
is the responsibility of recommending-
I cannot undertake it.

Will the (proposed) Committee?

yours

F.N.

I am terrified at what you say
that Col: Lindsay is "perplexed
"what to do & how to begin"-
Have they really got no further
than that? - It makes
one despair of Englishmen -

F.N.

4. You see the French say they want
"money & supplies"-

[end 15:638]

9004/59 4ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 148

Aug 4/70

[15:638-40]

Mrs. Schwabe

My dear Sir Harry

Exactly the very evil which any
child could have told would happen
~~resulted~~ from Mme. Schwabe's ill=
advised, not to say dishonest, Circular
has happened - And I am in the
thick of it - [Indeed I suppose
that *I* shall have to bear the brunt of it all.]

Letters from France tell me that,
'having seen from the "Times"
'newspaper that I am at the head
'of a Ladies' Committee for furnishing
'supplies & help to the *Prussian*
'(sic) Wounded - I must be reminded

'that the *French* &c &c &c'

And very painful details of want
& suffering then follow x x x

I think I *must* ask you to
inform Mrs. Schwabe of this, supposing
you approve of doing so -

And I will leave it to you, please,
to decide whether you should not
inform Mrs. Schwabe that, with
your approval, I will draw my
name [But I leave this entirely
to you.]

*I cannot conceive any earthly
consideration which would induce
me to play such a trick upon any*

woman - least of all, upon a woman
sure, like me, to be called to account
for it all over Europe - as to obtain
her signature to a M.S. circular
carefully sent to her for signature-
& then to print it to a Circular
not only essentially differing, but
almost diametrically opposed to the
M.S. one in the 2 most important
particulars-

[To my overworked & overladen mind
& strength is now added the labour
of sending personal explanations
across the Channel -

I am, most unwillingly, the "Gold Medal"
of the 'Société Internationale &, most
unwillingly, the member of that of nearly
every European country- This morning
I have received the M.S. letter of the

Russian Confrérie Internationale des Dames Hospitalières
(signed by Mme. Bouteneff) asking me
to be a Vice-Présidente-

All these people maintain the strictest
neutrality. "Pas d'ennemis pour nous" (devise)

I am afraid I must separate myself
from poor ill-advised Mrs. Schwabe.]

She ought to have attached herself to
C^{ss}. Bernstorff's Society - & have let
me entirely alone -

= Also: I repeat, if her "trustworthy
authorities at the Seat of War"
are - Professor Ginx & Mme. de Stael,
she ought to "appeal to the people
"of Great Britain" in the name of
Mme. de Stael & of Professor Ginx
& she ought *not* to "appeal" in my
name -

I hope I am sufficiently clear that

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I entirely sympathize with what
she *has* done- viz. sending things
to a Stabs Arzt & a Hülfs Verein
on the spot who certainly would
not have got them so soon, who
probably would not have got
them at all, but for her-

And I would willingly *subscribe*
for that.

But that is totally different from
taking my *name* to that fabulous
Circular- without my leave -
& bringing upon me a sea of
troubles-

[I understand that Berlin has taken
the Circular in exactly the same
sense - viz- that I am pledged to
work for Prussia alone.]

Under this dreadful war which
is darkening the world where
people have a right to ask &
it is our first duty to give every
help we can, it is too hard to
be troubled with this sort of
correspondence-

yours

F.N.

Mrs. Schwabe's last letter to me,
(which I did not send you)
runs thus: (I do not answer her letters.)
'I mean to be impartial -
'But the French are wicked, rich,
& want nothing -
'The Germans are innocent, poor
& want every thing -

'But I mean to be impartial-
& therefore will write to "Mme. de
Stael at her seat at Coppet"'

By all means - I hail all such
efforts But why drag me
into it on false pretences?

[end 15:640]

F.N.

The 'devise' of the Russian 'Confrérie
'Internle. des Dames &c' which they have just
sent me is:

"Pas d'Ennemis pour nous"

& the Red Cross underneath -

Is not this a lesson for Mrs. Schwabe &
poor Mat. von v. T.?} & all of us?

9004/60 4ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 148

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Lea Hurst

"Letts & Esthonians"

Evangelical Alliance Aug 5/70

My dear Sir Harry

I am sorry that this should have arrived now, because it will look like a piece of business which I wished to discharge upon your shoulders- whereas it is a thing which I certainly should not undertake under any circumstances -

If you say to me, that you would like to hear the man further, I should write to the man (unless he has already written to you)

that under my own total impossibility owing to excess of business & want of ~~help~~ health, etc. etc.

I do not suppose my opinion is wanted.

~~I shall lose my character~~

Character forever as a Protestant if I say this,

BURN.

Mrs Seacole

I dare say you know more about her.

(Absolutely out of the question) when we established 2 hospitals I conclude ~~and~~ (& believe) that respectable officers

that, under my own total
impossibility owing to excess of
business & want of health
to...&c &c
I am permitted to refer him to
my brother-in-law, Sir H.V.
who &c &c &c -
Otherwise, I should merely write
to him, regretting my total inability
&c to undertake one more duty
or to have an "interview" at all-

[Also: I should not choose to have any
thing to do with those Secretaries,
(tho' "Dr. Schmettau" is the best of them)
whom I once knew a little too
well.] (in a case referring to Pastor Fliedner
of Kaiserswerth)

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-I do not suppose my opinion so
wanted Otherwise I should say:
nothing is too bad for the Gr. Church
to do - To me who have known it
on its own soil, under the most
favourable circumstances, it is a
standing wonder to see men,
like the Dean of Westm: & others,
in (what I venture to think) a
state of absolute delusion about
the Greek Ch:

To me the R.C. Church is a fresh
& vigorous tree, bearing pure &
wholesome fruit, compared with
the rotten old decayed unsavoury
dead wood of the Greek Ch:-

But I suppose I shall lose my

character for ever as a Protestant
if I say this.

I only mean that I have great
sympathy with the poor
"Letts & Esthonians"- But I can't
carry one "Lett" on my broken
back -

Dr. Sutherland (who tells me he
is going to Claydon) is
much interested - like you -

in the Evan: All:
ever yours
F.N.

My mother arrived here *last night*
- in the highest force- Walked in
the garden for an hour after her arrival

3*Burn*

Mrs. Seacole

I dare say you know more about her than I do-

She kept - I will not call it a 'bad house' but something not very unlike it - in the Crimean War-

She was very kind to the men &, what is more, to the Officers - & did some good &- made many drunk -

[A shameful or ignorant imposture was practised on the Queen who subscribed to the "Seacole Testimonial."]

I had the greatest difficulty in repelling Mrs. Seacole's advances, & in preventing association between her & my Nurses,

(absolutely out of the question)

When we established 2 Hospitals nursed by us between Kadikoi & the

"Seacole Establishment" (in the Crimea)

But I was successful - without any open collision with Mrs. Seacole - which I was anxious to avoid -

[You will understand that any 'rivalry' between the 'Seacole' & the 'Nightingale' 'Establishment' was very much to be averted]

Any one who employs Mrs. Seacole will introduce much kindness- also much drunkenness & improper conduct, wherever she is.

She had then, however, one or more "persons" with her, whom (I conclude) she has not now.

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I conclude (& believe) that respectable Officers were entirely ignorant of what I - - - - could not help knowing- as a Matron & Chaperone & Mother of the Army -

9004/61 4ff, pencil, initialled letter also 5ff letter to FN, with commentary by FN + her own letter written on it bundle 148

Private {on diag.} Aug 6/70 [15:642-44]
 "Aid to the Sick & Wounded
 _____ Society"_____

My dear Sir Harry
 Many thanks for all your
 information & trouble, by telegraph
 & otherwise.
 I write now merely, ~~a line~~, (because
 it appears to be 1½ days post from
 Lea Hurst to Claydon,) ~~tho'~~ to make
 an enquiry or two - & because you say
 you shall go to the Comm: Meeting on Monday.

 1. Will the Nurses "registering" for the
 Cr. Princess be in a different ~~(in category)~~ from
 those to be sent out by the "Society"?

I can scarcely suppose, tho' I don't
 know, that the Cr. Pr. would let *her*
 Nurses be under an "Officer of the
 Society"-

I am sure that I would not-
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 It is here that all the carpings against
 these Societies from their enemies
 come in with, I am bound to say,
 starling effect.

Except Col: L. Lindsay & Capt Galton,
 there is not an "Officer" belonging to
 the "Society", or likely to be appointed
 by the "Society", whom I would
 let the least of My Nurses be
 dependent upon, or "under the
 authority of"

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 With regard to those of their Agents or

Secretaries I know, the "Capt. Furley" of the "Times," is a *Mr. John Furley, a pert young Solicitor*, who translated Mr Moynier's "La Guerre et la Charité" & who, last winter, had some correspondence with me, the folly of which could only be equalled with its impertinence- [He wished to obtain some information from me about our private doings in the Crimea, which I declined giving him- *after giving him the official information he required* Thereupon, he opened fire in a way which I should think would be deemed 'sharp practice' among *all respectable solicitors*, trying to entrap me into giving him private information by rather unworthy insinuations- I need hardly say that I declined satisfying his curiosity.

Of Capt. Burgess I know little but that he wrote a rather foolish letter to Lady Herbert, fortunately not opened by her but by her brother, who forwarded it to me [I have it now.] It was about the Nurses he proposed sending to Berlin - Now that he is a Secy. of the Central Comm:, I dare say he may do better. But nothing would induce me to give *him* the "responsibility" of "securing obedience" &c &c among any people whom I was responsible for sending out.

[I may just add that, when I hear of such & such a Nurse- that "she has "served under Miss N. in the Crimea," I generally find the after=words (OMITTED) are: "& *dismissed for misconduct* "or inefficiency"

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& above all, *enquiring into qualifications* if these "qualifications" are to be "registered"

You will observe that, owing to the inconceivable silence of the Central Comm: as to advertising (or indeed forming) any arrangements, I am no nearer my answer to the Crown Princess than I was before, since ‡ it is no use telling her that the "Aid Socy." will "register" qualifications for her, if there is no one ~~to~~ (or no one but Capt Burgess) to *enquire into* "qualifications" -

Also: I am no nearer my answer to all these good ladies who write to me - voluntarily

I trust that the Monday's Comm: will immediately put forth some kind of Advertisement or Manifesto - saying what they will do & what they will not -

People are beginning to think it most extraordinary that a widely advertised Public Meeting should be held on Thursday - & up to to-day no kind of advertisement or result should follow - People are beginning to ask: *is it a hoax?*

[It is a very small plea, but still a plea, for an *immediate* advertisement, that I am totally

incapable of carrying on the corresponde.
with applicants which their
Meeting has brought me - because,
while taking all my time & strength,
it is utterly unsatisfactory, of
course, as I have nothing definite
to tell these applicants.]

I trust, if they do come to the Office, they won't
be told: there is no information for them, no order
no register

2. With regard to Money

subscriptions: -

if there is a collection at Monday's
Meeting, please put down £20,
for me with 'more, if needed'-

[I will send you the £20 at once

By a providential inspiration I only
gave poor dear Mme. Schwabe £5
with 'more if needed'- this time -

Last war (1866) I gave her £70

But I saw enough of her ways then.

I am told however by all good authorities
that you get more money from the
Public if every body thinks they
may give their £1 or their 5/0-
than if every body thinks, unless
they can give their hundred or
their thousand, they ~~must~~ had better not
give at all.

I shall try 38 Up Grosvenor St.
for this

My intelligence is obscured by your
Claydon posts- I never know when
my letters arrive -

ever yours

FN

My dear Sir Harry

I have entirely declined from the first asking the "Nightingale Committee" (vide No.2) i.e. H.B.C. & Mrs. Wardroper to undertake such a responsibility - Mrs. Wardroper has too much to do already-

But you are its Chairman- If you like to ask them, I am quite willing- I should not try to influence them either way -

This Article 2. is a great surprise & shock to me - since I have at this moment before me, in Dr. Sutherland's handwriting, "The real difficulty is the responsibility of recommending"- & his *dictum* in which I heartily concur, that we, i.e the N. Comm, & I,

should have nothing to do with it- but that the responsibility should be thrown on the Aid Society's Central Committee -

Was it possible for me to suppose that they consented to "register" "qualifications," without having any machinery to *enquire into* "qualifications"? or that Capt. Burgess wrote to the "Times" asking for Volunteers & actually started a party of several (tho' he stopped them) if he had not 1. an organization to make enquiries as to capabilities &c of Volunteers.. 2. full intimation from Prussia that they were wanted.

[end 15:644]

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"Sick & Wounded" [I came home this day
War 14 years ago from

VOLUNTEER NURSES the Crimean War

My dear Sir Harry

[re the Committee on Monday]

Of course I have had a deluge of
letters (& Volunteers) since my letter
read at the Meeting has appeared
in the "Times"-

The Central Committee has put forward
no Advertisement, no kind of
Manifesto, not even an indication
of its Office, since Thursday, that
I am aware of (tho' I have
carefully looked thro' "Times," "D. News
& weeklies).

I am perfectly at a loss how to act
What am I to answer to all these

good people?

Seeing no Advertisement, of course they
write to me "to know how to proceed"-

[I send you 3 of them, who volunteer
definitely as Nurses]

What am I to say?

I know neither 1. whether the Central
Comm: have organized any test or
examination for Nurses. Of course, if they
"register" "qualifications," they must
have some one *to enquire into*
"qualifications", to examine into what
these volunteers are, before they are
"registered."

Nor do I know 2. whether they register
for the *two* categories - themselves
& the Cr. Princess- separately - *Am I*
to take these persons volunteering as

volunteering for the Crown Princess,
let *her* know, as soon as their
"qualifications" have been *enquired*
into?

Nor 3. do I know whether the Central
Committee have any organization
or plan whatever for *their*
Volunteer=Nurses, when arrived
at the Seat of War -

[I have a letter from Dr. Sutherland
who seems to think nothing
necessary but to "neutralize"
& commend "to the respective
Govts." the *Nurses*, like Surgical
Instruments or bottles of Medicine

I wrote you a long letter on his subject
on Saturday, addressed to Claydon,
hoping that you & Dr. Sutherland would

consult- & some decision be come to
at Monday's Meeting -

In ~~the~~ my entire uncertainty as to the
plans or intentions of the Central
Committee, or whether they have
any plans or intentions, I have
written the three enclosed (most
unsatisfactory) notes to the 3
(definite) applicants

1. Lady Nicholson
2. Miss Schmuck [?]
3. Miss Lockerby

which I will ask you to post, *IF*
the hopes therein held out to
the applicants, are likely to be
fulfilled by the Central Comm:-
& *IF* there is any organization at
their Office for answering the questions
of applicants, supplying information,

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also:

- that one of the persons whom Capt Burgess ~~was~~ is to send out ~~was~~ is one just rejected by ourselves, because she would submit to no kind of test & that one of the names is different from that announced to Lady Herbert-

But Capt. Burgess has, so far as I know, applied to no competent authority for any trustworthy information about any -

[All this is *most* private, between you & me, as I should entirely decline any struggle about "characters" or "recommendations" with any of "Society's" Secretaries.]

2.

I am afraid that I feel rather nervous about the action of a "Society" half

whose matter, as far as can be told from a newspaper Report of ye Meeting, was taken from the letter of a poor feeble bed-ridden old woman -

You will think it is I who am carping-

But I assure you I am not -

3. Col: L. Lindsay writes to me again asking me "to tell them any thing they ought to do"-

[I want to know what is their practical idea of conditions for sending out women]

[Let there be no jealousies, or distrusts, in such an "Aid Society" as this.]

It is impossible they can think of sending out Women=Volunteers to the War-Hospitals to be under a man, an "Officer of the Society", (who can

know nothing about the government of women, least of all of the government of Hospital=women, but) who is "to maintain order & "secure obedience" & to "have full "authority" among the women - Such a scheme could only end in

demoralization, disorder- a great deal of mischief with very little good.

It is impossible to send out Nurses to War=Hospitals at all, unless there is one woman, a Supt. Genl in the same sense in which I was S.G. in the Crimean War, (appointed, we will suppose, by the belligerent Governmt.) under whose authority every woman going to the Hospitals is placed - & NO woman

[to be in the Hospitals at all]
 [EXCEPT *under her* authority] [long brackets]
 the agent or Officer of our "Aid Society"
 to exercise "authority" over the
 women (sent by our "Aid Socy.") *only sent*
thro' such Supt. Genl.- & to "conduct
 the correspondence" (as regards "Aid
 Socy." Nurses) *only through communication with her*-
 Without this, we may be sure the
 "Aid Socy." Nurses will only be a
 nuisance - & a source of disorder.
 It is quite different the case between
 men & women sent out- A Surgeon=
 volunteer, if he goes where his post
 is allotted him by the belligerent
 authorities, & does his professional
 duty- need not trouble our
 consciences farther- But a Nurse=
 =volunteer unless she is worked up into

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AN ORGANIZED FEMALE DEPARTMENT, is
 certain to be Nothing but a source
 of disorder]
 I shall regret that I have ever said
 a word about Volunteer=Nurses,
 if the "Aid Society" has no better
 scheme than this, (which its
 enemies impute to it.)

But I cannot believe it

I think the Crown Princess' scheme
 of having volunteer Nurses sent out
 to *her*, is *quite* a different thing-
 Because she herself is the Supt. Genl.
 She herself undertakes the responsibility
 - And, however it is done, I am
 afraid it is pretty certain to be
 better done than what the "Aid Socy."
 does-

With regard to what prospect there
 is of there being already such a
 Supt. Genl. appointed by either
 belligerent Govt. as female Head
 of the War Hospls. I am afraid
 there is not much -

Private {on diagonal}

On the German side, the Queen of

Prussia told me (some time ago)
that she had tried in vain to
have such in the Mily. Hospls. in
time of peace- following our example
-- to form a nucleus in time of war -

On the French side, the Supt. Genl.
is of course the Supérieure Générale
of the Soeurs de la Charité - And
these, of course, will not admit
Protestant Nurses -

Private {on diagonal}

[In Capt. Burgess' letter to Lady Herbert, above mentioned, the lady he mentions (he does not give her name at all in his statement to you) as ~~sending~~ being sent out *in charge of the others* to Berlin, is a person totally incapable of being Supt. much less Supt. Genl.

This again is private.]

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I hope to learn what the Committee think on all these points, & propose to do, before they take any step about Volunteer Nurses -

Since, if they decide upon "registering" Volunteer=Nurses, that is in itself a pledge that they *have* some system by which women's efforts can be usefully organized &

safely employed in the War-Hospitals & that they are not to be sent out like cows or bottles of wine -

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Also: ought I to communicate with the Cr. Pr- about all this - tell her that we will "register" for *her direct-* but that the "Aid Socy" *farther proposes* &c &c &c -

As you know, I wish that the "Aid Socy." (Central Committee in London) were, & were *already*, in close communication with the Central Committees at Berlin & at Paris, who alone can tell us what they want, direct us how to proceed - The delay does seem so extraordinary when we know that the *German* Cent: Comm: in London has already

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collected, utilized, & sent out to different Hospital destinations where it was wanted much above £20,000-

Also: that the Central Comm: at Berlin is already in organizing & distributing communication with Committees all along the Rhine -

I have written this, because you are to be at the Comm: on Monday -
Of course all that I say about persons is *most private* - since the ~~they~~ Comm: do not ask my opinion about their agents - *Nor would I give it, if they did.*

But you are quite at liberty, if they wish, to give them my opinion as to the *conditions essential* for sending

out *women* to work in War=Hospitals,
as strongly as you like-
[I have marked the parts NOT Private
in red - for your convenience.]

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If Dr. Sutherland is still with you,
when you receive this, perhaps
you will show it to him - [as
he knows that I have a difficult
card to play with certain ladies]-

And I hope that both you & he
will kindly write to me on the
subject-

If he is gone, could you still let him see
this letter (at the War Office) after you have
done with it- ever your affecte.

Florence Nightingale

My mother wonderfully well-
quite "jolly"-

[end 15:648]

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[15:649-51]

Volunteer Nurses

My dear Sir Harry

In the dreadful conflict which
probably will be raging all this week
from Treves to Lauterberg, I must
not take up your time or waste my
strength with one explanation which
is needless -

The thing is what is to be done?
about these Nurses?

[If I have not been explicit enough early
enough in the day, I am the one to
repent of it.]

If you have had by this time x. my

x. H.M.'s P.O. is a weariness to the flesh
I sometimes receive your letters, (with *some*
post mark, Winslow & date) the next day-
sometimes 2 days afterwards. And I
believe it is the same with mine to Claydon
Shall I send you your Envelopes with post marked

letter of Saturday 6th. addressed to Claydon-
you will know that I am aghast at
Dr. Sutherland's "Proposals"-

Nothing would induce me to promote
the sending out of a single Nurse in
that way-

I am glad, on the whole, to see Max
Müller's objections - not because I
would not much rather take his
opinion on Sanscrit than on Germany
or Nurses - but because they may
lead Capt. Burgess & the Central Comm:
to think *what they are about*.

[Du reste, it is obvious that some of
Max Müller's "objections" are as
untenable as the "proposals".] No. 4
objection contradicting No. 1 objection-
the "style of Nursing in Germany" not being
to be "raised" quite in time of war-

- the Crown Princess having distinctly
asked for "Volunteer Nurses"- not for
our "trained Nurses," of whom we
have none to spare, & who, with few
exceptions, do not speak German -]

2 & 3

My dear Sir Harry Here please read my Notes
 on Dr. Sutherland (enclosed
 & Max Müller (enclosed)

I think that the first thing is: -

1. if you well ask the Central Comm:-
 & Capt Burgess: *what is*
 their machinery for enquiring
 as to the capabilities &c of Nurse
 Volunteers-

 they *must* have some - *some*
 machinery, I mean

2. if you think well, to ask ~~the~~
 "Mrs. Wardroper & H. Bonham Carter
 (a) whether *they* will undertake
 to enquire as to the capabilities &c
 of Volunteer Nurses

 (b) whether they will find
 "2 or 3 well trained English Nurses"
 to send to the Crown Princess -

I have carefully guarded them from

(a)x. & (b) the Cr. Pr. asked us in
time of peace - & we could not
supply her.

But *you, as Chairman*, should
please ask them both
questions -

[I had not the smallest idea of
our doing these things - or I should
have proposed it.]

x. *because it is a responsibility I*
would nowise take myself -

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You will see that 1- Dr. Sutherland's
2. Max Müller's- in absolutely
contrary directions - each put
the question on an entirely new
basis - disregarding entirely every
thing that has been said, assumed
or done before -

Capt: Burgess in his letters, (printed &
M.S.,) has distinctly implied:-

1. that he had information that
Nurses were wanted on the Prussian
side
2. that he had numbers who offered
& wanted more -
- 3- that he had some machinery
for sifting their "qualifications"-
4. that he had actually started a party
[We, i.e. the Nightingale Committee
or any one connected with it, have
never been so much as asked, to our

great joy, anything at all about it
either to find Nurses or to enquire
into their "qualifications"- I had not
the least idea of taking this course.

My letter (which appeared in the
"Times") & my whole idea on the
matter has shewn that I thought:-
-rather that a movement already
begun should be *directed*-
-rather that Capt. Burgess would
start women, qualified or not -
with or without us-
-rather that women should be
restrained & called upon to test
their own fitness -
- than that a movement should
be excited an undertaking set
on foot by the "Nightingale Committee,"
as Dr S. puts it - a "whole body
of Volunteer Nurses," as M.M puts
it, "sent out"-

I was perfectly taken aback by Dr. S.'s "proposals," & stand aghast at the form which it has taken in both minds -

I am most likely excessively to blame myself for not having earlier & more explicitly stated myself 1- on what grounds I went 2- what my views were, & how far I would go & no further -

[I admit I agree with Max Müller in this that, when Capt B- told of his first party, I said, "there are 400 women in Germany better qualified than those 4"-

As to "France," it only shews how little M.M. has considered the subject- since, in France, it is the "Sisters of Charity" who do all the Nursing - & that I have

asked over & over again: 'have not the French refused Volunteer Nurses?'- & received no answer- Also: the condition which Capt Burgess gave - in good earnest - "persons who can read & write French or German - & who have Hospital experience" [who but a lady in England "reads & writes French & German"? & what lady has Hospital experience?] I have repented as a means of choking off applicants

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Dear Sir Harry - I admit how troublesome all this is - I am afraid I must either come back to London or decline to undertake the subject - or all this writing backwards & forwards on plans, which I thought I had already sufficiently guarded myself against - & which to-morrow's letter from you may tell me are, as I hope, entirely declined - I am afraid I must decline the advising

which I ought never to have
undertaken

Not because it kills me -but because
it appears to me so entirely useless,
a wasting of your time & mine -
in mere corresponde. about data
which every body has misunderstood

every other in laying down -
& which conversation on the spot
would settle in a few minutes -

You will see also that I am not
one step nearer my answer
to the Crown Princess - (Unless
you kindly write to me by
to-morrow.) And I cannot
delay my answer to her later
than to-morrow -

Could you communicate with Dr.
Sutherland about this?

[end 15:651]

My previous letters to you were:

1. dated Saturday 6th. addressed to Claydon
2. " Sunday 7th. " to Up. Gros. St
(enclosing 3 applications
from Volunteer Nurses)

I shall try Up. Grosvenor St.
for this- I never know where
to find you -

ever yours affectely.
F.N.

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L.H.

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My dear Sir Harry

[15:651-52]

I am still deluged with
applications, in consequence
of my letter to the Meeting.

1. of women wanting to go
out as Nurses
2. of Hospitals French &
German applying for aid.

I am still in the most
absolute uncertainty how
to act, since I know
nothing of the Central
Comm:'s plans & intentions,
or whether they have any.

I enclose one letter from
an Irishwoman & my
answer, for you (please) to
post, if it is in any way

Wellcome Ms 9003

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to the purpose - of which I

am totally ignorant. How does the Central Comm: mean to treat such applications?

To the French & Germans who apply for help to their Hospitals, I reply that I will lay their applications before the Central Comm:, as soon as it is in working order - which I will do, thro' you, if you will permit.

[On the whole, I think poor dear Mme. Schwabe's method of working was right. I see however that she has given in her adherence to the Central Comm:]

I have received from

Paris a 'Journal Officiel' with all the names of the Civil Hospitals who have offered to take in wounded.

I suppose it is sent to me to lay before you, for help.

I have written a no=meaning letter to the Crown Princess, because I could no longer delay the expression of my deepest fellow=feeling for her exertions (she is a person who *might* go in the paths of mischief-*if not* of good) & stated that I hope soon to give her more definite information of the kind she wants. (Nurses). [Poor thing - I think she must know better than Max Müller

what she wants.] God knows that they will require in the Hospitals all the way from Frankfort to the line on (now behind) the Saar all the supplies we

can send them. How I
wish I were there! What
thousands must be now dying of want.

My mother quite bonny.

[end 15:652]

ever yours

F.N.

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~~May I beg that you will~~

~~—believe me Madam~~

Your

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I never saw my mother better
in her life.

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Thank dear Emily for her
most kind offer to help
me - I shall always
remember it - But I am
afraid it is impossible -
At present my 'organs' are
so weak that I cannot
talk more than 1/4 hour
a day -so that when I see
Mama, I don't, to my great
regret, see Papa - I am
afraid that no one could
help me except by doing
things *instead of* me =
& that, of course, is impossible
except to one (*who does not*
exist) who has been engaged

in my business for some time.
But I shall ever remember
her kind offer. [end 1:574]

Tell her that, tho' I had
not the grace to acknowledge
her letter about the 'Home &
Colonial,' yet I entirely agree.
I think that she overrates
the 'H. & C.' But I am not
at all afraid of telling her so,
because she will certainly
gain a great deal there, if
only in testing her own powers.
[I hope that she will not stay
on, attending there, too late
in the year in London for
health.]

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I think that people should
not trample on the man (the
Emperor) when he is down -

I should not have thought
even for newspaper etiquette-
that the language of the papers about abdication
was justifiable, any more
than it is considered justifiable to
assume the grossest criminal's
~~guilt~~ execution while his trial is
pending.

If there is any difference
between the last 6 years' criminality of
L. Napoleon & Bismark, is
not Bismark's the worst?
'the blacker devil he'- & oh
that we cannot say of any man
on *either* side in this awful war,
'and the more angel he!'
The world is darkened indeed -

You see the Florentine joke
on the Benedetti-Bismark
transaction. O it is bitter!

I think it such intolerable
both of M. Müller & others
to forget (& suppose that we
can forget) the history of the
last 6 years - "an outrage of
public right & the independence
of all nations" And what
was the war of 1866?

And is there anything in the
darkest times to transcend
the base villainy, even taking
Bismark's *OWN* statement,
of treacherously leading an
ally, a friend, into writing
him improper papers, &
then publishing them to the
enemy, to the world, to damage
the betrayed friend? F.N.

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Lint

My dear Sir Harry

These are the questions
which every International
Comm: except our own
not only answers but
asks.

If you approve of my
answer, post it, please
& transfer Mrs. Fenwick's
letter to the Comm: in
hiding.

yours
F.N.

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{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 10/70
~~Park Lane,~~

[15:652]

Mrs Schwabe W.

My dear Sir Harry

What do you say to my
acceding to Mrs. Schwabe's
request?

I would most gladly
do it, if you don't think
it will "compromise my
neutrality".

If you don't approve,
don't send the enclosed
note to her- without an
addition from yourself-

[end]

yours
F.N.

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Aug 10/70 [in pencil] [15:652-53]

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your two letters about the Aid Soc'y.

I have written to H.B.C & to Mrs. Wardroper, finding that you had done so - about Nurses for the Cr. Princess.

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All kinds of applications of different sorts continue to pour in upon me. even as to how to make lint & bandages-

What I fear that people are saying is this:

it is 21 days since Col: L. Lindsay's first letter appeared in the "Times"

it is many days since an Association was advertised with the Pr. of Wales as President.

No advertisement has as yet appeared as to *what* supplies in kind the Society will accept- nor where to send them - nor any advertisement for subscriptions.

no advertisement has yet appeared where people volunteering personal service, money or help of any kind can apply -

The Society does not even advertise its own Offices- & they are discovered with difficulty -

if we are willing to make supplies, we know not to what patterns to make them -

if we are French or German Hospitals wanting help, we know not where to apply-

as the Aid Society shews no signs of life, we suppose its Office is

"Miss Nightingale, London" (sic) [end]

And this when the Paris Office, telling *all* these things, has advertised every day for 3 or 4 weeks in the Bulletin, Journal Officiel, & many other papers - And so has Berlin.

and this when probably every London daily paper would be glad to put in its advertisements every day gratis - enquire

I am nothing of a publicist- Still it may be worth while for me to tell you this -

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Shall I send applications in to you, as
before, to forward to the Aid Society?
or shall I send them in direct to the Soc'y.,
and, if so, addressed to whom?
I own that I shall do so with a full confidence
that they will never be answered -
probably never even read.

I assure you that I have not found one single person who has been able to ascertain even where the Socy.'s Offices are - If *they* were hiding from their Creditors as I am, their success could not be more complete - nor my failure more entire

And this when there are at the very least 150 000 wounded at this moment & may be twice that number tomorrow [end 15:653]
ever yours FN

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Since I wrote this, I hear that [15:653]
dear Emily has joined the
Ladies Committee "Sick & Wounded."

I shall certainly make use
of her to send applications
through- as I understand
that the want of business
at the Office, (St. Martin's Place)
passes all belief - No one
gets an answer-

Will you tell Sir Harry that
I give my name to the
Ladies' Committee, as he
desires - As for the work,
it cannot surpass (probably
not equal,) the correspondence
I have to do now - [end 15:653]
F.N.

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Thursday Aug 11. [15:657-58]

My dear Sir Harry

H.M.'s Post Office was invented not
as a terror to evil doers but as an
instrument of torture to the inoffensive
like me - for which I hope Rowland
Hill will have some purgatorial punishment,
but I will let him out in 1500 years.

I have had (yea received) numbers of
letters during the last fortnight, directed
simply to my name (F.N.) without any
address at all. And they have reached

me miserable -while your letters which
were of real importance to me to receive
[the Claydon letters come sometimes
in 1 day, {sometimes in 2 days
those, post-mark: Bletchley Station} sometimes 1½]
but here is the letter *posted in London*
on *Monday 8th.*, with "Matlock" on it
as plain as can be, which does not
seem to have left London till 10th., &
which reaches me to-day Thursday 11th..

It was of great importance to *me* to have
it at once. I felt quite sure that you would have

the goodness to write after Monday's Meeting - And here have there been all sorts of cross-purposes written, because it did not come, *P.O. culpâ*.

1. About the Ladies' Committee:

as you wish it, I have no doubt about giving my name. [I am (an unwilling) Member of all the Foreign Societies.] & can't help it.

Of course I can't attend.

Of course they must not print my address-

As to corresponde., I don't see that any thing makes the least difference - If I were Secy. to the Comm:, I could not have more, from the moment my name appeared on Mrs. Schwabe's Comm: -

2. Ought not Mrs. Schwabe to be on the Ladies' Comm:?- She does really work - more than they all.

3. Why is not Longmore (who has been twice

our representative at the (Red Cross) Convention) on the Central Comm: ?

4. I am a very poor publicist. But, when I see the Aid Socy. (putting (in "Times" & 'Daily News') that they hope *when they are better known* "to do more," I ask myself, what, in the name of the Eleven Thousand Virgins, they *have done* to make themselves "better known". If each of the 11 000 Virgins had collected £5 (and I think they ought in all the provincial towns of England to have enlisted 11000 Virgins) you would then have had £55 000 which is

not ~~much~~ more than twice as much what the *German* Central Comm: collected in less than 10 days [Every German workman in England subscribed, I am told.]

I am afraid to offer advice, because I do not understand publicizing. But I should have thought that, *now, now, now* when all England is excited about this War, (they think of nothing else) now was the time when thousands would give 5/ and hundreds

of thousands 1/ - whereas if, (May it please the Almighty!) England & the neutral powers shortly intervene to procure peace, if France collapses, *who* will give then *in England* for the 6 months' horrible Hospitals which, *after* the close of a War, you must reckon upon -

Also: I should have thought, that many thousands would give 5/ *once* for *this* misery which they read about every day Who would not give 5/ a year for *memberships*. Yet this last is all, as far as I see, that the Aid Socy. advertises for)

I have written a long letter to Capt. Galton & begged him to show it to you-

I should have thought that the Aid Socy. might advertise (gratis) in every London daily paper every day & every provincial paper, & have a Ladies' Collecting Office in every large provincial town for the smallest sums.

But you want some one man, like Standish Haly, or the people who raised the "Patriotic Fund," to give himself up entirely to managing this advertising & contributing work for you.

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5. I am so glad you sent to poor Lavalette I dare say you are the only person who has spoken a kind word to him.

I hear the "Times" called: Bismark's organ I think it is little better.

It is *not* on Schleswig Holstein that we ought to judge & condemn Bismark - [I am & have been for Sch: Hols: (like you), before Bismark was born]

Europe has a very different score against him than that.

And if England lends herself to be at the head of a Neutrality league, with this result that Bismark is to be left to work his will in Europe, Europe will rue the day yet more than this awful war.

I think England is gone mad - To write down L. Napoleon at such a moment as this- - can any one doubt what, if France were seriously weakened, the consequences to Europe would be? - The "Times" has written better, I am thankful to see, to-day.

I see that you are now at 32 S. St -
Have you heard anything more of Lady
Herbert? I did not know that she was
again "ill at Paris."

- - -I will not recur to some (back) things
in your Monday's letter about Nurses, since
things are shaping themselves differently, except to thank you for
them. **[end 15:658]**

9004/71 1f, pen, initialled letter

Friday Aug 12.

[15:658-59]

My dear Sir Harry

Since I wrote this, I have received yours of yesterday - Many thanks.

I am glad to see a faint beginning of advertisements in "Times"-

The "Aid Socy" printed sheet, with "Resolutions of General Comm:," is very good in itself but quite useless for the purpose of raising an *urgent* Subscription.

That should be done by representing the urgent distress, the urgent necessities of the Wounded - their numbers every day in every daily paper-

I have written a second letter to Capt. Galton & begged him to send or shew it to you (with its enclosures)

You should have Ladies' Committees in every provincial town, as the French & Germans have.

I hope Capt. G. will also show you my letter of yesterday 11th.
I send you £20 from myself

5 " my father

Cheque for £25

Till yesterday, no one knew where to pay in money. so I wrote the Cheque to your Order-

I will write tomorrow to Claydon.
ever yours

F.N.

[end 15:659]

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I am most thankful to see in to-day's paper, (only just come) advertised,

the List of Subns.

- List of Articles wanted
Ladies' Committee -
appeal for local Ladies'

Sub-Committees-
advertisement of Office-

[15:662-63]

notice of ~~ever~~ a Meeting
at Windsor -
every thing that can be desired.
I trust it will be continued
daily in all the daily
papers

[end 15:662]

F.N.

5.p.m.
Saturday

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Lea Hurst

"Aid Society"

Aug 13/70

[15:659-62]

7.30 a.m.

My dear Sir Harry - I wrote to Capt. Galton-

- Unfortunately Capt. Galton was to go to Paris & ~~France~~ Auvergne last night for 10 or 12 days.

I recapitulate:

1. the printed Circular with "Resolutions of Committee" of the Aid Socy. (tho's quite right in itself) is comparatively useless as a means of obtaining popular Subscriptions for an urgent necessity

People look upon it as they would upon an invitation to subscribe to a "Social Science Association," or an "Agricultural Improvement Socy.," or anything of that kind.

The same may be said of the Advertisement of Membership, £5 or 5/ a year, (which now does at last appear in the "Times") But what we want is not "5/ a year" but a great many 5/=es at once.

2. what is wanted is-

[to appear every day in every daily London paper (immediately above the "Theatrical Announcements") & in every provincial paper.]

- - an appeal for subscriptions & contributions of the smallest sums *immediate*
- - an acknowledgment of all the sums received day by day

- a List of the *articles wanted* & where to send them -

(not appearing *once*, as in Col: Lindsay's "Times" Aug 11 letter- but every day in every London & provincial paper)

3. 2 or 3 stirring lines giving in a few words the numbers, necessities, & places of the wounded - which, forgive me, is cried out for by all whose "intelligence is not obscured by official intimations."

[Col: Lindsay's letter, about the 1000 *Wounded* at "Times" Aug 11 Aachen (Aix la Chapelle, I mean) is excellent, as far as it goes - but that sort of thing should be repeated every day in every London and provincial paper- & giving every place where there are Wounded-

Mannheim

Treves

1000

1000

&c &c &c &c &c.

- it is said that, in all, there are not much fewer than 150,000 - in some places entirely unprovided for.]

It makes me mad to see (in the prominent Advertising place in the "Times" "Voysey Defence Fund"- what does it signify whether "Voysey" is "defended" or not- "Derby Memorial Fund."

what does it signify whether Ld. Derby has a statue or not? "Great Fire at Constantinople"- contributions between £12000 & £13000 - what *is that* conflagration to *this?* between the two most civilized nations of Europe. "German National Central Comm:" upwards of £26000 - that indeed I am glad to see - but why don't we do like them?

So far as I know, the Subn. at present consists of

Col: Lindsay £1000

the Queen £ 500

& about five hundred other pounds.

And "£1000" has been sent abroad!! instead of £26000!

In the "Times" of Aug 12 (yesterday) I see that "contributions *have been received*": then why, in the name of wonder, not advertise them? & acknowledge them in an advertisement?

In no daily or weekly London paper do I see any advertisement *daily* appearing- or anything like an advertisement- of the pressing, life & death, urgent, *present* necessities of the Wounded, "as urged by the Aid Socy."

O it is wonderful! wonderful! wonderful!
[And such a contrast to some things that I remember of a like kind!]

5. What is wanted is:

a Ladies' Committee in *every provincial* town to collect the smallest sums & supplies in kind

besides a very active Ladies' Committee in London -

[If Col: Lindsay could get up a Meeting in the large provincial towns & thus start men's & Ladies' Committees, it would be as well]

6. a Lord Mayor's Meeting in London would be as well.

7. But, above all, advertise! advertise! advertise!

- Of all the deluge of correspondence I have had for the last month, not one has heard of where your Offices are, what they want, what they do, what they accept
- scarcely one has heard of your Society at all

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Where *is it* known at all,

It is looked upon as what your Circular intimates- a sort of standing permanent Society, to which there is no hurry to subscribe - not as an urgent appeal to relieve the necessities of 15,000 wounded, of two nations in the grip of death & agony.

8.

In Germany & France they have a Ladies'

Committee collecting in every town & village

- I have sent Capt. Galton some of these "*Journaux Officiels*", & provincial French papers, to shew what we ought to do.

Unfortunately he is gone.

I sent him a "Prefecture du Nord" paper,

- "comité des dames de Lille" collecting "dons en nature et en argent." &c &c

That is what every town in France & Germany are doing- that is what we ought to do -

I sent him a "Journal Officiel" "with a List of all the Civil Hospitals in France up to the end of last week which take in Wounded from the Seat of War. To many

of these the advertisement is added:

say "250 beds more might be offered, but funds are wanting"

Or words to that effect, *mutatis mutando*.

These are the people we might help, of course thro' the Central (Red Cross) Committees at Paris & Berlin respectively- or others like that at Aix la Chapelle.

I hear, from private accounts, of the distress, terror & bewilderment of the French in the provinces as something terrible.

But these sufferings are the things we ought to advertise, (not that 5/ makes me a member of a Society. We want every body's five shillings=es in at once)

9.

Next, pardon me, of all the Hospitals in France & Germany who write to me, many of whom advertise separately in "Times" afterwards

e.g. Madden for Bonn
Ranke " Munich

Bp of London " Darmstadt (withdrawn
Ernethausen (London) for lint &c
Mrs. Collinson Hall " "
&c &c &c &c &c &c

none had never heard of your Socy. at all -

I should think it was in the highest degree impolitic, if you want to get a *general* subscription from the public, to let the public contributions be all frittered away among all these little places. The public gets puzzled- don't know to whom to give- & don't give at all- The good policy surely is- to have *one* general national subscription, in the hands of *one* society for distribution & for making grants.

But these people advertise because you don't- because they hear nothing of the Aid Socy. get nothing from it.

Pardon me for speaking out so brusquely
10. I should have thought that nearly, if not all newspapers would have inserted such advertisements gratis.

But I take for granted that the Socy. has already tried for this, & been refused.

As to the 2 or 3 letters that *have* appeared from Col: Lindsay, Ld Shaftesbury &c, I know what happens (by myself) if I send away a paper,

to some one who asks me, without making a copy, I know ~~it~~ the letter won't appear next day. So people either miss it, or mislay that particular paper - or, like me, with overburdened hands, are forced to make copies, if they want to send it about to others.

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I enclose Capt. Galton's note in answer to my letter of Aug 11, which I asked him to send on to you. But most unfortunately you see he was too hurried to do anything

I enclosed to him a direct application I have received made to the Aid Socy. for assistance from St. Pierre (Calais).

= Unfortunately too I wrote to him again yesterday (Aug 12). If you could get this letter back, & read it *with its enclosures*, I enclose a fac simile of its envelope & an order to the servants to give it you.

I don't know whether Marianne Galton is at 12 Chester Street. If she is, of course she could open the envelope & give it you

In it, I asked Capt. Galton to send the letter on to you
because of its ENCLOSURES ever yours affectely. **[end 15:662]**

Florence Nightingale

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Aug 14/70

[15:662-63]

My dear Emily

I am most thankful
to hear that there is some
one person doing BUSINESS
at 2 St. Martin's Place
at last

I send you, please
5 applications
(4 from Nurses? Volunteering
1 " Surgeon)
& my proposed answers.
- If they meet with your
approval, please *post*
them.

But I should, if it were
I, *put your printed "List
of Articles wanted,"* into
(you have probably plenty of copies)

every letter so sent,
with, if possible, a few
words, such as I have
put in to Miss St. John's
letter, asking people
to collect, (as a sort of
Advertisement, since the
papers don't advertise.)

Would you send me a
*bundle of copies of such
printed "Lists"?*

[Sir Harry has only sent
me one]

I shall put one into every
letter I write.

[The printed Circular ("Resolutions") of the
Aid Socy. is no use at all]

2.

Into my letters to the Surgeons

volunteering, I have put
the Socy.'s Form of
Application - I conclude
it is for *Surgeons* alone,
tho', if it were not for the
masculine at the back,
something of the sort
might do for Nurses.

[Sir Harry only sent me one
Could you send me more?]
And, above all, if there is
any Form for *Nurses*
volunteering, please send
me a *Bundle*.

Would you be so very kind
as to ~~forward~~ have all
these applications registered
- also to send on the three
I have marked, viz.

Miss St John

" Gordon

" Jennings

to Hy Bonham Carter, Esq
11 Lombard Street
E.C.

I will tell him for what
purpose they are coming.
ever yours

F. Nightingale

May I take the liberty of
asking you to post the
letter to Mrs. Taylor
(enclosed)?

[end 15:663]

9004/75 1f, pen, initialled letter

My dear Sir Harry

The letter & 'appel' which you sent me
were the enclosed from Mme. Henri Mallet.

[15:663]

I send you my answer open- If you
approve it, please have it weighed, stamped
& posted.

I will send you 5/ by opportunity.

I do not like either Mme. Mallet's letter or
Appel.

1. If they have no Deaconess or Committee
Lady who can answer such questions as
she addresses to me, they had better not

take the field at all. Because both French & Prussian Ambulances are so good that they will be laughed to scorn
2. I felt much inclined to add but thought it too *risky*: - the strength of Germany at this moment is that, after centuries of religious wars, Protestant & R.C. unite together - Nurses are wanted because they are good Nurses, not because they are good Protestants -

~~Also,~~ However, no doubt there is room for all.
But [At least we have the sense to write &
ask the French what they want-
But she writes to ask *me* what they want.]
However, I *could* write her a caution, if you
thought it would *not* be misunderstood,
that a Nurse should be a Nurse, not a
tract - giver - not a Protestant -
in *another* letter -
Please return me hers - & the Appel [end 15:663]
ever yours
FN

Aug 15/70

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Aug 16/70

My dear Emily

To our grievous disappointment, your
packet of (copies of) "*List of Articles required*
for Sick & Wounded Soldiers" is not come.
It must have missed the post. [I asked for it
in my Sunday's letter.] ought to have said: "by return of post"- I
could have sent
away 20 copies to-day- My Aunt Julia Smith
aiding- I told her they were sure to come this morning
because you were a "man of business." They
may come by this afternoon's post. But I fear
she will be gone tomorrow - [I have made
all the use of Newspaper Advertisements. (& M.S.
copies of them) I could.] But it seems
to me that what you want most, except
money, is to spread those Lists, the knowledge
that those "Articles" are *wanted*. PRAY SEND THEM.
2. You say that you have sent off to the Nurses
the "Form of Application" of Surgeons -
I think it should have been modified.
Also, do you take notice that it says,
the Applicant must engage to pay "the actual cost

of his travelling expences"?

Do you mean this to refer to *Nurses*.

I am far from saying that you did not
But, if you did, it will choke off 19 out of
20 applicants, & all (or almost all) ~~any~~ who
have Hospital experience.

And I am far from saying that this is a
bad thing. if intended.

But hardly any Englishwomen, *used* to
activity, will be ~~he~~ able to go without "PA{cut off}
& a smaller proportion still without their
expences--

= I have asked the following questions over & over
again, by others & for others, at your Offi{cut off}
--& never obtained the slightest answer
or any but a contradictory answer:

are the expences, (travelling, cost of dr{cut off}
&c &c,) of the Volunteer Nurses sent out, to be ~~to~~
paid?

who bears the cost of their maintenance
when arrived?

- same for Surgeons.

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No one seemed to know- At all events,
no one has answered the question.

Yet it must have been settled for the
Nurses & Surgeons already sent out.

I enclose a letter, such as I think you
wished me to write, for Sir Harry.
ever yours affectel.

F.N.

Private {on diagonal}

I hear thro' Capt. Galton at *Paris* that
the Ladies' Committee don't want our Nurses.
"they have already such an enormous number
of women applying"- this is such a relief to
me.

My belief is that it is the same in
Germany as to Nurses - If they ask for ours,
it is to make political sympathy.

How I wish they would say the same
as the French!

[end 15:670]

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August 16/70 [15:666-69]

My dear Sir Harry

At the risk of being troublesome, I will say again how very much care I think & know to be necessary in the *selection* of Volunteer Nurses for the War- in order to prevent them from becoming a source of mischief & disorder instead of order & comfort - from doing a great deal of harm & little good.

In my very long experience of the world in this kind of thing, I have ever found (& learnt from others whose experience I value more than my own) that

1. testimonials are not worth the paper they are written upon. [The worst ~~woman~~ Nurse is often the one to get the most testimonials.]

2. what they *tell you of themselves* is often of as little worth.

Besides Hospital experience you want, in women who are to go to such a new & difficult service - great firmness or weight of character
disposition to obedience
a certain 'esprit de conduite'
great discretion-

gentleness & goodness
a high spirit of integrity & honour
business-like habits
common sense (the most uncommon
quality of all)

& many other qualities which will occur to all - (& which I have dwelt upon to you many times). And you want the most stringent examination to find out whether these qualities exist, without which the woman may be a Nuisance.

[But, if you knew how often I have known women selected & appointed as Nurses or Supts. for having served, e.g. under me "in the Crimean War" or under " " at " -

This was true; but, "discharged for misconduct or inefficiency" was omitted. Yet not a word of enquiry took place. I only give this as an instance. I could fill my sheet with such.]

2.

Next, I would try to show (what I think is not at all understood by the "Red Cross" Convention, whether in ~~France~~, Germany or England,) viz. the entirely different, if not opposite ground on which stands War Nurse=Volunteering in England from what it does elsewhere - & the

infinitely greater care it requires in the *selection* of the women - & why the *best* women will never volunteer in *England* as they do elsewhere, as a general rule. [Of course there are exceptions.] "North Germany" is far larger & more populous than England. and apart from the resources to be drawn from the women in families, to whom and to whose mothers War is & was far more familiar than to us, the Countries now called "North Germany" contain many Orders of Deaconesses, (affiliated & non=affiliated to Kaiserswerth) many Roman Catholic Orders of Nurses, & many large Civil Hospitals served by seculars. Besides, With a national *civil* Army, like that of N. Germany, all classes of women, ladies down to peasants, volunteer for the Field & temporary Hospitals, where they are among their own relations, in a way that can never be in England (until our Army is levied in like manner) & do a great deal of good.

[I think a good deal of 'bosh' is talked by the "Red Cross" Convention, e.g that "we ought to be able to pour 1000 women into their Field=Hospitals, "like the French & Germans, at a day's notice" &c&c&c]

Such a thing can never be & never can be desired in England.

As to France, for centuries they have had many & immensely large (Nursing &c) Religious Orders - the Sisters of Charity alone number above 15 000 Sisters. The French Government, to their eternal honour be it spoken, have always employed the services of female Orders, using them as Relieving Officers, ASSOCIATING their services with the services of SECULARS, *both men & women*, placing Institutions in their hands &c [In all this our Government has always lamentably failed, especially in the utilizing the services of women.] The difference practically which it makes in the business-like service of women, both in peace & in war, can only be known to those who, like me, have served actually in France- In France there will always be, and I am told at this moment actually *are*, quite enough Sisters of Charity & secular ladies & Nurses volunteering without our help

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The English Trained Nurse is better than any other in point of cleanliness & 1000 other little vital trifles- Of that I am convinced. But English Trained Nurses *do not speak* German or French- & *cannot* as a general rule *serve without pay*. ~~But~~ English Trained Nurses we have not to send out, without bringing all our own Institutions to a stand still. They cannot leave their situations- to serve abroad.

And what CAN you do *in time of war* to "raise the tone of Nursing", as it is called? (by those who know nothing about it) even if you could send Trained Nurses.

[We are not speaking of Scutari, please remember, where everything had to be organized, even to the washing & cooking &c, but of German & French Ambulances & Hospitals, where, as a *general rule*, all this is much better done than it was done or than in English War-Hospitals.]

You will observe, from all this, that my conclusion is: that, *without the most careful selection*, we shall, with difficulty, send Volunteer Nurses from here *at all equal* to those who are

already acting in great numbers in France and Germany - & may very easily send Volunteer Nurses who are very *inferior* to those to whom we send them.

3. Most wisely- you send out Nurses only
by on a written request for them from some
authority on the side of either belligerent.
to which I would add: place the women, if any,
(under whatever forms relative to the Aid Society.
and under whatever internal organization may
be adopted) at the disposal of the Prussian
authorities [the *French* having declined our Nurses]
for distribution in the Army Hospitals to serve
there under the orders of the Superiors of the
women, however termed, already serving there,
and under the directions of those women.

Whatever authority settles where they are to
be sent, let them, I should say, on arrival,
serve with and under the natives, not separately
i.e. be placed by the Prussian Superior of the
Prussian women already there. Let them,
according to their capacities, and to the wants or
emergencies of place & time, work hard &
usefully in Wards, Linenry, Laundry, Kitchen
or Stores. Do not put Prussian soldiers under
a foreigner's charge; let the foreigner help, and
effectually the native, but distribute them the Nurses as
capable & hardworking Assistants, not principals.

Avoid, I would add, "parking" the women
in separate Hospitals under "British" doctors.
Treatment, dressing, diet of Sick & Wounded
are quite different in England and Germany.
Put the Englishwomen under the natives, & let
them do the best they can to be useful.

[It would depend on various things whether
one of the English Nurses, in each Station,
should have a qualified priority over the others
and whether a Superior, however styled,
preserved some kind of oversight over all.
e.g. at intervals inspecting them, conferring
with the German Superioresses.]

All the above would have to be qualified
as regards associating in subordination English
"Sisters" with German "Sisters"- fundamental
rules (as in the case of the "Sisters of Charity"-
(St. Vincent de Paul)) might forbid it.

Most unwillingly I give (my asked for) advice
in these things and I would not do so
but that I see the German branches of the Red
Cross Convention quite ignorant (the French
much less so) of these obvious & undoubted

facts- At least they do not appear at all
to have considered them. And what is far
more extraordinary neither have the English.

4.

But let me say with all my strength & heart
& with all the earnestness of which I am capable,
I know that *Surgeons, Money*, different
sorts of Hospital matériel (which are being
advertised for) are, on both sides, French
& German, at this moment pressing,
essential, life=&death necessities.

There is no danger of our sending too much
of *these*: there is great danger of our
not sending one hundredth part enough.
[Of course we should send only after
communication with authorities in France
& Germany.]

I do not know whether we should send a
Field Hospital entire. *That* I believe that
better authorities should decide. [I myself
have been asked for plans & patterns of
Field Hospital=huts, (Baracken), from France,
having been known to have interested
myself a good deal in the best construction
of these, in the Crimean, American &
German Wars] But what we *do*
absolutely & urgently know is that our
fellow= creatures are in misery from

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what *our money, our Surgeons, our lint,*
linen, water=cushions, wine, essence of meat,
&c &c &c &c - might & would relieve
them from at least in some degree -

Believe me, dear Sir Harry,
ever your affecte.

Florence Nightingale

May I once more repeat how wholly different
it is in principle (& organization required)
sending out War Surgeons from War Nurses?
War=Nurses cannot be safely & usefully sent
out without making them, when arrived,
a constituent part of some definite female
War=organization under Government of women
There is nothing of the kind requisite as to
Surgeons, even *mutatis mutando*.

War=Nurses cannot be sent out
safely & usefully, either, F.N.
without very particular
qualities, which may be

Wellcome Ms 9003

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summed up in: weight
of character.

[end 15:669]

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Aug 17/70

[15:669-70]

Dearest Emily

I *entirely* agree with you that Sir Harry had better not continue working at this unlucky Committee, if it affects his health - especially (as you say) {cut off} he has not proper servants {cut off} cookery in London.

[I am so sorry that I cannot offer you my little cook -But she was much tried in the summer, (has a 'temper',) & I {cut off} already sent her on a well-earned {cut off. holiday into Herefordshire]

If Sir Harry does stay in London, his wife is certainly [cut off] person to come & take care the [cut off] him (with a cook) I cannot of quite agree with you as to its {cut off}ing "self=sacrificing"- is it not

rather a *privilege* - for his wife to come & take care of him And would she not think it so?

[There are, as you know, all sorts of "inviting" little tender things, Panadas, Turtle Soup & the like to be had at Gunter's Berkeley Square. I have often fed Invalids from there.]

2. I do not think that much essential business goes from me thro' Sir Harry to the Aid Socy. now- I will gladly (all this in answer to your questions) send any common business to Major de Winton, if you will give me a sort of introduction to him, & the proper way to address him & to Professor Longmore, when he comes, if you will tell me

when he does come - But it would be unwise of me, of course, to write criticizing letters or advice as to the way the Socy. business is done, to two men, one of whom is a perfect stranger to me, the other known only by corresponde.

[As a general rule, one should never write anything, liable to be misunderstood, to a person one has never seen or conversed with or tested.]

Capt. Galton will be back by Friday week at farthest. And I will resume any 'confidential' communication on Socy. business with *him*, when he comes.

[As for Capt. B. (privately & entre nous)

I *could* only write to him on business, in order for that business NOT to be done. & must decline his intervention, alas!

2A.

N.B. I obtained this morn[cut off] [15:670-72] for the first time the information that "the Surgeons sent from "here are to be allowed 20/ "per diem for travelling expences '& keep."

[Do they the Surgeons refund the "actual cost of their travelling expences (vide Form of Application) the{cut off} out of that?]

But what arrangements are made for the "keep" of the Volunteer Nurses?

You cannot give a woman, of course, so much a day like a man- Every care of that kind for herself must be taken off her hands & she must be boarded & lodged, without car [e] to herself, in the Hospital where she is. I understand however

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that for those who were sent
to Aix la Chapelle "money
*"has been given to Mr. Andresen
"to provide for the Nurses' keep
"if required."*

3. How I wish I could help
you about your Mayors &
you country Ladies' Committees.
But indeed I am so entirely
without knowledge or experience
in such a matter. Some
man accustomed to manage
those things ought to advise you
I should think that, to write
to *some one competent* active
lady, in the various towns proposed,
who is a friend, is the most
direct way to the point-
And a public Meeting in the
towns should be if possible
got up-

But indeed I am not fit to

advise you on that part of the
business.

[There are people in England
who understand such things:
e.g. Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Hall

Mr. Standish Haly
the Lord Mayor

&c &c &c.

or any of the tall-talk ladies
e.g. Mrs. Taylor, the Chairwoman
of the Women's Suffrage Associat[cut off]
Mrs. Butler,
of another recent Association
Surely tall-talk ladies ought
to help in such a matter as
this - *what are they in the
world for?*

I am quite serious-

4. Many thanks for the packet of Circulars &c I was so sorry, dearie, that I wrote to you about it at all, I mean about their not coming. The fact is, I suppose, I was afraid they had missed in the post altogether - My father has a great objection to sending to the 2nd. post. My aunt Julia Smith rode herself to Matlock to fetch letters by the 2nd. post, & was not back till 9 p.m., (when we saw our beloved packet.) I wish I had not mentioned to you their non=arrival.

5. I shall be *quite* anxious to hear that Sir Harry is out of London if, dearie, you are uneasy about him.

You may tell him anything I have said above, about my doing business thro' the three I have mentioned.

I will not write to him (Sir Harry) again except thro' you - you saw I did not yesterday - & then you can use your judgment as to giving him my letters (about this Aid Socy.) or not.

but I hope, dearie, that you will not lay *yourself* up

I wish I were in London.

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6. Could you send me *some more* copies of the Circular: "Notes on Society for Aid to Sick & Wounded in War"- Sir H. sent me 3 today- but only 3.

I think it would be a good deal better, if you were to print on each printed copy

of "List of Articles required &c
the address of your Office
"2 St. Martin's Place"-
& a few words to the effect
that Articles collected are
"to be sent there with as
little delay as possible"
-if you pay CARRIAGE, I would
print that too.]
Otherwise one wastes so much
time in writing to people
what to do.
I fancy there is no danger of your

getting too many goods.

[I think you have done
wonders in arranging.]

7. I was going to write to
Sir Harry (but think I will
refrain for the present)
to ask whether your London
Ladies' Committee could not
be made a stronger one -
You see, so many of those
upon it who have heads
have no legs - & so many
who have legs have no heads.
You have no one of the business
calibre of e.g. Mrs. Bracebridge
or Mrs. Sutherland. Mrs.
B. could not come. But
Mrs. Sutherland might.
You have no such earnest
worker as Mrs. Schwabe -

And indeed I think her
~~we~~ Comm: a more working
one than yours -
Lady de Grey & Mrs. Hobart are,
I believe good workers.
Lady Monteagle, in my day,
was a *first rate* Committee
woman.
I could mention others, but,
you see, I was dead before you
were born- And I am afraid
of not giving good advice-
on these kinds of things- in
my old age. [I don't know people.]
Lady Monteagle, I should think
a very good adviser as to people.
&c &c

I must leave off, dearest &
indeed I feel I have not
written a word that will
help you in the least degree.
Believe that I am ever yours old
& affectely. (Aunt) F. Nightingale

[end 15:672]

9004/79 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 148

Dearest Emily

I think you are doing wonders.
=If you have 3 efficient Committee
women (yourself inclusive)
don't mind what I said; it
is perhaps best to go on as
you are than to try new ones.
But what I was thinking of: is--
how will you be able to go on,
(you 3,) for weeks and months?

[15:672-73]

I will not take up your
time with writing.

2. If you can send me more
copies of
"Notes on the &c &c &c"
& of both 'Lists of Articles' x.

I can dispose of a great many
more-

x. if with printed addresses of your
Office, so much the better.

Thank Sir Harry very much
for his letter received to-day.

I hope that he is going *not*
to knock himself up.

And you, too, my dear.

3.
I do not hear that Mr. Longmore
is come. Is he?

4.
Is it intended that 8 St M.'s Place
should still be at the foot
of the (advertised) Subscription
Lists?

It *is* so - instead of 2 - St. M.

5.
I send

(1.) an application from Nurses
at *Glasgow*-
to be registered please,
& my answer,
to be posted, if approved -

(2). another note from an
Irish woman, Co: Tipperary,
who applied before & has
already been registered
& has applied for information
at your Office
& my answer, to be posted,
if approved, please.

[I dare say it is not much
use sending "Lists of Articles"
to *these* people. Still it is
as well to neglect no chance.]
I send

(3) merely pro forma.

"Henry G. Dickson's" letter.

As I don't know him enough to
remember him (tho' I remember
he applied before) I can't
know him enough to recommend
him.

(4). an application for help
from an English Dr. (Madden)
for Bonn- proposing to receive Wounded
He subsequently advertised in

the "Times." [I answered that
I would lay his application
before the Socy..] If you
will just turn it over to
Major de Winton, or to
whomsoever is right - - - -?
If you tell me: send all these
applications to Major de W.
direct - & tell him that
you have told me - I will
do so-

[end 15:673]

ever your affecte. old Aunt
F.N.

Aug 18/70 Don't tire yourself
with writing to me,
glad as I am
to hear from you-

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Please thank Sir Harry for his letter. **[15:673]**

I need little to convince me about Mrs. Schw.

Aug 19/70

Dearest Emily

Very many thanks for your letter, information & Circulars. & more particularly for telling me that Sir Harry is better. I shall be quite glad to think of you & him at Claydon tomorrow evening.

I will only trouble you today with {please

1. *Miss Julia Graham* {REGISTER
(volunteering as Nurse)
& my answer
(please post if approved)

2. *Miss Kilvert* - Derby
offers contribution=money
& my answer
(please post if approved)

3. *Miss Marsh*= my letter to=
merely enclosing papers

ever yours (please post ~~if approved.~~)

[end 15:673]

F.N.

9004/81 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 148 blue paper

{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 21/70

[15:673-74]

~~Park Lane,~~

~~W.~~

My dearest Emily

I think that you & Sir Harry seem to have been doing wonders in organizing - And money & contributions in Articles seem to be coming in. But alas! Wounded are coming in faster.

I don't wonder that you "enjoy" the work which you are doing so well.

Only keep well.

Please send me MORE

Wellcome Ms 9003

747

CIRCULARS. & Lists of Articles.
I send you

1. a letter from
Miss Conyn-Macfarlane
offering £5
& my answer
please post ~~with~~ & put in it
a printed receipt from THE SECRETARY for £5
if you can get it
2. a letter from
Mrs. Goodfellow
of Gloucester
offering services of ladies
to work
& my answer
please post
unless you have anything more
to put in it.

I will send you a Cheque
for the monies, ~~if~~ I hope
to get some more -
Do you see on your Circular
that you tell people
where to send more than £5
& under £5.
but £5 exactly you don't
appear to let them send
at all.

[end 15:674]

ever yours
F.N.

9004/82 1f, pencil, initialled note bundle 149

Dearest
If at 3 or at 4 (please say which)
but for a very few minutes only, I am afraid
I had Sutherland & Mr. Ellis here all day
yesterday - And Mr. Ellis started for India
in the evening. And I had such a bad night

F

9004/83 4ff, pen, signed letter blue paper bundle 148

Aug 22/70
6 p.m.

[15:678-79]

My dear Sir Harry
Your telegram just
arrived -
Post just starting.
Your question a difficult

one to answer-

 You say: "Douglas Galton
is at Paris"- He would
be a very good judge -
I should trust him.

 I hear from France
that wounded are being
directed on Arras &
Calais. I should

have thought Calais a
better place than Rheims.
I suppose Rheims is
selected for its
comparative vicinity
to the last great
battles before Metz.
We did not think the
American Hut Hospitals
(so much praised) in
the Civil War. very good.
They raised the Mortality
of the Wounded to 10
per cent. They had too
many beds in each ward.

The huts were double &
too near each other.
This is probably however
not the nature of your
question - but whether
we, English & Americans,
should undertake a
Hospital of our own
with English & American
Doctors & Nurses.
I confess my dislike to
this. French soldiers
do not like to be put
under foreigners. There
are other objections.
I should always much

prefer aiding them, the
French authorities, to
taking the thing out
of their hands -
French soldiers too
like to be under their
own Sisters of Charity.
But I feel that, with
only the limited
information in the
Telegram, I am a
most incompetent
adviser.
If it is intended however
only that we should

Wellcome Ms 9003

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furnish the Funds,

that is for the Aid
Socy. to determine -
& whether they have
funds enough -
Capt Galton said that
an Ambulance complete
cost from £10 000 to
£11 000 & £1000 a
month keep. (300 beds)
but extensible to 1,000)
[The "Medical Times" said
an Ambulance cost
50 000 fr.]

We have extremely good
patterns of Hospital
Huts now at the War

Office if you were
thinking of sending
these out
Could you consult Dr.
Sutherland at the
War Office about
this?
Avoid putting Wounded
into old buildings at
Rheims (or elsewhere.)
But, as I said before,
I should trust Capt.
Galton as a good
judge. if he is there

And, I need not remind
you, that our principles
are to work in
accordance with the
advice of the Red
Cross Committees at
Paris (& Berlin) as
to what is most
wanted.

I feel how imperfect
is this answer -
in haste to save the
post

ever yours
F. Nightingale

Aug 22/70 More & more we {box around "More....we"}

try not to accumulate
the Wounded in towns
or buildings - especially
not in old towns -
We scatter them round
towns in huts - &
'baracken'

[end 15:679]

9004/84 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 148

Aug 22/70

[15:677]

My dear Sir Harry

I send a Cheque to your Order
for £31.5.
to wit

Miss Conyn=Macfarlane..... £5
(whose letter- & my answer
I sent to Emily yesterday-
with a request that she
would put into it a
Secretary's printed Receipt)

Mrs. Frewen Turner £1

Mrs. Nightingale£25

(my mother)

[And 5/- if from me, not as the
"annual contribution" of "A Poor Female"
but for the stamps disbursed for me:
to wit, Mme. Mallet &c] 5

Paris -----

£31. 5

Please apologize to Emily for my not having
sent Miss Conyn Macfarlane's £5 yesterday
as she would not be able to get a printed
Receipt from the Secretary (at least she
ought not) without the money in a neat heap

before his eyes- But I was interrupted
just as I was finishing letters for the
post & could not.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Verney & Lady Sarah
Williams are here. They all report
themselves well - all send love to
you & Emily - & admire what she
& you are doing.

You seem to be doing a great work.

I have letters from France saying

1. that the efforts of the authorities in the
provinces are paralysed by the provisional
state of Government at Paris in
preparing for Wounded at provincial towns
2. that the "Times" does a great deal of harm

in France, unsettling people who would
lend their weight against revolution,
& irritating the quiet & steady.
I think the baseness of the "Times" must
ever be remembered - which was the
"Moniteur of Bonapartism" & now
kicks ~~it~~ him when ~~it~~ he is down.
But I have no time for politics.

[end 15:677]

I have received a most pathetic
little book, (from a Society of Russian
ladies who asked me to be their Vice
President) of prayers & portions of
Scripture in many European languages
for the Wounded & Dying Soldiers in this
War. So far as I can judge, they
appear remarkably well chosen.
(The English prayers mostly out of our
Communion Service)

Have you the book at the "Aid Society"?

When one thinks of how many tens of
thousands there are at this moment to use
such a book, one can scarce read it without tears.
in great haste yours F.N

9004/85 2ff, pen, signed letter bundle 148

Private {on diagonal}

~~35 South Street,~~ Aug 22/70

~~Park Lane,~~ {printed address}

W-

My dear Sir Harry

[15:677-78]

I am requested, or rather it is suggested
to me, to suggest to the Society for "Aid to
Sick & Wounded" to ask the Secretary
of State for India whether the India
Office could help by granting leave
to Volunteers, Medical, Military or Civil,
for Hospital work.

Unfortunately, the D. of Argyll is in
Scotland, Mr. Grant Duff in the S. of France,
& Sir Wm Baker, who is Chairman of
the Military Commee., has no direct power
to originate anything. So time, which is so
invaluable, will be lost.

Still a line from the Society would
start the question.

= Sir Bartle Frere has suggested to Sir

Wm Baker that many of their Medical
& other Officers, civil as well as
Military, now on furlough in Europe
could be very useful in the War
Hospitals, if they were put at the
disposal of the "Aid Society" & if
volunteers for such service were
allowed to count time, which the
Society could certify, had been
usefully passed in the War Hospitals
as "on duty"- [He would also pay
travelling expences of such volunteers -
but is more doubtful of this passing,
even if Sir Wm Baker proposes it.]
I do not suppose that this, (as to what *has*
passed at the I.O.,) must be made use of
in any application to the India Office.

I give it you only for your own information,
in case you should think well
for the "Aid Society" to write
officially to the S. of S. for India
on the subject.

Pray believe me
ever yours affectel.

Florence Nightingale

[end 15:676]

Sir Harry Verney Bt MP.

9004/86 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 148

"Subscription Lists" greatly approved [15:682]
More wanted - also Circulars.

Aug 23/70

Dearest Emily

The "Aid Socy." is doing
good work at last under
your auspices- And
*your are a credit to your
country!*

Did you send me the
"Echo" (of Saturday) for the
first Article "Religion &
War"? If it was, I should
have something to say to it,
anent French Protestantism
& Martin Paschoud, one
of the best men in Europe.
Don't trouble to answer

Wellcome Ms 9003

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this. {"Fred & his wife just **[end]**
ever yours {gone very well
F.N. {Lady Sarah still here

9004/87 6ff, pen, signed letter bundle 148

Aug 23/70

My dear Sir Harry

[15:679-81]

I am afraid that the hurried note which I wrote you last night, on receipt of your Telegram about the proposed English=American Hospital at Rheims, was not of the least use to you - And, what is worse, I am afraid that I have not much more to the purpose to say now.

What ~~we~~ all think, I believe, is this: (you & I & every body) -

The necessity for a Hospital (including means of transport &c &c) must be

decided, of course, by superior authority [the worst of it is, I suppose, that there scarcely is any Government or Military authority in France now]-

But to offer to establish & pay the costs of a Hospital at any point which the Military authorities may decide (if that point is Rheims) & the Paris Aid Society may sanction, seems a very efficient way to help & may save much frittering away of effort.

The Americans seem to have their Marquees ready, as you say. I have no doubt

they are the best sort.
Next; I would point out the dangers of putting Wounded into old buildings - [you say we talk of "hiring a building" at Rheims.]

Single small huts or even pent houses (with plenty of blankets) outside the Town, if we put up anything, are better- carefully echelonned, not close to each other in line, [it was the American adaptation of our plans in their War which resulted in a 10 per cent Death rate instead of 3 per cent.] We have good lithographed plans showing the simplest wooden construction at the War Office.

Then, "Dr. Evans" who, you say, starts the plan, I have no doubt you know - as well as his book (which he sent me.) He belonged, I believe, to the American Christian Commission, the American Sanitary Commission, & the Red Cross Convention, -- all three. He is, I believe, one of the best of them - & lives in Paris.

[I should think, if we join with the Americans, some little "convention" between us might be necessary. But two or three business-like men, like Capt. Galton, on each side might easily settle this- I mean that if we are to join in finding funds, they might wish to do something ~~whi~~ (with

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our funds) which we should think completely contrary to good Sanitary or administrative principles - & the converse -or vice versa. It is well to anticipate all grounds of dispute]. All these things are so obvious that I am only afraid of taking up your time by enouncing what you have thought of 100 times.

Supposing, then, Rheims, in the present position of the Belligerents, to be the place fixed on by authority. & supposing us to be acting in concert with & by the advice of the Central Committee (Red Cross) at Paris, as at Berlin,

there remains the point about the "attendance"- you say that "the attendance & every thing should be in common".

Subject to better authority than mine, I should very much deprecate that the whole Hospital should be under English & American Surgeons, ditto other (Administrative) Officers & Nurses-- [tho' I don't know that this is intended.]

It is impossible to explain to any one who has not been much in French & English War- Hospitals how different the treatment, dressings, diet, the whole tone & management of everything are. how wretched an

English soldier would be
in a French Hospital -
how ten times more wretched
a French soldier (with his
excitable morale, which
so influences his physique
& his recovery) would be in
an Anglo-American Hospital,
without seeing his Officers,
his "Sisters of Charity," his
horrible Charpie &c &c
about him.

But Dr. Evans, Dr. Frank
& many others, both English
& American, are just as
much French as English or
Americans still - I don't know but -
I would not have the
whole government & Staff
of the Hospital Anglo-
American- even if all the
funds are found by us & them.

= I see that, in the Ambulances
hitherto fitted up, the
"attendants" (Nurses) were
exclusively "male." This
simplifies matters very
much - because nobody
would dream of sending
out English Orderlies- French
Infirmiers, both Civil & Military, are so much better.

What I *should* deprecate
is:

the forming of a Staff of
English or American Nurses
to serve under British
or American "Doctors"
exclusively- to receive
French or Prussian Wounded.

The Hospital might be
superior to the native one-
But it would not agree
with the natives.
at least so far as I can judge

[3]

I think that the Sub=Committee
you propose, to consider the
"American proposal" at Paris,
with Capt. Galton at their
head, a very capable one-
I should be quite satisfied
with their decision.

I will only add by way of
parenthesis that I don't
think Mr. Furley, in his
zeal for the Red Cross Convention,
however good a man of
business in other respects,
-possibly not even Capt. Galton
-has at all considered the
Woman Nursing question -
or the total improbability
of "our" "pouring in" Nurses as
Volunteers at all equal to the
French & German Volunteers.

I am however thankful to
think that this question has
been settled for us by Madame
Canrobert so wisely &
decidedly declining our
Volunteer Nurses, ("however
superior they may be," as
she said.)

I do not want to fatigue
you by recapitulating what
I have already said too much.
I will only refer, on the
French side, to the immense
number of "Sisters of Charity"
& secular women, accustomed
to work with them, volunteering
-on the Prussian & German
side to the circumstance of
their national *civil Army*
& of the civil Army women
who volunteer with their

husbands & brothers. When
a Prussian Prime Minister's
son goes into the field ~~to~~ as
a private to fight- a Prussian
Prime Minister's daughter goes
into the field as a "private"
to nurse. But can you even
imagine such a state of things
in England? Thus they
will always have a far
superior order of Volunteer=
women than we shall have.

In fine, if you decide upon
our having a Hospital,
jointly with the Americans,
(who have behaved nobly,)
at Rheims, we will
redouble our efforts to get
the money. And perhaps we
may be able to give some
Sanitary hints, as to huts &c
too. For the French have always admitted

our superiority in this. So have the Germans. xx.

[Has Miss Burdett Coutts
been asked to subscribe?- I
dare say she has -& subscribed too]

I feel quite shocked to
think how little I have
been able to say, *if* anything,
to help you about this
Rheims question.

What frightful battles
those before Metz- How they
will fill all the Hospitals
that can be put together!

xx. An unknown correspondent at
Coblentz has sent me a copy of
"Daheim" full of wood-cuts of
Hospital huts, tents, stretchers,
&c &c &c. Some are good-
some we have better- some
would be greatly improved by
a mere trifle, e.g. the Prussian
Marquee.

[end 15:681]

ever yours F. Nightingale

9004/88 3ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 148, and 7204

Aug 25/70
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am extremely obliged for all your letter of valuable information.

1. I heard from Kaiserswerth Aug 8 that 60 Deaconesses left that place the day before under an old friend of mine, Sister Sophie Wagner, for the 2nd. Corps d'Armée, under Prince Frederick Charles, to serve in conjunction with the Johanniter Brüder, by special requisition made for the Deaconesses. [The places of the 60 at Kaiserswerth were filled up immediately by volunteer German ladies & Nurses. But the writer gives a curious account of the trouble the remaining Deaconesses had in fitting the Volunteers into their world. If this be the case with German volunteers at home of whom nevertheless there is always plenty - what would be the case with English volunteers, unused to the work of War, abroad - & of whom there are so few to choose amongst?

2. I had a really beautiful & feeling letter from the Crown Princess - date Aug 19

She says that she is just going to see 4 English Surgeons who have arrived from England [I suppose Dr. Mayo's whose letter I see in "Times" to.day]

- that the Hospital necessities at the Seat of War are dreadful - notwithstanding all that has been done & the generosity of every body -

that they want for nothing at Berlin where of course they have not the worst cases of Wounded & where everybody is intent on doing for them

that she is going to the Hospitals of the Rhine "to see if she can be of any use") & to see what is wanted -

that she will write to me from there. & tell me "what she sees & what is going on"- [She does not say one word about Nurses

-which is rather a relief to me after

all the wild talk there has been among the "Red Cross" people of

our sending "1000 Volunteer=women."]
Surgeons, money, Articles - above all, money is
what every one says is wanted. But I entirely agree

that we ought not to send money merely to *relieve the Governments* of what THEY ought to do. (which, when the "Red Cross" was first started, I state

as strongly as I could at Geneva & Berlin.)

3. I am delighted to hear that you are doing "so much business." You have succeeded in bringing order out of chaos & in doing a great work, which is an honour to the country.

Still, tho' £25000 or £30000 is a sum which no one thought at first would have been subscribed, or anything like it, if ~~an~~ single Ambulance costs £10 000 to fit out, this awful carnage at Metz will suck up a great deal more - to *spread* the Wounded. *Pray don't trust to "Condy's Fluid."*

[Madame Canrobert's Commee. collected

I am told, for France £80 000.]

I have no doubt of the information being correct that money or even Articles cannot be rightly sent into France without some one to see that they are properly employed.

[I have many private letters from France, which say that the people are so convinced that the gifts which they used to bring in freely are sold by the Trésor for the general purposes of the War that they keep back their gifts now to apply themselves to the Wounded & Indigent from the War. (But I think

I mentioned this before)-
Of course this does not apply to the "Red Cross" gifts. But, in such a state of disorganization as poor France is in now, it must be almost a chance whether everything is not seized upon for purposes of defence]

I am sorry that the French "make a difficulty about receiving our Surgeons"

No doubt Capt. Galton will be able to give information about what we ought to do- I shall be very anxious to hear what he says - I write to him to-day.

I hear that the Prussians have not only ENORMOUS numbers of Wounded but DYSENTERY & *Opthalmia*, owing to bad food & sleeping in the fields, in their Armies

before Metz- that the disorder & disorganization
of the French even in the Camp at Chalons are
beyond belief - no food- no lodging. consequent disease-

I say again: pray don't trust to "Condy's Fluid"
for preventing "pestilence" in Hospitals.

I hear that Thiers & Trochu are the "real centres"
"of France"- & may be "in a few days" "at the head of a
"Gouvernement Provisoire."

[2]

I send back Mr. Ward's letter - with many thanks. It is very interesting, as all such letters for persons full of information on one side must be. But I think he neglects the other side. However, I don't need to take up your time & mine with this. But let us not forget that, at the time of or soon after the coup d'état, (Lord John Russell?) the Prime Minister of England declared in the House of Commons what he knew that we knew that he knew was untrue - viz. that the coup d'état was a great act of patriotism or of good Government or some stuff of that sort- This to secure a strong ally. We have [15:683] perpetrated enough baseness in kicking L. Napoleon now he is down & a weak ally. If the Govt. had, as Mr. Ward wishes, declared openly their disapproval of him now, that *would* have been: capping all baseness.

We have our reward. The Prussian papers, so far from being satisfied with our licking Bismark's shoes, are clamouring that we ought

not so much as to think of mediating a peace, till they have conquered France. If Prussia next turns her victorious arms against us (by sea)- what a reaction there will be. Oh then Napoleon will indeed be the whiter devil. [end 15:683]

[~~But~~ Only that the Cr. Pr. is very spontaneous, tho' ambitious, & that she would not think it worth while to *make* friendship to me, I could almost think her letter meant:- we have no part in all this Prussian newspaper bluster.]

But that we have not seen the end of the blacker devil, Bismark, I suppose every one feels convinced, first - & that secondly, had he died in his cradle, Europe would not now have been deluged with blood.

I think it so like "straining at a gnat & swallowing a camel" to dwell upon *Napoleon* having sent the Declaration of War.

I am delighted but not at all surprised that "prudent E.," as you call her, has shown so much good sense, energy & wisdom in restoring our affairs.

Depend upon it, she will do great things. ~~yet~~. I have always thought that, if she has health, she will be a "great man" yet in doing some important work for God.

Pray send me more "*Subscription Lists*" when you can spare any. You have, I thank God, many better workers than I. And I don't want to take away from such, if you are short of papers. But I also thank God that I see subscriptions &c coming in from persons to
in great haste
ever yours
F.N.

9004/89 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 148

~~Thursday~~ Friday Aug 26/70 **15:684]**

My dear Sir Harry

1. Did you observe that in the Times of *Thursday* & of *Friday*, in the List of "Contributions received by the Secretary" nearly half of the names were the same?

I hope that he does not count sums twice over. As the "amount already acknowledged" was £23,339, on Thursday, & to day (Friday) £26 000 or £27000 odd, it would be rather awkward.

I was looking in the Times to see if Miss Kilvert, our Supt.'s & our Nurses' at Derby Infirmary's contribution was acknowledged (one of those I had directed to pay in to 2 St. M.'s Place). It was not there. But I counted 28 names & sums consecutively & then 30 names & sums consecutively- the same in both Thursday's & Friday's papers. And there were many more the same.

I did not see any *the same* in "Messrs Coutts" acknowledgment on Thursday & Friday.

2. Could you kindly point out to Emily that I think there is a mistake in the printed "List of Articles" enclosed?

It seems nonsense.
Ought there not to be a stop after

"lint from 8 to 10 inches long"
& then "each bandage" (bandage of what?)
something seems to be omitted.
It may be my own stupidity -
But I don't understand
"bandage" of "lint"?

3. Parthe wrote me a little note yesterday
saying she had sent us "the Graphic"-
No "Graphic" has come. We have enquired
upstairs & down.stairs. in great haste
yours F.N.

[end 15:684]

Wellcome Ms 9003

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9004/90 1f, pencil, initialled note blue paper bundle 148

{printed address}

~~35 South Street,~~
~~Park Lane,~~
~~W.~~

Dearest Emily

I have written to Mme.
Schwabe.

She did not write to me.
I will write to you
tomorrow-
in greatest haste
ever yours
F.

Aug 28/70

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Aug 29/70
7.a.m.

[15:687-88]

My dearest Emily

I was charmed & amused by your
delightful letter Some day, if you & I have
time, I could cap your charming stories with
the things good people at home used to do &
write to me in the Crimea- & the prescriptions
they used to send & even bring, imploring &
commanding me to get all the Army Medical
Staff & the Commander in Chief to order their use
- of which good people, your friend, S.G.O.
was not the least exacting & troublesome.

What a pity it is there is so much good
fun wasted! in one's own breast!

Even now, I have been obliged to say, to
a great many applicants, that we can
neither accept nor transmit prescriptions-
that I cannot forward them to you - & that
we must send what we are asked for & *not*
what we are *not* asked for-

But some people's enthusiasm in the
cause of Lint is truly praiseworthy. By this time
you will have received a packet of Lint from
a lady made out of- what do you think?
her husband's surplice+ a very pious use. Shall

I write to your (& my) ideal Maude & tell her
to send you her husband's surplice for lint
for the Wounded?

I am so glad that you find a little peace in
the Harmonium.

Yes, truly: 'not to be "in a hurry" is a great
part of religion.

About poor Mme. Schwabe, would it be possible
to let her send in her applications in
writing to Major de Winton or the Gentlemen's
Committee. & leave them to be considered,
like other people's -

I suppose you have tried this & she will
not be content.

I enclose you ~~a~~ one scrap I had from her. No
doubt you have had it before & many times
from her. If she would be satisfied
with sending in information like this!!
This scrap is very interesting.

I think that you & Sir Harry have saved her
reason. She says: nobody but Sir H. & you

"understand" her. No doubt you do "understand"
her, poor woman! perhaps a great deal
too well.

It is a great relief to me to hear that
Sir Harry is better. I am afraid he
has been very much worried-
But then, my dear, without you & him,
I don't believe that they would have
got organized at all!

Could you send me some
Subscription Lists

I have plenty of everything else in
the Circular Way - only "Lists of
Articles wanted" are also always
acceptable-

[end 15:688]

ever your affecte. old Aunt

(I am ashamed to say

F.N. "in haste")

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I was delighted with your
letter in Friday's Times.
It was a capital letter -
hitting the right nail
on the head.
Ours is the only War Office
in the world which
would have neglected
such material as our
Volunteers are made of-
But while you are most
justly directing the attention
to having proper organization,
administration, Commissariat
& other services, Officering
&c for our Volunteers &
Militia, will no one
awaken to the fact that

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in the event of a War
our Control service
would be found in a
worse condition than
the French Intendance?
That they had "ni vivres
ni cartouches" was ~~the~~ one
real cause of the loss of
Wissembourg & Wörth [?]
that they had false
muster rolls- Divisions
only on paper- was another.
Were we to go to War, we
should have neither
efficient Commissariat
nor Transport nor Hospital
service, nor rifles, ~~but~~
Batteries only on paper.
&c &c &c

I am speaking of the Regular
Army.
"300,000 rifles in store!"
("in store" meaning *in Canada*
"for a considerable portion.")
And this will run

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through the whole -
F.N.

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Aug 29/70 [15:689-90]

My dear Emily

I was very glad that you gave me a hint about Mme. Schwabe. She did write to me by the same post. And I have written as soothing & calming a letter as hurry, the foe of religion, would permit me. also appealing to her reason - But I fear I shall do no good. She has no reason, ~~dear~~/poor darling woman How I wish that her amazing earnestness in the cause of good could be utilized in some way. Of course I agree that it is utterly out of the question for the Society to employ her as "one of its Agents abroad"- as she proposes - And I have told her so as gingerly as I could.

But I believe- now I begin, leaving Mme. Schwabe, for you - (don't, unless you entirely agree, show this to Sir Harry- I hate to worry him-) I believe that men of business very much share Mme. Schwabe's opinion about the dilatoriness of the "Aid Socy." in sending out help- i.e. of the Gentlemen's Committee- not of yours- for you seem to have sent out

your Articles in kind as fast as was possible. I do not at all venture an opinion, because it has been my theory all through life, if you work with a Gentleman's Finance Committee, you must leave to *them* the administration of the Funds- If you ~~distributed~~ distribute, as Mme. Schwabe would have us do, on the authority of a few individuals, you must collect *in the names* of those individuals- If you collect in the name of a great National Society like this, you must leave the funds to be distributed on their authority.

But what I understand "men of business" to say (e.g. two who have subscribed at my request, wrote to me on the same day as Mme. S.) is: subscribers to the "£40000," on account of the ~~people~~ imminence of the emergency, are angry at the (provoking) coolness of

Col. Lindsay's letter in Thursday's "Times"- the Aid Socy. acknowledges nearly £40000 - & Col. L.L. acknowledges to having spent

about £5000. [this is not quite a true
estimate of Col. L.L.'s letter-
but still there is truth
enough in it to be perhaps
worth attending to]

Here ends my "men of business" & very unreasonable you will think they are.
in haste {next 3 lines cut & pasted on?:}
the "Aid Socy." in sending o{cut off}
{cut off}ntlemen's Committee- not
{cut off} to have sent out
I have not "let on," even to my own people, about this-
My business is to collect, not to criticize -or let people think that
their money is not spent. [end 15:690]

[15: 695-96]

Many thanks for your letters
I was rejoiced to see in ~~Col. Lindsay's~~ the Society's letter
in Saturday's "Times" that *Hospital*
Marquees are asked for.
Hundreds of Hospital Marquees & Huts & the like would but
relieve the overcrowding of which we are
already assured that it is making the
Churches, public buildings &c occupied
by Wounded a second Scutari & a worse.
All the disinfectants in the world will not
make up for the danger of having one man
too many in a ward.
The real disinfectant, so far as preventing
disease is concerned, is: *room & fresh air.*

"Condy's fluid" is of no use whatever in diminishing those diseases which are the result of overcrowding, bad air & dirt.

[How should it?]

"Condy's fluid" will stay putrescence & remove bad smell. In rough Military Hospitals, sheds

& the like it is useful
for putting into buckets with water for
collecting dressings
in foul wounds, applied on dressings & the like
in accidental fouling of floors or furniture
or bedlinen until removal or cleansing
can be effected.

"Carbolic Acid" acts in a similar way, & may
be used for similar purposes. It is now used
for dressing bad wounds with advantage.

-But, in most cases, *the "irrigateur" with
pure soft water* is preferable.

Chlorine gas is sometimes useful in destroying
smell

CHLORIDE OF LIME is still however *the best*
material for all such accidental occurrences
as mentioned above.

But all these disinfectants put together
will not prevent one disease of overcrowding.
Nothing but removing the cause will do that.
Nothing but *thinning the Patients*.
Nothing but *room & fresh air*.

Pardon my insistance -

One must have seen the diseases of Hospital
overcrowding as I have to realize what
is already the case in *these War Hospitals*
on ten times our scale.

There is not a doubt that already there
is pestilence from overcrowding in the
old buildings occupied by ye Wounded.

incipient Cholera

Dysentery & Scurvy- beginning in bad
food, aggravated in the Hospitals. &, after
serious wounds, ending in death.

It is not at all a bad plan (& seems
to be practising now all over both in France & Germany)
quartermen the Wounded in twos, & threes &
tens in private houses - the people being
held responsible for them: Surgeons- & if
possible Nurses- going round to give
directions & do what is needed.

It is far better at any rate than crowding &
collecting the Wounded into old buildings,
where no Surgeon's skill, or Nurse's, *can*
save them from Hospital diseases.

It has been much pressed upon me lately that, if the "Aid Socy." could see its way to sending out Hospital Marquees or the like at once, many hundreds of lives might be thereby saved - or thousands.

[end 15:687]

Pray believe me

ever yours sincerely

Florence Nightingale

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[15:687]

My dearest Emily

I trouble you today only
with

1. Miss Alice Rowland

Scarborough

2 young ladies 19 and 22,
and one old Nurse a servant,
volunteering to go out as Nurses.

& my answer:

Please post if approved.

2. Miss M.A. Whitmore

Manchester

2 young governesses offering
their services as Nurses
if expences paid

& my answer.

Please post, if approved.

As the latter, Miss Whitmore,
asks privacy, perhaps you
had better not register *her*.

I only send them thro' you,
because, if they do apply,
it is better you should have
all 'the correspondence'.

3.

I could do with a great many
more "*Lists of Articles*
required"- also with

"*Subscription Lists*".

[Of "Gentlemen's Commee." Circulars
which are not much use
for getting anything, by themselves,
& of "Notes &c" which
people do like,
I have enough.]

4. Poor Mme. Schwabe writes

again. And I have -
written again, as soothingly
as I could.

5. A good many Subscribers

write to me
that the Aid Socy. must
spend its money

not try to create a Fund
but to *spend what they*
have
~~Otherwise~~ that the public will
give more if they find
the money spent.
[You will think I am as
bad as Mme Schwabe.]
I hear from very many quarters

that the sufferings from
want of Sick & Wounded
are very great- & that
more food should be
sent. This I believe
The misery seems incalculable-
ever your loving old Aunt

F.N.

Take care of yourself-

[end 15:690]

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I am quite thankful M. Mohl
is with you.

[15:691-92]

Aug 31/70

My dear Sir Harry

I return these most
interesting letters with many
thanks- And many thanks
for your own too.

[It is a great satisfaction
to hear that Parthe is come
up to you.]

I know that you have
yourselves the best of all
information from your
Agents- I do not trouble
you therefore with mine-
at least only as a
supplement to yours.

What I hear from very
many quarters, as urgently
wanted, on & near the Field, is:
food -

sufferings of Wounded
from absolute want of food
blankets

2000 English blankets
would be most acceptable
can't be had for money

Hospital Marquees
over crowding terrific

Surgeons &

Surgical Instruments

~~all~~ none of the above cannot
be had for money -
at least not on the

Wellcome Ms 9003

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spot-

I am asked
cannot volunteers from
among Surgeons on half pay
be had from the Army?.
the Society applying to the
S. of S. for War & paying
expences?

But, I answer, the Society
knows about these things
much better than I do -
And, of course, there is
the question of speaking
German fluently - & French.

I am glad that you have
found out Dr. Evans, if
he is not trustworthy. You
will be very angry with me

if I say that is always the
danger with Americans-
(yes, even with my dear
Mr. Hill of Athens).

It was the Queen of Prussia
who recommended Dr. Evans
to me - But I did not like
to say this to you before, lest
my letter should be seen.
Otherwise I knew nothing-
of him but his reputation
- very high among a certain
class- & his book which
he sent me by Q. of P.'s desire
For my part, I am devoutly
thankful that we are out
of the Anglo-American alliance

Send me more "*Lists of
Articles required*", please.

ever yours

Burn

F.N.

[end 15:692]

9004/97 1f, pen, unsigned chronology/draft/copy, written by FN?

1870

1 Sept to 25 Dec

1 Sept Max Muller

1 Sept Bismark 'such a scoundrel'

22 Sept All their amputation cases had died

21 Oct Hospital health
1 Nov Prussian failure with her wounded
8 Nov English contributions to Prussia
9 Nov Bismark the Villain
10 Nov The 'impossible'
11 Nov Praise 4 Emily
5 6 Dec Parthe in trouble over an article
19 Nov Letter to Dr Hahn
24 Dec French & German compared

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Sept 1/70

[15:692-93]

My dearest Emily

I will not trouble you to-day but
with

1. Mrs. Mayne - volunteers as Nurse -
& my answer

please post, if approved -

2. E. Dalton

wants a parcel acknowledged -

If you have happened to light on a "small
"parcel" } forwarded from
"of old linen"} 42 Regents Park Road,
(Mrs. Lyell's)

could you put a line of
acknowledgment into my answer-
But I would not waste one
second in looking for it- I have
written her a "very handsome"
answer. for which I shall be
"very handsomely" abused -
Please post, if approved-

[Mrs. Lyell forwards to me
numbers of letters, saying that she
"cannot think why they come" to
her addressed to me -

I know very well why -

I answer every fool, who seems
to have an honest desire to help or
to be informed -

The other ladies don't answer at all

[My name was on Mme. Schwabe's Commee.,
without an address. And people write
to me thro' any lady whose address
was given (on Mme. Schwabe's Commee.)]

=

I think, as you are now "entirely" in
the Stores" (which must be hard
work enough, I hope you
take care to *have luncheon*
Plato says: that's a duty -
And so does St. Paul -
don't laugh- but 'search
the Scriptures)

I had better not send any letters thro'

you, such as ladies' volunteering as Nurses
- or send only a stray letter or two about
Stores-

What do you say? -
= I will answer your welcome letter
about Col. L.L. at great length
to-morrow - But, dearie, I admire
him very much- And, if I did not,
his love for Sir Harry would have
won my heart - at once - But, à demain
ever your affecte. old F. **[end 15:693]**

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My dear Sir Harry

I cannot help thanking you for
your most interesting information, tho'
I have nothing important to say.

[15:694-95]

If all is true that we hear about
the fighting at Carignan, Mouzon & Beaumont
for 3 days, I fear there is more danger
of the French being crushed than of the
Crown Prince. But the future of
Germany depends so much on the life of
the latter, a man of moderation, that
most heartily do I join in good wishes
for *him*.

I read Max Müller in the "Times"
"Save me from my friends" must be
Bismark's ejaculation, if he knew-
Max M. had better have let it alone.
How can Delane be such an idiot as to
insert such letters?

I thought I knew contemporaneous
German history pretty well. But I
certainly hardly knew that even Bismark
was such a scoundrel.

This German nationality then, freely
translated, means really the ascendancy
of a Prussian military {oligarchy

{despotism

stamping out the higher civilization of the Minor States.
Max M. has not at all damaged your
position & he has certainly not
improved Bismark's position.

I would administer a rebuke to these
German transcendentalists which would
cleave to them.

Is this the final result of all their
philosophizing- that the end justifies
the means? that men may be dishonest
to the last degree if only their prospective
object be good in their own eyes?

And - - - the result!?

France temporarily struck down.

the "flower of the German {nobility" cut off
race

sorrow, suffering & want carried
into thousands of families -
Is this the boasted result of Prussian
supremacy?

Never was there a better case to answer
Alas poor Max Müller!

I suppose no newspaper has a historical
conscience - Otherwise, a year hence, how
ashamed the "Times" will be of its
present Leading Articles - of such
letters as Max Müller's -

I remember Mr. Charles Villiers saying:
Delane's a very clever fellow. But, in
editing his paper on a Monday, he
takes very little account of what he
will say on the Tuesday - & none at all
of what he will say on the Wednesday.

This has certainly been the case as
to France & Napoleon vide past years. And, IF the Times
HAD a historical conscience, will probably
be the case(in regard to vide next year) as to Bismark &
Prussia.

Did you ever hear of Francis Moore's
Astrological Almanac?

For my part, I should like to see him
at the Foreign Office - He shews a
vast deal more cunning & foresight
than Lord Granville & more than
Delane--

[end 15:695

Excuse great haste
Sept 1/70 ever yours F.N.

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Private {on diagonal} Sept 2/70 [15:695-97]
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I will do my best to say what I think
on one or two Observations which you have
been so good as to put in the form of Questions,
-always premising that you have better &
later experience than mine & information

1. *Six months* I take it as the latest
period after the close of a War that even
a Belligerent's War Hospitals are kept
open. A large proportion of sufferers
alas! remains- but these are the chronic

remains - the acute are all well or dead.
A Belligerent could hardly expect us to
go on helping him with his chronic cases.
For us I think 6 months, *IF so long*, is
the very outside that we could possibly
be expected to keep on Surgeons &c -
for this plain reason that what we could
do then would save perhaps one life in
comparison with 100 to be saved by what
we could do now -

I think your engagement with your Surgeons states:"or" to the end of the War".

It would be worth while to find out what in equity this means - since it cannot mean that the moment peace is signed - oh would that day were come! - the Hospitals are to be emptied.

[I would also call attention to the fact, tho' I dare say that was not what you meant, that this is a very different War from an Expedition abroad. When blessed peace comes back, the Germans have nothing to do but to go home with their Sick & Wounded.

& the French are at home, poor things.

In the Crimea, e.g. the French had actually on the other hand to organize the larger proportion of their Hospitals, (& we same,) *after* peace was signed. The great outbreak of Typhus in the French camp was after "the end of the War." Of course they could not leave their sick there.]

2. I do not quite know who exercises the function of Treasurer with you - I mean who keeps a sort of rough account of the "reserve money" you ought to keep/here to meet as you do justly say,

your engagements with your Surgeons

"

"

Agents

"

for Stores &c ordered.

But surely this cannot be a very difficult thing to do. Somebody must know, within a few hundred pounds at least, what these are. And there ought to be somebody not a secretary, whose business it is to know.

I don't wonder that you dread having a debt at the end, either to make a hopeless appeal to the Public for, or for the Committee to pay - which is very hard upon them who have borne the burden & heat of the day - & most undesirable on every account, financial & moral

All I say is that any expenditure *now* will certainly ~~save~~ tell hundreds of times for good, of that which it will tell after peace

3. You ask about Surgeons daily allowance.
And here I speak with great humility-
It has been the experience of my life
that it is not a good thing to mix up
what is required for proper expences
& what for charity in the same allowance.
Because it tells so differently on different
characters. One man will stint himself
of what is absolutely necessary for health
& strength out of his £1 a day - because
he is told that he may spend the surplus
for his Patients - another man will spend
all on *himself* & fancy that some kind of drink which
costs Thalers is necessary for him when
another can be had which costs Groschen
and so on.

I have found it a rule thro' life-
to keep, as much as possible, the two allowances
for personal expences, for Patients' expences
separate - not to induce the generous to save
from the former- not to induce the self-indulgent
to save from the latter.

But, as I say, I speak with the greatest
diffidence. The present case is so exceptional.

[2]

4. I think, as far as I am able to judge, the
present plan remarkably good -

a base of operations at Luxembourg
sending help upon Briey - & I suppose
now there will be a dreadful excess
of Sick & Wounded at Carignana & Mouzon

If Typhus is not among them already,
it will be soon

I hear that you have already sent to Mézières -
Hospital at Bingen
Hospitals at Calais, Dunkirk, Boulogne.

I have not much faith in Dr. Thudichum,
who you know, is a St. Thomas' man.
But then I am of the Anti-Simon- Thudichum
faction. Don't be alarmed. We
can't have perfection. Thudichum's being
a German is of course a great thing for us.
All I mean is that Dr. Thudichum is just
the man who, it is said, would be likely
e.g. to make his own profit out of any
arrangement like the foregoing- ~~(last page)~~

Both he & Mr. Simon are fond of "No. 1." And
Dr. T. is said to be ~~grasping~~ self-interested- as Simon certainly is.

Private

5. The D. of Argyll has decided *not* to [10:119]
"expend any part of the Indian revenues,"
for enabling Indian Medical Officers to
volunteer for the War

This of course need not prevent men
from volunteering.

[This was given me from the India Office
as information- And I transmit it to you
as such. Of course I did nothing
after Col. L. Lindsay decided not to
address the D. of Argyll. Indeed the
~~first~~ suggestion did not come from me at all
but from the I.O.] [end 10:119]

I scarcely know whither to send this,
being so glad that you & Emily are gone
to Claydon that I ought to leave
you in peace -

I had meant to say something more
about Max Müller's extraordinary
letter in the "Times"

[end 15:697]

ever yours
F.N.

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Sept 4/70 [15:697-99]
7.a.m -

My dear Sir Harry

Thank God that there is at least a
prospect of peace! I think never before in
all my life did I feel so thankful to Him.
-- never before was there such cause -

The horrors of this war have been so
unmitigated - so past all calculation & foresight.

A thousand thanks for your note. It does
my heart good to hear of all the good you are
doing. You are doing your work splendidly -
& so small a body, as you say- & (as you say)
none of the most active ones with any "official
experience"- tho' for the matter of that,
my dear Sir, if you had been 16 years in "official
offices" as I have, you would think,
-the less the intelligence is obscured by "official
experience" & official information the better.
[At this very moment, I think I had rather

be Marshal MacMahon than Mr. Cardwell
or our Controller in Chief.

However, I shall do no good by such
observations.] Let me say again, how I admire

the great work you are doing - a noble work.

But I hope that both you & Emily will take *some care of yourselves*- The work could not have been done without you but you must not kill yourselves for it.

I suppose from Namur to Sedan will at present be the centres of the new ~~work~~ campaign for Sick & Wounded. Perhaps you will send your Capt. Brackenbury there with his Credit. One feels sure that ~~th~~ at no moment will expenditure be so useful, so needed, as at this. But all your arrangements seem capital.

For four Committee=men, 2 indeed, (since Capt. Galton was so much absent) yourself & Col. L.L., to have done such enormous work - & when one thinks of what a desperate state it all seemed in -- only 4 weeks ago - only 3- is a really imperial achievement.

2.

I am rejoiced that you have said boldly in the "Times" what we should think of Bismark -- at such a time as this it ought to be said - & is *not* said - by all honest men. When I read Max Müller over again, it seemed to me -- quite natural that ~~he~~ a German should wish

to ~~think~~ believe that - just as it is quite natural for a Frenchman to wish to believe that Peliko has heard from Marshal Bazaine & that he is pretty well - &, I *must* add, *if you beat me for it*, just as it is natural for an Englishman to wish to believe that Mr. Cardwell & Ld. Northbrook are eminent & safe War Administrators, & that our Army is pretty well & its subsidiary services are pretty well.

But what one can't forgive Max Müller for is: his comparison of Bismark with Cavour & of German love of free Institutions with English. What did Cavour not do for Constitutional proceedings in Italy, interrupted only by death - what has Bismark not done to make real Constitutional government impossible in Germany interrupted by nothing. - Can any one believe that, if there had been any constitutional government at all in Germany, this war ever could have been - can any one believe that, if the people *had* had anything like a free Parliamentary

representation, North Germany could have
gone to war.

And of those horrible Prussian despatches
- thanking God that the North & South Germans
have now "sealed their brotherhood *in blood*"!!!
What has either of the Napoleons ever said so bad
as that? - [end 15:699]

I never can quite recover my sympathy with M. Guizot, the Mallets, & all the orthodox Protestants. What is their persecution

of Martin Paschoud, one of the best men in all
Europe, & the unorthodox Protestants but exactly
the same thing as *they* suffer from the R. Catholics

& on exactly the same principle?
But I don't want them to be burnt.

4. About Simon & Thudichum, I thought it was a little want of knowledge of the world, of the great international middle class professional world. (in which I have lived for 20 years). in Col. L.L. to extol Simon in his Times letter [Simon who has discredited himself in England, France & Germany as a Government jobber & jobbee, & ~~tho'~~ not more than he deserves - And Thudichum who has no professional reputation whatever except for inventing an operation on the nose, which he has puffed himself for money like any quack.]

But afterwards, knowing that Simon writes the Sanitary & Medical Articles in the Times - I have no doubt he wrote that Article on himself - I thought it a very artful dodge - because certainly our means for good have been amazingly increased by the Times. So I sing a new song unto Col L. Lindsay - It was very well done -

5. It does one good to see our Infirmiers going out (with our Ambulance to Mézières) so business- like with their cooking things & tentes d'abri - safe for shifting for themselves & their Patients - And it does one *bad* to hear about our poor Lady Nurses - as of the object of their going out was *not* how many Patients they could nurse, feed, clean -but how many wet fields they could sleep in themselves -

Do not trouble your hard worked head to answer any hints, stupid or otherwise, I may throw out, trusting to your better judgment - I cannot thank you enough for any information you will kindly give me about your doings at the Aid Society - I LIVE FOR IT. But don't fancy I want you to take notice of my suggestions. You know better than I do whether to fling them aside or not -

God grant that peace is near! There will be enough to do even then- ever yours in national

Wellcome Ms 9003

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gratitude F.N. [**end 15:700**]

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Sept 6.70

My dear Sir Harry

I enclose a £2.2. ~~Order~~ Cheque
(which I have endorsed,) tho' unnecessarily)
from my wine- man,

Mr. T.W. Stapleton.

Tho' I extenuate myself in
telling people where to send
their money or materials, in
order to save you trouble,
some insist on sending it to me.

Please send Receipt.

I am glad the Crown Princess'
Secretary telegraphed to you
for things instead of to me.
I felt how awkward it would
be for me who have not enforced

his claims to enforce a
Princess's.

Alas! poor France? what
will become of her?
what kind of Government
will she be able to have?
I think she has not deserved
this terrible fate. People
are too hard upon her -
As for that fanatic old
Prussian king, his telegrams
are really blasphemous,
repulsive - while he is
swimming in blood- [I am
sure the Crown Prince loathes
all that.]

It is a great relief to me
that Parthe is with you
also, for a different reason,
M. Mohl.

I think you are doing
your work splendidly. I only
hope you & Emily are taking care of
yourselves -

[15:700]

[end]

Wellcome Ms 9003

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ever yours
F.N.

Sept 6/70

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Sept 8/70

My dearest Emily

[15:704]

I enclose

1. a letter from "Alice Lawrence"
about *washing* Calico Bandages;
= & my answer -

Please, if your Medical
Committee considers any
particular method of
washing necessary to specify
as e.g. that the calico must
be boiled with soda, *not*
soap, & then washed out
perfectly clean with boiling
water pure
be so good as to add it to
my ~~note~~ answer *And tell me*
I am sorry to trouble you.
[Sir Harry asks whether he &

you are "authorized" to open
any letters addressed to me
at the "Aid Society"-
Yes: certainly - if you please.
And I hope it saves you
trouble in the end.]

2. my answer to the gentleman
whose poetical effusion you
sent me. What answer can
one send to a poetical
effusion but to send him
our papers? So I will
not trouble you to read
but only to post-

- 3::If you have any more
copies of your "*Medical*

List of Articles required,"
any number of the same,
however small, would be
thankfully received by,
dearest Emily,
ever your affecte. old Aunt
Florence Nightingale
The unutterable woe & horror
of this misery which

overshadows Europe
[I think the Guillotine] of the
French Revolution was
merciful, compared to this]
is now almost too terrible.
But I think you will look
back in future years
to the amazing amount of
generosity & self-denial
you have called forth.

Here all the mill girls &
school children & teachers
are working all their spare
hours for you. collections
at all the little hill
chapels - From London I
have many letters every day-
people who give not of their
abundance but of their
necessaries- schools working-
"ladies", the wives of W.O. Clerks,
who keep no servant, giving-
collections made after every
Service in poor Dissenting
chapels for you - every
body's gold, silver & coppers
saved up & sent to you -

God bless them all & give
peace. Pray that it may be
soon! And they all do pray-

Take care of yourself & your luncheon. [end]

[top of first page, not FN hand, in pencil
do stir before used
boiling water on [illeg]
if greasy, soda will drive it
out.

Boiling water again
carbolic acid 1 in 40 water is enough

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[15:704-05]

My dearest Emily

I send you

1. a letter from a "lady"
volunteering as Nurse
whose name I can't for the
life of me make out:

Mrs. Hume?

(& who would not, I think,
"write German"- tho' I like
her letter, which is without
blarney) Please register, if you can read-
& my answer -

Please post, if approved

I rejoice to think of you &
Sir Harry having a rest & little

Wellcome Ms 9003

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change on Sunday - after your
grabbing together £100 719!!!
Well done!! FN

[end 15:705]

9004/105 2ff, pen, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

Sept 11/70

My dear Sir Harry

I send you, please,
a Cheque to your order for £15
being from
Mrs. Edgar Lautour £5. 0. 0
Revd. D.C. Timins £10. 0. 0.

[15:705]

£15. 0. 0.

Could you kindly put a
Secretary's Receipt for ~~former~~ Mrs. Lautour's £5
into the letter (enclosed) to
Miss Annie Swinton
& for latter £10 into letter
enclosed to Revd. D.C. Timins,
unless, in the latter case,
you have done so already,
since Revd. D.C. Timins,
directed envelope & all, came
from you to me in 2 letters.

I am sorry to give you so
much trouble.

I am thankful that Douglas
Galton is gone out (with
H.B.C.) to organize & report-
He wrote to me -
It seems as if the most
pressing thing now was to
pour in help round Sedan
& round Metz. There,
in those two places, is the
great crowded misery - not
so much in Rhine Hospitals,
tho' those are bad enough.
[Crown Princess telegraphed
to me to know if she should

take an old pupil of mine,
Miss Florence Lees, whom
lately I have had studying
in Val de Grace Military
Hospital, Paris.

I telegraphed, recommending
her to do so.

I should have told this
to H.B.C. before he started

He tells me he leaves
his address with you.]

Are you sure that
Reginald Herbert was
on board "Captain"?

His mother is dangerously
ill at Wilton- sent
out of Paris.

Could you tell me?

1000 thanks for your
letters-
Not a moment -
Will write tomorrow.
ever yours gratefully
FN

[end]

9004/106 2ff, pen, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149 [8:701]

Sept 12

My dear Sir Harry

Of course I know by this
time that Reggie Herbert
(my boy, as they used
always to call him) was
on board the "Captain."

I do not know how, or
whether, they will tell his
mother - who, after a severe
illness at Paris, is lying
very ill at Wilton.

Reggie was a noble
gallant lad - worthy of his
father - he & Sidney, the
flower of the flock -
very silent - full of his
"duty". Two or 3 years ago,

when he was only 13, he
saved a man from
drowning - never mentioned
it-- it was only "his duty"-
[he had a horror of
publicity - They heard of
it afterwards from the men
- & when they asked him,
he said this.]
a dark brown thin boy,
like an Italian picture-

Last year he escaped Yellow
Fever- was nursed by his
poor mother at Lisbon
this spring out of a dangerous
illness -

And all to end thus? as far
as serving his county is concerned.

The whole world seems so
hanging between life & death,
in such a cloud & tempest
of agony that words are
no use. If this siege
of Paris - what horror has
ever been seen like this in
all the history of mankind?- takes place-
what words will express
the woe?-
how insufferably mean &
childish the newspapers,
French, Prussian, English,
appear!-
what but Christ weeping
over Jerusalem?-
how can we speak but weep?
-if thou hadst known, at
least in this thy day, the

things that belong to thy peace
--but now they are hid from
thy eyes - Behold thy house
is left unto thee desolate -
And thousands & tens of
thousands of mothers are
left desolate
=

May Herbert, the eldest,
is not, I believe, returned
from the Engadine poor child.

ever yours
F.N.

Would you kindly *post*
the enclosed?
only *post* it.

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Sept.14.70.

Mrs. Henry Bolton.

Dearest Emily

I feel quite a scruple
in sending you this truly
Irish letter & this pin !!!

What on earth are we
to do with the pin?

Where on earth has her
parcel gone to? - to you?
Or is it coming here?

If you can, short of telling
a downright fib, put an
Acknowledgement into my
letter to her (enclosed) &
also of her pin, which
I do enclose - please do.

What are you to do with
her pin? If you can
think of nothing, shall I
give you the money for it?
And what ought I to give
you? & then you give the pin
away.

ever your affecte. old
F.N.

Are you taking care?

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My dear Sir Harry

Very many thanks for your
two notes, of 12th. & 13th., both of
which reached me this
morning. [the first marked "Too Late:"]

I was very glad to see Mr.
de Normann's note, which
I return. [I only mention
that it was "Too Late", because
you may have been surprised
not to see it back before, &
because I am afraid the
"Aid Socy." Messenger is often
unfaithful.]

Is it possible that our

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Govt. can do *nothing* to
mediate peace? It is too
horrible.

[end]

Lady Herbert too ill to be told
of her loss- I don't think there
was a lad of greater promise
in all England than Reginald
Herbert-

[8:702]

[end 8:702]

Wrote to the Cr. Princess yesterday
at some length by her own
desire-

ever yours
F.N.

Do you think that Miss

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Pearson & her party have
done real good work?
How I hope that it is
so-

Amount of subscriptions
admirable. Thank you -
FN

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Miss Shedden Sept 15/70 [15:706]

wants patterns

Dearest Emily

I feel quite sorry to trouble you
about this - tho' it is a far more
business like note than any I ever
receive from ladies.

I have copied out what she
wants viz. patterns - for you (& enclose it)

I think she is right- from the
numerous notes I receive - &
that you ought to issue patterns.
I am sure that what it would
have saved me in the Crimean
War from, viz. receiving all
sorts of shirts & coats, differing
in every respect excepting in one,
that of being utterly useless, is
untold. Please add

inside my note to Miss Shedden
if you wish the hour & place
altered where & when she
is to call for the patterns

I am very glad that you are
going into the country with
Sir Harry for the Sunday.

ever yours

F. Nightingale

Could you return me

Miss Sheddens' letter?

[pencil] *Miss Verney*

[ink]

Patterns wanted

of the best model *shirt*

vest

flannel coat

flannel pair of drawers

& of any other most requisite article
(except bandages & cholera belts).

Miss A.I. Ralston Shedden

Hony. Secy. (Ladies' Hope
Needlework Committee for the Sick
& Wounded)

Wellcome Ms 9003

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will call for these patterns
at 9.30 on *Monday morning*
at 32 South St (if Miss
Verney will leave them out
for her) & return them
before 2 o'clock.

[end]

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L.H.

Sept 19/70 [15:707]

My dear Sir Harry

I do not feel justified in withholding these letters of Mrs. Cox (from Calais.)

If Capt. Galton were in England, I should send them to him, as I did before some of hers.

I believe that Colonel Cox would prove a good agent of your Committee, if he were wanted.

He is the Colonel Cox of the Crimea whom I mentioned before -

Madame Canrobert mentions that the "Intendance" have given charge of all the Wounded now to their "Red Cross" Society ! Probably it was the best thing to do

I would only repeat a caution against using old buildings for Wounded, in reference to Mrs. Cox's letter.

You see Col: Cox "places himself at the disposal of ~~the~~ your Committee:

[They only ask that their letters may not find their way into the newspaper.]

No doubt you have heard direct from Capt. Galton & H.B. Carter. They say that, at Cologne, & some Rhine towns the private Hospitals in tents (chiefly English tents), wooden Huts, & improvised in Music Halls &c were much better managed & far superior to & than the Military Hospitals.

But- I wait to hear more details.

Lady Herbert, who was dangerously ill at Wilton, was told on Saturday of her loss- bore it very well. Reginald was just going off his watch at 12 - a few minutes before the catastrophe - One of the survivors met him on the ladder coming off his watch- A few minutes- & he might have been on deck-

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& he might have been saved. We hoped to the last, till Mr. May, the Gunner, told this- to the boy's uncle, Mr. A'Court. There was not a more promising boy in

Wellcome Ms 9003

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all England - I believe.

[end 8:702]

Do not trouble to answer me direct
about Col: Cox. But return me
the letters some time please-

[end 15:707]

in great haste

ever yours

F.N.

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L.H.

Sept 21/70

7.a.m.

Dearest Emily

Don't suppose me such a
"beast" as to *wish* even to take
up your time & strength with
writing to me - I am the
more obliged when you do
write. for anything that
you can tell me is more
interesting to me now than
every thing else. you may
be sure -

I know that you have
got your 'business' into
capital order. And I glory
in your work.

How I have longed that
I could take my share in this
War as in the Crimean War!

But what use is it offering
to serve God in one way when
He asks one to serve Him
in another?

It was a great relief to me
hearing too that Sir Harry
was well. And I hope you
are taking care to do the same.

As for the rest of your note, what can
one say but that it is the
great trial of life to see
inefficiency, amounting to
the unprincipled, among
good people- to see the
"*no=taking=pains=ness*" about
the most important things,
when people will extenuate

themselves in taking pains
about a trifle -
Ah my dear child, it is not
the "contradiction of sinners
against" good things, but the
contradiction of *good people*
against good things which
makes life weary!- [There
is a sort of childishness
among English women in
easy circumstances"] It has
often been said that Genius
is nothing but an enormous
power of taking pains -
And I assure you *that* is true
And I assure you that nothing
is so wearing as to hear people,
good people say: 'Ah you,
you can do it'- when you
know that, if they would but
take pains, they might do it too.

But they won't even try to
walk- & then they say they
can't *run*.

The only thing for us to do is
to remember that none can
ever have had this trial
like our Lord & St. Paul
our Lord who found His
best beloved disciple
disputing for a throne-
even just before His own death
-- St. Paul who said 'All they
in Asia have turned away from
me'- & this too just before
his own end, when he must
have thought all his plans
were blasted & all his work
destroyed.

Do you know that I have never
known any real founder

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or leader of any good thing
who had not the same idea
about his or her work? -
But perhaps I ought not to
tell this to a young thing like
you.

However the only way is, to look
upon this path as the path
Christ Himself has trod-
who says He is the Way -
Can we be Christians & not
wish to tread His way? -
(tho' I sadly confess, very often,
that, even in my old age, I
have learnt to tread it so
badly that I am quite ashamed
of myself)- never to stop to
consider what comes from man
but only to look, always to
look at it as coming straight

from God (which is just
what I don't do & so I
have no business to preach.)
But I am not sure that it
does, for the service of God,
to be so overflowing with
kindness as that you cannot
really distinguish between
one person & another.
That, (which however is a
very rare failing,) incapacitates
one almost as much for
organizing, & working with
judgment, & seeing what
answers & what does not,
& putting the right person
in the right place as=
the defect of too much censoriousness

In practical work, "Charity"
does not "believe all things"-
Nor would St. Paul recommend
it-

The thing is: to think what is
best for the service of God -
& always to keep one's eye on

that - in short, to go back
to the old plan, of always
keeping one's thought on Christ,
to see what *He* would have
done in such a case -
Christ was so witty - we cannot
at all suppose that *goodness*
is what is expected of us.

I must leave off- & only ask
if you will send me some of
your last (Ladies' Committee)
Circulars with "*Cholera Belts*"
in the List. I have had
but one of these Circulars - (& *that* I
can't afford to send you as a
pattern). Or if you have any
Circular *later* still - - - -

I still think it would be
a good thing if it were advertised
in the "*Times*" every day (a very
short paragraph would o it)-
What is the latest information
for the things *most wanted*-
So many people ask me this
question. And they complain
that they make acres of Charpie
& are told *after* it is done, that "*No*
more Charpie is required".

God bless you - ever your affecte. old
aunt Florence Nightingale

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[15:707]

My dear Sir Harry

I am sure that you will not think it
unnatural that I should write to you after
that terrible account of the state of the Sick
& Wounded at Pont à Mousson -

This & many other recent letters from the
great War places shew a deplorable amount
of want of ingenuity, want of management,
in providing for Wounded. I don't mean on
our part, but on that of all the actors &
managers, "*Red Cross*" & Government.

At Pont à Mousson, e.g., many weeks
after hostilities have begun, there are thousands
of wounded men (who are also sick- no wonder!)
lying on straw on the level of the ground -
one of the things which I have seen lower
the constitution in war. broken men so as
to make recovery ~~impossible~~ little to be hoped for.
& rendering cleanliness & dressing all but
impossible & this too inside closed buildings.

You say that the excellent Barton Smith was to take "250 iron bed.steads" back to Pont à Mousson. But "what are these among so many?"

Is it not possible that some one should be sent with the requisite ingenuity (perhaps from the Crown Princess at Homburg or some "Red Cross" Society) to put all the Sick & Wounded on beds & under shelter by materials to be obtained on the spot. There are 5 or 6 ways of doing it - *which* way depends of course on materials available on the spot.

Everything required might probably be obtained there or within a short distance, if there were any one with the requisite head. And some materials & tools might be sent at once direct from England, under charge of one of your gentlemen.

But people with the fatal Hospital idea consider stone walls and a slated roof as indispensable

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One way of doing better would be: to take the outside walls of buildings put up posts all along- throw over them from the wall a pent house of canvas properly sloped.

It could even be done without posts by pegging the canvas.

A good bed with a canvas bottom might be made in an hour by the most simple workman.

Hammers, saws, axes, rope, canvas, nails, would house sick comfortably & healthily by thousands

Then, again, hay & straw for bedding - & wood cut down for bed.steads, fuel &c - - a sheet & one blanket - (you know that a sheet of thick brown paper is an exceedingly warm material & might be put over the blanket) would give comfort to many a perishing man -

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I have letters from Surgeons on the spot who say "we are losing all our Amputation cases." [We thought the proportion of Deaths to Amputations terrible enough at Scutari - but this it appears, is more terrible still.] The Surgeons attribute it partly to the want & exposure endured by the men in the time, 2-5 days, before they were removed from the field - (I will go back to that). partly to the state of things in Hospitals described. E.g. at Douzy what a deplorable helplessness & unhandiness of head & ~~hand~~ everything but heart was shewn by our people, even when they were not in want of stores or Surgical skill.

We shall learn a great deal from dreadful experience in this War. And I am going to trouble you with some hints as to enquiries we should make; especially as to Ambulance people being held responsible for bringing in all Wounded within a certain time.

But the thing is now - to see whether some

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thing could not be done *at once* to get the Sick & Wounded housed & bedded properly, at the crowded places. You are doing wonders.

But "9000 Sick", in the state described at Pont à Mousson, & elsewhere a month after the 3 great battles of Metz, & a fortnight after those of Sedan & 2 months after War broke out is a disgrace to the "Red Cross" head, (not heart.)- is it not?

"Dysentery & Typhus" may well be there - And there will be more

2. While we must agree that the French "Red Cross" has worked miracles, (so that the "Intendance" have given to them in charge all the Wounded,) poor Madame Canrobert fancies that there is "a day & night" "attendance" "organized" "at all the Stations," & an organization so that all the wounded arriving by train can be received & tended at once -

we know what it is even at Calais, a

place so entirely out of the great turmoil-
- & far worse at other more crowded
places, yet still distant from the Seats
of War - & of the great battles x x

What will it be if the most strenuous efforts
at organization, & utilizing materials with
ingenuity on the spot, are not made?

x x..

This does not appear to be the case on the
German side. All the Hospitals up the
Rhine & 'off' the Rhine appear to be
very well organized & all the giving of
help at Stations altho' they are overladen
with French wounded.

I must put off till tomorrow what
else I had to say- too long already, you
will think

Pray believe me
ever yours affectely.
Florence Nightingale

Wellcome Ms 9003

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Sept. 22. 70. [not in FN hand]

Dearest Emily

I think Lady Gomm has to be
very greatly applauded for getting 10/6
for that pin!

[15:711]

[I think I will ask her to sell
all my jewellery-]

Yes - surely - I would "grab" at
the offer-

But I think I would advertise
"in the Times list" "as from the lady",
the pin & not the 10/6. She will swear
it was worth £10.10-

=

I wish you could get an answer for
me, from Mr. Longmore, about a case of
Hospital Nurses dressing=implements, from

a Dr. Kendrick of Warrington - which

I sent Mr. Longmore - 3 days ago-
Don't trouble about this, unless you see
him [I am afraid he is not Lady Gomm.]

Shore Smith's wife & boy were in that

Tamworth Railway accident-

escaped unhurt - Thank God!

[end]

ever yours

F.N.

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[15:711-16]

My dear Sir Harry

I continue to you a letter which I am afraid was already too long. But you will be as eagerly seeking as I am what experience we can glean from this dreadful War for future Ambulances.

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Many military Surgeons, many even "Red Cross" agents have conveyed their opinion (in this War) that, as far as the battle-fields go, not much can be done in alleviating the sufferings or removing the sufferers faster after the battle -

If this be so, we, the Red Cross, had almost as well not be. And the Geneva Convention is but of little use. At least the main argument for it falls to the ground.

But recent experience shews that these sufferings *can* be alleviated, because they have been alleviated on all the recent battle-fields.

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But it also shews how much the work

requires to be improved, before the intentions of the Convention and of the "Red Cross" are fully carried out-

One case appeared in Dr. McCormac's letter:

a man had had no food for 2 days before or for 5 days after the battle & no succour. He is then brought in, operated on & mercifully dies.

This is only one case out of hundreds. Surgeons have written, (as I stated in my letter,) that "all their Amputation cases had died"- attributing this to long exposure on the ground after being wounded. & want & to destruction of constitution in consequence-

This is in fact *the* Red Cross question. Can what could be done after five days have been done after five hours?-

The Mortality, frightful among Amputation cases, is to be attributed also to the crowding without beds or cleanliness in closed buildings.

This is the second Red Cross question. All Europe, ourselves included, have taken *the Hospital idea* as the fundamental one for the Red Cross.

This appears to be the error.

Hospitals properly conducted are of course most essential - But we must not forget 1. the *immediate* want of help after the battle-~~field~~ to the Wounded 2. that nearly every kind of wound can be better dealt with, separately, in the open air, than by removal to the finest Hospitals. [Even cases in farm houses do better - But large crowded old buildings & Churches are destructive.]

In every case, however, immediate *Supply* becomes of the highest importance. xx.

= The amount of good work done by our "Aid Society" is vast. especially at Sedan-

But, when we hear that a "similar organization" is ~~to~~ "being formed" "at Saarbruck," 6 weeks after the battles fought there about - one is very glad to hear it - & one feels that our "Aid Society" supply of *food*, however appears in many places to have been neither immediate nor even now hardly to exist- & the Kitchen arrangements to be almost *nil* even at the present time at such places - near Sedan, e.g.

(so late in the field), has done wonders.

But one wishes we had had an organization which would have covered the ground

the day after the battle instead of 6 weeks after.

[At the Tchernaya in 1855 the Russian wounded were being brought in to our side before almost the battle was over. 24 hours after the battle there was not a wounded man left, I believe. They spent their whole strength in searching for & carrying off the Wounded. - & next day buried the dead.

That was but a baby battle.

At Solferino the great extent of the battle-field prevented this.

now we have always & justly said, when consulted by the "Aid Societies" & Govts. - do nothing to diminish a belligerent Government's responsibility for its own Wounded, its own Army Medical & Ambulance Departmts.

[I only mention this, very humbly,

that you may not think me overlooking, now,
obvious responsibilities] -

But the enormous masses of combatants,

[2]

& numbers of wounded now concerned, the
e mile=long extents of battle-fields now-
shew that it is just here where the
"Red Cross" comes into use.

It is a simply a matter of organization -
of being ready with a sufficient number
of agents.

The American War showed the difficulty -
And, to a great extent, coped with it.

The following is the problem

1. Sick & Wounded in towns
2. " " " villages
3. " " " in scattered country houses.
4. " " in ditches, under trees,
 hedges, in holes where
 they have dragged
 themselves for safety
5. " ".....in ambulances.

What are wanted are: -

searchers: bearers: Surgeons: Nurses:
supplies for such purposes brought to the
ground during or immediately after battle
i.e.- whenever the firing has ceased.

[N.B. I believe that our ~~Government~~ War Office are
at last going to profit by all this sad
experience - to get out all the facts &
failures - to try to improve the service
of Wounded in this direction- and to
embody as much as we can in our
new Regulations for Field Service.

P.S. It is proposed that, with every
flying column at Aldershot, a number
of Ambulances shall be sent out to collect
men who have been previously concealed
under hedges, in ditches, in barns, houses &c
- the Ambulance people being held
responsible for bringing them all in
within a certain time.

I am not sure that this has ever
been done hitherto in any Service.]

To return to the "Red Cross Societies".
It is not easy to overrate their difficulties.
But the results have been far from
satisfactory. The people engaging in
the work require a great amount of
knowledge. *which they have not* - & also
practical talent & practical experience.
What has happened has been - briefly--
that all the Army methods of dealing
with the Wounded have broken down
more or less
that a number of Amateurs have
attempted to supplement the defect
or to supply it altogether with
the practical result of alleviating much
misery but also of leaving much
misery unalleviated, which might
have been alleviated had the
Administrators been competent.
The Prussians have taken one really good
step in dispersing the Sick & Wounded
as fast as possible]

The central idea of the "Aid Society" has
been, I fancy, (too much): Hospitals.
Now Hospitals can never be managed by
amateurs. And yet amateurs, Medical
& non=medical, have had most of the
work to do. with what singular consequences the letters
published by yourselves shew more than
anything to a practiced eye whether
whether these are the consequences of ignorance, in recognizing or
of want of practical ability in supplying the most vital conditions of
recovery.
As before said, Madame Canrobert told us
that the French "Intendance" had given
over the Hospitals entirely to the Paris
"Red Cross"- no doubt the best thing to
do- But, had the Red Cross ~~(illeg] Cross)~~
& its agents been thoroughly competent,
the result to the Sick & Wounded would
have been infinitely better. [The conditions shewn
by the Times published letters- and which they appear to think
inevitable- are
those which directly produce Dysentery, Typhus, & a high Death-rate
among Amputation=cases e.g in the Hospitals in old buildings, (not in
Ambulances) & in the
of immediate help.] want

*It would be most desirable if we could
have from Capt. Galton a Report
on the methods in use in the two Armies
for supplying the Hospitals - where the
weak points were- & in what way we*

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and in what way WE could avoid these?

Also: the weak points in the "Red " Societies' work.

What would be the best direction to give to the Red Cross Societies' work

WHAT KIND of TEMPORARY HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION should be used by the "Red Cross Societies".

[I regret very much that Capt. Galton appears principally to have inspected the Rhine Hospital work- incomparably the best, but also the easiest - & not the Hospital work round Metz & round Sedan -

He would have been the very man to have given the whole subject a practical shaking.]

We must help to get a tradition established, beginning with the Crimean War.

Historically, the sum total of what we did then was to show that the sufferings of Armies which, in all preceding time, had been considered inevitable were not so- but preventable.

But it struck a new chord, which has been vibrating ever since with far higher tone.

[Ld. Shaftesbury says that the results will go farther towards abolishing War than all Peace Societies.

God grant that it may be so. We seem far enough off at present.]

Most Private {on diagonal}

The Crown Princess told me with
a great deal of detail & facts
which could not but convince me
of the soundness of the judgment
~~that~~ she had arrived at-
that, after the campaign of 1866 (Sadowa),
all the Hospitals of the "Red Cross" she
had visited, including those of the Johanniter,
& not excluding those ~~of~~ nursed by the Kaiserswerth
Deaconesses, were so bad, not only at
first but continuously & till the close,
so inferior- in cleanliness, ventilation,
management, in every vital Sanitary
condition, to the Military Hospitals
conducted by their Army Surgeons & Inspectors
-- that she could scarcely give me any
idea of the dreadful difference except
by facts & details which she certainly
did give.

This does not appear to be the case now,
as far as the *Rhine* Hospitals go - On the
contrary, the superiority appears rather to lie

on the side of the private or "Red Cross"
or Johanniter Hospitals.

But certainly the details we have had
from your (published & other) reports & letters
of the "Red Cross" work round Sedan &
round Metz appear to show - either
that they have not the experience to know
or that they have not the ingenuity to
contrive the first conditions of recovery,
(after Surgical skill has been supplied.)
Small blame to them! (they were amateurs
On the contrary, great praise for their hard work under
unparalleled pressure!

As for the food & Kitchen arrangements, (I
do not speak of what is proper for Sick &
Wounded, but) the *first necessities* of life
appear to be wanting, except in the
completely organized Ambulances, even now.

[end 15:715]

ever yours affectely.

Florence Nightingale

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"Trench"

[Letter enclosed] Sept 23/70

[15:715-16]

My dear Sir Harry

PRAY have this most
interesting letter put in the
"Times".

It has struck my father &
aunt more than any letter
they have seen - as *more useful*
to make people understand.

And I see that the details
given of the soup=kitchen & rations
& of the prisoners strike
persons who have not
tasted war, & convey to
them a real picture,
more than any letter that
has appeared to stir them
up to action.

I could hardly get it
back from my Aunt
to return to you.

She wanted to make a
copy of it - & she said
she would send it to
every newspaper, till
she got one to insert it. {arrow drawn to "insert"}
I said I *must* return
it to you - & that I was
sure that, *if Col: Lindsay*
did not put it in the "Times",
he would allow me to have
it again, for us to make
a copy of it here -

but that I could not
let a copy be made
without his leave.

Please reward honesty.

This "Trench" must be
a capital fellow - Who is
he? - [I must say he
impresses me more than
almost any one, from
whom I have seen letters.]

[end 15:716]

ever yours

F.N.

{arrow begins here:}

My Aunt said:

people don't know these things-
-they don't understand these things-
-these things are not put before them
in this way-

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Sept 24/70

[15:716-18]

My dear Sir Harry

Pray excuse me for "pouring" my letters
upon you "in little cups"- the bad result of
inevitable haste.

I had said that dispersion is a
cardinal matter with wounded - I was
going to add - but the cases must be selected.

There cannot be a doubt, from recent
(both public & private) accounts, that the
movement of bad cases of wounds is at
present adding so much to the Mortality
that it ought, if possible, to be modified.
The German Hospital notices all indicate
the presence of wounds in these Hospitals
which ought never to have been moved at
all. The Prussian military authorities
appear to exercise no discrimination in moving
They move every body - We can hardly
suppose this is done under Medical advice.
The Prussian Principal Medical Officers

should consult with the Ambulance Surgeons of all nations of course - if the organization is perfect - before moving the wounded even from one Hospital to another, the men seem sometimes to be peremptorily moved in a dying state -

6. The moving of the Hospital "Infirmiers: & attendants seems, one can scarcely doubt from accounts, both public & private, to be practised in the same peremptory & absolute manner - without consultation with the Ambulance Surgeons (of all nations) who are left in the greatest straits & the Patients in the greatest danger -

I own, as an old hand, that I cannot see how Hospital Service is possible, if the "Infirmiers" are to be ordered off, either in charge of wounded by train, or as prisoners - without discrimination - by ~~illeg~~ Military authority - independent of Hospital authority.]

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That Red Cross Societies should never interfere politically is, of course, the first condition of their being. I do not know whether it is possible, either through the Crown Princess, or directly through the Geneva Convention, to endeavour to stop either of these two very serious causes of Hospital Mortality & inefficiency.

May I mention that

2. District Inspection is now everything.

Every place where there are Sick or Wounded should be periodically visited & supplied when necessary -

The only cure for amateur casuals is: to have trustworthy inspection on the spot & reporting to the Society.

3. Would it not be right for the Aid Society to publish (or at least to make) a List of all the places where there are Sick or Wounded - with the supplies sent & an approximate estimate or List of the numbers of cases treated

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It would be a check

The agents on the spot should supply the information

And these questions are otherwise important as leading indirectly to local action.

We now know, e.g., the exact state of matters in the N.E. of France - & you can send efficient aid at an hour's notice.

[Besides, the British public rather cries out for such information - And the British Lion which has contributed nearly £200,000, & very considerably valuable bales, has rather a right to ask for some publication of accounts & of stores & bales sent - & *may* roar for it louder.]

4. There are several points in which the British Lion rather thinks the existing arrangements of *all* the Aid Societies may be improved.

e.g. could not every Officer besides

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having the badge & the papers of the branch,
have a paper signed or stamped by the
Belligerent Ambassadors - & countersigned
by the Military authorities on the spot
as often as a change in position is made?
And could it not be ~~made quite clear~~
that all persons, who have not the
necessary papers as well as the badge,
incur the risk of becoming prisoners of
war?

This would stop those disgraceful
proceedings which have made the
badged people a bye-word to the Soldiers.

But this was suggested to me. [People
are rather horrified at ~~these~~ proceedings of
the people who have no right to wear the badge]

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A P.S. to what was said before
that there should be a change in the *venue*
as regards care of Wounded.
that henceforth the whole, or at least a
great part, of the work should rest on
local capabilities, including materials on the
spot.
that Officers should be taught how to do
the very best with the materials to be found on the
spot, as a basis for providing
(extemporizing) sick accommodation on or
near the field.
[R.E. authorities concur, I believe, that nearly
everything requisite can be done on the spot.
But how little the attention of any body is
turned to this! how little, if at all, any
Service is trained to do this!]

[4]

Another P.S.

the leaving their prisoners without food.
I suppose the Red Cross has properly nothing
to do with this -
But at all events people say we
should cry out - publish the
information we receive when it
can be trusted.

[end 17:718]

[very faint:]

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

Sept 24/70

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Sept 25/70

[15:718]

Dearest Emily

I thank God that His heavenly young
woman is come home safe &, I trust, in good
spirits -

[Don't laugh - I am quite serious]

And thank you very much, dear, for sending
me the first Telegram -

I am so glad you have her again -

Red Cross

About the publishing accounts &c &c, dearie, I am
sure you are quite right.

Tho' I don't think it is any good, would you
like me to write a letter to Sir Harry (confirming
his own opinion) - I can base it on what I
hear from all sides =

Also, about the publishing daily in the "Times" what is

most wanted - the shortest paragraph
would do it - I send a specimen of
what the German Association advertises -
it is really most distressing that our
people don't do it -

Person who have contributed & collected
contributions of money & kind to the
amount of many hundreds write to
me *begging* that our Comm: will do this.

I wrote to Major de Winton a week ago.
Giving him the words of people on this
score & received a reply from Miss

de Winton little, if anything, to the
purpose -
I am afraid the time will come when
the Brit: Lion will roar-
I have so many complaints [But I never
'let on' that I agree.] in great press
ever yours FN

[end 15:718]

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Sept 29/70 [not FN]

[15:719]

Dearest Emily

1. a letter from Mrs. Brine
(Isle of Man) volunteering to
go out for self & husband -
in what capacity doesn't say-
to attend to Sick & Wounded.

2. my answer

please post, if approved.

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3. from a Miss Carrol (Plymouth)
volunteering to go out as
Lady Nurse - [Irish, I guess.]

4. my answer

please post, if approved

I should be thankful to
hear how your darling may
I not say, *our* darling? is-
But don't write on purpose -
ever your affecte. old
29/9/70 F.

[end]

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Miss Green

Concert: Patronage
Red Cross Socy.

Sept 30/70

[15:719-20]

Dearest Emily

I think you must ask Sir Harry
about this. because there is little doubt
that, if we "patronize" *this*, we shall have
many more asking for our "patronage"-
And, if we "patronize" one, we must *all* -
& we have no time to make enquiries -

I have no doubt that this is a poor
little hard-working music-mistress,
whom one would be glad to help, even
if she does it only for notoriety -

But perhaps the next who may
ask may be "the Princess of Wales"-
And perhaps "the Princes of Wales" may be
a disreputable public-house- And how
are we to know? -

However, I think this is a sort of
thing for a *man* (like Sir Harry) to decide-

Wellcome Ms 9003

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If Sir Harry thinks well, I will leave it to you

either

to send me back the letter for *me* to answer
-or to answer it *yourself*, assenting &
ordering for me any small number of tickets,
if you will be so good as to arrange
for their payment- I repaying you -

If Sir Harry does *not* think well, I think
the letter had better not be answered
at all-

[For my own part, I have always made it a rule
to decline being "Patroness" of any thing.]

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Parthe exceedingly bonny - out in
the garden

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Please tell Sir Harry that young Pastor
Fliedner is a perfectly good Agent (far
better than most) to entrust money &
stores to - tho' without the great organizing
power of his father. **[end 15:720]**

Ever, dearest, yours

F. Nightingale

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Oct 2/70

[15:721-22]

My dear Sir Harry

The enclosed from young Pastor
Fliedner, written on Thursday, *after*
he had seen you, posted on Friday,
- did not reach 35 S. St. till Friday
afternoon- nor me till Saturday.
I immediately telegraphed to you
& to him but, I fear, too late.

In case you should not be
able to read his long letter (enclosing
a much longer one, which I do
not send) the substance is this:

he was to start ~~ed~~ for Strasburg - as you
know, on Saturday - [he is only able
to be absent this Sunday & next-
after which he must return to his
London congregation-] the fall of Strasburg

makes it an exceptional case of distress -
- the sufferings of the Sick & Wounded
in Strasburg must be frightful -
he wants, besides what you have
already given him to spend as
your agent. £500, and a Credit
of from £1000 to £2000 - rendering
to you an account -
to spend principally in Strasburg
but also elsewhere -
he was employed in this way in
Bohemia in the war of 1866 -
he knows the Johanniter - particularly
the 3 Counts Stolberg -
at Strasburg he goes, of course, to the
poor Strasburg Deaconesses, (Pastor
Harter's)
I do not know whether you would

entertain his request at all- of
course your Agents must be under
some rules -
But, if you did, I suppose it would
be possible to telegraph to him
at the *Strasburg Diakonissen Anstalt*
- or, he may have left his address
with you -
If you ask me, what he is like?
I answer, he has not his father's
commanding ability of common sense.
But he has a great deal more
than two thirds of our Society's agents
- [I do not name names, because
'comparisons are odorous.']
You will see his letter is a very

modest one- & he does not
even wish me to name the sum
of "£1000-£2000," if I think it
immoderate.
I can only mention it, & leave it to
you.
Do me the justice that, while
working very hard to collect you-
money c, I have not forwarded
to you applications, nor
recommended to you agents,
except in the most *unpersuasive*

way.

I leave this entirely in your hands-
ever yours affectel.

F. Nightingale

[end 15:722]

Please return }
enclosed to F.N}

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Oct 5/70

Dearest Emily [15:722-23]

I send you

1. a letter from a Mrs Parkerson,
volunteering her daughter, age 27, as Nurse
- with a pamphlet by herself against
War, the most abominably vulgar &
conceited thing it has been often my
luck to glance at (which I do not
send you)

2. my answer

please post, if approved

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As you ask me, I think it *would* be
better to keep the letters of application.
& not destroy them -

And perhaps the least trouble might be
to return mine to me.

Also: would you ask Sir Harry
to return me young Pastor Fliedner's letter?
[I should be very sorry if it were
destroyed.]

And, if it were possible to send me
back that letter of Mason Trench's
from Sedan to Col: Lindsay, which
I returned out of honesty to Sir Harry,
on condition that it should be sent
back here for us to copy - if it were
not inserted in "Times"- which
it has not been -

It was much better than most of
the letters which have appeared in "Times"

And the hints about Kitchens
were valuable -

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I am very glad that Col: Lindsay
is going himself to Versailles -

It is far the best way -

I hear the most deplorable accounts
of Dysentery & Typhus in Prussian ranks
[One *must* say: they deserve it - but especially round Metz {not clear
where this fits in}]

What principle are they fighting for
now?]- They will, we fear, be decimated by
disease -

I am going to write you an answer
to your letter - I should have done
so before but that I fear I have
not much information to give - dearie -

The success of the English Ambulance
depended on Dr. Longmore being its head-
With Dr. Guy, there can scarcely be one strong
element of success in it. Keep well - ever your

F.

[end 15:723]

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PRIVATE {on diagonal}

Oct 6/70

[15:723-24]

Dearest Emily

Do with the "flannel" as seemeth unto you good. No letter from the "Donor" has reached me. Perhaps you will acknowledge it in the "Times."

I have thought a great deal about your "questions", dearie, as you may suppose - But much light does not visit me-

'I give thee all, I can no more

Tho' poor the offering be, '

1. As to these river steamers, I can't think what they are for. They would cost an enormous sum without any adequate benefit. If river transport is required, it can be had on any European river at the cost of carriage, I am told.
2. As to the English Ambulance, I have already stated to others the objections that exist to

it. If Dr. Longmore had been at its head, some of these would have been removed. Dr. Guy xx. being at its head, they appear to me in greater force than before. I do not think any people in their *experienced* senses would send out English Orderlies - tho' we have some Orderlies who are good dressers. But the want of language will be exasperating.

The Anglo-American Ambulance & Dr. Frank have done good- but from the very presence of the conditions which in *this* other case will be absent -

[It is understood that a Belgian Ambulance extremely well managed, has been broken up 1. because the German Soldier=Patients objected to be in it on account of the language. 2. because the German authorities interfered with it unwarrantably]

I have not *urgently urged* these

xx. whom I knew very well once- a good man

considerations - because there are others e.g. that the Belligerent authorities will not employ our best Surgeons except as dressers, if in their own Hospitals.

But as a *general* rule it seems to me that the Red Cross neutral ought to give its help to the Red Cross belligerent or Government belligerent) *not* in the form of separate Establishments except of supply, but in giving ~~its~~ auxiliary help especially *in supply* material & personal [personnel?] to *their*, the Belligerents', establishments.

Suppose an Anglo-Prussian War, which God forbid: - of one thing I can speak positively - if the French were to send a complete French Ambulance into our country to take in our Wounded, our Wounded would positively object to it. & not unreasonably.

But only imagine if in like case the French were to send "untrained poor women" to nurse our English Wounded in England!!

6. Have you read Doctresses Blackwell & Garrett's letters about Women=Nurses

Because American servant girls were of use on American battle fields - because French peasant women were of use to French wounded - which most undoubtedly they were - therefore these ladies want us to send "100 untrained poor women - and "50 kitchen maids or *drudges*" (rather unwomanly, I think, to call them so)

English=pure to Sedan & Saarbrücken

[I will return to this.]

I believe, most undoubtedly, that untrained women *of the country* can be of the greatest use to the Sick & Wounded of their own country & of the enemy. *on the spot* -

And *I very much regret* that our Agents should not have made use more of their services, bring them on the spot, as Mr. Trench did. [end 15:724]

[But I must put off about this -]

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3. Dearie: there is nothing new, I am very sorry to say, in the grievances. The writer is worth the whole lot, both of Men's & Women's Committee, as I always knew she would be. She is so intelligent so business-like & sees so much through things that she is distressed with matters which were inevitable under the circumstances.

[Tell her so, with my love.]

They began, as you know, without organization ~~in~~ not in the Palais de l'Industrie but in a small fourth class London shopkeeper's house over a shop.

-not with Madame Canrobert & M. de Flavigny as woman & man head - but with two very, remarkably, unbusiness-like miscellaneous, hap-hazard, Committees - &, so far as I can make out, without (& are still without) any Treasures to make & keep & *insist upon* & manage all Accounts, *Order books*, Estimates &c &c &c.

How the Gentlemen's Committee gets on at all without this Officer, I can't think. I am always afraid that there will be some dreadful break down in the Accounts. that, so far from their giving "published Accounts," there will be no "Accounts" to "publish"- & that most unmerited disgrace will some day visit the Gentlemen's Committee from the British Lion - because a lion who contributes £230,000 thinks that he has a right to roar & so he has

[Lord Overstone ought to be whipped for not having kept them out of this difficulty]

6. You have no room for efficient sorting & organizing. To carry out your business properly would have required a large hall in a Palais de l'Industrie. I don't wonder a bit that you are imperfect. My real wonder & admiration is that you have done so much.

It is difficult - Perhaps impossible -
to get premises equally convenient.

But if the War goes on I fear that
you will want such.

c. I feel very much, & have felt all
along, how hard it is (what you say)
that the work becomes so subdivided
that no one knows what is doing
elsewhere- what, elsewhere, is answered
to enquiries - &c

[I have had some most melancholy
instances of this - of contradictory answers
being sent - or no answer at all - or - -
people writing to me to know "what"
such & such an answer "*could* mean".
And indeed, it was difficult to say.)
One person sent me an envelope, weighing
2 oz., of answers from 3 *different* members
of the Gentlemen's Committee - And
indeed they were very ~~bad~~ curious, (tho' I
could not admire the sender).]

You do extremely want one Central
lady=head, like Madame Canrobert
(you would do for it very well) -
[or like Madame Fliedner at Kaiserswerth
-without whom nothing would go on.]

And one Central gentleman=head-
the two to confer together daily.

d. I am not telling it you to comfort you
-for indeed it is very distressing -
But the Berlin Central Verein broke
down much more completely than yours
It had to be supplemented either partially
or entirely by Local Vereine - And
on the great battle fields it was
all but powerless.

The *Johanniter* (Government) nominee
were next door to useless -

And the vaunted Prussian organization
-deservedly vaunted, I believe, as far as
the Reserve Hospitals (not the permanent

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Government Military Hospitals)
in Germany go, quite broke down
alas! on & near the Battle-fields,
even for weeks after the battles
The French ~~Red~~ Wounded,- what between the ruin of
the French Intendance & the tender mercies
of the Prussians - seem to have fallen through
the two stools quite to the ground.

N.B. The wilful confusion of people's
mental condition on this point is almost
maddening - between the German Hospitals
in Germany & those on the battle fields. Both German
& even French Wounded seem beautifully
cared for in German Hospitals in Germany.
But, if we are to believe evidence at all, the
condition of the French Wounded on the fields
occupied by the German Armies was - - - what
could not well have been worse - And
that of the Germans not much better]

Why does one recall all this?
Not, God knows, as an excuse for our
disorganization - but only: the Germans
had been for 4 years, organizing, organizing
for War= Sick with the experience of the
campaign of 1866 to go upon.

If *they* have not done better than this.
- and I am convinced we do not know the
worst, which we should have known if they
had not been victorious - we must not
be too impatient with ourselves, but try to
organize, organize, learning from others'
failures & our own.

And this I hope we shall do.

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4. I need hardly say how glad I was to
hear that Col. L. Lindsay was going to
Versailles.

No doubt, if it is possible, he or some
accredited Agent, will include a visit to
Tours. & as well as to the Prussian Head Quarters - &
consult with both as to the best course of
proceeding, if *anything* can be done for Paris
- if *any* plan might, for God's sake, be hit
upon for obtaining lists from the interior
of Paris of things required - (for obtaining

not only the concurrence but the help of the Prussians which would of course be necessary - in doing this-) for making up the stores under Prussian inspection at Versailles or elsewhere - & these being allowed to pass inside the lines.

 If this can by any possibility be done thro' Prussian Head Quarters, no doubt Col. Lindsay will try his utmost.

For Prussian Ambulances, the lists can easily be made out & the stores supplied & distributed - with an accredited Agent from us to visit the villages where there are or will be Sick & Wounded & to organize the distribution.

The Depot should be, no doubt, at the most convenient point: Havre, Rouen, Boulogne, Calais- with access to the Prussian lines. An expense store, or two or three such, might be formed near Paris.

But the immediate agents would have to be either Prussians, or Prussians for the now

Bismark understands this perfectly -

A case of siege differs essentially from a campaign.

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5. I am afraid it is not at all certain that many of our Society's bales have reached their destination.

Much has, it is believed, been stolen or sold- & much is still lying at unknown foreign Railway Stations- except, of course, what has been sent by Agent, Doctor or Nurse.

No doubt you have had the advice of a good London "forwarding Agency"- a business of its own - to make out the invoices, keep the books, forward, get the vouchers, file them &c to deliver every bandage where & when it was required.

The work is a regular business to which people must be apprenticed.

[Ladies & Gentlemen have done much & done wonders.

You could have no idea when the business was begun how enormously it would grow.

If the whole were to be done again, it might be done without hitch.]

The are, I believe, English Officials who could direct practically, speedily & certainly all the proceedings.

6. I do not know enough of Dr. Sandwith

to speak positively. I should have
thought him more of a man to work
well as an Agent in difficulties on & near the

battle fields than on a Committee.

7. I know too little of Lord Bury's work
to be able to speak confidently
I believe Capt. Brackenbury to be a
first-rate organizer & manager.
Ditto, of course, Professor Longmore. x.

[~~But~~ x. the latter has not sent me
back (or answered my letters as to
that Dr. Kendrick's Dressing case
for Hospital Nurses. 3 weeks ago.)

8. I must again ask:
what you most want at present is,
I suppose, warm clothing, blankets,
wine & the like.
It does seem *most* important that
you should advertise this, if only
to check that immense accumulation
of other Hospital stores, to moderate
it until need arises, if you don't
want ~~it~~ so much.

It seems to me that you should be
always advertising for what you want
(& not for what you don't want).
As it is, I suppose the bales & parcels
arrive in hundreds. crowding out into
the street. the ladies sort & classify the
stores & arrange in different rooms
the requisitions are made up, & boxes &
bales filled & packed by packers who
do their work extremely well.

I suppose many of the things sent
are of the queerest. & that some of
the ladies, (not you) make mistakes
in classifying the objects.

I wish I could suggest anything. But
I can see no possibility but to let
things go on, with an inspection by
some member of the Committee to
rectify mistakes, if any are discovered.

Dearie - how much I have written & how little
said- With much speaking there is much darkness
But I am ever your affecte. old Aunt
F Nightingale

9004/123 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Oct.7.70 [not FN]

Dearest Emily

I am so glad that you are, (as I hope,) at Claydon that I will not send you ~~on~~ the end of my long letter - no consequence.

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That "bale of flannel" was from Miss Sellon (don't abuse her - she is an old friend of mine) given her by a "Mr. Palmer" for us - And, as I have written to thank her, I think you need not acknowledge in "Times," unless done already.

Mme. Canrobert, now at Brussels, says. they want nothing so much as flannel

to make flannel gowns & waist coats for these poor wretches whose uniforms saturated with dirt & blood had to be cut off them - And as she says 'we have to reconstitute a costume for them'-

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Now, that letter written to me after you had heard Dr. Sims' information SHALL NOT "walk into the fire"-

I adjure you to send it me -

Such information it all-important & invaluable to me - And, as it was "already written", I have the less scruple in appealing for it - It is so

essential for our future course -

I will not write more to-day, as you are resting -

I am thankful to hear Sir Harry is well

God bless you -

ever your affecte. old

F

Oct 7/70

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Oct 7/70

My dear Sir Harry

I ought to have returned you
this letter before - most interesting
to me - I only agree with it but
too well (all except the part
about Thiers & about Guizot)

This siege of Paris - it is too horrible
-2 millions of men, women & children
in it who know not what war is -
such a horror the history of mankind
has not seen - I have seen & know
what a Siege is- but that was a baby
siege to this.

The frivolity of the English newspapers'
when Christ is weeping over Paris; I cannot
write about it. God bless you - ever yours

FN

9004/125 2ff, pencil, signed letter bundle 149

Oct.8.70 [not FN]

Dearest Emily

Your letter comforts me very much -
It is an immense thing to have carried
that, which Sir Harry has done, in the
Committee.

The worst Government of all is:

- an irresponsible unauthorized Dictatorship
- an unconstitutional ~~powerless~~ Committee
or Cabinet with powers ill-defined
or none at all -

It is what has ruined poor France -

= I am very much pleased (& amused) ~~with~~ to hear of
Dr. Sutherland's letter about the Ambulance
which you mention -

I wrote to him (in answer to a letter of
his to me full of exultation about the

proposed Ambulance -) as coolly as I could,
pointing out the objections, but in
greater detail than I did to you -

This was about a week ago -

He never tells me that he had come
round to the same opinion which
I hold so strongly -

(which gives me a great deal of trouble)-
He often does this kind of thing - using
one's very words -
And I am far from blaming it, because
it strengthens one's position very much,
to have two people, apparently acting
independently of each other, enforcing
the same view -
I never betray the secret for this reason.
And I only tell you, my Solon, in the
strictest confidence. You are not to tell

any one -

I should like to see Dr. Sutherland's
letter - not maliciously, I assure you
but because he is so clever that one
always learns something, even from
his piracies -

God bless you -- Keep well-
ever your affecte. old
F. Nightingale

Oct 8/70

9004/126 2ff, pencil, unsigned letter/draft bundle 149

Lady Verney

Oct 9/70

7.a.m.

Thanks for this truly charming & interesting letter -
The life is not 'arid' which feeds
such characters as one has known in
old Indians-

Mr. Cunningham's Nurses

As for the 'nursing' part:
I have consulted my usual advisers about
it.

They say:-

'After the manner in which these
'Indian clerks treated the former proposals,
'about Nurses, it would scarcely be
'convenient to argue the matter more at
'present.

'We have said our say.

'They neglected it. And now
'according to Indian official custom they

'have been trying it on their own hook.

'It succeeded.

'Ergo: they abolished it.

'And now a plan is proposed whereby
'the Nurses of a Circle would form
'one body under a Superintendent
'& be sent where they are wanted.

'Do not reject this proposal -

'Say that it is not quite the
'manner in which you would have
'desired to introduce Nursing into
'India.

'that your views had been fully
'explained but not adopted.

'that they might try their way ~~now~~

& 'that so far as I (F.N.) am concerned,
'I will render them every assistance
'in training for them in England.

'At the same time, keep firmly to

'what experience. has always proved
that, as Nurses cannot safely be
sent about with Regimental
Hospitals, so there are, *especially*
in India, conditions without which
neither the respectability nor the
efficiency of Women Nurses, however
good & well trained, can be secured.

N.B.

[The French Red Society entirely
declined, as I think rightly, to
send any women, even *Soeurs*, with
their Ambulances in this War.]

I do not see how I c
an say more.

= *Blue Books*

I send you our Annual Indian Sanitary
work- At P.C. 40 and 288 (turned down)
are the only parts I have signed myself.
Please just shew them to anyone down

stairs who cares- & *then let me*
have the book back -

They have down stairs THE ONLY
SEPARATE COPY I have of the
paper (at p. 40) printed as a
separate paper - And ~~they~~
it cannot be found to be returned
to me (who of course want it) -
as there is no Reprint

9004/127 2ff, pen, signed letter bundle 149 [15:726-27]

My dear Sir Harry

As the giant Ambulance is off, & as it
will make a great hole in our finances, every one
must hope that it will succeed. And it is a
great thing that it is authorized from Prussian
Head Quarters & as it were their 'requisition'-
We have so often fallen between two stools
viz. that of being abused for not acting in concert
with Belligerent Central authorities - *and* for not
supplementing & assisting Local wants & Local
Societies - & we have so often indeed failed
in both respects that I would not
repent of this giant, even tho' he be costly.

I have not written lately, because I had

nothing of sufficient general importance to say to take up your time- & because discussing it with the "Society" is not the way "*to do it*". The only way is: - "*to do it.*"

I am exceedingly glad that, thanks to you, there is now to be something like unity of action & method of business in our Central committee - that a Committee is to be a Committee,

in short - All along, the absence of this has been the cause of some of our main misfortunes. And I have myself perceived that most contradictory action has issued from the Committee.

What you want, next to Central unity, are:
Inspecting people with capacity
& power over supplies & money -

Nobody of any authority or savoir faire - appears to have been sent out on the German side until Capt. Brackenbury went. Without this, even with the best intentions, the Aid Society's agents arrive at quite second hand results.

Luckily for you, I have been interrupted all day - I have received a most valuable letter from my old pupil, Florence Lees, now recommended by me to the Crown Princess for her Central Hospital Supt. at Homburg - She clearly

shows how Typhus was *manufactured* by the Prussian Surgeons round Metz. -where she was in charge of a Hospital at Maranges. In these things the German Sisters are worth nothing. And she implies: better without them.

Also: she tells of the Cr. Princess's astonishing energy & savoir-faire in making the Hospitals healthy - at Homburg

I will send you her letter.
We ought to have helped the Hospitals round Metz much earlier.
But we really had no *Inspecting* agent of any ability there.
Miss Lees seems never to have heard of us. I mean of our Society's agents.
N.B. The C.P. telegraphed to me about her -
ever yours

F. Nightingale

My Aunt Julia has carried off F. Lees' letter to the School- so that it will only reach you

in a round about way.
Please return it to me
whenever you have received & read it.

It is a letter worth any two of any of
the other women - shewing how
Prussian War Surgery never can be
healthy till they know a little
more about air & the first elements
of health - unless an English woman,
like the Crown Pr., steps in & takes it in
hand. as she has done about the Rhine.
It is the letter of a woman who
understands her subject.

[end 15:727]

FN.

Oct 14/70

9004/128 6ff, pen, signed letter blue paper bundle 149

Oct 21/70

[15:727-29]

My dear Sir Harry

I send you again Florence
Lees' letter, to shew to Princess
Christian, as you desire -

Please be sure & send it
me back again, as I have
not yet answered it at
length. merely writing her
a hurried scrawl to say
how glad I was to hear
that she was safe & useful.

Its importance to us is very
great - as it is the only letter
I have seen from any of our "Lady",
Nurses, or indeed from any
one except Drs. Frank, & Sims,
which shews real insight into

the causes of Hospital
disease & Hospital health
-tho' I think we have
gleaned here & there
quite straws enough to make
us understand why
Prussian camps & Prussian
ambulances are so unhealthy.

Yet, to insure the health
of Hospitals is just the
thing which we Hospital
people are sent to
procure -

This woman, this Florence
Lees, really understands her
business- ~~what~~ the business
she was sent to do - But
few of the men do-

But see how the Crown
Princess understands *hers*!
What noble work she is doing!
The Queen & this country
may well be proud of their
German=wedded daughter -
Her work will enshrine her
in all hearts- all the more

that the world will give
it at most a passing
tribute, & then go on its
stupid way.

I hear (I will not say, "on
"the highest authority"- since
like a newspaper- since there
can be no "authority" for this.
as the Germans cannot have
made up their Statistics - &
the French still less)- I hear

that, whereas the Mortality in the French Ambulances has only been 1 in 8½, that in the Prussian has been 1 in 5. This is enormous -20 per cent [My informant very modestly adds that he cannot account for the difference.] We can account for it very well - Since the Prussian Ambulances have had every essential to make them a manufactory of Typhus, Gangrene & Erysipelas. And I very much fear that the Mortality will prove something still higher than this. tho' they,

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being the conquerors, have had a far greater command of supplies than the French. Nothing strikes me so much as that Doctors in all countries are like the native Indian doctors I was lecturing this summer: they don't lead the civilization - they merely apply it such as it is to sick & wounded people. There is no better Operating anywhere than in Prussian ambulances - But this is a specialty. Go beyond the specialty & the ambulance merely represents

the civilization.

It is difficult to see what could be done to alleviate such a state of things.

The Crown Princess (God bless her!- I had such a beautiful letter from her lately)- has done the very best in showing a better

example.

But in the mean time
they don't learn. & the poor
men suffer.

They (the Crown Princess &
her followers) have as much
difficulty in dealing with
the Medical Department,
with some noble exceptions,

as we had in the Crimea.
It has struck me - (but it
would be a difficult thing
to propose)- that the most
likely way to undo these
stupid Doctors would be:
- just as our Government
issued a Commission,
(Sutherland & Rawlinson,) with powers under which
they acted quite new &
unprecedented in all
Armies -
for Von Roon, the War Minister,
to have an Inspector of his
own [the Crown Princess
would be the only person
who could select him - &
I believe she could lay her

hand on an efficient
Prussian Inspector].
& give him power to deal
with such cases.

We hear accounts which, if
there be truth in evidence at
all, shew that under V. Roon's
own eyes in the Prussian
camps round Paris the
most ordinary essential &
Sanitary necessities are not
provided for.

We see from Miss Rumpff's
letter that, actually, at &
near Prussian Head Quarters, where
we must suppose supplies
to be most plentiful,- in
the very Palace of Versailles itself,

e.g. [3]
there are "36 flannel jackets"
for 600 Patients - & at
Brie en Robert 256 Typhus
Cases!!! without Beef Tea
or the commonest Hospital
provisions, actually "dying for
want"!

If these things are done or rather left undone at
Prussian Head Quarters
round Paris- & at the
Typhus "Stations" round Metz,
(as described by Miss Lees,-)
-if the German camps are in
such an insanitary state
round Paris - too -
if these things could occur in
mid-autumn on what is
really Prussian ground,

what will happen in
mid-winter if the
Prussians are still at
war?-

I shall be all anxiety to hear
of your Ambulance, the
giant - where it goes -

I don't much admire the
Rumpff letter- it is so full
of herself & her dangers - &
gives so little insight into the
real state of the Hospitals.

Still what she tells of the
wants is important, & essential
for you to know.

I have taken the liberty to
keep her letter another day to
shew Aunt Julia when I
will be sure to return it to you

Buffon says: *cet animal
féroce mord tous ceux qui
veulent le* ("flatter," you think
he is going to say- but it *is*) "*tuer.*"

The indignation expended
upon these unhappy French
who actually ! try to act
against!! the Germans (who
have over=run their country
pillaging, annihilating,
besieging, from Alsace to
Paris- till a state of
misery exists impossible even
to ~~ever-state~~ describe-) reminds
one forcibly of Buffon's indignation against the
"ferocious" animal which bit
its murderer! -

[end 15:729]

in haste

ever yours

Florence Nightingale

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Private Ladies' Committee
"Widows &c of the War"
Miss Busby
for Mme. Schwabe

My dear Sir Harry

Would you be so kind, as
to advise me how I should
answer this fresh invitation
of Mme. Schwabe to change
the character of our Ladies'
Committee & its object? -

[Poor Mme. S.- she is quite
incapable of judging whether
the "Friends" are "business-like"
or not. But "Miss Fox" is an anchor-

Her allusion to "Lady Mayne"
is: because Ly Mayne joined
the Comm: on my account.]
Please return me the enclosed.

Yours ever
24/10/70 F.N.

I need hardly say that I
think: to furnish the starving
peasantry with food, clothes,
shelter & tools, especially
in the NE of France- a
still more pressing call
than even the poor "Widows
& orphans" of Germany.

Do you see the accounts
of the misery round Sedan
& Bazeilles? -

all yours
F.N.

9004/130 3ff, pen with pencil revisions, signed letter blue paper
bundle 149

Private {on diag.}
Mme Schwabe
Oct 24/70

My dear Sir Harry

Would you think it well
to try to make your Gentlemen's
Committee grant Mrs. Schwabe

a few hundreds - upon any
conditions you deem proper -
for her own absolute disposal
for the Sick & Wounded?

[It is impossible for you to
think more strongly than I
do as to her unfitness to be
employed as an Agent of the
Society. Every story of
her being unbusiness-like &
unreasonable that you could
tell me I could more than
cap from my own experience.

But] I think that this demand *is* legitimate. for the following reasons: -
- she paid all she collected into your Society.
- she was told in writing (in a letter which I saw) that she had better spend her own collections her own way, *the day after* she had *paid them all into your Society's* hands.

This is the only really strong point of her grievance- And I confess, when I saw the corresponde. I think it *is* a strong one -

She also says - that the Socy.

has wasted hundreds - (she might truly have said thousands)- & implies that at all events to waste a few hundreds on her *for her disposal* would not be out of their line. She has, I know, declined turning away the funds of her own friends in Manchester & Liverpool from the Society's hands into her own as she might have done [She is suffering from private pecuniary difficulties occasioned by her generosity- which I am not at liberty to mention - & her Banker & Trustee has positively refused to advance her more of her own money to spend on the War -]
She says that she never knows

whether the Society have. granted aid to her petitioners or whether they have not
[This is a statement which I am able to corroborate from my own experience of the Socy.] And therefore she wishes to have the grant put *at her disposal* for the Hospital. She does full justice to you & Emily & Ld. Shaftesbury

& Capt. Galton.
But she does think that she
has not been treated well
by others- & she has shewn
me letters which I do not
think,- However tiresome
& unbusiness-like she might
be- were quite the letters
to address to her - after what she
HAS done for the Society
The above is, I assure you, a

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very, very succinct Résumé
of the deluge of her
corresponde. with me -
I conclude as I began - that
I think it a not unreasonable
request that she should
have a grant of a few
hundreds- or of the money
she has undoubtedly
contributed to the Society-
to spend in her own way
on the War Hospitals -quite
certain, as you must be,
that this will reach the
Hospitals & *meet actual*
WANTS - & more directly
than many grants which the
Society have otherwise made.
in haste yours ever F. Nightingale

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bundle 149

Oct. 25. 70 [not FN]

[15:730]

My dear Sir Harry

Would you kindly read
the enclosed from Florence
Lees - & advise me as to
what would be the best thing
for her to do - you who have
of course the latest & best
information about the
Hospitals at Versailles.

Her singular powers are
evidently wasted where she
is- And my words "the
post of honour" referred,
not to her present work
but, to her work at Metz.

As I have not the slightest
intimation of what the
results of Col: Lindsay's
visit to Versailles are,
I must trouble you to
decide as to where F. Lees
would be of most service.

[She would be invaluable
at that Typhus Hospital
at Brie-en-Robert, described
by Miss Rumpff- or any
such place - (tho' I do not
think she knows much of
cooking or linen). Her
specialty is *Nursing* proper-
And in that she is unrivalled.
as in knowledge of the Health of Hospitals]

But I feel so ignorant as
to the ~~Hospital~~ Versailles needs or possibilities that I must
leave it to you. to advise as to her going. **[end]**

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I hope that Emily showed
you a very disagreeable
summary that I was
obliged to make of attacks
against the Society - & that she asked
you from me what I was
to do with reference to the
requests therein made to me.
I was rather sorry not to
receive your answer to-day
I am convinced that there
is reason to think that
the feeling therein described.
(against the Socy.) is very strong
among business men -
that they think that "the
"Aid Socy. ought certainly
"to have published a weekly
"or at least monthly account
"of its receipts & disbursements

"-a kind of general statement-"
"It is not too late to do so-
"But it is certainly time-
"(Now that there is a pause:)
"- to state &c &c &c
"& what they intend to do."

x x x

"The falling off of the contributions
"is partly due to the want
" of business=accounting
"on the part of the Committee

x x x x

"So far as the future is
"concerned, it all depends
"on the Committee". x x x
I have been urgently asked
(by men) "in the present
"state of matters to suggest
"to the Committee some

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"such course to satisfy the
"public as that stated."

"It is *for the Committee* to
"justify *their position* first."

Of this I am quite sure -
that any public writing on
my part, (as suggested in
the résumé I sent to Emily)
would be presumptuous on
my part & do the cause
no good nor the Society -
- & that none but the
Society itself can "*justify its*
~~their~~ *own position*".

"There is need of caution,
"because there is great
"jealousy, much personal
"ill-will, & one must say

"not a little bad administration
"to cope with. x x x
"What is wanted at present
"is a *thorough revision of*
"*the position* by the Committee in order
"that the contributors may
"know *where they are*."

x x x

I give you this little résumé,
which is all from what
men of business ~~may~~
have written to me. (and
I might make it much
longer)- because I am
convinced that, if anything
is done, said or written,

it must be by the Committee
themselves.

I am too unwell to move
just now - but on
Thursday I must be,
please God, in London

yours
F.N.

Oct 25/70

Letter unnumbered or part of above? 2ff, pen, with pencil revisions
bundle 149

Private {on diagonal} Nov 1/70 [pencil] [15:732]

Miss Rumpff

My dear Sir Harry

I take for granted that
you have seen the enclosed
batch of Miss Rumpff's letters

I am afraid that I feel,
like Mme. Schwabe, in a fury
of pity when I read them
-in a fury of hasty wrath
at Pr. Pless & the Johanniter
& even at Col: L.L. [we were
so surprised that he did not
personally visit the Hospitals -
- is that the way to serve
them? I am sure you would
have seen into the whole
administration & distribution
yourself] -

I confess that I now feel
as if we *must* form a
private Fund, if it were
only a few hundred, to
do what the Aid Society
with its £40,000 (at Versailles
& Paris) has *not* done -

Before I saw these letters
of Miss Rumpff's, men, of
business ~~said~~ wrote to me (after
reading Col: L.L.'s letter
in "Times":)- "those £20 000 he
"has given the Prussians
"will not reach the *sufferers*"
"whom it is intended for."

If you do not see your
way to helping Miss Rumpff
& the wants she describes
directly (and this, when
we are actually spending
£41000! upon that Giant!!!)
I would gladly start a
private Fund with £100
of my own, tho' I could

ill spare it.

How infinitely Miss Lees
must be wanted there -
it is just the sort of thing
she would do so well -
I wrote to her in your sense -
i.e. to consult Crown Princess -
Do you think we could
write again? - I abound

in Miss Rumpff's sense -
The Sisters of Charity are of
little *real* use. To name
them in the same day with
an English-trained woman
(like ours at St. T's) of the
calibre of Miss Lees & Miss Rumpff
is absurd.

I am writing to you in answer
to your long letter on another sheet.

1. Please return me Miss
Rumpff's letters by Messenger,
if you have seen them before
± [I only write now in haste
to know from you if anything could be
done at once to help her-]

2. Could you send me more
copies of that (confounded)

(a) Col: L.L.'s letter

(b) Financial Statement

by Bearer? ever yours F.N.

[end]

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{printed address}

[Returned]

35 South Street, 1/11/70 [15:730-31]
Park Lane,
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

In *general* answer to your letter: -

This conclusion is to what all our experience
tends:

the decortication of the Prussian Hospital system.

It is a hollow shame.

We knew this before -

Col: Lindsay & the "Times" do not seem to have
known it till Col: L. went to Versailles.

They are just where the French were in the
early part of Louis XIV.

They have beaten the French in soldiering.

But their Hospitals have still to march a
century and a half - (or ever since Frederic the
Great) to keep up to our present standard.

Their definition of a soldier is "a man in
the ranks." Out of the ranks he is somebody else
who has been unfortunate. but who is to get
nothing but what he had in the ranks from

his Government still - & is to receive the
commonest, even to the commonest necessities,
for a *sick* man - not from the Government
who calls him to arms but from - - - -

his own country's

Voluntary contributions & from *us*. (even while they abuse us.)

[I don't know whether I was more alarmed or amused at Col: Lindsay letting out the secret which we knew long before - viz. that the Prussian Government makes war cheap by throwing all its duties & responsibilities with regard to its *sick* men overboard, & leaving us & others to pick them up *if we please*. *If not, not*.

It is exactly what we told our own Governt.

in 1864, with regard to the Geneva Convention

- 'take care that it in no way diminishes the responsibilities of each belligerent Government for its own Sick & Wounded, & for making preparations in time of peace for its Sick & Wounded in time of war.']

We are in fact paying a large quota to the expences of the Prussians making war.

2. On other points, Col: Lindsay's letter was

also one of great interest - but scarcely
what one would have written about
Hospitals or the Fund.

It reveals more than it conceals.

Prussia is in trouble before Paris -
[Though information must be at present
most imperfect, yet I think this estimate
is rather below the truth: --

20 per cent sick (in the Prussian Army
20 per cent Deaths to Sick.

From the private accounts I hear of the
state of the Prussian Ambulances, of the
Typhus 'Stations' in particular, the Typhus
cases lying or rather dying on straw,-
I believe the 20 per cent estimate of
Death-rate to be far below the truth -
(I do not hesitate to say that the state of
the Scutari Hospitals, which roused the
horror of all England, & at its worst time,)
was not so bad as that of the Prussian
ambulances at its best time - that is,

when there was no pressure either before
Metz or before Paris from any *recent*
large battles or Cholera Epidemic or the
like.)

Evidence enough is already forth coming to lead
us at least to suspect:-

1. that the *French Ambulances* have a
Death-rate more than one third less than
~~of~~ that of the Prussian Ambulances x x
-this, even in the great necessity of France

2. that the French International Red Cross
is, even now, in their great necessity,
better managed, i.e. goes more direct to
its aims, than the Prussian, (with its
magnificent Prince Pleas).]

As for any practical insight into the present
actual condition of the *Sick & Wounded* which
the Chairman of the "*Sick & Wounded Fund*"
gives us through his recent visit, it is
of course 'lucus a non lucendo' -

[end 15:731]

x x. *French Death-rate* (said to be) 1 in 8½
German " " " 1 in 5.

[I don't vouch for this.]

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35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.1

3. *Financial Report*: signed by Committee.

What I hear men of business say is:

'they appear to have kept no definite
'accounts - Money came in & they spent it.
'The need was great - the work overwhelming
'- but still one would think that a Day=
'book of receipts & expenditures might
'have been kept.

'The Public will accept the *names*'
'but without the names there would
'have been a "row."

'They should begin now to keep rigid
'accounts.'

'In a few days it will be seen how the
'public are disposed to deal with the question. If
'they are satisfied,' subscriptions will come in. If not, not.'

A no less important point is: -
what ought to be done now?

[The whole manner of working the Geneva
Convention will have to be altered.
All that has happened was foreseen -
and the dangers pointed out to our Govt.]
As to the £20000 to the French & £20000 to
the German:

what I understand that men accustomed
to manipulate these subjects say is:

the French will spend it honourably -they are on their good
behaviour-

the only way to take was that taken
viz. the agreement made with the French
War Minister that the Government is to
supply for the sick everything according to
their own scale, & that the Aid Society's
money is to improve the allowances -
And '3 Englishmen' on the Committee
makes us quite safe in Paris. as to its application.

With regard to

The Prussians; pressed as they are, there is no security against their so manipulating matters that the funds & supplies for Wounded & Sick may be used for preserving the efficiency of the ranks.

No agreement seems to have been made for guaranteeing the use of the £20000 to be that which the Subscribers intended.

Prince Pless' letter is not worth the paper it is written on.

We have private evidence indeed that the Hospitals are ill supplied or scarcely supplied at all - while our subvention including the Giant Ambulance, & goods in kind, is upwards of £60 000 - to the Army before Paris alone (~~much~~ more than was subscribed by the English specially for the whole of their own Hospitals in the Crimean War.)

There is only a quasi-assent- on the Prussian side - to cover the Sick & Wounded- & the expenditure of the Society's funds.

There does not appear to have been even an attempt to unite Col. Walker with the Prussian authorities in the expenditure - or any Englishman -

I conclude that the only safe way of doing the work is: -

- (1.) for the Aid Society to disburse solely thro' its own Agents - which it could very well do in cases where there are *scattered small Hospitals*
 - (2.) and, when acting *with Armies*, there should be a joint Committee -
- In view of the small remnant of the Fund, should it not be disbursed solely by responsible agents & in special cases?

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35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

4. In answer to your suggestion about
"Incorporation":-
one scarcely sees what would be got by it
at present -
there will be no balance to pass over in trust
- it would apparently be better to begin
afresh with nothing when the time came
than to have a small vested Fund as an
excuse for not contributing

If you please to show this letter to
Capt. Galton, I should be very glad. He
may give some valuable hints -

The Committee has published so very
little valuable information for us to form
any conclusions at all upon, except
what is "*conspicuous from its absence*,"
that I am obliged to draw what I can, in
answer to your letters- from private sources - never
having seen any questions replied to at all by the Committee
ever yours sincerely F.N.

9004/133 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

2 Nov/70

My dear Sir Harry

I have read over Miss Rumpff's
letter to you - most carefully - again -

But I do not find that it much
modifies my conclusions.

I mean, as to the *want of guarantee*
that Prince Pless' £20000 will reach
the Hospitals directly or immediately -

[N.B. The account she gives of
"Hospital Gangrene" is quite enough to
~~condemn~~ stamp the whole Prussian system
at once, tho' she does not see it.]

Question

1. Have you received the letter from
Dr. Neithardt (of the Lycée Typhus
Station) which she mentions as having
sent to you (in her last but one to
Mrs. Wardroper). marked by me in red?

Please say -

[It is impossible to like Miss Rumpff's tone in the third sheet of her letter to you - I mean the arrogance - her saying that the "Giant" Ambulance had better employ *her* (to open their way for them.)!.

Still: I would submit this: -

You say she has had £35- so far as I can make out, the Crown Princess has given her *nothing* - for her expences -

she has spent £10 of your £35 on the journey from Homburg to Paris - principally on the men -

£10 she very wisely leaves at Frankfurt for her return to England -

(£15 she had probably spent on her way

out to Homburg) -

The Crown Princess distinctly told her, when sending her at her own desire to Paris, that our Society were to provide for her- (excepting rations. & Quarters - which are provided for her - at least *part* rations)-

[How wrong the C.P- was in this I don't pretend to know -]

But it does appear to me that we ought to send Miss Rumpff something. She is apparently now without a shilling, unless she sends for the £10 which she has very properly reserved for the Journey home.

Question

2. And unless the Society will vote her something, I should prefer, with your kind permission, to do what I say in my *little* note to you - of yesterday's date

Question

3.

2. *Please send me back this whole boutique tomorrow morning* - I can

make use of it

Question

4 - Also: may I not see the *little* note you showed me on my bed

Wellcome Ms 9003

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this morning (*not* enclosed in this)?

I cannot write a word more
tonight - but will in the morning.

ever yours

FN

9004/134 2ff, pen with pencil revisions, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 3/70

7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

1. I think it will be very kind of you "to send Miss "Rumpff £10 now & a small "grant, if possible, next week"-
- always providing that what the Society won't pay, I pay.

Could you kindly tell her that you have "never received "any letter of hers, enclosing "one from Dr. Neithardt, "nor ever heard from him "at all, (if this be so)?

2. *Countess della Torre* - a woman of (more than) doubtful character - some say, quite an adventurer -

a great friend of good, simple, gullible Garibaldi.

This is the *THIRD* war in which she has gone about trading upon being "a great friend of Miss "Nightingale's."

I have never had any communication with her, direct or indirect- have never even heard of her excepting from those who knew her real character-& who wrote to ask if I knew her-

You will judge best as to how much it is prudent to tell of this. (Miss Rumpff asks.)

[It is always imprudent to unmask a woman, even of

whose imposture or bad character one
is personally cognizant -
And I have more than once
been in this scrape 3 times
in the Crimean War- once
about that (so-called) Mr.
Yelverton.] It is, I suppose, best simply
to say that I have not the slightest acquaintance
with Mme della Torre -

3. I hope you understood
that it was not the voting
£20000 to the Prussians
that I thought unadvisable
- *that* was capital - it was
the leaving it, *without any
of the guarantees* so wisely
& sufficiently exacted from
the French side, in the hands
of a man who is a fool,
without even the pledge of
Col: Walker's co-operation,
that is thought unadvisable

-not by me only but by
every man of business I have
heard from. The old King
has in fact out-witted
Col: L.L. And the Sick are the losers.

[I did not know that it was
you who proposed the £20000.
Therefore you may be quite
sure that I was quite sincere
in saying that *that* was well
done - that ~~other~~ this was ill done.]

4. Please let me have back
the whole shop of letters-
& *any others that you have*
which will give me
information (for me to
return to you.) And
could you let me have
Miss Rumpff's former letter
to you once again?

ever yours F.N.

9004/135 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov. 1870 [not FN]

My dear Sir Harry

Would you send me up *the whole boutique?* of the letters? - for an hour?

I will send them you again *to night* "to read to Parthe," if you like it (tho' I do not know that she has any *practical* acquaintance with the subject) if you will let me have them all again tomorrow morning as you kindly propose - I think I can do something with them even before Capt Galton & you return -

Was he at the Meeting to-day?

Were you able to propose a small grant to Miss Rumpff?

My dear Sir Harry

Would you let me read *now*- YOUR letter from Miss Rumpff?

I will return it to you in half an hour- It appeared to me that it might modify her other letters.

9004/136 4ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 7/70

7.a.m.

Dearest Emily

I wish I could answer your question about asking Mrs. Galton" as to the desired *Précis*"-

But you must be so much better a judge of this than I-

I have not heard from Capt. Galton in answer to my long letter of Saturday about Versailles Stores & Hospitals)- I do not even know whether he returns to London before to-day -

[I think we agreed that I should hear from him & then write to *him* first.]

The danger of asking Mrs. G. is that, if she were to say positively - there is no possibility of getting the letters to make the *Précis* (in which she might be quite right [?])

I could not then ask Capt. Galton or ignore that she had given her verdict *against*.

But, as I say, you really know the "status quo". (for the "commencement of negotiations") so much better than I do -

I am afraid that, unless we can see the letters *already* written, this would not be a good time to "send out any questions to the Drs &c". They would say: "we are too busy- we have written to you all you ask for now".

[Many, I know, have said this- And I confess I have felt it myself-

The Comm: don't read each other's letters - don't even read their own - don't know *what they have*-]

I should not "write a pamphlet, unless I could

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obtain the full & accurate information which the Comm: are already in possession of- i.e. in their desks, not in their heads -

Perhaps not even then -

But I am too busy to be "writing "pamphlets" en l'air-

4.- *Tell me if & when you go out of London* - I send you a letter to read - which please return at once - *with any suggestions* as to what should be done with it

[Does Sir Harry come back morning or evening to-morrow?]-]

-I was quite aware that the Q. of Prussia believed that "England had given nothing"-

-I don't know what good or evil genius led me, in one of my letters to the Cr. Princess to tell her something about the "Society's"

operations- But I know that, had I not, she too would have known nothing about them -

I dread having to write to the "Cologne Gazette"-I don't think I can -

How can I furnish a "detail" of the "Society's" operations, when the "Society" does not know its own

"operations"?

At the same time, I feel more than ever
how necessary is a publishing of their

"operations"-

(not, as Ld. Overstone's was, at once
excusing & accusing - offensive & defensive)

ever yours

F.N.

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Dearest Emily

I assent to your doing what you
propose, if you think it wise,
with Mrs. L.L-

I enclose Miss Lees' letter for the
purpose- & a letter from the Cr. Princess,
a few days older, shewing her gratitude
for the English things -

Please return

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I return Miss v. Z's noble & touching
letter - which I have read with the
deepest interest -

While agreeing with all she says
against the French, does she not
quite ignore the other side? I enclose

you part of a letter I am writing -
with which Germans, better informed
that she is - entirely agree -
I mean about Bismark & Prussian
aggrandizement & the fall of Civil
freedom in Germany -

*Please return it to me, as I cannot
re-write it*

your
F.

9004/138 3ff, pen, signed letter bundle 149

Nov 8/70
7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am about to trouble you with two
requests, both received through the Cr. Princess,
which she trusts that you will kindly be
able to carry at the Meeting of the "Aid
Society" to-day:-

Homburg

1. (as per not enclosed from Miss Lees to you:)
24 English camp with iron bedsteads
11 horse=hair mattresses
(for H.R.H.'s Lazareth at *Homburg*-)

Berlin

2. (this is thro' the Crown Princess for the

Queen of Prussia)

"The stores AT BERLIN are already failing -

"If a supply could be sent to the *Central*

"Depot of the Hilfs Verein there?

it is added

"and a *drawn-up statement of stores &*

"MONEY already sent out to Germany- & of all England is

"doing- ~~to~~ & for Germany-

Private

The Queen of Prussia does not believe
that your "Aid Society" exists

(a fact I have known for some time)
& has flatly contradicted the Crown
Princess about it!

I have received, again & again, kindly
intimations that

the greatest service which could be done
(to mitigate the ill feeling growing up between
Germany & England)

the most "inestimable benefit to either
nation" would be: to publish in
German newspapers, in the Cologne Gazette,
& to send to the *Berlin Hilfs Verein*
(for the Queen of Prussia)

"a drawn-up statement of stores & money

"already sent out- & of all England has

"done and is doing" "to shew Germany

"how deep her debt of gratitude ~~was~~ is."

These are the Cr. Princess's own words.

The Crown Princess is emphatically anxious
that I should

1. "send a statement TO THE GERMAN PAPERS

"of *all* (if possible even the items) of what

"England has sent out since War was

"declared - x x x

2. "send a drawn-up statement of stores

"& money already sent out- & of all

"England has done & is doing- TO BERLIN HILFS VEREIN

- "which would be rendering an

"inestimable service to the Nation- x x

- "there is unhappily such an ill feeling

"growing up between Germany & England

"& *nothing* would do more to allay this,

"than to shew Germany how deep her

"debt of gratitude was" -

3. "send (or have sent) a column to the

"COLOGNE GAZETTE saying WEEK BY WEEK

"what England was doing (as one sees

"in the "Times")-

All this is reiterated over & over again in
different words. But these are the *three* heads.

The Cr. Pr. adds that
if I had not written her some account
of the Aid Society's operations, she
herself "would have known *nothing*"-
("I myself should have known *nothing*"- these
are her own words.)

She adds
"whether you (F.N.) write, OR THE SECRETARY
"of the (English) "Society" at St. Martin's Place,
"make it clearly understood *in Germany*
"all that England has given, has done,
"& is doing-
but that *her* (the Crown Princess's)
"name is *not* to be used" as prompting
this.

Yesterday, Emily was so good as to go to Mrs.
Lindsay at St. M.'s Place & ask for "a drawn up
statement" of "what has been sent to Germany"-
She was answered that "one had already been sent"
(last week) "to the Crown Princess:- & that they
did not wish to make out another - for
fear of there being some discrepancy
between the two.

[2]

Nothing more could be had out of them
And Emily was wisely afraid to press
it.
[It is therefore of the highest importance
that you should know this, in order
not to re-iterate urgency in the same
quarter.]

But, you will see, this does not help
me in the least.

I cannot write to the Cr. Pr. that it is
for HER to send the "statement" she has
received, - to the "Cologne Gazette"
to the "German papers"
to the "Berlin Hilfs Verein &
the Queen"

(not to add that she expressly desires her
name not to be mentioned.)

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It seems to me *so natural* a course that
the *Secretary* of the "Society" should write
such a letter & send such a statement,

if asked, to the Cologne Gazette & to Berlin &c that I, innocent should *never* have divined for one moment that any difficulty would arise in making such a request.

But - the ways of the Committee are past finding out- (at least, by me.)

[Have the "Ladies' Committee" really *no* copy of the "Statement" they profess to have sent to the Cr. Princess within "the last day or two" ?]

I have written you a long letter, dear Sir Harry, with very little strength, because I think you prefer my Abstracts & abridgement to fishing them out of many letters for yourself-

ever yours F Nightingale

9004/139 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 9/70

My dear Sir Harry

Let me first say with what thankful joy or joy in sorrow we see the work our Society is doing in Metz & the surroundings - Capt. Brackenbury is working nobly- & those under him. We thank God that He has chosen to make use of us in that too dreadful business. The Aid Society is doing gloriously. What fine reports those last of Brackenbury's. [I wish we could say as much for our work at & round Versailles - I fear that nothing can be *less* efficient_ And _ no prospect of peace! Our stores & the Hospitals there seem in the last degree of confusion.]

2. I thank you very much for letting me see these letters, which I return - They are most curious & interesting- For depth of feeling & for power of expression (& truth, as I think, of judgment,) d'Haussonville's cannot be named in the same day with the others__ it is so superior _

Mr. Ward's have been for some time mere transcripts of the newspapers which are

supposed to be Bismark's official or semi-official organs. [But the idea is an *original* one_ to comfort the French & justify the Prussians (for the transfer of Alsace & Lorraine) that, even *without* these provinces, Prussia was victorious over France _]

I think d'Haussonville quite warranted in saying that Prussia has found us at her feet the morrow of her victories - that we foresee nothing &c

What there *is* to be "foreseen", I know that I am speaking the opinions of the most enlightened Germans in saying: is: _

that the most highly & widely educated, the most deep thinking nation of Europe, the Germans, are plunging head foremost under Military despotism

that "German unity" means now only Prussia's aggrandizement

& Prussia, under Bismark, means nothing but a trampling on all civil freedom, on all constitutional rights, on all political progress _

that the real Mephistopheles in this frightful tragedy is: Bismark, who has besotted not

one stupid Faust _ not one drinking, half=savage population, "plunging them into hell" but a whole Centra Continent of the most "philosophical & civilized peoples of the earth _

Is any ruin like this? _

is the ruin of poor, torn & trampled France herself. (richly as she has deserved it - as M. d'Haussonville himself nobly acknowledges) *is it anything like this?* _

I said something of this kind to one of the ablest Germans I know_ And He wrote to me _ that it was perfectly true - adding _ "by what means has it been brought _ about!!" _ and proceeding to tell me, how Bismark, having appropriated the revenues of the King of Hanover & Elector of Hesse _ had employed them _ -- not to restore to the peoples from whom they were drawn but _ _ _ _ _ to pay spies & - - - - subsidize the newspapers

to write in *his* interest!!!

And: *this* is Prussian Government!!!

As for "M.M.'s" letters in "Times," I hear
that enlightened Germans think of them as
— — — they deserve.

Who is "our friend" who writes "against us"
in the R. des Deux Mondes, according to
Lord Granville?

I have all the Nos., & don't know _
yours

FN.

Nov 9/70

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Nov 11/70

Private Please burn 7.a.m.

{on diag.} 35 South Street,

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

As I have been written to about Emily
(of which of course she knows nothing _
therefore you cannot attribute *this* to her prompting)
tho' very weary, I think it but fair to her to write this_
but it is to you *alone*__

1.

Emily has never once either in speech or letter
told me of her own works & doings _ xx.
[I have been told repeatedly of them by others
-been told repeatedly by persons for whose
opinions I have respect that "she was the
only person of ability on the Ladies Committee", that
"she was worth all the others put together"-
&c &c &c And it was impossible not to be
struck, for a person of my age & experience,
with the business-like practical insight of
her letters _ as unlike those of all the rest
as Capt. Brackenbury's are unlike those
of Mr. John Furley, Capt. de Kantzow, & the rest
Emily has *never* spoken or written to me of what
you did on the Committee except to impress
upon me the immense value of all you

xx. She has told me of her own mistakes

have done _ (but not more than it deserved).

[And I, being very unfit for explanations,
should have thought it hardly necessary to
assure you of this_] ~~but for what has been~~

3.

Emily has never, I think, (directly) once told me
of the "Society's" "mismanagements". It has *come out*.
as when she sent me your Form_ "why had they not had one before?
You yourself have told me a great deal more
than she has. (and you know whether what
you have been kind enough to tell me has
been hasty or acrimonious) Every body
has told me a great deal more than she has.
They have told themselves to the world a great
deal more than she has by their own

unfortunate letters

But, you know, I have had ~~all~~ the information
from *the other end* I have seen all your
business *inside out* - the dirty side, as it were,
of your "linen sent to the wash" i.e. from the
Depots, Stations & Hospitals abroad
All this information, sent by friendly hands,
for your use, should have been laid at the
feet of the Committee. But I learnt that
at least one letter, written, I believe, by Capt.

Brackenbury stating faults & remedies, had been so ill received that I understood it had ended almost in an open rupture _ & in his declaring (at first) that he would not serve any more.

In fact, I have told Emily (& you) much more than she has told me _

I began, as you are aware, by writing to her & to you long letters, *condensing* my information from abroad.

And I could have given much more _

also under the following heads: _

1. the total inefficiency of the Agents sent especially round Metz & Saarbrück) till Capt. Brackenbury went
2. the immense trouble given (& still given) by Mrs. L.L. & her ladies by
 - a. sending Bales without any indication of their contents
 - b. with wrong indications of their Contents
 - c. that *one* thing was asked for & *another* sent *continuously & repeatedly* between our Depots & Committee putting our Depots at an enormous disadvantage- & that our Ladies' Comm:, (i.e. Mrs. L.L.), said "it did not signify" (pour toute réponse)
3. that the Committee neither required nor invited but rather discouraged any *weekly* report being sent from the Depots to them, stating week by week what was in store what had been given out what was required (from England) to replenish the store
4. that no Estimate was ever made (nor is now) of the wants of a certain number of Sick in a certain article *per diem* -but things were given or withheld without such calculation _ or something else given _
Now a sick man wants according to his wants _ not according to what is or is not in store -

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7.

&c. I could, of course, multiply these heads

&c. very much _

But I prefer not. Some have been remedied

Others neither have been, nor will be —
I have been told that much more forcible
remonstrances than mine have been addressed
to the Society by the best of their own agents—
but they have been either resented or unread
(by its Chairman). And some have said: they would

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remonstrate no more

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All that I am here stating is: _

that I have received nearly, if not all,
my information_ not from E., but from
the *other end*.

[Also: it is hardly likely that one of my age,
not to mention my experience, should
receive *any* statements, _least of all E_.'s,-
"unsifted"-

But I have still the same opinion that
E. has most remarkable talents & powers
for good, for administration = business _
great devotedness, ~~perseverance~~ & candour
- tho' she, being yet younger in experience than in
years, ~~is~~ may be of course hasty in her opinions.]

I would just remark by the way that on
all hands the sophism has been exploded_
that, *because* Bales were sent out to me
at Scutari in great confusion in 1854,
therefore that is an excuse for this "Socy.,"
(as has been curiously urged)_
When had *they* (in 1854-5) such an Establishment
as that at St. Martin's Place - professional
packers & unpackers- paid Agents _Depots_
£270 000- &c &c &c _ At Broad Sanctuary
alone, there from 70-100 paid women working _

I am obliged to break off this letter,
dear Sir Harry, for indeed I am ill able
to write. And I should scarcely have thought it
necessary for me to defend Emily to you.

But I had another thing of some
importance to say - which I must put off-
about the Socy.

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Thanks many for Mme. T's Balloon
letter (which I re-inclose)

I will send you my own letter to you which you
ask for as soon as I can lay my hands
upon it -

ever yours
F.N.

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35 S. St. 11/11/70

Dearest Emily

I send you first

1. the de Grancey letter _ as you desired _ what a beautiful noble letter it is _ may the regeneration of France come, out of this awful crisis, this De Profundis, _ as she prays! "mon âme désolée n'est point abbatue" _
2. a whole batch of Cox & Eyre letters from Amiens, by Sir Harry's desire
Please return them to me - and I will return them to him _ [I must read them again]
They shew an immense amount of good very quietly done - but what curious peeps into nun=Hospital economy _ men dying of starvation made to 'faire maigre' on Friday _ & many other index=facts I should like to

talk over with you some day _

My best love to Mr. & Mrs. Fred -
ever yours

F.N.

I hope you will come back-

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35 S. St.

Nov 12/70

Dearie

I think there must be some mistake about the Screen-silk _

But, of all things, the worst part of it is: if, as you say, Mama has been worried again about it _

I had rather never have the Screen at all than that this should be the case _

The silk, as I believe, arrived here from Embley *early in July* _ & was sent to you [At that time parcels came from Embley for you by every week's box.]

This was brought up to me, unfolded, & to the best of my knowledge, was the desired piece.

Wellcome Ms 9003

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But I was too overwhelmed with pain,
weakness & business to look into it

The next day _ it was Thursday _ a note came from you to Temperance _ saying that the silk was to be forwarded to you at Claydon (to be mounted for me)

It was accordingly sent to 38 Up. G. St. with ~~several~~ two other parcels for you _ as you desired.

Sir Harry called a few minutes afterwards _ to speak to Temperance about some parcels for himself

And she told him that ~~all~~ the 3 parcels had just been sent to 38 Up Grosvenor St for you _ & told him of the roll of silk _ (the 3 parcels were tied up together).

He was going to Claydon that day
[If he took one, he probably took all.]
Temperance is perfectly clear in her memory of all this - And so am I _

[I cannot say which Thursday in *July* it was - But it was *after* Sir Harry had left me - & 2 or 3 weeks before I went to
Lea Hurst]

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Private {on diagonal} Nov 15/70

My dear Sir Harry

Many thanks for your kind note _

Q. of P.

1. I am "advised" that, as the Queen of Prussia has written to the Comm:, (of which I was not informed,) the proper way for you to do would be, in acknowledging her letter, to *send the List which you propose to her* as if *her* letter was your motive in doing so, & as if it was the natural acknowledgment of "Her Majesty's gracious letter" _ &c
[You will know so much better how to do this than I.]

It saves all mention of Cr. Prss., Hilfs Verein, Lord A. Loftus, or the like & all suspicion _

Cologne Gaz:

2. You were kind enough to say that you could & would, if I judged it necessary & if the Cr. Princess was very pressing, send me a full List of what has been sent in money & kind to Germany.

The Cr. Prss. *is* pressing _ And I have

arranged, *both with the Cologne & Augsburg*
Gazettes, thro' means in London, to send

them *full Lists of what your Society has done for Germany* (as soon as I receive them from you)_ but neither my name, nor of course the Cr. Pr_'s, is to be used.

3. I return the letter to yourself which you ask for_

It was in the packet which you kindly gave me for Capt. Galton_ And he has only *just* returned it.

He has not yet returned me Miss Rumpff's letters - but he will.

yours ever

F.N.

4. I have seen a private letter from your Giant Ambulance - They are at St. Germain "*doing nothing*"- "cold shouldered" "by the Prussians"_ "looked upon as intruders."
Our A.M.D. is "dissatisfied" about it, & say now that "the Ambulance ought not to have gone to Versailles at all".

F.N.

5. Do not suppose that I am always carping at your Society.
I think there is evidence that you have done more good than *all the "Orders"* with their rules.
6. Emily has sent me back the Eyre & Cox letters _
Shall I send them back to Lady Eyre at Boulogne ? _
It will give me an opportunity of writing to Mrs. Cox, which I wished to do _ (but am afraid of not reaching her at Amiens now_)
& enclosing it to Lady Eyre.

F.N.

9004/144 2ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

35 South Street, Nov 15/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I think the enclosed List is capital & will allay a great many National

heart-burnings

A copy of the Q. of
Prussia should be sent
by yourselves direct.

I should like to have
4 copies

one for Cologne Gazette

" " Augsburg "

" " Crown Princess

" to keep for future use.

But, if you would kindly
only send me one, I could

have others made by Vacher _ for
myself_ Or if Mr. Drury
would get them made
by a Copying Clerk, I
would gladly repay him.

I will answer tomorrow
early your kind note.
ever yours
F.N.

9004/145 3ff, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

Nov 16/70

My dear Sir Harry _ Many thanks -
Col: L.L.

1. I am "particularly pleased" at Col: L.
Lindsay's kind message.
[by what magic did you manage that?]
I have an unavoidable engagement for all *this*
afternoon- but I could see him either
Thursday, Friday or Saturday at the hour,
("between 4 and 5,") he kindly mentions.
If he still says, I am to choose, I will
say 'Friday'. [But if either of the other days
is more convenient to him, it is equally so
to me _]
If I don't hear from you, I will conclude
Friday, "between 4 and 5."

Ambulance

2. It is quite a relief to me that half the W.O.
Ambulance is gone to Orleans.
We hear of 5000 Sick & Wounded between
that & Marchenoir almost without what
we call Hospitals.

Hülfs Verein

3. I entirely concur with M. de Rothschild
& Capt. G. that "what is sent to the Berlin
(& indeed other) "Hülfs Vereine" "goes to the
Army."
[I only repeated to you what Cr. Princess had
asked_] as in duty bound.]
But what I fear is that the £20 000
given to Prince Pless "goes to the Army"
The Johanniter openly expressed their policy
some time ago _ & notably to Capt. Brackenbury
_ that their funds went as much "to the Army"

as to the "Hospitals."

[They are of course the masters to do what they think right.]

Now Pr. Pless is the head of the Johanniter.

No agreement seems to have even been suggested that our £20,000 should go to *supplement*

not to save or replace, the Govt. allowances for the Hospitals & also should not go to the Army -

I believe there is evidence that much of it

will "go to the Army". even indirectly if not directly _

Miss Rumpff

4. Many thanks for Miss Rumpff's letter -

May I return it to you in a day or two, unless

you want it to answer at once?

["Mme. Schwabe's £5" was "a present."

She told me of it.]

Tho' I don't like the Rumpff tone, I believe her information is valuable, & I hope she has received the £50_ I am sure she applies money well.

And, as you know, much as I admire Cr. Prss., I have no faith in her fulfilling any promise. It is certainly hard upon a woman who has absolutely nothing that her "keep should cost her £1 a week"_ & another woman, "Miss Henderson", be put upon her.

[To get on well with Princesses, one must be entirely independent of them in money matters.]

Mrs. Cox

5. I enclose a most *instructive* letter from Mrs. Cox. (just received).

I should be glad to have it back *to.day*, if I could__ as I have only read it once, & have not written to her yet _

She & Col: Cox have been among our best Agents.

6. Max Müller is said to have said that he knows "Scrutator" to be *Mr. Gladstone*. Do you

believe it?

ever dear Sir Harry yours

F.N.

[bundle 149]

O mon Dieu! donnez-moi d'être toujours contente de vous.

Vous souffrez? Eh bien, acceptez la croix, *prenez-la, vous êtes heureuse*. Et que voulez-vous que le monde fasse à une âme dépouillée, sacrifiée? Elle leur échappe.

Et Dieu lui-même, qu'est-ce que vous voulez qu'il fasse à une âme crucifiée?

C'est *un autre lui-même*, un autre Jésus=Christ, une autre victime. En elle, il voit son fils.

Il l'aime. Et alors cette âme crucifiée, si elle a ce courage, elle est heureuse, car toute la perfection est là: c'est l'amour de la croix, la paix sur la croix.

Une croix se présente, je ferme les yeux,

je m'étends, je me laisse clouer.
C'est Dieu qui me crucifie:
que son saint nom soit béni!

9004/146 6ff, pen, signed letter, black-edged paper

London Nov. 19/70 [15:741-44]

Sir

I cannot thank you enough
for your kind note of Oct 16, ---
and for your valuable pamphlet
on the "deutschen Frauenvereine
"unter dem rothen Kreuze". I have &
I will go through it carefully &
with the deepest interest_ &
hope to write to you, when we
have gathered up our experience
from this terrible War, a full
appreciation of it, as you are
kind enough to ask me _

Before such experience has
been ~~has been~~ tabulated by us, I
feel that I should send you
Dr. Hahn

&c &c

no answer worthy of you. I should
only be able to make premature
generalizations & theories standing
on one leg or one fact, upon
which to build whole plans of
action which would of course
break down.

But I have delayed too long & will
not delay longer my thanks for
your invaluable pamphlet _ hoping
later to write more fully on its
contents -

If you knew the pressing occupations
which the countless horrors of this
most horrible of all Earth's wars_
which the ghastly hideous sufferings
not only of the Sick & Wounded
but of the ~~suffering~~, starving,
stripped & burnt out peasantry of

France have brought upon me _
already overcharged with business
& a prisoner to my room from
incurable illness _ you would pity
me & forgive me for my seeming ingratitude
The English people, from the richest
to the very poorest have all
sympathized with the sufferers_
have all sent in contributions_
whether in money, or in kind,
or in unpaid labour, to our
"Red Cross" Society - And we have
already sent out to the German
Sick & Wounded alone since
Sept 7, £57,000 (odd) worth in kind
£30,600 (odd) in cash.

And about the same to the French
side. But the demands upon us
are ever-increasing - And, could
we send out as much more, it
would not so much as meet them.
The sick French prisoners in Germany are a

fresh & heavy claim upon us.

[This is independent of what
England is doing for the starving
peasantry round Metz & Sedan.]

We know & we honour the
immense sacrifices made by
the Germans for their Sick &
Wounded & all their sufferers.
& especially the devotion shewn
by the daughters of Germany in
giving their noble & disinterested
Services. Where the husband
& the brother laid down his life
for the country, so did the
wife & the sister- All were
ready, as we know, from the
Princess to the Peasant, to devote
hand & heart, mind & life,
to the Fatherland.

[2]

The incalculable & unprecedented numbers & wants of the Wounded & Sick in this most frightful struggle of all the struggles in Mankind's history will , I think, raise quite new questions for "Red Cross" Societies in their future action:

1. One will be:— the whole question about "Infirmiers" (Krankenpfleger" or "Orderlies" which takes quite a gigantic form in this terrible War—

— 20,000 Krankenpfleger" would have been short allowance for this War— And where are there one thousand?— We in England are not at all better off than other countries in *Trained* "Orderlies" for the whole British Army in case of war— [not so well off as

the Military Hospital which trains for the French Army, the Val de Grace at Paris.]

Foreign *Military* Orderlies are probably never likely to enter a Belligerent Ambulance.

A *Civil* Men's Nursing Order, like the Johanniter & Malteser, but properly qualified & neutralized, ought to be able to supply men=nurses, (Krankenpfleger) to both Belligerent sides.

But has any Order of Johanniter or Red Cross been of any real help in Nursing (Krankenpfleger) in the Ambulances of this War?

2. Can the "Red Cross" Societies attain any organization which would enable the service for removing the Wounded from large battle=fields to be accomplished in a few hours?

The following is the problem: _

1. Sick & wounded in towns
 2. " " " villages
 3. " " " scattered country houses
 4. " " " ditches, under trees,
 hedges, in holes where
 they have dragged
 themselves for safety
 5. " " " Ambulances
- What we want in dealing with the
problem are: _
searchers
bearers (Krankenträger)
Surgeons
Nurses (Krankenpfleger & pflegerinnen)
supplies for such purposes
brought to the ground
during or immediately
after battle _ i.e. as
soon as the firing has ceased.
portable kitchen stoves. & extemporized
kitchen arrangements
& the like _

Question

3. the degree & proportion to &
in which Nurses (Krankenpflegerinnen)
in time of War should be TRAINED
Nurses.

and for *International Service* this
also involves the question of *languages-*

In the heroic & mighty popular
devotion of the women in the
American Civil War, one point,
viz. the community of language,
greatly eased their labours. Both
belligerent sides, all sides, uneducated as
well as educated, spoke the same
language - i.e English

In England scarcely any woman,
except the highly educated speaks
German. [We found this the
difficulty in sending out even
those Nurses whom we did send
out in this War to the German side.
There is the same difficulty for
International Surgeons]

[3]

[When I was at Kaiserswerth, not
one of the Deaconesses spoke
English so as to be understood.
In France, "Sisters of Charity" speaking
English are almost as rare -
in fact, only those who are
English by birth. & speaking
German the same.

Many more ~~Eng~~ German Surgeons,
ladies & soldiers speak French, _
many, many more than French
Surgeons, ladies or soldiers speak
German _

This *international* difficulty is
much overlooked by "Red Cross"
Societies in their deliberations
about International Surgeons &
Nurses.]

I think it is certain that many, many
lives have been saved by peasant
women & peasant men in France.

_not because they knew anything
of Nursing but because they
brought IN TIME the kind of help
which would have been useless
in an hour or two, even if given
by the best Nurse extant.

Had the battle-fields been in
Germany or England, the same
kind of help would have been
given yet more freely.

The battle-field of Gravelotte,
(whence all the Wounded were
not removed even in 5 days' time),
was invaded by all the peasant girls
who could reach it, bringing with
them wine, water, sometimes bread,
means of binding up wounds
somehow or other, and the like.

All the Hospitals round Sedan
had similar invasions _

An old decrepit woman & three

German students had 40 severely wounded cases to deal with in the Château at Balan after Sedan. No doubt when our highly trained English "Sisters" dropped into this awful place, things were vastly improved at once- But, except the old woman, there was no Nursing for 14 days.

A charming Madame de G. & some village girls kept the Wounded alive in the Church & cottages of Givonne after Sedan who would otherwise have died.

This is what some call 'Nursing'
We don't.

But, without this, we should be ill off in any War.

And any "Red Cross" system should take into account how to help these improvised local agents by giving them portable kitchens,

fuel &c by pouring in portable soup, Liebig's Essence of Meat, chocolate, wine &c - putting the stores under the charge of one of these Volunteer ladies, _ paying those volunteer peasant cooks & Nurses who cannot remain by their charges without wages.

Our English "Red Cross" agents did give this kind of help round Sedan & ought to have given a great deal more _
[But, of course, to import *untrained English* poor women into Sedan or the converse would have been absurd.] And the same must probably be said of all international Krankenpflege by agents ignorant of the language of the sufferers.

[4]

These & many similar questions
have, I am sure, Sir, engaged
your attention - And I have no
doubt that you have already
arrived at much more satisfactory
conclusions than I have.

I must crave your pardon again
for this most desultory &
unsatisfactory letter - I have
been interrupted so often even while
writing it.

May God bless *all* the efforts that
are making in His service in
this horrid war_ & prevent it
from spreading further -

And pray believe me, Sir,
ever your faithful servant
Florence Nightingale

I venture to send you one of our English
"Red Cross" Manuals for War Hospital Orderlies
FN [end 15:744]

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{printed address}

Private {on diag.}

35 South Street, Nov 10/70
Park Lane,
W,

My dear Sir Harry

If you can kindly come to me this
afternoon *at about 4*, as you propose,
I should be glad to see you for 10 minutes.

But I am obliged to say something which
I am sure you will think me wrong *not*
to say _ & which indeed I thought had
been understood for years -

Dear Sir Harry _ it is *impossible*.
there are no degrees in the impossible _
_for me to see any one, however dearly I _
love them_ (or rather, the more dearly I
love them) except to convey to me
information which it would take him
too long to write to me _ or _ to discuss
& exchange conclusions, *considered* conclusions,
from papers which have been, or ought

to have been read, before, by both sides.

For any one to come & read to me
his own or my own letters is, for me, alas!
simply *impossible* _ [Every *such* interview

puts me into severe pain for hours or days.]

[I say nothing of what is a proverb among men of business:—

viz. that to do business from hearing a letter read is a mere sham.]

All my (few) friends are kind enough to understand this — Sir B. Frere, Sir J.

Lawrence — Mr. Villiers — &c

Sidney Herbert, during the 5 years that I saw him every day that he was in London

— busy as he was — even ill as he was — was always so truly good as to understand this, without my telling him.

During all that time, we never I think discussed any business except what each of us

had thoroughly mastered, from

interchanged papers, before — (And we did nothing else.) And that is why — we got thro' so much!!

And, if he wished to give me, or to hear from me, information vivâ voce, he actually took the trouble to set down the heads on a bit of paper & bring it with him! —

Now, far more than *then*, it is simply impossible for me to see any one, on any other terms —

My little strength is rapidly declining — And I owe it to a Higher Being than any friend, however dear— My "meat" must be: — to do His work.

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About other things too, my old Doctor

said to me, with just severity —

"you have broken thro' every rule

that has ever been made for you —

and, when I see you suffer, I can only

say that, by the laws of consequences,

I wonder you are not suffering even

more." You will perhaps understand this.

(it does *not*, of course refer to what I had invited myself,)

Believe me, dear Sir Harry, it gives

me more pain to write this

than you to read it.

And I hope that you will kindly

spare me the pain of having to write

it again (& above all *not* mention
it to me) ever yours
 in heart & truth
 F.N.

9004/148 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149 [prob Emily Verney]

Nov. 22. 70_

My dearest Field Marshal [15:748]

You are in such a hurry

[You would never get shut up in Metz _]

I believe the Précis business ins going on
as well as possible _ But of course they
must take weeks where we should take
~~days~~ hours_

At Capt. Galton's request I sent
him in 5 sheets of questions.

This was just after you left.

He had a copy made & gave ~~them~~ it to
Mrs_ Lindsay _

I have refreshed his memory since _
And I think, perhaps, about Christmas, _
you know _.....! [end]

2. I liked Col: L.L. much better than I
expected _ First, we fraternized about his

father- Last, we shook hands 3 times!

& he expressed a wish to come again!

He is not very broad or very high _
But he knows his work, what they have _
done, what they want to do,
much more accurately than ~~they~~
people give him credit for.

And when he doesn't know, he says
he doesn't know -

I did not of course allude to the Précis,
further than by alluding to the necessity
of one in a general way _

Otherwise he might have thought

I was working underhand_ For I

know Capt G_ gave the questions

to Mrs. L.L_ as his'n _

I did not tell one lie, my dear. Yet
it was curious to see how his

friendliness increased, till he
topped up with enthusiastically
enquiring after my "niece"_

I was so proud of having a niece_
& such a niece!

=

I want to hear much more of Mr. Fred's
Working Men's Club_

=

I send another letter of Mrs. Cox
which please return _

That is because you are in such a hurry

=

I have a great deal more to say _
Waiting in the dark
& in furious haste
your old Aunt

22/11/70

F

9004/149 1f, pen, initialled letter bundle 149

I *must* write ~~tomorrow~~ day (Wednesday is the day on which Queen's Messenger goes) to Cr. Princess. having let pass 3 Wednesdays for the sake of this List.

F.N.

My dear Sir Harry

I have seen & heard nothing of the 3 copies of the *List of money & things sent to Germany*, altho' it is a week to=~~tomorrow~~ since you were good enough to ~~send~~ shew me the List.

If you would kindly let me have it for half-an-hour, I could copy it in that time.

Events march so fast that, in another week, I am told neither Cologne nor Augsburg Gaz: nor Cr. Princess will care to have it.

Pardon me for troubling you again_yours F.N.
Many thanks for screen- 22/11/70

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Nov 23/70

7.a.m.

My dear Sir Harry

I am very much obliged to you for the copies of Lists _

I hope that the French List will not be distributed as *it is* _

As *it is*, you will see that it gives a most incorrect & unjust idea of our Operations.

It actually stands thus: _

To French	To Germans	
[cut]	Packages	£27,000
?	Purchased Goods	£20,840
?	Cash	£30 660
-----	-----	
£25 000	£88,500	

And because the *Packages* are the same, they take pride to themselves I hope that this will be set right before any human being (out of the Socy.) sees the French list.

[It appears besides to be incorrectly copied]

2. Could you kindly tell me, before you go
out_

(1) what you were so good as to promise for
me to tell Cr. Princess_ viz. what has been done

[I hope you will write to Cr. Princess. But of course you will not mention anything that would make her suspect I had told you what she said to me]

I have declined -- but I have kept my letter open since Friday in order to ask you *what* (conciliatory) phrases you would like me to put in in the present state of affairs

9004/151 3ff, pencil, blue paper initialled letter bundle 149

W.

I omitted to tell you about our Giant, because I thought you knew_ Yet it formed a great part of Col: L.L.'s conversation.

to the Prussians - exactly what
they wanted - [Dr Guy has
not behaved well, Col: L.L. says
& I agree- but he begged me

to consider this 'entre nous'.]
The other half is gone to
Orleans_ but has apparently
been taken possession of by
V. d. Tann, & may be doing
good work_
You will see that this re-opens
the whole "*International*
Surgeon" question.

2. I did not mean,
Field Marshal, ~~that~~ by
saying that the Précis
question was going on well,
that it was within months
of being begun _

I only meant
that Capt. Galton has sounded
Mrs. L.L.
that she thinks it is her
own doing & wishes for it
that Capt G. gave her a copy of my
"Heads of Questions," "to
show her," he says, "the
"magnitude of the work" &

"that she *must* have
assistance"

[~~that~~ "she has been out of
town", Capt G. says]

It seems that Capt. G. &
others have wished that
you could be allowed to
bring the letters here (by
Instalments) that I might
help you about the "heads,"
which are rather formidable
even to an old Army man
But I don't believe they
will let the letters come here
ever yours
F.N.

[2]

35 South Street,
Park Lane,
W.

Col: L.L. told me himself
that they were in great
want of warm clothing,
blankets, Medicines &
~~Medical~~ Surgical Instruments
at 2 St. Martin's Pl.
& that *any* quantity,
especially of *Warm Clothing*,
would be welcome &
wanted _

F.N.

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Ernest Hart

35 South Street, Nov 24/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

No doubt you have received
your summons to this.

I have been asked several
times to ask you to go _ on this
plea: E. Hart is clever but
unsound. And remarks from
you might do good _

I am glad Col: L.L. is "in the
Chair_" [I thought it was to be
a sort of opposition affair.

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*What do you wish me to say
about the "communication"
desired from me? -*

You know I know too much.
And, if one speaks at all
one must say what one knows

What I know is so unfavourable
to Prussian "Medical" (&
"Sanitary)" organization" that
I should not like to say it now-
-also unfavourable to the "Red
Cross"-

tho' I think there is evidence
that your Society has done
more good than all the Orders
working under rules _
certainly than the Johanniter.

But my feeling is: that
to say *ANYthing* now is quite
premature_ And, if I have
anything to say at the
end of the War, ~~(tho'~~ it is

quite doubtful that I shall
have time & strength to say
it), I would not say it at the S.S_
*Please say in what terms
you would wish me to*

couch my answer.

=

Do you think that I had better
communicate with Col: L.L_
direct about anything,
(such as the desirableness of
forming a Précis of all
the valuable information they
have in letters &c &c &c)
_ since his visit to me, for which
_ I have to thank you.?

FN

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with a letter to HV from A.W. Ward, Owens College Manchester

Ward letter

35 South Street, Nov 24/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

I return with many thanks the
Ward letter _

I will only remark that, for
some time, the Ward letters
have contained nothing but
what was in Bismark's
semi-official "Organs" _

~~that~~ (Max Müller tries to
maintain the same ground,
cutting off the best leg _)

It is much better that the
Germans should now speak
out as they do - & say: _
_ it is *not* a war of self-defence.

-it is *not* a war for the
"Fatherland" _

it is *not* a war to repress
French aggression _

- it *is* a war of conquest,
of aggression, of Military
ambition, exactly ~~the~~ as
much as the Wars of the
Napoleons -

that we wage & mean to wage:
It is much better that,
indecent as it is,

Germany should speak out _
_ She has told hitherto as
many lies as the French _
[And M. Müller is telling
them still _]

In the opinion of the best Germans I know, there has
not been the least doubt,
(as you know), about
Prussia's real intentions,
since she crossed the frontier
_ or at least since she
found out (*belle raison!*)
"how weak France was" _

And the best *Germans* think this of Prussia ~~too~~
F.N.

M. Müller
says: "Scrutator"
is Gladstone_
Is that true?_
{this last on diag.}

9004/154 1f, pen, unsigned note, with a letter to FN

The (apparently) Secretary of the Confrérie of Russian ladies (Princess Gortschakoff's) is Madame Bonteneff wife of the first *Russian* Ambassador at Constantinople after the Crimean War.

She writes to me _

with it a letter by HV Nov 24 My dear F. Mr Ernest Hart has not summoned me unless the summons has gone to Claydon. My opinion is that you will render great remu by going into the whole question when you have had time to dint all the reports & information which the war will supply.

You will be able to point out what has been mistaken in the formation of the Red Cross Society, & how it may be rendered useful in future. What errors or illeg guilty of, as well as they Red Cross of illeg...recommend you to say that your health...

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35 South Street, Nov 28/70
Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

Dearest Emily

I send you a letter from Mrs.
Cox, which, as you see, has come
here_

I hope she received a letter
from me, posted *last Monday*
"to the care of Lady Eyre" at "*Boulogne*"
(as I did not know but that Mrs
Cox had been driven out of *Amiens*)

You ask who Mrs_ Cox was _
I do not ~~know~~ remember her maiden name.
But she is the wife of a Col: Cox,
who was A.Q.M.G to the
wretched "Land Transport Corps" in
the Crimea, & got them into
capital Order_ I was sent for
from Scutari to do their Hospitals
(brought Nurses up with me)_
by Orders from above_

Both Col: & Mrs Cox were *most*
kind to us _ And she reminds
me that she used to come down
to me in the Stores at Balaclava
& see me give out the things _
When this War declared itself *so against*
France, she & Col: Cox offered to
start a Hospital under my name
at Calais (where they lived), if the
"Socy." would give funds _

I recommended them to the "Socy.,"
_ but not to start a Hospital _
And the "Socy." put them in charge
of a Depot at Amiens. Except
a Mrs_ Capel, I believe Mrs. Cox
has been the most efficient of
the Socy.'s (lady) agents_ not
Nurses_ [end]
I am rather anxious to know what she says

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In case you should not have
heard from Sir Harry, I enclose
a note, just that you may see
his hand, to know that he is
quite safe after that terrific
accident to the Express at
harrow - where he did such
good service _

Let us thank God & 'sing unto
the Lord a new song' _

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My mother's elder brother, Uncle
Adams Smith, died yesterday
My aunt Julia, & Beatrice
Lushington, were with him
Frances Bonham Carter, (Hilary's
sister,) died on Saturday _
I do not think you knew either of
them _ & therefore only mention, without

going into detail _ what will
not otherwise interest you _

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I have your truly interesting
letter from Mrs Cowper Coles &
will return it- People
talk of what is "truly Christian"
Now that letter is *truly* Christian

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I have not yet paid you for
the Music--ticket.
ever, dearest, yours
F.N.

Nov 28/70

9004/156 2ff, pencil, initialled letter + 1f, pencil, initialled note
bundle 149

Enclosed sent me by mistake _

I cannot say _ no word can say _ how
thankful I am _ we cannot be thankful
enough that Sir Harry feels so
little after effects from that terrible
Railway accident _
your
F

Wellcome Ms 9003

946

Dec 5/70

9004/157 letter, pencil bundle 149 [Dec.5/70]

Mrs. Cox _
Dearie, I had a heart-rending letter
from her, written at 2 am _ on Friday
morning after the Battle of Amiens _
- the most frightful account I have
yet seen of sufferings _
{cut off} would have sent it to you first_ but
I did not know that Capt. Galton
was out of London _ & I sent it him
early on Sunday morning _ that he
might do something, if possible, to
re-inforce the *Boulogne Depot* _ to=day
{cut off?} have answered her at her earnest desire
But she implores us not to write
anything of French or Prussian. (mis=)
management _ & not to compromise her
{cut off} any questions_ & always to write
under cover to Lady Eyre _
{cut off?} Cox & she seem to be working splendidly _

Dearie, as you ask my advice, I do not
know why you should write to her that
you "have not got her letters_"
I have got them, as you know_ & have
told her that *exactly what she asks*
shall be done with them_ viz. return
to Lady Eyre _ She does not ask you to return th[cut off]
She ~~also~~ asks you whether I should like
to see any more of her letters to
Lady Eyre _ which I certainly should
& in that case asks you to be so kind
as to write to Lady Eyre for them _

[2]

The only good news, dearest Emily,
I have heard is what you tell me _
that Margaret is going on well _
God bless her _

I have been so prostrate with
a sort of brow ague for a week
that I must stop -

A Dieu

ever yours

F.N.

Many thanks

Dec 5/70

for poor Mme. de

Wellcome Ms 9003

948

Grancey's letter -
which I return -

9004/158 4ff, pen, some pencil, initialled letter bundle 149 [1:574-76]

Most *private Immediate*

{on diag.} 35 South Street, Dec 5/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Sir Harry

We cannot be thankful enough
(I need not tell you for I am sure
you know it) for your escape from
as we trust, the after consequences
of your Railway accident.

'I sing unto the Lord a new song.'

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I am the more sorry to have to say
for your information something
rather disagreeable. I do so,
because I believe I am the only
person who will tell you_

Col: L.L. is "seriously annoyed"
that your wife should have
written (& he about to publish)
an Article ~~of~~ in his "Socy." from

"information obtained WITHOUT

"his knowledge or his wife's, partly
"from the Secretaries."

He has spoken of it seriously,
calmly, & as I think, justly _
as a *matter of business* - to
men of my acquaintance _

And I feel I should be wrong
not to say to you that, from
16 years of official & business
experience, I should be of
opinion that the above, *if*
it is correct, *is a thing not*
to be done _

I say nothing of the merits of
the Article _

[You know how careful I have been

(but you do not know what
innumerable invitations I
have had; also from all kinds
of newspapers, foreign &
English) *to publish absolutely
nothing _ & not to put into
any one's power to publish
anything _ while the war lasts*].

I have even less respect for
my own opinion than you
can have - But I could not
reconcile it to any feeling of
right not to say that, were
Sidney Herbert alive, he or
any administrative man I
might consult, would say:_
*"Such an Article ought not to
have been written or published
at all without having been
previously submitted to the*

reading of the Chairman-
And, if this has not been done,
Sir H. Verney ought now to
with draw it- before publication)
at any trouble, at any expence."

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Do not, please, answer this letter.
I do not hope to influence
your judgment- And I am
totally unable to enter into
any discussion.

2. The *least* evil arising from
all this has been: an entire
stop to a pleasant & useful
communication arising between
Col: L.L. & me _(thanks to your
introduction_)

Every body says to me:_
*"I suppose you knew all about it"*_
(the Article)_

[2] 2

Private

The first intimation of it (but one)
came upon me like a surprise
- viz. what I have said above.
& an Advertisement which I saw.

[The only *one* other information was
that, about 3 months ago or more,
you told me "Parthe was thinking
of writing in the *Cornhill*" _ _ I had actually
put down what I meant to say
to you on the subject in answer. But
I thought I should hear more _
I was in almost daily
communication with you all. (My
opinion was not asked, either.)
And I thought I had reason
afterwards to think it the Article was
dropped, from the total silence_
& from my never seeing it in the Advertisements _
Also, it never entered my mind
that an Article would be written
(as is now stated, truly or falsely)

*without the Chairman's knowledge & partly
from the Secretaries' & others'
communications.]*

Dear Sir Harry _ I am now so
ill that 2 hours of the day
I work, 10 or 12 hours of the
day I am prostrate from pain
& weakness. You may judge
that nothing but a strong feeling
of the right would induce me
to waste my small capital
of strength in this kind of
writing painfully.
"Lord, if this cup cannot pass from
me, except I drink it, Thy
will, not mine, be done" _
is now my constant cry, when
I feel the little strength left,

which God has given me for
 His work, frittered away in
 all kinds of things which
 can do no one any good.
 & are equally painful & useless _
 God bless you
 ever yours
 F.N.

No one knows that I am writing to you _ _
 I need hardly add that I am
 sure, if you in your gracious
 graceful way; were to say to
 Col: L.L. that you both had withdrawn
 the Article till he could see it,
 all would be right again.
 [I should like him to know, for
 the sake of any useful influence
 of mine, that I knew nothing of it.
 But that is *nothing, nothing at all*,
 in comparison with a Schism
 between you & him, _ on a point in which
 he is technically, if not morally, in the right.
 FN

9004/159 1f, pen, black-edged paper, bundle 149 has complete letter,

MOST PRIVATE {on diagonal}

Immediate

35 South Street, Dec 6/70

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I wrote to you at Sheffield
 a letter which I am afraid
 would not reach you before
 you started this morning: _

I am unable to re-write it _
 the substance of it was this: _

Col: L.L. is "seriously annoyed"
 about the appearance of P.'s
 article, & I think, justly, IF
 his statement, (or what I
understand to be his statement,)
 is correct _
 viz. that the Article is written
 without his knowledge
 upon information, or partly

upon information obtained
without his knowledge
from Secretaries of is office.
If this statement is correct, [und. 6 times]
(no on e knows I am writing
to you)
You will perhaps think well
to tell him, frankly, & in
your own peculiarly gracious
way, that you & P. have,
unprompted, thought it better
to withdraw the Article
till it/~~he~~ could ~~see it~~ be submitted to him
& ~~perhaps~~ in that case to withdraw it, even if

already gone to press.

In the overwhelming War troubles
of the last week, tho' this
seems a trifle, *nothing can*
be a trifle that disturbs
the connexion between
Col. L.L. & you.
I have terrible letters from
Mrs. Cox at Amiens. I
sent them to Capt. Galton.
The distress of both French
& Prussian "Sick &
Wounded" is overpowering.

God bless you.

ever yours

F.N.

I wish Col: L.L. could know that I

[1 line on folio]
had no knowledge of the Article.

9004/160 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

35 South Street, Wednesday [Dec 7]
Park Lane, {printed address} 3.p.m.
W. 1

My dear Sir Harry

I have *this instant* received
your most kind letter of
to-day _

I am VERY *glad* to know
the circumstances _ as I
shall be able to tell them
distinctly to any one who speaks
to me about it _

I wrote you a little note in answer to yours of yesterday
this morning (at 10 a m) to say

- if "the Article" contains nothing
but what has been previously

published, neither Lord O_
nor Col: L.L. has *any*
reason to complain _
I will not trouble you with
repeating anything more -
And I hope you will not
trouble yourself any more
about this _
I hope that nothing more
arose about it to.day at
the Office _

I sent my 2 letters for you down
to St Martin's Place _

But I find _ that they will
be forwarded to you by
to-day's post to Claydon _

So I merely send this to
explain

My dear mother takes her
3 losses *exactly* as one
could wish- both my
father & Webb tell me -
With my father I have
been in almost daily
correspondence about it

God bless you
in greatest haste

ever your affecte. &
grateful
F.N.

9004/161 1f, pencil, signed letter bundle 149

Dec 7/70

My dearest Emily

In these dreadful days, few things,
(honour bright) could have given
me such pleasure as your going
back to the Stores -

I think it will lead to the
other work. At all events, it is
the likeliest way to it. And it is good
in itself -

I send you Mrs. Cox's & Capt G.'s_
Please return -

& I will send you a nice note
of Col: L.L.'s assuring that the Stores
are gone from Boulogne *into* Amiens _
(by Capt. Knollys-) & enclosing a note from Sir V. Eyre_
ever yours
F.N

9004/162 2ff, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Dec 9/70

My dearest Emily

I was glad to read the letters from
Mrs. Inglefield, which Mrs. Nassau
Senior & you were so good as to send
me last night _

I posted them last night _
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All that I have learnt entirely confirms
Mrs. Inglefield's view both of the
Johanniters & of the German Hospitals
before Paris _
I believe too much can hardly be said
against either.

With regard to 'Rumpf,' as she calls her
we have learnt nothing but what we
knew before - viz.

1. all Miss Rumpff's accounts of the
horrors of the Hospitals are confirmed

2. all Miss R.'s accounts of the ineptitude of the Johanniter are confirmed

3_ we saw the letter in "Times" of Nov 17 signed "C.R." truckling to & praising the Johanniter _ (which I had no doubt was Miss R's own) -

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I have not one word to say in defence= of Miss Rumpff_ Indeed I said all that was necessary (to the persons whom it concerned) against her at the time of the appearance of that letter in the "Times" _

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But I would submit that, as we want to help the Hospitals before Paris _ not thro' the Johanniter _

& as we have reason to believe that all "Rumpff's" accounts of *these* are actually *within* the truth, it would be a thing to be deprecated to shew those letters about among GENTLEMEN of the Committee, throwing doubt on "Rumpff's" sincerity. -(absolutely accurate as I believe those letters to be.)

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It may be however impertinent of me to say this-

Though, if you like it, you are at liberty to say this from me to Mrs. Nassau Senior with my truly respectful thanks to & admiration of her _

2. It is rather hard to call "Rumpff" a "pet of Sir Harry's" _ The Crown Princess

telegraphed to Sir Harry for "Rumpff," as being a woman "trained at St. Thomas', "& knowing German" _ & herself sent her to Versailles.

The only other "petting" she has had is the £50 which Mrs. Inglefield herself approves . And "Rumpff" has never been accused of not spending on the Patients _

I will write more another time _
I send this in the greatest haste
to catch you before you start -
ever yours

F. Nightingale

I send you & Mrs N. Senior one of the Crown Princess' letters of
gratitude to the *English* _ Please return it _ I think of
{continues along right margin:}
sending it to Col: L.L.

9004/163 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

PRIVATE Dec 13/70

Dearest Emily

I am so glad you are come back to your
work_ worthy work -
I posted the Extracts from Mrs. Cox to
Pss. Xtian & Dr de Mussy within an
hour after I received them from you _
I now send you a note from Col: L. L_ _
& its enclosure from Sir V. Eyre - both
of which please return to me _
I do this, because I think that no movement
ought to be made without the Chairman's
(Col: L.L.'s) knowledge to send Agents
abroad to *any particular place* - tho'
generally to recruit Agents is most
desirable _
I mean that the Sartoris' *may* be more
wanted elsewhere in France than in Amiens

And it *might* be difficult to make
their work fit in with that of Col. &
Mrs Cox at Amiens, now the Cox's
are established there, where the
Sartoris's were, I believe, before -

This, I am sure, you feel with me _
ever, dearest, yours
in haste
F.N

9004/164 1f, pencil, initialled note bundle 149

= Dec. 13.70 [not FN]
I am *so very* glad that Emily resumes
work at 2 St. M's Place _
a saving work to her, both body & mind,
is this which God has offered to her _
I know it is slack now_ but hope it
will not be left hastily_ as it may give
rise to other work in the same Office
for her_ FN

9004/165 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

35 South Street, Dec 14/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.1

My dear Sir Harry

I return you Miss Rumpff's
letters to you with many thanks
[I ought to have done so before]_
Mrs. Wardroper returned them
to me this morning.

2_ She also sent me the
enclosed from Miss Rumpff to her
- do not trouble to read it
more than you like _ I only send
it because it conveys some
account of her expenditure of
the £50 you so kindly sent
her_ [I do not think the Socy. called
upon to do anything more for her.]

Please *return this* letter to me _
ever yours F.N.

9004/166 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

Private {on diagonal}
35 South Street, Dec 14/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W. 1

Dearest Emily

You said you were anxious to
hear again from Mrs. Cox _
I send you a letter this _
moment received - You can
show it to any one you please.

If you show it to Col: & Mrs.
L.L., please thank him for
his note (& enclosure (of last
night) very much -

but, if you judge it better not,
~~please~~ then I will send Mrs. Cox
myself to Col: L.L., when you
return it to me _

I also send a note from Capt. G.
You see he is out of town _
ever yours F.N.

9004/167 1f, pencil, initialled letter blue paper bundle 149

35 South Street, Dec 15/70
Park Lane, {printed address}
W.

Dearest Emily

I give you joy - the good
old word! I give you
all joy_ & more especially
the dear Saint Margaret ____
And I thank God_ that the
"Growler" is "ordered to the
Mediterranean" - And I
thank you for telling me_
It is the only good news_ I have
heard ever dearest yours
in these F.N.
dreadful
days_

9004/168 1f, pencil, initialled letter bundle 149

Dec. 15. 70 [arch]

My very dearest Emily

I am sure that you will judge best for
yourself (about the matter of 2 St. M.'s Pl.)
I am sure that I shall think what you
decide the best_ because I can know so
very much less than you of what is passing.
But I shall be truly sorry if, when there
is higher work to do, it is not you who
do it.

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I send back Mrs. Coles' letter_ a truly
beautiful letter_ (which I ought to have
done before) I saw poor Sidney
Herbert's widow on Saturday - She has
death in her face - Reginald Herbert
(my boy, as they always called him)
who was lost in the "Captain"- was a boy
who might have done any thing great & noble & wise.

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I send you a copy of Lt. Swaine's letter,
sent me by Col. L.L. Doubtless you
have seen it already _
It is full of invaluable hints to me.
Please return it to me.

=

Please say to Mrs. Nassau Senior that
I most thankfully accept the privilege
she allows me of writing to her about
anything I may trouble her to tell me _
Tho' I have not the honour of knowing her
I have heard so much of her _
ever, dearest, yours
F.N.

Dec 15/70

9004/169 2ff, incomplete?, pen with some pencil, signed letter bundle
149

The Army of the Loire, fighting 7 [15:752]
days out of 9, hungry, half naked
& barefoot, yet unsubdued, is worthy
of Henry V & Agincourt.
And all for what? _
To save Alsace & Lorraine, of whom
Paris scarcely wots.

"Our Society" has now 17 Depots (for
help) on the Loire where we
had but 5 before _
If the Wounded are not removed
off the field by night fall, they
are found frozen to death in
the morning. The Loire runs blood & ice_ [end]
Flo

Dec 21/70

I protest against this disparaging
criticism I am ordered to send on to you
If the conduct of the French *for the last*
3 months had been shewn by any other
nation, it would have been called,
as it is, not childish but sublime.
The uncomplaining & heroic endurance,
the "sad & severe self-restraint" of
Paris, under a more than 100 days' siege,
would have rendered immortal

Wellcome Ms 9003

963

the ancient Romans.

The

9004/170 2ff, pen and pencil, signed letter

35 South Street, Dec 28/70 [15:754]

Park Lane, {printed address}

W.

My dear Emily

I send, to you *first*, this
letter, most curious & painful,
from Mrs. Cox _ just received.

Perhaps you or Sir Harry
will do what she asks
about the Prussians' news=
papers & the Bernstorffs _

Please return me
Mrs. Cox's letter as soon as
possible _

[What a state of confusion
& terror when an English
Officer has to take the
command, as it were,
between French & German!]

If you like to shew Mrs. Cox's
letter to your friend, Mrs _
Nassau Senior, before it
returns, to me, you are welcome
_it reveals so much _

I continue to have or to see
all sorts of horrible letters _
I must say though, for my
part, that I think the palm
of endurance & even of order & feeling
rests now on the French side.

The time will come when we
shall see the heroic element_

_ not childish but sublime_
of the French defence _
especially of the Paris defence
Without Government, without
organization, without help,
with scarcely a great man,
almost without hope -
without success, without victory
- & entirely without the usual tribunals
terrors, Guillotines, to enforce order.
Coups d'Etat," which usually

accompany Revolution, Paris
holds on, how unlike her
former self _ how like an
ancient Roman_ with her "sad

"& severe self-restraint"

As for the French Army of the Loire, barefoot, cold & hungry' it beats Henry V's Army for endurance -

As for the Germans, they have become so degenerate from success that I have no word to say- I hear (from *Germans*) that the Johanniters are disgracing themselves with luxury, inefficiency, want of Christian charity = useless, pernicious. lumber!

I am distressed about the De Granceys - Which is it who has fallen? ever yours

[end]

F. Nightingale

9004/171 2ff, pen, signed letter

[1:809-10]

{printed address}

35 South Street, Dec 23/70
Park Lane,
W.

My dear Sir Harry

I trouble you with the enclosed letter from the excellent Mr. Stephen Hawtrey & its enclosure from the young man Truelove - because your name is mentioned in it - And you might possibly be able & willing to help him to what he wants.

I thoroughly believe every word it says -

Mrs. Truelove, the mother,

is the daughter of a Dissenting Minister & the wife of a small Publisher & Stationer in Holborn - a most curious but high-minded man, a Positivist. I have known them for years, & always had them

to see me at Hampstead.
The mother has a sort of
genius. And Mrs. Congreve
gives her lessons in French
&c. She is one of the most
interesting women I ever knew.

She insisted on sending
her son (the one who writes)
~~whose Christian name is~~
to Mr. Hawtrey's School of
St. Mark's - Mr. Hawtrey
recommended him to
Murray, the Publisher, who
thinks very highly of him.

As for his leaving Murray_
with the largest literary
connection in England _
for me to get him some
"Secretary" situation, it is
much as if Robert Robinson
were to leave Ld. Kinnaird
to ask Von der Tann, the

Bavarian General, to give
him a farm in the Beauce
[Please return me the enclosed
letter_] Dec 23, 1870

May the best Christmas
blessings be yours _ But how
hard it is to hear the
message of "peace & good
will to man" now !

I am told that nothing at
Sedan or ~~at~~ before Metz was to
compare with the sufferings
now on both sides of the
Armies of the Loire & their
Sick & Wounded

ever yours

F. Nightingale

9004/172 2ff, pen, initialled letter black-edged paper bundle 149

{printed address}

35 South Street, Dec 24/70

Park Lane, Christmas Eve [15:753]

W.

Dearest Emily

I opened the enclosed from
Mrs. Cox, because of a desire
which you expressed before _
& also because I thought she
might be wanting something in
great haste_ & to-day was

Saturday.

I fear I can only pass on to you what she desires about her Prussian prisoner_ And even he hardly gives her the information most necessary for you to serve him. I suppose the danger is so great for Mrs. Cox to become as it were an intermediary between the Prussian prisoners in France & their homes_ & if it were found out all her

usefulness would be so entirely
destroyed that they are
really afraid to give exact
'renseignemens.'

Any how, I enclose you the letter
exactly as it reached me.

Have you heard of the brutal
refusal of the Johanniter at
Versailles to further any
communication with *their* sick
French Officer Prisoners?

[end]

I return to Sir Harry, according
to his desire, a note to him
from Sir V. Eyre - reserving
its enclosures to return them
to Mrs. Cox, also according
to his desire.

ever yours

F.N.

Sad Christmas greetings I
send you. I wish this
bloody & wicked Old Year
were as near its close in
its terrible consequences
as it is in its days & hours!

[15:753]

But it needs no prophet to see
that, as German Unity has been
established in defiance of all

liberty, all progress & all peace,
so it must trample under
foot the fruits of all liberty,
all progress & all peace
for generations & years
unknown to come!

And so _ too late_ are all
wise Germans beginning to see.

[end 15:753]